

# Bitcoin Guide: 6 Operating Modes

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## Overview

*The Bitcoin software has different levels of security and tradeoffs in order to verify the blockchain.*  
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## Introduction

*Currently there are two primary methods of validating the block chain as a client: Full nodes and SPV clients. Other methods, such as server-trusting methods, are not discussed as they are not recommended.*

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