

SERVER26 TRANSPARENCY REPORT 2021

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MINECRAFT SERVER26
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The Purpose of This Document

Why does this exist? It should be obvious from the title.

“Same paragraph as 2020: I just like doing stuff like this” -

I want to be transparent in running this server. Anyone who is interested should be able to read up on what has been done and how we got there. With this document I am also opening myself up to any criticism regarding how things are done. I am by no means perfect; I always try to act in best conscience and try to do what is best for the server and its community. The purpose of this document, is to provide insight to anyone. No personal information in this report has been published without explicit consent for each case.

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Overview

Community

Server26 is an **18+ community**, and the moderation team tries its best to keep it that way. We do not enforce or encourage any type of age verification currently and do not collect any data in that regard.

Players try to be there for each other and foster a close-knit community.



SERVER26,
A NEVER-ENDING STORY - BE A PART OF IT!

Assets

Almost 3 years after the server26.net domain has been registered, an additional fallback domain has been registered. Server26 is now also reachable under server26.eu and play.server26.eu.

While not being a new asset, the server26.net and .eu domains have been expanded by 2 subdomains each, **ipv4.ser...** and **ipv6.ser...** Each sub-domain tries to enforce the respective protocol which can be used to troubleshoot connection problems.

Lastly, a monitoring server* has been added to alert moderators about unexpected downtimes and to further troubleshoot performance-related problems in the future.

*virtual private server

Branding

In May of 2021 the server gained an official merch store where various Server26-branded items can be purchased. The merch store is powered by [StreamElements](#) and accessible under server26.net/merch.

Profits from the merch store count as contributions to Server26, and thus buyers are eligible for the donator rank.

A table listing prices¹ and profits per item can be found at server26.net/merch-prizes-and-profits.

¹ A table is also listed under [Finances > Merch Prices](#) in this report

The Minecraft Server

Plugins and Settings

Server Software

We still run Paperspigot but Purpur is considered as a candidate for the future. For now we have little reason to switch. As mentioned in the 2020 Transparency Report we are still stuck inside the bukkit API ecosystem for legacy reasons.

Plugin List

The following plugins are currently used on Server26:

AFKPlus, Afkpluspapi, AntiSeedCracker, AntiVPN, AntiXrayHeuristics, Beenfo, ChangeSlots, ChatCo*, ChatEx*, Chisel*, CommandAPI, CommandBlocker, ConsoleSpamFix, CoreProtect, DiscordSRV, dynmap, GriefPrevention, Harbor, InventoryRollbackPlus, LastLoginAPI, LiteBans, LuckPerms, Matrix, MiniMOTD, MVdWPlaceholderAPI*, Notes*, OpenInv, PlaceholderAPI, Plan, PremiumVanish, ProtocolLib, SafeSpectate*, Shopkeepers, SimpleCommandBlocker*, spark, TAB, Vault, VaultChatFormatter*, WanderingTrades

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plugins have been added this year. With a total of 39 being used on the server.

Names with an asterisk (*) are older plugins using an older API version. Names in **BOLD** are plugins added in 2021.

Plugin Spotlight

Mostly featuring the new plugins with some honorable mentions.

AFKPlusPAPI

This is an addon to our afk plugin. The tab display feature had been decoupled from the main plugin.

AntiSeedCracker

A very small and simple plugin used to fix a very niche and outdated attack vector on seed cracking.

AntiXrayHeuristics

Heuristic-based backend plugin to alert mods about potential x-raying. It is used in conjunction with paper's built-in anti-x-ray.

263

The current
number of claims.
The total claimed
area is 2.2 Mil.

InventoryRollbackPlus

Since the old InventoryRollback (without the plus) broke during a Minecraft update, we switched to this working version. It can be used to rollback item loss due to bugs and for recording inventory states.

Notes

A plugin that allows moderators to add notes to players. Mostly used during the “vetting” process.

