



Release Conditions

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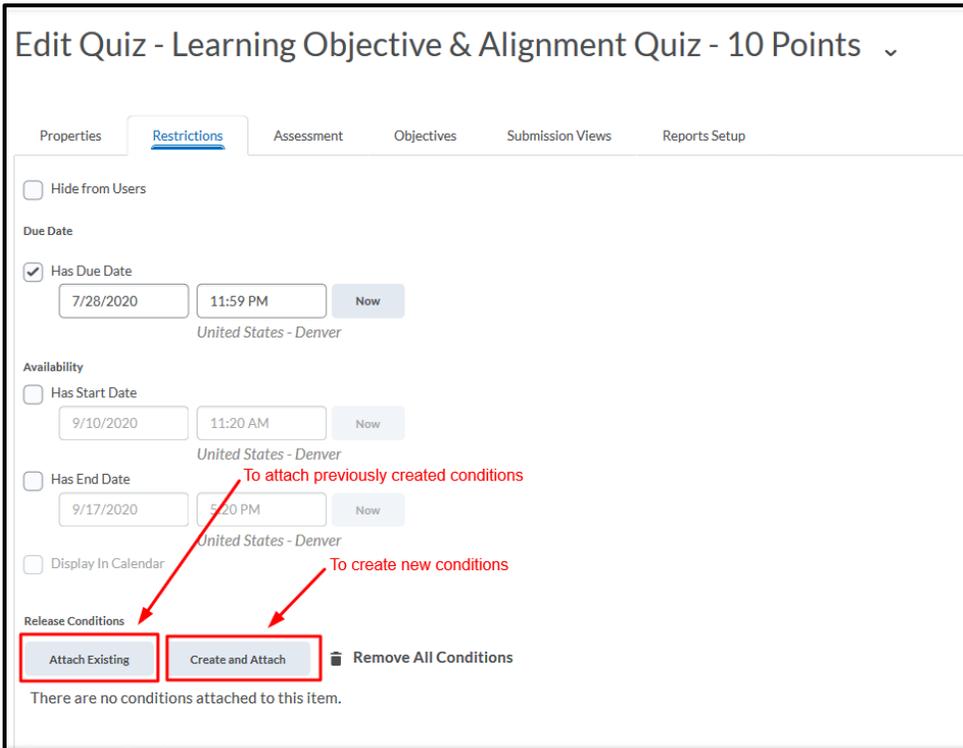
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Tutorial Video(s)

- [Customize Content Paths Using Release Conditions](#)

Access Release Conditions

1. Navigate to the course item you want to add release conditions to.
2. From the context menu of the course item, click Edit [course item].
3. Do any of the following:
 - a. To access release conditions for a discussion forum or topic, checklist, assignment, grade item, quiz, or survey, click the Restrictions tab. From this tab you can choose to "Attach Existing" release conditions or "Create and Attach" new conditions:



Edit Quiz - Learning Objective & Alignment Quiz - 10 Points ▾

Properties **Restrictions** Assessment Objectives Submission Views Reports Setup

Hide from Users

Due Date

Has Due Date

7/28/2020 11:59 PM Now
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Availability

Has Start Date

9/10/2020 11:20 AM Now
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Has End Date

9/17/2020 5:20 PM Now
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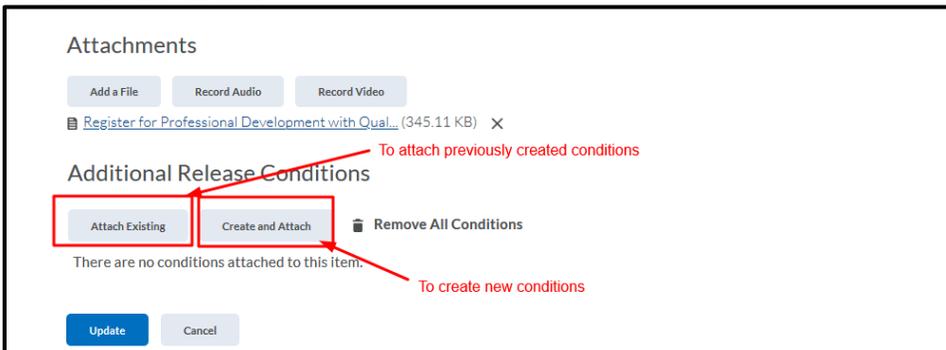
Display In Calendar

Release Conditions

Attach Existing **Create and Attach** Remove All Conditions

There are no conditions attached to this item.

- b. You can also remove all conditions from an item. To access release conditions for an Announcements item, scroll to the Additional Release Conditions area.



Attachments

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Additional Release Conditions

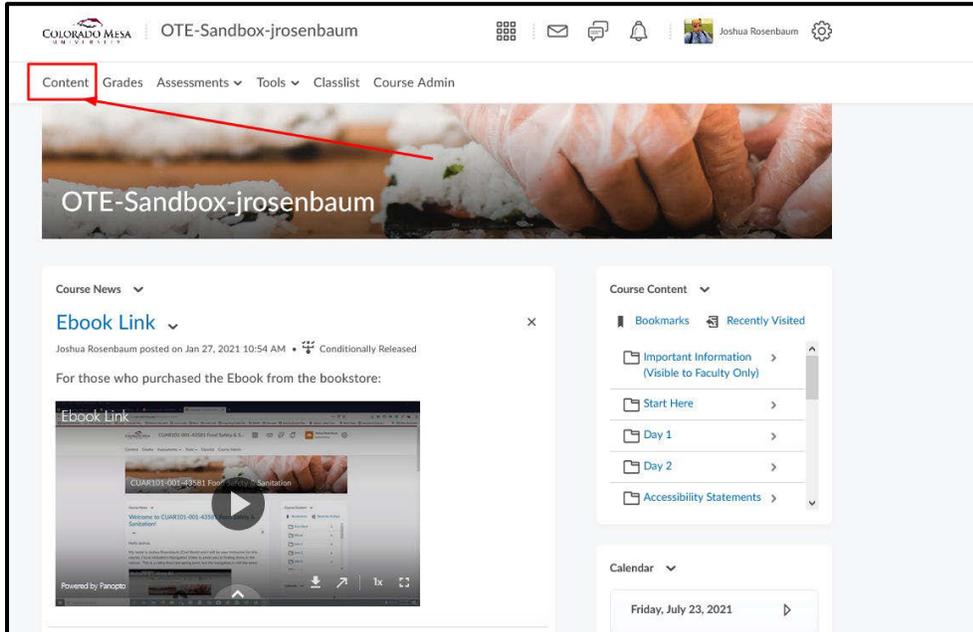
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There are no conditions attached to this item.

