

# CONNECTION GUIDE

An aerial view of a Minecraft recreation project. The scene shows a university campus with several large, multi-story buildings in shades of red, brown, and grey. There are green spaces with trees and a central courtyard area. The sky is blue with white clouds. The text 'CONNECTION GUIDE' is overlaid at the top in a large, white, 3D-style font.

SOUTH DAKOTA MINES & RAPID CITY  
MINECRAFT RECREATION PROJECT

AS OF JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

# WELCOME!

FOR THOSE UNFAMILIAR WITH MINECRAFT, JOINING THE SERVER MAY BE A STRUGGLE. HERE IS A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE ON HOW TO JOIN, AS OF JUNE 2025.

FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO US IN OUR DISCORD OR BY OTHER CONTACT INFO FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR MORE ASSISTANCE.



**[HTTPS://DISCORD.GG/BP6P4XMDKs](https://discord.gg/BP6P4XMDKs)**

# IF YOU ALREADY KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND MINECRAFT:

THE SERVER IP FOR JAVA IS:

[PLAY.SDMINECRAFT.NET](https://play.sdminecraft.net)

AS OF JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025, THE  
SERVER IS ON **1.21.5**

THE SERVER IP FOR BEDROCK IS:

ADDRESS: **158.69.5.51**

(OR [PLAY.SDMINECRAFT.NET](https://play.sdminecraft.net))

PORT: **25579**

**BEDROCK WILL ALWAYS NEED THE  
PORT SEPARATE!**

**FOR THOSE WHO NEED A MORE  
IN-DEPTH GUIDE:**

**KEEP READING!**

**THE JOIN GUIDE FOR BOTH VERSIONS OF MINECRAFT WILL BE  
FIRST, THEN AT THE END WILL BE A SECTION ON INSTALLING THE  
GAME IF YOU DO NOT OWN IT.**

# HOW DO I CONNECT TO THE SERVER?

THIS GUIDE WILL SHOW THE CONNECTION FOR BOTH  
VERSIONS OF PC MINECRAFT.

THE CONNECTION ON A MOBILE DEVICE WILL BE THE  
SAME AS BEDROCK ON A COMPUTER. FOR CONSOLE,  
SEE THE LINK AT THE END.

HIT THE “PLAY” BUTTON ON THE LAUNCHER AND  
FOLLOW THIS GUIDE!

# JAVA EDITION

FROM THE TITLE SCREEN, SELECT THE  
“MULTIPLAYER” TAB.



# JAVA EDITION

FROM THERE, SELECT “ADD SERVER” ON THE  
BOTTOM RIGHT AND INPUT THE IP.



# JAVA EDITION

SERVER NAME: WHATEVER YOU'LL REMEMBER  
ADDRESS: PLAY.SDMINECRAFT.NET



# JAVA EDITION

ALTERNATIVELY, WITH THE NUMBER IP  
ADDRESS: 158.69.5.51:25579



# JAVA EDITION

SELECT “DONE” AND IT WILL APPEAR IN YOUR SERVER LIST. YOU CAN DOUBLE-CLICK TO CONNECT, OR SELECT “JOIN SERVER” IN THE BOTTOM LEFT.



