

PLD – Cause automatic pop-up announcement to appear on student screens

Are students not checking their messages, announcement forums, or emails from you? Example below is a **good way to make sure students see an automatic pop-up announcement from you the first time they enter your course during a day.**

(It will continue happening each day unless you disable it.)

To do this, you will create a “rule” using the Personalized Learning Designer (PLD) on your Course Dashboard.

Important to know: You can add multiple messages to your list of PLD Rules and even enable/disable them when desired. The PLD rules you create will remain in the course when you back it up and restore it during another semester unless you choose to delete them.

For this scenario consider keeping the rule enabled for a week. *(You can enable it again anytime you want it to appear, even during a different semester.)*

Course Dashboard

Course settings Open Grader Gradebook

2 Participants (Experimental)

PLD

Click **PLD** on Course Dashboard to create/edit a PDL rule.

Rules History

Add a Rule

Step 1: Click **Add a Rule**

Add Rule ?

Rule name: *

Step 2: Give your new rule a name.

Step 3: On the **Events** tab, select the Event type, then click **Add** to apply the chosen event to this new rule. Then click the **Save** button.

Events Conditions Actions

Event

Course entered

□ Disabled

Save Cancel

Add ?

For this scenario select “Course entered” to cause message you create to appear the first time a student enters your course during a day.

Events **Conditions** Actions

User role check Add ?

Step 4: On the **Conditions** tab select "User role check" and click "Add."

Configure condition: User role check

Triggering user is in role: Student

Save Cancel

Step 5: Select "Student" when this window appears. This allows only students to see the message pop up on their screens, and not you or a TA. Click **Save** when done.

Events Conditions **Actions**

Select action type Add ?

- Select action type
- Display alert**
- Send email
- Go to activity
- Go to URL
- Lock release code
- Unlock release code
- Add user to group
- Remove user from group

Save Cancel

Step 6: On the **Actions** tab choose **Display alert** which causes the message you create to pop up on students' screens. Then click the **Add** button.

Step 7: When the Action Editor appears after you click the Add button, type your message. Click **Insert token** if you want a student's name to appear automatically in your message. (Great way to personalize each message.)

Action Editor

Alert text: * ((student_firstname)), you should plan to spend at least 18 hours each week on this summer course in order to be successful. Phone me or leave an [OpenLMS](#) message in this course if you need help.

Run this action once.
Run this action only once for the user when the events and conditions are met.

Save Cancel

Insert token

Click **Save** when done.

How to edit, delete, or disable the rule

You can see all of the PLD rules you have created by clicking the PLD button on your Course Dashboard.

The screenshot displays the PLD Rules interface. At the top, there are tabs for "Rules" and "History", and a green "Add a Rule" button. Below this is a pagination control with buttons for "<< first", "< prev", "1", "next >", and "last >>". A red box highlights a gear icon (the gear icon) next to the first rule, with a red arrow pointing to it. A text box next to the gear icon says: "Click the gear icon to edit, disable, or delete the rule." Below the pagination is a table with columns: "Name", "Events", "Conditions", and "Actions". The first row of the table is: "Announcement_hours to spend", "Course entered", "User is in role: Student", and "Display alert: ((student_firstname)), you should be spe...". A dropdown menu is open under the gear icon, showing four options: "Edit Rule", "Copy Rule", "Disable Rule", and "Delete Rule". A black arrow points from the "Copy Rule" option to a yellow text box that says: "To save time making a similar rule, (such as changing only the message for the one in this example) you can copy a rule, give it a different rule name, and simply change the message."

Rules History

Add a Rule

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Name	Events	Conditions	Actions
Announcement_hours to spend	Course entered	User is in role: Student	Display alert: ((student_firstname)), you should be spe...

Edit Rule

Copy Rule

Disable Rule

Delete Rule

To save time making a similar rule, (such as changing only the message for the one in this example) you can copy a rule, give it a different rule name, and simply change the message.