
Unlocking Mi Phone Documentation

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Any smartphone has a bootloader—a program that launches an operating system when the smartphone is powered on. A bootloader of a Xiaomi phone is by default locked, which means that only a pre-installed operating system can be launched.

You can unlock the bootloader of your phone to be able to install any other operating system, for instance LineageOS. The unlocking procedure is legal and easy.



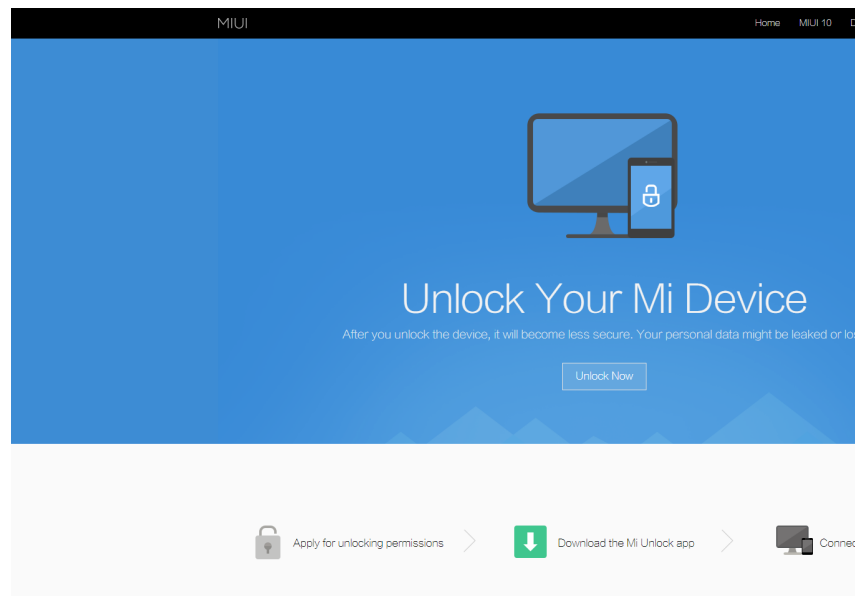
CHAPTER 1

Applying for unlocking

Before unlocking your phone, you must apply for unlocking on the Xiaomi site. For this, you will need your Mi Account. If you do not have one, you can create it on the site.

To apply for unlocking:

1. Follow the link .



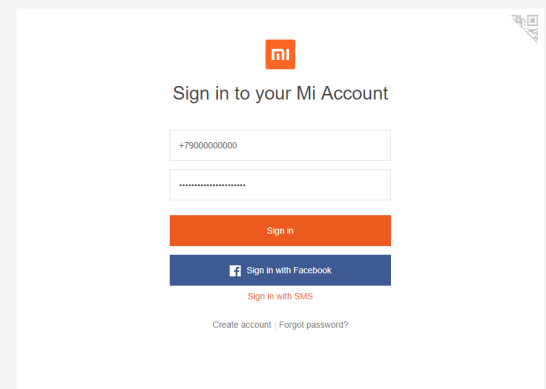
The **Apply for unlocking Mi devices** page opens.

2. Click the **Unlock Now** button.



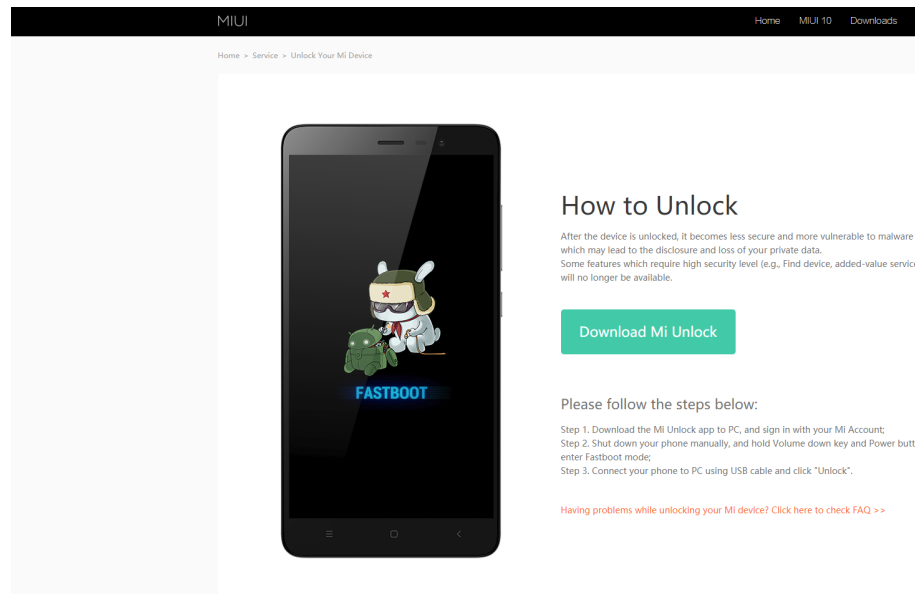
The Mi Account sign in page opens.

