

Second Life – Our Journey into the Virtual Realms

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Abstract

There is a strong buzz swirling around technologies that immerse people within interactive virtual worlds. Faculty around the globe are developing content for these worlds and are bringing these tools into the classroom. Publications and presentations at various conferences are further bolstering interest in the possibilities of using virtual worlds as teaching tools. A few of our own at UNOH have become excited by the prospects as well. Therefore, we started down our own road of developing ideas and possible content. This eventually culminated in the selection of the virtual world called Second Life. This presentation chronicles our journey as we wrestled with and questioned the use of virtual worlds. It progresses with a demonstration of just a few examples of the vast amount of content that is available. Then we visit the UNOH Island and show the progress that is being made in developing our own learning space.