Customize Your Character

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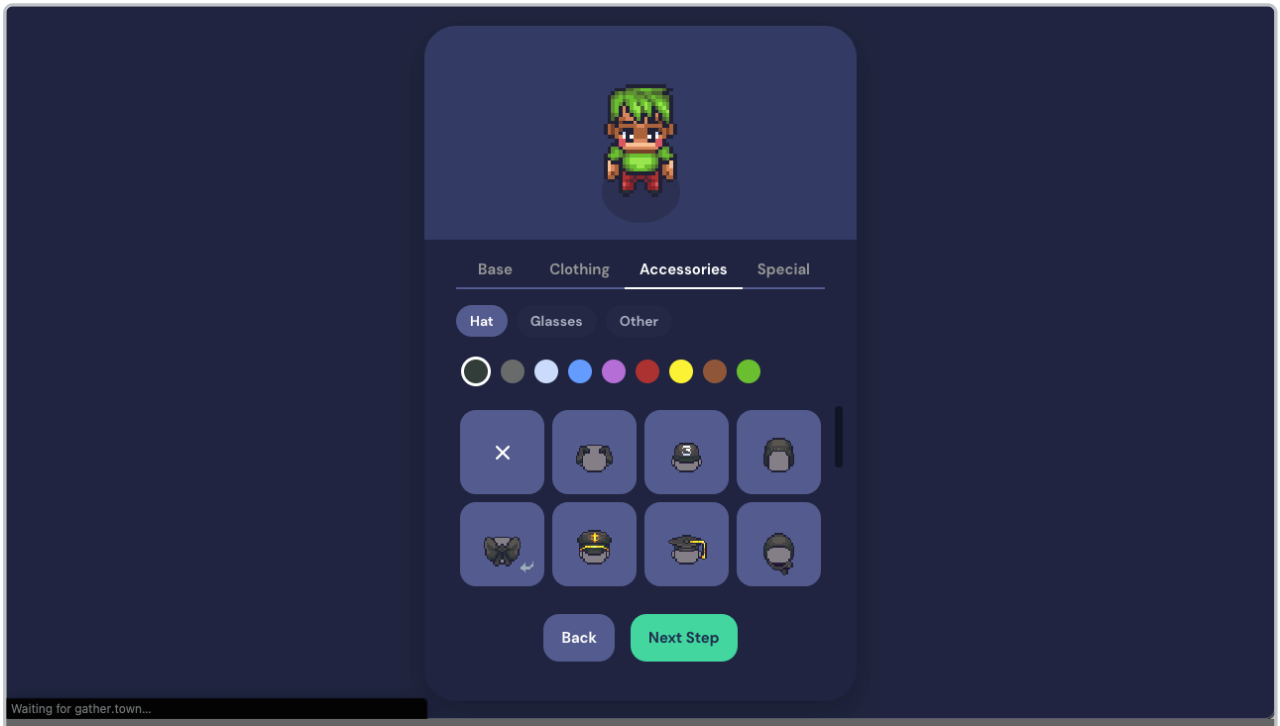
First Time in Gather

