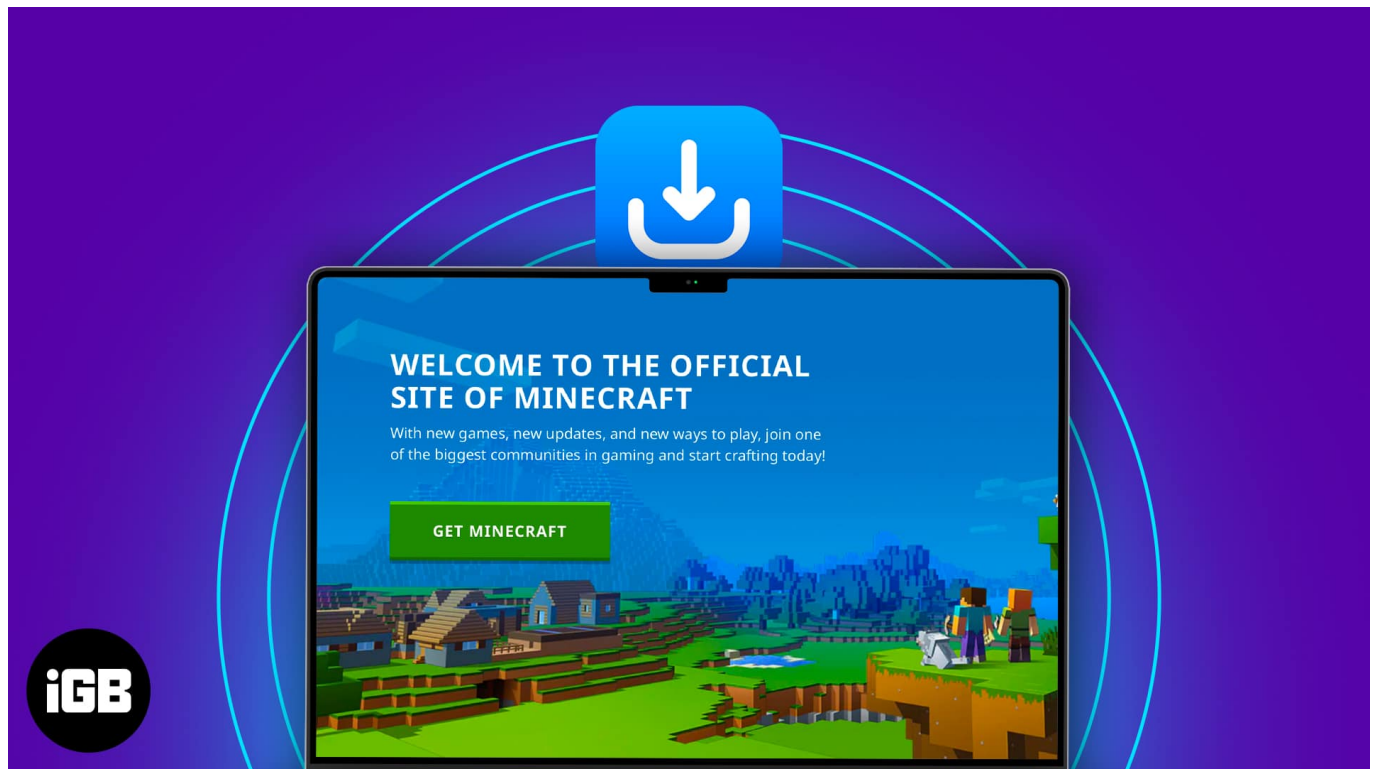


Minecraft is a wildly popular sandbox video game that allows you to explore and create your own virtual worlds, giving complete creative freedom. So, if you own a Mac and want to enjoy Minecraft, in this article, I will share how to download and install Minecraft on Mac. Let's get started!



