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Your Key to a Better Virtual World Experience

Welcome to Littlefield Grid! We welcome adults who enjoy fun, friendship and community in our friendly environment. The information on this page will help you get started. If you don't find your answers here, please feel free to contact us. We are here to help!

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Thank you, and enjoy your virtual life!

Littlefield Systems

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How do I log in to Littlefield Grid?

STEP 1: CREATE YOUR AVATAR

- Using your web browser visit our website: http://lfgrid.com
- Select *"Create Account"*
- Fill out the form and select a default avatar.
- To protect you and all our members, all new accounts must be approved. This generally takes less than 24 hours, sometimes only a few minutes.
- After you receive approval, you can log in.

STEP 2: SET UP VIEWER

- You will need a free viewer installed on your computer. We strongly recommend the Firestorm viewer. If you don't already have it, download the free Opensim version here: http://www.firestormviewer.org/downloads/
- Start Firestorm. Before logging in, you just need to set a few things.
- Select Viewer > Preferences > Advanced, and check the box *"Allow login to other grids"*.
- Select Viewer > Preferences > Opensim, and in the box labeled *"Add new grid"* type: http://lfgrid.com:8002
- Click Apply. You should see Littlefield Grid appear in the list of grids.
- Select OK, to close Preferences.
- At the bottom of your login screen you should now see a drop-down *"Log onto Grid:"* If you do not see it, press Shift-Ctrl-G to activate it.
- Select *"Littlefield Grid"* from the drop-down.
- Optional: If you are accustomed to the v1 user interface, under Default Settings you can select "Phoenix" so that the buttons will be where you expect to find them.

STEP 3: LOG IN

- Type your newly-approved name and password, and select *"Log In"*.

Do I need a special viewer for Littlefield Grid?

- We strongly recommend the Firestorm viewer (Opensim version) which can be downloaded from http://www.firestormviewer.org/downloads/ Firestorm is mesh-compatible and specially optimized for use in Opensim grids like Littlefield.
- Most "third party" viewers work fine in Littlefield Grid, such as Imprudence, Meerkat, Singularity, and CV; they may not be mesh-compatible and may have some bugs.
- The Second Life® official viewer 2.0 and 3.0 will *not* work for Littlefield Grid.

What is Littlefield Grid?

- Littlefield Grid is a 3-D virtual world where you can explore, meet people, interact, shop, listen to music, dance, role-play, live out fantasies, create, share, and in general, have fun. It is a simulation that is accessible through the internet. You appear as an avatar—

a virtual person you can design to look any way you like. You'll encounter other avatars, in-world representatives of real people like yourself, enjoying the virtual world.

- Our hope is that Littlefield will be a safe, fun, and rewarding environment. We hope this community will bring together like minded individuals who will be able to create, interact, and have fun with very limited or no cost. Littlefield is run by residents, not by a corporation, and it is intended to promote community more than commerce. We have done our best to keep the overhead at a minimum, just covering the expenses to maintain the servers, so people can spend more time enjoying their home rather than being concerned about how they are going to pay for it.

How much does it cost to join Littlefield Grid?

- Littlefield Grid does not charge for membership or access, and viewers are free.

What are the minimum system requirements to access Littlefield Grid?

- The minimum system requirements are specific to the viewer you choose. Please consult your viewer's documentation for system requirements.
- In general, your experience will be influenced by the quality of your graphics card and internet connection.

Who can join Littlefield Grid?

- Membership in Littlefield Grid is open to adults age 18 and up.

Is Littlefield Grid the same as Second Life®?

- Littlefield Grid runs on a system originally developed by Second Life®, so it looks the same and has the same controls and features. If you are familiar with Second Life® you will be right at home. However Littlefield Grid is a different virtual world with no connection to Second Life®.

Can my Second Life® avatar log in to Littlefield Grid?

- At this time it is not possible to travel between Second Life® and other grids. You cannot access Littlefield Grid from Second Life®. The Littlefield avatar you create will be a different avatar and not connected to your Second Life® avatar.

Do I have to use the same avatar name for Littlefield Grid?

- You can use the same name or a different name. It's up to you.

Can I access my Second Life® inventory in Littlefield Grid?

- Your Second Life® inventory cannot be accessed in Littlefield Grid. Your Littlefield avatar will have a new, separate inventory.
- Some things in your Second Life® inventory can be exported (downloaded to your local computer) then uploaded to Littlefield Grid. Full-perm objects can be exported *if you created them.* Full perm textures can be exported *if you have a license from the creator.* Full perm scripts and notecards can be copied and pasted. You cannot export animations, sounds, items that are not full-perm, or items that you did not create.

