



CourseCast of the Week – February 23, 2009 – Episode 89

Key Topics:

- Stimulus Law
- Mobile World Congress
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Have you read or heard about President Obama's Stimulus package? What provisions are included in the package for technology and education? (Stimulus Law)
2. Have you read or heard about the GSMA Mobile World Congress? What technological highlights were shared at that exhibition and conference? (Mobile World Congress)

Explore Technology:

1. Open Source software was used to outline President Obama's economic stimulus package and plans. Any thoughts on what open source software is? Use your resources and find out what open source software is and how it was used to share the President's package recovery.gov. (News Briefs)
2. Check out the future of television. How do Internet TV sources like Hulu and Boxee work? (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. Why do you think those specific technology and education provisions were included in the Stimulus package? Do you think it will help to "jump start" the economy? Why or why not? (Stimulus Law)
2. What do you think motivated Yahoo! to allow advertisers to show video content in their ads? Why do you think Google and Microsoft haven't allowed this video content? (News Briefs)