## Requirements to play Minecraft on Mac

- A stable internet connection to download the game files.
- An active Microsoft account
- Minecraft Java edition license
- macOS 11 Big Sur or later
- Intel Core i5 or equivalent processor
- 2GB RAM
- Sufficient storage space to accommodate the Minecraft installation (approximately 2GB).

The best part is Minecraft runs natively on M1 MacBook, as it received support for Apple's ARM64 architecture in The Wild Update in July 2022. Therefore, all M1 and M2 Mac users can enjoy Minecraft.

## How to download and install Minecraft on MacBook

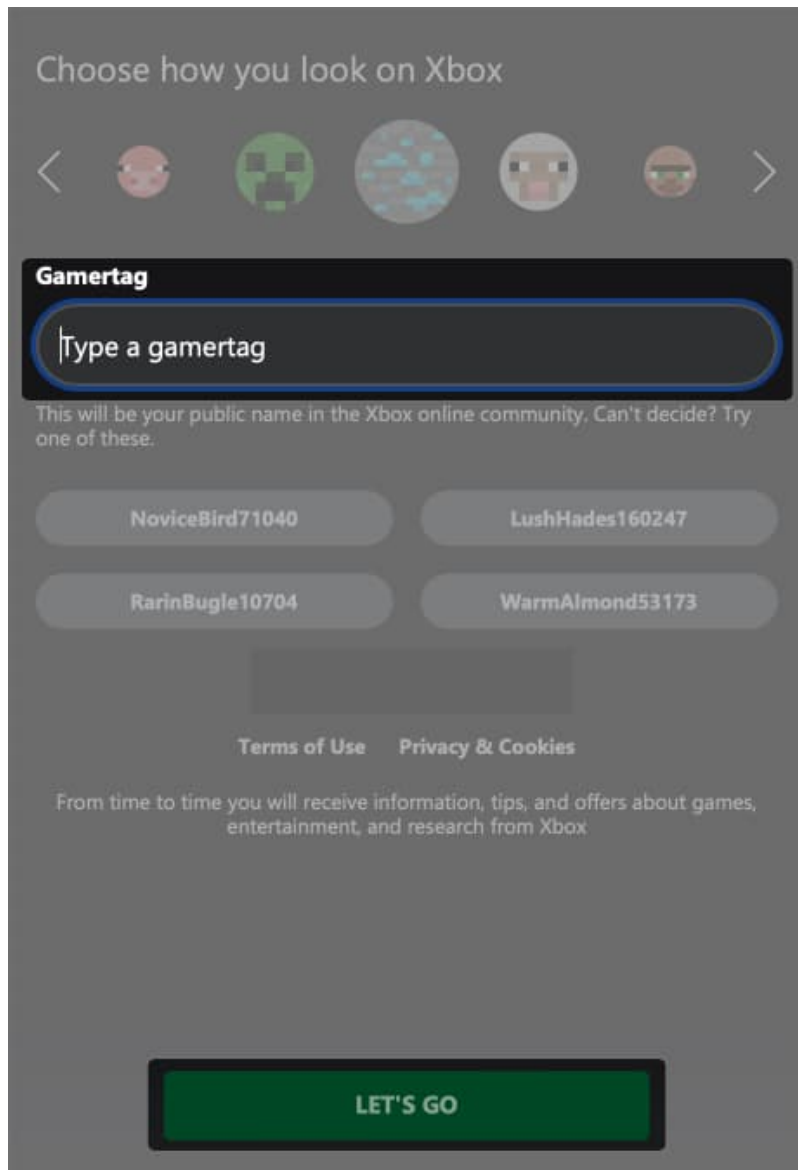
Minecraft has two versions: Java Edition and Bedrock Edition.

You need to download the Java edition for Mac, as it supports cross-platform multiplayer. Mac players can use custom fonts and GLSL shaders, unlike the Bedrock version.

To get Minecraft (Java Edition), you have to first create a Microsoft account and buy Minecraft. If you have a Mojang account, you must transfer it to the Microsoft account to continue playing.

