



CourseCast of the Week – March 30, 2009 – Episode 94

Key Topics:

- Sexting
- Online Town Hall
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. What is sexting? Were you surprised that children are publishing their own pornography? How are different states responding to sexting? (Sexting)
2. Did you participate in the online town hall meeting held by President Obama? How many did? What was the purpose for holding the town hall meeting online? What were some of the questions that President Obama addressed? (Online Town Hall)

Explore Technology:

1. Research Web 2.0, which was used for the online town hall meeting. What is Web 2.0? What are some differences between the traditional World Wide Web and Web 2.0? How would you explain Web 2.0 to your grandmother who gets online daily just to check her email and play bridge? (Online Town Hall)
2. What do you need to do to protect yourself from the conficker worm? Logon to the Internet and see what the experts are recommending. Are you safe? Explain your answer. (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. The EPA report found that US companies are wasting \$2.8 billion a year by powering PCs when they are not in use. What are you doing (or could you do) personally about going green in technology? (News Briefs)
2. What do you think about the Chinese government blocking YouTube access for its citizens? What do you think the Chinese government should do about the fact that they are becoming a leader in global malware distribution? What would happen in the United States if the government blocked YouTube access or realized that they were the leader in global malware distribution? (News Briefs)