USING ADAPTIVE RELEASE RULES

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 the rule.

CREATING OR EDITING AN ADAPTIVE RELEASE RULE

These instructions assume that you have EDIT MODE turned on in your course.

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. You will be taken to the adaptive release page. Here, you will specify your criteria for releasing the selected content to students. Because each criterion narrows the availability of content to students, we recommend using 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.

   ![Date Scheduling](image)

   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.
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 Screenshot]

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 Screenshot]

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.

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.

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

**TIPS FOR TESTING YOUR ADAPTIVE RELEASE RULE**

We recommend using your **Student Preview Mode** to test your Adaptive Release rule. For example, if you have created an Adaptive Release membership rule to make content available to a specific student in the course, access the course with your Student Preview Mode to verify that the content isn’t available to other students.

**REMOVING AN ADAPTIVE RELEASE RULE**

You may remove an Adaptive Release rule from content at any time through these steps.

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.