### Step 1: Make a Microsoft account for Minecraft

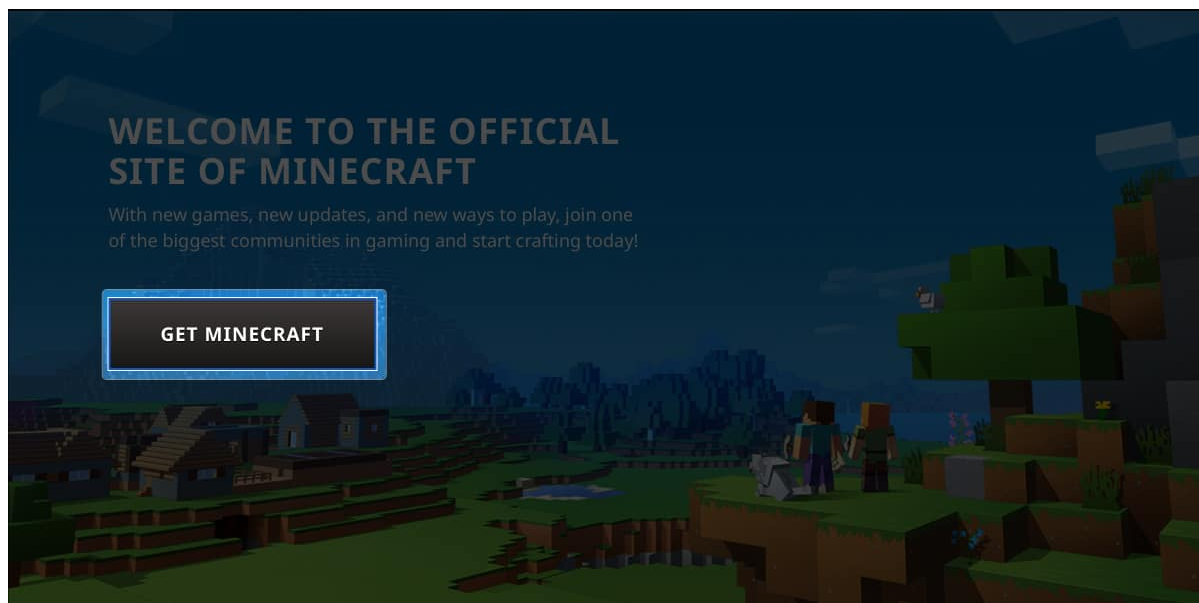
1. Go to [Minecraft's official site](#).
2. Click **LOG IN**.
3. Select **Sign up for free**.
4. Enter your **email address** or **phone number** → Tap **Next**.
5. Choose your **country** and **DOB** → **Next**.
6. Fill in the verification code you received on Mail.
7. You have successfully created your new Microsoft account. If you already have one, skip the steps above and tap **Sign in with Microsoft**. Enter your email address and verify yourself.
8. Choose a unique **Gamertag** → Tap **LET'S GO**.  
*It will be your public name in the Xbox community.*



