

Getting Started with Ensemble Video

The University Libraries in collaboration with IDEL, is currently providing Ensemble video to GVSU faculty and staff. Ensemble Video is a video hosting solution for you and your student's self-created video files. Ensemble is also available as a blackboard building block so that your videos can be directly embedding into your Blackboard courses once they have been uploaded to Ensemble.

In order to have an account with Ensemble, you must contact Justin Melick (melicjus@gvsu.edu), please provide the following information:

1. What college (or unit) you are currently employed
2. Your GVSU username

It is also assumed that you will be working with Matt Roberts, Glenna Decker or Kim Kenward as an instructional designer to assist you with the process.

Once Justin has created your account, you will then need to log into Ensemble Video at: <https://gvsu.ensemblevideo.com/>

You will be logging into Ensemble with your GVSU account.

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Welcome to Ensemble Video at GVSU!

Login with your GVSU network credentials to manage and publish your video.

Need GVSU Ensemble Video support?

We've posted several tutorials on using Ensemble Video at GVSU on the [eLearning Help Resources](#) page.

For technical support, setting up an Ensemble Video account or connecting to TechSmith Relay, please contact the IT Helpdesk at 616-331-2101 or email the helpdesk@gvsu.edu.

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Login

Username

Password

Identity Provider
Grand Valley State Uni

☐ Remember Me

Login

Single Sign-On?
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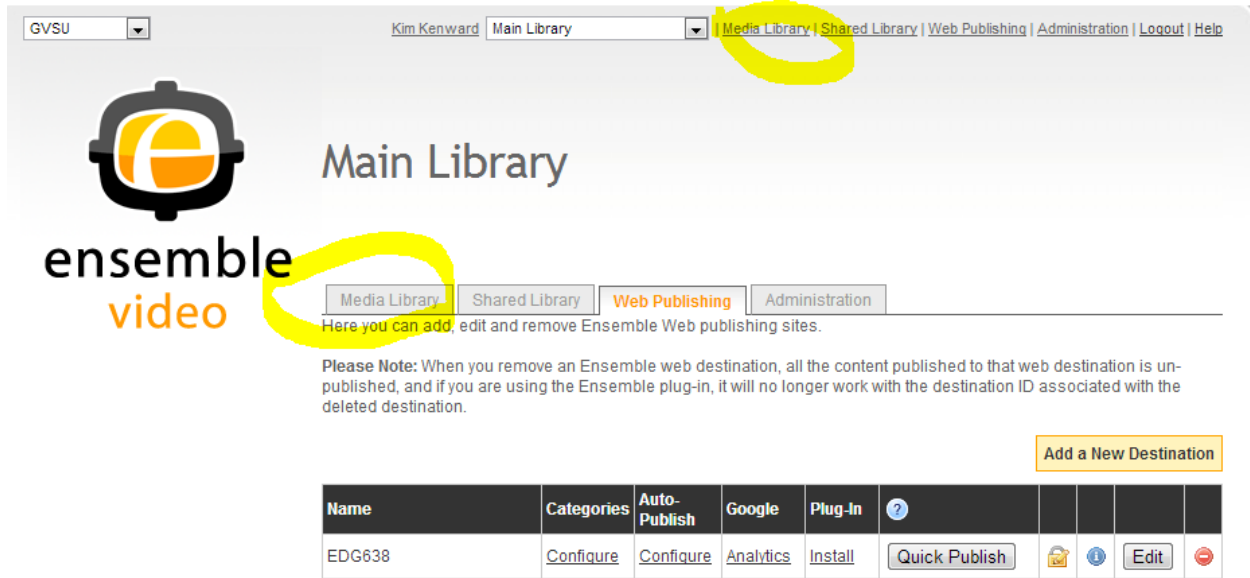
Click on the “Remember me” box, so that you don’t have to use the drop-down selector again.

Depending on your access and your settings, this area of Ensemble will look different. You will see your “Media Library” as the default location.

Uploading Content

There are two ways to add a video to Ensemble, the first is described below.

1. Click on "Media Library" from either the tab or the hyperlink.



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Main Library

Media Library Shared Library Web Publishing Administration

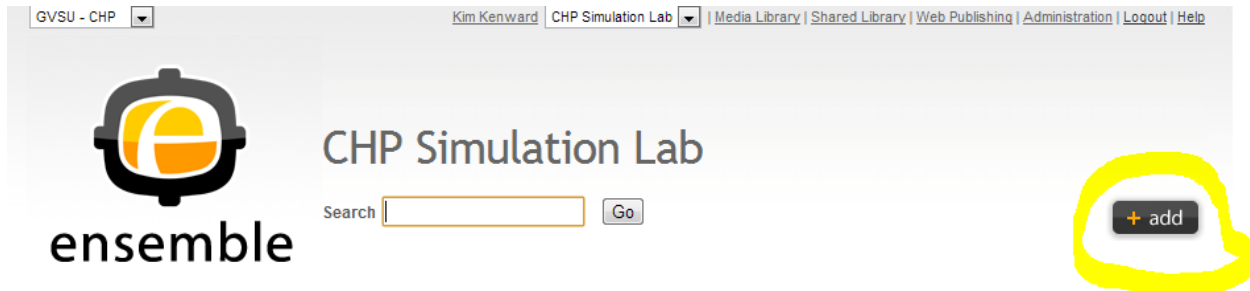
Here you can add, edit and remove Ensemble Web publishing sites.

Please Note: When you remove an Ensemble web destination, all the content published to that web destination is unpublished, and if you are using the Ensemble plug-in, it will no longer work with the destination ID associated with the deleted destination.

Add a New Destination

Name	Categories	Auto-Publish	Google	Plug-In	?				
EDG638	Configure	Configure	Analytics	Install	Quick Publish			Edit	

2. Click on +add



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CHP Simulation Lab

Search Go

+ add

3. Fill in as much information as you can about your media content. You can edit this information at any time. The more information you add, the easier it will be for you to search your content.

The screenshot shows the 'Description & Keywords' form in the Ensemble Video interface. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Kim Kenward (CHP Simulation Lab)', 'Media Library', 'Shared Library', 'Web Publishing', 'Administration', 'Logout', and 'Help'. The left sidebar contains the 'ensemble video' logo, a 'Switch to Advanced Mode' button, and a menu with 'Description' (highlighted), 'Credits', 'Manage Content', 'Web Publishing', and 'Publish'. The main form area has a title 'Description & Keywords' and a 'preview' button. A message states: '* = required field' and 'Please enter at least the required information below and click "Save and Continue"'. The form fields are: '*Title:' with the value 'Josie Playing the Piano'; 'Copyright:' with the value '2012'; 'Genre:' with a dropdown menu showing 'Instructional how-to'; '*Date Produced:' with the value '10/13/2012'; 'Description:' with the text 'Josie playing the piano at home.'; and 'Keywords:' with the text 'piano, practice,'. A yellow circle highlights the 'Save & Continue' button at the bottom right.

