

Course Copy Discussion Board Known Issue

A known issue occurs after a Course Copy in the Discussion Board when including the starter posts for each thread in each forum. The workaround to the issue is explained below.

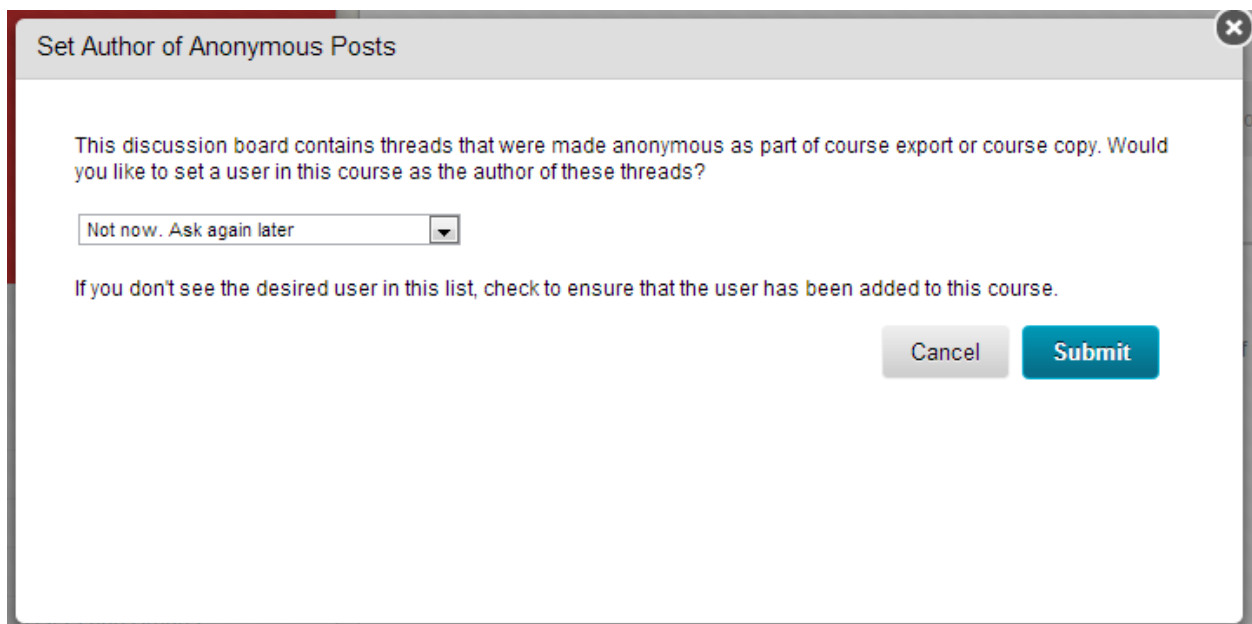
When doing a Course Copy, there are now two options when copying a Discussion Board to the new course. The default selection when copying the Discussion Board in a course copy is to include starter posts for each thread in each forum (anonymized). The other option is to include only the forums with no starter posts. The issue does not occur when not including the starter posts.

☒ Discussion Board

☒ Include starter posts for each thread in each forum (anonymized)

☐ Include only the forums, with no starter posts

If “Include starter posts for each thread in each forum” is selected for the Course Copy, there will be a pop-up when first entering the Discussion Board in the new course that will ask to set the author of anonymous posts.

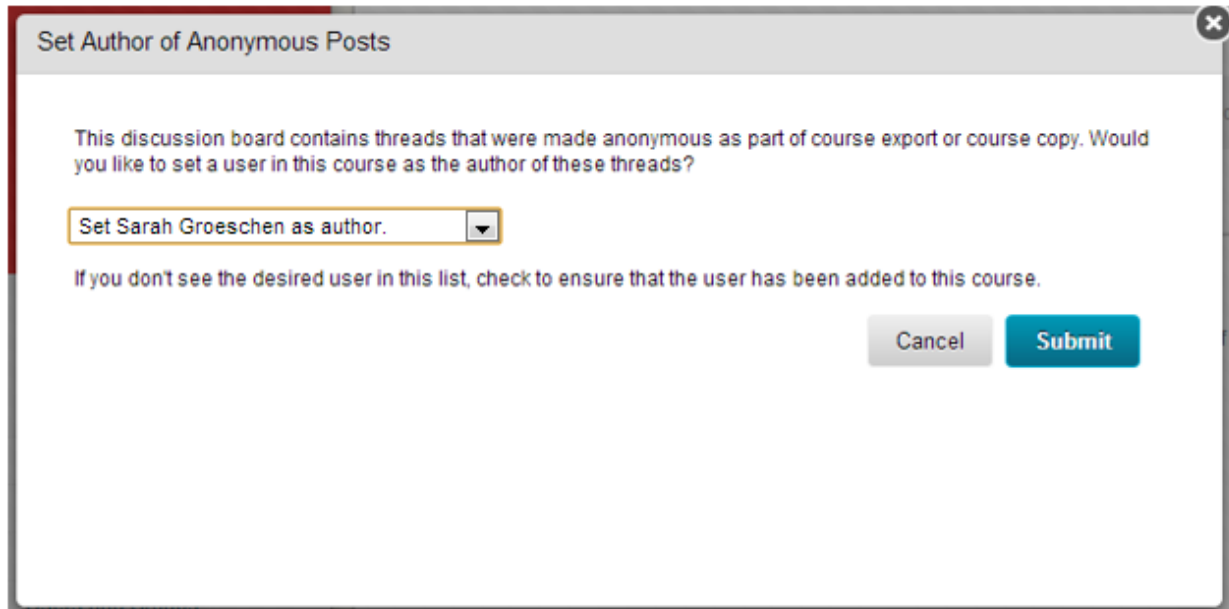


The screenshot shows a modal dialog box titled "Set Author of Anonymous Posts" with a close button in the top right corner. The main text inside the dialog asks: "This discussion board contains threads that were made anonymous as part of course export or course copy. Would you like to set a user in this course as the author of these threads?". Below this text is a dropdown menu currently displaying "Not now. Ask again later". At the bottom of the dialog, there is a line of text: "If you don't see the desired user in this list, check to ensure that the user has been added to this course." and two buttons: "Cancel" and "Submit".

