

Installing Plugins on Your Minecraft Server

Plugins add functionality and customization to your Minecraft server, enhancing the gameplay experience for players. This guide will show you how to install plugins using the **Ridgeline Servers Control Panel**, both manually and through the **1-Click Plugin Installer**.

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Using the 1-Click Plugin Installer

The **1-Click Plugin Installer** simplifies the process of adding plugins to your server by allowing you to download plugins directly from supported platforms: **Modrinth**, **Spigot**, **CurseForge**, **Hangar**, and **Polymart**.

Steps to Install Plugins with the Installer

- 1. Access the Ridgeline Servers Control Panel:**
 - Visit <https://panel.ridgelineservers.com/> and log in to your account.
- 2. Navigate to the Plugin Installer:**
 - Click on the **More** menu in the control panel.
 - Select **Plugin Installer** from the dropdown.
- 3. Search for Plugins:**
 - Use the search bar to find your desired plugin by name or browse the available plugins from supported platforms.
- 4. Install the Plugin:**
 - Once you've found the plugin, click **Install**.
 - The installer will automatically download and place the plugin in your server's **plugins** folder.
- 5. Restart Your Server:**
 - After installation, restart your server to apply the changes.

You should never use the `/reload` command as it can cause issues.

Installing Plugins Manually

Manual installation gives you full control over the plugins you add to your server.

Steps to Manually Install Plugins

1. Download the Plugin:

- Visit a trusted plugin repository such as:
 - [Modrinth](#)
 - [SpigotMC](#)
 - [CurseForge](#)
 - [Hangar](#)
 - [Polymart](#)
- Download the plugin's `.jar` file to your computer.

2. Access the File Manager in the Control Panel:

- Log in to the [Ridgeline Servers Control Panel](#).
- Navigate to the **File Manager** from your server dashboard.

3. Upload the Plugin:

- Open the **plugins** folder in the File Manager.
- Click **Upload** and select the downloaded `.jar` file from your computer.

4. Restart Your Server:

- After uploading the plugin, restart your server to load the plugin and apply any changes.

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Verifying Plugin Installation

To confirm the plugin is installed and working:

- 1. Check the Console:**
 - Look for messages in the server console indicating that the plugin has been loaded successfully.
- 2. Use Plugin Commands:**
 - Refer to the plugin's documentation for specific commands and test them in-game to ensure functionality.
- 3. Review the Plugin Folder:**
 - Many plugins generate configuration files or folders in the **plugins** directory after being loaded.

Additional Tips

- **Choose Compatible Plugins:**
 - Ensure the plugin is compatible with your server type (e.g., Paper, Spigot) and Minecraft version.
- **Update Plugins Regularly:**
 - Keep your plugins updated to the latest version to avoid bugs and compatibility issues.
- **Backup Your Server:**
 - Before adding or updating plugins, create a backup of your server to prevent data loss.

Additional Help

If you encounter any issues or need further assistance, open a support ticket via the [Billing Area](#). Our support team is ready to assist you.