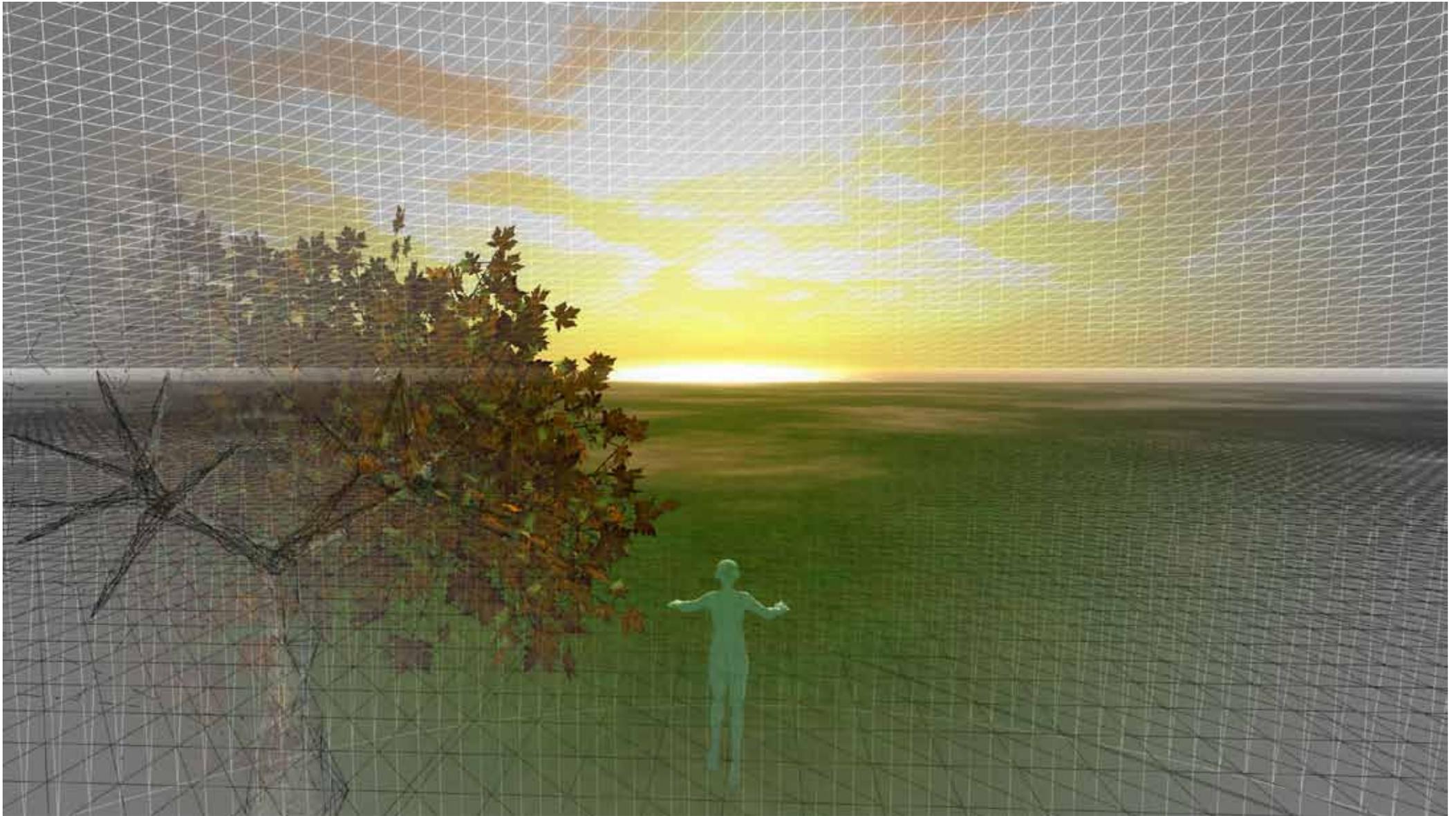

Visions of Our Communal Dreams

Virtual Participation Setup Guide v1.0 : by Michael Takeo Magruder : 2012



Step 1: Create an Account on OSgrid

OpenSimulator (www.opensimulator.org) is a multi-platform, multi-user 3D application server. It is the open source equivalent of Second Life. There are hundreds - perhaps thousands - of virtual worlds based on OpenSimulator. Each virtual world exists on a 'grid'-a data infrastructure of linked simulators (sims) arranged in a grid-like pattern. OSgrid is currently the oldest and largest active OpenSimulator grid and has been in operation since July 2007. It is an open source community and resource that is free to join and use.

