

# HOW TO SET UP A FORCE MASTERNODE



## Required

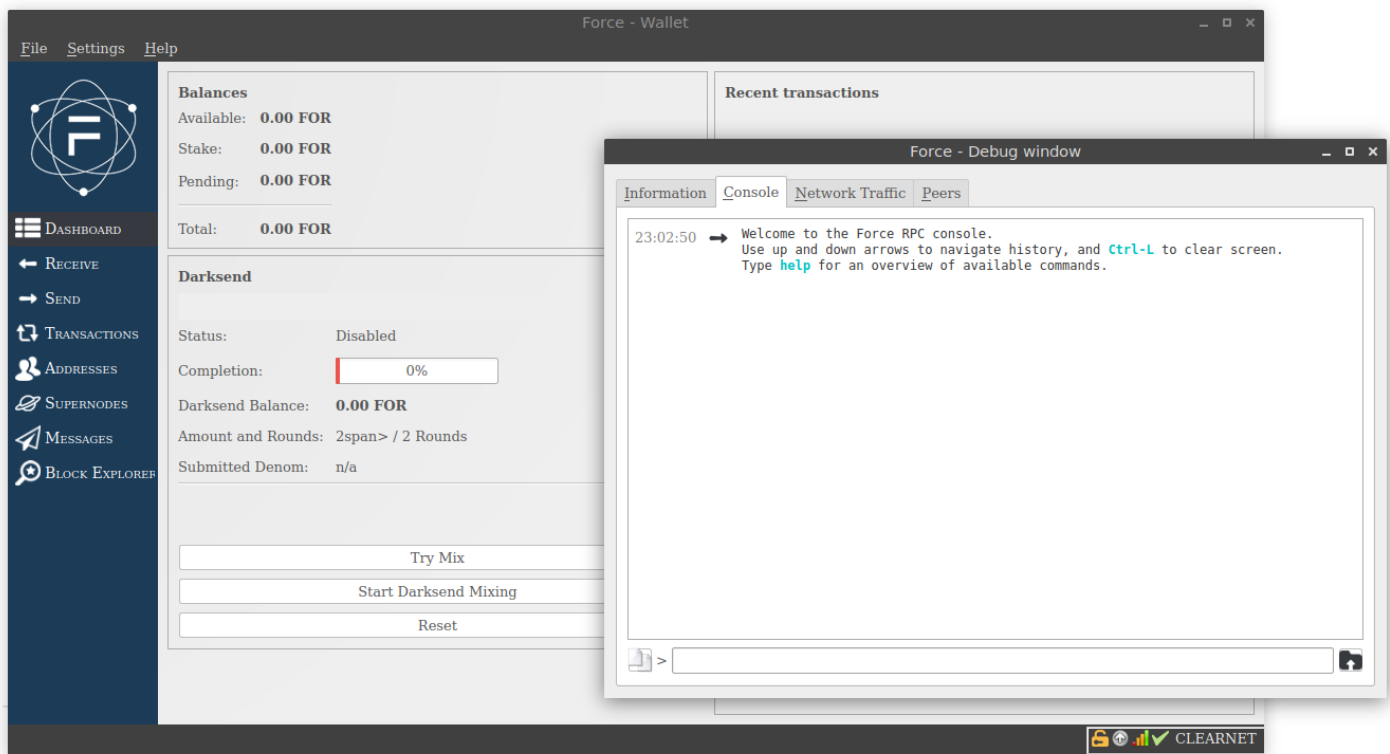
- 500,000 FORCE as collateral for the Masternode.
- A remote computer to run the Masternode, this is usually a VPS.
- A secure computer to run the cold wallet that holds collateral.

\*check out [Links](#) on the last page.

## STAGE 1 On your cold wallet (local pc)

### 1) Generate the Masternode genkey

- In the wallet upper menu go to [Help](#) > [Debug](#) > [Console](#).