Shopkeepers

313 times players created a shop on this server. While the oldest shop no longer exists, the oldest still-standing shop is bobomarsu’s Leather shop.

The number of active (currently placed) shops was around 170 by the end of 2021.

Chisel

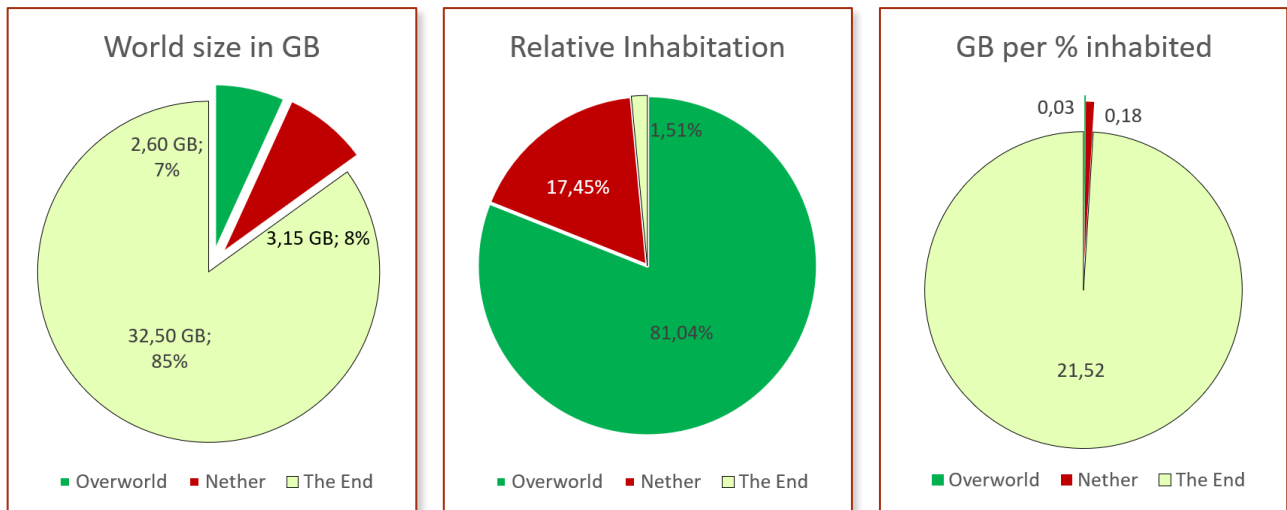
A plugin, very old, very small, but still unbroken by time and updates. Not enough players know that you can combine a stick and an iron ingot together to create a “Chisel”, which is a stick that can be used to rotate Glazed Terracotta blocks by right-clicking them.

World

The current world size is **38.3GB**. The End currently makes up over 85% of that, even though it is the least-inhabited and played-in dimension of them all. This number can be misleading though, as the overworld has been pruned during the update from 1.16.5 to 1.18.1 from 12.0GB to 2.6GB. The 3rd diagram shows how much GB of storage is used for the relative time played in that dimension.

