



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 or assistance, go to our [Team Dynamix Support portal](#) and click the appropriate Category to submit a ticket.

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.

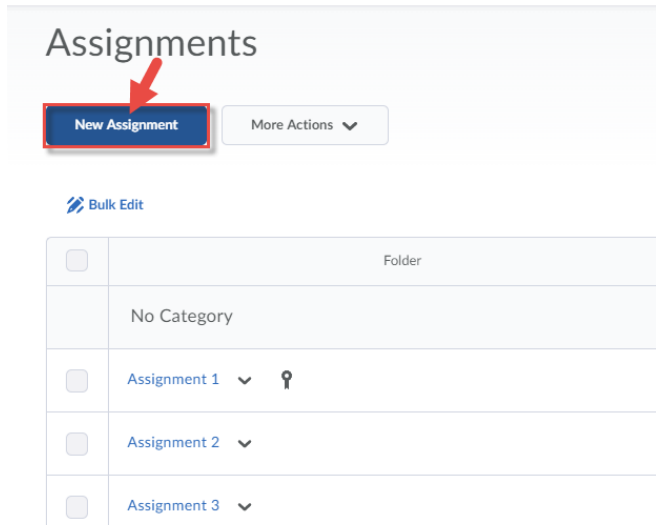
Group Submission Assignments

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 click the **Submission & Completion** box on the right. Select **Group Assignment** under Assignment Type. In the **Group Category** drop-down menu, select the group you wish to attach the Assignment to. Finish setting up your assignment folder, and click **Save and Close**.

The screenshot displays the 'Untitled' assignment creation page. The 'Name' field is highlighted with a red box and contains the text 'Group Assignment'. A red arrow points from this field to the 'Submission & Completion' panel on the right. In this panel, the 'Assignment Type' is set to 'Group Assignment' (indicated by a radio button). The 'Group Category' dropdown menu is open, showing options like 'Self select Groups of #', 'Student Groups', and 'Group discussion forum'. The 'Save and Close' button is visible at the bottom left of the interface.



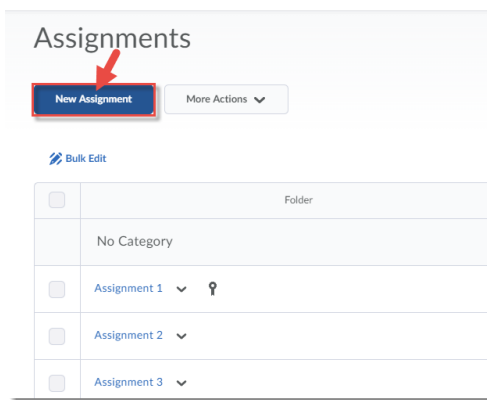
Individual Submission Assignments with Conditional Release to a Group

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 click the **Submission & Completion** box on the right.. Select **Individual assignment** under Assignment Type.



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Name *
Group Assignment

Grade Out Of: Ungraded Due Date: M/D/YYYY

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Submission & Completion

Assignment Type
 Individual Assignment
 Group Assignment

Submission Type
File submission

Files Allowed Per Submission
 Unlimited
 One File

Allowable File Extensions
No Restrictions

Submissions
 All submissions are kept
 Only one submission allowed
 Only the most recent submission is kept

