Controlling Content Distribution with Adaptive Release

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A. What is Adaptive Release?

When you customize the release of content, you create a course that is more interactive and tailored to the needs of individual students. In the Original Course View, you can use adaptive release to show the appropriate content, to select individuals, at the appropriate time.

You can use two types of adaptive release:

1. Basic adaptive release – apply one rule to a content item. This rule can contain all four types of criteria, but not multiple instances of the same type. All criteria in the rule must be satisfied before the item is released. The more criteria added to a rule, the more restrictions on the release of that item. More criteria makes it more difficult for students to gain access.
2. Advanced adaptive release - set more complex release criteria. For example, you can add more criteria to a rule, or you can specify different options for releasing the content. Students must meet all of the criteria of one of the rules to gain access.

How do I set rules to release content?

Criteria are the parts that define rules you create to release content. You can apply one or more criterion to each adaptive release rule. For example, one rule may make content available after a specific date. Another rule, with multiple criteria, may make content available to a course group after a specific date.

You can add four types of criteria when you create rules:

- Date
- Membership
- Grade
- Review Status
B. Release Content by Date

Use date criteria to keep students focused. You can control when content is released rather than releasing all course content at the beginning of the term. You can display content after a specific date, until a specific date, or within a timeframe.

Example: Content is covered in a specific order. You want content available only after it's discussed in class.

Example: Release your final exam during your institution's scheduled exam week.

You can add more criteria to a rule, in addition to the date criterion, to further narrow the availability of an item.

Use these steps to add a date criterion to an advanced adaptive release rule. You add the same basic information when you create a basic adaptive release rule.

Adaptive Release: Advanced

Create Rule

Content Status: Available
There are no rules for this item. Click Create Rule to add a rule.

3. On the Add Rule page, type a name for the rule and select Submit.
4. Select Create Criteria and select Date.
5. On the Date page, make your date selections.
6. Select Submit.

C. Release Content by Student

Use membership criteria to release content to specific students and course groups.

Example: Make content available to specific students

A student misses an exam due to extenuating circumstances; you need to release the exam to this student ONLY. You do not want the rest of the class, who has taken the exam, to view it.

Example: Make content available to groups
You have three groups in your course and assign each group a different assignment. You ask the groups to learn their topics and then present the material to the class. You provide materials specific to each group's assignment as content items. You release each content item to one group only.

**TIP:** You can add more criteria to a rule, in addition to the membership criterion, to further narrow the availability of an item.

Use these steps to add a membership criterion to an advanced adaptive release rule. You add the same basic information when you create a basic adaptive release rule.

1. Access an item's menu and select **Adaptive Release > Advanced**.
2. On the **Adaptive Release > Advanced** page, select **Create Rule**.
3. On the **Add Rule** page, type a name for the rule and select **Submit**.
4. Select **Create Criteria > Membership**.
5. On the Membership page, make your selections:
   - In the Username box, type one or more usernames, separated by commas or browse the system.
   - All groups in the course appear in the Items to Select box, even those that are unavailable. Move groups from Items to Select to Selected Items.
6. Select **Submit**.

**D. Release Content by Grade**

Use Grade Center criteria to release content based on item attempt, item score, or a calculated column.

**Example:** Make content available based on Grade Center attempt
Use Grade Center criteria if you want to make content visibility dependent on attempts made by students on tests or assignments. You prepare a pretest for students to complete before review materials are made available.

Use attempt-based criterion for end-of-term surveys. Some institutions require that an end-of-term survey is attempted at least once before the final exam is made available.

**Example:** Make content available based on Grade Center score or calculated column

Many courses rely on progression, where students must learn one topic before they move to another. If you want students to earn a passing grade on Assignment 1 before they review the next chapter, you can add a Grade Center criterion.

You can add more criteria to a rule, in addition to Grade Center criteria, to further narrow the availability of an item.

You can only select one Grade Center item for each Grade Center criterion. But, you may add multiple Grade Center criteria to a single advanced adaptive release rule. For example, within a single rule, you can specify a criterion that makes Project A available after Survey 1 is complete. Then, create another criterion that makes Project A available after a score greater than 70 on Test 2 is recorded. In this example, only students who have completed Survey 1 and scored higher than 70 on Test 2 may view Project A.

Use these steps to add a Grade Center criterion to an advanced adaptive release rule. You add the same basic information when you create a basic adaptive release rule.

1. Access an item's menu and select **Adaptive Release > Advanced**.
2. On the **Adaptive Release > Advanced** page, select **Create Rule**.
3. On the Add Rule page, type a name for the rule and select **Submit**.
4. Select **Create Criteria > Grade**.
5. On the Grade page, select the Grade Center item for this criterion. Grade Center items are listed by their categories, such as assignment or discussion. Possible points are included to help you determine the score range.

6. In the Select Condition menu:
   - Select User has at least one attempt for this item to release the content based on a submitted attempt rather than the score achieved.
   - In the Score menu, select Less Than, Greater Than, or Equal To. Type a numeric score in the box for the score threshold.
   - Select Score Between or Percent Between. Type the range of values in the boxes.