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Managing Discussion group Dynamics in E-Learning Environments

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Why Tutorials?

- Small group teaching aids academic development
- Analytical skills
- Interactive environment
- Non-threatening environment
- Social group building
- Objectivism - Constructivism



Why a Discussion Board?

- Analogous to a tutorial?
- Ultimate learning experience?
- More than an email exchange list?

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- Online and distance education
- Student characteristics
- Asynchronous discussion boards
 - Administrative comments
 - Impact of work experience
 - ‘Bullying’

Potential Solutions

- Incentives
- Encouraging participation
- Influencing behaviour and the process of moderation
- Preventing alienation