A Guide to Accessing and Using the Web Resources and the IMI Forum
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How do I access Web Resources for the Math Modeling Institute?
1. Once on the Internet, go to the IMI Web Page (http://www.indiana.edu/~iucme/).
2. Follow the links to Math Modeling Site (http://www.indiana.edu/~iucme/mathmodeling/).
   This is a nice page to bookmark!

How do I access the IMI Forum?
2. You’ll see the something similar to the following at the top of the screen. Click on Log in.

   ![Login Screen]

3. Sign in by typing your username and password. You are already registered.
   For your username,
   type either the e-mail address we have on record (all lower case) or your first name, a space, and your last name (upper and lower case, i.e., as shown). Both will work.
   For your password, type imiteacher (all one word, all lower case).
   You can change your password in the next step.
   If you are not on a shared computer used by other users, you could check the box Log me on automatically each visit to remain signed in whenever you visit the site.
4. You can change your password (and other info) under Profile.

   ![Profile Screen]

Some forums are private and hidden only to registered users once you sign in.
See what has been added to the Forum that you haven’t read yet by clicking on...
How do I participate in the IMI Forum?

1. Click on a forum name, say, Teacher’s Lounge Forum. Click on a post, say, Etiquette for writing posts.

2. Once you are viewing a post, you can reply to a topic or post a new topic. To reply to this post, click on (postreply). (To make a new topic, click on newtopic.)

Etiquette for writing posts

After clicking on (postreply), type your response, and don’t forget to press SUBMIT! (You may need to scroll to the bottom of the page.)

3. Finally, make sure it went through. If it did, then...
you will happily see the following:

When you view it, it is also possible to check the number of posts you have under your name.

How do I edit or delete a post?
Once you create a post, only you or the forum administrator(s) can edit or delete it. After you sign in to the forum and view your post, look for these icons: 
Click on \textcolor{red}{\checkmark \text{edit}} to make any changes or click \textcolor{red}{\times} to delete the post

What are the advantages of the IMI Forum?
1. Broader participation by all to exchange ideas and opinions on effectiveness of class activities, assessments, graphing calculators, questions, classroom discourse, resources, etc.
2. Emotional support from knowing you are not alone in this venture.
3. Informational base to assist you in supporting other teachers.
4. Opportunity to address any common challenges and see how others are dealing with them.
5. History is captured. The information remains on the site for you to see at any time. Participants who join later can see what has been discussed more easily than if it were sent over e-mail. Can’t lose it!
6. Information is organized by topics.
7. Can perform a search on key words or phrases to help you find information quickly.

What if someone behaves like a jerk on the forum?
It’s possible, since the forum is open to the public. Please let the administrator (John LaMaster) or the forum moderator know immediately. Material that is offensive will be deleted. Those who engage in personal attacks and rude behavior will be warned that continued behavior will mean they will get booted off of the forum.

There are too many buttons on the forum and I don’t know what they all mean!
I agree. I can’t tell you what most of the stuff is under the hood of my car but I can still drive it around the block. It’s OK. If you must know, there’s a detailed forum manual available (upon request) but that’s best kept in the glove compartment for now. Life is too short, so just let the top down and take it for a spin!