



Fact sheet

MINECRAFT

(For youth)

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What is Minecraft?

Minecraft is a video game where you are given a 3D world to create and adapt as you see fit. It's like a huge virtual sandbox in which players use a variety of tools to gather resources from the environment and use them to build structures and craft tools. You can craft weapons and armour to fight monsters and interact with other players.

Can I play with others?

Minecraft can be played in both single player and multiplayer mode. Multiplayer games range from small private servers where you can play cooperatively with a small group of friends, to large servers with thousands of players from all over the world.

How do I stop people I don't know from joining my multiplayer game?

You will need to setup whitelisting mode on your server and configure the whitelist to only include the Minecraft usernames of you and your friends. You will need to have access to the server files to do this, so you might want to ask a trusted adult to do it for you.

Can other players message me in a multiplayer game?

If you are playing a multiplayer game, then anyone can start a conversation with you using the Chat function. If you don't know who they are, follow the rules you would normally have around communicating online with people you don't know. If some of your friends already play Minecraft, then the safest option is to play on your own multiplayer server just with your friends.

How do I safely mod Minecraft?

'Mods' are player-created files which add new features or change existing features in Minecraft. There's nothing wrong with 'modding' Minecraft, however you need to be mindful that some malicious users attach viruses in the mods they post online.

To safely mod Minecraft:

1. Only download mods from reputable websites.
2. Always check the reviews of mods before downloading them to see if other players report problems.
3. Run a virus scan on the mods that you download before installing them.
4. Never let individual players directly send you mods.

What can I do if another player is harassing me in the game?

The first thing you should do is tell a trusted adult.

You should also report the player in question to the server administrator for the server you are playing on. The administrator has the power to control what players can play on the server. If that doesn't help, you should think about playing on a different server with better rules, or hosting your own server with your friends.

More information

Visit the Minecraft website (minecraft.net) for more information.

TOP THREE MINECRAFT TIPS

1. Don't share personal information like your name or where you live.
2. Make sure your username doesn't include personal information about you, like using your year of birth.
3. If you are talking to a friend in the game, make sure to have personal conversations through private messages rather than in the server chat window. Otherwise, others can see what you're telling your friends.

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