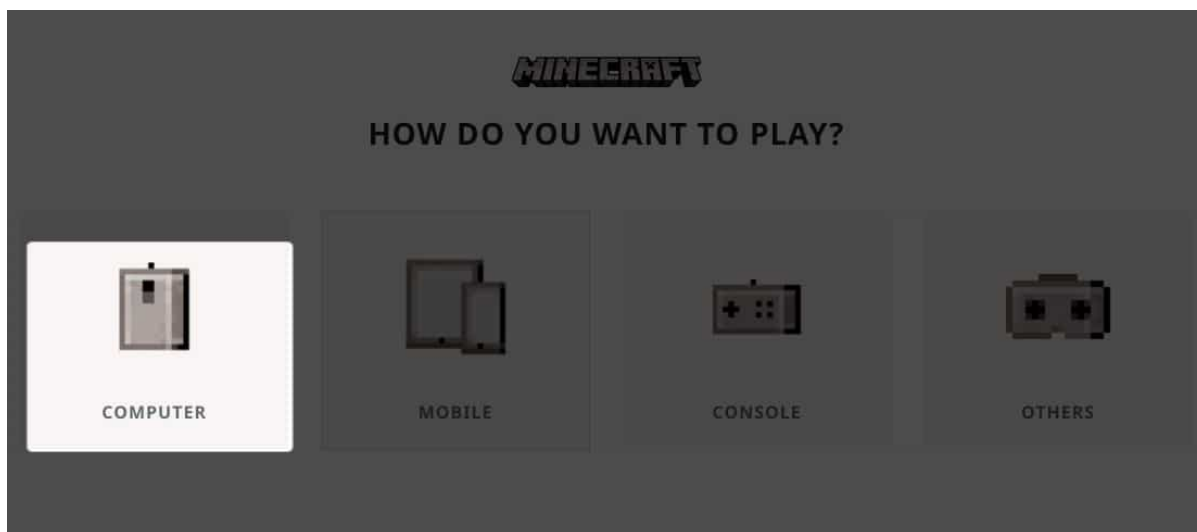
## Step 2: Download Minecraft on Mac

You must buy the Minecraft license to install and play it on your MacBook. If you already have it, I will discuss the steps later for downloading.

1. Open [Minecraft's official site](#).
2. Click on **GET MINECRAFT**.



3. Choose **COMPUTER**.



4. Select **Deluxe Collection** → Tap **BUY**.

**Minecraft: Java & Bedrock Edition for PC**  
**DELUXE COLLECTION**

Experience all the different ways to explore, survive, and build in Minecraft with Minecraft: Deluxe Collection for PC with Java & Bedrock and the Minecraft Launcher all included! Play the Bedrock Edition on a PC to browse endless community created content in the Minecraft Marketplace, discover new play styles through different maps, and express yourself with Character Creator items and emotes.\* The Deluxe Collection includes this added content for Bedrock Edition, in addition to Minecraft:

**Deluxe Collection**  
\$39.99

- 1600 Minecoins
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- 3 Emotes
- 3 Skin Packs
- 1 Texture Pack

**Base Game**  
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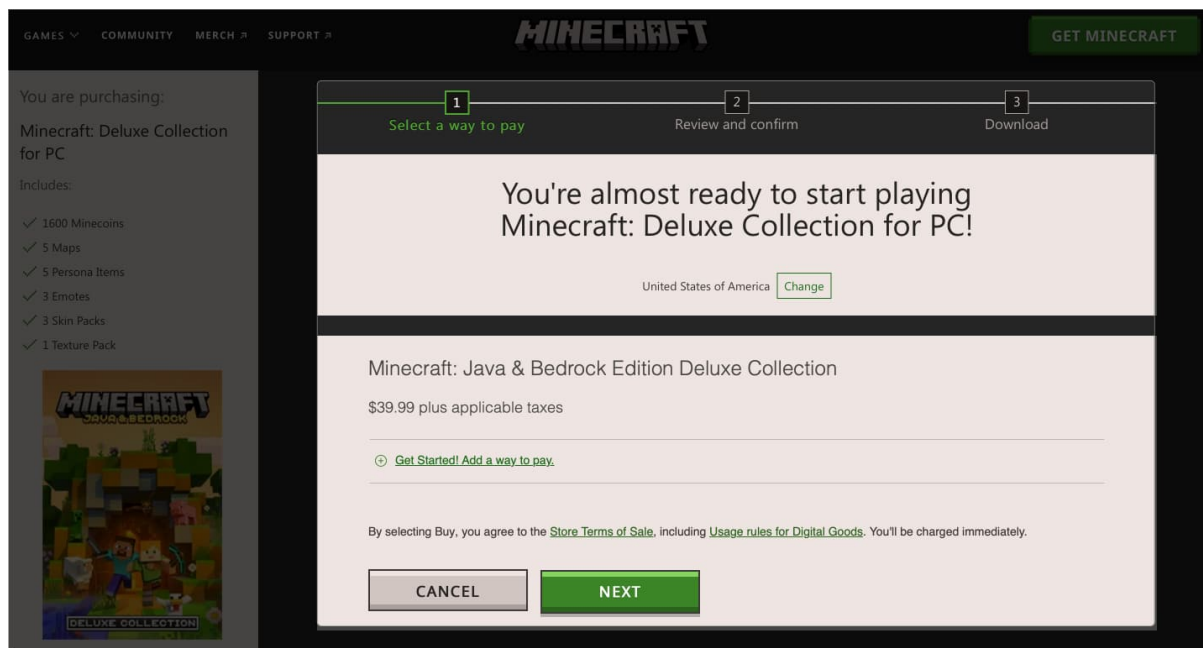
- Minecraft essentials

