Maple T.A. Remote Site Instructions

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Introduction

Thank you for offering the use of your site to our distance education student(s) for their proctored assignment(s).

Most students are able to access their assignments from remote sites without difficulty. However, there are a couple of situations that can cause problems at some sites. This document is being provided to help you to determine if these situations exist at your site and to troubleshoot them if they do.

Allow access to port 8080

Our server uses port 8080. A quick way to check if your network blocks port 8080 is to use a web browser to navigate directly to the server at the following URL:

http://webtest3.unl.edu:8080/

If your network does not block port 8080, you will see a login screen. If port 8080 is blocked, the login screen will fail to load.

If the login screen does not load, contact your Internet Service Provider (if you are using a home computer) or network administrator (if you are using a computer at a business, school or library) and inform them that port 8080 appears to be blocked and that you need to access a website that uses this port.

(Note: Students will NOT use this URL to access their Maple T.A. assignments. You are being provided this URL simply as a means to determine whether your network blocks port 8080.)
Trust webtest3.unl.edu

Some security software block cross-site scripting (XSS), which will prevent calls from our Blackboard server to our Maple T.A. server, causing the student’s assignment not to load. Once you have ensured that your network does not block port 8080, please try out a demo assignment to determine if your security software has any issues with cross-site scripting.

- Go to my.unl.edu
- Enter wbatest for your username and wbatest for your password, then click the Login button
- Click the Courses tab at the top of the screen
- Click WBA Test.
- On the main page, click the link named Demo Assignment.

If there are no problems, a new window will open that contains the demo assignment. This assignment contains a single question with a text editor for entering an essay. You don’t need to write an essay, of course, but this will allow you to determine if the text editor loads and if the Equation Editor loads. (Instructions on accessing the Equation Editor will be given in the Demo Assignment.) You may click the Grade button to complete the assignment.

If your assignment does not load and you have ensured that port 8080 is not blocked, contact your computer or network administrator and inform them that this website may not be loading due to a failure to allow the trust between my.unl.edu and webtest3.unl.edu.