



CourseCast of the Week – November 3, 2008 – Episode 73

Key Topics:

- News from Microsoft's PDC
- The Digital Universe Explodes
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Who is Microsoft? What products were shared with attendees at the Professional Developers Conference? What are some of the features of these products? (News from Microsoft's PDC)
2. What is IDC? How much has digital information grown? What problem(s) does this pose? (The Digital Universe Explodes)

Explore Technology:

1. Using the Internet, research the following terms: exabytes, zettabytes; GB; digital shadow; and digital universe. (The Digital Universe Explodes)
2. Find out how individuals can steal information from passports and drivers licenses. (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. What happens if you lose your connection to the Internet and cannot access "cloud computing"? Do you think this will be an issue for future applications? (News from Microsoft's PDC)
2. Russian malware, illegal video taping of movies, stealing digital information — do you think everyone who commits these types of crimes gets caught? What do you think should be the punishment if you are caught? What if you live abroad? (News Briefs)