Ethereum SLIP-39 Account Generation

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Creating Ethereum, Bitcoin and other accounts is complex and fraught with potential for loss of funds.

A BIP-39 seed recovery phrase helps, but a **single** lapse in security dooms the account (and all derived accounts, in fact). If someone finds your recovery phrase (or you lose it), the accounts derived from that seed are *qone*.

The SLIP-39 standard allows you to split the seed between 1, 2, or more groups of several mnemonic recovery phrases. This is better, but creating such accounts is difficult; presently, only the Trezor supports these, and they can only be created "manually". Writing down 5 or more sets of 20 words is difficult, error-prone and time consuming.

The python-slip39 project exists to assist in the safe creation and documentation of Ethereum HD Wallet seeds and derived accounts, with various SLIP-39 sharing parameters. It generates the new random wallet seed, and generates the expected standard Ethereum account(s) (at derivation path m/44'/60'/0'/0/0 by default) and Bitcoin accounts (at derivation path m/84'/0'/0'/0/0 by default), with wallet address and QR code (compatible with Trezor derivations). It produces the required SLIP-39 phrases, and outputs a single PDF containing all the required printable cards to document the seed (and the specified derived accounts).

On an secure (ideally air-gapped) computer, new seeds can safely be generated and the PDF saved to a USB drive for printing (or directly printed without the file being saved to disk.). Presently, slip39 can output example ETH, BTC, LTC and DOGE addresses derived from the seed, to illustrate what accounts are associated with the backed-up seed. Recovery of the seed to a Trezor is simple, by entering the mnemonics right on the device.

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1 Security with Availability

For both BIP-39 and SLIP-39, a 128-bit random "seed" is the source of an unlimited sequence of Ethereum HD Wallet accounts. Anyone who can obtain this seed gains control of all Ethereum, Bitcoin (and other) accounts derived from it, so it must be securely stored.

Losing this seed means that all of the HD Wallet accounts are permanently lost. Therefore, it must be backed up reliably, and be readily accessible.

Therefore, we must:

- Ensure that nobody untrustworthy can recover the seed, but
- Store the seed in many places with several (some perhaps untrustworthy) people.

How can we address these conflicting requirements?

1.1 Shamir's Secret Sharing System (SSSS)

Satoshi Lab's (Trezor) SLIP-39 uses SSSS to distribute the ability to recover the key to 1 or more "groups". Collecting the mnemonics from the required number of groups allows recovery of the seed. For BIP-39, the number of groups is always 1, and the number of mnemonics required for that group is always 1.

For SLIP-39, a "group_threshold" of how many groups must bet successfully collected to recover the key. Then key is (conceptually) split between 1 or more groups (not really; each group's data alone gives away no information about the key).

For example, you might have First, Second, Fam and Frens groups, and decide that any 2 groups can be combined to recover the key. Each group has members with varying levels of trust and persistence, so have different number of Members, and differing numbers Required to recover that group's data:

Group	Required	Members	Description
First	1 /	1	Stored at home
Second	1 /	1	Stored in office safe
Fam	2 /	4	Distributed to family members
Frens	2 /	6	Distributed to friends and associates

The account owner might store their First and Second group data in their home and office safes. These are 1/1 groups (1 required, and only 1 member, so each of these are 3 1-card groups.)

If the account needs to be recovered, collecting the First and Second cards from the home and office safe is sufficient to recover the seed, and re-generate the HD Wallet accounts.

Only 2 Fam member's cards must be collected to recover the Fam group's data. So, if the HD Wallet owner loses their home and First group card in a fire, they could get the Second group card from the office safe, and 2 cards from Fam group members, and recover the wallet.

If catastrophe strikes and the owner dies, and the heirs don't have access to either the First (at home) or Second (at the office), they can collect 2 Fam cards and 2 Frens cards (at the funeral, for example), completing the Fam and Frens groups' data, and recover the HD Wallet account. Since Frens are less likely to persist long term (and are also less likely to know each-other), we'll require a lower proportion of them to be collected.

2 SLIP-39 Account Creation, Recovery and Address Generation

Generating a new SLIP-39 encoded seed is easy, with results available as PDF and text. Any number of accounts can be generated from this seed, and it can be recovered by collecting the desired groups of recover card phrases. The default recovery groups are as described above.

2.1 Creating New SLIP-39 Recoverable Seeds

This is what the first page of the output SLIP-39 mnemonic cards PDF looks like:

Run the following to obtain a PDF file containing index cards with the default SLIP-39 groups for a new account seed named "Personal"; insert a USB drive to collect the output, and run:

The resultant PDF will be output into the designated file.

This PDF file can be printed on 3x5 index cards, or on regular paper or card stock and the cards can be cut out (--card credit, business, and half (page) are also available, as well as custom "(<h>,<w>),<margin>").

To get the data printed on the terminal as in this example (so you could write it down on cards instead), add a -v (to see it logged in a tabular format), or --text to have it printed to stdout in full lines (ie. for pipelining to other programs).

2.2 The MacOS SLIP39.app GUI

If you prefer a graphical user-interface, try the MacOS app. You can run it directly if you install Python 3.9+ from python.org/downlaods or using homebrew brew install python-tk@3.9 (or higher, eg. @3.10). Then, start the GUI in a variety of ways:

```
slip39-App
python -m slip39.App
```

Alternatively, download and install the MacOS App: github.com/pjkundert/python-slip-39/releases.

You will need to authorize it to run in System Preferences / Security & Privacy / Privacy.

