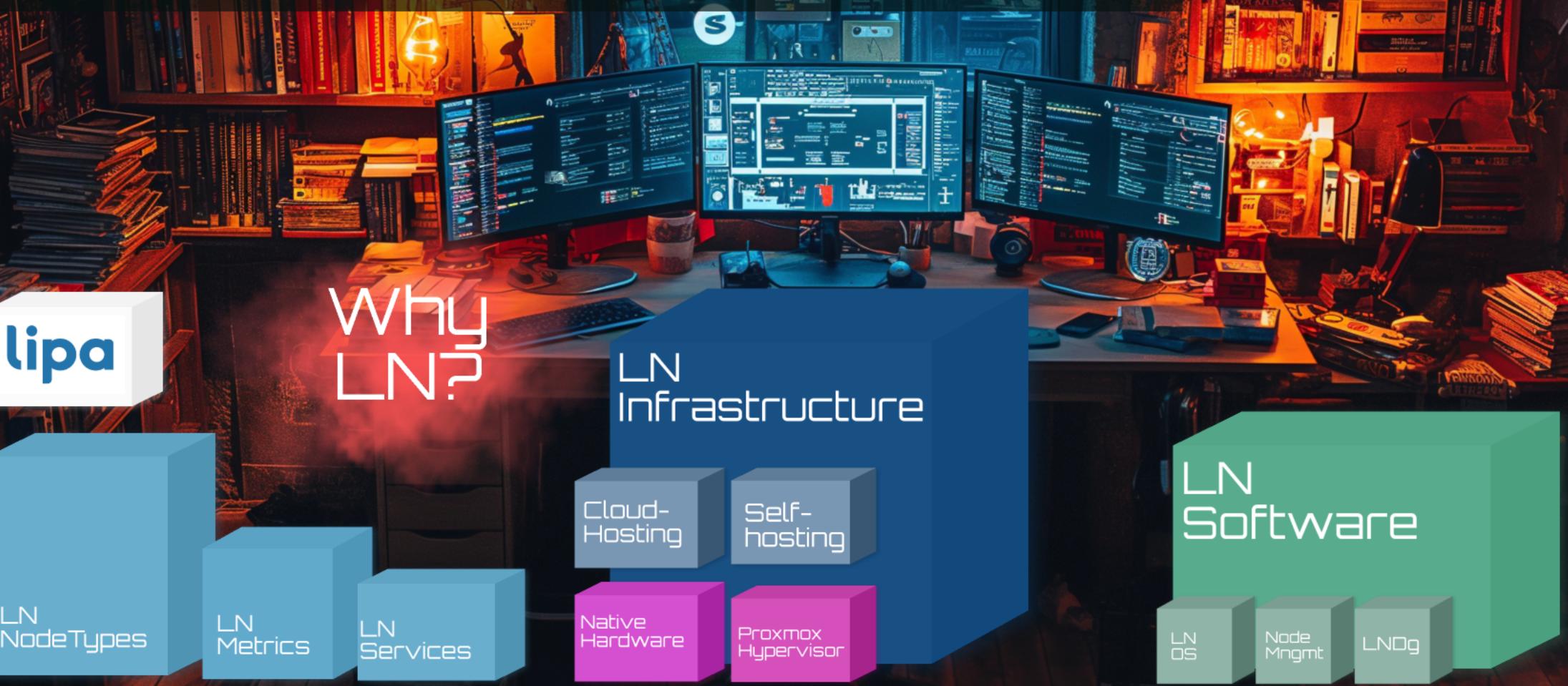


Lightning Node Management

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Hi Plebs!



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Die Schweizer App für
bargeldloses Bezahlen mit
Bitcoin.



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...mining Fiat &
stacking Sats.

lipa

About lipa

Bitcoin payment provider
Make Bitcoin accessible
Fair payments



Node Types

Merchant Node



- inbound liquidity
- connectivity

Routing Node



- general liquidity
- connectivity
- peer selection

Spending Node*



- outbound liquidity
- peer selection

*the Pleb Node

LN Metrics

Betweenness centrality rank

...measures how many shortest paths a node sits in between any two other nodes.

