Blackboard
Adaptive Release

Adaptive Release is an option that allows the instructor to control when and how course content is distributed. You can set content items to be available for certain periods of time (e.g. pre-post tests or create learning groups by allowing certain class members to view selected course content. You can also keep content unavailable until an assessment has been completed, or you may set content items with a review indicator.

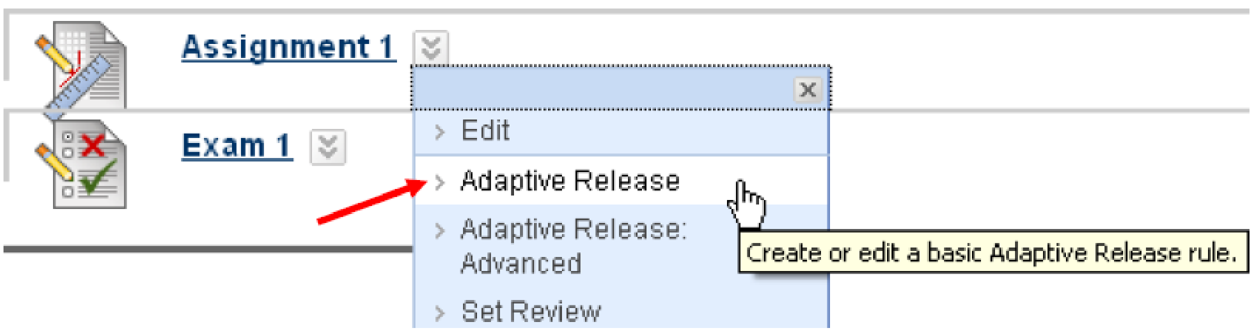
- Using the Adaptive Release option, you can only select *one* of the following Adaptive Release rules at a time: Date, Membership, Gradebook Item, or Review Status. If you want to create multiple rules for one content item, you must use the **Adaptive Release – Advanced** option found at the end of this guide.

- To begin creating an Adaptive Release rule, the item to be viewed must first exist in the course shell. An item can be any uploaded document, assignment, folder, external link or exam/quiz.

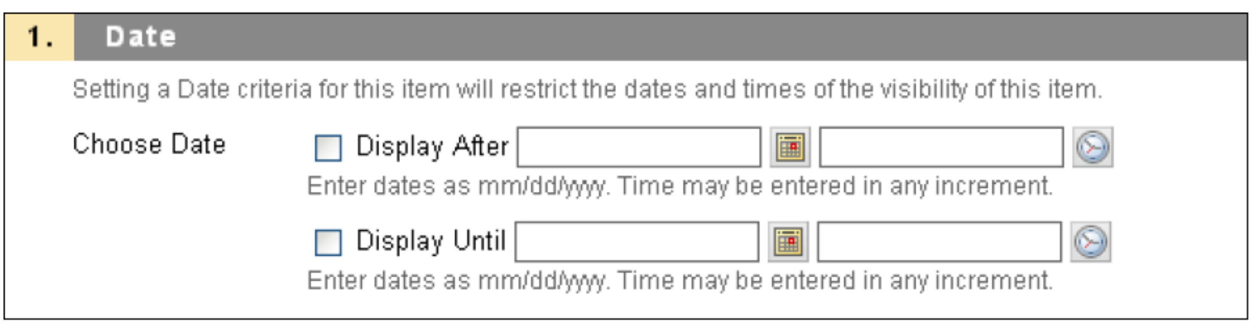
Date Option

You may want to ensure students have access to the course material only during a certain time period of the course. In this case, you should use the Adaptive Release of Content – Date Option.

1. From the *Content Area*, Click the item's *Double Chevron* and choose **Adaptive Release**.



2. In the **Adaptive Release** menu, scroll down to section 1, **Date**.



3. For **Display After**, check the box then click the **Calendar Button** to select the date this item should appear. A date can also be typed into the field using the formula mm/dd/yyyy.

4. Once the date has been selected for Display After, click the **Time Button** to select the time the item should appear. This time will correspond with the date selected previously.

5. For **Display Until**, check the box then click the **Calendar Button** to select the date this item should become unavailable. A date can also be typed into the field using the formula mm/dd/yyyy.

