



# PLATO® eduTest Assessment Release Notes

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## General Information

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**Purpose** This document includes a summary of new features, system enhancements, and courseware updates to PLATO eduTest Assessment organized by build number and release date. The numbers that display in italics are for internal tracking purposes only.

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**For more information** For complete instructions on how to use PLATO eduTest Assessment, the new features and system enhancements mentioned in this document refer to the Tools & Professional Development link from the main menu.

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## Build 5.7 Released 11/07/09

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### **New and updated features**

- 85829 – Migrated batch enroll functionality from The PLATO Network [sis.lightspan.com](http://sis.lightspan.com) page into the eduTest application.
- 86402 – Removed eProfessional Development Links and Quick Reference Cards from within the application.
- 86356 – Updated product branding to reflect PLATO Learning, Inc.
- 86368 – Updated help file for batch upload to state correct requirements for header information.
- 86369 – Updated product branding to reflect PLATO Learning, Inc. within the help file.
- 86370 – Removed references to Account Services Manager. This role is now handled by Support in most cases. Implementation management also handles some of this function currently.
- 86383 - Placed link to PLATO eduTest Assessment Initial Data Entry Requirements document within the Help file.
- 86484 - Updated successful upload message to inform customer of processing delay of up to 1 hour.

## Build 5.5.9, Released 05/09/07

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### New and updated features

- Increased the Framework character limit in the admin CAT tool. *9899*
- Fixed issue in which students' data was unrecoverable after teachers had unchecked students' schedules after tests had been completed. *29608*
- Restored deleted tests. *57431, 57779*
- Restored data inadvertently deleted by client. *58423*
- Restored the previous version of a test to accommodate client's needs. *59395*
- Restored 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ELA tests lost from the Granite test pack. *59747*
- Added the Framework Summary Description filed for future reports that rely on that field. *64135*
- Fixed issue in which a customer changed session numbers, subsequently resulting in two lost sessions of data. *64187*
- Addressed needs for the 2007 closeout. *64992*
- Restored students who had been removed from a schedule. *65217*
- Repaired benchmark exports to facilitate benchmark export job creation. *65276*

## Build 5.5.7, Released 11/10/06

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### System enhancements

- PSTs now return correct exemptions to students in PWLN. *11399*
- Fixed a test digest containing a version number with two periods. This had caused problems with the PLE data transfer, and has been resolved. *20699*
- Corrected usage reports so that counts are now accurate. IRVI001 had reported that tests taken in September were being added to the total for August and September. *28193*
- Corrected the weekly deletion script so that it now checks all drones to ensure that tests are not scheduled before deleting them. *29758*
- The checkForDeletedTests script now checks for tests using the same repcat records before deleting the testDBRepCats records associated with tests that are to be deleted. If any other tests are using the same repcat records, the script does not delete the testDBRepCats records. *29760*
- Replaced slashes in classroom IDs with underscores, resolving problems for DOTH001, which reported missing reports for some classrooms, and very high test counts in the item response index, and the strengths and needs and statistical analysis reports. *31324*
- Created and ran a data patch and manually recreated tests to correct missing test items for IRVI001, HAMI007, NORW045, and METR005. *33263*
- Resolved system attempts to double-grade a test when students double-clicked the “Yes” button to grade their tests. *20247*
- Resolved slow performance in eduTest when the slave database is down by removing unused db\_read parameters from all droneMap.pl files. *21573*
- When a test is modified, the test activity code is now preserved. Activity codes are no longer deleted when Construction tests are modified. *12633*
- The re-agg full client job is now created on the cluster/drone where the data resides, instead of on the queen, resolving problems resulting in Report Management options failing to delete the old /data/results files correctly. *10645*

## Build 5.5.6, Released 09/22/06

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### New and updated features

- Deployed the latest version of e-rater (6.1) on eduTest and fixed the method of essay scoring and reporting so that accurate scores are returned. *20698*
  - Added a new field (countedForUsage) to the gtl and tp tables to correct inaccurate counts of the number of students taking tests. Counts are now accurate because students are only counted once. *11015*
  - Updated the footer to reflect the current eduTest version, from 5.5.5 to 5.5.6. *20711*
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### System enhancements

