**What is iPad?**

iPad is a tablet computer designed by Apple Inc. It is known for its light weight, touch screen and extended battery life. Designed primarily as a platform for consuming media, the iPad can be an effective portable device for classroom instruction.

**Why Would You Use It?**

- Provides an affordable, compact and portable solution to presenting content in the classroom.
- Extended battery life provides enough juice to get through an entire day of teaching on one charge.
- 90,000+ apps provide an ever-growing set of tools.
- Multi-touch screen allows users to explore simulations and other immersive experiences available through the App Store.
- Supports social activities.
- Supports collaborative, constructive activities.
- Provides an environment for creativity and innovation.

**Where Can You Learn More?**

Apple provides limited online resources regarding iPad and education:


The DDS Diigo group for UA iPad users is a venue to share bookmarks for interesting uses of the iPad along with interesting apps. You can join the group to participate in the discussion, or subscribe to the RSS feed.

- Join the Diigo group: [http://groups.diigo.com/group/ua_i_pad_users](http://groups.diigo.com/group/ua_i_pad_users)
- Subscribe to the feed: [http://groups.diigo.com/group/ua_i_pad_users/rss/133257/8b33b43918a9409e3280b94ff6a09b17](http://groups.diigo.com/group/ua_i_pad_users/rss/133257/8b33b43918a9409e3280b94ff6a09b17)

The DDS blog is another way to stay connected.


**How Do You Get Started?**

In addition to your iPad, you will also need:

- Apple VGA Adapter
- VGA cable
- 3.5mm to RCA audio cable

Be aware that iOS devices will display each character of a password as it is typed. When connected to a projector, your password will be visible to anyone in the classroom as you log into a site or app.

**How Can You Get Help?**

Design & Development Services can provide limited technical support and general tutorial support. We can provide assistance on getting your iPad connected and selecting Apps for use in the classroom.

Contact Jill Phipps (phipps@uakron.edu, x2431) for assistance.
Useful iPad Apps

- **Presentation Apps**
  - QuickOffice HD
  - Prezi Viewer
  - Keynote
  - Power Presenter
  - GoDocs
  - Office2 HD

- **Media Apps**
  - Netflix
  - YouTube
  - Videos
  - PBS
  - Flickr (web app)
  - Vimeo (web app)
  - TED

- **Reading Apps**
  - Kindle
  - iBooks
  - Instapaper
  - Inkling
  - Stanza

- **News Apps**
  - Twitter
  - Flipboard
  - CNN
  - NY Times
  - Economist

- **Reference Apps**
  - WolframAlpha
  - HistoryMaps
  - Constitution
  - British Library
  - NYPL Biblion
  - Molecules
  - 9.11ThePhotos
  - LIFE
  - BODY
  - Dictionary
  - Xperica HD

- **Drawing Apps**
  - Adobe Ideas
  - Wacom Bamboo
  - Penultimate
  - Instaviz
  - Sadun's Whiteboard

- **Productivity**
  - Evernote
  - PlainText
  - DropBox
  - Dictation
  - Peek (for Evernote)
  - Wunderlist