



CourseCast of the Week – December 15, 2008 – Episode 79

Key Topics:

- FCC Cancels Meeting
- College Music Fees
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. What meeting was cancelled? What was on the agenda? What happened to prevent the meeting from happening? (FCC Cancels Meeting)
2. How old is the Mouse? Who created the mouse? What did the mouse allow users to do that they could not do before? (News Briefs)

Explore Technology:

1. How is music shared legally and illegally? Find out what technology would be required to track music distribution. (College Music Fees)
2. Research the following terms: beta; java-script processing; private browsing; security patches; and flaws. (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. Based on the news this week, do you think the Internet should be free? Why or why not? Have your thoughts changed about the free Internet from last week? What influence do you think the incoming President will have on this issue? (FCC Cancels Meeting)
3. How do you feel about a Music Fee? Music Tax? Should colleges be responsible for protecting digital music? Why or why not? (College Music Fees)