

In fall 2013, Educo rolled out a number of significant upgrades and changes in several modules of Educosoft platform including a whole new design of the homepage. It is lot more user friendly and powerful.

Summary of Major New Features and Enhancements

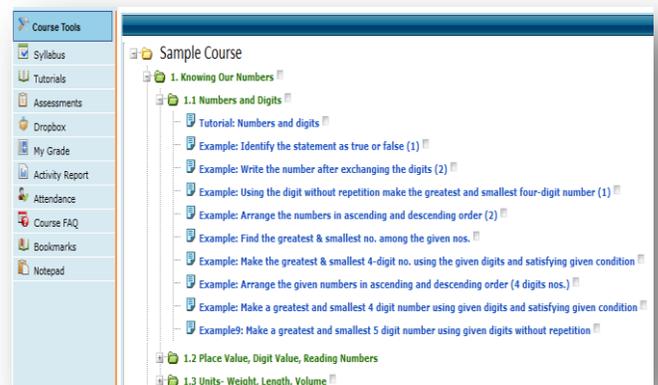
1. **Homepage:** Educosoft Homepage now has a whole new look and feel. New layout and design give the site a cleaner feel and make it easier to navigate. Content is better organized for easy access.



2. **Multiple views of the course content:** course structure and content can be presented in multiple layouts as shown below, on request by the institution.

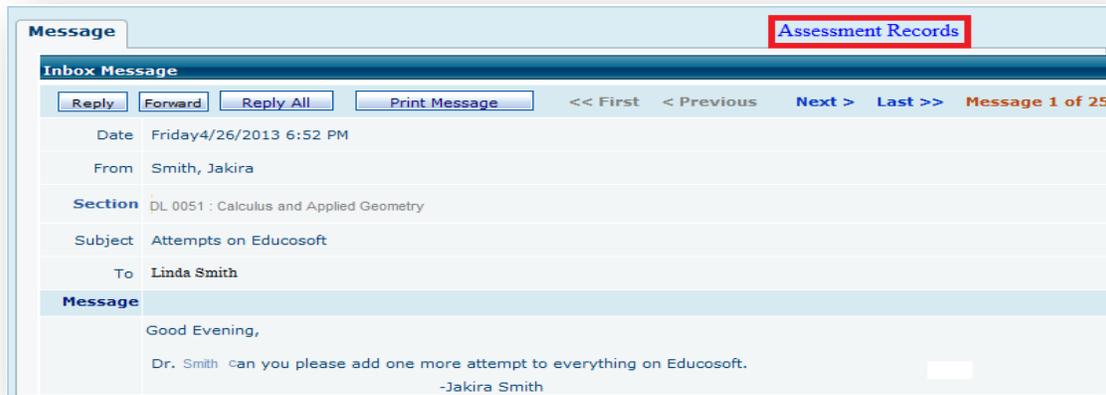


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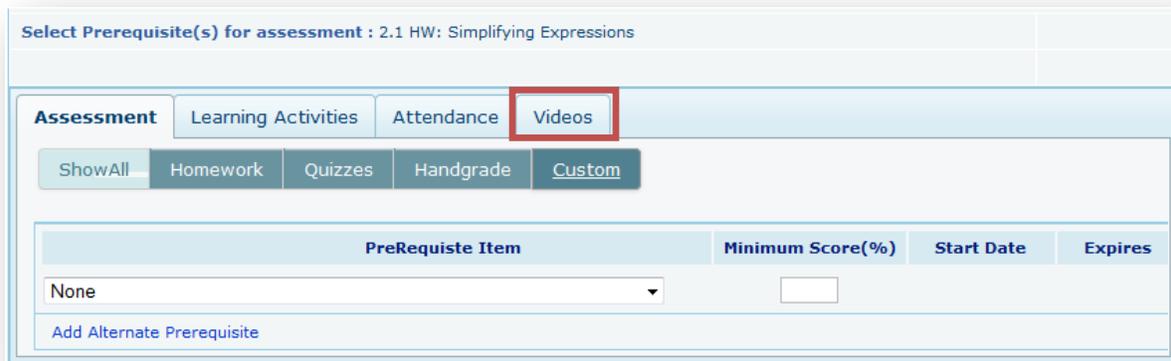


Hierarchical View

3. **View score from eMail message view:** Instructor can view student's assessment records right from the internal mail message view page. Clicking on 'Assessment Records' link, instructor will be on the same page that comes after clicking student name from roster page.



