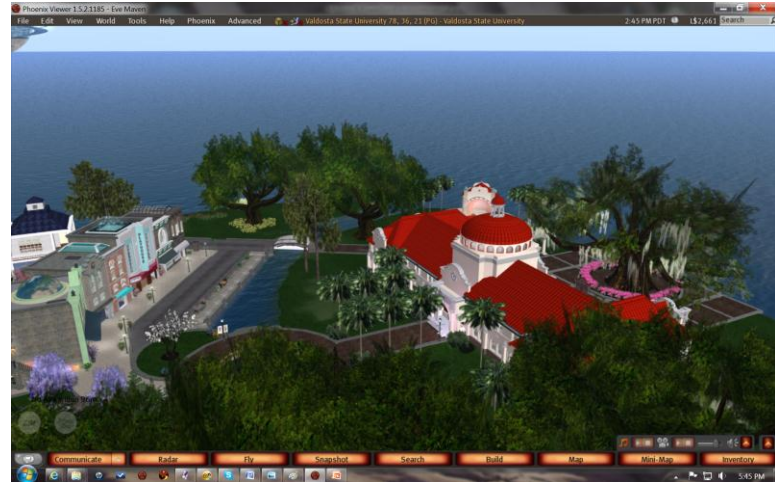


# Orienting & Preparing students to use second life

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# Finding The right tools to deliver course content



# Getting Started: p-r-e-p-a-r-e!

## Your Goals for Students:

- To feel comfortable & competent enough to:
  - Carry out required tasks
  - Submit required assignments

