

Universal Design for Learning: Video, VoiceThread, Web-conferencing

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Who We R

- Public, multi-campus
 University
- Multiple learning management systems



Who We R: COHLIT

- Help Desk for LMSs
 - -Video Hosting Support
 - Support for LTIs (external tools)
- Game Research & Immersive Design (GRID)
- Application Development
 - -Integration, Student Information System
- Project Management
 - RU Online Conference planning!
- Office of Instructional Design

Who We R: OID

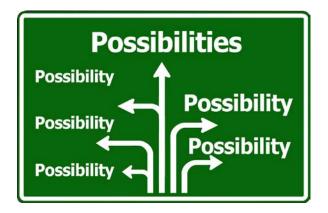
- Face-to-face and online training & workshops
- Certificate program in Online Learning (4 courses)
- Individual support for course design (one semester)
- Course revisions
- Customized to suit faculty, department, program level needs

Universal Design

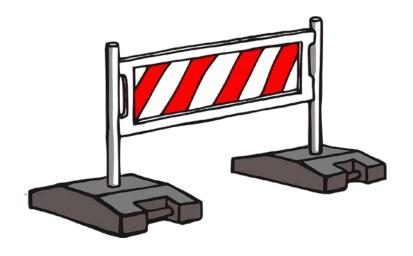
- Multiple modes of representation
- Multiple avenues of action/expression
- Multiple methods of engagement

Multimedia

Both a solution



And a new challenge



Today's Presentation

- Streaming Video
 - Captioning and description, use of all materials
- VoiceThread
 - Transcripts, community solutions, Universal
- Web-conferencing

Your experience/solutions

Streaming Video

- Multiple channels of perception
- Effective tool for teaching hands-on tasks²⁻³
- Easy to create and share
- Caption/Description options available to make videos accessible

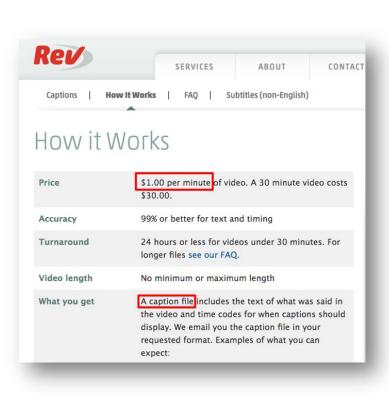
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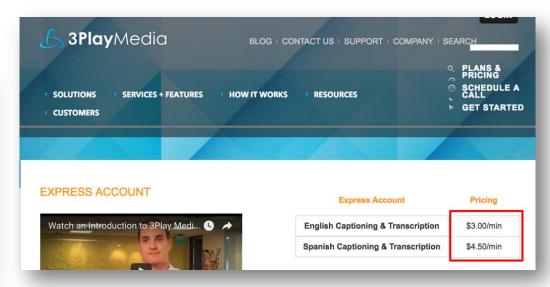
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Professional Caption/Description