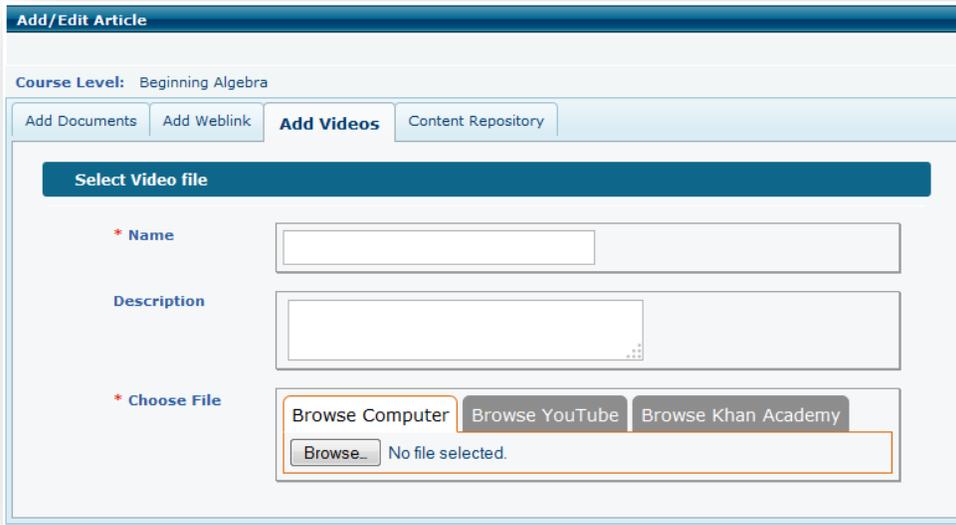
4. **Video lectures as prerequisite:** Instructor now can assign lecture videos (uploaded by Educo admin or by instructor) as prerequisite to assessments. The process of assigning video as prerequisites is same as that for other activities. There is an additional option for video available now.



5. **Automatic LO marking:** When a learning objective (LO) in the content hierarchy is assigned as prerequisite to an assessment that LO is automatically gets marked in the hierarchy for study on the student side. Marking stays until the pre-requisites are applicable.

6. **Video integration from multiple sources:** There is significant enhancement made on the videos. Instructor can seamlessly integrate videos from YouTube and Khan Academy on to educosoft for the students to study. The system also allows multiple videos to a single content hierarchy node.

Navigation to add videos: Tools -> My Notes -> Add



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Add/Edit Article". Below the title, it indicates "Course Level: Beginning Algebra". There are four tabs: "Add Documents", "Add Weblink", "Add Videos" (which is selected), and "Content Repository". The "Add Videos" tab contains a "Select Video file" section with three main fields: "Name" (with an asterisk), "Description", and "Choose File" (with an asterisk). The "Choose File" field contains three buttons: "Browse Computer", "Browse YouTube", and "Browse Khan Academy". Below these buttons is a "Browse..." button and the text "No file selected."

7. **Enhancement on class attendance:** Several new features have been added to class attendance module;
- System allows makeup hours (when student spends extra hours in to make up for the absence) and automatically calculates attendance % based on custom defined formula
 - Instructor can set an alert or drop a student from class based on the student's continuous absence for X # of days.
 - Now even attendance can be assigned as pre-requisite to assessments.
 - System flags students in the roster who have not logged in for continuous X # of days.
8. **Uninterrupted student access even after the student is drop:** Now the dropped students will have uninterrupted access to Educosoft Tutorials, eBook and videos until they officially withdraw and ask for refunded of access fee. These students can take/complete assignments only if they are reinstated in their class.
9. **Option to make syllabus reading mandatory:** System provides an option for the instructor to make syllabus reading mandatory before accessing course materials.

10. **Attendance records from student login:** Students can see their attendance record in a calendar view for the entire term. This is particularly important if attendance is computed towards overall grade.

Attendance

Term name: 2013SU
 Term duration: from 5/30/2013 to 8/13/2013
 Attendance Percentage: 75.00 %
 Total marked days for the term: 20 day(s)
 Total number of days present for the term: 15 day(s)

Present Exempted Tardy/Late Absent

May-2013 - August-2013

May							June							July							August							
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11. **More options on printing assessment:** More formatting options added for instructors to print an assessment for manual answering and grading convenience.

12. **Enhanced drop box feature:** Now Drop box accept SPSS data files (extension.sav) and output files (extension.spo).