Getting Started with WeBWorK for QCC Faculty

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Setting up a course

To set up a new course, please email <u>webwork@qcc.cuny.edu</u> or email one of us directly with the course information.

Logging in

Go to http://webwork.qcc.cuny.edu/webwork2 and select your course from the list. You will be prompted for a username and password. After logging in, you will be taken to the main page.



Homework Sets – this shows the list of assigned homework sets you have created, and it does not show the sets you are in the process of creating. This is where students will go to access their assignments.

Grades – this is where your students will click to see their progress on all assignments.

Hmwk Sets Editor – allows you, the instructor, to access, edit, and create homework sets, whether or not they have been deployed.

Library Browser gives you access to over 35,000 problems indexed by subject, topic, and textbook.

Scoring Tools – you can use this to download a spreadsheet (.csv file) of student grades on selected assignment(s).

Classlist Editor

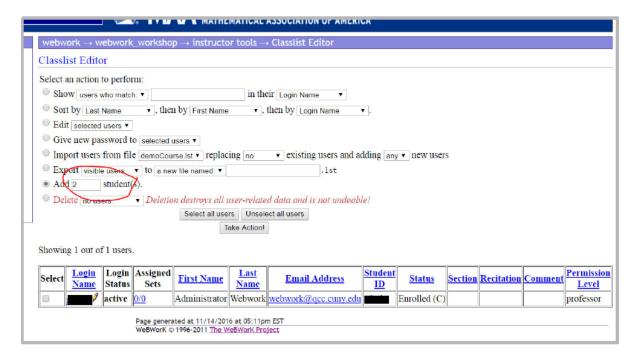
To upload an **entire class roster**, you can use a script found on https://github.com/bsosnovski/WeBWorK/tree/master/script to convert a CUNYFirst roster to a WeBWorK class list format.

To individually add students, please follow the following:

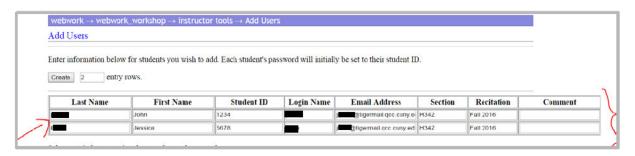
Click Classlist editor in the left margin

Select add "2" student(s) - you can change the number of students to add to the number you wish to add.

Click Take Action! Button.



Fill in the student information with the student's login name set to the first letter of their first name, followed by their last name (use all lowercase letters and without any space). Set the password to their student QCC id number.



To individually **delete** students, please follow the following:

Click Classlist editor in the left margin.

Select students you wish to delete.

Select **Delete**, and from the drop-down menu, **selected users** option. Click **Take Action!** button.

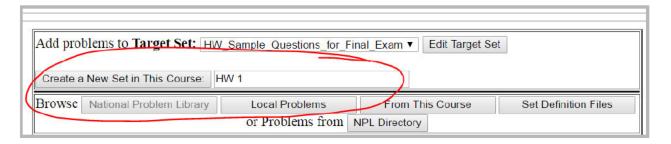


Creating an assignment

There are several ways you can create homework sets.

Click Library Browser in the left margin.

In the field next to Create the New Set in This Course, type the name of the homework set you want to create, then click on the button Create the New Set in This Course.



Now that you have created an empty homework assignment let's add some problems.

Option 1

In the Browse section, click on National Problem Library.

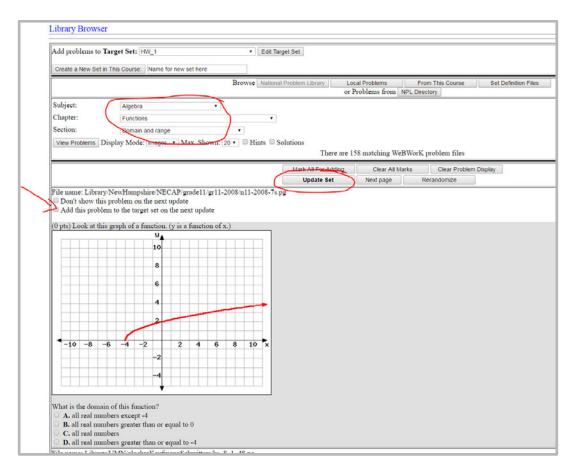
Then select a subject from the drop-down menu to further refine your search.

For example, select the subject Algebra, Chapter Functions, Section Domain, and Range.

To view problems in that category, click on View Problems

To add problems to the set, select **Add this problem to the target set on the next update.**

Once you select problems to be added, click the Update Set button to include the problem(s) in your assignment. A green status message in the upper right corner of the screen will indicate that you successfully added problems to the set.



