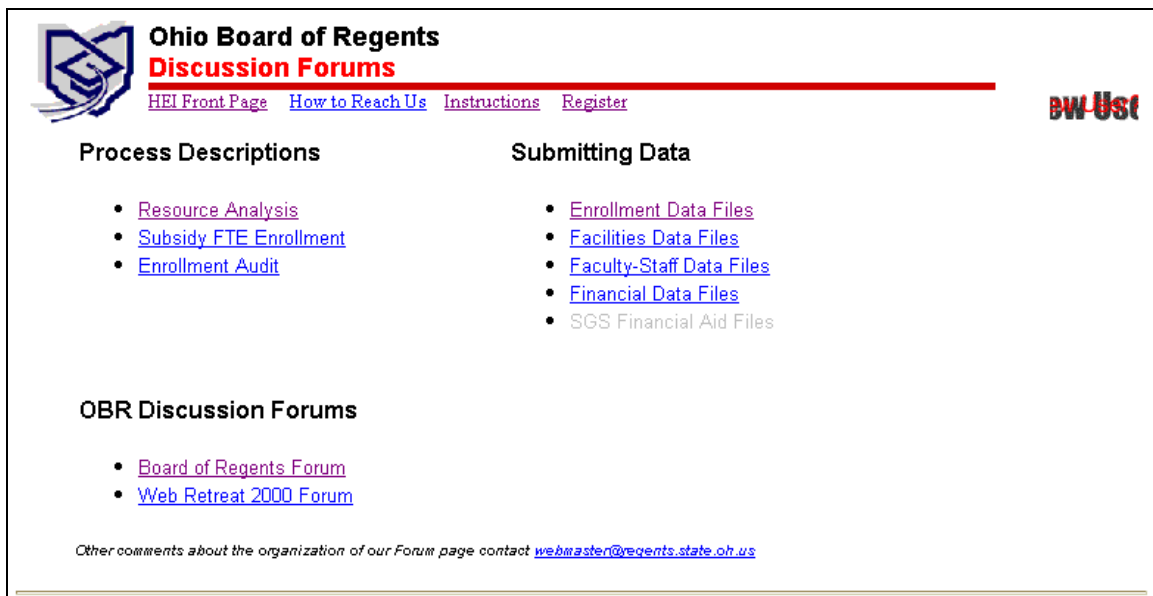


Discussion Forums

WebSite: http://www.regents.state.oh.us/hei/HEI_Discussion.html

When first entering the Discussion Forum, you are greeted by the screen shown in **Figure 1**. This is the main “command center” for all web discussions on-line. Think of it as a no-charge long distance telephone call to a high-tech, reliable, and very quick answering machine. These discussion forums provide you with another means of communicating with others in the higher learning community. From this screen, **Figure 1**, you can enter all the forums, log in as a new user, read these instructions, and provide feedback to me about what you would like to see in the future.



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Figure 1: HEI Discussion Forum

Once you click on any of the forums listed above you are taken to the entrance page of the forum shown in **Figure 2**. You can get started right away by starting new threads, in other words, beginning a new topic for discussion. The only problem is that you will only be identified by the word “anonymous”, which may be OK for some people, but will not be a good idea if you want others to interact with you directly. To set up a new account see **Figure 3**.

