



CourseCast of the Week – June 1, 2009 – Episode 103

Key Topics:

- U.S. gets Serious about Cyber Security
- Introducing Google Wave
- Introducing Microsoft Bing
- Ebook competition ramps up
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. What are cyber attacks? What cyber security efforts are being implemented? (U.S. gets Serious about Cyber Security)
2. What percent of email is spam? What percent is generated by botnets? How effective is spam? (News Briefs)

Explore Technology:

1. Research and define the following terms: cyberspace; open source Web-based software; search engines; netbook; and botnets. (U.S. gets Serious about Cyber Security; Introducing Google Wave; Introducing Microsoft Bing; Ebook competition ramps up; News Briefs)
2. Learn and share the similarities and differences between the Kindle and Plastic Logic Reader. (Ebook competition ramps up)

Think Critically:

1. Do you think the pros of email (communication, etc.) out weigh the cons (viruses, etc.). Explain your answer. (News Briefs)
2. How likely are you to try out and use a new Web search engine such as Microsoft Bing? Explain your answer. (Introducing Microsoft Bing)