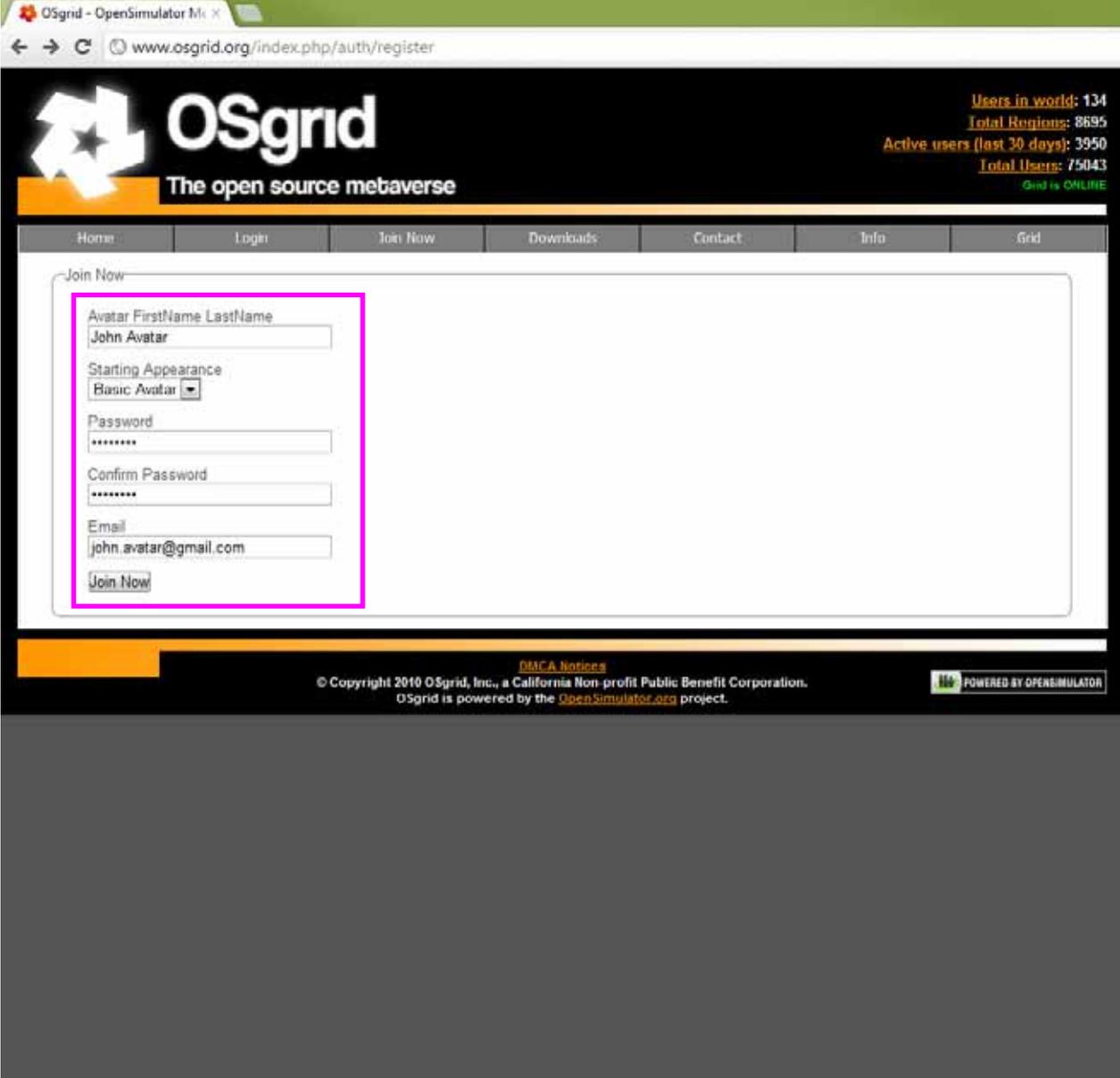
1. Go to: www.osgrid.org
2. Click on the **Join Now** button.