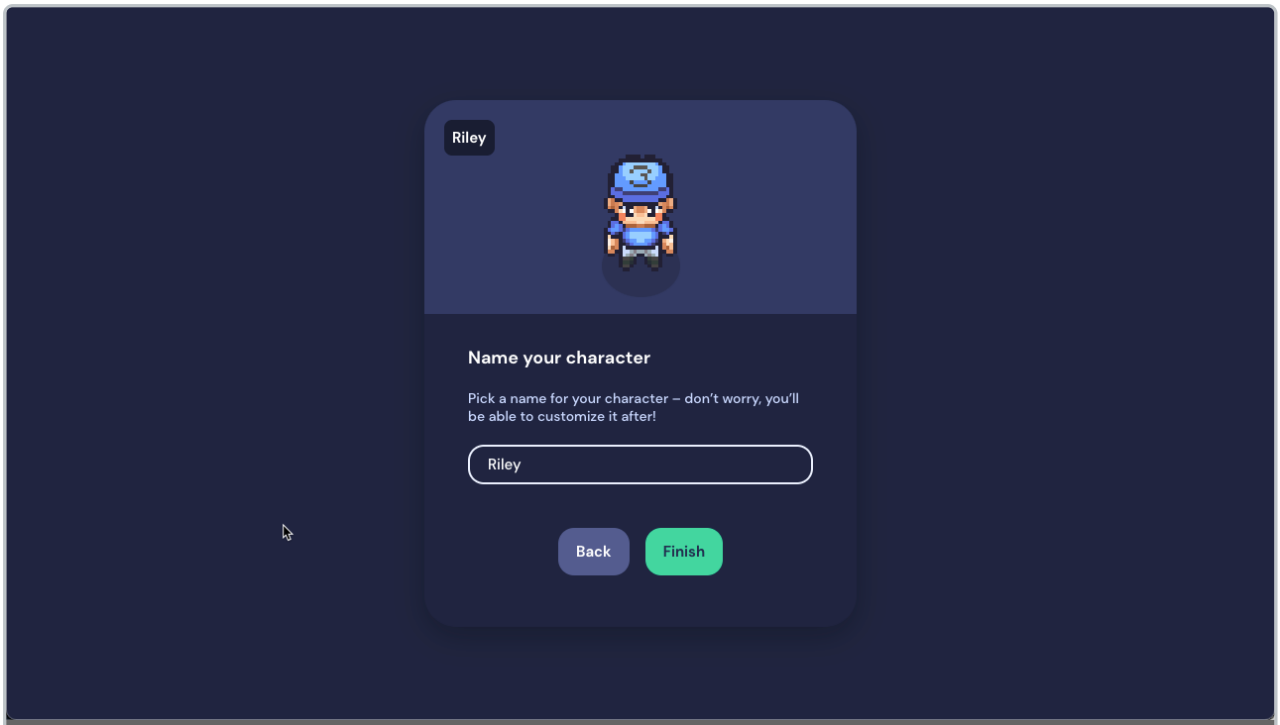
When you first visit a Gather Space, you get to choose your avatar, the digital character that represents you in the Space.

> **Note:** Select the **Special** tab to find seasonal costumes and other limited-time characters!



The first step when you enter a Gather Space is choosing your avatar. Select options for your body, clothing, and accessories to create the perfect digital character that represents you!

