

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

On an OpenLab site, members of the site's profile can contribute to the site, mainly by:

- Creating a post, **like writing a blog/article**. See [how-to-write-a-post-or-page](#).
- Commenting on an existing post, **like leaving a reply** to a post or to someone else's comment. See [how-to-write-a-comment](#).

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Posts (like a blog entry/article)...

- Can have **media**, like images, pdfs, and videos.
- Must be written by a logged-in member of the profile/**author** on the site.
- Can have **categories and tags**, which allows the site admin to organize where posts show on the site.
- Have **privacy settings**: They can be public, private, or password-protected.
- Have **formatting** options, like boldface or italics.
- Are composed in the **dashboard** of a WordPress site.
- Can be **edited** or **deleted** by their logged-in author at any time.
- Have a unique URL because they make up a page on the website.

Comments (aka "replies")...

- **Can't** have **media** by default, but can include links to media on the web.*
- Do **not** need to be written by a site **author**. However, some OpenLab sites are set to require commenters to be logged in to the OpenLab.
- Have **no categories or tags**.
- Have **no privacy settings** (but, can be made on password-protected posts).
- Have **no formatting** options.
- Are **written** directly **on the site** itself.
- **Cannot be edited** or **deleted** by the comment writer; only by the admin.
- Have no designated URL.

*To allow commenters to attach and embed media on your BMCC OpenLab sites, use the DCO Comment Attachment plugin!

Teaching on the OpenLab | Try the WP Grade Comments plugin to leave private comments!

Visit [this help doc](#) to learn how to leave private grades and comments under student posts.

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