



“Current and future applications of network and control sciences for Psychiatry” Summer School 2021

Tips for Gathertown

We have chosen gather.town as the main social platform because it enables immersive online socialising, almost – we hope – as if you were attending a real social event or a poster session with presenters standing right in front of you. You will be able to bump into colleagues and friends, have chance encounters with other conference attendees, and strike up conversations with your fellow researchers, just like you would at an in-person event.

NB: An opportunity will be provided to display **open positions** (internships, thesis, PhD or postdoctoral positions, etc.) in gathertown during the summer school. If your labs have such open positions, you can mail the details/flyers to controlpsychiatry@med.uni-tuebingen.de

How to enter gather.town

You can run gather.town out of your **browser**, or you can use the **dedicated app** for Windows or Mac. If you use gather.town more frequently, the app can be the better choice.



Launching Gather...

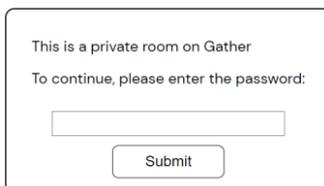
Click "Open Gather" to launch the desktop app

start in app

[Didn't launch? Click here.](#)

[Or, continue in your browser.](#)

start in Browser



After you have clicked on the gather.town link in the conference agenda, you need to enter the password, which you get from the agenda as well, and then click on the submit button. (The

“enter” key does not work here!)

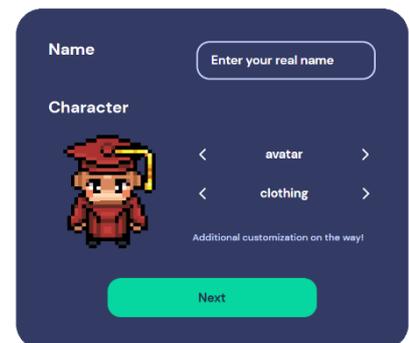
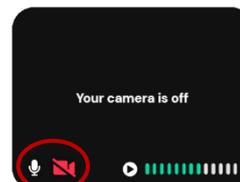
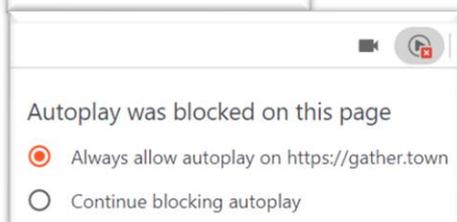
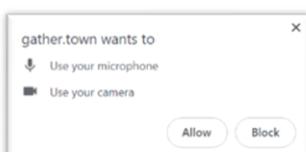
Next, you have to enter your name and choose your avatar’s looks. You must **enter your real name here**. Like a conference badge, it allows you to be found by your colleagues, and we require it also for security reasons. When you click “next”, you are usually asked

by your browser to switch your camera and microphone on.

Allow it. After this,

you can

select the correct camera or microphone, if you need. Make sure that the microphone and camera symbols are white to indicate both are switched on. **You should see an image of yourself now.** If





not, make sure you **allow “autoplay”** by clicking on the small symbol with a red mark in the address bar of your browser.

At this point, you should be all set to enter gather.town by clicking “Join the Gathering”. If it is your first time around, **follow the short tutorial** to get acquainted with the controls:

1. Use the cursor keys to walk to the blue rectangle.
2. Click the microphone symbol in your small video window to mute and unmute yourself.
3. Walk to the sign and press the “x” key to interact with the signpost.
4. Now walk through the portal.

If it's not your first visit, you may just click on “Skip Tutorial”.

