General information

The workshop will take place **online** on
**June 16–18, 2021**

via the internet video-calling platforms **Zoom** and **Gathertown**. Registered participants will receive the access links via **e-mail**. All presentations will be held on Zoom (using the screen-share option) and are scheduled for 20 minutes (incl. Q&A). Gathertown will be used for face-to-face conversations during the session breaks and for the **poster session** on Wednesday afternoon.

Gathertown space of NDSL 2021

**Main room:** Space to meet for face-to-face conversation during the session breaks. Move your avatar near your colleagues to activate the video chat. Use the private areas for group discussions. Any other room can be accessed from here.

**Lecture hall:** Go here and press “x” to conveniently **switch to the talks on Zoom**. No presentations are held in Gathertown.

**Rooftop bar:** Enjoy the view and the **poster session** on Wednesday afternoon. Press “x” to view the posters if you stand close. Use the buttons to enter fullscreen or to zoom in/out.

**Breakout rooms:** Rooms for discussions in small groups. You can use interactive whiteboards (press “x” to activate).

**Beach:** Get together for an inspiring stroll on the beach.

Gathertown: Basics

Gathertown is a web-based video calling platform offering a virtual space for workshop attendees to interact with each other. In the virtual space of the NDSL 2021, you can search a specific person and chat with text or video. You can use arrow keys to move your avatar around in the space. You can have a video chat with a person who is close enough with you or with people in the same private space as you. You can also interact with objects in the space (e.g., posters, whiteboards, etc.). A shortcut “x” will enable/disable all interactions with objects.

If you encounter problems with your audio/video connection, sometimes “reset position” or refresh helps.

More information can be found [here](#).

**Attention:** For running as a browser application, Gathertown requires **Google Chrome** or **Mozilla Firefox**. In particular, Safari is not working properly.

Alternatively, you can install the **desktop app** (Windows or macOS only). To access the space in the desktop app, open the space in the browser first. We recommend to login using your Google account.