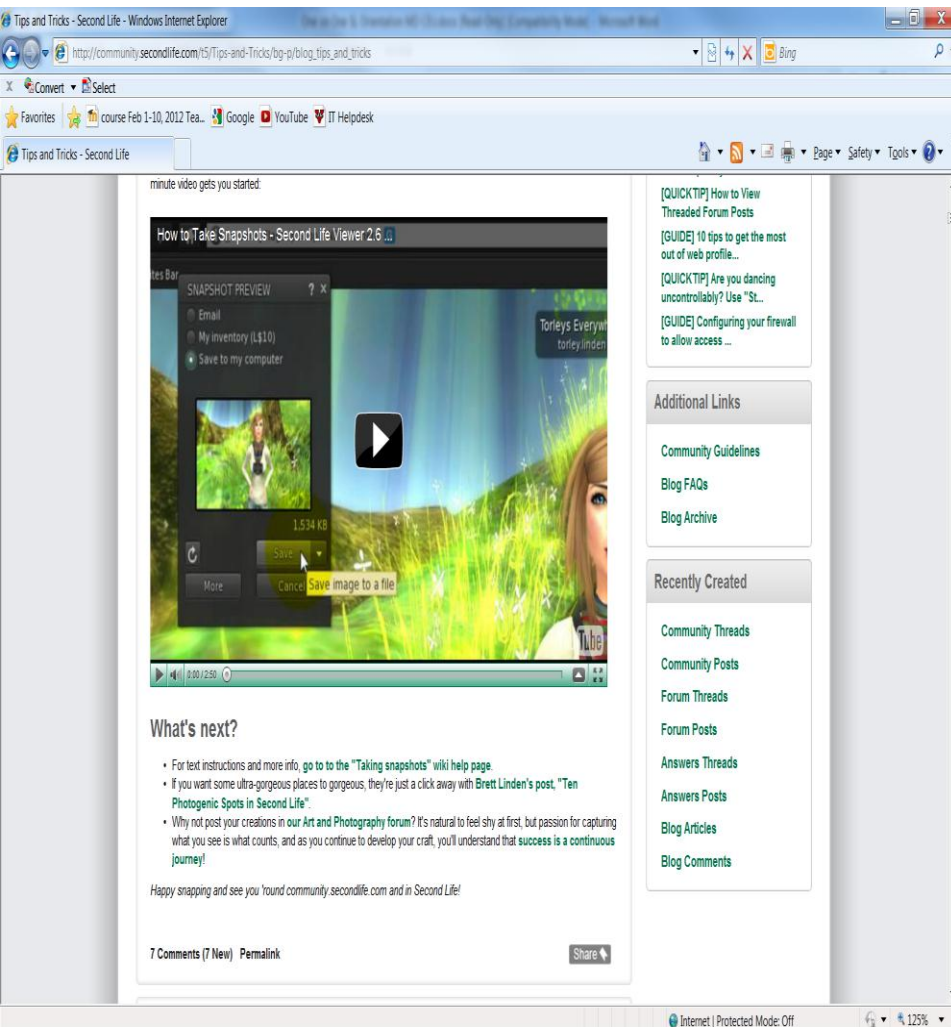
## Survival Skills

- Moving Around
- Communicating
- Changing Appearance
- Searching
  - Places: Landmarks
  - Objects in Inventory
  - People: “Friends” (Contacts)

# Blend these features for your course content & desired competencies

- *Self:* Customizing the avatar
- *Exploration:* Moving around
- *Communication:* Sharing info with others
- *Navigation:* Looking at 3D content
- *Interaction:* Using 3D objects
- *Creation:* Designing a class project
- *Delivery:* Giving the projects to the instructor
- *Assessment:* Evaluating Second Life projects
