

Read-Write Cycle Project Bulletin Board FAQ

Login and Registration Issues

Why can't I log in?

Have you registered? Usually this is the problem - if not, contact the board administrator at rgmiller@chapman.edu

How do I register?

Registration is simple and only takes a few simple steps. Once you have entered the bboard area, you will see the option to Register on the top right of your screen. Follow the instructions as directed – be aware that you only need to provide certain required information (username, email address, and password), the rest is optional. To complete the registration, click “submit.” You may now post messages on the board.

Why do I get logged off automatically?

If you do not check the *Log me in automatically* box when you log in, the board will only keep you logged in for a preset time. This prevents misuse of your account by anyone else. To stay logged in, check the box during login. This is not recommended if you access the board from a shared computer, e.g. library, internet cafe, university cluster, etc.

I've lost my password!

Don't panic! While your password cannot be retrieved it can be reset. To do this go to the login page and click I've forgotten my password. Follow the instructions and you should be back online in no time.

I registered but cannot log in!

If you are unable to login and you are sure the username and password is correct, please contact the system administrator at rgmiller@chapman.edu

User Preferences and settings

How do I change my settings?

All your settings (if you are registered) are stored in the database. To alter them click the Profile link (generally shown at the top of pages). This will allow you to change all your settings.

Posting Issues

How do I post a topic in a forum?

Easy -- click the relevant button on either the forum or topic screens. You may need to register before you can post a message. The facilities available to you are listed at the bottom of the forum and topic screens (the *You can post new topics, You can vote in polls, etc.* list)

How do I edit or delete a post?

Unless you are the board admin or forum moderator you can only edit or delete your own posts. You can edit a post (sometimes for only a limited time after it was made) by clicking the *edit* button for the relevant post. If someone has already replied to the post, you will find a small piece of text output below the post when you return to the topic that lists the number of times you edited it. This will only appear if no one has replied; it also will not appear if moderators or administrators edit the post (they should leave a message saying what they altered and why). Please note that normal users cannot delete a post once someone has replied.

Formatting and Topic Types

What are Smileys?

Smileys, or Emoticons, are small graphical images which can be used to express some feeling using a short code, e.g. :) means happy, :(means sad. The full list of emoticons can be seen via the posting form. Try not to overuse smileys, though, as they can quickly render a post unreadable and a moderator may decide to edit them out or remove the post altogether.

Can I post Images?

Images can indeed be shown in your posts. However, there is no facility at present for uploading images directly to this board. Therefore you must link to an image stored on a publicly accessible web server, e.g. <http://www.some-unknown-place.net/my-picture.gif>. You cannot link to pictures stored on your own PC (unless it is a publicly accessible server) nor to images stored behind authentication mechanisms such as Hotmail or Yahoo mailboxes, password-protected sites, etc.

User Levels and Groups

What are Administrators?

Administrators are people assigned the highest level of control over the entire board. These people can control all facets of board operation which include setting permissions, banning users, creating usergroups or moderators, etc. They also have full moderator capabilities in all the forums.