

Using Maple at the University of South Carolina

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The Student Technology Fee substantially funds the software and computer labs in the College of Arts and Sciences. Information about the SAM (Science and Mathematics) labs can be found at <http://www.cosm.sc.edu/cosmic/>.

Login to SAM Network

1. Press **Ctrl-Alt-Del**.
2. Check that the network in SAM.
3. Enter your *Username* and *Password*.

Other SAM Network Information

1. Do not forget to logout at the end of every session. To logout, press **Ctrl-Alt-Del** and click on **Log Off....** If you do not logout, another user can access, modify, or erase any of your files.
2. Your personal disk space on the SAM network is the **Z:** drive. Files saved here can be accessed from any computer on the SAM network. Files can also be saved to a diskette, ZIP disk, or other removable storage device available on the local computer. Files saved in any other location (including the Desktop) are local to the current computer you are using. These may be erased when you logout!
3. Passwords should be changed regularly. Your initial password is your nine-digit student ID number. To change your password, press **Ctrl-Alt-Del** and click on **Change Password....** Enter your current password and your new password – twice.

Accessing Maple 9.5

1. Maple 9.5 should be on the Desktop for most computers on the SAM network. If there is no Maple 9.5 icon on the Desktop, click on the **Start** menu in the lower left corner of the display. Then select **Programs**, then the **Maple 9.5** folder, and finally the **Maple 9.5** executable.
2. To create a shortcut to Maple 9.5 on your desktop, follow Step 1 above then press the *right* mouse button and select **Create Shortcut**.

Accessing Blackboard

1. Blackboard can be accessed directly from VIP via the link at the left of the VIP window. The direct URL is <http://blackboard.sc.edu/>.
2. Login to Blackboard using the Username and Password established in VIP. The default display is a list of all courses in which you have been enrolled anytime in the past year.

USC Network Setup

1. Go to the USC homepage: <http://www.sc.edu/>.
2. Select the link to VIP in the black border at the bottom of the page (the direct URL is <http://vip.sc.edu/>).
3. Login to VIP using your USC identification number and PIN. Your initial PIN is your birth date in the form MMDD (remember to write both month and date as two digits). The first time you login to VIP you will be asked to change your PIN. Be sure you remember your PIN!
4. Once in VIP, click on the **Technology** tab along the left edge of the browser window. Select **Network Username**. You can set your password from this screen. To request a USC network username, go to Computer Services on Blossom Street (or call the CSD Help Desk at 777-1800).
5. To setup your USC e-mail account, click on the **Personal** tab and edit your Online Directory information. Enter the e-mail address where you want to receive e-mail sent from Blackboard. This e-mail address is the one that will be listed in USC's online directory. (The **Change PIN** link on the **Personal** tab provides an interface for changing the PIN for VIP.)

Registering for the course on MapleTA (if necessary)

1. MapleTA is an online teaching and assessment tool that is accessed from (almost) any web browser. The URL is <http://maplenet.math.sc.edu:8080/>.
2. Click on **Find Your Class**. In the form that appears, enter your instructor's last name and click **Search**. A list of courses will appear at the bottom of this screen.
3. Locate your course. *Before clicking on the link to the homepage*, write down the URL for the MapleTA homepage for your course. Now, click on the link to the homepage.
4. Once the MapleTA Class Homepage appears, add this site to your list of Favorites (or Bookmarks). Then, in the Student Menu, click on **Register for this class**. Complete the information on the form that appears. Note that you can create your own login name and password. Be sure to make selections that you can remember! (It is particularly helpful if you provide the e-mail address that you use most frequently.)
5. For a quick introduction to MapleTA, select the MapleTA Tutorial and click on **Go**