- *Feedback:* Progress/performance reports

# First: Learn all you can!



## Explore & Immerse Yourself

- Learn & discover SL
- Ask questions inworld
- View YouTube tutorials
  - Moving around
  - Communicating
  - Changing appearance
  - Inventory management
  - Etc!
  - (Search for Torley Linden videos)

# Learning about tools: Sloan-C workshop “Pedagogy in Second Life”



# Have Fun in Second Life!

**My first week in SL 2008  
(no lessons needed)**



**Sailing in 2010  
(Several lessons needed!)**



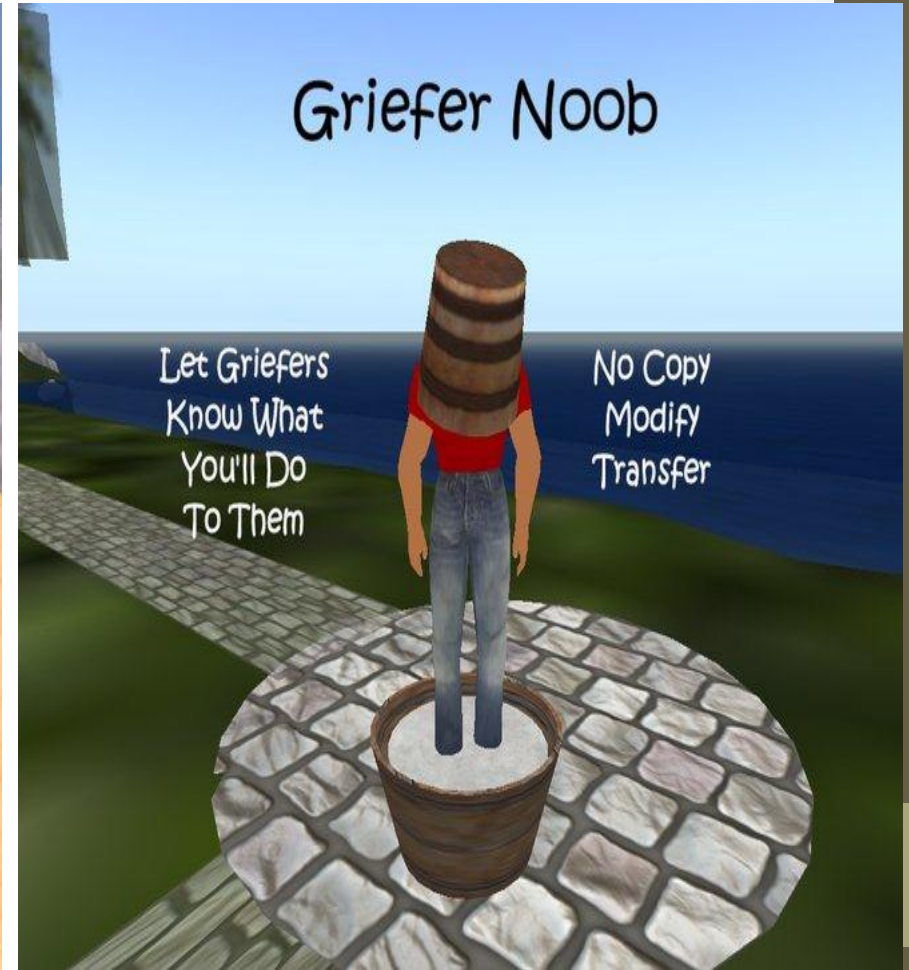
# How a Newbie sees SL: a strange, new world

