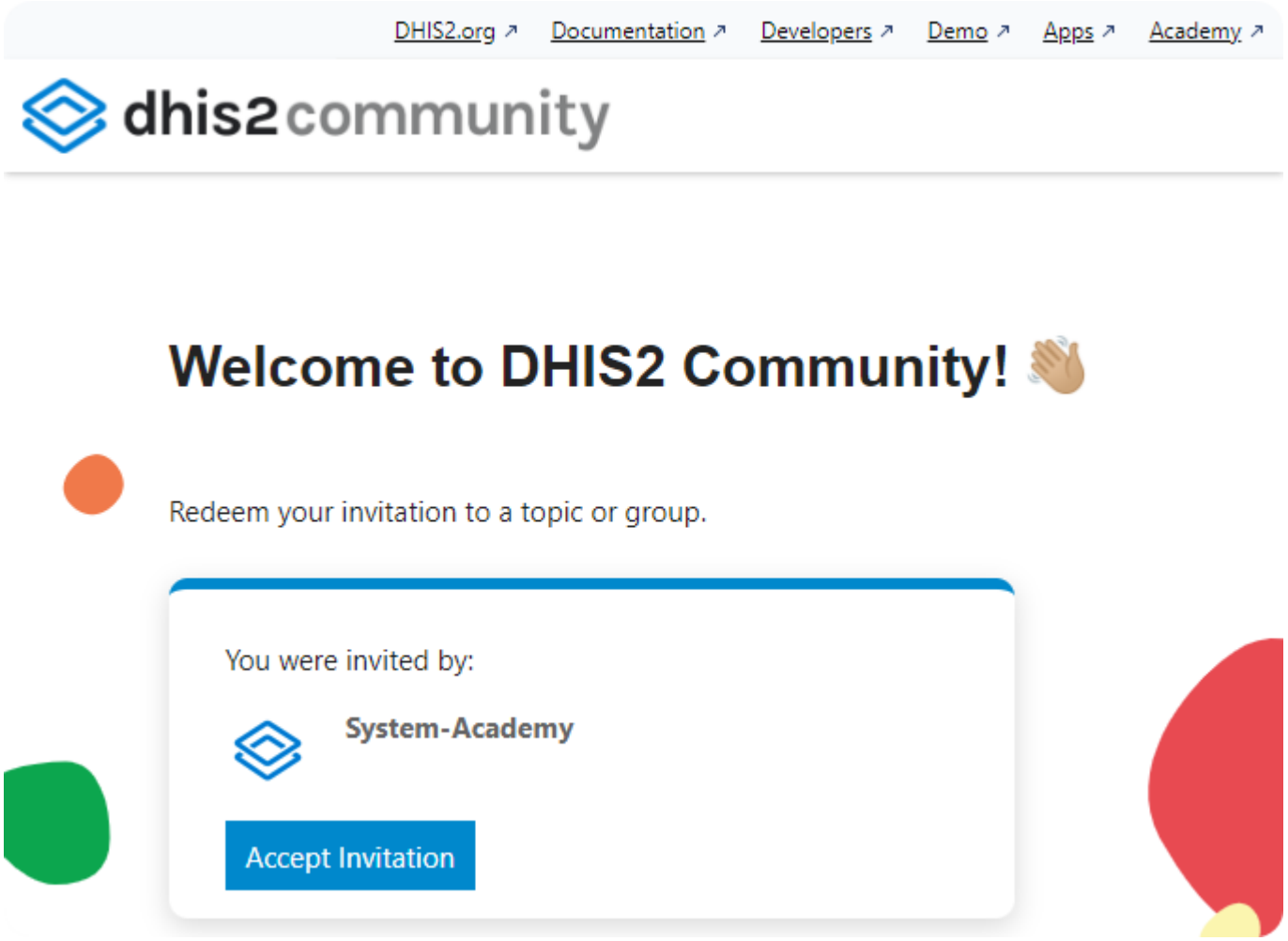
General Forum Guidelines

The DHIS2 Community of Practice (CoP) is the forum where DHIS2 experts and members from around the world have discussions, share resources, and support each other. In the CoP there's a DHIS2 Academy dedicated category for learning where the discussion forum for the Aggregate Data Analysis Fundamentals course is in a private category dedicated for you to join the discussion with your instructors and peers.

Do I need an invitation to join the discussion forum?
Yes! To be able to join the Aggregate Data Analysis Fundamentals course forum you must use the invitation link to either login (if you already have a CoP account) or to sign up for a new community account. Please, **see the invitation link at the end of this section**.

