

eTMAHandlerJava

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Getting started!

(The steps marked with an asterisk* use your **browser** (eg Safari or Firefox)

Setting up:

1. In the Finder, create a folder called exactly ‘etmas’ - lowercase without the quotes. Location doesn’t matter, but the Desktop is a good place



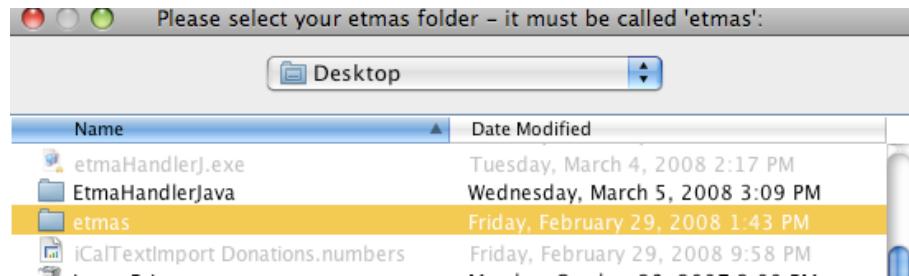
2. Open the folder EtmaHandlerJava



3. Double-click the application EtmaHandlerJava.....app inside:



4. When asked, select the etmas folder you created, and click ‘Choose’

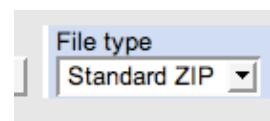


Downloading eTMAs

5. The Filehandler should then quit. Relaunch it and close any error windows that may appear.
6. Click the button ‘etma site’. Your browser window will open. *Log in if necessary; you should then be directed automatically to the OU etma site.



7. *Make sure the right hand menu on the OU etma page is set to “Standard Zip”, not “Self Extract”



8. *Select the TMAs to download and click “Collect”. The downloaded file should appear where your downloads usually appear - probably the Desktop.

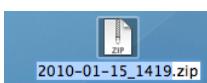
Course XXX101-99 eTMA Training Course							
Name	PI	TMA/Vn	Sent in	Collected	Returned	Score	Select
Test1 Student	J0054451	03 / 1	03-Mar-08	03-Mar-08			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.1MB
Test2 Student	J0054452	03 / 1	03-Mar-08	03-Mar-08			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.1MB
Test3 Student	J0054453	03 / 1	03-Mar-08	03-Mar-08			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.1MB

9. Depending on your computer settings, the file will either appear as zipped (ie ending in .zip) or it may have automatically unzipped to produce a course folder (eg M150-08J). *Note which, but don't open it or double-click it.*

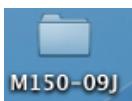


10. **Do this step before you try to do anything to the downloaded file(s).**

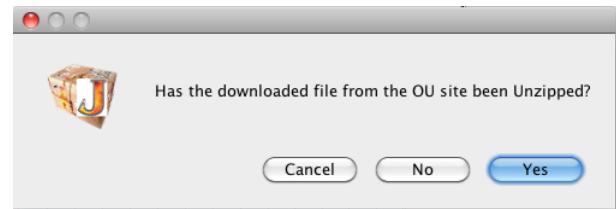
In the filehandler, click the button "Import TMA's". Answer appropriately "Has the downloaded file from the OU been unzipped".