When done, click on “Save & Continue” to progress to the next screen. You may add as many credits as necessary (or none at all).

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Switch to Advanced Mode

Description

Credits

Manage Content

Web Publishing

Publish

Credits

Josie Playing the Piano preview

Enter Credits

First Name:

Last Name:

Role:

Organization:

Email Address:

Web Site:

Telephone:

Full Name	Role	
Josie Kenward	Actor	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>

You must click on “Add Credit” to add the credit to the list. When done, click “Continue” to progress to the next screen.

You will then be prompted to “browse” for your media content.

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Switch to Advanced Mode

Description

Credits

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Josie Playing the Piano preview

Type:

Upload Your Files: Browse Files to Upload and Click "Upload"

Upload Limit: 2 GB

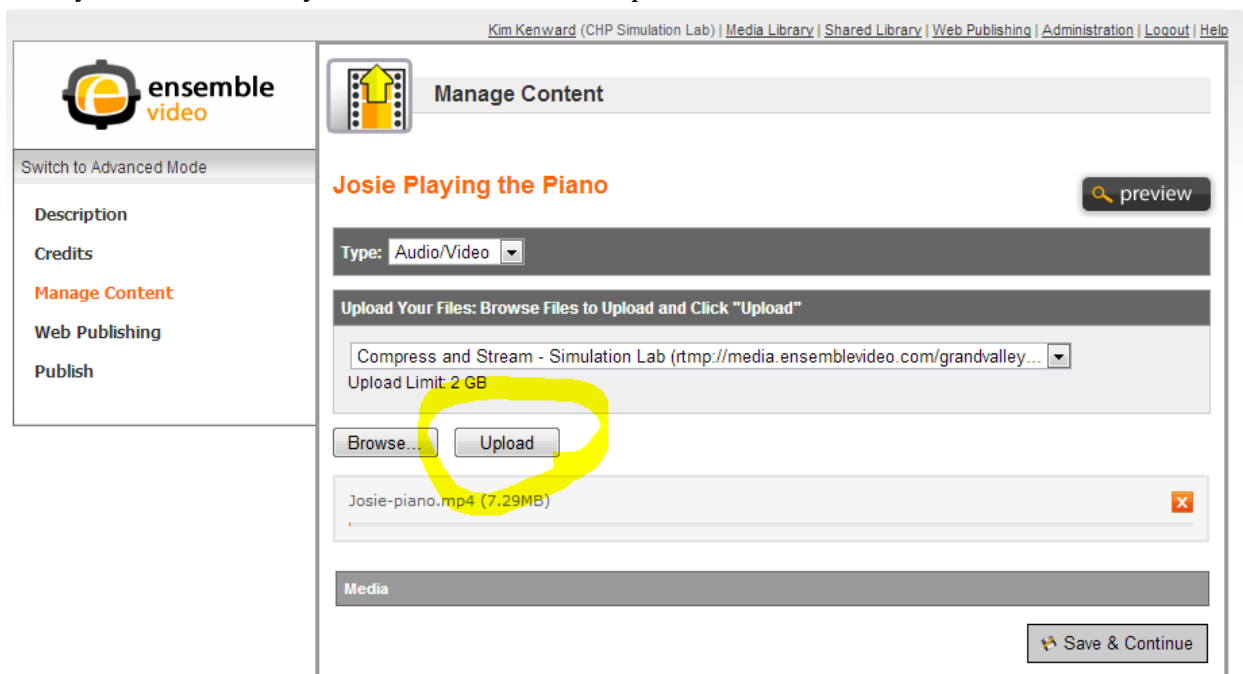
Media

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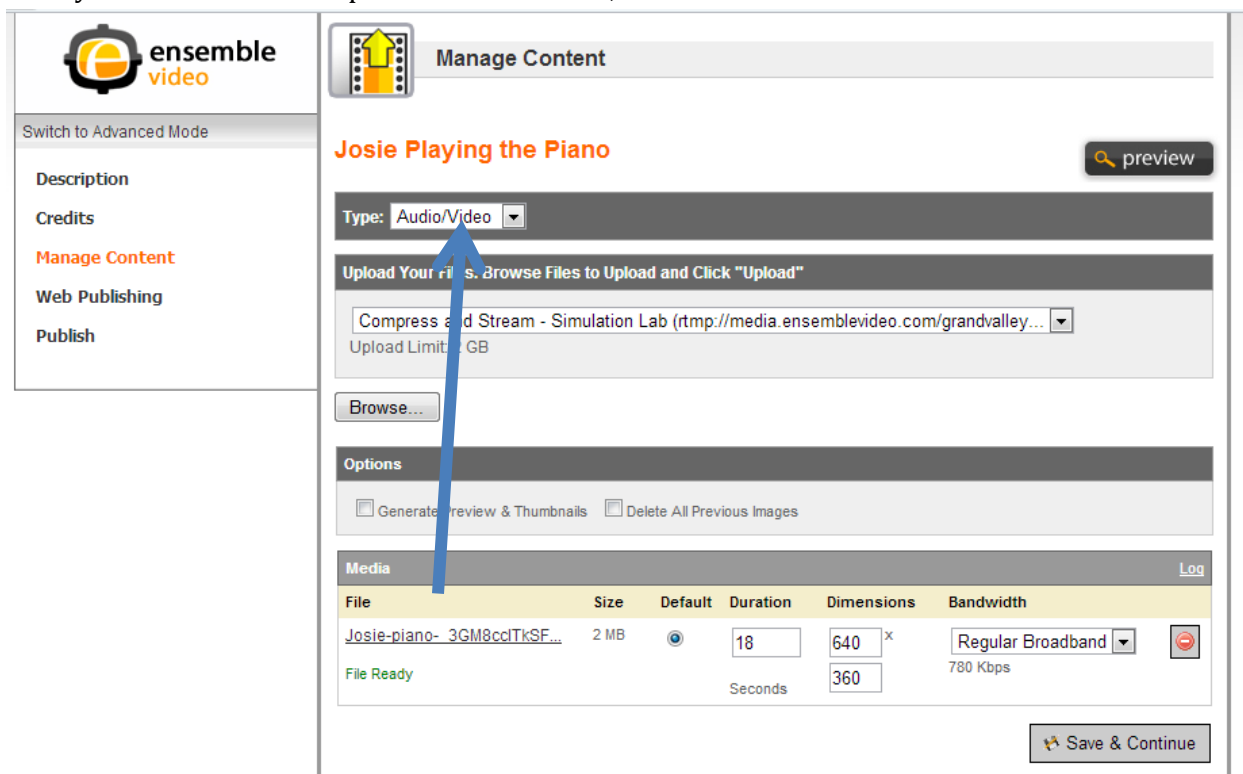
After you have selected your media, then select “Upload”



