The BE Unseen Wallet Set Up

Important Preliminary Information

This document is designed to guide you step-by-step through a professional setup process, which we aim to achieve for anyone reading this. In some cases, a certain level of "basic knowledge" is assumed, and no video tutorials are linked in this document. If you would like video guidance, I recommend checking out other publicly available articles or contacting us at (marc@be-unseen.nl) to discuss other possibilities.

Recently, in July 2025, an update was made to this document because:

- The types of wallets and the available options are constantly evolving.
- We have recently decided to use this document as a "giveaway" in free training sessions.

The first point will be a recurring fact in the coming years, as this industry is never quiet, and many legal decisions and technological developments will continue to bring changes in the future. The second point is important to mention because it concerns non-members of the Bitcoin Economics Unseen Community, who may lack the proper foundation, education, and, more importantly, live support if they cannot fully grasp the material.

Becoming a member of our BE Unseen Community, available both in Dutch and English, requires an investment of only €500 per year (excluding VAT) for immense value, including:

- Weekly updates (both video and written) on the economy and financial instruments (Bitcoin, Crypto, Gold/Silver, Stocks & Government Bonds)
- 2 live events per month where specific topics are presented and/or a Q&A session is held
- 1 live session with Marc to professionally set everything up
- Extensive pre-recorded content to support you in your professional wallet setup & help you understand the financial system
- Access to my portfolio & decisions within it
- Access to a (paid) Telegram channel for quicker communication if needed
- Network with really great people, like-minded individuals who want to stay ahead in the ongoing wealth transfer.

Check here for more information and to schedule a free introductory meeting.

Okay, enough self-promotion haha, let's dive into the content!!

Step-by-Step Guide

Step 1 - Create an account on multiple Bitcoin/Crypto Exchanges
Step 2 - Create one or two Private Hot Wallet(s) in Sparrow
Step 3 - Purchase a Bitcoin-Only Hardware Device + Create a Private Cold Wallet in Sparrow
**Step 4** - Test your wallet setup in multiple ways
Step 5 - Download 3 Bitcoin-Only Mobile Wallets for "spending"
Step 6 - Purchase 2 more Bitcoin-Only Hardware Devices + Create a Multi-Sig Cold Wallet in Sparrow (Note: We will NOT cover this in this document, as it is far too complex and requires too many custom remarks/advice to describe accurately)

Below, you'll find a "sample" outline of steps 1 through 4. The specific "Private Hot Wallet" you choose is not particularly important, as long as you feel comfortable using it and can perform essential tasks (UTXO management, transaction privatization & labeling, etc.) in the future.

That's why my "Private Hot Wallet 1" is currently also Sparrow, but I use several others. To keep things straightforward for this document, we'll focus solely on using Sparrow.
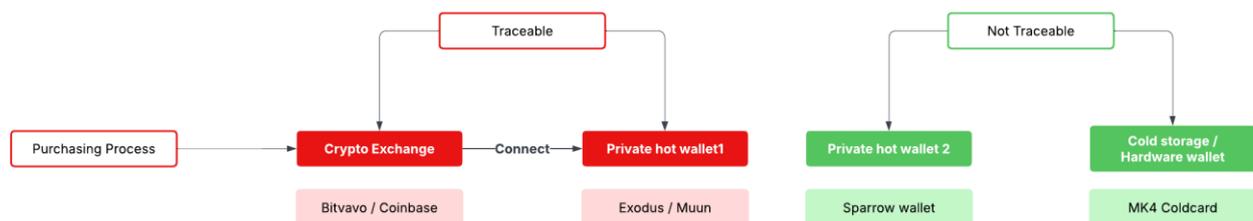
P.S. Please note that untraceable" is technically incorrect, as it is indeed traceable. It s just much more difficult to trace in this way, and it s not provable that you were the one who made these transactions or how much BTC you still have (if you follow the correct steps).

Step 1 - Create an account on multiple Bitcoin/Crypto Exchanges

This is a relatively simple step; it just requires some extra time and effort. The reason you should always have accounts on multiple Bitcoin/Crypto Exchanges is because you never, and I repeat, never want to have a single point of failure in your wallet setup. I've been in this space for a while, and if there's one thing that's become very clear, it's that human errors and decisions are always the root cause of problems with Bitcoin.

