**Getting started:**

1. Choose Windows or Linux wallet
   * Windows - https://github.com/thoughtnetwork/thought-wallet/tree/master/windows
   * Linux - https://github.com/thoughtnetwork/thought-wallet/tree/master/linux
2. Click the **Download** button
3. Save wallet to desired location - **you will need to remember where you save it so you can access the wallet later**
4. Run download wizard
5. Choose default data directory location or create your own
6. Allow your wallet to sync with the Thought blockchain...this may take a couple minutes.

**Protecting Your Wallet:**

Once your wallet is synced to the Thought blockchain you will want to take some steps to secure your wallet.

1. Encrypt your wallet - click on **Settings** and then **Encrypt Wallet**
2. Create a passphrase. Make sure that you save this passphrase to somewhere safe. If you lose this passphrase it can not be recovered and you may lose all your THT. You might want to write it down and save it somewhere safe.Once you create a passphrase the Thought wallet will close to save changes.
3. Locate where you saved the wallet on your computer from step 2 in the Getting Started section
4. Double click on the **thought-qt file**. This will open your wallet. At this point it might be a good idea for you to create a shortcut and save to your desktop for easy access.
5. Next we want to back up the wallet. Click on **File** and **Backup Wallet**. Save the file to somewhere safe. You may even want to save a copy of the file to a thumb drive for safe keepings. This file is what will allow you to restore your wallet if something were to happen.

**Creating an receiving address:**

To receive your THT you need to create a receiving address.

1. Click on **File** and **Receiving Address**
2. Click on **New** and name your address
3. To copy the address right click on the address and choose copy - This allows you to copy the address to be used to send to info@thought.live to receive your tokens.
4. Once you have copied the receiving address paste it into an email and send an email to **info@thought.live**. Use the email address that you used to sign up for your Thought account.
5. All coins will be distributed on Friday 5/25/2018 - Please have all addresses to us by Thursday 5/24/2018 as to not delay receiving your THT.

**Sending address:**

Think of creating a sending address like adding a contact to your phone. It allows you to label the sending address (like adding Mark to your contact list) and it allows you to input the persons receiving address (their phone number).

1. To create a sending address or contact, you first need a receiving address. Which can be obtained from the person or organization you want to send THT to.
2. Label the sending address
3. Enter the receiving address
4. You have now created a new contact in your address book that you can you use to send THT