**BUY** \$39.99

5. Log in to your Microsoft account.

*You will be redirected to the payment page if you have logged in.*

6. Click **Get Started! Add a way to pay** → Choose your preferred payment method.

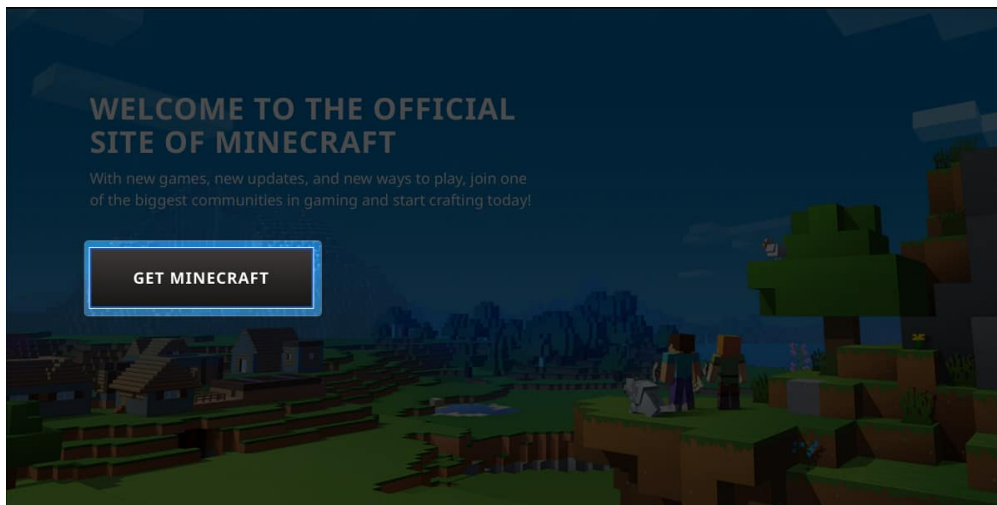


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8. Once the payment is processed, click **DOWNLOAD**.

