

## FAQ - How do I make content available to students in stages based on the condition of completing a test?

Using the Blackboard feature called Adaptive Release on NILE, specifically focusing on using Tests and Folders to control the release of content on NILE.

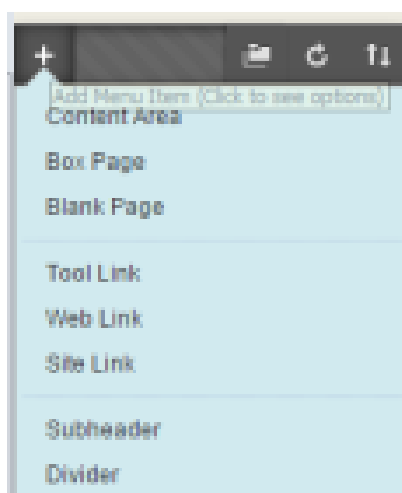
### What is Adaptive Release?

When you would like the delivery of content to be revealed in separate stages on the screen you can use the Adaptive Release feature. Any item in NILE that is not a tool or menu item can be adaptive released.

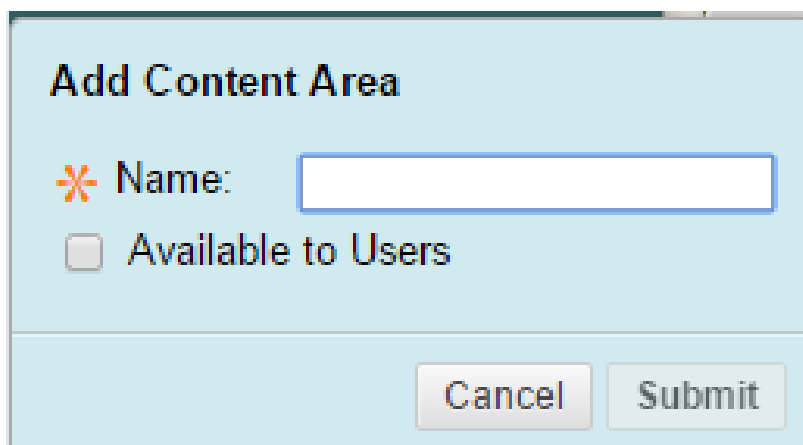
This way of delivering content online, makes it much more manageable for students rather than showing a huge amount of content on one screen. Students find separate stages of information less intimidating.

### How to set up Adaptive Release

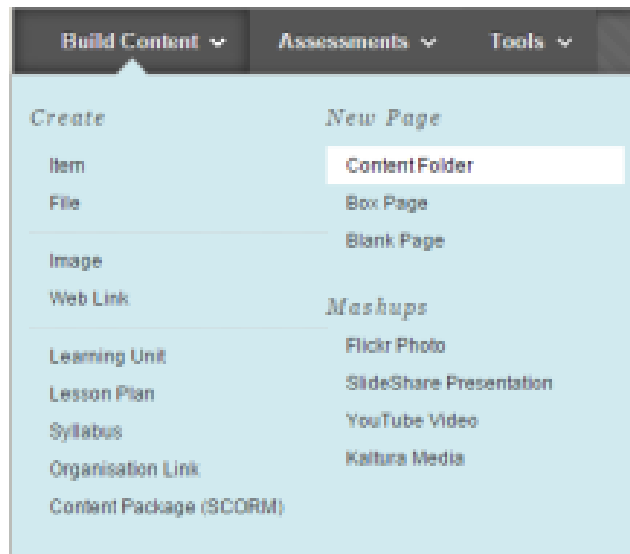
First of all add a 'Content area' to your NILE site, and assign a relevant name. Do this by clicking on the + plus icon situated top left of the screen, and select 'Content Area' from the drop-down list.



Assign an appropriate relevant name to your Content Area.

A screenshot of the 'Add Content Area' dialog box. The dialog has a light blue background and a title bar. The title is 'Add Content Area'. Below the title, there is a red asterisk icon followed by the text 'Name:' and an empty text input field. Below that, there is a checkbox labeled 'Available to Users'. At the bottom of the dialog, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Submit'.

