

Release Conditions Guide

What are Release Conditions?

Release Conditions allow a user to release locked items by fulfilling criteria. Items locked by Release Conditions will not be visible to the user until the criteria are fulfilled.

Creating Release Conditions

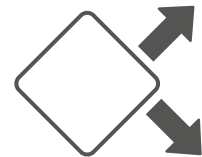
Depending on the tool, Release Conditions can either be found on the main Create/Edit page (i.e. News) or in the Restrictions tab (i.e. Dropbox, below).

Items to Release

News	Discussions
Content	Checklist
Dropbox	Surveys
Quizzes	

Release Condition Icon

The Release Condition Icon will be displayed any time a Release Condition is involved with a tool. It looks like this:



Variables to Trigger Release Conditions

Checklist

Checklist completion
Checklist item Completion

Classlist

Group/Course/Section Enrolment
Role in Course
Date of Course Enrolment

Competencies

Competencies
Learning Objectives
Score on Associated Rubric

Content

Topic/All Topics visited

Discussions

Message authored
Score on Associated Rubric

Dropbox

Submission to Dropbox
Feedback received
Score on Associated Rubric

Grades

Grade item graded
Score on Associated Rubric

Quizzes

Completed attempt
Score on Quiz
Score on Quiz question(s)
Score on Associated Rubric

Survey

Completed Survey attempt

Creating Time-Released Items

To release or remove items based on time, use the Availability option. It's always found close to the Release Conditions:

The screenshot shows the 'Restrictions' tab with the 'Availability' section. It contains three checkboxes: 'Has Start Date', 'Has End Date', and 'Display in Calendar'. The 'Has Start Date' checkbox is checked, with a date of 9/12/2012, time 10:36 AM, and location Canada - Toronto. The 'Has End Date' checkbox is also checked, with a date of 9/19/2012, time 10:36 AM, and location Canada - Toronto. The 'Display in Calendar' checkbox is unchecked.

Repeat & Multiple Conditions

Once a Release Condition is created in one tool, it can be applied in any other tool that supports Release Conditions by clicking **Attach Existing**:

Attached Existing

Multiple conditions can also be applied to one item. For example, a News item could be released if a user scores over 90% on a Quiz and submits to a Dropbox.

Replace Strings

Replace Strings can be used to personalize releases. Using a Grades-based release, we can personalize a congratulatory News posting as per below:

The screenshot shows a rich text editor with a toolbar. The text area contains the following text: "Hello {FirstName},
You scored over 90% on the midterm -- great job!"



The screenshot shows a 'News' item with the following details: Title: Great Job!, Posted: Dec 11, 2012 3:56 PM, Content: Hello Kerry, You scored over 90% on the midterm -- great job!, and a link to Show All News Items.

Circular Conditions

Avoid creating conditions that cannot be fulfilled. For example, if a Quiz cannot be accessed until a Checklist is completed, but the Checklist cannot be accessed until the Quiz is completed, the condition cannot be fulfilled.

Creating a "Contract" using Checklist

Utilizing Release Conditions, you can require users to complete a Checklist before reading Content, submitting to a Dropbox, etc.

- Create the Checklist with the Terms of the contract. For example, "I have spell checked my essay", "I have had at least one peer edit", etc.
- Create or edit the item to be released. (Dropbox, Content, etc.)
- During creating/edit of the item, create Release Condition and link it to the Checklist.

The screenshot shows a 'Course Requirements' checklist. It includes a description: "By completing this checklist, you acknowledge that you have been provided with the course requirements and that you understand them." Below the description are two items: 'Readings' and 'Textbook', both marked as completed at 1:30 PM on Thursday, June 21, 2012. The 'Readings' item includes the text: "I understand that I must do the readings assigned prior to the class in which they will be discussed. I understand that I will not be able to participate effectively in class without having completed the readings." The 'Textbook' item includes the text: "I understand that I need to bring my copy of the work being discussed to class. I understand that I will not be able to participate effectively without my copy of the textbook."