



## Group Assignments versus Conditional Release to a Group – D2L Tutorial

This tutorial is for faculty who have previous experience using the Assignments tool in D2L. For further information, please contact [elearning@camosun.ca](mailto:elearning@camosun.ca) for assistance.

### Scenario

This tutorial will describe the difference between **Group Submission** Assignments and **Individual Submission** Assignments that are Conditionally Released to a Group, and when it would make sense to use each.

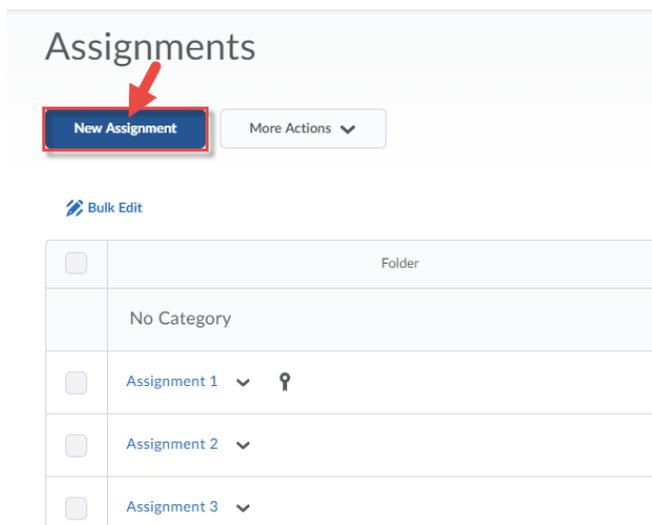
### Group Submission Assignments

If your students are set up in Groups in D2L, and you wish them to submit one assignment (or set of documents) *as a group* (so that all members of the group have access to their Group assignment folder, and its submissions), create your Assignment folder as a Group submission type.

**NOTE:** You need to first create your Groups in the **Groups** tool.

To set up an Assignment as a Group submission,

1. Go to the **Assignments** tool in your course.
2. Click **New Assignment**.



3. Give your Assignment a **Name**, then scroll down to the Submission, **Completion and Categorization** section. Select **Group assignment** under Assignment Type. In the Group Category drop-down menu, select the **Group Category** you wish to attach the Assignment to. Finish setting up your assignment folder, and click **Save and Close**.

The screenshot shows the 'Properties' tab of an assignment creation interface. A red box highlights the 'Name' field containing 'Group Assignment'. A red arrow points from this box down to the 'Group assignment' radio button in the 'Assignment Type' section. Another red box highlights the 'Group assignment' radio button and the 'Group Category' dropdown menu, which is set to 'Sign-up for Group Topics'. A third red arrow points from this box down to the 'Save and Close' button at the bottom of the interface. The interface also includes tabs for 'Restrictions' and 'Objectives', an 'Instructions' text editor, and an 'Attachments' section with 'Add Attachment' and 'Record Audio' buttons.



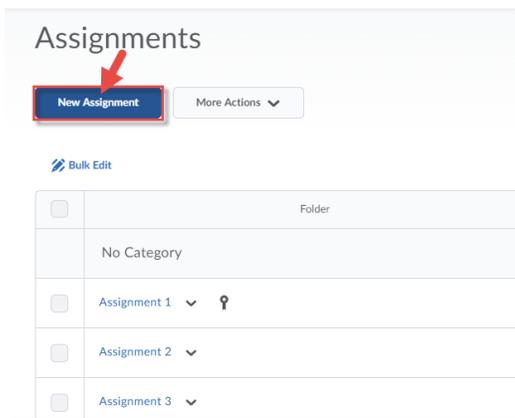
## Individual Submission Assignments with Conditional Release to a Group

This is particularly useful in a D2L course with multiple instructors, where each instructor is responsible for a specific group of students. In this scenario, each student will have access to only her Assignment folder, but using Conditional Release means you can control which Assignment folders each student sees. For example, if there are 5 instructors working with 5 different groups of students, and I only want MY students to see MY Assignment folders, use Conditional Release.

**NOTE:** You need to first create your Groups in the **Groups** tool.

To set up an Assignment for a Group using Conditional Release,

1. Go to the **Assignments** tool in your course.
2. Click **New Assignment**.



3. Give your Assignment a **Name**, then scroll down to the Submission, **Completion and Categorization** section. Select **Individual assignment** under Assignment Type.