Higher ranking nodes tend to be in more shortest paths between other nodes and are thus more likely to be in a potential route.

Hubness centrality rank

...is a node's influence in the network.

Higher ranking nodes tend to have more channels, and are also connected to other high ranking nodes who themselves have many channels.

Closeness/hopness centrality rank

...measures the distance from a node to any other in the network.

Higher ranking nodes have to make fewer hops to reach any other node on the network.

Liquidity

...is necessary to manage routing and transactions.

Uptime

the longer the node (and its'channels) is active and reachable, the more likely it is seen as reliable.

Network Connectivity

the lower the latency or higher the responsiveness of a node, the more likley it is used for routing/payment transactions.

- › Tor is counter productive
- › VPS cumbersome

LN Services

Ring of Fire

Circularly connected nodes with selected participants enhancing network strength, where **nodes benefit from the connectivity of other participants.**

Circular Rebalancing

Allows for the movement of liquidity between channels to maintain **balance** and optimize network flow.

Swaps

Facilitates the movement of liquidity from **on-chain** to **off-chain** and vice versa, enabling flexible management of resources across different layers.



LN WebTools

AMBASS

1ML

SparkSeer

⚡ TERMINAL



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Why LN?

Be your own bank: Enjoy complete independence from third parties.

Bitcoin Layer 1 high-fee environment: Due to rising transaction costs on the blockchain, L1 is becoming less attractive for microtransactions.

Importance of Layer 2: If Bitcoin is what we all believe it to be, L2 will be necessary. LN is currently the most promising L2 solution.

Steep learning curve: Building technical expertise in areas such as Unix, network technologies, storage, backup, and hardware is substantial.

Joy and community: Operating a Lightning Node is not only fun but also strengthens ties to the Bitcoin community. [Plebs4Plebs](#).

LN Infrastructure

Cloud-
Hosting

Self-
hosting

Native
Hardware

Proxmox
Hypervisor

LN Infrastructure

Resource requirements for a Bitcoin Lightning Node:

Storage: At least 570GB for the non-pruned Bitcoin blockchain plus the LN software stack.

Total ~ 800 GB.

Processor: 2-4 CPU cores (e.g., RPi5 4x 2.4 GHz).

Memory: At least 8 GB RAM.

- The decision to **self-host** or use cloud services for a LN node depends on several factors:

- Security requirements.
- Operational costs.
- Reliability and availability.
- Technical skills.

Cloudhosting

Scalability: Easily scalable to meet increasing demands without the need to invest in new hardware physically.

Availability: High availability through professional data centers. Reduces concerns about power outages or internet disruptions.

Maintenance and security: Maintenance, updates, and security measures are often handled by the provider, reducing technical effort.

Cost efficiency: Potentially lower initial investment as there's no need to purchase own hardware. However, ongoing costs may be higher.

"The cloud is just
someone else's
computer!"

Selfhosting

Control: Full control over all hardware and infrastructure hosted directly in one's own home. This allows complete authority over all operational aspects.

Costs: No ongoing rental fees for using external servers. Although initial investments in hardware are required, there are no additional ongoing fees.

Security and privacy: Increased security through physical possession of data. Privacy is more assured since no information needs to be stored on external servers.

Technical requirements: Setup and maintenance require technical expertise. Responsibility for maintaining security and conducting regular updates lies with the operator.

Native Hardware

Raspberry Pi (minimal solution):

Cost-effective, low energy consumption,
easy to set up.

Laptop with (dual) SSD and integrated UPS:

Mobility, built-in power failure protection,
enhanced data security through dual SSD.

x86 Linux PC with RAID system:

Higher performance, improved data integrity
and fault tolerance through RAID.





