

What is the Difference between a Page and a Post on a BMCC OpenLab WordPress Site?

To add content to your BMCC OpenLab WordPress site, you have the option of creating both posts and pages. Both posts and pages have a title, and content below that title.

Key Differences

- + **Pages...**
 - are static; good for a site homepage or About page

- + **Posts...**
 - are more like an announcement or blog article
 - They...
 - Have a time stamp
 - Have a listed author
 - Allow comments, by default
 - Have categories
 - Have tags
 - Appear in a list, in reverse chronological order (=newest at the top) by default

This [Infographic by kristarella](#) helps explain more details about the WordPress page/post distinction.

More Details

What is a post? | Posts show in a designated area of your site in reverse chronological order, with the newest post appearing at the top of the list of posts.

Posts are a good place to put new information or announcements about your course, project, or community. They are also a good place to publish new discussion questions, reading responses, blog entries—or any information that will become less relevant to your viewers as your course, project, or club progresses, because when you publish new posts, they push down the old ones.

One of the most useful elements of posts is that you can use their assigned categories to designate where they show on your site. If you create a post category such as “Learner Resources,” then add the category to your menu, all posts that you publish in that category will show up in that area of your website automatically.

For detailed steps on to add a post category to your menu, watch this video tutorial <https://openlab.bmcc.cuny.edu/blog/help/how-to-add-a-post-category-to-the-menu-of-an-openlab-wordpress-site-video-tutorial/>

What is a page? | Pages can have the same content as posts, but they are not listed with other pages, so they have no automated order, nor do they have time stamps. Your pages must be added to your site menu one by one, in order for them to show on your site. To see a page, viewers will need to click its link from your site menu.

If you would like certain content to remain static so that your viewers will always see it when they visit your site, then you might want to create that content in pages (e.g., a course syllabus, a project description, or a club mission statement).

Below are three screenshots to help illustrate.

First is a screenshot of a **page** on a site, titled "[Instructor](#)." Its content includes text and media:



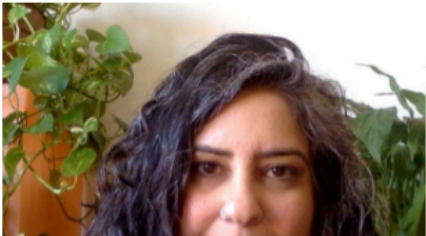
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Second, a screenshot of a **post category** on the [same site](#), called "Announcements." The screenshot shows the top two announcement **posts** in the list, and you can see how posts typically have an author, time stamp, category, and comment option:

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UPDATE for this week (Module 13)



Soniya Munshi
November 24, 2020
Announcement
Leave a comment

As you know, there is no more reading for this class- you only need to work on your final projects. For this week, there is no update needed/no new discussion board post — however, please feel free to be in touch with me or with each other about any questions or concerns as you work on your project.

Please send me your final project drafts no later than the end of the day on Thursday, December 3.

Module 12 and What's due...



Soniya Munshi
November 16, 2020
Announcement
Leave a comment

WHAT'S DUE?


- [Final project workplan](#) — due Tuesday, 11/17
- Discussion Board post #12– due Thursday, 11/19
- Comment — due Sunday 11/22

Finally, the screenshot below shows what you see when you click on the [title of one of the posts](#) in that list. Now, the post title, “Update for this week (Module 13),” shows at the top, and the post’s content is below the title, much like a page. No other posts show in this view. And, the option to [leave a comment/reply](#) to the post shows at the bottom:

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Are you ready to start creating? Learn:

- [How to Create Pages and Posts](#)
- [How to Comment on Posts](#)
- [More about the Difference between a Post and a Comment](#)

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