

My Places

What's New in this Release?

My Places is an expansion of a best-of-breed tool from the CE product line which provides the user with quick and easy navigation to a variety of places within Blackboard Learn. It is always one click away in the top frame, and contains a customizable set of links to frequently accessed information as well as tools to personalize a user's own experience.

A user can choose to display a list of courses and organizations that have been accessed in the last [X] number of days. The value for [X] is 30 by default but can be changed by the user. The user can also choose to display a list of their Content Collection bookmarks (taken directly from the list of book marks in Content Collection) and a list of Outcomes Assessment Place affiliations. All users will have a link to the Notifications Dashboard if it is enabled and System Administrators will have a direct link to the Administrator Panel from My Places.

Avatars are a personal image which can be used to represent the user throughout their online experience. Administrators can enable avatars on the system and either allow a user to upload an image of their choice or select an institution approved image to display. Avatars are displayed in My Places, Blogs, Journals, and within Notification Modules including: What's New, Needs Attention, To Do, and Alerts. Users will have quick access to accessibility options including how to enable the Blackboard interface to display according to operating system settings for high contrast and how to increase the browser font size.

From My Places, users will be able to manage notification settings for all courses and organizations they are enrolled in as well as other personal and privacy settings including updating their name, address and contact information, determining what information is public, who can view it, and who can email them.

Frequently Asked Questions about My Places

Are there any exceptions based on license?

- Content Collection bookmarks will only be available for display in My Places if Learning Content is licensed.
- Links to Outcomes Places will only be available for display in My Places if Outcomes Assessment is licensed.
- Organization links and the link to the Notifications Dashboard will only be available for display in My Places if Community Engagement is licensed.

Where does this feature appear in the product?

All users will access My Places from a direct link in the top frame. Administrators can manage avatars from the Tools and Utilities section of the Administrator Panel.

Are there changes to existing workflows?

My Places contains all of the links that are also available through Personal Information. Direct access to the Personal Information tool is still available from the Tools module.