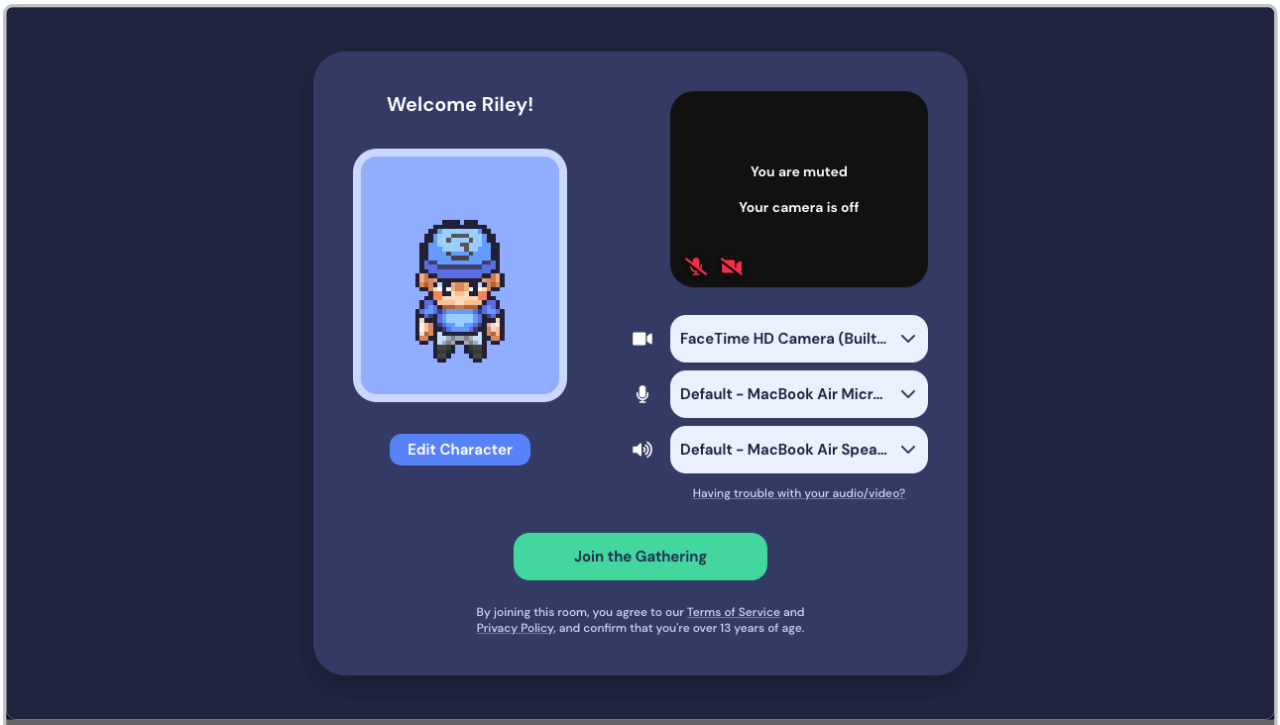
When you've picked the perfect details for your body, clothing, and accessories, select **Next Step**. Enter a name for your character.



Enter a name for your character, then select **Finish**.

> **Note:** The character you design and name you enter is tied to the Space. This means you can have a different name and character for every Space that you enter. You can always change your name and character at any time, for any Space. You can also set your default character from your homepage.

When you're satisfied with your character and name, select **Finish**. The **Check Your Hair** screen (as we call it) displays with a preview of your character and a preview of your video feed, with the input/output options for your camera, mic, and speakers. When you're ready to continue, select **Join the Gathering**.



The "Check Your Hair" screen shows a preview of your character and name, as well as a preview of your video feed. Here you select your camera, mic, and speaker options. When you're ready, select **Join the Gathering**.

Warning: You must grant permission for Gather to use your camera and mic in the browser. Read more about Browser Settings.