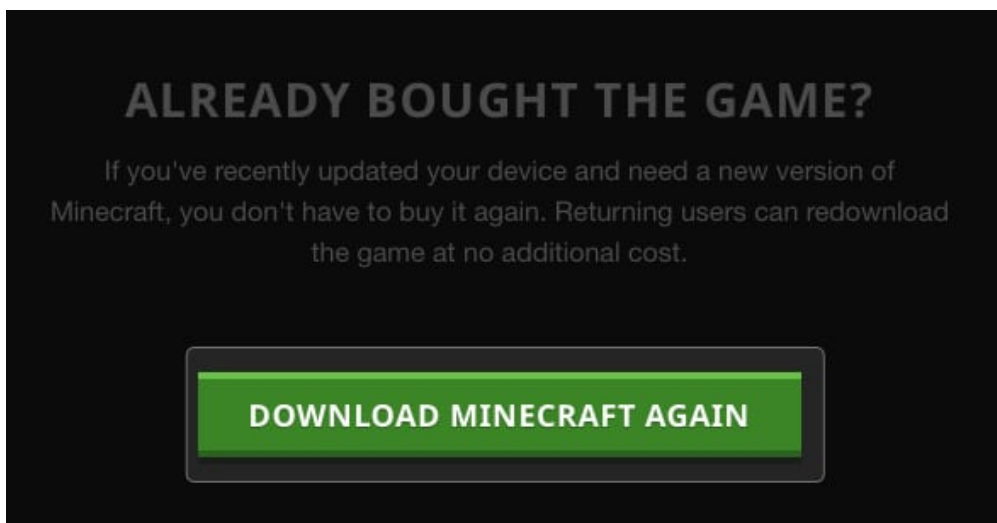
## How to download Minecraft on Mac if you already have purchased it from another device

In case you have purchased Minecraft before, you just need to download and install it on your Mac to start playing.

1. Open [Minecraft's official site](#) → Tap **LOG IN**.
2. Enter the **email address** you have purchased Minecraft with.
3. Select **GET MINECRAFT**.



