

Account, designs and community

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Sign in and accounts

Short answer: Click Sign in at the top right, then choose Continue with Google or type your email and password. To make a new account, click Sign up free. Accounts are free. You need one for plugins and Community posts, not for drawing.

Create a free account

- 1 Click **Sign up free** at the top right of the editor.
- 2 Click **Sign up with Google**, or fill in the form.
- 3 For email sign up, type your **Email** and a **Password** of at least 6 characters.
- 4 Pick your **Designation**, such as Student, Researcher or Educator. **Institute name** is optional.
- 5 Click **Create account**.
- 6 Open the link in the email MolDraw sends you. Then sign in.

Use a personal email you will keep, such as Gmail. A school email may stop working when you leave.

If you sign up with Google, MolDraw asks for your designation once. Click **Save and continue**.

Sign in

1. Click **Sign in** at the top right.
2. Click **Continue with Google**, or type your email and password and click **Sign in**.

In the Educational layout, **Sign in** is at the right of the top row. On a phone, open the ☰ menu. See Phone and tablet.

What needs an account

Feature	Without an account	With an account
Draw, edit, analyze and export	Yes	Yes
My designs and autosave in this browser	Yes	Yes
Search PubChem, 3D viewer	Yes	Yes
AI assistant with your own API key	Yes	Yes
Install plugins	No	Yes
Post, reply, vote and upload images in Community	Read only	Yes
Dashboard and profile	No	Yes

The account menu

After you sign in, your avatar shows at the top right. Click it to open the account menu:

- **Edit profile & avatar, My designs, Dashboard, Account settings** and **Community**.
- **Theme** and **Language** controls.
- **Settings, Keyboard shortcuts** and **What's new**.
- **Sign out**.

Sign out

Click your avatar, then **Sign out**. On a phone, open the  menu and tap **Sign out** next to your name. Your drawings stay in this browser after you sign out.

Forgot your password

1. Click **Sign in**, then the **Forgot password** link under the password field.
2. Type your email and click **Send reset link**.
3. Open the link in the email and choose a new password.

You can also click **Reset password** in the Dashboard, **Profile** tab.

Delete your account

Open **Dashboard**, **Profile**. Under **Danger zone**, click **Delete account**. Type your email and the word **DELETE** , then click **Delete my account**. This removes your sign in, profile, community posts and feature requests. It cannot be undone. Drawings in your browser are not touched.

Common problems

Symptom	Fix
No verification email	Wait a minute, then check spam or promotions. Click Resend verification email .
Google sign in in the desktop app opens a browser	This is normal. Finish in the browser and MolDraw returns signed in. See Desktop app.
Plugins show a Sign in button	Sign in, then open Settings, Plugins again.

Questions and answers

Is a MolDraw account free?

Yes. Accounts are free. MolDraw stays free to use without an account too.

Can I sign in to MolDraw with Google?

Yes. Click Sign in, then Continue with Google. MolDraw gets your name and email, not your Gmail or Drive.

How do I delete my MolDraw account?

Open Dashboard, Profile, then Delete account under Danger zone. Type your email and DELETE to confirm.

What happens to my drawings when I sign out?

They stay in this browser. Signing out only ends your session for plugins and Community.

Source: <https://www.moldraw.com/docs/account/how-to-sign-in-and-create-a-free-account/>

Designs and tabs

Short answer: Each tab above the canvas is one design. Click + to open a new tab, click a tab name to rename it, and click × to close it. Open My designs to search, rename, duplicate, delete, download or sort designs into folders.

Basic saving and opening is on Save and open your work. This page covers the tab bar and the full **My designs** library.

Document tabs

The tab bar sits above the canvas. Each tab is one design with its own undo history and style.

- 1 Click + at the end of the tab bar to start a new design tab. The command palette has **New design** too.
- 2 Click a tab to switch to it.
- 3 Click the name of the active tab, or double click any tab, to rename it. Press **Enter** to keep the name or **Esc** to cancel.
- 4 Click × on a tab to close it.

Right click a tab for **Rename** and **Close**.

Closing a tab does not delete the design. MolDraw saves it first, and it stays in My designs. If you close the last tab, MolDraw opens a new **Untitled design**. Your open tabs come back when you reload the page.

My designs

Click **My designs** at the top left to open the library. Each design shows as a card with a preview.

Action	How
Open	Click the card, or Open design
Rename	Click Rename (pencil) on the card
Duplicate	Click Duplicate on the card

Action	How
Delete	Click Delete on the card, then confirm
Download one	Click the download button on the card to save a <code>.molDraw</code> file
Search	Type in Search designs...
Grid or list	Click Grid view or List view
New design	Click New

Work with many designs

1. Click **Select**, then tick the cards you want. **Select all** and **Deselect** help.
2. Click **Duplicate**, **Delete** or **Move to...** to act on all of them.