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NETWORK

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Proxmox Hypervisor

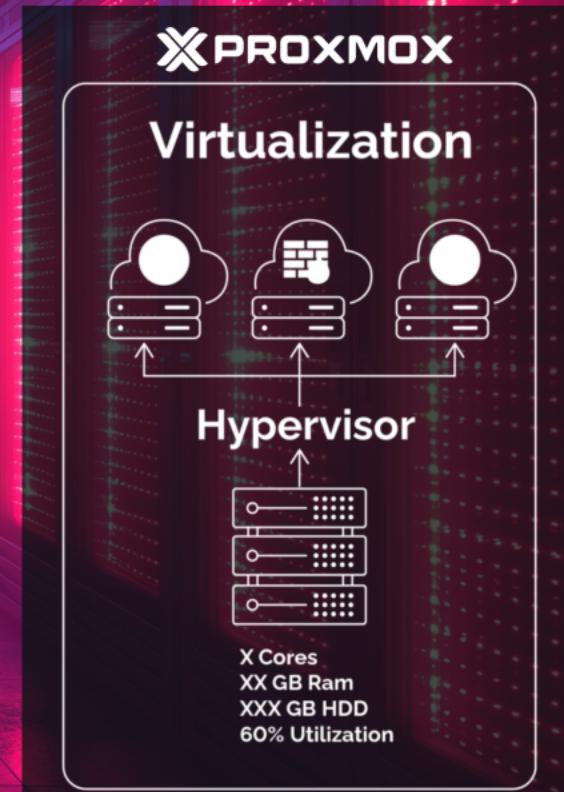
A Type-1 hypervisor based on Debian that enables robust server virtualization directly on the hardware. With a user-friendly web interface, Proxmox facilitates the setup and control of x86 virtualizations.

High Availability: Supports clustering for continuous availability, crucial for constant network connections of Lightning Nodes.

Live Migration: Allows seamless relocation of VMs between servers without downtime, enhancing flexibility during maintenance.

Automated Backup: Integrated tools for secure, automatic backups of VMs, essential for the recovery and data integrity of Lightning Nodes.

Provides high stability and ease of use, essential for the reliable operation of Lightning Nodes.



PVE-1 - Proxmox Virtual Environment

X PROXMOX Virtual Environment 8.1.4 Search

Server View Datacenter

Datacenter (LIGHTNINGMATRIX)

- PVE-1
 - 100 (MRA-W11)
 - 102 (KALI)
 - localnetwork (PVE-1)
 - HA (PVE-1)
 - local (PVE-1)
 - local-lvm (PVE-1)
- PVE-2
 - 103 (LNBITS)
 - 105 (docker)
 - 110 (LN-MURASCHAL-1) ●
 - 122 (LN-MURASCHAL-2) ●
 - 123 (LN-MURASCHAL-3) ●
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- PVE-3
 - 101 (Tailscale)
 - 200 (GPT-MURASCHAL)
 - 201 (GPT-LEIDning)
 - 202 (GPT-ZVV)
 - 104 (LNBITSUbuntu)
 - 140 (CADDY)
 - localnetwork (PVE-3)
 - HA (PVE-3)
 - local (PVE-3)
 - local-lvm (PVE-3)

Summary

Search Notes Cluster Ceph Options Storage Backup Replication Permissions Users API Tokens Two Factor Groups Pools Roles Realms HA SDN Zones VNets Options IPAM ACME Firewall Metric Server

Cluster: LIGHTNINGMATRIX, Quorate: Yes

✓ Online 3
✗ Offline 0

Guests

Virtual Machines LXC Container

Running 1 Running 1
Stopped 6 Stopped 5

Resources

CPU Memory Storage

1% of 44 CPU(s) 43% of 40.06 GiB of 93.67 GiB 47% of 5.73 TiB of 12.28 TiB

Nodes

Name	ID	Online	Support	Server Address	CPU usage	Memory usage	Uptime
PVE-1	2	✓	-	192.168.1.101	0%	8%	07:02:41
PVE-2	1	✓	-	192.168.1.102	1%	82%	44 days 18...
PVE-3	3	✓	-	192.168.1.103	0%	39%	40 days 17...

