

5.0 Create a Topic

This is where a member will go to create a Topic. To create a Topic, the user *must* be in the Subcategory they wish to create their Topic for (so no creating Topics at the Top or Sublevels: only in sections **3.0** and **4.0** can a Topic be created), and they must be logged in.

After clicking on one of the “Create A Topic” links found in the Subcategory or Topic pages of Message Boards, the user will be taken to a new page to create their Topic. The Topic they create will be categorized into the section they just clicked from, so we need to keep track of that and maintain a consistent look with the columns.

By creating a Topic, this user is now known as the “Author” of the Topic and also has “Moderator” privileges to edit and/or delete the Topic. (*see Notes for more on Moderator and Author*)

Rules for creating a Topic:

- A Topic can only be created from a Subcategory page or Topic page (remember: we only need to know what **Subcategory** the user is in, in order to categorize their Topic).
- User must be logged in. If they’re not logged in, pop-up a login box and then close the box after they’ve logged in. The user should not be leaving the page they’re currently on for this to happen.
- Every Topic must have a title. Check to make sure there’s a title. If no title, then prompt the user to enter one in with this text (located just above the text box for entering a Topic Name: *see 5.2*):

Hey <username>, you forgot to enter in a name for your Topic!

- Topics may or may not have a description.
- HTML is **not** allowed in the Topic Title. It **is** allowed in the Topic Description.
- Topics are categorized into the Subcategory from where they clicked into the “Create a Topic” page (make sure to keep track of where they came from).
- User must click the “Create a Topic” button and fulfill the above requirements to complete the process and create the Topic.
- This user is now the “Author” of this Topic (make sure to associate this Topic whenever it’s appropriate; such as, My Topics **11.0**).

- 5.1 Header: Create a Topic** -At the top of the Create page, The Subcategory in which the user has selected to create their Topic will be displayed. It should read whatever specific Subcategory they are in (so for our example, we have Dating...not Love):

Create a Topic in <Subcategory Name>

- 5.2 Enter Topic** -In this text box, the user enters the name of their Topic. This will appear as the name of the Topic once it has been created. Authors can use any variety of characters, numbers, and letters, for the Topic Name; however, they cannot use HTML in the Topic Name (HTML is to be read as regular text). Topic Names are limited to an 80-character limit.

- 5.3 Enter Description** -The Description is where the Author describes their Topic and is displayed throughout Message Boards when a user is viewing that particular Topic. Additionally, the Description can be edited by any authorized Moderator of the Topic (*see 6.9*). Descriptions can have any variety of characters, numbers, and letters; however, they cannot allow HTML. Descriptions in our current Message Boards are limited by a character limit, we will use that limit for here as well.
- 5.4 E-mail me notify**-(*see 4.4*)
- 5.5 Special notice** -This text is placed at the bottom of the Create a Topic page in order to remind our users about Spam, Hate, etc. The text reads as follows:

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-“Terms of Service” is linked to the Message Boards TOS. (*see 14.0*)

Create a Topic in Politics

Topic:

Description:

Notify me by email when someone posts to this board.

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Creating a Topic within a Channel related Subcategory:

Netscape: CollegeClub.com Message Boards

Location: <http://www.collegeclub.com/messaging/messaging.asp?i=&ID=>

CCHome | My Buddy List Wednesday, November 29, 2000 Search for Members:

CollegeClub.com Pretty please? With Mamastacks on top? **Ad Council** www.connectforkids.org **connectionkids.org** [CLICK HERE](#)

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Love & Dating > [Love & Dating Boards](#) > [Dating](#) > [Create a Topic](#) [Back to Message Boards Home](#)

Love & Dating Boards:

- [Create a Topic](#)
- [View entire text of posts](#)
- [ALL L & D Boards](#)

Love & Dating Channel

- [Love Clubs](#)
- [Match U.](#)
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My MBs

- [post-modernism skipping class and...](#)
- [napster is cool](#)
- [I ran over my best...](#)
- [Favorite bible char.](#)
- [cool places to "do it"](#)
- [more...](#)

Featured Areas

- Dr.Lovejoy:** What's the safest sex?
- He Said/She Said:** men are pigs/women are...
- Quiz U:** Is it time to break up?

