



# Media: Snapshots

## Saving Snapshots to Disk

LEVEL: 3 MODULE: MEDIA: SNAPSHOTS – MISSION 1

### 3-3.1 Introduction

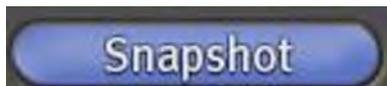
When you are traveling around Second Life you can see some incredible places, people and events. You can record some of your Second Life memories by taking photos as you explore the virtual world. You can even build up a virtual photo album on your computer of snapshots of your friends from all over your offline world.

#### 3-3.1.1 Instruction

The Snapshots feature of Second Life allows you to take pictures of what you can see on your screen, with or without showing all the menus and windows. You are going to start by taking snapshots and saving them on your computer's hard drive.

#### 3-3.1.2 Practice

TRY THIS:



**Step 1:** Taking simple snapshots

Click on the Snapshot button on the bottom menu. This will bring up the Snapshot Preview window.



Select the Save snapshot to hard drive option and press Save. You can then choose where on your hard drive to save the picture.

Make sure you give the snapshot a name you will remember later. It is very difficult to find your favorite pictures when they are all called Snapshot1, Snapshot2, etc.

Try this now: Take a shot! Save it to your hard drive and rename it something that will help you remember what it shows.

**Step 2:** Taking a new photo

Just like in real life, sometimes people look away or aren't in the right position when you take a photo. It is very easy to take another picture quite quickly, though.

### TRY THIS NOW:

Click on the Snapshot button to bring up the **Snapshot** window. There will be a little picture of the snapshot you have just taken.

Try pressing the **New Snapshot** button. Did a new photo appear in the window?

Save the photo when you are happy with it by clicking **Save**.

#### Step 3: Adjusting angles

Not happy with the framing or angle of your first snapshot? Your friend's head isn't in the picture? Can't fit all of the building in the photo?



### TRY THIS NOW:

Use your **Camera Controls** to move the camera then click **New Snapshot** when you are happy with how it looks. Try taking some snapshots of a place or object at strange angles. Does it still look recognizable?

#### Step 4: Changing the time of day

What if you want to take a photo of a friend and it is nighttime? Using the feature, **Environment Settings**, you can make the sun appear to be a different time of day.

**World > Environment Settings > Midday**

The changes will only apply to your own computer and last until you rest the option or log off.

### TRY THIS NOW:

Use **Environment Settings** to change the time of day and take a photo. When you are done, you can change the sun back by choosing **Region Default**.

## 3-3.1.3 Action Plan

### SHOWING OFF YOUR NEW POWER:

Take a photo of the same subject, but three different ways. In one photo change the sun. In all three change your camera angle without moving the position of your avatar. Save them all to your desktop with a good name, such as "Sandyportrait," "Sandyatmidnight," and "Sandyfromabove."

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## Saving Snapshots to Your Inventory



LEVEL: 3 MODULE: MEDIA: SNAPSHOTS – MISSION 2

### 3-3.2 Introduction

What if you want to use your own pictures within Second Life? You can use them as textures on prims and show your photography skills to other people.

#### 3-3.2.1 Instruction

The Snapshots window allows you to save photos to your Inventory. You can use snapshots as textures on prims to make photo frames, posters or even large backdrops for a movie set or photo shoot.

You will need L\$10 for each snapshot you take in this mission.

#### 3-3.2.2 Practice

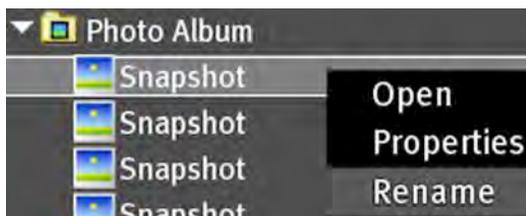
##### TRY THIS:



##### Step 1: Taking a snapshot

Click the Snapshot button to display the Snapshot window. There are three saving options in this window. Select the **Upload a snapshot** option. When you are happy with the snapshot angle and framing, click **Save**.

In your **My Inventory** is a folder called **Photos**. Open this folder and double-click on the file called **Snapshot**. The snapshot that you took will open in a separate window.



##### Step 2: Renaming the snapshot

It is very easy to take a lot of snapshots and then forget which photo is which. It is a good idea to name your photos as you take them. Then, you can search for them when you need them.

##### TRY THIS NOW:

In your **Photos** folder, find the snapshot you just took. R-click (Cmd-click) the file and select **Rename**. Now type in a better name for the photo, such as "My friends in the Global Kids volcano".

**Step 3:** Using your snapshot as a prim texture  
You can use your Snapshots as textures on prims.

### TRY THIS NOW:

Find an area where you can build, such as a sandbox. Create a cube on the ground. To add your texture to one side of a cube, drag the photo texture from your inventory onto the prim. Try this now on a few of the sides of the prim.

Now try changing the texture of all the sides at the same time. Right-click on the prim and select **Edit**. Select the **Texture** tab and click on the texture square (it should be a wooden pattern). You should now see a window with your Inventory. Open the Photo Album folder and pick your new photo. Your photo will now be on all sides of the prim.

