



CourseCast of the Week – April 14, 2008 – Episode 44

Key Topics:

- New High-speed Wireless Services
- New Technologies from Microsoft
- Google Hosts User Applications
- Who Controls Your PC?
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Who is the FCC? What is the charge (or responsibility) of the FCC? Which companies won the FCC auction? What will the 700-MHz spectrum allow the winners to do? (New High-Speed Wireless Services)
2. What new features did Microsoft unveil this week? Which feature will you use the most? Why? (New Technologies from Microsoft)

Explore Technology:

1. Do a Web search for 700MHz spectrum. Learn about the auction of the 700-MHz spectrum and the impact it will have on high-speed wireless services. Share your findings with the class. (New High-speed Wireless Services)
2. Research Rich Internet Applications (RIA). Name at least 3 examples of RIAs. What is Google offering to users? (Google Hosts User Applications)

Think Critically:

1. Consider the impact of 4G wireless services. How will this technology impact you? How might it impact your community or state? How might it impact the global market? Consider new technologies or integrations that 4G will make possible. What impact might these have? (New High-Speed Wireless Services)
2. Read more about Microsoft's MyLifeBits. Would you want to "live like Bell"? Why or why not? What are the advantages to living like Bell? Are there risks? In your opinion, which side outweighs the other? (New Technologies from Microsoft)