4. Scroll down and click on **DOWNLOAD MINECRAFT AGAIN**.



5. Click on **DOWNLOAD LAUNCHER FOR MACOS** → **Allow**.  
*It will start downloading the package.*

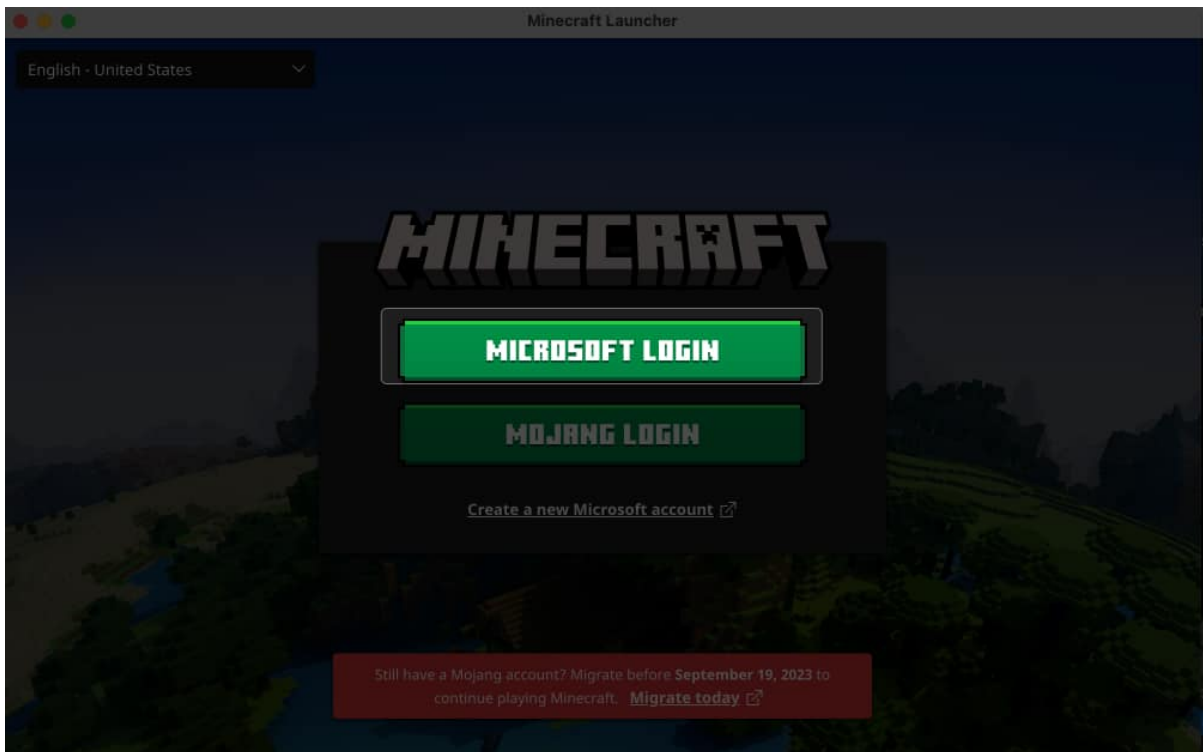


## Step 3: Install Minecraft on Mac after purchase

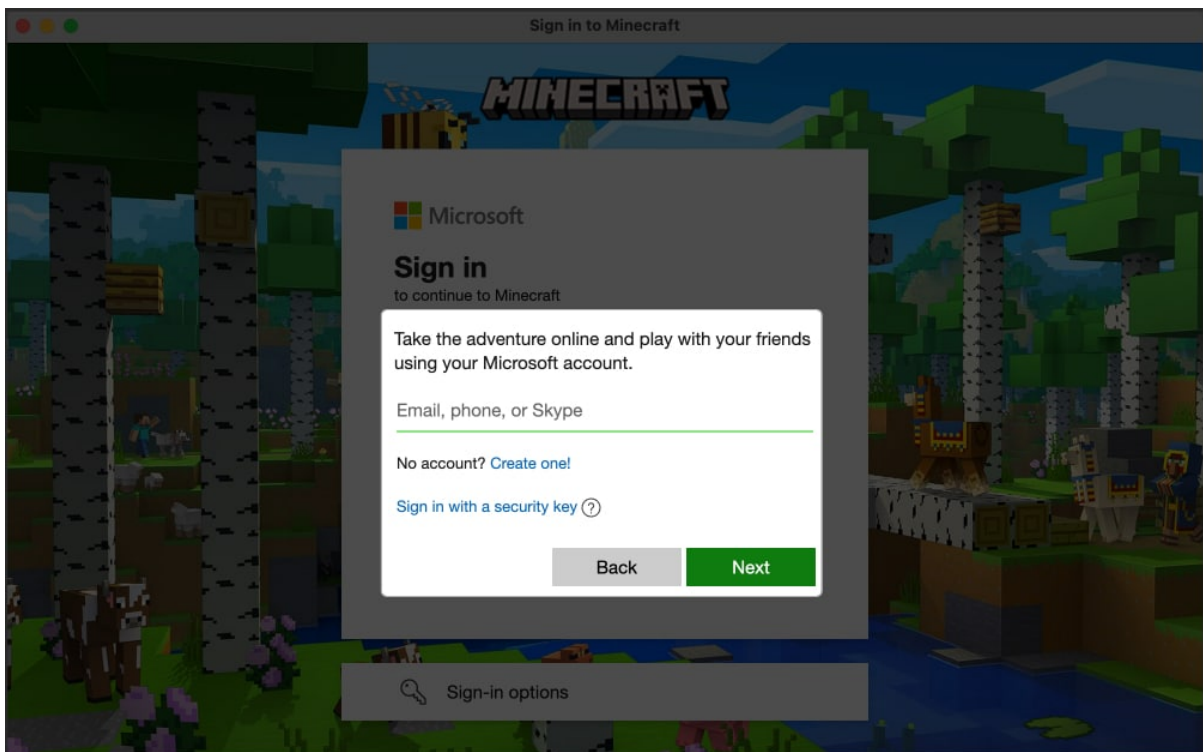
Whether you have just bought Minecraft or already have the license, the installation is the same for all. Also, the steps to download Minecraft on Mac are the same if you have bought it on Windows.

1. Go to **Finder** → Double-click on the **Minecraft.dmg** file.
2. Drag the Minecraft icon to **Applications**.
3. Open **Launchpad** → Click **Minecraft** under the **Games** folder.
4. Choose **Open**.  
*It will take a few minutes to set the game up for you.*
5. Click **MICROSOFT LOGIN**.

