

<http://www.wikihow.com/Create-a-Hotmail-Account> (There is also a video at this website.)

How to Create a Hotmail Account



Microsoft Hotmail is a great way to keep up with your email, instant messaging, Xbox LIVE, and other Microsoft services—all with one Windows Live ID.

Step 1

Go to the Hotmail website: www.hotmail.com. There, you'll be given the option to sign in, or to sign up with Windows Live and a Hotmail address. If you already have a Windows Live account, all you need to do is sign in, using the fields on the right. If you do not have a Windows Live account, click on the Sign Up button, circled below.

A screenshot of the Microsoft Hotmail website's sign-in page. The page features the Hotmail logo at the top left. Below it, there's a section titled 'Your files, on any device' with a description of SkyDrive and a link to 'See how SkyDrive works'. In the center, there are images of a smartphone, a laptop, and a tablet, all displaying the Hotmail interface, with a blue cloud icon below them. A red circle highlights the 'Sign up' button in the text 'Don't have a Windows Live ID? Sign up'. On the right side, there's a 'sign in' section with a 'Microsoft account' link, a text input field containing 'someone@example.com', a 'Password' input field, a 'Keep me signed in' checkbox, a blue 'Sign in' button, and links for 'Can't access your account?' and 'Sign in with a single-use code'.

Step 2

Fill out the sign up page. This is where you'll decide what your email address will be, as well as entering personal and security information.

Step 3

Enter your personal information. Fill in how you would like to sign in. This is the easy part: name, birthday, and gender. Note: this information doesn't have to be factual. However, if you do choose to use false information, write it down somewhere so that you'll remember it.

Microsoft account

If you use **Hotmail**, **SkyDrive**, **Xbox LIVE**, or have a Windows Phone, you already have a Microsoft account. [Sign](#)

Who are you?

Name

Birth date

Gender

Your name is how your friends, co-workers, family, and others can identify you when you're signed in.

Create your account name. Enter in a unique name in the **Microsoft account name** field, and make sure @hotmail.com is selected. Note: you can use an existing email address if you like, but for our example we'll stick to a Hotmail address.

Create a password. Use at least 8 characters, case sensitive. Numbers are recommended for greatest security. To create a strong password, use all 16 characters and include at least one capitalized letter, as well as one number.

How would you like to sign in?

Microsoft account name

 @

[Or use an email address you already have](#)

Create a password

8-character minimum; case sensitive

Reenter password

Step 4

Fill in contact information. In case you lose your password, you must enter in at least two methods of contact, including phone and alternate email.

If you lose your password, how can we help you reset it?

Phone number

United States (+1)

(555) 333-4444

Alternate email address

[Or choose a security question](#)

You can also select a security question from the options below. Note the answer must be at least 5 characters.

Security question

✓ Select one

Mother's birthplace

Best childhood friend

Name of first pet

Favorite teacher

Favorite historical person

Grandfather's occupation

Step 5

Tell them who you are. Pick any country from Afghanistan to Monaco to Zimbabwe, and your zip code.

Where are you from?

Country/region

United States

ZIP code

Step 6


Make sure you're not a robot. Perhaps they're taking the thread of Androids seriously, or maybe Microsoft is just keeping spam at bay. Either way, they ask you to enter one of those garbled Captcha lines before you can accept the user agreements and get your account.

(Note: *Captcha* = *Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart.*)

Help us make sure you're not a robot

Enter the characters you see

[New](#) | [Audio](#)



Step 7

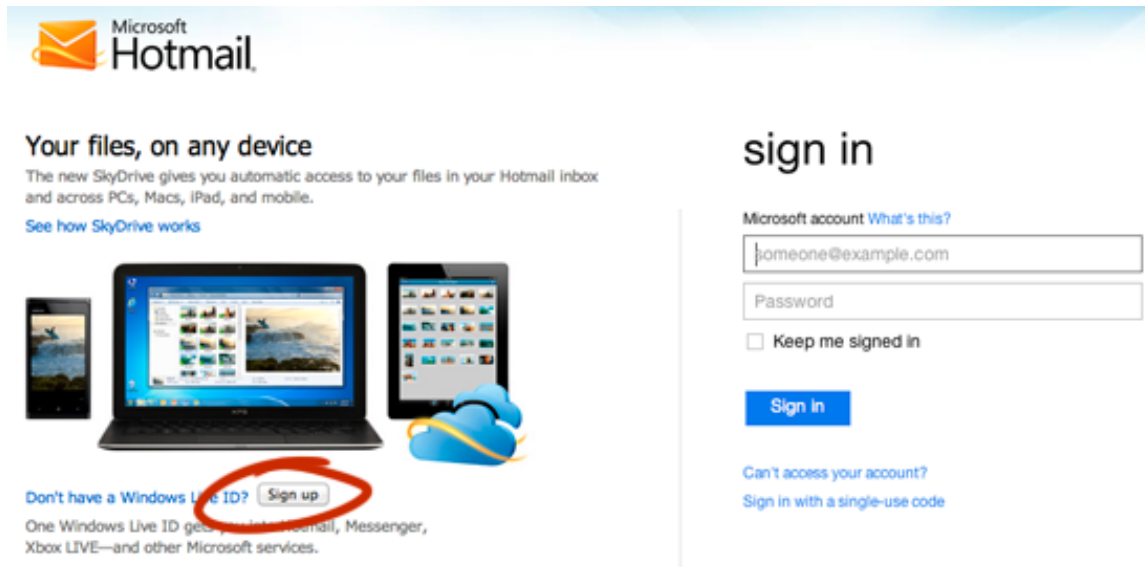
Agree to the terms of service and privacy policy. At the bottom of the page, there are two blue links to Microsoft's terms of service and privacy policy documents. You don't have to read these to set up an account, but you do have to agree to them. Click "I agree" at the bottom of the page to complete the process.

Click **I accept** to agree to the [Microsoft services agreement](#) and [privacy & cookies statement](#).

Step 8

Log into your email account. Visit the Hotmail website again to log into the email account you just created.

Type **www.hotmail.com** in the URL line of your web browser.
Next fill in your new email address (i.e. **janedoe@hotmail.com**)
and your Password under the Sign In on the *right hand side of this screen*.
Click the blue Sign In button.



You will then see the screen below; you can start sending and receiving emails.