- With the console in here type and launch:

```
masternode genkey
```

**Note** somewhere the Masternode Genkey [[MASTERNODE\\_PRIVATE\\_KEY](#)].

### 2) Create the collateral (masternode) address

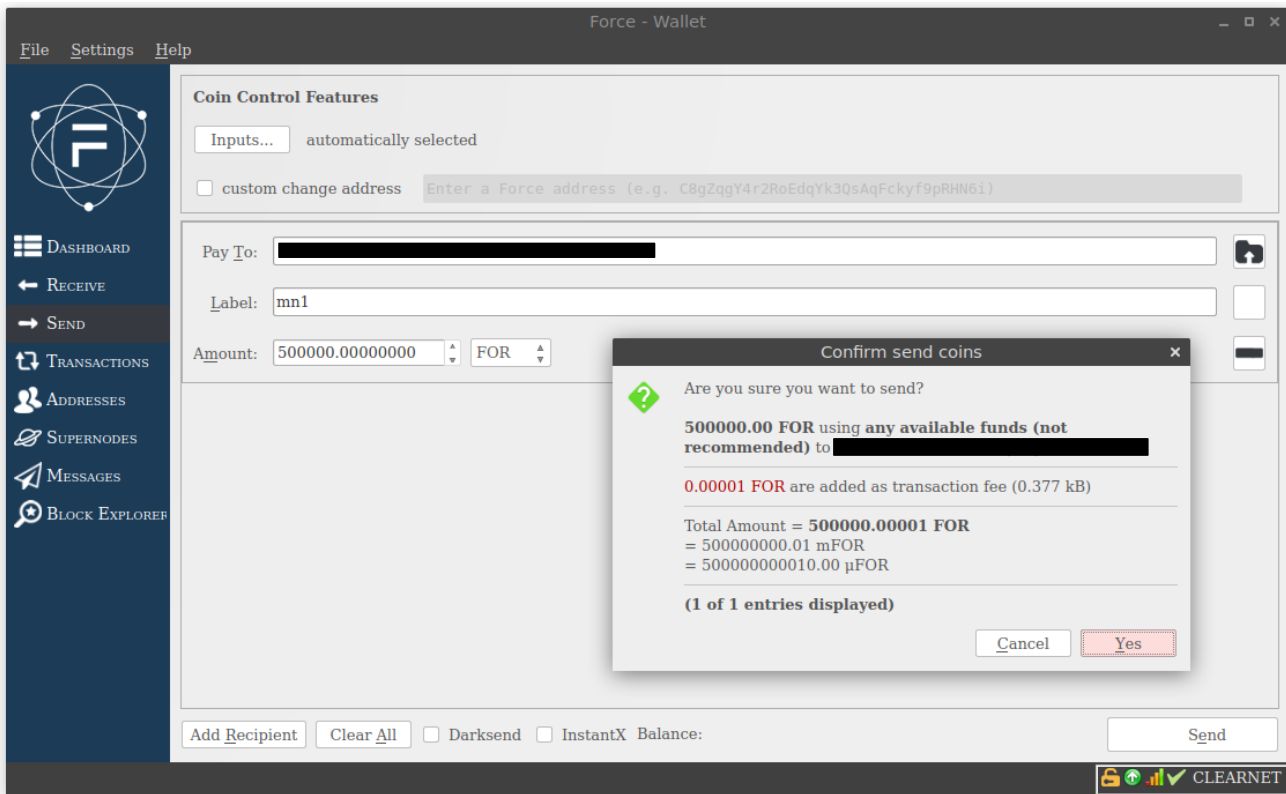
- Even in the console, type and launch:

```
getaccountaddress mn1
```

Now you've created a new address called "mn1" [[MASTERNODE\\_ADDRESS](#)] (you can check it in "Receive" lateral menu). This address will be generated in your wallet, so you will have its control directly through the wallet (create a new backup of [wallet.dat](#)).

### 3) Set up the collateral

- Send **500000 FOR** to the address generated in the previous step [**MASTERNODE\_ADDRESS**], this needs to be done in one transaction.  
(You don't need to consider transaction fees, just write the amount 500000 and send it).



To use the collateral, one needs to get the transaction id/hash (txid) and the index of the output value (vin) in that transaction.

