

Bossteck's Tor Masternode Guide

for running multiple masternodes

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

This guide is for Windows but should work with any MN coin and OS platform, most coins that I have found work use a pivx forked wallet. The reason I use this method to run masternodes is that it's a lot easier to control my nodes and a quick setup to add more. It could also save you vps costs, only drawback is that you have to have a computer running 24/7 online but if you stake then you already doing this..

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- 1. The latest version of the masternode coin wallet.
- 2. The Tor Web Browser for your system from here <https://www.torproject.org>
- 3. A computer suitable for running 24/7 and online.

STEP 1 - SETUP YOUR MAIN WALLET (CONTROLLER WALLET)

- 1. If you already have a masternode coin wallet installed already then go to 2. If not then install the masternode coin wallet as normal and fully sync.
- 2. First go to recieve address and create new address for how many masternodes you will need, label them mn1, mn2, mn3, mn4 ect.. like this >

Label	Address
mn1	BTEQC8N49WAp81E5bLXutLMMQrvaYedQSS
mn2	BDq3JBvzAnuoFXkbWocEWs8DroMFe3awuq
mn3	BAgKx7yAn7AP6FeCH98f8eN3fak6ayAv2C
mn4	BDwAgDN77QPhIvvrUec5DwCqL9bZqRtNRU

- 3. Next go to the debug console in the wallet and generate the private keys for your masternodes. Type `masternode genkey` to generate a private key for each masternode, then copy the private keys and paste them in the text document like this >

```
mn1 genkey      ..979hity6u67h8GHRDSJKXCNN5BDBbKHbj4a3NN4VM8nWU
mn2 genkey      ..5864878HIUTGJ7h8GHRDSJKXCNN5BDBbKHbj4a3NN4VM8
mn3 genkey      ..UHFTDFHL880344JHRDSJKXCNN5BDBbKHbj4a3NN4VM8nW
mn4 genkey      ..544YG7R55K67h76YTIJHHIKHbj4a3NN4VM8nWUHHGUF5H
```

- 4. Transfer the correct amount of coins to your wallet from the exchange that you will need for each masternode, I.e if a coins masternode collateral is 5,000 then you need 5,000 coins for mn1,mn2,mn3.. Make sure you have enough to covered to transfer fee, so send 15,010 for 3 nodes for example. If you already have the correct amount of coins in your wallet for your nodes then go to step 5.
- 5. Now send the exact collateral to each mn address, starting with mn1, wait for the coins to confirm each time at least 8 confirms, then open the debug console and type `masternode outputs` , each masternode address you send coins to will create a transaction output id like this "a97c835aae17ebde01155c48w8b73e5bd763fee5bb4ff1650c4479578f8e9ed6" : "1" copy and save them in your text document like this

```
mn1 outputs      "7tu07hh8h68j99h9yhldg6gffn5bd763fee5bbc9f1650c4479558f8e9ed6" : "1"
mn2 outputs      "hs8669cah9c7k0s7c6s789jc97s0c9f1650c4479558fs89a07sf6shh8s7f" : "0"
mn3 outputs      "4whhgr77hwg7h1lahgflbn8c6c59c7c97c9dbbc9f1650cduy9jkskje9fd6" : "0"
> mn4 outputs      "97e9w67kf97690w6dh869h9yhldg6gffn5bd7e5bbsdc9gf16e446dds5gg0" : "1"
```

- 6. Now save the info text document, we now also need to backup the wallet and save this to a safe place. You can do this one of to ways, if the wallet client has a backup option in the menu then use this, if not then turn off the wallet, go to the coins blockchain folder (in windows its C:\Users****\AppData\Roaming\COIN NAME) there you will find wallet.dat copy that to a safe place.

STEP 2 - INSTALL TOR BROWSER & EDITING THE TORRC FILE

- 1. Download the Tor Web Browser installation file, install and follow the instructions.
- 2. When the Tor Web Browser has finished the installing, run it once then close the browser.
- 3. Next we need to locate and edit a file called torrc, the file can be found normally in (Tor Browser\Browser\TorBrowser\Data\Tor) where you installed it.
- 4. Once the torrc file is located create a shortcut on your desktop to it for easy editing.
- 5. Open the torrc file in a text editor, you will see other text in there, do not delete this text.

6. Now you will need to add the following lines of text, (If there is already text in the file just start underneath it). Add a line for each masternodes, make sure the <LOCATION> is correct, this is where you installed the Tor Browser, example >

```
HiddenServiceDir C:\Program Files (x86)\Tor Browser\nodeABC1
HiddenServiceVersion 2
HiddenServicePort 123456 127.0.0.1:9901
```

Add a line for each masternode using your default masternodes coin port <MN PORT>. *** Is were you put the masternode coin ticker. The next things you will have to do is the port number after 127.0.0.1: you can choose any sequence and add as many as you need. I use 9901 for mn1 then 9902 for mn2 ect.. Example like this >

```
HiddenServiceDir <LOCATION>\Tor Browser\node***1
HiddenServiceVersion 2
HiddenServicePort <MN PORT> 127.0.0.1:9901
```

```
HiddenServiceDir <LOCATION>\Tor Browser\node***2
HiddenServiceVersion 2
HiddenServicePort <MN PORT> 127.0.0.1:9902
```