- Second Life is NOT intuitive!
- Sell it...Inflame their imaginations!
- Show students:
  - The benefits of SL
  - Cool technology
  - Entertainment
  - Exciting visuals





# “griefers” are annoying but...



# Yes, there are “strange” people in second life

Decline invitations to chat,  
“friend,” or “bite”

With my friend Milan



# Genome Island

Phoenix Firestorm-Release v3.3.0.24880 - Eve Maven

Avatar Comm World Build Content Help Advanced Genome (89, 169, 62) - General - Genome Island L\$ 33,386 BUY L\$ 1:21 PM PST

VSU Sandbox VSU Stores Linhouse Clinic

DNA: The Double Helix

The Clue from Chargaff's Rule  
Click to Advance the Slides

How was the structure of DNA solved?  
The DNA Detectives

Watson-Crick Model of DNA

The Clue from Franklin's DNA Pictures

Dr. Franklin's Tale

Dr. Watson's Tale

TELEPORT  
The Pup  
Chromosome Cafe

DNA Replication: Something Old, Something New

First Replication  
Second Replication

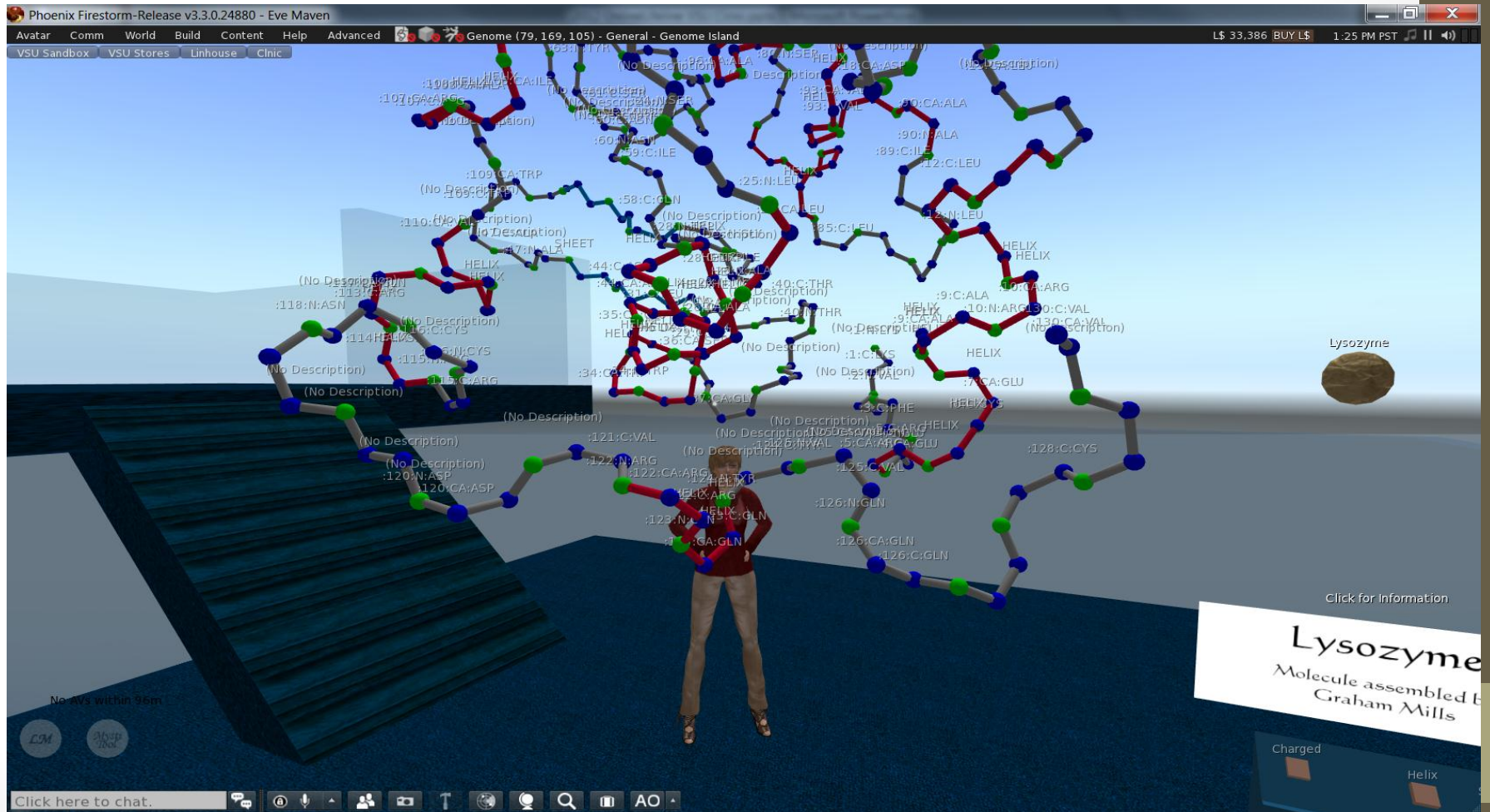
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Click to see Slideshow

