



Faculty: Restrict Access

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Restrict access controls are an advanced feature that most instructors can cheerfully ignore... but if you need it, it's great!

We recommend caution in using restrict access options. These settings may not always produce the effect you are looking for and you can generally achieve the same result by other means. If you do need to sequence course materials or control their availability to students beyond an activity's normal timing features, the restrict access option can be just the thing you need.

Access can be restricted by a variety of factors as shown in the illustration below. The **Date** restriction shown in the example is one of the more common uses of this feature, allowing you to make an item available until or after a specific date and time. The **Activity completion** option makes it possible to limit access to an item based on meeting completion criteria for an earlier activity. For instance, you can make access to a new section dependent on achieving a passing score on a quiz. The **User profile** setting allows you to provide access to an item based on an individual's first or last name.

Visibility of the conditions that you set to access an item is determined by the status of the eyeball (highlighted in the illustration below). **When the eye is open, students will see the conditions that have been established for them to access the restricted item. Clicking the eyeball closed will completely hide the restricted item until the conditions have been met.**