



CourseCast of the Week – May 12, 2008 – Episode 48

Key Topics:

- Microsoft Goes to the Prom
- Next Gen Wireless
- China Goes Rogue
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. This week's cast discussed a possible Microsoft bid for Facebook. What is Facebook? Why would Microsoft want to purchase Facebook? What are the potential benefits to Microsoft? Would a Microsoft acquisition impact your decision to (or not to) use Facebook? Why? (Microsoft Goes to the Prom)
2. Which companies are involved in the high-speed wireless? What does each company bring to the race? Do you think there are too many companies involved? Why or why not? (Next Gen Wireless)

Explore Technology:

1. Explore online to see if you can determine specific types of technology China maybe developing that differs from widely accepted international standards in areas such as 3G cell phone networks, digital media, and information technology products. (Rogue China)
2. Compare the presidential candidates' views on technology. Does the MIT article impact your voting decision? (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. How might China's rogue standards impact the citizens of China? How might they impact the global community? Do you think it is okay for individual countries to define their own standards? Why or why not? (Rogue China)
2. How might the Epilepsy Foundation's Web site been hacked? Do you think security on non-profit sites is as strong as for-profit sites? Why? Who bears the responsibility for such sites security? (News Briefs)