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.
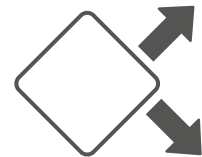
Creating Release Conditions

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

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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:

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:

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.