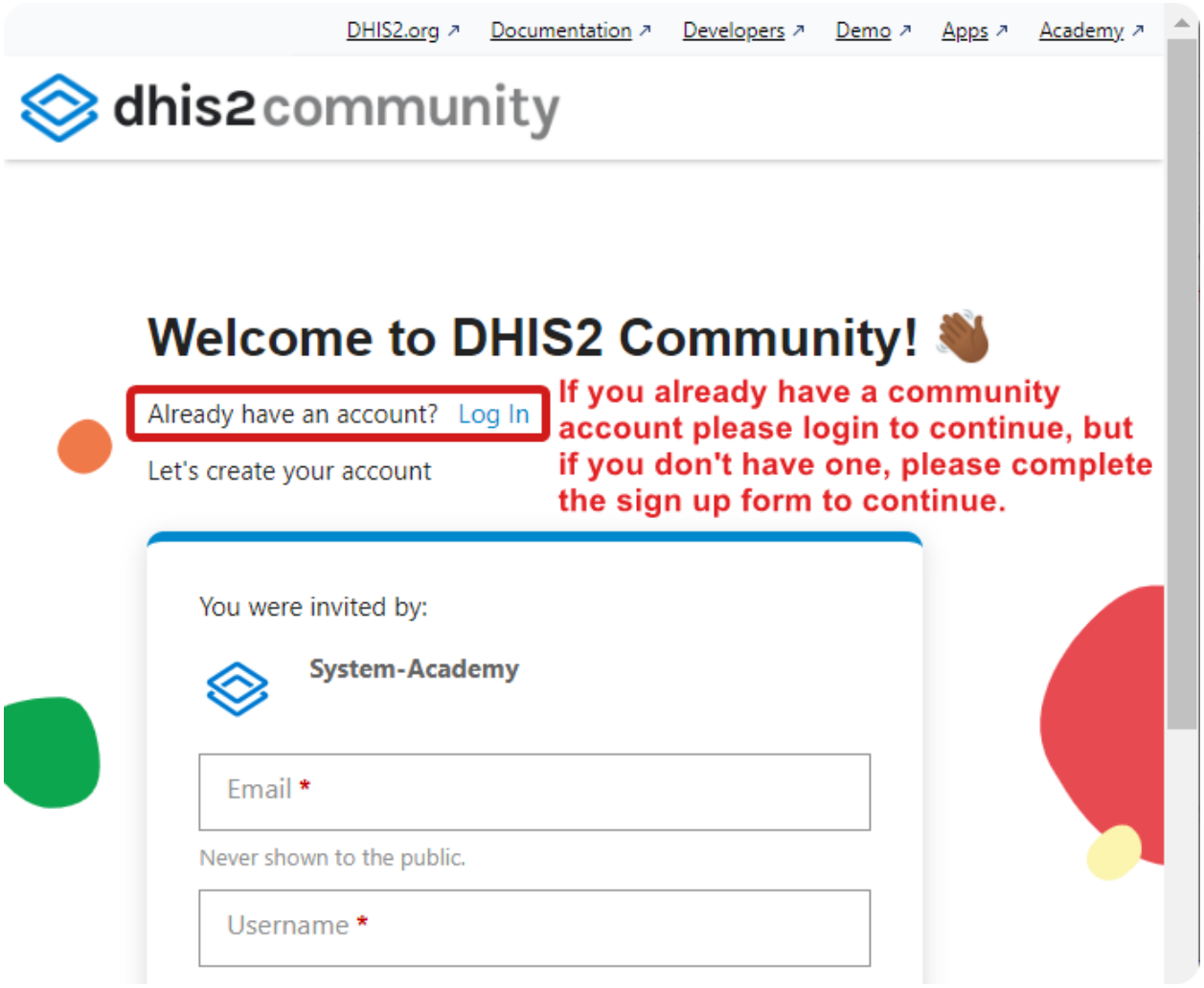
Only after you have used the invitation link will you be able to join the course discussion forum with your instructors and peers.

