

## Using the Discussion Board

If you do not have any experience using discussion boards or online forums before, this is a great time for you to learn the ropes. Online discussion boards are typically referred to as “forums”, and they are becoming a very popular way for like-minded people to get together and share their thoughts on similar interests. If you do not have any experience with online forums, I suggest you have a look. Do a Google search ([www.google.com](http://www.google.com)) for a topic you are interested in (such as: Macintosh computers or Chevrolet trucks), followed by the word “forums”. I’m willing to bet you’ll find at least several pertaining to your interest. Our discussion board will be quite similar.

Each Wednesday, I will post one question to the discussion board. Look for that first question this Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. I expect each of you to post a well thought-out response to my original question (or a response to another student’s response). 5 points are possible each week for participating in the online discussion board; you will receive points based on your level of participation. Short, one-sentence responses are not the way to earn full credit. Be an active contributor! It would be foolish not to take advantage of the 65 possible discussion board points. Each week’s discussions will be closed on Sunday when the next module is posted, so don’t miss your chance to post and earn some points.

Double-check your posts for typos or grammatical errors before submitting them. Your posts are expected to be polite and non-threatening to other students. You are welcome to challenge each other’s (and my own!) viewpoints, but please do so in a respectful manner.