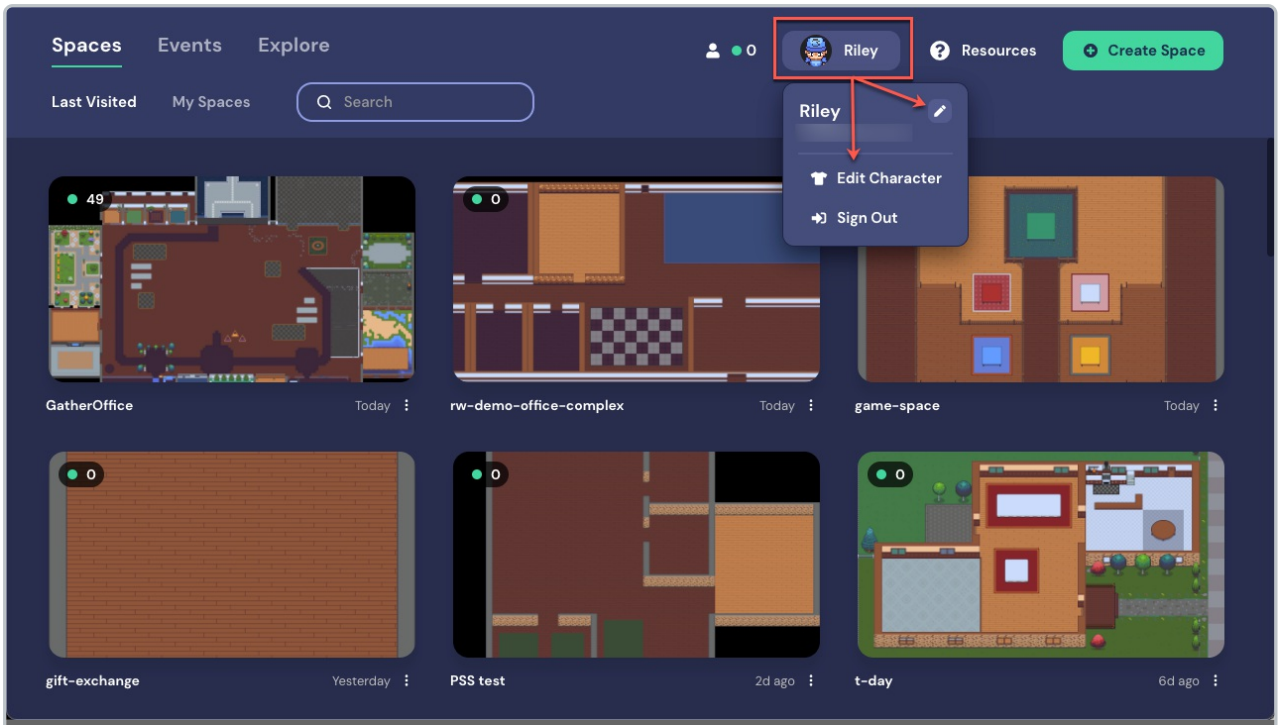
Edit Character & Name

When you return to Gather or visit other Gather Spaces, you can change your name and character in three different places:

- Your Gather homepage (https://gather.town/app)
- The **Check Your Hair** screen when you first enter a Space
- The **Bottom Bar** when you are in a Space

Gather Homepage

If you have an account, you can manage your default character in the **Top Nav Menu** of your Gather homepage. Select your name in the **Top Nav Menu**. Select the pencil icon to quickly edit your name, or select **Edit Character** to customize your avatar.



From your Gather homepage, select your name in the **Top Nav Menu** to edit your default name or avatar.

Note: The name and the avatar that you select from your homepage will display by default to any new Space you enter. (If you enter a Space you've been in previously, your name and character default to what you had the last time you were in the Space.)

Check Your Hair Screen

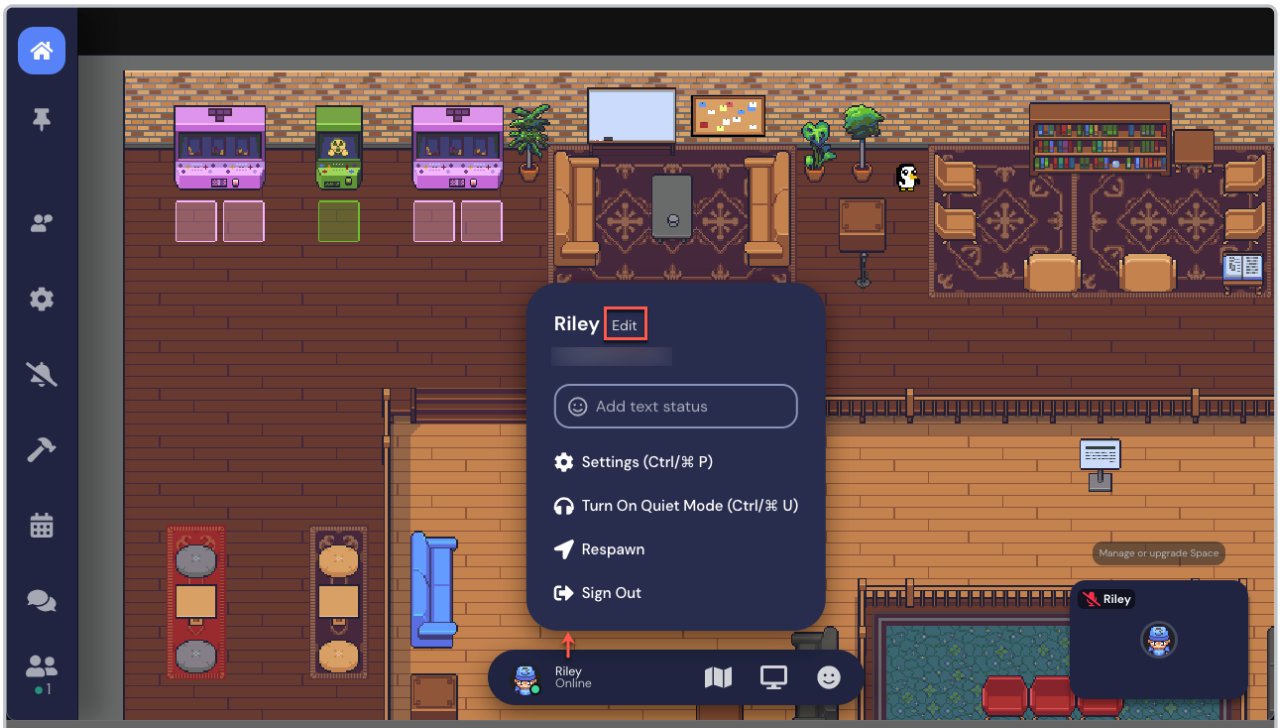
Any time you enter a new Space, you have the opportunity to edit your name and character from the **Check Your Hair** screen (see screenshot above). Just select the **Edit Character** button.

