How To Play Multiplayer Minecraft PC

Minecraft is a fantastic single-player video game. However, multiplayer takes it up a notch.

Whether you're into casual gaming with friends, competitive PVP with strangers online, or even running your own private server, the game has you covered. You can play on your local network or online with minimal configuration. You can also adjust the settings to personalize your multiplayer experience.

Here are the basics to playing Minecraft in multiplayer on your Windows PC, Java or Bedrock editions.

1. Java Edition

There are two options for multiplayer Minecraft Java Edition: over LAN or online. In both cases, everyone involved must have the exact same Minecraft version. If you need to upgrade or downgrade, it might be necessary.

How to Play Java Edition LAN Multiplayer

To play over LAN, you must open your network to other players. You can also create a LAN network using a Wi-Fi network. You can also connect all devices to an Internet router using Ethernet cables.

1. Start the game, and click Single Player. 2. Create a brand new world or expand an existing one. 3. Once in game, press Esc to bring up the menu, and click Open to LAN.

1. You can choose a game world to play with all the other players in the LAN party. Set the game mode and decide whether you want to allow cheats. By default, Game Mode is set to survival.

2. Click Start LAN World.

How to Join a LAN Game

1. Start your Minecraft LAN server, or have someone else in your LAN handle it.

2. Launch the game, and click Multiplayer. Minecraft scans the LAN for worlds.

3. Select the server from the list and click Join Server.

Did you know players can only view coordinates when you enable them on the Minecraft server? Check out how to turn on coordinates in Minecraft.

How to Play Java Edition Online Multiplayer

Online gaming is possible by joining a public server or hosting your own server.

How to Start a Server

You can either set up a Minecraft server on your PC, or rent a third-party Minecraft server. You don't need an Xbox Live subscription in order to play. If you're self-hosting, the basic procedure is fairly simple.

1. Download the server.jar.

2. Accept the EULA.

3. Configure the server with command-line options.

4. Run server.jar.

How to join a Server

This example will be run on the Mineplex server.

1. Start the game and click Multi Player.

2. Click Add Server.

3. Type Mineplex US or your own name in the Server Name box.

4. In the Server Address area, type us.mineplex.com

1. Click Done.

2. Select the newly added server from the server listing and click Join Server.

Glimpse uses its Game Servers Feature to bridge the gap between content producers and fans. Host your own multiplayer server, add it to your Glimpse account, and offer access to fans in exchange for a sponsorship fee.

2. Bedrock Edition

You have two options to play Minecraft Bedrock Edition in multiplayer. One is on your LAN (local network), and the other is online. In both cases, everyone playing must have the same version of the game.

How to Play Bedrock Edition LAN Multiplayer

To play over your LAN you must open your network up to other players. All that is required is that all players connect via the same router or Wi Fi network.

How to start a LAN game

1. Start the game by pressing Play.

2. Use the pen button to create or edit the world.

3. Go to the Multiplayer menu, and ensure Visible to LAN Player is on.

1. To launch the game choose from Create or Play

How to join a LAN Game

Open the Play menu.

1. Navigate to the Friends tab.

2. Choose the LAN-game you want to join.

How to Play Bedrock Edition Online Multiplayer

Microsoft partnered with several third-party vendors to set up official Bedrock Edition servers.

Because the Bedrock Edition uses Xbox's account system for multiplayer, you need a Gamertag to play on these servers. A Gamertag can either be obtained by signing in for a Microsoft Account (or by using an existing Xbox Live Account).

The following 7 servers are available at the time you read this:

How to Add a Third-Party Minecraft Server

You can also add third party servers or servers you host yourself.

1. Go to Servers tab.

2. Click Add Server.

3. Enter server name, address, and port.

1. Click on Save or Play.

How to Join A Server

1. Go to the Servers tab.

2. Select the server you wish to join.

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3. Click Play.

How to Play Multiplayer Minecraft with a Child Account

A child account may have limitations when it comes to playing multiplayer Minecraft. First, make sure the child account has an Xbox Live subscription. Then you need to use parental controls to lift the default multiplayer limitations.

1. Log in to your Xbox account settings with your Microsoft account.

2. Select your child account's profile.

3. Navigate the Xbox One/Windows 10 Online tab.

4. Select Allow to access the following entries

Join multiplayer games.

You can join and create clubs.

If you also want to enable chat, do the following:

1. Navigate to the Privacy tab.

2. Select Everybody to enter the following:

Other people can communicate by text, voice, or invites.

Conclusion

Minecraft truly shines as a game when you share the experience with other people. It doesn't matter if you play locally or online, joining or starting a multiplayer game can be very simple. Give it another shot!

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