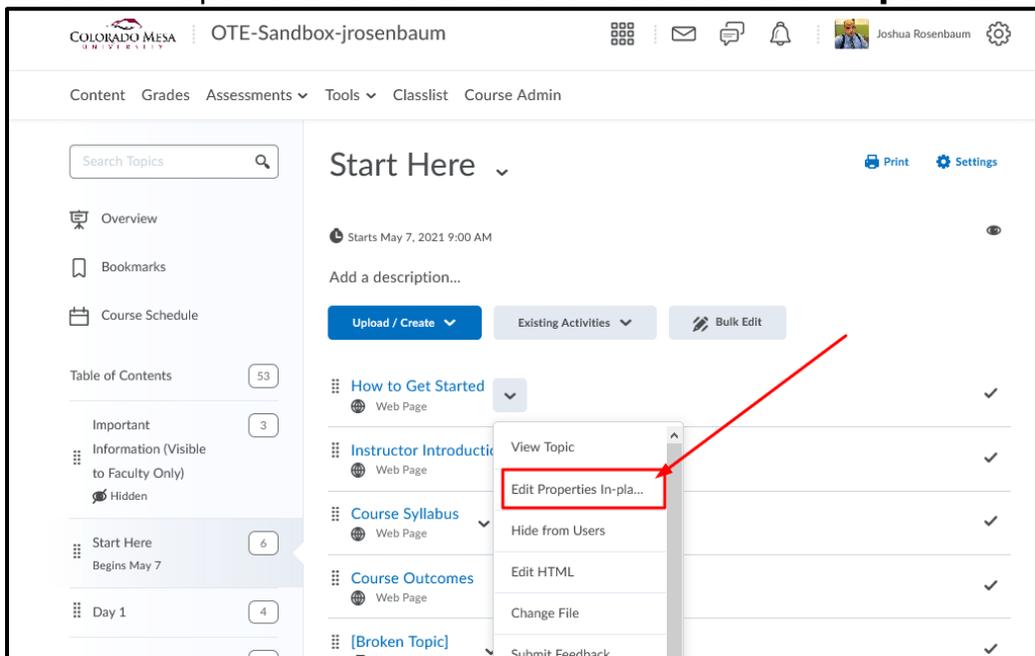
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Add a Release Condition to Content

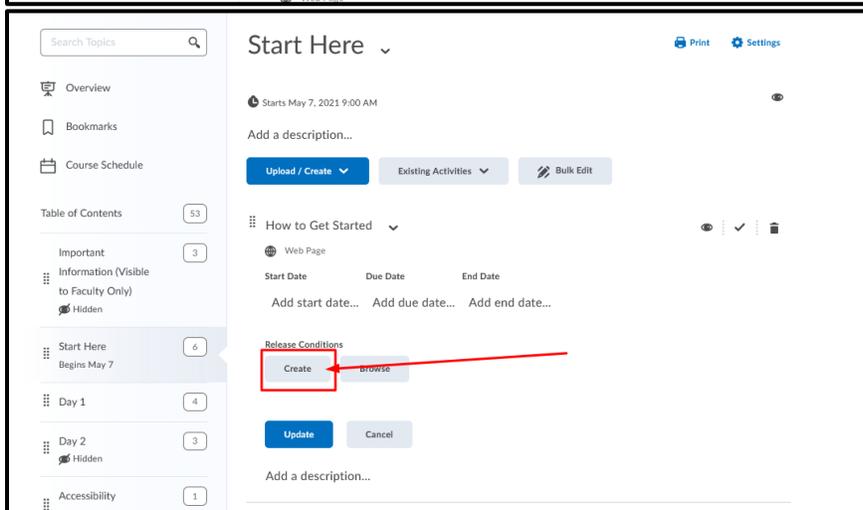
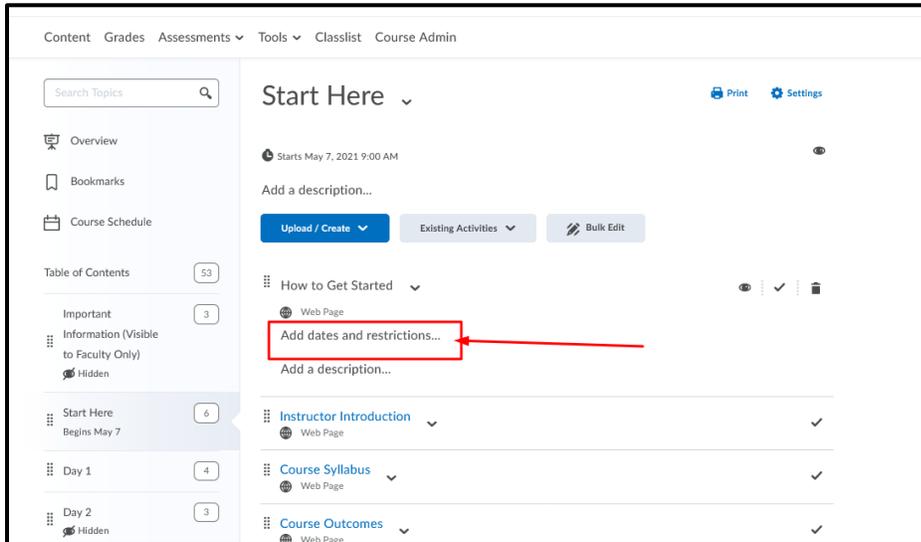
1. On the course navbar, click **Content**.



