

Introduction to 2013 Spring WHS system

GETTING IN

- The students need to connect to the web page <https://www.mathclass.org>
- This is how the students should login to the MathClass website (also called WHS below) to retrieve and submit homework assignments, check on grades and contact instructors.
- **Software Requirements:** Use an internet browser, such as Internet Explorer 8.0 (or later version) or Firefox 3.1 (or later version).
- Safari may not work correctly.

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1. Connect to <http://www.mathclass.org>
 2. Click on the link labeled **Login to WHS**.
 3. Login using your campus active directory account with the user name typed as **ad\UserName** and the usual password for the "**UserName**" account.
 4. If WHS decides that you need to set up a new Math Class account, then you will get a form entitled **Register for an Account**. Fill in the fields and submit the form.
 5. These are the details of the form:
 - **Email:** Provide an e-mail where you will receive all further communication from WHS. Remember it well! In the future, you should log into WHS using this email as your user name.
 - **Password:** Set the password to be used for your WHS account. It must be at least 7 characters long and include a character which is neither a
 - letter nor a digit.
 - **Security Question and Security Answer:** If you forget your password, you can have it reset by using the **Forgot your password** link on the login page and giving the Security Answer in response to the Security Question. *The Security Answer is case sensitive.*
 - **First and Last Name:** These should be the same as what you use for University records as your instructor will need to match these with the name on the class roll and grading sheets.
 - **Affiliation:** Select **College or University** and another pull-down will appear. From it, select **University of Kentucky**. A text field labeled **UK or AS Account** will appear. Put in your active directory login name in the form **ad\UserName** (just like you did to login).
 - Finally, To **create the account**, click on the ***Create User*** button, then click on the ***Continue*** button.
 - Your WHS account should work normally, **unless** you have added the class within last few hours. In that case, you may have a delay of up to 24 hours for your new account to be active.
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- **For any further assistance**, go to **Mathskeller** (063 CB, basement of the Classroom Building). **Using other computers:** A special setup is needed only if you use Internet Explorer for a mathematics class. Even this may be unnecessary for any Windows pc in any SCS Lab or the Mathskeller.
- **Once you register in Mathclass**, there are several tutorials available to know details about how to handle different browsers. Please review them if necessary. Generally, latest Firefox works well without special adjustments.

WORKING IN WHS

- It may be a good idea to print the homework, work out the problems and then submit the solutions. Never wait for the last due date to submit the homework! You can attempt the homework several times, if needed and your final success determines the grade as explained in the course handout. The homework grade is a substantial part of the total grade and the intensive work put in on the homework will also insure better success with the exam questions. There is no makeup for late homework or for your mistakes in using the system or for last minute delays in the system response. You should attempt the problems on a homework as soon as the material is discussed in class.
- At various times while working with WHS, you have the opportunity to send help requests or comments which will be processed by your instructors. It is an excellent idea to seek help this way as well as in person.
- In general, working on WHS problems in group is not only tolerated, but encouraged. Many of you will have common questions and the learning experience of discussion with your peers is good for you.
- The course web page is <http://www.msc.uky.edu/sohum/ma213/index.html> There is an easy link to this from your WHS homework page and from time to time, additional information will be posted there. You may also find regular lecture notes and help on using computer programs like Maple and Excel. The use of these programs is not mandatory, but they will greatly enhance your ability and confidence. They may be freely used for doing homework, but are not available for tests and quizzes.