



CourseCast of the Week – February 6, 2012 – Episode 243

Key Topics:

- Headline Story: Facebook Files for IPO
- Tech news
- Information security news
- Tech industry news
- Other

Talk About It:

1. What is Facebook? Who is the founder? What is an IPO? How much is Facebook's IPO's estimated worth? What are some of the issues Facebook must face when going public? (Headline Story: Facebook Files for IPO)
2. What is happening in the information security news? What do all three news articles have in common? (Information security news)

Explore Technology:

1. Research Microsoft Office 15. What type of software is it? What does the number "15" represent? What is the difference in alpha and beta testing? Once the beta testing is completed, what will Microsoft do with the testing results? (Tech industry news)
2. Visit the NIST competition web page. Read through the press release. Who is sponsoring the competition? What is the purpose of the competition? Who can apply? What central principles must be included in the proposal? (Information security news)

Think Critically:

1. Why do you think that U.S. corporations are not disclosing major security breaches? (Information security news)
2. Think about the NIST project. If you were entering the NIST competition, what identity solution might you submit? Be creative! (Information security news)