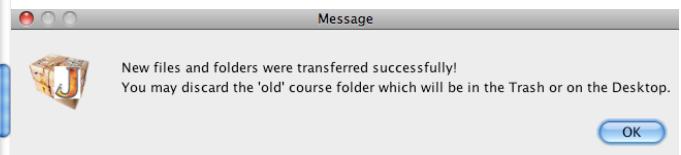
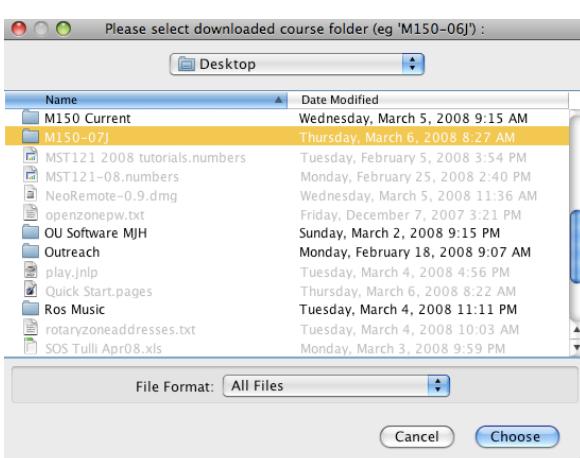
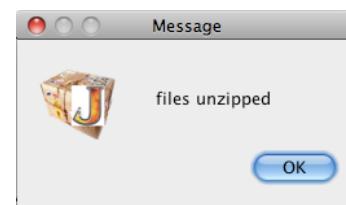
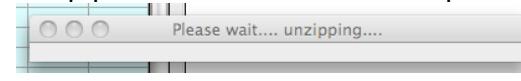
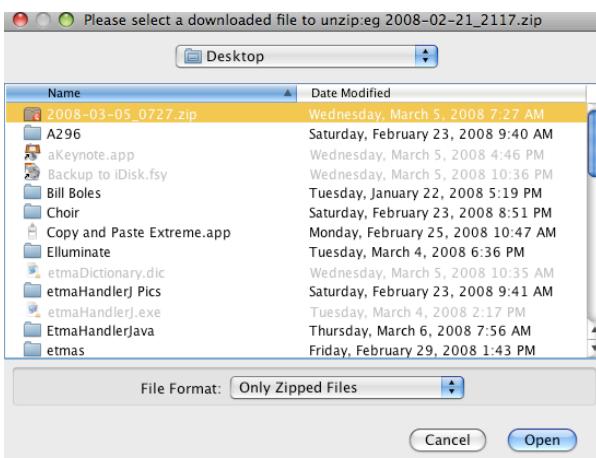
(If the file still has ".zip" at the end of it answer "No".



If it's a course code folder, answer "Yes"



11. Select the file or folder you downloaded and click "Open" or "Choose". If the file hasn't been unzipped there will be a pause (possibly a minute or two in extreme cases) while this happens - be patient!



If the files were already unzipped, this is the dialog:

12. If necessary, select the course and TMA number in the menus on the left.

Course:	XXX101-99
TMA:	04

13. Click the button “List TMAs”. This should give a list of the current downloaded and imported TMAs.

Click on any line to open that PT3.

PI	Forenames	Surname	Ocup	Sco...	Status	Sub	Cse	Pres	TMA	Date Submitted	Zip
J0054451	Test1	Student	trng1	Unmar...	1	XXX101 99	04	2008-03-03	20:37:19		
J0054452	Test2	Student	trng2	Unmar...	1	XXX101 99	04	2008-03-03	20:37:19		
J0054453	Test3	Student	trng3	Unmar...	1	XXX101 99	04	2008-03-03	20:37:19		

14. You can see more of the student's details by clicking the “More details” button.



15. Click the button “Open TMA” and select the student’s script. The script will open in your word processor (probably Word)



T171 Assignments TMA04
Summary of 'Groups that Work' by Gerard M Blair

The article is about the management of the group process, and suggests ways to improve development.

Marking eTMAs

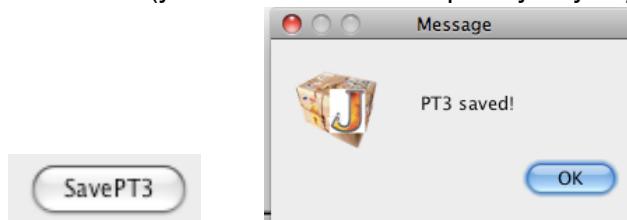
16. Mark the script as advised by your Course Team. Make sure you save the script and close it.
17. Enter the marks under “Scores” in the marks grid and enter comments in the large box.

The screenshot shows a software interface for marking assignments. At the top, there are buttons for 'Sub No' (set to 1), 'Total' (set to 074), 'Check totals', 'Marked', 'Tutor's comments:', and 'Font Size: 11'. Below these are two rows of a marks grid:

Qu No	Part No	Score	Max	Totals	Qn Max
01		56	70	56	70
02		18	30	18	30

A text area labeled 'Tutor's comments:' contains the text: "A very good attempt at this difficult assignment.....etc".

18. Click “Save PT3” (you should do this frequently anyway)



Returning eTMAs

19. Click ‘List TMAs’ again.
20. Tick the box on the right for each TMA you wish to return.
21. Click “Batch Zip” and respond appropriately to the dialogs.

