

Installing two factor authentication

Installing Microsoft Authenticator



On your phone:

For Android: Open the Google Play Store, search for Microsoft Authenticator, and tap Install.

For iOS: Open the App Store, search for Microsoft Authenticator, and tap Get or the download cloud icon.

Set up:

1. Open the Microsoft Authenticator app after installation.
2. Tap on Add Account from the app's main screen.
3. Choose the type of account you wish to add (e.g., personal, work, or school account).
4. Follow the prompts to scan a QR code provided from the registration page.
5. Manually enter the setup keycode when prompted.



In your web browser

Microsoft Authenticator does not directly integrate with web browsers, it is used to approve sign-in requests from web services.

However, if you're setting it up for a Microsoft account or service, here's a general guide.

Log into your Microsoft account:

1. Visit the Microsoft account security page and sign in.
2. Set up two-step verification:
3. Navigate to More security options.
4. Look for Two-step verification and click Set up two-step verification.
5. Follow the instructions, and when prompted for an authentication method, choose Use an app.
6. Microsoft will display a QR code on the screen. Use the Microsoft Authenticator app on your phone to scan this QR code.

Installing Google Authenticator



On your phone:

For Android: Open the Google Play Store, search for Google Authenticator, and tap Install.

For iOS: Open the App Store, search for Google Authenticator, and tap Get or the download cloud icon.

Set up:

1. Open the Google Authenticator app after installation.
2. Tap on Begin or Add an account and choose Scan a barcode or Enter a provided key from the options.
3. Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code provided from registration page.
4. Manually enter the setup keycode when prompted.



In your web browser

To use Google Authenticator with web services, such as your Google account, follow these steps:

1. Access your account's 2FA settings.
2. For a Google account, go to Google Account Security Settings and find 2-Step Verification.
3. Activate 2-Step Verification.
4. Click on Get Started and follow the prompts to sign in.
5. Scroll to Authenticator app and select Set up.
6. Choose your phone type (Android or iPhone) and follow the instructions to scan the QR code displayed on your screen with the Google Authenticator app.

Both apps essentially function in the same way by generating time-based, one-time use codes used during the two-factor authentication process for various services.

Remember, setting up these apps with your online accounts adds an extra layer of security, significantly reducing the risk of unauthorized access.