How do I bring things from Second Life® to Littlefield Grid?

- The "Export" function of Firestorm and other viewers can be used to transfer full-perm prim objects that you created, saving them to your hard drive for import into Littlefield Grid. The Export function will not save the textures or sculpt maps associated with the prims. To transfer full perm prim objects that you created, with textures and sculpt maps intact, you can use the similar "Backup" function in the Meerkat viewer (http://code.google.com/p/meerkat-viewer/downloads/list).
- To export any item, it must be full-perm, and you must be the creator of the prims and all the textures and sculpt maps that are associated with them.

Where do I get a skin, shape, hair, clothes, AO, etc.?

- We have provided a Freebie Mall with a selection of free items for your avatar as well as several stores in the Littlefield Mall that contain everything you need to equip an avatar. Please help yourself to anything you find there.

Where is the money and how do I buy things?

- There is no money in Littlefield Grid. You don't need it. Everything you see here is free—except land, which is incredibly inexpensive compared to similar offerings in Second Life®. For more information on land rental go to http://shop.lfgrid.com

What is there to do in Littlefield Grid?

- There is a weekly dance at the Speakeasy region every Saturday Night at 8:00pm PST/PDT. We have a Drive-In theater on the Smithville region that features a different movie every week (see the marquee for the movie title). There is a builder's region and sandboxes provided to the public at the OBA region for anyone who would like to learn to build or create here in Littlefield. For the adult/alternative lifestyle groups, we have several regions including Bondage Ranch, Stonehaven, Snark, BDSM Academy, Battersea, and Balazic Park available with plenty of RP opportunity for anyone interested. Littlefield also has an Arts group that sponsors Art Galleries, Live Music events at the Smithville region at the Amphitheater, Architectural builds such as the one located at the Mill Run region, as well as several other Artistic offerings. Littlefield Center, the big shiny round building, is the "town hall" where you will find notice boards announcing events, and other news and information.

Can I own land in Littlefield Grid?

- Yes you can! Land costs are extremely reasonable, paid monthly as "rent."
  - Full Sim (30,000 prims - 65K Area) $20.00 per month
- You may also connect privately hosted regions to Littlefield Grid for a nominal fee.
  - Estate Connection to Littlefield Grid $5.00 per month
- There are several other custom opportunities as well as smaller 1/8, 1/4, and 1/2 regions available. Please see http://shop.lfgrid.com for details.

Why would I rent land, rather than running a simulator on my own PC?

- If you wish to run a simulator on your own PC you may connect it to Littlefield Grid for a nominal fee (see http://shop.lfgrid.com for details). Keep in mind that running your own simulator means you are using your hardware and your bandwidth, and its uptime is your problem. We rent servers from a 24x7 high availability data center, with plenty of bandwidth and very powerful servers, in order to have reliable systems with very little down time. We also conduct simulator backups weekly. Our uptime rate is excellent with minimal downtime for maintenance.

Can I rent a store in Littlefield Grid?

- Yes, please contact a member of the Admin team for details. We have several types of stores and shop space available at no cost.

How do I meet people on Littlefield grid?

- The main locations where people hang out to chat include the Grove at Littlefield Hangout, Littlefield Tech, Bondage Ranch OS and Stonehaven.
- There is a weekly dance at the Speakeasy region every Saturday night at 8:00pm PST/PDT.
- Joining the group Littlefield Members will allow you to receive event notices for other opportunities to join in.

Why is Littlefield Grid an "adult" grid? Is it only for BDSM?

- Littlefield Grid is for all adults. It was a founding principle of Littlefield to provide a supportive environment for everyone who enjoys fun, friendship and community, and to welcome alternative lifestyles such as LGBT, BDSM and Gorean. We want to allow people involved in these alternative lifestyles to have a safe haven and solid community group in order to interact and grow together. We want to protect these communities from bigotry and misunderstanding. Littlefield will continue to provide education about safe, sane and consensual BDSM practices.
- Due to the presence of adult content, Littlefield Grid is not an appropriate setting for children or teens. To protect both children and adults, Littlefield Grid restricts membership to adults age 18 and older, and will not permit the use of avatars resembling children.

Are the regions RLV enabled?

