

On the Horizon: Web 3D

Description: An in-world panel of leading virtual world developers and educators will discuss designing metaverse environments for learning and the future of universal standards of interoperability.

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John currently serves as Linden Lab's Boston Operations Director, coordinating the growth of Linden Lab's East Coast presence. He also leads Linden Lab's Proactive Education and Healthcare Mentoring Program, acting as Linden Lab's primary mentor and evangelist for people using Second Life for teaching, academic and healthcare research, medical education, simulation, and scientific visualization.

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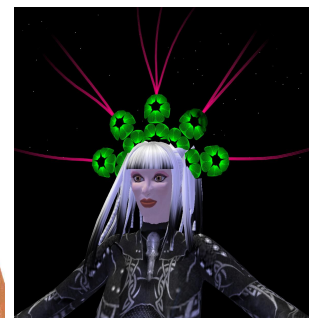


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