You can stretch your cube to look like a poster or billboard, name it and take it back into your Inventory. Then, you can give a copy to friends whenever you want!

## 3-3.2.3 Action Plan

### SHOWING OFF YOUR NEW POWER:

Take a photo of your Second Life friends and put it in a prim you could hang on the wall.

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## Putting a Snapshot in Your Profile

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### 3-3.3 Introduction

What kind of person are you in Second Life? What image do you want to give to other people? You can be a smart business person, a furry party animal, goth and emo, bling and colorful – anything! One of the ways people find out what kind of person you are in Second Life is by looking at your profile..

#### 3-3.3.1 Instruction

You can put a snapshot into your Profile.

#### 3-3.3.2 Practice

##### TRY THIS:

**Step 1:** Taking a good snapshot

Profile snapshots can look small. The best shots will be fairly close up.



##### TRY THIS NOW:

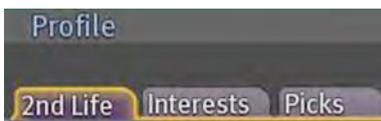
Use Camera Controls to focus on your head and shoulders. Take a snapshot of yourself.



When you are happy with the picture, save it to your inventory and rename with a descriptive name like “Profile Photo”.

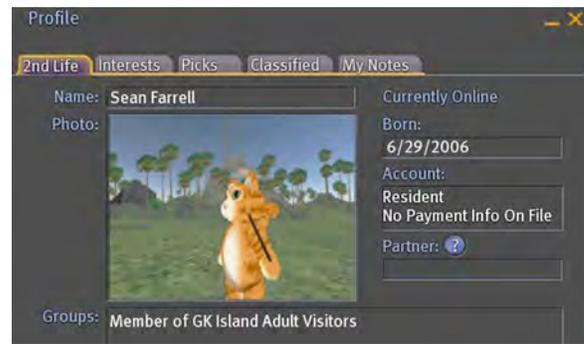
**Step 2:** Adding a profile photo

R-click (Cmd-click) on your own avatar and select Profile from the pie menu.



Select the Second Life tab of your Profile.

Double-click on the photo square and you will see your inventory appear. Find the photo you want and select it.



### 3-3.3.3 Action Plan

#### SHOWING OFF YOUR NEW POWER:

Look at the photos in the profiles of a few of the people you have met. Compare theirs with your own. Take a new photo of yourself and make it your photo in your profile.



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## Sending a Postcard

LEVEL: 3 MODULE: MEDIA: SNAPSHOTS – MISSION 4

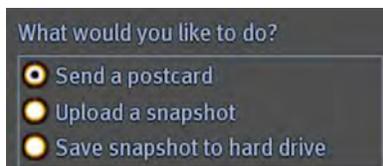
### 3-3.4 Introduction

Did you ever want your real life friends to see some of the fun you have in Second Life? You can send them a postcard from your virtual holiday to make them envious. You can even send your photos to image-sharing websites to show the rest of the world!

#### 3-3.4.1 Instruction

You can email a snapshot as a postcard to yourself, your friends or to websites like Snapzilla and Flickr.com. These options are free.

#### 3-3.4.2 Practice



#### TRY THIS:

##### Step 1: Email yourself

You can see what postcards to your friends will look like by sending a postcard to your own email address.

#### TRY THIS NOW:

Take a snapshot, this time selecting Send a postcard, then click Send.

Type your own email address into the Recipient's Email. Type in a subject and a silly message to yourself and click Send.

Now go to your email, find the one you just sent, and open up it.

##### Step 2: Send postcards to your friends

#### TRY THIS NOW:

Visit your favorite place in Second Life and take a snapshot.



Select **Send a Postcard**, but this time type in your friend's email address. Type a subject and a message to your friend to say why you like this place or why they should join Second Life.

**Step 3:** Send postcards to the web  
You can also add a snapshot to online  
photosharing applications.

### TRY THIS NOW:

Take another snapshot and choose **Send a Postcard**. This time type in **teen@slpics.com** into the Recipient's Email box.

In the subject box type the title of your photo. In the message box type a description or a comment about your photo.



Now open a web browser and go to the **Snapzilla** website at **www.slpics.com**.

In the quick find section on the left, type your avatar name into the **starting with box**.

Select your avatar name to see your snapshot.

## 3-3.4.3 Action Plan

### SHOWING OFF YOUR NEW POWER:

There are more facilities and options available on Snapzilla if you set up an account. If this interests you, click on **Register for Snapzilla** on the left side of the page, enter your details and follow the instructions for linking the account to your avatar.

Now you can choose favorite photos so you can find them again, change titles, descriptions and tags of your snapshots, and leave comments about photos. Try adding a comment about someone else's snapshot.

If you have an account on Flickr.com then you can send snapshots to your Flickr page. Read the instructions on **www.flickr.com/account/uploadbyemail** to find out how to set up your account and find out the special email address to use.