Instructions for Downloading the TI-83 plus Virtual Graphing Calculator

The virtual calculator works exactly like the real thing, except that it's on your computer screen. It requires that you download and save a "zip" file to your desktop. Once downloaded, unzip the files and run the program. You'll only need to do this once, and afterwards, just click the application icon, and you have an instant virtual calculator.

If you've downloaded zip files before, you probably won't need the instructions below. But just in case, here they are.

- 1. Click on the <u>Virtual Calculator TI-83 Plus Application</u> link on Mr. Keeney's Math Classes web site (*just above the link for these instructions*).
- 2. A 'File Download' box will open. Click the 'Save' box.
- 3. A 'Save As' box will open. Create a file called 'TI-83' (or whatever you want to call it) on your desktop (or wherever you want to save it just remember where) and click 'Save'. When it's finished, you will get a 'Download Complete' box. Click on the 'Open Folder' box.
- 4. The folder should show a folder icon that says, "TI83.zip". Double-click on it to open the folder.
- 5. You should see four more icons. Double-click on the one that says, "vti83.exe". It's the one that looks different from all the others.
- 6. You'll get a 'Compressed (zipped) Folder Warning' box. This is standard whenever you open a zipped file. Click on the 'Extract All' box.
- 7. You'll get an 'Extraction Wizard' box. Click on 'Next'.
- 8. You'll then get a 'Select a Destination' box. It should be attempting to put it in the same TI-83 folder you created earlier and the zip file is already in. Unless you want to change this, click the 'Next' box.
- 9. Click the 'Finish' box and that should open a folder that gives you several icons. One of these should be new. It's the one that looks like several city buildings and is called 'vti83.exe'. This is your application icon. Double click this and you'll get an "Open File Security Warning". This is also standard for desktop applications. Double-click this and you'll get your virtual TI-83 plus calculator.
- 10. Use your mouse to press the buttons exactly like a regular TI-83 plus. When you're done, rightclick anywhere on the calculator and press, "exit without saving state".
- 11. If you ever want to delete the program, simply dump the folder and any shortcut icons you created into the trash.