



CourseCast of the Week – December 1, 2008 – Episode 77

Key Topics:

- Spam Battle Continues
- Suicide 2.0
- Five from IBM
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Describe the impact on cybercrime since shutting down the California Web Hosting company McColo. (Spam Battle Continues)
2. Discuss the five innovations from IBM that could change your life in the next five years. How might each innovation change your life? Would it change for better or worse? Would the lives of your family/friends be impacted? Why or why not? (Five from IBM)

Explore Technology:

1. Research the following terms: spammers, scammers, cybercriminals, botnets, and Srizbi servers. Which is the most dangerous? Do any of these have benefits? (Spam Battle Continues)
2. Nanometer Memory Chips — What are they? Why do we need them? Find out what they are and what the potential use is for them. How are memory chips made? (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. Do you think we will ever be able to shut down spam? Why or why not? Are there any potentially negative impacts of removing spam? (Spam Battle Continues)
2. Would you be genetically mapped if it allowed you to predict the future of your health? What are the benefits? Do they outweigh risks? How might others in your friends or family circles react to mapping? (Five from IBM)