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From the Army e-Learning PO



Welcome to the e-Learner!

Our intent is to provide you the latest information on what's happening with Army e-Learning. The information this publication exemplifies is our strive to support the Soldier and DA Civilian by leveraging dL, implementing efficiencies in the training development community that make training easier and more effective.

We are always looking for your comments and suggestions, not just about this publication, but about everything and anything having to do with dL training. We are here to serve YOU! Email pm.dls@us.army.mil with your input and inquiries. Enjoy reading the e-Learner!

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Latest News!

Updated Course Catalog in Army e-Learning

Skillsoft has released a new Courseware Catalog that will be available on the AKO Army e-Learning portal page. To view the catalog in AKO: > Self Service> My Education > Army e-Learning Portal Page.

Army e-Learning announces the following new features!

Microsoft MCSE/MCSA Knowledge Center:

The Knowledge Center is a pre-packaged, user-friendly learning portal that allows learners instant access to trusted, targeted content. The Knowledge Center includes material specifically chosen to help learners build knowledge around a topic as quickly and efficiently as possible. Assets include Books24x7 Referenceware®; access to SkillsSoft courseware organized into Learning Roadmaps that make it easy for learners to locate and use the most appropriate courses for their needs, simulations, expert mentoring services; and featured topic spotlights, refreshed regularly, to provide an in-depth focus on particular topical areas. Knowledge Centers make it fast and easy for learners to locate and take advantage of essential topic-oriented content. The more efficiently learners can access the information they need, the faster they can apply that knowledge to their jobs. To access the Knowledge Center users will simply log in to Army e-Learning and click on the Knowledge Center link located in the black menu across the top of the screen.

Books 24x7 Referenceware®:

Based on the extensive positive feedback from the Army community, the Product Manager has added Referenceware, from Books24x7 to the Army e-Learning Program. Books 24x7 offers a revolutionary approach to problem solving and learning by providing searchable, online access to the full, unabridged contents of thousands of business and technical books, as well as to expert summaries of popular business books. Users will click on the Books 24x7 link when they log in to the system to access the on-line books. They will also see the applicable books when they search on a particular course.

Environmental, Safety and Health Collection ("Pilot" Program):

The Environmental, Safety and Health (ES&H) Collection has been added to the Army e-Learning Course Library as a pilot program that will end on 31 October 2007. This purpose of this pilot is to analyze the effectiveness of these courses as well as the demand of the Army employees. Students are encouraged to complete an end of course evaluation after completing an ES&H course to analyze the success of this pilot.

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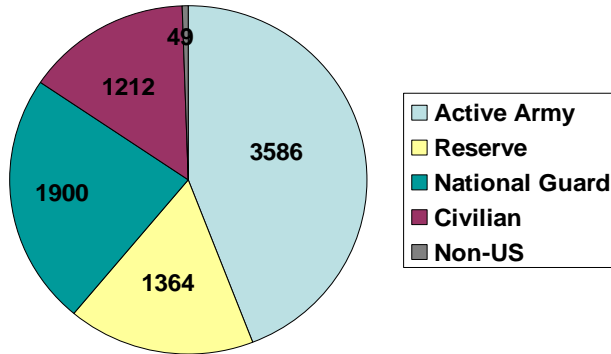


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Enrollment Roll-Up for July 2007



Enrollments in July: 8,111
Total Army Users to date: 476,649

Course Utilization	JUL 07	Total FY07
Total # of Courses Accessed	49,840	663,043
Total # of Courses Completed	32,653	383,092
Enlisted	18,875	177,578
Warrant Officer	651	5,227
Officer	2,744	29,222
Civilian	10,383	171,065

Top 10 Courses	Accessed	Completed
The No Fear Act	102,667	97,108
US Army Information Assurance Awareness	27,287	21,283
Rosetta Stone Spanish (Lat Am) Unit 01	38,603	11,837
Windows XP: Fundamentals	12,434	10,767
Operating Systems and TCP/IP	14,765	10,544
Encryption Technologies	12,233	10,304
TCP/IP	10,829	9,456
IP Addressing and Routing	10,338	9,016
Planning and Implementing an Active Directory Infrastructure	10,325	8,977
Firewalls and VPNs	9,470	8,606

Feature Article

U.S. Army Foreign Language Initiative Reaches Milestone of 100,000 Users with Rosetta Stone®

More than 1/3 are studying Arabic and over 500,000 hours have been logged via the Army e-Learning component of the Distributed Learning System (DLS)

The U.S. Army announced it has reached a major milestone in developing critical language skills using the Rosetta Stone® language program. Army e-Learning initiative and Rosetta Stone have delivered language training to over 100,000 uniformed and civilian Army personnel. More than 1/3 of the personnel are studying Arabic, which is one of the numerous mission-critical languages offered through Army e-Learning, a component of the U.S. Army Distributed Learning System (DLS).

