

Ethereum Node

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An **Ethereum Node** is a device/program that communicates with the [Ethereum](#) network. [Nodes](#) are also known as clients. Software that can act as an [Ethereum node](#) includes Parity and Go-ethereum (geth). This software mostly, if not always, also provides wallet functionality (software that allows users to perform transactions on the [blockchain](#)). Some node software also allows other programs to indirectly interact with the blockchain; this is provided through some [Remote Procedure Call \(RPC\)](#) facility. RPC is usually implemented in the form of web APIs ([Hypertext Transfer Protocol \(HTTP\)](#) or [Hypertext Transport Protocol Secure \(HTTPS\)](#)) or [UNIX Domain Socket \(Socket\)](#).

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