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\*\*\* **Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018** \*\*\*



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#1

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This post is based on <https://bitcointalk.org/index.php?topic=225690.0> and is an update to it.

### Disclaimer:

I was trying to setup my own private bitcoin network and understand how it works. Thanks to fisheater's famous post(150k read!)(<https://bitcointalk.org/index.php?topic=225690.0>) I could get a start. However, it was created in 2013 and I found some of the changes no longer applies today. So I made this post as an update.

I used the same title, but this is not a post to guide how to make new coins or ICOs, just help to study how bitcoin and blockchain works only.

This post does not include making changes to the qt GUI program, only command line programs.

This post is based on bitcoin core code base, not litecoin.

### Preparation:

Download the bitcoin core full source code, if you cloned the source tree, make a new branch to work on. Setup the compiling environment and make a successful build.

### Design the coin's parameters:

Refer to fisheater's post.

### Code change:

1. Name substitution

You could run a search in the whole tree and replace all occurrences of "bitcoin" or "BTC" to your coin name. But this is not important.

## 2. Network ports

### 2.1 Change RPC port:

**Code:**

```
CBaseChainParams::nRPCPort in chainparamsbase.cpp
```

### 2.2 Change daemon port:

**Code:**

```
CChainParams::nDefaultPort in chainparams.cpp
```

## 3. Message signature

Choose a different message start signature:

**Code:**

```
CChainParams::pchMessageStart in chainparams.cpp

pchMessageStart[0] = 0xf0;
pchMessageStart[1] = 0xb0;
pchMessageStart[2] = 0xb0;
pchMessageStart[3] = 0xd0;
```

This is important, without this change, if you accidentally connect your node to the bitcoin network, it will decide that bitcoin's chain is longer and starting to download the real bitcoin blocks hence override your coin's blocks.

## 4. Address prefixes:

Choose your preferred address prefix letter. Refer to the table in [https://en.bitcoin.it/wiki/List\\_of\\_address\\_prefixes](https://en.bitcoin.it/wiki/List_of_address_prefixes), for example, if you want address start with 'X', use 75 or 76.

**Code:**

```
CChainParams::base58Prefixes in chainparams.cpp.

base58Prefixes[PUBKEY_ADDRESS] = std::vector<unsigned char>(1,75);
```

You can also choose prefixes of segwit address, private keys, and extended keys.

## 5. Block reward

This decide how many coins are generated for each mined blocks.

**Code:**

```
in validation.cpp:

CAmount GetBlockSubsidy(int nHeight, const Consensus::Params& consensusParams)
{
    int halvings = nHeight / consensusParams.nSubsidyHalvingInterval;
    // Force block reward to zero when right shift is undefined.
    if (halvings >= 64)
```

## 6. Coinbase maturity

**Code:**

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Bitcoin's block have to satisfy certain difficulty, so you cannot just modify genesis parameters and use that arbitrary block hash, you have to mine the genesis block.

### 12.1 Generate a private key and get its public key, e.g.

**Code:**

048E794284AD7E4D776919BDA05CDD38447D89B436BDAF5F65EBE9D7AD3A0B084908B88162BB60B1AA5ED6542063A30FC9584A335F6

## 12.2 Choose a genesis message, like a New York Times headline

NY Times 07/Apr/2018 More Jobs, Faster Growth and Now, the Threat of a Trade War

### 12.3 Get and compile the genesis block generator from <https://github.com/liveblockchain/genesisgen>

The program is based on Remember remember the 5th of November's post <https://bitcointalk.org/index.php?>

topic=181981.0, with an improvements:

The timestamp string cannot be longer than 91 bytes, since the coinbase transaction's scriptSig is limited to 100 bytes. Also, when the string is longer than 76 bytes, add OP\_PUSHDATA1(0x4c) prefix into the script.

