

Ingress Missions FAQ

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Overview

Is this an official document? Who are you?

This is ***not*** an official document. We do not represent Niantic or Google in any way. We are well-known and well-connected players who have access to the creation tool.

If you have any suggestions, if there's anything you think we've missed, or you just want to say "thanks", feel free to [contact us on G+](#).

Can missions be restricted to certain agents or just my faction?

No. Missions are visible to everyone in the area.

Can missions start at/end at/disappear after a certain time?

No. Once a mission is published, it is public and visible.

Can missions re-visit portals?

Yes! A portal can appear multiple times in a mission, as long as the actions there are different. A portal may also appear in multiple missions.

Who is CULTURALINST? They are L1 with OAP!

This is a special account managed by Niantic on behalf of the Cultural Institute, in order to provide some initial missions in many cities.

How do I report inappropriate, low-quality, or impossible missions?

Report directly to Niantic through the [Help Center](#), giving as much detail as possible about the creator, the location, the full exact mission name, and details of what the problem is.

Playing Missions

What types of missions are there?

There are two main types of missions: ones where you can complete the objectives in any order, and ones where a specific order matters. If the order matters, you may not be able to see where you're going next until you complete the current objective.

What types of waypoints/objectives are there?

There are many types of waypoints:

- Hack a portal
- Capture portal
- Install a mod
- Link to another portal (There is not currently a way to specify where the link should go)
- Create a field at a portal
- Visit a waypoint and view a Field Trip card
- Answer a question (enter a passphrase/passcode)

How many missions can I play at once?

Only one. In order to take on a different mission, you must abort your current mission. If you start your current mission again, you'll have to start from scratch.

Can I pause a mission?

No, that's not possible. Once you stop a mission, your progress in that specific mission gets lost. You can choose to play the mission later, but you will have to start at the beginning. (you can hide mission prompts if you want)

Can I interact with other portals during a mission?

Yes! You can still hack/capture/deploy/upgrade/link/etc other portals to your heart's content. This will not interfere with your ongoing mission... but be careful doing this, especially if you're playing a mission with hidden waypoints! You might make life harder for yourself later on.

Do I have to be near a Field Trip waypoint to continue past it?

Yes! It has to be within your action range. If you cannot click it (because there is a portal in the way), move away, navigate to it, and get within range.

Do I need Field Trip installed to view a Field Trip waypoint?

No; the details open within Ingress.

It says to capture a portal, but it already belongs to my team!

Don't waste a virus! You can also continue the mission by upgrading a resonator or placing a mod.

What does it mean, "enter a passphrase"?

You will be asked a question that you can answer at the portal. For example, "how many teeth are on this sculpture?" You then type your answer and send it back to be checked. You need to get it right to continue the mission. It needs to match exactly.

The actual question could be anything, but the answer has to be **exactly** correct. In this case, "26" might work, but "twenty-six" or "twenty six" would **not**.

Creating Missions

How do I create missions?

Originally, mission creation was restricted to a very limited number of users. The initial list contained (among others) some Helios leads and some select members of Operation Essex. Mission creation is now open to all players who have reached (or passed) level 7.

A waypoint in a mission is wrong!

If it's a "visit waypoint" objective and the waypoint title itself is wrong, please [report this to Field Trip Ops](#). If some of the details around the objective are wrong, please contact the mission creator and ask them to fix it.

How long do missions take? Is there a time limit?

Missions contain at least 6 waypoints and should last 20-90 minutes, though some are longer. There is no specific time limit for completing a mission, but your times do influence the "average time to completion".

What makes a good mission?

Good missions have a theme, and the best ones show people things they didn't know, giving them a true adventure on foot.

Can I specify a particular mod to place, a particular level resonator to place, or a target portal for links?

Not at the present time.

I know someone who can create missions! Can I ask them to build ones for me?

Yes! Be prepared for them to say "no". We want to keep the quality bar high for everyone.

Will you build missions for me?

Probably not; I'm a busy person.

Pleeeeeeeeeeease! Are you open to bribes?

No. Go donate to a charity ☺

But you could try the very-unofficial site <https://ingress-mission-requests.appspot.com/>. Perhaps one of the volunteers there can help you.