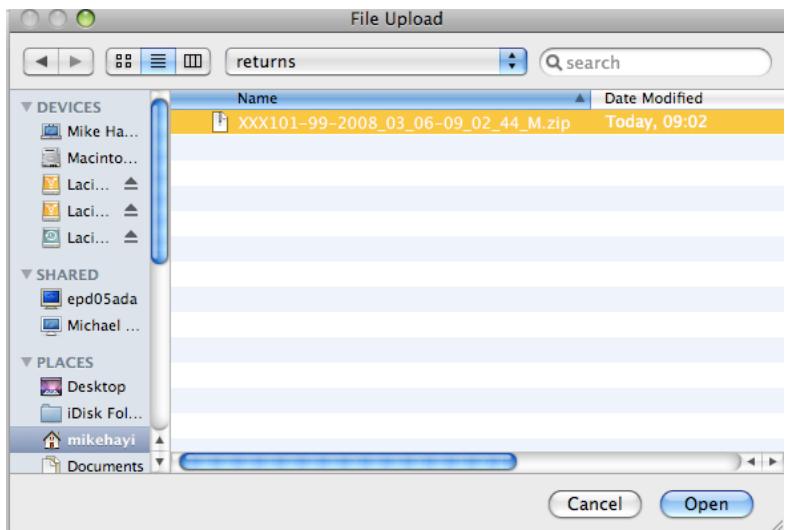
The screenshot shows a list of assignments for course XXX101-99. The columns include PI, Forenames, Surname, Oucu, Sco..., Status, Sub, Cse, Pres, TMA, Date Submitted, and Zip. The 'Zip' column contains checkboxes, with the second row checked and circled in red. At the bottom of the window are buttons for 'Number of TMAs' (3), 'To be marked' (1), 'All', 'Missing submissions', 'Print list', and 'Batch Zip'.

The first dialog box is titled 'Before you zip...'. It contains the text: "Before you zip, DO check that you have saved the current PT3 and ALL open students' scripts. Take particular care that you have saved the final version of the current script!". It has 'Cancel' and 'Continue' buttons.

The second dialog box is also titled 'Before you zip...'. It contains the text: "All files have been successfully zipped!" and has an 'OK' button.

22. Click "etma Site" and *log in again if requested.
23. *In the Browser, click the tab labelled "return TMAs" (Note: in Safari the white rectangle to the left of "Browse" doesn't appear - not sure why!)

24. *Click "Browse" (for some courses it says "Choose File" instead) then navigate to your **etmas** folder then into the **"returns"** folder and select the appropriate file ending in .zip (the name is the date and time in reverse)



25. *Click "return TMA(s)" and hold your breath!

26. *After a few seconds (it can take a little time, depending on the size of the file), you should get a message saying files have been returned successfully! **Yippee!**

Name	PI	Course	TMA/Vn	Score	Comments
Test1 Student	J0054451	XXX101-99	04/1	35	
Test2 Student	J0054452	XXX101-99	04/1	74	

Once you've got it working, you might like to have a look in Preferences (under *etmaHandlerJ* in the menu at the top of the screen) - there are various useful options there! In particular, you might want to enable the spellchecker by setting the path to the dictionary file enclosed with the package. Drop me an email (mike@hayfamily.co.uk) if you have any queries. Good luck! *Mike Hay March 2008*

If it doesn't work! Discard everything in the *etmas* folder (assuming that you haven't marked any of it!). Read through the instructions carefully, download the files again from the **OU site** (Note: you will have to set the left menu to "Collected" not "Uncollected") and try again. If necessary contact

me; I'll try to help. **Note that if it doesn't work, moving files about or renaming files/folders is unlikely to help; generally, never do that! Better to clear the decks and try again!**

One of the most common problems is caused by downloading a **new** set of TMAs before you've imported a **previous** set into the Filehandler. This can cause an extra digit to be added to the course folder name automatically as it's unzipped eg M150-08J-1 or M150-08J.1; if things are behaving oddly, check for a folder like this in your etmas folder. If there is one, move it to the trash (or somewhere safe if you suspect there might be scripts in it that you've already marked!). Then download the relevant students' TMAs again (remembering that you'll have to set the category to "Collected" rather than "Uncollected" on the etma site), and import them normally. All should then be well!

Of course, if, for other purposes, you **already** have a folder named with the course code on your Desktop, or wherever your downloads go, this will cause the same problem; please call it something different, eg by adding a letter. **Don't** change the name of the downloaded folder - it must be **exactly** the course code.

