

Java And Bedrock Editions Merge, Creating One Minecraft To Rule Them All

The wild success of Minecraft didn't come without its problems, one of which was that the original game was coded in Java. This is still the version some players prefer, for a laundry list of reasons, but for many years now the 'standard' edition of the game has been the Bedrock edition, which was renamed to just 'Minecraft' in 2017.

Confused? The differences are very important to those invested in Minecraft, with the most crucial being that it's easier to mod the Java edition. No matter how you play Minecraft, the split always had a notable flaw on PC. You had to buy both separately. Mojang has announced that Microsoft and Mojang have combined the two versions, which some consider to be the greatest game ever made, into Minecraft: Java & Bedrock Edition PC.

This is some clever naming. This gives purchasers access to both editions of the game, and is now the "only offering of vanilla Minecraft on Windows PC. Cross-play is possible with Java and Bedrock players, by launching the editions your friends are using.

Players who already own one of the versions of the game will be upgraded to the duo-pack edition. my games Mojang says this may take a few days to completely roll out, but all owners of the game should find the new package appears automatically in their Minecraft Launcher over the next few days.

"To be clear, Java and Bedrock will remain separate games with their own distinctive features," says Mojang in the blogpost announcing the change. "The only difference between the two is that you get them both by default when purchasing Minecraft for Windows PC. Access them both from the same launcher.

Over the years, the split between versions has been controversial. Java players were upset when Microsoft demanded that they create a Microsoft account. This move appears to make sense and be beneficial for players.

Minecraft is in remarkable health. Players are currently waiting for the huge Wilds update (opens new tab). It is still a constant presence on the real world. It was used most recently in the French president Emmanuel Macron's re-election campaign. I wonder how many people visited that server to vote. It doesn't matter which edition they use, players still create mind-blowing visual spectacles within this complex and endlessly creative world.