

After Minecraft Says No to NFTs, NFT Worlds Vows to make its own Game

Mojang has made waves in the past when it stated, in no uncertain words that NFTs are not welcome in Minecraft (opens in new tab). This is good news for players, but not for those who have already made a commitment to using blockchain technology in games-like NFT Worlds.

"NFT Worlds is a decentralized, completely customizable, community driven, play to earn gaming platform that lets world owners create their own limitless metaverse games, experiences for players or communities within their worlds," its website (opens in new tab) says.

"Currently using Minecraft and its vast open-source ecosystem, NFT Worlds builds on the foundation of a decade's worth of open source development within the Minecraft community and radically extends it to allow completely new kinds of 3D game based on voxels, which is decentralized metaverses backed by the Ethereum blockchain."

What this means, in essence, is that it supports custom Minecraft servers that allow players to purchase virtual land parcels and earn (and spend) cryptocurrency-the kind of hybrid system that Mojang's blockchain policy appears specifically designed to shut down. It certainly had an impact on the price of \$WRLD (opens in new tab) was soaring after Mojang's announcement.

In response to Mojang's new policy, NFT Worlds has issued an official statement (opens in a new tab) decrying Mojang and Minecraft as having "no respect for builders, creators and players," and vowing to make its own game to take over the game.

"We're creating a new game and platform that is based on the fundamental mechanics of Minecraft but with the modernization and active development Minecraft has been absent for a long time," NFT Worlds said. "This is not a rewrite of some open source Minecraft replica, which will infringe on the EULA or still risk legal action, this is entirely built from scratch. Minecraft The players will also be able notice a brand new identity that is more welcoming to players as part of the transition.

The Future Of NFT Worlds Read our statement below through the attached Twitter thread, or here: <https://t.co/w0nf1f2xxnA> thread pic.twitter.com/Oy2T7oXQVg July 22, 2022

The new game will have an "playstyle appearance, look, and feel" similar to Minecraft, NFT Worlds said however, it will include performance optimizations, graphics enhancements and new gameplay that will provide "a more affordable, accessible, and enjoyable playing

experience." It will be free to all players and "completely free from the policy enforcement Microsoft and Mojang have over Minecraft." In addition it will be compatible with older Minecraft server plugins, which means that when it is time to switch platforms content creators will be capable of making the switch without much fuss and effort.

Making an even better Minecraft than Minecraft (while maintaining compatibility with Minecraft) is a big job and one that I think could trigger immediate and intense scrutiny from Microsoft however, NFT Worlds doesn't have many alternatives. Mojang has effectively ended its business model. However, a total change from a brand new game would mean that existing users and all the work they've accomplished so far will be lost. The only way to keep the wheels moving is to come up with something that is functionally Minecraft but not actually Minecraft. This is a difficult task.

NFT Worlds stated that it will make changes to its launcher and play pages in order to draw new players who aren't interested to the cryptocurrency angle. It also outlined some very crucial, high-risk stakes for NFT Worlds' future as it fights for both the technological and philosophical spirit of the internet.

"Microsoft has made it clear they will always act in the interests of their shareholders and balance sheets but at the expense of innovation, player experience and creators," NFT Worlds said. "We believe an open, free, evolved version of Minecraft that Minecraft brought to the world will create the best option for creators, developers and ultimately gamers.

"We're fighting for a future with a player owned and controlled economy, where all participants benefit from their contributions to the ecosystem. We recognize this is a huge undertaking."

I've reached out Microsoft to get their opinion on the NFT Worlds plan and will update when I get an answer.