

OnLine Homework Suggestions

For **typing or entering answers** into ThomsonNOW (iLrn), the best guidelines are the answers in the back of the book, the even answers provided on the web page, and the answers your instructor recommends.

1. If you are having problems, try using Firefox instead of Internet Explorer. You do need to have the most recent version of JAVA on your computer. A past student has said ‘the system gets fixed if you simply install JAVA Runtime.’ This software is available on website www.java.com.
2. The computers in the iTap campus labs should work fine. If you have trouble with online homework from a home computer or laptop, do your online problems at a campus computer lab.
3. You can ‘retake’ assignments and individual problems as many times as you want. When you login, the taken assignment does not automatically appear, you **must click on the “Assignments” tab** to be able to ‘retake’ an assignment.
4. When you login to iLrn (ThompsonNOW), on the “Assignments” page in the “Actions” column there is a ‘View’ link that will allow you to view problems and your answers for the assignments you have tried. NOTE: The View lists your answer twice and does not give you the correct answer, so read that page carefully.
5. To enter xy^2 (for example), occasionally you must type it as $x * y^2$, $x \cdot y^2$, or $x \times y^2$; however, the use of the multiplication symbol is not normally required on most.
6. If you need help, you can contact the course coordinator at bailycm@purdue.edu, contact your instructor, or contact ThompsonNOW tech support as given on the back of the registration/directions sheet you were given.
7. If you prefer, you may stop by the coordinator’s office, MATH 802, for help.