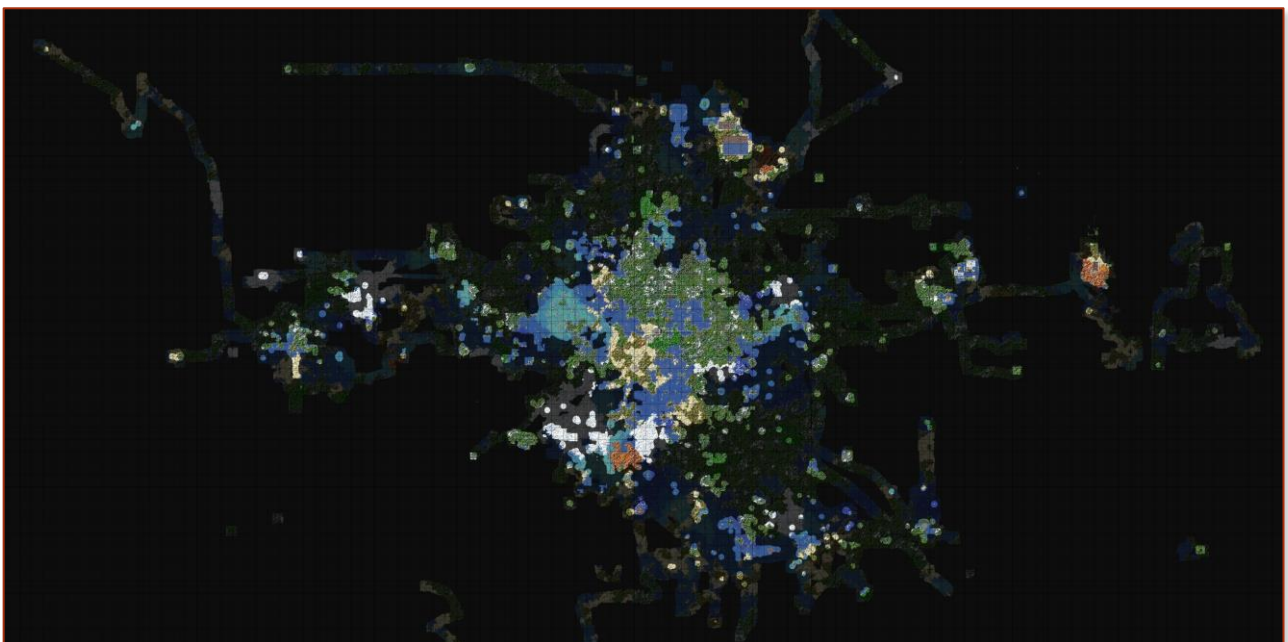
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chunks with portals exist in the overworld.



The overworld contained 1,731,560 chunks right before the pruning, which was then reduced to just 415k for 1.18. The total save file size had grown to 48.1GB prior to 1.18.

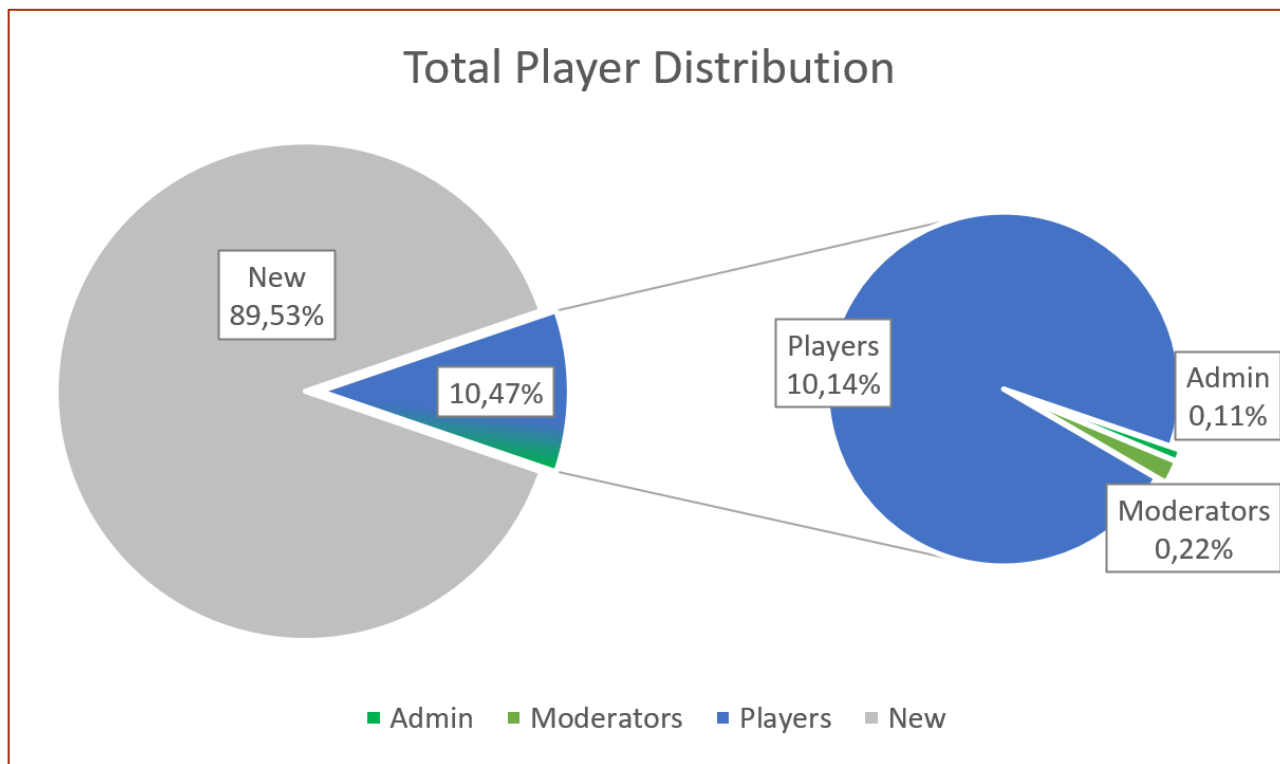
Chunks that have been loaded for at least 5 minutes by players have been highlighted. These chunks are the ones that have been kept during the great pruning of 2021.



