



CourseCast of the Week – December 22, 2008 – Episode 80

Key Topics:

- RIAA Ends its Assault
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Who is the RIAA? What practice are they discontinuing? What is an ISP? Can you give examples of an ISP? (RIAA Ends its Assault)
2. Do you or your family have a landline phone? What about in the dorms at your school? Do you think by 2011 cell phones will outnumber business landline phones? Why or why not? (News Briefs)

Explore Technology:

1. What type of technology is needed for the RIAA and ISPs to work together? (RIAA Ends its Assault)
2. Find out what types of Internet Explorer security flaws are being pounded by attacks. (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. For the RIAA, what have been the short-term and long-term effects of suing individuals for illegally downloading and sharing music files (both good and bad)? Do you think the new approach will be more effective? Why or why not? (RIAA Ends its Assault)
2. Do you think an Egyptian engineering student at the University of South Florida should have been sentenced for publishing a video on YouTube describing a method of converting a remote-control toy car into a bomb detonator? Why or why not? (News Briefs)