When you click on the invitation link for the first time and you are already logged in to a CoP account, you will see a page to accept the invitation and you will be redirected to the relevant topic:

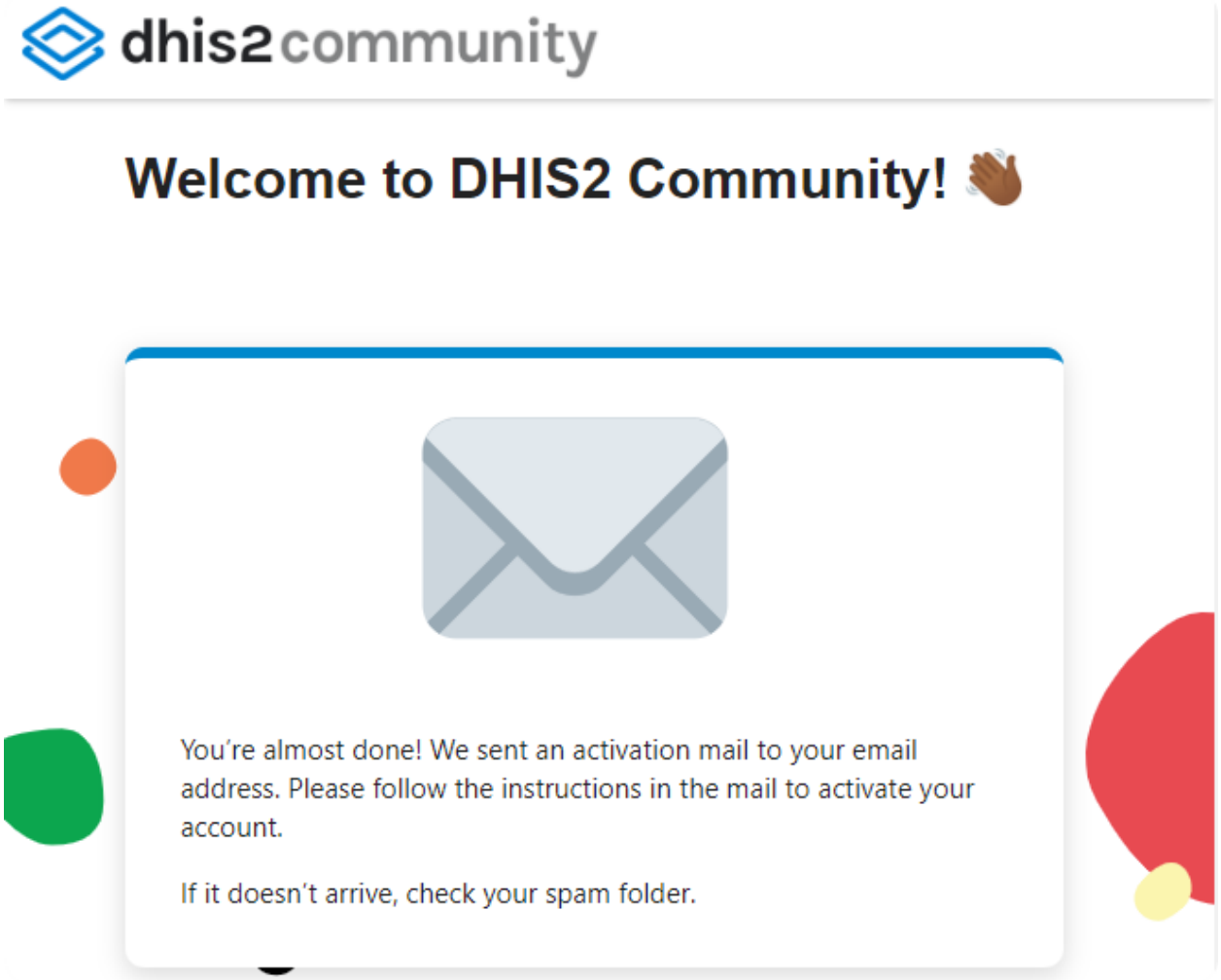


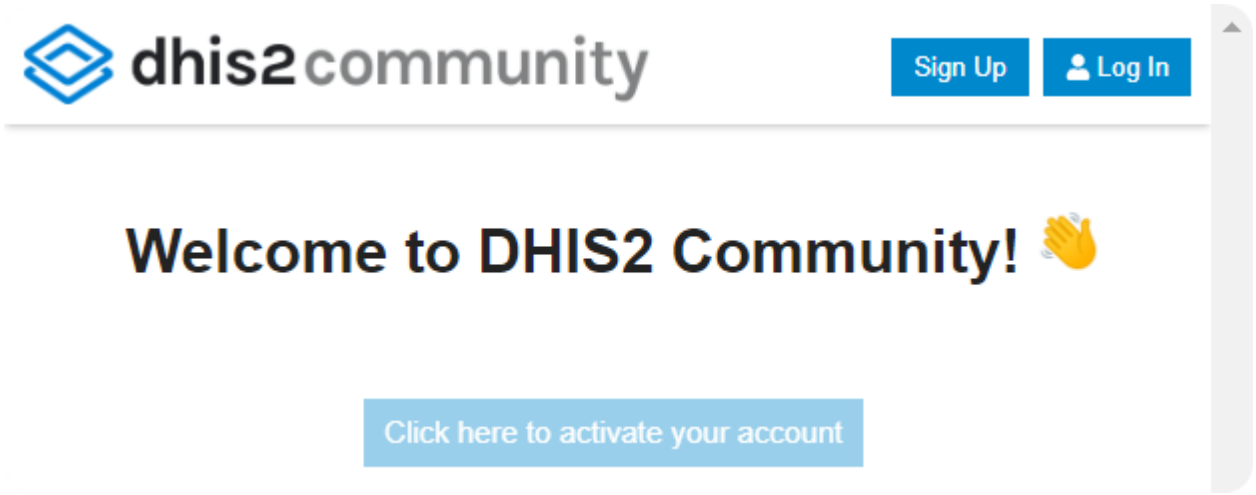
If you are not logged in to a CoP account, you will be directed to a signup page. If you do not have a community account already, you can create one by filling the sign up form, but if you already have a community account, please click on “log in” to accept the invitation (see screenshot below).

Note that you are only required to accept the invitation link once during the course, but after accepting the invitation you will be able to use the topic links directly (and not the invitation link.)



