The Discussion Board feature enables asynchronous discussions among participants in a class. Instructors can set up forum threads where students can post and reply to the discussions. The Discussion board can be accessed using the Discussion Board tab or the Communications tab.

This "demo" you take you through a simulated discussion forum. New or enhanced features include:
- Visual Text Editor
- Discussion Forum Views
- Quote feature when responding to a post

After logging into your Course, the Blackboard Academic Suite page appears. It's time for you to try! You are going to participate in a discussion forum. I'll click Discussion Board from the left-hand side to start.
Slide 5
Slide notes:
Text Captions: I want to open the Financial Measurements forum

Slide 6
Slide notes:
Text Captions: I want to view the Financial Measures for Projects posts

Slide 7
Slide notes:
Text Captions: I have to Reply to this post

Slide 8
Slide notes:
Notice the Visual Text Editor that is new in Blackboard 7!

Now you have the ability to format your discussions just as you would in a word processing application.

I am going to create a bulleted list....

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Slide 13
Slide notes:
Text Captions: Click Submit

Slide 14
Slide notes:
Text Captions: Moving through discussion thread posts are as simple as clicking on Next Post or Previous Post
Click OK to return Course Discussions screen

Slide 15
Slide notes:
Text Captions: I am currently viewing List View

Slide 16
Slide notes:
Text Captions: I'd rather see the Discussion Board in the Tree View
Slide 17
Slide notes:
Text Captions: I'll select Financial Measures for Projects thread
In the Tree View,
To expand a thread, click the +
To deflate a thread, click the -

Slide 18
Slide notes:

Slide 19
Slide notes:

Slide 20
Slide notes:
Text Captions: I want to respond to the TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES thread
Slide 21
Slide notes:
Text Captions: I select the Quote option to reply

Slide 22
Slide notes:
Text Captions: The Quote option imbeds the text of the post you are responding to within your message

Slide 23
Slide notes:

Slide 24
Slide notes:
Slide 25
Slide notes:

Text Captions: Click Attach a file
You can submit a document or file to your post by selecting Attach a File

Slide 27
Slide notes:
Text Captions: Click Browse to locate your file

Slide 28
Slide notes:
Text Captions: Select the desired file or type in the filename
Slide 29
Slide notes:
Text Captions: Click Open

Slide 30
Slide notes:
Text Captions: technology.doc
Click Submit

Slide 31
Slide notes:

Slide 32
Slide notes:
Text Captions: I like the list view better, so I will select the List View option
Slide 33
Slide notes:
Text Captions: I'll click OK to return to the Discussion Board

Slide 34
Slide notes:
Text Captions:

Slide 35
Slide notes:
Text Captions: The default order of a Discussion Board is to show the Current Discussion Board in order posted.

I want to view all the forums and in subject order

Slide 36
Slide notes:
Text Captions: Click the down arrow to the right of the "in" box
Slide 37
Slide notes:
Text Captions: Select the All Forums in Course item

Slide 38
Slide notes:
Text Captions: Click Go to reorder

Slide 39
Slide notes:
Text Captions: Click down arrow
Now I want to sort by Subject

Slide 40
Slide notes:
Text Captions: Select Subject
Slide 41
Slide notes:
Text Captions: Select Go

Slide 42
Slide notes:

Slide 43
Slide notes:

Slide 44
Slide notes:
Slide 45
Slide notes:
Text Captions: Click OK to return

Final Student Slide
Slide notes:
Text Captions: I'm all done for now!