



**PLATO[®] Pathways
Learning Management System
Release Notes**

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General Information

Purpose This document includes a summary of new features, system enhancements, and courseware updates to PLATO Pathways organized by build number and release date.

Searching this document You can search this entire document for a specific piece of functionality, system enhancement or courseware update by using the Adobe® Acrobat® search feature. To do so, follow the steps below.

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For more information For complete instructions on how to use PLATO Pathways, the new features and system enhancements mentioned in this document, refer to the PLATO Support Services web site, <http://support.plato.com>.

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About version 4.3

PLATO Pathways Version 4.3 is a maintenance release, designed to enhance and update the functionality of this popular management system. For this version, you can view:

- [New and updated features.](#)
 - [Recent system enhancements.](#)
 - [Changes to system requirements.](#)
 - [Documentation.](#)
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New and updated features

- Created the PLATO® Pathways Activity Version Utility to detect courseware versions when upgrading or reinstalling PLATO courseware. *10554*
 - Updated the file and requirements applicable to those Windows networks required to disable opportunistic locking. *5582*
 - Expanded the list of Mastery and Completion methods to facilitate a single definition of mastery and completion between PLATO Pathways and PLATO Web Learning Network. *10969*
 - Added Unit Level Assessments (ULA) as an activity type. ULAs function as exemption-based pretests and exempt learner activities based on the pre-test score. This is a core functionality for PLATO Courses. *11256*
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System enhancements

- Converted the Pathways Help system from Winhlp32 format to HTML format for compatibility with Windows Vista™.
 - Eliminated Access Violation errors when editing offline activities. Offline activities can be edited, and edited activities can be accessed without error. *10581*
 - The User Database Repair utility (UDBR) now correctly classifies users that require a password when invoking the “repopulate” option. *10584*
 - Eliminated the occurrence of errors when running a Class Performance Summary report that utilizes a date range as report criteria. *11561*
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System enhancements, continued

- Enabled a scroll bar for viewing long lists of courseware. *24888*
- Added a validity check to resolve errors upon launching custom learning paths. *26137*
- Added the capability to manually modify completion or mastery status at the curriculum or module level. *8284*
- Eliminated occurrence of error message upon exiting custom ULAs. This solution affects only activities created after Pathways 4.3, not activities existing in versions prior to 4.3. *10434*
- Adjusted user rights of the Instructor role to eliminate the ability to create Administrator roles. *10557*
- Added a Set Filter button in Class Management > Properties > Assignments location, enabling users to select assignments other than the defaults. *10574*
- Improved sign-on speed. *10575*
- Enabled the use of spaces in the PLATO Name field. *10576*

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System requirements changes

- Added support for Windows Vista™ Business and Windows Vista™ Home Premium operating systems.
- Removed support for all Novell NetWare® 5.X versions.
- Removed support for Windows® 98 and Windows® ME for Pathways.

For all the latest system requirements, please visit the requirements page on the PLATO® Support Services web site, at <http://support.plato.com/requirements.asp>.

Documentation changes

- Added a user's guide for Pathways installation and operation on Windows Vista.
 - Modified system requirements and installation instructions to reflect change in requirements concerning opportunistic locking, which is now only required in Windows server networks with one or more Windows 2000 Professional workstations with Service Pack 1 or Service Pack 2.
 - Revised installation instructions to incorporate use of the SETPERMS utility, which sets user permissions automatically.
 - Removed references in user documentation to Windows® NT server, which is no longer supported.
 - Removed references in the User's Guide and Online Help files to Test and Assessment types, which are no longer available as options for creating learning activities.
 - Updated the PLATO Pathways Utilities document for release with version 4.3.
 - Added instructions to user documentation to address overwrite message occurring sporadically during workstation setup or upon logging in after an upgrade.
 - Updated installation and upgrade documentation materials for version 4.3 release.
 - Updated Pathways User's Guide and Online Help files for version 4.3 release.
 - Updated information in Pathways kits to version 4.3 release.
 - Updated courseware installation and upgrade documentation instructions to include information on how to uninstall and reinstall courseware, and how to add user licenses.
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Courseware

The following list contains courseware titles that are currently unsupported on Windows Vista systems. If you must use any of the following titles, we recommend running the courseware from a Windows[®] 2000 or Windows[®] XP workstation.

- Reading 1
 - Reading 2
 - Advanced Multimedia Science Simulations
 - Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing
 - Hydraulics
 - International Math Fundamentals
 - Problem-Solving Skills
 - Troubleshooting Skills
 - Blue Print Reading
 - MindPlay Writing Series
 - Substance Abuse Series
 - Discovery Channel Series (Earth Science, Life Science, Physical Science, and Elementary and Math Adventures)
 - Rediscover Math 6-9
 - Rediscover Math 9-12
 - Biology Series (CyberEd)
 - Chemistry Series (CyberEd)
 - All WorldView courseware
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