3. Follow the **English** link at the bottom of the page.



The language of the page changes to English.

4. Enter your Mi Account credentials and click the **Sign in** button.



The page with unlocking instructions opens.

If you have never registered at the MIUI forum, you are suggested to enter your nickname for it.



You must enter any nickname in the field and click the blue button.

You applied for unlocking.

You can now download the Mi Unlock app.

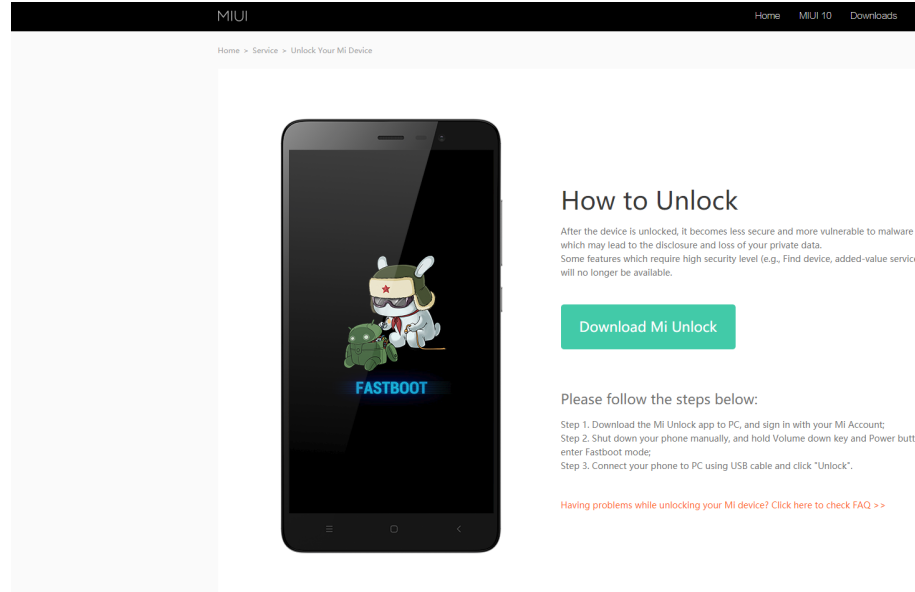
CHAPTER 2

Downloading Mi Unlock

Mi Unlock is an official Xiaomi app which unlocks bootloaders of Xiaomi devices. Before downloading the app, you must *apply for unlocking*.

To download the Mi Unlock app:

1. Follow the link .



The page with unlocking instructions opens.

2. Click the **Download Mi Unlock** button.

The *miflash_unlock-en-<program version>.zip* archive is downloaded to your computer.

3. Unpack the downloaded archive to any folder.

The Mi Unlock app is downloaded.

You can now launch the app.

