
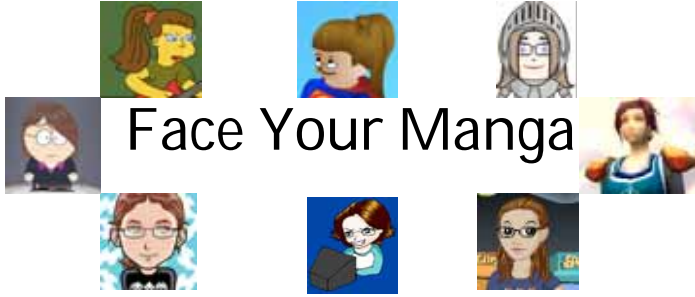


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**Face Your Manga**

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## What is an Avatar?

- A Hindu word meaning “bodily representation of the divine”
- Think of it as the most perfect version of yourself – the essence of your persona
- A digital representation of yourself (often a cartoon-like image)



Second Life. <http://www.secondlife.com>

## Why do you need an avatar?

- Lets library members put a face with a name
- Personalizes your webpage/profile
- Safer than a photo
- Extension of yourself/ your personality
- Web 2.0 is experiential – you have to try to it “get” it



Dopple Me. <http://www.doppleme.com>

## Library Applications

- Use instead of photo on website or IM
- Add to your business card
- Use in online safety workshops as a teaching tool with students
- Create a memory game
- Make Librarian Trading Cards
- Host a design contest: create a book character or celebrity



Yahoo! Avatar. <http://avatar.yahoo.com>

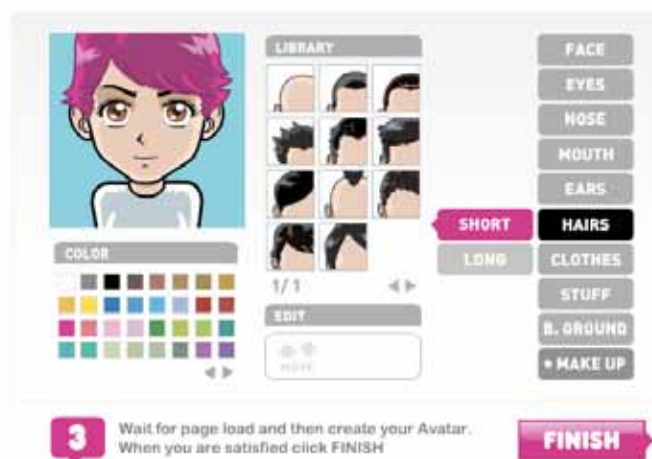
## Face Your Manga

- Create a digital representation of yourself
- Use in a variety of applications



Face Your Manga  
<http://www.faceyourmanga.com>

## Create Your Avatar



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## Get a Screen Shot

- Mac:** Apple+Shift+4, then highlight the area to capture – item will get saved to your desktop as “picture 1.png” – rename as needed

**Windows:** use “Print Screen” button (may be near keypad and labeled “PrtSc” OR shared with another key, requiring you to tap “Shift”+“PRTSc”) to capture the screen to your Clipboard, then paste into your favorite graphics program, like Paint; save the image



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## Avatar Creation



- Face Your Manga - <http://www.faceyourmanga.com>
- Doppleme - <http://www.doppleme.com>
- IMVU - <http://www.imvu.com>
- LEGO - <http://www.reasonablyclever.com/mini/flash/minifig.swf>
- mEgo - [http://beta.mego.com/site/en\\_us/login](http://beta.mego.com/site/en_us/login)
- Second Life - <http://www.secondlife.com>
- Simpsons - <http://www.ebaumsworld.com/flash/play/3677/>
- South Park - <http://www.southparkstudios.com/fans/avatar/>
- Yahoo! Avatars - <http://avatar.yahoo.com>
- World of Warcraft - <http://www.worldofwarcraft.com>

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