

# Second Life

## Getting Started

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You are a “newbie” in Second Life and have plenty of questions!

### GETTING STARTED

First, download the Second Life software.  
Go to [www.secondlife.com](http://www.secondlife.com) and click on **Downloads**.  
Download the software for your platform.

Second, you need to join Second Life.  
Click on **Sign Up Now** at [www.secondlife.com](http://www.secondlife.com) or  
click on **Join Now** on the download page at  
[www.secondlife.com/community/downloads.php](http://www.secondlife.com/community/downloads.php).  
You can choose the Basic Membership which is free.

### ORIENTATION & HELP ISLAND

Your virtual existence begins with Orientation Island. This will teach you some SL basics. When you are finished with orientation, you can find the EXIT platform with instructions for teleporting to HELP. Your next stop will be Help Island, where you can view tutorials and demos, along with picking up some freebies. Stay as long as you want on either island. Keep in mind -- you cannot go back to these islands once you leave.

How do I get off Help Island?

Click on **Search** > look for a place and click **Teleport** button (for example, you can type in “education” and it will give you a list of educational places -- select from the list and teleport there).



### MAIN SCREEN

**Top Bar:** Includes a set of pull-down menus. To the right of the pull-down menus, you will see icons showing whether any activities are disallowed in your avatar’s present location. Right next to the icons is your avatar’s location (name of region, map coordinates) and an area rating.

**Bottom Bar:** Features a row of buttons -- Communicate, Chat, Fly, Snapshot, Search, Build, Mini-Map, Map, and Inventory.

### RESOURCES

Additional Information can be found at:

<http://juliazanglcolby.wikispaces.com/Second+Life>

## GROUPS AND FRIENDS

**To view your Groups:** Right-click on your name above your avatar's head. On the pie menu, click on **Groups**. To show a specific Group Name above your head, choose the Group name and select **Activate**. To remove the group name, select **None**.

**To join a Group:** Right-click on your name above your avatar's head. On the pie menu, click on **Groups**. Click on **Search**. You can search for general topics such as Education or for a specific group name. When you find a Group you want to belong to, select the group, click **Join** button under the General tab.

**To view your Friends:** Right-click on your name above your avatar's head. On the pie menu, click on **Friends**. You can IM your friends, view their profile, pay, remove, and add friends, along with restricting friends from seeing your online status.

**To Add a Friend:** Click on **Search > People**. Type their name and click **Add Friend**.

**View an Avatar's Info:** If you meet someone in-world, you can right-click on their avatar and click **Profile** to view their info.

**Teleport Your Friend:** If you want your friend to join you at your location, you can view your Friends (see above) and click on the **Teleport** button.

**Teleport Another Avatar:** Click on Bottom Bar's **Search** button. Under People, search for a specific name. When the profile of the person shows up, click on **Offer Teleport**.

## LANDMARKS

Your avatar can teleport in Second Life. For instance, if you are at the Discovery Education

Network building and want to visit ISTE Island, you can teleport from one place to the other place. If you are at a location in Second Life that you like, you can create a Landmark which will enable you to return by teleporting.

Click on **World > Create Landmark Here**. Your Landmark will be stored in your Inventory under Landmarks. When you wish to revisit, open your Landmark folder in your Inventory. Right-click on the desired Landmark and click on **Teleport to Landmark** or double-click on your Landmark and click on **Teleport**.



## HELP. I AM SOMEWHERE AND I NEED TO GET OUT!

If you are a newbie, there may be a time when you will end up in a location you don't want to be. You can click on your **SEARCH** button (bottom bar), select the Places tab, and search for different places to visit. You can type in a specific location or a general category, such as Education. Select a location and click on the **Teleport** button.

You can also use a Landmark in your Inventory for teleporting (see above).

## UPLOADING IMAGES, SOUNDS, OR ANIMATIONS

**Second Life allows you to upload your own images, sounds, and animations to help you make your own creations and expression in Second Life.**

To upload images, open the *File* menu and select *Upload Image*.

To upload sounds, open the *File* menu and select *Upload Sound*.

## AUDIO, VIDEO, or MUSIC

### Turn on Audio:

Edit > Preferences > Voice Chat Button > Check *Enable Voice Chat*

### Turn on Streaming Video:

Edit > Preferences > Audio & Video Button > Check *Play Streaming Video When Available*

### Turn on Streaming Music:

Edit > Preferences > Audio & Video Button > Check *Play Streaming Music When Available*

## TRANSFER INVENTORY ITEM

**You have an inventory item that is transferable and you would like to give a copy to your friend.**

Right-click on your name above your avatar's head. On the pie menu, click on *Friends*. Select your friend's name. Click *Profile*. Drag inventory item to where it is noted "*Drop Inventory Item Here*."

This same procedure allows you to Pay your friend, Offer Teleport, Instant Message, and Show on Map.

If the person is not in your Friends List, you can click on the Bottom Bar's *Search* button. Under People, search for a name. When the profile of the person shows up, drag the inventory item to where it is noted "*Drop Inventory Item Here*."

If you are with the person in-world, you can click and drag the item directly to their avatar.

## HODGE PODGE

**It is dark out and I can't see (as in photo below)!**

On the Menu Bar, Click on *World > Force Sun*.

**I can't see my Avatar -- Where did it go?**

You may be in what is termed "Mouselook." To get out of this, scroll on your mouse wheel OR click on your Escape key.

**Changing Personal Preferences**

To change or check your personal preference, on the menu bar, click on *Edit > Preferences*.

**Sitting Down and Standing Up**

To make your avatar sit, right-click on location to sit and choose *Sit* from the Pie Menu. To get back up, click the *Stand* button on the bottom bar.

**Can I Walk Faster?**

You can start/stop running by using *CTRL-R*.

## BUYING LINDEN DOLLARS (L\$)

Click on *World > Buy L\$*

As of November 7, 2007, you can purchase L\$1000 for \$4.06 U.S. Dollars