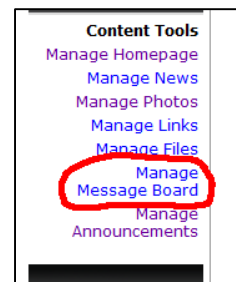


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## The Message Board

Course Studio can be used for **online discussions**. Click on **Manage Message Board** in the **Content Tools** menu.

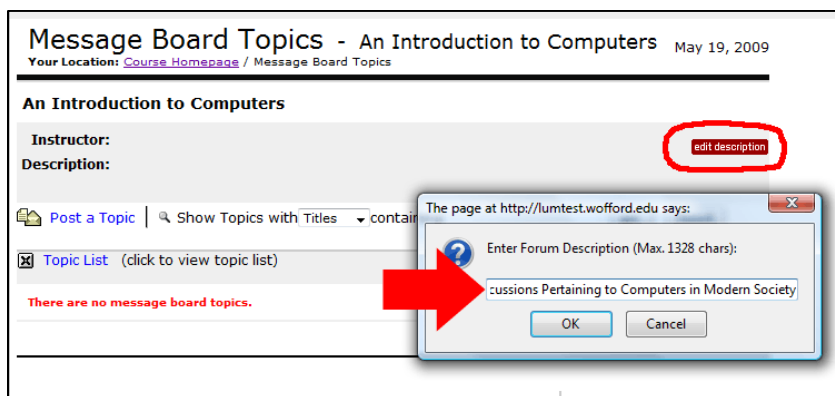


### Entering a Description of the Discussion Forum

In the "Message Board Topics" page, click on **Edit description**.

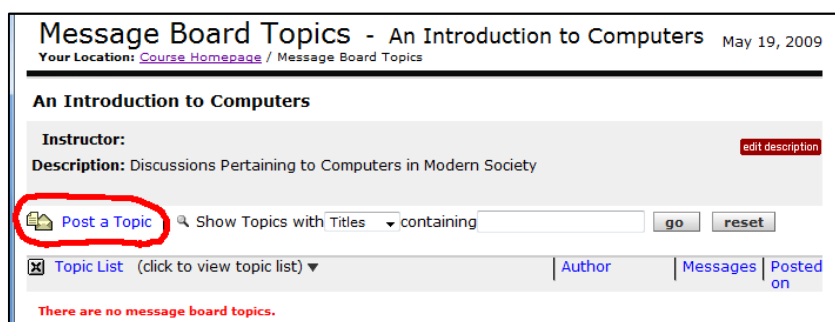
In the pop-up window, enter a brief description of the discussion forum.

Click on **OK**



### Posting a Topic

To post a new topic, click on **Post a Topic**.



In the “Start New Topic” screen, enter the **Title** of the discussion topic.

Click on **Add Topic**.

Start New Topic - An Introduction to Computers  
Your Location: [Course Homepage](#) / [Message Board Topics](#) / Start New Topic

Add New Topic to: An Introduction to Computers

\* Title :

**Add Topic** Cancel

You now will see the title of the topic in the topic list. The green circle by its title indicates that it is a new topic.

Post a Topic | Show Topics with Titles containing  go reset

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Topic List (click to view topic list) ▼ | Author                  | Messages | Posted on |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------|-----------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b>Electronic Medical Records</b>       | Mr. Jason Harold Womick | 0        | 5-19-09   |

Click on the **title**.

The topic currently has no discussion threads.

Click on **Start New Thread**.

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Your Location: [Course Homepage](#) / [Message Board Topics](#) / Thread List  
May 19, 2009

Topic: **Electronic Medical Records**

Topic List

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Thread List (click a thread to view) Author Replies Posted on ▼

There are no threads for this topic.

In the “Start New Thread” screen, enter the **subject** of the thread and a **message** that will start the discussion.