- Included the deleteInvalidRepCats.pl script which deletes testDBRepCats records whose repCatIDs are not associated with any series or test. This script also deletes testDBRepCats records associated with nonexistent series. *23300*
- The checkForDeletedTests script now deletes the testDBRepCats records associated with any test being deleted that is not a part of a series. When Knowledge Challenge tests or Teacher CATs get deleted, associated RepCats are also deleted. *23300*
- Added the seriesStandard table to droneTableSync, and set copyStatus of seriesStandard records to “UPDATED” if they are “ACTIVE” so as to duplicate records across drones as part of the upgrade. This corrects problems when clients are moved from one drone to another; previously, the seriesStandard table would not be replicated across drones. *21999*
- Set deleteFlag fields to “Y” for the four invalid series in the New Jersey test pack so that checkForDeletedSeries script can fully delete the series and associated records from the database. *21091*
- Fixed code so that an fbDigest is no longer necessary to retrieve the RepCats, making it possible to copy tests that are not part of a series. *20708*
- Client tests that remained in the database after deletion have been marked for deletion and will be deleted locally and on drones by the droneTableSync script. *14773*
- Removed “Test Type” from the Admin Reports search criteria; all test types are now displayed at all times in search results. *14708*
- Tests will no longer be deleted at year-end closeout; tests that had been improperly deleted will be restored. *23291*

## Build 5.5.5, Released 06/23/2006

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### New and updated features

- Added the Generate Item Export custom export for Irvine, located in AMS, which exports all item data on tests taken within a single client.
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### System enhancements

- No longer sending Job Queue Results e-mail if the reAgg job has no owner; e-mail had previously been sent to [support@plato.com](mailto:support@plato.com). 20121
- If a teacher deletes a schedule while students are taking a test, the test is interrupted with a warning that the test cannot be continued. This prevents the creation of a new test in progress record. 19406
- All TP and GTL records associated with a schedule are removed when that schedule is deleted. 14195
- “Page cannot be displayed” error displays during a slow query. Code was changed to retrieve repCatIDs in a more efficient way to prevent slow queries. 13620
- Added message stating that if test or schedule data is associated with a classroom, that classroom cannot be assigned to a different school; movement of the classroom is disallowed. 12706
- Created a script to fix session values in seriesToTestDB table to prevent out-of-sequence session numbers for multiple tests in a test series. 12544
- Changing method for TP records deletion when teachers delete a schedule. Students had received “Same test can only be taken once per day” as a result of overlapping schedules containing the same test. 16819
- Reduced the amount of SQL queries occurring when new Knowledge Challenge Tests are created. This increases the launch speed of Knowledge Challenge Tests and eliminates “page cannot be displayed” errors when launching multiple tests. 7923
- When an administrator removes a classroom from a schedule, tp, gtl, and schedule records are now deleted from the database; this ensures that admin reports only contain data for classrooms still associated with the schedule. 20138

## Build 5.5.4, Release 05/12/06

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### New and updated features

- Added new field “Exempt From Closeout” to client’s table, which defaults to “N” and replaces closeout list. The field must manually be set to “Y” in order to exempt the client. *13321*
- “Null” option inserted at the top of the drop-down list for “Select Date,” requiring users to select a valid closeout date. Moved “Not Sure Yet” option to second position on the list for higher visibility. *14716*
- Modified checkForDeletedTests script to clean up database after a test has been marked for deletion. Marking tests for deletion is handled by the closeout script. *14763*
- Closeout now uses testDB deleteFlag instead of deleting directly out of testDB to ensure that closeout deletes from all join tables. *8475*
- Closeout script sets deleteFlag to “Y” for test series not modified or scheduled in 24 months and Classroom Tests that have not been modified or scheduled in 18 months. Weekly scripts will delete all records associated with those tests. *8920*
- Added message to customer interface advising review of request information prior to closeout. *14554*
- Removed data associated with deleted clients (Teacher C-A-Ts, schedules, reports, etc.). *14773*

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### System enhancements

- Enhanced /opt/scripts/accountDisabler.pl script to delete all traces of a client after the clientID has been expired for longer than six months. The script will also auto-update the expiration date if the schoolID is active after the clientID has expired. *14576*
- SQL statements in the upgrade script will delete old tests with test type Create-A-Benchmark. *14673*

## Build 5.5.3, Released 03/31/06

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### New and updated features

- Changed reporting code to accommodate mixed-case school IDs. *2763*
  - New clients as of April of the current year are exempt from year-end closeout, rather than April of the previous year. *11003*
  - Exemptions are now preserved on PST test versioning. *11399*
  - Modified closeout interface to require mailing and contact information for receipt of export CD. *12412*
  - Changed “Lightspan” to “PLATO” in Pack Type drop-down list in Create/Modify Test Pack. *4906, 12635*
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### System Enhancements