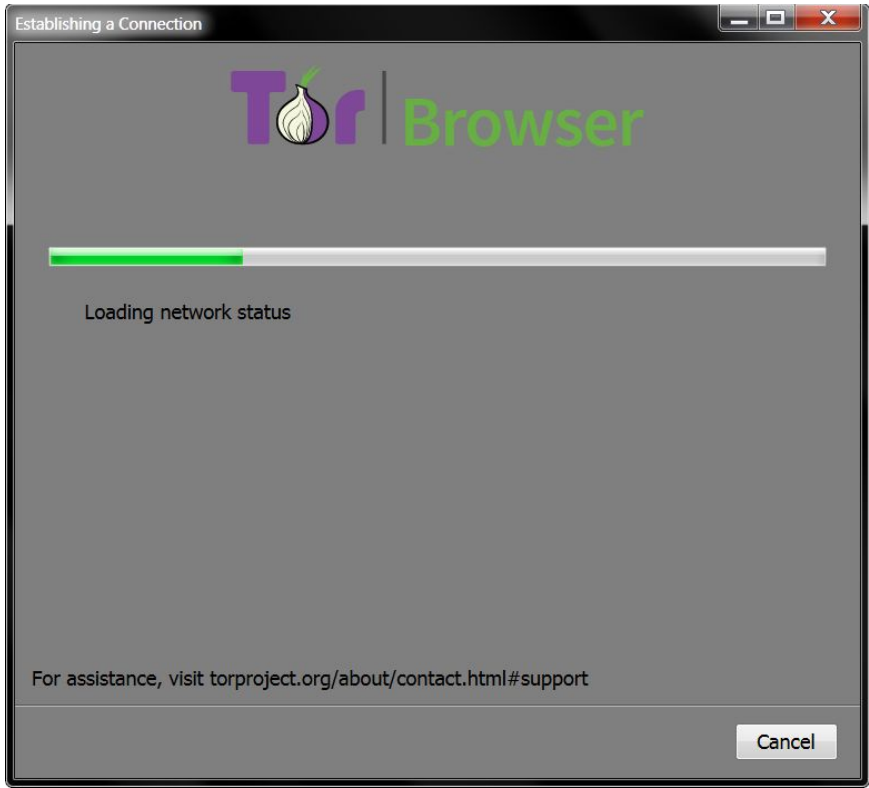
```
HiddenServiceDir <LOCATION>\Tor Browser\node***3
HiddenServiceVersion 2
HiddenServicePort <MN PORT> 127.0.0.1:9903
```

```
HiddenServiceDir <LOCATION>\Tor Browser\node***4
HiddenServiceVersion 2
HiddenServicePort <MN PORT> 127.0.0.1:9904
```

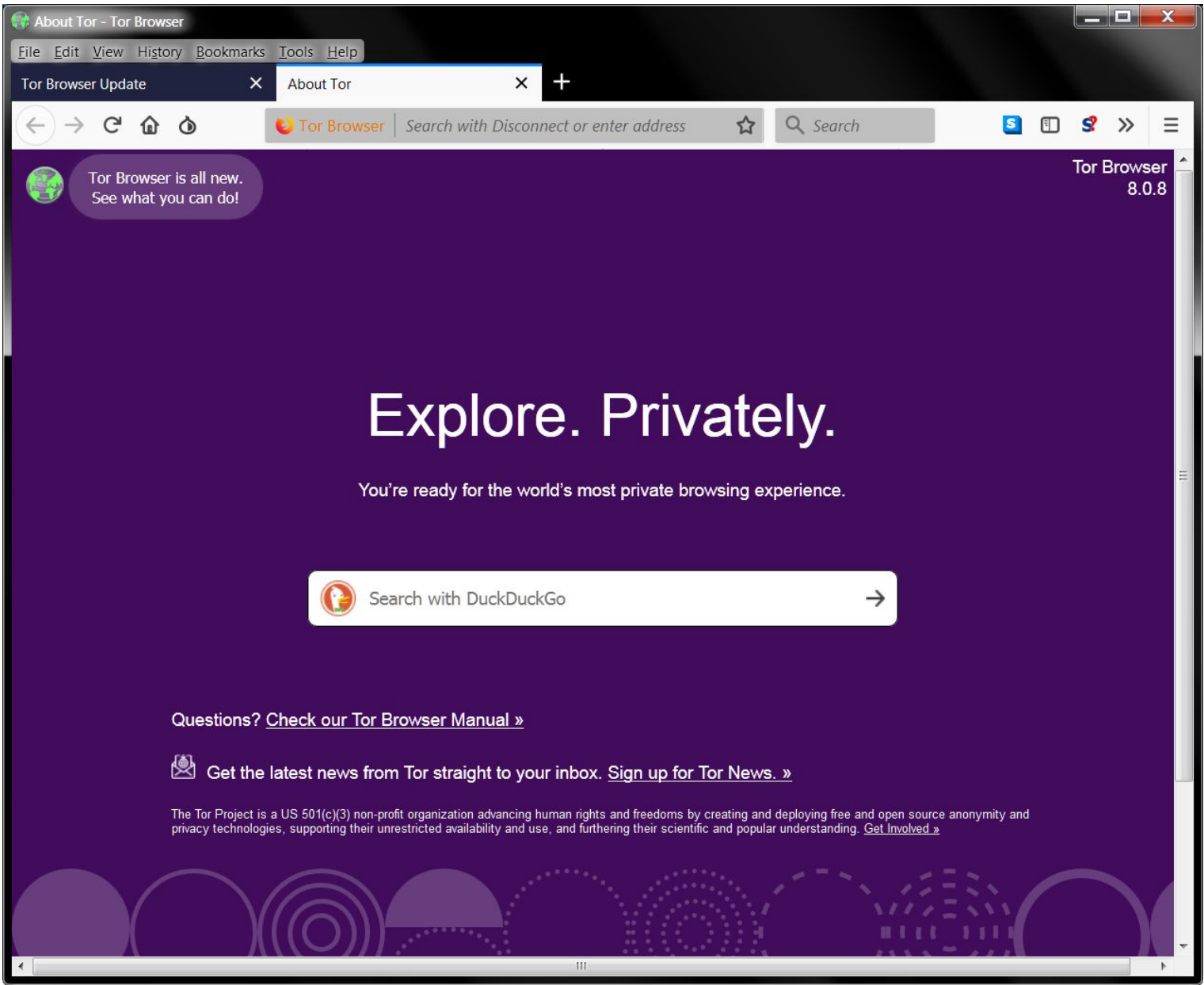
7. Make sure your <LOCATION> & <MN PORT> are correct. You can use any port numbers but they must be different for every coin. For example one coin 9901 and another coin 8801 for mn1..
8. Once you have done this click save in the editor to save the torrc file configuration.

