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# BIP-39 Mnemonic Phrase Tool

Determining which wallet software to use

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Law Enforcement tool.

1. Creates a Seedbased on the mnemonic word list provided.
2. Derives keys and addresses along different derivation paths.
3. Verifies on the blockchain to see if derived addresses have been used.
4. Based on the results, the tool provides a list of possible wallets with the appropriate derivations paths.

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- Online web page may be used (less secure)
- Tool may be downloaded (more secure)
- May be used with seed word lists which are written in different languages
- Advanced options are available in the downloadable tool.
- Only suggests wallets – they may not be the actual wallet which the suspect used.
- Some wallets may use the correct BTC derivation path, but not the correct ETH one.

# Online Version

## BIP39 Mnemonic phrase tool

Settings

Enter the mnemonic phrase

Mnemonic Phrase

Passphrase (optional) ?

Index severity ?

Account severity ?

Check addresses online ?

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Check!

<https://cryptotools.nl/4ce35eb2e285eceaf0ef20f1b68aa4f8/tool/>

# Use

- Enter the Mnemonic Phrase – i.e. the seed word list for the suspect's wallet.
- You don't need to worry about Passphrases, Index severity, or Account severity.
- Make sure **Check addresses online** is ticked if you want the tool to verify online whether the wallets it is suggesting contain cryptocurrency.
  - The tool will reach out to blockchain explorers and attempt to discover assets held by the addresses that it generates.
- Click the Green CHECK button.

# You will receive an error message if you enter an invalid seed word list

The screenshot shows the 'BIP39 mnemonic tool' interface. At the top right, the version '3.1.2' is displayed. A blue 'Settings' button is on the left. The main heading is 'BIP39 mnemonic tool'. Below it, a yellow box contains the text 'Invalid mnemonic'. The form has a label 'Enter the mnemonic phrase' above a text input field. The input field contains the mnemonic 'fish trial blue solar attend appear home ghost green cube vote topple'. Below this is a 'Passphrase (optional)' field with a question mark icon. Further down are two sliders: 'Index severity' and 'Account severity', both set to 1. Below the sliders is a checkbox for 'Check addresses online' which is checked. At the bottom is a large green button labeled 'Check!'.











## Invalid mnemonic!

Possible reasons for this are:

- It is an Electrum mnemonic phrase, this is not a BIP39 mnemonic, works differently and is not supported right now
- The words are incorrect, for this look at [Github](#) for the wordlists
- The order of words are incorrect
- The words belong to another type of mnemonic phrase, for instance Monero (Monero requires the rescan of the blockchain and uses a different list of words)

# Look for the green tick marks

## Results


Coin	Type	Derivation path	Address	Used by	Is used?	Full Wallet <sup>?</sup>
BTC	BIP32	m/44'/0'/0'/0	1CbZ1Kpu7NcjMsaVuT95snvr8YaPbetiDJ	Blockchain.info (legacy), Bitcoin.com (app), MultiBit HD, BRD, Coinomi (old legacy), Ledger (legacy)	✗	
BTC	BIP44	m/44'/0'/0'/0/0	1DV3jDfd6qfTtnvZ7HjBDFcmavTEsNjeDP	Exodus, Bitpay (app), Mycelium, Copay, Jaxx, Coinomi (current legacy), Enjin, KeepKey, Blockchain.info	✓	
BTCTEST	BIP44	m/44'/1'/0'/0/0	miY4xTAJ8u75MmB3qeQzCEDX7b5AYGRsgb	KeepKey	✗	
BTC	BIP49	m/49'/0'/0'/0/0	392CPSHfqWhLM82q9DJGfdPW2Krx57khK7	Trezor, Ledger, edge, Coinomi (Compatibility)	✓	
BTCTEST	BIP49	m/49'/1'/0'/0/0	2N7F1irDpZ28iXVBmAFRh4L5tuTFF663MQr	Trezor, Ledger	✗	
BTC	BIP84	m/84'/0'/0'/0/0	bc1qa6pya3pxqja795uh73xa8qlvuj0g5hfsy7czkz	Coinomi, Wasabi Wallet (password mandatory)	✗	
ETH	BIP44	m/44'/60'/0'/0/0'	0x436B93CeC3872750dCd527379045d3D31baaaC3e	Ledger	✗	
ETH	BIP44	m/44'/60'/0'/0/0	0xCFeb408c1dD76587Dd241136582432EB52e521C1	Jaxx, Metamask, Exodus, imToken, Trezor, KeepKey	✓	
LTC	BIP44	m/44'/2'/0'/0/0	LfEzFu6yNjLDDKVEe2DRiJkr314xXcfnzB	Coinomi (legacy), KeepKey, Ledger	✗	
LTC	BIP49	m/49'/2'/0'/0/0	MSsaRVmwzUvD8YdJsHWG3CCugxgfQ6TVX3	Coinomi (compatiblity), Trezor	✗	
LTC	BIP84	m/84'/2'/0'/0/0	ltc1qvpexu95gs3f4prk5j0trl8gnq99yvp66rvva58	Coinomi (default)	✗	
DASH	BIP44	m/44'/5'/0'/0/0	XbBE3SkMarCoCrtndNNSUzgnULw4axwaf	Trezor, Ledger, KeepKey	✗	
DOGE	BIP44	m/44'/3'/0'/0/0	DLa3AZJw1TjeAJk9haPvA1QSVfDguwcsvc	Trezor, Ledger, KeepKey	✗	

