

# Running a Validator

Note: failure to set up below configurations on a validator node may compromise chain functionality.

## Ethereum RPC Endpoint

For the chain to process bridge transactions from Ethereum, Ethereum testnet, or other chain that supports the `eth_getLogs` RPC method, the bridge daemon queries an RPC endpoint for logs emitted by the bridge contract. By default, a node will use a public testnet endpoint that may have rate-limiting, low reliability, or other restricted functionality.

For your node to successfully ingest bridge transactions from the relevant blockchain, you are required to specify your own private RPC endpoint with flag `--bridge-daemon-eth-rpc-endpoint` in the command you run when starting the node.

The RPC endpoint you choose **MUST** satisfy the following requirements

- support `eth_chainId`
- method
- support `eth_getLogs`
- method
- supports "finalized"
- as an input to `Block`
- parameter (Erigon is currently the only major Ethereum node software that does not support this.)

## Slinky Sidecar

Starting `inv5.0.0`, running a validating full node requires a Skip Protocol's Slinky Sidecar to be run in order to fetch Oracle prices. The sidecar should be started before upgrading from `v4` to `v5`. Instructions to start Slinky Sidecar can be found [here \(opens in a new tab\)](#).

Support issues with Skip's Sidecar should be directed [here \(opens in a new tab\)](#).

For mainnet deployment by dYdX Operation Services, Ltd. run [v0.4.6 \(opens in a new tab\)](#) (`ghcr.io/skip-mev/slinky-sidecar:v0.4.6`)

For testnet run [v0.4.6 \(opens in a new tab\)](#) (`ghcr.io/skip-mev/slinky-sidecar:v0.4.6`)

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