

Setting up the Virtual Desktop Interface is not hard, and doing it right the first time allows the rest of the semester to flow much easier.

From any web browser on any system (I prefer Chrome, but other browsers work), type in the address of the course webpage.

This is the first screen. If you want to, you can download and run this from the VMWare Horizon Client, which makes it faster, but I never do. I choose the HTML access.

This is the initial VDI login screen. You will need to read the notices. Notice that it states your new password must be AT LEAST 14 characters, so I recommend you use your UTSA PassPhrase.

Your login in your abc123, and your initial password will be sent to you in an announcement.

You must reset your password to something new - again, use your UTSA Passphrase.

I had a typo and so must reenter.

Then you choose a pool of students - which one doesn't matter. When you get the blue screen, it is success. Notice this is just a Windows desktop, and all the functionality of Windows is here.

Now, open a web browser from within the VDI, and go to the course homepage.

Choose 'Initial Configuration', and click on the batch file. Notice that it downloads. Run the batch file. It is running in the background. It puts MATLAB on your desktop and sets the default to your VDI Virtual Drive.

If you open a file manager window, you can see your V drive in the Computer.

Make sure to save everything in the V drive. If you save items to the C drive, when you log out, they are erased and cannot be recovered. SO always verify you're working on your V drive.

To logout, log completely out of Windows. Just shutting down the VDI window doesn't log you out all the way.

This should only need to be done once - MATLAB should be on your desktop next time you log into the VDI. If it isn't, it's not a big deal - you can just download the batch file from Initial Configuration and reinstall it - no worries.

Now you're ready to go!