

Course Title: Tackling the Challenges of Big Data

## **Discussion and Community Guidelines**

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Our approach to experiential learning integrates cutting edge theory from world-renowned MIT faculty with real world practice and experience. Our goal is to develop innovative leaders and thinkers who solve complex problems and produce systemic changes in order to transform their teams and organizations.

We will provide a discussion forum within the course platform for all participants. You may use the forum to discuss concepts, problem solving approaches, reflect, share interesting references, or anything else that may be of interest.

The discussion forum is for your benefit – to connect with other professionals around the globe, to create a sense of community, and to enhance your learning experience.

Please review the following guidelines in order to keep this discussion forum easy to navigate for both participants and course staff.

### **General Guidelines**

1. Observe the Honor Code. Participants are encouraged to collaborate with others, however, posting answers to assessments or otherwise engaging in any activity that would falsify or misrepresent your results or the results of others may result in your account being disabled and your course progress removed.
2. Upvote good posts. If you like a post and/or find it helpful, please upvote the post by clicking on the plus sign (+) at the top right of the post. This applies to both questions and answers within the discussion forum. The more votes a post gets, the easier it is to find for participants, and the more likely course staff is to respond.
3. Use the search function. Before posting a question in the forum, click on the magnifying glass on the top right to search whether or not your question has already been asked and/or answered. Having too many threads makes the forum cluttered and hard to navigate, plus a discussion becomes richer the more people are participating in it.

4. Be as specific as possible. Use a descriptive title for your post and give details as to which part of the assessment or video you are referring to, what your questions are, and what, if anything, you have already tried.
5. When commenting or posting in the discussion forum, formulate your opinion clearly and if applicable by providing references that support your position. Just saying “I agree” or “I disagree” is not as effective in generating a good discussion.