# Understanding Credits on Dune

What is the credit system on Dune and how credits work on Dune

Dune's operations largely rely on a credit system. This guide will explain the concept of credits, their consumption, and management.

## What are credits?

Credits are the key to accessing a wide range of functions on the Dune platform. Whether you're delving into writing queries or simply exploring dashboards, knowing how credits operate is crucial.

## Why are credits important?

All actions on Dune, from refreshing a dashboard to exporting data via the API, consume credits. It's vital for every user, viewer, or creator alike, to be mindful of their credit usage.

## Your Credit Allocation

No worries, every Dune user gets a monthly credit allowance. Here's how it works:

### Monthly Credit Allowance

- Set Number of Credits:
- Each month, your subscription plan provides a set allotment of credits.
- Top-Up:
- Run out of credits? Our "pay as you go" option lets you add more anytime, ensuring your work is always in flow.

### Rollover Policy

- Monthly Refresh:
- Credits reset at the start of each billing cycle; they do not roll over to the next month.
- Maximize Use:
- Plan your activities to maximize the utility of your credits.

### Team Accounts

- Collective Pool:
- All team members draw from a shared pot of credits. Sync up to make the most of your resources.

## Understanding Credit Use on Dune

Credits power your work on Dune, and here's how they're typically used:

## Queries Running and creating queries consumes credits, with the amount varying based on complexity. ## Engine Power Larger tasks need more powerful engines, increasing credit usage, which we detail upfront. ## Refreshes Refreshing dashboards or widgets consumes credits; exact numbers are displayed contextually. ## Exports Exporting data costs credits, with higher amounts for larger exports. Estimates are provided beforehand. ## Auto-Runs Scheduling queries to run regularly consumes credits each time, with details available in the setup options.

## Estimating Credit Usage

Understanding how your activities on Dune consume credits can help you manage your resources more effectively:

- Credit Estimates:
- Always check for tooltips or on-screen indicators that provide real-time estimates of credit costs before you perform actions.
- Active Monitoring:
- Keep a regular tab on your credit usage through your settings dashboard to avoid surprises.

## Managing Your Credits

### Tracking Your Usage

Hover over the odometer icon in your navigation bar for a quick glance at your credits. Make sure you're looking at the right account context.

### Detailed Credit Information

Go toSettings →Subscriptions for a deeper dive into your credit usage and options.

### Handling Excess Usage

Exceeding your monthly allocation? Here's how to handle it:

1. Add a payment method to your account to use additional credits at a fee above your included limit.
2. Set a cap in thelimit extra credits
3. field to keep your spending in check.

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