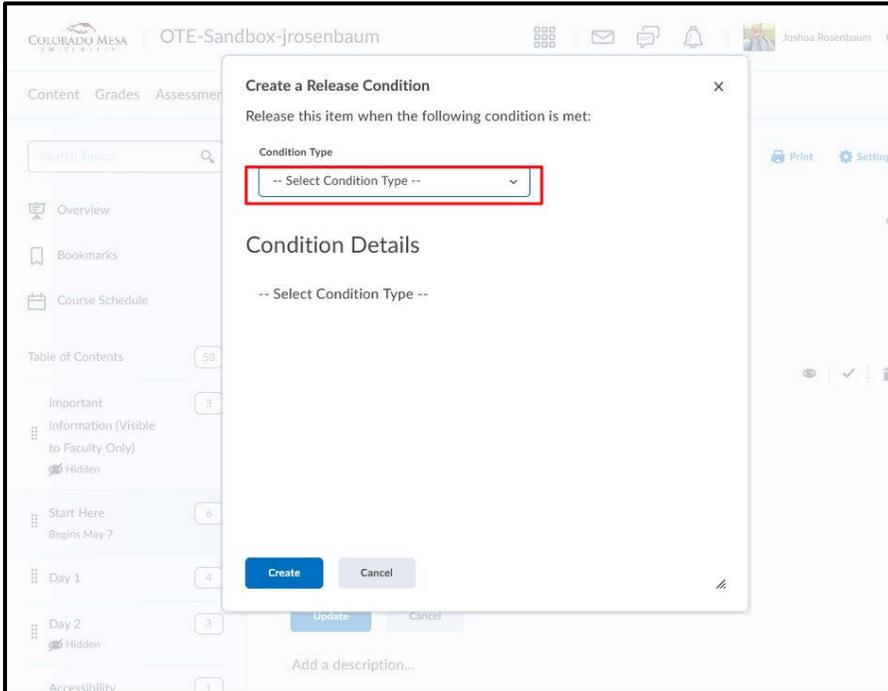
2. In the **Table of Content**, locate the content item you want to have a release condition. Open the context menu and select **Edit Properties In-place**.



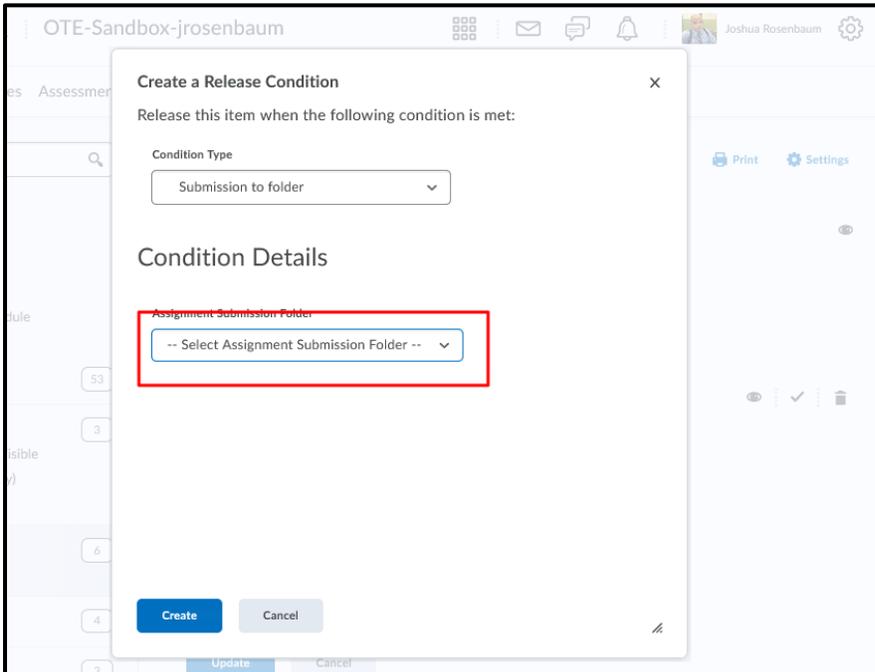
3. Click **Add dates and restrictions...**, and under **Release Conditions** click **Create**.



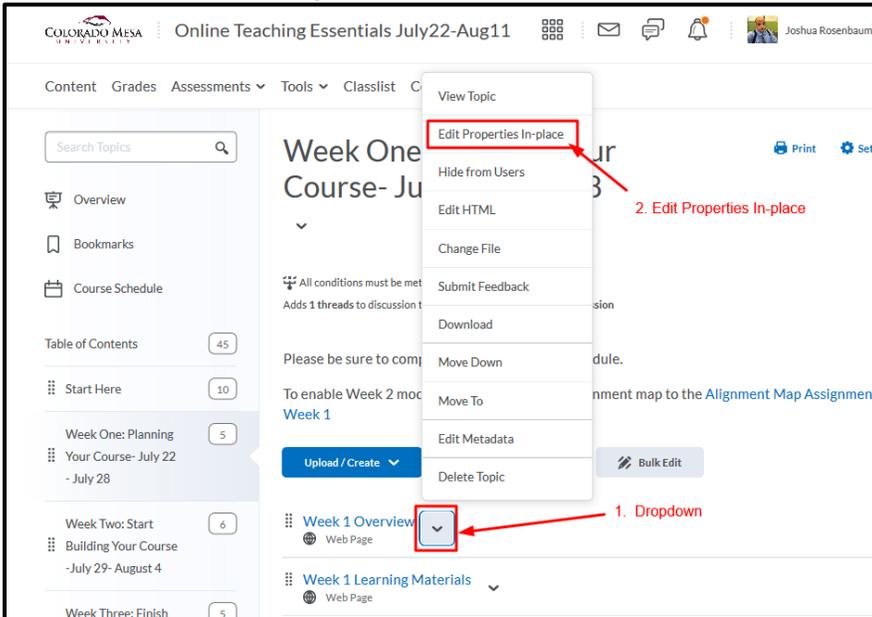
4. From the **Condition Type** menu, select the condition you want to create.



