

Microsoft Announces Minecraft Legends Game for Xbox, PC and Cloud, Coming in 2022

Microsoft is expanding its world of Minecraft into a brand new action-adventure game, Minecraft Legends. The one and only The game will be released in 2023. It will ask players to explore Minecraft as it is taken over by a nefarious force.

Microsoft's Mojang studios, which creates Minecraft describes the new game as an "familiar yet , in many ways, a brand-new" experience that is focused more on strategy and combat. The original Minecraft game, launched in 2011, challenges players to create and explore, while fighting off zombie-like creatures.

"You are at the center of every battle you fight, fighting alongside your allies while giving them direction," Microsoft said, in a statement that teased the game. Microsoft announced that it had partnered with Blackbird Interactive who also developed the space-based strategy game Homeworld3.

Minecraft Legends is not a well-known game. However it isn't a guarantee of success. Minecraft itself is one of the most played video games ever created, up there with Tetris, Super Mario Bros. and Grand Theft Auto. However, its efforts to expand past that hit formula have been sporadic.

According to Metacritic, Minecraft Dungeons was an action-adventure-style video game that was influenced by Minecraft. It received mixed reviews two years ago. GameSpot also a CNET corporate subsidiary also gave Minecraft Dungeons an "good" rating. GameSpot noted that Minecraft Dungeons was focused on fighting monsters, rather than offering a new twist to its formula of creating worlds. GameSpot's Steve Watts stated that the game doesn't change our expectations of what games can be. Instead, it's banking on its own popularity.

Microsoft announced Minecraft Legends at its annual summer video game showcase, which will be held online this year. The game will be available on Xbox, PC, and cloud gaming next year.