

EducoSoft

Summer 2010 Release

From study groups to video lectures, there are exciting new features and enhancements in EducoSoft Summer 2010 release.

We encourage you to view each one of them, so that you can see how these new enhancements can help you and your students get the most from EducoSoft.

Log into EducoSoft and check out all the new features and enhancements we have made. And remember ... we value your feedback so keep your comments and suggestions coming. We thank you for taking the time to send us your suggestions for enhancements and new features.

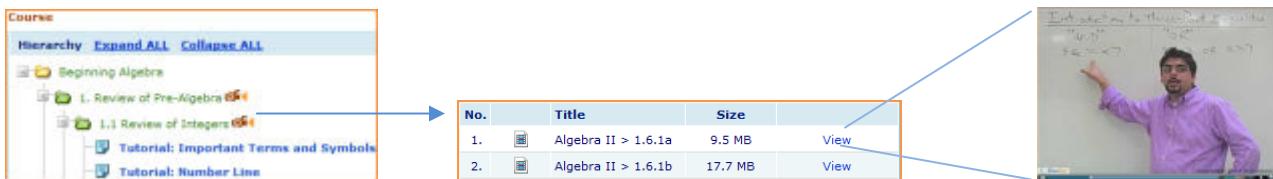
Educo released the following features and enhancements on July 5th, 2010:

Summary of Features

- New Website:** The new website provides more information about products, services, and common login for Higher Education, Schools, and Self Learning portals. Along with improved usability and user friendly layout, the site offers attractive look and feel and wealth of information for its users.

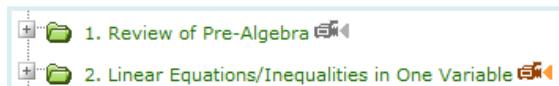


- Video lectures:** Short 2 to 6 minutes video lecture on each topic available starting Fall 2010. These videos are produced by Educo in partnership with instructors teaching these courses in colleges and universities. Students can view and study lecture videos 24x7 and as often as they need to understand the topic. Click on Lecture Notes and click on video icon next to the topic to view the video lecture.



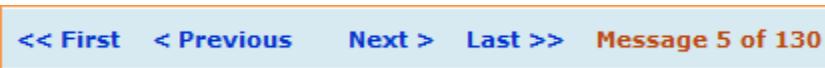
The screenshot shows the course hierarchy for "Beginning Algebra". Under "Hierarchy", there are three items: "1. Review of Pre-Algebra" (disabled), "1.1 Review of Integers" (disabled), and "Tutorial: Important Terms and Symbols" (enabled). A blue arrow points from the "Review of Pre-Algebra" item to a table of video files. The table has columns for No., Title, Size, and View. It contains two rows:
1. Algebra II > 1.6.1a 9.5 MB View
2. Algebra II > 1.6.1b 17.7 MB View

- Disable/enable videos:** Instructor can choose to disable the videos and making videos unavailable to students. Grey video icon indicates disabled videos and red video icon indicates enabled videos. Click on User Management > Video Setting to disable/enable the videos.



The screenshot shows a list of video files:
1. Review of Pre-Algebra (disabled)
2. Linear Equations/Inequalities in One Variable (disabled)

- 4. Email enhancement:** Navigate to previous or next email from an opened mail.



- 5. Email from instructor list:** CC can send an email to one or all instructors from the instructor list page.
- 6. Announcement enhancement:** We have made improvements to announcement list page and made it simpler to set up and send announcements. You can now create, assign and send announcement from one page.

	Created On	Announcements	Start Date	End Date	
1.	7/2/2010	TEST	7/2/2010	7/30/2010	
2.	6/8/2010	Announcement Type	6/8/2010	6/30/2010	

- 7. Import your course resources from previous section:** Instructor can now import course content such as syllabus, gradebook, assessments, my notes, documents, and web links at one time from previous term/section. Click on Tools > Import your section to import.

Copy course content from your previous section

1. Select a term and section.
2. Click on view to view the details before importing.
3. Check one, multiple, or all check boxes and click on copy to import the selected content areas.

Term: Fall 2009
Section: 001

Course Resource	
<input type="checkbox"/> Syllabus	View Details
<input type="checkbox"/> Gradebook	View Details
<input type="checkbox"/> Assessments	View Details
<input type="checkbox"/> My Notes	View Details
<input type="checkbox"/> Documents	View Details
<input type="checkbox"/> Weblinks	View Details

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- 8. Copy gradebook to multiple sections:** Instructors now have the option to copy grade book settings to multiple sections. Click on Tools > Gradebook, select a section and click on Copy to Multiple Sections.

Copy from another section

Fall 2009
Bm1 - (Basic Math)
Full Term

[Copy](#) [Copy to Multiple Sections](#)

- 9. Study group:** Instructor can create groups for study, collaborative work, and group projects. After creating a group, instructor can add students to the group. Members of a group can exchange files, participate in discussion forum, and send messages within a group. Instructor can view and moderate all the activities of a group.

The screenshot shows the 'Study Group' interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Overview', 'Discussion Forum', 'File Exchange', and 'Messages'. The 'Overview' tab is selected. Below the tabs, it says 'Study Group' and shows a group icon with the name 'Testing Group A1', 'Group A1', and '3 Members, Created on Thursday, March 04, 2010'. To the right, it says 'Active'. Under 'Recent activities', there is a list of 8 items, each with a small icon, a timestamp, and a brief description. The descriptions include file sharing, messaging, and posting in forums.