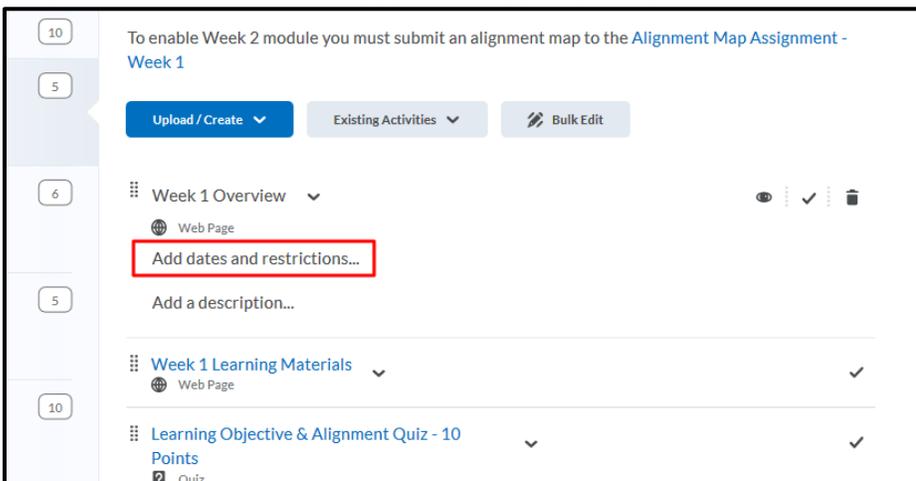
5. Add **Condition Details**, and click **Create**.



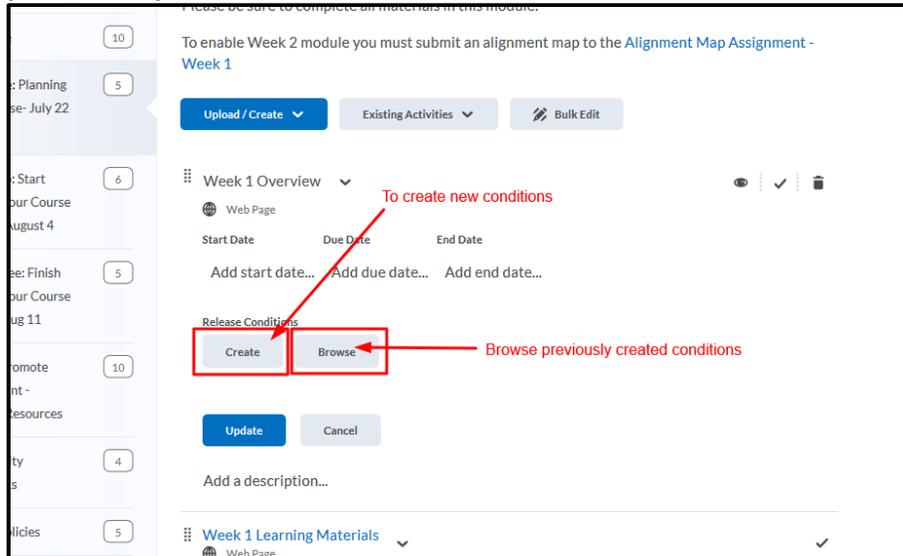
6. Click **Update** to save your changes. The release condition details are now listed below the topic name.
- a. To access release conditions for a content item, choose "Edit Properties in Place" from the dropdown menu.



- b. Then click on "Add Dates and restrictions".



- c. From that point you can either “create” new release conditions or “browse” previously created conditions.



Tools that Support Release Conditions

You can access release conditions for any of the following course items:

- [Checklist](#)
- [Content modules and topics](#)
- [Discussion forums and topics](#)
- [Assignments](#)
- [Grade items and categories](#)
- [Intelligent Agents](#)
- [Course News items](#)
- [Quizzes](#)
- [Surveys](#)

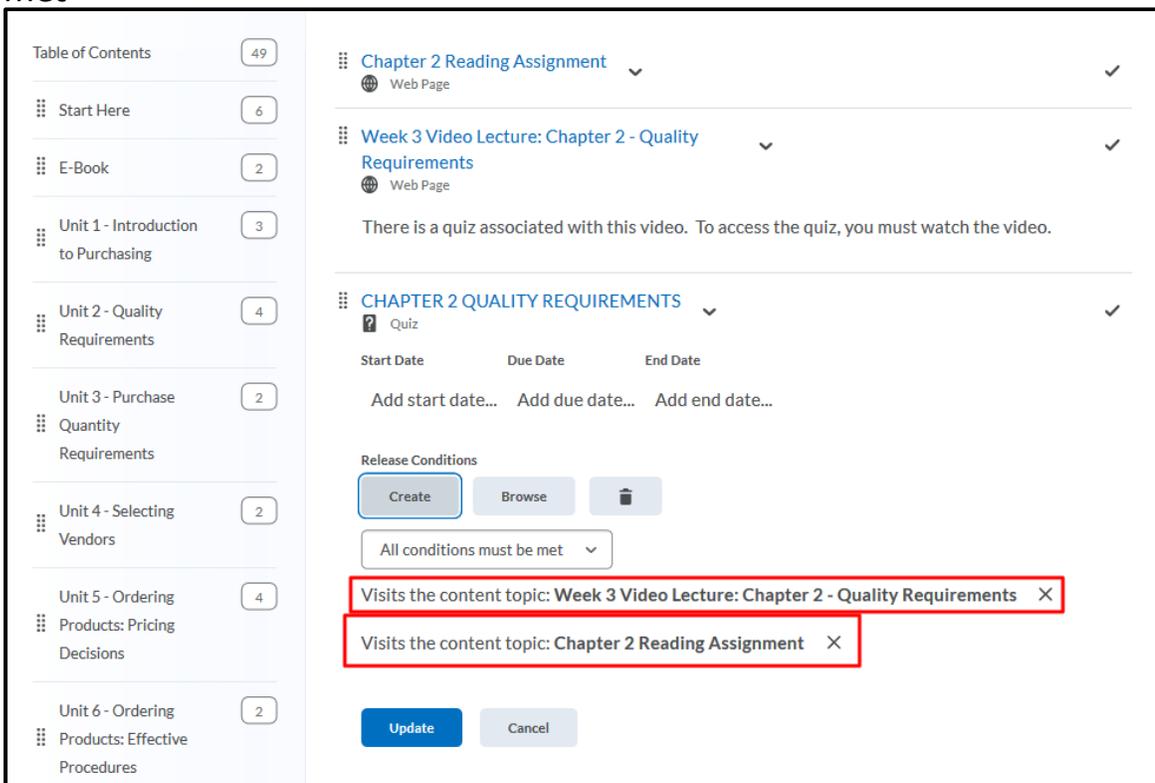
How Do Release Conditions Work?

