Adaptive Release Basics

Adaptive release allows instructors to set rules that allow individuals or groups to view or use specific content. Once a rule is set, each student must meet the criteria for that rule to be able to access the restricted content or items.

Adaptive Release rules can be configured based on:

- Preconfigured Dates
- Membership
- Previous assignment grade/attempts data
- Review status

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.

Accessing the Adaptive Release Configuration Menu

1. From the course shell in which an Adaptive Release rule is desired, click on the content area in which the item resides (i.e. Assignments, Course Materials, Exams, etc).

2. Turn Edit Mode ON by clicking on the button in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.

3. With Edit Mode enabled, find the item that should be restricted and click that item’s Action Link button and choose Adaptive Release.

Setting Availability Dates

NOTE: If an item is to be restricted based solely on availability dates, it is best to set Date and Time restrictions using the settings found under the Edit menu for the item, rather than Adaptive Release.

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

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

   Choose Date
   
   □ Display After [ ]
   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.

1.1. 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.

1.2. 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.

1.3. 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.

1.4. 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.

2. When finished, click Submit at the bottom of the page.

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

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Assignment 1
Enabled: Adaptive Release
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**Limiting Membership**

Adaptive Release can be used to limit an item’s availability to certain students. This may be needed in the event a student is allowed to complete an exam after its pre-configured due date.

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

2. Enter a Username (UCR NetID) into the **Username** field. Multiple usernames can be entered as long as they are separated by commas.
2. **Membership**
   
   This content item is visible to all users until a Membership criteria 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.

2.1. If a student’s username is not known, click on the **Browse** button.

2.2. Once the **Course Membership** window appears, select the search criteria. It is easiest to search by Last Name if the student’s NetID is not known.

2.3. Once a last name is entered, click the **Go** button.

2.4. Find the student in question and place a check to the left of their first name.

2.5. Once the student has been selected, click **Submit** at the bottom.

2.6. After clicking Submit, that student’s username should appear in the username field.

3. Once a student’s username, or multiple students’ usernames, is/are entered, click the **Submit** button at the bottom of the screen.

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

**NOTE:** If availability dates have already been configured for this item using Adaptive Release, the membership criteria will be a secondary rule to the availability dates. This means that the selected students will see the item only within the window of the availability dates.
Limiting Availability Based on Grade

Limiting item availability based on grade/attempt data requires the presence of two or more separate items. One example where this may be useful is a rule where students must have a score of 85% or greater on an exam or assignment before the next section of material becomes available to them.

1. In the **Adaptive Release** menu, scroll down to section 3, **Grade**.

2. From the **Select a Grade Center column** dropdown menu, select a Grade Center Column that the rule will be based around. Assignments/exams are grouped alphabetically based on their column title. The total points possible will be displayed in brackets next to the column name.

3. In the **Select Condition** section, select the desired criteria:

   3.1. Selecting **User has at least one attempt for this item** will release the item in question to students based on completion of a given assignment. An attempt is any grade value for a given assessment/assignment, regardless of score.

   3.2. The **Score** section can be used to release the item in question based on performance on a specific assessment/assignment.

4. Once the desired criterion has been entered, click **Submit** at the bottom.

**NOTE:** If Date and Membership criteria have been selected, conditional grade release will co-exist with these criteria, meaning that students must satisfy all criteria in order for the item to be available to them.

Limiting Availability Based on Review Status

An Adaptive Release rule can be configured to make an item available based on another item’s review status. One example where this may be useful is to include a “Terms of Use” document for a course, whereby students must read and agree to the policies for that course. Limiting availability based on review status requires the presence of an additional course item for which review status is enabled.

1. In the **Adaptive Release** menu, scroll down to section 5, **Review Status**.

2. Click on the **Browse** button, which will open another window in which to select content.
3. Find the item that the rule will be 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 **Action Link** for the item, choose **Set Review Status**. Click **Enable** and **Submit**.

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

5. Finally, click **Submit** at the bottom of the page.

**NOTE:** If Adaptive Release has been configured to use Date, Membership, and Grade rules, the item will only be released to those students to meet ALL of the criteria of the rule.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q1.** I configured a date restriction rule, why are my students reporting that they cannot access the item?

**A1.** This may be the result of having a blank membership rule. Enter the **Adaptive Release: Advanced** menu for this item to verify that an erroneous rule did not get created. See the Adaptive Release: Advanced tutorial for more information.
Q2. Once membership rules have been created, how can I determine which students can or cannot see a given item?

A2. The best method is by accessing the **User Progress** menu for that item. To do this:

2.1. Enter the Content Area in which this item resides (i.e. Assignments, Course Materials, etc.)

2.2. Enable **Edit Mode** by clicking the button in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.

2.3. Find the item having the Adaptive Release Membership rule and click on the **Action Link** button, followed by **User Progress**.

2.4. 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.

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Q3. I have multiple Adaptive Release rules including membership criteria. Where can I view a list of all items that a given student can see?

A3. This can be done in the **Performance Dashboard**. Please see the Performance Dashboard tutorial for more information.