

Minecraft Gets New "unified" PC Launcher For Bedrock, Java, 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 are introducing a new feature - the unified Minecraft Launcher!" Mojang Studios creative writer Cristina Anderca announces in a blog post. "Instead of having separate launchers in Java Edition or Bedrock, you will now be able to launch both Minecraft versions from the same 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." I have so far just switched between the two editions, marveling at how simple it is. Now if you'll excuse me, I must find out who came up with this idea so I can bury them in fan mail."

The Minecraft Launcher is a new feature that allows you to launch Minecraft: Java Edition, Minecraft: Bedrock Edition, and even their dungeon crawler spinoff Minecraft Dungeons from the same location. This explanation can be found on Minecraft's help page. It's available via the Windows store here and it lets you launch Minecraft, Minecraft: Java Edition, and even their dungeon crawler spin-off Minecraft Dungeons from the same location - a "one-stop portal into the Minecraft universe", as the store page describes it. It's not necessary to use these games in the future. It's just an option to have them all accessible through one launcher.

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

Learn how you can join in the fun:

- <https://t.co/e5lVnE6Xv1> - pic.twitter.com/wyHhGgNRnp

- Minecraft (@Minecraft), November 2, 2020

The launcher is completely free, but you will need to have purchased the games separately or subscribed for Xbox Game Pass for PC (or Game Pass Ultimate), to access them. There was an older launcher called "Minecraft Unified Launcher", which was only for Windows 7 or 8, and launched Minecraft Dungeons and Java Edition. Mojang recommends uninstalling this one to run it the new one.

For the full info on how to grab and run the new launcher, head to that help centre site post linked above. This link will take you to the Xbox Game Pass PC sign-up page.