

## EXPERIENCE PROJECT ARES ACADEMY – A gamified platform for learning cyber skills

### HOW TO LOG IN AND USE YOUR ACCOUNT

Thanks for your interest in a free trial of Project Ares, our cyber security learning platform. We are so excited to have you hop on the system and see a new way of learning cyber skills and the benefit. We hope you enjoy your free Project Ares trial!

Below are steps to log in to your account.

1. After [signing up for the trial](#), you should receive an email confirmation along with your login credentials. The URL provided to you in this email will direct you to the Project Ares login screen.

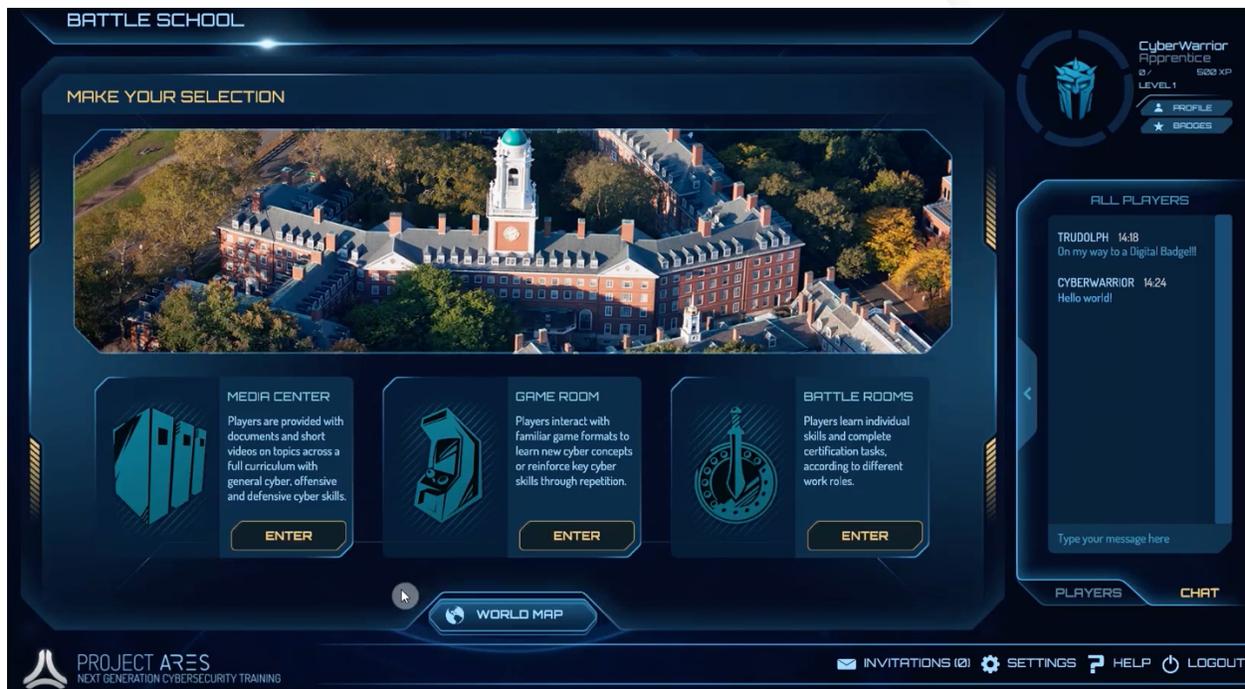


2. Enter your approved username and password under the “Player” login (default).
3. If you have forgotten your password or need assistance, click on the question mark button. From here, you can choose to have a link sent to reset your password or contact support.
4. Once you log in, you will be presented with our End User License Agreement. Please review the PDF before accepting.

5. Once logged in, you will see your username, level, and experience points earned in the upper righthand corner. From here you can click in to your Profile to download training reports, update your user profile information, assess yourself under the “Self Reported Skills” tab, or review any certified work roles.



6. Below your profile on the home page, you will see a global chat box. This will allow you to chat with any other Academy subscribers. You can see who is currently available in the “Players” tab, and toggle between that and the “Chat” view.
7. Now you’re ready to start an activity! Click on the Missions Menu on the left-hand side of the screen, then click “Battle School” and the hot spot that appears on the globe.
8. From there you can check out the Media Center for an array of materials to help sharpen your cyber security skills. This is a great place for anyone who is new to cyber security to start, or if you just need a refresher. Click the “Mission Control” button at the bottom when you’re ready to return to the Battle School.



9. Click into Game Room from the Battle School home screen to play fun, arcade-style games geared toward improving basic cyber concepts.
  - a. Challenge your knowledge of regular expressions with RegExile
  - b. Learn the seven steps to building a kill chain with Cylitaire
  - c. Test your overall cyber knowledge with Trivia Loot
  - d. Draw connections between ports and protocols in Port Flow
  - e. Perfect your conversion skills with Cyber Vault
  - f. Test your skills and broaden your work role knowledge with Cyqual
  - g. Revisit the kill chain while focusing on one phase at a time in TacChain
  
10. Return to the Battle School main menu and jump into the Battle Rooms for a more hands-on experience in individual-based sandbox environments. Decide which Battle Room you want to work through and click play. Once you're connected, click the "Battle Room" button to proceed.
  
11. Once in a Battle Room, you will see a task list on the right-hand side of the screen. You can focus this list by filtering or selecting all from the dropdown menu at the top.

12. The question mark next to each task will display hints to help you get through them. Each hint will cost you points toward your overall score, so use them wisely!
13. Instructions are available via the “instructions” button toward the bottom of the screen, and will help provide you with more insight about each Battle Room.
14. The “VNC” and “SSH” access buttons will open a new window for you to access the network. This is how you will complete the objectives and it is your preference on which you would like to use.
15. When you complete a task, a checkmark will show up next to the objective.
16. Keep in mind that you cannot save progress in a Battle Room. You can either continue on to complete the objectives or leave the Battle Room and start a new session at a later time.
17. Each time you play a Battle Room session, your history is logged. You can review past sessions through the playback feature by clicking “history” and then the playback icon on whichever Battle Room you want to view.
18. You can head back to the homepage with the world globe and go to another hotspot on it called “Assessments”, which are separated by a selection of work roles. Each work role has a selection of steps utilizing different activities in the platform. You will need to receive a 70% or higher to unlock the next step. When you complete all steps within a work role, you will receive a certificate within your profile section and a digital badge via email which you can share on your LinkedIn or other professional profiles.



19. You can also prepare for CEU and CPE credits in Project Ares. Take a look at the getting started guide you received with your welcome email for more information on credits and badges

20. You can click the “settings” button on the homepage to update the portal to better fit your style of gameplay, and you can hit the “help” button if you need anything further or to access the Project Ares User Guide. You can also email [CSD@circadence.com](mailto:CSD@circadence.com) to open up a support case with the Customer Management Team if needed.

Thank you for exploring Project Ares! Now, it's time to get gamified.