Adaptive Release

Before you begin:
Availability settings in a content item will override any Adaptive Release rules. Be sure to make your course item available and remove any date restrictions you may set on the course item before applying Adaptive Release.

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What is Adaptive Release?

With Adaptive Release, instructors can create a set of rules to control how content is released to students in their Blackboard courses. The rules may be related to availability, date and time, individual usernames, membership in course groups, review status of another item in the course, and Grade Center items such as scores, attempts, and calculated columns.

You can use Adaptive Release rules with any content you’ve created for your course. Blackboard offers both basic and advanced adaptive release.

**Basic** adaptive release rules allow you to add and edit one rule for a single piece of content. This single rule may have multiple criteria. **Advanced** Adaptive Release allows you to add multiple rules to a single content item. If you create multiple rules, the content is visible to a student if all criteria in any of the rules are met. Each rule may have multiple criteria.

Creating a basic Adaptive Release rule

Basic Adaptive Release allows you to make content visible/hidden based on date, username, group membership, or grades in the grade book. While you can select multiple criteria for your basic Adaptive Release rule, you can only set one rule this way.

If you want to display content to students who may meet one of several rules (example: the student is either in group A and scored 52+ on a quiz OR the student is in group B that scored a 75+), you need to use advanced Adaptive Release.

1. Open Blackboard and find the content item you want to create an Adaptive Release rule for.

2. Hover your mouse over the content you wish to configure with an Adaptive Release rule. Click on the circle with the Down Arrow that appears next to the name of the content.
3. From the menu that opens, choose Adaptive Release.

4. If you want to make the content available during a specific window, you can set the rules in the Date section.

5. If you want to make content visible to only specific members or groups in your course, you can set the files in the Membership section.

6. In the Grade section, you can make content visible to a student based on a Grade Center column. It can be visible to a student if they've:
   1. Attempted to complete the item the graded item at least one time.
   2. Scored above, below or exactly a specific score/percentage.
   3. Scored between two scores/percentages.
7. Under the **Review Status**, you can select other content in your course that your student must mark as Reviewed before they can see the content you are setting the rule for.

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Selecting a course item here will enable the Review setting for the selected course item. There will be a Mark Reviewed button under the item after you submit the Adaptive Release rule.
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8. After selecting all of the criteria you want for your Adaptive Release rule, scroll to the bottom of the page and click **Submit**.

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Click Submit to proceed.  Cancel  Submit
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**Creating an advanced Adaptive Release rule**

**Advanced** Adaptive Release allows you to add multiple rules to a single content item. If you create multiple rules, the content is visible to a student if **all criteria in any of the rules** are met. Each rule may have multiple criteria. If you only want to make one rule for your Adaptive Release you should use the basic Adaptive Release as it takes fewer steps to complete.

1. **Open Blackboard** and find the content item you want to create an Adaptive Release rule for.

2. Hover your mouse over the content you wish to configure with an Adaptive Release rule. Click on the circle with the **Down Arrow** that appears next to the name of the content.
3. From the menu that opens, choose **Adaptive Release: Advanced**.

4. Click the **Create Rule** button.

   **Adaptive Release: Advanced**
   A rule is a set of criteria that determines the visibility of this content item to users. If multiple rules are created, the content will be visible to the user if any of the rules are met. For content to be released to a user, that user must satisfy all criteria in one of the rules below. To create more restrictions that a user must satisfy, add criteria to one rule. To create more potential ways for a user to see the content, create multiple rules. Add, edit, or delete criteria in any rule by selecting **Edit** in the rule's contextual menu.

   ![Create Rule button](image)

   ![Content Status: Available](image)

5. If you plan on creating multiple rules, it's a good idea to provide a descriptive name in the **Rule Name** box. When done, click **Submit**.

6. Hover your mouse over the **Create Criteria** button to select and configure the type of criteria you wish to add. Additionally, you can click **Review Status** to make it so that your student must mark other course items as **Reviewed** before they can see the content you are setting the rule for.

   **Tip:**
   You'll need to repeat this step several times if you have multiple criteria you wish to add to your Adaptive Release rule.
1. If you want to make the content available during a specific window, you can set the rules in the **Date** section. Click the **Submit** button (not shown in picture) to add the criteria to your Adaptive Release rule.

2. If you want to make content visible to only specific members or groups in your course, you can set the files in the **Membership** section. Click the **Submit** button (not shown in picture) to add the criteria to your Adaptive Release rule.

3. In the **Grade** section, you can make content visible to a student based on a Grade Center column. It can be visible to a student if they've:
   1. Attempted to complete the item the graded item at least one time.
   2. Scored above, below or exactly a specific score/percentage.
   3. Scored between two scores/percentages.

   Click the **Submit** button (not shown in picture) to add the criteria to your Adaptive Release rule.

4. If you choose **Review Status**, you can select other content in your course that your student must mark as Reviewed before they can see the content you are setting the rule for. Click the **Submit** button (not shown in picture) to add the Review Status criteria to your Adaptive Release rule.

7. To set additional rules with different criteria, click the **Adaptive Release: Advanced** breadcrumb along the top of the screen and repeat steps 4 through 6 above.

   Alternatively, you can exit your course and start the instructions above from step 1.
Copying Adaptive Release rules

You can't copy Adaptive Release rules from one content item to another. You can only copy rules within a single item.

If you want to create several rules for one content item that are similar to each other, it may be easier to copy a rule and modify it as needed.

Deleting Adaptive Release rules

The process below applies whether you created the Adaptive Release rule using the basic or advanced method.

1. Open Blackboard and find the content item you want to delete an Adaptive Release rule from.

2. Hover your mouse over the content you wish to configure with an Adaptive Release rule. Click on the circle with the Down Arrow that appears next to the name of the content.

3. From the menu that opens, choose Adaptive Release: Advanced.
4. Click the check-box next to the rule(s) you want to delete and click the **Delete** button.

Adaptive Release: Advanced

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Create Rule

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