Instructors can assign rules to items in their Blackboard course to selectively make these items available to students. An adaptive release rule is a set of criteria that limits the availability of a content folder, assignment, or test to students who satisfy the conditions of a rule.

### Creating or Editing an Adaptive Release Rule

1. When **EDIT MODE** is turned on in your course, navigate to a content folder, assignment, or test in the course. Roll your mouse over the item and click the gray context-arrow that appears. In the context-menu that appears, select **ADAPTIVE RELEASE**.

2. You will be taken to the adaptive release page. Here, you will specify your criteria for releasing the selected content to students. **Each criterion used further narrows the availability of content to students; use as few rules as needed to achieve the desired effect.**

   a. **Date** - If you would like to make the selected content available to students within a specific timeframe, use this option. Check the **DISPLAY AFTER** and **DISPLAY UNTIL** checkboxes and use the scheduling tools to indicate the times and dates.

   ![Image of adaptive release settings]

   - **DATE**
     - Setting a Date criterion for this item will restrict the dates and times of the visibility of this item.
     - Choose Date:
       - **Display After**: 07/15/2019, 12:00 AM
       - **Display Until**: 07/19/2019, 11:59 PM

   - In this example, students would only have access to this content within the indicated timeframe.

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1 Please note that if you have set availability dates and times on a test or assignment, this data will automatically appear within your Adaptive Release rule’s date fields.

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b. Membership – Use this option to release content to a specific student or group of students. This option is commonly used to make a test or assignment available to specific students. Use the BROWSE button to search for students or groups.

![Membership Image]

In this example, only the specified student would have access to this content.

c. Grade - If you would like to restrict access to content according to a grade marked in the Grade Center, use this option. Select an option from the GRADE CENTER COLUMN MENU and indicate your grade CRITERIA to evaluate against.

![Grade Image]

In this example, the content that I am applying Adaptive Release to will become available to students after they have been flagged with “Needs Grading” status by contributing to a graded discussion forum.

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2 To make an adaptive release rule for a group of students, you must first create the group using Blackboard’s Group tool.
d. **Review Status** - To restrict access to this item according to the student’s “Review Status” of another item, use this option. Click the BROWSE button and select the item that you want to equip “Review Status” on.

![Review Status](image)

Selecting this item will add a link to the item that students can use to mark the item as “Reviewed”. When the student marks the item as “Reviewed”, the specified content will become available.

![Syllabus](image)

In this example, the content that I am applying Adaptive Release to will become available to students after they mark that they have reviewed the Syllabus.

3. When you are done indicating your release rule settings, click the **SUBMIT** button. The content will display a status message that indicates that the content is selectively available based on Adaptive Release.

![Quiz 1](image)

**Tips for Testing Adaptive Release**

Use **Student Preview Mode** to test the availability of content controlled by Adaptive Release.

**Removing Adaptive Release**

1. Navigate to a content folder, assignment, or test in your course. Roll your mouse over the item and click the gray context-arrow that appears. In the context-menu that appears, select **ADAPTIVE RELEASE**.

2. On the Adaptive Release page, remove all rules for date, membership, grade, or review status.

3. Click **SUBMIT** to save and apply your changes.