The screenshot shows the 'Manage Content' page for 'Josie Playing the Piano'. The left sidebar contains links: Description, Credits, Manage Content (active), Web Publishing, and Publish. The main area has a 'Type' dropdown set to 'Audio/Video'. Below it, a section titled 'Upload Your Files: Browse Files to Upload and Click "Upload"' contains a dropdown menu for 'Compress and Stream - Simulation Lab (rtmp://media.ensemblevideo.com/grandvalley...)' and an 'Upload Limit: 2 GB'. A yellow circle highlights the 'Browse...' and 'Upload' buttons. Below these buttons, a file 'Josie-piano.mp4 (7.29MB)' is listed with a progress bar. At the bottom right is a 'Save & Continue' button.

Upload time depends on the size of your video. You may want to work with your instructional designer to help you “chunk” your content into smaller segments. In general, we recommend that your videos aren’t longer than 12-15 minutes.

Once your video has been uploaded to Ensemble, the screen will look similar to this:



The screenshot shows the 'Manage Content' page for 'Josie Playing the Piano' after the video has been uploaded. The left sidebar is the same. The main area shows the 'Type' dropdown set to 'Audio/Video'. Below it, the 'Upload Your Files' section is the same. A blue arrow points to the 'Type' dropdown. Below that, an 'Options' section contains checkboxes for 'Generate preview & Thumbnails' and 'Delete All Previous Images'. The 'Media' section shows a table with the following data:

File	Size	Default	Duration	Dimensions	Bandwidth
Josie-piano- 3GM8cdTkSF...	2 MB	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	18 Seconds	640 x 360	Regular Broadband 780 Kbps

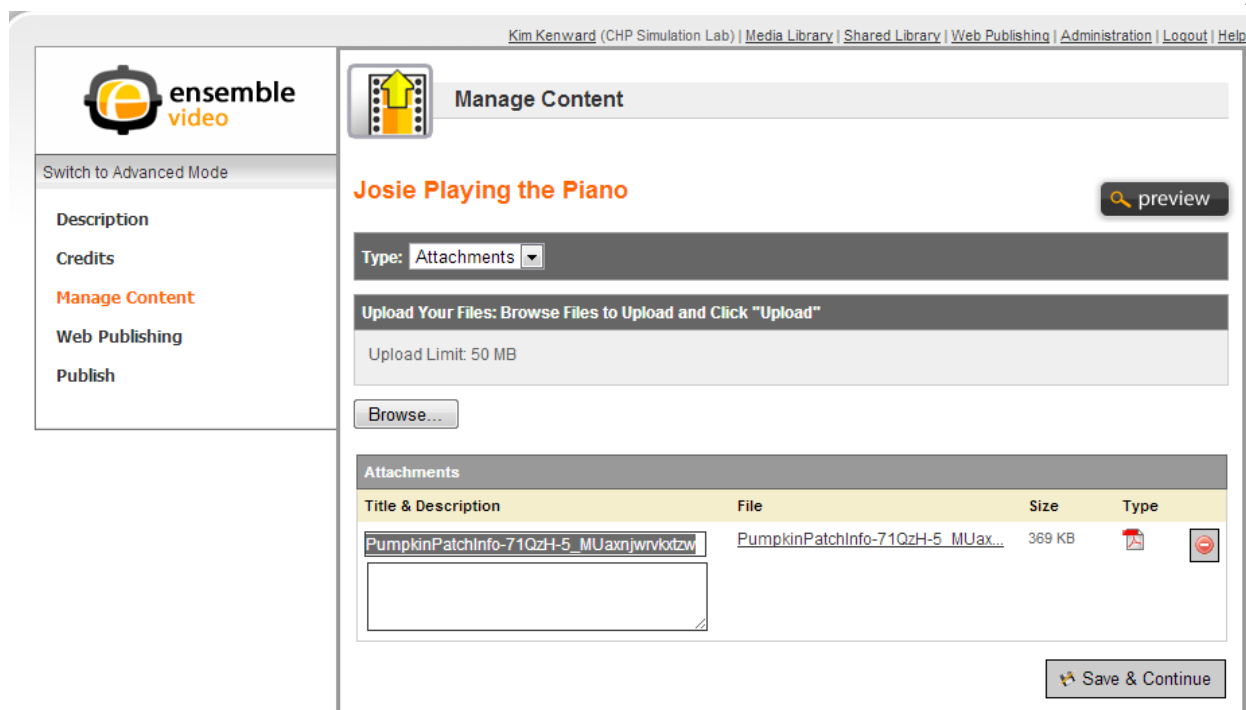
The file status is 'File Ready'. At the bottom right is a 'Save & Continue' button.

To add more information (such as hyperlinks, file attachments, chapters and captioning) click on the drop-down arrow associated with the “Type”. You will then be prompted to browse for a file.

File attachments may be especially helpful if you want to include handouts, written instructions, transcripts..etc in regards to your media content.

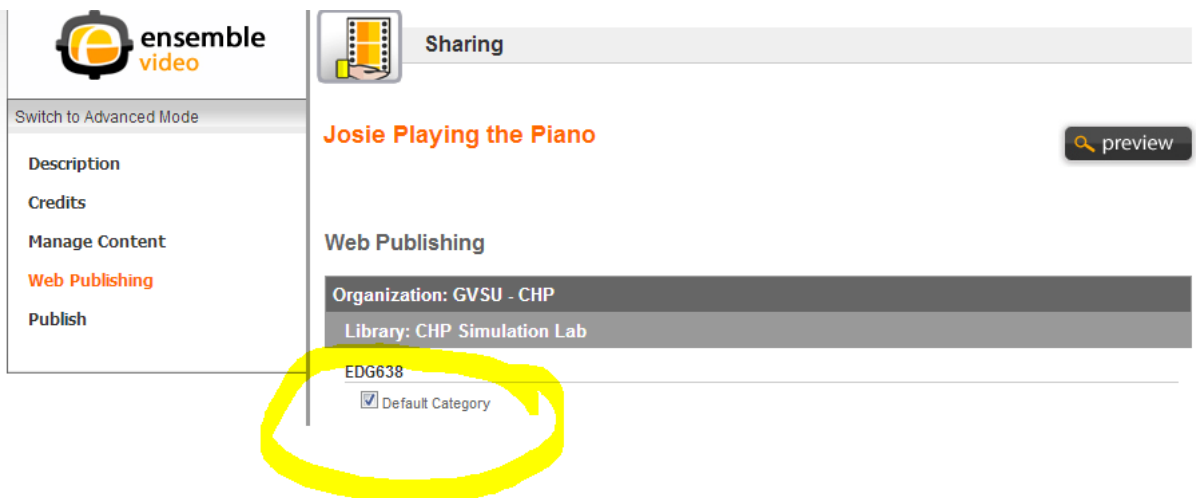
You must click “upload” each time you add a new file.

