How to Create and Use a Discussion Forum
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Creating a Discussion
Discussion forums are created via the same process used to create any other content item in ANGEL. You create and configure discussions by choosing options from a series of configuration tabs within the Discussions Settings interface.

To add a discussion forum to the Lessons page:
1. Log into your ANGEL course and click the Lessons tab.
2. Do one of the following:
   - If you are adding a new discussion, click the Add Content link, then click the Discussion link.
   - If you are editing an existing discussion, navigate to the Discussion forum, then click Settings.

Using Discussion Forums
ANGEL discussions offer four different ways to view messages in a discussion forum:
- Threaded View
- Nested View
- Search View
- At-a-Glance View (instructors only)

Each of the views is explained briefly here. You can find more details on each view in its respective section.

Threaded View presents messages as a hierarchical list of message topic lines. The post lines can be expanded or collapsed to show or hide replies. Users can sort, flag, score, or rate posts in this view.
**Nested View** functions in the same manner as Threaded View, but every message’s body text is displayed in-line in the same window. This view allows you to see the body text of all messages in context of the other message bodies.

**Search View** functions in the same manner as Nested View, but displays only messages that meet the specified search criteria. Search View displays messages in a "flat" (non-hierarchical) manner.

**At-a-Glance View** (available only to instructors) consolidates discussion participation, settings, and performance metrics into one page.