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2 garlic	9 move	16 society		2 garlic	9 epidemic	16 smoking	
3 acrobat	10 obesity	17 mountain		3 beard	10 fishing	17 alcohol	
4 romp	11 jury	18 presence		4 romp	11 emerald	18 document	
5 describe	12 spirit	19 diminish		5 company	12 violence	19 script	
6 ceramic	13 bike	20 forbid	*	6 traveler	: 13 float	20 secret	4
7 season	14 username		新	7 society	14 overall	,	節波面
LIP39 Fam	SLIP39 Fam(1/4) for: Persona	onal		SLIP39 Fan	SLIP39 Fam(2/4) for: Personal	sonal	
Recover w/ 2	Recover w/ 2 of 4 groups First(1), Second(1), Fam(2/4), Fren(2/6) ETH m/44/19/000.0002017/80008685858F8807063685E ETT m/44/19/000000000000000000000000000000000	ps First(1), Second(1), Fam(2/4), Fren(2/6) ETH m/4/90/00/00: 0x824b17490346884E398F53987Cd39bE6515A1981 BTC matallon/inflinity for Information of the Information of	Fren(2/6) 3D7Cd39bE6515A19a1	Recover w/	Recover w/ 2 of 4 groups First(1), Second(1), Fam(2/4), Fren(2/6) ETH m/44/19/000: 0824017/480se8689589F88070/589686 ETT materior/formation Fernancial/Second-Second	ps First(1), Second(1), Fam(2/4), Fren(2/6) ETH m44/90/00/00: 0x824b174903e888dE39aF583DTCd39bE6515A19a1 BTC m84/90/00/00 beforemediate.	Fren(2/6) 8D7Cd39bE6515A19a1
friar	8 dryer	15 response		1 friar	8 webcam	15 faint	
2 garlic	9 ordinary	16 exchange		2 garlic	9 identify	16 fantasy	
3 ceramic	10 golden	17 square	10000000000000000000000000000000000000	3 ceramic	10 task	17 energy	
4 roster	11 declare	18 wisdom		4 scared	11 increase	18 slice	
5 daughter	12 viral	19 blind		5 adorn	12 eraser	19 rapids	
6 speak	13 eyebrow	20 desire	1	6 brave	13 prevent	20 duration	1
7 editor	14 muscle			7 theater	14 repeat		

Figure 1: SLIP39 Cards PDF (from --secret ffff...ffff)

2.3 The Python slip39 CLI

From the command line, you can create SLIP-39 seed Mnemonic card PDFs.

2.3.1 slip39 Synopsis

The full command-line argument synopsis for slip39 is:

```
| sed 's/^/: /' # (just so output formatting looks correct)
    slip39 --help
usage: slip39 [-h] [-v] [-q] [-o OUTPUT] [-t THRESHOLD] [-g GROUP] [-f FORMAT]
              [-c CRYPTOCURRENCY] [-j JSON] [-s SECRET] [--bits BITS]
              [--passphrase PASSPHRASE] [-C CARD] [--paper PAPER] [--no-card]
              [--text]
              [names ...]
Create and output SLIP39 encoded Ethereum wallet(s) to a PDF file.
positional arguments:
  names
                        Account names to produce
optional arguments:
                        show this help message and exit
  -h, --help
  -v, --verbose
                        Display logging information.
  -q, --quiet
                        Reduce logging output.
  -o OUTPUT, --output OUTPUT
                        Output PDF to file or '-' (stdout); formatting w/ {',
                        '.join(FILENAME_KEYWORDS)} allowed
  -t THRESHOLD, --threshold THRESHOLD
                        Number of groups required for recovery (default: half
                        of groups, rounded up)
  -g GROUP, --group GROUP
                        A group name[[<require>/]<size>] (default: <size> = 1,
                        <require> = half of <size>, rounded up, eg.
                        'Frens(3/5)' ).
  -f FORMAT, --format FORMAT
                        Specify default crypto address formats: legacy,
                        segwit, bech32; default ETH:legacy, BTC:bech32,
                        LTC:bech32, DOGE:legacy
  -c CRYPTOCURRENCY, --cryptocurrency CRYPTOCURRENCY
                        A crypto name and optional derivation path
                        ('.../<range>/<range>' allowed); defaults:
                        ETH:m/44'/60'/0'/0/0, BTC:m/84'/0'/0'/0/0,
                        LTC:m/84'/2'/0'/0/0, DOGE:m/44'/3'/0'/0/0
  -j JSON, --json JSON Save an encrypted JSON wallet for each Ethereum
                        address w/ this password, '-' reads it from stdin
                        (default: None)
  -s SECRET. --secret SECRET
                        Use the supplied 128-, 256- or 512-bit hex value as
                        the secret seed; '-' reads it from stdin (eg. output
                        from slip39.recover)
  --bits BITS
                        Ensure that the seed is of the specified bit length;
                        128, 256, 512 supported.
  --passphrase PASSPHRASE
                        Encrypt the master secret w/ this passphrase, '-'
                        reads it from stdin (default: None/',')
  -C CARD, --card CARD Card size; credit, index, business, half or
```

```
'(<h>,<w>),<margin>' (default: index)

--paper PAPER Paper size (default: Letter)

--no-card Disable PDF SLIP-39 mnemonic card output

--text Enable textual SLIP-39 mnemonic output to stdout
```

2.4 Recovery & Re-Creation

Later, if you need to recover the wallet seed, keep entering SLIP-39 mnemonics into slip39-recovery until the secret is recovered (invalid/duplicate mnemonics will be ignored):

```
$ python3 -m slip39.recovery # (or just "slip39-recovery")
Enter 1st SLIP-39 mnemonic: ab c
Enter 2nd SLIP-39 mnemonic: veteran guilt acrobat romp burden campus purple webcam uncover ...
Enter 3rd SLIP-39 mnemonic: veteran guilt acrobat romp burden campus purple webcam uncover ...
Enter 4th SLIP-39 mnemonic: veteran guilt beard romp dragon island merit burden aluminum worthy ...
2021-12-25 11:03:33 slip39.recovery Recovered SLIP-39 secret; Use: python3 -m slip39 --secret ...
383597fd63547e7c9525575decd413f7
```

