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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

**Vanguard** is a lightweight, modern, high-performance website template designed specifically for Minecraft servers. Unlike heavy CMS platforms like WordPress, Vanguard does not require databases (MySQL) or PHP. Everything runs on **Dynamic Javascript**, ensuring instant loading times and total security.

### **Requirements:**

- Any text editor (Recommended: VS Code, Notepad++, Sublime Text).
  - Basic web hosting (Shared hosting, VPS, GitHub Pages, or Cloudflare Pages).
  - **No PHP or MySQL required.**
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## **2. INSTALLATION**

### **A. Testing on your PC (Local)**

Before uploading to the internet, you can edit it on your computer:

1. Unzip the downloaded .zip file.

2. You will see the files: index.html, style.css, script.js, config.js, and logo.png.
3. Double-click on index.html. The website will open in your browser!
4. Every time you edit a file (e.g., config.js), save changes and press **F5** in your browser to see them.

## B. Uploading to Hosting (cPanel, FileZilla)

1. Access your control panel (cPanel, Plesk) or use an FTP client (FileZilla).
  2. Navigate to the public folder. Usually named public\_html or www.
  3. Drag and drop **all 5 files** into that folder.
  4. Make sure to delete any previous default files (like default.php or index.php).
  5. Visit your domain (yourdomain.com) and your site will be live.
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## 3. CONFIGURATION GUIDE (config.js)

**IMPORTANT:** You do not need to touch the HTML. 99% of changes are made in the config.js file.

Open config.js with your text editor.

### Basic Information

At the top of the file, you will find:

JavaScript

```
serverName: "VanguardMC",    // Name shown in tab and footer
```

```
serverIp: "play.vanguard.net", // IP copied when clicking
```

```
serverLogo: "logo.png",      // Your logo filename
```

### Social Media

Find the social section. Simply paste your link between the quotes "".

- If you leave a link empty (""), the icon will **automatically disappear** from the website.

### Voting System

In the voteLinks section, you can add as many voting sites as you want. The system adjusts the grid automatically.

JavaScript

```
{ name: "NameMC", url: "https://namemc.com/..." },
```

To add a new one, copy the previous line, add a comma , at the end, and paste it below.

### Content Editing (Unified System)

Vanguard uses a smart system where Spanish (\_es) and English (\_en) coexist. Example to add a rule:

JavaScript

```
{  
  title_es: "No Insultar", desc_es: "Sé respetuoso en el chat.",  
  title_en: "No Insults", desc_en: "Be respectful in chat."  
}
```

- **Tip:** If you only want to support one language, you can paste the same text in both `_es` and `_en`.
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## 4. 🎨 VISUAL CUSTOMIZATION

### 🟡 Changing the "Gold Color" (Main Theme)

Is your server blue, red, or green? Changing it is easy.

1. Open `style.css`.
2. In the first few lines (`:root` section), find:

CSS

```
--gold: #d4af37; /* <-- CHANGE THIS */
```

```
--gold-hover: #f1c40f; /* <-- Hover color */
```

3. Replace the Hex code (`#d4af37`) with your brand color (e.g., `#ff0000` for red).
4. Save and refresh. All borders, buttons, and text highlights will magically change!

### 🖼️ Changing Logo & Favicon

1. **Logo:** Generate your logo in PNG format with a transparent background. Name it `logo.png` and replace the existing file.
2. **Favicon:** This is the small icon in the browser tab. Create a square image (64x64px), name it `favicon.png`, and upload it to the main folder.

### ✨ Adjusting Particles & Background

The current background is a dark gradient with particles.

- **To set a background image:** Open `style.css` and find `.bg-vignette`. Add a background property:

CSS

```
.bg-vignette {  
  /* ... existing code ... */  
  
  background: url('background.jpg') center/cover no-repeat;  
  opacity: 0.3; /* To darken the image so text is readable */  
}
```

- **More or fewer particles:** Open `script.js`, find the `initParticles` function (at the end), and change the number 25 in the loop `for(let i=0; i<25; i++)`. Setting this above 100 may cause lag on mobile devices.
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## 5. 🛠️ ADVANCED MANAGEMENT

### Adding more Staff or Rules

In `config.js`, the Staff, Rules, and FAQ blocks are "Arrays" (Lists). To add a new member:

1. Copy from the opening bracket `{` to the closing bracket `},`.
2. Paste it right below the last member.
3. **Caution with commas!** All items must have a comma at the end, except for the very last one in the list.

## SEO (Google Ranking)

To improve your ranking, open index.html and look for the <meta> tags at the top. Edit:

- <title>: Put your server name and mode (e.g., "Vanguard - Best Survival 1.21").
  - Add a description if missing: <meta name="description" content="Join VanguardMC, the best Minecraft Survival server with real economy, PvP, and daily events. IP: play.vanguard.net">
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## 6. ? TROUBLESHOOTING (FAQ)

**Q: I made changes in config.js but they don't show up. A:** Your browser has cached the old version.

- On PC: Press CTRL + F5 to force a reload.
- On Mac: Cmd + Shift + R.
- If using Cloudflare, enable "Development Mode" or purge cache.

**Q: Skin heads are not loading. A:** The system uses the *Minotar* API. Make sure you have typed the Minecraft Username (Nick) correctly in config.js. If the user is Non-Premium (Cracked) and has no official skin, a Steve/Alex head will appear.

**Q: The language selector looks weird or has no flags. A:** Ensure you haven't deleted the line importing the flag CSS in index.html: <link rel="stylesheet" href="...flag-icons.min.css">. Also, in config.js, ensure you are using correct country codes in flagCode (e.g., 'es', 'us', 'fr', 'br').

**Q: How do I remove a section (e.g., Voting)? A:** Easy. Open index.html and delete the entire block <section id="vote"> ... </section>. Then go to the navigation (<nav>) and delete the line <li>...Vote...</li>.

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