



CourseCast of the Week – January 26, 2009 – Episode 85

Key Topics:

- White House Technology
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Did you watch any of the presidential inauguration or its events on the Web? If so, what did you watch? What were some of the technological hurdles the administration faced on the first full day? (White House Technology)
2. President Obama will be allowed to use his Blackberry. What are some of the conditions? (White House Technology)

Explore Technology:

1. Visit whitehouse.gov. What types of technology are being used for the newly designed website? (White House Technology)
2. Research the following tech terms using the Internet: live streams; embedded video; open source software; worm; VoIP; and high-speed Internet. (White House Technology; News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. How do you feel about the new administration proposing a broadband stimulus package worth \$6 billion to deliver high-speed Internet to unserved and underserved U.S. populations? How do you think it will be delivered? (White House Technology)
2. Is Encyclopedia Britannica considered a credible source? How about Wikipedia? Defend your answers. (News Briefs)