Release conditions allow you to create a custom learning path through the materials in your course. When you attach a release condition to an item, users cannot see that item until they meet the associated condition. For example, you could attach a release condition to the second topic in your course’s content area that would hide that topic until users viewed the topic before it. Or you could create a condition that required users to view a content topic before gaining access to a quiz, or one that required them to post to a discussion topic before they could see a content module.

Note: Once users meet an associated condition, a pop-up notification appears to inform the user that additional content is now available.

Release conditions can also be added to intelligent agents to create email notifications for users. For example, you could create an intelligent agent that sends a reminder email to users who have not yet completed a required quiz or assignment in the course. This scenario is ideal for using release conditions with the "not" operator.

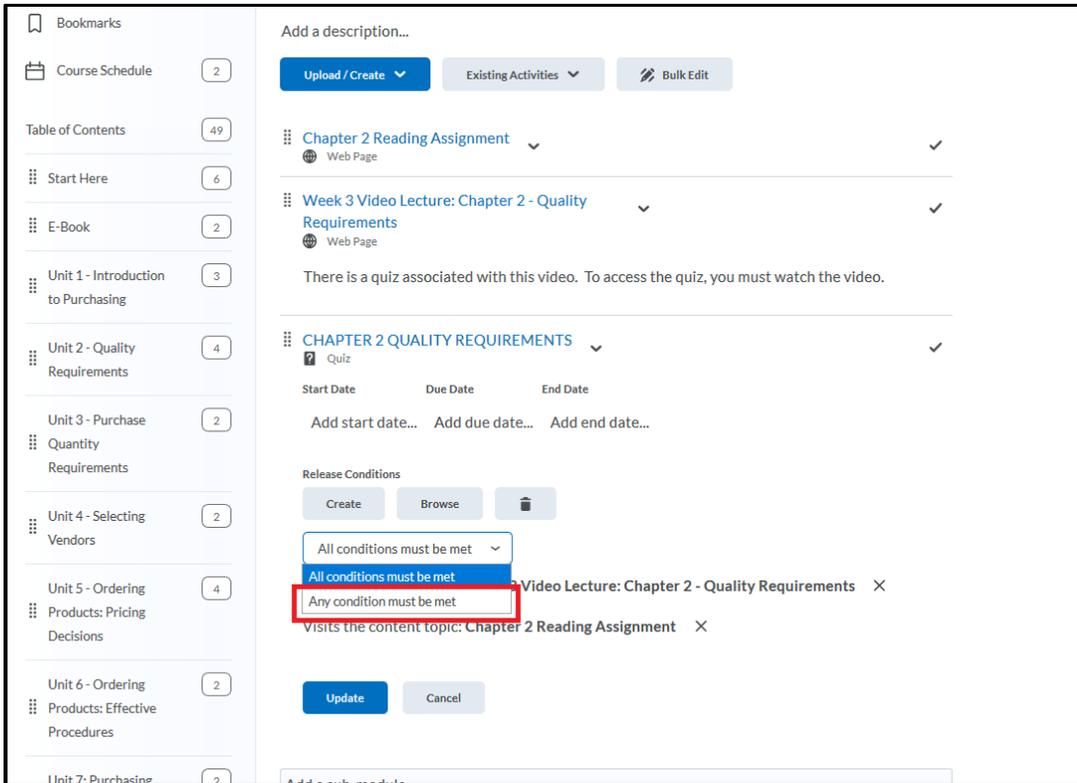
If you attach multiple conditions to an item, you can require that the learner meet all the conditions or any of the conditions. In this example there are two conditions attached to the quiz. You would probably want your learners to both read the textbook and watch the lecture video. In this instance you would require "all conditions must be met"



The screenshot shows a course management interface with a table of contents on the left and a detailed view of a quiz on the right. The quiz is titled "CHAPTER 2 QUALITY REQUIREMENTS" and is associated with the content topic "Week 3 Video Lecture: Chapter 2 - Quality Requirements". The release conditions section shows two conditions: "Visits the content topic: Week 3 Video Lecture: Chapter 2 - Quality Requirements" and "Visits the content topic: Chapter 2 Reading Assignment". The conditions are set to "All conditions must be met".

Item	Type	Release Conditions
Chapter 2 Reading Assignment	Web Page	None
Week 3 Video Lecture: Chapter 2 - Quality Requirements	Web Page	None
CHAPTER 2 QUALITY REQUIREMENTS	Quiz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visits the content topic: Week 3 Video Lecture: Chapter 2 - Quality Requirements Visits the content topic: Chapter 2 Reading Assignment

If there is a situation in which a user could meet any of the conditions and proceed, simply choose “Any condition must be met” from the dropdown.

