SMstudy Course Builder

USER GUIDE Your guide to

building high quality courses on Sales and Marketing!

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Part I - Introduction

Creating a new course is no longer an arduous process. SMstudy provides state-of-the-art course builder tools for content providers. These tools help you prepare your own online courses in any of the six Aspects of Sales and Marketing: Marketing Strategy (MS), Marketing Research (MR), Digital Marketing (DM), Corporate Sales (CS), Branding and Advertising (BA), and Retail Marketing (RM). Once courses are created, they are available through our online platform, mobile apps or for physical classes. The process is simple—create or upload your chapter videos, create quizzes, insert other elements such as study guides or case studies and your course is ready to be broadcast to a global audience in more than 100 countries.

You earn while they learn

SMstudy allows experts in the field of Sales and Marketing to add courses to its ever-increasing library of courses. If you have an existing course or you would like to build one with your expertise, SMstudy is the right platform for you. Earn money as students access your course (\$1/month per student that subscribes to your course). The more high-quality courses you add to the SMstudy library, the more you can earn.

Flexible delivery options and global reach

SMstudy provides the best delivery mechanisms for your courses including: best-in-class mobile apps, high-end online courses and even physical/virtual classes. Courses built with the SMstudy course builder include engaging videos, illustrative case studies, simulated exams and more. Our multimodal delivery ensures that students around the globe can access courses anytime, anywhere.

Get associated with the global accreditation body

SMstudy is the global accreditation body for Sales and Marketing certifications. SMstudy offers comprehensive courses and certification programs based on the SMstudy® Guide (also referred to as the Sales and Marketing Body of Knowledge—SMBOK Guide). All of the courses and certifications offered by SMstudy are considered valuable and are well recognized in the sales and marketing industry as well as in academic circles. Adding your courses in the SMstudy repository builds your credibility and provides access to a wide audience.

SMstudy invests in improving your courses

SMstudy constantly monitors feedback from students. Courses demonstrating positive feedback and subject relevancy are selected by SMstudy for improvements such as additional videos, case studies, questions or other resources. The cost for such improvement will be incurred by SMstudy. The improved courses can drive more revenue to you as more students access those courses.

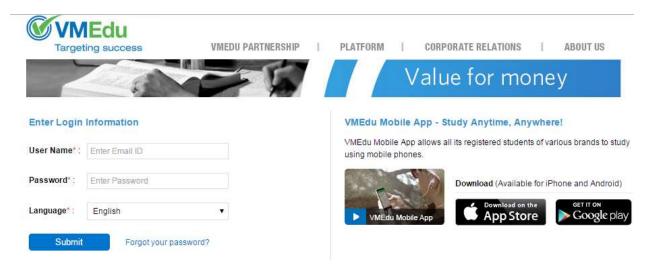
Become recognized as a Subject Matter Expert and gain consultancy assignments

SMstudy helps you market your expertise to the world, build a following and establish yourself as an authority in the Sales and Marketing community. Becoming a contributor to the SMstudy community increases your opportunities for consultancy assignments from students and companies.

Part II - Creating a new course

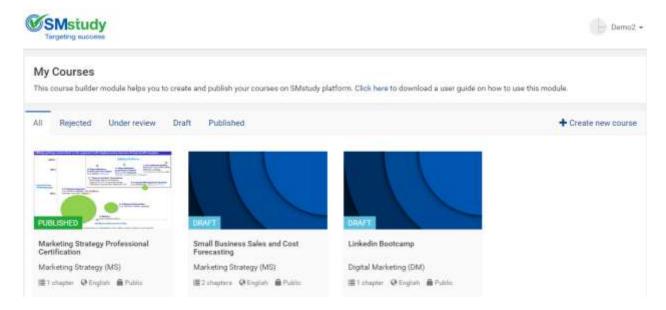
Login

Visit the link - http://coursebuilder.smstudy.com/ and enter the username and password provided in the registration email. Froom the language dropdown, choose the language for your course.



Create new course

Click on the option "Create new course" on the top right hand corner of the screen.



A pop up window opens to allow you to enter the details of the course. Following are the fields and their description.

Title – Enter the name of the course. This will be the name of your published course. The maximum length allowed for the course name is 60 characters.

Category – Choose the category of the course from the dropdown. You can choose from any of the six Aspects of Sales and Marketing: Marketing Strategy (MS), Marketing Research (MR), Digital Marketing (DM), Corporate Sales (CS), Branding and Advertising (BA), and Retail Marketing (RM).

