

Getting Started with WebAssign

Student Instruction Guide

WebAssign allows you to submit homework, quizzes, and tests completely online at any time of day or night. WebAssign is a required portion of your course and your proper usage of the program may count toward your final grade. Use this student instruction guide to help you get started!

LOGGING IN

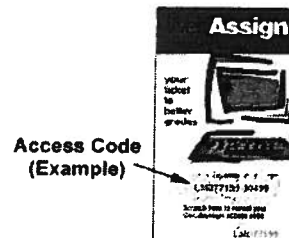
You can log in to WebAssign using any Web browser connected to the Internet. Before logging in for the first time, you will need a few pieces of information, which you should get from your teacher.:

- Your WebAssign Username _____
- Your Institution or School Code _____
- Your Initial WebAssign Password _____

To log in to WebAssign open your Web browser and enter the following Web address: <http://www.webassign.net/login.html> or the web address provided by your teacher.

ACCESS CODES

The first time you log in, you will be required to enter an Access Code from the WebAssign PassCard included with your textbook. Simply scratch off the silver coating in the middle of the card to reveal your individual access code. Your code will have 2 or 3 letters followed by 10 or 11 numbers. This number must be entered using the registration link on your class announcement page to register you with WebAssign.



NOTE: If you have purchased a used text, or if you do not have a WebAssign Access Card, you can purchase one online with a credit card by selecting the Credit Card Registration button on your WebAssign homepage.

YOUR WEBASSIGN HOMEPAGE

You will now receive your personalized WebAssign page showing courses for which the teacher has included you in the roster. If you see more than one course, select the course you want to work on.

If you want to **change your password**, simply click on **My Options**.


A screenshot of the WebAssign homepage. The page is titled "WebAssign.net" and shows the user is logged in as "psmith@brookscolor.edu". The date is "Friday, April 29, 2005 04:56 PM EDT". The page has a navigation menu with links for "Home", "My Assignments", "Grades", "Communication", "Calendar", "Guide", "Help", and "My Options". The user's name "patricia smitt" and course "General Physics, Summer 1 2005" are displayed. The page is divided into several sections: "Home" with sub-sections for "My Assignments" (showing "Current Assignments (1)" and "Past Assignments (1)"), "Communication" (showing "No current forums"), and "Grades" (showing "No grades have been posted at this time"). On the right side, there are sections for "Announcements" (showing "No Current Announcements"), "My Calendar" (with a "Jump to..." button), and "About this Class" (showing "This one has students!" and a "Physics" button).

ANSWERING QUESTIONS

WebAssign has a variety of different question types, ranging from multiple choice to fill-in-the-blanks to symbolic questions. Here are some things to keep in mind as you work through your assignments:

- Some questions may include numbers that appear in **red**. This signifies that the number has been randomized, so that you receive a different version of the same basic question from your classmates.
- Some WebAssign questions check the number of **significant figures** in your answer. If you enter the correct value with the wrong number of significant figures, you will not receive credit, but you will receive a hint that your number does not have the correct number of significant figures.
- Some questions require entering **symbolic notation**. Answer symbolic questions by using calculator notation. You must use the exact variables specified in the questions. The order is not important as long as it is mathematically correct. Clicking on the **eye button** previews the expression you enter in proper mathematical notation. Clicking on the **symbolic formatting help button** provides tips for using the correct keystrokes.

A child slides without friction from a height h along a curved water slide (Fig. P5.44). She is launched from a height $h/5$ into the pool. Determine her maximum airborne height y in terms of h and θ . (Use g for g and h as appropriate.)

 symbolic formatting help

- Some questions may require the use of an **Active Figure** simulation. Active Figures require the free Macromedia Flash Player plug-in, downloadable from www.macromedia.com.
- At any point in the assignment, you can save your work without grading by selecting the **Save Work** button at the end of the question. After you save your work, it will be available to you the next time you click the assignment.
- To submit your answer for grading, you can click the **Submit This Question Only** button at the bottom of each question. To submit the entire assignment for grading, click the **Submit All Questions for Grading** button at the end of the assignment.

WORKING WITH HINTS AND FEEDBACK

You will notice that some of your questions may feature **hints** to help you arrive at the answer. Use the **Active Figure hints** to manipulate simulations to help you learn by observation. Use the **Getting Started hints** to organize the information in the question statement. Use the **I'm Stuck hints** to get additional direction.

At your instructor's discretion, you may be able to submit an answer more than once if you do not get it correct on the first try. Each incorrect answer will provide you with specific **feedback**, to better guide you to the correct solution.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

You can visit the WebAssign Technical Support center by visiting www.webassign.net and selecting the Customer Care button on the top menu bar. Here you will have access to the complete WebAssign Student Guide, be able to access frequently asked questions and contact a WebAssign support representative for technical support.