Once done, click on the “Save & Continue” to progress to the next screen.



Once you have attached the associated files click “save and continue” to go to the web publishing page.

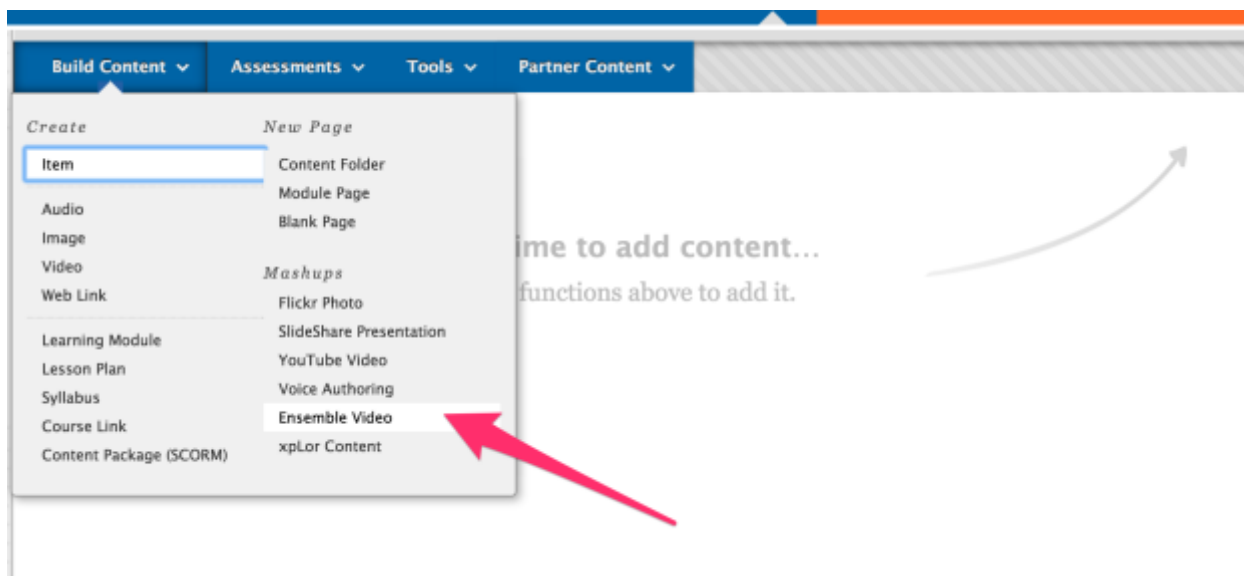
Select the web-publishing destination by placing a check in the appropriate box and select “continue”. You may not have a web-publishing destination setup, if that is the case click save a publish.



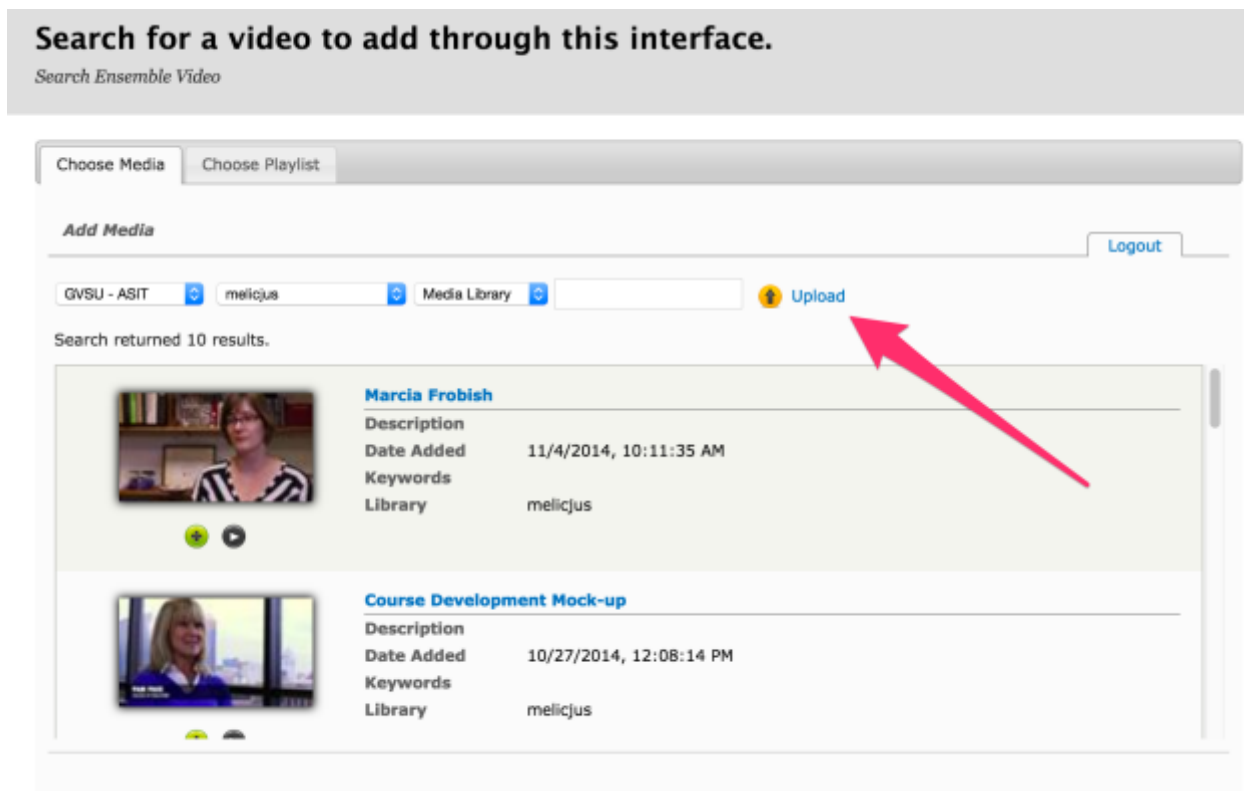
Your video is now available for you to insert into Blackboard. Log into Blackboard and navigate to your desired course. You will then need to determine which “content” area you wish to embed your video. The instructions in the next section will walk you through the process of inserting your video in Blackboard.

