

WebCT and Physics 11

We will be using a web-based computer tool called WebCT in Physics 11 for on-line testing as well as dissemination of grades and lecture notes. Like other technologies, WebCT is not a replacement for learning as much as it is a tool for organization and testing in the course. You will need to log into WebCT at least once a week to do on-line quizzes, to pick up lecture notes and to see your grades. If there are problems, don't hesitate to contact me by mail malcolm.sanders@uvm.edu or phone (6-0050).

What you will need

1. A web browser (recent versions of Netscape (4.7 or 6), Internet Explorer (5), Mozilla (v0.97) and Opera seem to work) with net access. It seems to be platform independent (I've used it successfully on MacOS8-9.2, MacOSX, Linux and Windows98) but your own mileage may vary.
2. A WebCT username, which is the same as your UVM *netid*. To find your netid, go to <http://www.uvm.edu> and do a search for your name using the "UVM People" button in the upper-left corner of the frame.
3. A WebCT password. There are several possible scenarios.
 1. You have used WebCT before at UVM and you remember your password. In this case your password is unchanged from previous semesters.
 2. You have used WebCT before at UVM and you don't remember your password. In this case write e-mail to steve.cavrak@uvm.edu from your zoo account and a new password will be generated.
 3. You have never used WebCT before at UVM. In this case your password is the same as your netid. Please remember to change this password as soon as you log in so other people cannot use your account.
4. Patience.

How to sign on

1. Point your browser to <http://webct.uvm.edu:8900/>. Note that there is no www in the address. Specifying port 8900 in the URL is a formality - most browsers will redirect you automatically.

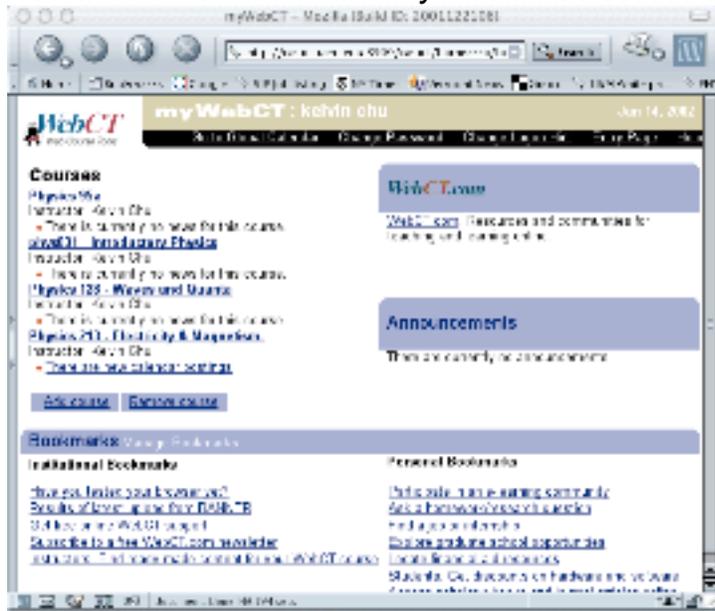


You should see something like:

2. Click on the link "Log on to myWebCT". A dialog box will appear and prompt you for your

WebCT ID and password.

3. You should now be on the *myWebCT* screen. For me, it looks like this:



4. Click on phys011-Elementary Physics.

Troubleshooting

1. If you can't log on because of password issues, please contact steve.cavrak@uvm.edu.
2. If you can get on but physics011 doesn't appear, check with me since this probably means that the course needs to be resynchronized with the registrar's database.
3. If this still doesn't work, check with the registrar to make sure that you are enrolled in the class.

Remember: Be patient.