

Deliberation

In [Tiki 10](#) (trunk at time of writing, 2012 August) a new feature has been integrated into forums called "Deliberation" in an early experimental state.

Note:

Keep in mind that basic deliberation can be achieved already in [Tiki12](#) in forums when you enable the more stable features Ratings per forum and Ratings in comments. See [Rating](#) for more information.

According to Wikipedia:

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Deliberation is a process of thoughtfully weighing options, usually prior to voting.

In other words, a deliberation (in Tiki) is basically a rating system where a single forum topic has multiple opinions, where each can be rated on a scale.

Why is this different than a rating or a vote?

Rating:

- Gives you a single "opinion" to rate

Vote:

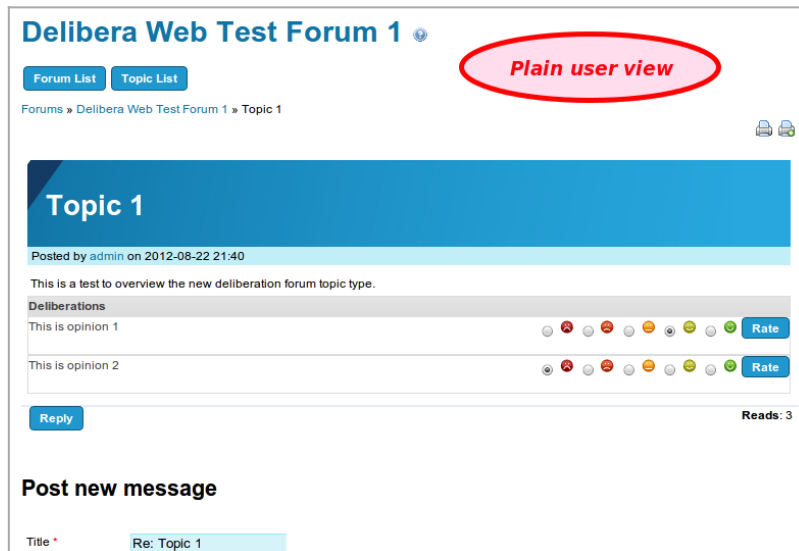
- A single vote, generally yes or no

Deliberation:

- Rate multiple choices rather than a single choice.
- Rate on a scale
- More than a single opinion that can be rated

Example in forums

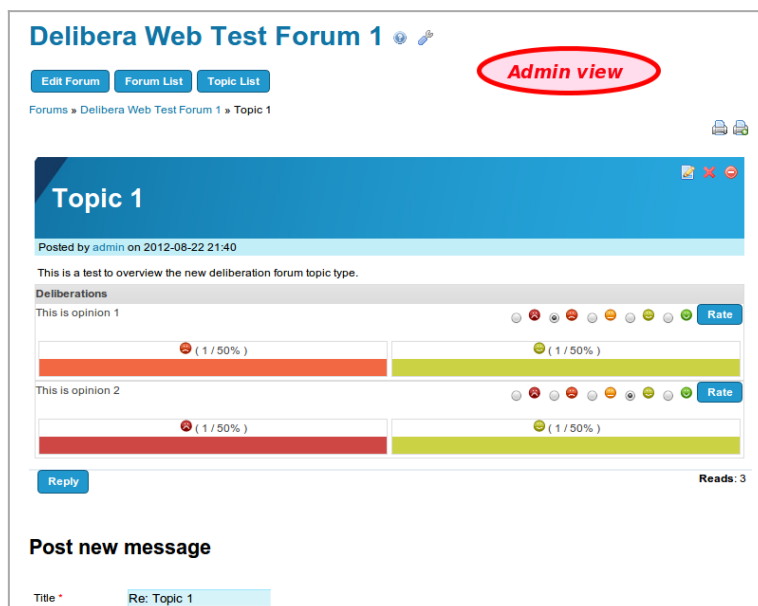
The forum post, after it has been weighted through the deliberation feature by a couple of users, looks like this for a plain registered user that has just rated the two opinions:



The screenshot shows a forum post titled "Topic 1" in a forum named "Delibera Web Test Forum 1". The post is by "admin" and dated "2012-08-22 21:40". It contains two opinions, each with a rating bar and a "Rate" button. A red oval highlights the text "Plain user view" in the top right corner. The interface includes navigation buttons for "Forum List" and "Topic List", a "Reply" button, and a "Post new message" section at the bottom.

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And this is how the same post would look like for the admin of that forum, in which some visual display of all the ratings for that post is shown with colors:



The screenshot shows the same forum post as above, but in "Admin view". The interface includes additional buttons for "Edit Forum", "Forum List", and "Topic List". A red oval highlights the text "Admin view" in the top right corner. The rating bars for each opinion are now visualized with colored segments and percentages: "This is opinion 1" shows a red segment for 1/50% and a green segment for 1/50%. "This is opinion 2" shows a red segment for 1/50% and a green segment for 1/50%. The "Rate" buttons are still present. The interface also includes a "Reply" button and a "Post new message" section at the bottom.

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