

To play Minesweeper: starting the game

1 On the Game menu, click New.

The Minesweeper game area consists of the mine counter, the timer, and the playing field.

2 Click any square on the playing field to start the timer.

- To uncover a square, use the left mouse button to click it. If it is a mine, you lose. If a number appears on the square, it specifies how many mines are in the eight squares that surround the numbered square.
- To mark a square you suspect contains a mine, use the right mouse button to click it.

Note

- The object of the game is to find all the mines on the playing field as quickly as possible without uncovering any of them.

To play Minesweeper: strategy and tips

- To mark a square you are uncertain about, use your right mouse button to double-click it. This marks the square with a question mark (?). Later, you can either mark the square as a mine, or uncover it.
- If you have found all the mines around a numbered square, uncover the remaining squares around it by clicking the numbered square with the left and right mouse buttons simultaneously.
- Look for common patterns in the numbers. Often, but not always, a pattern of numbers indicates a specific pattern of mines. For example, the pattern 232 at the edge of a group of uncovered squares indicates a row of three mines next to the three numbers.

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