How to Use the Course Web

For a number of reasons, I have chosen to make many of the handouts for this course available only in electronic format on the World Wide Web. I will not go over basic use of the Web, since you should know about it from other courses. You should make sure to ask me if you have any questions about using the World Wide Web.

The course web can be found at
http://www.cs.grinnell.edu/~rebelsky/Courses/MAT115/2008S/ You may want to bookmark that page.

A number of important pieces of information are in the course web, including assignments, readings, requirements, syllabus, and office hours. I assume that if I put information on the Web, you will (eventually) read it.

- At the bare minimum, you should read all the pieces of basic information about the course, which starts at the front door.
- Of particular interest is the syllabus page, which lists all the daily topics (albeit in different formats). You should consider this page regularly, because things do change.
- I prepare a rough outline for each class. Most students find these useful, and you should feel free to refer to them before, during, and after class.

At the top and bottom of every page are a series of links to important components of the course web. They are broken into three sections: (1) common internal links, (2) groups of documents, and (3) useful external links.

Primary Internal Links

- Front Door. The entry point for the course, which also provides an overview of the course.
- Syllabus. One version of the syllabus (that is, the schedule of topics and assignments).
- Current Outline. My notes in preparation for teaching the class.
- R. Information about R, the primary Statistics package we will use.
- Academic Honesty. A short discourse on academic honesty, added to the common links so that you’ll make sure to check it.
- Instructions. This set of instructions.

Groupings

- Applets. Links to the applets for the class. (Available on-campus only.)
- Assignments. A list of the assignments for the class, accompanied by their due dates
- Examples. A list of examples generated for this class. You will probably see this as a directory listing, rather than a Web page.
- Handouts. The primary handouts for the class.
- Labs. Additional laboratory exercises.
- Outlines. The outlines of classes that have been held. You can sometimes access other outlines through the course syllabus.
- Readings. Readings generated for this course.