- **Method 1** - In the console ([Help > Debug > Console](#)), type and launch:

```
masternode outputs
```

This returns a key-value pairs (or more) that holds the info needed.

```
{  
  "<letters and numbers>": "<0 or 1>",  
  ...  
}
```

**Note** the first code [**TX\_HASH**] (letters and numbers)  
and the second code [**OUTPUT\_INDEX**] (0 or 1)

- **Method 2** - Look up the address on the Force explorer using this link  
[http://80.208.231.154/address/MASTERNODE\\_ADDRESS](http://80.208.231.154/address/MASTERNODE_ADDRESS) (replace with your mn address).

Since it is a new address and only one transaction should be sent to it you can see the transaction id [**TX\_HASH**] (letters and numbers).

By clicking on the transaction id you can see the outputs [**OUTPUT\_INDEX**] (0 or 1), assuming that the transaction has a remainder you will see two Recipients.

One is the collateral the other is the change; if the collateral is above the change or there is no change your vin is 0 else it is 1.

## STAGE 2 Set up Force daemon on your VPS / Local computer (as remote server)

### On the remote server (VPS, local server)

Note: Setting up a secure and stable server is a whole topic of its own. Since this guide only looks at a cold wallet setup your funds are never at risk because they remain on the cold wallet and the server has no info to spend them.

Note: *The guide assumes you are able to set up a VPS and connect to it using PUTTY (<http://www.putty.org/>) or some other secure shell.* The second assumption is that you are using Ubuntu as Operating System (OS) on the virtual private server (VPS).

#### VPS providers:

- <https://www.vultr.com/>
- <https://www.digitalocean.com/>

### - Method1 - Using Setup Script (Ubuntu 16.04) (or "14-04-setup.sh" for Ubuntu 14.04)

- Download the installation script.

```
wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/forceunited/force-masternode-setup-ubuntu/master/16-04-setup.sh
```

- Next make the script executable and then execute it.

```
chmod +x 16-04-setup.sh
```

```
./16-04-setup.sh
```

The script will install the **force daemon** and ask you for infos required to configure the Masternode.

*After the script is done it will exit and the master node will remain active waiting for its start command from the cold wallet.*

Once it is done you can exit the VPS and continue with 'Stage 3'; when the script fails try a manual setup or ask for help.

#### Required infos:

**Password:** used to secure the RPC interface of the node.

**Masternode Key:** Masternode key generated on the cold wallet [**MASTERNODE\_PRIVATE\_KEY**]

**The IP Address:** public address of VPS server the node runs on.

Note: The script says to use port '37245' but further down this guide uses port '37246', both ports will work but if you ever need to interact with the RPC interface of the node using port '37245' will require you to do some extra configuration.

**No matter what port you use it needs to be the same on the VPS and the cold wallet!**

## - Method2 - Using Manual setup

In case the script fails or you are using a different OS, a manual install might be required.

### - Update and install deps:

```
sudo apt-get update -y
sudo apt-get dist-upgrade -y
sudo apt-get install software-properties-common -y
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:bitcoin/bitcoin -y
sudo apt-get -y update
sudo apt-get -y install build-essential libssl-dev libdb++-dev
libboost-all-dev libcrypto++-dev libqrencode-dev libminiupnpc-dev
libgmp-dev autoconf autogen automake libtool libgmp3-dev libssl-dev
unzip
```

### - Get source ([adjust for last version](#)):

```
wget
https://github.com/forceunited/force/releases/download/v3.7.0.0/
force-3.7.0-0-ubuntu-16.04-d.tar.gz

tar xvzf force-3.7.0-0-ubuntu-16.04-d.tar.gz

rm force-3.7.0-0-ubuntu-16.04-d.tar.gz

cd force-3.7.0-0-ubuntu-16.04-d/
```

### - Build and copy the executable (the make command will take a while):

```
cd src
make -f makefile.unix
cp ./Forced ~/Forced
cd ~/
```

### - Setup the configuration:

```
mkdir ~/.Force
nano ~/.Force/Force.conf
```

### - Put the info below in the configuration file and replace '<...>' with your info.

```
rpcuser=<USERNAMErandom>
rpcpassword=<PASSWORDrandom>
rpccallowip=127.0.0.1
listen=1
server=1
daemon=1
masternodeaddr=<IP_ADDRESS>:37245
masternode=1
masternodeprivkey=<MASTERNODE_PRIVATE_KEY>
```

- Start the node (enter to go back).

```
./Force -daemon
```

- Make sure it is running.

```
./Force getinfo
```

At this point, your node is ready for the start command to be sent from the cold wallet. Log out of the VPS and make sure it keeps running.