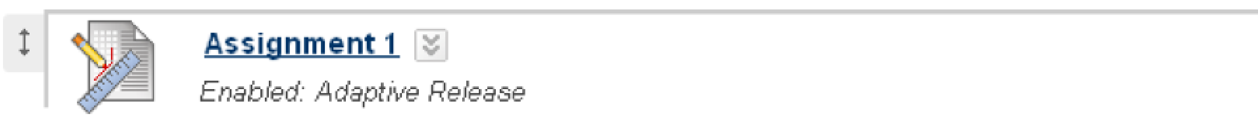
6. Once the date has been selected for Display Until, click the **Time Button** to select the time the item should become unavailable. This time will correspond with the date selected previously.

   NOTE: Both options (Display After, Display Until) do not have to be used in tandem. If desired, only the Display After option can be used to open an item on a certain date and keep it open for the remainder of the course. The same applies for the Display Until setting.

   The folder/item will only be visible to the student during the dates specified.

7. Click **Submit**.

   NOTE: To ensure that an Adaptive Release rule has, in fact, been configured, verify that the words ***Enabled: Adaptive Release*** appears under the item name in the Edit View of that content area.



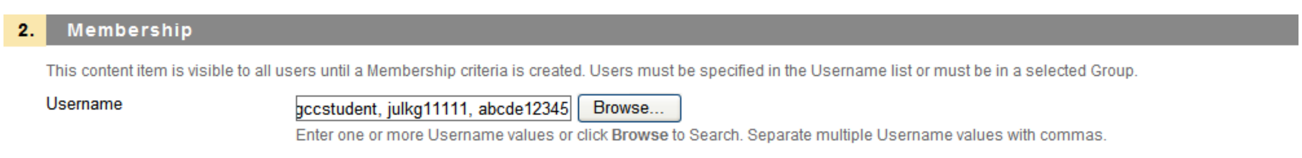
Membership Option

You may want to make sure that a group of students (or just one individual) has access to the course material while others do not. In this case, you should use the Adaptive Release of Content – Membership option.

1. From the *Content Area*, Click the item's *Double Chevron* and choose **Adaptive Release**.

2. In the **Adaptive Release** menu, scroll down to section 2, **Membership**.

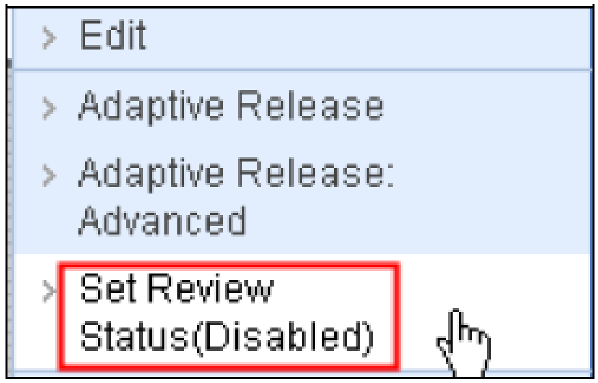
3. Enter a Username (MEID) into the **Username** field. Multiple usernames can be entered as long as they are separated by commas.



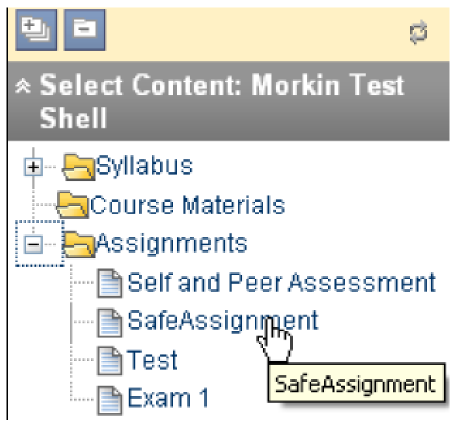
   NOTE: If a student's username is not known, click on the **Browse** button. Once the **Course Membership** window appears, select the search criteria. It is easiest to search by Last Name if the student's MEID is not known. Once a last name is entered, click the **Go** button. Find the student in question and place a check to the left of their first name.

4. Click **Submit**

4. Find the item that the rule will based on by clicking on the Expand button. If an item does not appear in the list, the Review Status for that item is likely disabled. To turn on Review Status, click the **Double Chevron** for the item, choose **Set Review Status.** Click **Enable** and **Submit**.