**Code:**

```
gcc genesis.c -o genesis -lcrypto
```

## 12.4 Feed the data into the program and let it mine the genesis block

**Code:**

[illegible]

## 12.5 When it's done, set the block data in chainparams.cpp

In CMainParams constructor, set the nonce and unittime, block hash and merkle root assertions:

**Code:**

```
genesis = CreateGenesisBlock(1524021159, 2398108787, 0x1d00ffff, 1, 50 * COIN);
assert(consensus.hashGenesisBlock == uint256S("0x00000000ad913538b8764573d00c3eb4a87723e11d8bd008f9125246c5"));
assert(genesis.hashMerkleRoot == uint256S("0xc8c210d465617fbedc63ec3f26f0ac8024de6f4098c1b5215d35c8726e3fff"));
```

in function static CBlock CreateGenesisBlock(uint32\_t nTime, uint32\_t nNonce, uint32\_t nBits, int32\_t nVersion, const CAmount& genesisReward), set the timestamp string:

**Code:**

```
const char* pszTimestamp = "NY Times 07/Apr/2018 More Jobs, Faster Growth and Now, the Threat of a Trade Wa
const CScript genesisOutputScript = CScript() << ParseHex("048e794284ad7e4d776919bda05cdd38447d89b436bdaf5f
```

13. If you do not want to generate your own genesis block, you can just use the original bitcoin genesis block, but update the DEFAULT\_MAX\_TIP\_AGE value to a larger value.

**Code:**

```
In validation.cpp:
int64_t nMaxTipAge = DEFAULT_MAX_TIP_AGE * 4000;
```

DEFAULT\_MAX\_TIP\_AGE is one day, if the gap between the tip block and current time, the node won't mine new blocks, so set this at least to the time elapsed since the creation of bitcoin in Jan 2009.

**Mining**

1. Get cpuminer from <https://github.com/pooler/cpuminer> and build it
2. Start mining

**Code:**

```
user --pass 111111 --url http://127.0.0.1:6332/ --threads 4 --coinbase-addr XQg3PmNxX9oEbxsymqtQHir6dkPpVPTu
```

When a block is mined, you will notice bitcoind will log something like this:

**Code:**

```
2018-04-18 02:31:52 UpdateTip: new best=00000000fbf2808044cbcf00ddb54988c600f65c0960dcf5143bc0aled84da39 he
2018-04-18 02:31:52 CreateNewBlock(): block weight: 764 txs: 0 fees: 0 sigops 400
2018-04-18 02:31:52 AddToWallet 8663f334ca80d55ed41ebaaf313935163d57ba3eead98399a3e0b4a2cf679b81 new
```

You have now made your own coins. Enjoy!

BTC: 38ykUxZeSv5aqav1keCc4KUxXLPPGkfrm5 LTC: MPpWNvqDCVB1PHJt4A28j9oFfc6Y1KKDno ETH: 0x07C8c68d5253247038947EF9495b054160c8737c

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**haoqian**

Newbie



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**Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***

April 29, 2018, 06:52:31 AM

#2

Hi, Thank you very much for your post. It helps me a lot.

Now I encountered a problem. When I try CPU Mining, it shows a 500 Internal Server Error. How to solve it?

[2018-04-28 23:39:50] Binding thread 0 to cpu 0

[2018-04-28 23:39:50] Binding thread 1 to cpu 1

[2018-04-28 23:39:50] 2 miner threads started, using 'scrypt' algorithm.

[2018-04-28 23:39:50] HTTP request failed: The requested URL returned error: 500 Internal Server Error

[2018-04-28 23:39:50] json\_rpc\_call failed, retry after 30 seconds

My Bitcoin.conf is:

server=1

gen=0

rpcuser=rpcuser

rpcpassword=111111

rpccallowip=127.0.0.1

rpcport=8962

listen=1

**haoqian**

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**Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***

April 29, 2018, 07:11:25 AM

#3

I opened the debug mode and it shows that:

2018-04-29T07:10:19Z ThreadRPCServer method=getblocktemplate user=rpcuser

It looks that something wrong with getblocktemplate

**haoqian**

Newbie



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Merit: 0



**Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***

April 29, 2018, 07:52:09 AM

#4

May I know which version of bitcoin core you are using?



**hushan**  
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Activity: 61  
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**Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***

April 29, 2018, 08:47:42 AM

#5

**Quote from: haoqian on April 29, 2018, 07:52:09 AM**

May I know which version of bitcoin core you are using?



