

Second Life Researcher's Meeting

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Greetings!

Here is a list of the tools that were available for viewing and experimenting at last week's (2nd) Second Life Researcher's Meeting. The descriptions come from either the shops where they are available or from product notecard descriptions so please don't shoot the messenger (me) if any of the descriptions aren't correct. I have listed the tools under the places where you can pick them up but most are available from other places (mostly inworld) and many of the tools are available from other developers – these are simply one's I have found and are not recommended or endorsed above any other brand. If you have further questions about any of the products please contact the developers.

Finally, these are only a few of the tools that are available to help us to conduct experiments and gather data in Second Life, I look forward to hearing about others over time.

Cheers

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www.shop.onrez.com

hippoTELL Web-Enabled Noticeboard v2 (L\$600)



Item Description

The hippoTELL Web-Enabled Noticeboard is an easy to use yet powerful communications device, allowing you to effortlessly display messages to friends, customers or visitors --- and to change that message on one or dozens of boards in a few mouse clicks!

The really clever part is the message can be set not only in Second Life, through simple chat commands, but through **any web browser**. So can't get into SL because you're at work and just need to say something to your loyal customers? No problem, a quick trip to the website, type your message and job done.

Jeopardy Panel

Item Description

You know Jeopardy - give the answer, they ask a question. Well here is Jeopardy for SL.

Jeopardy is not a good stand-alone game. There are so many ways you can ask a valid question to get the answer given that it requires the owner to mark the answer as right or wrong, and to reset the panels. Of course judging can be done by others, such as your students.

Slickrshow viewer (L\$1)

Item Description

PHP and lsl combination to allow you to set up a screen in SL that you can use to search the last 100 slides with a given tag (e.g. secondlife) on Flickr and stream them in world.

There is a default stream that the owner can control, and time to display each image. Individuals can set their own stream by a simple command.

Script is full perms, boxes and viewer board may vary depending on how the permissions system is feeling.

Memory (Free)

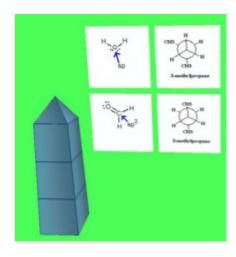


Item Description

Enjoy a classic game of Memory! Match 15 pairs as quickly as possible to get your score on the top 5 list!

Created by DNA Prototype, Satchmo Prototype, and Digi Vox.

Big Quiz Rezzer (L\$350)



Item Description

Use flash-card type quizes? This is set up to let you use them in SL with an easy to configure system. You provide the textures, naming them true01, true 02, ... false01, false02 etc. You give three wrong answers for each right one, and one or more textures as a prize at the end.

If the student gets a question wrong, they have to go back and try again.

This version provides the questions with structure... the first right answer with the first three wrong, the next right with the next 3 wrong etc., but randomises the positions of the answers on the panels. If you can cope with total randomness that is available in the sister product - big quiz rezzer-random.

Wordgrid 1.0 (Free)



Item Description

WordGrid Instructions

WordGrid is designed for vocabulary revision, or teaching. Fill WordGrid with up to sixteen pictures and a notecard with up to sixteen vocabulary items. Then simply click WordGrid and it will randomise the pictures and rez the words ready for your learners to work with them. Click WordGrid again to reset it, delete the rezzed words start again.

Speakeasy Hud (Free)

Item Description

Welcome to SpeakEasy!

SpeakEasy will save you time during events, training seminars or on other occasions where you need to speak a lot of text to a group of people and don't really have the time to type it all out (or your typing is rotten, like mine). SpeakEasy reads text from a notecard and speaks it in public chat, as if it were coming from you.

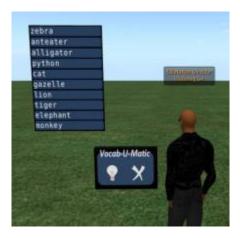
Assessment Tool (L\$250)



Item Description

Question your students (or others) and have their answers emailed to you. You can ask multiple choice questions (up to 5 answers) and short answer open questions.

Vocabumatic (Free)



Item Description

Vocab-U-Matic Instructions

The Vocab-U-Matic is designed for busy teachers who want quick access to word list or vocabulary families. It reads words from a chosen notecard in its inventory and rezzes them. Each notecard covers a vocabulary area with one vocabulary entry per line. Thus, the sample Animals notecard (included) looks like this:

monkey elephant tiger lion [etc.]

ADDING YOUR OWN LISTS

You can make as many notecards as you like (Vocab-U-Matic should be able to handle at least 50 notecards before feeling a bit tired...).

Hippo Image (L\$475)

Item Description



hippoIMAGE is a powerful texture browsing tool, designed to make it much easier to browse, search and examine your texture collections. Features include:

- Fast browsing of your image collection in thumbnail mode.
- Zoom in on any image to see it in more detail.
- Replicate an image across the whole browser display to see how it looks tiled.
- Quickly jump to an image by name or number.
- Search and filter images -- so if you want to see only the images with "water" in their name, that's easy.
- Share images with chosen friends and, if you wish, with a group.
- Comes with five browser sizes

Mindmaster 3000 V3.0 (L\$50)



Item Description

Similar to Mastermind, this game is a test of skill and logic. To keep the prim count down, I've programmed it to send your results via instant message, instead of incorporating 10x the pegs. This is helpful for recalling previous turns, as well as previous rounds. MindMaster 3000 also has a score keeping feature, to remember the players who achieved the last 5 high scores.