Advanced Search allows you to search by textbook, chapter, and section.

Option 2

In the Browse section, click on Local Problems.

We have coded questions for MA10 into WeBWorK format. You can access these by selecting from the drop-down menu to refine your search further.

To view/add problems to the set, follow the instructions in Option #1.

Here you can also access an **Orientation** problem set to introduce your students to navigating within WeBWorK and entering mathematics.

Option 3

In the Browse section, click on From This Course.

Here you can add questions from assignments you have already created. For example, in your review assignment, you may want to use some problems from HW1, HW2, etc. The problems from previous assignments you select now will appear in a different version. **From the** dropdown menu, choose the assignment to which you wish to add questions and follow the steps in Option #1 on how to view/add problems to the set.

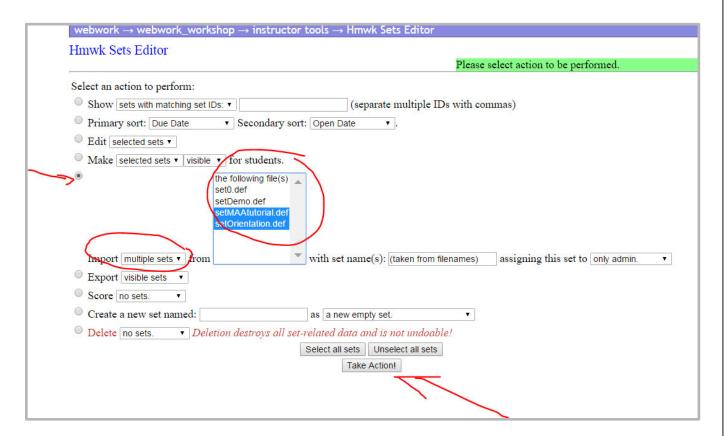
Option 4

Click Hmwk Sets Editor in the left margin.

Select **Import** (This allows you to import already made problem sets from someone else/previous course/ etc.)

From the drop-down menu, either **the single set** or **multiple sets** option depends on how many assignments you want to import.

Click Take Action! Button.



Editing your problem set

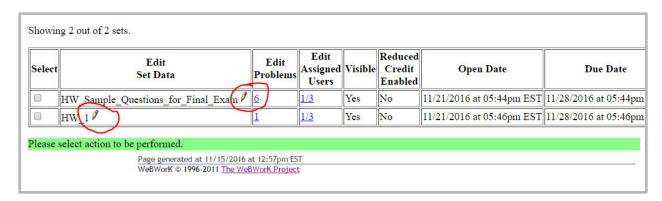
Go into the Hmwk Sets Editor.

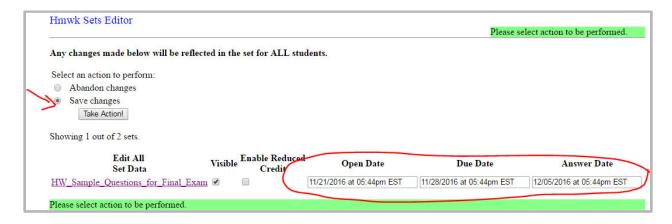
The small **pencil icon** to the right of the set name allows you to edit the global properties of the homework set.

There you can change the following:

- visibility (whether or not students can see that the set exists)
- open date (when the students will first be able to see the problem collection)
- due date
- answer date (when the solutions will be made available)

You must choose **Save changes** and click **Take Action!** button for your changes to affect the given homework set.

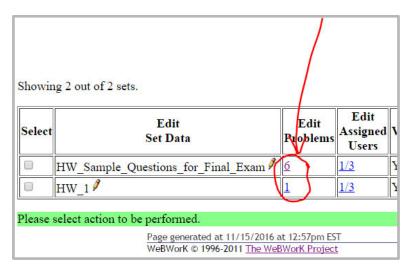


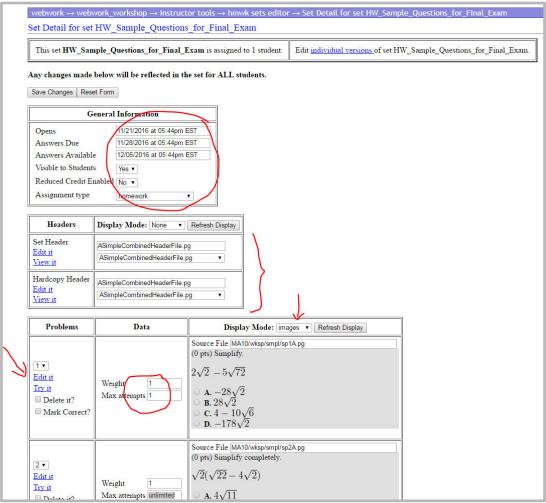


You can click on the number of problems in the **Edit Problems** column to change or add specific problems.