An exchange is a centralized company that must comply with strict laws and regulations on all fronts. This means that they can create problems if you ever want to buy or sell your Bitcoin & Crypto through them, but also that the central authorities of the country where they are based could suddenly turn anti-Bitcoin & Crypto. You don't want to be dependent on one exchange or one jurisdiction when you need to act quickly, and they freeze your funds or refuse to pay out your money.

Keep in mind, and I say this often, a LOT is going to change in the coming years, and this will potentially bring (more extreme) reactions from central authorities. We need to be prepared for this.

My setup for Centralized Exchanges:

- **Account 1**: Exchange in the Netherlands (e.g., <u>Bitvavo</u>)
- **Account 2**: Another exchange in the Netherlands (pick one that's known in your country)
- **Account 3**: Exchange in the USA (e.g., <u>Coinbase</u> or <u>Kraken</u>)
- **Account 4**: Exchange in Switzerland (e.g., <u>RELAI</u>)
- **Account 5**: Offshore Exchange (e.g., <u>Binance</u>)

As a bonus, though this usually comes later in your process, you can use a Peer-to-Peer exchange, where you buy directly from someone else. The beauty of this is that you don't have KYC (Know Your Customer) rules, and your coins are much more private (harder to trace). The downside for many beginners is that it's a bit more nerve-wracking, and you often pay a small "premium" compared to a centralized exchange.

- **Account 6**: Peer-to-Peer Exchange (e.g., <u>HODL HODL</u>)

Step 2 - Create a Private Hot Wallet in Sparrow

A Private Hot Wallet is a mobile or desktop version where you do control your own private key (the 12/24 words), but it's not set up offline. In other words, it's a digital wallet fully under your control (private) but connected to the internet (hot). These are excellent solutions if you're just starting and the amount of BTC isn't significant enough that you'd be overly concerned if you lost it, meaning the amount is probably low enough not to be attractive for hackers to pursue—just kidding, of course. Every euro/dollar lost is one too many, which is precisely why we became Bitcoiners.

The reason WE create this HOT WALLET in SPARROW is that you can use it as an "intermediate step" to send your BTC from your centralized exchange to "COLD STORAGE" in a more private manner. Through your Private Hot Sparrow Wallet, you can generate new addresses each time (so you use a different address for each exchange), while it all still ends up in the same wallet.
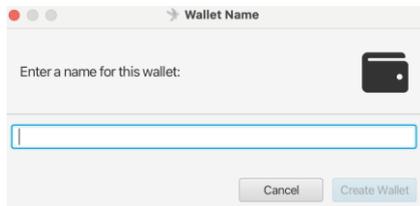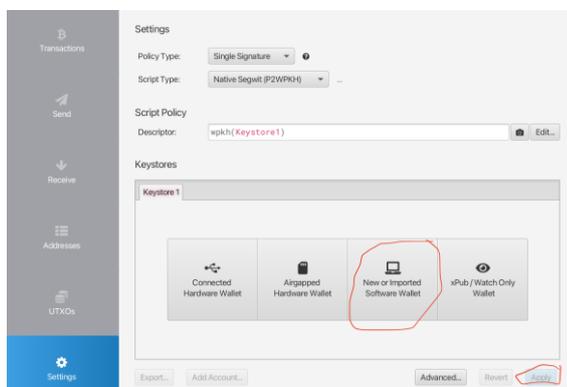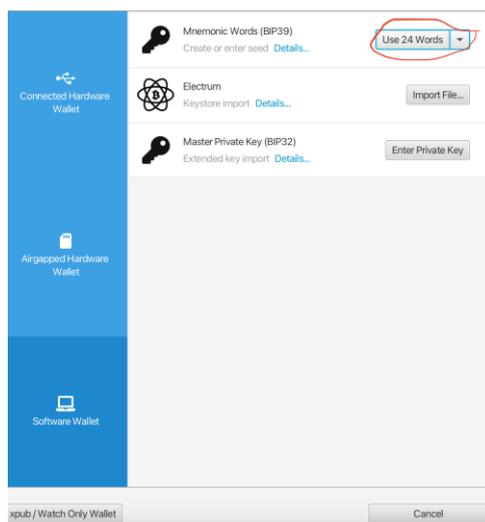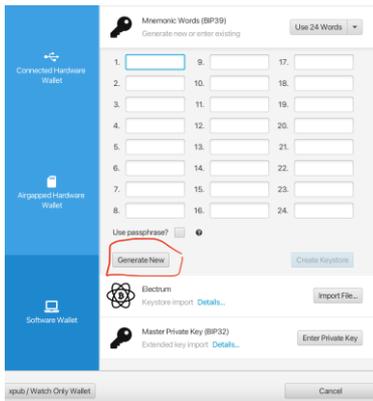
- <u>Download Sparrow</u>