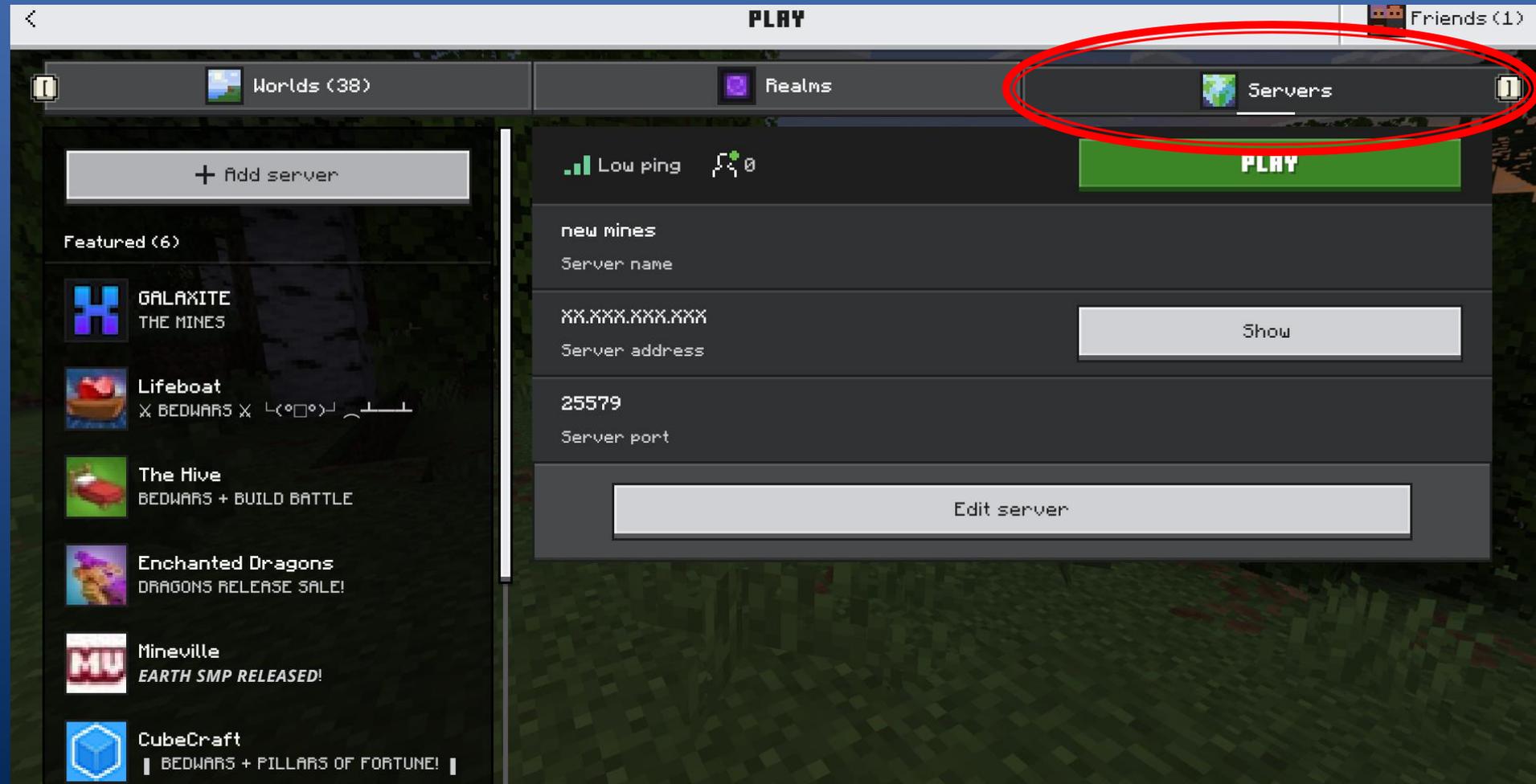
# BEDROCK EDITION

FROM THE TITLE SCREEN, SELECT “PLAY.”



