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## Social Learning Tools

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### About Social Learning Tools

The launch of the social learning capabilities is a first step in the significant shift of the Blackboard Learn platform towards supporting individuals as well as supporting enterprises. The social learning features allow users to create a strong personal identity in the Blackboard Learn environment using the enhanced Profile feature. Using the new People tool, individuals can discover other users with similar academic interests, and come together in learner-directed Spaces to communicate and collaborate. All of this interaction occurs without requiring an instructor or System Administrator as an intermediary.

The social learning tools provide individuals with control of a learner-centric social environment oriented toward academics. Most importantly, this new learning network operates across institutions. It connects learners at Blackboard Learn institutions around the globe and encourages them to learn from each other through social, informal means, complementing the more formal structures of traditional online courses.

To learn more, see [Social Learning Tools](#).