



**CourseCast of the Week – April 20, 2009 – Episode 97**

**Key Topics:**

- Pirates Walk the Plank
- Twitter Attracts Celebs and Worms
- News Briefs

**Talk About It:**

1. What is The Pirate Bay? What has the company been found guilty of? Why is this verdict important? (Pirates Walk the Plank)
2. Do you Tweet? What is Twitter? Besides celebrities like Oprah, what else has discovered Twitter? What does it do? (Twitter Attracts Celebs and Worms)

**Explore Technology:**

1. Research and define the following terms: bit torrent file-sharing; worms; hacker; patches; Conficker worm; Virtumonde spyware; bytes of data; and bandwidth. (Pirates Walk the Plank; Twitter Attracts Celebs and Worms; News Briefs)
2. Using the Internet, visit three **credible** news sites to learn more about individuals found guilty of hacking. What did you find? (Twitter Attracts Celebs and Worms)

**Think Critically:**

1. Do you think the penalties for hacking are severe enough? Explain your answer. What do you think the world needs to do to prevent hackers? (Twitter Attracts Celebs and Worms)
2. Think about it—YouTube and TV competitors. Which one do you predict will win the full-length films and TV shows market? Or do you think there might be a third competitor? Explain your answer. (News Briefs)