

Creating Discussions with Top Hat

Top Hat's Discussions module is a versatile tool for asking students questions that may not have a simple answer, gain real-time feedback during lectures, and facilitating class dialogue.

Creating a Discussion

- To create a discussion, click on the blue Create button in the upper left hand corner of your screen. A pop-up menu will appear and you'll simply want to select the Discussion option.

Discussion Set-Up

- Grading Options: As with Top Hat Questions, Discussions can have scores associated with them—a correctness score and a participation score. Either or both of these can be changed, including changed to 0 points so the discussion is ungraded.
- Response Options: There are two drop-down menus regarding anonymity and response presentation. Adjusting both of these have various effects on how your discussion is presented.

Responses can be seen by...	Participants are anonymous to...	Discussion Style Result
Everyone	No one	You and all students will be able to see all responses and the names of who said what.
Everyone	Participants Only	You and all students will be able to see all responses. You will be able to see who said what but students will not .
Everyone	Everyone	You and all students will be able to see all responses but no one will see the names of who said what. The anonymous setting cannot be changed after the discussion is created.
Professor Only	Participants Only	Students will not be able to see other students' responses. You will be able to see both responses and names.
Professor Only	Everyone	Students will not be able to see other students' responses. You will be able to see responses, but no names. The anonymous setting cannot be changed after the discussion is created.



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