

How Do I Use the 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

⇒ To access Selective Release, click the link under Designer Tools or Instructor Tools in the Course Menu.

The Course Content Tab

On the Course Content tab, you can hide/show items and set selective release. In contrast, the Members tab provides a list of each member and the course content currently available to them, but does not provide the ability to set selective release or hide tools.

Selective Release Map

Course Content **Members**

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		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

Use the expand icon to view items within a folder or learning module

Hide or show all instances

Hiding/Showing Items

⇒ Click **Hide Item** to make all instances of the item hidden from students.

⇒ Click **Show Item** to make all instances of the item visible to students.

Note: You can also show/hide items by using an item's ActionLinks menu. For instance, you could use the ActionLinks menu of an assessment to hide it, wherever it occurs – on the Home Page, in a learning module Table of Contents, or within the Assessment tool.

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
Date 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.
Group Select specific groups to allow or disallow access to an item	You can create a group for students who need additional time to complete quizzes. Create quizzes with settings for extra time and release them to this group only.
Grade Book Select a Grade Book column and criteria which must be satisfied before members can access the item	You can release enrichment or remedial materials to students who scored below a certain grade on a quiz.
Member Select specific students who you want to allow or disallow access for	You can release content to specific students on request. For example, you can release background materials or remedial instructions to students who ask for 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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Unit 3: The Sun		<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"/>

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

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**.

Add Date Criteria

Available Starting

Immediately

06/28/2006

9:56 AM

Available Until

Unlimited

06/28/2006

9:56 AM

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

Combining Release Criteria

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

- EXAMPLES
- Make a specific learning module available only to students who have passed two quizzes.
 - Make an assignment available to a particular 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.