Beginner’s Guide to some Gathertown Features
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• Copy and paste the Gathertown link into your web browser.

  Zoom and Gather audio and video do not work together.
  Close Zoom before you command the Gathertown web page to join the gathering. Allow Gather to
  use your microphone and camera.
  Also, close the Gathertown window (or your web browser) before going back to Zoom.

• If necessary, it may help to decrease lag time by exiting other applications and web sites.

• If you’re not a member of Gathertown, you will be prompted to choose an avatar and give your name.
  When that’s done you’ll be offered a 30-second Gather tutorial, or to skip the tutorial with a button
  on the left. Be sure to provide access to your microphone and video.

• Move your avatar around with the arrow keys (not the mouse!).

• The video image of the person with whom you are talking comes in three sizes; click the →← arrows
  or the video itself to change its size.

• View an enlarged conference program by going near it and typing ‘x’ on the keyboard.

• Similarly, approach and type ‘x’ to interact with a shared whiteboard. (Other Gathertown features
  with ‘x’ interaction are not being used.) Unfortunately, the shared whiteboard gives you an arbitrary
  name, so when you write, introduce yourself. (For something complicated, it may be better share your
  screen and use an application good for what you’re demonstrating.)

• Areas with green rugs are set aside as “private spaces”. A private space in Gather overrides the usual
  proximity rules: participants in the same private space can see and hear one another, but those outside
  the private space cannot participate in that conversation, no matter how close they are.

• Chat functionality and a participant list are provided in the left column. Click on a participant
  and the software will direct you to their avatar.

• Screenshare by clicking the screen icon in the bottom blue box which has your name. People will see
  your shared screen appear when their avatars approach yours, just like your sound and picture.

• You can make your view of a shared screen, or of a person, shrink or grow by clicking the →←
  button in the upper right corner, or in the image if there are no arrows.

• We will have a zero tolerance policy toward harassment and inappropriate behavior. If you
  feel a participant is acting inappropriately, contact us immediately.

• Note that this is all experimental, so your patience is appreciated and your feedback is welcome.
  The space and features for this meeting are simplified because we recently had trouble creating more
  elaborate customizations.

Here’s how to get help:
• The Gather support team are the experts. Start here: https://support.gather.town/help/movement-and-basics

• Early on, it seemed that Gather.town would function correctly only with the chrome and FireFox browsers. I think this has improved, but I still do not think it is possible to attend the event via mobile device or tablet.