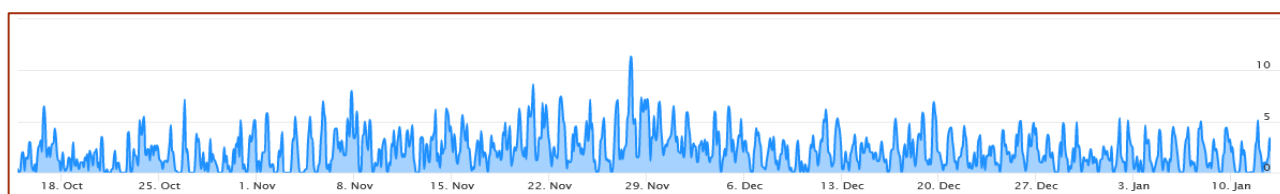
Players

Since 2015, there have been 907 unique players on the server. In the last year alone, 379 players have joined—more than ever before!

Of those 379 players, 60 have received player status (staff included).



For technical reasons, the player activity diagram goes only back to October 2021. The graph shows the average number of players online at any given time.



This year the server had a peak number of 12 players. The slots had been temporarily increased to accommodate everyone. **The player capacity has also been permanently adjusted from 8 to 10 players.**

The 27th of November

126 hours
played

69*
sessions

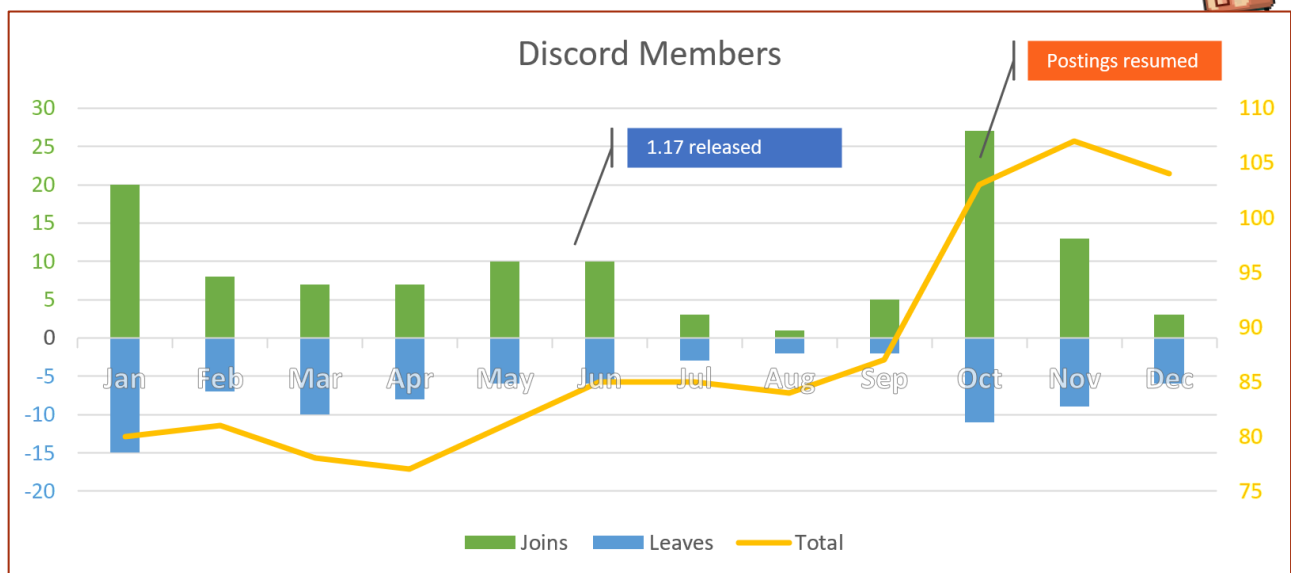
19
players

* nice

Other Platforms

The Discord Server

In total, we gained 24 new members in our Discord server in 2021. The following diagram shows the monthly joins, leaves, and total members for each month.



This year, three temporary channels have been added **#mesaproject**, **#winterarea** and **#egghunt**. The **#weekly-postings** channel is also new and will contain a feed of the reddit advertisements.

In addition to that, on September 16th, three Discord roles have been added:

@Redstoner **@Shopowner** **@Wants to help by voting**, all of which can be self-assigned³.

