

# USING ADAPTIVE RELEASE RULES



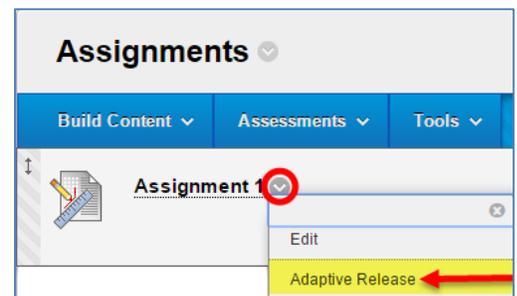
## Blackboard Learn

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**<sup>1</sup> checkboxes and use the scheduling tools to indicate the times and dates.

**DATE**

*Setting a Date criterion for this item will restrict the dates and times of the visibility of this item.*

Choose Date

Display After

*Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.*

Display Until

*Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.*

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

<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>2</sup> 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**

*This content item is visible to all users until a Membership criterion is created. Users must be specified in the Username list or must be in a selected Group.*

Username

*Enter one or more Username values or click **Browse** to Search. Separate multiple Username values with commas.*

Course Groups

Items to Select	Selected Items
Presentation Group 1	

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**

*This content item is visible to all users until a Grade criterion is created. Possible points for a Grade Center grade or calculated column are listed in brackets beside the column name. The score entered must be numeric.*

Select a Grade Center column

Select Condition

User has at least one attempt for this item

*An attempt is recorded in the Grade Center when the user submits a Test, Survey, or Assignment, or when a grade is entered or edited.*

Score  Percent    
 Score  Percent Between  and

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.

<sup>2</sup> 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**

*This content item is visible to all users until a Review Status criterion is created. Selecting an item will permit users to mark that item as reviewed.*

Select an item

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.

## Assignments



### Week 1 Readings

Attached Files: known-issue-ff-23-unsafe-content-blocked.docx  
 known-issue-weblinks-not-opening.docx (216.46 K)

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 Week 1 Readings.

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.

## Assignments

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Enabled: Adaptive Release

## 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.