



CourseCast of the Week – June 22, 2009 – Episode 106

Key Topics:

- Tweeting Iranians
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. What is the connection between Iran and Twitter? How have journalists in Iran been utilizing Twitter? What did the U.S. State Department ask Twitter to postpone and why? (Tweeting Iranians)
2. What is Acrobat.com? Who is its biggest rival? (News Briefs)

Explore Technology:

1. What are you doing? Visit twitter's website. Watch the video on Twitter's homepage. What did you learn? How do you subscribe to twitter? (Tweeting Iranians)
2. Research beta software release. What is it? Why is it important to the software industry? (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. According to the video found on Twitter, what is Twitter's original intent? Is this how it was used in Iran last week? Why do you think many Iranian citizens turned to Twitter to express their thoughts and opinions? (Tweeting Iranians)
2. Do you think that the U.S. State Department has the authority to ask Twitter to postpone its scheduled upgrade? Explain your answer. (Tweeting Iranians)