



What is SGST?

The Small Group Scenario Trainer (SGST) on Joint Knowledge Online (JKO) is a distributed, user-editable, collaborative staff training application that facilitates tailored exercise events with participants geographically displaced. It provides constructive, practical experience in an immersive environment, using short-duration, vignette-type scenarios for team training. It is particularly suited for training boards, bureaus, centers, and cells working groups and J-code personnel.

How does it work as a training tool?

SGST hosts a scripted scenario with a built-in exercise clock, real-time communications, and file-sharing capability. A variety of different injects can be delivered on a pre-programmed schedule, or manually sent to one or more participants to force action or manage exercise flow. Exercise control is provided by an individual or team from a separate Manager Module. Because it is completely Web-based, SGST provides for distributed exercise execution where users can participate from their own workstations, and does not require a separate exercise facility or physical space. Exercises can be created or modified using the Builder Module. Currently, JKO provides the SGST on both JKO NIPRNET and SIPRNET Portals. A library of SGST exercise scenarios currently exists and are readily tailorable for other combatant commands.

How does SGST training event develop and execute?

Experienced Instructional System Designers, exercise planners and trainers collaborate to build multi-media, sequenced scenarios to meet specified training objectives. Virtual scenarios executed as SGST training events stimulate activities necessary to work together on a common objective, such as developing an Operations Plan to address the simulated mission. Trainers virtually assemble the training group and moderate scenario play. Users play their assigned role in near real-time to practice staff processes, new concepts and stimulate critical thinking. Scenarios can be paused, re-set and/or re-played to emphasize training objectives. Trainers may inject relevant scenario information into user role play to add variety and demonstrate different aspects of a scenario. SGST enables controllers to observe player participation and performance, and influence the complexity of the exercise throughout the event. Because SGST provides the capability to influence exercise complexity in near-real time, observers can intervene when necessary to provide remediation or "just-in-time" instruction.

What are the system requirements to use SGST?

Minimum Requirements

Internet Explorer 9.0 or Firefox 2 or higher

1024 x 768 or better recommended.

Version 1.3 or above

Flash 8 or higher

Windows Media Player 9 or higher is required for some courses.





How do I obtain access to SGST?

SGST is accessed through JKO at <https://jkodirect.jten.mil> and selecting the SGST tab at the top of student desktop page. If you need assistance with obtaining a JKO account or do not see the SGST tab, contact the JKO Help Desk at jkohelpdesk@jten.mil.

How can I see what exercises are currently in SGST?

Once logged into JKO, select the SGST tab. From the SGST tab, click on the **Enter Small Group Scenario Trainer** button to display the SGST Home page. Click on the **Catalog** button to see a list of all Exercises and their status.

How do I get access to an exercise?

Exercise participants are assigned to an exercise by the Exercise Manager. A user may only join an exercise where they have been assigned a role. Users will receive an email notification when assigned to an exercise. For assistance, check the exercise community page for the contact information of your exercise manager or see the main SGST Community page for the SGST system administrators contact information.

Will my SGST training participation be tracked?

Yes. SGST maintains the list of exercise role participants with each completed exercise. In addition, SGST training is optionally tied to a course in the JKO Course Catalog at the discretion of the Exercise Manager. Whenever the Exercise Manager chooses to do this, the training is tracked in the JKO database.

Will I get a certificate of completion in the JKO LMS?

Completion certificates are optional. Completion certificates are tracked by assigning the SGST exercise to a course in the JKO Course Catalog. SGST course assignments are optional and done at the discretion of the Exercise Manager. When the Exercise Manager completes the exercise, they may post a course completion certificate for participants. When this is done, the completion information is tracked as part of the students training record on JKO.

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