

Creating an account in Second Life

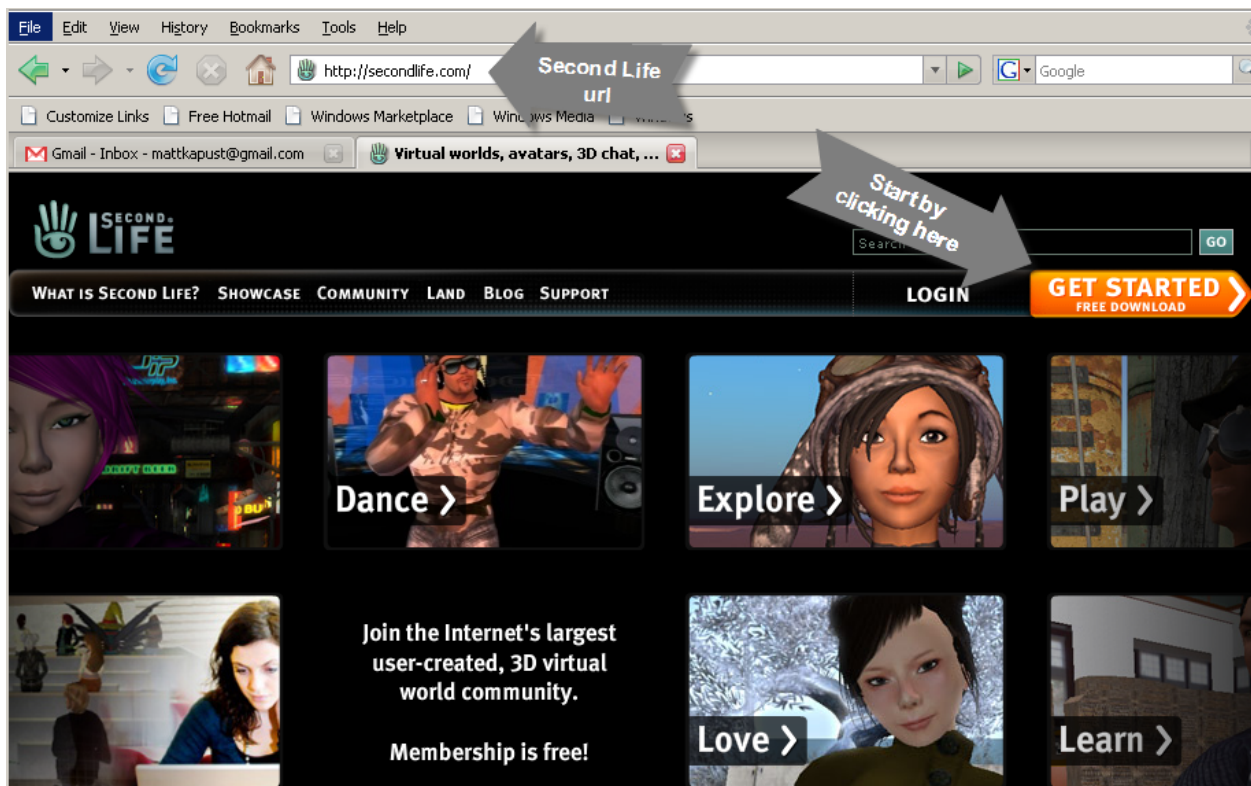
Second Life (SL) is a vast 3D virtual world that is fully customizable to the user's liking. It is completely free to join. Second Life allows users to not only to interact with the online environment but with other users as well. Upon entering SL, you will soon find that there are literally thousands of places to visit and people to communicate with.

Black Hills State University has created an island in SL where students and visitors can learn about the campus, meet other students, play games, join student organizations, check out current research at BHSU, and even attend classes and lectures. We have created a series of tutorials to help you get started in SL and make your experience on the BHSU virtual campus an enjoyable one.

Getting Started

In order to start exploring Second Life, you will need to create an avatar and download the application.

Begin by visiting the Second Life website at <http://www.secondlife.com> and clicking the large "Get Started" button near the top of the page. This will take you to the registration page where you will create your avatar.



After you choose a basic look for your avatar and create a First Name, a list of available last names will appear in the drop down list. Choose a last name and continue filling out the form (all fields are required).