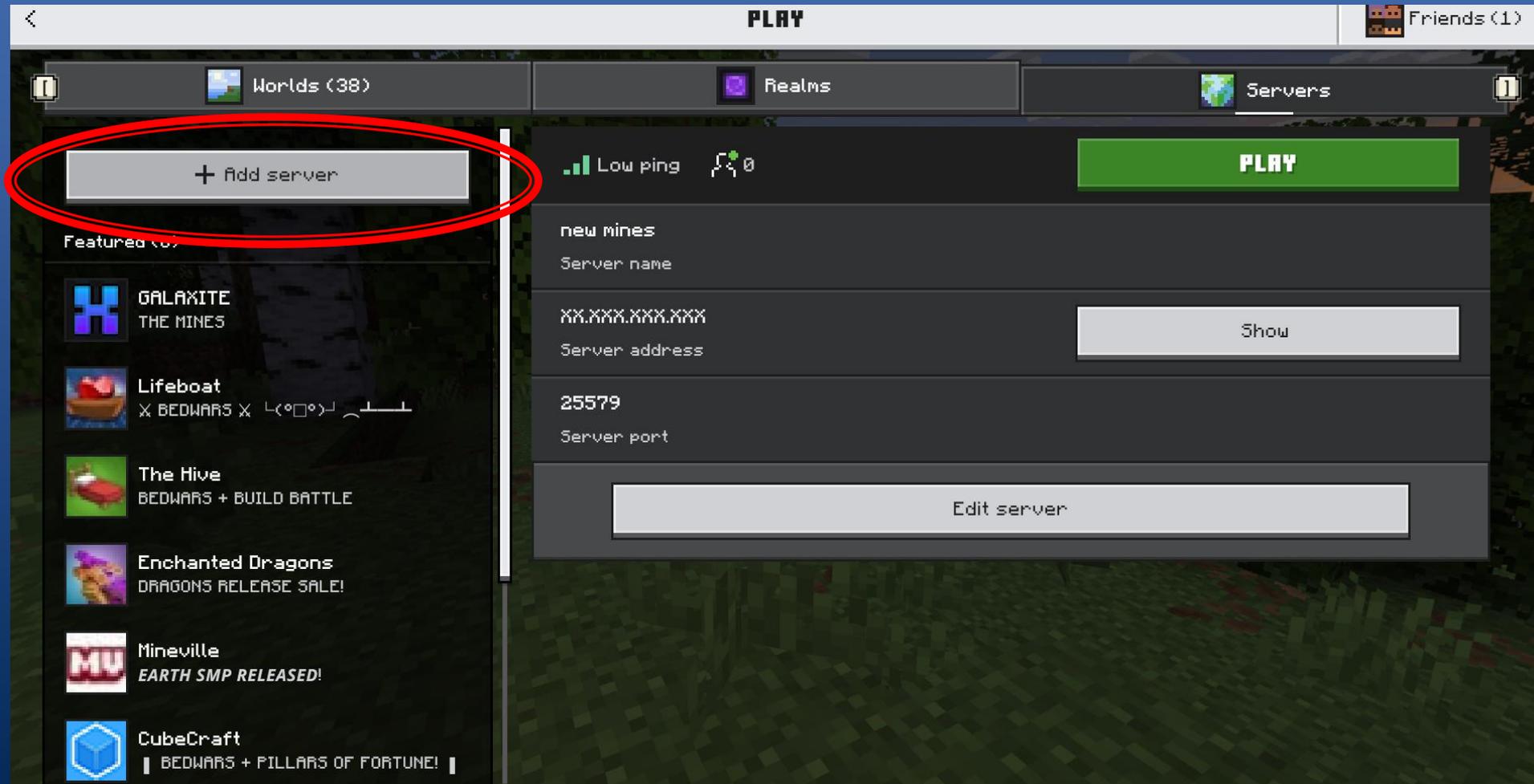
# BEDROCK EDITION

THERE WILL BE THREE TABS FROM THERE.  
SELECT THE FAR-RIGHT TAB THAT IS LABELED  
“SERVERS.”



# BEDROCK EDITION

YOU WILL SEE SEVERAL “FEATURED” SERVERS. DISREGARD THOSE AND SELECT “ADD SERVER” AT THE TOP OF THE SERVER LIST. THEN INPUT THE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING IMAGE.



