



CourseCast of the Week – July 28, 2008 – Episode 59

Key Topics:

- Distance Ed Student Authentication
- Big Cable Points Fingers
- New system-on-chip from Intel
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Have you taken an online course? If so, how did the instructor ensure that you were the person completing the assignments and taking the tests? (Distance Ed Student Authentication)
2. What is SPAM? Who is a Spammer? How is SPAM generated? What are some of the problems SPAM email causes? How effective is SPAM email? (News Briefs)

Explore Technology:

1. Learn how biometrics, fingerprint scanners, Web cameras and key logging software work. What would the student need in the way of hardware and software to use this type of technology? (Distance Ed Student Authentication)
2. Explore what technology is needed to design SoC. (New system-on-chip from Intel)

Think Critically:

1. Research the FCC, "big cable," the National Cable and Telecommunications Association, bandwidth-hogging P2P networks, and pirating. Study the FCC Internet policy. Should it apply to colleges? Why or why not? (Big Cable Points Fingers)
2. What is the reasoning for SoC designs? Do you think other companies will unveil new types of technology to achieve the same goal? (New system-on-chip from Intel)