Logs

PROXMOX Virtual Environment 8.1.4 Search

Server View Node 'PVE-2'

PVE-1
100 (MRA-W11)
102 (KALI)
localnetwork (PVE-1)
HA (PVE-1)
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PVE-3

Search Summary Notes Shell System Network Certificates DNS Hosts Options Time Syslog Updates Repositories Firewall Disks LVM LVM-Thin Directory ZFS Ceph Replication Task History Subscription

Package versions

PVE-2 (Uptime: 44 days 18:57:19)

CPU usage: 1.48% of 20 CPU(s) IO delay: 0.63%
Load average: 0.36, 0.43, 0.49

RAM usage: 81.81% (25.54 GiB of 31.22 GiB) KSM sharing: 179.23 MiB
HD space: 14.51% (13.63 GiB of 93.93 GiB) Swap usage: 8.43% (690.25 MiB of 8.00 GiB)

CPU(s): 20 x Intel(R) Core(TM) i9-10900K CPU @ 3.70GHz (1 Socket)
Kernel Version: Linux 6.5.13-1-pve (2024-02-05T13:50Z)
Boot Mode: EFI
Manager Version: pve-manager/8.1.4/ec5afc9e41f1d79
Repository Status: ✓ Proxmox VE updates ⓘ Non production-ready repository enabled!

CPU usage: CPU usage (Green), IO delay (Blue)

Server load: Load average (Green)

PROXMOX Virtual Environment 8.1.4 Search

Server View Node 'PVE-2'

Documentation Create VM Create CT root@pam

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Search Reload Show S.M.A.R.T. values Initialize Disk with GPT Wipe Disk

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Device	Type	Usage	Size	GPT	Model	Serial	S.M.A.R.T.	M...	Wearout
/dev/nvme0n1	nvme	partitions	2.00 TB	Yes	WD_BLACK SN770 2TB	22421Q802012	PASSED	No	10%
/dev/nvme0n...	partition	ZFS	2.00 TB	Yes				No	N/A
/dev/nvme0n...	partition	ZFS reserved	8.39 MB	Yes				No	N/A
/dev/nvme1n1	nvme	partitions	2.00 TB	Yes	WD_BLACK SN770 2TB	22461V803575	PASSED	No	10%
/dev/nvme1n...	partition	ZFS	2.00 TB	Yes				No	N/A
/dev/nvme1n...	partition	ZFS reserved	8.39 MB	Yes				No	N/A
/dev/nvme2n1	nvme	partitions	2.00 TB	Yes	WD_BLACK SN850X 2000GB	223718801579	PASSED	No	5%
/dev/nvme2n...	partition	ZFS	2.00 TB	Yes				No	N/A
/dev/nvme2n...	partition	ZFS reserved	8.39 MB	Yes				No	N/A
/dev/nvme3n1	nvme	partitions	2.00 TB	Yes	WD_BLACK SN850X 2000GB	22475Z802362	PASSED	No	5%
/dev/nvme3n...	partition	ZFS	2.00 TB	Yes				No	N/A
/dev/nvme3n...	partition	ZFS reserved	8.39 MB	Yes				No	N/A
/dev/sda	SSD	partitions	2.00 TB	Yes	WDC_WDS200T1R0A-68A4...	23033L800357	PASSED	No	97%
/dev/sda1	partition	BIOS boot	1.03 MB	Yes				No	N/A
/dev/sda2	partition	EFI	1.07 GB	Yes				Yes	N/A
/dev/sda3	partition	LVM	2.00 TB	Yes				No	N/A

SSD Monitoring incl.*Wearout



LN Software

LN
OS

Node
Mngmt

LNDg

LN Software

The **software components** of a Bitcoin Lightning Node are essential for smooth and secure operation within the Lightning Network.

This software includes not only the operating system and node management tools but also the specific applications required to manage blockchain data and conduct transactions.

Addon SW

> Node-Mngmt

LN Implementation

Operating System

> Hypervisor

> Host HW

LNOS / Guides

[Linux \(Debian, Ubuntu\)](#): Stable and widely used.

