




Selective Release Fact sheet


Use the **Selective Release** tool to control the release of items and folders, all from a single page. The Selective Release screen displays all of the items and folders that have been added to the Course Content Homepage. From that screen, you can do the following:

- show or hide items and folders to students [1]
- selectively release items [2] and folders [3] to students who meet the criteria you set
- view which items and folders are visible to students [4].



REMEMBER

The Selective Release tool is available on both the **Build** and **Teach** tabs.



Hide Item indicates that the item is currently showing.
Show Item indicates that the item is currently hidden.

Selective Release Map

Course Content **Members** [4]

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		
Resources		Hide Item Set Release Criteria
Who am I?		Hide Item Set Release Criteria
Meeting minutes		Hide Item Set Release Criteria
Thinking-a-loud	Thinking-a-loud	Hide Item Set Release Criteria
e-Learning: Strategic goals 2007	e-Learning: Strategic goals 2007	Hide Item Set Release Criteria

[1] points to the 'Hide Item' button for 'Resources'.
 [2] points to the 'e-Learning: Strategic goals 2007' row.
 [3] points to the 'Who am I?' and 'Meeting minutes' rows.
 [4] points to the 'Members' tab.

Show or hide items or folders to students

If you need to, you can temporarily hide an item or folder from Students and then, when you are ready, show it to Students. Example: When you are still creating content in a Learning module and it is not ready for students to view yet, then Hide the Learning Module.

1. Click on the **Hide Item** button to hide that item or folder.
2. To Show the item again, click on the **Show Item** button.

Selectively releasing items and folders to students who meet the set criteria

Set Release Criteria for: Resources

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

You can control when and to whom an item or folder is released by setting release criteria for it. When the release criteria is satisfied, the item or folder is released (becomes visible) to Students.

There are four types of release criteria that you can set:

- **Date criteria** allows you to specify a date and time when items and folders will be released to Students.
- **Member criteria** allows you to specify to which Students items and folders will be released.
- **Group criteria** allows you to specify to which group of Students items and folders will be released.
- **Grade Book criteria** allows you to release items and folder to Students based on information in the Grade Book.

You can set more than one criterion for items and folders and you can combine different types of criteria.

Examples:

- If you have English and Afrikaans students create 2 groups using the Group Manager. You can then selectively release the English notes to the English group and the Afrikaans notes to the Afrikaans group.
- If you create a bonus assignment that you want to release on October 26 to Students who receive 86 out of 100 on a specific assignment, you can set **Date** and **Grade Book** criteria for the bonus assignment. The bonus assignment will then be released on October 23, only to Students who achieve greater than 86 out of 100 on a specific assignment.


Set Release Criteria for: Resources

To add a new criterion below an item, select the item. If no item is selected, the criterion appears at the bottom of the list.

Move **Criteria**

<input type="checkbox"/>	26 October 2008 10:26 Until Unlimited
<input type="checkbox"/>	And Estelle's assignment Equal to 86

[5]



REMEMBER

Save the release criteria, otherwise you have to create the criteria again.

You can decide if the criteria should be **AND** or **OR** by changing the dropdown [5] to AND or OR.

View which items and folders are visible to students

Select the **Members** tab to display the list of students.

Selective Release Map

Course Content **Members**

Select a member by clicking their user ID.

User ID	First Name	Last Name	Role	Group
s.1234567	Estelle	de Vries	Student	Testing group 1
s.1234568	Estelle	de Vries	Student	Testing group 3
s.1234569	Estelle	de Vries	Student	Testing group 3

Click on a student's user id to view which items and folders are visible to that specific student.

Selective Release Map

Course Content **Members**

The following items and folders are visible to:
EI Student Student on 09 January 2008 10:53.

Title	Visible to
Home Page	
Resources	No
Who am I?	Yes
Meeting minutes	Yes
Thinking-a-loud	Yes
e-Learning: Strategic goals 2007	Yes

Reference: Blackboard Learning System Help System