

2.3.3.3 Lightning Node

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A **lightning node** is a participant in a [lightning network](#)¹⁾ using [multi-signature \(multisig\)](#)²⁾ on a [payment channel](#)³⁾. Lightning nodes create a small community (2 to n) of blockchain nodes. The community can trade without having to use the expensive ledger transaction and has been proposed as a way to provide scalability to Bitcoin.

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“Blockchain Nodes: An In-Depth Guide”, <https://nodes.com/>

²⁾

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