How to Use the Must Post First Setting in Blackboard Learn or D2L
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Challenge: allow only the submission of original submissions to discussion boards in D2L or Blackboard Learn for grading

Technique(s): apply the must post first restriction to the discussion topic, option to combine with forum/topic availability dates, educate the students to the process early in the course, manage group work and review by non-posters

Feedback: students love the fact that there is no opportunity for other students to read their submitted work until they post their own answers. Students seem more eager to read other students' answers and interested in the different interpretations of the question(s). Students have reported that these type of discussions are one of the most enjoyable parts of the course.

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FORUM SETTINGS

1. If a Due Date is set, submissions are accepted after this date, but are marked late.
2. Viewing Threads/Replies

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   Standard View

   Participants must create a thread in order to view other threads in this forum. If participants are required to create threads in order to view other threads in the forum, they cannot delete or edit their own posts, and cannot post anonymously. Those options will be set for you automatically.

D2L

Edit Topic Details

Options:
- Allow anonymous posts
- A moderator must approve individual posts before they display in the topic
- Users must start a thread before they can read and reply to other threads