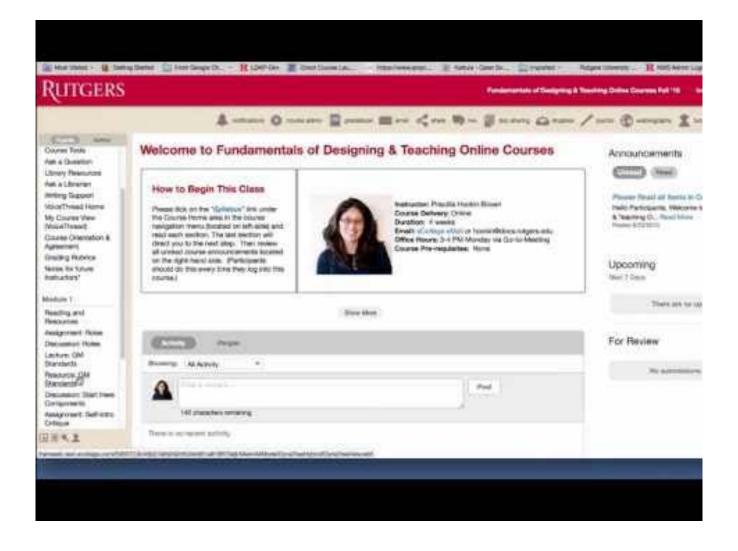
Best quality but expensive





CaptionMax audio description: \$1000 / hour of video

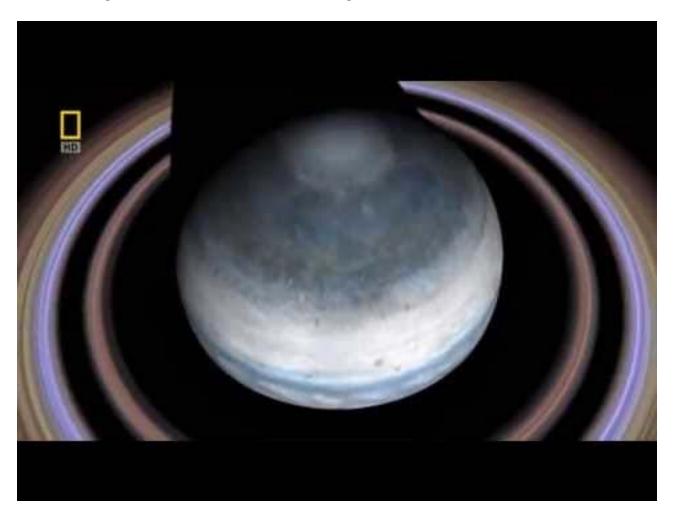
Professional Caption Sample



Self-service Caption/Description

- Free
- Speech recognition has frequent inaccuracies
- YouTube: both auto-caption and auto-time options

Auto-caption Sample



Auto-timed Sample



Best Self-Service Results

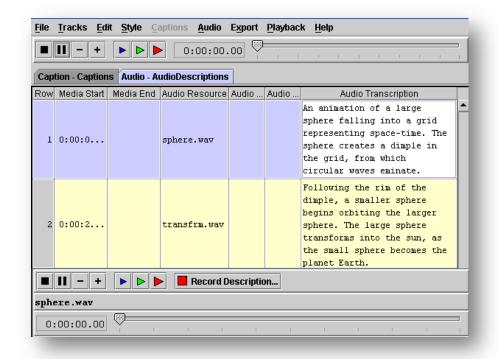
- Use a script
 - May help keep an even pace, gives you a transcript
- Record in quiet, well-lit location
 - A better microphone than a built-in laptop mic helps

Self-Service Audio Description



Youdescribe.org

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Universal Design Approaches

- Post all materials
 - video, slides, script/notes
- Add access in while composing
 - Headers
 - Alt tags
 - Table captions
 - Detailed narration of your actions in a video

Multimedia Discussion Tools

- Adding video components to text discussions:
 - On-the-spot recording for discussion boards
 - Video-chat
 - VoiceThread



Multimedia Discussion Challenges

- Captions may take too long
 - Reduced participation opportunities
- Very few studies or dedicated tool solutions available

Multimedia Discussion Possibilities

- Possible options during discussions⁴
 - Teacher-supplied text repetition: sum up or guide
 - Student-supplied transcripts/descriptions
- Addition benefits 5-6
 - Stronger learning community
 - Increased online student retention/persistence

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Tool-makers' Solutions

- VoiceThread Universal
 - Linear, text-based navigation
 - Also helpful for anyone overwhelmed by graphic interface
 - Does not make video component itself any more accessible

Universal Design Approaches

- Instructors
 - Link to scripts/notes in a text comment
 - Describe central media as part of comments
- Students
 - Reply directly to video comment with text version
 - Keep video comments concise and on-point

Synchronous Online Sessions

Benefits

- Build community
- Add broader context to discussions
- Increase student motivation

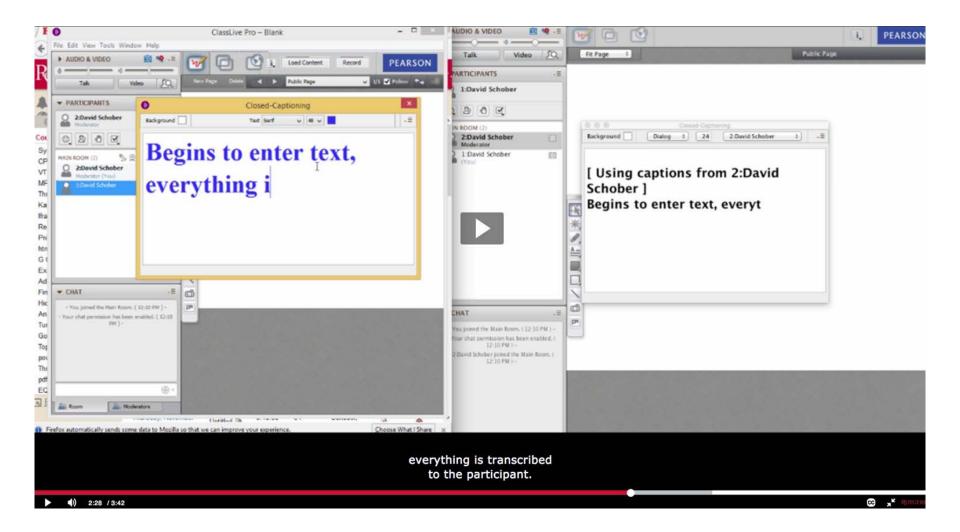
Challenges

- Technical
- Multiple means of representation
- Student interaction

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Synchronous Solutions



Audience Solutions

- Challenges
- Solutions

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