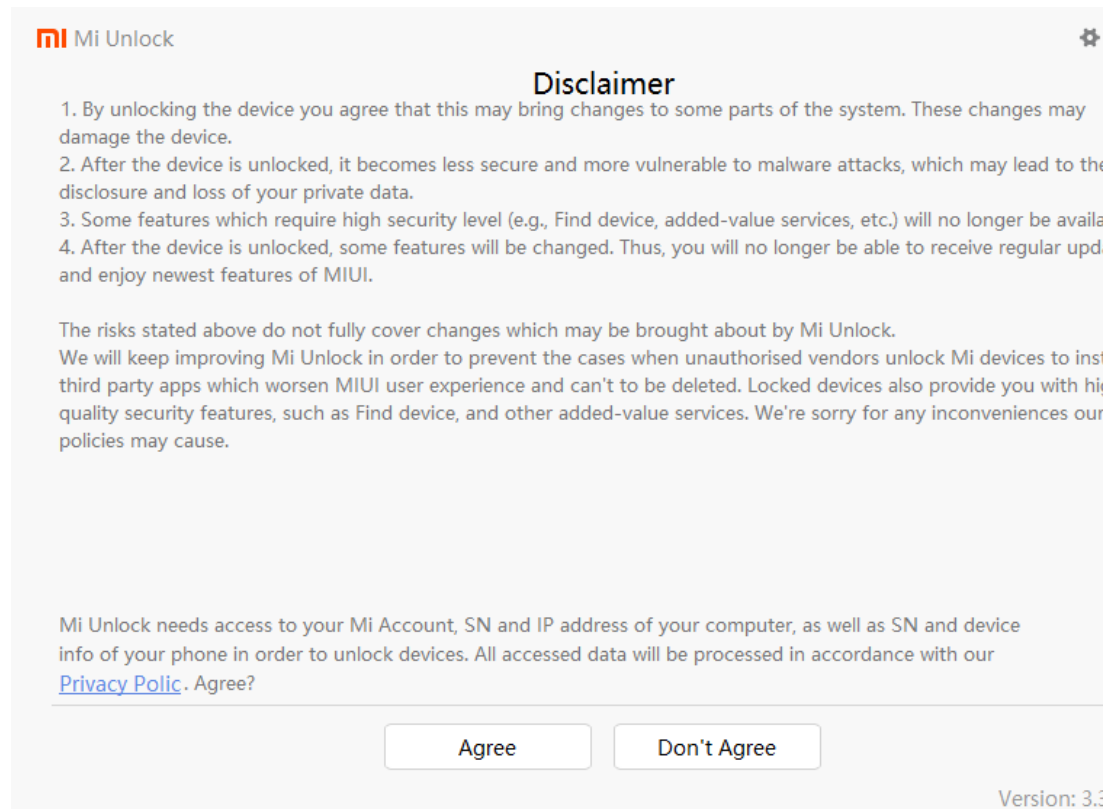
CHAPTER 3

Launching Mi Unlock

Before unlocking your phone using Mi Unlock, you must launch this app. Upon the first launch, you accept the app disclaimer and sign in to your Mi Account.

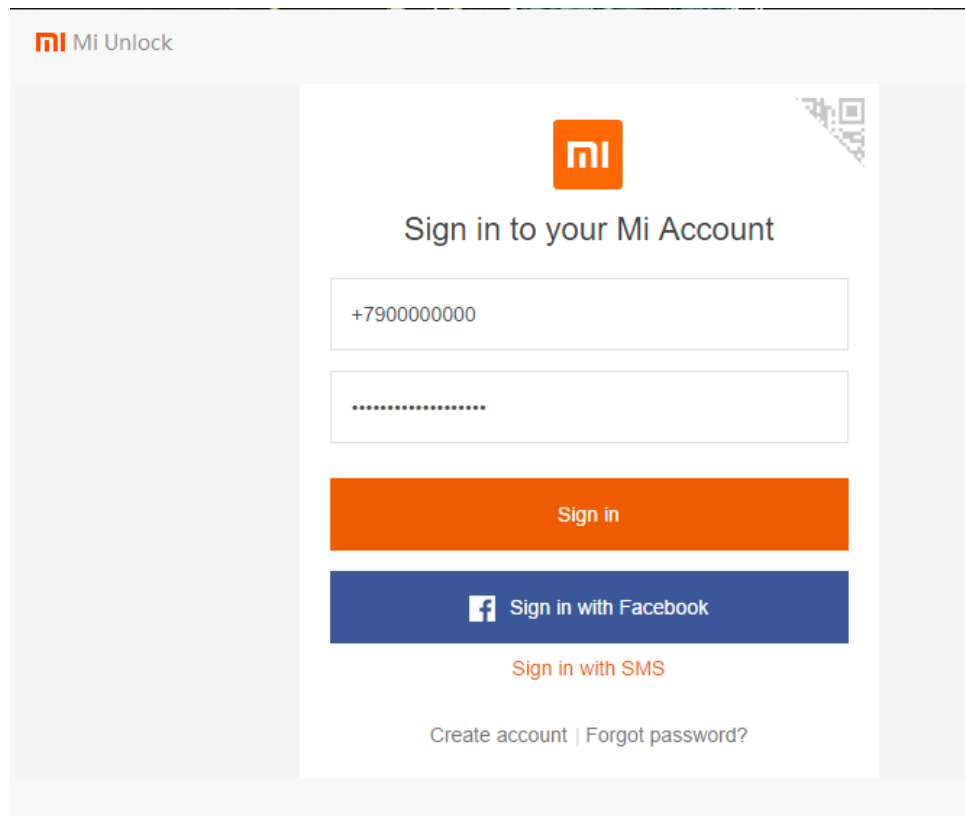
To launch the Mi Unlock app:

