Magic with Moodle

Hiding and restricting material; conditional release

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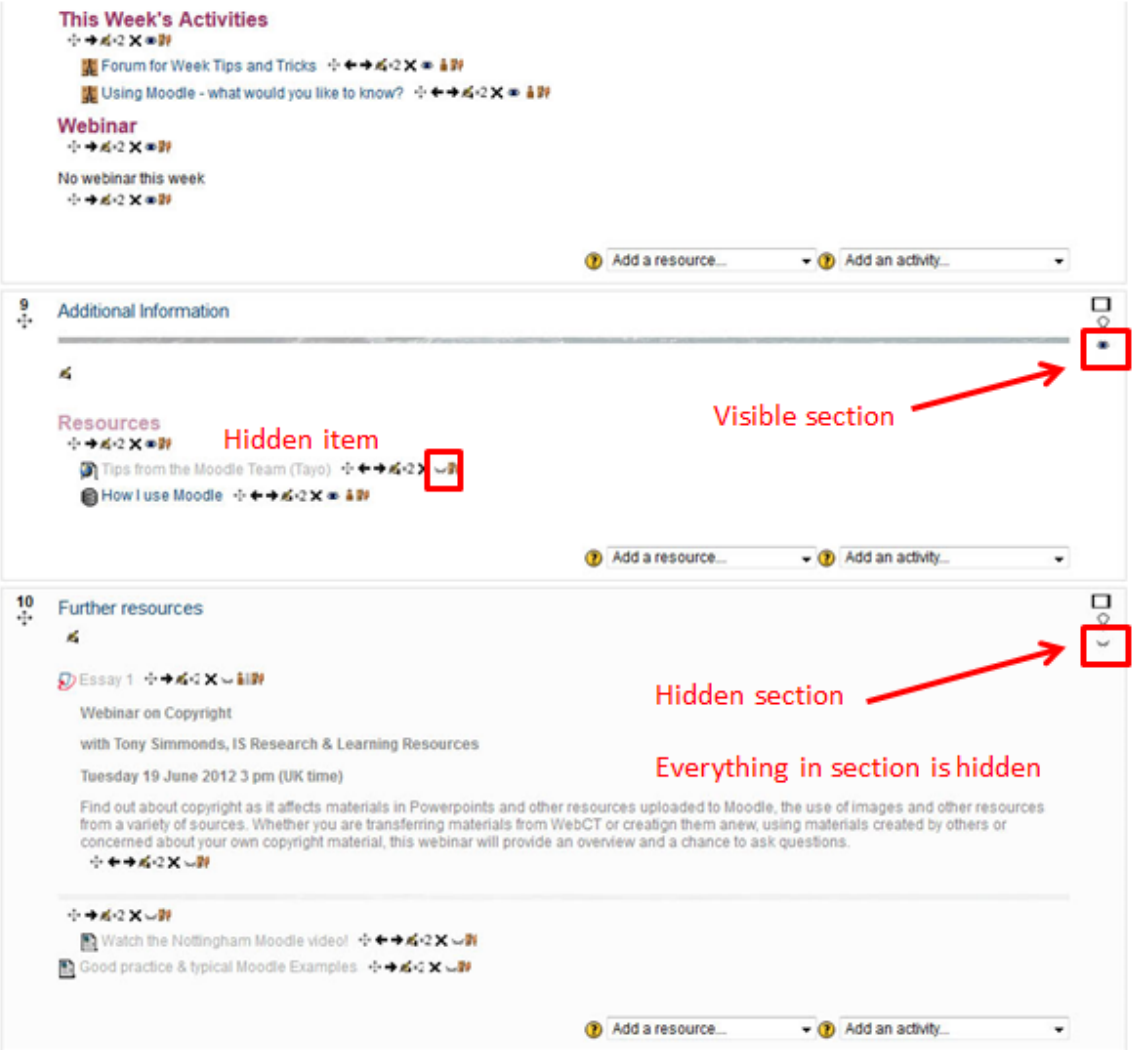
Background

- 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

5 Individual Coursework

Details of the individual coursework for G53NMD 2013.

