

FishChannel Avatar/eQuarium Instructions

Learn how to use the different features in the Avatar / eQuarium Manager.

Avatar Instructions:

Step 1: Select body parts

Click on any available part to add it to your canvas. If there are more objects to the left or right, mouse over the arrows to scroll.

Step 2: Transform a body part

First, click on the object to show its transformation features. To scale/flip an object, drag the box represented in the lower right-hand corner. To rotate an object, click and drag the circle represented in the lower left-hand corner. To delete an object, click the box represented in the upper left-hand corner. To move an object around, click and drag any part of the object.

You can also move objects by using the arrow keys and delete objects by hitting the delete key on your keyboard.

Step 3: Change the color

The color controls are on the lower right-hand corner of the application. Drag any of the three slider bars to manipulate the red, green and blue values of the color. The color will change within the small square. Click on the object you want to change color. Click on the small square to apply the color to that object.

You can also select from color presets by clicking on the "Show/Hide Color Palette" button.

Step 4: Controls

The main controls are on the upper right-hand corner of the application. Your fish will be saved to your Fish eClub profile. Click the "Print" icon to print your fish. Click the "Save" icon to save your fish. Click the "Reload" icon to load your previously saved fish. Click the "Clear" icon to clear all objects from the canvas.

eQuarium Instructions:

Welcome to the original FishChannel.com eQuarium, where you can create your own virtual fish tank and care for it online! The instructions below will show you how, but be wary that tank conditions will affect your fish, and your fish may also affect your tank conditions. If you overfeed your fish, you run the risk of poor water quality, and the more fish you have, the faster your water will get dirty. In other words, be sure to do frequent water changes or your fish will pay the price!

Features: Click on the open/close button to open up the object tray. Then you can click on a fish or object to place it in your eQuarium. You can choose different categories to see different types of objects.

Once you've added an object, you can click and drag it to move it within your eQuarium. To remove an object, move it beyond the edges of the tank. You will notice that the object becomes slightly transparent before disappearing.

Click on the fish food container to feed your fish. You may have to feed more often to maintain health, depending on how many fish you have.

This is your Water Quality meter. As time passes, the arrow will edge toward the bad side. Ignore this for too long and the health of your fish may decline, and they may get sick or even die. Be sure to click on the "Change Water" button to maintain healthy water quality and healthy fish.

If you neglect the well-being of your fish, they can die from overfeeding and/or poor water quality. If you have dead fish in your tank, you have to click on the net to remove them before you can add any replacements.

In case you accidentally add a fish by mistake, click on the fish to remove it from the tank.

You can click on the show/hide backgrounds button to choose different backgrounds for your eQuarium. To hide the backgrounds again, either choose a new background, or click the show/hide backgrounds button. Click on the name of your eQuarium to save a different name to your eQuarium. Edit the text and click on the "save name" button.

Predatory Fish

Beware of fish labeled as "Predatory." If you have a predatory fish in your tank, it may try to eat its tankmates! Remember that only certain fish are compatible.

My Fish

Now you can put your avatars in your eQuarium! Your avatars will be added as nonpredatory top-level fish so that they cannot be preyed upon and will not prey upon your other fish.

eQuarium Shop

Our new eQuarium shop allows you to use your Fish eClub reward points to purchase additions for your eQuarium!

My Friends

Now you can keep track of your Fish eClub friends. Browse to your friend's profile and click on the red icon below their avatar. Now their avatar will be saved to your list of friends and you can visit them quickly and easily.