

Hello Secret Community!

As you may or may not have heard, CosmoStation has let us know that they will be shutting down support for Secret as of December 1. We only heard about this on November 12, so we've been discussing options with them and have come to a crossroads.

The total amount they are asking for is \$120K per year to run the service as it stands. We've negotiated this to a minimum of \$80K in stables and the rest in SCRT. They have declined to accept any delegation in lieu of payment.

In response, we have explored other options, including making PingPub more robust by hooking it up to our archive (loe tbd, feasibility tbd), using other explorers such as explorers.guru (feature set & quality tbd), and resurrecting Secret Nodes Explorer (feature set known, loe known, target date early December).

Given the looming deadline, SNF has already committed to funding Secret Nodes Explorer's update. The original launch date for this was end of the year, but the team doing it has been working hard to pull this date in.

We would like to explore the community feeling about our options. First, a quick summary of what I know about the tech at this moment:

Mintscan:

Main Cosmos explorer, covers most major chains in Cosmos. Decent feature set, saves historical information.

PingPub:

doesn't have cacheing, but is otherwise usable. Covers a large number of Cosmos chains. Less responsive - takes a couple of seconds to load.) No historical information earlier than a couple of weeks. Currently covers SCRT.

Explorers.guru:

very responsive, no delay in loading. Covers many of the Cosmos chains that Mintscan doesn't support.

Secretnodes Explorer:

not currently live, covers only Secret chain, has historical information and cacheing, built by community members, has Secret Wallet Rank page.

For discussion:

Question 1: What features did you like/dislike about Secret Nodes Explorer? How does it compare to Mintscan in functionality?

Question 2: How do PingPub, Secret Nodes Explorer, and Explorers.guru compare in terms of functionality and usability?

Question 3: Would the community be willing to use the community fund for 50% of the Mintscan cost? (i.e. \$60k) Labs is considering funding the other half of this explorer.

We look forward to hearing the community's thoughts and continuing the discussion.

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