Typical tasks you can accomplish within this editor include:

- making the same changes as using the **pencil icon**
- trying or editing a problem (opens a new window)
- reordering the problems (via the drop-down number in the "problems" column)
- reweighting the problems (default is each problem worth 1 point)
- changing the maximum number of student attempts allowed (default is unlimited)
- deleting a problem from your homework set

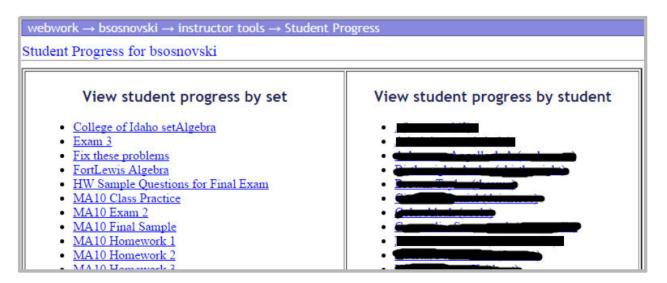


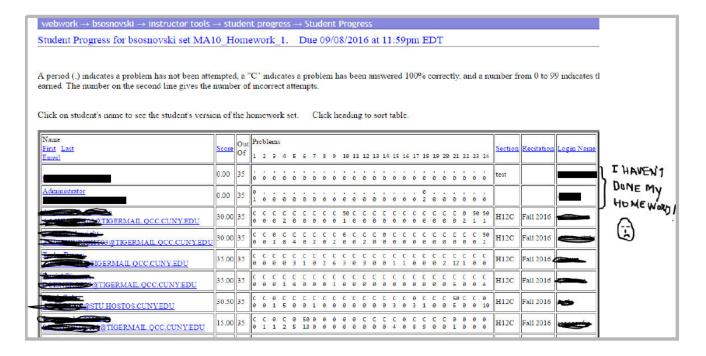


It is possible to administer quizzes and proctored quizzes via WeBWorK in addition to homework sets.

Student Progress

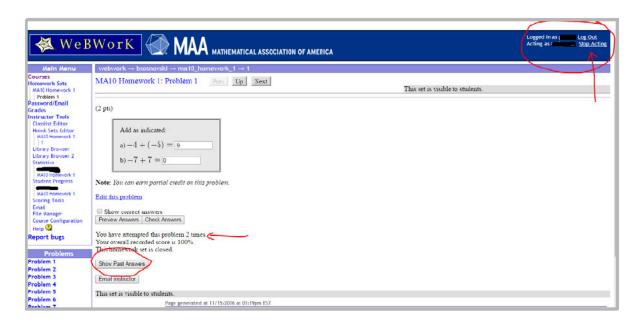
There are two main ways to view progress: by assignment or by individual student. Under **Instructor Tools** in the Main Menu, click on **Student Progress**. Then you can either select the problem set of interest or an individual student's name.

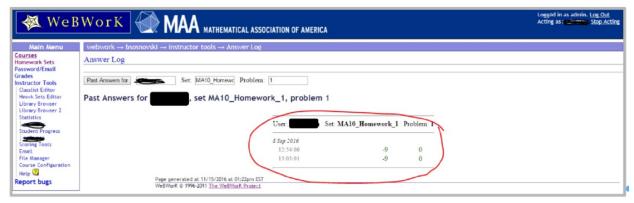




Viewing submitted student answers

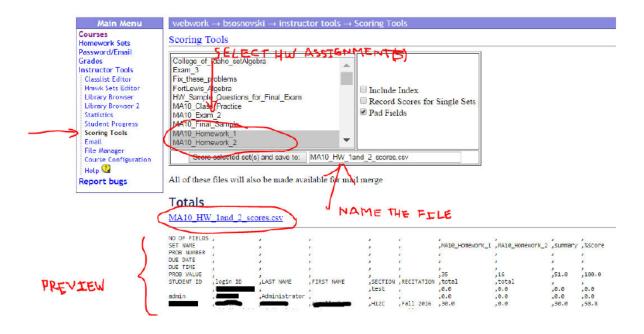
If you click on the name of a homework set in the above menu, you will see a list of the problems in that set. You can then click on a specific problem and select "Show past answers" to see all the answers submitted by a particular student.