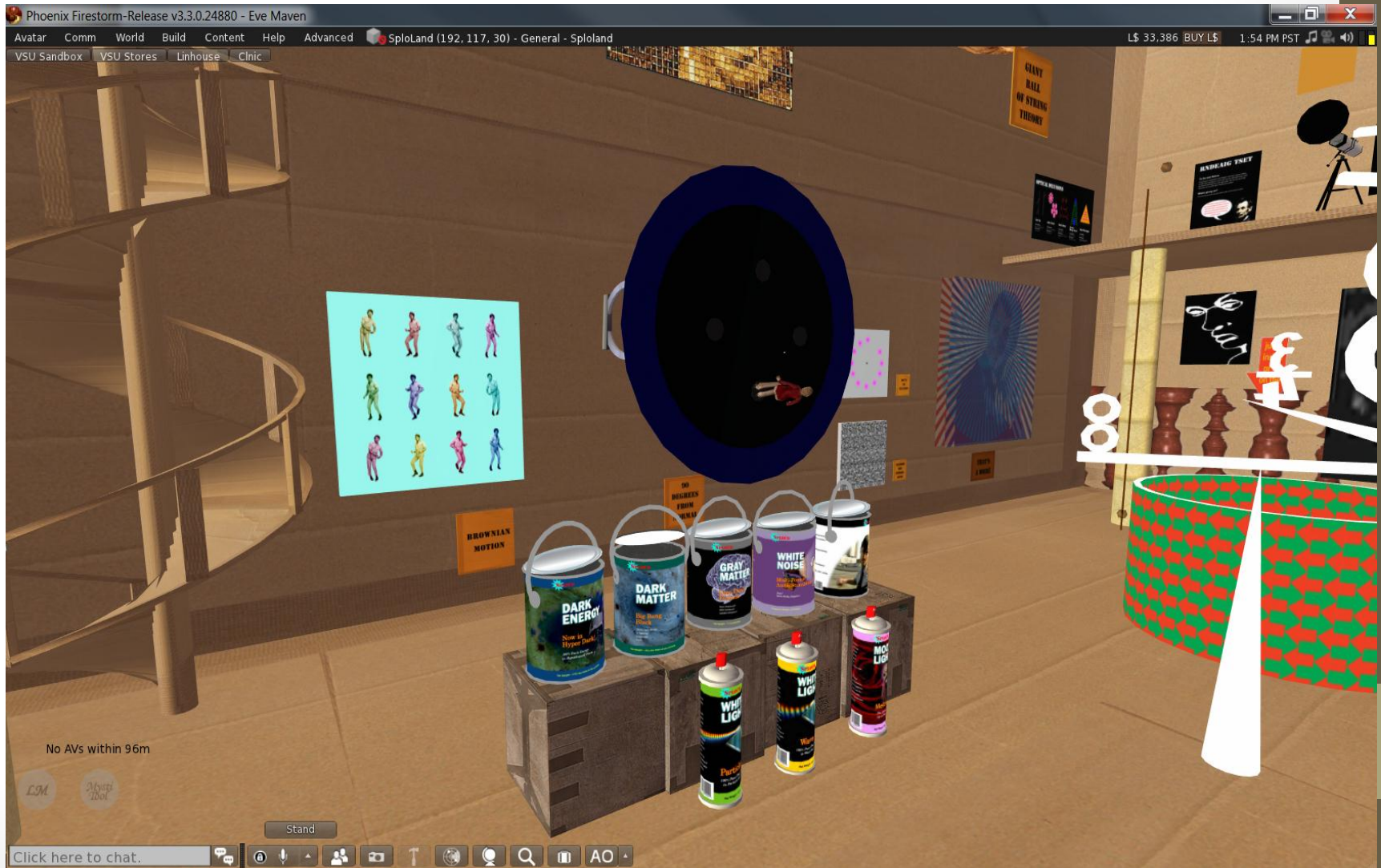
DATA SWITCH  
INFO OPERATION

Click here to chat.

