

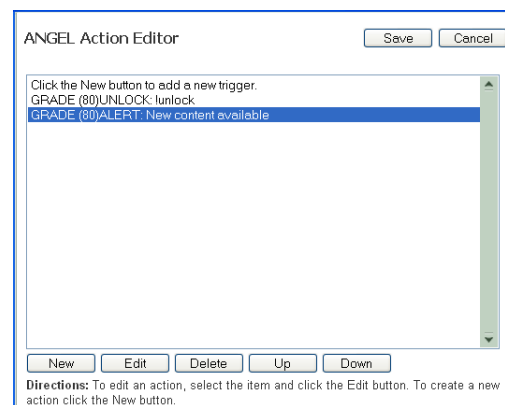
Five Things Faculty Should Know about the Action Editor

The **Action Editor**, available for content items on the **Lessons** tab, provides an advanced tool that allows you to define actions to be taken when certain events and conditions occur. For example, an action could be defined to allow a student to gain access to previously locked material (an action) after the submission of a quiz (an event) only if their quiz grade was above 80 percent (the condition).

Here are five things faculty should be aware of when using the **Action Editor**:

1. The **Action Editor** is accessed through the **Actions** tab in the settings for a content item, which is visible when the **Advanced** radio button is selected.
 2. Actions may not be placed where you think. For example, a commonly used action is to unlock a folder filled with new content making it visible to students if they successfully score at least an 80 percent on a quiz. To make this happen the instructor must:
 - A. Password protect the folder. The **Password** field is located under the **Access** tab.
 - B. Go into the **Action Editor** in the quiz and select the **Unlock** action.
 - C. Type the password of the folder in the **Password(s)** field.
 - D. Enter **80** in the **Criteria** field.
 - E. Click the **Save** button. The action script appears in the **ANGEL Action Editor** window.
 - F. Click on the **Save** button to close the **Action Editor**.
- Note:** Placing an exclamation point (!) in front of the password hides the folder from the student until the action is successfully completed.
3. Multiple actions can be associated with a single item. In the above example, the instructor may want the students to receive a pop-up message when they successfully complete the quiz, alerting them that new content is now available. To do this:

- A. Return to the **Action Editor** in the quiz and select the Alert action.
 - B. Insert a notification message in the **Alert Message Text** field.
 - C. Enter **80** in the **Criteria** field.
 - D. Click the **Save** button. The action script appears in the **ANGEL Action Editor** window.
 - E. Click the **Save** button to close the **Action Editor**.
4. You can use the **Action Editor** to send a mail message both within the course using the **Mail (Internal)** action and to an external e-mail address using the **Email (External)** action.
 5. When applying an action to a folder, you do not need to apply the action to the content within the folder. This is done automatically. In the above example, the content within the folder remains hidden from the students until they successfully complete the quiz.



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To Find out More about the Action Editor

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