Option #2 to upload to Ensemble using Blackboard

First navigate to the place in your course where you would like to insert your video and click build content>ensemble video.



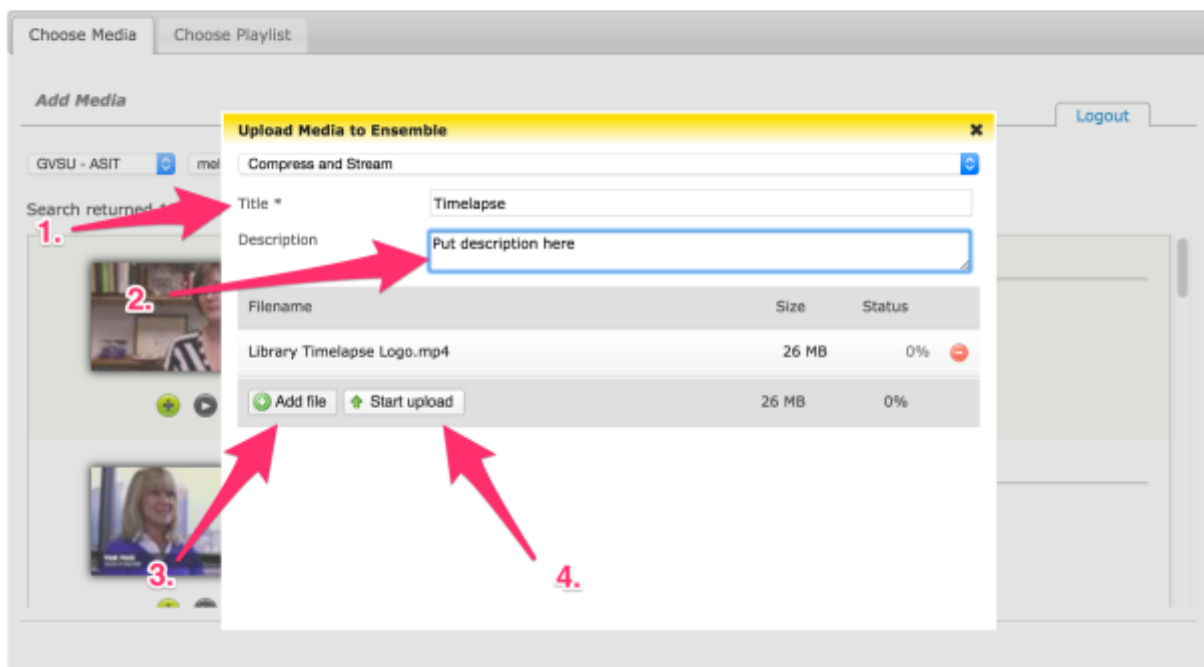
From this screen click upload



First give your video a title, and then add a description. Next you will need to add a file by clicking on the plus icon below, once you have selected the video file click start upload. This process will take sometime depending on the length and file size of your video; do not navigate away from this page while the video is uploading.

Search for a video to add through this interface.

Search Ensemble Video



Once your video is uploaded you will see it listed on this page. Your video will not play right away as it will take some time for it to process, this process may take up to twenty minutes. **You do not have to wait for process in order for it to be inserted into Blackboard.**


Search for a video to add through this interface.
Search Ensemble Video

Choose Media Choose Playlist

Add Media Logout


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Search returned 11 results.



Timelapse

Description	Put description here
Date Added	11/5/2014, 7:45:38 AM
Keywords	
Library	melicjus



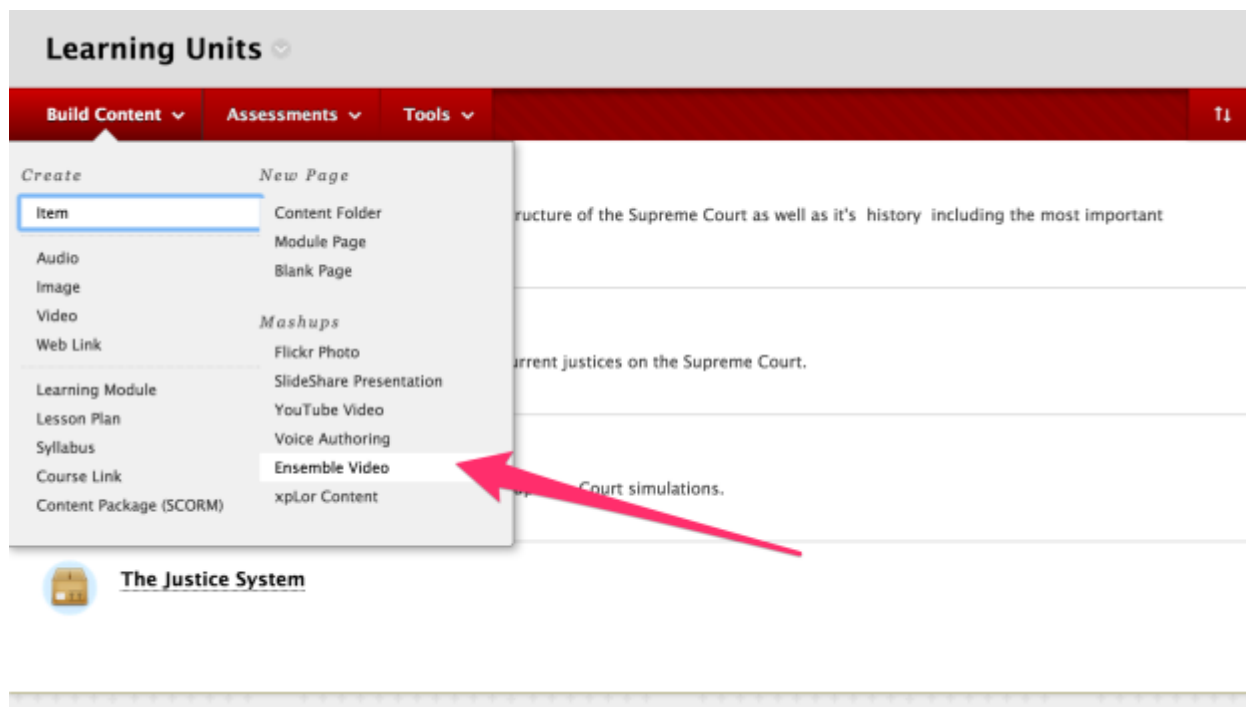
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Description	
Date Added	11/4/2014, 10:11:35 AM
Keywords	
Library	melicjus

