



CourseCast of the Week – July 6, 2009 – Episode 108

Key Topics:

- U.S. IT Spending Revealed
- China Requires Filters on All PCs
- Sugar on a Stick
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Have you heard of Green Dam Youth Escort? What is it designed to do? What are U.S. government concerns? (China Requires Filters on All PCs)
2. “Sugar on a stick”—what is it and what is the benefit of this type of technology? (Sugar on a Stick)

Explore Technology:

1. Visit the USASpending.gov website. Looking at the home page, how many columns are there? Where is the navigation bar? How easy or difficult is it to find information? Read the Privacy Policy (link is at the bottom of the page). What did you learn? (U.S. IT Spending Revealed)
2. Research Windows 7. What did you learn? Will your computer be able to run Windows 7? (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. China requires filters on all PCs; Facebook is under fire for complicated privacy processes; the federal government is running into privacy issues—do you feel your privacy is being compromised? Explain your answer. (China Requires Filters on a All PCs; News Briefs)
2. Do you agree with analysts that Google Voice is the future of voice communication? Explain your answer. (News Briefs)