Setting up MetaMask

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MetaMask is one of the most robust cryptocurrency wallets

When it comes to using decentralized services, the key connection between user and service comes in the form of DApp wallets.

When it comes to providing a seamless connection between user and DApp's in the users Internet browser, MetaMask is one of the oldest and most used of decentralized wallets.

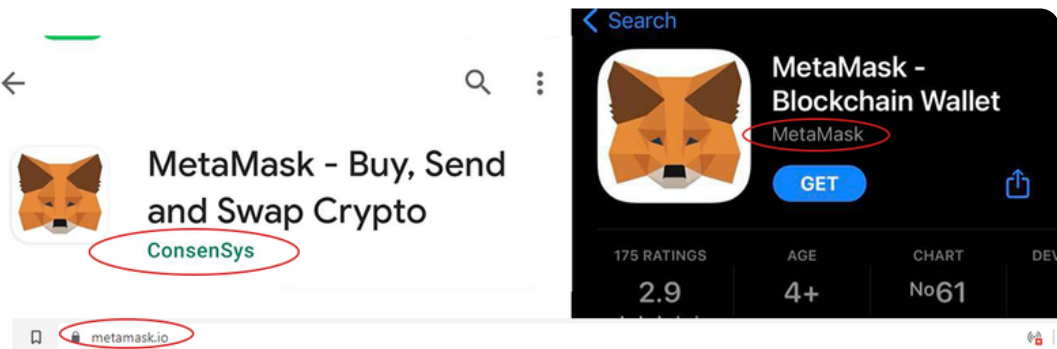Here's a quick guide on how to set it up!

Download & Install MetaMask

MetaMak is available both as an Internet browser extension and a mobile application.

When visiting the MetaMask site be sure to only use **https://metamask.io** to ensure you're not using a fake.

When using **iPhone**, be sure that the developer is **MetaMask,** on **Android** be sure the developer is **ConsenSys.**

Follow your devices instructions to install.

In this guide we are using an iPhone.
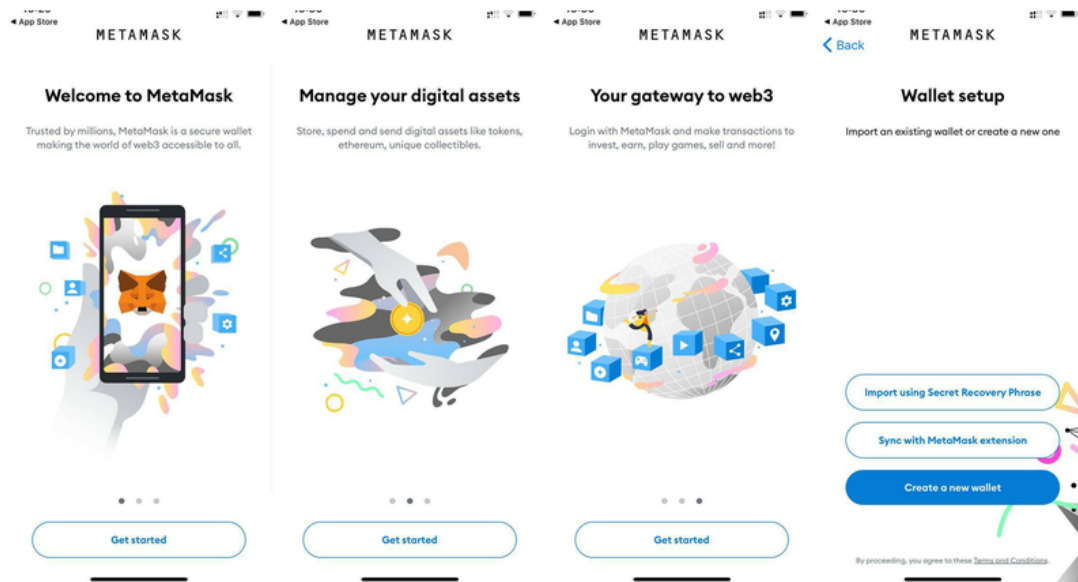
Create a New Wallet

Once you go through the first few screens you'll be presented with three options:

- Import using Secret Recovery Phrase
- Sync with MetaMask Extension
- Create a new wallet

Go ahead and select **'Create a new wallet'.**

Create a new Password

The first thing you are prompted to do before creating your new wallet is to set a password to secure your wallet on your device. Your password must be a **minimum of 8 characters.**