Bottom Bar

You can also change your name and character when you're in the Space. In the **Bottom Bar**, select your character to open the Character Picker and change your avatar.

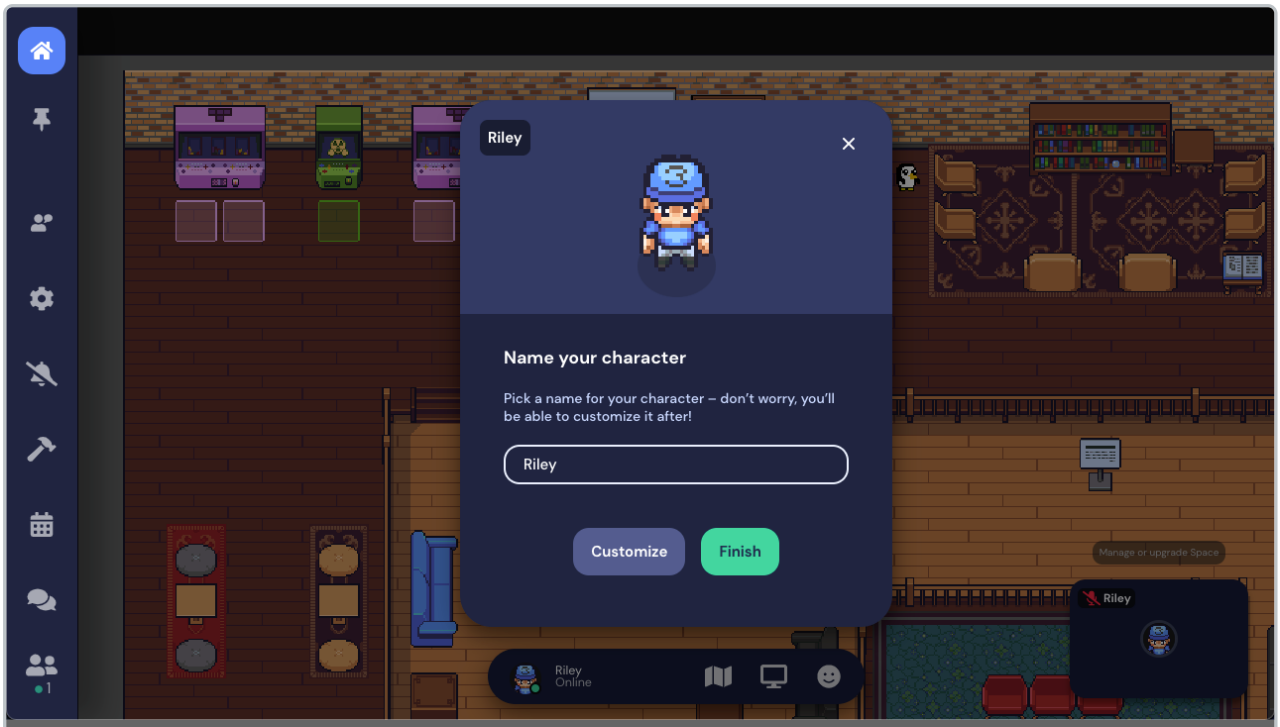
You can change your character, name, and status from the Bottom Bar.

