Adaptive Release

Adaptive Release provides the means for the controlled release of content to users based on a set of rules created by the instructor. Rules are defined by one or more selected criteria. There are several criteria available for application to rules:

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<td>Display content based on a range of scores. For example, require users to score between 80 and 100 on an exam.</td>
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<td>Display content to the user only after an associated item has been marked as “Reviewed by the user,” i.e. the user has viewed/opened the item.</td>
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Date Criteria:

Date Criteria enable content to be displayed according to date and time. Content may be displayed after a specific date, until a specific date, or within a time frame. Once a rule is made with this criterion, it can be used in combination with others to increase the specificity of the release of a content item. The date availability restrictions found on a content item’s Edit page can also be used in conjunction with the Date Adaptive Release rule. Note, however, that if the date is changed on the item itself (via the Edit page), and Date Adaptive Release criteria already exist, you will receive a message warning about resulting conflicts. The same warning appears if you attempt to add Date Adaptive Release criteria when the item’s availability dates have already been set on the Edit page.

Create a Date Rule:
1. Login to Blackboard 9.1.
2. Enter the course within which you wish to work.
3. Navigate to the content item to which you are going to apply the Adaptive Release.
4. Click on the gray square icon next to the item’s name to reveal a drop-down menu and select Adaptive Release.
5. In section 1, "Date," click the **boxes** to select either a **Display After** date/time, a **Display Until** date/time, or both for a time frame. To adjust the default dates and times, use the calendar and clock icons next to the date and time fields.

6. Scroll down and click **Submit**.

**Add Date Criteria to a Rule:**
1. Login to Blackboard 9.1.
2. Enter the course within which you wish to work.
3. Navigate to the content item to which you are going to apply the Date Criteria.
4. Click on the **gray square icon** next to the item's name to reveal a drop-down menu and select **Adaptive Release: Advanced**.
5. Click the **Create Rule button**.
6. On the Add Rule page, enter a rule name, then click **Submit**.
7. You will be taken to the Manage Criteria: [Rule Name] page. Click the **Create Criteria button** and select **Date**.
8. On the Date: [Rule Name] page, click the **boxes** to select either a **Display After** date/time, a **Display Until** date/time, or both for a time frame. To adjust the default dates and times, use the calendar and clock icons next to the date and time fields.
9. Click **Submit**.
10. Your Date Criterion will be listed on the Manage Criteria: [Rule Name] page. Click on the **gray square icon** next to the criterion's Type, i.e. Date, to reveal a drop-down menu and select **Edit** to change the date parameters, or **Delete** to remove the criterion from the Rule.

**Membership Criteria:**

Membership Criteria enable content to be displayed according to username and/or group. A Membership Criterion might include a single username, several selected usernames, a course group, or even a combination of group name and username. Once a rule is made with this criterion, it can be used in combination with others to narrow the accessibility of a content item.

**Create a Membership Rule:**
1. Login to Blackboard 9.1.
2. Enter the course within which you wish to work.
3. Navigate to the content item to which you are going to apply the Adaptive Release.
4. Click on the **gray square icon** next to the item's name to reveal a drop-down menu and select **Adaptive Release**.
5. In section 2, enter the username(s) of the users you wish to access the item, or click the **Browse button** to search for course members to add. If your course has groups, you have the option to select members as a group instead of by usernames. Click on the **group name** to highlight it, then click on the **right- or left-facing arrows** to move the group into or out of the Selected Items box.
6. Once you've selected users and/or groups to include in the Membership Criteria, click **Submit**.

**Add Membership Criteria to a Rule:**
1. Login to Blackboard 9.1.
2. Enter the course within which you wish to work.
3. Navigate to the content item to which you are going to apply the Membership Criteria.

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4. Click on the **gray square icon** next to the item’s name to reveal a drop-down menu and select **Adaptive Release: Advanced**.
5. Click the **Create Rule button**.
6. On the Add Rule page, enter a rule name, then click **Submit**.
7. You will be taken to the Manage Criteria: [Rule Name] page. Click the **Create Criteria button** and select **Membership**.
8. On the Membership: [Rule Name] page, enter the username(s) of the users you wish to access the item, or click the **Browse button** to search for course members to add. If your course has groups, you have the option to select members as a group instead of by usernames. Click on the **group name** to highlight it, then click on the right- or left-facing arrows to move the group into or out of the Selected Items box.
9. Once you’ve selected users to include in the Membership, click **Submit**.
10. Your Membership Criterion will be listed on the Manage Criteria: [Rule Name] page. Click on the **gray square icon** next to the criterion’s Type, i.e. Membership, to reveal a drop-down menu and select **Edit** to change the members, or **Delete** to remove the criterion from the Rule.

