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The Forum is a **collaboration** and **communication tool** that allows you to *post a comment or question online*. Students in class who are members of the forum may read that comment or question, and respond with their own comments over time.

As it is time intensive, **forums** are called an **asynchronous tool** compared to a chat room which is a synchronous tool.

Forum Terminology

The forum on IVLE is a **threaded forum**. The phrase "threaded forum" commonly refers to threads of conversation, each focused on a particular topic.

For example if a staff post a question, and three others in the same class replied to the question and post their answers, these four **posts** comprise what is known as a thread of conversation and on the forum, will always be shown together. In this way, students can follow the line of reasoning on a topic or question posted by staff.

In the example below:



Click for larger screenshot. Opens in same window.

In IVLE Forum, a new thread or a new question is called a **topic**. All replied messages will be under a topic. In the example above, there are *two topics*.

Why should you use a Forum?

A forum is useful to supplement teaching for the following reasons:

- Students can extend discussions beyond the allocated time during class time, therefore allowing them in-depth reflection on questions and comments raised during class.
- Students will be participating actively in arguments which called for critical reasoning.
- You are sometimes anonymous in a forum - don't fear about embarrassing yourself. You will receive feedback from not only your lecturer but also your peers at the discussion.
- During the online discussion, you can bring in external sources of information.
- The threads of the forums can be archived for use during classes in the future.

Access the Forum

From the [Workspace](#), click **Forum** of the relevant module.

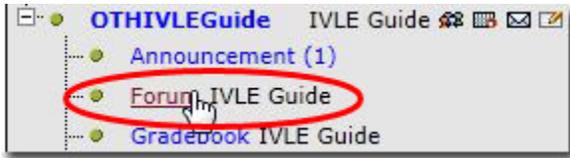


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