- Yes, with the proper setting in your viewer, all regions in Littlefield Grid are RLV enabled. You may obtain an RLV relay, and other RLV related gadgets/toys in the Littlefield Adult Mall, or at Stonehaven. There is also a built in relay in the OpenCollar release available at the Littlefield Adult Mall.

What is NOT allowed on Littlefield Grid?

- We are fairly flexible with what is permitted here. There are a few exceptions:
  - No child avatars, period. Anyone engaging in age play or anything at all child related will have their rent refunded and will not be permitted on this grid going forward. No exceptions!
  - Nothing illegal (gambling, etc.)
  - No griefing or disruptive behavior. If you are reported to the Littlefield Systems Admin team, we will meet with you to discuss the situation, but we are not here for drama and/or nonsense. We will do our best to help the parties resolve their differences amicably, but if no resolution can be had, both parties will be asked to remove themselves from the community.

I'm a content creator. What are you doing to protect intellectual property rights?

- OSgrid has the same permissions structure as Second Life® and other Opensim grids: you can protect your creations by making them no copy, no modify and/or no transfer.
- Littlefield Systems does not endorse piracy; however it does happen and we can't completely prevent it. If you see something you created being distributed by someone else as their creation, contact the Littlefield Authority and we will investigate, providing you can prove that the item is your creation.
- Littlefield is here for people to enjoy themselves, build, and have fun, at a very low cost. The content here is free, and we will continue to encourage the free sharing of content. Although we welcome content creators to share their content here, Littlefield does not support commerce.

How good is the Littlefield Grid technology?

- Second Life® is a production commercial technology which is supported by a team of employees and housed in a data center owned by Linden Labs™. Littlefield Grid although a very similar technology is based on the Opensource software "Opensimulator" which is supported entirely by a volunteer organization (as are all opensource projects) and are subject to various growing pains and eccentricities as compared to Second Life®. Some things work better in Opensimulator and Opensimulator has several features unavailable to Second Life®, and some things (such as physics) are superior in Second Life®.
- Another point of note is that some regions you may visit on Littlefield Grid may be owned and operated by users other than Littlefield Systems. These may be users connecting to the grid but operating their regions on their own hardware platform. Those regions are out of the control of Littlefield Systems and may or may not provide unpredictable results.
- As for regions run by Littlefield Systems (rented and/or commercial regions), those are housed in a professional datacenter and are run on state of the art hardware in a 24x7 secure and climate controlled environment. Regions that run on the Littlefield Systems platform have the best available performance and.
- To clear up any confusion, although the frontend is running Diva WiFi for those who have noticed this, the grid runs a full Robust Grid service with several Robust instances, not Diva Distro, so there is no scalability issue with regard to Littlefield Grid. This is a full production grid system.

What is uptime/stability "guarantee" for Littlefield Grid and rented regions?

- We will do our very best to have these regions running 24x7 uninterrupted, short of maintenance outages which will be announced (unless it is an emergency outage). We have contracted an excellent hosting provider to keep things running, and they are generally very stable.
- We have no control over regions that are run by others, using hardware other than that supplied by Littlefield Systems.
- Please be aware that all of us in Littlefield Systems are volunteers, and not all of us are online or available 24x7. There may be the rare case that we may not be able to get back to you immediately, but we generally will be able to respond within 8 hours. We have several support methods available and are generally able to respond almost immediately should an issue arise. We are all in this together and we ask for your cooperation and patience as we build our virtual world together.

How do I keep up with what's happening on Littlefield Grid?

- Follow us on Twitter @Littlefieldgrid
- Subscribe to our blog: http://worldoflittlefield.wordpress.com
- Join the inworld group "Littlefield Members" to receive event notices.

What if I experience technical problems, or have more questions?

- The Admin Team below can assist with any grid related issues and can be contacted in world via IM or via IRC
    - Walter Balazic - Grid Management, Sr. Grid Admin - walterbalazic@lfgrid.com
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    - Camryn Darkstone - Land Management, Public Relations, Sr. Grid Admin - camryndarkstone@lfgrid.com
- We can also be reached on our IRC channel at #lfgrid
- For detailed support or information about the grid, visit the forum: http://forum.littlefieldgrid.com/phpBB3/index.php
- For IRC Support, you may use your own IRC client at #lfgrid or you may use the chat link on our main page: http://www.lfgrid.com
- To sign up for your own Littlefield Grid account: http://www.lfgrid.com
- The login URI for Littlefield Grid is: http://lfgrid.com:8002
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