4. Scroll back up and click the **Restrictions** tab.

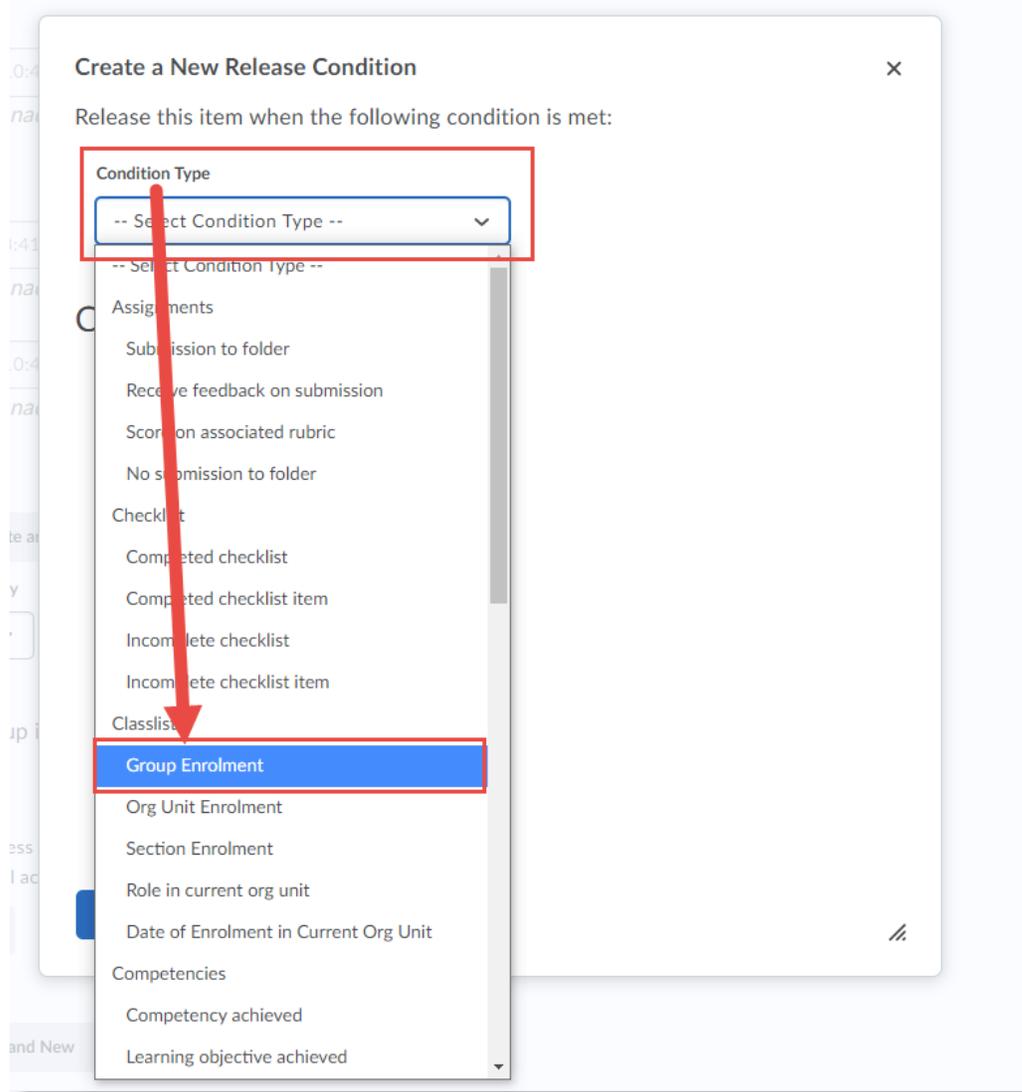
The screenshot shows the 'Edit Folder - Group Assignment' window. At the top, there are three tabs: 'Properties', 'Restrictions', and 'Objectives'. The 'Restrictions' tab is highlighted with a red box, and a red arrow points to it from the bottom left. Below the tabs, there is a 'Name' field containing 'Group Assignment'. Underneath is an 'Instructions' section with a rich text editor toolbar. At the bottom, there are 'Attachments' and 'Submission Completion and Categorization' sections with buttons like 'Save and Close', 'Save and New', 'Save', and 'Cancel'.

5. Scroll down to **Release Conditions** and click **Create and Attach**. Note that you only need to **Create and Attach** the first time you connect an Assignment to a group in a D2L course. Once you have created the conditions in one Assignment, you can click **Attach Existing** for the next Assignment.

This screenshot shows the 'Restrictions' tab in the 'Edit Folder - Group Assignment' window. A red arrow points down from the 'Restrictions' tab to the 'Create and Attach' button in the 'Release Conditions' section. The 'Release Conditions' section includes buttons for 'Attach Existing', 'Create and Attach', and 'Remove All Conditions'. Below these buttons, there is a dropdown menu labeled 'To access this item, users must satisfy' with the option 'All conditions must be met' selected. At the bottom, there are 'Save and Close', 'Save and New', 'Save', and 'Cancel' buttons.



6. Under **Condition Type**, select **Group Enrolment**.



7. Under **Condition Details**, select the Group or Group Category you want to release this Assignment to. Then click **Create**.

**Create a New Release Condition** [X]

Release this item when the following condition is met:

Condition Type  
Group Enrolment [v]

**Condition Details**

Group  
-- Select Group -- [v]  
-- Select Group --  
Sign-up for Group Topics  
Group 1  
Group 2

**Create** Cancel [icon]

8. Finish setting up your Assignment, then click **Save and Close**. Only students in the selected Group will now be able to see this Assignment folder.

## Things to Remember

Once you have saved an Assignment as a specific **Assignment type**, you can't change it, so if you choose the wrong assignment type for your purpose, you will have to delete the Assignment and create a new one.



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