



CourseCast of the Week – February 16, 2009 – Episode 88

Key Topics:

- Kindle 2
- DTV Switch Disaster
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. What is the Kindle 2? What are some of the Kindle 2's features? Does your school provide you with access to ebooks? (Kindle 2)
2. What is the original date for conversion to DTV? What is the new date? Do you know anyone that hasn't converted? If so, who? (DTV Switch Disaster)

Explore Technology:

1. Visit Amazon.com and read about Kindle 2. Look for some of your textbooks on Amazon's website. Can you buy them as ebooks for Kindle 2? If so, is it cheaper? (Kindle 2)
2. Intel is building manufacturing plants in the US for its new 32 nm chips. Research 32nm chips. What are they? How will they be used? How will they be made? (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. What do you think is the future of the Kindle 2? What about the future of iPods and iPhones? Would you prefer your textbooks packaged for an ebook reader? (Kindle 2)
2. Stealing of notebook computers; rewarding for the arrest and conviction of the authors of Conficker/Downadup worm—if you had information about these criminal acts would you share this with the authorities? Why or why not? (News Briefs)