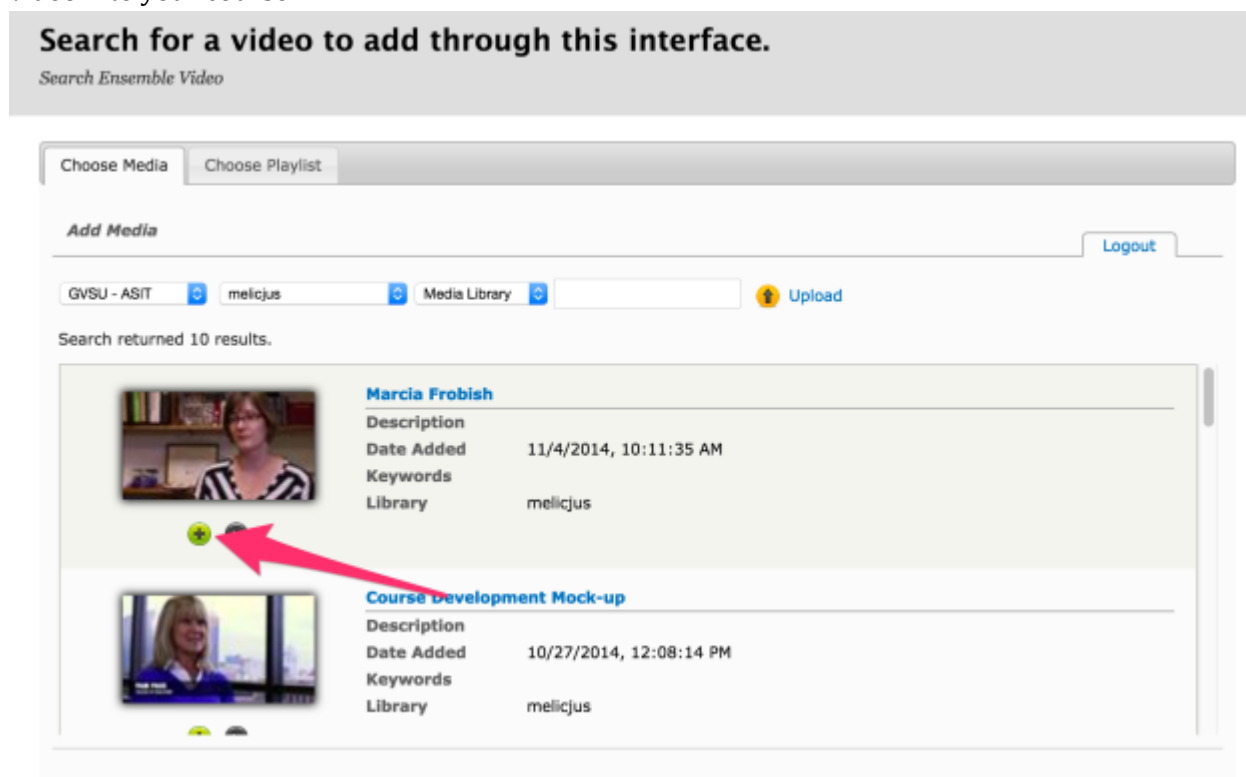
Follow the steps in the next section titled “Inserting Content in Blackboard” to learn how to insert your media in your course.

Inserting Content in Blackboard from Ensemble

Select “Build Content” and then select “Ensemble Video”



Here you will see all of the videos you have uploaded into Ensemble, click the plus icon to add the video into your course.



On this screen click the settings icon to chose what information is shown in the video player.



Chose the size of the video (we recommend you stay with the default setting in most circumstances) and which information you would like displayed then hit submit.