Finally, re-create the wallet seed, perhaps including an encrypted JSON wallet file for import of some accounts into a software wallet:

slip39 --secret 383597fd63547e7c9525575decd413f7 --json password 2>&1

```
2022-02-02 19:14:04 slip39

It is recommended to not use '-s|--secret <hex>'; specify '-' to read from inp 2022-02-02 19:14:05 slip39

ETH m/44'/60'/0'/0/0 : 0xb44A2011A99596671d5952CdC22816089f142FB3

2022-02-02 19:14:05 slip39

BTC m/84'/0'/0'/0/0 : bc1qcupw7k8enymvvsa7w35j5hq4ergtvus3zk8a8s

2022-02-02 19:14:05 slip39

It is recommended to not use '-j|--json <password>'; specify '-' to read from 2022-02-02 19:14:05 slip39

Wrote JSON SLIP39's encrypted ETH wallet 0xb44A2011A99596671d5952CdC22816089f1

2022-02-02 19:14:06 slip39

Wrote SLIP39-encoded wallet for 'SLIP39' to: SLIP39-2022-02-02+19.14.05-ETH-0x
```

2.4.1 slip39.recovery Synopsis

```
slip39-recovery --help | sed 's/^/: /' # (just so output formatting looks correct)
```

```
usage: slip39-recovery [-h] [-v] [-q] [-b] [-m MNEMONIC] [-p PASSPHRASE]
```

Recover and output secret seed from SLIP39 or BIP39 mnemonics $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$

```
optional arguments:
  -h, --help
```

```
-v, --verbose Display logging information.

-q, --quiet Reduce logging output.

-b, --bip39 Recover 512-bit secret seed from BIP-39 mnemonics

-m MNEMONIC, --mnemonic MNEMONIC

Supply another SLIP-39 (or a BIP-39) mnemonic phrase

-p PASSPHRASE, --passphrase PASSPHRASE

Decrypt the master secret w/ this passphrase, '-'

reads it from stdin (default: None/'')
```

show this help message and exit

If you obtain a threshold number of SLIP-39 mnemonics, you can recover the original secret seed, and re-generate one or more Ethereum wallets from it.

Enter the mnemonics when prompted and/or via the command line with -m \mid --mnemonic "...".

The master secret seed can then be used to generate a new SLIP-39 encoded wallet:

```
python3 -m slip39 --secret = "ab04...7f"
```

BIP-39 wallets can be backed up as SLIP-39 wallets, but only at the cost of 59-word SLIP-39 mnemonics. This is because the *output* 512-bit BIP-39 seed must be stored in SLIP-39 -- not the *input* 128-, 160-, 192-, 224-, or 256-bit entropy used to create the original BIP-39 mnemonic phrase.

2.4.2 Pipelining slip39.recovery | slip39 --secret -

The tools can be used in a pipeline to avoid printing the secret. Here we generate some mnemonics, sorting them in reverse order so we need more than just the first couple to recover. Observe the Ethereum wallet address generated.

Then, we recover the master secret seed in hex with slip39-recovery, and finally send it to slip39 --secret - to re-generate the same wallet as we originally created.

```
( python3 -m slip39 --text --no-card -v \
    | sort -r \
    | python3 -m slip39.recovery \
    | python3 -m slip39 --secret - --no-card -q ) 2>\&1
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                     First(1/1): Recover w/ 2 of 4 groups First(1), Second(1), Fam(2/4), Frens(2
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                     1st 1 revenue
                                                       8 artist
                                                                    15 ladle
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          2 garlic
                                                       9 slap
                                                                    16 champion
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          3 acrobat
                                                      10 lair
                                                                    17 force
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          4 romp
                                                      11 theory
                                                                    18 force
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          5 average
                                                      12 divorce
                                                                   19 ruin
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          6 coding
                                                      13 swing
                                                                    20 morning
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          7 spirit
                                                      14 herd
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                     Second(1/1): Recover w/ 2 of 4 groups First(1), Second(1), Fam(2/4), Frens(
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                     1st 1 revenue
                                                       8 elder
                                                                    15 curly
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          2 garlic
                                                       9 column
                                                                    16 bracelet
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          3 beard
                                                      10 inside
                                                                    17 secret
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                                                   18 furl
                                          4 romp
                                                      11 scared
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          5 buyer
                                                      12 rhythm
                                                                   19 tofu
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          6 crush
                                                      13 fancy
                                                                    20 mixed
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          7 climate
                                                      14 tracks
                                     Fam(2/4): Recover w/ 2 of 4 groups First(1), Second(1), Fam(2/4), Frens(2/6)
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                     1st 1 revenue
                                                     8 lair
                                                                    15 drug
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          2 garlic
                                                       9 anxiety
                                                                   16 coding
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          3 ceramic
                                                      10 peanut
                                                                    17 smear
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          4 roster
                                                      11 aquatic
                                                                   18 critical
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          5 column
                                                      12 often
                                                                    19 memory
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          6 package
                                                      13 insect
                                                                   20 estate
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                                      14 client
                                          7 permit
                                     2nd 1 revenue
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                                       8 adjust
                                                                    15 genius
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          2 garlic
                                                       9 declare
                                                                   16 skin
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          3 ceramic
                                                      10 ugly
                                                                    17 stay
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          4 scared
                                                      11 exhaust
                                                                   18 elephant
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          5 adequate 12 math
                                                                    19 slavery
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          6 briefing 13 beam
                                                                   20 triumph
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          7 step
                                                      14 amuse
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                     3rd 1 revenue
                                                       8 national 15 training
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          2 garlic
                                                       9 walnut
                                                                   16 temple
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          3 ceramic 10 drug
                                                                    17 ceramic
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4 shadow

11 material 18 grocery

2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39

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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          5 credit
                                                      12 alto
                                                                   19 harvest
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          6 mailman
                                                      13 wavy
                                                                   20 behavior
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                                      14 ladybug
                                          7 furl
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                     4th 1 revenue
                                                      8 twin
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          2 garlic
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                         3 ceramic
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                                      11 smell
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                                          4 sister
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                                                   19 course
                                         5 award
                                                      12 bedroom
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          6 armed
                                                      13 olympic
                                                                   20 purchase
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          7 chubby
                                                      14 fatigue
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                     Frens(2/6): Recover w/ 2 of 4 groups First(1), Second(1), Fam(2/4), Frens(2/6):
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                     1st 1 revenue
                                                      8 breathe
                                                                   15 prize
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                                      9 strike
                                                                   16 hour
                                          2 garlic
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          3 decision 10 fatal
                                                                   17 destroy
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          4 roster
                                                      11 tricycle 18 order
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          5 aide
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                     2nd 1 revenue
                                                                   15 critical
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          2 garlic
                                                      9 realize
                                                                   16 explain
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          3 decision 10 equation 17 flame
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          4 scared
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          5 become
                                                      12 charity
                                                                   19 argue
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          6 unkind
                                                      13 firm
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
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                                          5 daisy
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
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                                          2 garlic
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                         3 decision 10 ladle
                                                                   17 spine
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          4 sister
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                                                                   18 morning
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                         5 dominant 12 hunting
                                                                   19 pharmacy
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          6 toxic
                                                      13 expect
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                         7 rhyme
                                                      14 acid
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                     5th 1 revenue
                                                      8 laden
                                                                   15 grief
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          2 garlic
                                                       9 guilt
                                                                   16 founder
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          3 decision 10 dominant 17 decorate
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          4 smug
                                                      11 numerous 18 tendency
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          5 born
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                                                                   19 therapy
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          6 wireless 13 pitch
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          7 edge
                                                      14 scholar
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                     6th 1 revenue
                                                      8 describe 15 taught
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                                       9 alpha
                                          2 garlic
                                                                   16 junior
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          3 decision 10 ceramic
                                                                  17 fatigue
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          4 spew
                                                      11 again
                                                                   18 spider
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          5 adjust
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2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                                      13 penalty
                                                                   20 spider
                                          6 velp
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                          7 expect
                                                      14 disease
                                            m/44'/60'/0'/0/0
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                     ETH
                                                               : 0x7a885C637Ee9D4b9B5a59857A668947F7cc18e79
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39
                                     BTC
                                            m/84'/0'/0'/0/0
                                                                : bc1qeg4let83wea05gl0wkus46p6zhjaj6vfdk8c46
2022-02-02 19:14:07 slip39.recovery Recovered 128-bit SLIP-39 secret with 4 (1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th) of 8 supplied
```

