

League of Legends Quick Start Guide

A compact reference for new players: what the game is, where to download it safely, current system requirements, and the basics to know before your first match.

5v5 Main team format	Free Free-to-play core game	Nexus Destroy the enemy Nexus	PC + Mac Official desktop support
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1. Download Safely

Use Riot Games' official installer. Avoid third-party “unlocked,” modified, or skin-download clients. The official download page offers installers for Windows and Mac.

Official download: <https://www.leagueoflegends.com/en-us/download/>
Spanish / “League of Legends descargar”: <https://www.leagueoflegends.com/es-mx/download/>



2. Current System Requirements

Riot updated its support page on September 22, 2026. The figures below are the current official minimum and recommended requirements; always re-check Riot Support before upgrading hardware.

Windows	Minimum	Recommended
CPU	Intel i3-530 / AMD A6-3650	Intel i5-8250 / Ryzen 3 1200
RAM	2 GB	4 GB
VRAM	1 GB	2 GB
Storage	16 GB HDD	16 GB SSD
OS	Windows 10 Build 19041+ or Windows 11	Windows 11
Graphics	DirectX 11 feature level 11_0	DirectX 11 feature level 11_0

Mac minimum: Apple M1, Metal-capable GPU, macOS 12, 8 GB unified memory, and 40 GB available storage.

Windows 11 requires TPM 2.0. Riot officially supports Windows and macOS; Linux, SteamOS, and Bazzite are not officially supported.

Official requirements: [Riot Games Support](#)

Know Your Role Before Queueing

You do not need to learn every champion at once. Pick one role, a small champion pool, and focus on the basics.

Role	Where	What You Usually Do	Good First Focus
Top	Top lane	Solo lane; often tanks, fighters, duelists	Trading + wave control
Jungle	Between lanes	Farm camps, help lanes, secure objectives	Map awareness
Mid	Middle lane	Damage, roaming, central map pressure	Positioning + roaming
ADC / Bot	Bottom lane	Ranged sustained damage; usually scales with items	Last-hitting + positioning
Support	Bottom lane	Protect allies, engage, ward, create opportunities	Vision + teamwork

First-Match Checklist

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- Finish the tutorial.** Learn movement, abilities, attacking, shopping, and the Nexus objective.

Choose one role. Switching roles every game slows down early learning.

Play 2-3 champions repeatedly. Familiar abilities free your attention for the map and team fights.

Practice last-hitting. Minion gold is one of the most reliable ways to get stronger.

Look at the minimap often. Missing enemies and nearby fights matter as much as your lane.

Do not chase every kill. Objectives, towers, vision, and staying alive often matter more.

Useful Modes for New Players

Summoner's Rift	The main 5v5 competitive map. Best for learning standard roles and objectives.
ARAM	One-lane, all-random matches with frequent team fights. Good for seeing unfamiliar champions.
ARAM: Mayhem	A more chaotic ARAM variant. Availability and rules can change with updates.
League Classic	An official 2026 experience based on an earlier era of League. Useful for nostalgia, not as a substitute for learning the current game.

If the Game Will Not Launch

Check Windows/macOS support, available storage, graphics drivers, and whether the Riot Client has finished patching. On Windows 11, verify TPM 2.0 is enabled. If the issue continues, use Riot Support rather than downloading replacement files from third-party sites.

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