# Genome Island: Lysozyme Molecule



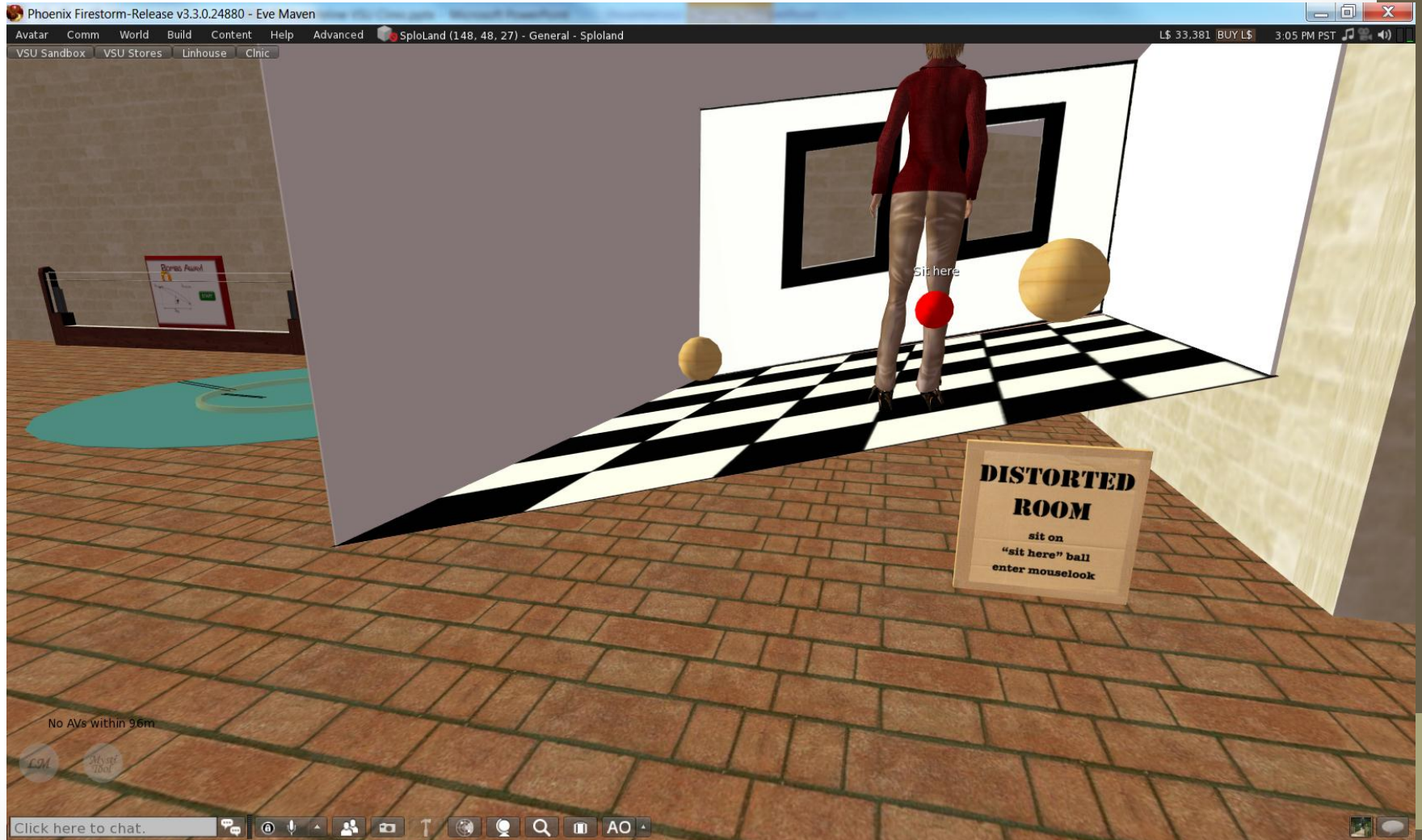
# Sploland, Interactive Museums of Science & Perception