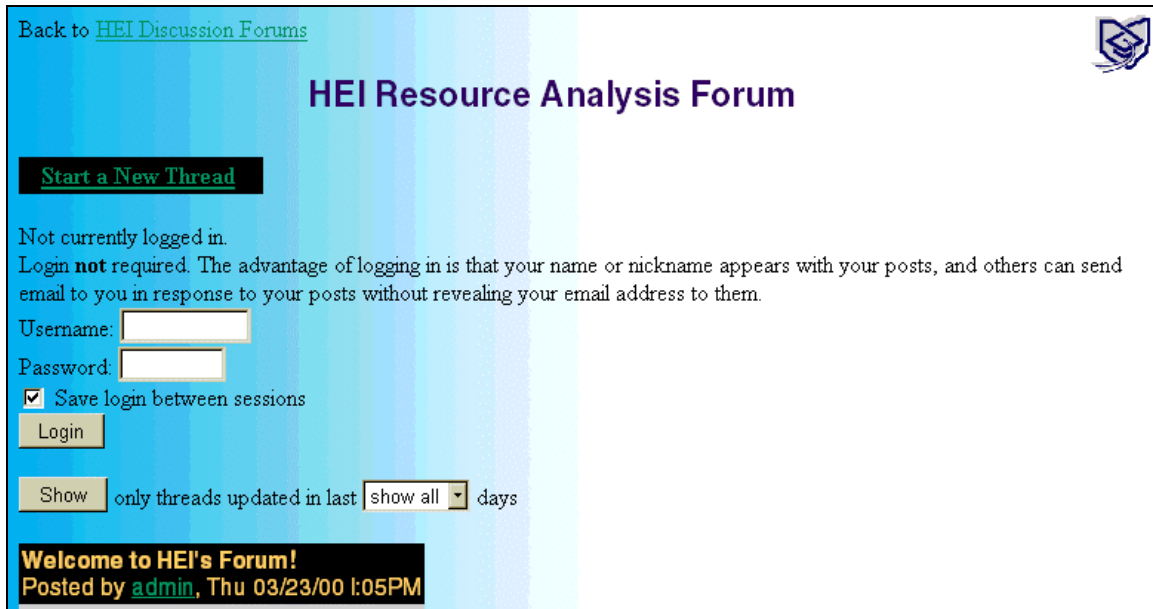


Figure 2: Discussion Forum entrance page

Great you're already getting your feet wet at this. Now let's set up a new log in account for you! **Figure 3** shows a picture of the registration screen which can be access in two ways: either from the HEI Discussion Forum home page, **Figure 1**, or from the Send Mail page, **Figure 5**. All you need to know is that the username cannot contain spaces and the password must contain at least one number and be five or more characters long. After entering all of the necessary information, press the "Register" button to continue.

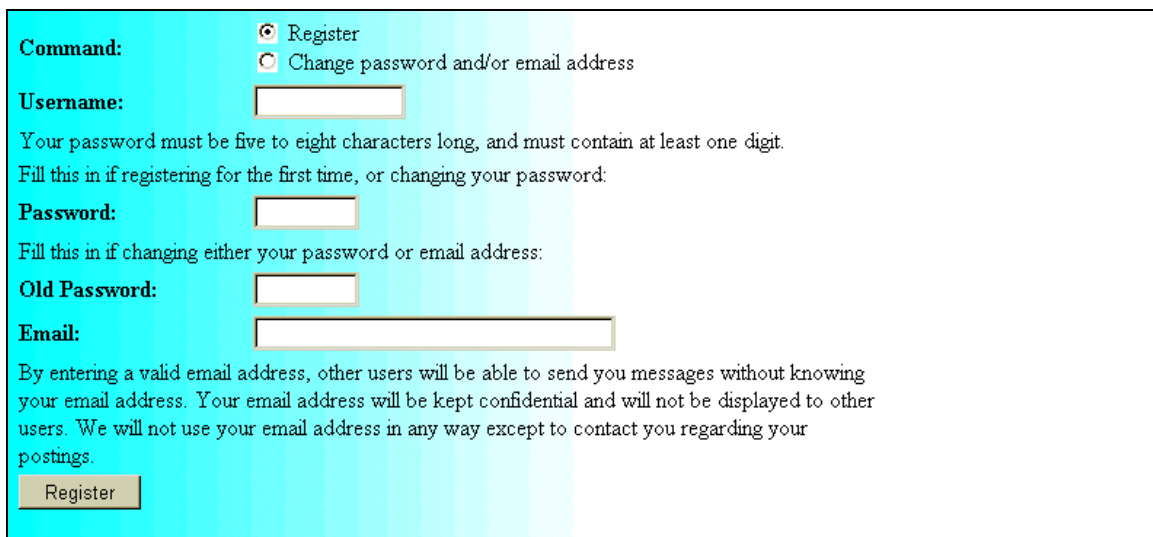


Figure 3: Registration page

After logging in your screen looks a lot like **Figure 2**, but this time you can see the line of text "logged in as *your username*" as shown in **Figure 4**. This tells you that you that when you either create new, or respond to existing threads (or messages), your username will be included. This way you identify yourself with the topic at hand and encourage communications with others. Nobody wants to talk with

“Anonymous”! The other good thing about being logged in is that others can e-mail you back without having to even know or remember your e-mail – **Figure 5**.