STEP 3 - CREATING .ONION ADDRESSES

1. Now start Tor Web Browser.
2. Once its connecting this box will popup.



- 3.
4. Connected you will be faced with a screen like this below.



5. The Tor Web Browser it has automatically created your onion IP addresses and the masternode coin folders you used in the torrc config file.
6. Close Tor Web Browser, then re-open the torrc file using the desktop shortcut again if you closed it. We must now # out all the command lines in the torrc file to deactivate and to keep a record, this will also help you to setup masternodes later for other coins, so you don't conflict ports. do it like this and save :

```
# HiddenServiceDir <LOCATION>\Tor Browser\node***1
# HiddenServiceVersion 2
# HiddenServicePort <MN PORT> 127.0.0.1:9901

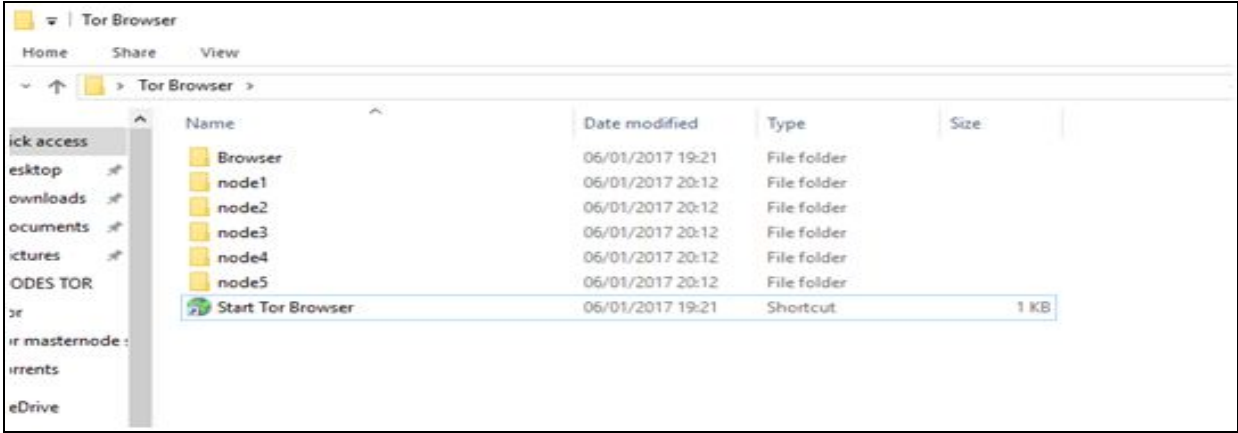
# HiddenServiceDir <LOCATION>\Tor Browser\node***2
# HiddenServiceVersion 2
# HiddenServicePort <MN PORT> 127.0.0.1:9902

# HiddenServiceDir <LOCATION>\Tor Browser\node***3
# HiddenServiceVersion 2
# HiddenServicePort <MN PORT> 127.0.0.1:9903

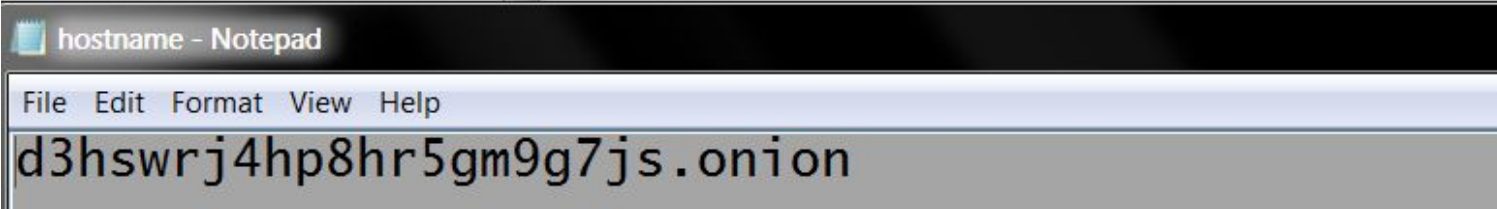
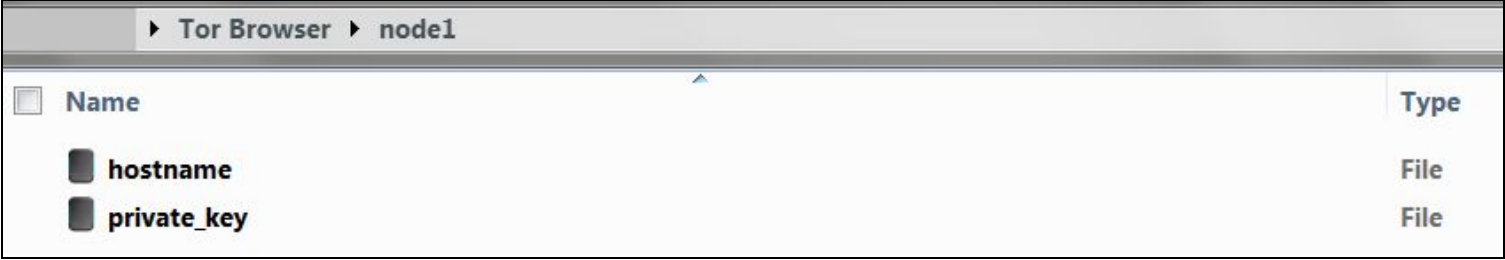
# HiddenServiceDir <LOCATION>\Tor Browser\node***4
# HiddenServiceVersion 2
# HiddenServicePort <MN PORT> 127.0.0.1:9904
```