The screenshot shows the OSgrid website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Login, **Join Now** (highlighted with a pink box), Downloads, Contact, Info, and Grid. The main content area features a 3D virtual world scene with the text "LBSA" in large yellow letters. Below the scene, it says "Hypergrid Address : hg.osgrid.org:80:Lbsa Plaza". On the right side, there is a sidebar with a news feed containing several entries, including "osgrid I fixed the March town hall meeting logs...", "osgrid RELEASE : OSgrid OpenSimulator v0.7.4.1647060 Release available", and "graymills Membership on opensim-edu email list now 172...". The footer contains copyright information: "© Copyright 2010 OSgrid, Inc., a California Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation. OSgrid is powered by the [OpenSimulator.org](http://www.opensimulator.org) project." and a "POWERED BY OPENSIMULATOR" logo.

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3. Fill in the required details and click the 'Join Now' button.

** note: Choose your avatar name carefully as it cannot be changed once you create the account.*



The screenshot shows the OSgrid registration page in a browser. The URL is www.osgrid.org/index.php/auth/register. The page features the OSgrid logo and the tagline "The open source metaverse". A navigation menu includes links for Home, Login, Join Now, Downloads, Contact, Info, and Grid. In the top right corner, statistics are displayed: Users in world: 134, Total Regions: 8695, Active users (last 30 days): 3950, Total Users: 75043, and Grid is ONLINE. The main content area is titled "Join Now" and contains a registration form with the following fields: Avatar FirstName LastName (with "John Avatar" entered), Starting Appearance (with "Basic Avatar" selected), Password (with "*****" entered), Confirm Password (with "*****" entered), and Email (with "john.avatar@gmail.com" entered). A "Join Now" button is located at the bottom of the form. The footer contains a DMCA Notice, copyright information for OSgrid, Inc. (2010), and a logo for "POWERED BY OPENSIMULATOR".

Step 2: Install Phoenix Viewer

To access OSgrid one needs to connect via an OpenSimulator compatible 'viewer' (i.e. a virtual world software browser). For the Visions of Our Communal Dreams project, we will use the open source browser Phoenix Viewer.

1. Go to: www.phoenixviewer.com
2. Click on the **Downloads** button.

Phoenix Viewer - Home

www.phoenixviewer.com

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Ok, Jokes over.. now something serious..

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Phishing scams in Second Life

There has been an increase in Phishing attempts in the last couple weeks and a lot of people have fallen for them and lost their Second Life Accounts.

Phishing in SL is mainly the act of tricking a user into giving their login and password information through fake yet convincing Second Life login webpages.

Here is how it works.

- Someone posts a link and sometimes text to entice you to click it, sometimes this can be a friend or someone you know (because they've already had their accounts hacked).
- You click the link and it takes you to what looks like a Second Life Login screen.
- You log in using your SL Username and PW.
- You've just been Phished and given someone your SL Login information. They can now log into your SL account, take your money, destroy your SL Property, delete your inventory.. etc etc etc.

How to avoid being Phished

If you have clicked a link, and it takes you to a login page of some kind, no matter how much it looks real... DO NOT LOG INTO IT YET!

FIRST, look at the URL very carefully. The Linden Lab Login URL is <https://id.secondlife.com/>.

If it does NOT start with <https://id.secondlife.com/>, then it is not a real Second Life login web page. Do not log into it, and DO file an abuse report on the person who sent the link. From the Help menu, Report Abuse.

Quick Downloads

- [Firestorm for Windows](#)
- [Firestorm for Mac](#)
- [Firestorm for Linux](#)

About

The Phoenix Project develops two open source, feature rich third-party viewers for accessing Second Life and other virtual world grids. These are our Phoenix Viewer (based on the original Linden Lab 1.5 snowglobe viewer) and our Firestorm Viewer (based off the Linden Lab viewer 2 code base.)

Support

For support, please see our [Wiki](#), submit a ticket via our [Jira](#), or visit our [support page](#) for a list of people in in-world groups you can contact for support.

Follow us!

Step 2: Install Phoenix Viewer

3. Download and install the latest version that matches your computer's operating system ([Windows](#), [Mac](#) or [Linux](#)).