# BEDROCK EDITION

SERVER NAME: WHATEVER YOU WILL  
REMEMBER  
ADDRESS: 158.69.5.51  
PORT: 25579

< **ADD A NEW SERVER**

Server name  
Mines

Server address  
158.69.5.51

Port  
25579

Add server Add and play

# BEDROCK EDITION

ALTERNATIVELY:  
ADDRESS: PLAY.SDMINECRAFT.NET  
PORT: 25579

< **ADD A NEW SERVER**

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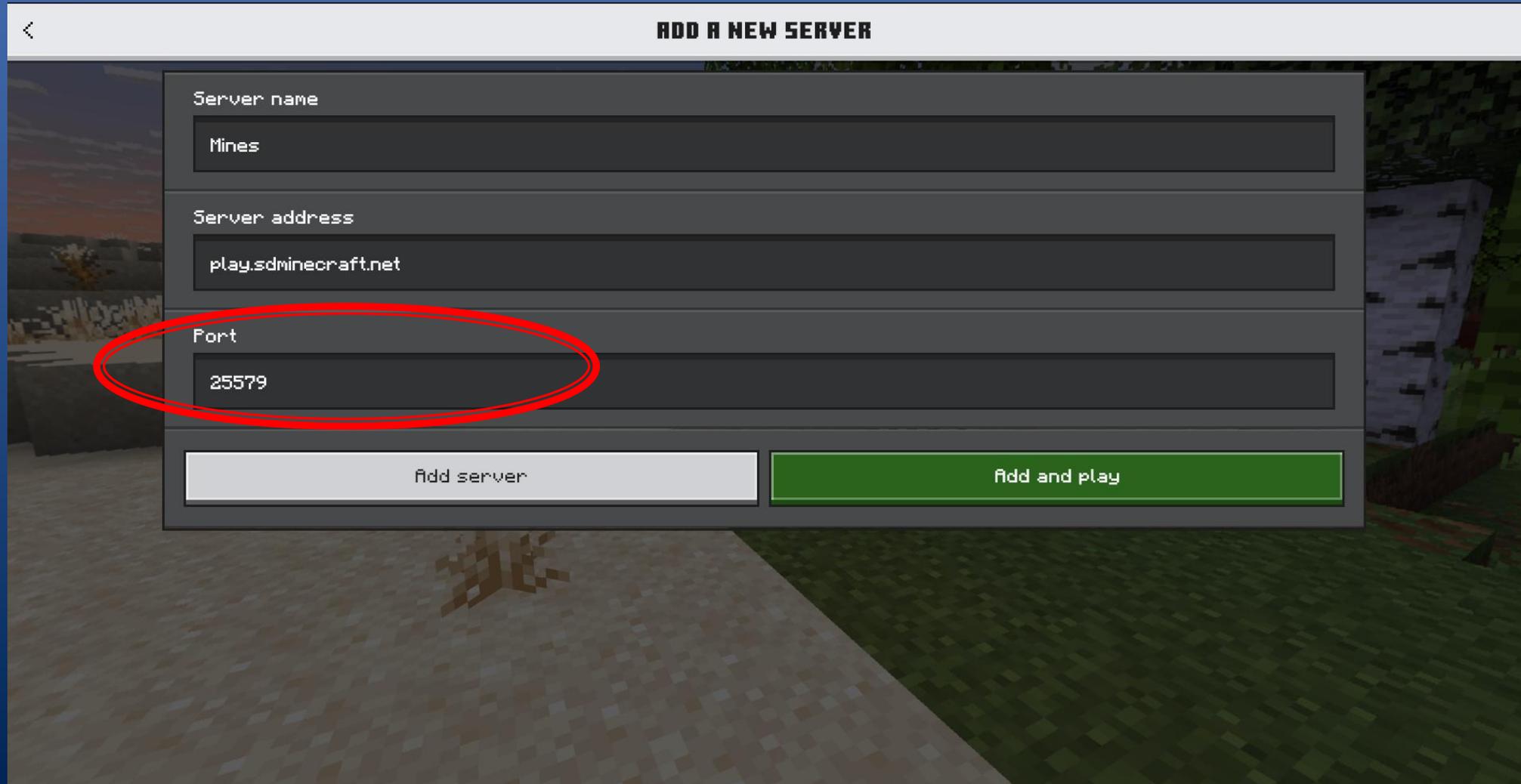
Server address  
play.sdminecraft.net

Port  
25579

Add server Add and play

# BEDROCK EDITION

MAKE SURE YOU SAVE THE SERVER INFORMATION THROUGH “ADD AND PLAY” OR “ADD SERVER.” FOR BEDROCK, MAKE SURE YOU ALWAYS ADD THE 25579 PORT TO THE INFORMATION!