5. Once the item has been located, click the title.

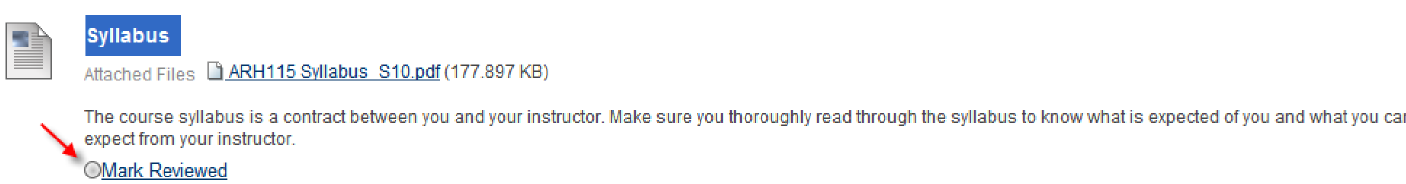


6. Click **Submit**.

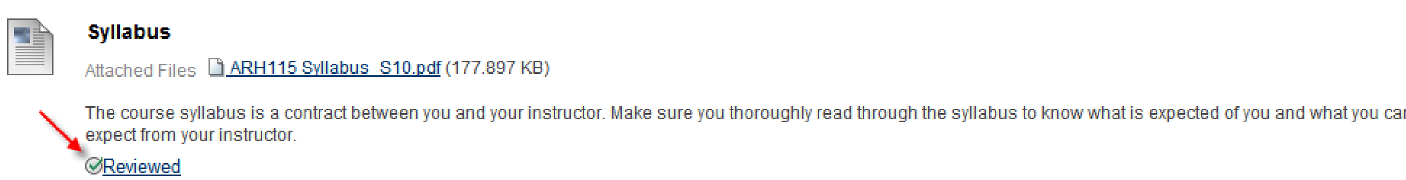
- The *Enabled: Review* message appears in the "Safe Assignemt" item and the *Enabled: Adaptive Release* message appears for the "Assignments" folder.

Student Response

Initially, the student sees the item with the "Mark Reviewed" button.



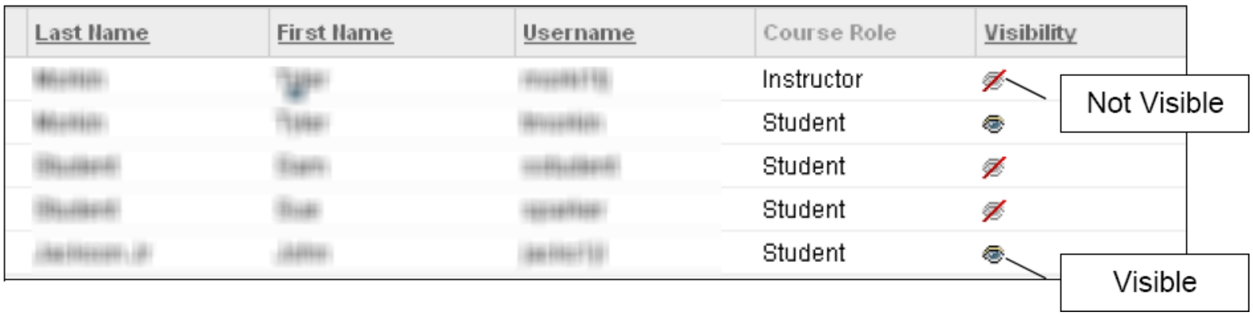
After the student reviews the material, she can click the button to mark it as reviewed. The button name changes to "Reviewed" and the folder is now visible.



Since this feature depends on student honesty, you might include a note for the student that says, "By clicking the 'Mark Reviewed' button, I'm assuming you understand this content (or have completed this item) and are ready to move on."

To see the status of students who have viewed an item:

1. From the *Content Area*, Click the item's *Double Chevron* and choose **User Progress.**
2. On the **User Progress** screen, those students who cannot see the item will show a closed eye with a red slash under the **Visibility column**. Students who can see the item will show an open eye indicator .
   - A table showing all users in a course will display. You can look to see who has reviewed the item and on what date.
   - This is also useful to review the visibility of items – if a student says he cannot see content, check the user progress page.