"Foreign language skills are key competencies that enable our personnel to operate more effectively within foreign populations as well as with coalition and alliance partners," says Lieutenant Colonel Robert A. Bean, Product Manager for DLS. "Rosetta Stone and the Army e-Learning initiative have been integral to Army efforts in meeting current operational needs as well as attaining the strategic goals contained in the Defense Language Transformation Roadmap." The roadmap is a comprehensive plan for how the Department of Defense (DoD) is developing the full range of language capabilities needed for current and future missions.

Rosetta Stone provides thirty state-of-the-art language courses over a secure Web connection that uses a simplified, no-cost registration process established by Army e-Learning. Personnel learn all four language skills – speaking, reading, listening and writing – through Rosetta Stone's Dynamic Immersion™ method, which uses interactive technology and innovative content to enable users to develop everyday proficiency quickly and naturally. On their own, Soldiers are readily able to make steady progress in understanding and communicating in the new language.

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"Personnel have now logged over half a million hours of Rosetta Stone language training, and during the month of June we had 4,500 new enrollments," states Stan Davis, Project Officer for Army e-Learning. "Rosetta Stone is positively impacting Soldier readiness and language capabilities throughout all levels in the Army."

With Army e-Learning, individuals can complete foreign-language and other training as their time allows, even in one-hour or half-hour increments. Because this continuous-learning initiative provides on-demand training whenever and wherever it is needed, the U.S. Army can more readily achieve its goals for increasing foreign language capabilities.

"Time constraints and travel barriers had in the past, worked against the goals of fielding forces working to engage in basic communications with local populations in deployed areas," says Tom Adams, Rosetta Stone CEO. "Now, with Army e-Learning and Rosetta Stone, the military can address these issues by a large magnitude, above and beyond what was possible by way of traditional, classroom-based training. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the U.S. Army and supporting their communication and language needs throughout the world."

Rosetta Stone provides languages courses through Army e-Learning for Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Danish, Dutch, English (UK), English (US), Farsi (Persian), French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Pashto, Polish, Portuguese (BR), Russian, Spanish (Latin America), Spanish (Spain), Swahili, Swedish, Tagalog, Thai, Turkish, Vietnamese and Welsh.

For more information:

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For additional information on how to access Army e-Learning, log onto www.us.army.mil; Self Service; My Education; Army e-Learning portal page. You must have an AKO account to access the system.

New Course Releases

Business Skills Library

Business Strategy and Operations

Strategic Planning Curriculum

- Moving From an Operational Manager to a Strategic Thinker
 - Planning and Implementing a Business Strategy
 - The Imperatives of Innovation and Leadership in Strategy

Project Effectiveness

Business Analysis

- Certified Business Analysis Professional (CBAP)
 - Core Concepts in Business Analysis
 - Eliciting Requirements
 - Enterprise Analysis and Making a Business Case

Finance, Human Resources and Administration

Human Resources Curriculum

- Test Preps
 - Professional in Human Resources (PHR) BOK 2005 Aligned

Project Effectiveness

Business Analysis

- Certified Business Analysis Professional (CBAP)
 - Enterprise Analysis and Making a Business Case
 - Introduction to Requirements Planning
 - Requirements Planning and Management
 - Validating Requirements

Desktop Skills Library

Desktop Computer Skills

Strategic Planning Curriculum

Mentoring Assets

- Mentoring Word 2007

Information Technology Library

Enterprise Database Systems

Oracle 10g

- Oracle Database 10g: Administration Workshop I Release 2
 - Oracle Database 10g: Database Control and Storage
 - Oracle Database 10g: Database Interfaces Release 2
 - Oracle Database 10g: Installing Oracle Database 10
 - Oracle Database 10g: Managing Backup and Recovery
 - Oracle Database 10g: Managing Schema Objects and D
 - Oracle Database 10g: Monitoring and Maintenance Re
 - Oracle Database 10g: Oracle Net Services and Share
 - Oracle Database 10g: Users and Security Release 2