I was using latest version, or v0.16.0 to be precise.

BTC: 38ykUxZeSv5aqav1keCc4KUxXLPPGkfrm5 LTC: MPpWNvqDCVB1PHJt4A28j9oFfc6Y1KKDno ETH:  
0x07C8c68d5253247038947EF9495b054160c8737c

**hushan**  
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**Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***

April 29, 2018, 08:49:28 AM

#6

**Quote from: haoqian on April 29, 2018, 06:52:31 AM**

Hi, Thank you very much for your post. It helps me a lot.  
Now I encountered a problem. When I try CPU Mining, it shows a 500 Internal Server Error. How to solve it?

```
[2018-04-28 23:39:50] Binding thread 0 to cpu 0
[2018-04-28 23:39:50] Binding thread 1 to cpu 1
[2018-04-28 23:39:50] 2 miner threads started, using 'scrypt' algorithm.
[2018-04-28 23:39:50] HTTP request failed: The requested URL returned error: 500 Internal Server Error
[2018-04-28 23:39:50] json_rpc_call failed, retry after 30 seconds
```

My Bitcoin.conf is:

```
server=1
gen=0
rpcuser=rpcuser
rpcpassword=111111
rpccallowip=127.0.0.1
rpcport=8962
listen=1
```

Hi, you need to specify sha256d as mining algorithm, you were using scrypt instead. Try add "-a sha256d" to cpuminer command line.

BTC: 38ykUxZeSv5aqav1keCc4KUxXLPPGkfrm5 LTC: MPpWNvqDCVB1PHJt4A28j9oFfc6Y1KKDno ETH:  
0x07C8c68d5253247038947EF9495b054160c8737c

**haoqian**

Newbie



Activity: 20

Merit: 0

**Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***

April 29, 2018, 10:34:20 AM

#7

Hi, thank you very much for your reply.

I am now using the 0.16 version and I used the following:

```
./minerd --user rpcuser --pass 111111 --url http://127.0.0.1:8961/ --threads 4 --coinbase-addr XQg3PmNxX9oEbxsymqtQHir6dkPpVPTJ6P --coinbase-sig "my test coins" -a sha256d -D
```

My bitcoin.conf is:

```
server=1
gen=0
rpcuser=rpcuser
rpcpassword=111111
rpccallowip=127.0.0.1
rpcport=8961
listen=1
```

However, I still get the same error:

```
[2018-04-29 03:21:00] Binding thread 0 to cpu 0
[2018-04-29 03:21:00] 4 miner threads started, using 'sha256d' algorithm.
[2018-04-29 03:21:00] Binding thread 3 to cpu 1
[2018-04-29 03:21:00] Binding thread 2 to cpu 0
[2018-04-29 03:21:00] Binding thread 1 to cpu 1
[2018-04-29 03:21:00] HTTP request failed: The requested URL returned error: 500 Internal Server Error
[2018-04-29 03:21:00] json_rpc_call failed, retry after 30 seconds
[2018-04-29 03:21:30] HTTP request failed: The requested URL returned error: 500 Internal Server Error
[2018-04-29 03:21:30] json_rpc_call failed, retry after 30 seconds
[2018-04-29 03:22:00] HTTP request failed: The requested URL returned error: 500 Internal Server Error
[2018-04-29 03:22:00] json_rpc_call failed, retry after 30 seconds
[2018-04-29 03:22:30] HTTP request failed: The requested URL returned error: 500 Internal Server Error
```

**hushan**

Member



Activity: 61

Merit: 10

**Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***

April 29, 2018, 01:57:04 PM

#8

**Quote from: haoqian on April 29, 2018, 10:34:20 AM**

Hi, thank you very much for your reply.