[Raspiblitz](#): Quick setup, optimized for Raspberry Pi.

[Raspibolt](#): Step-by-step guide for Raspberry Pi.

[Minibolt](#): Designed for x86 PCs, suitable for Proxmox environments.



RASPI ⚡ BLITZ



RaspiBolt

Bitcoin & Lightning Node



MINIBOLT
BITCOIN & LIGHTNING NODE
ON A PERSONAL COMPUTER

LN Node Management Tools

LND: Extensive community support; leading node software.

RTL (Ride The Lightning): Comprehensive web interface solution for managing Lightning Nodes.

BOS (Balance of Satoshi): Channel and batch openings, and rebalancing; includes Telegram Bot API.

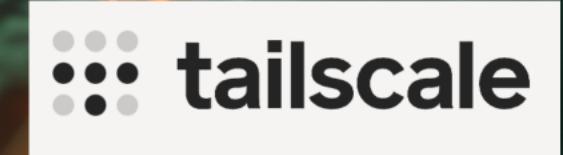
TunnelSats: Combines Tor and Clearnet for secure hybrid operation.

Tailscale: Peer-to-peer VPN connections, ideal for secure and straightforward remote management.



alexbosworth / **balanceofsatoshis** Public

TUNNEL⚡SATS





LNDg is an expert dashboard tool specifically designed for managing and optimizing Lightning Network channels. It provides a comprehensive interface and powerful features for efficient control and monitoring of Lightning Nodes.

Channel Management: Manages payment channels.

Rebalancing: Supports active rebalancing of channels to optimally distribute liquidity and minimize payment failures.

Auto Fee Adjustment: Integrates automatic fee adjustment capabilities to dynamically modify channel fees based on network conditions.

Performance Monitoring: Offers real-time data and analytics on the performance of the node and its channels.