If you sign up for a new account, you will be asked to ‘activate’ your account:

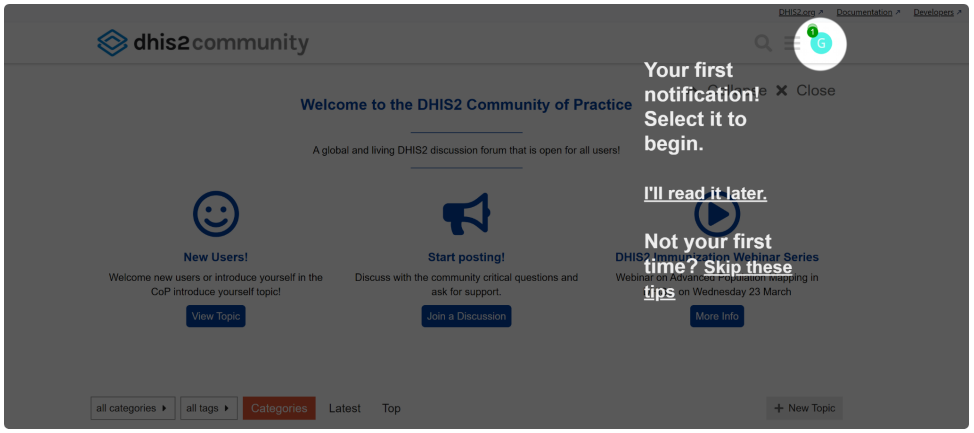




After signing up and activating your account (or logging in) you will be asked to accept the invitation. If you are accepting the invitation for the first time, it will redirect you to the relevant topic post.

As mentioned above, after using the invitation link in course once, you will be able to access all the topics directly, but if you use the same invitation link for the second time you will see an error message: “You have already redeemed this invite link.“.

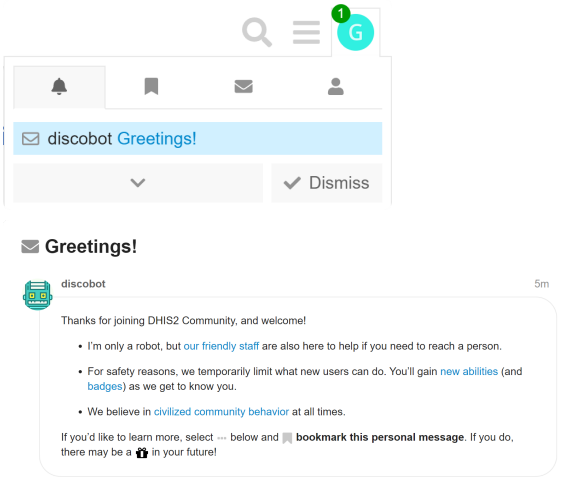
Invitation link: click on [this link to join the CoP]



If you sign up for the first time, you will see basic instructions that will help you with using the platform.

Who is @discotbot?

