

PLATO Web Learning Network


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■ Installing Courseware Plug-ins

- ▶ These instructions will help you install and configure the necessary software required to run PLATO® courseware over the Internet. Follow the links below to read instructions for Macintosh® or Windows® computers. Be sure to follow the appropriate instructions for your situation.

Note

We recommend that instructors or lab managers with administrator privileges perform the plug-in downloads on each workstation prior to first student use. Doing so will enable learners to quickly log on, access courseware and begin learning.

- ▶  Install latest Adobe® Reader® to view the portable document format (pdf) files, including the user guide, learner guide and curriculum guides.
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▶ Macintosh Users

1. Log out of PLATO Web Learning Network if you are not logged on to the workstation with administrator privileges. Otherwise, go to step 3.
2. Log on to the workstation with administrator privileges, then log back in to PLATO Web Learning Network.

CAUTION

If you do not download and install plug-ins while logged on to the workstation with administrator privileges, the process will appear to have been successful; however, errors will occur when your learners try to launch courseware.

3. Download and install this [PLATO Mac Installer program](#).
4. Locate the program on your desktop, and double-click to run it.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.
6. If you will be using the following courseware, download and install the [Macromedia® Shockwave®](#) Player Installer and [PLATO Xtras](#) plug-ins:
 - Basic Skills for the Real World
 - Beginning Reading for the Real World (including Skills Inventory)
 - Job Skills for the Real World

- Math Expeditions (including Skills Inventory)
- Projects for the Real World
- Reading Explorations

If you will not be using the above courseware, go to step 7.

7. If you will be using the PLATO Biology Series and/or PLATO Chemistry Series courseware, download and install this [Macromedia Authorware® Web Player](#) plug-in.
8. Download and install this [Macromedia Flash® Web Player](#) plug-in.

Windows PC Users

1. Log out of PLATO Web Learning Network if you are not logged into the workstation with administrator privileges. Otherwise, go to step 3.
2. Log on to the workstation with administrator privileges, then log back in to PLATO Web Learning Network.

CAUTION

If you do not download and install plug-ins while logged on to the workstation with administrator privileges, the process will appear to have been successful; however, errors will occur when your learners try to launch courseware.

3. [Click here to download plug-ins.](#)
4. Save the PWLNINST.EXE file to a folder on your hard drive. Be sure to remember where you saved the file.
5. Click **OK** when the *Setup completed successfully* dialog displays. You do NOT need to restart your browser yet.
6. Using Windows Explorer, navigate to where you saved the file.
7. Double-click the **PWLNINST.EXE** file to run it.
8. Click **OK** when the *Setup completed successfully* dialog displays.
9. If you will be using the following courseware, download and install the [Macromedia Shockwave](#) Player Installer and [PLATO Xtras](#) plug-ins (requires administrative privileges):
 - Basic Skills for the Real World
 - Beginning Reading for the Real World (including Skills Inventory)
 - Job Skills for the Real World
 - Math Expeditions (including Skills Inventory)

- Projects for the Real World
- Reading Explorations

If you will NOT be using the above courseware, go to step 10.

10. If you will be using the PLATO Biology Series and/or PLATO Chemistry Series courseware and you have **Internet Explorer**[®], download and install this [Macromedia Authorware Web Player](#) plug-in.

If you will be using the PLATO Biology Series and/or PLATO Chemistry Series courseware and you have **Netscape**[®], download and install this [Macromedia Authorware Web Player](#) plug-in.

If you will NOT be using the PLATO Biology Series and/or PLATO Chemistry Series courseware, go to step 11.

If you have **Internet Explorer**[®]:

11. Download and run this [Macromedia Flash Web Player](#) plug-in. Go to step 13.

If you have **Netscape**[®]:

11. Download this [Macromedia Flash Web Player](#) plug-in to your computer's desktop. NOTE: This plug-in does not run automatically after being downloaded.
12. On the desktop, double-click the Netscape plug-in installer icon. Follow the installation instructions.

13. Click **OK** when the *Setup completed successfully* dialog displays.
14. Restart the web browser to activate changes.
15. Log into the PLATO Web Learning Network.

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