Course Content: Availability and Options

Content Availability

When a content item is added to a course, it is not automatically available. An availability option on the Add and Edit pages allows the user to set the content to available or unavailable. This allows the Instructor to create content and save it in a draft format before it is made available within a course.

A separate option is Adaptive Release, a feature that allows an Instructor to establish criteria governing who can see an item and when. If an item is not available, users cannot access it regardless of what the Adaptive Release rules say.

Content Options

When an item is added to a Content Area, a number of options are available on the Add page. The options available depend on the Content Type; not all options are always available. These options are used to set availability, date restrictions, and tracking. The following is a description of all of the options that may be available:

Content Type	Description
Permit users to view the content item	Select Yes to make the content available to users. If No is selected, this content is unavailable, regardless of Adaptive Release rules.
Open in new window	Select Yes to open the item in a separate browser window. This is helpful for some file types, as users may continue viewing the Content Area along with the item.
Select date and time restrictions	Select the range of dates for when this item appears. Select the **Display After** checkbox for the item to appear after a specific date. If this option is selected, add the corresponding date and time. Select the **Display Until** checkbox for the item to appear until a specific date. If this option is selected, add the corresponding date and time.
Track number of views	Select Yes to turn on Tracking Reports. This generates usage reports for the item.