

WorldsAway™

There's more to life online



Quickstart Guide

Welcome to WorldsAway™

A True Virtual Community on the Cyberfrontier

The first world you'll visit is the Dreamscape where you'll be represented by a unique online persona: an "avatar."

Using pop-up menus, you can socialize, explore and participate in shaping this evolving community.

When You Arrive In The Dreamscape

Explore the Argo and Promenade

You'll know your journey has begun when you see your avatar on the deck of the ship, the Argo. Use the pop-up menus to pass through the cabin door and get a token from the chest inside. After passing through the cabin door again, go down the plank into the Promenade, where you can change your head and body, get more tokens from the ATM and register your name.



The City Awaits

At the end of the Promenade sequence, walk through the double doors to the city. Begin exploring the city and meet other members of the community.



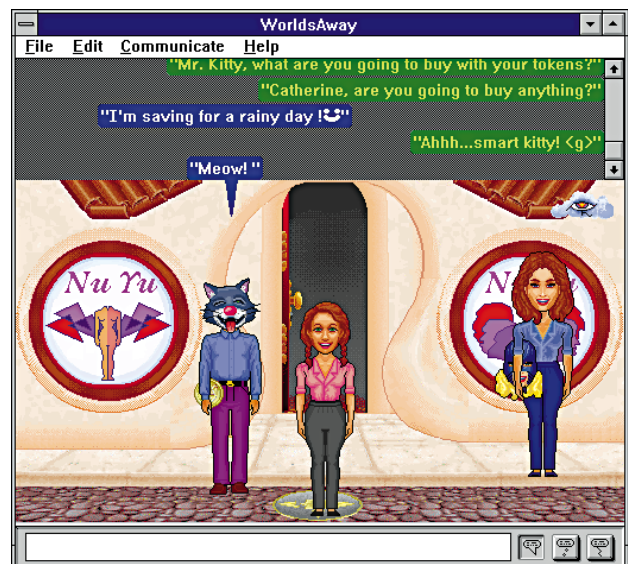
Lots Of Things To See And Do

Visitor's Center

Newcomers gather here to ask questions, get help and hear about the latest events and activities.

NuYu Shop

Don't like your look? Buy a new one! At the NuYu, you can change your head, body – even your sex!



The Temple

The Temple contains the Book of Names, where you can change your avatar's name for a few tokens (the more you change your name, the more tokens you're charged).

Express Yourself

Gesturing

Show how you feel with gestures and expressions by using the Gesture Submenu (click on your avatar to get the pop-up menu) or function keys. These gestures are connected to emoticons, which can be included in your text conversation—just press the Control Key and a function key simultaneously.



Become A Ghost

To simply observe what's going on without other avatars recognizing you, select BECOME A GHOST from your Avatar Menu. As a ghost, you can move from locale to locale, send ESP and pass through unlocked doors.

When more than six avatars enter a locale, newcomers are automatically transformed into ghosts. Ghosts can become avatars when other avatars leave the locale and more space becomes available.

To return to your avatar state, click on your ghost and select BECOME AN AVATAR.

How To Communicate

There are three communication mode buttons in the lower right corner of the window, to the right of the Text Entry Bar. They let you share your ideas in three different ways: through general speech, thoughts and ESP.

Using ESP

To send a private message to another avatar:



Only you and the recipient can see these ESP messages.

How To Get Around

Teleporting

Teleport booths zip you quickly from one locale to another for a small fee. Just select TELEPORT TO (i.e., Fountain, Orchid, Gnarled Oak) from the pop-up menu on any booth. If you're teleporting to a destination for the first time, you must enter the name manually. Note: You must select a destination that contains another teleporter.

Destinations are listed in the submenu only after you have teleported to them.

Traveling Together

When you want to follow another avatar, select FOLLOW from their pop-up menu.

The Economy

Tokens

The longer you're in the world, the more tokens you accumulate. You can use these tokens to buy things from vending machines or other avatars. You can keep your money in your pocket or deposit it in an ATM.



Vending Machines

These machines sell items in exchange for tokens. You'll find them in various shops and gathering places in the Dreamscape.

Pawn Machines

Anything you don't want can be sold to a pawn machine for tokens.

Mysterious Inhabitants Of The Dreamscape

Acolytes

Acolytes are guides who help the Oracles. You can ask them questions and page them for help. All Acolytes have the word "Acolyte" attached to their name.



Oracles

Oracles are wise beings who organize adventures, games and activities. They also settle disputes between avatars, should any arise. You'll recognize them by their ornate robes.

Where To Find Help

The HELP menu in the Main Menu Bar at the top of the WorldsAway window has the option PAGE ACOLYTE. If you are ever lost or have a problem, select this option to call an Acolyte, a special Dreamscape guide who will come to your aid.

The HELP menu also has the options Help Introduction, Help Keywords and Help Search. Select any of these options to find help on a specific topic.

If you would like further information, the README file, a comprehensive WorldsAway User Guide and a map of the city are available in the WorldsAway Community Forum (GO AWAY). You can find them in the WorldsAway Software Library.



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