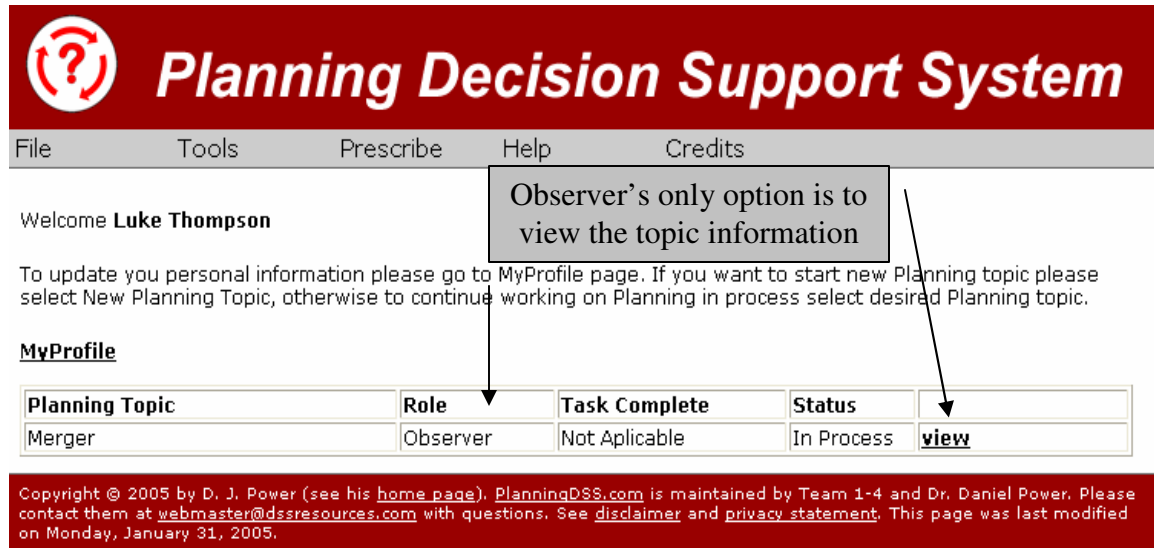


1. Observer Viewing of Topic

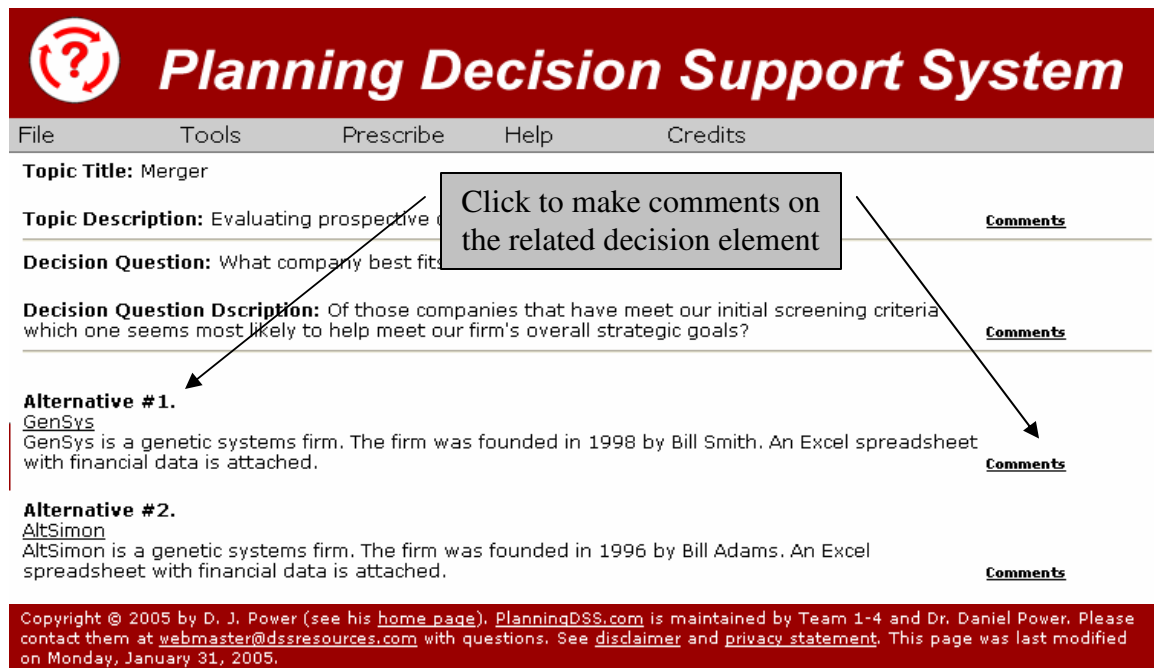
Logging in as an Observer leaves one option for every planning topic, and that is to “view” the information of that topic. An observer is appointed by the Planner to be able to view the information, and make comments about the different elements (alternatives, criteria, etc.) associated with the planning topic.



The screenshot shows the Planning Decision Support System interface. At the top is a red header with a question mark icon and the text "Planning Decision Support System". Below this is a navigation bar with links for "File", "Tools", "Prescribe", "Help", and "Credits". The main content area displays a welcome message for "Luke Thompson" and instructions on how to update personal information or start new planning topics. A table titled "MyProfile" shows the user's role as "Observer" and the status of a "Merger" topic as "In Process". A callout box points to the "view" link in the table, stating "Observer's only option is to view the topic information". A footer contains copyright information for 2005 by D. J. Power.

Planning Topic	Role	Task Complete	Status	
Merger	Observer	Not Applicable	In Process	view

Clicking on the “view” link will bring you to the topic information page, with the ability to make comments on each element of topic information.



The screenshot shows the topic information page for the "Merger" topic. The page includes a "Topic Title" section, a "Topic Description" section, a "Decision Question" section, and two "Alternative" sections. Each section has a "Comments" link. A callout box points to the "Comments" link for the "Decision Question" section, stating "Click to make comments on the related decision element". A footer contains copyright information for 2005 by D. J. Power.

Topic Title: Merger

Topic Description: Evaluating prospective

Decision Question: What company best fits

Decision Question Description: Of those companies that have meet our initial screening criteria which one seems most likely to help meet our firm's overall strategic goals?

Alternative #1.
GenSys
GenSys is a genetic systems firm. The firm was founded in 1998 by Bill Smith. An Excel spreadsheet with financial data is attached.

Alternative #2.
AltSimon
AltSimon is a genetic systems firm. The firm was founded in 1996 by Bill Adams. An Excel spreadsheet with financial data is attached.