# Results

- **Coin** identifies which coins have been discovered.
- **Type** identifies the address type (P2PKH, SegWit, etc.).
- **Derivation path** identifies the path which was used to derive subkeys.
- **Address** identifies the first address which was generated when the wallet was created.
- **Used by** indicates possible wallets which can be used to recreate the suspect's wallet.




## Results (cont.)

- **Is used** indicates whether the wallet type was used and contains coins.
  - A **green circle** with a tick mark indicates that it was used. 
- **Full wallet** indicates there are details available on how many coins are in the wallet.
- Identify a green tick and click on the wallet icon beside it to obtain and export details.
  - You will the need to click on the blue Generate all addresses button to see the available info.

# Attempt to recreate the suspect's wallet using the suggested software

- If more than one coin is discovered, you may want to select a wallet that appears for both coins.

BTC	BIP44	m/44'/0'/0'/0/0	1DV3jDfd6qfTtnvZ7HjbDFcmavTEsNjeDP	Exodus, Bitpay (app), Mycelium, Copay, Jaxx, Coinomi (current legacy), Enjin, KeepKey, Blockchain.info	✓	
ETH	BIP44	m/44'/60'/0'/0/0	0xCFeb408c1dD76587Dd241136582432EB52e521C1	Jaxx, Metamask, imToken, Trezor, KeepKey, Exodus	✓	

# Calculate entire wallet

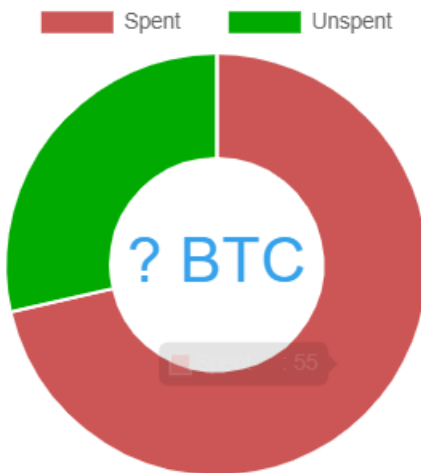
Generates all addresses associated with this type of wallet

## Status



In progress

## Statistics



## Exports

Chainalysis custom cluster

All addresses

All receive addresses

All private keys

Generate all addresses!