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Size

640x360 ⌵

Show Title

☐

Auto Play

☐

Show Captions

☐

Hide Controls

☐

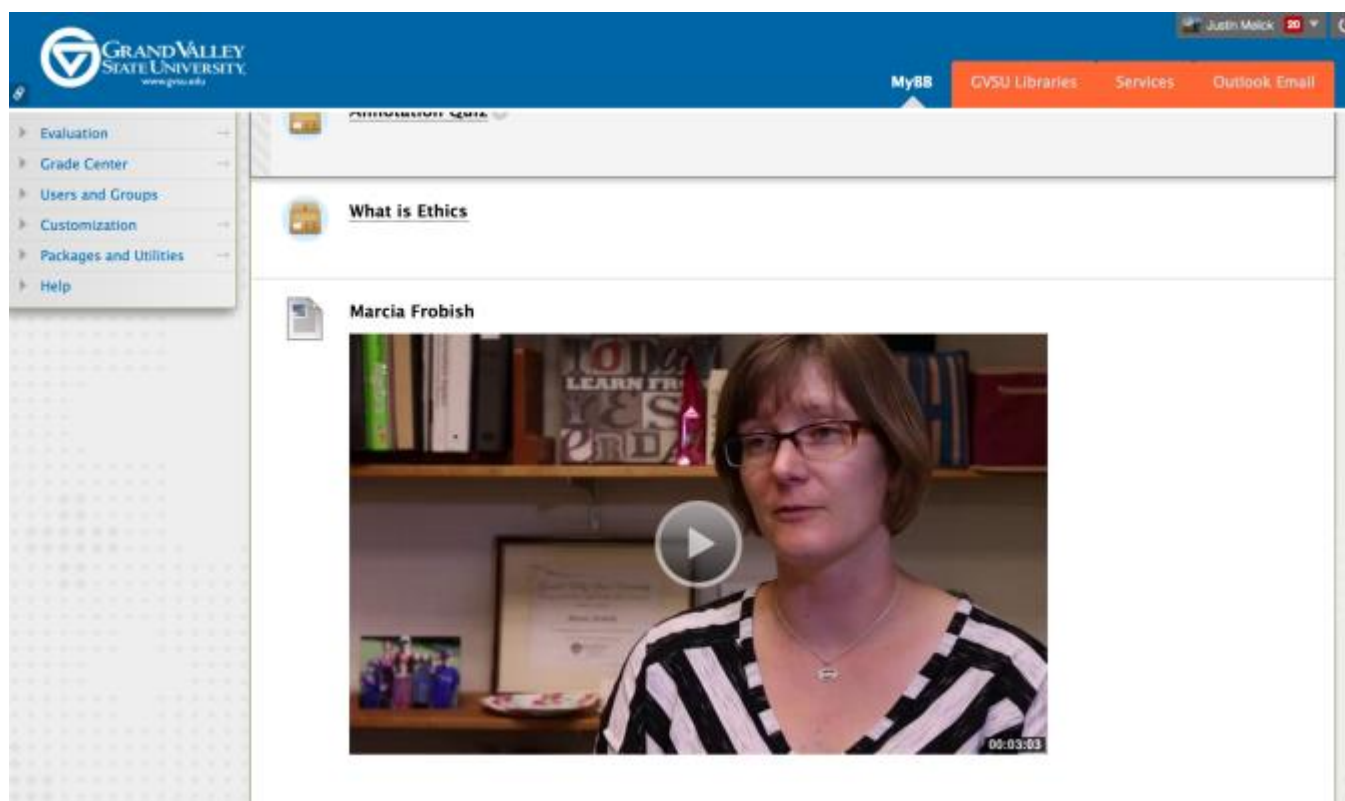
Cancel

Submit

Click save to insert the video in your course



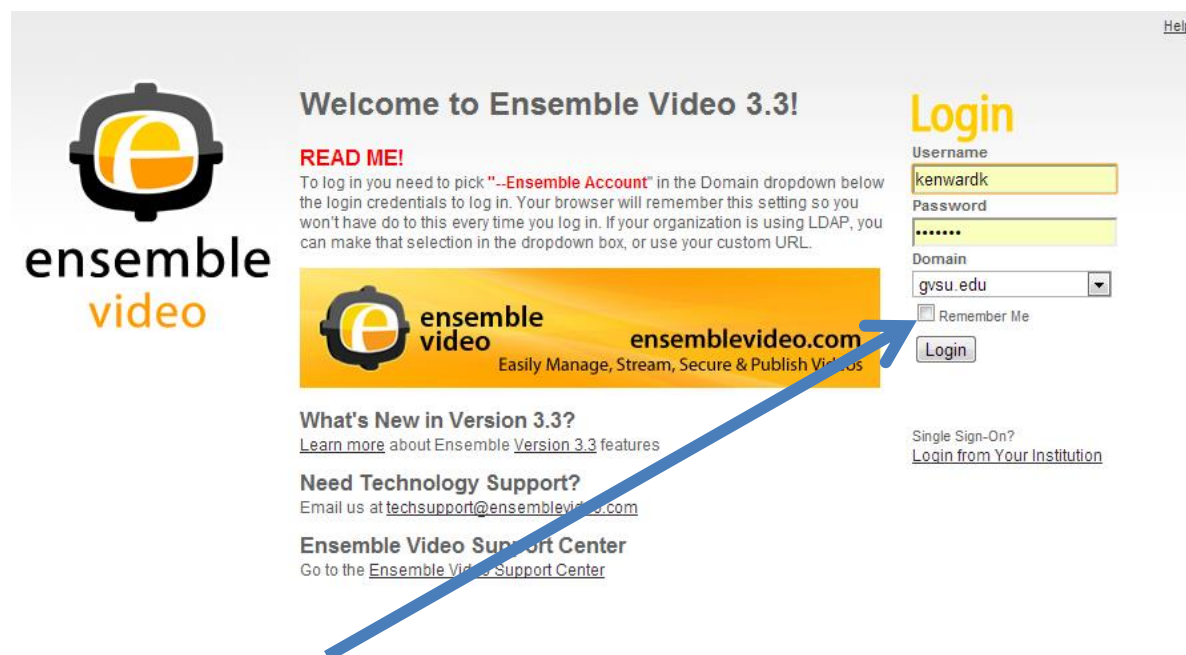
Now your video is embedded in your course!



The screenshot displays the Grand Valley State University (GVSU) MyBB interface. The top navigation bar is blue with the GVSU logo and name on the left, and links for "MyBB", "GVSU Libraries", "Services", and "Outlook Email" on the right. A user profile for "Justin Maick" is visible in the top right corner. On the left side, a vertical menu lists various course management tools: Evaluation, Grade Center, Users and Groups, Customization, Packages and Utilities, and Help. The main content area shows a course titled "What is Ethics" with a small icon. Below this, a video player is embedded, featuring a portrait of Marcia Frobish, a woman with glasses and a striped shirt. The video player includes a play button and a timestamp of 00:03:03. The background of the video shows a bookshelf with various books and a framed certificate.

Video Dropboxes

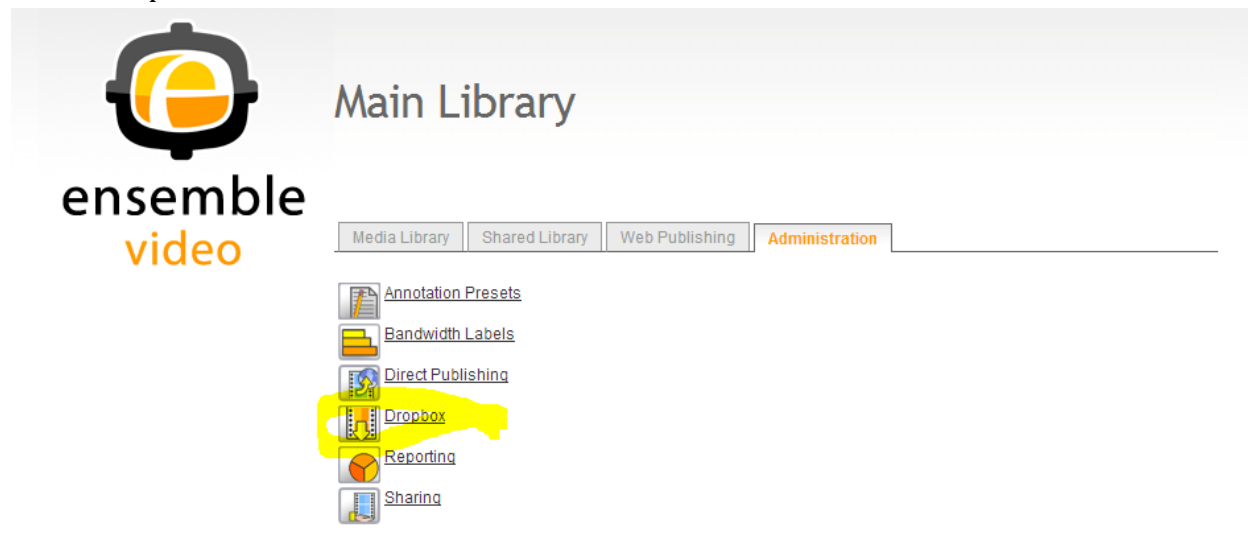
To allow your students to upload video content to Ensemble, you will need to create a dropbox within Ensemble.