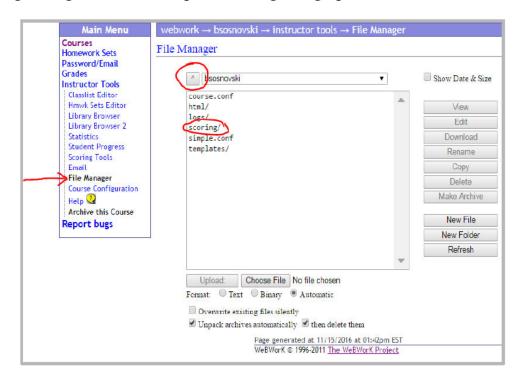
Grading

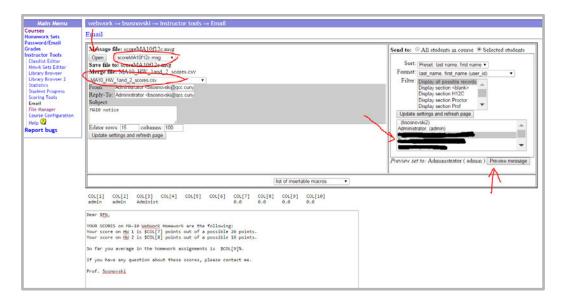
To download a spreadsheet of all student scores, go to **Scoring Tools**. Use the CTRL key to select multiple problem sets, then enter a name for your spreadsheet .csv file. After you click the button to **save**, a link will appear that allows you to download the file and open it with your spreadsheet software.



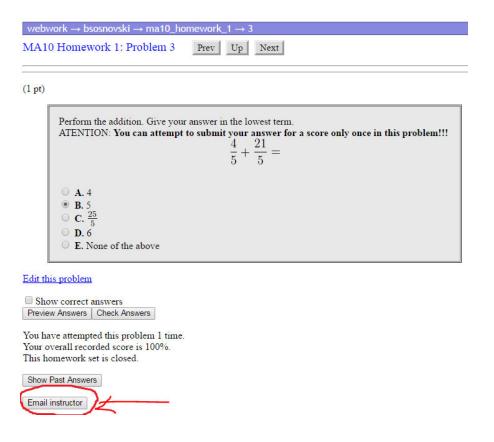
Email

WeBWorK allows you to email all students in your class or a subset. It also can enable you to merge .csv files uploaded to the scoring directory with the **File Manager** with an email message. This allows for individual reporting of grades. At the beginning of the semester, you can send a welcoming message which contains personalized greetings/ password/ username.

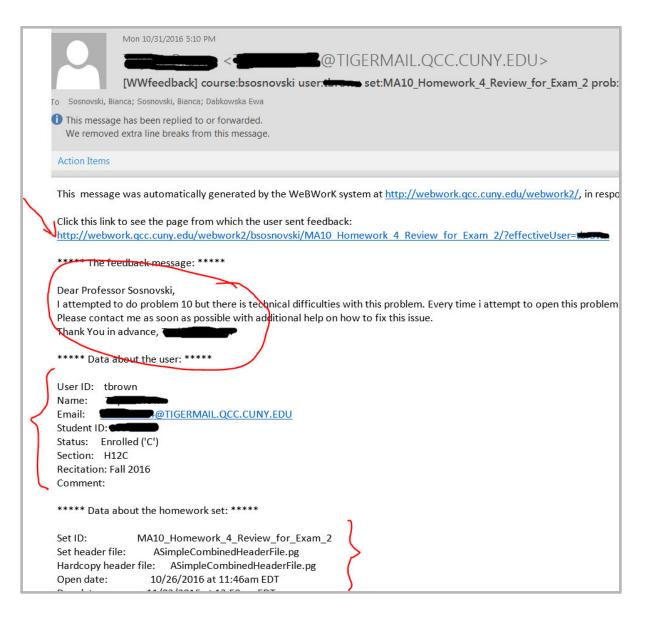




Students can use the "Email instructor" button to ask for help at any point while attempting to submit answers to a problem set. WeBWorK will send you an email detailing the question details and including the student's specific question/comment to you about a given problem. Below is a sample of student feedback from WeBWorK. Note the number of student attempts given and the random seed used to generate this student's version of the problem. (This is sometimes necessary for troubleshooting.) The feedback message from the student is shown below in bold.



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Useful Resources

• General info on the WeBWorK system

<u>http://webwork.maa.org</u> A detailed wiki with information for students and instructors. Includes video tutorials for instructors

http://webwork.maa.org/moodle/ This site contains links to forums discussing various features of WeBWorK.

· Help writing your problems

http://webwork.maa.org/wiki/Category:Authors This page gives links addressing a variety of tasks from general to specific.