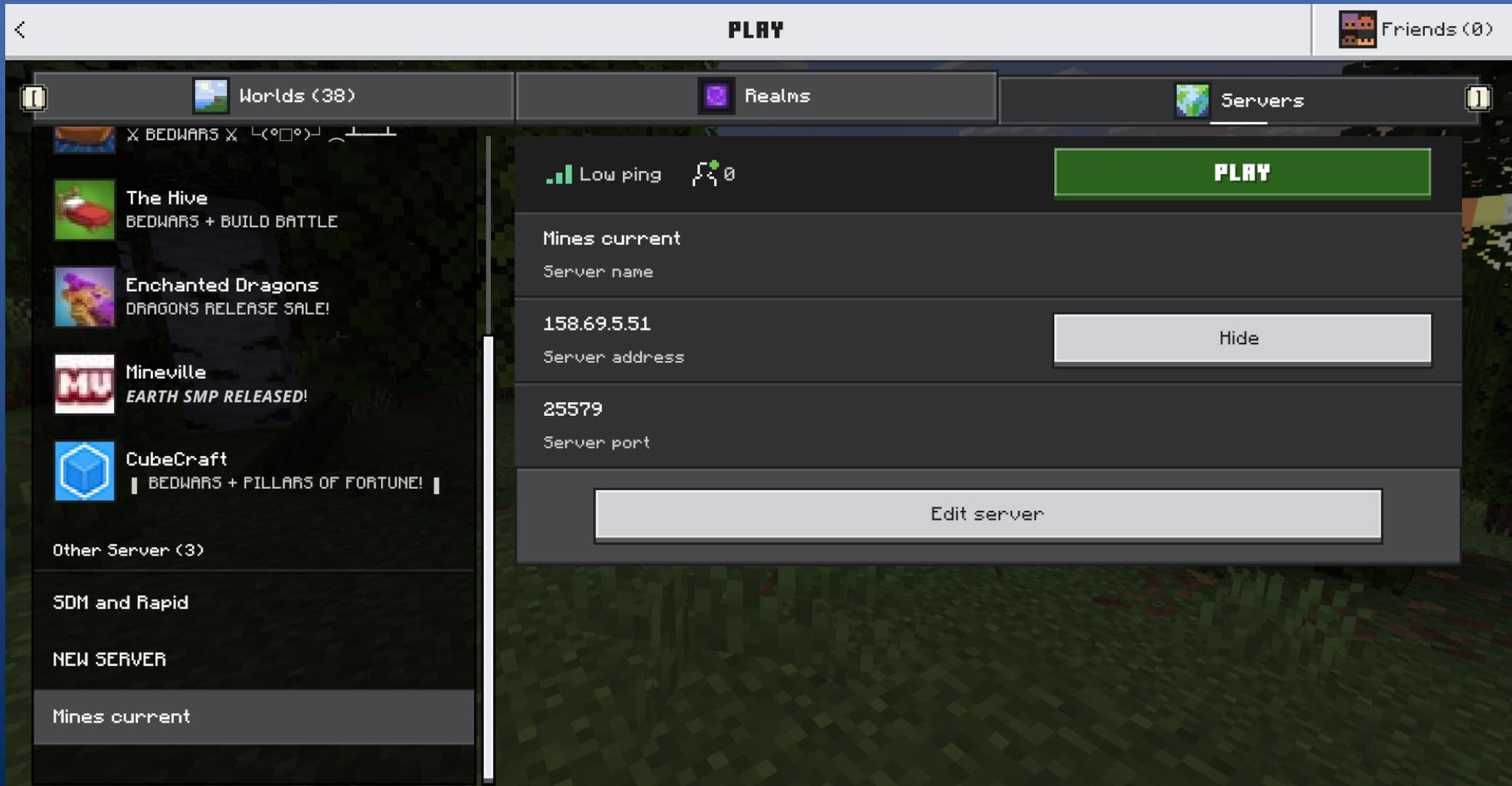


The screenshot shows the 'ADD A NEW SERVER' interface. It features three input fields: 'Server name' with the value 'Mines', 'Server address' with the value 'play.sdminecraft.net', and 'Port' with the value '25579'. The 'Port' field is highlighted with a red circle. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Add server' (white) and 'Add and play' (green).

Field	Value
Server name	Mines
Server address	play.sdminecraft.net
Port	25579

# BEDROCK EDITION

TO JOIN, SELECT THE SERVER AND  
HIT “PLAY!”



# **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR BEDROCK PLAYERS:**

**THE SERVER IS NATIVELY ON JAVA EDITION, NOT BEDROCK. WE USE GEYSERMC TO ALLOW BEDROCK PLAYERS TO JOIN THE SERVER, BUT SOMETIMES THE PLUGIN STOPS WORKING, ESPECIALLY AFTER UPDATES TO THE GAME.**

**WE TRY OUR BEST TO KEEP IT UPDATED, BUT SOMETIMES YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONNECT FROM BEDROCK. IF THIS HAPPENS, PLEASE BE PATIENT AND CONTACT US.**

# ON CONSOLE

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU USE A MOBILE DEVICE OR COMPUTER WHEN CONNECTING TO THE SERVER, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE TO CONNECT FROM CONSOLE. THERE MAY BE SOME LAG AND OTHER COMPLICATIONS, BUT HERE IS A GUIDE:

[HTTPS://APEXMINECRAFTHOSTING.COM/HOW-TO-JOIN-A-BEDROCK-EDITION-SERVER-ON-PLAYSTATION/](https://apexminecrafthosting.com/how-to-join-a-bedrock-edition-server-on-playstation/)

FOLLOW THE STEPS PROVIDED, AND WHEN IT ASKS FOR THE SERVER IP AND PORT, INPUT THE FOLLOWING:

SERVER ADDRESS: 158.69.5.51

PORT: 25579

BE AWARE THAT YOU WILL LIKELY NEED TO USE A THIRD-PARTY APP TO CONNECT FROM CONSOLE!

