



PLATO Pathways Quick Start Guide

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Welcome to PLATO Pathways

Introduction PLATO Pathways is the instructional management system for your PLATO® Courseware. PLATO Pathways gives you an unmatched ability to manage the instructional process.

Purpose This guide helps new users become familiar with the basic functions of PLATO Pathways. For a detailed look at all PLATO Pathways features, see the PLATO Pathways User's Guide located on the PLATO Learning Online Documentation CD.



Accessing documentation You can access documentation (user, courseware, etc) in the following ways:

- From the **courseware CD**.
Browse to the CD-ROM drive with the courseware CD in the drive and double-click the documentation.html file.
- From the **Documentation CD** included in your Pathways kit.
- From the **PLATO Support site**.
Select PLATO Support from the Help menu within PLATO Pathways.

Signing On for the First Time

How to


To sign on to the PLATO Pathways system, follow the steps below.

Step	Action
1	<p>Double-click the PLATO Pathways icon ().</p> <p>Note During the installation of PLATO Pathways, the PLATO Pathways icon is added to your Windows® desktop.</p> <p>Result The PLATO Pathways sign on screen displays.</p> 
2	<p>Enter your PLATO name.</p> <p>Note This field is case-sensitive.</p>
3	<p>Click Continue.</p>
4	<p>Enter your PLATO password.</p> <p>Note This field is case-sensitive.</p>

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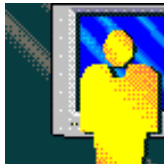




Signing On for the First Time, Continued

How to (continued)

Step	Action
5	<p>Click Continue.</p> <p>Result PLATO Pathways starts and the main menu displays.</p> 

Using the Main Menu

Description The PLATO Pathways main menu contains five icons that allow you to access the various modules of the PLATO Pathway system. See the table below for a description of each module.

Module Name	Icon	Description
User Management		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enroll users • Delete users • View/edit user enrollment information • View/edit user performance history
Class Management		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build classes • Delete classes • View/edit class information
Learning Resource Management		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run PLATO Pathways courseware • View learning activities • Build custom learning activities • Delete learning activities • View/edit learning activities
Report Management		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build reports • Delete reports • View/edit report setup information • Preview reports • Print reports
System Management		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define user roles • Define user demographics • Customize the logon screen • Define keywords • Install courseware • Perform maintenance activities




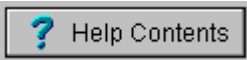
Using the Menu Bar

Description The menu bar appears in each of the PLATO Pathways module screens. See the table below for a description of each menu.

Menu	Description
File	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run an assignment • Set up a printer • Exit PLATO Pathways
Module	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose a PLATO Pathways module
Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This menu is reserved for future use
View	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display or hide the Tool bar • Display or hide the Status bar
Help	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access the Help system contents • Learn how to use Help • Display your PLATO Pathways version number


Using the Tool Bar

Description The tool bar appears across the top of each PLATO Pathways module screen (located just beneath the menu bar). The tool bar allows you to quickly switch to other modules without needing to return to the main menu. The tool bar also provides functions to exit the system, run assignments, and access the Help contents.

Button	Description
	Allows you to move quickly to any of the five PLATO® Pathways modules, including User Management, Class Management, Learning Resource Management, Report Management, and System Management.
	Allows you to exit PLATO Pathways.
	Allows you to run any class or individual activity assigned to the current user. For example, if you are signed on as "administrator" then only those activities assigned to "administrator" will run when you click this button.
	Accesses the PLATO Pathways Help system contents.

Exiting PLATO Pathways

How to To exit PLATO Pathways, follow the steps below.

Step	Action
1	Click the  button on the PLATO Pathways tool bar. Result The PLATO Pathways sign-on screen displays.
2	Click the Exit button to exit the system completely.

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