

The Geneseo license for MathCAD is being run over the Virtual Labs portal. That means that you don't really "install" MathCAD on your computer. Instead, you login to a different piece of software, which runs MathCAD over the web. The main feature of running any software over the web is that it is very slow. Sorry.

You should practice all of these steps before coming to class. If you are planning on using MathCAD in class, you should know that I won't be giving you extra time for your computer to boot at the beginning of class. Have it ready to go before you arrive, or don't bother.

In any case, here's how to do it:

1. Go to this web site: <https://vdibroker1.w2k.geneseo.edu/>. Firefox might give you some security warnings. You may also need to install an activeX control to use this webpage.
2. Download the "VMWare Viewclient" software of your choice for your computer.
3. Install the VMWare software.
4. Run the VMWare Client software. You'll need to enter this address again: vdibroker1.w2k.geneseo.edu, and also you'll need to tell it your Geneseo email.
5. Login with your Geneseo email and password. Use the "Geneseo" domain, which is the default.
6. Wait a few minutes. Your computer will act as if you are just turning on your computer for the first time, even though it's already on. The window that appears is still just a window, even though it seems to take over your whole computer. It is called a "desktop", and it takes about one million years to start up.
7. At the top of the screen, you will see a horizontal menu bar. If you click the "minimize" button, it will allow you to see your "real" desktop and any other applications that you may have left running. The fewer the applications that you run simultaneously, the faster MathCAD will run.
8. Click on the Start button at the bottom of the screen, then choose "All Programs", then "MathCAD", then MathCAD 15. At any time, if you hover your mouse near the top of the screen, you can return to your "real" desktop by clicking on the minimize button that appears.
9. Once MathCAD starts, you can probably close the "welcome" window, and also close the "trace" subwindow at the bottom of the main window.
10. Under the "view" menu, you probably want to turn on the "matrix", "calculus", "evaluation", "graph", and "Boolean" menus. You can attach them to the top menu bar by dragging them to a lonely looking place.
11. When you are done with the VMWare Client, the "shut down" button closes the VMWare desktop without shutting down your computer.