* *note: On some older Windows systems you will need to install a [fix](#) if the program does not launch correctly.*

Phoenix Viewer - Download X
www.phoenixviewer.com/downloads.php

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Firestorm Downloads - Versions 4.0.1.27000

Windows
Firestorm recommended for [Windows](#) (SHA1 Checksum: 31291df4f5562d4036c4792738cb389b8cc55a05)

Mac
Firestorm recommended for [Mac](#) - Does not support PowerPC Macs. (SHA1 Checksum: 13bd03ca3abda9a7c1451aa3360e7d19f9ea2c32)

Linux
Firestorm recommended for [Linux](#) (SHA1 Checksum: 68af1f492988152201a71f9316eb4e7d2a1ce106)

Phoenix Downloads - Version 1.6.1.1691

Windows
Phoenix for [Windows](#) (SHA1 Checksum: 48ad81e08b5a2b7fea2089030487a4d259ae291f)

If Phoenix isn't launching on windows, try installing the [fix](#)

Mac
Phoenix for [Mac](#) - Does not support PowerPC Macs. (SHA1 Checksum: e70df32e59da81b69ebc64f09cb3ff4c3dfc6844)

Linux
Phoenix for [Linux](#) (SHA1 Checksum:)

Other Downloads
A variety of other Phoenix related downloads are available [here](#) on the wiki.

Step 3: Setup Phoenix Viewer

1. The first time you start Phoenix Viewer, you will need to set up its preferences. On the top left menu bar, select 'Edit' then 'Preferences'.

* *note: Phoenix Viewer will run on any computer or laptop with decent 3D graphics, however on old and under-powered systems it will run in a 'jerky' or 'laggy' fashion.*



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2. The 'Preferences' box will appear.



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3. Go to the 'Graphics' tab.
4. Make sure the 'Run Phoenix in a window' box is ticked.
5. Make sure the 'Quality and Performance' slider is on 'Mid' or better.
6. Click the 'Apply' button.

* note: 'Mid' 'Quality and Performance' is required for a decent visual experience, but of course 'High' or 'Ultra' is preferable if your system can handle it. As there are too many factors that determine this, you will need to experiment with what setting your system can safely handle.



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7. Go to the 'Audio & Video' tab.

8. Make sure only the 'Enable Streaming Music When Available', 'Enable Streaming Media When Available' and 'Automatically play media' boxes are ticked.

9. Click the 'Apply' button.



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12. Enter "<http://login.osgrid.org/>" into the 'Login URI: <required>' space and click the button 'Get Grid Info'.

13. Click the 'Apply' button.



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14. Change the 'Platform' dialogue box to 'OpenSim'.

15. On the 'Select a grid' dialogue box make sure 'osgrid' is selected and click the 'Default' button.

16. Click the 'Apply' button.



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17. Go to the 'Phoenix' tab and select the 'Misc' sub-tab.

18. Un-tick the 'Enable LSL-Client Bridge' box.

19. Click the 'Apply' button.

20. Click the 'X' to close the 'Preferences' box.

Phoenix Viewer is now ready to use.



