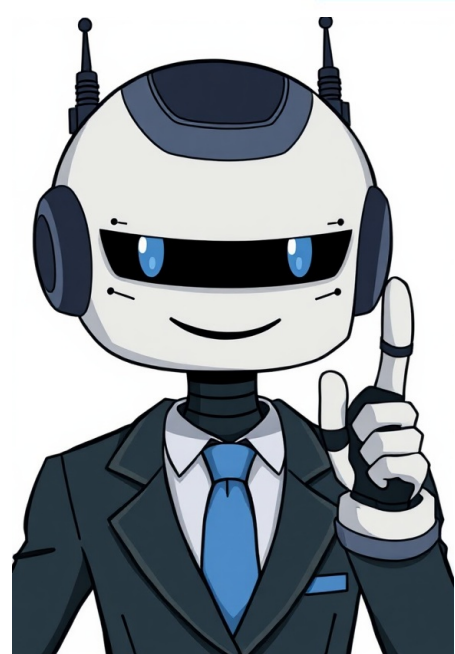


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Minecraft: A Blocky Adventure of Endless Possibilities ===== Minecraft was first released in May 2009 as Minecraft Classic, and since then it has become a global phenomenon. Developed by Markus "Notch" Persson, a Swedish game designer, the game has undergone significant changes over the years, with Notch stepping down from its development in 2014. Minecraft is a 3D sandbox game that allows players to build, mine, and explore a procedurally generated world made up of blocks. The game features a unique art style, music, and even paintings created by various artists. The game's open-ended design enables players to create their own structures, art, and worlds on single-player maps or multiplayer servers. In addition to its creative gameplay, Minecraft also includes survival mechanics, such as fighting hostile mobs and gathering resources to craft tools and blocks. Players can explore the Nether, a mysterious underground world filled with unique features and challenges. The ultimate goal of the game is to defeat the Ender Dragon in the End dimension. Minecraft has become available on multiple platforms, including Java Edition for PC, Bedrock Edition for mobile devices and consoles, Legacy Console Edition for various gaming systems, and Minecraft Education for schools. The game can be purchased from official websites, such as minecraft.net and Microsoft Store, or through online stores like Google Play and the Apple App Store. Minecraft has also been acquired by Microsoft, which now owns Mojang Studios, the company behind the game. Notch has since left Mojang and is no longer involved with Minecraft's development. Despite this change, Minecraft continues to be a beloved game among millions of players worldwide.The console era of Minecraft has come to an end, with some titles no longer available for direct digital purchase. The New Nintendo 3DS Edition can still be obtained on physical media in North America. ===== Minecraft Classic is free to play online at classic.minecraft.net. Players take on the role of Steve, one of nine default skins, and must navigate a procedurally generated world filled with blocks and resources. The player's health bar is displayed prominently, and damage can be mitigated by armor or special abilities. The game takes place in a 3D grid of cubes, where players must extract resources from various types of blocks. These include natural blocks like grass and stone, as well as crafted items such as crafting tables and furnaces. Mining is a crucial aspect of Minecraft, allowing players to extract valuable ores and materials from beneath the surface. Players can craft tools and blocks using these resources, as well as brew potions and enchant their gear for added protection. Hostile mobs roam the Overworld, attacking players who fail to avoid them. Neutral mobs will only attack when provoked, while certain rare mobs spawn in specific biomes or times. The game also features a unique mob called the Ender Dragon, which serves as the main boss mob. Defeating this powerful foe allows players to return to the world above and access new content. =====The Levitation effect is achieved when a player drops their shells, allowing them to craft shulker boxes. Withers are created by placing wither skeleton skulls on top of soul sand or soul soil in a specific pattern. Minecraft Bedrock Edition, Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Pocket/Windows 10 Edition, Legacy Console Edition, Minecraft Education, New Nintendo 3DS Edition, Minecraft 4k, Minecraft Pi Edition, Minecraft: China Edition, Java Edition, ===== The Minecraft Bedrock Edition refers to the multi-platform family of editions of Minecraft developed by Mojang Studios and Xbox Game Studios. Prior to this term, as the engine originated with Minecraft: Pocket Edition, this entire product family has been referred to using terms like "Pocket Edition", "MCPE" or "Pocket/Windows 10 Edition".Minecraft Customization Options ===== Minecraft allows players to customize various aspects of their gameplay experience, including graphics, gameplay mechanics, and accessories. Mojang Studios & Xbox Game Studios #Free. User-Created Options Minecraft offers free, user-created content through its in-app purchase system and Xbox network. This includes keyboard and mouse support, gamepad support, and touchscreen options. #Xbox Network The Xbox