Discussion Board Grader

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What is this?

The Discussion Board Grader allows instructors to assign grades for student-made posts to a discussion board.

Why would I use this?

If an instructor wants to require online participation in a course, it is best practice to give students credit for the work. Students have a keen eye for what's optional. They will probably not use the Discussion Board unless it's a constant, lively part of the class or if it is required and part of the course grade. EdTech recommends instructors view all the posts a student has contributed throughout a semester in order to decide how substantive their participation has been.

How do I use this?

If you want to grade your students' work - and we suggest that you do - you'll want to indicate how many points the forum is worth when you create a forum in the Discussion Board.

If a forum has a grade attached, when you hover over the name of the forum with your mouse and click the Down Arrow button, you will see the an option to Grade.
If you click that option, Blackboard will pull up a list of all student contributors and allow you to Grade their contribution. Note: You can also grade forums from the Grade Center.

Clicking the Grade button will allow you to grade the student's contribution and provide them valuable feedback.
In the Evaluation section of the Blackboard Control Panel, you can click Performance Dashboard to see how many posts a student has made to the Discussion Board. If you click on that number, Blackboard should show you all of that student's posts, pulled together on your screen. If you only use one forum for your course, this is a quick and easy way to see all of the students posts to grade that forum.

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