



**CourseCast of the Week – September 28, 2009 – Episode 120**

**Key Topics:**

- FCC Pushes for Net Neutrality
- Facebook Switches off Beacon
- Total Information Awareness Déjà Vu
- Unrealistic Expectations
- News Briefs

**Talk About It:**

1. Who is the FCC Chair? What is network neutrality? Why is the Chair in favor of network neutrality? (FCC Pushes for Net Neutrality)
2. Beacon—what is it? Why is Facebook shutting it down? What type of company is Facebook donating money to? How much? (Facebook Switches off Beacon)

**Explore Technology:**

1. Did you know that most photos are touched up using Photoshop? Locate on the Web pictures that were not touched up and those that are? What did you learn? (Unrealistic Expectations)
2. Research Tablet PCs. How do they differ from Netbooks or regular laptops? (News Briefs)

**Think Critically:**

1. Do you think Beacon was an invasion of your privacy? Do you think the massive data-mining operation was an invasion of your privacy? Support your answer. What do you think the future holds for applications like these? (Facebook Switches off Beacon; Total Information Awareness Déjà Vu)
2. How fast is fast? (News Briefs)