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Edit the Subject Line of Your Forum Replies To Better Deliver Your Message

When you reply to a post in a forum (forums are also referred to as “discussions”) the Subject line will automatically fill with “Re:” and the title of the item you’re responding to.

If all replies have the same default Subject line the forum will be harder to follow. For example, if a student desperately needs help his or her forum reply could be buried in an avalanche of student posts all bearing the same subject.

However, if the struggling student used “I need help with this topic!” as a subject then the instructor would be able to see that important message and respond to it more quickly. Otherwise, the instructor may simply be working through same-subject message in order.

So, when possible, edit the Subject line of your post so that the thread of conversation is easier to read, understand, and prioritize.

Do this: Edit the Subject Line

Session 1: Ask the Professor
by Jack Simon - Thursday, December 8, 2011, 02:57 PM

Use this location to ask questions about Session 1 material or anything else other than private matters.

EDIT the Subject line to reflect your reply

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Re: Session 1: Ask the Professor by [redacted] - Friday, January 6, 2012, 08:24 PM
Re: Session 1: Ask the Professor by [redacted] - Friday, January 6, 2012, 10:52 PM
Re: Session 1: Ask the Professor by [redacted] - Saturday, January 7, 2012, 10:22 AM
Re: Session 1: Ask the Professor by [redacted] - Saturday, January 7, 2012, 08:49 PM

Your reply

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The posters did not edit the subject line in these four instances

Do not do this: Leave the Default Subject Line



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A rich text editor toolbar with various icons for text formatting (bold, italic, underline, strikethrough), alignment (left, center, right, justified), list creation (bulleted, numbered), indentation, link/unlink, insert image, and other editing functions. The font is set to Trebuchet and size to 1 (8 pt).

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