Click on **Add Thread**

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May 19, 2009

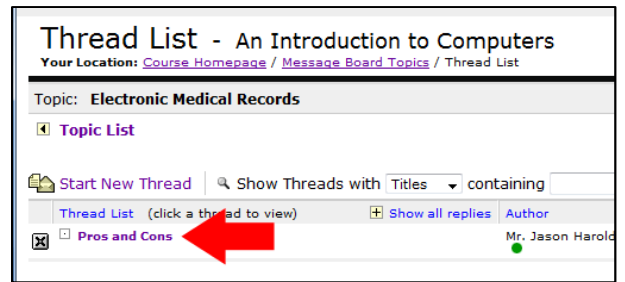
Add New Thread to: **Electronic Medical Records**

Subject :

Message :

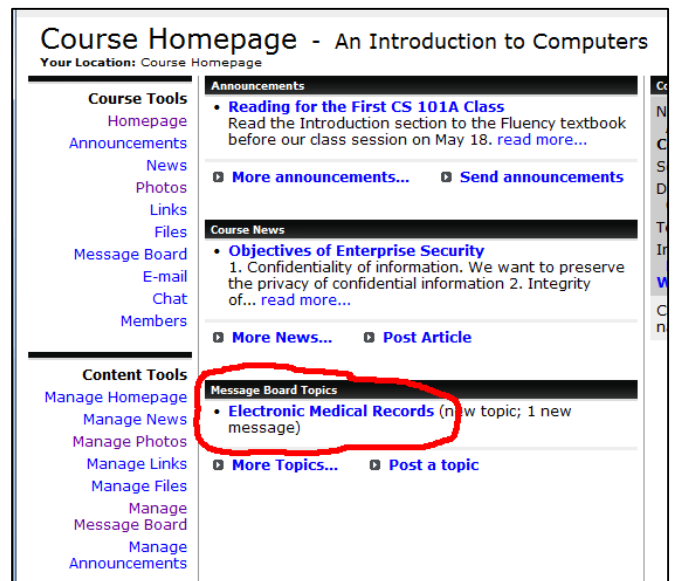
**Add Thread** Cancel

The message now will be displayed in the Thread List.



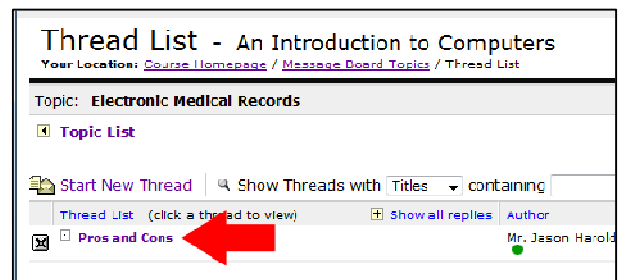
## Participating in a Discussion

The discussion topic also will be displayed on the course Homepage.



Click on the title of the discussion to see its thread lists.

Click on the subject of a thread to see its details.



After reading the message, you can post a replay by clicking on the **Reply to this Thread** link below the message.

Thread - An Introduction to Computers May 19, 2009  
Your Location: [Course Homepage](#) / [Msg Board Topics](#) / [Thread List](#) / Thread

Topic: **Electronic Medical Records**  
Thread: **Pros and Cons**

[Topic List](#) [Thread List](#)

Author: **Mr. Jason Harold Womick** Posted on: **5-19-09**

**Pros and Cons**  
In January 2009, President Obama said that the government should push for electronic medical records for all Americans within five years. What are the pros and cons of storing our health records electronically? Why could it be an advance for our health system and potentially save many lives? What are the dangers of storing medical records on centralized computers?

[Reply to this Thread](#)

Thread Replies (click to view reply)

|               | Author                  | Posted on |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Pros and Cons | Mr. Jason Harold Womick | 5-19-09   |

Enter and post the reply.

Post a Reply - An Introduction to Computers May 19, 2009  
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Post a Reply to:

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Subject : RE: Pros and Cons

Reply : This is a highly intelligent and well-reasoned reply.

The reply will be posted under the subject of the original. You can click on its title to read its details.

The threads can develop as others participate in the discussion.

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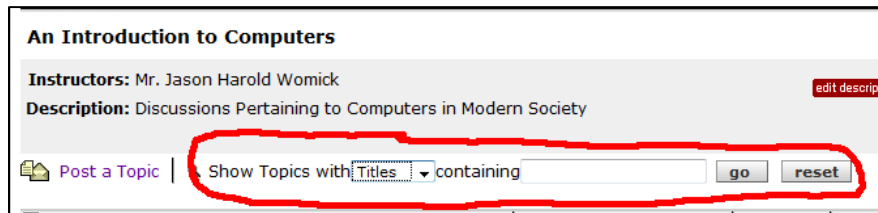
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The thread tree can become fairly complex after a while. Instead of searching through the discussions, you can search for items posted by a particular author, subject or title.



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**Instructors:** Mr. Jason Harold Womick [edit description](#)

**Description:** Discussions Pertaining to Computers in Modern Society

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