Magic with Moodle

Hiding and restricting material; conditional release

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With extra material from Learning Team
Background

• Hide individual items from students while they are under preparation but not yet ready
• Hide sections of material until ready (e.g., prepare later weeks of the module in advance but not release)
• Hide material from students until a certain date
• Not allow students to view resources for a particular week until they have completed the previous week
What we did

• Hiding and showing

“Poke it in the eye”
What we did

- Release by date
Video Podcasts

Each week of the course, new podcasts will be available. However, you will only be able to access them once you have scored at least 4/5 in the previous weeks quiz. This is to prove that you have been through the entire video - the answers to the questions are all given in the podcasts.

A sensible strategy is to look at the questions of the quiz before you watch the podcast then, as you go through, look out for answers to the questions.

**Week 1**

1. Introducing New Media
2. Design Basics: form and function

- Week 1 discussion
- Quiz 1

**Week 2**

Restricted: 'Available from 4 February 2013, 04:00 PM.'

- 3. Infographics
  Restricted: 'Not available until you achieve a required score in Quiz 1. Available from 4 February 2013, 04:00 PM.'

- 4. Thirteen Sins of New Media Design
  Restricted: 'Not available until you achieve a required score in Quiz 1. Available from 4 February 2013, 04:00 PM.'

- Week 2 discussion forum
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- Quiz 2
  Restricted: 'Not available until you achieve a required score in Quiz 1. Available from 4 February 2013, 09:00 AM.'

**Week 3**

Restricted: 'Available from 11 February 2013, 04:00 PM.'

- 5. Still Images and Screen Layout
  Restricted: 'Not available until you achieve a required score in Quiz 2. Available from 11 February 2013, 04:00 PM.'

- 6. Graphics and Still Images
  Restricted: 'Not available until you achieve a required score in Quiz 2. Available from 11 February 2013, 04:00 PM.'

- Week three discussion forum
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- Quiz 3
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- Grade condition 1 must be at least **80**% and less than **90**%
- Grade condition (none) must be at least **80**% and less than **90**%

*There are required fields in this form marked *. 

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How it worked with students

• The progression works as designed.
• Students work through from beginning to end
• Provides a way to offer a linear and uncluttered learning pathway
• Normally students cannot see anything that is greyed out in Moodle
Not only but also...

Can use completion criteria of any activity for conditional release, not just quizzes.

Examples

- You must have contributed a post to the Introductions Forum before you can see the first assignment
- You must have viewed the problems before you can see the Answer sheet
Tips and recommendations

• Check out your module by changing your role to Student
• If you return to the front page of your module and items you expect to be hidden or deleted are still there, then reload / refresh the page (to clear the cache)
• Keep the sequence of conditional activities simple
Further information

• Video of Stefan Rennick Egglestone speaking at Elearning Community on Internationalisation

How to achieve this

• Students can't see something in my module: I can see it greyed out...
  https://workspace.nottingham.ac.uk/display/Moodlehelp/Students+can’t+see+something+in+my+module++I+can+see+it+greyed+out...

• How to manage hidden resources, sections and modules (Video)
  https://workspace.nottingham.ac.uk/display/Moodlehelp/How+to+manage+hidden+resources+sections+and+modules

• How to enable conditional activities
  https://workspace.nottingham.ac.uk/display/Moodlehelp/How+to+enable+conditional+activities
Thank you for listening

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Moodle Help: bit.ly/uonmoodlehelp

(or search Workspace for “Moodle help”)