How to Install Our APK

Simple step-by-step instructions for Android phones/tablets and Meta Quest

App download page	REPLACE THIS WITH YOUR APP WEBPAGE URL
Recommended browser	Android: Chrome or Files app Quest: Any phone browser + SideQuest on a Mac/PC
Quest install method	SideQuest on a Mac or Windows computer
Before you start	Have your device charged, connected to Wi-Fi, and enough free storage for the APK.

Install on an Android phone or tablet

Use this method when the APK is hosted on your own webpage and the user is installing directly on their Android device.

First-time install

1. On the Android phone or tablet, open Chrome.

2. In the address bar, type your app webpage URL and open it.

3. On the webpage, tap the button or link that downloads the APK.

4. If Chrome shows a warning such as "This type of file can harm your device," tap Download anyway.

5. When the download finishes, tap Open in the download notification. If you do not see the notification, open the Files or Downloads app and tap the APK file there.

6. If Android shows a screen saying Chrome, Files, or the current app is not allowed to install unknown apps, tap Settings on that screen.

7. On the next screen, turn on Allow from this source for the app that opened the APK. This is usually Chrome or Files.

8. Press the back button one time to return to the APK install screen.

9. Tap Install.

10. Wait for the installation to finish, then tap Open to launch the app right away, or Done if you only want to close the installer.

11. If the app asks for permissions such as camera, microphone, storage, or location, tap Allow only if your app needs that permission to work.

Later app updates

1. Open the same webpage again on the Android device.

2. Download the newer APK.

3. Open the APK file.

4. Tap Update or Install when Android asks. The new version should install over the old one as long as it uses the same app package name and signing key.

If installation does not start
- Make sure the APK finished downloading completely.
- Make sure you turned on Allow from this source for the app that opened the APK.
- Make sure the device has enough free storage.
- If Android says the app cannot be installed, delete the downloaded APK, download it again, and retry.

Install on a Meta Quest headset

For Quest, the most reliable novice-friendly method is to use SideQuest on a Mac or Windows computer.

What you need
- A Meta Quest headset that is already set up and paired with the Meta Horizon mobile app on a phone.
- A Meta developer account and developer team.
- A Mac or Windows computer.
- A USB-C data cable to connect the Quest to the computer.
- The APK file saved on the computer, or downloaded from your webpage onto the computer.

One-time setup for Quest

1. On your phone, install the Meta Horizon mobile app if it is not already installed.

2. Open the Meta Horizon app and sign in with the same Meta account used on the headset.

3. If the headset is not already paired to the phone, complete the pairing in the Meta Horizon app before continuing.

4. On a phone or computer browser, open the Meta developer sign-up page.

5. Sign in or create your Meta developer account.

6. Create or join a developer team when Meta asks. If you are creating your own team, enter a team name and finish the team creation steps.

7. If Meta asks you to verify the account, complete the requested verification before continuing. Meta says this can require phone verification or adding a payment method.

8. Go back to the Meta Horizon app on the phone.

9. In the app, tap the headset icon in the bottom toolbar.

10. Tap your paired headset at the top of the screen.

11. Tap Headset Settings.

12. Tap Developer Mode.

13. Turn Developer Mode on.

14. On the computer, open the SideQuest download page.

15. Download the correct SideQuest installer for your computer.

16. Install SideQuest. On Mac, open the downloaded file and move SideQuest to Applications if asked. On Windows, run the installer and click through the install prompts.

17. Connect the Quest headset to the computer with a USB-C data cable.

18. Put on the Quest headset.

19. If the headset asks for USB access, choose Allow.

20. If the headset asks "Allow USB debugging?", check the box that says Always allow from this computer, then tap Allow.

21. Take the headset off and open SideQuest on the computer.

22. Wait until SideQuest shows that the headset is connected.

Install the APK on Quest

1. If your APK is still on the webpage, download the APK to the computer first.

2. In SideQuest on the computer, click the button used to install an APK file from your computer.

3. When the file picker opens, select your APK file and confirm.

4. Wait for SideQuest to finish the install. Do not unplug the cable during the install.

5. Put on the Quest headset.

6. Open the Apps library.

7. Open the category filter drop-down and choose Unknown Sources.

8. Find your app in the Unknown Sources list and open it.

Install a newer version on Quest later

1. Download the newer APK to the computer.

2. Connect the Quest to the computer again with the USB-C cable.

3. Open SideQuest and confirm the headset is connected.

4. Install the new APK the same way as before.

5. Open the app from Unknown Sources on the headset.

If Quest does not appear in SideQuest

- Check that Developer Mode is still on in the Meta Horizon phone app.
- Disconnect and reconnect the USB-C cable.
- Put the headset on again and make sure you accepted the USB debugging prompt.
- Try a different USB-C cable. Many charging cables do not carry data.
- Close and reopen SideQuest.

Direct links to use in your final version of this document

Replace the placeholder app webpage URL on page 1 with your own download page before sending this guide to users.

Your app download page: REPLACE WITH YOUR OWN URL

Meta Horizon mobile app help/download: https://www.meta.com/help/quest/1178714089211378/

Meta developer sign-up: https://developers.meta.com/horizon/sign-up/

Meta Quest headset setup for development:
https://developers.meta.com/horizon/documentation/unity/unity-env-device-setup/

SideQuest setup/download: https://sidequestvr.com/setup-howto

What the person installing should expect to see

- Android: a download warning, then an Install screen.
- Quest: Developer Mode in the Meta Horizon phone app, a USB debugging prompt inside the headset, then the app listed under Unknown Sources.