There are three options in the pop-up:

1. Set an Instructor user as author.
2. Not now. Ask again later.
3. No, leave the messages as anonymous.

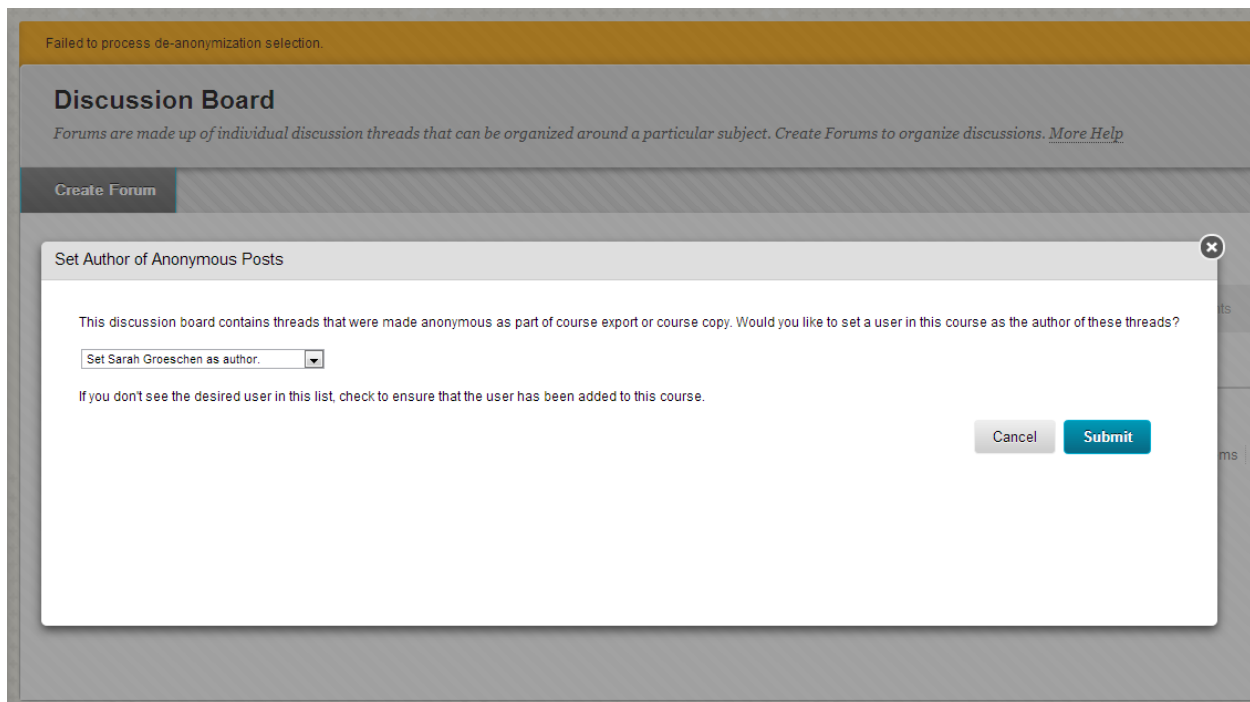
An error will occur when trying to set a user as the author of the anonymized posts.



The screenshot shows a modal dialog box titled "Set Author of Anonymous Posts". The text inside reads: "This discussion board contains threads that were made anonymous as part of course export or course copy. Would you like to set a user in this course as the author of these threads?". Below this text is a dropdown menu with the selected option "Set Sarah Groeschen as author.". A note below the dropdown says: "If you don't see the desired user in this list, check to ensure that the user has been added to this course." At the bottom right of the dialog are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Submit".

After selecting to set a user as the author, the message will pop-up again and an error will show at the top of the screen indicating that the process to de-anonymize the posts has failed. This error message will continue to appear while trying to set an author to the posts.

Failed to process de-anonymization selection.



The screenshot shows the "Discussion Board" interface. At the top, there is a brown banner with the text "Failed to process de-anonymization selection." Below this is the "Discussion Board" header with a sub-header: "Forums are made up of individual discussion threads that can be organized around a particular subject. Create Forums to organize discussions. [More Help](#)". A "Create Forum" button is visible. The "Set Author of Anonymous Posts" dialog box is open, showing the same text and dropdown menu as in the previous screenshot. The dropdown menu still shows "Set Sarah Groeschen as author.". The "Cancel" and "Submit" buttons are at the bottom right of the dialog.

Selecting “Not now. Ask again later” will close the pop-up window and a message will show above the Discussion Board indicating that you will be asked about anonymous posts the next time you login. The next time logging into Blackboard, will lead to the pop-up window showing again in the Discussion Board.

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If you don't see the desired user in this list, check to ensure that the user has been added to this course.

CancelSubmit

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Discussion Board

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Create ForumSearch↑↓

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The workaround to the pop-up is selecting “No, leave the messages as anonymous”. This will close the pop-up window. The option leaves the posts anonymous and the pop-up will no longer occur in the Discussion Board. After submitting, there will be a message at the top of the Discussion Board indicating the imported/copied seeds posts will be left de-anonymized. Unfortunately, there is no way to change the author of the posts after selecting this option.

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