

Minecraft Gets A New "unified PC Launcher" For Java, Bedrock, And Dungeons

This not only means those playing on PC through Game Pass get access to cross-play with others "regardless of platform" - there's also a new "unified Minecraft launcher" to help you start both versions of the game from the same place.

"We're introducing a unique feature - unified Minecraft launcher!" Mojang Studios creative writer Cristina Anderca announces in a blog post. Instead of having separate launchers to launch the Java Edition and Bedrock Editions, you can launch both Minecraft versions from one game launcher.

Later, the post reads: "Minecraft is now easier than ever to play on PC. I'm sure that you'll love it as much as mine." So far, I've just been switching between the two editions and marvelling at how easy it is. If you will excuse me, I need to find out who invented this idea so that I can send them fan mail.

The Minecraft Launcher for Windows is explained in a handy explanation on Minecraft's help center site. It's available through the Windows store here. You can launch Minecraft, Minecraft Java Edition and even their dungeon-crawler spin-off Minecraft Dungeons, all from the same place - a "one source portal into the Minecraft Universe", as the store page describes. You don't need it to get into these games. It's only a useful option in the event that you want to access them all with one launcher.

Game Pass for PC now offers Minecraft! You get access to Java and Bedrock with your subscription. Plus, you get a unified launcher for both versions!

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- Minecraft (@Minecraft), November 2, 2021

Naturally, while the launcher is free, you'll need to have bought the games separately or subscribed to Xbox Game Pass for PC (or Game Pass Ultimate) to access them through it. It was confusing to note that there was an older launcher called 'Minecraft Unified Launcher'. This was for Windows 7 and 8, but only launched Java Edition and Minecraft Doodleons. You don't need to uninstall this one to run the new one, but Mojang recommends doing so "to cut down on confusion".

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For the full info on how to grab and run the new launcher, head to that help centre site post linked above. To sign up to Xbox Game Pass for PC, head to that link.