Getting Started with CalcPortal
for Rogawski, *Calculus (Early Transcendentals)*

Student’s Guide

Fall 2007
Table of Contents

Overview.......................................................................................................................................... 1
Getting Help..................................................................................................................................... 1
System Requirements ..................................................................................................................... 2
Registering for the Course...............................................................................................................3
Logging in to the Course .................................................................................................................. 4
The CalcPortal Home Page ........................................................................................................... 5
The CalcPortal eBook...................................................................................................................... 6
  Taking Notes................................................................................................................................ 7
Accessing CalcPortal Resources ................................................................................................. 8
Viewing Assignments ...................................................................................................................... 9
Checking Your Grades ..................................................................................................................10
Course Mail.................................................................................................................................... 11
Overview

Welcome to CalcPortal, your complete Web-based study tool for Jon Rogawski’s *Calculus (Early Transcendentals)*. Not only does it lighten your backpack by offering online access to your textbook and other course materials, but communication tools make it easier to connect with your class community. With CalcPortal, you can:

- Follow a personalized study plan that helps you assess your progress in learning each chapter’s material.
- Do homework with instant grading and feedback.
- Work with supplemental resource material, such as diagnostics quizzes, EXAMPLEPlus, manuals and interactive applets.
- Take and share online notes.
- Participate in discussion forums and chat rooms.
- Communicate with your teacher and/or other students via course email.

**Note:** Depending on how your instructor has configured the CalcPortal for your class, you may not have access to all these features.

This guide is designed to get you into the course software, introduce you to the main features, and leave you comfortable enough to begin working in the CalcPortal on your own.

Getting Help

CalcPortal includes a comprehensive help system with step-by-step instructions for performing a variety of tasks in the program. To access it, click the Help (?) button in the bottom-left corner of the screen. (Note: this online help system is available after you’ve logged in to CalcPortal.)

For questions that aren’t answered by the help system, contact CalcPortal Technical Support, available 24/7. Call 1-877-936-6899.
System Requirements

The following Web browsers are formally supported and tested for use with CalcPortal:

- **Windows:** Internet Explorer version 6 or 7 and Firefox version 1.0 and above.
- **Mac OS X:** Firefox version 1.5 and above.

In addition, some CalcPortal resources require Adobe Shockwave Player, Adobe Flash Player, Apple QuickTime (5.0 or above), Java, or Adobe Reader (version 6 or above). The latest versions of these plug-ins can be downloaded free of charge from Adobe, Sun, or Apple Web sites.

To see which plug-ins you have installed and to find installers, go to the online help system and select the **System Check** link from the System Requirements section or go directly to [http://courses.bfwpub.com/syscheck/](http://courses.bfwpub.com/syscheck/).

**Note:** To view some features of the Portal, you may need to turn off your browser’s pop-up blocker, and any pop-up blocker(s) in third-party toolbars you may have added to your browser, such as the Google or Yahoo toolbar.
Registering for the Course

To get access to CalcPortal, you have two options:

1. Purchase access to CalcPortal through the campus bookstore (either packaged with a printed textbook or by itself).
2. Purchase access to CalcPortal directly from our web site.

Option One: Registration with an Activation Code

1. Go to http://portals.bfwpub.com/calculuset and select the REGISTER an Activation Code link. The following registration screen will appear.
2. Then, enter your Activation Code, name, and email address. Your email address will serve as your username for CalcPortal.
3. Create a password. The password must be at least 4 characters long and should be something memorable.
4. Optionally supply a password hint.
5. After confirming your email address, select your school location (state/province) from the drop-down menu at the bottom of the screen. A new drop-down menu will then appear where you can choose your institution; then a course/instructor drop-down menu will appear where you can select your course.
6. Click NEXT at the bottom of this screen, confirm your information on the following screen, and click CREATE ACCOUNT to complete the registration process.
Option Two: Purchase Access Directly Via the Site

1. Go to http://portals.bfwpub.com/calculuset and select PURCHASE access to CalcPortal and then select your state/province from the drop-down menu. You will then be prompted to select your institution and your course from additional drop-down menus.

2. Enter an email address and password, as described in the Activation Code instructions on page 3.

3. Enter payment information including your name (as it appears on the credit card); card number, expiration date, and billing address, then click NEXT. After confirming your information, you should click PLACE YOUR ORDER.

4. Once you have placed your order and the system has confirmed payment, you will see a screen that says “Thank You,” and confirms your name, email address, username, and password. You will also receive a confirmation email.

Note: You won’t be able to change your email address once you have registered, so you must choose an address that will be valid for the duration of the course.

Once you have completed this process, go to http://portals.bfwpub.com/calculuset, enter your email address and password, and click LOG IN (see below).

Logging in to the Course

To login to the CalcPortal course, go to http://portals.bfwpub.com/calculuset. Supply your email address and password and click LOG IN.