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Active Channels

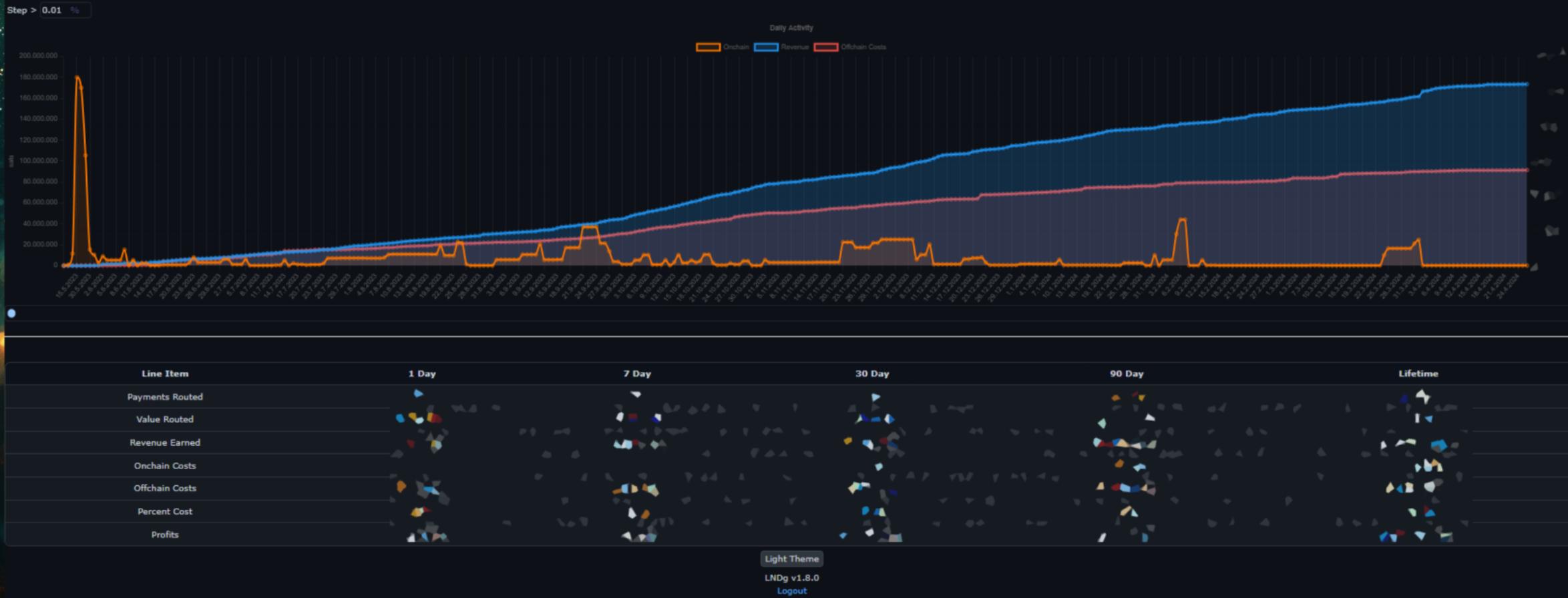
Channel ID	Peer Alias	Outbound Liquidity	Capacity	Inbound Liquidity	Unsettled	oRate	oBase	oID	iID	o7D	i7D	iRate	iBase	oTarget%	iTarget%	AR				
		2.051.544 41%	5.000.000	2.919.695 58%	0	535	0	0.00M	0.00M	0.00M	0.00M	50	0	100	50	Enable				
		4.990.305 49%	10.000.000	4.980.934 49%	0	485	0	0.00M	0.00M	0.68M	0.68M	90	0	50	50	Enable				
		2.677.595 53%	5.000.000	2.266.604 45%	0	165	0	0.00M	0.00M	0.60M	0.60M	223	1.000	50	50	Enable				
		3.159.419 63%	5.000.000	1.807.520 36%	160.035 1	15	0	0.16M	0.30M	2.25M	2.25M	255	0	50	50	Enable				
		3.350.285 67%	5.000.000	1.636.140 32%	0	35	0	1.21M	0.00M	1.46M	1.72M	345	0	100	50	Enable				
		6.897.089 68%	10.000.000	3.074.150 30%	0	820	1.000	0.00M	0.00M	0.01M	0.01M	500	0	100	50	Enable				
		7.040.090 70%	10.000.000	2.931.149 29%	0	930	0	0.00M	0.00M	0.00M	0.00M	900	0	75	50	Enable				
		3.567.182 71%	5.000.000	1.428.478 28%	317.813 2	10	0	0.02M	0.13M	1.62M	0.47M	50	0	50	50	Enable				
		7.236.549 72%	10.000.000	2.720.640 27%	0	50	0	1.74M	26	0.00M	2.56M	225	1.000	1	100	Enable				
		7.349.296 73%	10.000.000	2.621.943 26%	0	85	0	0.01M	0.00M	2.50M	18	0.00M	1.500	0	50	50	Enable			
		15.110.689 75%	20.000.000	4.885.181 24%	153.160 1	20	0	0.15M	7	0.00M	0.87M	19	0.00M	221	0	50	50	Enable		
		3.793.674 75%	5.000.000	1.177.565 23%	0	10	0	0.00M	0.01M	0.00M	0.10M	2.175	1.000	50	50	Enable				
		7.779.977 77%	10.000.000	2.191.262 21%	0	10	0	0.00M	0.00M	0.01M	0.00M	598	0	50	50	Enable				
		4.015.638 80%	5.000.000	955.601 19%	0	10	0	0.65M	6	0.00M	1.36M	13	1.11M	500	0	50	50	Enable		
		8.146.860 81%	10.000.000	1.824.379 18%	0	230	0	0.00M	0.00M	0.00M	0.92M	525	0	50	50	Enable				
		8.395.809 83%	10.000.000	1.575.430 15%	0	10	0	0.00M	0.00M	2.58M	4	3.10M	16	994	0	50	50	Enable		
		4.243.270 84%	5.000.000	727.969 14%	0	120	0	0.00M	0.00M	0.00M	0.60M	1.500	0	50	60	Enable				
		8.525.986 85%	10.000.000	1.460.443 14%	0	10	0	0.02M	3	0.67M	12	0.28M	1.83M	29	103	0	50	50	Enable	
		4.427.257 88%	5.000.000	535.382 10%	237.827 2	10	0	0.02M	15	2.04M	15	2.82M	20	2.36M	21	21	0	1	50	Enable
		4.517.214 90%	5.000.000	454.025 9%	0	10	—	0.00M	0.00M	0.00M	0.00M	50	0	50	50	Enable				

