



CourseCast of the Week – June 2007 – Episode 6

Key Topics:

- Cameras Everywhere
- Power to the People
- Tabletop Computing
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Google maps now features Street View. What is Street View? How does it differ from Google Earth? What does Street View allow you to see online that you couldn't see before? (Cameras Everywhere)
2. BlueOrganizer is an add-on for your Web browser. What is an add-on? What is the purpose of the BlueOrganizer add-on? Are there any other add-ons for Web browsers similar to BlueOrganizer that you are using? What are the benefits and/or drawbacks of such tools? Would you download this tool and use it? (News Briefs)

Explore Technology:

1. Ask students to visit the following search engines: www.mahalo.com; www.chacha.com; www.mturk.com. Compare and contrast each of these websites with ones they currently are familiar with (Google, MSN, Yahoo, Ask). (Power to the People)
2. Ask students to visit a website and watch a demonstration of surface computing. What future do they see for this type of technology? (Tabletop Computing)

Think Critically:

1. What do you think about The Transparent Society? Are you concerned about who is watching you? Should you be concerned? Do you think working with our political leaders to establish policies and laws regarding responsible use of technology will be effective? How about how this technology might be used in other countries? How do we establish policies and laws for countries outside of the US? (Cameras Everywhere)
2. With Web search engines making it easier to find information on people, do you feel that this is an invasion of privacy? How do you feel about a search engine finding information about you on Facebook? Would you be interested in working for one of these types of companies? (Power to the People)