If you have any trouble with a log-in id or password, call 1-800-936-6899 or contact technical support via email at techsupport@bfwpub.com.
The CalcPortal Home Page

Once you’ve logged in to CalcPortal, the home page appears. From here, you can access all the information, tools, and resources in CalcPortal.

**Note:** Your instructor can customize this home page to suit the needs of your class, so what you see may not exactly match what is shown here.

- Use tabs to go to specific pages of the course Portal.
- Search the entire Portal for a topic, or jump to a page or section.
- View course announcements.
- View info about the course and the instructor.
- Check upcoming assignments, check the course calendar, view your grades and look up profiles of other course members.
- Read or send course mail, update your blog or check others' blogs, participate in a discussion forum.
- Display online help.
- Switch to 508-compliant version.
- Log out.
- Edit your user profile, forward course mail and set system settings.
- Jump directly to a section of the eBook.

**Note:** If you have a visual disability, click **508** in the bottom-left corner to switch to a version of CalcPortal that is compliant with the 508 amendment to the American Rehabilitation Act. This version is compatible with screen-reader software.
The CalcPortal eBook

The CalcPortal eBook is a complete online version of Jon Rogawski’s Calculus (Early Transcendentals). Links throughout the eBook connect to numerous study tools, such as diagnostics quizzes, EXAMPLEPlus, manuals and interactive applets – all designed to make your learning experience more effective and engaging.

To open the eBook’s table of contents, click the eBook tab at the top of the page. From there, select the chapter or section where you want to go. You can also jump directly to a chapter by selecting it from the eBook drop-down list on the home page.

Once you’re in the eBook, use the navigation pane (on the left) and the Previous and Next links to get around a chapter or to go to another chapter. Use the Search box in the upper-right corner of the window to jump to the eBook section corresponding to a given printed page, or use it to find information on any given topic.

Every section contains hyperlinks to additional material, related sections, learning tools, and glossary definitions. To highlight a phrase, double-click it. To bookmark a section or add your own notes, click the eBook Tools button (see screen image on the next page.)
Taking Notes

At the top of every eBook section, you’ll see any notes your instructor has added. You can add your own notes to the section as well. To add a note, click the eBook Tools button and choose Add Note from the Tools menu.

In the displayed Note Box, type the text of your note. Use buttons to the right to add bold or italic text or to insert a link to a Web site.

Use the drop-down list to specify your note as Public (anyone to whom you give permission can view, but only you can edit), Shared (those to whom you give permission can view and edit), or Private (only you can view). Click Save to save your note. To edit the saved note later, click the Edit icon in the note’s top-left corner.

Note: For more on sharing notes, refer to the CalcPortal online help.
Accessing CalcPortal Resources

CalcPortal comes with an abundance of online resources to aid your learning process: diagnostics quizzes, EXAMPLEPlus, manuals, interactive applets and more. Your instructor can also upload additional resources for the course.

Learning resources are embedded throughout the eBook, and a section at the end of each chapter lists that chapter’s resources.

You can also access resources from the Resources page. Click the RESOURCES tab (or click the Resources link on the home page).

In addition to resources supplied by the publisher, your instructor may add course-specific resources, such as discussion forums or lecture slides. These are listed directly on the Resource page.

Note: Your instructor may also add resources directly in the eBook.

To view CalcPortal Resources, select a type of resource from the Student Resources drop-down list and a chapter from the Chapters drop-down, then click Go. Click on any of the displayed resources to access it.
Viewing Assignments

When your instructor creates an assignment in CalcPortal, it is added to your Assignments page. CalcPortal keeps track of what assignments you’ve completed and when upcoming assignments are due.

To view all assignments, both past and upcoming, click the ASSIGNMENTS tab. (Assignments due in the current week may also be listed on your home page).

The Assignments page lists all of your course assignments. It shows due date, gradebook points, and status. You can use the Sort Assignments by drop-down box to change the order in which assignments are listed. Click an assignment to jump to it.

Due dates for assignments are also entered in your course calendar. Click Go to Calendar to display the calendar.
Checking Your Grades

Click the Grades link on the home page to check your current status in the course. This link is available under Course Work and may also be listed under Gradebook, if available. The Grades page shows your current overall grade at the top of the page. Grades for each assignment follow, along with any comments entered by your instructor.
Course Mail

CalcPortal includes its own email system for communicating with your instructor and others in your course. Your instructor will use this course mail to send out reminders or to communicate directly with you. To access your course mail, click **Inbox** in the Communicate area of your home page. (Or click **Compose** to jump directly into writing an email.)

**Note:** If you have email accounts that you check more frequently, course mail can be forwarded to those addresses. Click the **Preferences** button in the sidebar on the left of your screen. Click **System Settings**, page down to **Mail Settings** and enter the email address to forward your mail to at the bottom of the page. Select a forwarding mode, and click **Save**. When you reply to forwarded course mail, the reply is sent through the outside email associated with the sender, not through the course mail system.

Your Course Mail inbox will look like this:

Filter emails shown in list.

Enter text and click Search Folder to find emails containing the given text.

Click to view email.