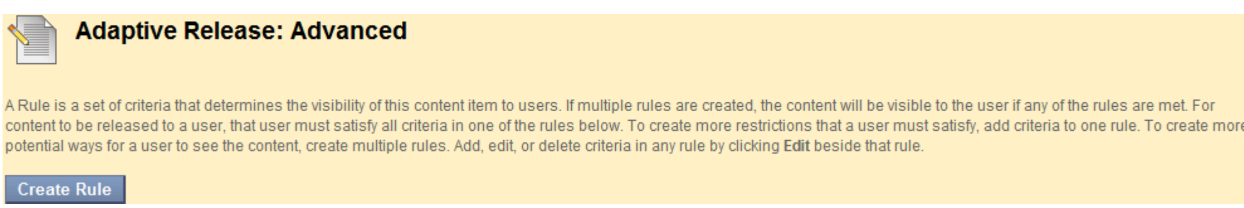
Adaptive Release – Advanced

Creating Multiple Rules

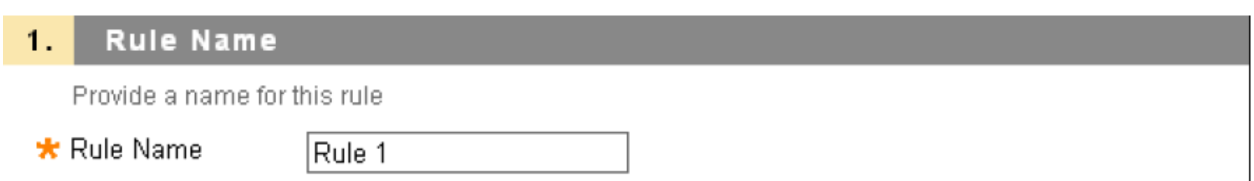
The purpose of Adaptive Release: Advanced is to create multiple rules (with multiple criteria) for a single item. If multiple rules are created, the content will be visible to the user if any of the rules are met. However, for content to be released (accessible) to a user, that user must satisfy all criteria in one of the rules.

You may want to use several of the adaptive release options at once. In this case, you should use the Advanced Adaptive Release of Content.

1. From the *Content Area*, Click the item's *Double Chevron* and choose **Adaptive Release Advanced**.
2. From the **Adaptive Release: Advanced** menu, click on the **Create Rule** button

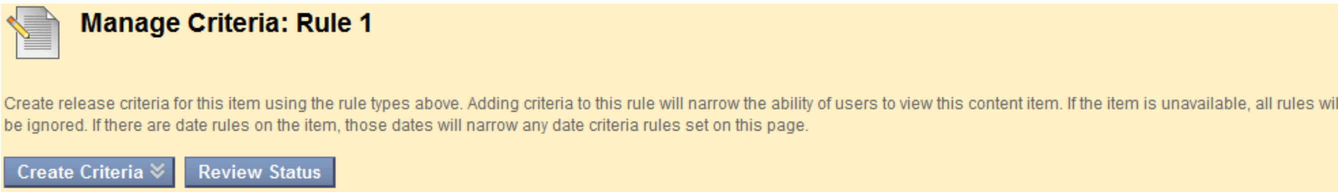


3. Provide a title for this rule. The title is only for organizational purposes and has no bearing on rule functionality.



4. Click **Submit**.

5. On the **Manage Criteria** screen, mouse over the **Create Criteria** menu and make a criteria selection or choose **Review Status** to release an item based on a user's review status of another item.

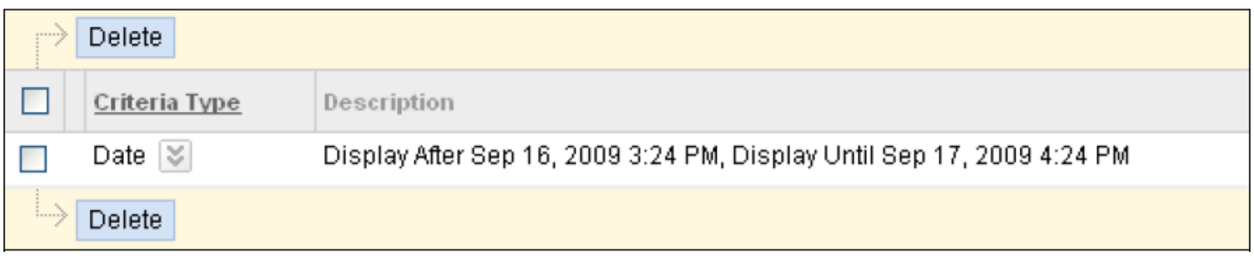


- Select **Date** to create a rule limiting item availability based on dates/times.
- Select **Grade** to create a rule limiting item availability based on a specified grade value of an assignment/assessment.
- Select **Membership** to limit item availability to certain students or groups.

