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Getting Started in Topaz

1. Open an applicable Internet Browser.

Any modern internet browser should be compatible with the Biosafety Protocols module of TOPAZ, whether you are using a PC (e.g., Edge, Firefox, Chrome) or a Mac (e.g., Safari).

2. In the address bar type in:

<https://elements.iacuc.gatech.edu/TOPAZElements>

3. Enter your Georgia Tech credentials:

Georgia Tech Georgia Tech Login Service

Enter your GT Account and Password
Login requested by: test-elements.iacuc.gatech.edu

GT Account:

Password:

Warn me before logging me into other sites.

LOGIN clear

ATTENTION When you are finished using all of your authenticated applications, please log out of this system and exit your browser to ensure you do not leave any of your applications (such as your e-mail) open to other users of this machine.

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[I don't know my GT Account](#)
[I don't know my password](#)
[My correct username and password aren't working](#)

For assistance, please contact the GIT Technology Support Center at 404-894-7173 (Mon-Fri 8am-5:00pm ET).
[Additional documentation including how to integrate your application with GT Login](#)

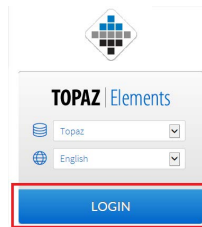
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****Please use the credentials used to login to your computer - do not create a new user name or password.****

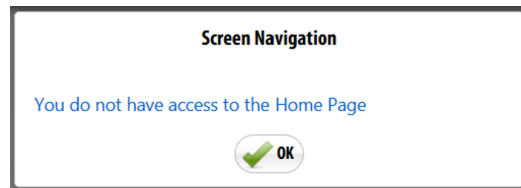
4. After two-factor verification, you will be redirected to the [Topaz Elements](#) homepage.

Saving the Homepage

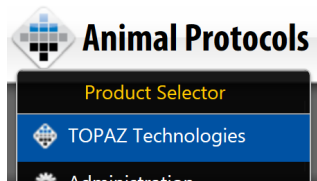
1. Login to Topaz Elements




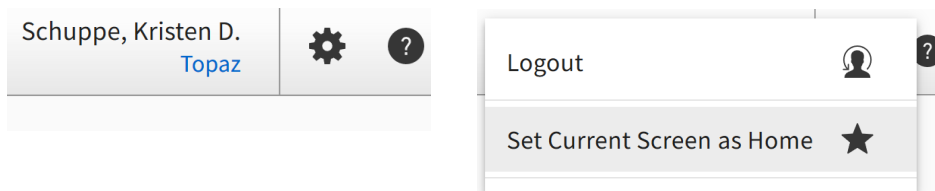
- a. If you receive the following error, you will need to reset your home page. Press OK to clear the alert.



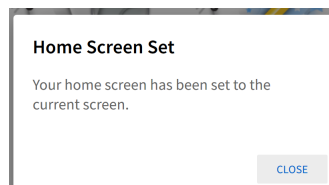
- b. Click on the top left icon  and select TOPAZ Technologies in the dropdown menu





2. Click on the  icon next to your name to display a drop-down menu




3. Click on "Set Current Screen as Home"
4. Once set, a small popup window will appear in the center of the screen.

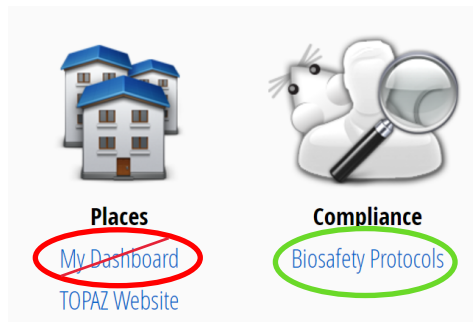


5. When you are finished working in TOPAZ, click again on the  or  icon by your name
- a. Click on "Logout" in the drop-down menu
- b. Close your browser window or tab


Understanding My Dashboard

Note that, in the current version of TOPAZ, only the Biosafety Protocols module is compatible with all browser types. Therefore, a compatible version of My Dashboard has been nested within Biosafety Protocols

1. Click *Biosafety Protocols* under the  Compliance menu.




Clicking My Dashboard directly from this screen will trigger a message to install Silverlight. Do not click on My Dashboard from the Home screen or from the Product Selector menu.