STEP 4 - GATHER THE INFORMATION

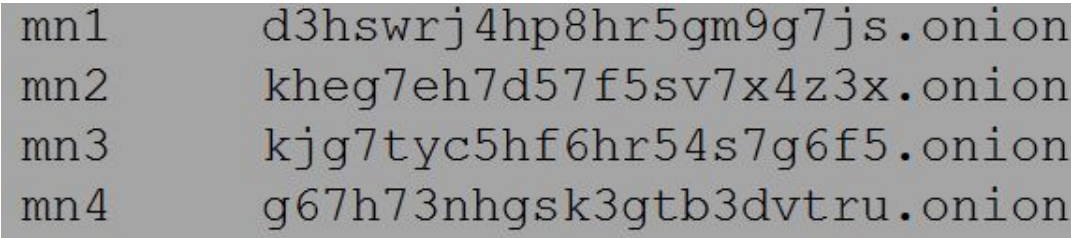
1. Go to the Tor Browser folder <LOCATION>\Tor Browser and you will see the node folders you specified in the torrc file. Example >



2. In each of these node folders you will find a file called hostname Open it with a text editor and it will show you the .onion address for each masternode>



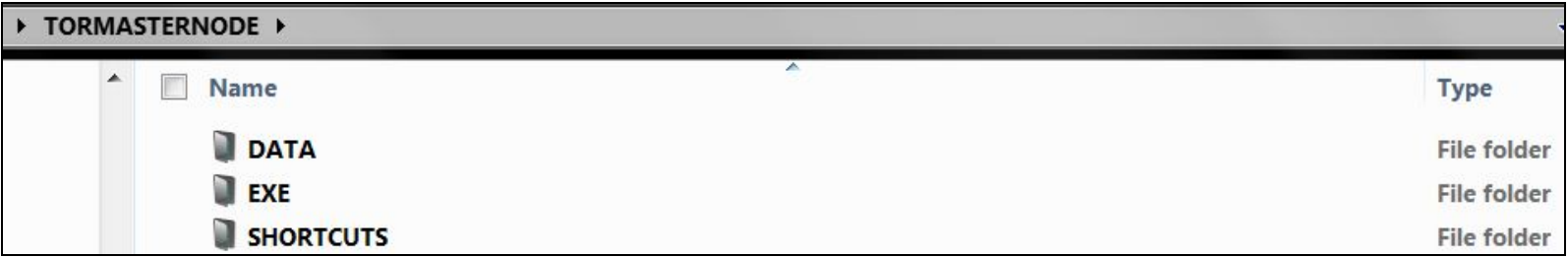
3. Copy each of the .onion addresses from node1, node2, folders ect.. to the info text document you saved earlier like this >



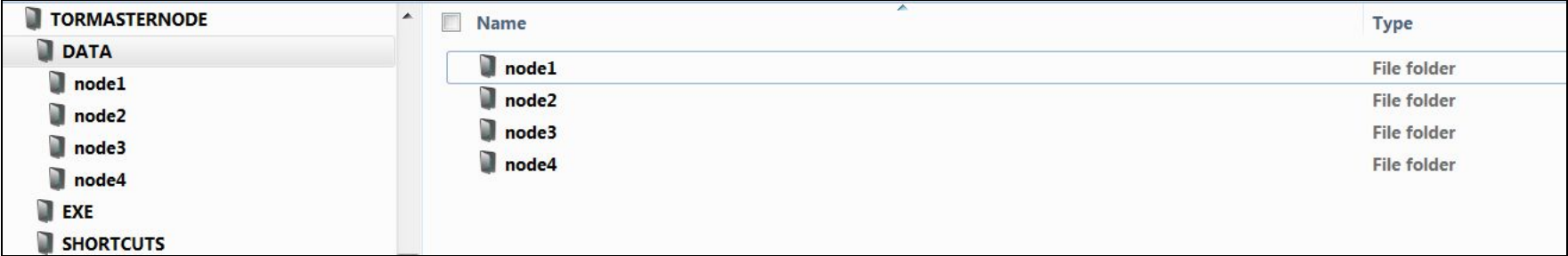
4. Save the info text document. You should now have all the details needed to setup the masternodes.