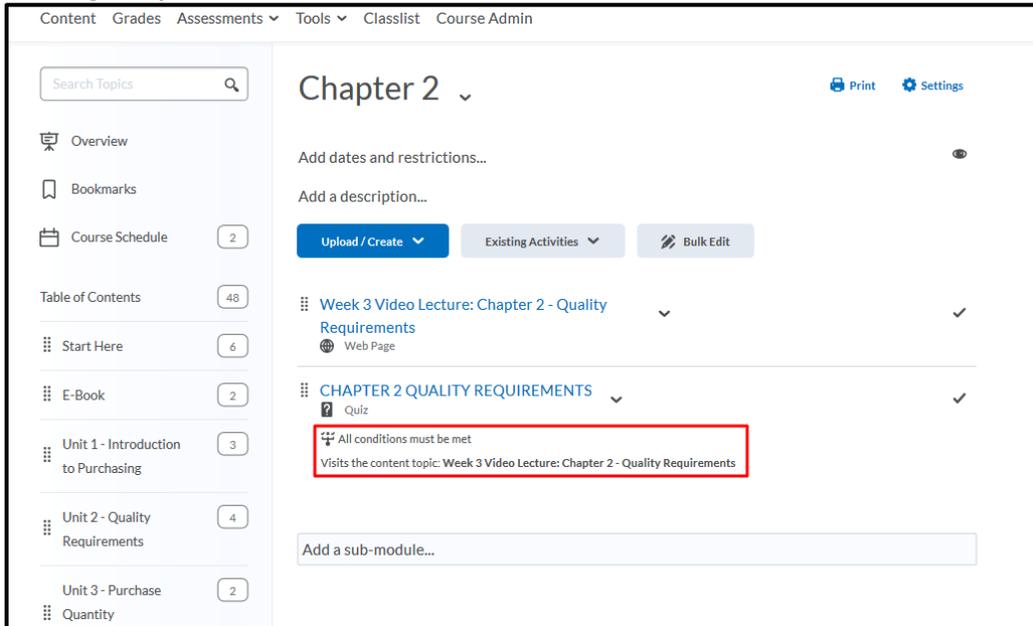


Once a user meets a release condition, the condition is cleared for that user and cannot be reset. For example, if you attach a release condition to a discussion topic requiring users to achieve more than 60% on a quiz before they can access that topic, and one of your participants receives 72% on the quiz but you adjust their grade to 55% they will be able to access the topic because they did meet the requirement at some point.

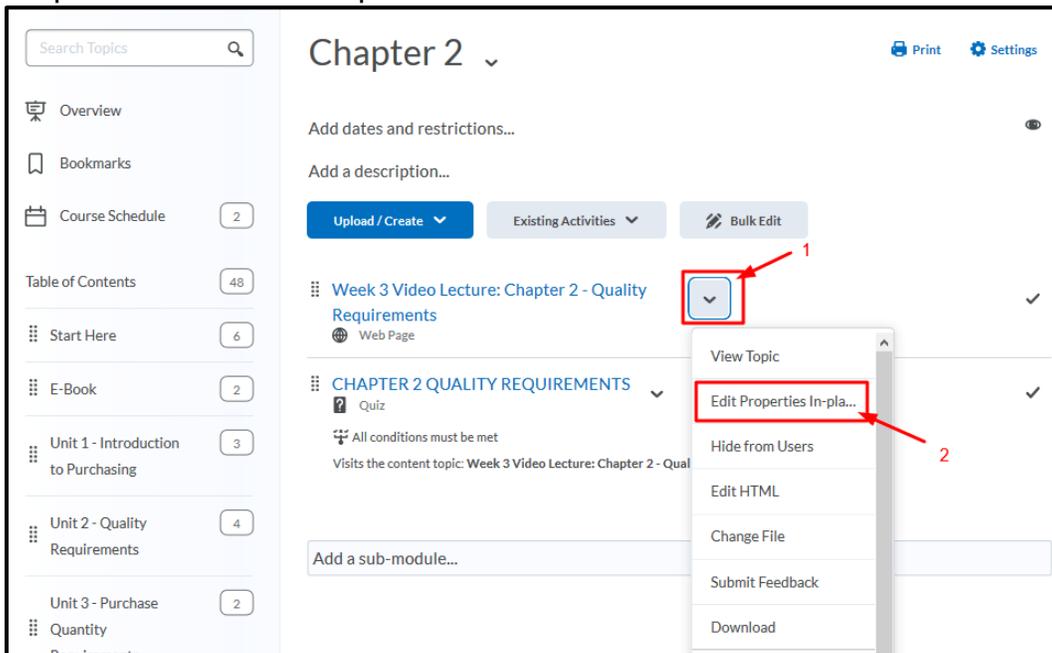
Best Practices for Creating Release Conditions

- **Use clear communication with your learners regarding the use of Release conditions.** There are three ways this can be done:
 - Include a narrative in your syllabus that details your intended use of release conditions to guide learners through a specified path within your course materials. Advise learners to contact instructor regarding missing content rather than IT Helpdesk as it may be a release condition issue.
 - Show a clear path through the Course Schedule.

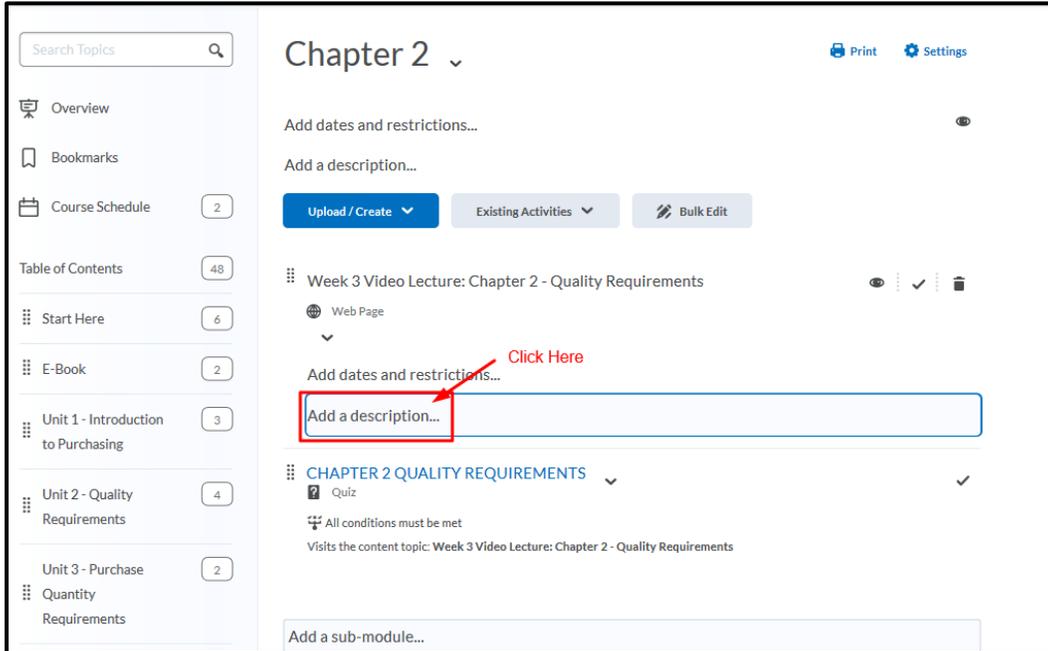
- Make note of when an item's completion or access is a condition for future content release. For example: You want student to watch a video before taking a quiz as seen below:



