

Downloading Second Life

If you would like to download, Second Life, follow these directions—

- ♦ Go to www.secondlife.com. On the bottom of the webpage, you'll see the word **Downloads** as the first option. Click on it, and install the program to the type of operating system you have on your computer.
- ♦ Wait for the **installation** to complete. That's it!



Online Safety Reminders

- ♦ Always remember to get special permission from a parent or guardian before downloading Second Life.
- ♦ When online, do not include any personal information online unless you parents fully agree. You do not want to set yourself up for predators, identity theft and advertising scams.



- ♦ Let your parent or guardian help you throughout the downloading process. The program could overload your computer system!

Second Life

Online Game

Avatar Skills and Thrills



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What is Second Life?

Second Life is an online game with the traits of some other interactive online games and systems. These include IMVU and Sims.

Second Life provides opportunities to communicate through virtual, real life characters, which you create, and explore the avatar world with your very own avatar. It's a game you'll want to try out!



What is an Avatar?

An avatar is your representative in an online world.

The world, or environment, is a virtual 'place' that exists within the computers on the network. Inside, people can meet each other, 'build' artificial buildings, go on adventures, and conduct virtual battles.

In the world, the avatar is like a cartoon version of you, which is used to interact with other avatars inside the environment.

Avatars can look very much like you, or not like you at all, depending on your preference and on the capabilities of the environment.

For example, if you're a girl, your avatar can be a girl, too, or it can be a boy or a cat.

Online environments have different software tools for creating avatar, but generally you choose characteristics, such as head shape, hairstyle, and clothing, from a menu, which allows you to click on images to assemble a figure.

What Avatars Can Do

Avatars are capable of doing the basic things we do as humans. Except for one thing—which is flying. Otherwise, they can walk, run, swim, and navigate through different cities on the avatar map.

Avatars can also communicate between other avatars through instant messaging, or just regular chatting.



Some basics for navigating your avatar are -

- ♦ page up = fly
- ♦ page down = stop flying
- ♦ F9, F10, F11, and F12 can make your avatar dance

If you want your avatar to do specific gestures, click on the gestures button at the bottom of the webpage.