

Instructors and students have a **Blackboard IM** space just for your class. To participate you need to create an individual **Blackboard IM** account. Begin by logging in to your Blackboard class. If you have an **IM** account from a previous semester, you do not need to complete the following:

Creating an Account:

1. Click the Course Tools button on the Course Menu; scroll down and click **Blackboard IM**.
2. The **Blackboard IM Sign Up** window opens and has three steps you need to complete. Be sure to use your Blackboard Username as your ID and your Blackboard password to maintain a consistent login.



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Blackboard IM

Instantly connect and collaborate with classmates and teachers.

Blackboard collaborate»

Step 1: Create a Blackboard IM Account

Use the form below to create your Blackboard IM account.

Step 2: Download Blackboard IM

Once you have a Blackboard IM ID and password you'll be brought to your account page where you can download the application.

Step 3: Install and Start Chatting!


The Blackboard IM Setup Wizard will walk you through installation. Once complete, you can use Blackboard IM at any time.

Logging In:

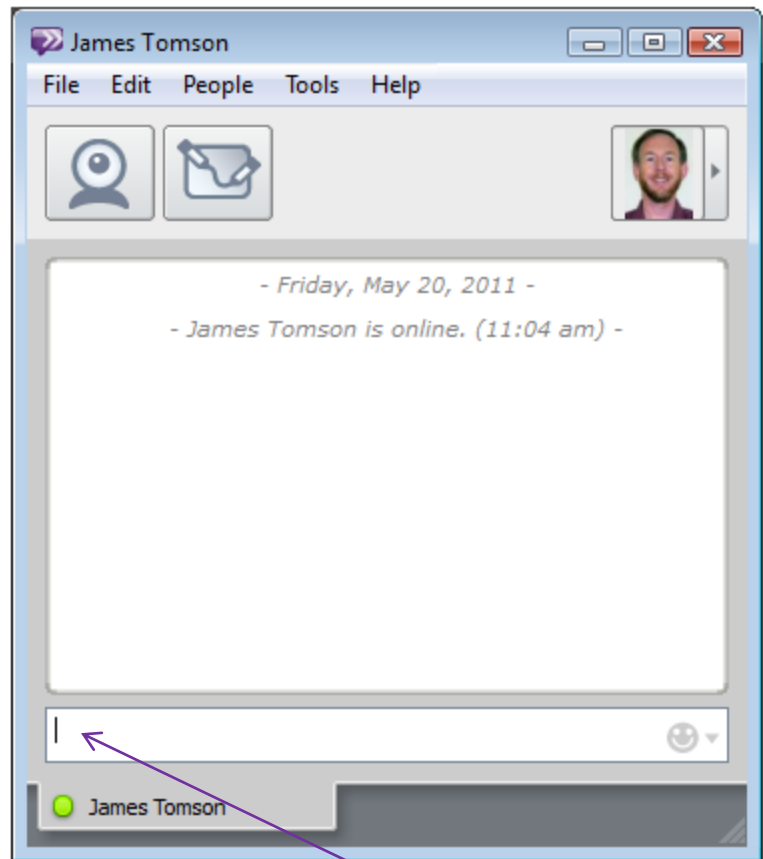
3. Click the **Blackboard IM** icon or choose it from your Startup Menu. Enter your **ID and Password**. If you are using a shared computer, make sure the "Remember me" and "Sign in automatically" checkboxes are **NOT selected**. Click the **Sign-in button**.

The screenshot shows the Blackboard IM login window. At the top, there's a title bar with 'Blackboard IM' and standard window controls. Below that is a menu bar with 'Blackboard IM', 'View', 'People', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The main content area has the 'Blackboard collaborate»' logo. Below the logo is a login form with the following elements: a label 'Blackboard IM ID' above a text input field containing 'dev-xxxxxx'; a label 'Password' above a password input field; a link 'Forgot your password?'; two checkboxes, 'Remember me' and 'Sign in automatically', both of which are unchecked; and a 'Sign in »' button. At the bottom of the form is a link 'Have a registration code?'. The Blackboard logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the window.

Starting a New Chat:


4. Before you can start a new chat with someone, you must first be in either your Contacts or Classmates tab. There are several ways to start a new chat with a Contact or Classmate:
 - Double click the name of the user you wish to contact
 - Select the name of the user you wish to contact and press the Enter key on your keyboard.
 - Select the name of the user you wish to contact and click 
 - Select the name of the user you wish to contact and click **Chat** on the **Tools** menu.

A new chat window opens.



- Type your message in the **input area** at the bottom.
- Press the **Enter** key on your keyboard. The Chat session starts and your message is sent.

Starting a New Call:

5. To start a new call, do one of the following:
 - Select the name of the user you wish to call and click 
 - Select the name of the user you wish to call and press Ctrl+K (Windows) or Command+K (Macintosh)
 - Select the name of the user you wish to call and choose **Tools** menu > **Call** > **Invite to Call**



The Audio & Video window opens. (And, if it is not already open a Chat window for the user also opens.) Initially the call only uses audio. To use video as well, click the Video button.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

Cleveland Community College has a contract with Blackboard Collaborate for technical support. If faculty or students encounter any problems while using Blackboard IM, contact:

[Blackboard Collaborate Technical Support](#) > Self Service > Contact Technical Support



(24 hours a day – 7 days a week)

From their website, you can "Submit a Ticket," "Live Chat" or Telephone. 1 (877) 382-2293.