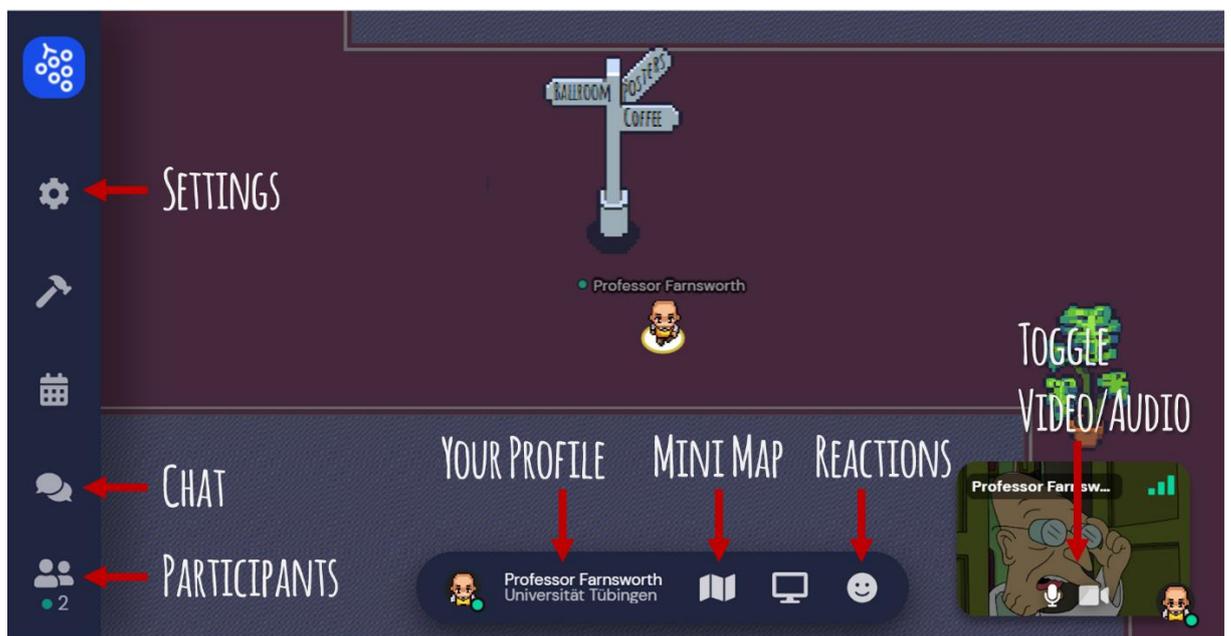


Welcome to gather.town!

Tips for gather.town: Familiarize Yourself

Basic Controls

Get yourself familiarized with the controls in gather.town.



First, go to **Your Profile**. Here you can add your affiliation as **status text**. Then, go to **Settings**. We recommend **using HD Video Quality** if you are on a reasonable internet connection. We also recommend switching **Auto Idle Muting off**, because it breaks the audio/video connection as soon as you click outside your browser window. Should you get lost, “respawn” will get you back to the Entrance Hall.

Use Smooth Movement
Enable smoother player movement. Disabling this may improve performance.

Auto Idle Muting
Automatically mute audio and video while away from the tab.

Use HD Video Quality
Always makes videos HD when possible. Disabling this may improve performance.

Beta features
Try out new features before they're widely released!

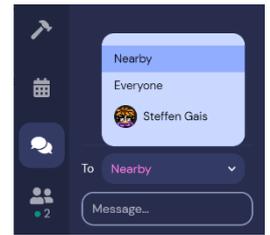
Actions

[respawn](#)

[sign in](#)



Now, look at "Participants". You see the **list of everybody** who is currently in the same gather.town space as you. To find someone, just **click on the name** and **"Locate on map"**. If you are slightly pushier, you can also use the "Follow" feature to stalk your victim around the map (not recommended!).



You can also use the "Message..." box to send a chat message to your colleagues, which they will see when they open the **"Chat" window**. In the chat, you can text everyone (not advisable!), the persons near you, or a specific person.



Before you start wandering around, take a quick look at the **Mini Map**, which tells you where you are in the current room. Finally, you can just wander around using your cursor keys. Whenever you encounter someone, an audio/video connection is established, and you can – but do not have to – chat away.