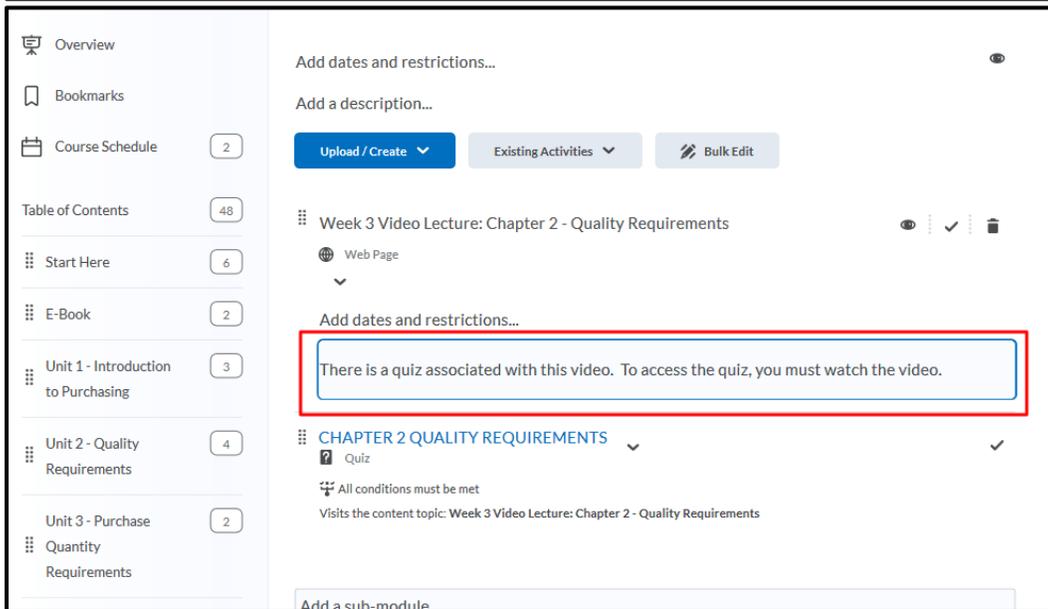
- The recommendation is to place a note on the video content reminding the learner of the release condition. This is done by choosing 'Edit Properties In-place' from the dropdown.



- You can write a reminder in the “description” text box.



The screenshot shows the LMS interface for Chapter 2. On the left is a navigation menu with options like Overview, Bookmarks, Course Schedule, and Table of Contents. The main content area is titled 'Chapter 2' and includes a search bar, 'Add dates and restrictions...', and 'Add a description...'. Below these are buttons for 'Upload / Create', 'Existing Activities', and 'Bulk Edit'. A list of activities is shown, including 'Week 3 Video Lecture: Chapter 2 - Quality Requirements' (Web Page) and 'CHAPTER 2 QUALITY REQUIREMENTS' (Quiz). The 'Add a description...' text box is highlighted with a red border, and a red arrow points to it with the text 'Click Here'.



The screenshot shows the LMS interface for Chapter 2, similar to the previous one. The 'Add a description...' text box is now filled with the text: 'There is a quiz associated with this video. To access the quiz, you must watch the video.' The text box is highlighted with a red border.

- **Set up conditions before users access the course** - Create all of your course materials and set up your release conditions before the course opens to users. This gives you a chance to check for mistakes in the conditions or for circular, contradictory, or unnecessary conditions. Since conditions cannot be reset, you also risk having users meet conditions before your resources are ready (for example, accessing a content topic before it is finished). If you add new release conditions after users have accessed the course, users might be confused by resources disappearing. Best practice is to post an announcement in the Course News when any release conditions are updated.

- **Avoid unnecessary conditions** - Each condition you associate with a tool takes additional time for Brightspace Learning Environment to process. Using as few conditions as possible to set up a learning path minimizes the amount of time that users spend waiting for pages to load. For example, you set up a content topic, a quiz, and an assignment for the second week of class. You want users to read the topic before taking the quiz, and you want them to read the topic and attempt the quiz before submitting the week's work to the assignment. For the assignment, you only need to attach the condition that users attempt the quiz. Since users must read the content topic before they can take the quiz, it is not necessary to add this condition to the assignment.
- **Avoid circular references** - A circular reference makes it impossible for users to satisfy a set of conditions. For example, if you set the condition that users must view a content topic before they can access an assignment, and then set a condition that they must submit a file to the assignment before they can access the content topic, you have a circular reference. Users can't satisfy either condition without satisfying the other one first. Circular references are more likely to occur with long chains of conditions. For example, a content topic that depends on a quiz that depends on an assignment that depends on a checklist that depends on the content topic.
- **Avoid impossible conditions** - Ensure that your conditions are not impossible for users to satisfy. For example, a condition that users must achieve greater than 100% on a grade item would be impossible (unless the grade item is set to *Can Exceed*). If users are unable to satisfy a condition, they are unable to access the content or tools to which the condition is attached.
- **Avoid contradictory conditions** - Contradictory conditions occur when two or more conditions that cancel each other out are associated with an item. For example, the conditions *User must achieve greater than 49.9% on Grade Item 1* and *User must achieve less than 50% on Grade Item 1* are contradictory. Users cannot satisfy both conditions at the same time; they would not be able to see the item associated with these conditions.
- **Release content based on learning ability and course performance** - Include additional content in your course specifically for users who need extra help and release this content to users who score below a specified threshold on a quiz or grade item. Alternately, release a special survey to users who attain a high score.
- **Release content in stages** - To reveal content topics to users only after they have read prior content, attach release conditions on the subsequent topics or modules that require users to view earlier topics. This can provide a clear path through the material and prevent users from becoming overwhelmed by a large table of contents at the start of the course.
- **Release content based on enrollment date** - If your course has rolling enrollment, you can set course materials and assessments to become available

relative to a users' enrollment date. This allows you to provide a structured path through the course for every user regardless of their enrollment date.

