



Thommen's Timely Technology Tips "Dating in ANGEL" Setting Activation Dates for Assessments

There are two pair of date fields in ANGEL Assessment setting screens that many users find confusing. Misunderstanding these settings may cause an assessment to be *unavailable* when it should be *available*.

The first pair of date fields are found in the **Settings > Access** tab > **View Restrictions** portion of the screen and are titled the **Start Date** and **End Date**. The other pair of dates are found in the **Settings > Interaction** tab > **Delivery Settings** section and are titled the **Date Enabled** and **Date Disabled** fields.

I advise most instructors to use one pair of settings or the other, but not both for any one assessment.

Setting the Start and End Dates

Start Date , :

End Date , :

The start and end date fields are common to all ANGEL learning objects and work the same with all:

1. Checking the **Start Date** box and setting the date will cause the object to be hidden from the student's view until the start date and time settings are past.
2. Checking the **End Date** box and setting the date in the future will cause the object to disappear from the student's perspective when the date passes. Setting the end date option means that the student will not be able to review the assessment after the end date.

Setting the Enabled and Disabled Dates

Date Enabled , :

Date Disabled , :

The **Date Enabled** and **Disabled** fields are unique to ANGEL Assessments. Setting these dates does not affect the student's ability to see the assessment object; it limits how a student can interact with the assessment.

1. If the **Date Enabled** box is checked and set, the student will see the assessment, but the **Begin Assessment** button will not be visible until after the date and time setting has past.
2. If the **Date Disabled** box is checked and the date is set, when the date passes, the student will be able to see the assessment and review any past attempts of the assessment. The **Begin Assessment** button will not be available, which will prevent the student from "taking" the assessment from that point on.

This timely tip can also be found at:

ANGEL: Faculty Community Group > Content > Thommen's Timely Technology Tips
http://www.lcc.edu/cte/resources/thommen_tips/