Activity	Date	Description
File from Student A	Thursday, March 04, 2010	1, mahesh shares file File from Student A on Thursday, March 04, 2010 containing 125147.gif;
JPG	Thursday, March 04, 2010	Educo-blr, CC shares file JPG on Thursday, March 04, 2010 containing flowers-1024x768.jpg; 4.jpg;
New Message	Friday, March 05, 2010	New Message by 1, mahesh to the group on Friday, March 05, 2010
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New post	Friday, March 05, 2010	New post by 1, mahesh on Friday, March 05, 2010 in the thread Thread Added By Student A1 of forum Testing Forum A1
New post	Thursday, March 04, 2010	New post by Educo-blr, CC on Thursday, March 04, 2010 in the thread Testing Thread A001 of forum Testing Forum A1
New post	Wednesday, March 03, 2010	New post by Educo-blr, CC on Wednesday, March 03, 2010 in the thread New Thread of forum Testing Forum A1

- 10. Instructor Queries/FAQ:** Instructor can create FAQ's for students by

1. Answers to queries sent by student can be made available to the whole class by converting them to FAQs.
2. Instructor can add questions and responses to most frequently asked questions and post them in FAQs.

Click on Communication > Queries to add FAQ's.

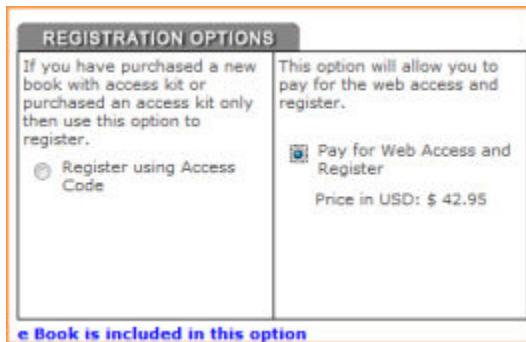
The screenshot shows the 'Query/FAQ' interface. At the top, it says 'List of questions asked by student(s). Questions from students can be assigned as FAQ for all students and Instructor can add FAQs.' There are buttons for 'Assign', 'Unassign', 'Add', and 'Delete'. Below this is a table with columns: 'Query Type' (set to 'All'), 'Posted By', 'Problem Details', 'Problem Description', 'Posted Date', 'View', 'Reply | Delete', and a help icon. Two rows of data are shown, both posted by 'Smith, Joe' and 'Bhardwaj, Aman' respectively, with their respective details and a link to 'testing AMI'.

Query Type:	Posted By	Problem Details	Problem Description	Posted Date	View	Reply Delete	?
All	Smith, Joe	Beginning Algebra > 1. Review of Pre-Algebra > 1.1 Review of Integers > Tutorial: Important Terms and Symbols	Beginning Algebra > 1. Review of Pre-Algebra > 1.1 Review of Integers > Important Terms and Symbols	11/19/2009	View	Reply Delete	?
All	Bhardwaj, Aman	Beginning Algebra > 1. Review of Pre-Algebra > 1.1 Review of Integers > Tutorial: Operation on Integers	testing AMI	9/7/2009	View	Reply Delete Assign	?

- 11. FRMC questions:** Multiple Choice questions created using previous responses to FR questions entered by students in the system.

- 12. Multiple Options Practice Sheet (MOPS):** A new type of learning activity for lower-level courses that can also be used as LO graded assessment. In this activity students are presented with a few practice questions on the concept with solutions for students to learn, then he/she can request (select) the system a new practice sheet with different number of questions, and also select the practice delivery option (mode) : a) Practice mode (with solutions), Homework mode (with Check button only), or Test mode (no help). Instructor can also assign MOPS as graded activity to students with pre-set number of questions and delivery mode.

- 13. View question enhancements:** While selecting a question for an assessment, instructors can view "example question" and its "concept code" by taking the pointer to the view link.
- 14. Instructor's student account:** Instructor can add themselves as a student in their own classes, login as a student, and perform various actions similar to a student.
- 15. More options for teaching assistant:** Instructor can now add Teaching Assistant before the term's start date. This feature is especially helpful when a Teaching Assistant needs to set up the class much before the term starts. Also, we have enabled the discussion forum feature for the Teaching Assistants.
- 16. Change the order of uploaded documents:** Instructor can change the order of documents they have uploaded for students. The students will view the documents based on the order set by the instructor.
- 17. Change prerequisite assessment settings for all students in a class:** Instructors can now modify settings for Prerequisite Assessment using change settings option. Instructors can change any of the following assessment settings for multiple assessments: due dates and times, number of attempts, time limit, whether a password is required, grade book setting and make assessment active/inactive.
- 18. Enhanced assessment settings:** A new option on this page lets instructors update only the setting they change without affecting other settings. This feature is especially helpful where an instructor wants to change the password of test without overriding any specific settings for that test (such as due dates and times).
- 19. eBook option and pricing:** eBook option is included in all online registrations and pricing is adjusted accordingly.



- 20. New country portal:** A new EducoSoft portal is launched for **Jamaica**. This will provide 24/7 access to Jamaican college and school courses from anywhere internet is available.
- 21. Improved performance and reliability:** We have reengineered critical workflows to improve system performance for session handling, assessment listing, student roster, prerequisite assessment, student home page, and course hierarchy. We have also upgraded servers and added servers to provide a better and faster user experience.