

# Blackboard Help

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## Global Navigation

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Global navigating refers to the set of links that appears at the very top of Blackboard Learn. This set of links has been streamlined and becomes the entry point to My Blackboard and social learning tools. Access points to critical academic information is organized in one place to provide a consistent quick and easy way to find information.

When users first log in to SP10, they see an overlay that highlights the new features. After the first login, when users click on the global navigation link, a drop-down menu appears. The items that populate the menu are dependent on whether the cloud is turned on or off and if community engagement capabilities are licensed.

New components of global navigation include:

- **The user menu:** Provides access to settings that previously were accessed through My Places. My Places has been eliminated. Home and Help links reside here. Clients who license community engagement capabilities will find global links here as well.
- **My Blackboard:** Provides icons and links to various areas of Blackboard. The icons signal the presence of new information, such as new messages and new posts. To learn more, see [The My Blackboard Tool](#).