

This guide will help you get your first Bitcoins for free in less than 10 minutes



Hi, I'm Ofir, the creator of 99Bitcoins. I've created [99Bitcoins](#) and this starters guide specifically for people who are completely new to Bitcoin. After you read through this guide you will have a good understanding of how Bitcoin works and also get your first Bitcoins for free. Feel free to read top-to-bottom or jump around using the buttons below but if you're totally new to Bitcoin I strongly recommend going through the whole guide.

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Introduction to Bitcoin

One of the main problems with Bitcoin today is that it's just too complicated. That's why we've made this short tutorial that simplifies the concept of Bitcoin and gives you a great overview about the terminology in just 3:30 minutes!



Hopefully after watching the video you have a better understanding of what Bitcoin is (although I'm sure you still have A LOT of questions and that's OK). Bitcoin today is like the Internet was in the early 90's. Nobody really understands it's full potential yet and it's not an easy concept to grasp.

"Bitcoin is how money would look like if invented today."

Create your own Bitcoin wallet for free

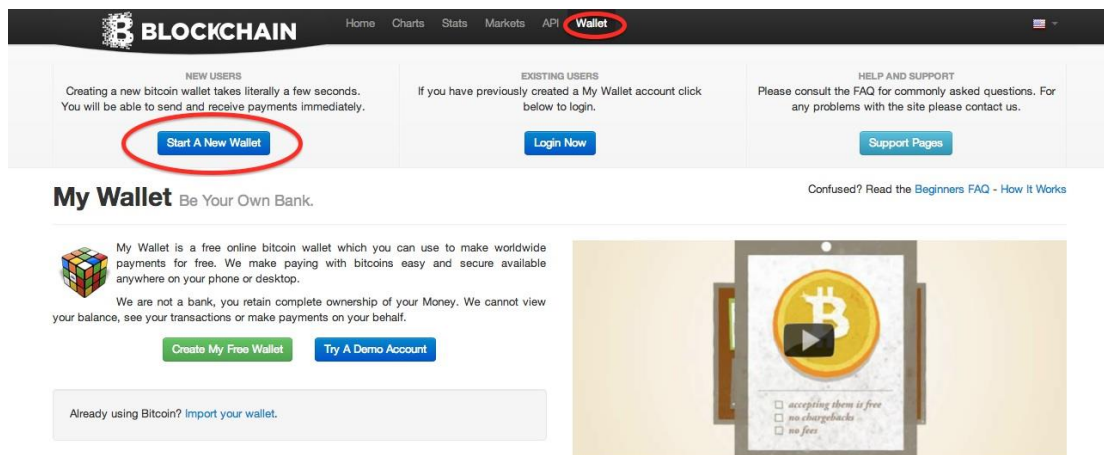
Now it's time to get our own Bitcoin wallet. Before we choose our wallet let's try and get a better understanding of what a wallet is.



I personally use Blockchain.info - The most popular Bitcoin wallet today. It also allows you access to your wallet through your mobile phone and the web. Here's a short tutorial about how to get your own wallet.

Step 1 –Open an account at Blockchain.info

Go to <http://blockchain.info> -> Wallet -> Start new wallet



Step 2 – Choose a strong password

I recommend you choose a strong password, preferably one you haven't used before. Whoever knows this password will have access to your Bitcoins.

Create A New Wallet.


Please choose an alias and password for the new wallet.

Email:

(Optional) - We will email you a link to your new wallet.

Password:

Confirm Password:



Captcha:

[Continue](#)

Step 3 – Wallet recovery mnemonic

This is a phrase that acts like an alternate password. It's advised to write down this phrase in a safe place and NOT on your computer.

Please choose an alias and password for the new wallet.

Wallet Recovery Mnemonic

Your wallet has been created successfully. If you forget the details the phrase below can be used to recover everything.