2. Your access level in TOPAZ will determine the number/type of menu items you see under Biosafety Protocols
3. Click  My Dashboard on the Biosafety Protocols screen
4. Your access level in TOPAZ will determine the number/type of dashboard sections you see under My Dashboard.
5. Each column in My Dashboard can now be sorted or filtered by clicking on the three vertical dots on the right side of each column header.

Protocol #	Reference #	Version #	Association	Principal Investigator

- ↑ Sort Ascending
- ↓ Sort Descending
- Columns ▶
- Filter ▶

6. Select a dashboard item (e.g., a protocol) by clicking on any cell in the row.
7. Click on the home  icon to be redirected back to your set homepage.



Creating a Protocol Request

1. Click *Biosafety Protocols* on the Compliance  menu.

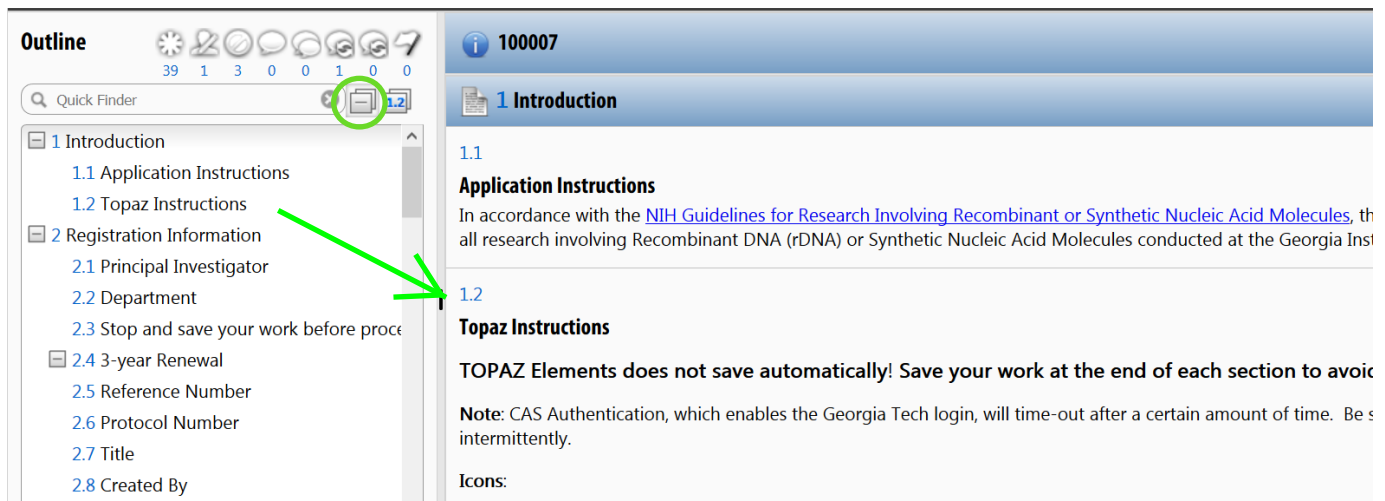
2. Click the Protocols  icon and *Create Original Protocol* from the Protocols menu items.

3. Click on the appropriate protocol form from the Select Form grid.


**** Please read Protocol instructions thoroughly**

4. Expand each section within the outline and protocol by clicking the  &  icons.

**** Please Choose a Principal Investigator and click Save**



The screenshot displays the protocol request interface. On the left, the 'Outline' pane shows a tree view of sections: 1 Introduction (expanded), 1.1 Application Instructions, 1.2 Topaz Instructions, 2 Registration Information (expanded), 2.1 Principal Investigator, 2.2 Department, 2.3 Stop and save your work before proce, 2.4 3-year Renewal, 2.5 Reference Number, 2.6 Protocol Number, 2.7 Title, and 2.8 Created By. A green arrow points to the minus icon next to '2.1 Principal Investigator'. The main content area shows the '1 Introduction' section, which is expanded to show '1.1 Application Instructions' and '1.2 Topaz Instructions'. The '1.1 Application Instructions' section contains text about NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules. The '1.2 Topaz Instructions' section contains a warning that TOPAZ Elements does not save automatically and a note about CAS Authentication. The interface also shows a 'Quick Finder' search bar and a toolbar with various icons.

