Follow the simple instructions in this guide below to access *The Nether Realm* and explore it as an avatar. All you need is a computer and a good internet connection. It's important to follow the instructions carefully.



The Nether Realm exists on a virtual worlds platform called OpenSimulator (www.opensimulator.org). It is similar to Second Life but is free to join and use.

To enter *The Nether Realm*, the first step is to join OpenSimulator and choose an avatar name.

- 1. Go to: <u>www.osgrid.org</u>
- 2. Click on the Join Now tab.

3. Choose and enter a name for your avatar. Choose your avatar name carefully as it cannot be changed once you've created the account.

4. Make sure **Basic Avatar** is selected in the drop down box.

5. Choose a password and enter your email address.

6. Click the Join Now button.



Virtual worlds, like *The Nether Realm*, cannot be viewed using a web browser such as Chrome or Safari. Instead you need to download a special virtual worlds browser.

The next step is to download and install a virtual worlds browser called Firestorm Viewer. Firestorm Viewer is free to download and use.

- 1. Go to: www.firestormviewer.org
- 2. Click on the Downloads tab.
- 3. Select the correct tab for your computer, Windows or Mac.



WINDOWS

4. Download the Firestorm for SL & Openism 32bit version. It's very important that you download this version.

5. Click on Phoenix-Firestorm Set Up.exe when it has downloaded to begin the installation process. The file will usually be saved to your downloads folder.

6. Click on the Run button when asked if you want to .

7. Select the language you would like to install the software in.

8. Accept the terms and agreements.

9. Click Install.

10. Click Yes to add Firestorm to your start menu. The programme should now start installing.

11. Click on Close when the programme has finished downloading.

12. When asked if you would like to start Firestorm now, click Yes.



Mac

4. Download the Firestorm for SL & Openism version. It's very important that you download this version.

5. Click on Phoenix-Firestorm Set Up.dmg when it has downloaded to begin the installation process. The file will usually be saved to your downloads folder.

6. Move the Firestorm Logo into the Applications folder when prompted.

7. Find Firestorm in your Applications folder and click on it to open it.

8. Apple sometimes doesn't like open source software that hasn't been officially approved by Apple. If you have problems opening Firestorm by clicking it, right click on the Firestorm Icon and select Open from the menu. If prompted whether you are sure you want to open the software click Yes. Once Firestorm has been opened once this way, you can then open it by simply clicking on the Firestorm Icon in the future.



The next step is to set up Firestorm so it is ready to use to enter The Nether Realm.

- 1. Once Firestorm is open, click on Viewer in the top menu.
- 2. Select Preferences. The Preferences box will then appear.
- 3. Click on the Graphics tab.



4. Move the Quality and Speed slider at the top of the box to is to Mid. Click the Apply button.

5. Go to the Sound & Media tab.



6. In the middle of the box there are three check boxes, labelled

- Allow Media to auto-play when entering a region
- Allow inworld scripts to play media
- Play media attached to other avatars

Make sure all three boxes are ticked. Click the Apply button.

7. Click on the Firestorm tab.



8. At the very bottom of the box, un-tick the Enable LSL-Client Bridge box. Click the Apply button. Click OK to close the Preferences box.



The final step is to enter the OS Grid and find The Nether Realm

1. Find the Log into Grid box in the bottom bar of Firestorm Viewer. Select OSGrid from the drop down menu.



If you can't select OSGrid, it's probably because you downloaded the wrong version of Firestorm. You can try to correct this by clicking on Viewer and then Preferences. Select the Advanced tab. In the advanced tab make sure that the Allow Multiple Viewers and Allow Log In to Other Grids. If Firestorm will still not allow you to select OSGrid in the drop down box, then you will need to uninstall Firestorm and reinstall the correct version by carefully following the instructions for installing Firestorm on pages 2-5 of this guide.

- 2. Enter your avatars name into the Username box.
- 3. Enter your password into the Password box.
- 4. In the Start at box, select Last Location.
- 5. Click the Log In button.
- 6. You will now arrive in a entry realm called Lbsa Plaza.

At first your avatar will appear as red mist inside the world. See the 'Personalise your Avatar' guide on the Headlong website to find out how to personalise your avatar's appearance.



7. At the bottom of the screen, there is a button with a map symbol on it. Click on this Map button. This will bring up the World Map box.

8. Enter the words The Nether Realm in the Find box and click the Find button.

9. Once Firestorm has found The Nether Realm, click Teleport to travel there.



10. You may initially arrive at the bottom of the ocean beneath the island.

11. In front of you is a blue pillar and to the right of it is a jellyfish-like object. Click on the jellyfish to teleport to the island. You can also find the island by flying directly upwards.



12. Find the button in the bottom bar with a picture of a person walking on it. Click on the Walking button to bring up controls for walking, running and flying your avatar around the world.

13. Go and explore.

Avatar Short Cut Keys

Turn avatar left/right: Move avatar forward/back:	Left / Right arrow keys Up / Down arrow keys
Fly avatar up/down:	Page Up / Page Down keys
Teleport avatar home:	Ctrl + Shift + H keys
Toggle 3rd/1st person view:	M key