

How to Create a City or Town on Your Computer

If you're bored or need something to do and have a computer on hand, make a city. You don't have to download or buy anything to do this, plus it's fun!

Steps

- 1 **On your desktop, right click and select new, new folder, and name it the name of your city.** (Some examples are Lynx Town, Cloud City, etc.)

- 2 **Inside it, make another folder.** Call it 'City Hall,' 'Town Meeting Hall,' 'White House,' etc. and inside that, create a 'Main Office.'

- 3 **Make some more folders in that and call them whatever you deem appropriate.** They represent the items important to the town and various tasks that are fulfilled in the center building of the town, such as 'Record Book' or 'Secretary's Office.'

- 4 **In the 'Main Office,' create a Word document or text file; this will be used to keep the city's check book.**

- 5 **Create a folder (NOT inside the City Hall) and give it a residential neighborhood address.** This is your house. If you wish, you could be the mayor, or just a regular citizen.

- 6 **Create more houses for more people, but focus on the person representing you.** He/she doesn't need to have your name, but if not, make sure you remember which person it is. Two ways to create people are:
 - Make a folder with their name so that you can show what they are "holding" or "owning" as an inventory. You can also change the icon of the folder with downloaded sprites or pictures of people so that they can have identities. If you need to turn pictures into folders, download a icon-making program.
 - Make a Word document or text file and keep track of what they own, their relationships, what they think, etc. on it.

- 7 **Now give everyone a checkbook.** If your people are represented by folders, use a Word document and create a starting amount of money somewhere around \$100,000 for each person.

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each person. If you have Word or textbook documents for your people, just type a bold heading 'Checkbook' or 'Money' and keep track under that.

- 8 **Build different rooms in your house, as well as everyone else's house.** Everything you build will subtract from that person's amount so give everything a price and TAKE NOTES. To do this, make a Word or textbook document outside the City Hall and call it 'Notes.' Take EVERYTHING down here, including prices, history, and any ideas you suddenly get for the future.

- 9 **Use the other residents, or even yourself, to build stuff, such as homes to sell, or a store, or even a research center.** Get a job and make money. If someone needs something like a textbook or a folder, or if someone moves in and decides to buy a house, who ever they bought that from gets the money, and also pays his employees. Don't forget, play everyone's emotions and personalities, for example, if you make someone not pay an employee, that person's probably going to quit their job.

- 10 **Use more than just the basics, be creative, for example, don't just sell textbooks, name them, that way you're selling notebooks, checkbooks, journals, etc...**

- 11 **Research is one of the most important things.** For example, I found Windows Movie Maker, and, after a while, I researched it, and being creative, made a Movie Studio, and eventually a TV Station, and TV's themselves. Soon everyone had a TV. 3 others and I were large directors, made a lot of movies, and a TV series. Easy way to become rich, [P.S. something like a windows movie maker probably shouldn't be cheap.]

- 12 **Finally, be creative, use the resources you have, all of them, but read the warnings before going on your own city.**

Tips

- Right click, click "View," and change it to Thumbnail to create the effects of streets in between the buildings (folders). Also, right click anywhere(in city ONLY) and select Arrange Icons By=>Auto Arrange. Make sure Auto Arrange is off, and then you can place your "Houses" where ever you want!
- A factory with a lot of folders can be useful for producing products.
- You don't have to be the only real human, have a friend, or a brother play, too.
- You don't have to follow the article word for word. Being creative is half the fun
- It's easier to remember prices by keeping a price book.
- If you have the time (or friends who'll do this,) make another city to trade with, plus it makes the whole thing more fun.

- Taxes are a good idea, it helps keep the government high on it's heels (money wise).
- Clubs, arcades, and etc... (made with briefcases or folders) could hold games, and even money making tournaments
- Overpricing stuff can come in handy (for example- Overpricing games helps to keep people from buying them, keeping the arcades and etc... alive and running because people will have to go to them to play the games.)
- Tournaments are fun. Host a tournament and play the competitors, or have someone else host it and be a competitor, either way, you could make a profit.
- Personalize the government, don't just let them be there, have them do stuff like build a museums or parks, help people, etc...
- Libraries are fun, you can be an author.
- Jails may be important, depending on if their needed, of course.
- If you computer is home networked, you can make the city a shared network folder, and allow others to see or edit your city.
- Make a document to keep track of tournaments, contests, who moves out, etc. That way, you don't do something you already did, or make it an annual event! Also, it helps you remember who used to be a citizen and gives them the chance to move back.

Warnings

- Don't add anything vital to the computer into the city.
- This may (probably not, but may) cause your computer to slow down, if the computer does slow down, save the city(s) on a disk and then delete them, if the computers still slow, you can reinstall you city(s) because it's now apparent that the city(s) not the problem, and this is unlikely to happen.

Things You'll Need

- A computer
- A lot of memory

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