

Joining Second Life

These instructions will tell you how to

- ❑ join Second Life
- ❑ get your avatar (a virtual representation of yourself), how to
- ❑ download the Second Life software
- ❑ and how to log in and visit the virtual world for the first time.

Step1 Go to the Second Life website at: <http://www.secondlife.com/> (It may have a different picture as the images on the website change regularly. Click on **JOIN NOW**



Step 2 On the Registration page <https://secure-web5.secondlife.com/join/> You will need to choose a name for your avatar and add some basic information. Be sure that you give your valid email address. Then click on **Continue**.

Second Life Registration: Basic Details

Choose Your Second Life Name

Your Second Life name is your unique in-world identity. You're able to create your own first name and select from a wide variety of last names. Please choose your Second Life name carefully, since it can't be changed later.

First name: Last name:
2-31 characters, numbers and letters only

[Check this name for availability](#)

Enter Your Birthdate

Please provide an accurate birthdate for your own protection. We ask your birthdate to verify your account if you ever forget your Second Life name or password.

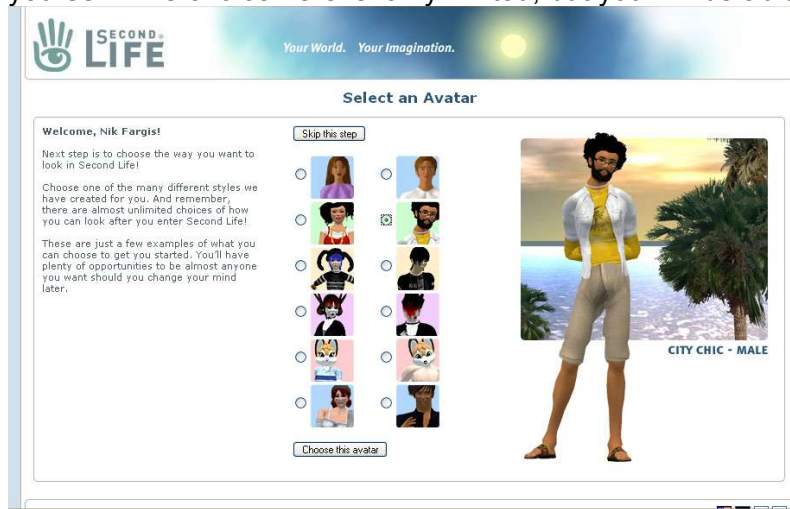
Month: Day:

Enter Your Email Address

Please enter a valid email address. We will never share your email address with anyone without your explicit permission.

Email: Enter again for verification:

Step 3. You now need to select an avatar. This will be a visual representation of yourself. The choice here is fairly limited, but you will be able to change this later.



Step 4. You will then be taken to the next page where you will need to give some basic information and create a password. Remember to make a record of your avatar name and password, as you will need these to enter the virtual world.

Step 5. You will now be asked for some bank details. **This is optional** and I recommend that you click the button which says **Skip this step**

The screenshot shows the Second Life account setup interface. At the top is the Second Life logo with the tagline "Your World. Your Imagination." Below this is a heading "Get Linden Dollars to Spend in Second Life!". The main content area contains a congratulatory message: "Congratulations, Nik Fargis! Your Basic Account has been created!". It then explains that to receive free Linden Dollars (L\$250), the user must complete bank details. There are two buttons: "Skip this step." and "No thanks, I'm not interested in receiving free Linden Dollars." Below this, it states that if the user skips, they can enter information later but won't receive the free dollars. There are radio buttons for "Preference:" with options for "Credit Card" (showing icons for American Express, MasterCard, VISA, JCB) and "PayPal". At the bottom of the form are "Submit info." and "Skip this step." buttons. A reminder note states that this step is optional and no charges will occur unless the user decides to purchase additional dollars, buy land, or create additional accounts, with a link to "Read more...". The footer includes a navigation bar with links like "downloads", "system requirements", "privacy", etc., and a copyright notice for Linden Research, Inc. ©2007.