- **Customize content for groups within a course** - If your course has group projects and you want to provide different instructions or resources for each group, you can create separate content topics or modules for each project and attach release conditions based on group enrollment. Group members working on one project will see content related to their work without being distracted by content not relevant to them.
- **Use a checklist to organize activities** - You can create a checklist that lists the activities users should complete throughout the course. For example, a checklist for the first week might include reading the course's introductory content, posting to an introductory discussion topic, and submitting a list of learning goals to assignment. You can set release conditions based on users checking off items from their checklist. For example, you might release an Announcements item on your course's homepage once users check off that they have completed the first week's activities.
- **Use intelligent agents to monitor user activity or non-activity** - You can set up intelligent agents with release conditions using the *not* operator to intervene with students who have not completed course work. For example, create an intelligent agent that sends a reminder email to users who have not yet completed a quiz attempt or submitted an assignment to an assignment.

Release Condition Types

Condition Type	Description
Checklist - Completed checklist	The user must complete all items on the selected checklist in order to fulfill the release condition.
Checklist - Incomplete checklist	The user must not complete one or more items on the selected checklist in order to fulfill the release condition.
Checklist - Completed checklist item	The user must complete a specific item on the selected checklist in order to fulfill the release condition.
Checklist - Incomplete checklist item	The user must not complete the specific item on the selected checklist to fulfill the release condition.
Classlist - Group enrollment	The user must be enrolled in a specific group in order to fulfill the release condition.
Classlist - Org unit enrollment	The user must be enrolled in a specific org unit in order to fulfill the release condition.
Classlist - Section enrollment	The user must be enrolled in a specific section in order to fulfill the release condition.
Classlist - Role in current org unit	The user must either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be enrolled as a specific role • not be enrolled as a specific role in order to fulfill the release condition.

Condition Type	Description
Classlist - Date of enrollment in current org unit	The user must be enrolled in the current org unit for a specified number of days in order to fulfill the release condition.
Competencies - Competency achieved	The user must complete a specific competency in order to fulfill the release condition.
Competencies - Competency not yet achieved	The user must not complete a specific competency in order to fulfill the release condition.
Competencies - Learning objective achieved	The user must complete a specific learning objective in order to fulfill the release condition.
Competencies - Learning objective not yet achieved	The user must not complete a specific learning objective in order to fulfill the release conditions.
Competencies - Score on associated rubric	The user must achieve a specified Score and Threshold level on a learning objective, based on an associated rubric, in order to fulfill the release condition.
Content - visited content topic	The user must visit a specific content topic in order to fulfill the release condition.
Content - Not visited content topic	The user must not visit the specified content topic in order to fulfill the release condition. Depending on your organization's security configurations, especially if the d2l.Tools.ManageFiles.UseContentRestrictedSecurity configuration variable is set to ON, users may not be able to access specified content topics at all when this release condition is set.
Content - Visited all content topics	The user must visit all content topics in the course offering in order to fulfill the release condition.
Content - Completed content topic	The user completes a content topic. The method of completing the topic depends on the type, such as viewing a file or submitting an assignment. This release condition ignores exemptions, meaning that if the learner completes the activity, the release condition can be met, regardless of the activity being required, optional, or exempt.
Discussions - Posts authored in topic	The user must author a specified number and type of posts in a designated module or topic in order to fulfill the release condition.
Discussions - No posts authored in topic	The user must not author any number or type of post in a designated module or topic in order to fulfill the release condition.

Condition Type	Description
Discussions - Score on associated rubric	The user must achieve a specified Score and Threshold level on a discussion module or topic, based on an associated rubric, in order to fulfill the release condition.
Assignments - Submission to Assignment	The user must make a submission to a specified assignment in order to fulfill the release condition.
Assignments - No submission to Assignment	The user must not make a submission to a specified assignment in order to fulfill the release condition.
Assignments - Receive feedback on Assignment submission	The user must receive feedback on a submission to a specified assignment in order to fulfill the release condition.
Assignments - Score on associated rubric	The user must achieve a specified Score and Threshold level on an assignment submission, based on an associated rubric, in order to fulfill the release condition.
Grades - Grade value on a grade item	The user must achieve a specified grade value on a grade item in order to fulfill the release condition.
Grades - No grade received	The user must not receive a specified grade value on a grade item in order to fulfill the release condition.
Grades - Released final grade score	<p>The user must have their final grade score set to released, or set to released plus the final grade meeting a defined threshold, in order to fulfill the release condition.</p> <p>Note: This release condition is evaluated beginning from the first time the grade is released, and cannot be revoked once it is fulfilled. Therefore, if your grade book is set up to release final grades throughout a course, and/or drop ungraded items, the release condition may be fulfilled sooner than expected (i.e. before the end of the course). D2L recommends using this release condition in combination with other release conditions or intelligent agents to ensure that the event or content triggered by the released final grade score occurs at the anticipated time.</p>
Grades - Score on associated rubric	The user must achieve a specified Score and Threshold level on a grade item, based on an associated rubric, in order to fulfill the release condition.
Quizzes - Score on a quiz	The user must achieve a specified score on a quiz in order to fulfill the release condition. Score on a quiz is triggered by publishing a score on a quiz attempt or manually overriding a quiz score via Grades.
Quizzes - Completed quiz attempt	The user must achieve a specified number of attempts of a quiz in order to fulfill the release condition.

Condition Type	Description
Quizzes - Score on selected questions	When a quiz has a learning objective with associated questions and an assessment method attached to it, the user must achieve a specified grade value on the learning objective in order to fulfill the release condition.
Quizzes - Score on associated rubric	The user must achieve a specified Score and Threshold level on a quiz, based on an associated rubric, in order to fulfill the release condition.
Quizzes - No completed quiz attempt	The user must not complete any attempt on a quiz in order to fulfill the release condition.
Surveys - Completed survey attempt	The user must achieve a specified number of attempts of a survey in order to fulfill the release condition.
Surveys - No completed survey attempt	The user must not complete any attempt on a survey in order to fulfill the release condition.