

The 🍋 **Lime emoji** is fundamentally different because it is not a standalone character, but a **Zero Width Joiner (ZWJ) sequence** created by digitally bonding two pre-existing emojis together. [1]

The Technical Backbone

Unlike older food emojis, the lime does not possess its own individual Unicode code point. Instead, software platforms display it by instantly blending two distinct characters: [1]

- The 🍋 **Lemon emoji**
- The 🟢 **Green Square emoji** [1]

These two icons are linked by an invisible character called a **Zero Width Joiner (ZWJ)**. On modern systems supporting Emoji 15.1 or later, your device recognizes this exact combination and automatically renders it as a single, fresh lime wedge rather than a yellow lemon sitting next to a green box. [1, 2]

Visual Presentation

Depending on your operating system, the emoji usually displays as a single sliced wedge of lime. Here is how the lime and its component emojis look across various digital platforms: [1]

Cultural Context

For years, social media users and culinary fans lamented the lack of a true lime emoji, often resorting to using the yellow lemon for recipes, cocktails, and Latin-American dishes. The creation of this ZWJ sequence finally solved the highly requested need for a distinct lime without needing to clear a brand-new slot in the standard Unicode catalog. [3, 4]

If you want to use it right now, you can copy it directly below:

Would you like to know which **other new emojis** were released in the same update, or do you need help checking if your **operating system** supports them?