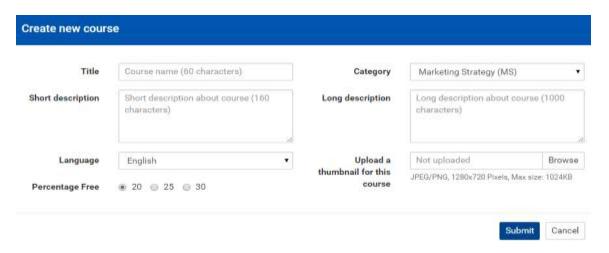
Short Description – Enter a short description about your course. This description would appear below the name of the course at the point of listing. The maximum length allowed for the short description is 160 characters.

Long Description - Enter a long description about your course. This description would appear when students click on the course. You can choose to write about the contents of the course, its relevance for different students, prerequisites etc. The maximum length allowed for the long description is 1000 characters.

Language – Choose the language for your course from the dropdown.

Upload a thumbnail for this course – Browse your computer and select the appropriate thumbnail for your course. The thumbnail you select will appear with the course name at the point of listing. You can upload JPEG/PNG files with a resolution of 1280x720 Pixels and a maximum size of 1024KB.

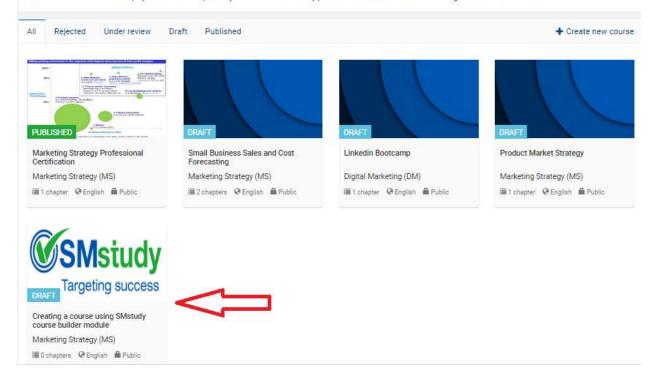
Percentage Free – SMstudy mandates course providers to offer a part of their course as trial for students. This allows students to experience the course before deciding to purchase it. You can choose to provide 20%, 25% or 30% of your course for free to be offered as trial.



On entering all the details about the course, press submit button to save your draft. The draft will start appearing in the list of the courses under 'my courses' section of your partner portal.

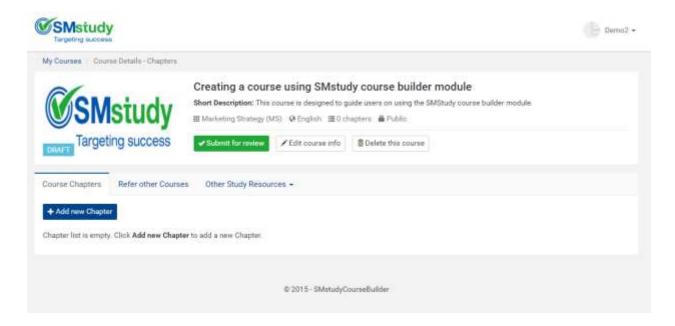
My Courses

This course builder module helps you to create and publish your courses on SMstudy platform. Click here to download a user guide on how to use this module.



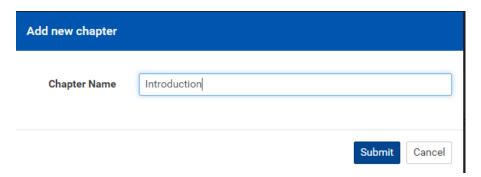
Part III - Adding course content

To add the course content, click on the draft in my courses section and the course screen will open as shown below



Adding a chapter

To add the first chapter, go to the tab 'course chapters' and click on the button – 'Add new chapter'. A pop up will open with the field to enter the chapter name. . The maximum length allowed for the chapter name is 60 characters.



On pressing the submit button, your chapter will be created and will start showing in the list of chapters under the course screen and you will be redirected to the chapter screen shown below. You can choose to reorder the chapter numbers by clicking the order sign next to the chapter number.



Here you have the option to add a new video, study guide, chapter test (quiz) or glossary.

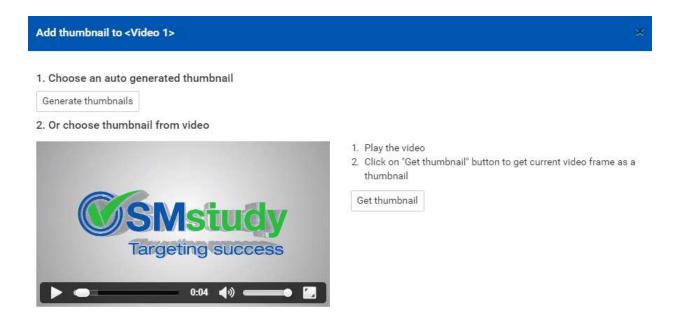
Adding a video

To add a new video, click on the button 'Add new video' and a pop up will open as shown below:



