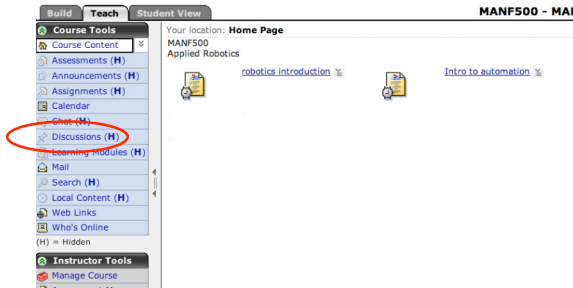


Threaded Discussions, Blogs and Journals



- Click **Discussions** on the **Course Tools**


What type of discussion topic would you like to create?

-  **Threaded topic.**

Create a threaded topic for a more traditional online discussion. Users post and reply to messages. Replies that are associated with the same post are grouped together, creating message threads that can be expanded and collapsed.

-  **Blog topic.**

Create a collaborative blog (weblog) space by allowing participants to post a chronological series of entries on a particular topic. Participants can then add comments to any blog entry.

-  **Journal topic.**

Create a journal topic to give Students a place for their own writing. The journals can be kept private between the Student and the Section Instructor or shared with the class.

- Choose **Threaded Discussions, Blogs** or **Journal**

Subject	Messages	Author	Date
street presence	3 (1 Unread)	Noah Lincoln	May 10, 2006 1:13 PM
Re:street presence		Robert Smith	May 10, 2006 4:27 PM
Re:street presence (New)		Lilly Hawthorne	May 10, 2006 4:32 PM
industrial revolution	2	Ella Wilson	May 10, 2006 1:09 PM

Threaded is for a structured discussion, or when the discussion might take different directions (Threaded was the only type of Discussion available in WebCT Vista 3). In threaded topics only message subjects are displayed on the main screen. All replies to the same message are grouped together, creating message threads.

Select All | Deselect All | Sort by: Date | Author Rating

Subject: The use of gold and silver
Author: Noah Lincoln | **Date:** May 10, 2006 10:26 AM
 Klimt's ornamental style work, which included a lot of golds and silvers, was influenced by his father. His father was a gold and silver engraver.
 Comments: 1 | Forward | Lock Message | Average rating: **** | Review this Message | View All Reviews (2 Ratings)

Subject: Scandalous
Author: Lilly Hawthorne | **Date:** May 10, 2006 10:19 AM
 Klimt's works were seen as scandalous due to their erotic themes.
 Comments: 0 | Forward | Lock Message | Average rating: **** | Review this Message | View All Reviews (2 Ratings)

Subject: The Split
Author: Noah Lincoln | **Date:** May 10, 2006 10:15 AM
 In 1905, after arguments with other members, Klimt split from the Secession. Does anyone know anything about the other members?
 Comments: 0 | Forward | Lock Message | Average rating: **** | Review this Message | View All Reviews (1 Rating)

Blogs (web logs), are visible to all course participants. This topic is for a more casual discussion, or when you want students to be able to quickly see all messages. Blogs provide a great way for students to stay connected and share ideas. In a Blackboard Vista 4 blog, topic messages are displayed on the main screen as a chronological series of entries. Students can browse through their classmates' entries or jump into the discussion by posting entries and comments of their own; comments appear on a separate screen.

Name	Number of Entries (New)	My Journal
My Journal	3	Create New Entry View Drafts
Lilly Hawthorne	5	Select All Deselect All Sort by: Date
Noah Lincoln	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Subject: Group Meeting 1 Date: May 11, 2006 1:18 PM Group met on 3 January to plan our responsibilities for first group project. Nadia: to do initial research into current reviews; Ella: to do research into reviews of contemporaries; Noah: to do document set up; I will manage updates from group members, and schedule next meeting. Comments: 0 Edit Message Forward Lock Message
Lilly Hawthorne	2 (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Subject: Notes from Lecture 1 Date: May 11, 2006 1:14 PM Enjoyed this first lecture. We covered all topics outlined in syllabus, and finished with discussion in small groups. Comments: 0 Edit Message Forward Lock Message

Journals can be visible to students or just the instructor. A journal gives each individual student a place for his or her writing samples or to record their thoughts on course topics, reports or lectures. Journals can be private (for student and instructor only) or public (accessible by the class). You can access students' journals via a list on the left of the screen.

Threaded Discussions

< | Your location: Discussions > Create Discussion Topic > Create Threaded Topic

Create Threaded Topic

Title: General Course Questions

Description: Let's use this area to discuss questions about assignments, logistics, etc. [Enable HTML Creator](#)

Use HTML

Item Visibility: Show Item Hide Item

Category: Topics can be organized into categories.
 Select Category: Create New Category
 *Category Name: Administrative
 Description: general and logistical stuff about the course delivery

Grading

Topic is not gradable

Allow the topic to be graded

Numeric grade: Out of 100

Alphanumeric grade

Grade by Grading Form: [Writing](#)

A column is automatically created for this topic in Grade Book
 Grade Book column title: General
 Release grade to Students in My Grades

- o Enter the **Title** and a **Description**
- o Select the **Category**
- o Select if **Discussion** is gradable

Peer Review (Expand this area to see more options.)

