Resolve a Fabric dependency error without bypassing mod requirements

Fabric Loader checks declared mod requirements before starting Minecraft. A message about an incompatible mod set often identifies a missing library or an unacceptable version range. Read that requirement before replacing the world, raising memory or copying a dependency override from a forum.

Record the requirement, not just the filename

Save the console output from the first dependency failure and the relevant `logs/latest.log`. Record the Minecraft version, Fabric Loader version, Java runtime and exact pack release. Note the mod ID named by the error, its installed version and the dependency it requests. A mod's display name, download filename and internal ID can differ.

Fabric API is a separate mod, not another name for Fabric Loader. A requirement for `fabric-api` does not become satisfied by updating the loader alone. Likewise, a requirement for `fabricloader` concerns the loader rather than an API JAR. Use the log's actual IDs when building your correction list.

Inspect a downloaded copy

1. Stop the service and download the implicated mod JAR plus its current configuration for reference. Keep your complete pre-change backup outside the server.
2. Open the downloaded JAR as an archive on your own computer. Read `fabric.mod.json` at its root without modifying it.
3. Compare `id`, `version` and the `depends` entries with the error. Fabric also distinguishes recommendations and incompatibility fields; not every optional suggestion is a startup

requirement.
4. Check the mod author's official release page for the correct Minecraft and Fabric build, along with the required library release. Do not substitute a Forge or NeoForge download with a similar name.

Choose a matched correction

If the library is absent, choose its supported release for the existing Minecraft version. If it exists outside the accepted range, identify a compatible pair of mod and library versions. Several mods may depend on the same library, so confirm that the replacement satisfies their requirements too. Keep old copies outside the loaded `mods/` directory to avoid duplicate IDs.

If the requirement calls for a newer loader or Java runtime, use the hosting panel's supported controls or ask support to update the launch configuration. Do not run an installer against the customer instance during dependency troubleshooting. Changing Minecraft to satisfy one mod is a separate pack upgrade with world-migration risks.

Verify on an isolated copy

Make the correction on a test copy with an isolated world and external integrations disabled or redirected. Start it normally and confirm that dependency resolution passes. Then check the affected mod's feature and a matching client connection; reaching the menu or removing the first error does not establish gameplay compatibility.

Fabric's official override guide warns that dependency overrides target modpack developers, not ordinary players. Do not add `fabric_loader_dependencies.json` to suppress the requirement as your first fix. A forced load can expose code incompatibilities the metadata was intended to prevent.

Recover the previous combination

Restore the saved mod and library pair if the test fails. Keep the original world untouched. If the newer set already opened and migrated a test world, recover from its complete pre-change checkpoint rather than loading the changed save under older mods. Send support the requirement text and version list, with private paths and credentials removed.

Related help

Install or change a Minecraft modpack safely · Diagnose Minecraft mod conflicts on a test copy · Find Minecraft logs and share useful evidence

Official references

- Fabric mod metadata and dependency fields
- Fabric guidance on dependency overrides

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