



GERMAN Experimentation



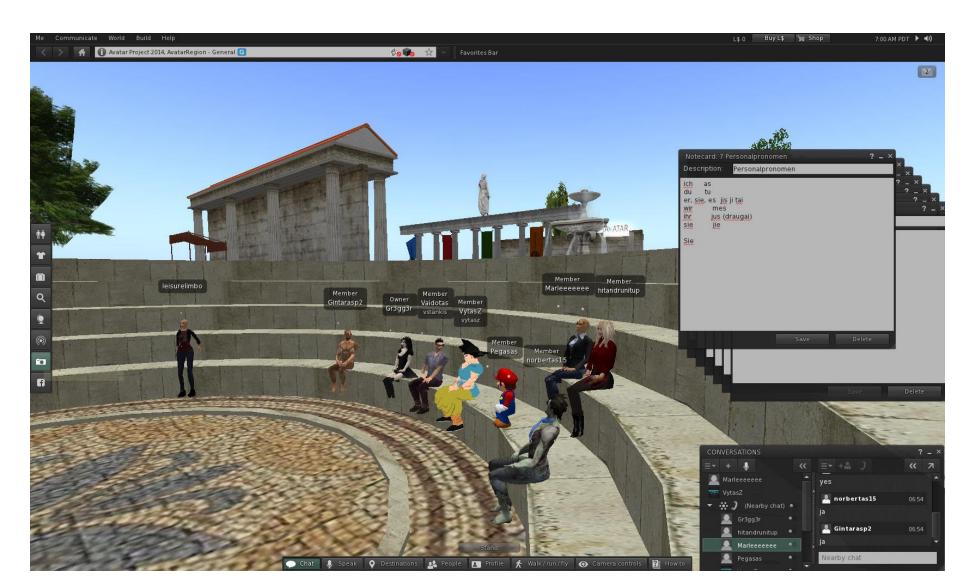


CHARACTERISTICS

- SL was used as a support for an existing German language course
- Nivau A1/A2
- Target group: IT-Students from Lithuania who would start working in Germany
- -8 Students in total
- 2 language teachers 1 trainer
- □The course took part in May 2015
- □Total: 40 hours in SL, 20 hours at Wisamar

























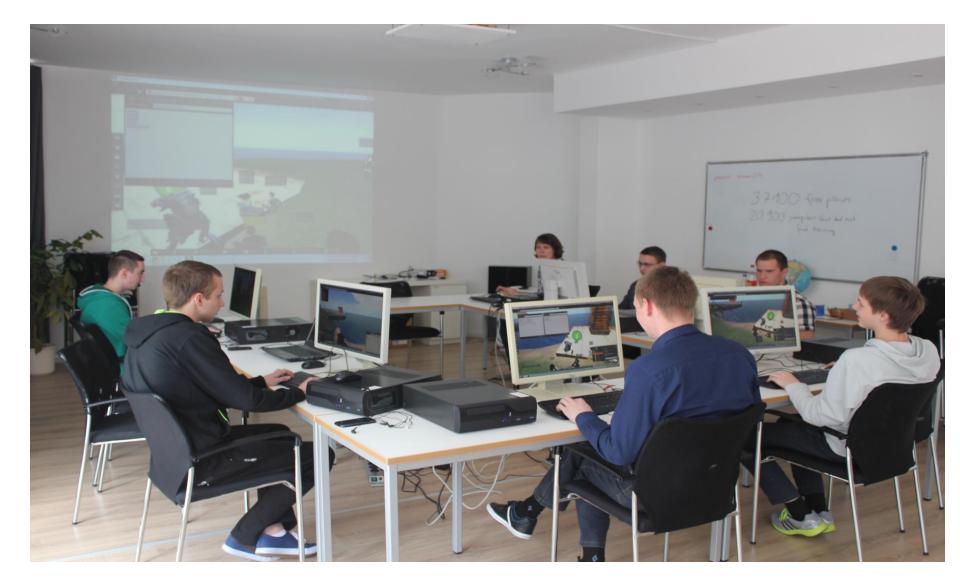
















POSITIVE REMARKS

- SL was a welcome addition to the conventional language course
- Our participants undersood SL far quicker than we expected
- Some technics, like the roleplay, worked well





NEGATIVE REMARKS

□ Technical issues occurred throughout the experimentation phase □ SL offered many distractions that made teaching harder □ The SL-Interface is not user-friendly, especially for "older" people like our language teachers





-CONCLUSION

- We don't regard SL as a proper tool for language teaching. The negative aspects outbalance the positive ones. Especially the bulky user-interface, the reoccurring technical issues and the high barriers teachers and pupils need to overcome
- We do recognize however that SL can be a positive addition to conventional language courses if the teacher and pupils have a strong disposition towards virtual worlds