

## **Accessing Gather.Town for Posters & Demos**

The JCDL 2021 Posters & Demos Session will take place on **Wednesday, September 29, from 6pm – 8pm** (US/Central) via Zoom and Gather.Town. The Zoom portion of the event will include our annual Minute Madness.

At 6:45pm (US/Central), presenters and audience will move to Gather.Town for the rest of the Posters & Demos session. This platform was carefully selected to ensure a more immersive online user experience—as if you were really at a live poster session!

Participants will join us in a 2D world with 8-bit graphics by moving their avatar with their keyboard's arrow keys. The poster session will take place across four dedicated rooms, where posters will already be pre-loaded and organized in a grid similar to an in-person conference. Information about room assignments for each poster can be found on the Conference Website: <https://2021.jcdl.org/schedule-program/posters/>

To interact with a poster, conference attendees will walk up to the poster and press the “x” key to enter a full screen viewing. While viewing the poster, they will also be able to interact with the presenter. An example poster room looks like this:

\*We recommend that Poster and Demo presents create a free login and avatar in advance of the conference, by visiting: <https://www.gather.town/> This will allow you to enter the space more quickly on the day.

***When your avatar is in the private space near a poster, all other conference attendees in that space will be able to see and hear you through your webcam and microphone.***

You will only be interacting with people in this space, and not the neighboring spaces. This promotes conversation with the presenter without interrupting conversation going on at other posters.