The discord server features a total of 4 bots:

- Redbot (self-hosted music bot)*
- Dyno bot (Administration)
- Serverlobby.io (Server listing)
- play.server26.net (DiscordSRV Bot)

*added in 2021

60 of the 103 members have the player role.

³ Link to the message: server26.net/link-to-the-discord-message-to-self-assign-roles

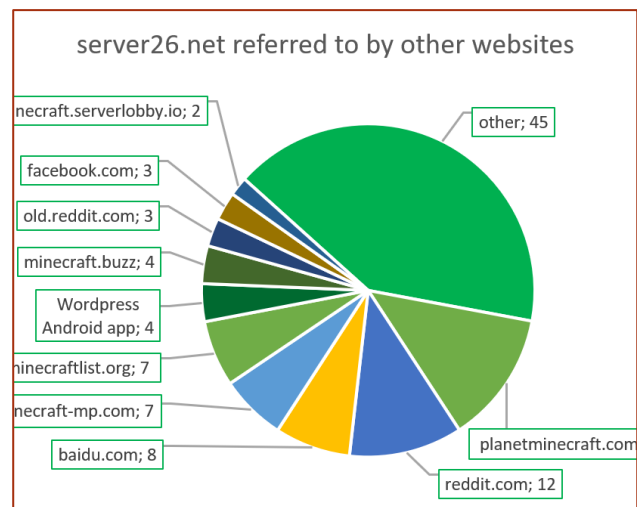
The server26.net website

The server26.net website consists of 4 pages a [download/archive](#) and [blog](#) have been added to the rules and landing page. The blog does mostly contain articles about the server in general and no news or announcements, although this report will be mentioned. Subdomains like [map.server26.net](#), and [play.server26.net](#) are not handled by WordPress.

The website was viewed 695 times by 350 visitors in 2021.

Our website was referred to by other websites a total 109 times.

PlanetMinecraft and Reddit seem to be how the majority of people find our website.



The download/archive section was added this year unannounced and can only be accessed via a direct link⁴. In 2021, a total of 2(!) files have been downloaded. The archive will be expanded over time with large renders, schematics, datapacks, and texturepacks related to Server26.

Reddit presence

The **r/server26 subreddit** gained **2 subscribers (22 in total)**.

