

GAMER GUIDE

ROBLOX
EDITION



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WHAT IS IT?



Developed by the aptly named Roblox Corporation, *Roblox* is not a single game but an online collection of games or experiences developed by other users, or sandbox game. A sandbox game is a video game with gameplay allows for a great deal of freedom and creativity within the game's environment. *Roblox* is available on various hardware such as PC, Android, iOS, and Xbox One / Series X.

ROBLOX

Roblox is often referred to as a children's game, but there are plenty of games on the platform which are designed for adults in mind. *Roblox* is essentially a game creation system and can be played in multiplayer or single player.

BREAKDOWN THE BASICS

Mechanics

With *Roblox*, you have two routes that you can go down - be the creator of a game or be the player that experiences the game.

If you are an aspiring video game developer or are interested in the game development industry, the Roblox Studio is perfect for you. It is a separate, free-to-play software that enables you to develop video games of your choice and style.



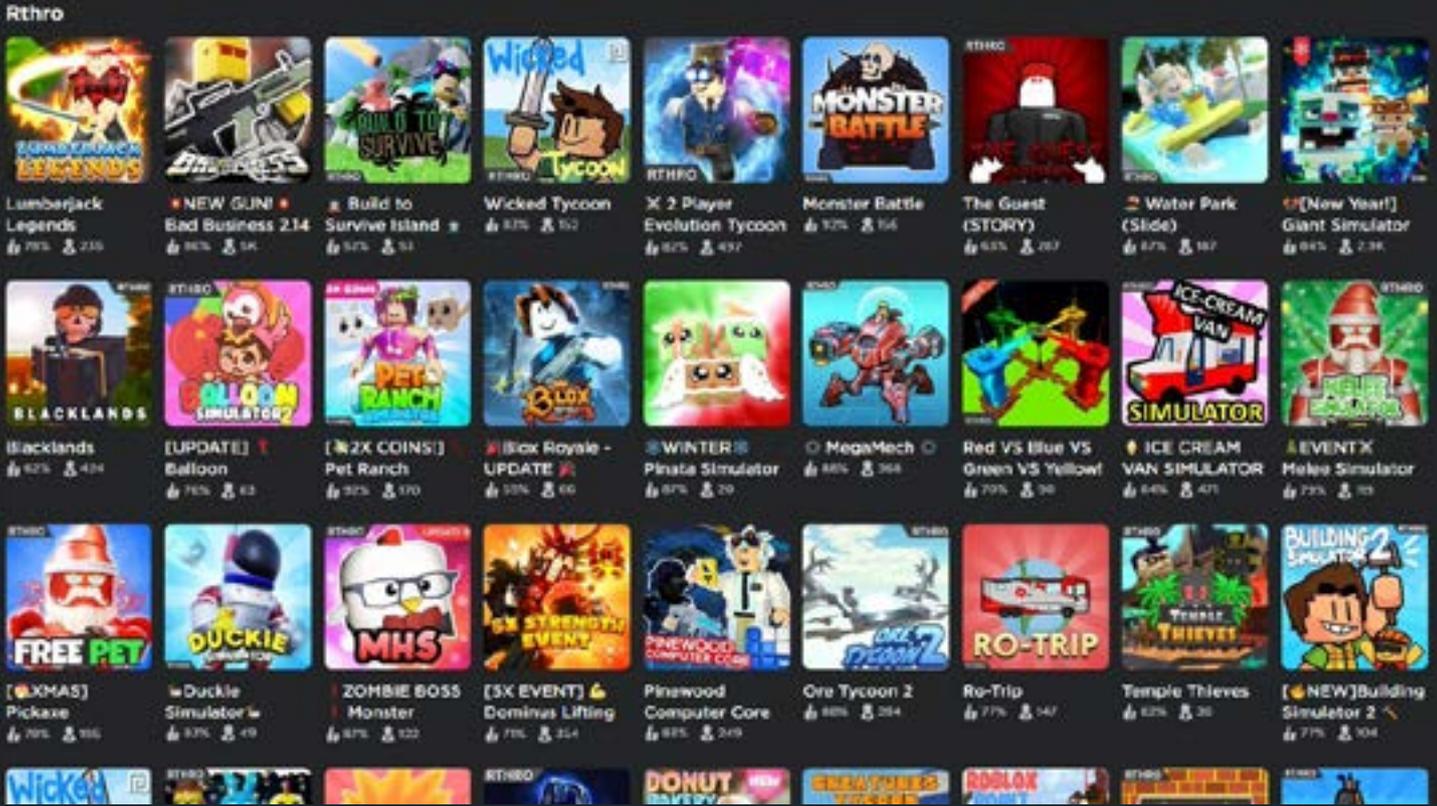
There are five tabs in Roblox — the home tab where you can customise your profile and the games that you like, the Games tab which shows all the latest titles in Roblox, the Avatar tab which enables users to customise their Roblox Avatars as well as purchase items from the shop using Robux, the Chat tab where you can message your teammates and friends while you play, and the More tab which houses the game's settings, your groups, your inventory, ongoing events, and others.

