



CourseCast of the Week – June 9, 2008 – Episode 52

Key Topics:

- Cable Internet Providers Break Down in Tiers
- Worldsourcing
- Colleges fight illegal music sharing
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. What exactly is cable internet? What are the number one and two largest cable television companies? How will the planned tier systems work? What will the tier system allow you to do? (Cable Internet Providers Break Down in Tiers)
2. Have you ever heard of the word “worldsourcing”? How would you describe the world market place? (Worldsourcing)

Explore Technology:

1. Research Bit Torrent traffic. Also, what is the size of a typical movie or TV show that you might stream or download? (Cable Internet Providers Break Down in Tiers)
2. Learn about the company Alltel. Where is it based? What was its distinction in the telecommunications area? Why do you think Verizon Wireless was interested in merging with Alltel? (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. Are you in a market that has cable television competition? What do you predict is the future of gaming and Internet-delivered TV and movies? (Cable Internet Providers Break Down in Tiers)
2. Do you think it is okay to share illegal music and movies? Do you think colleges are justified in imposing restrictions or fines for illegal sharing of music or movies? Why or why not? (Colleges fight illegal music sharing)