I am now using the 0.16 version and I used the following:

```
./minerd --user rpcuser --pass 111111 --url http://127.0.0.1:8961/ --threads 4 --coinbase-addr
```





```
XQg3PmNxX9oEbxsymqtQHir6dkPpVPTJ6P --coinbase-sig "my test coins" -a sha256d -D
```

My bitcoin.conf is:

```
server=1
gen=0
rpcuser=rpcuser
rpcpassword=111111
rpcallowip=127.0.0.1
rpcport=8961
listen=1
```

However, I still get the same error:

```
[2018-04-29 03:21:00] Binding thread 0 to cpu 0
[2018-04-29 03:21:00] 4 miner threads started, using 'sha256d' algorithm.
[2018-04-29 03:21:00] Binding thread 3 to cpu 1
[2018-04-29 03:21:00] Binding thread 2 to cpu 0
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[2018-04-29 03:21:30] HTTP request failed: The requested URL returned error: 500 Internal Server Error
[2018-04-29 03:21:30] json_rpc_call failed, retry after 30 seconds
[2018-04-29 03:22:00] HTTP request failed: The requested URL returned error: 500 Internal Server Error
[2018-04-29 03:22:00] json_rpc_call failed, retry after 30 seconds
[2018-04-29 03:22:30] HTTP request failed: The requested URL returned error: 500 Internal Server Error
```

Can you run "bitcoin-cli getblocktemplate" and show its output? Also show the relevant part of debug.log in .bitcoin dir.

BTC: 38ykUxZeSv5aqav1keCc4KUxXLPPGkfrm5 LTC: MPpWNvqDCVB1PHJt4A28j9oFfc6Y1KKDno ETH: 0x07C8c68d5253247038947EF9495b054160c8737c

**haoqian**  
Newbie



Activity: 20  
Merit: 0



**Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***

April 29, 2018, 02:46:01 PM

#9

Thank you very much for your reply.

Run ./bitcoin-cli getblocktemplate , I got following:  
error code: -9  
error message:  
Bitcoin is not connected!

In debug log:

2018-04-29 14:41:29 Bitcoin Core version v0.16.0.0-9ea62a3dc-dirty (release build)

[illegible]

```
hashBestChain=00000000ad913538b8764573d00c3eb4a87723e11d8bd008f9125246c58e0252 height=0 date=2018-04-18
03:12:39 progress=0.000000
2018-04-29 14:41:29 init message: Rewinding blocks...
2018-04-29 14:41:29 init message: Verifying blocks...
2018-04-29 14:41:29 block index 21ms
2018-04-29 14:41:29 init message: Loading wallet...
2018-04-29 14:41:29 nFileVersion = 160000
2018-04-29 14:41:29 Keys: 2001 plaintext, 0 encrypted, 2001 w/ metadata, 2001 total
2018-04-29 14:41:29 wallet 25ms
2018-04-29 14:41:29 setKeyPool.size() = 2000
2018-04-29 14:41:29 mapWallet.size() = 0
2018-04-29 14:41:29 mapAddressBook.size() = 0
2018-04-29 14:41:29 mapBlockIndex.size() = 1
2018-04-29 14:41:29 nBestHeight = 0
2018-04-29 14:41:29 Imported mempool transactions from disk: 0 succeeded, 0 failed, 0 expired, 0 already there
2018-04-29 14:41:29 Bound to [::]:8963
2018-04-29 14:41:29 Bound to 0.0.0.0:8963
2018-04-29 14:41:29 init message: Loading P2P addresses...
2018-04-29 14:41:29 torcontrol thread start
2018-04-29 14:41:29 Loaded 1191 addresses from peers.dat 3ms
2018-04-29 14:41:29 init message: Loading banlist...
2018-04-29 14:41:29 init message: Starting network threads...
2018-04-29 14:41:29 net thread start
2018-04-29 14:41:29 init message: Done loading
2018-04-29 14:41:29 opencon thread start
2018-04-29 14:41:29 msghand thread start
2018-04-29 14:41:29 addcon thread start
2018-04-29 14:41:29 dnsseed thread start
2018-04-29 14:41:30 connect() to [2600:3c02::f03c:91ff:fe8e:bcd9]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)
2018-04-29 14:41:31 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:6abd:180b:29be:3429:fede]:8333 failed after select(): Connection
refused (111)
2018-04-29 14:41:31 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:6abd:180b:29be:3429:fede]:8333 failed after select(): Connection
refused (111)
2018-04-29 14:41:37 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:953c:3445:1bcb:b8b5:9653]:8333 failed after select(): Connection
refused (111)
2018-04-29 14:41:37 ThreadRPCServer method=getblocktemplate
2018-04-29 14:41:39 ThreadRPCServer method=getblocktemplate
2018-04-29 14:41:40 Loading addresses from DNS seeds (could take a while)
2018-04-29 14:41:40 0 addresses found from DNS seeds
2018-04-29 14:41:40 dnsseed thread exit
2018-04-29 14:41:43 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:6ab8:d3:69e:d0a0:1b73]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused
(111)
2018-04-29 14:41:43 connect() to [2001:0:5ef5:79fb:2851:c:524c:a180]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused
(111)
```

