

Terms and More Terms

A **Discussion Board** is a public --*public within a course / organization*-- bulletin board that allows faculty and students to communicate asynchronously with each other.

A **Forum** is an instructor-created discussion area within a Discussion Board. It is the starting point, the container for topically-related Threads. Only instructors can create **Forums**.

A **Thread** is "The initial post and the entire series of replies to that post within a Discussion Board Forum." (*From Blackboard Manual*)

A Forum may have one or more Threads. Threads can be started by instructors and, when allowed, by students.

Example of a Forum:

Ch 1 -5 Questions

Example of a Threads within the Ch 1 -5 Questions Forum:

Ch 1 Questions,

Ch 2 Questions, etc.

