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## Skype's Sepia Avatars

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Disco DJ Ennis in da virtual hiz-ouse!

Remember "flesh colored" bandaids - the ones that didn't look anything like your flesh, and which stood out like a pink gash on your arm? This same problem recurs in the virtual world. Cyberspace is oddly eurocentric given the vast number of cyber-coolies who work to maintain and extend it. Despite the years that have elapsed since the end of the [flesh-colored crayon](#), very little of the virtual world is easily extensible to look like me.

One noteworthy exception is a company called [Weeworld](#) that specializes in the creation of [avatars](#) for use

with [Skype](#) or other services. Their web application lets you specify settings for 23 variables, each of which can take on multiple values, to create an image of yourself for only 1.5 Euros. Not only can you specify whatever skin, hair and eye color you want, but you can also give your icon facial hair and even a fairly realistic looking turban! It is a profound demonstration of the deep penetration of desis into British cultural life when a British company, producing for a largely European audience, includes a turban as a standard option. [Hat tip to [Mr Sikhnet](#)]

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⋮ ...includes a turban as a standard option

But the real question is, how many turban styles do they include? ;)

2 · **Ennis** on December 15, 2005 12:10 AM · [Direct link](#)

Only the one displayed, I'm afraid. However, you can choose whether you have a gut or a