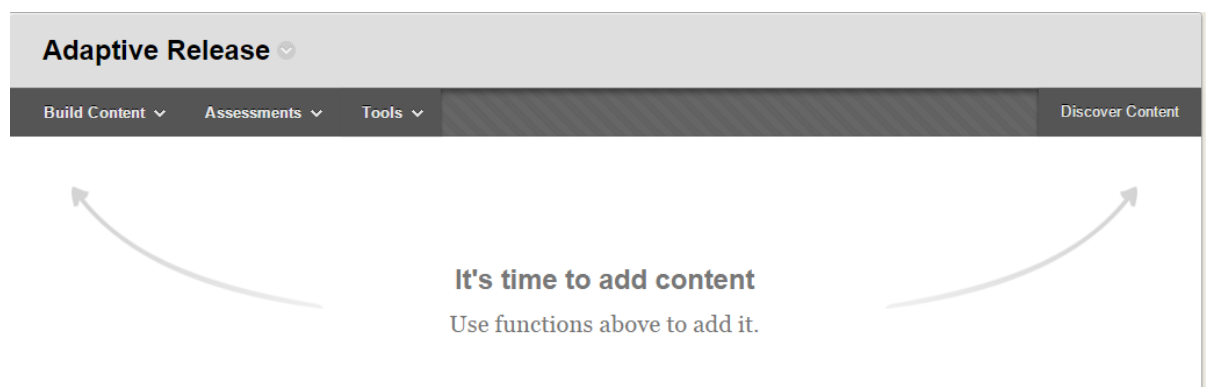
Then build your 'Content items' in this content area. When using Adaptive Release, it is good practice to create a Content Folder first of all for each separate items. Do this by clicking on the **'Build Content'** drop-down arrow and choose Content Folder under the **'New Page'** heading. See screenshot below.



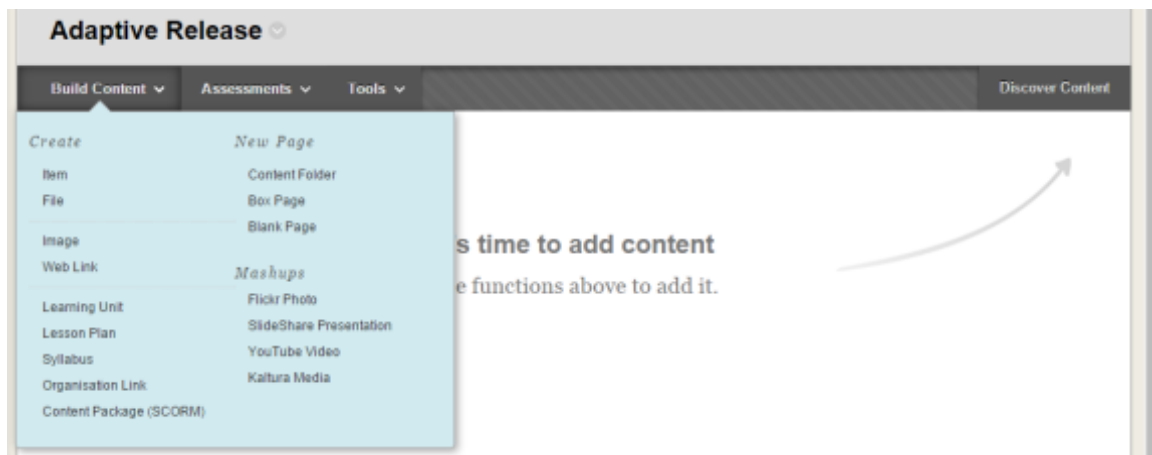
I created a folder called 'Adaptive Release' which is shown below.



Click on the folder you have created to reveal the area to build your content.

