

Getting Started with MyOpenMath

URL: www.myopenmath.com

Questions, concerns? Please e-mail me at mhidegkuti@ccc.edu

Short history

MyOpenMath was born out of free, open source software developed by **David Lippman**, a community college mathematics professor in Washington State, starting in 2005. With a little grant support and a lot of his free time, David ran a state-wide installation of that software at wamap.org. Faculty from around the state got involved, and collaboratively contributed much of the question content now found on MyOpenMath. Out of the Open Course Library project in Washington, several complete courses based on open textbooks were created. Other folks got involved, including **James Sousa** from Phoenix College who contributed a huge collection of questions tied to his video examples.

In 2011, David started MyOpenMath as a way to share with the world this software system and all the great content that had been built around open textbooks. He self-funded the site for the first year, then joined forces with **Lumen Learning**, who had been using MyOpenMath with the Kaleidoscope Project. Lumen now hosts the MyOpenMath site, and leads continued content development, with plans to provide the full arithmetic-through-calculus sequence in MyOpenMath using open textbooks.

If you decide not to use MOM, your students can still benefit from using MOM as it offers several self-study courses free of cost. These are

- Prealgebra
- Beginning and Intermediate Algebra
- Precalculus 1 (College Algebra)
- Precalculus 2 (Trigonometry)

How Do I

Get help

- 1) Once you have an instructor account, you are automatically enrolled in two courses, titled `TRAINING COURSE` and `SUPPORT COURSE`. Click on the training course and you will see a comprehensive collection of videos helping you to get started.
- 2) e-mail to mhidegkuti@ccc.edu
- 3) post a question on one of the forums within the training course. (This should be a last resort as David Lippman, who created and maintains this web site, is currently volunteering his time and I watch him on those forums answering the same questions over and over.)

Create a New Course

To create an **empty course**: On the left-hand side of the main dashboard, click on the button `ADD NEW COURSE`. Fill in the fields. Don't worry about the information, such as enrollment key and course ID, they can always be found under `COURSE SETTINGS`. In the last field, choose `START WITH BLANK COURSE`.

To create a **pre-written course**: Create an empty course, (see steps above). The last entry is a drop-down menu, this is where you can select the pre-written course content under `USE CONTENT FROM A TEMPLATE COURSE`. MOM has templates for most of the courses we teach up to Math 204.

Copy a Course

Technically, that can not be done. We can only create an empty course and copy contents into it.

1. Create an empty course with the appropriate title.
2. Enter the course by clicking on its link.
3. On the left-hand side, find `COPY` under `COURSE ITEMS`.
4. Choose between copying something from this course, another course of yours, or someone else's course. If you want to copy a course from a fellow CCC instructor, choose `MY GROUP'S COURSES`.
5. Find the person whose course you would like to copy. Click on their name.
6. Find the course you want to copy. Please note that the course can only be copied if the owner of the course set the course to be available for copying. If you see the copyright symbol, ©, the course can not be copied. If the course is available for copying, select it.
7. Once you selected the course, scroll down (sometimes way down) and click on the button `SELECT COURSE ITEMS`.
8. To copy the entire course, select `COPY WHOLE COURSE` and click on the button `COPY ITEMS`.

Create a Folder (MOM calls folders blocks)

1. Enter the course
2. Click on the drop-down menu titled `ADD AN ITEM`
3. Select `ADD BLOCK`.
4. Enter the information in the fields.

Create an Assignment (MOM calls them assessments)

1. Enter the course
2. Click on the drop-down menu titled `ADD AN ITEM`
3. Select `ADD ASSESSMENT`.
4. Enter the information in the fields.

Create an Announcement

1. Enter the course
2. Click on the drop-down menu titled `ADD AN ITEM`
3. Select `ADD INLINE TEXT`.
4. Enter the information in the fields. The subsequent screens are very similar to those in Blackboard.

Copy a Block or an Assessment

From the **same course**: On the right-hand side of the item, there is a small gear and triangle next to each other. Click on either one and select copy.

From **another one of your courses**:

1. Enter the destination course by clicking on its link.
2. On the left-hand side, find `COPY` under `COURSE ITEMS`.
3. Choose `MY COURSES`.
4. Select the Course, scroll down, and click on the button `SELECT COURSE ITEMS`.
5. Select the items you would like to copy and click on the button `COPY ITEMS`.

Modifying a Block or an Assessment

On the right-hand side of the item, there is a small gear and triangle next to each other. Click on either one and select `SETTINGS` (for assessments) or `MODIFY` (for blocks). The settings include scheduling, grade book category (homework, quizzes or projects, etc), timed or not timed, whether students would see the answer or not.