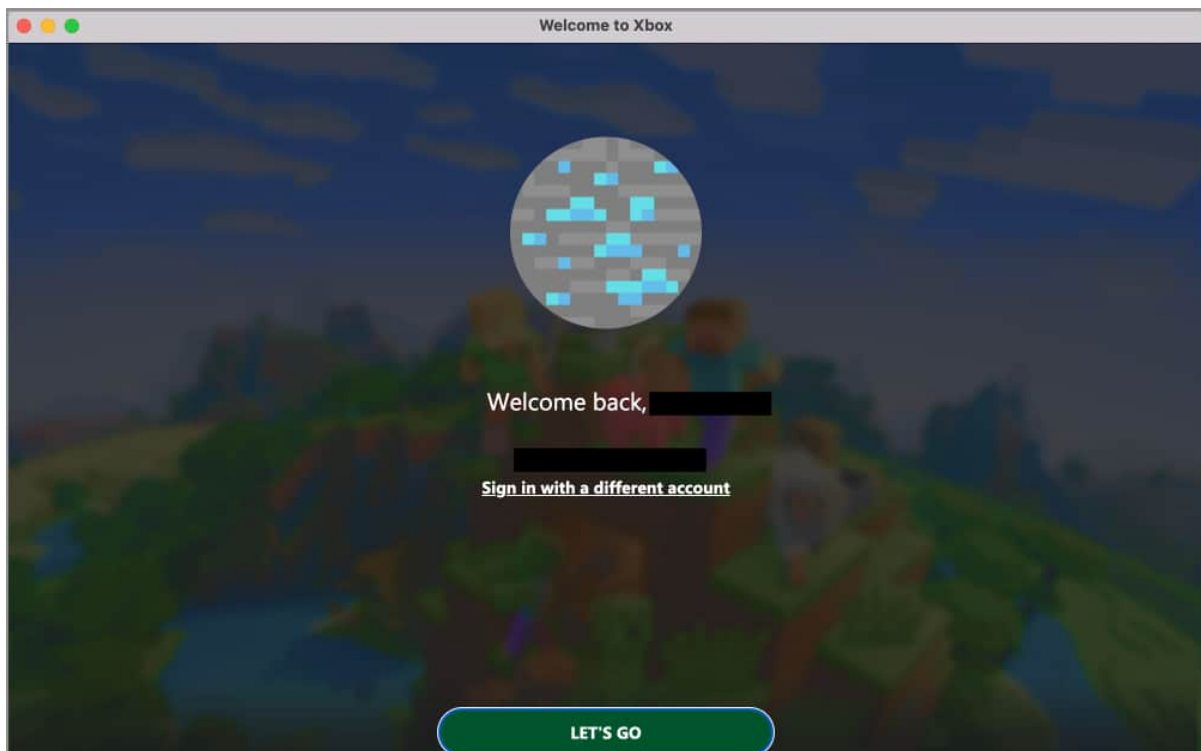




6. Enter the **email address** you used to buy the license.



7. Select **LET'S GO**.



8. Click **PLAY**.

*For the first time, it will download all the essential files.*

That's all! You have successfully downloaded and installed Minecraft Java Edition for your Mac.

## **Craft your own virtual world!**

Minecraft could easily go on to become a fun [Mac game](#) for users. With Minecraft, you can embark on endless adventures, build magnificent structures, and let your creativity run wild in the virtual realm. Remember to regularly update the game to access new features and optimizations. Also, ensure you have enough storage space for the updates.

If you face any issues while installing, let me know in the comments below!

## FAQ's

### **Can I play Minecraft for free on Mac?**

If you are a beginner unsure about the game, you may give it a shot with the trial. You can play the free demo for 1 hour and 40 minutes. For that, follow the same steps as if you already have the Minecraft license. Download the launcher for your Mac and install it as mentioned above.

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