To change your name or status, select your name in the **Bottom Bar**. The **Bottom Menu** opens. Select **Edit** to change your name.



From the **Bottom Bar**, select your name. To update your name, select **Edit**.

You can also return to the character picker by selecting **Customize**. If you're satisfied with your name and character, select **Finish**. Your changes are saved.

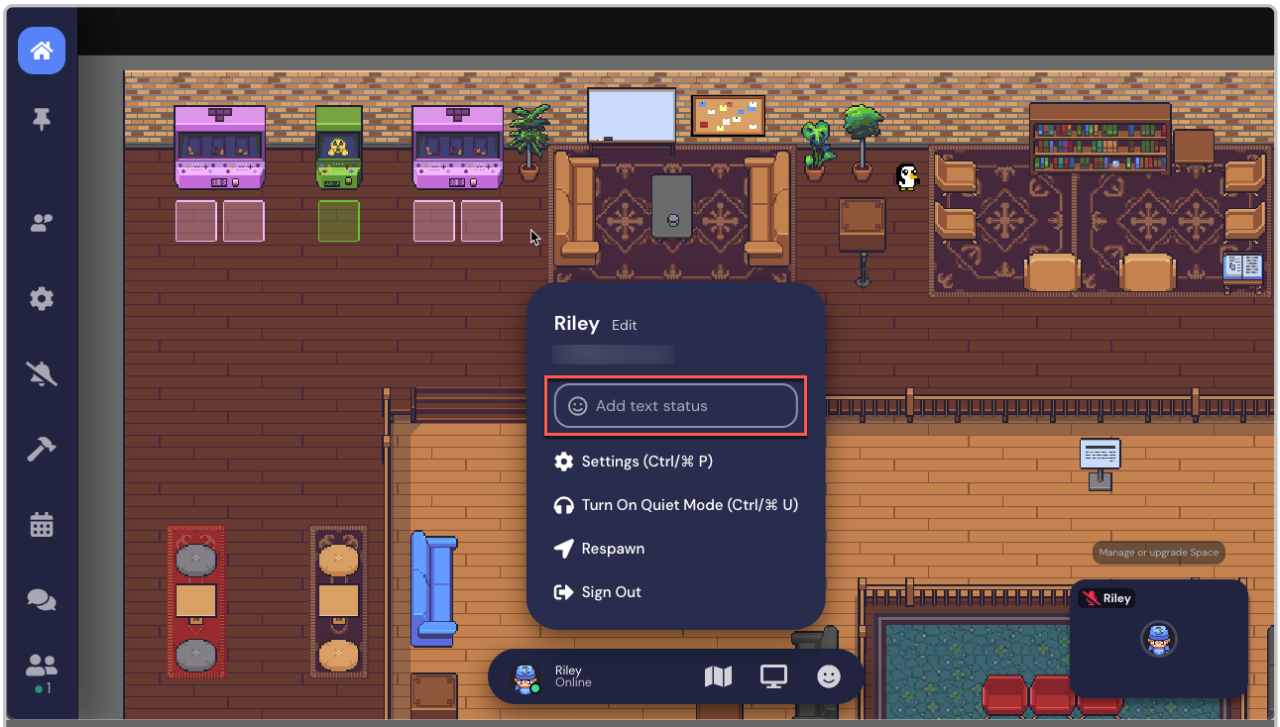


Edit your name. If you want to modify your character, select **Customize**. When satisfied, select **Finish**. Your changes are saved.