Please Write Down the Following:

approach stain shatter decrypted twirled pharmacies doctrine poston sliver hubert blowtorch gp greatness
groupers gunship hallie

Do not save the mnemonic on your PC or in your email drafts! Write it down or print it!

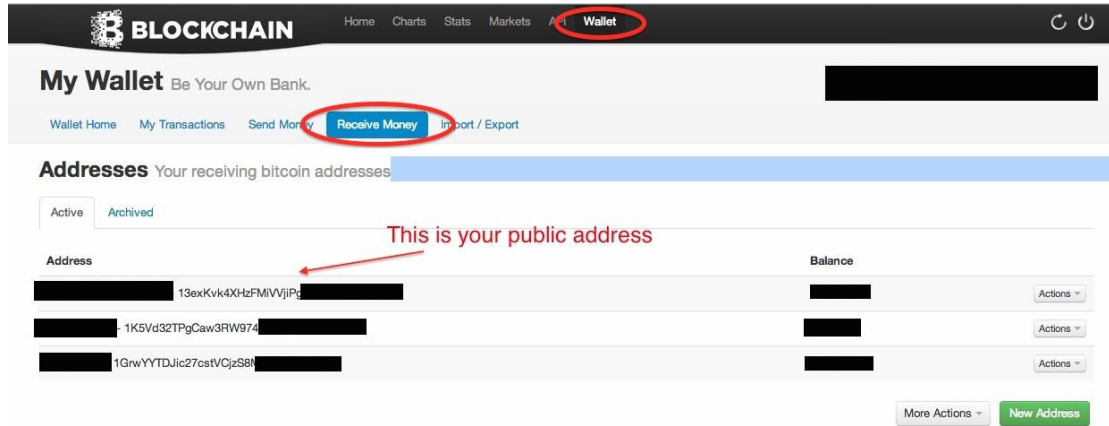
Without the mnemonic we cannot help recover forgotten passwords and will result in **LOSS of ALL of your bitcoins!**

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Congratulations! You now own a Bitcoin wallet. Now let's see how to find your public address – the same address people will send Bitcoins to.

Step 4 – Create a public address

Enter your password to access your Bitcoin wallet. Click on “receive money” and look under addresses. The string of characters showing up is your public address.



The screenshot shows the Blockchain.com interface. At the top, the 'Wallet' tab is selected and circled in red. Below the navigation bar, the 'Receive Money' button is also circled in red. The main content area is titled 'Addresses' and shows a list of three addresses. A red arrow points to the first address, with the text 'This is your public address' written above it. The table has columns for 'Address' and 'Balance'. Each address row has an 'Actions' dropdown menu. At the bottom right, there are 'More Actions' and 'New Address' buttons.

Address	Balance
██████████ 13exKvk4XHzFMiVjIPg ██████████	██████████
██████████ 1K5Vd32TPgCaw3RW974 ██████████	██████████
██████████ 1GrwYYTDJic27ostVQjz58N ██████████	██████████



OK, now you're all set and we can set off to getting your first Bitcoins.


Getting your first Bitcoins 100% FREE!

It's important to understand that Bitcoins can be divided. So even if you can't afford to buy a "whole" Bitcoin you can still get a fraction of it at a reasonable amount. MilliBitcoins (or MB) are 1/1000 Bitcoins and "Satoshis" are 1/100,000,000 Bitcoin which is the smallest amount of Bitcoins available to view in the network.

As a token of my appreciation for sticking with me up to this point **I will send you 0.1 MB (MilliBitcoins) absolutely free.** All you have to do is fill out your name and email on 99Bitcoins.com and I'll send you the instructions on how to get them. Click on the image below and I'll send you straight to the appropriate place on 99Bitcoins.com.

Get 0.1 MilliBitcoins for Free!

 I hate spam just as much as you. Unsubscribe with 1 click

After you've filled out your details check you inbox for the instructions!