5. Click on the trash can  icon, if you would like to delete the draft protocol.

**** Can not be deleted after submission, requester would need to contact IBC office to have it withdrawn.**

6. Enter the required information for each section of the protocol request.


7. Save often. A green rectangle will appear in the bottom right corner when the save has been completed.

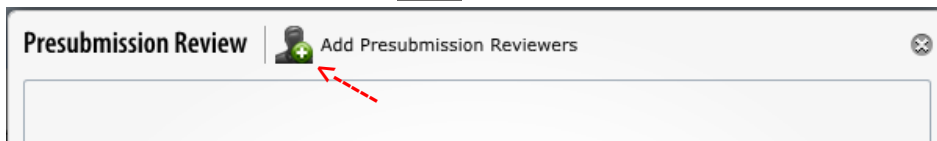
- If not finalizing the submission you can always find unsubmitted protocols by Clicking *Open Unsubmitted Protocols* from the Protocols menu items.

Creating a Protocol Request

8. a. If you are the PI, Click Save  and then click *Submit* 

***Please only click this button once. The process sometimes takes several seconds to complete.

b. If you're not the PI, Click *PreSubmit*  and then use the filter to add the PI as a Presubmission Reviewer (see below)



** The PI will receive an email from the TOPAZ system.

** The PI will need to complete section 8.4 (Certification) in order for the Protocol to be reviewed.

***Protocols cannot be deleted after submission. If you no longer want to move forward, contact the IBC office and they will help you withdraw the submission.


Navigating with Filters




1. Navigate to a screen that is linked to a data set, for example, the *Protocol Associates* screen:

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Protocol Associates

Use the (+) to add all personnel who will be involved with this protocol. Once the individual is added, identify their role (see (?) for role information). Describe the **Responsibilities** of each associate listed, be sure to specify (high school student, undergraduate, graduate, post-doc, lab technician, visiting scholar, etc.). Under **Comments** briefly describe training plan or qualifications for person listed on this protocol.

2. Click on the  button to open the data set (in this case, a staff list):

Select Staff					Filter: Not Set...			
Drag a column header and drop it here to group by that column								
<input type="checkbox"/>	Last Name ↑	:	First Name	:	Middle Name	:	Staff Number	:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Test	:	Topaz	:		:		:

3. Click on the 3 vertical dots to the right of a column header and then click *Filter*:

Select Staff				
Drag a column header and drop it here to group by that column				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Last Name ↑	:	First Name	:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Test	:		:

- ↑ Sort Ascending
- ↓ Sort Descending
- Columns ▶
- Filter ▶

4. Type in the value that you want the field to contain and then click *Filter*:

Last Name ↑	:	First Name	:	Middle Name
Test	:		:	

- ↑ Sort Ascending
- ↓ Sort Descending
- Columns ▶
- Filter ▶


Show items with value that:

Contains ▼




And ▼

Contains ▼

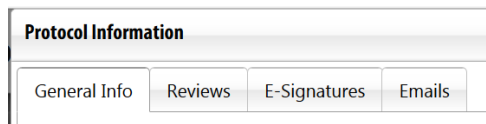
Results.

After using either filter method, click the check-box to the left of data entries and then click  to select those data.

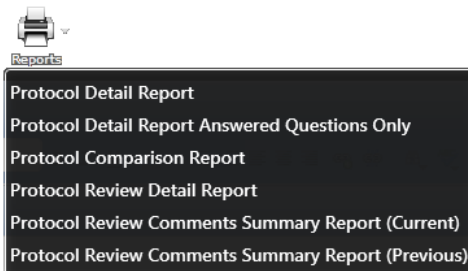
Checking Submission Status

1. Click Biosafety Protocols on the Compliance  menu.
2. Click Open Submitted Protocols from the Protocols  menu items.
3. Click on the appropriate protocol from the Submitted Protocol grid.
4. View Protocol information by clicking the  icon located to the left of the protocol number.