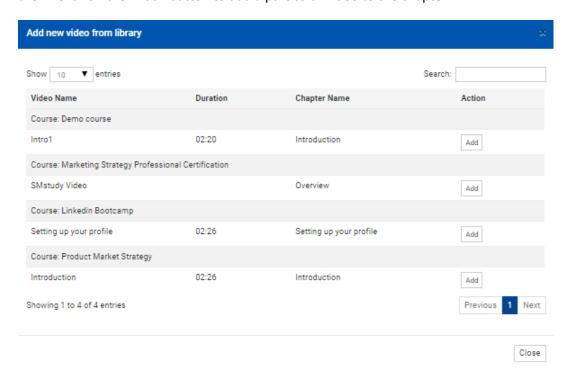
Enter the title of the video and upload the video by selecting it from the list of the files on your computer. After your video is uploaded you will be given following two options to choose the thumbnail:

- 1. Choose an auto generated thumbnail With this option, the system will randomly select thumbnail from your video.
- 2. Choose thumbnail from video With this option, you can play the video and pause it at the frame which you want to select as thumbnail for your video. One you choose the frame, click on the button 'Get thumbnail" to select the frame as thumbnail.

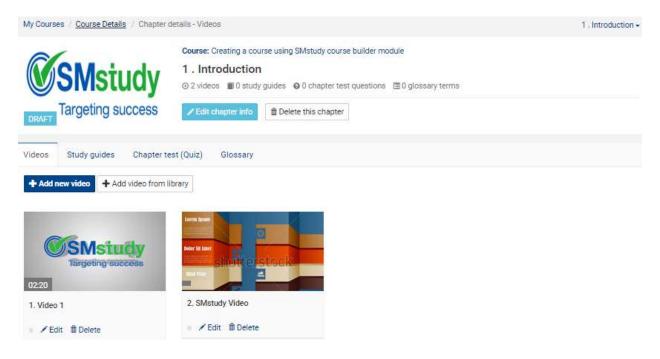


Alternatively, you can also select the option – 'Add video from library'. A list of previously uploaded videos to the SMstudy course builder portal appears on the screen with an "Add" button next to each of them. Click on the "Add" button to add a particular video to the chapter.

Submit



Once the videos are added to a chapter, they appear under the videos tab for that chapter. You can edit or delete the video by clicking on the respective buttons under the video icon.

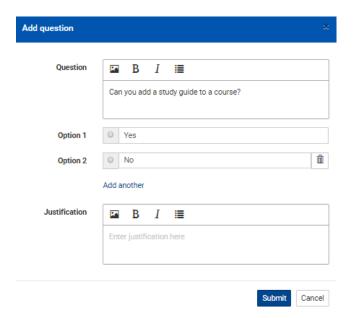


Adding a study guide

To add a study guide, follow a similar process as explained above for adding the videos. You can choose to upload study guides up to 20 MB size in the '.doc' format.

Adding a chapter test

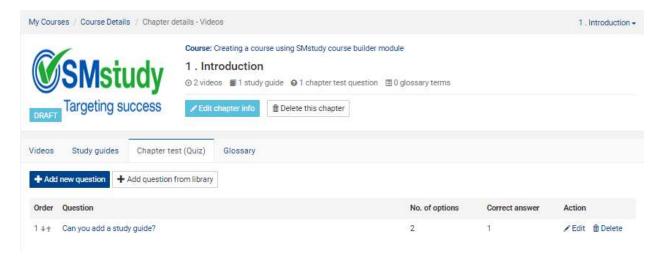
To add a chapter test, go to the "chapter test (quiz)" tab and add questions one by one. To add a question click on the button – "Add new question" and the pop shown below will open.



Write the question in the question field. You can add images to your question or add effects such as bold, italics and list. To add answer options, write the choices in the option fields. You can choose to add additional options by click the 'Add another' button below the options field. To mark the correct option, select the radio button in front of the correct answer.

To add a justification, write the justification text in the justification field. You can add images to your question or add effects such as bold, italics and list.

Alternatively, you can also choose to add a question from the list of already uploaded questions in the SMstudy portal. Once a question is uploaded it will appear in the Chapter test (quiz) tab. You can choose to edit or delete the questions by clicking on the corresponding buttons in front of the question.



Adding a glossary

To add glossary, follow a similar process as explained above for adding the chapter test. Just add term and its description and the glossary will get populated.

Part IV - Publishing a course

Once a course is created, submit the course for review by clicking the "Submit for review" button on the course description page.



Once a course is submitted, the status – "Under Review" will start showing on the course icon.



The course will then be reviewed by the SMstudy academic team and will be approved or rejected depending on the quality and relevance of course. You can check the status of your course under my courses section. Browse through the status tabs — Rejected, Under review, Draft, Published, to check the status of your course.



This course builder module helps you to create and publish your courses on Stitutudy platform. Click here to download a user guide on how to use this module.