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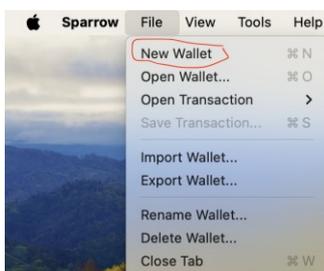
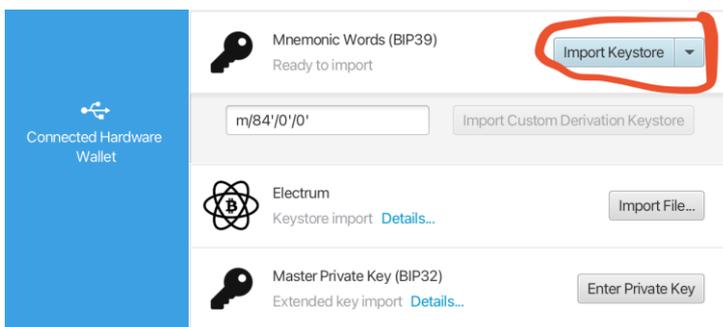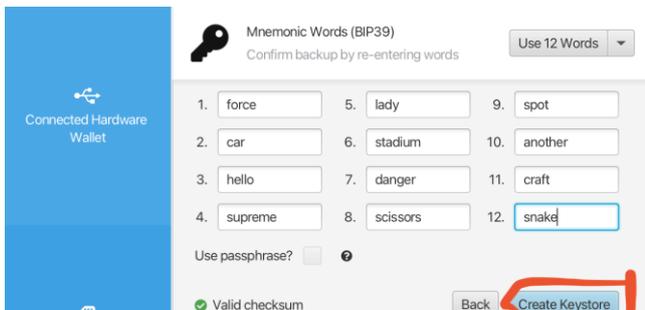- Enter Name

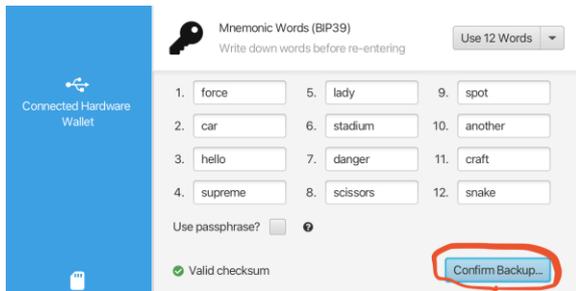- New or Imported Software Wallet

- Click "Use 24" Words (or choose 12 & click)

- "Generate New", write the words on a piece of paper, then "confirm back up" & "create keystore" & "Import Keystore"


(In the example I chose 12 words because it's faster, but 24 words is safer)

- Then press "apply," and your wallet is created.

You will also be asked if you want to add a password; this is up to you. Keep in mind that if you do add a password, you MUST always record it along with your 12/24 words, because without that password, we can never recover your funds if you lose access to your computer.

Since I use this wallet as an "intermediate step" and never keep a large amount of money in it for a long period, I choose "no password." However, if you plan to keep money in it for a longer time before transferring it to your "hardware wallet," I would recommend using a password and carefully noting it along with the 12/24 words.
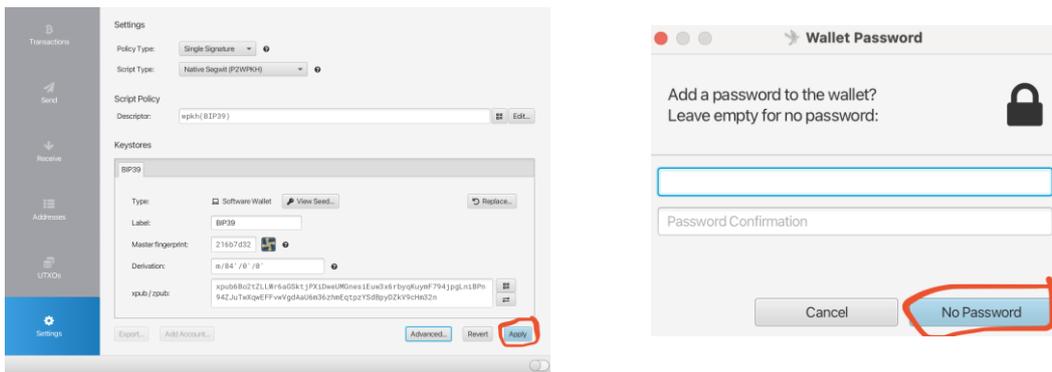
Now you've created a Private Hot Wallet in Sparrow, congratulations!

