Community Etiquette

When you join the IET’s online community, you’re joining a community of Engineers and technicians from all over the world, sharing information, asking advice and learning from each other. Anyone can join the community and get involved.

We want to encourage a professional, supportive and inclusive environment for all members of this community, therefore we ask everyone to abide by the guidelines below:

Please do:

- Be professional and respect other people’s opinions, even if they are different to your own.
- Use the community to ask questions, share experiences, images, videos etc with fellow community members.
- Be sincere in your contributions. Post with purpose – to inspire, inform, enable or support fellow users.
- Share your knowledge. Help other members by sharing your knowledge and experiences.
- Show your appreciation by liking and commenting on posts and content by others.
- Be constructive in your interactions with fellow community members.
- Use the ‘Report’ feature to alert Community Admins to offensive content or members.
- Check your privacy settings regularly and keep personal information private.
- Comply with all applicable laws and relevant IET policies including, without limitation, privacy laws, the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy, Harassment and Bullying policy, intellectual property laws and Plagiarism policy.
- Remember that members of the IET are also subject to the IET's rules of conduct.

Please don’t:

- Post personal and private information belonging to either yourself or others. The community is a public space, so please ensure that you don’t post phone numbers, addresses, email addresses, bank details or other personal/private information for everyone to see.
- Post photos, video or audio recordings of children or vulnerable adults without obtaining written permission from the parent, legal guardian, or in the case of school groups, permission from the relevant school authority – For further guidance please read the IET Policy on Safeguarding children and adults at risk.
- Post advertising (including job adverts), spam or re-post the same content in multiple areas of the community. Moderators will remove any third party adverts, spam, or any posts considered inappropriate for the community.
- Use bad, insulting or offensive language. Members of the community are here to help and support other members so please don’t engage in acts of bullying, harassment or discrimination towards other members of the community.
- Post content containing nudity, swearing, offensive messages or gestures, depictions of violence, injury or scenes likely to cause distress.
- Change the topic of an existing thread. Please start a new topic if the discussion is wandering from the original post.
- Create multiple user accounts with the intention to impersonate, deceive or spam community members.

The decisions of the Moderator are final, please do review and comply with notices sent by the Admins and Moderators concerning use of the community. If you have a question for the Admins please post a topic in the Online Community Support forum category or email the Admins at community-online@theiet.org