The first thing that you want to do is head to the Avatar tab and begin designing your very own Roblox avatar. Click on the Customise option and you will be able to personalise everything from body, clothing, animation, emotes, and more. You can create multiple characters so don't feel shy to do something different and explore what style you like.

Categories

After the customization process, go to the Games tab and you will see 17 categories to choose from.

- Most Engaging | Recommended For You | Up-and-Coming | Popular
- | Top Rated | Play Together (Free Private Servers) | Learn and Explore | Featured
- | Popular Among Premium | Top Earning | Roleplay | Adventure | Fighting
- Obby | Tycoon | Simulator | Popular Worldwide



When you're looking at the Games tab, you will see game thumbnails and titles which immediately gives you an idea of what a specific game is all about. Just below it are some numbers you may want to pay attention to as well.

The left one with the thumbs up icon is the number of people who have liked the game while the right one with the person icon is the number of people who have played the game. For beginners, what you want to look at are games with a high like percentage and a high number of players. This way, you can be sure you are only getting a good game!

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For most of the games, you can just click on the green button to immediately start playing. However, if you see a number indicated on the green button, this means the game is not free and you need to pay a certain amount of Robux to unlock it. We will cover the in-game currency of Robux later in the guide.

After clicking the green play button, you will be redirected to the game's server. This will change your screen orientation to landscape, especially for mobile users. Each game has a different set of rules, but what's always present in the interface is the chat option (seen and shared by the whole server) and the settings option which lets you leave the game, reset your character, or resume the game. You can also add friends through this option.

Environment

Roblox allows users to create their own games using its proprietary engine, Roblox Studio, which can then be played by other users. Games (or "experiences" as described by Roblox themselves) are made with an object-oriented and open-source programming language based on Lua, known as Luau.

Users are able to create purchasable content through one-time purchases, known as "Game Passes", as well as microtransactions which can be purchased more than once, known as "Developer Products" or "Products". Roblox occasionally hosts real-life and virtual events. They have in the past hosted events such as BloxCon, which was a convention for ordinary players on the platform. Roblox operates annual Easter egg hunts and also hosts an annual event called the "Bloxy Awards", an awards ceremony that also functions as a fundraiser.



Roblox occasionally engages in events to promote films, such as ones held to promote Wonder Woman 1984 and Aquaman. In 2020, Roblox hosted its first virtual concert, which was compared by Rolling Stone to that of American rapper Travis Scott's virtual concert in Fortnite, during which American rapper Lil Nas X debuted his song "Holiday" to an audience of Roblox players.

In 2021, Swedish singer Zara Larsson performed songs at a virtual party to celebrate her new album Poster Girl. On September 17, 2021, a virtual concert by the American band Twenty One Pilots took place. In October 2021, Roblox partnered with Chipotle Mexican Grill to give \$1 million of burritos away to the first 30 000 people every day as a part of Chipotle's Halloween Boorito promotion.



CONCLUSION

If you're starting out as a *Roblox* beginner without any Robux, you should check out the free games available first before you make the commitment to Roblox. Soon after you can start playing premium games or making games of your own soon.