

Second Life (SL) – Quick Start / SER/VE

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GETTING STARTED: after ensuring the you have the [right system requirements](#), then download Second Life [from this link](#). This installs the software on your machine – in

the future, you will open Second Life from your computer. You will be sent a private email with an avatar name & password; insert them and **be sure to click onto the Advanced mode** (see the figure above); you will see different menus if you did not use the Advanced mode. Spend some time practicing the basic in navigation and communication.



BASIC USE OF SER/VE: test some of the following:

Viewing the island & finding avatars: click World > World Map; you can see the overall location of areas on the island (however, not all the location features will work on this private island); you can click World > MiniMap to see where other avatars are located

■ **Location/Daylight:** see island locations by clicking on top-line click World > World Map; turn on the coordinates by clicking World > Show > Coordinates (observe how coordinates change as you move); change lighting by clicking World > Sun > make selection

■ **Navigation:** Move around using the Move menu at the screen bottom – you can use the arrows on your keyboard to move around too– *yes, you will bump into a lot of things & that is OK*

■ **Appearance:** Right click on yourself and play with the appearance options; optional but fun

■ **View/volume:** change your view so you can look around without moving by clicking View on screen bottom and testing;

also, **bring the mouse over the area-be-viewed > click Alt on the keyboard (you see a magnifying glass) > click the mouse > use the mouse scroll-wheel to zoom in and out quickly & to hear other avatars**

■ **Document your presence:** Click the Snapshot icon at the screen bottom for a screen shot; answer the menu prompts to put Snapshot on your computer or to email it



LISTENING / SPEAKING:

■ Plug in your headset and microphone (usually one device); click on Speak at the bottom of the screen and test to see if your voice is heard – you may see green waves come out of your avatar (you won't hear yourself though); turn the **mike on and off by clicking Speak– toggle OFF when you are not speaking** ; you may cause LOUD feedback otherwise

■ If speech isn't working, on the top-line click Me > Preferences > Sound & Media > adjust the Input/Output controls; if this does not work, exit SL and adjust the speakers and headset settings on the computer itself.