Notification Email
Enter an email or multiple emails separated by a

Save and Close Save Cancel [Visibility Toggle] Visibility



4. Click the **Availability Dates & Conditions** box.

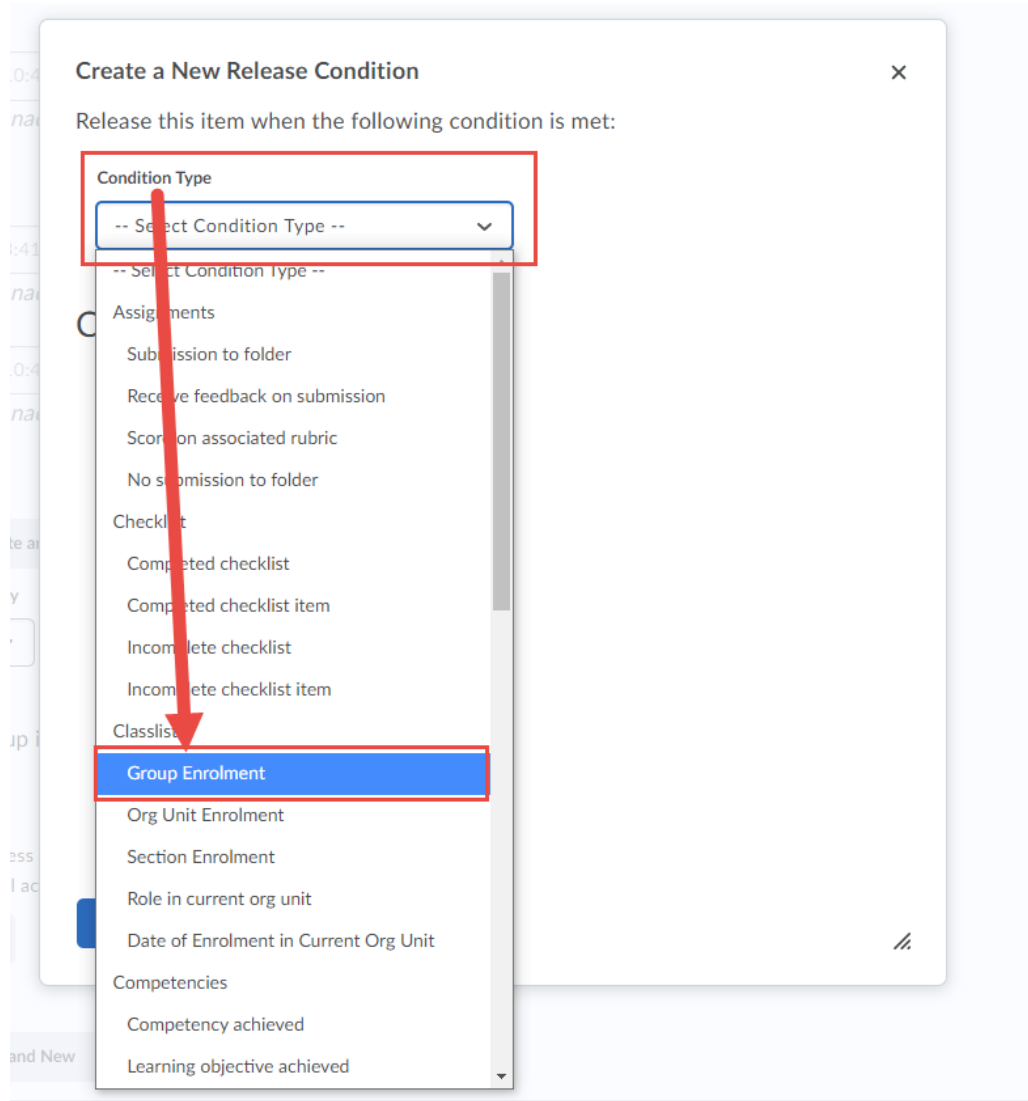
The screenshot shows the D2L assignment editor interface. The main form on the left includes fields for 'Name' (Group Assignment), 'Grade Out Of' (Ungraded), 'Due Date' (M/D/YYYY), and a rich text editor for 'Instructions'. At the bottom are 'Save and Close', 'Save', 'Cancel', and 'Visibility' buttons. On the right, the 'Availability Dates & Conditions' panel is expanded, showing 'Always available' as the selected option. A red box highlights the panel header, and a red arrow points to it from the left.

5. Under **Release Conditions** click **Add Release Condition**, then click **Create New**. Note that you only need to **Create New** 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 **Add Existing** for the next Assignment.

This screenshot shows the 'Availability Dates & Conditions' panel expanded to the 'Release Conditions' section. It includes 'Start Date' and 'End Date' fields (M/D/YYYY). The 'Release Conditions' section has a description: 'Users are not able to access or view the assignment unless they meet the release conditions.' Below this, there are three buttons: 'Add Release Condition' (highlighted with a red box and arrow), 'Create New' (highlighted with a red box and arrow), and 'Add Existing'. The 'Submission & Completion' panel is partially visible below, showing 'Assignment Type' options: 'Individual Assignment' (selected) and 'Group Assignment'.



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]

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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