

# Quick Start Guide for Students

As with all online products, registering and subscribing involves several steps aimed at ensuring the protection of your investment and of the publisher's integrity. The instructions below will allow you to go through these steps quickly and easily. The list may seem long, but it should not take longer than a trip to the bookstore and you can do the whole process from your home!

## Prepare your computer.

- 1) In order to take full advantage of all the features of *MuchMath*, your computer should have the following **programs** installed. They are all common, safe and free programs available from the web at the downloading URL indicated below. Why, they probably are on your computer already!
  - *Mozilla Firefox*. This is a web browser (like Internet Explorer, but with better features) and is available at <http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/>. Pages are better viewed using *Mozilla Firefox*.
  - *Adobe Flash Player*. This program enables you to see pictures, movies etc and is available at <http://www.adobe.com/products/flashplayer/>. This is required for our audible lectures at the least.
  - *Java*. This program will allow you to see certain animations and is available at <http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp>. Most personal computers nowadays have *Java* installed. All you need to do is to enable it. In *Firefox*, pull down the menu under *Tools* and select *Options* to open up the dialog box where you can go to the *Content* tab and check the boxes to enable both *Java* and *Javascript*.

## Register with MuchMath

- 2) Go to [www.muchmath.org](http://www.muchmath.org) and **click** on the *Register Now* button.
- 3) **Enter** the required information and then click on the *Sign up* button. The email address that you indicate at this point will be the same you will have to use to login and can be any valid email address.
- 4) *MuchMath* will send a confirmation message to your chosen email address to ensure that the registration is legitimate. **Follow instructions** included in this email to activate your account. Since this is an automated message, your email provider may send it to the *SPAM* or *Junk Mail* boxes, so check there too. If you do not receive this confirmation email within 10 minutes, please notify us by sending email to [info@muchmath.org](mailto:info@muchmath.org).
- 5) When you first sign in, you will see an invitation to download “pretty” **fonts** for mathematical equations. This is not really necessary, but it takes very little time and disk space, so you may want to do it. And of course these fonts are free.

## Select your course

Since *MuchMath* offers several online courses, you need to select the one you want. To do that:

- 6) After you have activated your account, **login** using your login email and password.

- 7) (**Optional**) If you see a message stating that you do not have the fonts needed to show math formulae more nicely, follow the instructions to install them.
- 8) Under the *My Courses* drop down menu, **select** *Add New Course*.
- 9) If you want to join a course shared by your instructor for your class, please enter, under “Option 1”, the **share code** provided by your instructor.
- 10) **Click** on *Join this course*.
- 11) If you want to join a standard course or create one for your own, please go to “Option 2” and follow the instructions outlined there.

### ***Paying for the product***

- 12) After you have joined a course, **access** it by clicking on it under *My Courses*.
- 13) You may want to upgrade your subscription for some premium services by selecting *Subscription* in the drop down menu under *My Account*. Follow the instructions on that page.
- 14) Decide which subscription package best suits your needs, check its price – including GST – and **select** it by clicking the *next* button under you arrive at the order summary page.
- 15) Scroll down the page to check if your account has sufficient funds to cover the price of your chosen package. If it doesn't, follow the instructions for **making a payment**. Please notice the following:
  - Paying through your PayPal account is the **easiest** option, so you may want to set up such an account if you don't have one.
  - However, you can pay through PayPal even **without** having a PayPal account, in which case please follow their suggestion once you get there.
  - If you pay by **check**, it will take a few days before the payment is recorded and hence you will have to wait those days before are allowed to confirm your order.
  - When you exit from Paypal and are returned to MuchMath, you will be in a **receipt** screen that you can save or print for your records. You may need to do that if you plan to claim this expense from some other source, such as a student loan.
- 16) Now **click** on *Update Credit Balance* at the original order summary page.
- 17) Once your account has sufficient funds, **complete** the purchase by clicking on *Confirm Order*. This is a very important step, for without it your payment cannot be put to good use.

You can now start enjoying all the many features of MuchMath.org.

Should you have any difficulties, please feel free to request assistance by emailing [info@muchmath.org](mailto:info@muchmath.org) or your instructor.