Preserve two-line ServerListPlus text and UTF-8 characters

Literal newline escapes and an unintended file encoding can turn a simple description edit into visible symbols or a broken configuration. Keep line structure separate from colour styling while testing the change.

Prepare the test

Treat ServerListPlus as an existing integration to maintain, with release-specific compatibility. Preserve its complete configuration before an edit and check which instance answers the public server-list request.

Make the change

1. Preserve `ServerListPlus.yml` and choose one affected Description entry. Record its existing two lines and remove private or time-sensitive wording from your test so repeated refreshes do not advertise an unfinished public announcement.
2. Follow the official configuration guide’s YAML block style for multiline text, preserving list indentation and the surrounding typed section. Use two short plain lines first instead of mixing a complex gradient with a line-break repair.
3. Save the file as UTF-8 and reopen it to confirm special characters remain unchanged. Add one intended non-ASCII character only after the plain two-line version is readable and the plugin accepts the file.
4. Apply the file using the installed supported method and refresh the public server-list address. Inspect the line break, punctuation and character rendering on a normal client, then reintroduce the desired supported formatting gradually.

Check the result

The description should appear as two intentional lines without printed escape sequences or replacement characters. Keep each line short enough for a useful listing preview, checking the longest intended wording as well as the initial sample.

If the test fails

Restore the original entry if parsing fails, then compare indentation and encoding before changing the rest of the file. Do not convert the entire configuration to another format or remove typed headers to fix one multiline value.

Colour support is also version-dependent. Verify your installed ServerListPlus and client capabilities before adopting a modern RGB recipe from a different MOTD plugin or an older gradient example.

References and related help

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

- Maintain an existing ServerListPlus configuration safely
- Update Paper, Purpur and plugins safely

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