

# Adaptive Release

The Adaptive Release tool in Blackboard provides controls to release content to students based on a set of rules provided by the Instructor. The rules may be related to availability, date and time, individual students and groups, scores or attempts on any Grade Center element, or review status of another element in the course.

The following options are available:

- **Adaptive Release:** Create basic rules for an element. Only one rule per element may be created.
- **Adaptive Release Advanced:** Create advanced rules for an element. Multiple rules may be created.
- **Review Status:** Provide students the ability to mark an element as reviewed or not.
- **User Progress:** View the details on an element for all users in a course. This page includes information on whether the element is visible to the user and whether the user has marked the element as reviewed.

This job aid will cover **adaptive release**.

## Setting Basic Adaptive Release Conditions for Blackboard Elements

With **adaptive release**, you can create one preset rule for each element (items, tests, folders, assignments, etc.) you include in Blackboard. When you set a rule for an element, students must fulfill all criteria in this rule before this element becomes visible.



**Note:** You can create no more than 1 rule per element.

1. After you have added the element you want to set an adaptive release for in the content area, click the **Manage** button on the right side of the screen next to that element (see *Figure 1*).



2. A number of options are available to you. Select **Adaptive Release** from the list of options (see *Figure 2*).



3. You will notice a number of options on the screen that you can set. You can set as many of these options for this element as you want. All of the options you set on here constitute as setting 1 rule for the element. You can set an adaptive release for the **date**, **membership**, **grade**, and **review status**.
- a. **Date:** Setting the date is the same as you see when you set the date availability when creating an element in Blackboard. This will identify when the element will become visible or disappear to students (see *Figure 3*).

**1 Date** Figure 3

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

**Choose Date**     Display After                       Display Until

Jan 05 2010 09 40 AM                      Jan 05 2010 09 40 AM

- b. **Membership:** This section enables you to release this element to individual users or select groups. Thus, if you have a piece of content that should only be made available to certain students, then you would use this criterion here.

**Identifying Individual students:**

- i. To identify those students you want to use, click **Browse** (see *Figure 4*).

**2 Membership** Figure 4

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.

Enter one or more Username values or Browse to Search. Separate multiple Username values with commas.

Username  **Browse...** i

- ii. A window will appear. In the left pane, click the **Search** button to bring up all students in your class (see *Figure 5*).
- iii. In the right pane, all the students will appear. Select checkboxes next to the student names of those you want to provide this Blackboard element to, and click **Submit**.
- iv. You will see the usernames of those students appear in the **Username** box in section 2, Membership.

**Search** Enter the Search

Search For:

Search String:

Contains

Exact Match

Search Field:

Username

First Name

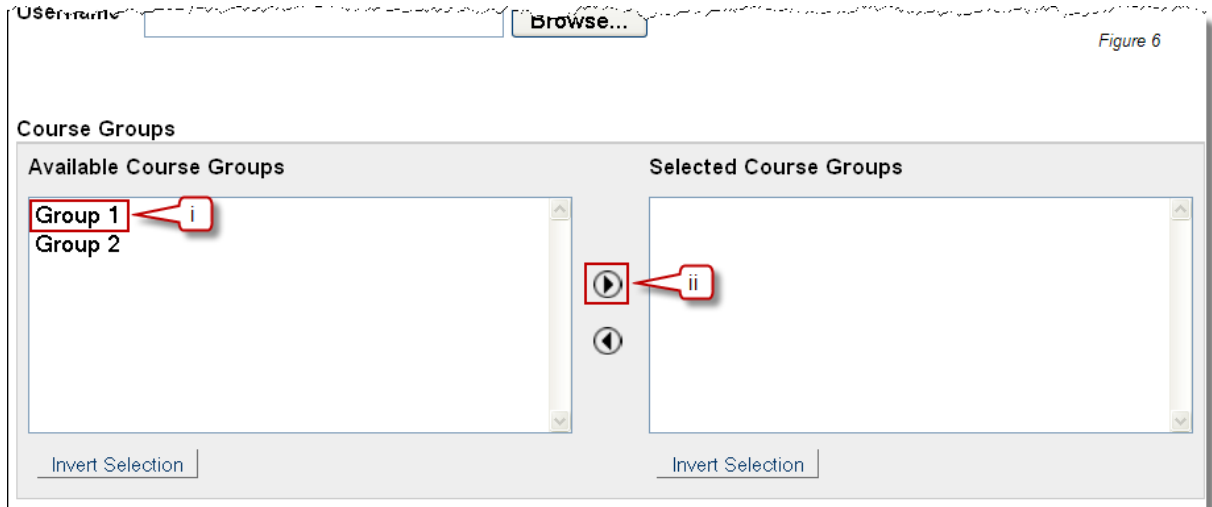
Last Name

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Figure 5

**Identifying Groups:** Any groups you have already created will appear in a table below the Browse button (see *Figure 6*):

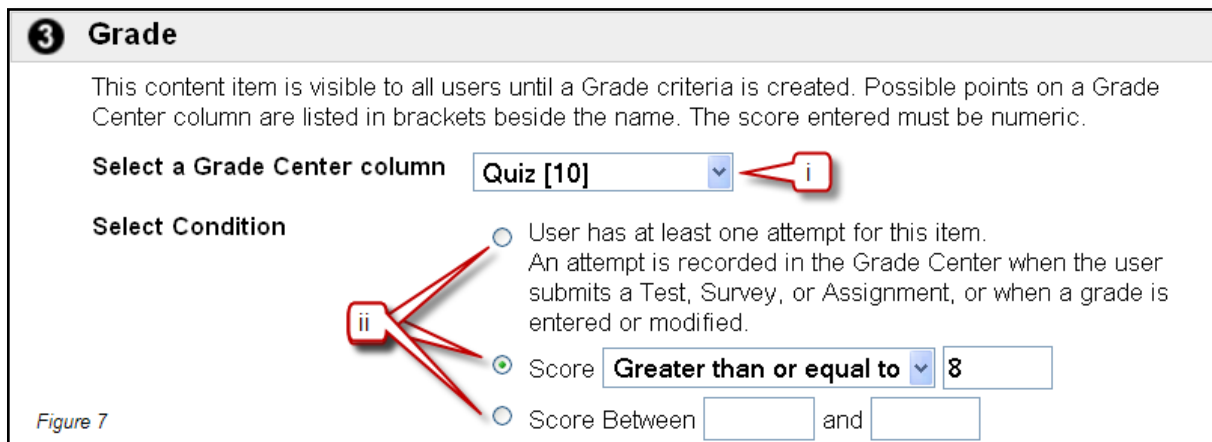
- i. Click the **group name** of the group you want to have the element appear to.
- ii. Click the **arrow** that points right. The group name will now appear in the right box. This means that the content will now be released to all the members of that particular group.



- c. **Grade:** This section lets you set a condition that the element will not appear until an attempt or a particular grade or range on another element is achieved.
  - i. Select the Grade Center column that you want to set the condition on (see *Figure 6*).
  - ii. Click the checkbox next to the type of condition you want to set (see *Figure 6*). You have three options:
    1. The student attempts the selected element (this would be for Tests/Quizzes, Surveys, and Assignments created via the Assignment Manager)
    2. The score of the selected element is either less than, equal to, or greater than a specific score
    3. The score of the selected element is within an identified range




**Note:** The number in brackets next to the **Select a Grade Center column** drop down is the total possible points the student can earn on that particular Grade Center element.



- d. **Review Status:** This section lets you identify another element in Blackboard that the students must first review (click on) before the element for which you are setting the adaptive release becomes visible.
  - i. To set this, click **Browse**, search for the element (much like if you were copying an element from one location to another), and select it. It will then appear in the **Select an item** text field (see *Figure 7*).


**4 Review Status**

This content item is visible to all users until a Review Status criteria is created. Selecting an item will enable Review for that item.

Select an item  **Browse...** 

**Clear**

*Figure 8*

 **Note:** Setting this will enable **Review Status** for the element. To find out more about Review Status, see the **Review Status** job aid.

When you have selected all the criteria for the adaptive release for the element, click **Submit** in the bottom right corner.