Using Gather
ECE/CS/ME 532 and ECE/CS 761 Spring 2021

- **What is Gather?** Gather (or more precisely, gather.town) is a interactive, web-browser based video conference tool. In Gather, interactions are facilitated by moving an avatar around a map. When you move close to someone else, you will be able to see their video and hear their audio.

  We will use gather for class meetings and office hours, and encourage you to use it to meet with classmates for group study.

- Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner while interacting with others using online video conferencing. This includes

  - enabling you video
  - introducing yourself when you meet someone new
  - entering your full name when logging into Gather
  - muting you mic if there is background noise and you are not speaking
  - staying engaged and paying attention

  Participating in this class using Gather will allow other students in ECE/CS/ME 532 and ECE/CS 761 to see your full name. Please contact you instructor prior to the first class for alternate arrangements if you are not OK with other students in ECE/CS/ME 532 and ECE/CS 761 seeing your name.

- **Instructions for using Gather**. *Please try Gather before the first class, so that you are ready to go at classtime.*
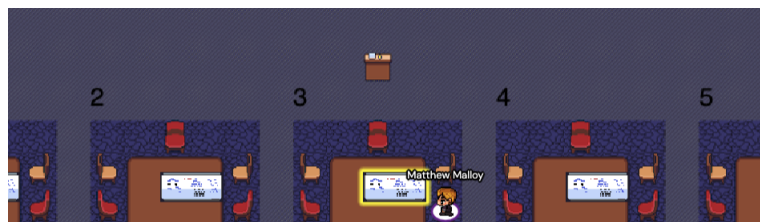
  1. Using Chrome or Firefox navigate to:

     https://gather.town/app/j6kMUCtPcZyeS3La/ML@UW-Madison

  2. Enter your **full name**, and click **Join the Gathering!**
  3. Move your avatar around campus using the arrow keys. Enter **Wendt**.

  4. Once inside Wendt, navigate to your classroom and move to a table to sit with others. Introduce yourself - the other students at your table will be able to see your video and hear your audio. Everyone in the classroom will be able to hear and see the instructor.

- **Hints and suggestions:**
  - press the x key to open/close the shared whiteboard
  - press the g key to enable the ghost mode and walk through others!