



**CourseCast of the Week – October 19, 2009 – Episode 123**

**Key Topics:**

- Sidekick Users Lose Data
- Google Announces Google Editions
- News Briefs

**Talk About It:**

1. What is Sidekick? What happened this week? Were you affected by the incident? (Sidekick Users Lose Data)
2. What new initiative is Google launching? How does it differ from Amazon's Kindle? (Google Announces Google Editions)

**Explore Technology:**

1. Research the following terms: smart phone; server; backup systems; user data, and cloud computing. (Sidekick Users Lose Data)
2. Can you believe a typo caused 80 million Swedish domains to disappear from the Internet? Access the Internet and key in different domain names with and without the last piece. What did you learn? (News Briefs)

**Think Critically:**

1. What lessons can be learned from the Sidekick outages by Danger? Based on this incident, which company would you purchase your next smart phone from? (Sidekick Users Lose Data)
2. Do you agree with the ruling that a ring tone does not constitute a performance? Defend your answer. (News Briefs)