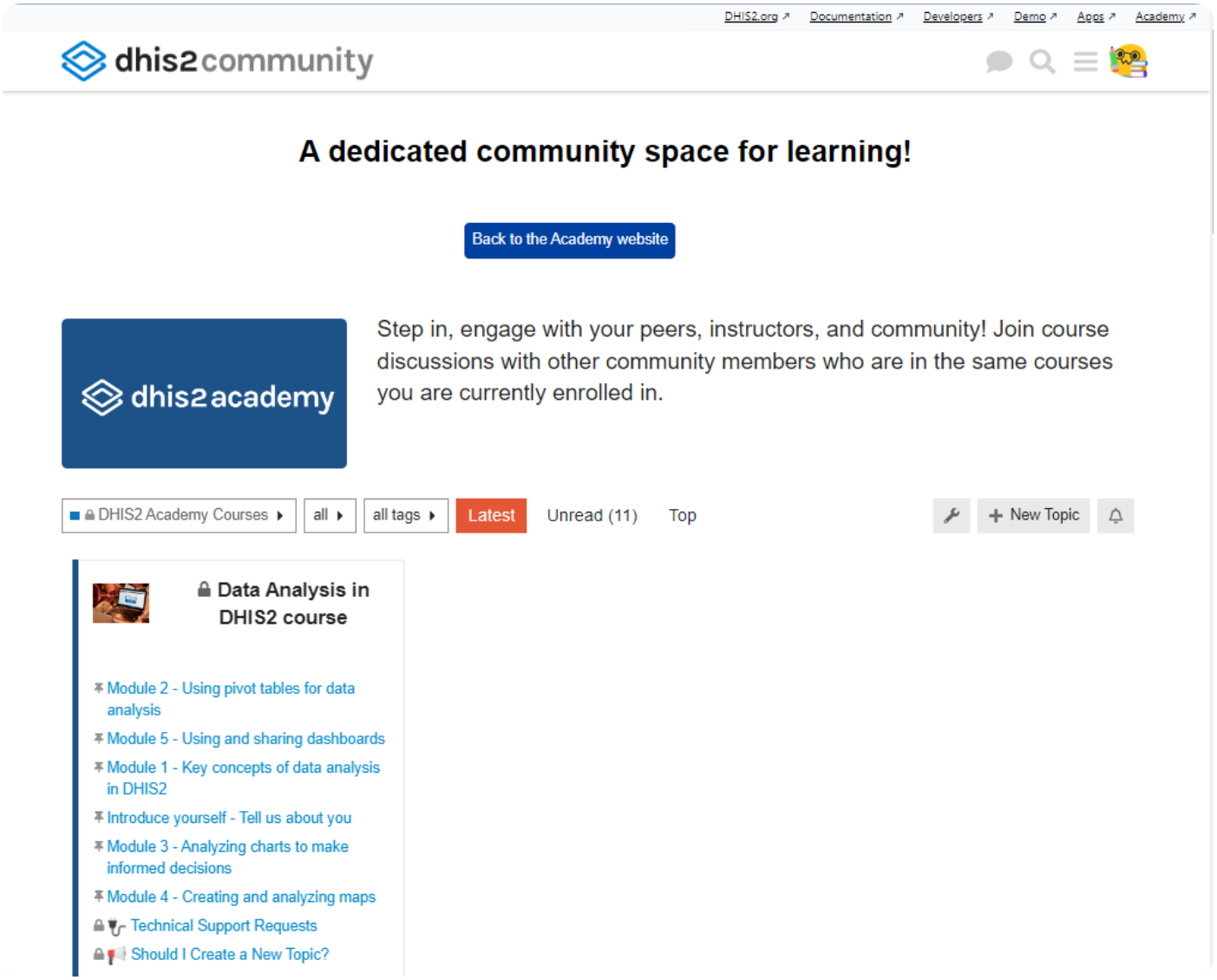
While the platform is user friendly and you will be able to easily post and respond to posts, there's a way to become more savvy in using the platform. @discobot is a bot with three tutorials (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) to help you understand the technical ins and outs of posting, editing posts, sharing posts…etc but you are not required to complete those tutorials for this course.



