Guidelines for 7.00x Discussion Forum

The discussion forum helps improve your ability to search and talk about many different topics throughout the course. Here are some friendly guidelines to help you successfully navigate and interact on the forum:

• On each page, there is a link at the bottom which says *Show discussion*. Clicking on this link will show all the discussion on the forum associated with this particular video or problem.

• Be **very specific** about where you need help. Are you stuck on a particular part of the problem? Do you need help understanding a particular concept? What have you tried doing so far?

• Please **do not post solutions** to homework problems or exams. Doing so is a violation of the honor code, and you risk being removed from the course.

• Actively **upvote** other posts, and other students will upvote yours! The more upvotes your posts have, the more likely they are to be seen.

• If you ask a question and someone gives a good answer, **acknowledge** it by up-voting, by saying "thanks", or both! Remember that all students and TAs responding to you are volunteering their help and that is something we all want to encourage.

• Use the **search feature**. Many of your course classmates are likely to have the same questions. If you perform a search for the question first, you may find the question and answer without needing to post it yourself.

• Try to participate in a manner that creates a **friendly and supportive** environment for learning.

• **Do not repeat** posts, especially within a short period of time.

• Do not post answers to Test Yourself questions if you have no query about it.

• Use "**netiquette**," or common writing practices for online communication.

For example:

> o Avoid TYPING IN ALL CAPS. Some people read this as shouting, even if that is not what you mean to convey.
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> o Avoid unneccessary symbols, abbreviated words, texting shorthand, and replacing words with numbers (e.g. Pls don't rplce wrds w/#s).
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> o Avoid repeating letters or characters like this: reeepeeaattingggg chaaracterrrss
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> o Avoid excessive punctuation if possible (e.g. !!!!!!!! or ??????)