

Data Migration Utility (for Algebra)

Purpose If you currently use either Pre-, Beginning, Intermediate or Advanced Algebra PLATO courseware and will be upgrading to the new Algebra courseware, the Data Migration utility automatically runs to ensure that student performance information will migrate when you install the new courseware.

CAUTION for custom alignments or learning paths The Data Migration utility does not update any existing custom Algebra learning paths or alignments that exist on your system. You will need to determine how the old Algebra courseware (and modules) aligns with the new Algebra courseware (and modules) to recreate these custom alignments or learning paths, if desired.

Note For more information about old versus new Algebra alignments, refer to the *Alignment Migration Information* document. To locate this document, insert the Algebra courseware CD into your CD-ROM drive, browse to your CD-ROM drive and double-click **PDFLAUNCHER.EXE**.

CAUTION for FASTRACK users If all of your learners use FASTRACK levels A-E, you are not affected by the new Algebra courseware in regards to exemptions. However, if your students use FASTRACK levels F-L, they will not be exempted from modules based on the new Algebra content. For more information on these issues, see the *Algebra Frequently Asked Questions* document.

Description The Data Migration utility examines existing Algebra courseware performance data of a single user or for your entire PLATO Pathways system and creates new records, as needed. The utility creates new performance records if they do not exist and updates the student performance data **ONLY** if students have not yet accessed the new Algebra courseware. Running the Data Migration utility, allows the system to accurately report Algebra student performance data.

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How it works An external file specifies the mapping between old and new courseware activity IDs. This file builds a list of old Algebra courseware activities and aligns this list with the new Algebra courseware activity equivalent.

Frequency If you continue to use the old Algebra courseware as well as the new Algebra courseware, you will need to run this utility as often as students move from the old to new Algebra courseware.

Note If you have student performance information in either or both the new Algebra and old Algebra courseware, the Migration utility does not touch it nor does it update it.

CAUTION

For the best results, be sure no one is signed on to PLATO Pathways when you run the utility.

Duration The amount of time it takes to run this utility depends on the amount of existing Algebra student performance data you have on your system and your network speed. On average, you can expect the utility to take 5-10 seconds to migrate student performance data for each student.

Running the utility Although the utility runs automatically, you may need to run it manually in the future. To run the Data Migration utility manually, follow the steps below.

Step	Action
1	<p>Select MGRTUTIL.EXE from the PWAY/BIN folder.</p> <p>Result The status of the migration displays. You can cancel the progress at any time. The status dialog box closes when the migration completes.</p> <p>Tip You can verify the results of the migration by checking the yyyyymmdd.log (system-wide) and the useridhex.log (individual user) files in the PWAY/Logs/Migration folder.</p>