In addition to that, weekly posts to advertise the server on r/mcservers have been made up until mid-2021.

There have been 7 posts in 2021 with a maximum upvote count of 5.

⁴ Link: server26.net/archive

Voting sites

Currently, Server26 is listed in 13 different voting sites.

mcservers.top, minecraft.buzz, polymart.org, topminecraftservers.org, trackyserver.com, minecraft.serverlobby.io, minecraft-serverlist.net, minecraft-mp.com, minecraft-server-list.com, minecraftservers.org, minecraftlist.org, server-list.games, and minecraft-server.net.

Their impact on advertising the server is negligible. From asking new players, it seems most of them have found the server on minecraft-mp.com. However, the majority of new players seem to be finding the server via Reddit or PlanetMinecraft.

YouTube Channel

In 2021, there were 3 **videos** uploaded to the [server26 YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/lerokko). Two of those were just *#shorts*, with the third one being a time-lapse.

These videos have been watched 86 times in total.

For technical reasons, the Server26 channel has the vanity link [youtube.com/lerokko](https://www.youtube.com/lerokko)⁵. It was rebranded to keep the ability to link custom websites from my old personal channel.

86

The videos uploaded this year have gained this number of views.

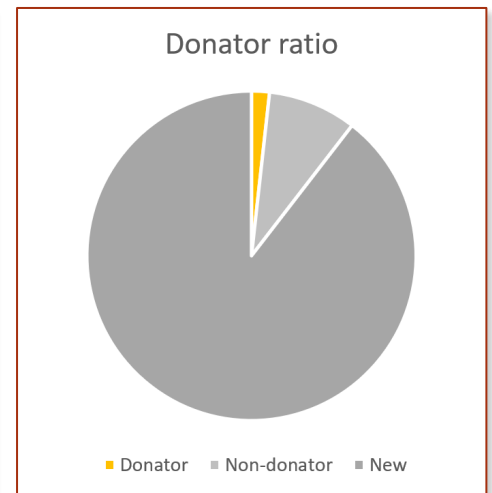
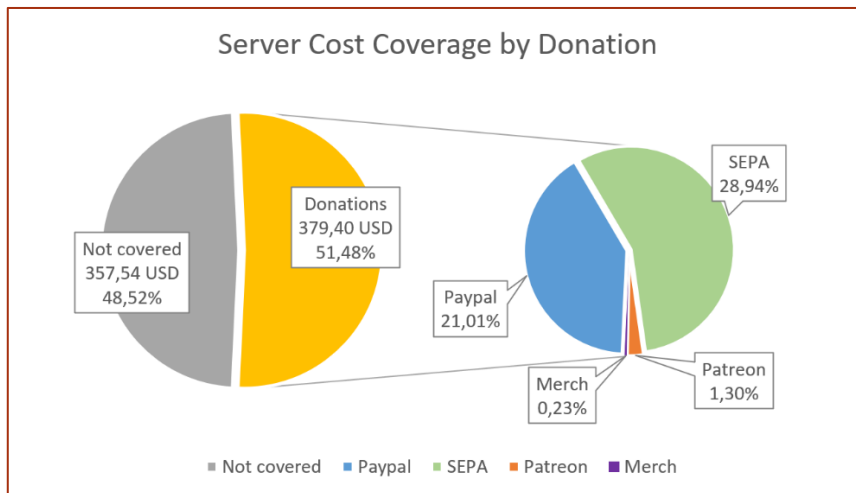
⁵ Server26 YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/lerokko>

