

How To Play Snapshots - Minecraft Java Edition

Here's everything you need to know about Snapshots in Minecraft Java Edition.

Minecraft has come a long way since its initial release to players many decades ago. Mojang continues to improve the game and bring in more changes. It's Time For While you can wait to experience these changes in official updates, if you'd rather try out updates early, you can enable Snapshots in your Minecraft launcher. In this guide, we'll breakdown how to play Snapshots in Minecraft Java Edition.

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Follow these steps to get the latest Snapshot updates from Mojang to see how they are constantly improving the game.

First, launch up Minecraft Java Edition via the Minecraft Launcher.

Once you have done this, find the Installations tab at top. Click this to open a different panel.

Find the Versions area in top bar of the Installations panel. Find the Snapshots box in the top bar and tick it.

Now you can see the latest Snapshot in drop-down menu at the Installations tab. Click the Play button to load the Snapshot.

Before you play a Snapshot, back up any worlds and saves you have. If you really want to check out the Snapshot, then we suggest starting a new save file, as playing on a Snapshot version can corrupt your original saves. You can check out the latest update and patch notes by clicking the Patch Notes option on the top of the Minecraft Launcher.

You can check the Snapshot version in the bottom right-hand corner to make sure you are playing the latest Snapshot.

Now that we have shown you how to play Snapshots with Minecraft Java Edition, go back to our Minecraft hub and get even more helpful information. You can also follow Shacknews on Twitter, for all our latest content right on your timeline.

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