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# Using Bitcoin Cash from mainnet.cash A QuickStart

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# bitcoin (cash): a p2p payment network with a hidden scripting language

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### Listen to radio silence.

- Rule 1 of Disinformation: Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil. Regardless of what you know, don't discuss it especially if you are a public figure, news anchor, etc. If it's not reported, it didn't happen, and you never have to deal with the issues.
- Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System

# Mainnet Cash is a Specification First and foremost.

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Mainnet Cash is a tool for developers to access common Bitcoin Cash functions, utilities and the network itself.

- A written contract for how a service will be provided.
- Implemented in typescript.
- Specified in OpenAPI3 (Swagger): api.yml
- A generated API is then implemented with the typescript library.

# Visual Explanation

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# mainnet.cash is wasm wrapped in typescript, then candied, cured with REST & shipped with docker

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- Obitauth/libauth functional bitcoin library.
- mainnet-js: defacto reference wallet implementation.
- mainnet.cash an API specification implemented with mainnet-js.
- End Goal:
  - Developers can use common BCH functions from REST.
  - Developers get a similar interface in the browser.

# Other tools included

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# Automatic network providers for different networks (bitcoincash, chipnet, regtest)

- CashTokens & BitcoinCash Metadata Registries (BCMR) built in.
- BIP39/BIP44 Mnemonic seed wallets and xpub derivation.
- Caching interface to the CoinGecko USD spot API.
- Available plugin for CashScript.
- Available storage plugins for browsers (IndexedDB) or nodejs (postgres)

# RE: mainnet.cash is a contract

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```
configuration.access token = None
```

# Run the packages from a Browser

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### When developing from a jsfiddle or codepen...

### Get the answer

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</html>

# Using a plain text file and firefox

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
integrity="sha384-RrFMKtXOrowNZV6mP8XFAV2F0IFsEPSAfzd5e7V1H1gSnLg8ww02bkLb5URNOv+k"
   crossorigin="anonymous"></script>
     <script src="https://cdn.mainnet.cash/contract/contract-2.2.5.is"</pre>
 integrity="sha384-0+mqq/sJ3NSWb6rJWjkNirr8TvHU3dEJyHvHmm1ZfNVytR32mGDZnh+2EiDQUcvc"
 crossorigin="anonymous"></script>
     <script>
script='
pragma cashscript ^0.8.0;
contract LifeTheUniverseAndEvervthing() {
   function get_answer(int answer)
       require(answer==42);
   document.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", async (event) => f
       globalThis.exports = globalThis.exports || {};
           Object.assign(globalThis, await __mainnetPromise);
           Object.assign(globalThis, await __contractPromise);
       let a = new Contract(script, []);
       console.log(await a.getDepositAddress());
       console.log(await a.getUtxos());
       console.log(await a.getBalance());
       //let getAnswer = a.getContractFunction("get_answer")
       //console.log(await getAnswer(42n).to("bitcoincash:ggad5sy4iml3f6vcp246dylsex04xp48wg23d35rge", 1000n).seng
    </script>
</head>
<body>
</body>
```

# Do you want to develop an app?

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### we have the webapps...

- Demo Folder
- libauth, and now mainnet-js are ESM modules.
- Expect there to be a slight issue with top-level awaits.
- Tree shaking is possible, but no on our end.
- If you get a working configuration in the hip new web framework, consider a PR to the demo list.

# Try a demo version of mainnet.cash REST

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### from REST

```
f Verify a signed message via REST
curl -X 'POST' \
   'https://rest-unstable.mainnet.cash/wallet/signed/verify' \
   -H 'accept: application/json' \
   -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
   -d '{
        "walletId": "watch:mainnet:qqad5sy4jml3f6vcp246dulsex04xp48wq23d35rqe",
        "message": "2qx#72497 lucky_guava_52595 discord",
        "signature":
        "H+090z+9FFdaA9UCzTidbVhOCvWcrGduTRFCQnDifEKVRz3Fk1KFyZa88XSLmfGAVB/g1P80FRJqSatZtzo8h9I="
}'
```

# Starting your own mainnet.cash

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### To start your own mainnet.cash REST service

# Stopping your own mainnet.cash

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### Just in case something goes wrong...

```
# checking logs, to find the issue
docker logs -f Mainnet

# restarting, stopping, forcefully stopping.
docker restart Mainnet
docker stop Mainnet
docker kill Mainnet

# if your machine is paging memory or sounds like a jet plane
sudo killall node
# kills all docker processes
docker stop $(docker ps -a -q)
```

assuming your container was given the name "Mainnet".