6. On the following screen, configure the options that are desired.

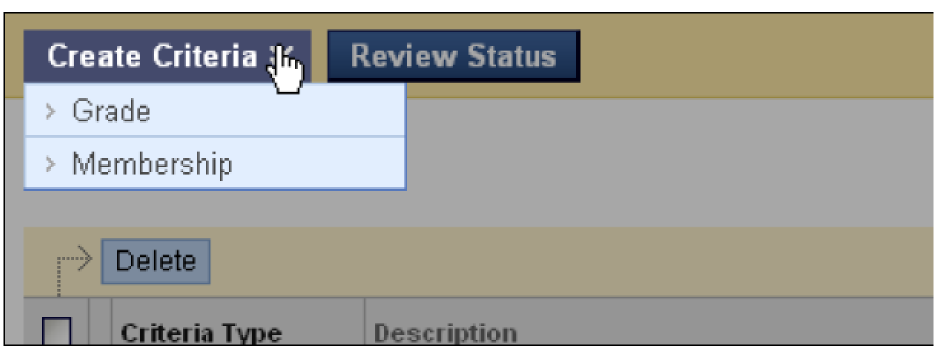
7. Click **Submit**.

8. At the **Manage Criteria** screen, the newly-created criterion will appear indicating its type and description.



9. Repeat steps 5 – 7 to establish other criteria for this rule.

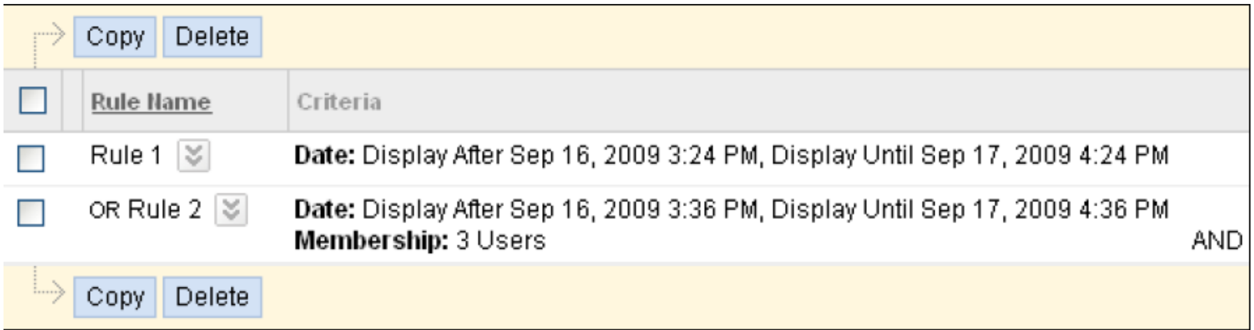
NOTE: Once a given criteria type has been created for a given rule, it will no longer appear under the Create Criteria drop-down menu.



10. After the desired criteria have been selected, click the **OK** button at the bottom to return to the **Adaptive Release: Advanced** menu.

11. To create additional rules, click the **Create Rule** button and repeat steps 2 through 8 above.

12. As multiple rules are created, they will continue to be listed in the **Adaptive Release: Advanced** menu.

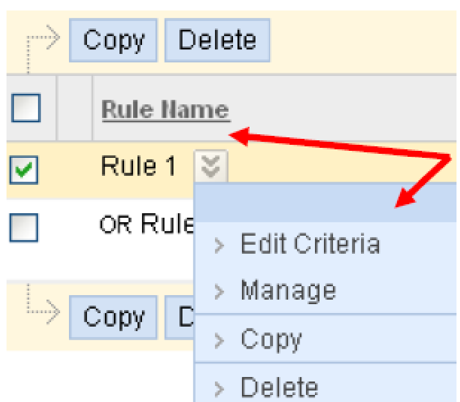


NOTE: While multiple criteria on any given rule operate on an X and Y model (meaning that students must satisfy BOTH criteria for the item to be visible), multiple rules operate on an X **or** Y model, meaning that students only need to satisfy one rule rather than all. Despite this, students still need to satisfy all criteria within a given rule, even if multiple rules have been configured.

Editing Rules

Once multiple rules have been created, they can be modified in the Adaptive Release: Advanced menu.

1. From the **Adaptive Release: Advanced** menu, find the rule that is to be modified and click on the *Double Chevron* icon. From the menu, click on **Edit Criteria**.
2. On the **Manage Criteria** page, more criteria can be added to this rule using the **Create Criteria** menu. The current criteria can be modified by clicking on the *Double Chevron* icon of the criterion to be changed and then choosing **Edit**.



Deleting Rules

1. In the **Adaptive Release: Advanced** menu, click on the *Double Chevron* icon of the rule to be deleted and click **Delete**.

   NOTE: Deleting a rule will delete all criteria listed within that rule. To delete individual criterion from a rule, enter the **Edit Criteria** menu.