



13th International Conference on Semantic Technology for Intelligence, Defense, and Security (STIDS 2026)

May 27-29, 2026

Presenter, Panelist, Demo, Chair Information Packet

Hosted by NCOR with unclassified sessions at George Mason University, Fuse at Mason Square

[Event website](#) | Contact: info@ncornetwork.org

Quick Facts

Item	Guidance
Event Contact	John Beverley / NCOR, info@ncornetwork.org
Slide Deadline	Morning of Wednesday, May 27, 2026; earlier is strongly preferred.
Slide Delivery	Email slides to info@ncornetwork.org . PowerPoint is preferred.
Presentation Laptops	NCOR/venue laptops will run the slides. Clickers will be available.
Timing	Follow the agenda for your assigned session length. Most talks are 25 minutes; demos and working sessions are generally longer.
Q&A Default	Questions will normally come after the talk unless you invite questions during the talk.
Virtual Access	A Teams link will be provided to registered attendees.
Event Channels	Discussions during sessions can be held in Teams chat.



This packet is for STIDS 2026 speakers, presenters, panelists, demo leads, working-session leads, and session chairs. It explains how to prepare slides, how the rooms will be run, how Q&A will work, and what to do if you need special A/V support. It supplements the public agenda and attendee packet.

Slide Submission and File Handling

- **Send slides** to info@ncornetwork.org by the morning of Wednesday, May 27, 2026.
- **PowerPoint** (.pptx) is preferred.
- **Use a clear file name**, for example: Day1_0930_LastName_ShortTitle.pptx. If you send a revised version, include FINAL or a version number in the file name.
- **Slides will be placed** in a common drive and pulled up before each session from conference laptops.
- **Please do not assume** you will present from your own laptop. If your talk requires your own machine, special software, live code, local services, or restricted network access, email info@ncornetwork.org as soon as possible.
- **If you want** your slides withheld from broader circulation after the event, state that clearly when you send them.
- **Do not include** classified, export-controlled, proprietary, or otherwise restricted information in unclassified sessions.

Presentation Timing and Q&A

- **Follow the agenda** for your session length. The agenda is the controlling source for session timing. The most up-to-date version of the agenda will always be on the STIDS 2026 landing page: <https://ncornetwork.org/events/stids2026>
- **Individual talks** are typically 25 minutes. A good default is 15-20 minutes of presentation and 5-10 minutes for questions.
- **Keynotes**, demos, panels, and working sessions have longer blocks. Session leads should plan their internal timing before the session begins.
- **The default** is that audience questions come after the talk. If you would like to allow questions during your talk, tell the audience before you begin.
- **Please respect** time cues from the chair or organizer. The schedule includes parallel tracks, breaks, lunch, demos, and keynotes, so overruns affect other presenters.
- **If you are in a parallel-track session**, end cleanly and on time so attendees can move between rooms.

Panels

- **Panels will be moderated** by a chair. The chair will pose questions to participants first, after which the floor will be opened to audience questions.
- **Panelists** should be prepared for concise answers rather than formal presentations unless the chair has requested otherwise.
- **If the chair requests** opening remarks, keep them brief, usually 2-3 minutes per panelist.



- **Panel chairs** should prepare 4-6 substantive questions, coordinate light sequencing among panelists, and preserve time for the audience.

Demo Sessions

- **Email info@ncornetwork.org** immediately if your demo uses video, audio, special software, live code, a local server, special network access, or your own laptop.
- **If you will play video**, say so in advance so NCOR can alert GMU staff and confirm room audio.
- **Send any slides** in advance just like other presenters. If the demo requires files, sample data, executables, or credentials, coordinate those separately.
- **Use a stable demo path**. Avoid relying on fragile live services unless you also have screenshots or a prerecorded fallback.
- **Arrive early enough** to test display, audio, login, browser, and network needs before your block begins.

Working Sessions

- **Working-session leads** should state the goal of the session at the start: decision, roadmap, requirements gathering, shared modeling, critique, or coordination.
- **Identify any intended output**: notes, candidate competency questions, working-group next steps, open issues, action items, or a follow-up meeting.
- **Assign someone** to capture notes if the session is intended to produce community input or action items.

Virtual Participation and Teams Chat

- **A Teams link** will be provided to registered attendees for virtual participation.
- **The Team chat channel** may be used for logistics, substantive discussion, questions before and during the event, and coordination among attendees.
- **Remote presenters** should send slides in advance, join early, use a reliable microphone or headset, and be prepared for the session chair to help manage audience questions. If you are planning to present remotely, confirm this by reaching out to info@ncornetwork.org.
- **If you want to address Teams questions** incorporated into your Q&A, tell the chair before your session begins.

Suggested Presenter Checklist

- Confirm your session time, room, format, and expected duration against the agenda.
- Send slides to info@ncornetwork.org by the morning of May 27, preferably earlier.
- Notify info@ncornetwork.org if you need audio, video playback, special software, your own laptop, live code, or network access.
- Prepare your Q&A preference: questions during the talk or after the talk.
- For demos, prepare a fallback: screenshots, prerecorded video, or local copy.
- For panels, coordinate with the chair if there will be opening remarks or a specific order of questions.