Instructions to use VCL

In order to use the Virtual Computing Lab you’ll need to set up an account. For Math 111 class please contact your instructor. Once you are given your VCL login name and password follow the following steps:

• Go to www.vcl.gmu.edu

• Click ‘Proceed to Login’

• Enter your VCL Userid and Password in the appropriate boxes. This should then bring you to the Virtual Computing Lab page.

• Click on ‘New Reservation’ to start.

• The next page will ask you to select the environment you want to use. If you want to use Matlab select ‘Windows XP Professional: Matlab 2008a’, for example. If you are planning to work now, also click the ‘now’ button and select a duration (30 minutes ... 4 hours). Then click ‘Create Reservation’

• After a brief wait (a minute, perhaps) you should see an option come up to 'Connect!'. Click on 'Connect!'

• You should then see a page that supplies you with a Remote Computer IP address, a user id and a temporary password that will allow you to connect to a remote computer. At this stage if you are using a Windows machine you need to start up a program on your machine called ‘Remote Desktop Connection’. You should be able to find this from ‘Start’ → ‘Accessories’ → ‘Communications’ → ‘Remote Desktop Connection’. Start Remote Desktop Connection on your machine. This program will allow you to enter the Remote Computer IP address, your user name and password for this specific reservation. If you are using a Mac, follow the instructions for downloading a ‘Remote Desktop program’ that will help you download the appropriate software to run on your Mac.

• After completing the previous step a new remote desktop window should appear on your screen and you can access Matlab from there (there should be a icon on the desktop).