# CONTACT INFORMATION



DISCORD IS THE BEST WAY TO GET IN TOUCH.

[HTTPS://DISCORD.GG/BP6P4XMDKs](https://discord.gg/BP6P4XMDKs)

EMAIL: [SDAKOTAMINECRAFT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SDAKOTAMINECRAFT@GMAIL.COM)

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://SDMINECRAFT.NET/](https://sdminecraft.net/)



FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM FOR UPDATES:

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PROFILE.PHP?ID=61563910984923](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563910984923)



[HTTPS://WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/\\_SDMINECRAFT.NET\\_/](https://www.instagram.com/_sdminecraft.net_/)

# OPTIONAL STEP: HOW DO I INSTALL MINECRAFT?

IF YOU ALREADY OWN MINECRAFT, YOU CAN SKIP THIS STEP. THIS IS FOR  
NEW PLAYERS.

BEFORE YOU INSTALL MINECRAFT, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A MICROSOFT ACCOUNT. THEN, YOU CAN PURCHASE THE GAME. IT IS A ONE-TIME PURCHASE.

TO INSTALL MINECRAFT ON A COMPUTER, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

[HTTPS://HELP.MINECRAFT.NET/HC/EN-US/ARTICLES/23907917790093-How-to-Download-AND-INSTALL-THE-MINECRAFT-LAUNCHER](https://help.minecraft.net/hc/en-us/articles/23907917790093-How-to-Download-and-Install-the-Minecraft-Launcher)

TO INSTALL MINECRAFT ON A MOBILE DEVICE, GO TO THE GOOGLE PLAY STORE OR THE APP STORE ON IOS.

TO INSTALL MINECRAFT ON CONSOLE, GO TO THE STORE FOR THAT DEVICE AND DOWNLOAD IT.

YOU CAN FIND FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR PLATFORM ONLINE.

# WHAT PLATFORMS DOES MINECRAFT RUN ON?

MINECRAFT CAN BE RUN ON THREE MAIN PLATFORMS.

COMPUTER, OR “PC.”

MOBILE/POCKET EDITION, WHICH IS ON A PHONE OR TABLET.

CONSOLE, WHICH INCLUDES XBOX, PLAYSTATION, AND  
NINTENDO SWITCH.

ON A COMPUTER, THERE ARE TWO DISTINCT VERSIONS OF  
MINECRAFT:

JAVA EDITION AND WINDOWS 10 (BEDROCK) EDITION.

MOBILE AND CONSOLE MINECRAFT ARE BOTH BEDROCK EDITION.

# WHAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE SERVER?

THE SERVER IS ON JAVA EDITION NATIVELY, BUT BEDROCK PLAYERS CAN JOIN. JAVA EDITION IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE BEST EXPERIENCE, BUT YOU CAN CONNECT TO THE WORLD FROM EVERY PLATFORM EXCEPT NINTENDO SWITCH.

IF YOU ARE USING WINDOWS 10 OR MOBILE, CONNECTING TO THE WORLD IS STILL SIMPLE. IF YOU ARE ON A CONSOLE, IT CAN BE A LITTLE MORE COMPLICATED.

CONSIDER USING A COMPUTER OR MOBILE DEVICE IF ONE IS AVAILABLE. IF NOT, YOU SHOULD STILL BE ABLE TO JOIN FROM CONSOLE.

# WHICH VERSION OF MINECRAFT DO YOU HAVE?

MOBILE AND CONSOLE VERSIONS OF MINECRAFT WILL BE BEDROCK, BUT ON A COMPUTER (PC), THERE ARE TWO DISTINCT VERSIONS.

THE DEFAULT LAUNCHER ON PC WILL SHOW ALL THE VERSIONS OF MINECRAFT ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SCREEN.

THE ONLY IMPORTANT OPTIONS HERE ARE JAVA EDITION AND BEDROCK EDITION. DISREGARD THE DUNGEONS AND LEGENDS OPTIONS.

# LAUNCHER SCREEN