**IF** you're using your Local PC as remote server for your Masternode:

Edit **Force.conf**:

(its position depends on OS, on Mac OS X it's in `~/Library/Application/Support/Force/Force.conf`, on Windows in `%appdata%/roaming/Force/Force.conf`, on Ubuntu in `/home/.Force`)

```
rpcuser=USERNAMErandom
rpcpassword=PASSWORDrandom
rpcallowip=127.0.0.1
listen=1
server=1
daemon=1
masternodeaddr=IP_ADDRESS:37245
masternode=1
masternodeprivkey=MASTERNODE_PRIVATE_KEY
```

- Insert **informations** required (username, password and your ip static address for your pc as remote server).
- If needed configure your Firewall adding proper port rules.

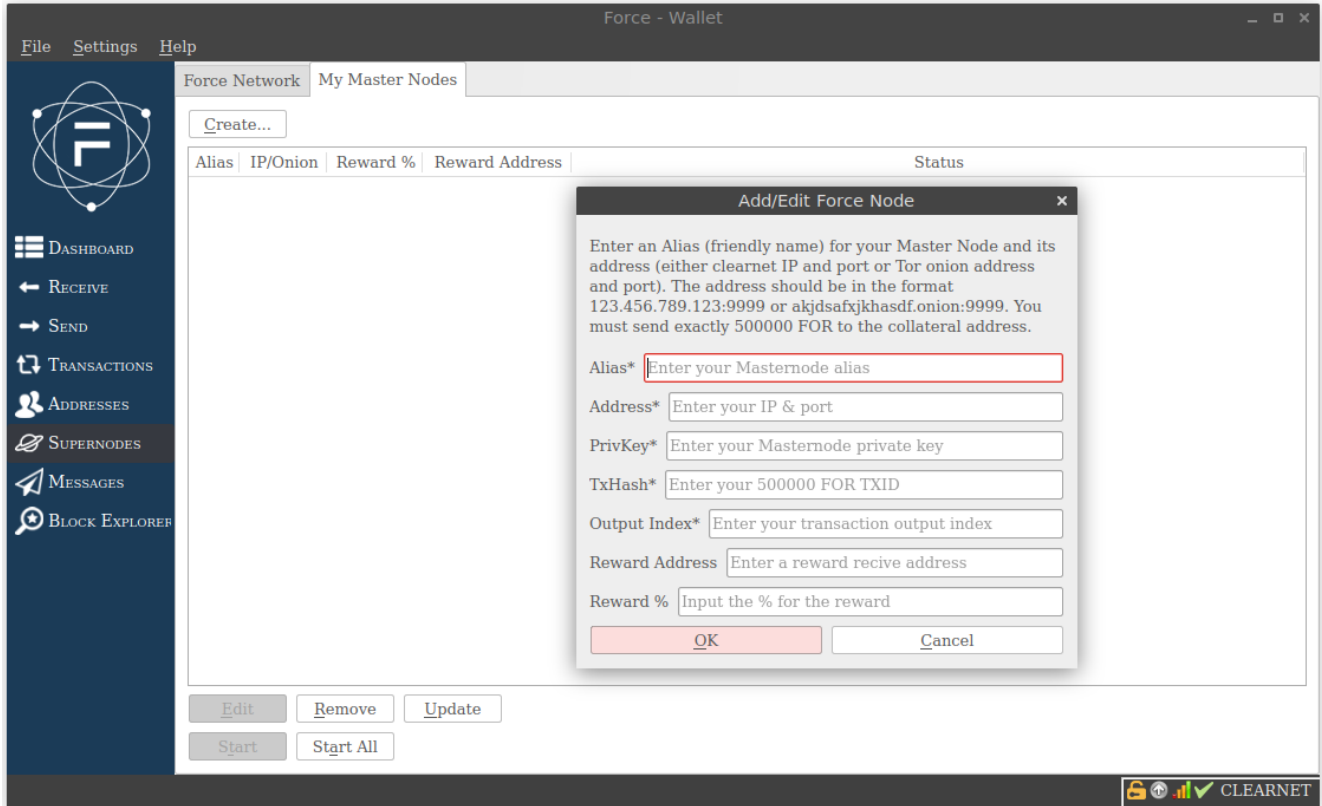
## STAGE 3 Register the Masternode On your cold wallet (local pc)