Step 4: Connect to OSgrid for the 1st Time

1. Enter your 'First Name', 'Last Name' and 'Password' of your OSgrid account.

** note: the above details are case-sensitive.*

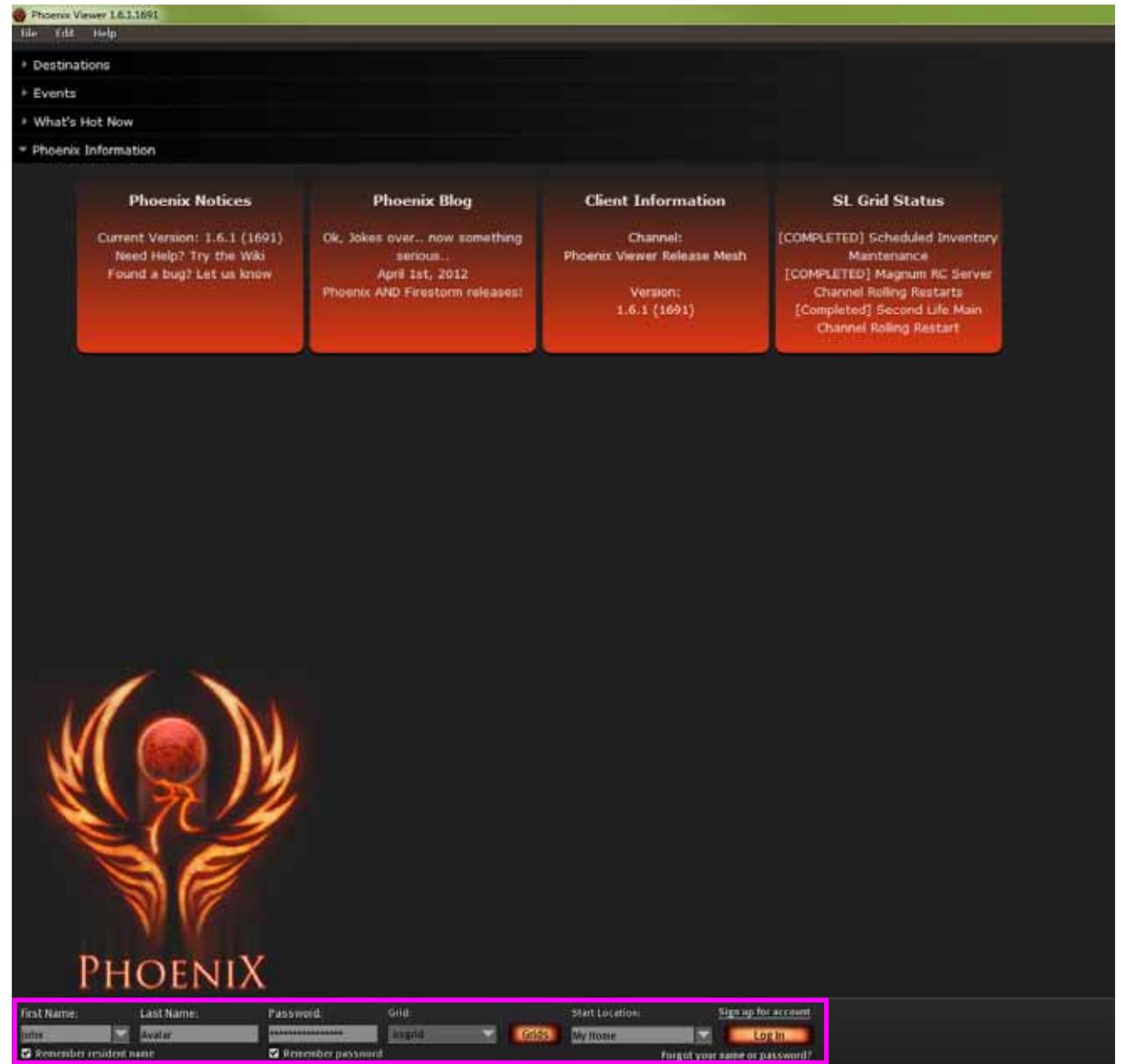
2. Make sure the selected 'Grid:' dialogue box is 'osgrid'.

3. Make sure the selected 'Start Location:' dialogue box is 'My Home'.

4. Make sure the 'Remember resident name' box is ticked.

** note: if using a shared computer, make sure the 'Remember password' box is not ticked.*

5. Click the 'Log In' button.



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6. You will now arrive in the default OSgrid location known as **Lbsa Plaza**.



Step 5: Teleport into the Visions of Our Communal Dreams Region

1. Click the 'Map' button on the bottom toolbar to bring up the 'World Map' box.
2. Enter "Transitional Space NW" in the 'Search' box and click the 'Search' button.
3. Click the 'Teleport' button to travel to the new location.



Step 6: Set the Visions of Our Communal Dreams Region as Your Home

1. Click the 'World' tab on the top menu and then click 'Set Home to Here'.

Now when you log into OSgrid, you will go straight to the Visions of Our Communal Dreams region.



Step 7: Basic Avatar Navigation

The basic controls to navigate with your avatar are:

Turn Left/Right	'Left' and 'Right' arrow keys
Move Forward/Back	'Up' and 'Down' arrow keys
Fly Up	'Page Up' key
Fly Down	'Page Down' key
Teleport Home	'Ctrl + Shift + H' keys together
Toggle 3rd/1st person	'M' key