# Sploland



# Distorted Room



# Select-a-Mood Dressing Table





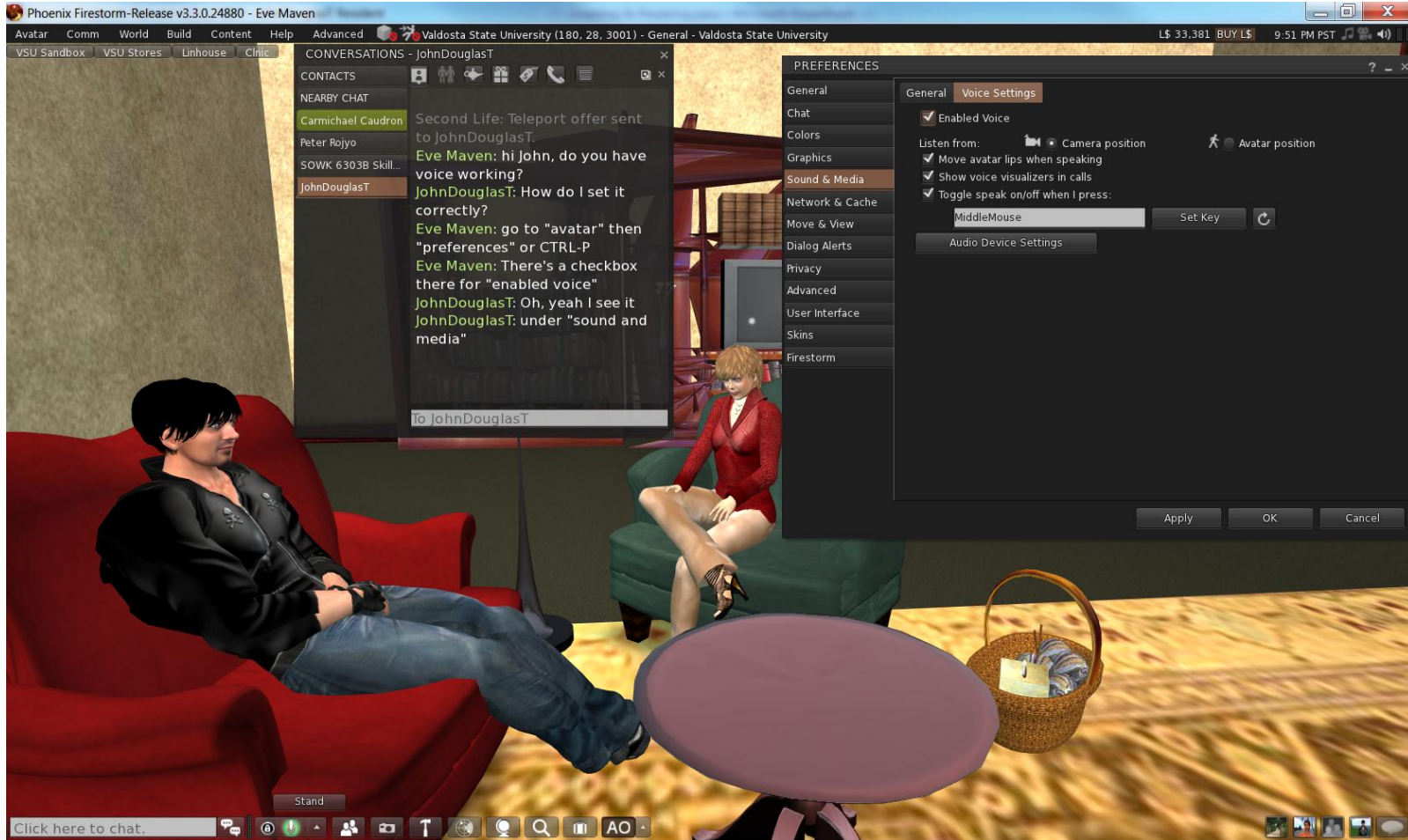
# The Orientation

- Start on campus f2f, if possible
- Bring students inworld
- Instruct how to set up communication for the orientation:
  - SL voice
  - Local chat and private IM
- Teach an alternative way to communicate
  - Skype

