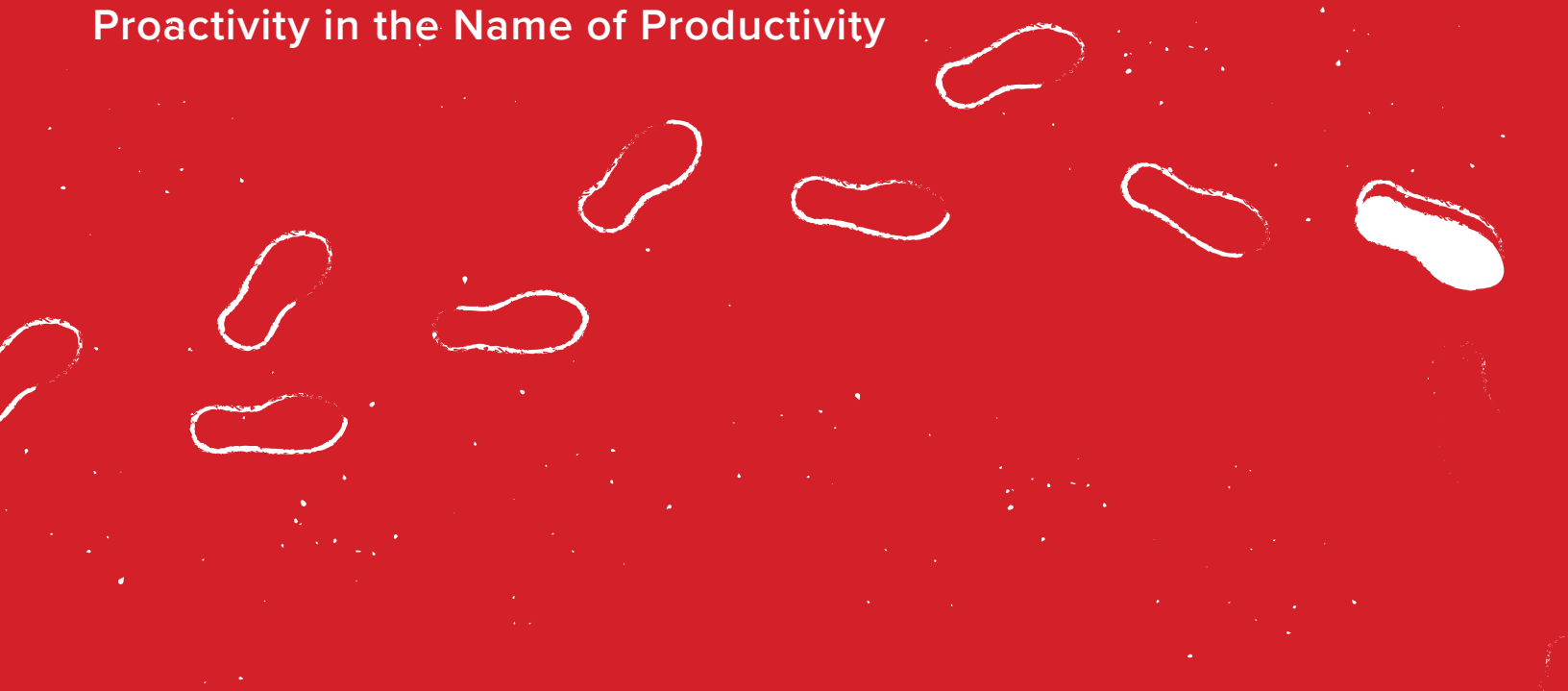McGraw Hill

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7 STEPS TO KICK-START SIMnet

Proactivity in the Name of Productivity

YOUR GOALS = OUR GOALS

But living the ideal semester takes more than dropping a new tool in your teaching toolbox. It takes buy-in from both sides. Want to get your students on board? Want to up your entire class' performance? Put the active in interactive with these proactive, supportive steps.

1 Keep IT SIMple by Utilizing SIMnet for all Class Activities: Learning and Assessment.

Information Technology courses are complex enough, so do what **96%** of IT Faculty using McGraw Hill already do, and house your course assignments and assessments with SIMnet to Keep IT SIMple.