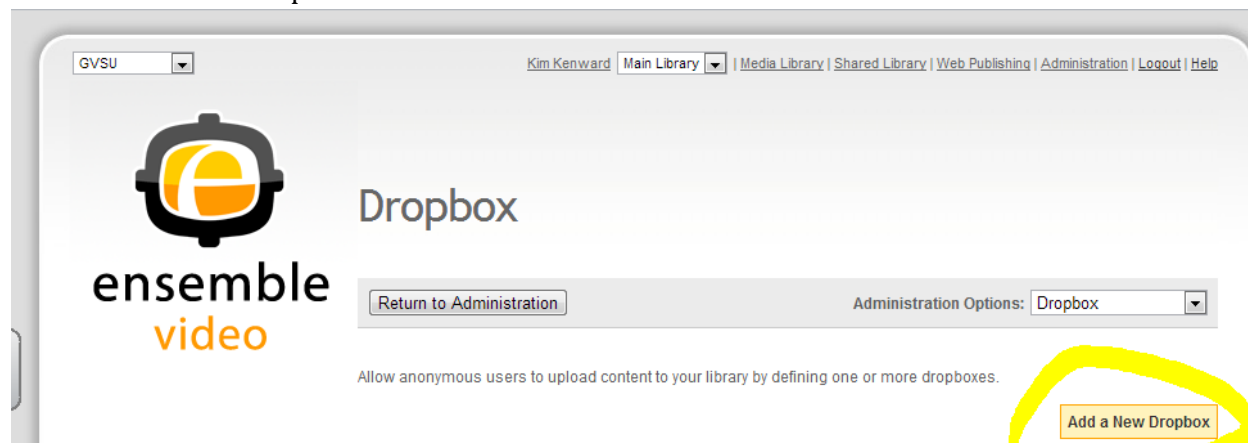
Click on the “Remember me” box, so that you don’t have to use the drop-down selector again. Click on the “Administration” hyperlink or Tab.



Select "Dropbox"



Select "Add a New Dropbox"



You will be asked to provide some information when creating your dropbox

* - indicates a required field

* Name

* Url

* Description


* Media Source

Public ☐

Enabled ☒

Please note that you will be creating a URL that you will be embedding to Blackboard or sharing with your students. Please make sure to not include any spaces or characters in the url field. You must also uncheck the “public” box so that it is not available to everyone. Click “save” to continue.

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 **Dropbox**

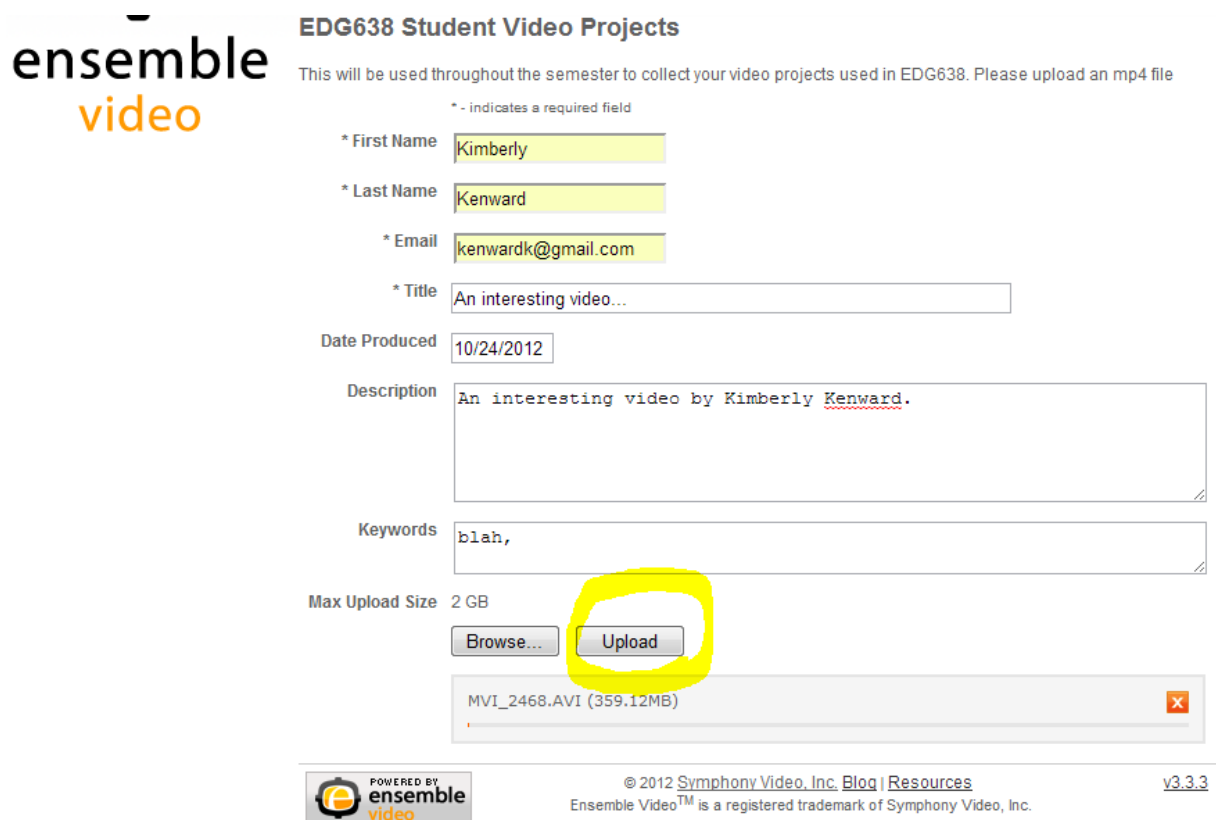
Administration Options:

Allow anonymous users to upload content to your library by defining one or more dropboxes.

Name	Enabled	Public	Url			
EDG638 Student Video Projects https://cloud.ensembleVideo.com/ensemble/Dropbox/edg638	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="Copy"/>	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>	

You can then embed this url into Blackboard as a web link, or you may email the url to your students by using the copy icon.

After the student has filled in the necessary information, they will need to select the “upload” command to upload the video to Ensemble.



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EDG638 Student Video Projects

This will be used throughout the semester to collect your video projects used in EDG638. Please upload an mp4 file

* - indicates a required field

* First Name

* Last Name

* Email

* Title

Date Produced

Description

Keywords

Max Upload Size 2 GB

MVI_2468.AVI (359.12MB)

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Once your students have uploaded video to Ensemble, the instructor must then “publish” the videos from the dropbox to their video collection. The videos aren’t automatically available, until the instructor selects “publish” for each video.