Finances

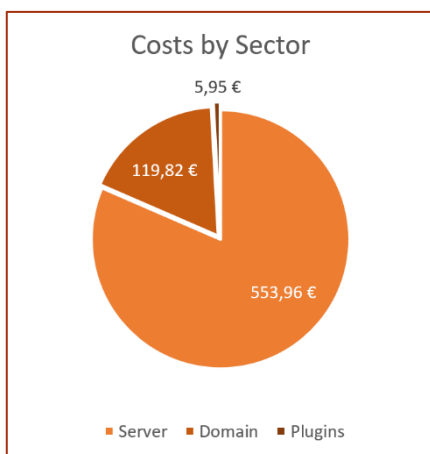
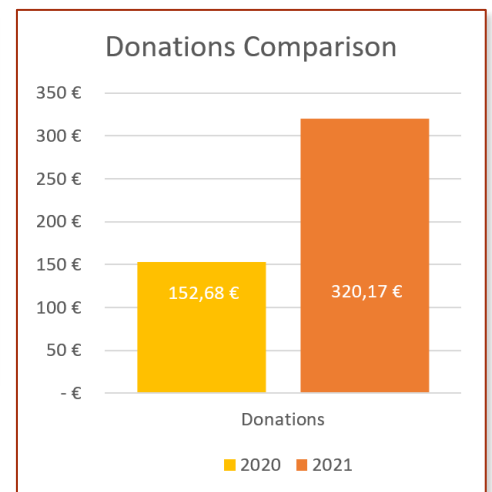
Costs

The server's monthly running costs currently are, at the end of 2021, an average of 51.33 €. The total costs that year were **621.89 €**.

(The USD to EUR conversion rate used in this document 1.185:1 and vice versa)



Pos.	Amount	Currency	Item	Billing	This Year
1	39,00	EUR	Main Server (AX41)	Monthly	468,00
2	0,08	EUR	Cloud-Server Snapshots	Monthly	0,96
3	4,90	EUR	Development Cloud-Server 4GB	Monthly	58,80
4	2,26	EUR	Monitoring Server 2GB (Initial month)	Monthly	2,26
5	2,49	EUR	Monitoring Server 2GB (perpetual)	Monthly	24,90
6	1,49	EUR	server26.net Domain	Monthly	17,88
7	7,14	EUR	server26.eu Domain	Annually	7,14
8	3,00	EUR	Webpace/Email*	Monthly	36,00
9	5,95	EUR	AHX Plugin	OTP	5,95
10	0,00	EUR	100GB Backup Storage (included in pos 1)	Monthly	0,00
German number notation swaps dots and commas; these are not typos.				Total	621,89



Donations

We received **320 € in donations** in 2021. Cutting down costs by over 51%.

There were 31 Donations in total from 8 different players.

Merch Prices

StreamElements, the platform on which the merch store is hosted, allows the setting of individual prices for each item. Profit margins have been set roughly relative to the item's price. In 2021, a total of 2 items have been purchased.

Item	Prize in USD	Profit in USD
Hoodies	31.90 28.90 33.90	6.00 3.00 8.00
Kiss Cut Stickers	2.60	0.60
Long Sleeve Tees	24.50	2.50
Minky Blanket	33.00	4.50
Mugs	10.70	2.20
Tank-Tops	18.00	1.10
T-Shirts	16.90 17.26	3.00 3.36
XXL Mousepads	22.50	2.00
Zip Up Hoodies	34.90	5.00

This information is supplied without liability.

Résumé

I hope this report has provided useful insight into the resources and work it takes to manage this and the full scope of it behind the curtains. I would have liked to have included more data and images, but as of last year, my knowledge on data mining is limited—and a lot of images are simply too large and would not fit this format. Those can be found on the website's archive.

Prospects

Although this year went smoothly, it did not go as well as I'd predicted last year. I attribute this mainly to me overestimating how much time I could invest in the server. However, staying on 1.16.5 until 1.18 was ready also was a major contribution to the server's activity, I presume.

Personally, I can say the experience of administrating and maintaining a server and a community have been enjoyable, not to mention my time playing on it as well. This year, 2022, we can look forward to the Adventure Update and removing the temporary whitelist put in place due to bugs in GriefPrevention.

Think of some profound text to put here to wrap it all up... or, you know what?

On revisiting this, just leave this placeholder in and quote yourself..

– lerokko 2022

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