

The Ultimate Bulletin Board

A Quick Introduction

The Ultimate Bulletin Board (UBB) is a web based discussion forum. It provides an environment for asynchronous, threaded communication between individuals.

Registration

To fully participate in the discussion forums you should register as a member of the UBB community. To do this you must create a user name and a password, and provide an email address. You can make up your user name and password. They do not need to be the same as your CECS or Unix login and password. To register go to

<http://www.me.pdx.edu/ubbthreads/newuser.php>

You only register once. You can, however, change your password and make other changes to your UBB identity any time after you have registered.

After completing the registration a welcome message is displayed. You can enter the UBB by clicking on the *Main Index* link at the top of the screen. You will not need to register again. On later visits to the UBB you will need to log in with the user name and password you just created in the registration step.

Skip the *Login* section (since you've just registered) and continue with *A Typical Session*.

Login

Registered users start a UBB session by logging in at

<http://www.me.pdx.edu/ubbthreads/login.php>

A Typical Session

After successfully logging in, the *Main Index* screen appears. This page is the first in a hierarchy of views of the discussions. Users exchange comments in *Discussion Threads* in a *Discussion Forum*. There are many forums, one for each class. The forums are organized into categories. The *Main Index* for the UBB shows these high level categories. Here is a hierarchical view of the this structure:

- Categories
 - Discussion Forums
 - Discussion Threads
 - User comments

To get to user comments you must drill down through the hierarchy, beginning with the category view. At any time you can go back to the list of Categories by clicking the *Main Index* link at the top of window. When your finished with a session log off by clicking the *Logout* link at the top of any window.

Participating in a Discussion

Discussions between users occurs as typed messages in a Forum. The messages are organized into threads. A user begins a thread by clicking the *Post* link. A user responds to an earlier posting (or to a reply to a posting) by clicking on the *Reply* link.