

To use any Microsoft services, you need to create a Microsoft account—an email address and password that you use to sign in to all Microsoft sites and services, including Outlook.com, Xbox Live, OneDrive, and Office 365. You can also use a Microsoft account to sign in to your Windows Phone and to PCs running Windows 8.1 or Windows RT 8.1.

You can use an email address you already have as your Microsoft account, or create a new Microsoft account at [Outlook.com](https://outlook.com).

To sign up for a Microsoft account

1. Go to the [Microsoft account sign-up](#) webpage, and then tap or click **Sign up now**.
2. Enter your first and last name, and then do one of the following:
 - To use an existing email address (including addresses from Outlook.com, Yahoo!, or Gmail), enter it in the **Username** box.
 - To get a new email address, click **get a new email address**.
3. Fill out the rest of the form, and then tap or click **Create account**.

If you used an existing email address to sign up, you'll need to verify it to prove that it's yours. For more info, see [Why do I need to verify my email address?](#)

If you have trouble with the characters in the picture, see [How do I match the characters in the picture?](#)