Individual coursework specification - UK delivery
Restricted: 'Available from 8 February 2013, 09:00 AM.'

Individual coursework specification - Malaysia delivery
Restricted: 'Available from 8 February 2013, 09:00 AM.'

Marking criteria for wiki article containing infographic

Individual coursework specification - UK delivery
Restricted: 'Available from 8 February 2013, 09:00 AM.'

Common module settings

Visible: Show

ID number:

Restrict access

Allow access from: 8 February 2013 09 00 Enable

Allow access until: 2 July 2013 00 00 Enable

Grade condition: (none) must be at least % and less than %

Add 2 grade conditions to form

Before activity can be accessed: Show activity greyed-out, with restriction information

Save and return to module | Save and display | Cancel

There are required fields in this form marked *.

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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
  Restricted: "Not available until you achieve a required score in **Quiz 1**. Available from 4 February 2013, 04:00 AM."
- 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
  Restricted: "Not available until you achieve a required score in **Quiz 2**. Available from 11 February 2013, 04:00 PM."
- Quiz 3
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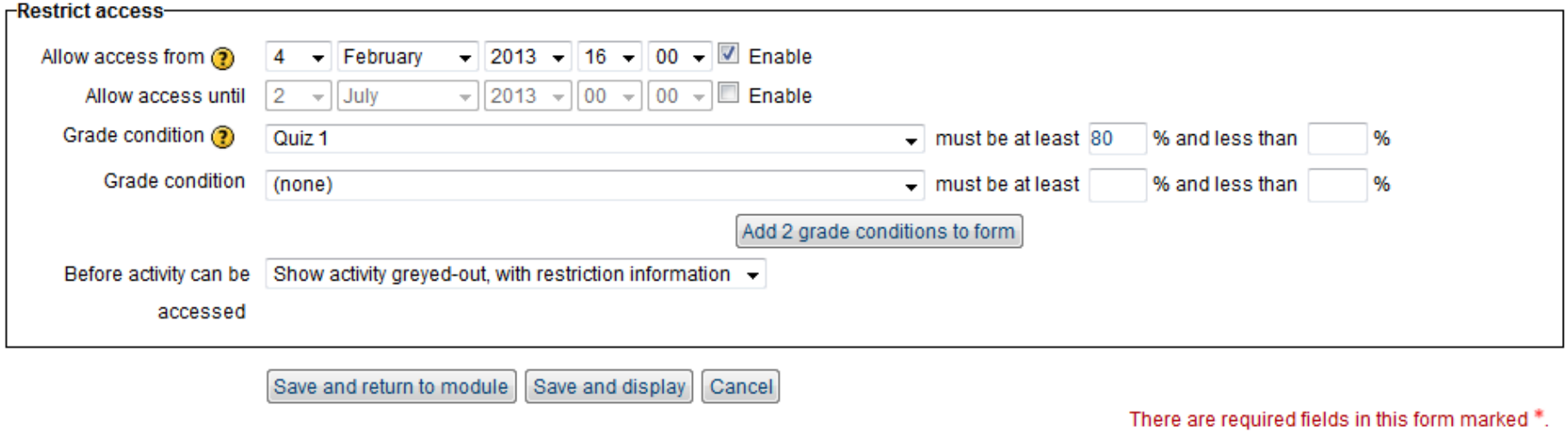
Conditional release


Restrict access
Allow access from
4
February
2013
16
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Enable
Allow access until
2
July
2013
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Enable
Grade condition
Quiz 1
must be at least
80
% and less than
%
Grade condition
(none)
must be at least
% and less than
%
Add 2 grade conditions to form
Before activity can be accessed
Show activity greyed-out, with restriction information
Save and return to module
Save and display
Cancel
There are required fields in this form marked *.

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%27t+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%2C+sections+and+modules
- How to enable conditional activities https://workspace.nottingham.ac.uk/display/Moodlehelp/How+to+enable+conditional+activities

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(or search Workspace for “Moodle help”)