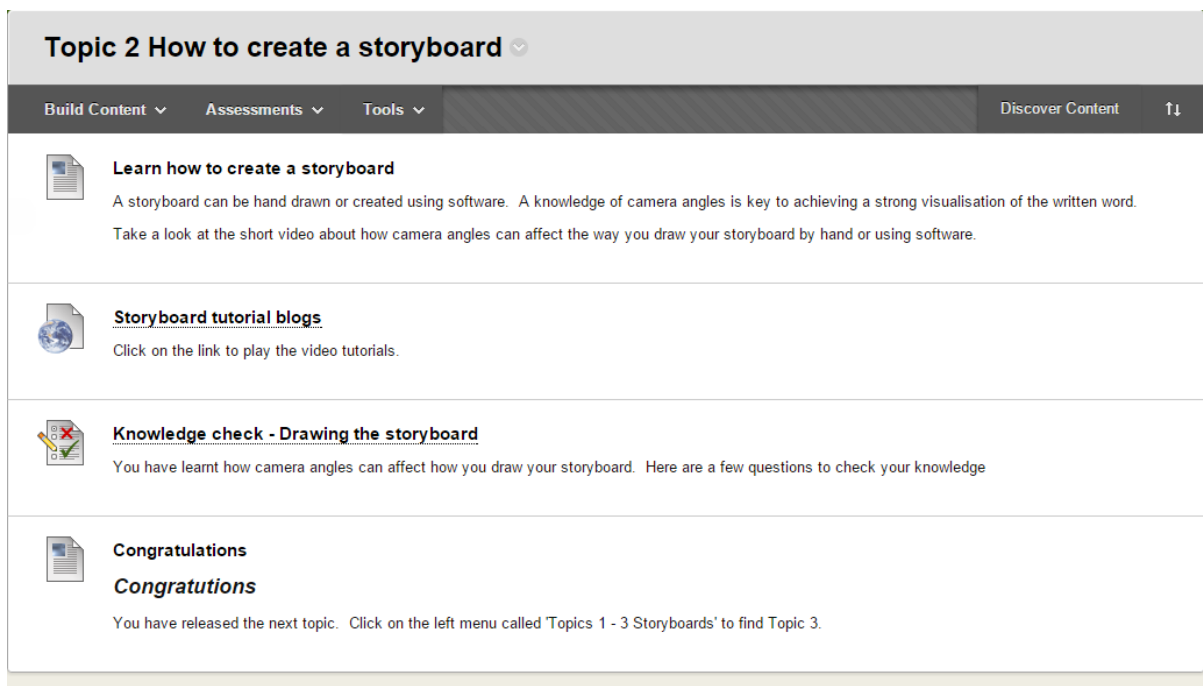


## Build Content



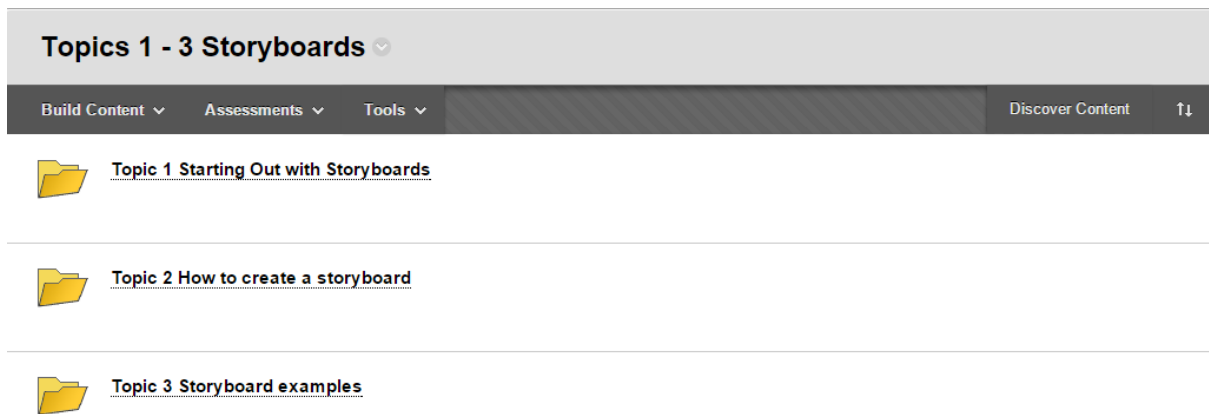
Now add your content which can include text, video, tests, surveys etc.

The example below shows a folder with content clearly labelled and navigation instruction text on the screen telling the user where to go next.