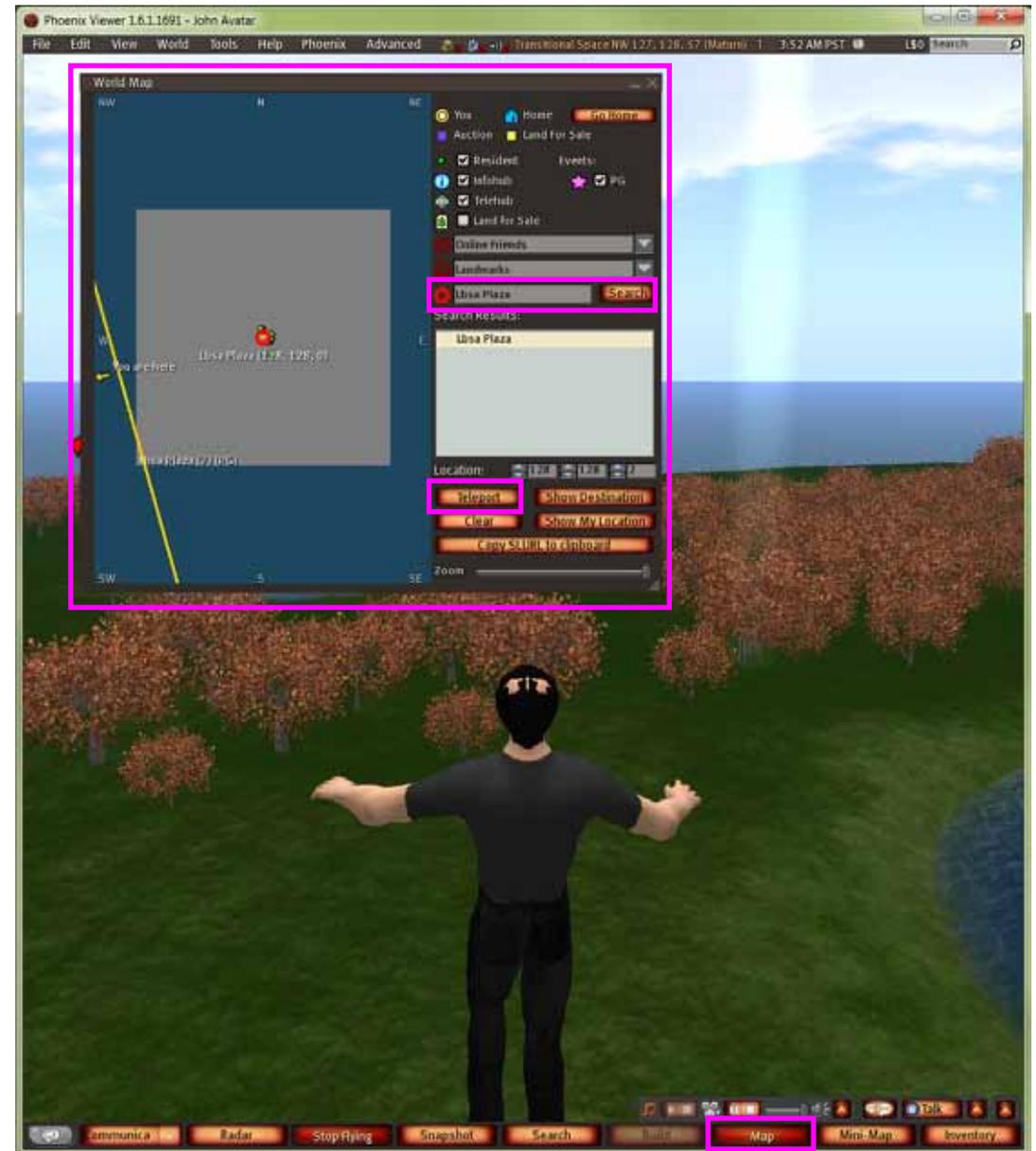


Step 8: Changing Your Avatar's Appearance

In Lbsa Plaza there is information, tutorials and resources about avatar customisation for newcomers to OSgrid.

To return to Lbsa Plaza:

1. Click the 'Map' button on the bottom toolbar to bring up the 'World Map' box.
2. Enter "Lbsa Plaza" in the 'Search' box and click the 'Search' button.
3. Click the 'Teleport' button to travel to the new location.



Step 8: Changing Your Avatar's Appearance

In Lbsa Plaza there is a dedicated area with these avatar resources. Explore the area and look through the free avatar bodies, items, etc.



Step 8: Changing Your Avatar's Appearance

To edit your avatar's appearance right-click the mouse button over your avatar to bring up the radial selection box and select the 'Appearance' tab.



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This will open the 'Appearance' box where you can change the various parts of your avatar's body and outfit.