I think that making your first Bitcoin transaction even if it's for a small amount like 0.1MB is important since it gives you a hands on experience of what it means to send and receive Bitcoins. I know a lot of people shy away from sharing their email address but I assure you I will only use your email address to send you **INTERESTING, RELEVANT** and **HELPFUL** information about Bitcoin. Also **you can always unsubscribe with just one click**, the choice is yours.

Additional Bitcoin buying options

If you prefer to buy a larger amount you have several options depending on where you live:



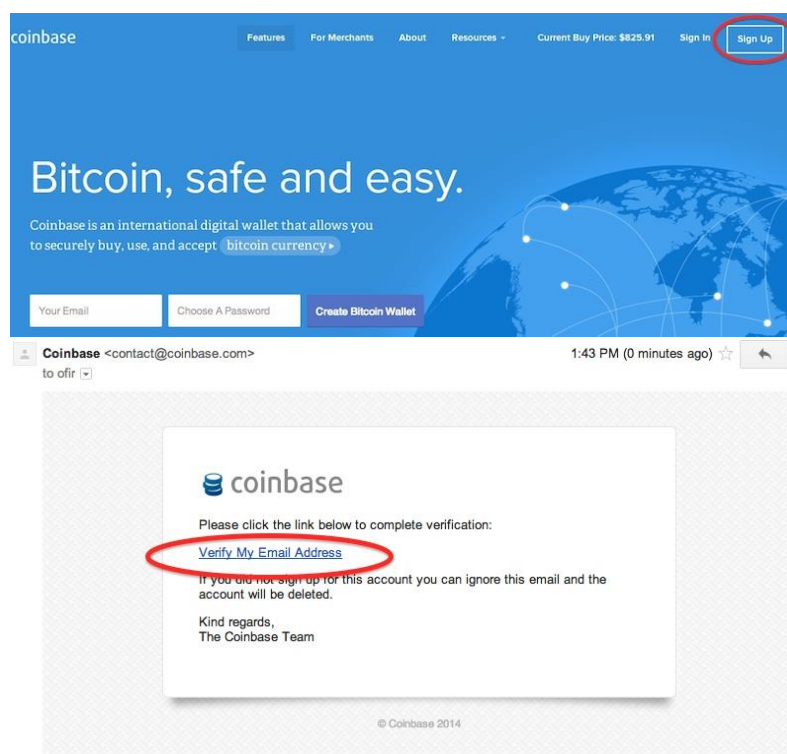
Another option is to use our popular Bitcoin price search engine CoinLlama to find the best place to buy your Bitcoins. CoinLlama lets you know how much Bitcoins you will receive in each exchange taking into account all fees and exchange rates. It basically finds you the best deals on Bitcoin.

US citizens - Buy Bitcoins through [Coinbase](#)

Coinbase is the leading Bitcoin exchange in the US today. Backed with over \$31M in venture capital funding it allows US citizens to buy up to \$100 worth of Bitcoin almost instantly. Larger amounts require additional verification. Here's a short tutorial about how to [buy Bitcoins with Coinbase](#).

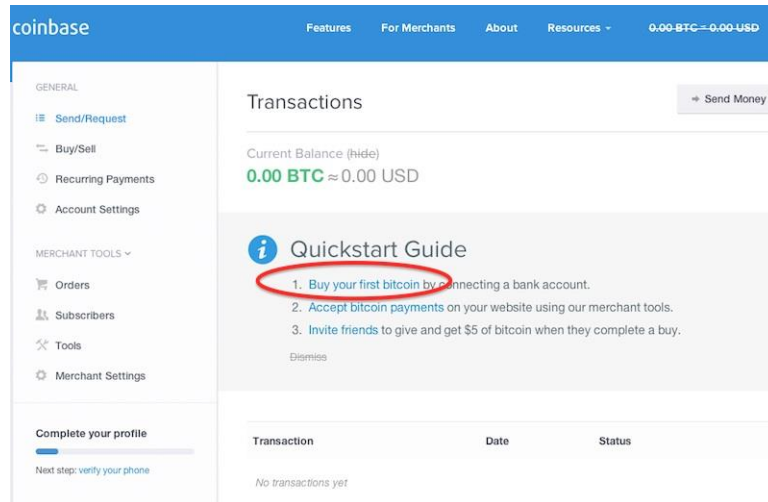
Step 1 – Sign up for Coinbase and verify your e-mail address