network provides occasional test updates known as betas/previews, allowing Windows, ChromeOS, Android, iOS, iPadOS, and Xbox users to experience new features before they are released. #Microsoft Education & 365 Minecraft Education is available for \$5.04 - \$12 per user per year, with options for Windows, macOS, ChromeOS, Android, iOS, and iPadOS. The Microsoft Store, education.minecraft.net, Google Play, and the Apple App Store offer this product. NetEase #Free & User-Created Options The NetEase store offers free, user-created content, as well as in-app purchases. Minecraft is also available on the TapTap platform for Android users. Customization Add-Ons Minecraft's Add-ons allow players to transform their worlds, change mob behavior, and add custom entities, items, and blocks. These are officially supported by Mojang Studios/Minecraft and can be used across all editions of the game. #Behavior Packs Behavior packs modify how vanilla mobs and fogs behave. They are still in development but will soon allow players to customize block and item functionality. Resource Packs Minecraft supports changing textures, sounds, and texts through resource packs. These packs must follow a specific structure and can be accessed in the options menu. #Data Packs Java Edition data packs provide an alternative way for players to customize vanilla worlds, allowing them to override or add new advancements, functions, loot tables, structures, recipes, and tags without code modification. Skins & Customization Options Skin customization varies across editions. Java Edition skins are limited in features, while Bedrock Edition offers more advanced options for 3D custom hair, eyes, mouths, arms, legs, and accessories. #Capes & Unofficial Mods Minecraft capes can be equipped on a player's back and flail around when the player runs. Some players can buy or create custom skins and accessories. Unofficial mods can be created by replacing or adding Java class files to minecraft.jar in Java Edition, but this method is not supported by Mojang as it may break the game. Game Modification Some Minecraft modifications impressed Notch or Jeb sufficiently that they were added to the game and the authors were credited under Additional Programming.Minecraft has become a cultural phenomenon since its release in 2011. The game's popularity has led to numerous references in popular culture, including memes and appearances in various video games, TV shows, and movies. ===== Minecraft has gained significant attention for its unique gameplay mechanics, allowing players to build and explore blocky worlds made up of cubic terrain. This has led to the creation of several third-party programs designed specifically for Minecraft, such as 3D map editors, game modifiers, and server wrappers. ===== The game's impact on popular culture cannot be overstated. It has been referenced in numerous TV shows and movies, including Super Meat Boy, Battlefield Heroes, Team Fortress 2, The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim, The Binding of Isaac, ChopLifter HD, PixelJunk Shooter 2, Borderlands 2, Torchlight 2, Awesomenauts, Dusk of D.A.W.N., Plague Inc, Terraria, and The Henry Stickmin Collection. These references range from character unlockables to hidden items and Easter eggs that pay homage to the game's creator, Notch, and its iconic elements such as Creepers and pickaxes. ===== The player has the option to build a bridge from their current location to Toppat rocket, using dirt blocks from the nearby building. However, this attempt ends in failure when Henry runs out of dirt blocks and falls off the edge, resulting in his death with a humorous "You died!" message. Launching the game with certain endings allows for unique interactions. For example, launching with the "Pure Blooded Thief" and "Presumed Dead" ending enables the player to select the "Spiked Wheels" option without action, similar to Minecraft's glass-mining mechanics, resulting in failure. Conversely, choosing the "Hammer (Right)" option also leads to a failure message. In other endings, like the "Government Supported Private Investigator" and "Ghost Inmate," players can find various clues and items inspired by Minecraft. For instance, selecting the "Magic Hat" and "Free Transform" options allows access to rare resources like diamonds. Minecraft's influence extends beyond the game itself, appearing in numerous TV shows and movies. The show South Park features an episode where