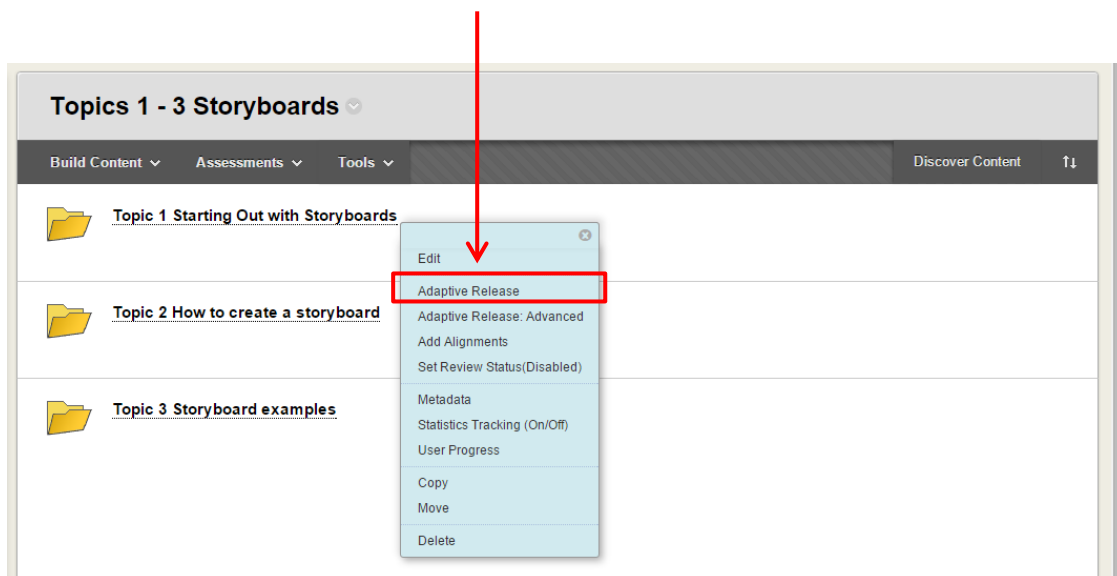
With folders and content within the folders created, you are now ready to implement 'Adaptive Release' to control the release of these folders on the screen.

## Folders on the screen



## Applying Adaptive Release feature

First of all click on the drop down arrow next to each folder. You will see a drop-down list of options and here you will find 'Adaptive Release'.



Click on Adaptive Release, and choose the criteria of availability which can be set for items.

The criteria is Date, Membership, Grade, and Review Status.

The screenshots on the next page show the criteria available visually.

## Screenshots

### Adaptive Release

Create an Adaptive Release rule for this content item. Each criterion narrows the availability of this item to users. To create multiple rules on an item or delete this rule, use Adaptive Release: Advanced.  
**Content Status:** Available

Cancel
Submit

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#### DATE

*Setting a Date criterion for this item will restrict the dates and times of the visibility of this item.*

Choose Date

Display After

*Enter dates as dd/mm/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.*

Display Until

*Enter dates as dd/mm/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.*

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#### MEMBERSHIP

*This content item is visible to all users until a Membership criterion is created. Users must be specified in the Username list or must be in a selected Group.*

Username  Browse...

*Enter one or more Username values or click **Browse** to Search. Separate multiple Username values with commas.*

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#### GRADE

*This content item is visible to all users until a Grade criterion is created. Possible points for a Grade Centre grade or calculated column are listed in brackets beside the column name. The score entered must be numeric.*

Select a Grade Centre column None ▼

Select Condition

User has at least one attempt for this item  
*An attempt is recorded in the Grade Centre when the user submits a Test, Survey or Assignment or when a grade is entered or edited.*

Score  Per cent Less than or equal to ▼

Score  Per cent Between  and

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#### REVIEW STATUS

*This content item is visible to all users until a Review Status criterion is created. Selecting an item will permit users to mark that item as reviewed.*

Select an Item  Browse... Clear

*Click **Submit** to proceed. Click **Cancel** to go back.*

Cancel
Submit

To release the content in sequential order (in separate stages) using tests, scroll down to the 'Grade' section. You will need to click on the drop-down arrow next to 'Select a Grade Centre column' (currently saying None). Select the name from the drop-down list, of the previous content folder item.