- Added activity code to exemption tool to resolve failure to roll up activity codes with more than one rep cat with the same activity code. *12264*
- Re-added images to test items. *12415*
- Created data patch script to replace invalid characters in classroom IDs with valid characters. *12416, 12559*
- Created data patch to set itemSource of mis-sourced TPR items to “The Princeton Review.” *12569*
- Created test pack for MAXW004 to make series available to client. *12620*
- Changed used TPR items to type “Classroom,” which adds enough classroom items to the Teacher C-A-T bank for these folders to open. *12786*
- TPR items not used on eduTest tests now have the item type “Classroom.” TPR items used in eduTest tests will still have the item type “Administrative.” *11342*
- A PWLN client that was on the close-out list was removed; all PWLN clients are exempt from close-out. *13276*
- Close-out reports now show only this year’s and the previous year’s data. *13307*
- Moved close-out report script to a later time to give close-out process time to complete prior to report generation; report status now results in “completed” rather than “approved” status. *14048*
- Fixed exemption list to prevent clients who were exempt from last year’s close-out from defaulting to the default close-out date for this year. *13275*
- Fixed question item in Fastrack menu; the item now displays. *11973*

## Build 5.5.2.2, Released 02/11/06

### New and updated features

None

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### System enhancements

- Fixed report generator for report MD5 to accommodate mixed-case school IDs. *2763*
- Added seriesStandared.repCatID index, which resolved slow queries. *11920*
- Added data patch to correct records containing old classroom IDs in the classroom and classroomUsers tables, and to remove the single-quote from the classroom ID in the benchmarkClassrooms and schedule tables. *12579*

## Build 5.5.2, Released 01/06/06

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### New and updated features

- Corrected a defect on all of the Statistical Reports where an incorrect score was being displayed when an even number of students took the test and the test had an odd number of questions. The correct Median Score is now being displayed on the District, Region, School, and Classroom Statistical Analysis Reports. *Bug 10363.*
- Changes/corrections were made to text on the User Info page under Tools & Professional development. *Bug 5086* Also, the company branding was updated on the Test Pack Tool pages. This results in needing to changed test pack type "Lightspan" to "PLATO." This also involved changing the packType field values in database table testPak from "Lightspan" to "PLATO." *Bug 5087*
- The copyright year is now dynamic and the current year is displayed in the eduTest ULA testing engine. All the copyright information is displayed as per the Style Guide. *Bug 11483*
- The answer choices on the Horizontal Answer Sheet on OS X IE now display correctly (i.e. without wrapping) and look the same as they do on the other browsers and OSs. *Bug 3855*
- Now, if a client's test pack does not have any published tests in it, the test pack will not appear in the "Schedule Published Tests: Select a Test Pack" list under Test Administration. *Bug 11889*
- The "Remove Question" link in Teacher Create-A-Test is now left-justified in its html table cell. For the user, the link is just a little bit to the left of where it used to be. *Bug 5044*

### System enhancements

- Created a script that fixes the clientID and testPak values whose leading 0's were accidentally deleted, which was preventing users from searching their client test pack. The script adds a leading 0 to clientID or testPak values that start with "1-100" or "2-200." *Bug 11120*
- Added the copy status field for images so that they will be a part of a script used to synch images automatically during the nightly build. *Bug 11303 and 11376*

## Build 5.5.1.1 patch, Released 12/14/05

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### New and updated features

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### System enhancements

- Changes were made to accommodate Saginaw User IDs that contain special characters (spaces, apostrophes, etc.). *Bug 12055*
- Eliminated a PLATO Course Models product testing issue where testlets with 10 or more questions would repeat within a testing window and the answer would be already selected. *Bug 11758*

## Build 5.5.1, Released 11/11/05

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### New and updated features

- Now, when a student tries to start a test that is already in progress by him in another classroom, he gets a warning message indicating that the test was already started in another class and that it must be finished in the initial class. The warning message also specifies the classroom in which the student started the test, and tells the student to return to the Main Menu and return to Test Admin to complete the test. This new functionality applies to both Classroom-initiated and Administrator-initiated tests.
  - Corrected the typographical error on the “Application Problems (Basic)” Knowledge Challenge test.
  - Corrected the typographical error in the eProfessional Development link description under Tools & Professional Development.
  - Removed excess white space that was appearing on the Administrative Create-A-Test Publication page for MAC IE users.
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### System enhancements