STEP 5 - SETUP THE WALLET FOLDERS

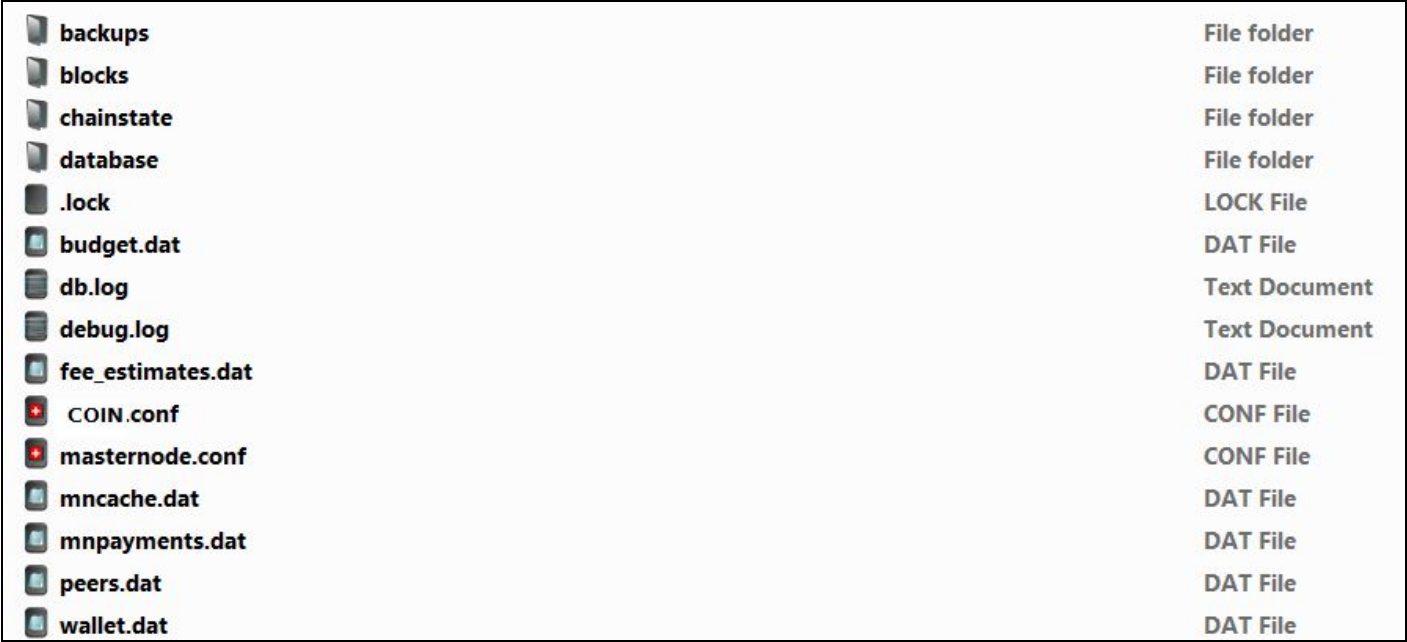
1. Now we need to setup the masternode wallet folders for node1, node2, node3...ect. Create a folder on a drive with enough GB's for all your masternodes called TORMASTERNODE, example ` C:\TORMASTERNODE ` then create 3 more folders inside TORMASTERNODE labeled DATA , EXE , SHORTCUT >



2. Next copy the folders created in <LOCATION>\Tor Browser node***1, node***2, node***3 ect.. to the DATA folder.



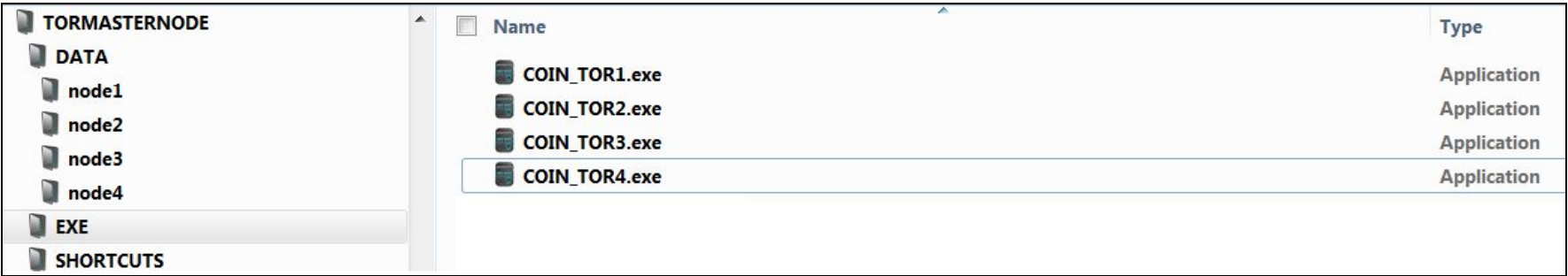
3. Now go to your main wallet coins blockchain C:\Users***\AppData\Roaming\MN COIN folder, you should see something like this >



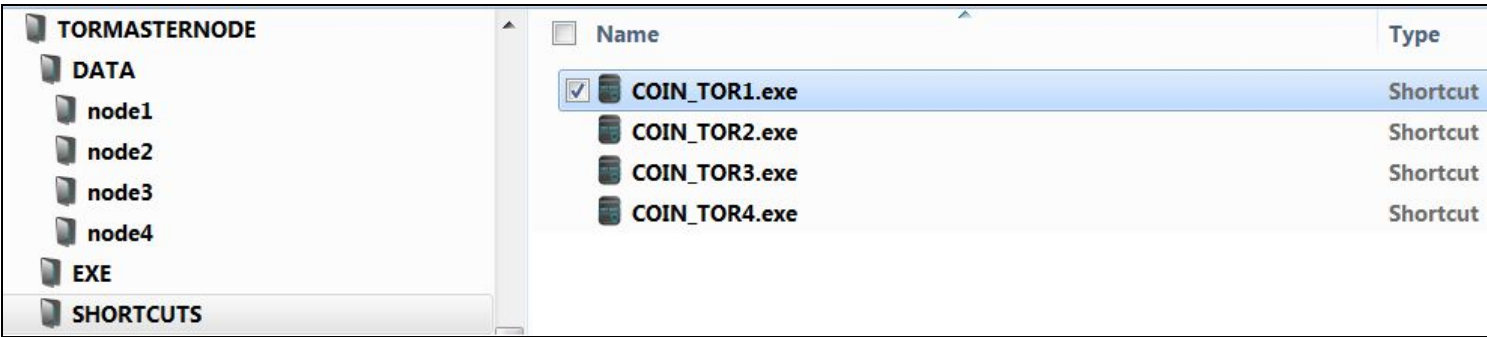
4. Copy all the files and folders from `AppData\Roaming\MN COIN` to `TORMASTERNODE\DATA\node***1, like this >



