



CourseCast of the Week – August 10, 2009 – Episode 113

Key Topics:

- Cyber Attacks against Twitter and Facebook
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Tweet, Tweet. What happened to Twitter this past week? What other applications were affected? What does Cyxymu have to do with the attacks? (Cyber Attacks against Twitter and Facebook)
2. eBook readers—do you own one? What companies are selling eBook readers? What new features are being introduced? (News Briefs)

Explore Technology:

1. Research the following terminology: cyber attack; DDoS attack; botnet; and spam. (Cyber Attacks against Twitter and Facebook)
2. Use Google's search engine and Microsoft's Bing search engine to search for eBook readers. What similarities and differences did you find between the two search engines? Which one do you prefer? Why? (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. Do you Twitter? Were you affected by last week's cyber attacks? What do you think might be done in the future to prevent the cyber attacks from occurring again? (Cyber Attacks against Twitter and Facebook)
2. What do you think prompted the U.S. Marines to ban soldiers from using social networks such as Facebook and Twitter from military networks? Do you agree with the decision? Explain your answer. (News Briefs)