



# Instructor control over content selection

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## FEATURE OVERVIEW

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New functionality has been created to enable instructors to define which students will receive different blocks of content. In this use case, a single node could have multiple content files attached, and the instructor can define which students within a grouping/section are delivered each file.

This is done by the instructor associating categorization system values with each file, and then categorizing each student by these values.

## CONFIGURATION

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For the instructor to be able to quickly and easily select which students will receive which content files, several configuration steps must be followed. These are:

1. Categorization System Values (CS Values) must be set up.
2. The relevant CS Values must be referenced in the product.
3. These CS Values must be referenced on the package files that are to be delivered.

These steps are outlined in greater detail in the following subsections.

## USING CATEGORIZATION SYSTEM VALUES

A new type of CS Value has been added to the system to store content selections for students. To allow instructors to control which students receive different sets of content, as many CS values will need to be created as there are sets of content. These CS Values can either be created from the **Categorization System values** page, or from the product definition page.

### Creating a Person/content selection category from the product definition

To create one of these CS values from the product definition, take the following steps as course developer:

1. Edit the product definition.
2. From the **Content Category records** area, select the **Add Content category record** button.
3. Select the **+** button.
4. Enter a name for the content category record.
5. Select the **Create** button.
6. Select the **Save new Content category record** button.
7. Save the product definition.

### Creating a Person/content selection category from the Categorization System values page

To create one of these CS values from the **Categorization System values** page, take the following steps as course developer:

1. Open the **Categorization System values** page.
2. Select the **New categorization system value** button. The categorization system value definition will open.
3. From the **System** field, select **Person/content selection category**.
4. Define a name for the CS value in the **Name** field.
5. Select **Save** for the CS value.

## REFERENCING A CONTENT CATEGORY RECORD IN A PRODUCT DEFINITION

Content category records must be referenced in the product. If the CS value was created from within the product definition, this has already been done automatically. However, if the CS value was created from the **Categorization System values** page, the course developer must follow these steps to reference it in the product definition:

1. Edit the product definition.
2. From the **Content Category records** area, select the **Add Content category record** button.
3. From the dropdown menu, select one of the defined content category records.
4. Select the **Save new Content category record** button.
5. Save the product definition.

## APPLYING CONTENT CATEGORIES TO PACKAGE FILES

If multiple content files are attached to a node, with each file to be delivered to students with a different content category, the correct content category must be applied to each content file. To do this, follow these steps:

1. Edit the package the files are in.
2. Select the **Files** tab.
3. Select **Edit particulars** for a file.
4. Select the **Content category** dropdown and select one of the defined content categories (these are the CS values of **Person/content selection category** type).
5. Select **Save changes** for the file and for the package.

## INSTRUCTOR EXPERIENCE

Once this functionality has been configured, the instructor can assign students to different content categories.

### ASSIGNING STUDENTS TO CONTENT CATEGORIES

To assign students to different content categories, follow these steps:

1. As instructor, open the course that has multiple content records defined.
2. Select the **Students** tab.
3. For each student, from the **Content category** column, select the **No value selected** link and select one of the defined content categories (as in Figure 1).

Students will now be delivered whichever set of content matches the content category record they have been assigned.

Note that if content categories are used then a category must be assigned to every student to ensure that they are delivered content.

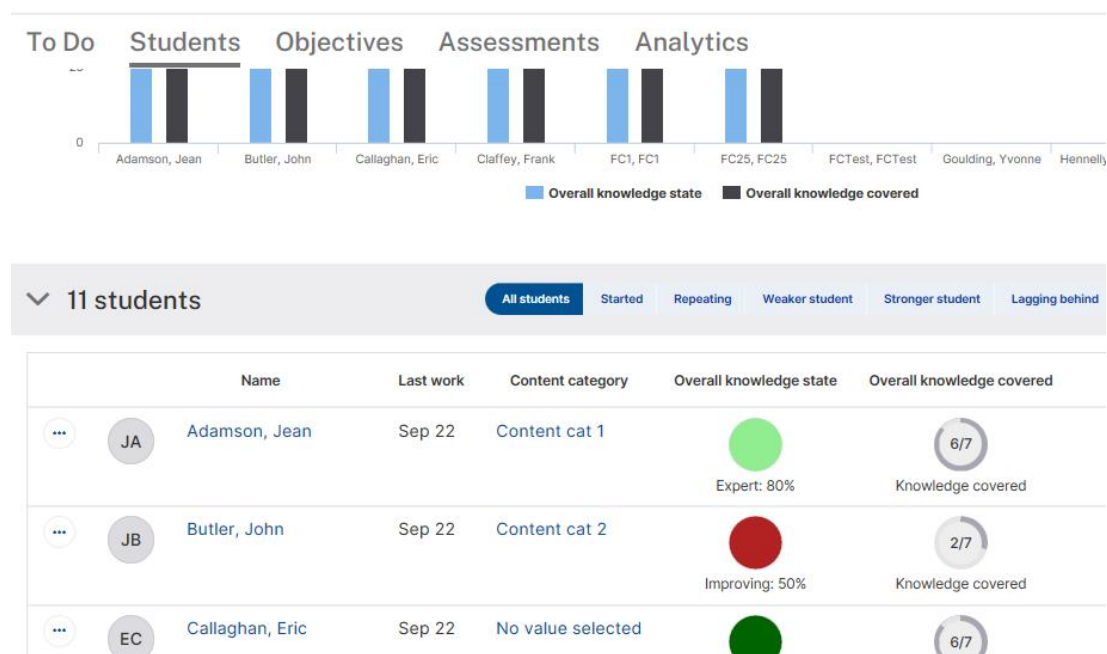


Figure 1 Students list with **Content category** column, and options available for selection

## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

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From a student perspective there is no change to their experience. They will be delivered the appropriate content when they learn a lesson, and will not have visibility of the fact that there are alternative versions of content.