INITIAL LOGON

It will likely be the case that the vast majority of you will do your WebAssign work on PC’s and MAC’s at your home, the Marriott Library “Open Access” computer facility, or some other facility available and convenient to you. However, since the use of WebAssign is a requirement of Physics 2210, the Physics Department is arranging access for all registered Physics 2210 students to the departmental computer facility. That facility is located in South Physics 205. South Physics 205 is most easily reached by going into the East entrance of South Physics. That entrance is already at the second floor level, and once inside the entrance room 205 is immediately inside to the left. This facility contains a large number of Sun Microsystem terminals running the Solaris operating system, a version of the Unix operating system. This is nothing you need to know about as all of you will be using nothing more than the Netscape web browser for your work with WebAssign.

GETTING INTO SP 205

To get into the computer lab you will need to use the keypad to the right of the entrance door. Explicit directions for the numbers to enter to get into the room are written just above the keypad. Use the keypad entry to get in, not your ID card. Once at one of the terminals, move the mouse around to activate the screen and the login.

INITIAL LOGIN INSTRUCTIONS

All usernames are the uNID’s you use to get into all other University computer facilities. For example, if I were a student in the Physics 2210 course with an ID on my University of Utah ID card of 00012345, my uNID would be u0012345, i.e. the leading “0” is replaced by a lowercase “u”, and the remaining digits are identical. All usernames to get into the Physics Department’s computer lab use the University of Utah uNID’s. The initial passwords are a bit more complicated. Once you gain access to the computer you should change your password to something more convenient and useful to you.

All initial passwords were formed as follows. I will use the name, Sid Rudolph, to illustrate how they were formed. The initial password is an 8-element entry just as the uNID is. The first two elements are the first two letters of your first name with the first letter of that name entered lowercase and the second letter entered uppercase. The password entry is “case-sensitive,” in that you must get not only the letter correct, but you must also get its case correct to complete a successful login. So the first two elements of the initial password are “sI”. The next two elements are the last two letters of the last name. Again, the first letter is entered lowercase and the second letter is entered uppercase. Thus, for the initial password the elements after the “sI” are “pH”, i.e. the last two letters of the last name, the first one entered lowercase and the last one entered uppercase. Finally, the last 4 elements of the initial password are the last 4 digits of the uNID. For this case, the initial password is “slpH2345”. To put this all together, when initially logging on to a computer in the Physics Department computer lab the login to the computer will be:

Login (username): u0012345
Password: slpH2345

After completing the login, change the password at the computer login.

INITIAL LOGIN PROCEDURE

Immediately after the very first time into the Physics Department system and successfully logged in, you will get a document detailing the rules for using the departmental system. READ THIS DOCUMENT. To move to succeeding screens in the document, press the spacebar. Note pressing enter will move the document along only one line at a time. At the end of the document you will be asked to enter one of “1”, “2”, or “3” according to the options written. Most of you will want to select “2” followed by “Enter”.

The very next item that will appear is a demand that you change your password. This password change is for the Physics Department system. There are 3 steps to make this change:

1. Enter your old password
2. Enter the new password you would like to use
3. Enter the new password again.
Note: the system requires typically an hour to update to your new password. If for some reason you either get out of your account or get knocked off the network, use your old password to re-enter if the time is less than an hour from the time you completed your password change. After the password change is completed you will get the typical screen for a Unix operating system. Occupying about 1/3 of the screen area is a rectangular terminal with a pretty border surrounded by a mostly gray background with some items near its border. Later you will want to type items in the terminal screen area. To be able to do this the mouse cursor MUST be sitting somewhere inside this area. If the mouse cursor is outside the area, nothing will happen when you type. This is one of the unfortunate “wierdnesses” of this version of Unix.

SETTING UP AND GETTING INTO NETSCAPE
Move the cursor to anywhere in the gray area outside the terminal window. Press the left mouse button. A pull-down menu should appear. With the mouse button still pressed move the cursor down to the first item, Applications. With Applications highlighted a second menu should appear to the right of the first menu. Move the cursor down (left mouse button still pressed down) to Netscape-Install, and release the button. Depending on the terminal you are sitting at you may or may not get a Netscape License agreement request. Select Accept and then Netscape should run. Note: after this initial entry into Netscape, subsequent entries are accomplished in one of two ways: (1) with the terminal screen in view, move the mouse cursor into that terminal area and type the word netscape and press “enter”; (2) or with the terminal window in view move the cursor to the gray area, press the left mouse button, highlight the Applications item, and then select Netscape from the second menu.

DEPARTING
When you are ready to leave the computer lab after you have exited Netscape, you MUST log off the network. Failure to do so can result in untold horrors. A physics graduate students was almost deported from the US because he forgot to log out of the network. At any rate here is how you log out. With the terminal window in view move the cursor to the gray area, press the left mouse button, and move the cursor down to Leave-X. Select that item. You should then see the original login screen emerge in a few moments. You can now depart.