

IBM is using the world of a website called Second Life as the next-..... thing to in-person corporate meetings.
The computer maker has established at least one virtual island in Second Life, a popular online virtual world, where it has employee meetings.

Earlier this month, for example, IBM held a virtual party where people around a space called the SkyPOD.
But this isn't the work of teenagers at IBM. Researchers are looking at the business of virtual worlds and online games.

After attending the virtual meeting from IBM's Hursley labs in the U.K. last month, Irving Wladawsky-Berger, IBM's vice president of technical strategy and innovation, said that the use of technologies such as virtual worlds reminded him of how IBM the Internet and a decade ago.

"Once more we have the very strong feeling that this will have a huge impact on business, society and our personal lives, although none of us can quite predict what that impact will be," Wladawsky-Berger wrote in his

The-..... thing to flying to Paris is to go by train.
A Sony laptop is the next-..... to an Apple Powerbook
I had to attend last week's meeting in Frankfurt because our CFO was presenting our latest financial results.

These days I rarely attend meetings because we prefer to use teleconferences to save time and money.

I'm going to a party next week for my husband's 40th birthday.

The factory tour wasn't very well organized, once we got there we just the reception area for the first 30mins

I at IBM when I was at university.

Jeff was an in Japan before he graduated.

The new merger proposal was by the shareholders.

..... is very popular in China.