

Design Options – Blogs

Purpose

The purpose of a blog is to provide a space for students to share information with each other. It is possible to have a dialog through comments but the focus is meant to be on the initial post or presentation.

Canvas Design Option

If you used the 'blog' tool in Blackboard, use an 'unthreaded discussion forum' in Canvas instead.

More Details

In Canvas, create a discussion forum but do not check the 'Allow threaded replies' setting.

The result will be a discussion forum in which you can post an original reply to the prompt or reply only to initial posts in the forum. You can only reply at the end of each thread, not to individual responses.

The screenshot shows a discussion forum interface. At the top, the title is "Internships - Unthreaded Discussion" by Karen Watte, dated Aug 28 at 11:56am. Below the title is a search bar and a "Subscribed" button. The main content area shows a list of posts. The first post is by Lucy Hernandez, titled "Internship with Exxon", with the text "I recently completed an internship with Exxon Mobil in Louisiana. What an eye-opening experience!". Below this is a reply by Maryann Jones, titled "Reply to Lucy's internship post", with the text "Tell me more!". Below that is another reply by Artie Smith, titled "Reply to Lucy's Internship with Exxon", with the text "Wow - that's great!". At the bottom, there is a post by Artie Smith, titled "My internship was with the Multnomah County Health Department in Portland, Oregon.". Red arrows point to the "Reply" buttons at the end of the first and third posts, with labels "Reply to the forum prompt" and "Reply to other student's original thread" respectively.