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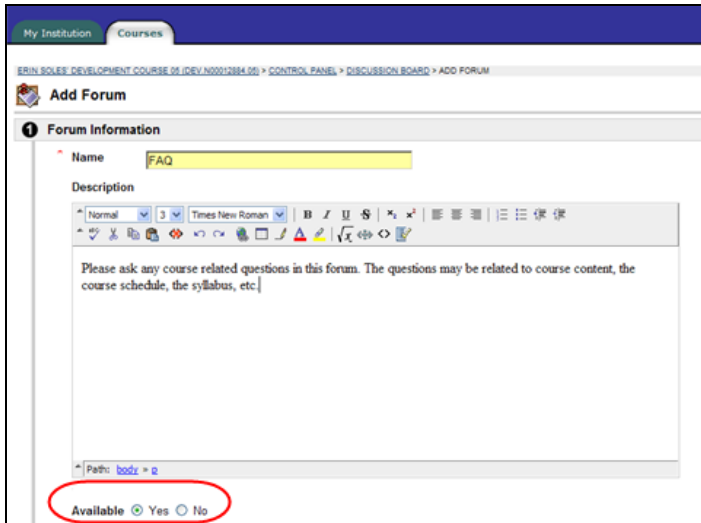
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Discussion Board

Forum Availability

Instructors have the option to set a forum to Available or Unavailable during the forum creation process (**Control Panel > Discussion Board > Add Forum**):



Instructors may change the availability of a forum at any time:
Click **Modify** next to a forum in the Discussion Board.
Select **No** next to Available.
Click **Submit**.

Discussion Grading

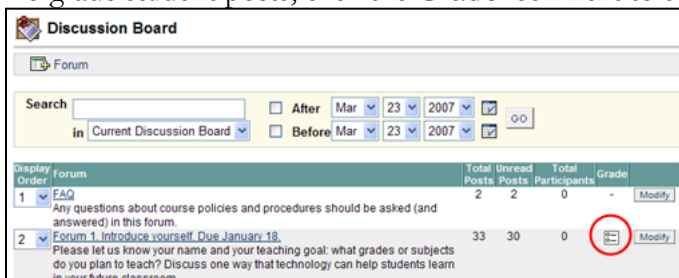
Set up Grading

To set up discussion grading, click the radio button next to **Grade Forum** (either during the forum creation process or by clicking Modify next to an existing forum). Enter the **Points possible** in the text box. This will create a column in your Gradebook:

Grade	<input type="radio"/> No grading in forum
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Grade forum: Points possible: <input type="text" value="10"/>
	<input type="radio"/> Grade threads


Grade Postings

To grade student posts, click the **Grade** icon next to the forum in the Discussion Board.



Click the **Grade** button next to a student to grade their posting.

Enter the grade and click **Submit** to add it to the Gradebook:

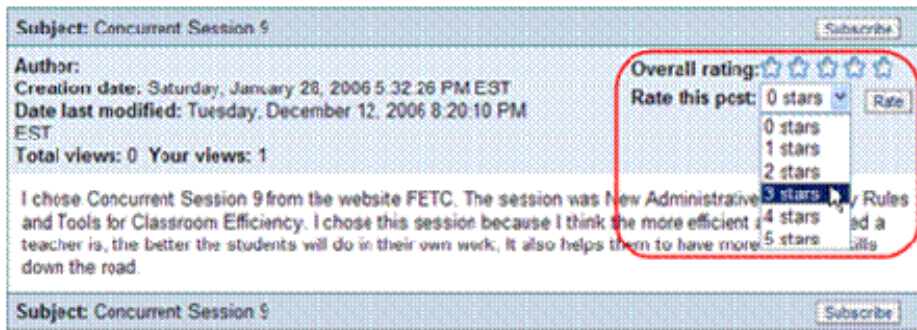


Peer Review

To set up the rating system in a forum, check the box next to **Allow members to rate posts** (either during the forum creation process or by clicking Modify next to an existing forum).

Allow members to rate posts

Students are able to rate a thread by selecting a rating from the drop-down menu and clicking **Rate** in the Thread Detail view:



Collections

While the Collect tool is not new to the Discussion Board, Collections offer new, exciting options:

Print - Users now have the option to Print discussion threads in a Collection by clicking the Print icon at the top of the Collection.

Filter - Users can filter the threads in a Collection by Author and Status using the Filter drop-down menus.

In a Discussion Board Forum, check the box(es) next to any threads you wish to collect. Click the **Collect** button:

Course Discussions:forum 1

Thread Remove **Collect** Lock Unlock Grade Forum **Change Status to:** Published

Display Published **Search** **After** May 01 2007 **Before** May 01 2007

in Current Forum

	Date	Thread	Author	Status	Unread Posts	Total Posts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/30/07 9:37 AM	Student Two	Example Student Two Two	Published	2	2
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Collection:>>January 25 Technology

Print

Filter Author Show All **Status** Published

Thread:Concur Example Student One One

Post:Concurrent Session