Simulation Learning System with Virtual Reality (SLS VR): Starting or Joining a Sim Group

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Starting a Sim Group (Simulation Session)

To run the SimX Moderator, whether for preparing for future simulation sessions or facilitating a simulation session with students, you will need to start a Sim Group.

1. Using the computer on which you’ve installed the SimX Moderator, launch the SimX Moderator application, and log in using your SimX Moderator account credentials.
2. Select **START A SIM GROUP** on the right side of the screen.

   **NOTE:** If there are no Sim Groups listed on the left side, **SEARCHING FOR SIM GROUPS** on the left side of the application is the default message you will see.

3. A **Sim Group ID** will be assigned and displayed on the left half of the screen. On the right half of the screen, a list of available cases/scenarios will appear. Click on one of the **cases** to view more information.
4. Upon selection, a summary will appear on the left half of the screen Click **START CASE** at the bottom of the summary to begin the simulation.

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**Joining a Sim Group (Simulation Session)**

If your colleague has already started a Sim Group that you want to join from a different computer (or you want to join the same Sim Group you started on another computer for observer display), follow these instructions.

1. Launch the **SimX Moderator** application on the desired computer and **LOG IN** using your SimX Moderator account credentials.
2. On the left side of the screen, you should see a **Sim Group with a Simulation ID #.** Select the one that matches the Simulation ID # of the original Sim Group started previously.

3. Select **JOIN THIS SIMULATION** after selecting the desired Sim Group.
   
   a. If the Sim Group owner has not selected a case yet, you will see the list of cases available and must await the selection of the case by the Sim Group owner. In the following image, the Sim Group owner has not selected a case yet, as indicated by the message **Waiting for a Case to be Selected:**
b. If a case has already been selected, you will see a message indicating which simulation is being run before you select **JOIN THIS SIMULATION**, as shown in the following image:

![Image of Join a Sim Group interface](image)

**NOTE:** The Sim Group owner can end a case as well as receive the report that populates onto the local hard drive when the case is ended. Once a scenario has loaded, you and any other moderators in the session can facilitate the session together, though we recommend only one person facilitate, i.e., choose the various options on the moderator, while another computer joined to the same session is hooked up to a display for observers. See **Facilitating a VR Simulation** for more information on accommodating observers.