



CourseCast of the Week – January 5, 2009 – Episode 82

Key Topics:

- Web Rating System
- E-tail suffers less over holidays
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Who is involved in the proposed web-rating-system partnering? What is the purpose of the web rating system? (Web Rating System)
2. What is e-tail? How much down were holiday retail sales from the previous year? What extended impacts might this have on stores or the economy as a whole? Did you shop e-tail? (E-tail suffers less over holidays)

Explore Technology:

1. Learn how Wikipedia provides information. How would you describe Wikipedia? After researching, do you think Wikipedia is a credible source? Why or why not? (News Briefs)
2. Research the most current "Microsoft security patch." How can you make sure that you are installing the correct security patch and not a virus? (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. What do you think would make the web rating system successful? Do you think it is necessary? (Web Rating System)
2. Why do you think someone would create viruses (digital photo frame; security patches, etc.)? How might more extensive measures be taken to protect users from viruses? Are there any risks to your solution? (News Briefs)