Create a Topic in Dating

Topic:

Description:

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Your Guru

Cap'nKava
here to spread the love.

You Decide

Soul music does the trick.

VS.

Soul music is overrated.

Love & Dating Boards

What is the best music to listen to while making love? Please give some suggestions.

[Go to all LOVE Message Boards](#)

Love & Dating Club

Club of the Week: [Love and Poetry](#). Come and share or stop by to listen.

[Go to all LOVE Clubs](#)

Member Hosts

These Members are your Love & Dating experts!
[KittyLove](#)
[TakeMe](#)

Msg Board Help

Have a question about Message Boards? Ask your Guru, [PoorBob](#), or the following Member Hosts:
[Mamastacks](#)
[CyberAngel](#)

Creating a Topic within a non-Channel related Subcategory:

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Wednesday, November 29, 2000

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Featured Areas

- Chat:** Get to know students from every where!
- Quiz U:** What kind of dog are you?
- Dr.Lovejoy:** What's the safest sex?

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MsgBoards Guru

PeerBob
Cat got your tongue?

About MsgBoards
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[Religious Debate](#)
One of the hottest topics on CC's Message Boards.

Member Hosts
[cfigureiras](#) -- here to help!

5.6 Completion

-Once the user has filled out the required info and clicked "Create a Topic," the Topic is now created and a part of the Message Boards system. The page will reload with the newly created Topic page, defaulted to "View All" (but there aren't any Posts to it yet), and the user can now see their newly created Topic. This Topic is now viewable and postable by all (except those who have been banned by the CC admin *see 13.0*) and is now added to the user's **Authored Topics** (*see 12.4*) and their **My Topics** (*see 11.0*).

- List number of Posts as 0 (zero).
- Gray out all Page navigation (*see 3.4*)
- This Topic is now called as a "Most Recent." (*see 1.6 and 2.4*)

The screenshot shows a web forum interface for CollegeClub.com. At the top, there's a navigation bar with "CCHome | Become a Member" and the date "Wednesday, October 11, 2000". A search bar is on the right. Below the navigation bar, there are several promotional banners: "CollegeClub.com" with a ski trip offer, "caples awards", and "Entry Deadline Extended to October 20, 2000".

The main content area is titled "Love & Dating" and shows a topic titled "Topic: Moving in with a long-term mate - 0 posts". The topic was created by "TinkaShell" on 5/11/00 at 3:01:47 PM. The description reads: "I want to know everyone's thoughts on moving in together. Is it wise?". Below the description, it says "No Posts to this Message Board yet!". There is a form to "Post a new message to this board." with a "Post Message" button and an option to "E-mail me when someone posts to this board.".

On the left side, there are several sidebar sections: "Love & Dating Boards" with links like "Create a Topic" and "View entire text of posts"; "Love & Dating Channel" with links like "Love Clubs" and "Match U."; "Sponsors" with ads for Continental Airlines, ESPN Fantasy Games, priceline.com, and verizon wireless; "My MBs" with links to "post-modernism" and "napster is cool"; and "Featured Areas" with links to "Dr. Lovejoy", "He Said/She Said", and "Quiz U!".

On the right side, there's a "Who's online?" section with a profile for "Cap'nKaya". Below that is a "You Decide" poll about "Soul music does the trick." with a "Vote!" button. Further down is a "Love & Dating Boards" section with a poll about "What is the best music to listen to while making love?". At the bottom right, there's a "Member Hosts" section and a "Msg Board Help" section.

At the bottom of the page, there's a search bar and a "Send this page to friend!" form. The footer contains search options: "Options: Search This Category Search Topics Search Message Text Search Authors".