1. In the folder with unpacked archive run the *miflash_unlock.exe* file.



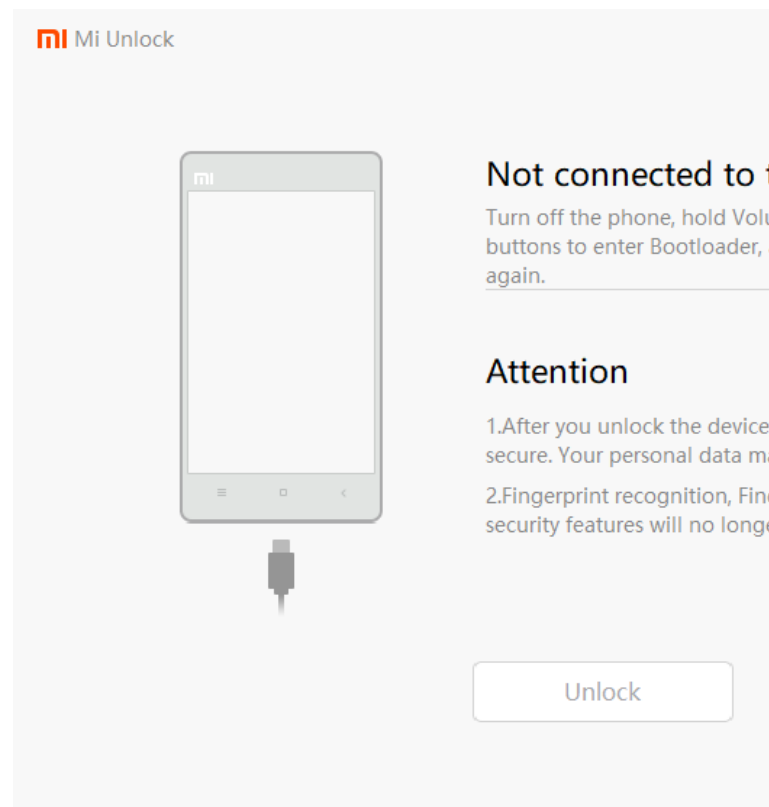
The app disclaimer opens.

2. Click the **Agree** button.



The Mi Account sign in window opens.

3. Enter your Mi Account credentials and click the **Sign in** button.



The window showing your phone connection status opens.

The Mi Unlock app is launched.

You can now unlock your phone using Mi Unlock.

CHAPTER 4

Unlocking your phone

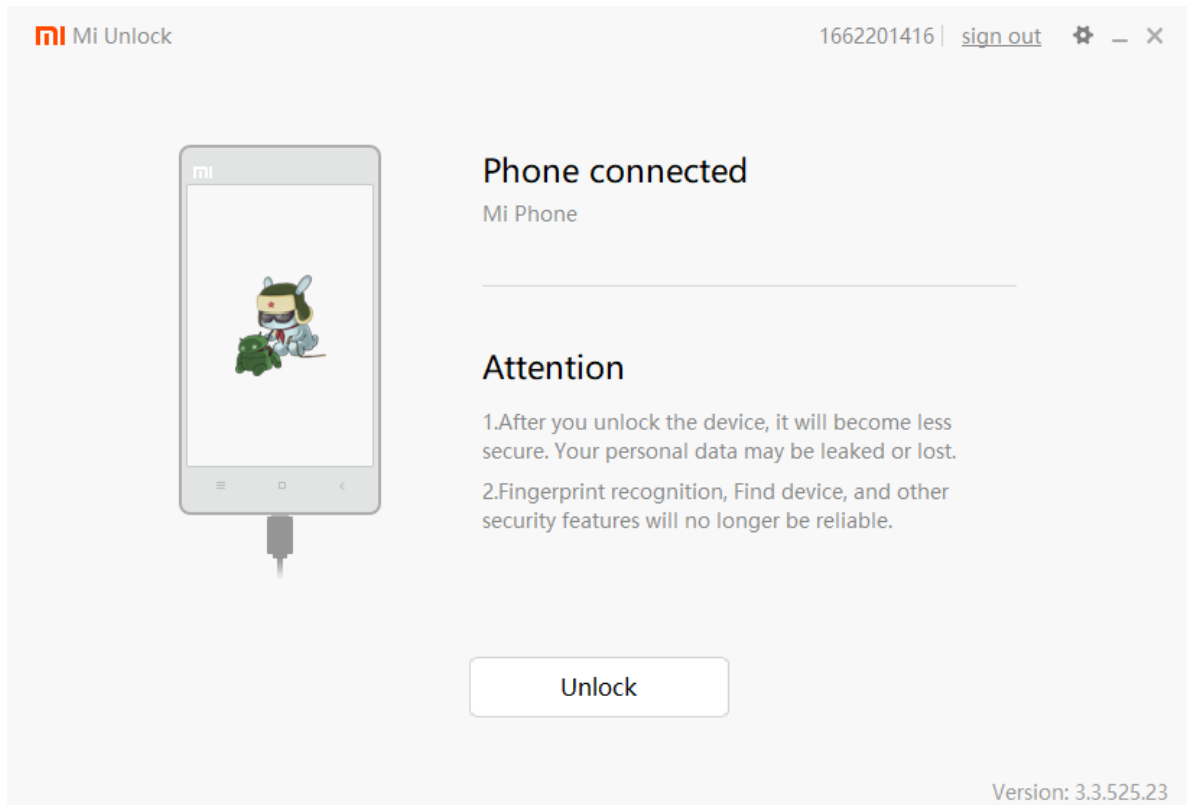
To unlock your phone:

