

Update #6 – Improvements made to Admin Interface

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Below is a description of a couple of recent improvements to our Diagnostic Math Assessment Tests Online.

1. # of Students Uploaded

The **View Testing Status** interface now includes a column that displays how many students (by test/school/division) have been uploaded to the database. After uploading a group of students, you can now cross check to make sure that the appropriate number(s) have been uploaded. You can also compare the number in the column to the number in the **Data Present** column in the same table to compare the number of students uploaded to the number who have completed at least part of the test.

2. Set the Visible Test Cutoff Date

This lets you control which tests appear to the student in the "**Start Test**" screen. Selecting a date will prevent students from accessing tests that they have completed previous to that date, e.g. in previous sessions. Note that the date is based on when the testing data was loaded into our system, not the date on which the student took the test.

3. Troubleshooting Upload Student Data

Microsoft XL has this quirky habit of converting a .CSV file (our upload file format) back to an XL-type file when users choose **File->Close** (not **File->Save** or **File->Save-As**) when they are compiling their database. The trick is, when closing the file, not saving the file, click on **No** when the program asks if you want to save the changes. That will keep the file in the proper format. I have attached a PDF that outline this procedure step-by-step.

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