2.5 Generation of Addresses

For systems that require a stream of groups of wallet Addresses (eg. for preparing invoices for clients, with a choice of cryptocurrency payment options), slip-generator can produce a stream of groups of addresses.

2.5.1 slip39-generator Synopsis

```
slip39-generator --help --version
                                               | sed 's/^/: /' # (just so output formatting looks correct)
usage: slip39-generator [-h] [-v] [-q] [-s SECRET] [-f FORMAT]
                        [-c CRYPTOCURRENCY] [-p PATH] [-d DEVICE]
                        [-b BAUDRATE] [-e ENCRYPT] [--decrypt ENCRYPT]
                        [--enumerated] [--no-enumerate] [--receive]
                        [--corrupt CORRUPT]
Generate public wallet address(es) from a secret seed
optional arguments:
  -h, --help
                        show this help message and exit
  -v, --verbose
                        Display logging information.
  -q, --quiet
                        Reduce logging output.
  -s SECRET, --secret SECRET
                        Use the supplied 128-, 256- or 512-bit hex value as
                        the secret seed; '-' (default) reads it from stdin
                        (eg. output from slip39.recover)
  -f FORMAT, --format FORMAT
                        Specify default crypto address formats: legacy,
                        segwit, bech32; default ETH:legacy, BTC:bech32,
                        LTC:bech32, DOGE:legacy
  -c CRYPTOCURRENCY, --cryptocurrency CRYPTOCURRENCY
                        A crypto name and optional derivation path (default:
                        "ETH:{Account.path_default('ETH')}"), optionally w/
                        ranges, eg: ETH:../0/-
  -p PATH, --path PATH Modify all derivation paths by replacing the final
                        segment(s) w/ the supplied range(s), eg. '.../1/-'
                        means \ldots/1/[0,\ldots)
  -d DEVICE, --device DEVICE
                        Use this serial device to transmit (or --receive)
                        records
  -b BAUDRATE, --baudrate BAUDRATE
                        Set the baud rate of the serial device (default:
                        115200)
  -e ENCRYPT, --encrypt ENCRYPT
                        Secure the channel from errors and/or prying eyes with
                        ChaCha20Poly1305 encryption w/ this password; '-'
                        reads from stdin
  --decrypt ENCRYPT
  --enumerated
                        Include an enumeration in each record output (required
                        for --encrypt)
  --no-enumerate
                        Disable enumeration of output records
  --receive
                        Receive a stream of slip.generator output
  --corrupt CORRUPT
                        Corrupt a percentage of output symbols
Once you have a secret seed (eg. from slip39.recovery), you can generate a sequence
```

of HD wallet addresses from it. Emits rows in the form:

```
<enumeration> [<address group(s)>]
```

If the output is to be transmitted by an insecure channel (eg. a serial port), which may insert errors or allow leakage, it is recommended that the records be encrypted with a cryptographic function that includes a message authentication code. We use ChaCha20Poly1305 with a password and a random nonce generated at program start time. This nonce is incremented for each record output.