NOTE: A longer, complex password makes it more difficult for a hacker to derive, so we recommend using 12-20 characters, with a mix of uppercase, lowercase, numbers and special characters.
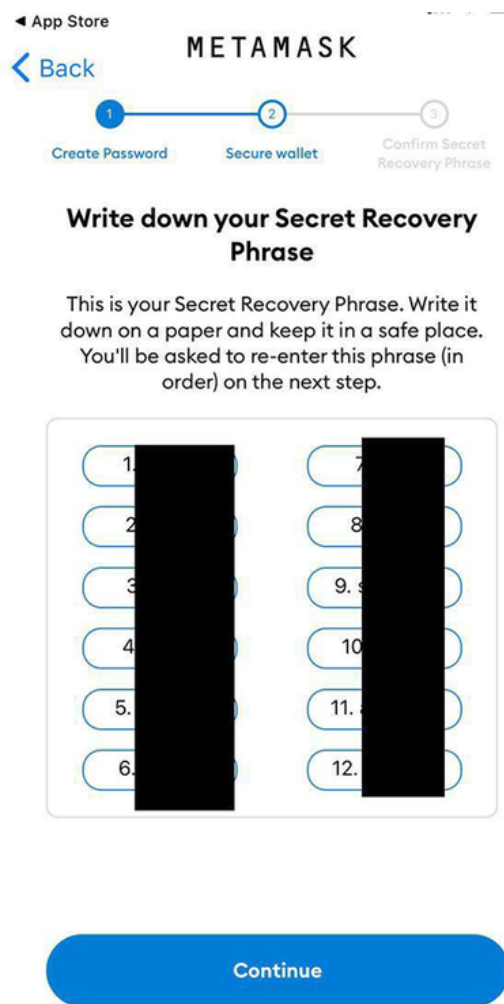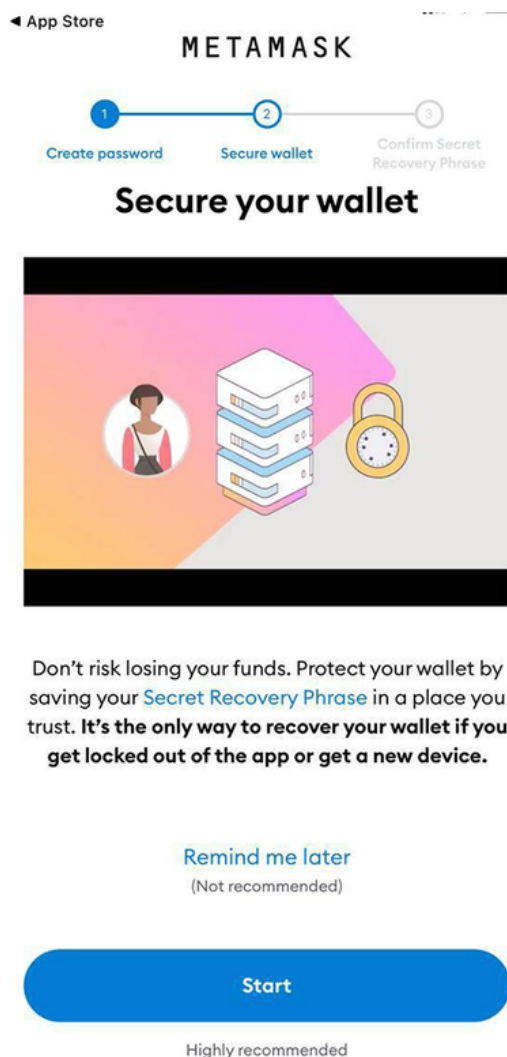
Backup your seed phrase!

This is the **most important** step to creating a new cryptocurrency wallet. Your **Seed Phrase** is a derivation of your wallets Private Key, so losing it means you lose access to and ability to use your funds.

BACKUP YOUR SEED PHRASE WHEN PROMPTED!!

Write it down and store it somewhere safe, preferably OFFLINE!

Confirm your Seed Phrase

After writing down your Seed Phrase, MetaMask will prompt you to re-enter it.

This is to ensure that you actually have taken note of your phrase and that you can recall it if needed.

We cannot stress enough the importance of your Seed Phrase. We are sure you've heard stories of people not being able to get back into their wallets. This is normally due to the person forgetting their Seed Phrase!

