



CourseCast of the Week – October 27, 2008 – Episode 72

Key Topics:

- China Attacks Microsoft
- Google Knows Where You Live
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Have you heard of WGA technology? What is it? What happens if you are using a pirated copy of Windows XP? (China Attacks Microsoft)
2. What is a location-aware application? Have you used this type of application before? What kind of companies might be interested in knowing your location? (Google Knows Where You Live)

Explore Technology:

1. What is a software patch? What does Open Source mean? How fast is 50 Mbps? Research how can a botnet take down a server. Are there instances of this having happened before? Where? (News Briefs)
2. How can individuals or companies know where you are? Research how application programming interface is making this possible. (Google Knows Where You Live)

Think Critically:

1. How far do you think companies like Microsoft, Apple, and Google should be able to go to protect their products both nationally and internationally? Are there any negative impacts of a company fully protecting a product? What might be a benefit? (China Attacks Microsoft)
2. Do you worry about your privacy when using technologies such as your computer, cell phone, or the Internet? Why or why not? Do you parents or siblings? What might attribute to the differences? (China Attacks Microsoft; Google Knows Where You Live; News Briefs)