If you are an avid player of the game Minecraft, chances are you have heard about console commands at least once or twice. These commands can give you anything from items to dealing with lag. However, for new players that aren't used to the idea of using them, they can be intimidating and confusing. This article is here to help! What are Console Commands? Console commands are simple instruction lines that allow you do certain actions in-game without using cheats. These include spawning items for your inventory, giving yourself resources like minecart rails or obsidian, and even taking care of problems like corrupted chunks or lag spikes. There are hundreds of commands for you to use, but most players will only use a portion of the available commands. The things you can do with console commands are endless. It's up to you to decide how you want to play the game, and if using console commands is the way for you. How do I get Console Commands on my Computer? Before we talk about the actual commands themselves, let's talk about how you get them onto your computer in the first place. If you're on a PC, all of your Minecraft files are in different locations depending on whether or not your account is an administrator or not. If it isn't, go to your C:\\Users\\\USERNAME\\AppData\\Roaming\\.minecraft\\bin directory, and replace USERNAME with your username. If it is, go to C:\\Program Files\\Java\\jre7\\bin and do the same thing. In both cases, you should see a file called Minecraft.exe. Right click this file and choose Create Shortcut. Now, find the newly created shortcut and right-click it again; select Properties from the list of options. Under the Target box, you'll see the path to the Minecraft executable. Right click this path and choose Change. Add in where you have your Minecraft files located by replacing ~/Games/Minecraft with whatever directory you've chosen. For example, if your Minecraft directory was at C:\\Games\\Minecraft you would replace that with C:\\Program Files\\Java\\jre7\\.minecraft\\. Now, you should be able to launch Minecraft from your desktop shortcut. If that doesn't work for some reason, try launching minecraft.exe directly from the installation directory of Java (in my case: C:\\Program Files (x86)\\Java\\jre7). You can also use a TypeScript based port of the JVM Minecraft client. It's not as configurable as a regular Java program, though. How do I use Console Commands? The console can be tricky to figure out at first, but you probably already knew that. Essentially, the console is playing a string of characters that JavaScript translates into your desired command or effect. So let's say you need to spawn some vines to make an intricate bridge over a ravine. You would type " /setblock minecraft:vine 1 5 {TileId:30}" and it would interpret those characters as " 1 5 30".

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