This wallet is completely private, meaning your name is not linked to it, but the address is now known to the exchange and therefore traceable to you. The great thing is that with the next transaction FROM this wallet to another PRIVATE address (without KYC, but in this case from your hardware wallet environment), it becomes much harder to "prove" that you made the transaction (because it's PRIVATE) and therefore more difficult to trace, especially if you also generate a new address each time in your hardware wallet (which you can do in Sparrow, even with your hardware wallet setup—see Step 3).

Step 3 - Purchase a Bitcoin-Only Hardware Device + Create a Private Cold Wallet in Sparrow

Why choose a Bitcoin-Only Hardware wallet instead of a Bitcoin/Crypto hardware wallet?

- **Simply put, Bitcoin-Only is even more secure.** It has fewer lines of code, making it less prone to errors, which in turn makes it harder for hackers to find and exploit those errors.
- Bitcoin-Only devices can be used for Multi-Sig Solutions that you'll explore later in your Bitcoin journey, whereas Crypto hardware wallets generally cannot (unless they support BTC ONLY FIRMWARE).
- They are compatible with Sparrow (or other BTC-only software).

Which ones do I recommend?

- <u>COLDCARD Q</u>
- <u>MK4 COLDCARD</u>
- <u>Blockstream Jade</u>
- <u>BitBox02</u>
- <u>Keystone 3 Pro</u> (install BTC-only software)

After purchasing one of these, you'll need to set up the device once, during which you should also back up your 12/24 words. Carefully note these down and store them somewhere safe. Then, add a PIN code to your device so that no one can use it without your permission.

After that, connect it with Sparrow.

- Once again, create a "new wallet," but this time, select "Airgapped Hardware Wallet."
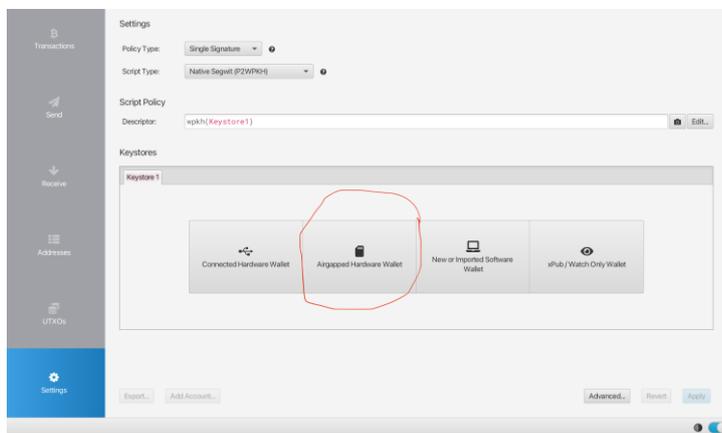
- Select the hardware device you purchased and installed, then select "scan."
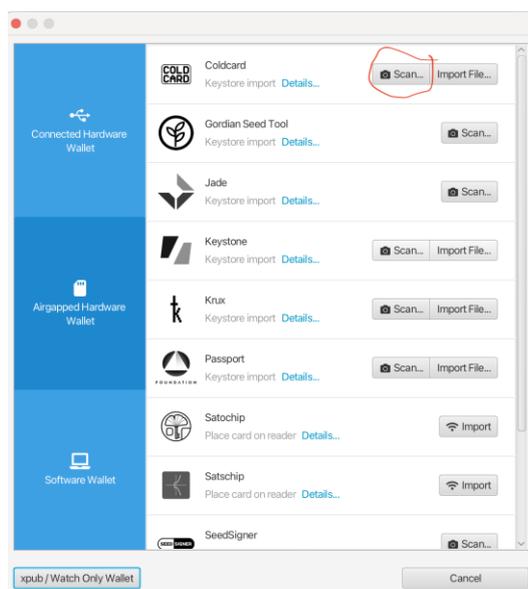
Here, you need to scan the QR code of your "XPUB" (Extended Public Key) from your hardware device, which you can find somewhere once you're logged into the device.

