



FOR 875 - R Programming for Data Science

What is Piazza?

Piazza is an online forum that allows students and instructors to collaborate and communicate about a course. It is an accessible and efficient platform to encourage discussion about course content and assignments. We will be monitoring the activity on Piazza and strongly encourage participation in responding to and asking questions.

What can I do on Piazza?

- Post questions/notes/polls to the entire class (even anonymously).
- Post questions to the instructors (Private).
- **Answer other students' questions.**
- Endorse other students' questions and answers ("good question"/"good answer").
- Attach images and other files to your posts.

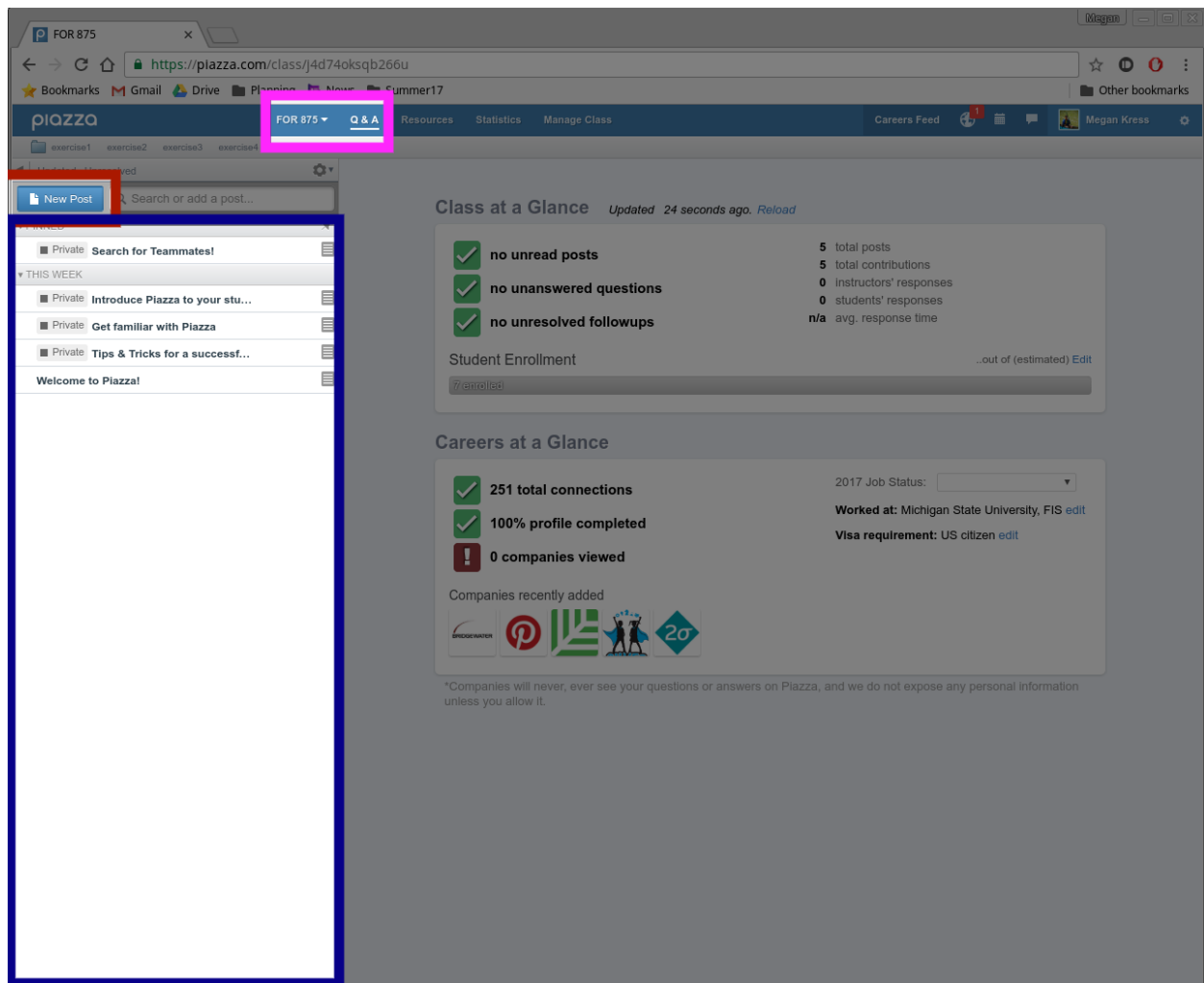
Tips/Guidelines

1. When posting a question, select the folder that corresponds to that specific exercise/chapter.
2. "the students' answer" section of a question thread can be edited by any student in the course.
3. "Follow" question threads if you want notifications for thread activity.
4. Add code to your post by clicking the "code" button in the question editor toolbar.
5. Discuss a question further in the "followup discussions" section of a question thread.
6. Read the "Welcome to Piazza!" post on the class Piazza page.

