Instructions for Virtual Welcome Reception



Sunday 22nd, 19:00 - 21:00

After the 5pm **Showtime!** you will be invited to socialize with us in *GATHERTOWN.*

Follow the links in the online programme to be transported to the ECVP space in Gather. Note that there are two links, please follow according to the first letter of your surname. The password is the same as for the Keynote and Showtime! Zoom events earlier in the day, and will have been emailed to you on Sunday morning.

It is fairly easy to navigate there but here are few tips that can help you move around and also find the people you know to hang out with.

AVATAR. You can make your avatar in advance, use avatar from your previous meetings or create it once you are transported to Gather via our link.
However, please use your real full name as your avatar name so people can find you. You should treat it as your conference badge. Still, do not add your affiliation and other details as this will crowd the space when you start interacting with other attendees.

AVATAR's NAME. You can set your name in the preview screen when you first enter a Gather Space. The name you enter is tied to the Space. This means you can have a different default name for every Space that you enter. You can always change your name on a Space by Space basis. If you have created an account, you can set a default name that will automatically be used when you enter a new space.
Whenever you return to Gather or visit other Gather Spaces, you can always change your name by clicking "Edit Character" which will take you to the dialogue box shown above. If you're already in a Gather Space, go to the control panel at the centre bottom of your screen and click on your name to open your User Options.
Please use your real full name as your avatar name.

ARRIVAL. Once you click the link your browser will open on Gather page (loading) and you will be asked to allow usage of your microphone/camera. Please allow this so that you can interact with other attendees.
Some browsers are better equipped to support Gather. Right now, Gather is supported on **Chrome, Firefox, and Desktop Safari** (in Beta). You can also check browser settings here: https://support.gather.town/help/browser-settings-and-permissions

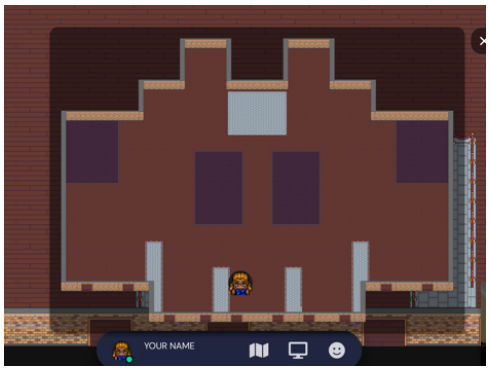
You will see yourself at the bottom of the screen. You can place your mouse on your video to mute or stop the video.
Next to it is the small bar (see picture below):



Going from left to right, first icon is a Minimap, if you click on it you will see layout of the space and your position. Press ESCAPE to turn off Minimap (see below):

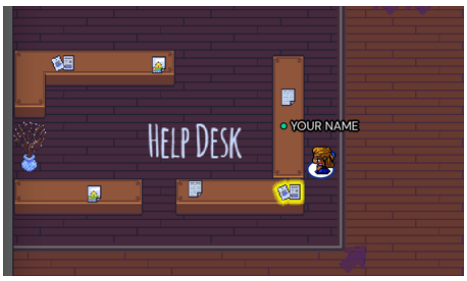
Next Icon is Screenshare, allows you to share your screen with other attendees if you want to show them something.

The last, Face icon, will allow you to perform gestures (wave, raise hand etc).



You will be initially transported into a large space. Lots of people will be arriving at the same time. Please do not stay in this space, but allow others to arrive as well. Strat following arrows on the floor.

HELP DESK. Once you start moving you will be able to see one of the two Help desks. One of the organisers will be there to greet you and answer your questions. However, if you already know your way around you do not need to stay here.





MAIN LOBBY.
Here you will see the tables with chairs. If you approach the table and step on the

carpet you are entering the “private area”. Only the attendees standing in that area can communicate with you. Each such area can host only a limited number of attendees.



There are also objects you can interact with, such as information post on the picture above.

Please follow the arrows upward to visit booths with demos of illusions, lab presentations and exhibitors.

BOOTHS. Once in this space you will see a lot of different booths. You can enter any of them (provided they are not already at the full capacity). Inside you can see the demo by interacting with the screen or directly talk to the presenter and other attendees.



BAR. Once you have seen the demos you can go to the bar to socialize with the rest of the ECVP crowd. You can even walk around nice little park.
Again, you can wonder around or join people at the desks.





You can also **find people you know**. By clicking "participants" on the bottom left you can see a list of people present. If you click on someone's name you can locate

them on the map, or follow them (useful if you're both trying to walk from one room to another).

GENERAL TIPS. We are hoping you will find this socializing experience pleasant and it will be easy for you to navigate in this space.

- Gather.town works best if you stand still while you're trying to talk in a group - video and audio will fade if you move away from the person you're talking or listening to
- Tables and booths are "private spaces" - this means while you're inside them you can only hear and be heard by others in the same place. This lets you chat without interference from nearby sounds. As you enter or leave you can see that the ground is shaded to indicate where the private space ends.
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