Account

Index

Address

Type

# Exportable data

- **Chainalysis custom cluster:** a JSON file with the discovered cluster. This can be directly imported into Chainalysis Reactor for tracing and analysis.
- **All addresses:** a txt file containing all the addresses which were discovered by the tool.
- **All receive addresses:** a txt file containing all the receiving addresses discovered by the tool.
- **All private keys:** a txt file containing the private keys for the addresses discovered by the tool.

cluster.json - Notepad

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File Edit View
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{ "id": "8f3ff69d-84ea-4143-bfe1-341309d5b032", "name": "cluster", "depositAddresses": [ { "asset": "BTC", "address": "392CPShfqWhLM82q9DJGfdPW2Krx57khK7" }, { "asset": "BTC", "address": "3EcGChfwTRp4NoPFHm7uTHJHciHgqTx3c3" } ], "receivedTransfers": [], "sentTransfers": [] }
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private\_keys (2) - Notepad

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File Edit View
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undefined:L1STSa1UeQNu6BWvAqgU7bgo7yHssxQBpR9LeLFX4HC3LMSUEj72  
undefined:L4wgySttuP5rimZ8mn4o7qdnETotGqimTsJJ1CULLW58wcAyrIcZ  
undefined:L1STSa1UeQNu6BWvAqgU7bgo7yHssxQBpR9LeLFX4HC3LMSUEj72
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all\_addresses (2) - Notepad

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File Edit View
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1DV3jDfd6qfTtnvZ7HjbDFcmavTEsNjeDP
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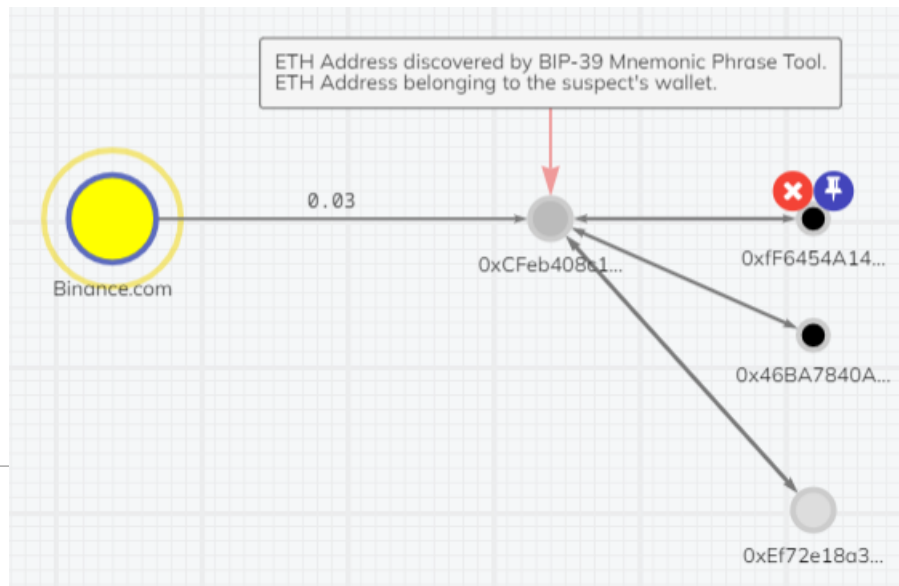
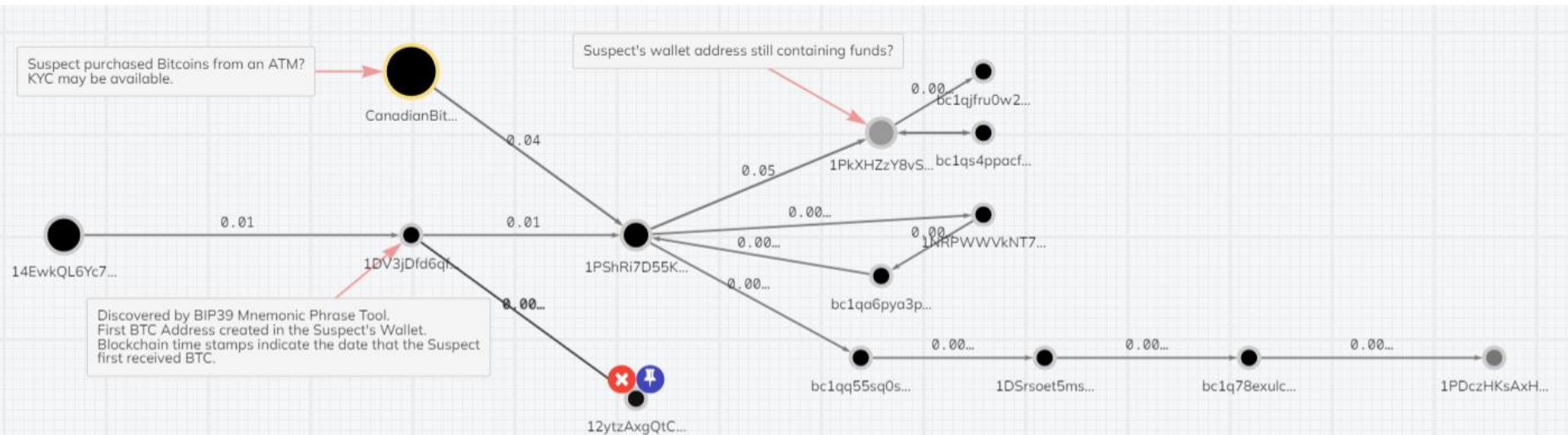
receive\_addresses (1) - ...