Go to the [Coinbase](#) homepage and click on the “Sign up” button on the top right. You will then need to enter a valid email address and a password. Once completed you will need to verify that email address by clicking a link that was sent to your inbox. If you can't find that link check your SPAM folder or request Coinbase to resend the email by logging into your account.



Step 2 – Place the order for your first Bitcoin

Now it's time to place our order. Log into Coinbase and click on "buy your first Bitcoin". This will take you into the order page. Here you can choose the amount of Bitcoins you want to buy and you will also see Coinbase's price per BTC. Once you've entered the amount you want just click "verify bank account".



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Send Money

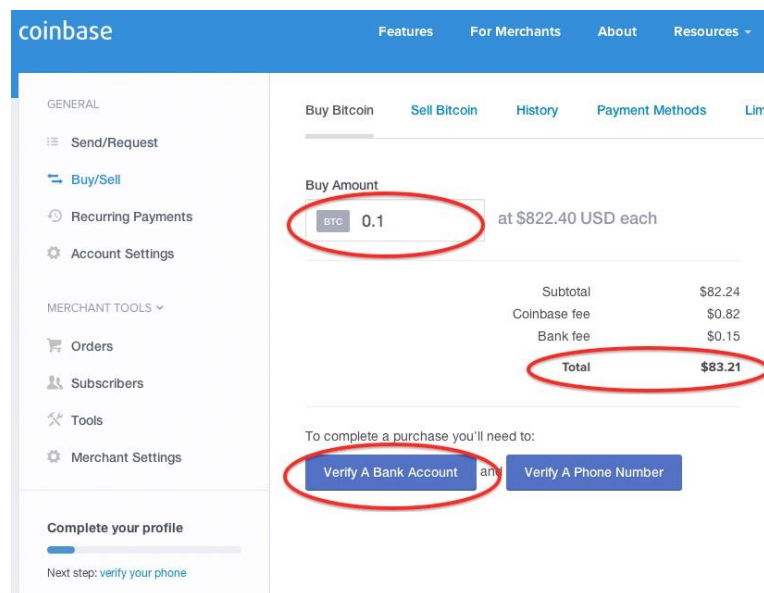
Current Balance (hide)
0.00 BTC ≈ 0.00 USD

Quickstart Guide

- Buy your first bitcoin by connecting a bank account.
- Accept bitcoin payments on your website using our merchant tools.
- Invite friends to give and get \$5 of bitcoin when they complete a buy.

Dismiss

Transaction	Date	Status
No transactions yet		



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Buy Bitcoin Sell Bitcoin History Payment Methods Limit

Buy Amount
BTC 0.1 at \$822.40 USD each

Subtotal	\$82.24
Coinbase fee	\$0.82
Bank fee	\$0.15
Total	\$83.21

To complete a purchase you'll need to:

Verify A Bank Account and Verify A Phone Number

You will now be asked to enter you bank details for the account you wish to connect.

Link A Bank Account

Type Checking Savings Business checking

Routing number [Redacted]

Account number [Redacted]

Your Full Name [Redacted]

John Smith
100 Main Street
Anytown 10012 102

PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____ \$ _____ DOLLARS

MEMO _____

⑆ 23456789 ⑆ 0023456789 ⑆

Routing No. 9 digits Account No.

Cancel Back Next

You can choose out of 2 options:

1. Get billed for 2 small amounts (up to \$1). After you see these amounts in your bank statement you can just fill them in and get verified. This takes about 2 days and can be somewhat annoying, but it's much safer then the other option.
2. Supply Coinbase with your customer number and access code so they can verify you own this bank account. Keep in mind that your access code IS NOT YOUR PIN. If you don't know how to get your access code just Google your Bank's name and "access code" and you'll probably see how in a second. Here's an example for getting and access code with Capital One.

