



CourseCast of the Week – April 7, 2008 – Episode 43

Key Topics:

- Indonesia Blocks YouTube
- Olympic Committee Asks China for Open Internet
- Fighting Botnets
- MySpace Takes on iTunes
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Who is Owen Thor Walker? How old is he? Why was he convicted last week? (Fighting Botnets)
2. Who is the world's largest social network? What is a social network? What new features are being added? How do you think iTunes will respond? (MySpace Takes on iTunes)

Explore Technology:

1. Read some Web articles about the criticism China has received for its abuse of human rights. How do you define a credible source? Why is the International Olympic Committee asking that the Internet and other communication channels be open and uncensored for International visitors during the games? Research what that means from a technical point of view? (Olympic Committee Asks China for Open Internet)
2. What is a botnet? Why would you want to turn a computer into a botnet? (Fighting Botnets)

Think Critically:

1. Do you think that by China controlling information to its own population, it may limit communications for Olympic visitors? What implications would this have? (Olympic Committee Asks China for Open Internet)
2. After learning how different governments view technology in Indonesia, China, and New Zealand, do you think that they will be able to work together in efforts to fight hackers and their exploits. Why or why not? (Indonesia Blocks YouTube; Olympic Committee Asks China for Open Internet; Fighting Botnets)