

Lesson 1: Ed Discussion - Quick Start Guide

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Ed Discussion centralizes class Q&A and saves time. Supports equations, runnable code and more.

Interface

Clean and intuitive.

The screenshot illustrates the Ed Discussion interface with several key features highlighted:

- Start a new thread**: A button in the top navigation bar.
- Open Ed Discussion**: A button in the top navigation bar.
- Toggle between courses**: A sidebar menu item under COURSES.
- Toggle between categories**: A sidebar menu item under CATEGORIES.
- Open a thread**: A button at the bottom center of the dashboard.
- Read and respond to threads**: A button on the right side of the dashboard.

The dashboard displays:

- A search bar and filter dropdown.
- Pinned threads, including a welcome message from Scott Maxwell.
- This Week section showing threads like "Quadratic equation" and "Supersonic flow".
- A sidebar with course and category lists.
- A footer indicating 42 others online.

The thread about a quadratic equation shows:

- An anonymous post asking how to solve $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$.
- A staff response from Scott Maxwell suggesting the quadratic formula: $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$.
- A follow-up comment from Emily Kwong noting the graph is a parabola.
- A graph of a parabola opening upwards with its vertex at the origin.

Post a question

Ask, with confidence.

The 'New Question' dialog box allows users to post a question with specific settings:

- Select Type**: A dropdown menu currently set to "Question".
- Insert Title**: A text input field for the title.
- Select Category**: A dropdown menu with categories: General, Logistics, Sections, **Assignments**, Code, and Social.
- Post**: A button to publish the question.

Express yourself in any way

Superb all-in-one editor to better communicate your ideas.

The screenshot shows the Ed Discussion interface with several features highlighted by orange arrows:

- Format text
- Hyperlink text
- Create a list
- Upload an image
- Embed a video
- Upload documents
- Write an equation
- Write code
- Insert web snippets
- Annotate images

Below the toolbar, a list of features is provided:

- Upload images
- Embed videos
- Write math equations
- Upload documents
- Embed runnable codes
- Annotate images

A mathematical equation is displayed:

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_0^{\infty} \left[\exp\left(-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4kt}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4kt}\right) \right] g(y), dy$$

A code editor window shows the following Python code:

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▶ Run
1 print ("Hello, world!")
Hello, world!
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Post options include:

- Private
- Visible to you and staff only

A large blue "Post" button is at the bottom right, with the text "Submit your post" below it.

Tips and tricks

Search and stay notified about threads.

The Ed interface features a search bar and a notifications bar.

Search for relevant threads

Stay notified about threads

The search bar includes a "New Thread" button and a "Search" field with a "Filter" dropdown.

The notifications bar includes icons for messages, activity, settings, home, and user profile, along with a bell icon for notifications.

A thread titled "Quadratic equation" is shown, posted by "Anonymous" 2 hours ago in "Lectures - W1". It has 242 views and options to PIN, STAR, or WATCHING.

The notifications bar also shows a dropdown for notification preferences:

- Not Watching: Be notified of direct replies only
- ✓ Watching: Be notified of all activity in this thread
- Ignoring: Never be notified