

Building Skills as a DJ! @ Sunbelt – Streaming Music to SL 101



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Snowflake Lannock attended a streaming music class at Sunbelt University on Saturday March 21st, 2009. Nedd Zeplin, who is an music loving Australian Chef (!) in RL, was the instructor. He was using voice and some chat and the class was set to last for 1 ½ hour. Prerequisites for this class were to download the WinAmp and ShoutCast software before the class, both available for free on the web. The class notice included a message detailing that “The subject today is learning to stream music into SL! An essential Skill to becoming a DJ in SL. A fun skill to learn to expand your possibilities!”



Nedd provided boxes on site for those who had not already downloaded the required applications. The boxes had links to the websites where you could download. There was also a handout for this class, and I would have lost myself within two minutes had it not been for the handout! As it was, I was able to catch up whenever I was behind, thanks to this document.

There were six students attending this class. Three who gave up quickly, two who made their streams work, and one who was still struggling with the assistance of Nedd, as I left the sim to try out my new, cool stream on my plot.

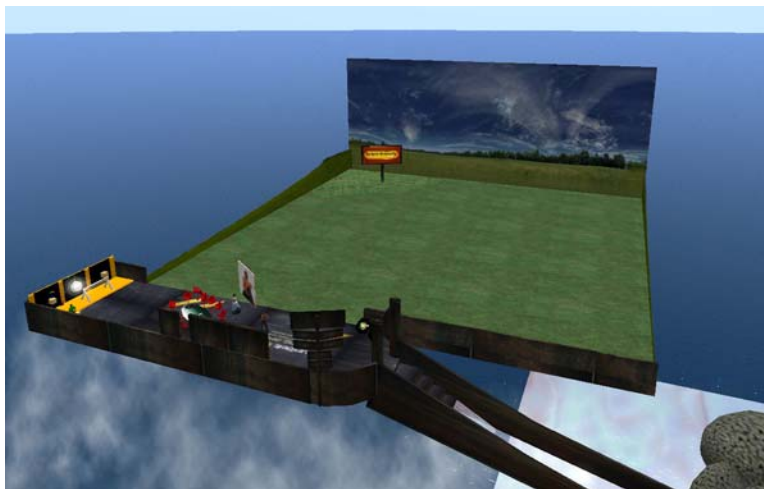
The instruction was complicated. I was glad I had downloaded and installed the software before class. Once Nedd started instructing the group on the steps to take, I was immediately lost because he moved

so fast. Thanks to the handout though, I caught up because at some point or another others got lost too and that is where I had my chance for catch-up.

The hardest step was to figure out how to configure the router so that it would allow you to make your computer a server that could stream the music (an alternative, as Nedd said, would have been to use a host for the stream). My problem was that hubby had set a password to the router and was out of town. Once I got hold of him and the password, I once again was able to catch up with the group and was actually able to be the first once to make my stream work!

Nedd was really good about the routers. There are a multitude of routers out there and he provided specific information for each of us on how to make our routers open the required ports. He just knew them all, and was very patient with the questions he got from us.

The fun thing with this class was that I got the stream to work and my iTunes playlist to stream into Second Life. I tried it on my plot and it worked. You could also share the stream with friends over the Web by sharing the URL for the stream. I felt really good about myself having successfully made my stream work!



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