Since the receiver requires the nonce to decrypt, and we do not want to separately transmit the nonce and supply it to the receiver, the first record emitted when --encrypt is specified is the random nonce, encrypted with the password, itself with a known nonce of all 0 bytes. The plaintext data is random, while the nonce is not, but since this construction is only used once, it should be satisfactory. This first nonce record is transmitted with an enumeration prefix of "nonce".

2.6 The slip39 module API

Provide SLIP-39 Mnemonic set creation from a 128-bit master secret, and recovery of the secret from a subset of the provided Mnemonic set.

2.6.1 slip39.create

Key

Creates a set of SLIP-39 groups and their mnemonics. Description

```
Who/what the account is for
 name
 group_threshold
                       How many groups' data is required to recover the account(s)
                      Each group's description, as {"<group>":(<required>, <members>), ...}
 groups
 master secret
                       128-bit secret (default: from secrets.token bytes)
                      An optional additional passphrase required to recover secret (default: "")
 passphrase
 iteration exponent
                      For encrypted secret, exponentially increase PBKDF2 rounds (default: 1)
 cryptopaths
                       A number of crypto names, and their derivation paths ]
Outputs a slip39.Details namedtuple containing:
                    Description
 Key
 name
                    (same)
 group_threshold
                    (same)
                    Like groups, w/ <members> = ["<mnemonics>", ...]
 groups
                    Resultant list of groups of accounts
 accounts
This is immediately usable to pass to slip39.output.
import codecs
import random
# NOTE:
# We turn off randomness here during SLIP-39 generation to get deterministic phrases;
# during normal operation, secure entropy is used during mnemonic generation, yielding
# random phrases, even when the same seed is used multiple times.
import shamir_mnemonic
shamir_mnemonic.shamir.RANDOM_BYTES = lambda n: b'\00' * n
import slip39
                     = [("ETH", "m/44'/60', 0', 0', 0', 0', "BTC", "m/44', 0', 0', 0', 0/-2")]
cryptopaths
master_secret
                     = b'\xFF' * 16
passphrase
                     = b""
create details
                     = slip39.create(
```

```
"Test", 2, { "Mine": (1,1), "Fam": (2,3) },
    master_secret=master_secret, passphrase=passphrase, cryptopaths=cryptopaths )
Ε
        f"{g_name}({g_of}/{len(g_mnems)}) #{g_n+1}:" if l_n == 0 else ""
    ] + words
    for g_name,(g_of,g_mnems) in create_details.groups.items()
    for g_n,mnem in enumerate( g_mnems )
    for l_n,(line,words) in enumerate(slip39.organize_mnemonic(
             mnem, label=f"\{g_name\}(\{g_of\}/\{len(g_mnems)\}) #\{g_n+1\}:" ))
]
 Mine(1/1) \#1:
                  1 academic
                                              15 standard
                                8 safari
                                9 drug
                  2 acid
                                              16 angry
                  3 acrobat
                                10 browser
                                              17 similar
                  4 easy
                                11 \text{ trash}
                                              18 aspect
                  5 change
                                12 fridge
                                               19 smug
                  6 injury
                                13 busy
                                              20 violence
                  7 painting
                                14 finger
 Fam(2/3) \#1:
                  1 academic
                                8 prevent
                                              15 \, \mathrm{dwarf}
                  2 acid
                                9 mouse
                                               16 dream
                  3 beard
                                10 daughter
                                               17 flavor
                  4 echo
                                11 ancient
                                              18 oral
                  5 crystal
                                12 fortune
                                              19 chest
                                              20 marathon
                  6 machine
                                13 ruin
                  7 bolt
                                14 warmth
 Fam(2/3) \#2:
                  1 academic
                                8 prune
                                               15 briefing
                  2 acid
                                9 pickup
                                              16 often
                  3 beard
                                10 device
                                              17 escape
                                11 device
                  4 email
                                              18 sprinkle
                  5 dive
                                12 peanut
                                              19 segment
                  6 warn
                                13 enemy
                                              20 devote
                                14 graduate
                  7 ranked
 Fam(2/3) #3:
                  1 academic
                                8 dining
                                               15 intimate
                  2 acid
                                9 invasion
                                              16 satoshi
                  3 beard
                                10 bumpy
                                              17 hobo
                  4 entrance
                                11 identify
                                              18 ounce
                  5 alarm
                                12 anxiety
                                              19 both
                  6 health
                                13 august
                                              20 award
                  7 discuss
                                14 sunlight
Add the resultant HD Wallet addresses:
[
    [ account.path, account.address ]
    for group in create_details.accounts
    for account in group
]
 m/44'/60'/0'/0/0
                     0x824b174803e688dE39aF5B3D7Cd39bE6515A19a1\\
 m/44'/0'/0'/0/0
                       bc1qm5ua96hx30snwrwsfnv97q96h53l86ded7wmjl\\
 m/44'/60'/0'/0/1
                       0x8D342083549C635C0494d3c77567860ee7456963\\
 m/44'/0'/0'/0/1
                         bc1qwz6v9z49z8mk5ughj7r78hjsp45jsxgzh29lnh\\
 m/44'/60'/0'/0/2
                      0x52787E24965E1aBd691df77827A3CfA90f0166AA
 m/44'/0'/0'/0/2\\
                       bc1q690m430qu29auye farw frv fumncunvyw 6v53n9\\
```

2.6.2 slip39.output

```
KeyDescriptionname(same as slip39.create)group_threshold(same as slip39.create)groupsLike groups, w/ <members> = ["<mnemonics>", ...]accountsResultant { "path": Account, ...}card_format'index', '(<h>>,<w>),<margin>', ...paper_format'Letter', ...Produce a PDF containing all the SLIP-39 details for the account.slip32.output( *create_details )
```

2.6.3 slip39.recover

Takes a number of SLIP-39 mnemonics, and if sufficient group_threshold groups' mnemonics are present (and the options passphrase is supplied), the master_secret is recovered. This can be used with slip39.accounts to directly obtain any Account data.

