

# Regular, Timely, and Effective Contact in Online Courses & Accessibility

Creating a Quality Online Experience for Your Students



- Generally, people with disabilities are grouped into four major categories:
  - Visual disability: blindness, low vision, color-blindness
  - Hearing disability: deafness
  - Physical disability: inability to use a mouse, slow response time, limited fine motor control
  - Cognitive disability: learning disabilities, distractibility, inability to remember or focus on large amounts of information <http://projectone.cannect.org/>

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- While some people with disabilities have to use some kind of assistive technologies to access electronic information including web content, others do not need any specific assistive aid. However each of the major categories of disabilities requires certain types of adaptations in the design of the web content.
- Most of the time, these adaptations benefit nearly everyone, not just people with disabilities. For example, almost everyone benefits from helpful illustrations, properly-organized content and clear navigation. Similarly, while captions are a necessity for Deaf users, they can be helpful to others, including anyone who views a video without audio.

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- Accessibility and Internet Applications

- YouTube – [Adding Close Captions and Annotations](#) (easy!)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mZzfPZ8uw0>

- Skype – [Accessibility Features](#) <http://www.supertintin.com/blog/skype-recorder/skype-persons-disabilities-skype-accessibility>

- CCCConfer – They have [captionists](#) and [more!](#)

<http://www.cccconfer.org/about/accessibility.aspx>

- <http://www.cccconfer.org/pdfEL/ACCESSIBILITY.pdf>

- Camtasia Studio – [Captions option](#) in the edit system

<http://www.techsmith.com/tutorial-camtasia-8.html>

- CANnect, ProjectOne – [Great Suggestions!](#) <http://projectone.cannect.org/>

- Study Guides and Strategies – [More great guidelines!](#)

<http://www.studygs.net/accessibility.htm>

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- Glendale College has a wonderful Disabled Students Programs and Services Center! <http://glendale.edu/index.aspx?page=1970>
- Contact them at the above website for questions!



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