

Minecraft – Beginner’s FAQ

What is Minecraft?

Minecraft is a creative, block-based video game where players can build, explore, and survive in virtual worlds. It’s often described as digital Lego with endless possibilities.

What versions of Minecraft are there?

- **Java Edition:** PC only, supports mods, used for most advanced servers.
- **Bedrock Edition:** Runs on Windows 10/11, Xbox, PlayStation, Switch, and mobile. Supports cross-play between these devices.
- Important: Java and Bedrock players cannot join each other’s worlds.

Do I need to buy anything?

Yes, you need a Minecraft account for the edition you want to play. Realms (private multiplayer worlds) are an optional paid subscription.

How can I play with friends?

There are three main ways to join others:

1. **Realms** – a paid subscription that makes a private world easy to set up.
2. **Servers** – free to run but more technical to set up.
3. **LAN (Local Play)** – works when players are on the same Wi-Fi network.

What is Creative Mode and Survival Mode?

- **Creative Mode:** Unlimited blocks, the ability to fly, and no danger from enemies. Perfect for building.
- **Survival Mode:** Players gather resources, fight mobs (creatures), and try to stay alive.

Can I change how my character looks?

Yes! You can make or download a **custom skin** and upload it to Minecraft. This changes your character’s clothes and appearance.

What are mods?

Mods are add-ons that change how the game looks or works (Java Edition only). They can add new creatures, blocks, or even whole adventures.