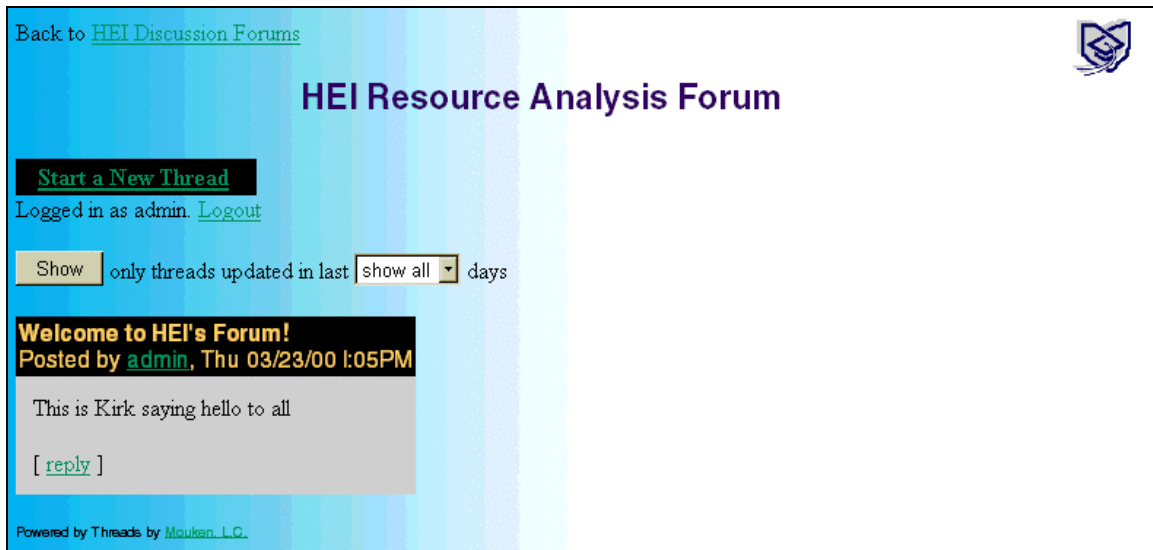


Figure 4: Discussion forum after login

To send an e-mail message to the person who wrote a thread (or message), simply press the Username on the message as shown in **Figure 4**. Then the screen shown in **Figure 5** will pop up with that person’s username in the “To” field. You just need to make sure you are logged in and then enter your username and password, subject and message to send out an e-mail. Of course remember to press the “Send” button.

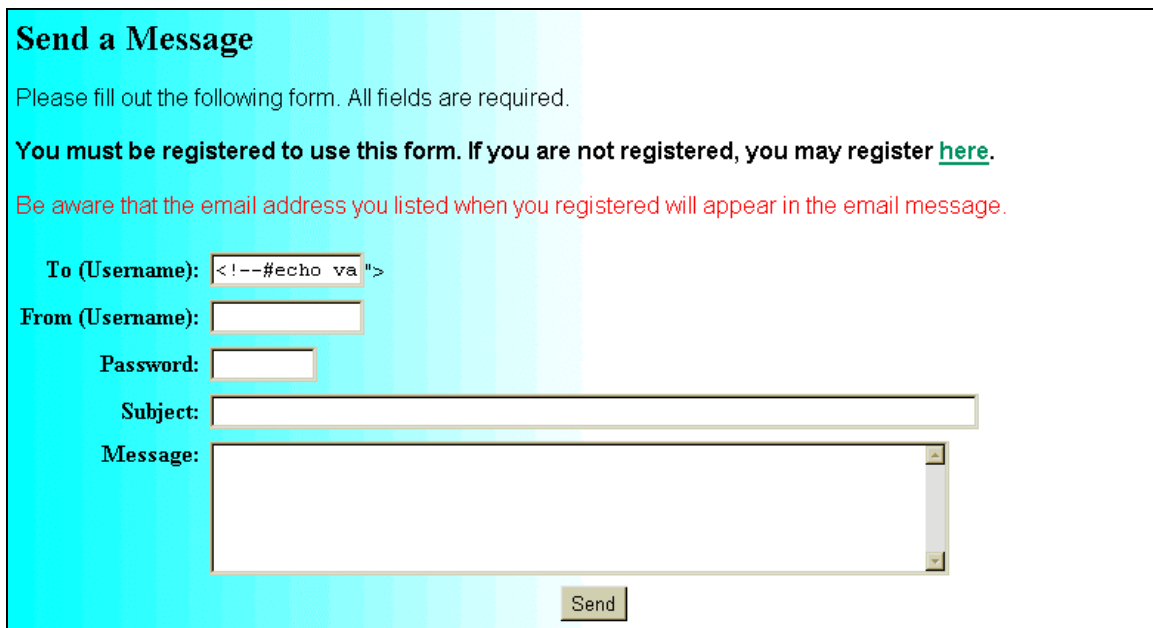


Figure 5: Send mail screen (after login)