5. Then do the same for node***2, node***3.. Ect.
6. Next copy the wallet.exe file to EXE. You now need to to make copies of the exe and name them <COIN>_TOR1.exe, <COIN>_TOR2.exe, <COIN>_TOR3.exe ect... (<COIN> = Coin name, ie. BTC_TOR1.exe) like this >

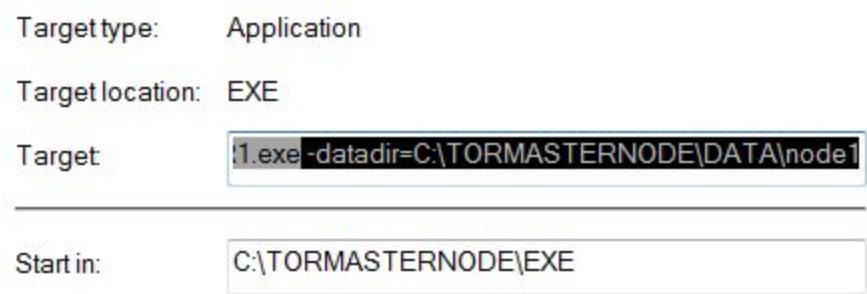


7. Now create a shortcut to each Coin wallet exe in the SHORTCUTS folder like this >



STEP 6 - SHORTCUTS & CONFIGS

1. Next we have to edit the shortcuts so the wallets find the blockchain in the DATA/node***# folders. Right click the first shortcut, click properties and add this line to the end of the target after 1 space> -datadir=C:\TORMASTERNODE\DATA\node1



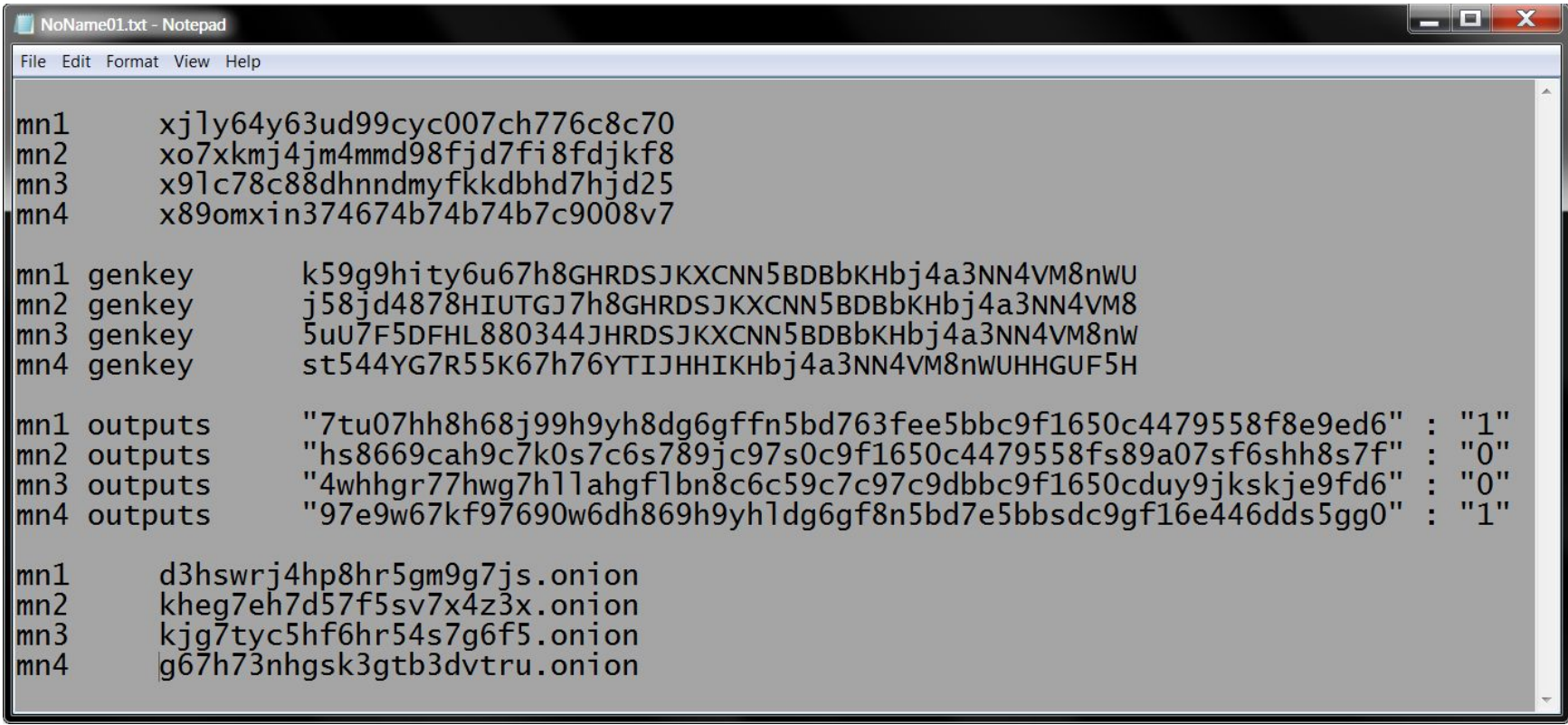
Make sure your location (drive letter) of the TORMASTERNODE is correct, above the example is located on C Drive.

2. Now edit the next shortcuts but change the node number so the other wallets can find their own blockchain folder like this >

-datadir=C:\TORMASTERNODE\DATA\node***1
-datadir=C:\TORMASTERNODE\DATA\node***2
-datadir=C:\TORMASTERNODE\DATA\node***3 ...ect

Once all your shortcuts are edited copy them to your desktop or create a shortcut to the shortcut folder.