Capital One 360 Bank requires personal financial management tools like Personal Capital to use a special 'Access Code' to access the account and retrieve data. This access code is different than the PIN you use to log in to www.capitalone360.com and needs to be created within your Capital One 360 Bank account.

1. Sign in to capitalone360.com with your Customer Number/Saver ID and PIN.
2. Select the 'My Info' tab.
3. Go to 'Preferences' and choose the 'Access Code' section.
4. Click on the 'Create Access Code' button.

Capital One 360 Bank will generate an Access Code which you can use as your password along with your Customer Number or Saver ID as your username to link your Capital One 360 Bank account in Personal Capital.


If you have successfully completed this step but still aren't able to see the information from your Capital One 360 Bank account within Personal Capital, please contact support@personalcapital.com


Step 3 – Verify your phone number

The last verification step will be to verify your phone number. This is done easily by enter a code you receive in an SMS message from Coinbase. Once verified, you're all set and you can complete the purchase and see the Bitcoins in your account.

Verify Phone Number

We just sent an SMS to [REDACTED] with instructions to verify your phone.

 If you have a smart phone you should install the [Authy](#) app using the instructions we just sent (this provides the best level of security).

 You can also request an or if you don't have a smart phone or don't want to install the app.

Enter Code:

SMS didn't arrive? Check your email for instructions.

Step 4 – Add a credit card for faster payment (optional)

After you've verified your bank account using either one of the 2 options mentioned before you can now proceed to buying Bitcoins. If you want to speed things up you can add a credit card (currently Visa only) to your account and you will get the Bitcoins within minutes. If you do not wish to add a credit card then each transaction will take up to 4 business days. This is due to the fact that Coinbase needs to make sure it gets the money from your bank account first before sending you Bitcoins to avoid fraud.

Note that using your credit card as a backup method may include additional fees as follows:

Credit Card Agreement

You must agree to the following terms:

- Credit cards are a **backup payment method only** and cannot be used to buy bitcoin directly.
- An additional fee of **3.1% + \$0.18** will be applied to any charges made to your cards.
- An additional **"cash advance"/ATM fee** may be applied by your bank, depending on your agreement with them.

Step 5 – Get your Bitcoins!

Now that you're all set it's time to get your Bitcoins. Go to "Buy Bitcoins", enter the amount you wish to buy in BTC and you will get the rate according to Coinbase's exchange rate. Coinbase and bank fees will be added to this and then you can complete the purchase. Depending on if you added a credit card or not, it will take up to 4 business days to show up in your Coinbase account.

The screenshot shows the 'Buy Bitcoin' page on Coinbase. At the top, there are navigation links: 'Buy Bitcoin', 'Sell Bitcoin', 'History', 'Payment Methods', and 'Limits and Verifications'. The 'Buy Amount' section has a dropdown set to 'BTC' and a text input field containing a redacted amount, followed by 'at \$807 USD each'. To the right, a green progress bar indicates 'You have 10.0 BTC remaining of your daily buy limit. View limits.' Below the amount, the 'Payment method' is also redacted. On the right side, there are two informational messages: 'Enable Instant Buy to get your coins in seconds instead of days.' and 'You can also set up a recurring buy.' A summary table shows 'Subtotal', 'Coinbase fee', 'Bank fee', and 'Total', with the 'Total' value redacted. A blue 'Buy Bitcoin' button is at the bottom.

The screenshot shows a 'Buy Confirmation' dialog box with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The text inside reads: 'You are about to withdraw [redacted] from your [redacted] [redacted] BTC will arrive to your Coinbase account in 4 business days on Monday Jan 27, 2014. We will send you an email when your bitcoins arrive.' At the bottom right, there are two buttons: a grey 'Cancel' button and a blue 'Confirm' button.

