

# Deploy to Render - Step by Step Guide

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## Render Deployment (Full Multiplayer)

Prerequisites:

1. GitHub account
2. Your code pushed to GitHub

### Step 1: Push to GitHub

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git add .  
git commit -m "Ready for Render deployment"  
git push origin main
```

### Step 2: Deploy on Render

1. Go to [render.com](https://render.com)
2. Sign up with your GitHub account
3. Click **"New"** → **"Web Service"**
4. Connect your GitHub repository
5. Select this project repository

### Step 3: Configure the Service

**Fill in these settings:**

- **Name:** `minecraft-multiplayer-game`
- **Environment:** `Node`
- **Build Command:** `npm install`
- **Start Command:** `npm start`
- **Instance Type:** `Free` (for testing)

### Step 4: Environment Variables (Optional)

- **PORT:** `3000` (Render will override this automatically)

### Step 5: Deploy

- Click **"Create Web Service"**
- Wait for deployment (takes 2-3 minutes)
- Your game will be live at: <https://minecraft-multiplayer-game.onrender.com>

## What You Get:

- ☒ Full multiplayer support

- ☒ Socket.io real-time communication
- ☒ Persistent server
- ☒ Auto-scaling
- ☒ HTTPS by default
- ☒ Free tier available

## Troubleshooting:

If build fails:

1. Make sure `package.json` has correct start script
2. Check that all dependencies are listed

If game doesn't load:

1. Check the logs in Render dashboard
2. Make sure the server is listening on the right port

## Your Game URLs:

- **Game:** `https://your-app-name.onrender.com`
- **API/Socket:** Same URL (Render handles routing)

## Pro Tips:

1. Free tier may "sleep" after 15 minutes of inactivity
2. Paid tier (\$7/month) keeps it always running
3. You can set up custom domains later
4. **OPTIMIZED:** Game now loads super fast with minimal world generation!
5. **PERFORMANCE:** Reduced chunk loading for instant multiplayer connections

## Performance Optimizations:

- **Faster world generation:** Only 3 block layers instead of 64
- **Smaller chunks:** 1 chunk radius instead of 3
- **Reduced view range:** 10 blocks instead of 20
- **Instant loading:** No more waiting for massive world generation!

Ready to deploy? Just follow the steps above! 