3. We now need to open the info document saved earlier, it should look like this >



4. First edit the main control wallet coin.conf & masternode.conf, go to C:\Users***\AppData\Roaming\COIN folder and open both files. Some wallets let you use node***1 as the control wallet but others I have found dont like it, so it best to try using the original first.
5. In the coin.conf add the following using your settings from your info document >

```
listen=1
server=1
daemon=1
staking=1
rpcuser=<user>
rpcpassword=<password>
rpcport=<COIN RPCPORT>
# port=<MN#COIN PORT>
# onion=127.0.0.1:<MN#COIN PORT>
rpcallowip=127.0.0.1
maxconnections=256
masternode=1
externalip=<MN1.ONION ADDRESS>
externalip=<MN2.ONION ADDRESS>
externalip=<MN3.ONION ADDRESS>
externalip=<MN4.ONION ADDRESS>
masternodeaddr=<MN1.ONION ADDRESS>:<MN PORT>
masternodeaddr=<MN2.ONION ADDRESS>:<MN PORT>
masternodeaddr=<MN3.ONION ADDRESS>:<MN PORT>
masternodeaddr=<MN4.ONION ADDRESS>:<MN PORT>
masternodeprivkey=<MN1 GENKEY>
masternodeprivkey=<MN2 GENKEY>
masternodeprivkey=<MN3 GENKEY>
masternodeprivkey=<MN4 GENKEY>
```

6. You need to add your coins rpc port, the user & password can be anything except special characters, the <MN#.ONION ADDRESS> is the .onion addresses and the <MN PORT> must be your coins default masternode port. <MN# GENKEY> is the genkey (private keys).
7. Next edit the masternode.conf and add the following lines >

```
# Masternode config file
# Format: alias IP:port masternodeprivkey collateral_output_txid collateral_output_index

mn1 <MN1.ONION ADDRESS>:<MN PORT><MN1 GENKEY><TXID MN1>
mn2 <MN2.ONION ADDRESS>:<MN PORT><MN2 GENKEY><TXID MN2>
mn3 <MN3.ONION ADDRESS>:<MN PORT><MN3 GENKEY><TXID MN3>
mn4 <MN4.ONION ADDRESS>:<MN PORT><MN4 GENKEY><TXID MN4>
```

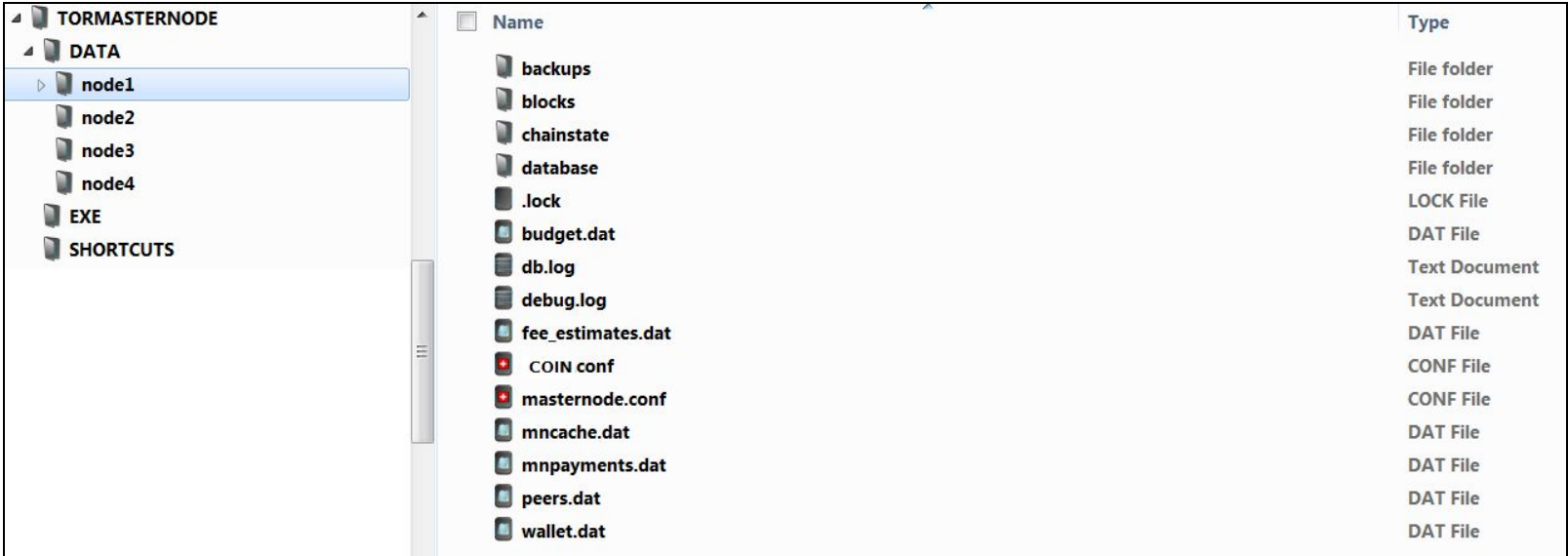
8. The <TXID MN#> is the masternode outputs like this > 7tu07hh8h68j99h9yh8dg6gffn5bd763fee5bbc9f1650c4479558f8e9ed6 1

It should look like this example depending how many nodes you have>

```
# Masternode config file
# Format: alias IP:port masternodeprivkey collateral_output_txid collateral_output_index

mn1 d3hswrj4hp8hr5gm9g7js.onion:123456 k59g9hity6u67h8GHRDSJKXCNN5BDBbKHbj4a3NN4VM8nWU 7tu07hh8h68j99h9yh8dg6gffn5bd763fee5bbc9f1650c4479558f8e9ed6 1
mn2 khcg7eh7d57f5sv7x4z3x.onion:123456 j58jd4878HIUTGJ7h8GHRDSJKXCNN5BDBbKHbj4a3NN4VM8 hs8669cah9c7k0s7c6s789jc97s0c9f1650c4479558fs89a07sf6shh8s7f 0
mn3 kjg7tyc5hf6hr54s7g6f5.onion:123456 5uU7F5DFHL880344JHRDSJKXCNN5BDBbKHbj4a3NN4VM8nW 4whhgr77hwg7hllahgflbn8c6c59c7c97c9dbbc9f1650cduy9jkskje9fd6 0
```

- 9. Now we need to copy the COIN.conf & masternode.conf files from \AppData\Roaming\MN COIN to each \TORMASTERNODE\DATA\node# folder and overwrite the files there.



