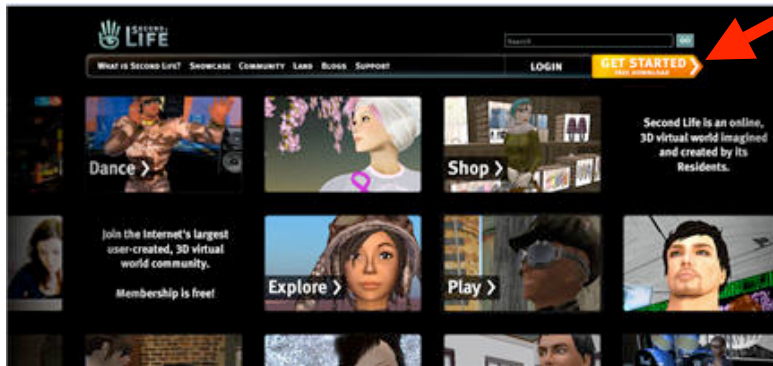


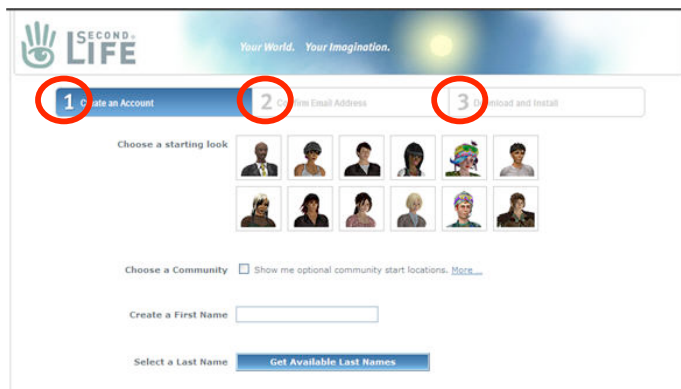
# Second Life Installation Guide

Go to <http://www.secondlife.com>

Click on the orange "GET STARTED - Free Download" button.



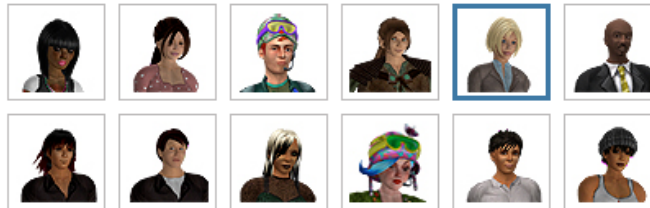
There are three different segments to setting up an account and creating your own avatar for use in Second Life. 1. **Create an Account**. 2. **Confirm Email Address**. 3. **Download and Install**. However, there are a number of steps that you have to complete before you can move on to the next segment of the account set up. Each step is described in detail on the following pages.



## 1. Create an Account

1.1 Choose a **Starting Look** from the options available to you by clicking on one of the thumbnail images. The reason that it is called a **Starting Look** is that you are able to customize it later once you have finished creating your account, (we will go into more detail about how to customize your avatar later in SL User Guide). So don't be surprised when you have created your account and logged into Second Life that there are many Avatars that look just like you! For more information about your avatar, click on the [More...](#) link underneath the images.

Choose a starting look



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

1.2 The next option on this page is the **Choose a Community** option.

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

If you are new to Second Life, it is a good idea to put a checkmark in this option. All it does is allow you, the very first time you log into Second Life, to have a virtual place to 'arrive' to that is friendly to newbies (or noobs). Most of the people in these communities (islands) are people like you who have just created an account and are getting their Second Life legs. The other people on these islands are mentors. They are there to assist you, whether it is to answer questions, or help you walk or fly. For more information about choose a community, click the [More...](#) link beside the option.

1.3 Now we come to may be the most time consuming of all the options; **Create a first name**.

Of course you could use your real first name to speed things up a bit, but if there has ever been a time in your life that you would have preferred a different first name, now's the time to do it! One thing to remember...Second Life names **cannot** be changed once you have created it (even if you typed it incorrectly) it's yours forever. But you do have an opportunity to change your first name before you click Submit. See next section.

