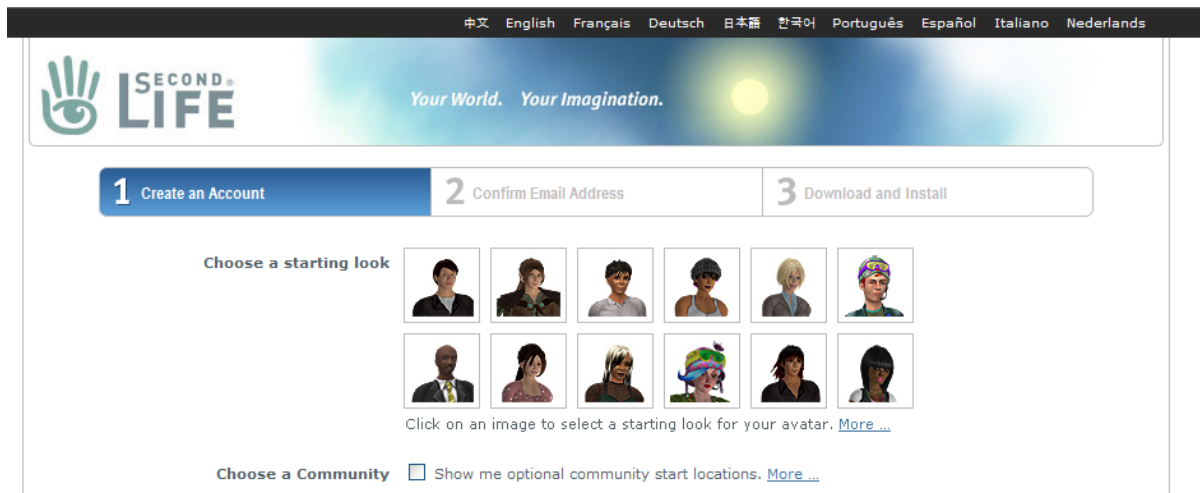


Creating an Avatar

This tutorial will show you how to create an avatar and set up your Second Life account.

To start:

1. Go to <https://join.secondlife.com/>



2. First, select a “starting look” similar to yourself or how you would like to appear in second life. You can change this once you get in-world, or when you become familiar with Second Life. Make sure to pay attention to which gender you choose, however avatar gender can be changed from within Second Life.
3. **Do not select** “Choose a community”
4. Next, enter the first name you would like your avatar to be called. The first name can be the same as your first life name, or something different.

Create a First Name

Select a Last Name

Get Available Last Names

5. Press the “Get Available Last Names”. Second Life does not allow (at this time) entering your own Second Life last name, and offers a wide range of last names to choose from.

- Next, enter an email address that you would like to associate with Second Life. This address cannot be viewed in-world, and is used for communication between you and Linden Labs, the creators of Second Life. It is important that this be a **valid, working** email. It can be changed later if needed (see our 'Changing Your Email" tutorial)

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

- Next, enter the country you currently live in, followed by your birth date. This cannot be seen in-world (within Second Life) and is used for age-verification purposes. Avatars under 18 are placed in their own "grid", while adults are placed in the main "grid".

I live in

I was born

Real Life First Name

Real Life Last Name

I am Male Female

- Next, enter your First Life (Real world) first and last name. This information cannot be seen in-world (within Second Life), and is used for verification purposes by Linden Labs. Also, please select your gender. (This has no effect on your avatars gender)
- Next, enter a password. This will be used to log into Second Life, along with your avatar First and Last name. Please remember to choose a strong password. Enter the same password in the confirmation box.

Password

Confirm Password

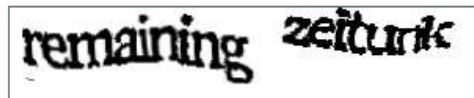
10. Next, select a security question. This question is used as added security when requesting a password change. It should be something that no one else but you will be able to determine. So if you are the owner of Bush's Baked Beans, we would recommend not choosing "What is your pet's name?" Make sure to enter the answer in the security answer box.

Security Question

Security Answer

11. Verify you are not a robot. This is used to prevent people from creating hundreds of avatars to spam Second Life. Enter the text you see below (your screen will be different) into the box.
- a. If you have a problem with the one shown, press the "try a different one", or try an audio captcha.

Verify you are not a robot



Provided by reCAPTCHA

Problem? [Try a different one.](#)

You can also [try an audio captcha instead](#) or [get help.](#)

12. Finally, give the Terms of Service a good read through, and if you agree, click the agree button, and submit your avatar.

Terms of Service I have read and accept the [Terms of Service Agreement.](#)

[Create Account](#)

13. After creating your account, you will be asked to check your email account (as entered previously) for an email from Linden Labs. This will include a link to verify your account and enable it. It may take a few minutes. Be sure to check your spam filter if it does not appear in your inbox.
14. Finally (or while waiting for your email), download the Second Life application. It is supported on Windows (2000/XP/Vista), Max OS X, and Linux. Please be sure to check the System Requirements: <http://secondlife.com/support/sysreqs.php>
15. After downloading and installing Second Life, click the Second Life icon (on your desktop, or alternatively in your program list) and login.

Second Life

First Name: Last Name: Password:

Start Location: Remember password

[Log In](#)

16. Welcome to the world of Second Life. From here you may wish to look over some of our other tutorial such as Orientation, Creating a Profile, Communication and more.