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Get #AACBT21 conference ready with a tour of gather.town

Full video tour: <https://youtu.be/OPDRKb19aLo> (20 min)

These are the key features of gather.town, which are showcased in this tour.

Delegates

- All delegates will appear in gather.town as an avatar that they create and can customise

Chatting with other delegates

- When two avatars or more are close together, the screens of those delegates pop up, and you can see and talk to others as you mingle around the conference
- Every profile that pops up on your screen will be able to hear your conversation at that point in time (scroll across to see more profiles)
- If you go out of range, the other delegate will fade away
- If you walk within a close range to another delegate, they will reappear
- There are a range of emotes you can use to silently signal those within viewing range

Main hall of the conference

Every thing that is conference-related is off the main hall of the conference venue

- Please take a moment to watch the Welcome to Country Ceremony, we would like to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we work and virtually meet
- When your avatar on a shaded square on the floor, it's a private space, so only the people within this space can hear each other
- If you step outside of the private space (i.e., the shaded squares), you won't hear the conversation that's taking place within that area
- Please do not congregate in doorways, especially just as you enter a room, as others will not be able to "zone in"

AACBT help desk

- We have an AACBT help desk
- There are volunteers throughout the virtual venue



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- You'll know if someone is a volunteer, as under their names, there will be text saying "How can I help you"/ "Ask me anything"
- There will also be volunteers sitting at the AACBT help desk, and you'll be able to ask for help here

Exhibitors

- All exhibitors are in the main hall
- When you walk in front of their booth, a pop-up window will appear that reads "Press "x" to interact"
- Once you press "x", the exhibitor's materials will pop up
- To exit, click the cross on the top right corner of the pop-up

Conference schedule

- Check the wall in the main hall, there will a link that will take you to the full detailed program
- Or you could keep it open in another tab of your web browser
 - <https://www.aacbt.org.au/national-conference-2021/scientific-program-2021/>

Conference rooms

- Located off the main hall
- There are two main halls (West and East)
- There is a third, smaller, meeting room (Central) – all rooms are named
- When you enter a room, you can sit anywhere in the room on a seat, or just stand to the side
- Sometimes there may be someone speaking at the podium
- If you want to ask questions, please que up near the podium, and wait for the volunteer moderator. You'll be directed to stand at the "spotlight" when it's your turn to speak. go up to the podium and speak from the "spotlight" and everyone will be able to hear you

Posters

- Everyone's posters will be numbered for ease of locating
- As you step onto the shaded tile area in front of the poster, a preview will pop up. To interact with the poster, press "x". You can adjust the screen size to see the entire poster



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- As you walk around the poster room, you'll be able to see the different previews
- During the poster sessions, the authors should be standing in front of their posters so that delegates can interact with them
- The space in front of the poster will be a private space, so if there are a lot of people in front of a poster, it shouldn't be too noisy to have a conversation
 - Gather.town tip: Press "g" (ghost) to walk through an obstruction
- A glitch to look out for: sometimes the preview will stay "stuck" on the previous poster previewed. If this happens, just step out of the poster space, and back in, the preview of the poster will then load

Lounges

- Are a good opportunity for networking and meeting others.
- When you are near each other and in a private space (i.e., booths, tables, when you share a shaded floor tile), nobody around you will be able to hear you – only the people sharing the private space with you
- Please note there are more private spaces throughout the main hall

Other rooms

- There are also several other rooms that will offer larger private spaces for catching up with other delegates

Outdoors

- There is a nice outdoor area, which goes down to the beach

Online etiquette & tips

- Please ensure that you are "muted" when not speaking – this will reduce any "feedback loop" that will happen on video link
- To interact with posters/objects that light up with a yellow rim/games, press "x". To exit, press the cross on the top right of the inset window.
- Press "g" (ghost) to walk through an obstruction
- You can always turn off your video if you do not wish to be seen.
- To leave gather.town, simply close the window or tab
- If using a network other than a home network, please check that you access online materials (e.g., firewalls)



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The gather.town interface

The screenshot shows a virtual conference venue with a central 'West Hall' and surrounding areas like 'Booths 1' and 'Posters 1'. A user's avatar is visible in the West Hall. The interface includes a top navigation bar with a search bar and a home icon, a left sidebar with a settings gear, a calendar icon, and a chat icon, and a bottom toolbar with a microphone, a camera, and a screen share icon. A 'You' label is positioned to the right of the screen share icon.

Click on a delegate's name to chat, interact, and follow

Your avatar!

Settings – adjust webcam, mic, speakers, volume

Calendar – Check for Program Highlights

Chat function – you can type messages to selected groups of delegates

Get a better idea of the layout of the virtual conference venue by clicking on the “Map” icon

Share your current computer screen with the profiles that you can see on your screen

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