**Grade Criteria:**

Grade Criteria enable content to be displayed according to grade/score information. A Grade Criterion might require a score greater than, less than, or equal to a set value, a score that falls within a range of values, or it might only require that there be an attempt for a graded item. Once a rule is made with this criterion, it can be used in combination with others to narrow the accessibility of a content item.

**Create a Grade Rule:**
1. Login to Blackboard 9.1.
2. Enter the course within which you wish to work.
3. Navigate to the content item to which you are going to apply the Adaptive Release.
4. Click on the **gray square icon** next to the item’s name to reveal a drop-down menu and select **Adaptive Release**.
5. In section 3, select the **Grade Center Column** (i.e. an assignment or exam, etc.) from the drop-down list for which the Grade Criterion must be met in order to view the desired content item.
6. Next select the Condition:
   a. User has at least one attempt for this item
   b. Score/Percent less than/greater than/equal to...[enter score]
   c. Score/Percent between...[enter value]...and...[enter value]
7. Once you’ve made the selections for Grade Criteria, click **Submit**.

**Add Grade Criteria to a Rule:**
1. Login to Blackboard 9.1.
2. Enter the course within which you wish to work.
3. Navigate to the content item to which you are going to apply the Grade Criteria.
4. Click on the **gray square icon** next to the item’s name to reveal a drop-down menu and select **Adaptive Release: Advanced**.
5. Click the **Create Rule button**.
6. On the Add Rule page, enter a rule name, then click **Submit**.
7. You will be taken to the Manage Criteria: [Rule Name] page. Click the **Create Criteria button** and select **Grade**.
8. On the Grade: [Rule Name] page, select the **Grade Center Column** (i.e. an assignment or exam, etc.) from the drop-down list for which the Grade Criterion must be met in order to view the desired content item.

9. Next select the Condition:
   a. User has at least one attempt for this item
   b. Score/Percent less than/greater than/equal to...[enter score]
   c. Score/Percent between...[enter value]...and...[enter value]

10. Once you've made selections for the Grade Criteria, click **Submit**.

11. Your Grade Criterion will be listed on the Manage Criteria: [Rule Name] page. Click on the **gray square icon** next to the criterion’s Type, i.e. Grade, to reveal a drop-down menu and select **Edit** to change the column and score settings, or **Delete** to remove the criterion from the Rule.

**Review Status Criteria:**

Review Status Criteria allow content items to be released based on a user’s review of a prior content item. A Review Status Criterion might require a user to view a lecture file and mark it as “Reviewed” before allowing the user access to the related assignment. Once a rule is made with this criterion, it can be used in combination with others to narrow the accessibility of a content item.

**Create a Review Status Rule:**

1. Login to Blackboard 9.1.
2. Enter the course within which you wish to work.
3. Navigate to the content item to which you are going to apply the Adaptive Release.
4. Click on the **gray square icon** next to the item’s name to reveal a drop-down menu and select **Adaptive Release**.
5. In section 4, click the **Browse button** to select the **content item** that users will need to mark as “reviewed” in order to view the desired content item to which the rule is being applied. If you select the wrong content item, click the **Clear button** and browse again.
6. Once you’ve made the selection for Review Status Criteria, click **Submit**.

**Add Review Status Criteria to a Rule:**

1. Login to Blackboard 9.1.
2. Enter the course within which you wish to work.
3. Navigate to the content item to which you are going to apply the Review Status Criteria.
4. Click on the **gray square icon** next to the item’s name to reveal a drop-down menu and select **Adaptive Release: Advanced**.
5. Click the **Create Rule button**.
6. On the Add Rule page, enter a rule name, then click **Submit**.
7. You will be taken to the Manage Criteria: [Rule Name] page. Click the **Review Status button**.
8. On the Review Status: [Rule Name] page, click the **Browse button** to select the **content item** that users will need to mark as “reviewed” in order to view the desired content item to which the rule is being applied. If you select the wrong content item, click the **Clear button** and browse again.
9. Once you’ve made the selection for the Review Status Criteria, click **Submit**.
10. Your Review Status Criterion will be listed on the Manage Criteria: [Rule Name] page. Click on the **gray square icon** next to the criterion’s Type, i.e. Review Status, to reveal a drop-down menu and select **Edit** to change the content item selection, or **Delete** to remove the criterion from the Rule.