

Studies have shown that multimedia lessons are effective in helping deaf students learn and retain lesson information. Web 2.0 refers to a new breed of Web sites offering tools to help inexperienced users generate interactive Web content. Teachers of the Deaf may now take advantage of free or almost free Web 2.0 resources and services to create multimedia lessons that engage student interest and promote learning.

The two presenters are a successful Web design team who have created scores of state-of-the-art, engaging and effective multimedia Web sites used to teach deaf students at NTID. They will showcase and discuss examples from their past projects and demonstrate how even teachers who are relative design novices may now take advantage of a number of free or almost free Web 2.0 resources and services to create similar multimedia lessons for use in their classrooms.

Among the things you can do:

Store images online and turn them into photo galleries, animated flip books, online presentations and scrap books.

Use online services to generate images or turn data into charts and graphs to help students make sense of the data.

Create, edit and save video online for use in lessons.