



CourseCast of the Week – September 15, 2008 – Episode 66

Key Topics:

- Google Spreads Internet and Data to the Far Reaches of the World
- Open Source Smart Phones
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Who is partnering to bring high speed Internet to 3 Billion people? What does O3b stand for? How will the Internet be brought to the other 3 billion? (Google Spreads Internet and Data to the Far Reaches of the World)
2. What is an open source smart phone? Which companies are involved in the open source smart phones? (Open Source Smart Phones)

Explore Technology:

1. Logon to the Internet and research about the technology needed to access the Internet through satellites. When will the system become operational? (Google Spreads Internet and Data to the Far Reaches of the World)
2. Research cloud computing. What is cloud computing? Which companies and applications utilize cloud computing? What are the benefits of cloud computing? What issues will the U.S. government need to be educated about? (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. Do you think the days for Apples iPod days are numbered? Why or why not? (News Briefs)
2. Online television, video-on-demand, downloading textbooks to e-book readers—do you think these technologies will make the television, DVDs and books obsolete? Why or why not? (News Briefs)