Let's just put it like this, if you lose your password, then you can use your Seed Phrase to access your assets from another wallet on the same chain. Without you Seed Phrase or Private Key, you lose access to your funds completely.

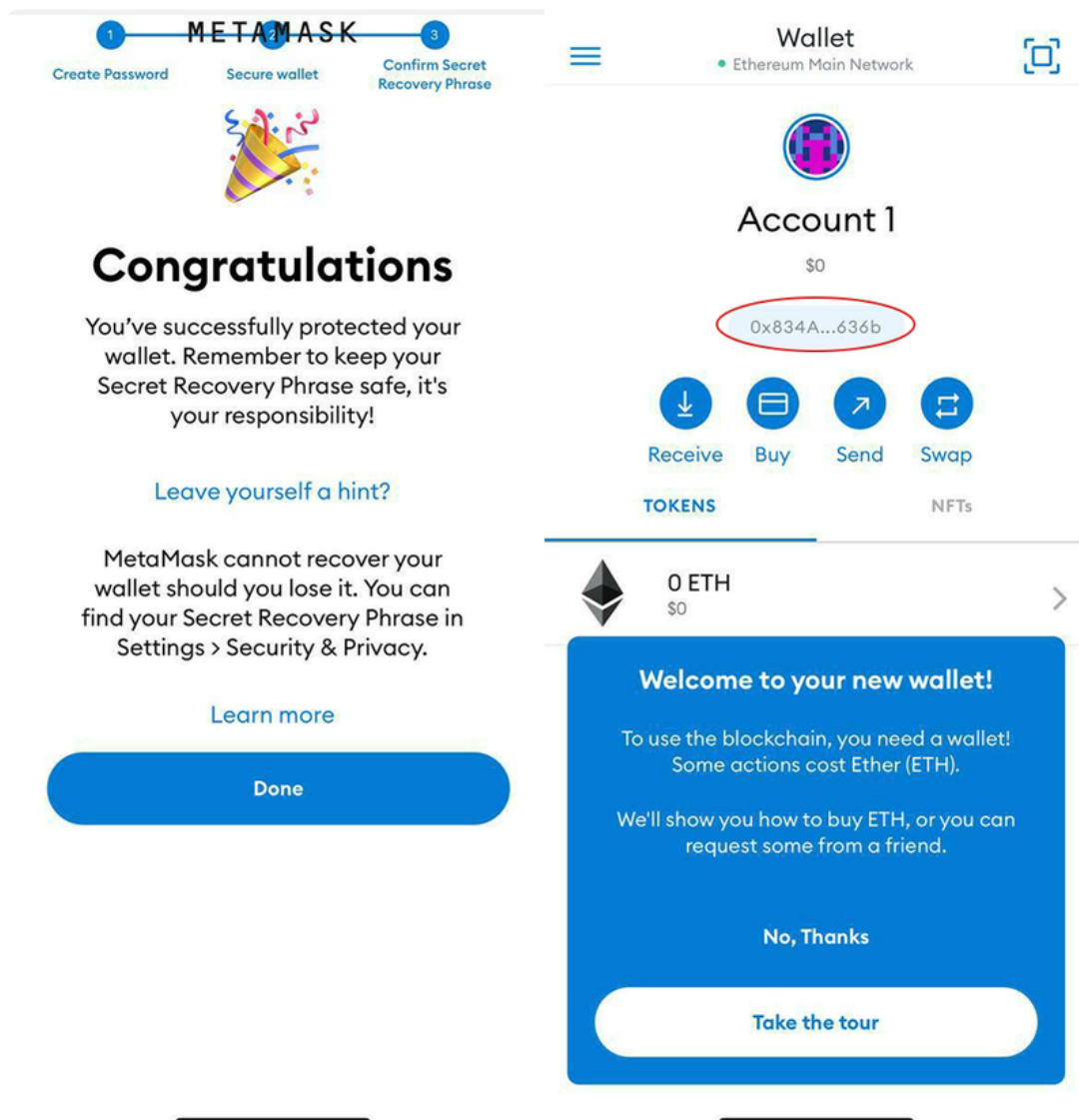**So, keep your Seed Phrase safe and NEVER share it with anyone!**

Enjoy your new wallet!

That's it, you're all set up and ready to send/receive your first transaction!

Your wallets address can be found just under your accounts profile picture!

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