Test Preps

- TestPrep 70-443 PRO: Designing a Database Server I

Internet and Network Technologies

Test Preps

- 642-825 Implementing Secure Converged WANs (ISCW)
- 642-901 Building Scalable Cisco Internetworks (BSC)

Operating Systems and Server Technologies

Mentoring Assets

- Mentoring 220-603 A+ Remote Support Technician

Test Preps

- 220-603 A+ Remote Support Technician

Software Development

Microsoft .NET Software Development Tools

- Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0: Developing Windows-based Client Applications with C# 2005
 - Windows Forms Creation and Configuration with C# 2005

Operating Systems and Server Technologies

CompTIA A+

- CompTIA A+ 2006 IT Technician
 - Installing, Configuring, and Troubleshooting PC Components
 - Working with Laptops and Portable Devices
 - Understanding and Maintaining Networks
 - Installing and Troubleshooting Printers and Scanners
 - Managing IT Security
 - Recognizing Safety Procedures, Effective Communication, and Professional Behavior

Mentoring Assets

- Mentoring 220-604 A+ Depot Technician

Internet and Network Technologies

Security Solutions

- The Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) Domains
 - Information Security and Risk Management
 - Security Architecture and Design
 - Access Control
 - Application Security
 - Operations Security

Express Guides

- Cisco Express Guide Series
 - Aironet WLAN Fundamentals and Site Survey AWFSS 6.0 Express Guide
 - MDS 9000 Configuration and Troubleshooting v2.2 (Exam 642-354) Express Guide
 - Cisco Wireless LAN Advanced Topics v1.0 (Exam 642-586, 642-587) Express Guide

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Soldier's Corner



At home, work or deployed, Army e-Learning offers the flexibility to take courses when your schedule permits!

Top 10 Things to Love about Army e-Learning

1. Over 2,600 courses in Information Technology (IT), Business, and Leadership Skills
2. 30 Rosetta Stone foreign language courses
3. Available 24x7 at no charge to the individual or unit
4. Authorized for all Active Army, National Guard, Reservists, ROTC and DA Employees
5. Promotion Points – enlisted personnel
6. Continuous Learning Points for DA civilians
7. College Credit
8. Retirements Points for Reservist
9. IT and other Certification Preparation
10. Personal Mentoring for IT Certifications

Quotes of the Month

Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?

Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?

Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.

Studied Humor from Steven Wright - Scientist

- *I intend to live forever; so far, so good.*
- *What happens if you get scared half to death twice?*
- *The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.*
- *If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.*

College Credit, Certifications and More

Many of the Microsoft certification exams are now scheduled for retirement on March 30, 2008. We will mark this indication in future catalog revisions and will publish a reminder as we get closer. Most of them are older versions and pertain to Windows 2000 and other older software releases. You can monitor this at www.microsoft.com/learning/mcpexams/status/examstoretire.mspx

Mentored Assets have been added for the following certifications:

- 220-604 A+ Depot Technician
- Using Excel 2007

Chat and Email My Mentor have been added to:

- 220-604 A+ Depot Technician
- Using Excel 2007

TestPrep has been added to:

- Professional in Human Resources (PHR) BOK 2005 Aligned

** Addition of Small Business/Consumer content listing

Developing TestPreps for the following certifications:

- 642-845 Optimizing Converged Cisco Networks (ONT)
- 70-529 VB - TS: Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 - Distributed Application Development

Good News Stories!

- ▶ *"I'm a Signal Officer stationed in the IZ in Baghdad, and when time presents itself Army eLearning has been the best use of my time. You just don't know what you don't know and this has helped. Everything is here to help prepare me for certification testing upon return." E.J.*
- ▶ *"The amount and quality of CBT provided to soldiers for free through this resource is really incredible! Sadly, many soldiers are unaware of this resource and how it can improve their day to day skills and possible employability in the future. I have completed many hundreds of hours of training and I have the certificates to prove my qualifications for new and challenging positions in my organization." A.P.*
- ▶ *"I recently decided to enhance my civilian marketability. After several long tours in the last few years, I felt my professional civilian skills slipping, and decided to do something about it. I investigated the Project Management Institute's Project Management Professional certificate, and felt it would be appropriate for my career, but was reluctant to spend the \$1500-2000 private companies' want for a cram course. I decided to get a decent book, do a self evaluation and then fill in the knowledge blanks with the Army e-Learning on-line PMP preparatory courses. They were excellent! Coupled with the reading, I was able to pass the PMP on the first try! I updated my resumes on several online services (monster.com; Dice.com) and the number of resume responses to my post more than tripled. It is easy to say I did this to help myself and there's no benefit to the Army. I look at it a little differently. Without this training, I would be less likely to remain a soldier because my civilian career would be in jeopardy. As a 'middle manager' for the Army, the training supports what I do as a soldier. Finally, the several deployments have limited my ability to keep up my skills-this is merely 'catch-up' for the skills that went stale as I was deployed." MAJ J W*