1. Power off your phone. Wait until it is shut down completely.
2. Press and hold the volume down and power buttons of your phone until you see the fastboot logo on the screen.



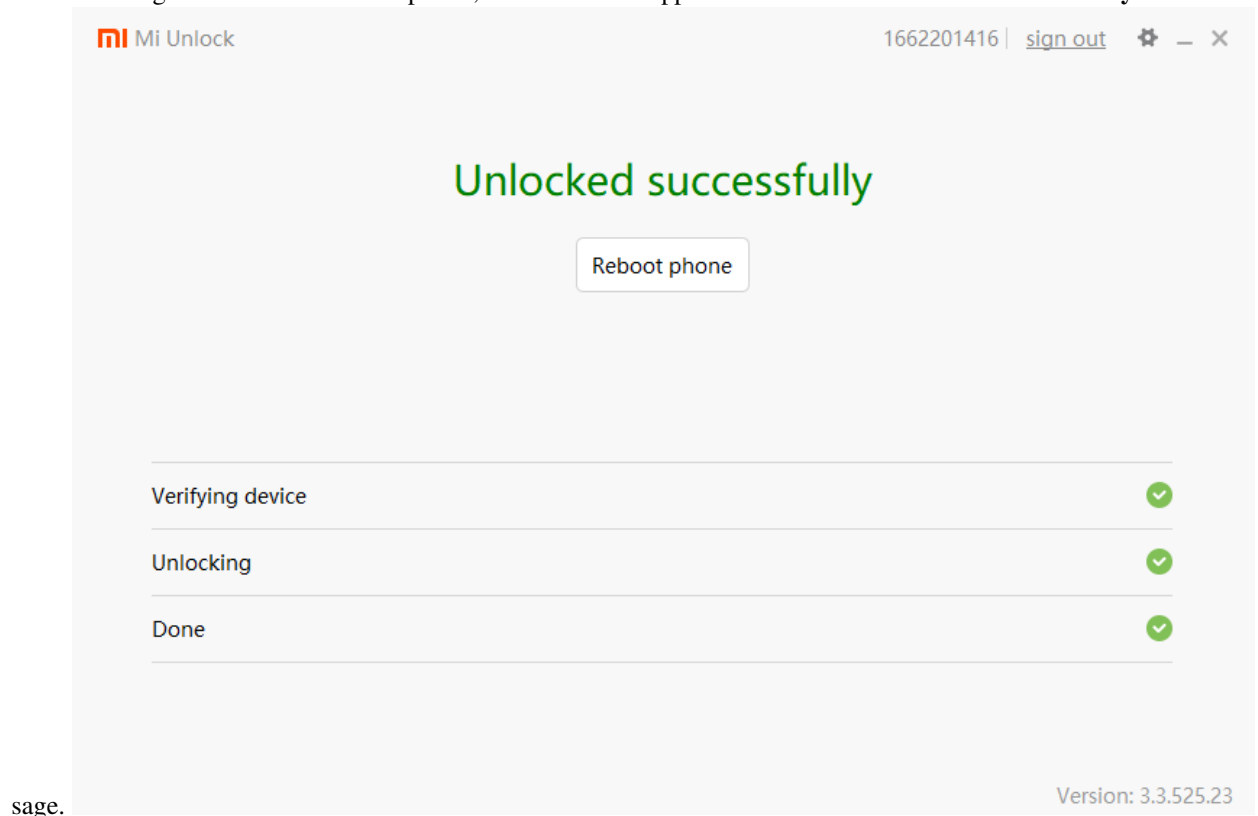
3. Connect your phone to your PC using a USB cable.

The Mi Unlock application displays the **Phone connected** message.



4. Click the **Unlock** button and confirm the unlocking.

The unlocking starts. When it is completed, the Mi Unlock application shows the **Unlocked successfully** mes-



sage.

5. Click the **Reboot phone** button.

Your phone starts rebooting to the OS. You may now disconnect the cable and close the Mi Unlock application.
Your phone is unlocked.