**Note: there is no need to do this for your first folder, as there is no content preceding it.**

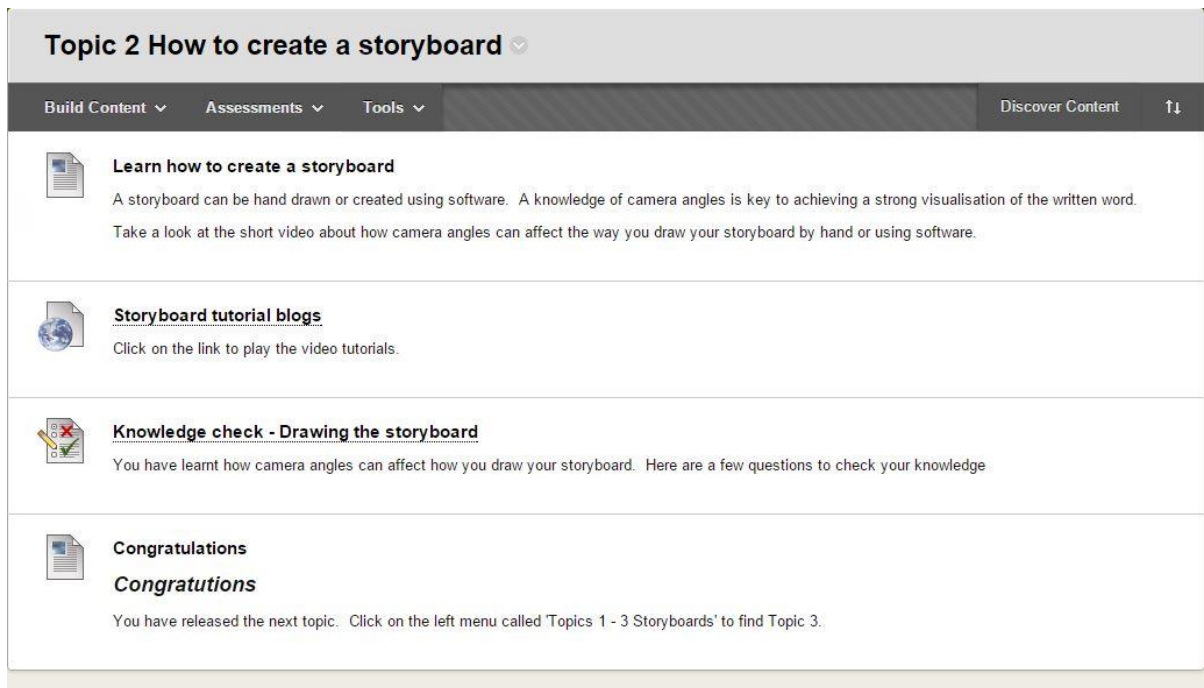
A screenshot below shows an example of the drop-down list with choice of named content items (in this case the name of the tests and the main folder).

The screenshot displays the Blackboard Adaptive Release configuration interface. At the top, there are two date pickers for 'Display Until' with a note: 'Enter dates as dd/mm/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.' Below this are three sections: 'MEMBERSHIP', 'GRADE', and 'REVIEW STATUS'. The 'MEMBERSHIP' section includes a text box for 'Username' and a 'Browse...' button, with a note: 'Enter one or more Username values or click Browse to Search. Separate multiple Username values with commas.' The 'GRADE' section features a 'Select a Grade Centre column' dropdown menu and a 'Select Condition' text box. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'None', 'None', 'Learn how to create a storyboard for video[100]', 'Test - Knowledge check - Drawing the storyboard[10]', 'Test - Knowledge Check - Storyboard preference[10]', 'Test - Knowledge Check - The Storyboard[10]', 'Test - Storyboard Quiz[10]', 'Total[up to 140]', and 'Weighted Total[up to 0]'. The 'REVIEW STATUS' section has a 'Select an item' text box and 'Browse...' and 'Clear' buttons. At the bottom, there is a note: 'Click Submit to proceed. Click Cancel to go back.' and two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Submit'.

