

Connecting to Azeroth

a private vanilla World of Warcraft realm · version 1.12.1 · one life only

Step 1 — Get the game

You need the original **vanilla client, version 1.12.1 (build 5875)** — a folder of roughly 5 GB containing `WoW.exe` and a `Data` folder full of `.MPQ` files. There is no installer; the folder *is* the game. Ask the realm keeper if you're unsure where to find one.

Verify your copy: right-click `WoW.exe` → Properties → Details. File version must read **1.12.1.5875**.

Note: the modern “WoW Classic” from Battle.net is version 1.15 and will **not** connect to this realm.

Step 2 — Create your account

Open <https://wow.raincity.futbol> in any browser, from anywhere. Enter the invite code (ask the realm keeper for it), pick an account name (3–16 letters/numbers) and a password (6–16 characters). That's your game login.

Step 3 — Point your game at the realm

In your `WoW` folder, open `realmlist.wtf` with Notepad, replace its contents with the single line below, and save:

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set realmlist raincityserver.duckdns.org
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(This one address works both from the realm keeper's home network and from anywhere else.)

Step 4 — Install the addons (recommended)

Download the addon pack from the Downloads section of the same site and unzip it into `Interface\AddOns\` inside your `WoW` folder. Afterwards the structure must look like `Interface\AddOns\pfQuest\pfQuest.toc` — no extra nested folder. The pack adds quest markers on your map (pfQuest), an immersive quest window (Vanilla Storyline), and one-bag inventory (Bagnon).

Step 5 — Play

Run `WoW.exe`, log in, choose the realm **Azeroth**, and create your character. House rule: this is a **hardcore** realm — when a character dies, it gets deleted. Level carefully, run from bad fights, and ask about party bots before trying dungeons.

Troubleshooting

“Unable to connect” at login	Wrong <code>realmlist.wtf</code> contents, or you're not on the realm's network.
Logged in but no realm listed / can't enter world	Server-side hiccup — tell the realm keeper.

Addons don't appear in-game	Folder nesting is wrong — each addon folder must sit directly in AddOns with its .toc inside. Check the AddOns button on the character screen.
Password rejected	Logins aren't case-sensitive; spaces are not allowed. Ask the realm keeper for a reset if stuck.

Azeroth private realm · die well.