Note that the passphrase is **not** checked; entering a different passphrase for the same set of mnemonics will recover a **different** wallet! This is by design; it allows the holder of the SLIP-39 mnemonic phrases to recover a "decoy" wallet by supplying a specific passphrase, while protecting the "primary" wallet.

Therefore, it is **essential** to remember any non-default (empty) passphrase used, separately and securely. Take great care in deciding if you wish to use a passphrase with your SLIP-39 wallet!

```
Key
                                              Description
                                              ["<mnemonics>", \dots]
    mnemonics
    passphrase
                                              Optional passphrase to decrypt secret
recoverydecoy
                                                                 = slip39.recover(
             create_details.groups['Mine'][1][:] + create_details.groups['Fam'][1][:2],
             passphrase=b"wrong!"
                                                                 = codecs.encode( recoverydecoy, 'hex_codec' ).decode( 'ascii' )
recoverydecoyhex
 recoveryvalid
                                                                 = slip39.recover(
             create_details.groups['Mine'][1][:] + create_details.groups['Fam'][1][:2],
             passphrase=passphrase
recoveryvalidhex
                                                                 = codecs.encode( recoveryvalid, 'hex_codec' ).decode( 'ascii')
 [[f"{len(recoverydecoy)*8}-bit secret w/ decoy password recovered:"]] + [
    [ f"{recoverydecoyhex[b*32:b*32+32]}" ]
             for b in range( len( recoverydecoyhex ) // 32 )
] + [[ f"{len(recoveryvalid)*8}-bit secret recovered:" ]] + [
    [ f"{recoveryvalidhex[b*32:b*32+32]}" ]
             for b in range( len( recoveryvalidhex ) // 32 )
1
    0
     128-bit secret w/ decoy password recovered:
     2 e 5 2 2 c e a 2 b 5 6 6 8 4 0 4 9 5 c 2 2 0 c f 7 9 c 7 5 6 e
     128-bit secret recovered:
     THEFTER THE TENTE TO THE TENTE T
```

3 Conversion from BIP-39 to SLIP-39

If we already have a BIP-39 wallet, it would certainly be nice to be able to create nice, safe SLIP-39 mnemonics for it, and discard the unsafe BIP-39 mnemonics we have lying around, just waiting to be accidentally discovered and the account compromised!

3.1 BIP-39 vs. SLIP-39 Incompatibility

Unfortunately, it is **not possible** to cleanly convert a BIP-39 derived wallet into a SLIP-39 wallet. Both of these techniques preserve "entropy" (random) bits, but these bits are used **differently** – and incompatibly – to derive the resultant Ethereum wallets.

The best we can do is to preserve the 512-bit **output** of the BIP-39 mnemonic phrase as a set of 512-bit SLIP-39 mnemonics.

3.1.1 BIP-39 Entropy to Mnemonic

BIP-39 uses a single set of 12, 15, 18, 21 or 24 BIP-39 words to carefully preserve a specific 128 to 256 bits of initial entropy. Here's a 128-bit (12-word) example using some fixed "entropy" OxFFFF..FFFF:

```
from mnemonic import Mnemonic
bip39_english = Mnemonic("english")
entropy = b'\xFF' * 16
entropy_mnemonic = bip39_english.to_mnemonic( entropy )
[
   [ entropy_mnemonic ]
]
```

Each word is one of a corpus of 2048 words; therefore, each word encodes 11 bits (2048 = 2**11) of entropy. So, we provided 128 bits, but 12*11 = 132. So where does the extra 4 bits of data come from?

It comes from the first few bits of a SHA256 hash of the entropy, which is added to the end of the supplied 128 bits, to reach the required 132 bits: 132 / 11 == 12 words.

This last 4 bits (up to 8 bits, for a 256-bit 24-word BIP-39) is checked, when validating the BIP-39 mnemonic. Therefore, making up a random BIP-39 mnemonic will succeed only 1/16 times on average, due to an incorrect checksum 4-bit ($16 == 2^{**4}$). Lets check:

Sure enough, about 1/16 random 12-word phrases are valid BIP-39 mnemonics. OK, we've got the contents of the BIP-39 phrase dialed in. How is it used to generate accounts?

3.1.2 BIP-39 Mnemonic to Seed

Unfortunately, we do **not** use the carefully preserved 128-bit entropy to generate the wallet! Nope, it is stretched to a 512-bit seed using PBKDF2 HMAC SHA512. The normalized **text** (not the entropy bytes) of the 12-word mnemonic is then used (with a salt of "mnemonic" plus an optional passphrase, "" by default), to obtain the seed:

3.1.3 BIP-39 Seed to Address

Finally, this 512-bit seed is used to derive HD wallet(s). The HD Wallet key derivation process consumes whatever seed entropy is provided (512 bits in the case of BIP-39), and uses HMAC SHA512 with a prefix of b"Bitcoin seed" to stretch the supplied seed entropy to 64 bytes (512 bits). Then, the HD Wallet **path** segments are iterated through, permuting the first 32 bytes of this material as the key with the second 32 bytes of material as the chain node, until finally the 32-byte (256-bit) Ethereum account private key is produced. We then use this private key to compute the rest of the Ethereum account details, such as its public address.

```
path = "m/44'/60'/0'/0/0"
eth_hd = slip39.account( seed, 'ETH', path )
[
   [ f"{len(eth_hd.key)*4}-bit derived key at path {path!r}:" ]] + [
   [ f"{eth_hd.key}" ]] + [
   [ "... yields ..." ]] + [
   [ f"Ethereum address: {eth_hd.address}" ]
]

   0
   256-bit derived key at path "m/44'/60'/0'/0/0":
   7af65ba4dd53f23495dcb04995e96f47c243217fc279f10795871b725cd009ae
   ... yields ...
```

 $Ethereum\ address:\ 0xfc2077CA7F403cBECA41B1B0F62D91B5EA631B5E$

Thus, we see that while the 12-word BIP-39 mnemonic careful preserves the original 128-bit entropy, this data is not directly used to derive the wallet private key and address. Also, since an irreversible hash is used to derive the seed from the mnemonic, we can't reverse the process on the seed to arrive back at the BIP-39 mnemonic phrase.

