



CourseCast of the Week – October 20, 2008 – Episode 71

Key Topics:

- Everyone's Talkin' 'bout White Space
- PRO-IP Gets Bush Approval
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Have you heard about White Space? What is the wireless spectrum? Which companies purchased the prime frequency ranges last year? What do they have in common? What are the benefits to you and me of opening the white space? (Everyone's Talkin' 'bout White Space)
2. What law did President Bush sign? What is the law's intent? Do you see any negative impacts of this law? (PRO-IP Gets Bush Approval)

Explore Technology:

1. White Space — Visit the Web pages listed at the bottom of the article to learn more about the controversy over the use of unlicensed white spaces. What was used to test for interference with television and wireless microphone signals? What was the result? (Everyone's Talkin' 'bout White Space)
2. What is the RIAA? Research to find how pirated music and movies are shared with others. (PRO-IP Gets Bush Approval)

Think Critically:

1. If you were given the opportunity to use White Space, how would you use it? (Everyone's Talkin' 'bout White Space)
2. Do you think you could "accidentally" illegally share pirated music and movies? Why or why not? (PRO-IP Gets Bush Approval)