

Math Lab Computers: Set Up Desktop

If you have never used the Math Lab computers, you might take a moment to complete the following tasks, which will set up your desktop and change your password.

Log in and out

Log in using your usual Whitman login name, and your assigned password. **Be sure to log out after before you leave the Lab!** You can either use the red button in the upper right corner of your desktop, or go to **System**→**Quit**

Change Your Password - Modify the Toolbar

First, we need a window in which we can type some commands. We will want to create an icon on our upper toolbar so this will be easy to access. From the upper left menu, choose the following, then drag the **Terminal** icon to your toolbar.

Application→**Accessories**→**Terminal**

Left-click the icon we just put on the toolbar, and a window should open on your desktop (the name of your computer will appear). We will be using command lines to change the password:

Type: **kpasswd**

The first password asked for is your current password, then follow the instructions.

At this step, log out, then log back in to make sure everything is working correctly.

Firefox, Maple and Matlab

Find the desired icon under **Applications** or **Actions**, then use the mouse to drag it to the toolbar:

- Use Firefox to get to our class website (bookmark it)
- Find the Maple icon, and put it onto the toolbar (for future reference)
- Find the icon for Matlab and put it on the toolbar. We will be working with Matlab today.

Conflict between Ubuntu and Maple

There is a conflict between some of the animated effects of Ubuntu and Maple, so we need to shut off the effects (bummer!). Go to the Menu (top left) and select:

System→**Preferences**→**Appearance**

Then select the **Visual Effects**, and set the visual effects to **None**