



**CourseCast of the Week – April 21, 2008 – Episode 45**

**Key Topics:**

- FCC Moves Towards Network Neutrality
- Shoppers Don't Want to be Followed
- Back to Undersea Cables
- News Briefs

**Talk About It:**

1. Describe Facebook's Beacon. Why do companies want to track where you go online? Would you subscribe to the "do not call" list? (Shoppers Don't Want to be Followed)
2. How do you feel about the U.S. Federal government collecting DNA from every person it arrests in an effort to curtail violent crime? How do you feel about collecting DNA of those convicted of a crime? (News Briefs)

**Explore Technology:**

1. Who is Lawrence Lessig? Research the Internet and determine what influence he has had on technology. (FCC Moves Towards Network Neutrality)
2. Research to determine what technology will be involved in collecting DNA from persons arrested. How will this information be collected, stored, and accessed? (News Briefs)

**Think Critically:**

1. Did you know that satellites could provide us with images of events like the ships in the restricted area? If it can record these types of events, what other events might satellites be able to record? How do you feel about being tracked online, as well as where you travel in the world? (Shoppers Don't Want to be Followed; Back to Undersea Cables)
2. Video game hardware and software skyrocketed 57 percent in March compared to a year ago. The Nintendo Wii leads the pack, with Microsoft Xbox in the number two position, and Sony's PS3 in third. What do you see as the next generation for the gaming industry? (News Briefs)