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File Edit View
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# Chainalysis custom cluster JSON file



# Caution!

- **Don't trust the tool** when it comes to the exportable files containing addresses and keys (it doesn't always generate them).
- **Recreate the suspect's wallet by trying out different suggested wallets.** Once you have done this you can seize any coins available and/or export any log files generated by the wallet.
- **The suggested wallet may not be the one that the suspect used.**

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## Exercise

- You locate the following seed word list during a search.
- Identify wallets which you could use in order to gain access to the suspect's funds.

1. regret
2. earn
3. clerk
4. ginger
5. future
6. cook
7. million
8. sudden
9. bag
10. bird
11. prefer
12. spot



# Results

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BTC	BIP44	m/44'/0'/0'/0/0	1PkXHZzY8vS8xUYZ8rEKwEGpqYX7vpFzZP	Exodus, Bitpay (app), Mycelium, Copay, Jaxx, Coinomi (current legacy), Enjin, KeepKey, Blockchain.info	✓	
BTCTEST	BIP44	m/44'/1'/0'/0/0	mv2e7tGapD4d1aDdQG4Jo2shVwNMzBR6Pj	KeepKey	✗	
BTC	BIP49	m/49'/0'/0'/0/0	3PPiAFhNaU7XubbGDLNSA2uzfctwf2tnBi	Trezor, Ledger, edge, Coinomi (Compatibility)	✗	
BTCTEST	BIP49	m/49'/1'/0'/0/0	2NFvthrEimwrT8z3qzNaPNQyGGf3wWKWSMb	Trezor, Ledger	✗	
BTC	BIP84	m/84'/0'/0'/0/0	bc1qmtP36dqeekz3gcjeu3sjldty5sdd3gy3ewlkdw	Coinomi, Wasabi Wallet (password mandatory)	✗	
ETH	BIP44	m/44'/60'/0'/0/0'	0x4BD27acA1759c7c4f228b2bC948d91Eb7aE81AFE	Ledger	✗	
ETH	BIP44	m/44'/60'/0'/0/0	0x5DD2602A2DE363D6Edd258116468Ac08415b9B22	Jaxx, Metamask, Exodus, imToken, Trezor, KeepKey	✗	
LTC	BIP44	m/44'/2'/0'/0/0	LKrACYcCFoJZNvNEkArqM3nJWr8bUGo2rB	Coinomi (legacy), KeepKey, Ledger	✗	
LTC	BIP49	m/49'/2'/0'/0/0	MC666mSAJa8K4eUvGPpt3sEDE9zqF9WgDF	Coinomi (compatibility), Trezor	✗	
LTC	BIP84	m/84'/2'/0'/0/0	ltc1qxerhmt2l692g4d4eu9lenczwmw8tvm57q8p55	Coinomi (default)	✗	
DASH	BIP44	m/44'/5'/0'/0/0	Xeofw4bfoxLsbhj4nP9EhXNnKH6YQVkgmt	Trezor, Ledger, KeepKey	✗	