# More Usage Samples and Configuration Information

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- There's more at: mainnet.cash/tutorial/running-rest.html
- Including a full list of configuration variables.
- This is an unstable public instance of the REST service for testing and educational purposes

# Running a RegTest Stack

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# The mainnet-js source code contains a full RegTest Stack, deployed with docker compose.

# To start a regtest stack,
# from the mainnet-js source directory...
yarn regtest:up

# reset everything
yarn regtest:down; yarn regtest:up

There's more in the docs.

Having your own private networks allow for better tests, testing in time, testing with a RegTest Bitcoin Cash chain.

Note: the docker images for the stack took about 6 min to download over wifi.

# The RegTest Secrets

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# One of the advantages of RegTest is reusing and sharing secrets

ADDRESS="bchreg:qpttdv3qg2usm4nm7talhxhl05mlhms3ys43u76rn0"
ADDRESS\_TOKEN="bchreg::ppttdv3qg2usm4nm7talhxhl05mlhms3ysjm0q59vu"
ADDRESS\_LEGACY="18uVyRcveF7RdR9WFLyD1kMPjehKxyE91in"
PRIVATE\_WIF="cNfsPtqN2bMRS7vH5qd8tR8GMvgXyL5BjnGAKgZ8DYEiCrCCQcP6"
ALICE\_ID="wif:regtest::NfsPtqM2bMRS7vH5qd8tR8GMvgXyL5BjnGAKgZ8DYEiCrCCQcP6"
BOB\_ID="seed:regtest:divide battle bulb improve hockey favorite charge save merit fatal frog cag

# mainnet-js currently needs wasm

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Webassembly is currently a core requirement, given the state of libauth. This means the only enviornments where mainnet-js can't be used are places that can't satisfy that requirement.

- webassembly is **NOT** supported in React Native,
- ... because Google, Apple and Meta.
- Mainnet-js also won't work with IE, Opera Mini or KaiOS 2.5

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Not every user has your browser.

- Be very careful expecting a user's browser to have persistent storage.
- Consider the cross-browser experience, wallet recovery, potentual loss of seed and funds if browser storage doesn't persist.

# Where to get more information

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### Where to get more information

- Javascript walk-thrus at for mainnet-js
- Correlate walk-thrus for the REST service
- Demo webapp configurations
- mainnet cash Swagger REST interface
- Every feature should also have test coverage, if/when documation is incomplete.
- If you graduate to libauth, remember the reference implementation.

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State of mainnet cash Mainnet Cash is built to last, but...

- The project is in a **stable alpha**.
- libauth v2 is also (technically) in alpha.
- Currently in a **feature freeze**.
- Seeking **broader adoption**, and usage.
- An independent security audit needed before warnings are removed.

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### That said...

- mainnet.cash (REST API) handled roughly \$2.2T of transactions in 2021 as the BCH backend software for noise.cash.
- Used for early prototyping of early hop.cash and selene.cash.
- Used by the Cashonize CashToken web wallet.
- Used extensively for regression testing of unspent/\*.
- Second library to market for CashTokens and first BCMR library to market (?).
- Mainnet.cash is almost three years old in javascript land.

### The Future

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Mainnet Cash was built to be maintained.

- Really conservative and maintenance oriented design choices from the start.
- Extensive investment in testing and a testing harness
- These values are also apparent in supporting libraries.
- Outlook
  - **Obitauth**/**libauth** has a nice upgrade in the works.

# Contact

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- More documentation at mainnet.cash
- Please report Bugs on Github.
- Join our mainnet.cash Telegram Channel for support.

# Any Questions?

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