Compare a PlaceholderAPI result for two different players

A balance or rank line can look correct for staff while showing another value for players. Compare the same expression with explicit player context before changing the display plugin or editing anyone’s account data.

Prepare the test

Keep the original placeholder text beside the result during diagnosis. The expansion supplies the data; the scoreboard, menu or chat plugin decides where and how to display that result.

Make the change

1. Choose two connected test players with a known difference, such as different ranks. Write down the exact expression from the affected display, including its percent signs, rather than retyping a similar placeholder.
2. Use the documented `papi parse` command with each player name and the same expression. In game, commands start with a slash; the server console normally expects the command without that slash.
3. Compare the parsed output with the underlying permission or economy provider. If both players return the same value, check what that expression measures before assuming the provider has lost their records.
4. Put the verified expression into one private menu or scoreboard line. Refresh that display using its supported method, then ask both players to observe the same line while remaining connected.

Check the result

Success means the raw parse and the visible display agree for each test identity. Keep screenshots of the two results without showing balances or ranks belonging to uninvolved players. Record which account produced each result.

If the test fails

If direct parsing works but the display differs, restore the previous display line and investigate that plugin’s audience or refresh settings. Do not replace player files or reset economy records to repair a presentation problem.

Console parsing needs a named player when the expression uses player data. A console-only or null-audience test can produce an empty result without proving that the expansion has failed.

References and related help

Check the official PlaceholderAPI documentation against your installed release before using a command or setting from another version.

- Install PlaceholderAPI expansions and fix raw placeholders
- Find Minecraft logs and send useful troubleshooting details

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