



CourseCast of the Week – June 2, 2008 – Episode 51

Key Topics:

- Mapping the Brain
- National and International Information Security Update
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. What is artificial intelligence? How is it being used in mapping the brain? (Mapping the Brain)
2. Can you believe that the U.S. was ranked 15th in providing high-speed Internet to its citizens? Do you ever get frustrated about your Internet service speed? What do you think should be done to move the U.S. up in the rankings? (News Briefs)

Explore Technology:

1. Wi-Fi Hackers. How can you tell if you are connected to a hacker's PC? What should you do if you find out that you are? What should you do to avoid accidentally connecting to their computers? (National and International Information Security Update)
2. Research Windows 7. Watch the brief demo. When is it due? Compare it to the Windows version you are currently using. What are the differences? (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. How do you feel about a computer that has been trained to read people's minds as they focus their thoughts on a specific word? Can you create a sci-fi plot using this type of technology? (Mapping the Brain)
2. After reading today's articles, do you feel that your privacy is being invaded? Why or why not? (Mapping the Brain; National and International Information Security Update; News Briefs)