- Updated the weekly test deletion script to NOT delete tests that have been modified and/or scheduled in the last 18 months. The previous window was 12 months, and the scheduling status was not taken into account at all. The script is also checking the test dates in bUpTests, which contains the closeout data for tests, to make sure the file dates there are more than 18 months old before deleting a test. This fix also includes a data patch to restore tests that have been deleted since July 2004 when the overzealous deletion script went live.
- Corrected the version number displayed in the footer for 5.5.1.
- The following changes have been made to internal email addresses that appear in the applications:

Change [product@edutest.com](mailto:product@edutest.com) to [support@plato.com](mailto:support@plato.com)

Change [admin@edutest.com](mailto:admin@edutest.com) to [dco@plato.com](mailto:dco@plato.com)

Change [admin@edutest.com](mailto:admin@edutest.com) to [edutestadmin@plato.com](mailto:edutestadmin@plato.com)

Change [ams@edutest.com](mailto:ams@edutest.com) to [EdutestGeneral@plato.com](mailto:EdutestGeneral@plato.com)

Change [anonymous@edutest.com](mailto:anonymous@edutest.com) to [EdutestGeneral@plato.com](mailto:EdutestGeneral@plato.com)

Change [devadmin@edutest.com](mailto:devadmin@edutest.com) to [EdutestGeneral@plato.com](mailto:EdutestGeneral@plato.com)

Change [helpdesk@edutest.com](mailto:helpdesk@edutest.com) to [EdutestGeneral@plato.com](mailto:EdutestGeneral@plato.com)

Change [itemrequest@edutest.com](mailto:itemrequest@edutest.com) to [EdutestGeneral@plato.com](mailto:EdutestGeneral@plato.com)

Change [notification@edutest.com](mailto:notification@edutest.com) to [EdutestGeneral@plato.com](mailto:EdutestGeneral@plato.com)

## Build 5.5\_LDAP\_Patch, Released 11/04/05

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### New and updated features

- None
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### System enhancements

- The software will now strip all space characters from the SIS IDs we get back from LDAP clients before we use those IDs to log into PLATO eduTest since PLATO eduTest User IDs cannot have spaces.
- The software will modify the login process so that, before the User ID from the customer's LDAP is compared to the User ID in PLATO eduTest Assessment, both IDs are converted to lowercase. This will allow authentication regardless of the case of either ID. Once the user is authenticated and logged into PLATO eduTest Assessment, the User ID going forward will be whatever the PLATO eduTest database has for that user. Therefore, all database records associated with this user will have the same User ID.

## Build 5.5, Released 10/21/05

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### **New and updated features**

- Item Builder passage functionality has been modified to allow users to view the most recent version of a passage. The software also provides the user with the latest passage ID so users can associate the most recent version of the passage with an item.
- New functionality has been added to allow clients to log in to PLATO eduTest Assessment with user IDs and passwords that are stored in their own external Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) directory rather than the PLATO eduTest database.
- Content and test created on d17 (PMN8153) were moved to d14 (CLA001). Users will continue to work on this content using d14. Client ID PMN8153 will be disabled.
- Fastrack Geography content and testlets were imported into PLATO eduTest Assessment for Course Model project.

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### **System enhancements**

- None

## Build 5.4.1, Released 10/14/05

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### New and updated features

- This Fall we discovered a system error that caused incorrect exemption information inside of learning paths that are generated from \*some\* of the K-12 assessments we offer. The affected tests are some of the tests from our PA, CA, FL, NY, TX test packs, as well as the ITBS, Terra Nova, and Stanford 9 practice test packs. This release included a fix to prevent this system problem from occurring again. Neither the tests nor the student results data were affected by this problem.
- For PWLN PLATO-Hosted K-12 Assessment customers, we updated specific learning paths that contained incorrect xml caused by the system error summarized above. This update was automatic to all affected learning paths in all accounts.
- For PWLN Client-Hosted K-12 Assessment customers, we generated a new xml file that contains the correct exemption information. PWLN Client-Hosted customers will need to log into their PWLN PLATO-Hosted account and download the xml file with the release date (10-14-05) contained in the xml file name. From the Assessment interface, customers should go to “Report Browser” and click on the “Download XML” link to access and download the file. Once the file has been downloaded to their computer, they will need to upload the file into their PWLN Client-Hosted system. This process will overwrite their existing learning paths, correcting the learning paths with incorrect exemption data.

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### System enhancements

- None