



**CourseCast of the Week – July 7, 2008 – Episode 56**

**Key Topics:**

- How much Spam is too much?
- Viacom Sues YouTube
- News Briefs

**Talk About It:**

1. What is Spam? What is phishing e-mail? Define malware. How much Spam do you receive? Do you take an active role in reducing the amount of Spam you receive? How much Spam do you think is too much? (How much Spam is too much?)
2. Are you one of the 40 percent of users who have not upgraded to current versions or applied critical software patches of secure and up-to-date web browsers? How often do you update your Web browser? What could you do to keep it up to date? (News Briefs)

**Explore Technology:**

1. Research how to get rid of Spam (junk mail, phishing emails, malware). How difficult is it? What recommendations would you make to others for how to reduce Spam? (How much Spam is too much?)
2. Learn more about how the subscription-based Microsoft Office will work. Would you use this service? Why or why not? (News Briefs)

**Think Critically:**

1. Do you think Viacom is justified in suing YouTube? Why or why not? How about a U.S. District Court ordering Google to turn over as evidence a database with usernames of YouTube viewers, what videos they watched when, and users' computer addresses. Is the court justified? Why or why not? What are the pros and cons of the order? (Viacom Sues YouTube)
2. Do you think eBay should allow knock-off bags and clothing to be sold through its service? Why or why not? What other Internet-based companies might be watching the outcome of this lawsuit? Who bears the responsibility for controlling what is sold? (News Briefs)