

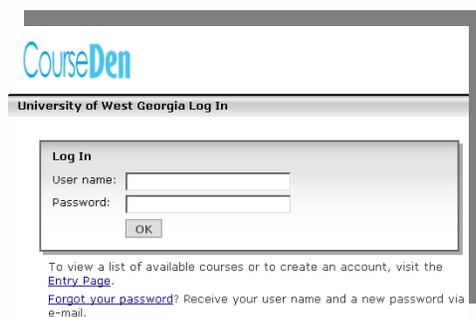
Services and Assistance

The Distance and Distributed Education Center (DDEC) offers many services and assistance strategies for the convenience and instructional objectives of faculty and students. Please see the information below and contact us with questions or more information.

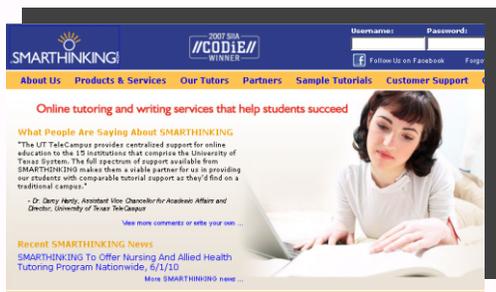


Faculty Development Center provides training and support for faculty and their instructional technology needs. In particular, the staff at the FDC is skilled in listening to faculty and offering advice and assistance in achieving goals instructional objectives. The FDC is located in the Old Auditorium (between Business and LRC). Look for a blue awning on the side directly across Back Campus Drive from the Library.

FDC Wiki Space provides current technology tutorials, downloads, and a collaboration space for UWG faculty. Look for help information and/or add to the wiki. The wiki is located at <http://uwgfdc.wikispaces.com>



CourseDen is West Georgia's implementation of GaView, both of which are based on WebCT Vista 8. All courses at UWG are automatically assigned a CourseDen section. <http://westga.view.usg.edu>



Smarthinking- From supplementing current learning support programs with SmarThinking's qualified and trained online tutors, to licensing SmarThinking's technology platform to create a

private-labeled virtual learning assistance center, SmarThinking develops custom solutions to enable institutions to better support their faculty and students. <http://www.smarthinking.com/> Contact the FDC for login information.

TurnItIn (available soon) works to prevent plagiarism. Engage students. Deliver rich feedback on student work and check for potential plagiarism with Turnitin.



<http://turnitin.com/static/index.html>



SafeAssign (available soon) compares submitted assignments against a set of academic papers to identify areas of overlap between the submitted assignment and existing works. SafeAssign can be used to prevent plagiarism and to create opportunities to help students identify how to properly attribute sources rather than paraphrase. <http://safeassign.com/>

UWG Wikispaces offers West Georgia faculty, staff, and students free wiki space with all of the paid-for features. Users may create as many wikis and pages as they wish and upload files as large as 100mb. <http://www.wikispaces.com/> Contact the FDC for login and user information.



Atomic Learning provides online training resources to show you “how do I do that” through a library of thousands of short, easy-to-understand tutorial movies and “how do I apply that” training that can be used as an integral part of a professional development program and a valuable curriculum supplement. Atomic Learning makes it easy to learn new technology and encourage technology integration in the classroom. Tutorials are available to all faculty, staff, and students. <http://www.atomiclearning.com> Contact the FDC for login information.



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www.westga.edu/~training

Wimba Pronto is the only instant communication platform designed for educators to advance and promote collaborative learning, Wimba Pronto includes unique features to specifically benefit students, teachers, and educational institutions including Audio and Video Conferencing, Instant Messaging, Screen Sharing, Whiteboard, Help Desks and Office Hours. To use Pronto, simply install. You and your students will automatically populate as contacts. For instructions, go to: <http://www.westga.edu/~distance/pronto/>



Wimba Classroom a web-conferencing application that combines the following features in one product:voice over IP, application sharing, online presentations/eBoard, polling, and chat. http://www.wimba.com/products/wimba_classroom/

Wimba Voice Tools is a web-based voice solution that facilitates and promotes vocal instruction, collaboration, coaching, and assessment. Wimba Voice incorporates the use of threaded voice boards, voice-enabled email, embedded voice within course pages, as well as live group discussions and debates, which increase the interaction and student engagement level of any online course. http://www.wimba.com/products/wimba_voice/



Wimba Classroom and **Wimba Voice Tools** may be used in conjunction with CourseDen by adding via the Add Content Link option.



The West GA “Podcast Server” provides an easy to use solution for storing and serving multimedia files such as videos,

podcasts, and other files. Built-in tools create URLs and code for embedding media in websites and CourseDen. Users may offer their podcast channels and episodes to the public via iTunes. Contact the FDC to request a channel more information. <http://podcasting.gcsu.edu>



Respondus LockDown Browser is a custom browser that locks down the testing environment within Blackboard, ANGEL, Desire2Learn, WebCT, or Moodle. When students use Respondus LockDown Browser they are unable to print, copy, go to another URL, or access other applications. When an assessment is started, students are locked into it until they submit it for grading. (Supports Windows and Mac OS X 10.3.9+.) Provided free to UWG faculty and students. Contact the FDC for information.

<http://www.respondus.com>

Respondus 4.0 is a powerful tool for creating and managing exams that can be printed to paper or published directly to CourseDen and other eLearning systems. **StudyMate** helps students “master the basics” of course material through the use of learning activities within CourseDen. Using course content, Instructors create games and a variety of learning activities for practice and study. Contact the FDC for information and software. <http://www.respondus.com>



Impatica for PowerPoint simply converts PowerPoint files into a compressed format that is optimized for streaming over the Internet. Impatica for PowerPoint supports most of the features of PowerPoint, including text, graphics, transitions, animation effects and, narration. This format is a much preferred manner in which to share PowerPoints in CourseDen. Contact the FDC for information and software.