3.1.4 SLIP-39 Entropy to Mnemonic

Just like BIP-39 carefully preserves the original 128-bit entropy bytes in a single 12-word mnemonic phrase, SLIP-39 preserves the original 128-bit entropy in a set of 30-word mnemonic phrases.

```
name,thrs,grps,acct = slip39.create(
    "Test", 2, { "Mine": (1,1), "Fam": (2,3) }, entropy )
 [f''(g_name)((g_of)/(len(g_mnems))) #(g_n+1):" if l_n == 0 else ""] + words
for g_name,(g_of,g_mnems) in grps.items()
 for g_n, mnem in enumerate( g_mnems )
 for l_n,(line,words) in enumerate(slip39.organize_mnemonic(
         mnem, rows=7, cols=3, label=f''\{g_name\}(\{g_of\}/\{len(g_mnems)\}) \#\{g_n+1\}:")
]
                                                3
 Mine(1/1) \#1:
                                 8 safari
                                                15 standard
                   1 academic
                   2 acid
                                 9 drug
                                                16 angry
                   3 acrobat
                                 10 browser
                                               17 similar
                   4 easy
                                 11 trash
                                               18 aspect
                   5 change
                                 12 fridge
                                                19 \text{ smug}
                                               20 violence
                   6 injury
                                 13 busy
                   7 painting
                                 14 finger
 Fam(2/3) #1:
                   1 academic
                                 8 prevent
                                               15 dwarf
                   2 acid
                                 9 mouse
                                                16 \, \mathrm{dream}
                   3 beard
                                 10 daughter
                                                17 flavor
                   4 echo
                                 11 ancient
                                                18 oral
                   5 crystal
                                 12 fortune
                                                19 chest
                   6 machine
                                 13 ruin
                                               20 marathon
                   7 bolt
                                 14 warmth
 Fam(2/3) #2:
                   1 academic
                                                15 briefing
                                 8 prune
                   2 acid
                                 9 pickup
                                                16 often
                   3 beard
                                 10 device
                                                17 escape
                   4 email
                                 11 device
                                               18 sprinkle
                   5 dive
                                 12 peanut
                                                19 segment
                                 13 enemy
                                                20 devote
                   6 warn
                   7 ranked
                                 14 graduate
 Fam(2/3) #3:
                   1 academic
                                 8 dining
                                                15 intimate
                                               16 satoshi
                   2 acid
                                 9 invasion
                   3 beard
                                 10 bumpy
                                                17~\mathrm{hobo}
                   4 entrance
                                 11 identify
                                               18 ounce
                   5 \, \, alarm
                                 12 anxiety
                                                19 both
                   6 health
                                 13 august
                                               20 award
                   7 discuss
                                 14 sunlight
```

Since there is some randomness used in the SLIP-39 mnemonics generation process, we would get a **different** set of words each time for the fixed "entropy" <code>OxFFFF..FF</code> used in this example (if we hadn't manually disabled entropy for <code>shamir_mnemonic</code>, above), but we will <code>always</code> derive the same Ethereum account <code>Ox824b..19a1</code> at the specified HD Wallet derivation path.

```
[
  ["Crypto", "HD Wallet Path:", "Ethereum Address:"]
] + [
  [account.crypto, account.path, account.address]
for group in create_details.accounts
for account in group
]
```

0	1	2
Crypto	HD Wallet Path:	Ethereum Address:
ETH	m/44'/60'/0'/0/0	0x824b174803e688dE39aF5B3D7Cd39bE6515A19a1
BTC	m/44'/0'/0'/0/0	bc1qm5ua96hx30snwrwsfnv97q96h53l86ded7wmjl
ETH	m/44'/60'/0'/0/1	0x8D342083549C635C0494d3c77567860ee7456963
BTC	m/44'/0'/0'/0/1	bc1qwz6v9z49z8mk5ughj7r78hjsp45jsxgzh29lnh
ETH	m/44'/60'/0'/0/2	0x52787E24965E1aBd691df77827A3CfA90f0166AA
BTC	m/44'/0'/0'/0/2	bc1q690m430qu29auyefarwfrvfumncunvyw6v53n9

3.1.5 SLIP-39 Mnemonic to Seed

Lets prove that we can actually recover the **original** entropy from the SLIP-39 recovery mnemonics; in this case, we've specified a SLIP-39 group_threshold of 2 groups, so we'll use 1 mnemonic from Mine, and 2 from Fam:

```
__,mnem_mine = grps['Mine']
__,mnem_fam = grps['Fam']
recseed = slip39.recover( mnem_mine + mnem_fam[:2] )
recseedhex = codecs.encode( recseed, 'hex_codec' ).decode( 'ascii' )
[
    [ f"{len(recseed)*8}-bit seed:" ]
] + [
    [ f"{recseedhex[b*32:b*32+32]}" ]
    for b in range( len( recseedhex ) // 32 )
]

    \[
    \frac{0}{128-bit seed:}
    \frac{0}{128-bit seed:}
    \]
```

3.1.6 SLIP-39 Seed to Address

And we'll use the same style of code as for the BIP-39 example above, to derive the Ethereum address **directly** from this recovered 128-bit seed:

```
receth = slip39.account( recseed, 'ETH', path )
[
    [f"{len(receth.key)*4}-bit derived key at path {path!r}:"]] + [
    [f"{receth.key}"]] + [
    ["... yields ..."]] + [
    [f"Ethereum address: {receth.address}"]
]

    0

    256-bit derived key at path "m/44'/60'/0'/0/0":
    6a2ec39aab88ec0937b79c8af6aaf2fd3c909e9a56c3ddd32ab5354a06a21a2b
    ... yields ...
    Ethereum address: 0x824b174803e688dE39aF5B3D7Cd39bE6515A19a1
```

And we see that we obtain the same Ethereum address 0x824b..1a2b as we originally got from slip39.create above. However, this is not the Ethereum wallet address obtained from BIP-39 with exactly the same 0xFFFF...FF entropy, which was 0xfc20..1B5E. This is due to the fact that BIP-39 does not use the recovered entropy to produce the seed like SLIP-39 does, but applies additional one-way hashing of the mnemonic to produce the seed.