Guide to Posting a Question

Each of the colored squares below corresponds to a feature in Piazza, which is indicated by the boxes in the screenshots.

- View other student's posts in the left column to see if your question or a similar question has already been asked.
- If you are not already on the correct page, navigate to the course (FOR 875) and the Q&A tab once you are logged in to Piazza.
- Click "New Post" to add a new question, note, or comment.



Now that you have the new question window open, do the following:

- Choose the post type. If you don't need an answer (i.e., if you're posting a helpful tip for your classmates), choose "Note."
- Choose to post to the entire class or privately to the instructors.
- Select which exercise/chapter your post belongs to.
- Write a short description of your inquiry.
- Write your actual question. Notice that Piazza provides many formatting options along with buttons to insert "fx" (LaTeX) and "code" chunks.
- Preview your post if you would like to check formatting before posting.
- Post your question.

The screenshot shows the Piazza 'New Post' interface for course FOR 875. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Post Type:** Radio buttons for Question (if you need an answer), Note (selected, if you don't need an answer), and Poll/In-Class Response (if you need a vote).
- Post to:** Radio buttons for Entire Class (selected) and Individual Student(s) / Instructor(s).
- Select Folder(s):** A list of exercises from exercise1 to exercise15.
- Summary:** A text input field with the placeholder 'Enter a one line summary...' and a character count '(100 characters or less)'.
- Details:** A rich text editor with a toolbar containing buttons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Text Color, Background Color, Bulleted List, Numbered List, Indent, Outdent, Link, Unlink, Image, Video, Code, and Help.
- Posting Options:** Checkboxes for 'Make this an announcement (note appears on the course page)' and 'Send email notifications immediately (bypassing students' email preferences, if necessary)'.
- Buttons:** 'Post My Note to FOR 875!' (highlighted with a blue box), 'Save Draft', 'Cancel', and 'Preview Post' (highlighted with a pink box).
- Status Bar:** Shows 'Average Response Time: N/A', 'Special Mentions: There are no special mentions at this time.', and 'Online Now | This Week: 1 | 2'.

An example of a formatted question is on the following page.

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[exercise1](#)
[exercise2](#)
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Updated Unresolved

New Post

Search or add a post...

DRAFTS

Correlation

PINNED

Private Search for Teammates!

THIS WEEK

Private Introduce Piazza to your stu...

Private Get familiar with Piazza

Private Tips & Tricks for a successf...

Welcome to Piazza!

Post Type

Question

Note

Poll/in-Class Response

Post to

Entire Class

Individual Student(s) / Instructor(s)

Select Folder(s)

exercise1

exercise2

exercise3

exercise4

exercise5

exercise6

exercise7

exercise8

exercise9

exercise10

exercise11

exercise12

exercise13

exercise14

exercise15

Summary

(100 characters or less)

Correlation Function

Details

use plain text editor

Edit

Insert

View

Format

Table

B

I

code

tt

Help

What function do I use to find correlation in R?

Posting Options

Send email notifications immediately

(bypassing students' email preferences, if necessary)

Post My Question to FOR 875!

Save Draft

Cancel

Preview Post

Average Response Time:

N/A

Special Mentions:

There are no special mentions at this time.

Online Now

1

This Week:

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Now your question has been posted, and you can wait for an instructor or classmate to respond. Meanwhile, look at other posts and see if you can answer any of your classmates' questions.

Here is what a typical question thread looks like.

- See what exercise the question corresponds to.
 - Endorse good questions or good answers by students/instructors.
 - If you need more information or have a related question, start a followup discussion.
- Posts in the followup discussion should be marked “Resolved” if you are satisfied with the student/instructor responses.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the Piazza forum interface. The URL is <https://piazza.com/class/j4d74oksqb266u?cid=7>. The page title is "FOR 875". The left sidebar shows a list of exercises, with "exercise1" highlighted. The main content area displays a question titled "Correlation Function" with the text "What function do I use to find correlation in R?". Below the question, there is a red box around the "exercise1" link, a yellow box around the "good question" button, and a blue box around the "edit" button. The "the instructors' answer" section shows a response: "Thanks for the question. Check out the cor() function." Below this, there is a yellow box around the "good answer" button. The "followup discussions" section is also highlighted with a yellow box, showing a "Start a new followup discussion" button and a text input field. At the bottom, the "Average Response Time" is "N/A" and the "Special Mentions" section says "There are no special mentions at this time." The footer includes copyright information for Piazza Technologies, Inc. and links to Privacy Policy, Copyright Policy, and Terms of Use.