Some additional security measures

- After getting your Bitcoins from Coinbase it's advised to move them to a more secure wallet and not just let them hang there.
- Remember that your Coinbase account is now linked to your bank account so choose a safe password and conceal it.

Non-US citizens - Buy Bitcoins through [VirWox](#)

if you're not looking to buy a large amount of Bitcoins you can buy up to 60EUR worth of Bitcoin by using Paypal or a credit card through the [Virtual World Exchange](#). Here's a tutorial explaining how this is done.

Things you should know before we get started:

- Because of chargeback risk Virwox is taking on themselves they are limiting the amount you can deposit initially through Paypal or a credit card, here are the exact limits according to their website from December 21th 2013.

Limits in EUR		Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
		immediately	after 10 days	after 60 days	after 90 days	on request
PayPal/ Skrill Deposits	per 24 hours	80	120	200	300	8,000
	per 30 days	240	600	2,000	3,000	80,000

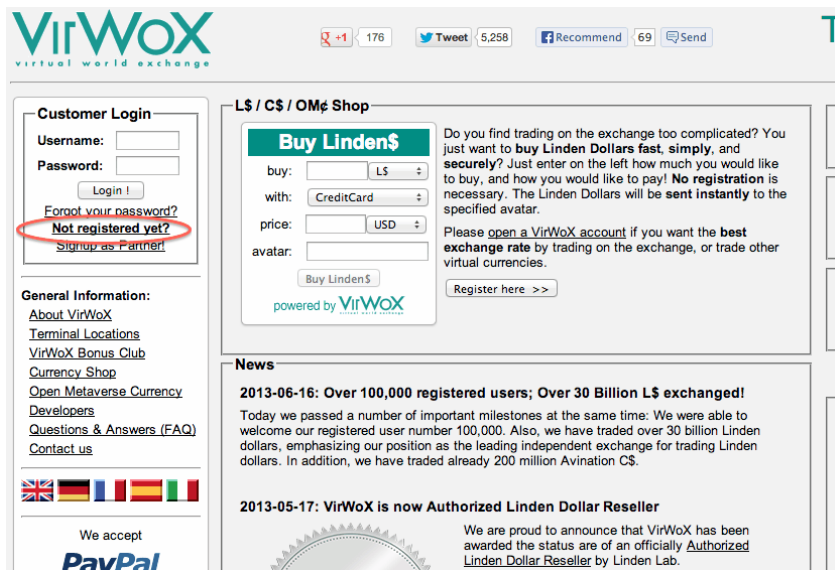
- This process hold within it more transaction fees than usual. This may still be a valid solution since the soaring numbers of BTC compensate for this. It's important for you to be aware of the different transaction fees.
- Since December 2013 VirWox is delaying new user transactions for up to 48 hours. This means that it can take you 2 days to complete this process (still way faster than using a wire transfer).

Step 1: Go to [VirWox](#).

VirWox is an exchange of virtual currency, you can buy there Lindens, Bitcoins, and more...