Tips for gather.town: Specifics

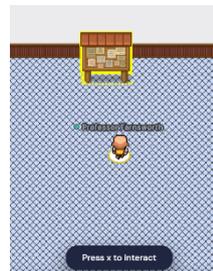


Private Conversations

To have more private conversations, go to a private space. When you enter a private space, the outside dims slightly, and no one outside the lighter tiles can listen in, even if they stand right next to you.

Object Interactions

There are some objects on the map with which you can interact. They glow yellow when you get close. To start the interaction, press the "x" key. For example, we have boards showing the poster session programme near the entrances of the poster halls.



The Summer school 2021 Map

Our gather.town consists of our main room, where you first arrived. Here, you can find a **Coffee Lounge** to the South, an area for **Open Positions** to the West, and various places for private conversations. When you leave the main room to the North, you will enter another room for the **Poster Session**, in which you will also find a **Help Desk**. At the **Help Desk** you will get support for issues regarding the **Poster Session**, as well as for general problems using gather.town. On the next page, you can see the mini maps of these two rooms.

Some Other More or Less Helpful Tips

If you are stuck in a crowd, press the "G" key to turn into a ghost and just walk away, or press "E" and be teleported to an open space.

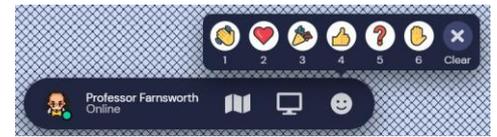
Press the "Z" key and dance!



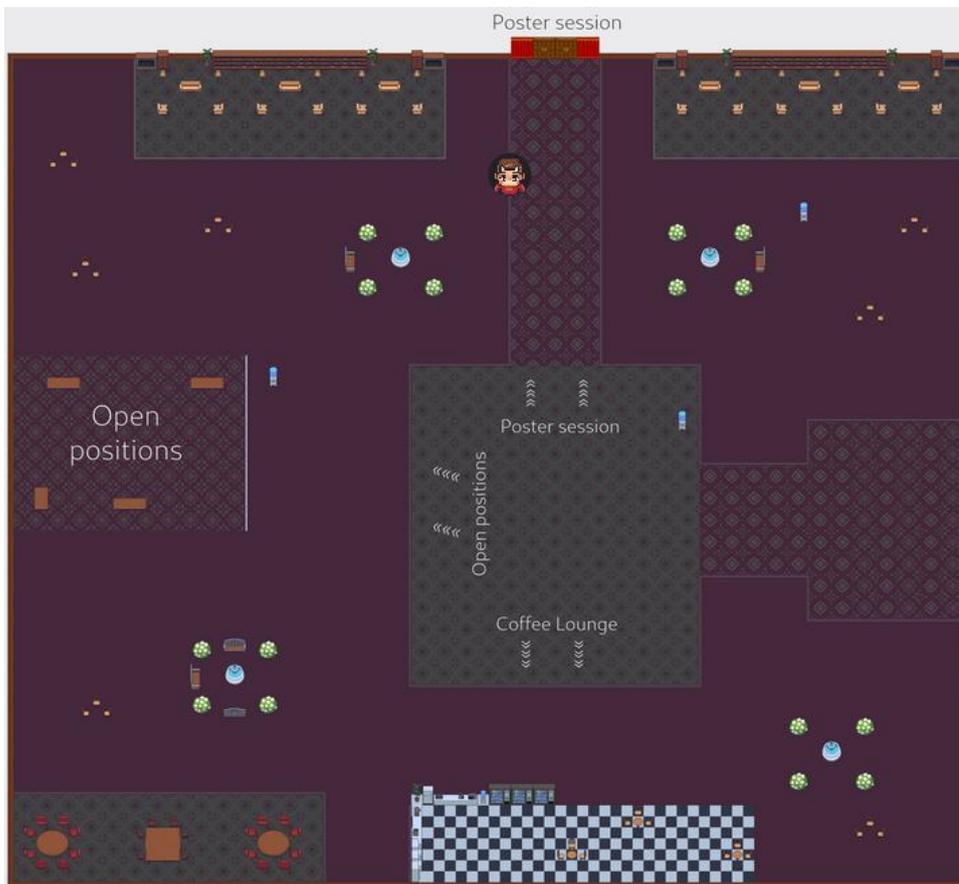
To show emotions, you can use the reaction button.