- 10. Make sure you copy to node1, node2 node3, ect... overwriting COIN.conf & masternode.conf
- 11. Once overwritten go to \TORMASTERNODE\DATA\node***1 and edit the COIN.conf with a text editor, remove lines that are for mn2, mn3, mn4, ect.. Change listen=0, staking=0, # rpcport=, and port=9901. Then open and edit the masternode.conf and do the same, remove lines that are for mn2, mn3, mn4, ect...
- 12. Then go to \TORMASTERNODE\DATA\node***2 and edit the COIN.conf with a text editor, remove lines that are for mn1, mn3, mn4, ect.. change listen=0, staking=0, # rpcport=, and port=9902. Then open and edit the masternode.conf and do the same, remove lines that are for mn1, mn3, mn4, ect.
- 13. Repeat for mn3, mn4 ect... Make sure you change mn3 conf to listen=0, staking=0 # rpcport, port=9903 & mn4 conf to listen=0, staking=0, # rpcport=, port=9904 ect... staking=0 is to stop the mn wallets staking the collateral of a masternode, so only the control wallet will be able to stake. Example: masternode 2

```
listen=0
server=1
daemon=1
staking=0
rpcuser=username
rpcpassword=y4yfdfjdf6
# rpcport=12345
port=9902
# onion=127.0.0.1:9902
rpcallowip=127.0.0.1
maxconnections=256
masternode=1
externalip=5j fj6uudjdjd64jddsku.onion
masternodeaddr=5j fj6uudjdjd64jddsku.onion:30500
masternodeprivkey=Gj3ts6uKre7d8JShfj75395kk38Efk7s6kUd6kjsSOk74j
```

- 14. Also for the masternode.conf remove every line except the node you are editing. Example : masternode 2

```
mn2 5j fj6uudjdjd64jddsku.onion:30500 Gj3ts6uKre7d8JShfj75395kk38Efk7s6kUd6kjsSOk74j
745611f776f0f5c476ae7s0e154bba45fdr6441c48f1064c3da849c251ye6eks5 0
```

STEP 7 - STARTING THE MASTERNODES

1. First run the main controller wallet, then from the C:\TORMASTERNODE\SHORTCUTS run the tor node shortcuts you created in STEP 6, let them all fully sync again.
2. Now go to info and check the block number with the coins explorer to see if they are correct.
3. Once verified they are all on the correct block number we need to start each node.
4. First node1 wallet go to the masternode tab and right click mn1 the click Start alias.
5. Once mn1 says ENABLED go to node2, node3 wallet ect and repeat Start alias until all say ENABLED.
6. Now they are ENABLED go to the control wallet and update mn1, 2, 3 , 4 ect.. They should say ENABLED.
7. Once you have all your nodes ENABLED then you just need to restart all the wallets after about 20 mins. It should show all your nodes ENABLED in the control and the time the nodes have been online.

STEP 8 - PROBLEMS

You must have the wallets for nodes running 24/7 online, the control wallet only needs to be running 24/7 if you are staking your rewards. Some wallets let you run node 1 in the control wallet so there is no need to make a second for node 1, but it's best to stake in a control wallet because all the collaterals will be locked.

If you receive an error your.onion address is not recognised as a valid ip address then you must unhash the line **onion=127.0.0.1:port**, this should then show an icon tor enabled in the main wallet window. The extra line needs to be unhashed in the coin.conf file for tor .onion addresses to be recognised, you must do this in each node coin.conf to work, this mainly effects some Pivx 3+ wallet forks.

Example: If you set your **HiddenServicePort 00000 127.0.0.1:9501** for a node in the torrc file, then the line would be **onion=127.0.0.1:9501**
You can also use the masternode coin port on the control wallet, Example: **onion=127.0.0.1:00000**.

If you have an error running more than just the control wallet, (ie a node gives you an error wallet already running) then this is can be a few things.

1. You have not set a different port for every node correctly in the coin.conf file.
2. You did not set the the data location command in the wallet shortcut.
3. Sometimes you need to make sure your firewall isn't blocking a port.
4. Some wallets do not require the listen= to be 0, try setting it back to 1.

STEP 9 - FINAL NOTES

I do not claim this will solve everyone's problems but this is the way I run nodes now, it saves me messing with linux and remote servers and I find this way running masternodes a lot easier. To my knowledge the Tor .onion address can never be traced to your ip, giving you some anonymity, also if have a dynamic ip from your ISP this still means you can run masternodes at home. I haven't found any masternode coin that hasn't worked and are currently running around 22 masternodes on an I7 16GB pc without any problems.

I have found that all wallets are different, some require a control wallet others do not, you get some that can run each node as long as the port is different in each .conf and the listen=1 can be left alone. Also many do not need the onion=127.0.0.1:port enabled as they recognize .onion address without it.

If you have any problems just DM in Discord if I'm in your coin channel or see me online, I'm happy to help as long as you appreciate rewarding me for writing this guide and helping you.

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