University of Akron Math Placement Test (MapleSoft) 09/12/2019 Upgrade Information

Summary: On Thursday, September 12th, 2019, the Maplesoft placement testing system will undergo an upgrade. All tests, and user accounts, and testing procedures will remain the same, but the URL for accessing Maplesoft will change to: https://uakron.mobius.cloud – please update any existing shortcuts, bookmarks, links and documentation on 9/12/2019 to reflect this change in URL.

Why this change? The version of the software that runs the current math placement system is 4 years old, and will no longer be supported. This upgrade is free to the University of Akron, because placement tests are charged on a per student basis. The total cost to the University remains the same.

When will the upgrade take place? The upgrade will take place on Thursday, September 12th, 2019 and will last all day. On that day no students will be able to take math placement tests at any location, and staff will not have access to add new students or look up math placement scores. Any placement tests scores from September 10th, 2019 or prior will, as usual, be available in the student’s records in Peoplesoft, but scores from September 11th may not be able to be recorded in Peoplesoft until after the upgrade is completed.

What will change after the upgrade? All tests, user accounts, and procedures will remain the same. Logging in to the system, the test questions, and reported test scores will not change. However, here are some things that will be different after this upgrade:

- The URL to access the system will change to https://uakron.mobius.cloud – after this upgrade links to the previous site will no longer work.
- The color scheme and branding of the site will change. Maplesoft has changed the name of the placement testing system to Möbius, and the color scheme will be primarily white and blue.
What is CBAE doing to prepare for this change? On September 12th, 2019 during the upgrade, Computer Based Assessment and Evaluation will:

- update the websites at https://www.uakron.edu/placement and the student handout at https://www.uakron.edu/it/instructional_services/cbae/cbaehandouts/MapleSoft-LoginInformation-Student.pdf with the new URL, screenshots and information, so that after the upgrade students will be able to find up-to-date information about taking the Math Placement exam from home;
- work with the vendor to verify placement tests and user accounts have been accurately transferred during the upgrade and that all test questions and settings are valid; and
- prepare updated documentation for staff that manage placement test access for students and distribute copies via email soon after the upgrade.

What does my area need to do to prepare for this change? On September 12th, 2019, if you are in an area that administers math placement tests, or you are responsible for adding or updating student access to math placement tests, you will need to update any links, bookmarks, desktop shortcuts, or internal instructions to reflect the new URL: https://uakron.mobius.cloud. Besides this URL change, existing documentation you have about procedures for adding students or placement test attempts will still be valid. Be aware that because of the color/branding change, screenshots may look somewhat different--- CBAE will prepare updated documentation with new screenshots soon after the upgrade has been completed and send them to you via email.

Questions regarding the Maplesoft/Möbius upgrade? Please contact Computer Based Assessment and Evaluation at testing@uakron.edu or 330-972-6511.