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- Subscriptions may include the Referenceware collections of ITPro, BusinessPro, and OfficeEssentials.
- Special Desktop curricula and OfficeEssentials for family member groups.
- For more information email: govport@skillssoft.com

Upcoming Conferences

For a complete list of Webinars:

www.skillssoft.com/infocenter/events/web_events.asp

LandWarNet Conference 2007

Aug 21 - 23 | Ft. Lauderdale, FL | www.afcea.org/

Washington Interactive Technologies Conference

Aug 22 - 24 | Arlington, VA | www.salt.org

National Guard Association of the US

Aug 25 - 27 | San Juan, PR | www.ngaus.org

Enterprise Architecture 2007

Sep 5 - 7 | Washington, DC | www.e-gov.com

SkillSoft CAFÉ 2007

Sep 18 - 19 | Nashville, TN | www.skillssoft.com

GTC East 2007

Sep 24 - 27 | Albany, NY | www.govtech.net

Redstone Arsenal Information Assurance Conference

Sep 25 - 26 | Huntsville, AL | www.technologyforums.com

CLO Symposium Fall 2007

Oct 1 - 3 | Tucson, AZ | www.cloevents.com

Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence Systems Technology (C4IST)

Oct 2 - 4 | Fort Huachuca, AZ | www.afcea.org/events.asp

AUSA 53rd Annual Meeting & Exposition

Oct 8 - 10 | Washington, DC | www.ausa.org

Program Management Summit 2007

Oct 10 - 11 | Washington, DC | www.e-gov.com

TechMentor Conference & Expo

Oct 15 - 20 | Las Vegas, NV | www.techmentorevents.com

Executive Leadership Conference

Oct 21 - 23 | Williamsburg, VA | www.actgov.org

Learning 2007

Oct 21 - 24 | Orlando, FL | www.masie.com

ICCM Canada

Oct 22 - 24 | Toronto, CN | www.iccm.com

EDUCAUSE 2007

Oct 23 - 26 | Seattle, WA | www.educause.edu

MILCOM 2007

Oct 28 - 31 | Washington, DC | www.milcom.org

AAACE Annual Conference

Oct 30 - Nov 2 | Norfolk, VA | www.aaace.org

Ideas 2007

Oct 31 - Nov 1 | Washington, DC | www.ideas508.com

Air Intelligence Agency (AIA) Internal Information Assurance Conference and IT Conference

Nov 5 - 7 | San Antonio, TX | www.technologyforums.com

Corporate University Week 2007

Nov 5 - 9 | Orlando, FL | www.cuweek.com

TechNet Asia-Pacific 2007

Nov 6 - 8 | Honolulu, HI | www.afcea.org

Security 2007

Nov 7 - 8 | Washington, DC | www.e-gov.com

Government CIO Summit – Fall 2007

Nov 11 - 13 | Phoenix, AZ | www.fcw.com/events.asp

TechNet North 2007

Nov 14 - 15 | Boston, MA | www.afcea.org

ITSEC 2007

Nov 26 - 29 | Orlando, FL | www.iitsec.org

IEEE Communications EXPO 2007

Nov 27 - 29 | Washington, DC | www.ieee-globecom.org

Links

Technical Assistance with Registration, Login, Password or Army e-Learning Contract Management

- army.elearning@us.army.mil (703-806-4907 or 3291, DSN 656-4907 or 3291)

ATRRS Issues

- www.atrrs.army.mil/help or call 703-695-2060 (DSN 225-2060)

AKO Issues

- Access the web site FAQs/Help at www.us.army.mil, or call 1-877-256-8737 (DSN 654-4357)

Downloading or Accessing Courseware

- Downloading or accessing courseware contact SkillSoft at 1-866-562-4777 or email: skillport_armyelearning@skillssoft.com

Program Specific

- Army Distributed Learning System www.dls.army.mil or pm.dls@us.army.mil
- Army e-Learning www.us.army.mil select Self-Service > My Education > Army e-Learning > Link to Register or pm.dls@us.army.mil
- SkillSoft customer assistance (*other than registration and password*) email Army@skillssoft.com (Attn: Chuck Schluter)