



Community Call

2020-11-25

Running a Bitcoin node

Why?

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- The **only** way to transact truly self-sovereign

running a node is for everyone.

The Bitcoin network is made up of thousands of nodes that verify every single transaction in the blockchain.

Some of them mine Bitcoin too, but unlike a mining node, **running a non-mining node doesn't require expensive hardware.**

✗ Without Umbrel



YOUR WALLET



YOUR WALLET
COMPANY'S SERVER



YOUR WALLET
COMPANY'S NODE

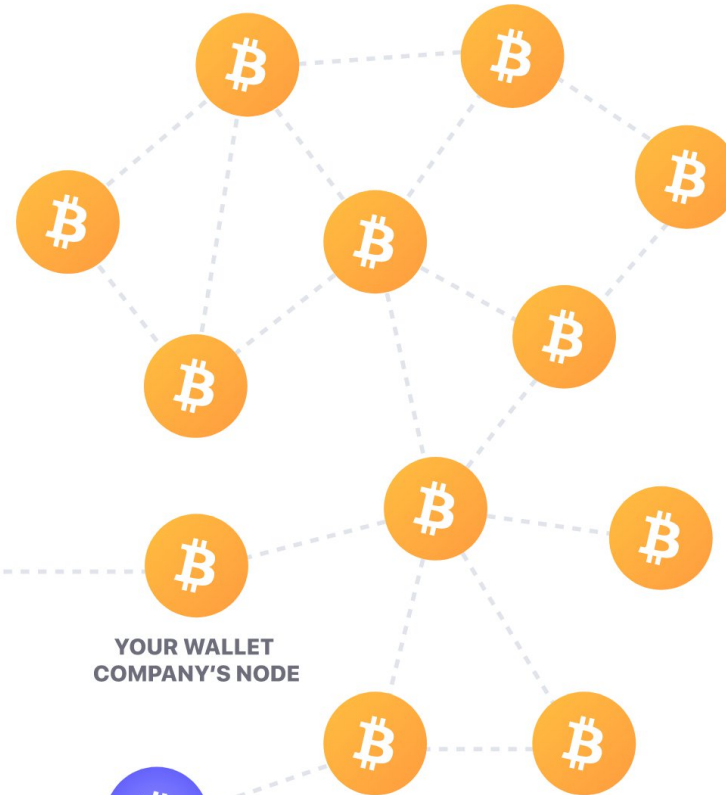
✓ With Umbrel



YOUR WALLET



YOUR PERSONAL
UMBREL NODE



What we want

- Online 24/7
- Consume little power
- Enough storage to store the full bitcoin blockchain (500 GB, better 1 TB to be safe for years to come)
- Ideally support lightning

Fits the bill: Raspberry Pi 4



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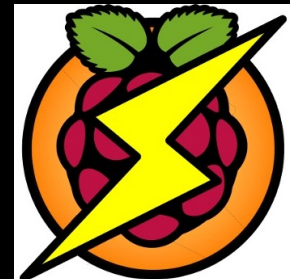
Total cost: ~120 USD

Three choices: 1. RaspiBlitz

- Open-Source
- Completely free
- Active development with regular releases, active community
- Focus on LCD, openness and native support of lightning addons (e.g. the first to support Lightning Pool)
- CLI-based

-> The best choice for advanced, technical lightning users

Website: <https://raspiblitz.org>



Three choices: 2. MyNode

- Open-Source
- Free basic features, paid premium features
- Active development with regular releases, active community
- Focus UI-based usage, UI-based support of lightning addons (some premium)

-> The best choice for lightning users which are willing to pay a premium for a nice UI of lightning and addons

Website: <https://mynodebtc.com/>



Three choices: 3. Umbrel

- Open-Source
- Completely free
- Active development with regular releases
- Relatively new, but rapidly growing community
- Reduced functionality to enable ease-of-use
- Focus: UX, UX, UX.

-> The best choice for novice users which are looking for superior UX and are willing to sacrifice early addon support

Website: <https://getumbrel.com>



Umbrel

Umbrel

<https://getumbrel.com/#start>

Umbrel

Open `http://umbrel.local/` in a browser on a computer in the same local network (connected to the same router).



welcome to umbrel

Your journey to become bitcoin starts now.

START



what is your name?

Your name stays on your Umbrel and is never shared with a 3rd party.

NEXT

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set your password

You'll need this password to login to your Umbrel.

NEXT

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confirm your password

You'll need this password to login to your Umbrel.

A white rectangular input field with rounded corners. Inside the field, there are ten black dots representing a masked password. On the right side of the field, there is a small, dark grey eye icon, which typically indicates a toggle for password visibility.