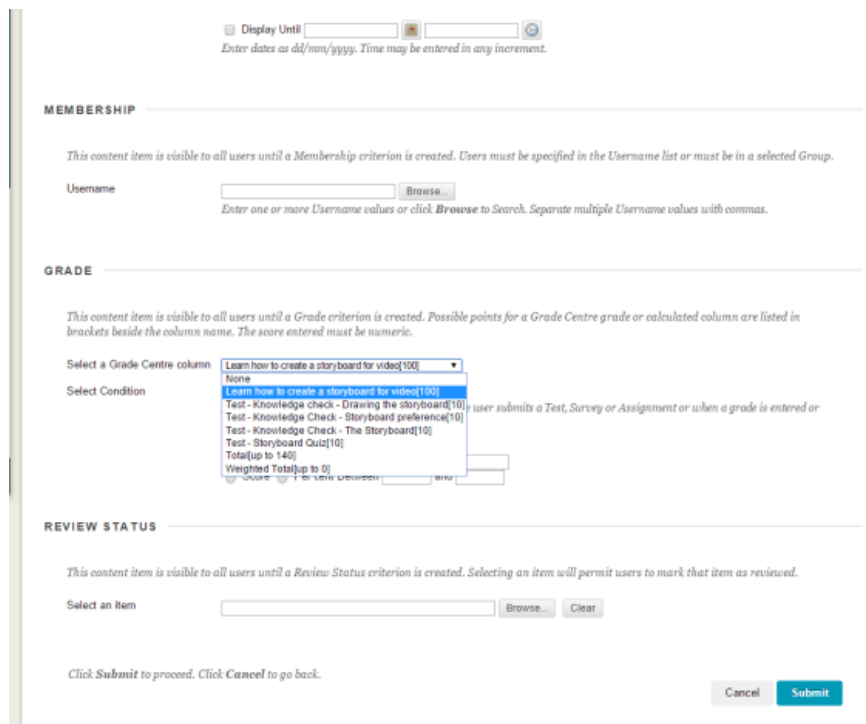
Select None for this first folder and click on Submit

Then open the content of the folder by clicking on the folder itself and apply '**Adaptive Release**' to the last item in the content area. In the example below, I am using the content item I have called '**Congratulations**' .

This is the screenshot showing the content of the folder called Topic 1 – Starting Out with Storyboards



Click on Adaptive Release next to 'Congratulations' and apply your settings.



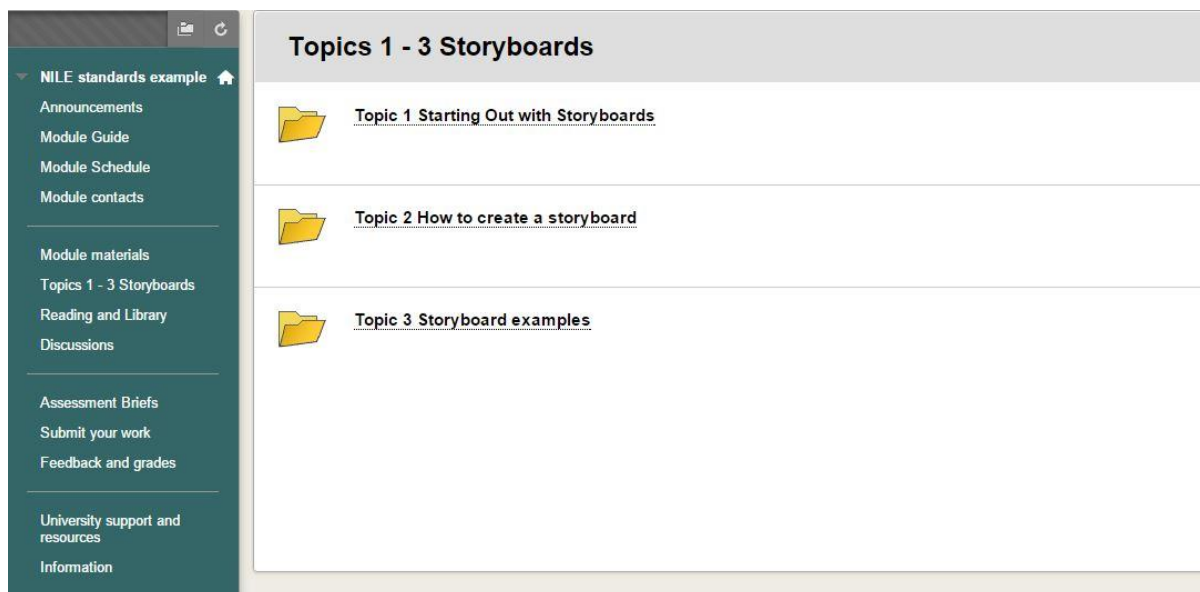
In this case I am releasing 'Congratulations' when the user has completed the test called 'Test – Knowledge Check – The Storyboard'.