a kid teaches adults how to play Minecraft, while The Walking Deceased movie trailer incorporates the game's zombie sound effect. The Simpsons even incorporated Minecraft into one of their episodes with a SimCraft-themed couch gag featuring Bartender Moe as a Creeper, exploding his house. In another instance, Rick and Morty mentioned playing Minecraft during an episode, showcasing its widespread popularity. Finally, Minecraft has been referenced in various other media like Ready Player One, where the opening scene features a Minecraft planet within the Oasis world, and in Adventure Time, where characters are portrayed in a Minecraft-like universe.Minecraft now available on Xbox Series X|S consoles, get it through Game Pass or buy now ===== Minecraft is now available for the Xbox Series X|S consoles, and players can access it either by purchasing the game outright or by subscribing to Game Pass. The game's community-designed content store has also been introduced, offering unique skins, textures, and worlds. ===== Building on its popularity, Minecraft continues to expand its offerings. Players can enjoy various modes, including Survival and Creative, where they can build anything their imagination desires in an infinite world filled with surprises. The game features cross-platform play for console, mobile, and PC users, allowing players to connect with millions of others worldwide. ===== Minecraft has become more than just a sandbox game; it's also about community and creativity. With the introduction of Realms Plus, players can create their own private servers to host up to 10 friends, share exciting adventures, and enjoy regular updates with new content added every month. The Minecraft Marketplace offers exclusive items, including worlds, skins, and textures. ===== Key Features and Platforms ===== - Xbox Series X|S - Game Pass - PC (Java Edition and Bedrock Edition) - Mobile devices - Nintendo Switch - VR platformsMinecraft for Windows: Explore Randomly Generated Worlds and Build Amazing Things ===== buy now, download at the Microsoft Store pre-order now, download at the Microsoft Store ([placeholder!]), learn more about ratings Minecraft for Windows Expore randomly generated worlds and build amazing things from the simplest of homes to the grandest of castles. Play in creative mode with unlimited resources or mine deep into the world in survival mode, crafting weapons and armor to fend off the dangerous mobs. Scale craggy mountains, unearth elaborate caves, and mine large ore veins. Discover lush cave and dripstone cave biomes. Light up your world with candles to show what a savvy spelunker and master mountaineer you are! Features: - If you can dream it, you can build it. Put your imagination and limitless resources to work with Creative Mode. - Battle mobs, construct shelter, and explore the landscape—it's all in a day's work when you try to survive and thrive in Survival Mode. - New tools, locations, and spaces are yours to explore, thanks to our regular updates. - Cross-platform play for up to eight players across Windows, PlayStation, Nintendo, Xbox, and mobile devices. Minecraft for Windows also runs on Windows Mixed Reality and Oculus Rift devices and supports all features. - Slash commands: Tweak how the game plays- you can give items away, summon mobs, change the time of day, and more. - Discover skin, texture, and mash-up packs from the community! Find out more at minecraft.net/marketplace. - Join free massive multiplayer servers and play with thousands of others! Discover gigantic community-run worlds, compete in unique mini-games and socialize in lobbies full of new friends. - Ray tracing for Windows brings a different graphics experience to Minecraft! Experience creator-built worlds with realistic lighting, vibrant colors, naturally reflective water and emissive textures that light up. Realms Plus: Play with up to 10 friends cross-platform in worlds that exist anytime, anywhere- and get access to over 150 pieces of Marketplace content. Try a free 30-day trial in-app and learn more at minecraft.net/realms/bedrock. Also, you can also play Minecraft Bedrock Edition and Minecraft Java Edition with Xbox Game Pass- check it out at xbox.com/xbox-game-pass/pc-games. To buy Minecraft Java Edition to own, visit Minecraft.net/get-minecraft. NOTE: Worlds/saves from the Java Edition of Minecraft are not compatible Minecraft for Windows. 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