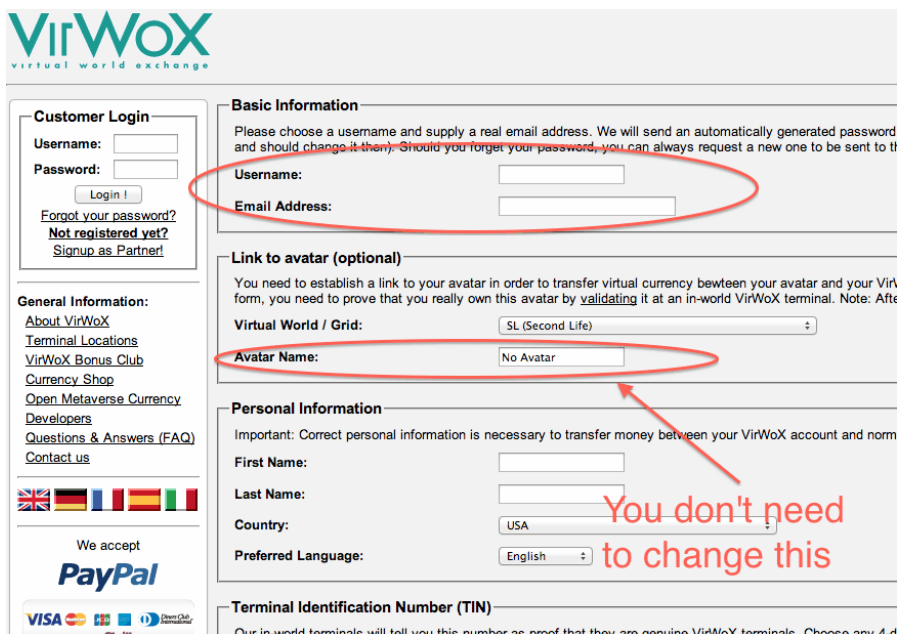
Step 2: Open a free account

Click on the "not registered yet" on the top of the left sidebar to open up a new account as shown here:



Step 3: Fill out our personal details

Fill out your username and email address. Where it asks for “avatar name” just leave it at “No Avatar”, it doesn’t matter, since you’re not going to play Second Life.



Continue filling out all of the personal details and click “register”.

Step 4: Activate your account

Once you clicked “register” you will get an email confirmation with your password. Open the email, copy the password and log back into VirWoX.

Step 5: IMPORTANT!!! Change your password!

After clicking the confirmation link it is advised you change you password as shown below since you will be transferring money through this site.

VirWoX
virtual world exchange

Logged in as **ofirbeigel**

Account Balance

USD	0.00
SLL	88.80
BTC	0.00

Change Password

For security reasons, we strongly recommend choosing a password different from your Second Life password combination of lower- and uppercase letters and digits.

New Password:

Confirm Password:

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication increases the security of your VirWoX account. If enabled, your account is protected by a time-password (MFA code) generated by an 'MFA token'. One MFA code can only be used once.

No MFA token is currently active. Your account is not secured by multi-factor authentication.

Personal Information

Please make sure that we have your real email address on file. Using it, you can recover a forgotten password.

My Account:

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Do not worry about the message saying “Your avatar connection has not been validated yet” – it is irrelevant.

Step 6: Fund your account through PayPal

Click on deposit on the left side and choose PayPal Express. Fund the account with how many USD you'd like.

My Account:

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Exchange:

EUR/SLL	USD/SLL
GBP/SLL	CHF/SLL
EUR/ACD	USD/ACD
SLL/ACD	SLL/OMC
EUR/OMC	USD/OMC
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General Information:

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Pay Terminal in Second Life

Go to a VirWoX Terminal in Second Life and pay it the amount you wish to deposit.

Bitcoin

Bitcoins are an innovative method to transfer money fast, securely, and anonymously. Payments are inexpensive, as they are performed directly between users identified by a Bitcoin address. Instead of a central payment processor, a distributed peer-to-peer network keeps track of all transactions. More information can be found [here](#).

Please click the button below to generate a new Bitcoin address. Any bitcoins sent to this address will automatically be credited to your VirWoX account.

Credit/Debit Cards

You can easily fund your VirWoX account via credit or debit cards. Just enter the amount and select your card below. You will be redirected to the secure website of Skrill (Moneybookers), where you can authorize the transaction. No card numbers are disclosed to us.

I want to deposit EUR (max. 50)

PayPal Express Checkout

If you already have a PayPal account, this is a very fast, convenient and secure way to fund your account. You do not have to enter any additional information, and no financial information such as Credit Card numbers or bank accounts is disclosed to us. If you press the button below, you will be directed to PayPal's secure web site where you authorize the transaction.

Note: as no shipping address is required, the transaction will be completed once you authorize it on the PayPal site. We do not accept payment from unverified PayPal accounts.