Last Payments Routed

Timestamp	Channel In Id	Channel In Alias	Amount In	Amount Out	Channel Out Alias	Channel Out Id	Fees Earned	PPM Earned
an hour ago	830117x2327x1	zvv.ch	5.000	5.000 +0	speedupln.com	816297x3218x0	0,45	90

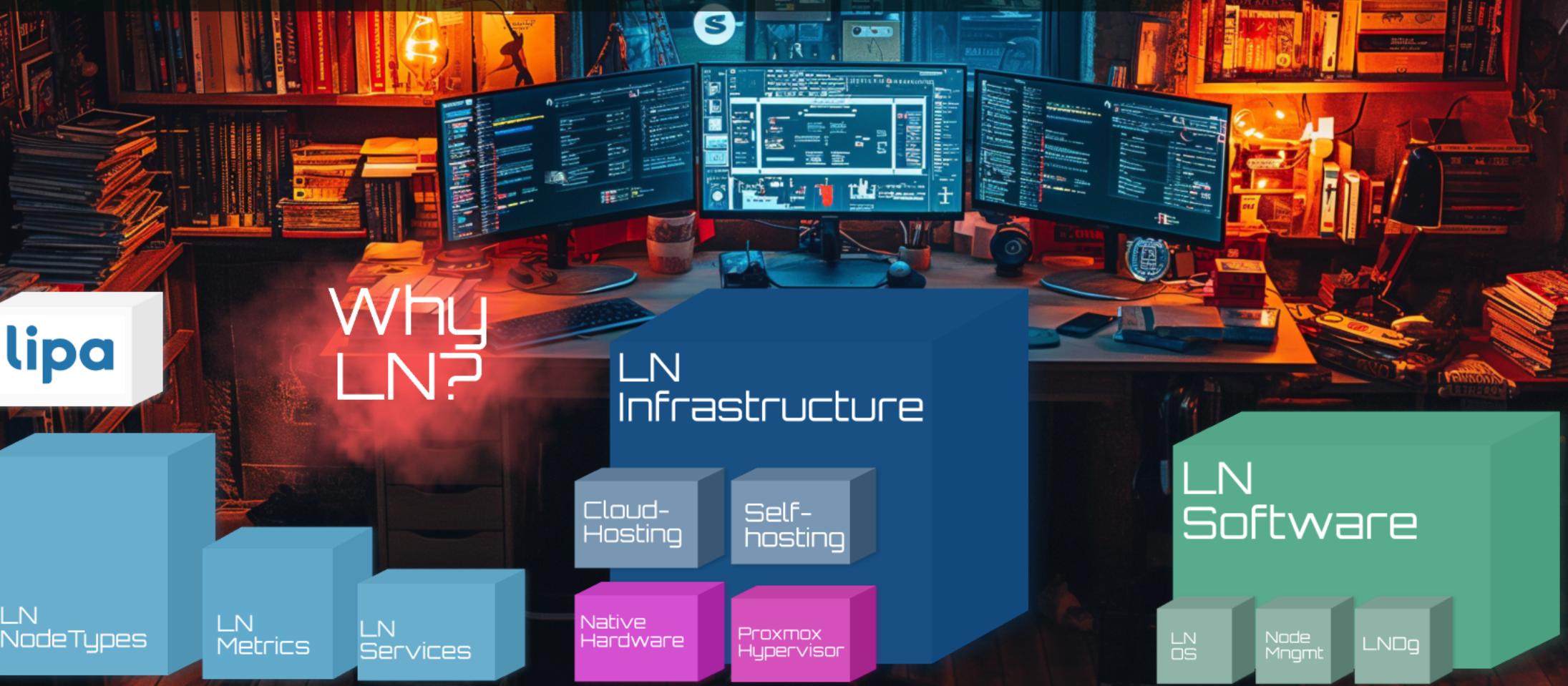
My Lnd Overview

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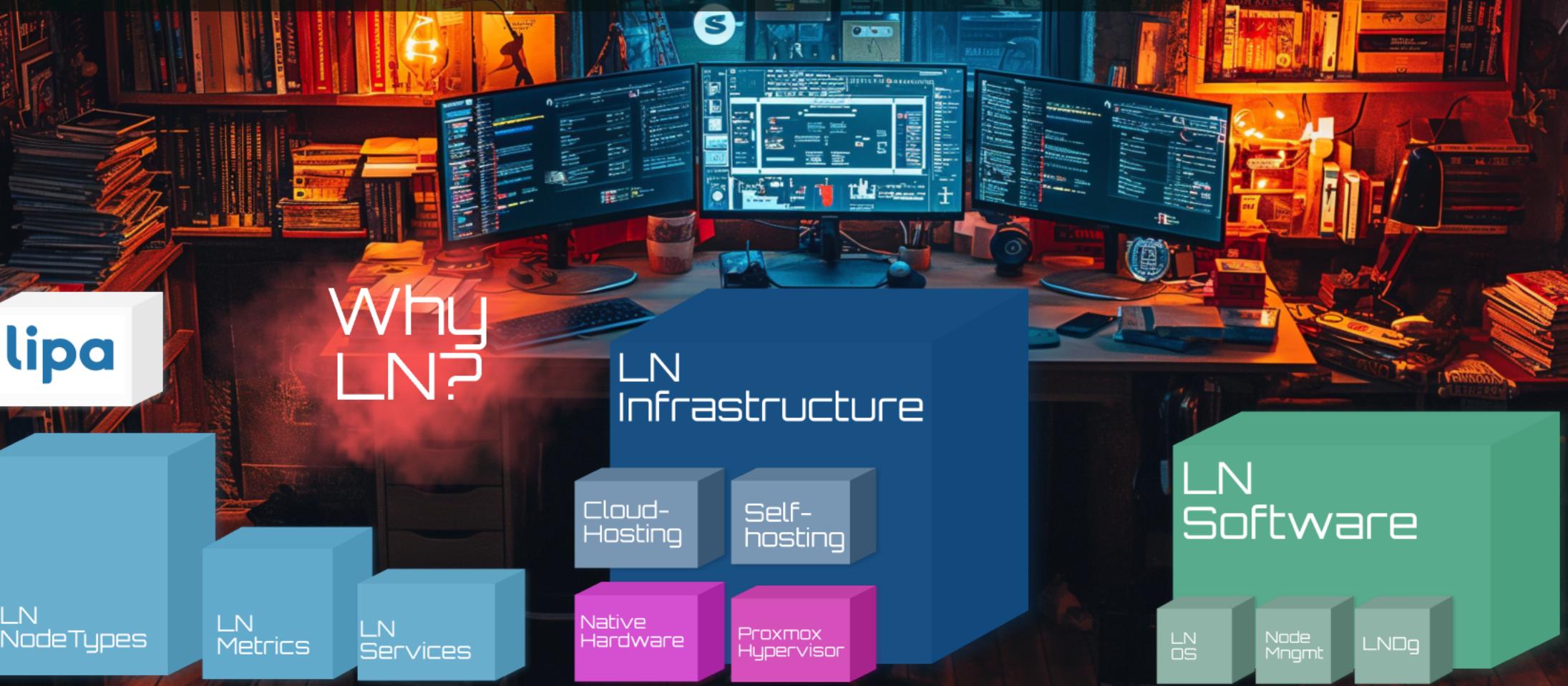
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