3.2 BIP-39 vs SLIP-39 Key Derivation Summary

At no time in BIP-39 account derivation is the original 128-bit mnemonic entropy used directly in the derivation of the wallet key. This differs from SLIP-39, which directly uses the 128-bit mnemonic entropy recovered from the SLIP-39 Shamir's Secret Sharing System recovery process to generate each HD Wallet account's private key.

Furthermore, there is no point in the BIP-39 entropy to account generation where we **could** introduce a known 128-bit seed and produce a known Ethereum wallet from it, other than as the very beginning.

3.2.1 BIP-39 Backup via SLIP-39

There is one approach which can preserve an original BIP-39 wallet address, using SLIP-39 mnemonics

It is clumsy, as it preserves the BIP-39 **output** 512-bit stretched seed, and the resultant 59-word SLIP-39 mnemonics cannot be used (at present) with the Trezor hardware wallet. They can, however, be used to recover the HD wallet private keys without access to the original BIP-39 mnemonic phrase – you could generate and distribute a set of more secure SLIP-39 mnemonic phrases, instead of trying to secure the original BIP-39 mnemonic.

We'll use slip39.recovery --bip39 ... to recover the 512-bit stretched seed from BIP-39:

2022-02-02 19:14:14 slip39.recovery Recovered 512-bit BIP-39 secret from english mnemonic b6a6d8921942dd9806607ebc2750416b289adea669198769f2e15ed926c3aa92bf88ece232317b4ea463e84b0fcd3b53577812ee449ccc448eb

Then we can generate a 59-word SLIP-39 mnemonic set from the 512-bit secret:

```
( python3 -m slip39.recovery --bip39 \
--mnemonic "zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong" \
| python3 -m slip39 --secret - --no-card ) 2>&1
```

```
2022-02-02 19:14:14 slip39.recovery Recovered 512-bit BIP-39 secret from english mnemonic
2022-02-02 19:14:14 slip39 ETH m/44'/60'/0'/0/0 : 0xfc2077CA7F403cBECA41B1B0F62D91B5EA631B5E
2022-02-02 19:14:14 slip39 BTC m/84'/0'/0'/0/0 : bc1qk0a9hr7wjfxeenz9nwenw9flhq0tmsf6vsgnn2
```

This Oxfc20..1B5E address is the same Ethereum address as is recovered on a Trezor using this BIP-39 mnemonic phrase.

4 Building & Installing

The python-slip39 project is tested under both homebrew:

```
$ brew install python-tk@3.9
```

and using the official python.org/downloads installer.

Either of these methods will get you a python3 executable running version 3.9+, usable for running the slip39 module, and the slip39.App GUI.

4.1 The slip39 Module

To build the wheel and install slip39 manually:

```
$ git clone git@github.com:pjkundert/python-slip39.git
$ make -C python-slip39 install
```

To install from Pypi, including the optional requirements to run the PySimpleGUI/tkinter GUI, support serial I/O, and to support creating encrypted Ethereum JSON wallets:

\$ python3 -m pip install slip39[gui,serial,json]

4.2 The slip39 GUI

To install from Pypi, including the optional requirements to run the PySimpleGUI/tkinter GUI:

```
$ python3 -m pip install slip39[gui]
```

Then, there are several ways to run the GUI:

4.2.1 The MacOS SLIP39.app GUI

You can build the native MacOS SLIP39.app.

This requires the official python.org/downloads installer; the homebrew python-tk@3.9 will not work for building the native app using either PyInstaller. (The py2app approach doesn't work in either version of Python).

```
$ git clone git@github.com:pjkundert/python-slip39.git
$ make -C python-slip39 app
```

5 Dependencies

Internally, python-slip39 project uses Trezor's python-shamir-mnemonic to encode the seed data to SLIP-39 phrases, python-hdwallet to convert seeds to ETH, BTC, LTC and DOGE wallets, and the Ethereum project's eth-account to produce encrypted JSON wallets for specified Ethereum accounts.

5.1 The python-shamir-mnemonic API

To use it directly, obtain , and install it, or run python3 -m pip install shamir-mnemonic.

\$ shamir create custom --group-threshold 2 --group 1 1 --group 1 1 --group 2 5 --group 3 6

```
Using master secret: 87e39270d1d1976e9ade9cc15a084c62
Group 1 of 4 - 1 of 1 shares required:
merit aluminum acrobat romp capacity leader gray dining thank rhyme escape genre havoc furl breathe class pitch loc
Group 2 of 4 - 1 of 1 shares required:
merit aluminum beard romp briefing email member flavor disaster exercise cinema subject perfect facility genius bik
Group 3 of 4 - 2 of 5 shares required:
merit aluminum ceramic roster already cinema knit cultural agency intimate result ivory makeup lobe jerky theory ga
```

merit aluminum ceramic scared beam findings expand broken smear cleanup enlarge coding says destroy agency emperor merit aluminum ceramic shadow cover smith idle vintage mixture source dish squeeze stay wireless likely privacy imprerit aluminum ceramic sister duke relate elite ruler focus leader skin machine mild envelope wrote amazing justice

Group 4 of 4 - 3 of 6 shares required:

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