If you do not have a PayPal account yet, the button below will lead you to a page where you can create one.

I want to deposit EUR (max. 50)

Soforthanking

Note: From now on for each transaction you will make there will be a fee – make sure you are aware of the relevant deposit and withdrawal fees.

Step 7: Buy SLL with USD

Go to Exchange->USD/SLL on the left side. You can also go to any other currency you'd like. Buy SLL (which mean Second Life Lindens) . We will later on exchange these SLL to Bitcoins.

Account Balance

USD	0.00
SLL	143.00
BTC	0.00

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Exchange:

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- EUR/ACD
- SLL/ACD
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- BTC/SLL
- USD/SLL
- CHF/SLL
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- USD/OMC

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Market orders are fast and simple. They are executed **immediately**, at the currently best available market price.

You can also place a **Limit Order**.

⚠️ You currently do not have enough money in your account to actually place an order.

In order to really perform an exchange, you need to:

1. **Deposit** money in the currency you wish to exchange from (USD or SLL)
2. Place an order on this page to exchange it to the other currency at your desired exchange rate
3. After the order has been executed, you can **withdraw** the other currency

Current Market Depth (best 5 offers)

Full Market Depth	Offers to buy USD					Offers to sell USD				
Rate (SLL per USD)	253.5	253.6	253.7	254.0	254.1	257.9	258.1	258.7	259.0	259.1
Volume (USD)	82	74	19	597	348	6	12	12	11	26
Volume (SLL)	20,787	18,766	4,820	151,638	88,427	1,547	3,097	3,104	2,849	6,737

Rate Movement

USD/SLL (30 days)

USD/SLL (24 hours)

Note: If you haven't made a deposit yet you will get the screen shown above requesting you to deposit before you buy SLL.

Step 8: Buy BTC with SLL

Once you have SLL in your account, go to the BTC/SLL and buy Bitcoins with your SLL.

Account Balance

USD	0.00
SLL	143.00
BTC	0.00

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Exchange SLL to BTC

Total Price: 0 SLL
Effective Exchange Rate: 0 SLL per BTC

I want to buy BTC.

Current Market Depth (best 5 offers)

Full Market Depth	Offers to buy BTC					Offers to sell BTC				
Rate (SLL per BTC)	61366	63282	63283	63284	64444	66442	66443	67825	68000	70000
Volume (BTC)	1.82	17.00	1.83	0.68	6.23	6.58	12.83	18.00	0.50	7.76
Volume (SLL)	111,686	1,075,794	115,808	43,033	401,486	437,853	862,464	1,220,850	34,000	543,200

Rate Movement

BTC/SLL (30 days)

BTC/SLL (24 hours)

Important!!!

Sometimes a manual review will be required by VirWox after this step. This can take up to 48 hours but usually takes around 6 hours.

Step 9: Withdraw your Bitcoins

Choose "Withdraw" on the left side and send the Bitcoins to your wallet.

Account Balance

USD	0.00
SLL	143.00
BTC	0.00

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⚠️ Your avatar connection has not been validated yet.

Please **validate** your avatar connection at a VirWox terminal in order to be able to transfer SLL.

Withdraw to Bitcoin

I want to withdraw BTC (max. 0.00) to the following Bitcoin account:

Bitcoin Address:

Note: A handling fee of 0.01 BTC per withdrawal will be charged.

Withdraw to PayPal

You currently have no balance in currencies withdrawable using this method.

Withdraw to Skrill

You currently have no balance in currencies withdrawable using this method.

Withdraw to NETELLER

I appreciate you

I just wanted to wrap things up by saying that I'm here for you. Not only as a guide, but as a friend. I do my best to respond to all emails but sometimes it can take longer than usual. I do promise a response though, no matter how long it will take. Thank you for your support, and if you've made it this far I'd love for you to come and say hi on our Facebook page. Until then I hope you enjoy your Bitcoin journey, which is just starting out...

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