Warning: If you are a guest in a Space that is using a guest list, you may not be able to change your name. Contact the Space Owner or event host and ask them to change or remove your name from the guest list file so that you can control your name.

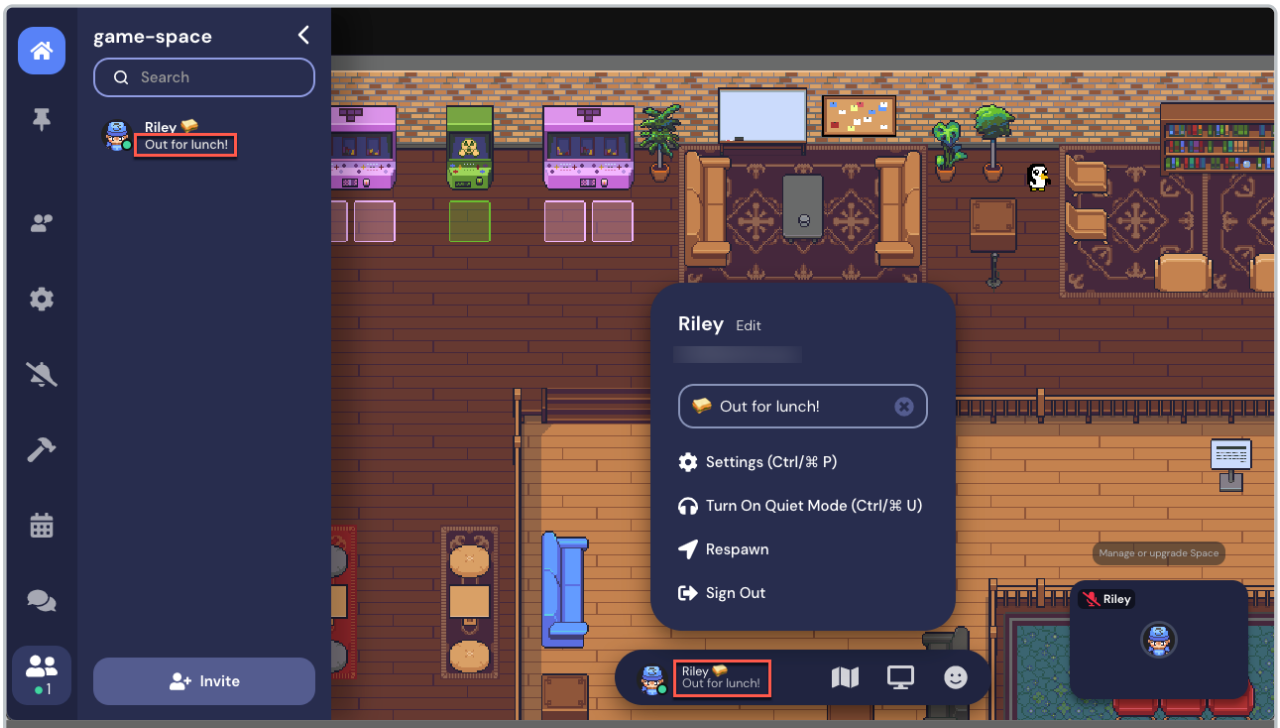
Edit Status

You can set a status while in Gather. Just select your name in the **Bottom Bar** of your Space. Enter text in the **Status** field in the **Bottom Menu**.



To add a status, select your name in the **Bottom Bar**. Enter text for your status. You can select the smiley face to add an emoji!

Your Status displays in the **Bottom Bar** and in the **Participants** panel. To clear your status, select the **x** in the **Status** field of the **Bottom Menu**.



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Tip: Using a status can be a helpful way to provide an update about what you're doing (e.g., Out to lunch, walking the dog, contemplating life) or what your role is in the Space (e.g., Event Staff, Product Owner, High Priestess of Jank). If your Space has an integrated calendar, your status will also show if you're in a meeting!