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1 Create an Account

2 Confirm Email Address

3 Download and Install

Choose a starting look

Choose a basic look



Click on an image to select a starting look for your avatar. [More ...](#)

Choose a Community Show me optional community start locations. [More ...](#)

Create a First Name

Select a Last Name [Get Available Last Names](#)

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

I live in

Complete the form

In step two, you will be asked to confirm your e-mail address. Log in to your e-mail account and open the message from Second Life. Click the confirmation link and you will be returned to the Second Life website and the Second Life viewer will begin to download.

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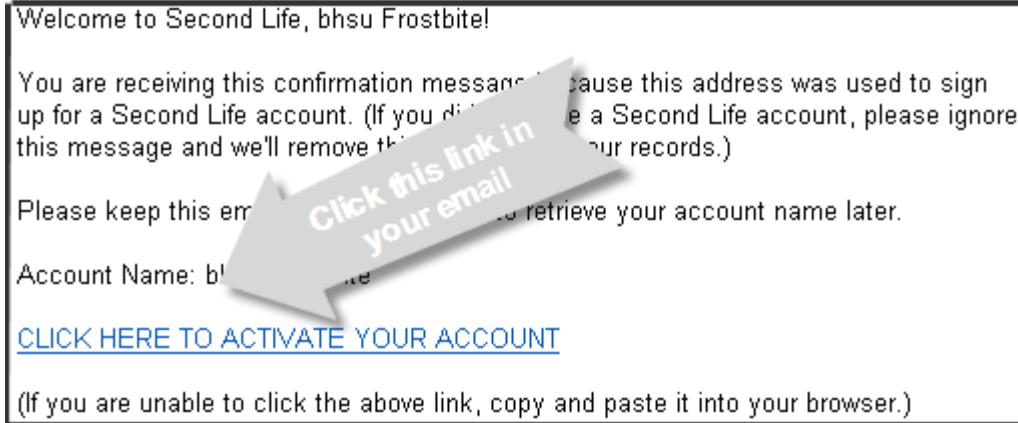
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Almost Done!

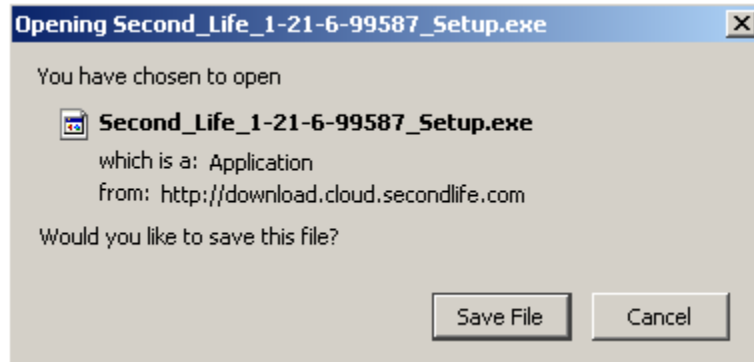
Please **check your email** to activate your account and launch Second Life.

Note that in some instances it can take some time for your email to arrive.
Also, check your spam filter if you do not receive the email.

When the download dialog box appears save the installation file. Double click the file to start the installation. The Second Life installer will guide you through the rest of the installation.



Once the program has been installed, double click the Second Life icon to run the viewer. You will need to enter your avatar's first and last name and the password that you created in step one of the registration process.



You now need to download and install the Second Life Viewer.

The Second Life viewer should automatically begin downloading in a few seconds. If you encounter a problem, please visit our [downloads page](#).

Remember to make sure your computer meets the [system requirements](#)!

To install the Second Life Viewer...

1 Save the installation file

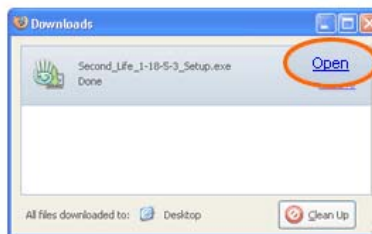
When the download dialog appears, click **Save File** and choose the save location.



2 Run the installation file

Once the download is complete, click **Open** in the Downloads box, or double-click the file icon wherever you saved it.

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If you follow these guidelines, you should be able to begin exploring Second Life.