x) If the wallet is encrypted, unlock it

- In the wallet upper menu go to [Settings > Unlock wallet](#).  
Unlock it unchecking "For Staking only".

### 1) Add the masternode

- Starting from the wallet lateral menu go to [Supernodes > My Master Nodes > Create...](#)  
A new window pops up asking you for node info.



Alias: a name for the node  
Address: IP\_ADDRESS (vps ip / remote pc static ip) :37245 or 37246  
PrivKey: MASTERNODE\_PRIVATE\_KEY  
TxHash: txid (TX\_HASH)  
Output Index: vin (OUTPUT\_INDEX)  
Reward Address: \*optional other address to recieve rewards  
Reward %: \*optional percentage of coins to send to other address

- Insert [informations](#) required
- Press 'OK' and then 'Update' in the main window.

### 2) Start the masternode

The node should now be visible in the list and you can select it followed by the 'Start' button to get the node running.

Leave the cold wallet open for a while so it can send the command out to other nodes and shortly after you should see rewards coming in. (How long till the first reward depends on network state).

ENJOY YOUR **FORCE SUPERNODE!** 

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## +Updating

If new updates come out it is not required to repeat all steps mentioned above. You just update the cold wallet (local pc) and then you have to update the remote Masternode on the VPS before starting the master node again from the cold wallet.

### \_Method1\_Script

- Download and execute the update script:

```
wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/forceunited/force-masternode-setup-ubuntu/master/update.sh

chmod +x update.sh

./update.sh

rm -r ./update.sh
```

Once this is done it might be required to go to the cold wallet and execute the start command again from the [Supernodes > My Master Nodes](#) window.

### \_Method2\_Manual

- Remove old app ([adjust for old version](#)), make sure your vps is up-to-date as well.

```
rm -r ./force-3.6.0.0
rm ./Forced

sudo apt-get update -y
sudo apt-get dist-upgrade -y
sudo apt-get -y update
```

- Reboot (and [re-connect](#)).

```
sudo shutdown -r now
```

- Get source ([adjust for last version](#)).

```
wget https://github.com/forceunited/force/releases/download/v3.7.0.0/force-3.7.0-0-ubuntu-16.04-d.tar.gz

tar xvzf force-3.7.0-0-ubuntu-16.04-d.tar.gz

rm force-3.7.0-0-ubuntu-16.04-d.tar.gz

cd force-3.7.0-0-ubuntu-16.04-d/
```

- Build and copy the executable (the make command will take a while).

```
cd src

make -f makefile.unix

cp ./Forced ~/Forced

cd ~/
```

- Reboot (and **re-connect**).

```
sudo shutdown -r now
```

- Start the node and check it.

```
./Forced -daemon

./Forced getinfo
```

Once this is done it might be required to go to the cold wallet and execute the start command again from the [Supernodes > My Master Nodes](#) window.

## +Links

- What is a Masternode: <https://themerple.com/what-is-a-masternode/>
- Difference Between Hot wallet and Cold wallet: <https://medium.com/dash-for-newbies/cold-wallet-vs-hot-wallet-whats-the-difference-a00d872aa6b1>
- How to setup and connect a Vps (Vultr): <https://www.vultr.com/docs/connecting-to-your-server-with-ssh-via-putty-on-windows>
- FORCE Website: <https://forcecoin.io/>
- FORCE BitcoinTalk Ann: <https://bitcointalk.org/index.php?topic=2359378>
- Follow FORCE on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/forcecoinunited?s=09>
- Join FORCE on Discord: <http://chat.forcecoin.io>
- Join FORCE on Telegram: <https://t.me/joinchat/FvhUUw97jr-ZGTveulePjw>