



CourseCast of the Week – May 5, 2008 – Episode 47

Key Topics:

- HP's Memristor
- A Strong Partnership
- AT&T Prepares for iPhone II
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. What is the memristor? How will this new element impact technology? (HP's Memristor)
2. Will you be one of the first to buy the new 3G iPhone? What enhancements might the iPhone II have? Do you think the iPhone is impacting cell phone development from other manufacturers? (AT&T Prepares for iPhone II)

Explore Technology:

1. Last week, you researched cloud computing and compared Microsoft's Live Mesh and Apple's iDisk. This week, Google and IBM are joining forces over cloud computing. Research what each company will bring to the partnership. (A Strong Partnership)
2. The AT&T iPhone II venture is another example of companies working together to offer services. Research AT&T, Hewlett-Packard, and Blackberry. What does each company offer, and how are they working together. (AT&T Prepares for iPhone II)

Think Critically:

1. Discuss some of the security threats covered in News Briefs. What are the most harmful threats? Have you been a recent victim of any malware or attacks? Should companies like Yahoo do a better job of controlling threats? How? (News Briefs)
2. Before listening to the CourseCast, were you aware that Cubans were given their first opportunity to legally purchase and use personal computers last week? How many personal computers have you purchased in your lifetime? What implications do you think computers will have on Cuban society? Are there any risks to opening the purchase of personal computers? (News Briefs)