Once it's scanned, you can press "apply" again, and your hardware wallet will be set up and "connected" with Sparrow, meaning no one can ever transfer money from this digital wallet without that hardware device (not even you, lol).

Now, you're using Sparrow both to transfer funds (HOT WALLET SPARROW, maybe even two if you've chosen that option) as well as for your long-term holdings (COLD WALLET SPARROW - connected to your hardware device of choice). This way, you're working comfortably in one "dashboard" with two or three wallets, while being able to generate countless new addresses to maintain your privacy to some extent.

Step 4 - Test & Secure Your Wallet Setup in Multiple Ways

This step doesn't require too much further explanation. You should start with relatively small transactions to get comfortable with sending Bitcoin to new addresses in a new wallet setup.

Especially sending your BTC to your hardware wallet can be nerve-wracking, as retrieving it later is a bit more challenging than usual. This is because you have to "sign" the transaction with your hardware device.

Many people have seen me do this LIVE, but doing it yourself can still be a bit scarier. Understand that this is SUPER normal—we've all had to go through it, and many of us still feel that anxiety when making larger transactions.

Additionally, and this is the most, most, MOST important thing, make sure that whatever digital wallet you set up, you ALWAYS store the 12/24 words somewhere OFFLINE and keep them safe. In the worst case scenario, if you lose access to your computer, phone, or forget how it works, we can always recover everything with those 12/24 words.

Step 5 - Download 3 Bitcoin-Only Mobile Wallets for "Spending"

When I'm in places where I can pay with Bitcoin, both digitally and in the physical world, I want to do it in the most "private" way possible, so that the recipient has no way of knowing how much BTC I have on hand, and more importantly, who I am.

Now that we have a super professional "BTC WALLET SETUP" where we can label & privatize our transactions (via Sparrow & different addresses), we want to make sure that our future payments (both incoming and outgoing) are handled correctly so that everything is safeguarded from "that side" as well.

In other words, I never receive BTC from "third parties" directly into my "professional BTC wallet setup," and I never pay directly from my hardware wallet. I have 3 BTC wallets on my phone that I use for:

- Paying in a store
- Paying on a website
- Paying friends/family
- Receiving outstanding payments

It's important for these types of payments that you can do them privately and with as little transaction cost as possible since these are often small payments. You also want these transactions to be as efficient (quick/cheap) as possible. There are other applications that are MUCH better at this than Sparrow.

For this, I use:

- **AQUA Wallet**
- **MUUN Wallet**
- **Wallet of Satoshi**

Each wallet has its own advantages. It's important to mention that Wallet of Satoshi is a "custodial" solution, which means you do NOT have full control over your funds, so it should only be used for small amounts. Personally, I never have more than a few hundred euros in it. MUUN Wallet is much safer in this regard, supports "BTC Lightning" as well and allows you to pay relatively easily (scan QR for both BTC and BTC Lightning), you have control over it, but it's slightly less practical than Wallet of Satoshi due to slightly higher fees.

AQUA Wallet is much newer and focuses on the "dollarization of the global South," as stablecoins are expected to be increasingly used in these regions.

The advantage for you and me?

In this wallet, it's fully under your control, you can receive and pay with BTC, BTC Lightning, BTC Liquid, and USDT (digital dollars). So, you can pay with BTC in any situation, depending on the recipient's preferences and possibilities, in the cheapest, most efficient, and private way possible.

Additionally, within this wallet, you can easily convert your BTC to USDT, allowing you to keep your value "stable" in your wallet if BTC drops too much in value (in your opinion).

Conclusion

Congratulations!!

You've now set everything up in an incredibly professional manner, and your Bitcoin journey has officially begun at a higher level.

No, it's not always easy. But it is very important that you understand why you're doing this and how to do it as safely as possible so that YOUR capital is fully under your control and safe now AND in the future.

Take your time with each step. Relax. It's not about the end goal but about the process itself.

The journey itself, as always.

Just like life.

Enjoy!

- Marc -