



CourseCast of the Week – March 9, 2009 – Episode 91

Key Topics:

- High-tech Terrorists
- Microsoft AI
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Can you give some examples of social networks? How are extreme terrorists advancing their cause through social networking tools? What is one California congressman doing to try and stop terrorists? Do you think he will be successful? Why or why not? (High-tech Terrorists)
2. What is Microsoft? Who started Microsoft? Are you familiar with Artificial Intelligence (AI)? What is Microsoft planning for the future? (Microsoft AI)

Explore Technology:

1. Research Artificial Intelligence (AI). Give the definition of AI and several ways it is currently being used. (Microsoft AI)
2. Do you know what a computer patch is? What is Patch Tuesday? Log on to the Internet to learn more about computer patches, why you need to download these patches, and why you need to leave your computer on for Patch Tuesday. (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. Besides the examples give in this week's CourseCast, predict future uses for AI. What are the potential impacts of AI on today's society? (Microsoft AI)
2. Do you read a print version of a newspaper? If so, which one? How would you redesign a newspaper company to be read and be profitable during these times? (News Briefs)