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What data center/world to start on?

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So I've decided to bite the bullet and try the free trial after having it in the back of my mind for a few years (mostly because of MTG), and was wondering what DC and/or world I should play on. I know sometimes certain servers in MMO's can have reputations, so I was wondering what's the general gist of them, ya'know? Any other nooby tips would also be appreciated. ;3

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I'd recommend Dynamis if you're in North America, just because you can level up super quickly due to a buff that doubles your exp for starting on most worlds.

I think there are worlds in other DC's that also give that buff, but I'm not too sure

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My region is NA, and I think I could get into some RP if that helps.

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available and free trials not letting you join a free company (guild) it won't matter until you are on a full sub if you chose to do that. You could literally max out all the free trial stuff and spend years doing it crafting, gathering, all the classes/jobs that open up before shadowbringers

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For NA, pick some server from Aether if you want to have populated game experience. For EU, Light for the same result.

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Create a character on the DC that is closest to your geographic region for the best ping. If you are in Oceania, create a character on a JP or NA DC, then use the Data Center Travel system to travel to Materia for low ping, then return home when queues die down. Materia is the lowest population DC and the majority of its playerbase is concentrated in Australian prime time, so if you play outside of those times you will have a miserable time with finding players for multiplayer content. Outside of that, any world is fine. There are some worlds where players have congregated for certain activities, like Balmung on Crystal for E/RP, or the Aether DC for raiding, but you can certainly find people on all worlds interested in doing anything in the game.

Don't worry too much about what a world is known for, it doesn't matter and people who think it matters don't matter.

Any world that is not listed as Congested or does not have a red icon [here](#) is available for character creation. Bonuses for creating characters on New or Preferred worlds exist, but IMO are not very substantial. Only create a character on one of those worlds if you are absolutely certain you want to own a house. Otherwise you can transfer later on for free to a New world from any non-New world, or to a Preferred world from a Congested world.

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Unless you have friends playing on certain servers, I would go with whatever DC in your region has the Road to 90 buff available, if any. You can check here: <https://na.finalfantasyxiv.com/lodestone/worldstatus/>. If it's labeled as "Preferred," it has the buff.

Otherwise, it doesn't really matter what you pick. There's world and DC travel so you can go anywhere you want. The main things tied to your server would be the free company (guild) you join and where you can buy a house.

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Aether gets you really quick returns when you're queueing for duties, but I don't know if it's open right now. I got lucky and chose it at random while it happened to have available slots.

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If you want a house pick a low population server. You'll get a exp boost in the newer ones. You can dc travel to bigger populations for group content.

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