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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.*

## Topics

- [Introduction](#)
- [Full Node](#)
- [Simplified Payment Verification \(SPV\)](#)
- [Future Proposals](#)

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