

IDEas: Inclusivity and Accessibility



UWEX Instructional Design (ID) Team Strategies and News for Summer 2023



Inclusivity and Accessibility

Happy summer, everyone! We know it's a hectic time for everyone as we wrap up our spring courses, and, for some of us, kick off our summer courses as well.

In this issue of *IDEas*, we want to highlight how we partner with faculty to ensure every student can access every part of their courses. As you reflect and celebrate the completion of another academic year, consider how you can incorporate accessible design into your courses next year!

And don't forget about this year's 2023 Faculty Symposium, spotlighting best practices in online teaching and learning. Get a preview in this issue. We look forward to seeing you there!

-The UWEX ID Team

Featured: Utilize the Canvas Accessibility Checker

The UWEX ID team already checks the accessibility of every course, but sometimes things change as you teach and you need to post an announcement. [The Canvas Accessibility Checker can help you ensure your announcements are as accessible as the rest of your course.](#)

Faculty Spotlight:

Dr. Erich Jauch

See how Dr. Erich Jauch [emphasized equity, diversity, and inclusion](#) in his math course by using discussions and OERs.

Teaching in Plain Language

Writing in plain language ensures your students know what they should learn and what they should do. This article shares [some key techniques to make your writing more clear, direct, and accessible.](#)

[Get in Touch](#)

If you have an idea for an article or would like to contribute to the next issue, let us know!

2023 Faculty Symposium Preview

Quick Details

When: Monday, June 5 & Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Where: Memorial Union at UW-Madison,
800 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53706

We are excited to see everyone at the Union this year for our Faculty Symposium. Based on the feedback you gave us last year, this year's symposium will feature sessions with faculty!

This article gives you a [preview of the exciting array of topics and presenters.](#)



In Case You Missed It: An Introduction to ChatGPT

Instructional Designers Nate Ewings and Kyle Sky [hosted a webinar on the AI tool ChatGPT.](#) If you were unable to attend, you can watch the recording of the webinar to learn how modern AI tools might impact your courses and the steps you can take to adapt to these new technologies.

[Explore more resources from UW Extended Campus Instructional Design](#)