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note down your secret words

On the next screen you will be shown 24 words. It's recommended that you write them down on a piece of paper and store it in a safe place.

NEXT

NOTE DOWN LATER

RECOVER

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access from anywhere

Even when you're not on your home network, you can access your Umbrel using Tor Browser on the following URL

5c7yppa4sxtzvumgzfxdb6bjdks2mdc27ek43yj745mxm4exf2kag6id.oni 

NEXT



one last thing

Don't be too #reckless.

By clicking next, I agree that:

- ! Umbrel is in beta and should not be considered secure
- ! I should not put more funds on my Umbrel than I'm prepared to lose
- ! Craig Wright is a fraud

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Congratulations! Your Umbrel is now set up and synchronizing the Bitcoin blockchain.

But you don't have to wait for the sync to complete... You can start using Umbrel right away!

[! How?](#)

[GO TO DASHBOARD](#)



Balance

0

~ \$0

Sats

BTC

Home

Bitcoin

Lightning

Settings

good evening, kilrau

Lightning Wallet

● Synchronizing

0

Sats



No transactions

Bitcoin Core

● Synchronizing

0.58%

Synchronized



Block 3,854

1 transactions

Validating...



Block 3,853

1 transactions

Validating...



Block 3,852

Block 3,850

1 transactions

1 transactions

Validating...

12 years ago

Manage

Bitcoin Wallet

● Synchronizing

0

Sats



Manage

Tor

● Running

100%

Traffic relayed through Tor



Manage

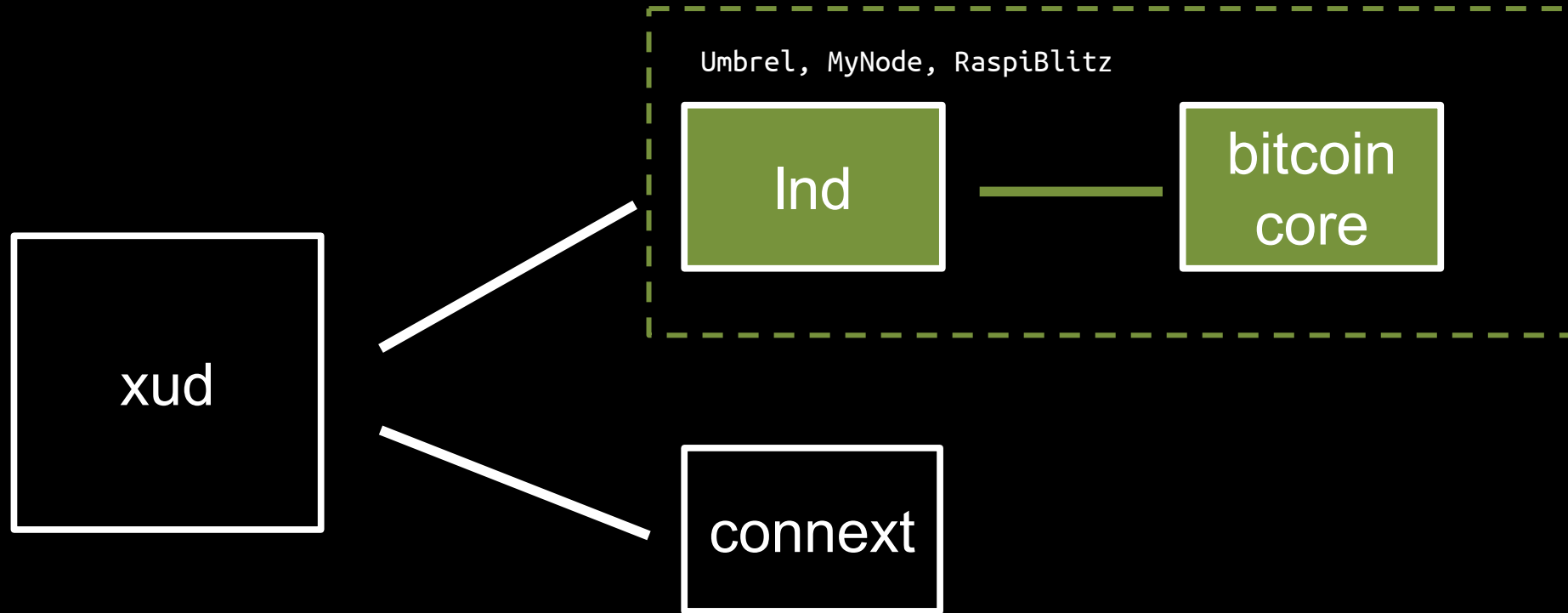
➤ SEND

➤ RECEIVE

Umbrel

Live demo: <http://umbrel.local/>

How we will integrate



(RaspiBlitz already in the works)