

## **Welcome to CatsEyeXI, a 75 era server with all modern FFXI quality-of-life features**

### **Introduction:**

We first opened our doors to the public in June of 2021 with the intention of creating a community that caters to players who want to experience the 75 era without committing to the old-school grind. Our mission is to provide an era FFXI “feel” while adopting some of the necessary QoL changes that are current with the retail version of the game including Trust Magic, Mounts, Records of Eminence, modern job adjustments (such as dual wield for DNC at level 20) and much more.

Many players forget how unforgiving a true “era experience” can be or simply cannot afford such a big time sink in their lives, so our goal is to alleviate some of the game’s big pain points without impacting the overall experience. This means that in addition to these new features we also accelerated experience points and skillup rates, maxed out inventories and unlocked all maps and outposts.

### **Getting Started:**

Knowing how difficult it can be to start on a new server, we’ve created Wiki pages for all of our features so that players have an exact understanding of how things work. You can find new player guides, custom content explanations and answers to frequently asked questions there, and much more.

Our Discord is very active and well organized. You can find information on upcoming events, links to important wiki pages, and a GM support channel in case you encounter any hiccups in game. Tickets are always dealt with in a timely manner and to the best of everyone’s abilities.

On your first login, you’ll automatically be provided with our community Linkshell. We strive to maintain a chill and mature atmosphere where people can feel free to ask for help, form experience points parties, take on challenging objectives, and more.

### **Design Philosophy:**

In an ongoing effort to reach a balance between the “era feel” and modern day retail, all players start with unlocked Outpost Warps but are still required to unlock the Home Point Crystal Network and Survival Guides normally. Our design team continually strives to come up with creative ways of distributing desirable items by incorporating them into working content. An example of this is our Ancient Beastcoins Exchange NPC which rewards players with CoP rings or RotZ earrings. CatsEyeXI also

integrates the Key Items that enable players to open dungeon gates while solo to guarantee fully autonomous gameplay with your Trust Magic at your own pace.

### **Software & Development:**

CatsEyeXI runs on the LandSandBoat platform, which is the latest iteration of DSP/Topaz. It is religiously maintained and supported by a community of talented enthusiast fans, many of which are developers either by hobby or trade. This open-source project receives dozens of contributions a month which helps keep it one of the most retail-accurate FFXI server emulators available. Many of the developers on this project have been members of the private server community since it began.

We make sure that our players let us know when something is amiss. Our server is one of the few which forwards many bug reports upstream and tries to fix some of them as well.

### **Administration Staff:**

Our administration currently consists of a handful of people who volunteer their time to keep the project running.

**Skerxan** has been with CatsEyeXI since the beginning and has a background in game development. He began as a player who through his devotion was eventually asked to become a GM. He has been instrumental to listening and understanding the needs of the players and translating that feedback into improvements to the server.

**Demetrie** joined the team in August of 2021 and has been a part of the private server community for a long time. He operates a different server and has donated a lot of custom NPC code to us and for that, we thank him greatly. He can still be found most days running around helping players with their issues.

**Reno** has also been with the server from its early inception and can normally be found hanging around Discord trying to help players with technical issues. He's had experience on several private servers and does a great job of helping our GM team stay on top of our tickets.

**Carver** is the owner/operator of the server. His background is in computer networking and server administration. He's loved FFXI since 2006 and this was his perfect opportunity to synergize his love with server administration and FFXI.

Thank you for reading. We hope you'll find that we've taken great care to create a fun and welcoming space for all types of players in all walks of life. If you want to learn more, you should visit our website and Discord server, where you'll find all of the resources you need.

Best Regards,

**CatsEyeXI Server Administrative Staff**