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### **10-1 Activity: Discussion Topic Audit**

#### **What topics or themes occurred in a majority of your discussion posts?**

The discussions posts involved a variety of topics, however the central theme related to how each of these different components of IT fit together and supported each other in a technological ecosystem. All these pieces fitting together like a puzzle and allowed me to understand IT from different perspectives such as what is important to database admins, help desk staff, developers, security analysts, and systems analysts.

#### **Were you a supportive classmate and did you provide constructive feedback to your peers?**

I made sure I spent a significant amount of time researching each topic for my initial post. Then, almost immediately if possible, while the topic was still fresh in my head, I would read all the other posts available. When a spark of inspiration hits me about what to write about, I would further research the alternate view my classmate posted and would try to add something new. My intent is to have the classmate read something they may not thought of in order for both of us further our understanding of the topic.

#### **What discussions did you value most and how did you feel these contributed to your learning in this course?**

The discussion that stood out most to be was “5-1 Discussion: The Frontier of Data – Big Data.” Of all the topics, I knew about big data the least. The discussion was opportunity for me learn this topic deeply. In addition, understanding pros and cons allowed me to view the topic from multiple lenses.

**What would you do differently in the discussions if you had a chance?**

I felt I put a significant amount of effort into the discussions however, there is always room for improvement. I would try to find these topics on forums and view how others felt about the discussions such as net neutrality.

**What questions do you still have now that the course has concluded?**

I want to understand certain topics further. For example, I would like to understand what else goes into developing a webpage such as more of an understanding of HTML and JavaScript syntax and how a developer launches a webpage. I will also research how the internet landscape has been affected since the repeal of net neutrality in 2018, now that there has been significant time to study the impact.

**How did the discussions affect your view of your future role in the field of IT?**

The discussions positively impacted my view of my role in IT. My goal is to get my foot in the door of product management from being a business analyst and having stronger fundamental knowledge of IT can only help. I am excited about the continuation of the MS program.