2 Integrate SIMnet into Your Syllabus & Assignment Schedule

Use our Syllabus Guide to swiftly add SIMnet information to your own. Simply download, copy out text, paste it in your syllabus, and check this item off of your list. Set and manage your students' expectations for SIMnet by integrating the platform into your assignment schedule. Here's a sample syllabus:

Reading & Assignment Schedule				
Week	Dates	Topics	Reading and Lecture Videos	Assignments Due
Introduction to Excel (Spreadsheets)				
1	1/19-1/20	Class Introduction, SIMnet overview	Syllabus, Introduction video	Read syllabus, register for SIMnet
2	1/23-1/27	Creating and Editing Workbooks	Ch. 1 SIMbook	Ch. 1 SIMbook, Project #1
3	1/30-2/3	Working with Formulas and Functions	Ch. 2 SIMbook	Ch. 2 SIMbook, Projects # 2 and #3
4	2/6-2/10	Creating and Editing Charts	Ch. 3 SIMbook	Ch. 2 SIMbook, Project #4 and Quiz #1
5	2/11-2/12	Exam #1	Excel Exam	Exam #1 (Proctored in Lab – see schedule)

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Encourage Students to Register by Day One

Students who access SIMnet on **Day 1** generally perform better than those who wait even a week after class begins. **Keep IT SIMple by walking your students through the SIMnet registration process on the first day of class. You'll drive them to SIMnet, we'll help you drive academic performance.**

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Ensure Successful SIMnet and LMS Syncing

If you're pairing your course with your LMS, auto grade-sync simplifies students' assignment access and ensures that your LMS grade books are always up-to-date. **Just make sure your students know to register for SIMnet using the same first and last names that your school has on file. Also, if your student has previously registered in a SIMnet course before, ensure they use the same login credentials to keep all their purchased content under one account.**
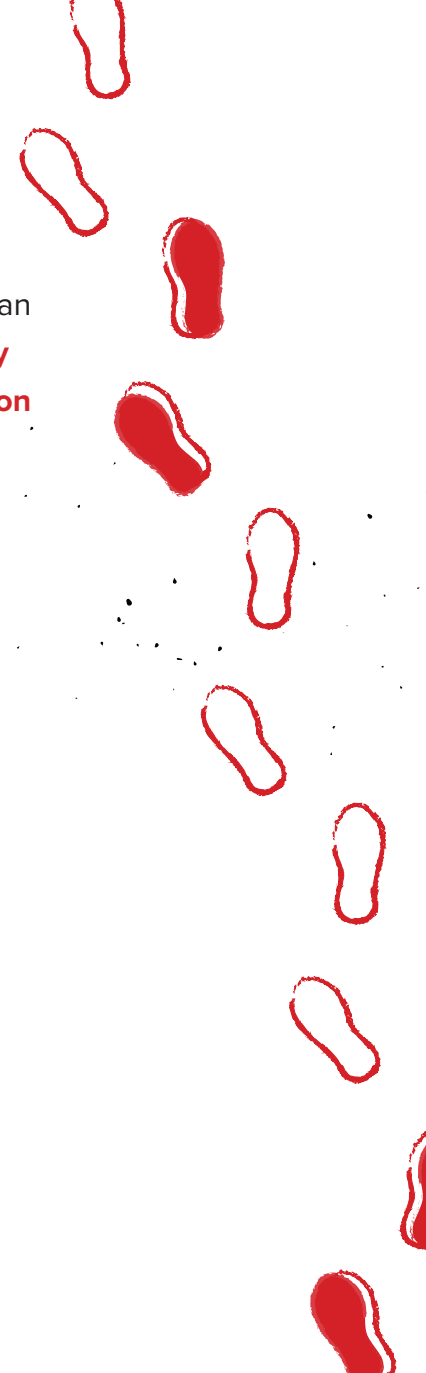
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Review Your Students' Registration Progress

Use SIMnet to check in on your students' registration process. Log in to your SIMnet account, navigate to your class roster and view which students have yet to successfully register. If using an LMS, check that your students' accounts are synced to ensure they won't miss important SIMnet assignments.

BONUS TIP: When students register with their access code, make sure they double check their 1/ones and 0/zeroes to ensure they enter their code correctly.

6 Create a Consistent Assignment Cadence

Consistency is the key to academic performance, helping students stay on top of their coursework and complete assignments on time. Schedule assignments on the same day and time each week to promote consistency. **For example, make all assignments due on Sundays at 11:59 PM.**

BONUS TIP: Reduce noon/midnight confusion by making assignment due dates at 11:59 PM.

7 Sign up for Real-Time System Alerts

Receive real-time SIMnet System Status Alerts to be in-the-know at all times. If SIMnet service is ever interrupted, you'll know as soon as your students. **Register at status.mheducation.com**

GET THE ANSWERS YOU NEED

To get the help you need to put these tips into practice, just call us, visit us online or send us a chat. We're standing by to help.

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