2018-04-29 14:41:44 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:6ab8:878:21cf:2b5b:2860]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:41:45 connect() to [2a01:4f8:140:524a::2]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:41:46 connect() to [2002:d917:d95::d917:d95]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:41:47 connect() to [2a03:b0c0:3:d0::23fb:6001]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:41:47 connect() to [2001:41f0:61:0:72f3:95ff:fe09:7521]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:41:48 connect() to [2a03:b0c0:3:d0::44b9:4001]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:41:48 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:90d7:3c2c:10a4:bbfa:e09d]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:41:49 connect() to [2a02:c207:2002:9013::1]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:41:49 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:6ab8:183d:3649:b8f5:35d9]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:41:50 connect() to [2a00:ee2:1200:1900:20c:29ff:fe81:a0a3]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:41:50 connect() to [2601:186:c100:6bcd:16bd:cea1:235d:1c19]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:41:52 connect() to [2400:dd01:1034:e00:f21f:afff:fedc:164d]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:41:53 connect() to [2a01:680:10:10::1]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:41:53 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:6abd:1c96:24dc:a753:d6f2]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:42:06 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:6ab8:868:1baa:b174:b764]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:42:06 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:6abd:9e:3294:c2b5:67d7]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:42:07 connect() to [2001:0:4137:9e76:3424:211:b600:b4cb]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:42:07 connect() to [2002:b4b2:3612::b4b2:3612]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:42:08 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:6abd:3470:346d:af23:d41b]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:42:09 connect() to [2604:a880:400:d0::2004:c001]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:42:10 connect() to [2001:980:231b:1:8e89:a5ff:fee3:f8be]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:42:10 connect() to [2002:9247:4cec::9247:4cec]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:42:11 connect() to [2a02:c205:2008:272::1]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:42:12 connect() to [2600:1f18:609f:da02:b283:b16e:aac4:749f]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:42:19 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:6abd:2436:3c96:91e9:2de3]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:42:19 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:90d7:34f3:3584:d0a4:aa5]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:42:37 connect() to [2a01:4f8:10a:3fe4::2]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
2018-04-29 14:42:38 connect() to 208.100.137.204:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)

2018-04-29 14:42:39 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:78cf:3cb3:2773:4da3:d4c]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
 2018-04-29 14:42:40 connect() to 99.198.237.76:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
 2018-04-29 14:42:41 connect() to [2a01:4f8:171:d4a::2]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
 2018-04-29 14:42:43 connect() to [2001:0:5ef5:79fb:281c:2085:518d:9c97]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
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 2018-04-29 14:42:50 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:6abd:109f:379e:aeff:3957]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)  
 2018-04-29 14:42:50 connect() to [2606:df00:7:4:4caa:2c79:b619:27c9]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)

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**Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***

April 29, 2018, 03:09:19 PM

#10

Very good instruction. Thank you very much!

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**Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***

April 29, 2018, 09:18:35 PM

#11

**Quote from: haoqian on April 29, 2018, 02:46:01 PM**

Thank you very much for your reply.

Run ./bitcoin-cli getblocktemplate , I got following:  
 error code: -9  
 error message:  
 Bitcoin is not connected!