Create a First Name

Length: 2-31 characters. Letters or numbers only. Case matters. [More...](#)

## 1.4 Select a Last Name.

Unlike creating your avatar's first name, Second Life has a list of last names that you must choose from.

Select a Last Name

Get Available Last Names

Some of these names are **very** unusual (to say the least) and may not be a good fit with the first name you have chosen. You do have a couple of alternatives;

- Notice that a new button has appeared (in the **Create a First Name** option) that allows you to change your first name.

Create a First Name Me!

Change First Name

OR

- If you decide that you don't like any of the last names on this list, click outside of the **Select a Last Name** option so that the **Get Available Last Names** button appears again (ie. Click the **Change First Name** button) and then click back in, notice that the list of last names have changed.

Remember...once you have chosen a name in Second Life, you **cannot** change it!

## 1.5 Personal Information

Now that you have selected and named your avatar, the rest of this form is straight forward...

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

I live in

I was born

Real Life First Name

Real Life Last Name

I am  Male  Female

Password

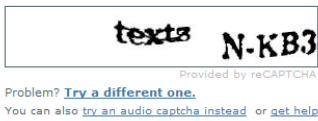
Confirm Password

...with the exception of one option, **Verify you are not a robot.**

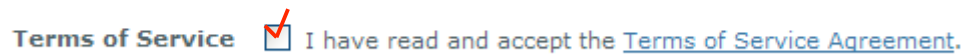
Verify you are not a robot

Below this option is a graphic with distorted text called a CAPTCHA, (for Completely Automated Public Turing Test To Tell Computers and Humans Apart) that you have to type into the field exactly as shown. If you are having difficulty, you can select a different text by clicking

Try a different one, or you can select an audio captcha, where you will type exactly what you hear.



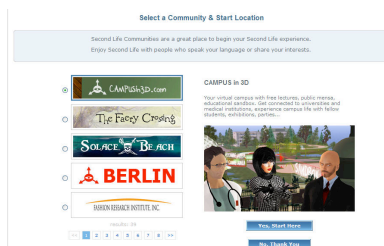
1.6 Accept the **Terms of Service**, by putting a checkmark in the box.



1.7 Click on the "**Create Account**" button.



Once you click the **Create Account** button a new window opens and asks which community you would like to start in. Select the option you want, or browse through the pages and select another community.

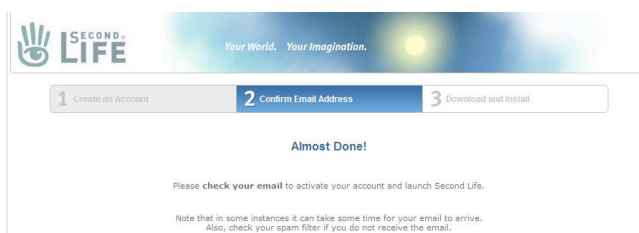


**Notes:** Be sure to keep a copy of your information in a safe place. You will need it to log in to Second Life, and also if you ever forget your password.

Also, DON'T take too long to fill out the form, or you will time out and have to start all over again.

## 2. Confirm Email Address

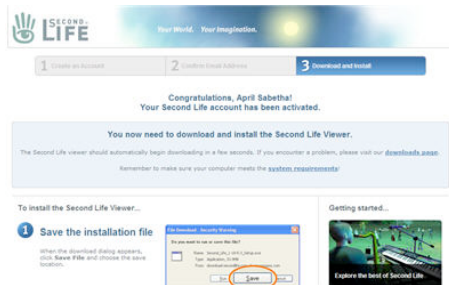
When you click the Create Account button at the end of the previous segment, you will go to the **Confirm Email Address** page.



Check your email inbox for an email with a subject line of “Welcome to Second Life, and your Avatar’s name”. Within the body of the email there should be a link to activate your account.



You should see a web page, congratulating you on activating your Second Life account.



### 3. Download and Install

You will need to save the download installation file. Then follow the web page instructions for installing the Second Life client software. If the file download dialog box doesn't appear you may have to allow for pop ups on your browser.



Be sure to check out the [Showcase](#) and the [Currency](#) pages prepared by Linden Labs.

Note: You don't need to have any Linden Dollars to use Second Life.