Step 6. You will be offered the opportunity to upgrade to a paid account. I recommend that you also **Skip this step** as this is not necessary.

The screenshot shows the Second Life account setup interface for the upgrade step. At the top is the Second Life logo with the tagline "Your World. Your Imagination." Below this is a heading "Upgrade to Premium Now!". The main content area contains information about "Premium Accounts", stating they start at \$6.00/month and allow users to own land, display creations, entertain, or run a business. It also mentions a one-time grant of Twelve Hundred Fifty Linden Dollars (L\$1250) and a weekly allowance of L\$300. There is a "Skip this step." button and a note: "No thanks, I don't need a Premium account right now." Below this, it says "Upgrade to a Premium Account Now!" followed by three radio button options: "\$9.95/month, billed monthly", "\$7.50/month, billed quarterly (\$22.50)", and "\$6.00/month, billed annually (\$72.00)". The footer includes the same navigation bar and copyright notice as the previous screenshot.

Step 7. You will then be taken to the download page. You will need to download the software appropriate to your computer. Once the software has downloaded, follow the instructions to install it. (30Mb)

OND FE Your World. Your Imagination.

Welcome, Nik Fargis!

Your Second Life account has been successfully created.

If you have any questions about Second Life or your new account please, visit our [support page](#).

Your Second Life Account:

Second Life name:	Nik Fargis
Membership plan:	Basic Membership

Next steps:

1. Download and install the Second Life client

Does your computer meet the minimum [System Requirements](#)?

	Windows 2000/XP: 1.14.0.0 (31MB)	DOWNLOAD
	Mac OS X: 1.14.0.0 (65MB)	DOWNLOAD
	Linux i686 (Alpha)	

2. Refer Your Friends!

Second Life is more fun with friends! Log in to the Second Life community site and use our form to invite your friends to join you in Second Life. To show our appreciation, we'll credit you **L\$2000** for each one who becomes a Premium.

I want to refer my friends to Second Life - [Take me to the referral form.](#)

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Step 7. When you open the software you will see something like this. Enter your username (the name of your avatar) and password (the one you created at step 4) at the bottom left of the screen. Then click on **Connect**.

Second Life

GRID STATUS: ONLINE

Second Life Time: 2:27 am PDT
Total Residents: 5,091,935
Logged In Last 60 Days: 1,721,854
Online Now: 18,827

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News & announcements from [blog.secondlife.com](#):

[Resolved] Rolling Restarts To Begin Shortly - 8pm
1.14.0 Known Issues: Drivers, VBO, ATI X300/X600 notebooks, and other woes
Voice Beta Live!
Windows Vista ATI drivers that run Second Life now available!

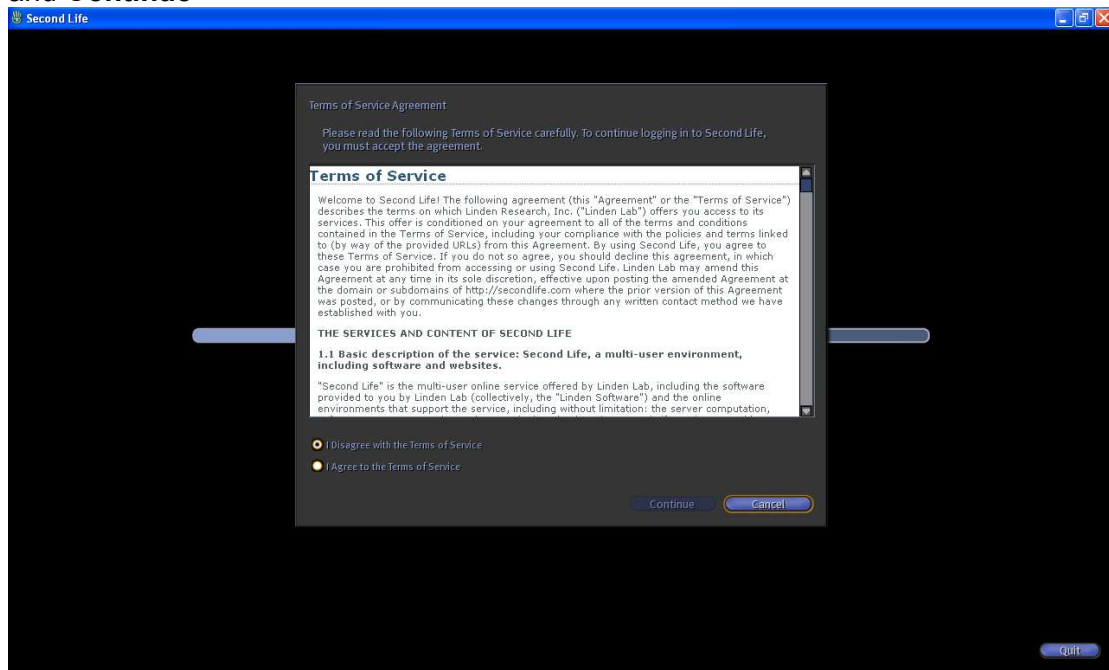
First Name: Last Name: Password:

☒ Remember password

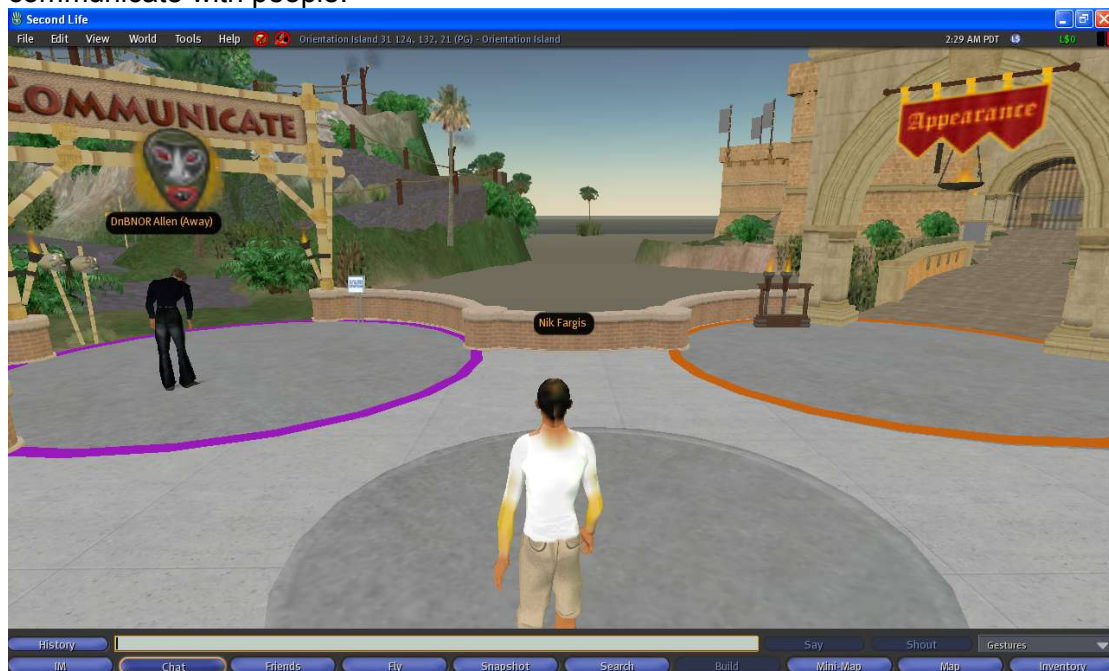
[New Account...](#) [Preferences...](#)
[Connect](#) [Quit](#)

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Step 8. You will see this screen. Read the terms of service then click on **I agree...** and **Continue**



Step 9 You will then arrive at your first stop in Second Life. This is Help Island and it is designed to help you understand and use the interface to move around and communicate with people.



Step 10. You will see quite a lot of other avatars. These are all representations of people accessing the Second Life world. I recommend that you work your way through the help tutorials on this island.