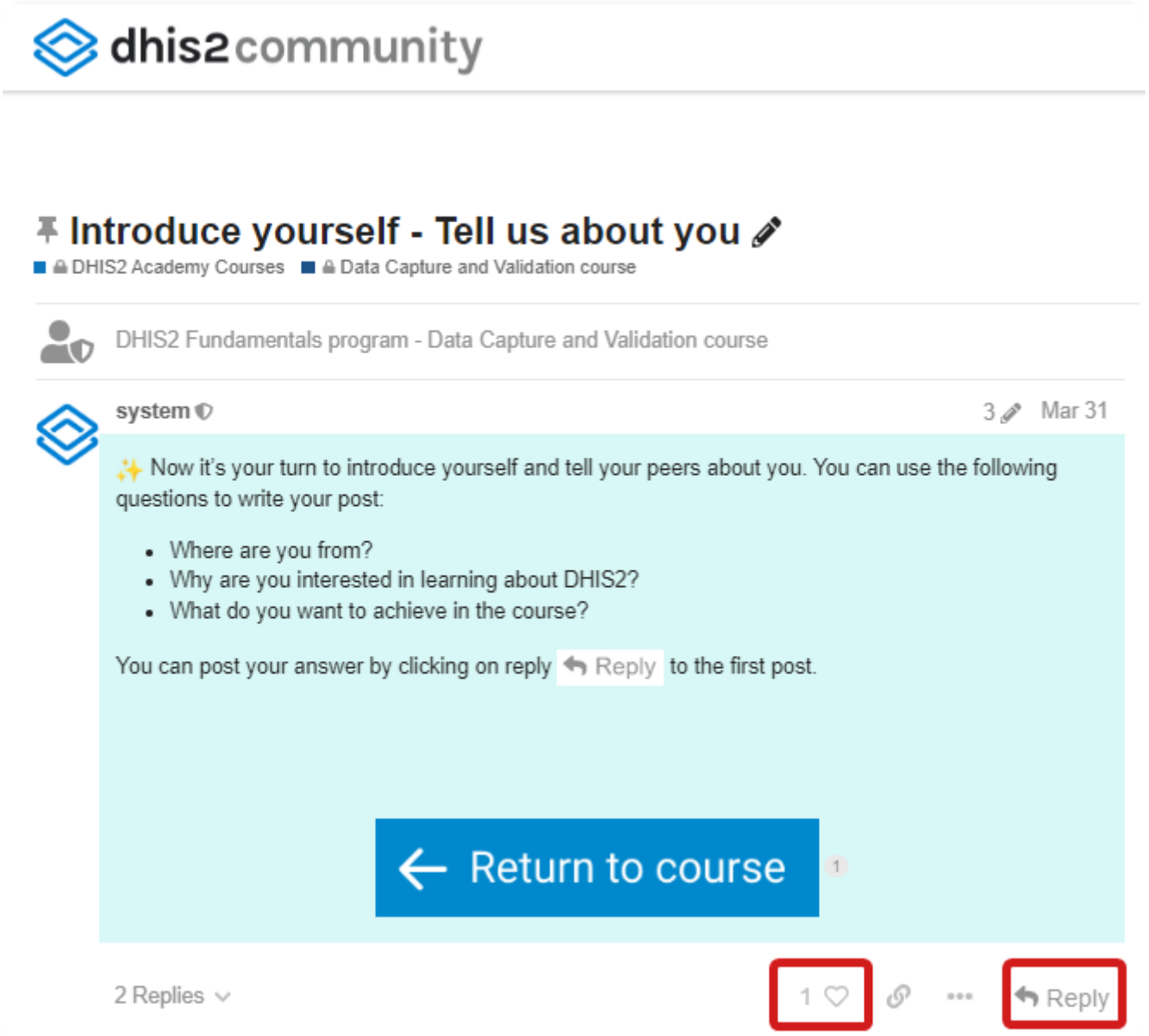
How can I find the discussion forum?

After you use the invitation link once, you will be able to access the forum using the topic links from later modules of this course, if you are logged in to the community, you will be redirected to the related topic discussion.

How is the discussion forum organized?



Each module has a specific pinned topic which is monitored by the instructors and course facilitators. When you use the links in the Module, you will be redirected to the related topic post.



In the topic page, you can “heart” posts, select text in a post to quote it, and you can either reply to a specific post or reply to the main topic post at the top of the discussion page by click on the reply icon Reply under the post you’re replying to. Remember to bookmark posts that you find helpful, and if any post violates the community guidelines please flag the post for our community moderators. Please be polite to your fellow students. We want to build a positive, encouraging community!

Aside from the information listed, there are no silly questions and invalid opinions. Please feel free to post anything you feel is relevant in relation to your learning process or that of your peers, and make others feel free to do the same.