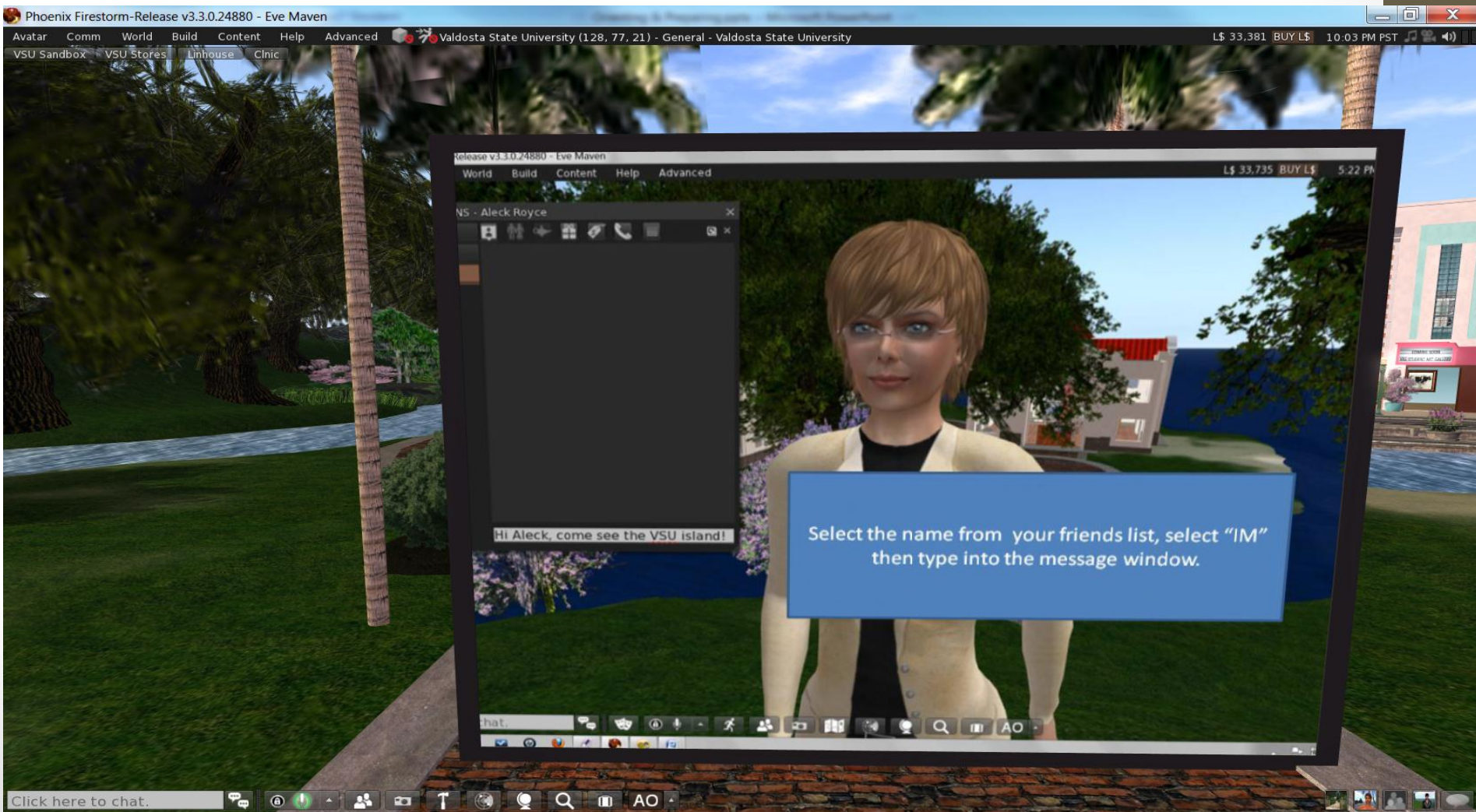
# Teach them to:

- Walk & fly
- Communicate
  - Voice
  - Private Instant Message (IM)
  - Local Chat
- Change appearance
- Use “Search”
- Find stuff in inventory
- Add “friends”
- Set “home” (VSU students need to first join the VSU group)
- Buy and open a box
- Change environment settings to and from “day”

# Teaching about communication: f2f teaching



# Teaching with PowerPoint Slides f2f or inworld



Release v3.3.0.24880 - Eve Maven

World Build Content Help Advanced

L\$ 33,735 BUY L\$ 5:29 PM

NS - NEARBY CHAT

late 70s and early 80s

Tendou Shiu: Heyup Soap

Eve Maven: hi ruth and cinn!

Ruth Zarco: how are you?

Eve Maven: good thanks!

mimizu: you could have not watched tv for the last 30 years and still have seen it

SilverbackMale Looming: <http://youtu.be/1kLSYTHQbm4>

Ruth Zarco: semester start yet?

Eve Maven: getting stuff together for students

Zarra Aftermath: Be Right Back

Ruth Zarco: ahhh.... of course! :-D

SilverbackMale Looming: okies riz

Benis Raubhadon is offline

Click to open the chat window at the bottom left of your screen, then type your message into the chat window. All within 20 meters can see the message.

demo area

Cinnaron Criss (Phoenix)

Ruth Zarco (Phoenix)

Sippie Andel (Firestorm)

Appearance

**Editing Shape**

Shape: Eve flatter chest & ass 2011 Dec 28

Height: 2.19 Meters / Feet

- Body
- Head
- Eyes
- Ears



Small



Large

Ear Size

- Nose
- Mouth
- Chin
- Torso
- Legs

Save As Undo Changes

Right click your avatar and select "Appearance." Choose "Edit shape" and choose one of the areas of your avatar's body (shape).