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| **Topic: Prof. Andreea Cotoranu** |
| **Bio:**  Prof. Andreea Cotoranu is a Clinical Professor in the Information Technology Department and Director of the New York City Design Factory initiative at Pace University. She teaches product development, research methods and project-based courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Her research interests lie at the intersection of natural language processing, human-computer interaction, and cybersecurity education.  In this video, Prof. Cotoranu talks about Design Factory's impressive international projects, as well as the importance of design thinking.  **Video Link:**  <https://bbcontent.seidenberg.pace.edu/CBT/CIS101/CIS101Videos/AndreeaCotoranuEditedShortened.mp4> |

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| Answer the following questions about the video you just viewed in this Discussion Topic: |
| Prof. Cotoranu’s area of early academic experience did not include technology; however, she is developing international recognition in Design Thinking. The Seidenberg School at Pace has defined Design Thinking and the process used with this concept at the following link: <https://www.pace.edu/seidenberg/design-thinking> |
| 1. Describe your strengths and interests related to Design Thinking—creativity, collaboration, and problem solving. |
| 1. Find an example of a Design Thinking problem that has been solved in your major area or your interest. Briefly describe the problem and tell us why you chose it. |
| Post a minimum of a paragraph for each response to the two questions above in this week’s Discussion Topic. Read and respond to at least one other student’s response. |