If you have **technical problems**, this page might help you:

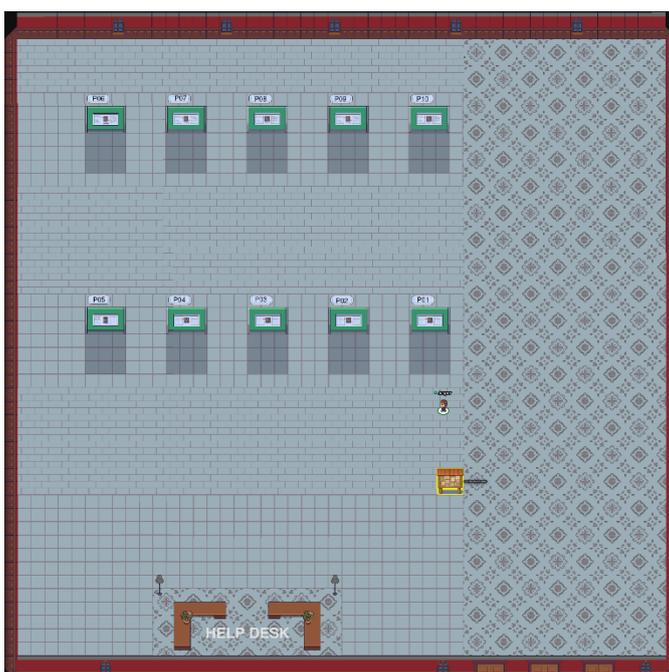
<https://support.gather.town/help/gather-102>



Our main room:



Our poster room:





During Poster Presentations

We want to keep things as interactive as possible.

Posters will be presented in person in a video chat in the gather.town poster hall. Therefore, make sure that your internet connection is stable (connect by cable, not wireless!).

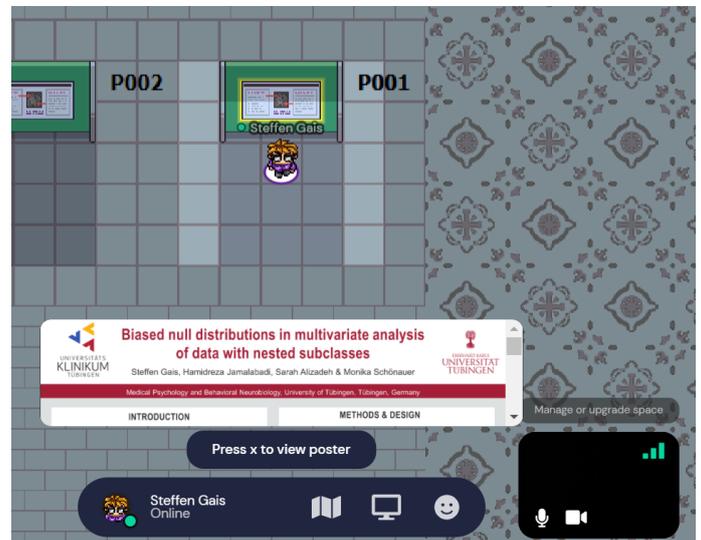
To view a poster, just walk up to it. You will see a preview of the title. Press “x” to view the poster in full.

Everybody in the lighter shaded 5 × 5 tile private space in front of the poster will connect with you via video chat. People outside this area cannot hear you. (Posters will, however, be accessible to persons standing one row below or above your video chat area.)

During presentations, you can use a pointer. When the pointer tool on the right-hand side has been activated, everybody can click on the poster to make a transient red circle appear.

To leave the full poster view, click the “x” button at the top right or simply press “x” on your keyboard.

Do not hesitate to approach the helpdesk in case of questions. Happy socializing!



Pointer Tool

