Viewing Discussion Board Statistics

The Performance Dashboard for a course provides a way to compare how active users have been in Discussion Board and other course tools. It does not measure the quality of users’ participation.

1. On the Control Panel, expand the Evaluation section, and select Performance Dashboard.

2. On the Performance Dashboard page, you can view how many forums a user has posted in. In the Discussion Board column, click a numbered link to view details. (Understandably, clicking a zero produces no details.)
3. On the Discussion Board page, you can view the following information:

- **Forum**: Lists all the forums in which a user has posted.
- **Total Posts**: Click the link to access a page displaying a user’s posts in that forum.
- **Date of Last Post**: See when a user last accessed the forum.
- **Average Post Length**: Lists the average post length, in number of characters.
- **Minimum Post Length**: Lists the minimum post length, in number of characters.
- **Maximum Post Length**: Lists the maximum post length, in number of characters.
- **Average Post Position**: View a representation of a user’s participation within the threads.
- **Grade**: Click the link in the column to access the Grade Center column (if a grade appears).

4. On the action bar, click **Email User** to contact a user. The system populates the Email Forum User page with the To and From information, along with a default Subject.

5. In the Forum column, click a forum title to access a collection page displaying all of a user’s posts in that forum.