Adaptive Release of Content allows you to establish rules or criteria that govern when materials (or tests or tools or other resources) are made available to learners. These Adaptive Release rules have two different levels of complexity – Basic and Advanced.

**ADAPTIVE RELEASE: BASIC**

The Basic Adaptive Release of Content option allows you to create one rule per Content Item from one of four categories:

- Date
- Membership
- Grade
- Review Status

1. Navigate to the Content Area in your Blackboard course that contains a content item (including assignments and assessments).
2. Click the action button next to the name of the content item and select **Adaptive Release**.

3. Section 1 allows you to restrict the date that an item is available and when it expires using the **Display After** and **Display Until** options. (You can also set date and time restrictions when creating the item.)
4. Section 2 allows you to grant access by membership. You can grant members status to individuals or groups, enabling them to view the item. You can assign membership rights in two ways:

   a. In the **Username** field, type in the campus username of each individual to whom you want to give membership status. Click **Browse** to search for usernames within your course.

   ![Username field](image1)

   **NOTE:** Until you see the group name displayed in the Selected Items box, the group will NOT be selected. Also, the Course Groups option will NOT be available if you have not created groups for your course.

   b. Click the name of the group in the **Available Course Groups** box and then click the right arrow to move this group to the **Selected Course Groups** box.

   ![Course Groups](image2)
5. Section 3 allows you to enable Adaptive Release of Content based on a Grade Center item rules or criteria.

   a. **Select a Grade Center column**: Use the pull-down menu to find the item on which to base this rule. Click the item once to select it.

   ![Grade Center Menu](image)

   b. **Select Condition**: Click the radio button beside one of three choices:

   - **User has at least one attempt for this item** – If a specific score isn’t important, select this option. Content will not be available until the student has made at least one attempt at the column specified in the previous step.

   - **Score** – Choose from the pull-down menu whether you want the score to be greater than or equal to, less than or equal to, or equal to the number you enter in the field.

   - **Score between** – Choose this option if you want the score to fall in a specified range, and enter the low end and high end of that in the fields provided.

6. Section 4 allows you to set Review Status. You use this option if learners are expected to view a different item before having access to the item under consideration.

   a. **Click Browse** to see the course map.

   b. **Click the Content Item** you want learners to view first.
ADAPTIVE RELEASE: ADVANCED

Establishing multiple rules with the Advanced option means that learners who satisfy any of the criteria are given access to the item. The rules can include any combination of:

- Date
- Membership
- Grade
- Review Status

1. Navigate to the Content Area in your Blackboard course that contains a content item (including assignments and assessments).

2. Click the action button next to the name of the assignment and select Adaptive Release: Advanced.

3. Click Create Rule to add your first Adaptive Release rule to this item. *NOTE:* If you created a simple Adaptive Release rule, it will be listed here as well.
4. Type in a name for this rule in the Rule Name field. (Create rule names that will make sense at a later date.)

1. **Rule Name**
   
   Provide a name for this rule

   * Rule Name  

   [Red arrow pointing to Rule 1]

2. **Submit**

   Click Submit to proceed. Click Cancel to quit.

   [Red arrow pointing to Cancel and Submit buttons]

5. Click **Submit**.

6. Select which type of criteria this rule uses from the Create Criteria dropdown menu (Date, Grade, or Membership) or click Review Status at the top of the Manage Criteria page.

   ![Manage Criteria: Rule 1](image)

   Adding criteria to this rule will narrow the ability of users to view this content item. If the item is unavailable, all rules will be ignored. If there are date rules on the item, those dates will narrow any date criteria rules set on this page.

   **Create Criteria**

   - Date
   - Grade
   - Membership

    **Review Status**

   [Red arrow pointing to Review Status]

   Deny them access to this content for users.

7. Select the options you want for a given criterion and click **Submit**. The individual criteria options for Date, Grade, and Membership are identical to those outlined above.
MODIFYING ADAPTIVE RELEASE RULES

1. Navigate to the content area in your Blackboard course that contains a content item (including assignments and assessments).

2. Click the action button next to the name of the assignment and select **Adaptive Release: Advanced**.

3. Click the action button next to the rule you want to modify and select **Edit Criteria**.

   ![Image showing the rule name and options]

   a. Select **Manage** to change the name of the rule.
   
   b. Select **Copy** to make an exact copy of the rule.
   
   c. Select **Delete** to remove the rule entirely. **WARNING:** This action cannot be undone.

4. A list of criteria for the rule will be displayed. Click the action button next to the criterion you want to modify and click **Edit**.

   ![Image showing the criteria for the rule]

   ![Image showing the edit criteria options]

5. Choose new options for the criterion and click **Submit**.

   ![Image showing the submit button]
ENABLING REVIEW STATUS

The option to have each participant verify that they have looked at a particular item can be used separately from the Adaptive Release function. This option might be useful both to learners and instructors to keep track of progress through the course.

1. Navigate to the content area in your Blackboard course that contains a content item (including assignments and assessments).

2. Click the action button next to the name of the assignment and select Set Review Status (Disabled).

3. Select Enable and click Submit.

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   2. Submit

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TRACKING PARTICIPANT PROGRESS BY USING ADAPTIVE RELEASE AND REVIEW STATUS

Blackboard allows you to track whether learners have met the criteria (the rules) established for various items and if they have looked at items for which you have enabled Review Status.

1. Navigate to the content area in your Blackboard course that contains a content item (including assignments and assessments).

2. Click the action button next to the name of the assignment and select User Progress.

   a. The course roster appears, including student names, usernames, course roles and visibility of the item.

   b. If the item is visible to the user, an “open eye” appears to the right of their information. If the item is not visible, the eye has a red slash through it.

   c. If Review Status is enabled, columns labeled Reviewed and Date Reviewed also appear, with appropriate data filled in for each user.

**Rule:** Rule 1 (Membership)

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