****Click on different tabs to view information about associated reviews, etc.**




5. Click on the reports icons to find detailed information on the current protocol.




Returned for Modification

1. Click on Biosafety Protocols from the  Compliance menu on the home screen.
2. Click  My Dashboard from the Biosafety Protocols screen.
3. Select the *My Protocols* tab on the left side of the screen.
4. Click on the appropriate protocol with the status of Returned for Modification.
5. Click the Questions with Summary Comments  in the Outline panel. Comments appear in a window to the right of the section.


3.11 Accounts

 **Comments From Last Submission**



2/18/2021 2:40:45 PM 

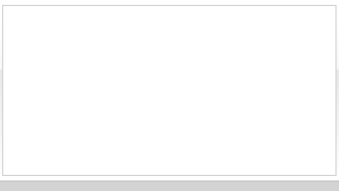
Please attach the grant pages to the accounts section.


****To respond to a comment,**

- a. Click the  icon to the right of the comment.
- b. Type your response and click "Add"

Reply From Schuppe, Kristen D. 2/18/2021 2:47:28 PM

Format  **B** *I* U 





6. Click the Compare  button to see any changes made from previous versions of the protocol.

**** Additions as well as deletions will be reviewed upon resubmission.**

Outline 

Quick Finder 



**** After use of outline panel filter icons uncheck to visualize full outline sections below.**

7. View the comment summaries, make the recommended modifications, and  Save.

8. Resubmit the protocol (if you are the PI)  or Presubmit the revised submission to the PI.






**** See Creating a Protocol Request for more details about *Submitting* and *Presubmitting***

Viewing Approved Protocols





1. Click Biosafety Protocols on the Compliance  menu.
2. Click Open Approved Protocols from the Protocols  menu items.
3. Click on the check-box to the left of the Approved Protocol from grid.
4. Click OK to proceed to the Approved Protocol.

Select Approved Protocol						Filter: Not Set...
Drag a column header and drop it here to group by that column						
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reference #	Protocol Status	Version #	Approval Date	Protocol Type	
<input type="checkbox"/>	100143	Approved	1	10/5/2017	Original	
<input type="checkbox"/>	100108	Approved	1	7/20/2016	Original	
<input type="checkbox"/>	100126	Approved	3	3/25/2019	Amendment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	100144	Approved	2	5/22/2019	Amendment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	100204	Approved	2	7/25/2019	Amendment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	100173	Approved	1	5/1/2019	Original	
<input type="checkbox"/>	100217	Approved	1	7/1/2019	Original	
<input type="checkbox"/>	100092	Approved	1	5/1/2017	Original	
<input type="checkbox"/>	100106	Approved	1	1/3/2019	Original	
<input type="checkbox"/>	100235	Approved	1	7/18/2019	Original	
<input type="checkbox"/>	100259	Approved	1	8/26/2019	Original	

Creating an Amendment Protocol Request

1. Click Biosafety Protocols on the Compliance  menu.
2. Click *Create Amendment Protocol* from the Protocols menu items.
3. Click on the appropriate Protocol for Amendment form from the Select Protocol for Amendment grid.
4. **Complete the *Amendment Summary***, and then amend the other protocol sections as needed.
*** Only edit sections that are applicable to the amendment; leave all other sections as-is*
5. Click the Compare icon  to see any changes made from previous versions of the protocol.
6. **Save often**; if you are not finalizing the submission right away, you can always return to it later by
Clicking *Open Unsubmitted Protocols* from the Protocols menu items.
7. Click  to Save.
8. Click  to *Submit* if you are the PI, or click  to *Presubmit* if you are not the PI.
*** See Creating a Protocol Request for more details about Submitting and Presubmitting*

Creating a Renewal Protocol Request

1. Click Biosafety Protocols on the Compliance  menu.
2. Click *Create Renewal Protocol* from the Protocols menu items.
3. Select the protocol to renew.
4. Click on the appropriate protocol renewal form from the Select Form grid.
5. **Save often**; if you are not finalizing the submission right away, you can always return to it later by clicking *Open Unsubmitted Protocols* from the Protocols menu items.
6. Complete the renewal by updating any information that is changing since the original approval.
7. Click  to save.
8. Click  to *Submit* if you are the PI, or click  to *Presubmit* if you are not the PI.

**** See [Creating a Protocol Request](#) for more details about *Submitting* and *Presubmitting***