

Discussion Forum Guidelines:

The discussion forum is the main way for you to communicate with the course team and other students. We hope it contributes to a sense of community and serves as a useful resource for your learning.

- **Observe the honor code.** We encourage collaboration and help, but please avoid asking for and posting blatant answers. Those caught cheating may have their accounts disabled and their progress erased.
- **Be polite.** We have learners from all around the world and with different backgrounds. Something that is easy for you may be challenging for someone else. Let's build an encouraging community.
- **Upvote good posts.** This applies to questions and answers. Click on the green plus button so that good posts can be found more easily.
- **Search before asking.** The forum can become hard to use if there are too many threads, and good discussions happen when people participate in the same thread. Before asking a question, use the search feature by clicking on the magnifying glass on the left-hand side.
- **Notify staff.** If you want to have a staff member look at your post, please write [Staff] at the start of your title.
- **Be specific.** Choose a descriptive title, and provide as much information as possible: Which part of what problem or video? Why do you not understand the question? What have you tried doing?
- **Write clearly.** We know that English is a second language for many of you but correct grammar will help others to respond. Avoid ALL CAPS, abbrev of wrds (abbreviating words), and excessive punctuation!!!!
- **Provide reasons.** When responding to a poll question, a challenge question, or a discussion prompt we encourage you to provide a clear answer to the question as well as the reason(s) that support your response. When you respond to another person's post it is helpful to focus on the content of the post, try to understand why the person reasons in a particular way, clearly articulate with which part of the reasoning you agree and with which part you disagree and explain why. Never attack the person.