Adaptive Release

Adaptive release allows instructors to selectively release content items based on criteria such as date or grade. Adaptive release can be applied to any item added to a Blackboard content area including files, folders, links, assignments, and tests.

**Note:** If you are interested in applying adaptive release rules to a test, use the ‘Test Availability Exceptions’ option instead, which is located on the Test Options page. Although ‘Adaptive Release’ will work, there are more options in the ‘Test Availability Exceptions’ that pertain to tests.

**Applying Adaptive Release to a content item:**

1. Once inside your course, make sure Edit Mode (upper right corner) has been turned ‘On.’
2. Navigate to the content area where the content item is located. In this case, we’ll use the ‘Week 1’ folder inside of Course Content.
3. Click the option menu next to the name of the item and choose ‘Adaptive Release.’
4. Set one (or more) criteria for the item:

- The date option allows you to release an item for a specific window of time.

1. Date

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

   Choose Date
   
   - Display After [10/09/2012 02:00 PM]
   
   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.

- The membership option allows you to release an item to specific students (enter their JHED ID in the Username field, or use the Browse button to search) or to groups of students that have already been established in the course.

2. 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

   - Group A
   - Group B
   - Group C
   - Group D

   Items to Select
   
   Selected Items

   - Invert Selection
   - Select All
   - Invert Selection
   - Select All
• The grade option allows specific grading criteria to be set according to existing columns in the grade center.

3. **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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Select a Grade Center column</th>
<th>Assignment: Week One Article Summary</th>
<th>%</th>
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   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
   - Less than or equal to
   - Greater than or equal to

• The review status option allows you to set a review status on a particular item in the course which students then have to mark as 'reviewed' to meet the criteria.

4. **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: [Browse] [Clear]

5. Click Submit when finished setting criteria.

   ![Submit Button]

6. Adaptive release criteria is now applied to the item.

   ![Week 1 Folder]

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**Note:** To edit or remove adaptive release criteria, click the option menu next to the name of the item and select ‘Edit.’ Make desired changes and click Submit.

**Advanced Adaptive Release:**

Advanced Adaptive Release allows instructors to add multiple rules to a single content item. If multiple rules are created, the content is visible to the user if any of the rules are met.

**Using Advanced Adaptive Release:**

1. Once inside your course, make sure Edit Mode (upper right corner) has been turned ‘On.’
2. Navigate to the content area where the content item is located. In this case, we’ll use ‘Week One Article Summary’ inside of Assignments.

![Assignments](image)

Week One Article Summary
Please type a two page summary of the article.

3. Click the option menu next to the name of the item and choose ‘Adaptive Release: Advanced.’

![Menu Options](image)

4. Click ‘Create Rule.’

![Create Rule](image)

5. Type in a name for the rule and click Submit.

   1. **Rule Name**

      Provide a name for this rule

      * Rule Name

      ![Submit](image)

6. Click on the ‘Create Criteria’ dropdown and select an option, or click the ‘Review Status’ button to set an item for review. In this example, we’ll choose Date.

![Create Criteria & Review Status](image)
7. Fill in the appropriate information for the particular option. Click Submit.

1. **Set Date**
   
   Setting a Date criterion for this item will restrict the dates and times of the visibility of this item.
   
   **Choose Date**
   
   - Display After: 10/09/2012 02:00 PM
   
   Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.
   
   - Display Until: 10/25/2012 12:00 PM
   
   Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

2. **Submit**

   Click Submit to proceed. Click Cancel to quit.

8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 to add additional criteria to the item.
9. Adaptive release criteria is now applied to the item.

   **Week One Article Summary**

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   Please type a two page summary of the article read in class this week.