For more fun, visit the vendor of Kiki Vansant at the Think Factory in Hyboria (32, 135, 22)

True/False Quizzer (L\$100)

True/False guizzer

Item Description

Random questions Easy to use Modular additional scripts Easy to Use? True ✓ Easy to expand? True ✓ Expensive? False ✓ Easy to expand? True V Pasteur Educational Designs

Need a way to set up a quiz quickly and easily, and use it your way?

This item contains a "Mistress script" which will let you ask a random selection of true/false questions from a notecard (or all of them if you have the same number) and provides link messages out to let you react as necessary. Also included are several open source scripts, for opening doors, congratulating winners, giving instant feedback and sending emails of results you can use these, or use them to make your own scripts.

Spidergram Planner (L\$100)



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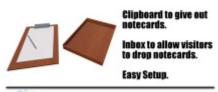
I was working with a student I only meet in SL, and had the need to help plan a report. I love spidergrams for this, but they're tricky to draw in SL - well no longer. The first version of the tool worked, but was a bit ugly. With some playing I made it much nicer to use, and here it is for your use too. The "balls" can be labelled (in hovertext), colour coded, and linked together using particle chains. If you want to "save" your plan and take it away, linking the balls and taking it, then rerezzing generally reproduces the particles too (in some very laggy sims I was getting a 10% failure rate on this, but that is the sim not the script). The student's report looks good too!

www.xstreetsl.com

ML Form Exchanger (L\$75.00)

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Item Description



From applications for jobs to suggestions and surveys, this set of items allows people to leave information for you without using IM or email. The MechLife Form Giver gives an avatar a notecard with your form to be filled out (it looks like a clipboard). The MechLife Inbox object (looks like an inbox) receives the filled out form and provides you with options for handling it.

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If you have prepared a notecard with your form on it, all you need to do is right click on it and Edit the Form Giver. (Note that your form must be modifiable, copiable, and transferable or this is an exercise in futility!) Place the notecard into the Content tab of the object. You may also wish to edit the Description of the object with whatever you want the text that floats above it to say. For instance, its default text says, "Click here for a form to fill out." You may have other instructions and so replace our text with yours.

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Quizmaster (Free)

The Quiz Master allows you to host quiz shows in which your contestants press a button to be chosen to answer.

Pressing the base (you must be the owner) enables or disables the buttons.

Once enabled, the first user to press a button will have their name announced and displayed as text. The other buttons will be disabled.

Feedback Survey (Free)

Event timer (AngryBeth) (L\$5)

BumpLog (Free)

BumpLog HUD - Features

- * Object is worn as a HUD
- * Send option sends all bumped avatar names to wearer via email
- * Reset option clears names and starts the "BumpLog" anew
- * Show List option displays running list of bumped avatars as HUD floating text
- * Chat Bump option writes each bump to Chat console
- * Chat List option writes current list to Chat console
- * Color selection of floating text (allows suitable contrast with various backgrounds, lighting)
- * Reward option on bump, offers the bumper an item (object, notecard, landmark, clothing)

Circe 156/210/503

KK Greeter/Online status (Free)

KK Magic Mirror (L\$99)

This 'mirror' will display peoples profile pictures (if they have one, and if they're not hidden from search)

It has 3 modes accessed from a menu, by the owner

TouchMode - Anyone who touches it will have their picture displayed

ListenMode - speak a name on channel 2 to display their profile picture, e.g. /2Kumi Itoku

ScanMode - it will scan everyone in radar range, and randomly display a picture of one of them

Kumikorp Radar (Free)

Noribeom 181/190/23

BlogHud (Free)

Item Description

The 'blogHUD' is a 'heads-up' device for Second Life which allows the owner to easily post an entry to bloghud.com in the form of a blog.

Think of it like a shoutout for your thoughts and opinions when you visit an inspiring place (or AOVB - an 'Area of Outstanding Virtual Beauty') or find something cool to play with and do, or buy.

When you use the blogHUD, your post will appear at http://bloghud.com, with a map of the location where you posted from in Second Life.

The main website show the posts from all the other blogHUD users too. To just see your posts, you can go to http://my.bloghud.com/YourName (no spaces)

You'll see lots of ways you can filter posts from a blogHUD on the website. You can see posts from people, places and 'people in places'. That's alot of p's!

If you use a Web Feed Aggregrator which supports RSS [Really SImple Syndication], you can use the RSS links on the website to stay up to date with all your favourite blogHUDers and Second Life locations automagically!

PixelTrix 110/20/28

PixelTrix Wallmailbox with PDS 3.0 (L\$350)

- Features:
- Compatible with the PDS Laptop
- Check yourmail from anywhere in SL (via PDS Laptop, sold seperately)
- Appearance changes when you have mail and changes back when empty
- Includes all features other PDS objects have such as text color, text on/off, reset, give-all
- o and more.

Currently available in the following styles:

- Wall Mailbox
- Personal Mailbox
- Desktop Mailtray
- Public Mailbox