

# Pilot project: Introducing LLM support in the Ed Discussion Forum

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Tutor Bot

## There is a new bot in EPFL town!

A course-specific Tutor Bot is designed with the goal of supporting your learning by **replying to your questions** in the **Ed Discussion Forum**.

- The Tutor Bot will answer your questions, and the Teaching Team is actively monitoring the forum
- Tutor Bot employs open-weight Large Language Models hosted on campus on local infrastructure
- The Center for Digital Education collects log data and invites you to a user survey at the end of the semester. All your data will be kept strictly confidential.



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## How it works

When a question is posted, Tutor Bot "wakes up" and performs the following steps:

- It parses your question and attached image
- It applies predefined filters to ensure it answers only questions identified as related to the course material
- The Tutor Bot provides an answer with links (when available) to the appropriate course resources
- The Teaching Team can endorse, edit, delete or comment on the answer.

**To receive responses without Tutor Bot involvement, please post your question in the "NoBotsLand" category.**

## Do's and don'ts

### Do

- ✓ Use "Question" only
- ✓ Use specific categories
- ✓ Provide a meaningful title for your questions
- ✓ Formulate specific and detailed questions
- ✓ Upload clear images, good handwriting (maximum of one image per question)
- ✓ Ask course-related questions

### Don't

- ✗ Use "Post"
- ✗ Combine multiple questions about different course materials
- ✗ Add multiple images to one question
- ✗ Copy-paste or drag images
- ✗ **Rely on Tutor Bot responses unless endorsed or by the Teaching Team.**