



CourseCast of the Week – September 7, 2009 – Episode 117

Key Topics:

- Gmail and Cloud Computing Take a Hit
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Email—What is it? What is Gmail? Do you have an email account? Which company do you use? (Gmail and Cloud Computing Take a Hit)
2. Do you have a social networking site? Which one? How often do you check it? (News Briefs)

Explore Technology:

1. Research webmail (web-based mail). What is web mail? How does web mail differ from a desktop email client? If Gmail is the third most popular webmail service, what are the other two? The email that you use—which one is it: web mail or desktop email client? How do you know? (Gmail and Cloud Computing Take a Hit)
2. Cloud Computing—Research the benefits and the drawbacks of cloud computing. What did you learn? (Gmail and Cloud Computing Take a Hit)

Think Critically:

1. Do you think cloud computing will take off? Explain your answer. (Gmail and Cloud Computing Take a Hit)
2. Look at the News Briefs. What are the different ways that the Internet is being used? What do you think this means for those who are not connected? (News Briefs)