



## Selective Release

In a conventional classroom, you plan the delivery of your material according to a schedule. Often, you present new information when students demonstrate comprehension of the current content. Your criteria for a schedule may vary according to student performance, time, special needs, or a combination of all three.

You can duplicate this “selective release” of information online by:

- hiding items from or showing items to students.
- setting release criteria that specifies when, to whom, and/or under which condition the information is presented.

❖ TERMS TO KNOW	
<b>Hidden/Shown</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When an item is hidden from students, all instances of the item are hidden. For example, if you add a web link to the Home Page and then hide the link, the web link will not be visible on the Home Page or from Course Tools.</li> <li>• When an item is shown, all instances of the item are visible to students.</li> </ul>
<b>Release criteria</b>	Release criteria are specific criteria that must be met before an item is made visible to students. Release criteria can be based on date, member, group, or Grade Book data. You can also combine criteria to create customized delivery options for each student.

Selective Release by Tab	
<b>Build</b>	From both the Build and Teach tabs, you can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hide or show items.</li> </ul>

- set release criteria for items.

## Selective Release Tool

The Selective Release tool lists all items linked on the Home Page, folders, or within learning modules. It is divided into two tabs:

- the Course Content tab
- the Members tab

### The Course Content Tab

On the Course Content tab, you can hide/show items and set selective release.

**Selective Release Map**

Course Content Members

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To make folders and links available to users, the following must be satisfied:

1. The "Linked to" item must not be Hidden.
2. The release criteria must be satisfied.

Title	Linked to	Release Criteria
Home Page		
Unit 1: Intro		<input type="button" value="Hide Item"/> <input type="button" value="Set Release Criteria"/>
Unit 2: Big Bang		<input type="button" value="Hide Item"/> <input type="button" value="Set Release Criteria"/>
Unit 3: The Solar System		<input type="button" value="Hide Item"/> <input type="button" value="Set Release Criteria"/>
Unit 4: Planets		<input type="button" value="Hide Item"/> <input type="button" value="Set Release Criteria"/>
Unit 5: Earth		<input type="button" value="Hide Item"/> <input type="button" value="Set Release Criteria"/>
Unit 6: Cosmos		<input type="button" value="Hide Item"/> <input type="button" value="Set Release Criteria"/>

To view the status of items within a folder or learning module, click its **Expand** icon. The content items appear.

## Hiding/Showing Items

To make an item unavailable, click **Hide Item**. All instances of the item are hidden from students.

To make an item available, click **Show Item**. All instances of the item are visible to students.

## Setting Release Criteria

You can make content available to students based on specific release criteria. Release criteria can be based on date, membership, group, and Grade Book data.

Criteria	Example
<b>Date</b> – select a date or date range the item is available.	You can release learning modules based on a pre-determined schedule. For example, a new learning module may be released every week. Timing the

	release of content can help structure the course and keep students focused.
<b>Group</b> – select specific learning groups to allow or disallow access to an item.	You can create a group for students who need additional time to complete quizzes. You can then release quizzes to this group.
<b>Grade Book</b> data – select a Grade Book column and criteria which must be satisfied before members can access the item.	You can release enrichment or bonus materials to students who attain a certain grade or higher on a quiz.
<b>Member</b> – select specific students who you want to allow or disallow access to.	You can release content to specific students on request. For example, you can release background materials or remedial instructions to students seeking extra help.

To release an item by date:

1. From the Course Content tab, locate the item and click its **Set Release Criteria** button.

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Home Page		
Unit 1: Intro		Hide Item Set Release Criteria
Unit 2: Big Bang		Hide Item Set Release Criteria
Unit 3: The Sun		Hide Item Set Release Criteria
Unit 4: Planets		Hide Item Set Release Criteria
Unit 5: Earth		Hide Item Set Release Criteria
Unit 6: Cosmos		Hide Item Set Release Criteria

The Set Release Criteria screen appears.

< Your location: [Selective Release](#) > **Set Release Criteria**

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**Set Release Criteria for: Syllabus**

No release criteria have been specified. Please use the controls above to specify release criteria.

2. Click **Add Date Criteria**. The Add Date Criteria screen appears.

**Add Date Criteria**

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**Available Starting**

Immediately

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**Available Until**

Unlimited

3. Select the *Available Starting* and *Available Until* dates and click **Save**.

### Combining Release Criteria

You can use Boolean operators (AND, OR) to combine release criteria. For example, you can set release criteria to make:

- a specific learning module available only to students who have passed two quizzes.
- an assignment available only to a specific learning group between specified dates.

You can create more complex expressions by grouping criteria and combining the groups with Boolean operators.

**EXAMPLE** You can set release criteria to make enrichment material available to students who have scored over 90% on at least one of three quizzes and who have obtained a grade of 90% or higher on at least one of two assignments.

### The Members Tab

The Members tab lists all the members in the section in alphabetical order by User ID. Members include students, auditors, and the Demo Student. You can select individual members and view the items, folders, and learning modules that are currently available to them. The Members tab is read-only; to set release criteria or hide/show items, go to the Course Content tab.

Course Content		Members		
Select a member by clicking their user ID.				
User ID ↕	First Name	Last Name	Role	Group
<a href="#">jrylee</a>	Jennifer	Rylee	Student	
<a href="#">mleighton</a>	Magen	Leighton	Student	
<a href="#">tzartman</a>	Trey	Zartman	Student	
<a href="#">webct_demo_20494001</a>	Demo	Student 20494001	Student	

To view a student's status, under User ID, click the student's name. The items and their availability to that particular student are shown.

Course Content		Members	
The following items and folders are visible to: <b>Jennifer Rylee</b> on <b>July 5, 2005 10:53 PM</b> .			
Title	Visible to Jennifer Rylee		
<b>Course Content Home</b>			
Syllabus	Yes		
Unit 1: Intro	Yes		
Unit 2: Planets	Yes		
<b>Final Project</b>	Yes		
NASA Web Link	Yes		
kimtest Course Content Import Log 2005-06-28 13:57:34	No		
www.ubc.ca	Yes		

### Setting Selective Release from a Tool's Inventory

The Selective Release tool only includes items that have been added to the Home Page, folders, and learning modules.

To apply release criteria to items only available from Course Tools:

1. Select the tool from Course Tools. The main screen for the tool appears.

Select the item from the tool's inventory, and from its ActionLinks menu, click **Set Release Criteria**.