Folders

1. Click **New folder**, type a name and click **Create**.
2. Select designs and use **Move to...** to put them in the folder.
3. Click a folder in the list to see only its designs. **All designs** shows everything.
4. To remove a folder, open it and click **Delete folder**.

Back up everything

Click **Download all**. With **ZIP** on, you get all designs as `.molDraw` files in one ZIP. With ZIP off, each design downloads as its own file.

Browser and cloud

	Where it lives	Notes
My designs	This browser, on this device	Works without an account. Separate for each browser and each site address.
<code>.molDraw</code> file	Your computer	Use it as a backup or to move work to another device
Cloud designs	Your MolDraw account	Not open to all accounts yet

The notice at the top of My designs reminds you of this. Clearing site data, another browser or a private window can remove designs. See Privacy and storage.

Tips

- Name tabs before you close them. Cards are easier to find by name than by preview.
- Before you clear your browser, click **Download all** with ZIP on.
- To move work to another computer, download the ZIP, then use **File, Open** there for each file.

Questions and answers

Does closing a tab delete my design?

No. MolDraw saves the design when you close the tab. Open it again from My designs.

How do I back up all my MolDraw designs?

Open My designs, turn on ZIP and click Download all. You get every design as a .moldraw file in one ZIP.

How do I make a copy of a design?

Open My designs and click Duplicate on its card. The copy appears as a new card.

Why are my designs missing in another browser?

My designs is stored per browser and per site address. Download the designs and open them in the other browser.

Source: <https://www.moldraw.com/docs/account/how-to-manage-my-designs-and-document-tabs/>

Community and dashboard

Short answer: Click Community in the editor row to open the MolDraw Community. Anyone can read posts. Sign in to post, reply, upvote and request features. Open Dashboard from your avatar to edit your profile, see your drawings and delete your account.

Community

The Community is a forum for MolDraw users. People ask chemistry drawing questions, share workflows and vote on new features.

- 1 Click **Community** in the editor row, or in the account menu.
- 2 Read posts freely. Click **Sign in** in the banner to take part.
- 3 Click **Create post**. Type a title and your text in **Ask a question, share a workflow, or suggest an idea....**
- 4 Add up to 6 images or videos if they help. Videos can be MP4 or WebM up to 50 MB.
- 5 Click **Post**.

What you can do in a thread

- **Upvote** a post you find useful.
- **Reply** to answer or ask more. You can mention people and like comments.
- **Share** or **Copy link** to send the thread to someone.
- **Report** content that breaks the rules. Pick a reason, such as spam, harassment or unsafe chemistry instructions. Only admins see reports.

Sort the list by **Latest** or **Top**. Use **Search the community** to find old threads. Read the Community Guidelines before you post. Do not post private or medical information.

Feature requests

You can request a feature in two places:

- In the editor, click **Request feature**. Fill in **Email** and **Feature title**, and describe the feature in the box below them. Add images if you like, then click **Send request**.
- In Community, open **Features** and click **Request a feature**, so others can vote on it.

Users upvote requests. Admins mark each one as new, under review, under progress or done. Done requests move to **Implemented features**. The command palette has **Request a feature** too.

Your profile

Click **My profile** in Community, or **Edit profile & avatar** in the account menu.

Field	What it is
Display name	Shown on your posts
Designation	Student, Researcher, Scientist, Faculty, Artist, Educator, Pharma or Other
Avatar	A drawn peep by default. Click Shuffle peep for another, or pick a letter avatar with your initials.
Karma	A score shown next to your name on posts

Your profile also lists features you requested that are now done.

Dashboard

Open your avatar menu and click **Dashboard**.

Tab	What it holds
Drawings	Drawing cards saved in this browser, each with Open and Delete
Profile	Name and Designation , Save profile , Reset password and the Danger zone

To change your avatar, use your Community profile. The email field cannot be changed here. To delete your account, see Sign in and accounts.

Tips

- Search Community before you post. Your question may have an answer already.
- Add a screenshot or a `.moldraw` export picture to a question. It is faster to answer.

- Upvote existing requests instead of posting the same idea twice.

Questions and answers

Can I read the MolDraw Community without an account?

Yes. Anyone can read posts. You need a free account to post, reply, upvote or upload images.

How do I request a new feature in MolDraw?

Click Request feature in the editor, or open Community, Features and click Request a feature. Others can then vote on it.

How do I change my avatar?

Open your Community profile with Edit profile & avatar in the account menu. Shuffle the peep or pick a letter avatar.

Source: <https://www.moldraw.com/docs/account/how-to-use-community-profile-and-dashboard/>