- Do not enable peer review in this topic
- Allow Students to review messages using a simple rating scale
Create Scale
- Allow Students to review messages using a grading form
Select Grading Form

Topic Behavior Options (Expand this area to see more options.)

Student Posting Rules

- Students can post messages and reply to messages
- Students can post messages but cannot reply to messages
- Students can reply to messages but cannot post messages
- Students can edit their messages after posting them
- Lock this topic for Students (Section Instructors can post in a locked topic)

- Click to allow (or require) **Peer Review**

- Determine Student **Behaviors** for the discussion

Build Teach Student View SC Test Course - Caryn's Test Section

Course Tools

- Course Content
- Calendar
- Announcements
- Assessments
- Assignments
- Chat
- Discussions
- Goals
- Learning Modules
- Mail
- Media Library

Your location: Discussions

Discussions

Create Topic Create Category Reorder Categories

All Topics (5 Messages) All My Posts (1 Messages)

Administrative
general and logistical stuff about the course delivery

General Course Questions (0 Messages)
Let's use this area to discuss questions about assignments, logistics, etc.

Default Topic (0 Messages)

- To access the discussion:
- Click on the **name**.

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- Roster
- Search
- Syllabus
- Web Links
- Who's Online

Week One Discussion

Description (click to collapse)
Describe your experience of week one.

Topic Type: Threaded
Graded: Yes (Writing) Numeric out of 100.0
Peer Review: No
Posting Restrictions: Allow post and reply
User Identification: User Name

Create Message View Drafts

Expand All Collapse All Display: Threaded Unthreaded All Unread

Subject	Messages	Author	Date
Week one was great!	(New)	Demo Student	March 20, 2007 3:22 PM
My evaluation of week one	2 (1 Unread)	Caryn Anderson	March 20, 2007 3:20 PM

Mark as Read Mark as Unread Save to Portfolio Create Printable View

Delete

Move to: - Select - Copy to: - Select -

- Click **Create Message** to post.

Create Message - Windows Internet Explorer

Subject: Another week 1 message

Message:

This is a test.

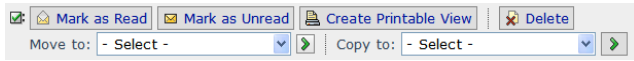
Attachments: Add Attachments


Post Preview Cancel Save as Draft

- Enter **Subject**
- Enter **Message**
- Click **Post**.

Expand All Collapse All Display: Threaded Unthreaded All Unread

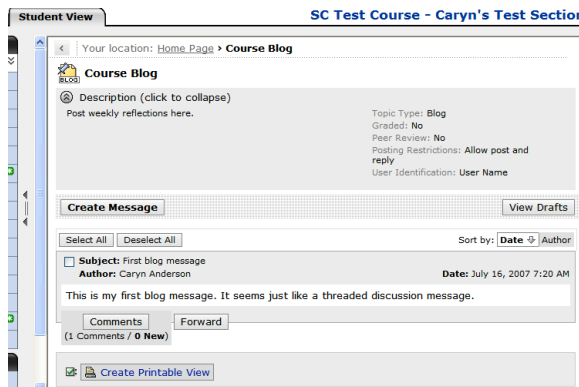
- Messages can **Expand** or **Collapse**, and can be displayed **Threaded** or **Unthreaded**.



- Messages may be marked as **Read** or **Unread**, **Printed** or **Deleted**.
- Messages may be **Moved** or **Copied** to other Topics.
- Bold messages are **unread**
- Click  to display all the subjects and authors of a thread.

Blogs

The Blog tool presents message posts from students and faculty in reverse chronological order. Responses to each post by other course members are linked from the main post as comments.



Blogs display the full text of the original posts (instead of just the subjects, as in threaded discussions).

Journals

The journal tool allows students to record their reflections on the experiences of the course. The journal tool allows the journal to be private between the student and instructor.

Journal Privacy

- Private: entries are visible to the author and Section Instructors only
- Public: entries are visible to all Students and Section Instructors

A **Journal** is created in the same way that a threaded discussion or blog. The only difference is the option to make the journal **public** or **private**.

Build Teach Student View SC Test Course - Caryn's Test Section

Your location: Discussions > Internship Journal

Name	Number of Entries (New)
My Journal	0
Demo Student	1 (1)

Internship Journal
Description (click to expand)

Demo Student's Journal

Select All | Deselect All | Sort by: Date

Subject: Week 1 of internship (New) | Date: July 16, 2007 7:51 AM

This internship is great!

Comments | Forward | Lock Message

(0 Comments)

Save to Portfolio | Create Printable View | Delete