

Please supply responses/answers for the following 9 items/questions (note that this document has two pages).
Items 1, 2 and 9 are the most crucial. Items 1, 2 and 9 are the most crucial.

1) Name:

2) Name of Physics & Astronomy account:

Important! *If you answer “none” you should immediately self-register for an account using one of the two workstations labelled “Register Here”—one each in Hennings 205 (our computer lab) and Hennings 203 (just down the hall from 205)—during your first lab session. When you register you will be given a “random” initial password which you can change when you login, so be prepared to write it down or otherwise record it.*

If you think/know you already have an account, but can't remember what it is, or have forgotten the password, contact me personally in your first lab session, or, should you not be able to attend the lab, via e-mail (choptuik@physics.ubc.ca) as soon as possible, and I will help resolve the issue.

3) Other machines/systems that you can access, especially laptops & home systems:
For home systems indicate what type of Internet access you have.

4) If you have a laptop and/or home machine running Windows, would you be interested in installing Linux on one or more of your systems in part as an aid in completing course work outside of the computer lab? (The Linux installation would coexist with your Windows system; not relevant for Mac users since for most aspects of this course Mac OS X provides identical or near-identical functionality to Linux.)

5) Programming language you know best (or none):

6) Level of proficiency (use 0-5 for “none” through “fluent”) in:

Linux/Unix:

HTML/Web page authoring:

MATLAB/octave:

Maple:

Mathematica:

C/C++:

Java:

Python:

Other programming/scripting languages (please list with level of proficiency):

7) Text editors and/or word processors that you are comfortable with:

8) Do you want a copy of the printed material that I will often distribute in class, but that will also be available online (yes/no)?

9) **Important!** Historically, I have had students in this course construct and maintain a personal course web page that is hosted on my research group's web server, and this will again be the case this year. In particular, part of the first homework assignment is to create your personal home page from a supplied template, and then modify it to contain certain information. In the past I have routinely maintained a "Students" page for each incarnation of the course, which lists the names of enrollees, with each name linked to the appropriate personal page. Since my web server is public, these student pages have been publicly visible.

A new "wrinkle is that recently adopted privacy legislation now prohibits me from publicly disclosing *personally identifiable information* (PII), such as your name, without your explicit consent. I would *like* to be able to list everyone's name on the course Student page as previously, but, should you wish, you are absolutely free to request that I *not* list your name, and you do not have to supply me with any rationale for your choice.

Thus, please answer yes or no to the following:

Do you grant Matthew W. Choptuik permission to list your name in the Student page for this course, knowing that this listing will constitute disclosure of personally identifiable information about you (yes/no)?

Note that should you answer *no*, you will still need to construct a personal web page as part of your course work, but your listing in the Students page will be made via an identifier that I will communicate privately to you.