In debug log:

2018-04-29 14:41:29 Bitcoin Core version v0.16.0.0-9ea62a3dc-dirty (release build)

Oh, sorry I forgot to mention, in order to mine, the node has to connect to at least one peer node. So you need to run another instance of bitcoind and let it connect to the first node, like:

#### Code:

```
bitcoind -addnode=127.0.0.1:6333 -port=9333 -rpcport=9332 .... other arguments

replace 6333 with your first node's port.
```

After this, try restart the miner again.

Also from the debug.log you posted, it looks you didn't remove the dns seeds servers, that's ok, you can add "-dns=0 -dnsseed=0" to bitcoind command line arguments to disable them. If you are running your private network, there is no point to connect to public bitcoin nodes.

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**Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***

April 30, 2018, 02:25:36 AM

#12

Thank you very much for your reply.

I did delete all the DNS seeds followed your instructions. However, it seems that it is still try to connect bitcoin network.

By the way, how can you run two bitcoinds in the same machine? I tried, however, it failed to obtain the lock of .bitcoin



**Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***

April 30, 2018, 04:04:00 AM

#13

**Quote from: hushan on April 29, 2018, 09:18:35 PM**

**Quote from: haoqian on April 29, 2018, 02:46:01 PM**

Thank you very much for your reply.

Run ./bitcoin-cli getblocktemplate , I got following:

error code: -9

error message:

Bitcoin is not connected!

In debug log:

2018-04-29 14:41:29 Bitcoin Core version v0.16.0.0-9ea62a3dc-dirty (release build)

Oh, sorry I forgot to mention, in order to mine, the node has to connect to at least one peer node. So you need to run another instance of bitcoind and let it connect to the first node, like:

**Code:**

```
bitcoind -addnode=127.0.0.1:6333 -port=9333 -rpcport=9332 .... other arguments  
  
replace 6333 with your first node's port.
```

After this, try restart the miner again.

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I use

**Code:**

```
sudo ./bitcoind -addnode=10.211.55.5:8963 -debug=rpc -dns=0 -dnsseed=0
```

And run

**Code:**

```
./bitcoin-cli getblocktemplate
```

I got:

error code: -10

error message:

Bitcoin is downloading blocks...

And debug.log is

2018-04-30 03:32:36 init message: Rewinding blocks...

2018-04-30 03:32:36 init message: Verifying blocks...

2018-04-30 03:32:36 block index 17ms

2018-04-30 03:32:36 init message: Loading wallet...

2018-04-30 03:32:36 nFileVersion = 160000

2018-04-30 03:32:36 Keys: 2001 plaintext, 0 encrypted, 2001 w/ metadata, 2001 total

```
2018-04-30 03:32:36 wallet 26ms
2018-04-30 03:32:36 setKeyPool.size() = 2000
2018-04-30 03:32:36 mapWallet.size() = 0
2018-04-30 03:32:36 mapAddressBook.size() = 0
2018-04-30 03:32:36 mapBlockIndex.size() = 1
2018-04-30 03:32:36 nBestHeight = 0
2018-04-30 03:32:36 Imported mempool transactions from disk: 0 succeeded, 0 failed, 0 expired, 0 already there
2018-04-30 03:32:36 torcontrol thread start
2018-04-30 03:32:36 Bound to [::]:8963
2018-04-30 03:32:36 Bound to 0.0.0.0:8963
2018-04-30 03:32:36 init message: Loading P2P addresses...
2018-04-30 03:32:36 Loaded 1168 addresses from peers.dat 2ms
2018-04-30 03:32:36 init message: Loading banlist...
2018-04-30 03:32:36 init message: Starting network threads...
2018-04-30 03:32:36 DNS seeding disabled
2018-04-30 03:32:36 net thread start
2018-04-30 03:32:36 addcon thread start
2018-04-30 03:32:36 init message: Done loading
2018-04-30 03:32:36 opencon thread start
2018-04-30 03:32:36 msghand thread start
2018-04-30 03:32:36 New outbound peer connected: version: 70015, blocks=0, peer=0
2018-04-30 03:32:42 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:90d7:10aa:20c7:aa6f:d318]:8333 failed after select(): Connection
refused (111)
2018-04-30 03:32:43 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:6ab8:302b:340f:e723:b15e]:8333 failed after select(): Connection
refused (111)
2018-04-30 03:32:43 connect() to [2a01:4f8:192:34d0::2]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)
2018-04-30 03:32:49 ThreadRPCServer method=getblocktemplate
2018-04-30 03:32:50 connect() to 43.229.76.45:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)
2018-04-30 03:32:56 connect() to [2001:41d0:1:8b26::1]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)
2018-04-30 03:32:56 connect() to [2002:b4b2:3612::b4b2:3612]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)
2018-04-30 03:32:58 connect() to [2a02:c205:2008:7160::1]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)
2018-04-30 03:32:59 connect() to [2001:0:9d38:6ab8:34f7:15b2:3012:3a74]:8333 failed after select(): Connection
refused (111)
2018-04-30 03:32:59 connect() to [2604:a880:2:d0::22fa:3001]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)
2018-04-30 03:33:01 connect() to [2a01:4f8:10a:3718::2]:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)
2018-04-30 03:33:02 connect() to [2601:646:4101:1603:5809:1bff:fe55:6678]:8333 failed after select(): Connection
refused (111)
2018-04-30 03:33:08 connect() to 5.45.75.15:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)
2018-04-30 03:33:09 connect() to 79.46.194.163:8333 failed after select(): Connection refused (111)
```