Applying the correct item to release requires some logical thinking.

In the example below I have three folders and the names are key to implementing Adaptive Release.

This is because you will need to choose the correct label name from the drop-down list. In this example I am using the test pass percentage mark to release 'Congratulations'. I am using the folder name to release the next folder item.

### Topics 1 to 3 Storyboards



On the folder title '**Topic 1 Starting Out with Storyboards**' shown in the screenshot above, the Adaptive Release is set to none.

In this folder item area the '**Congratulations**' item is set to '**Test – Knowledge Check – The Storyboard**' (as this is the name of the test used in this content area). The test condition (scoring) is marked to '**Per cent Less than or equal to 100**'. The reason I have selected this per cent, is because I decided that the student can have unlimited attempts at the test (there is no pass or fail grade set in the system). If you do set a grade, then the Adaptive Release will need to reflect this, and you will need to key in the required grade or per cent. See the example screenshot below.





When the user completes the test (which does not need to be passed or failed in this occasion) the item called 'Congratulations' will appear on screen (this item has been released).

Navigation instruction text will tell the user to click back on the left menu called 'Topics 1 – 3 Storyboards'. When the user clicks on the left menu, the next topic, Topic 2 will be shown on the screen.

This is because the Adaptive Release in Topic 2 is set to 'Test – Knowledge Check – The Storyboard'.

**GRADE**

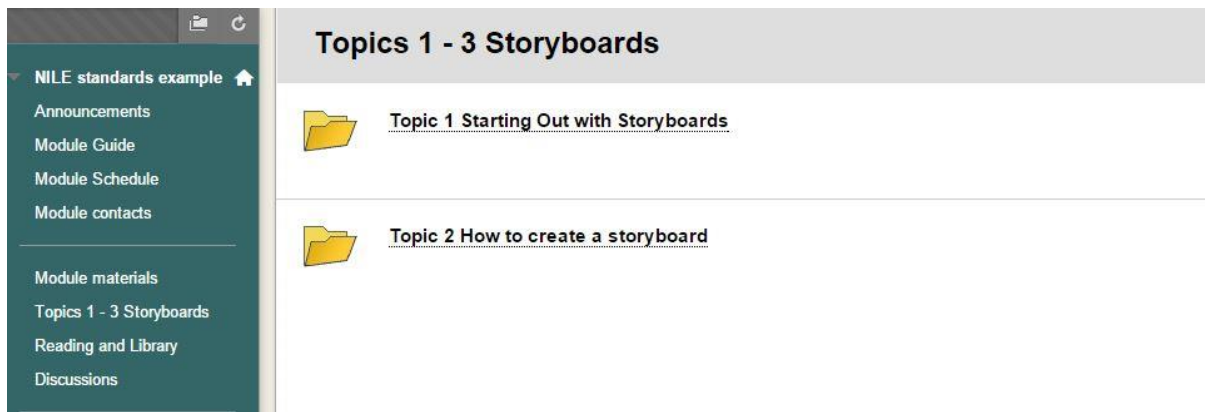
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Select a Grade Centre column:

Select Condition:

- User has at least one attempt for this item  
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- Score  Per cent
- Score  Per cent Between  and

Therefore once the test has been completed, Topic 2 is released.



Follow the same principle to release your content in separate stages.