A very good guide I have bookmarked this for future reference, I seldom seen new altcoin created as Bitcoin clone majority are ethereum smart contract or waves platform, if I only have merit to send I'll definitely send you one.



 **Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***  
May 03, 2018, 07:40:25 AM

After set dns to false, you will need to delete previously saved peer database, remove peers.dat file from ~/.bitcoin/direcotry, assuming you are on linux.

To run multiple instances of bitcoind, besides specifying different port number, you need to use different data directory too, add `-datadir=/path/to/another/bitcoinddatadir` to your other bitcoind command line.



 **Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***  
May 03, 2018, 09:25:01 AM

Thank you very much for your reply.

One more question is that I do not know why it is keeping "Bitcoin is downloading blocks..."

Because of this, the `getblocktemplate` will not work.



**Quote from: haoqian on May 03, 2018, 09:25:01 AM**

Thank you very much for your reply.

One more question is that I do not know why it is keeping "Bitcoin is downloading blocks..."

Because of this, the `getblocktemplate` will not work.

Did you generate your own genesis block? If not, try follow step 13, set max tip age to a very large period of time.

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**Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***

May 03, 2018, 02:26:22 PM

#18

Thank you for your reply.

I do generate my own genesis block. It seems that it is just keeping downloading.

**Re: \*\*\* Complete Guide on How to Create a New Alt Coin – Update 2018 \*\*\***

May 04, 2018, 12:29:09 AM

#19

**Quote from: haoqian on May 03, 2018, 02:26:22 PM**

Thank you for your reply.

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It would be a lot helpful if you could run a git diff on your workspace and paste the change you have made, so that we can identify the problem.

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May 04, 2018, 01:04:34 PM

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Thank you very much for your reply.

Those are the changes I made:

<https://github.com/zhq422194011/bitcoin/commit/e0b0d5c9b4be209cf640cf6e8ae29bf1525c58da>

My bitcoin.conf is:

**Code:**

```
server=1
gen=1
rpcbind=0.0.0.0
rpcuser=rpcuser
rpcpassword=111111
rpccallowip=127.0.0.1
rpccallowip=0.0.0.0/0
listen=1
```

I run the following two bitcoinds:

**Code:**

```
sudo ~/bitcoin/src/bitcoind -addnode=127.0.0.1:9332 -port=8963 -rpcport=8962 -debug=rpc -dns=0 -dnsseed=0
sudo ~/bitcoin/src/bitcoind -datadir=$HOME/.bitcoin2 -addnode=127.0.0.1:8962 -port=9333 -rpcport=9332 -debug=rpc
```

When I run ./bitcoin-cli getblocktemplate, I got:

**Code:**

```
error code: -10
error message:
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```

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