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In this lesson, we'll be setting up a MetaMask wallet. MetaMask is a popular browser extension used to interact with blockchains and make transactions.

We'll begin by searching for MetaMask in our browser.

Metamask

Or, just use the [official site](https://metamask.io/).

Then, click on "Add to Brave" or "Add to Chrome."

Add to Brave

MetaMask will then open a window asking us to "Get started." We'll click on "Create a new wallet."

Create a new wallet

We'll be asked to create a password. Remember, this password will only unlock your MetaMask wallet on this device. MetaMask cannot recover your password.

Next, MetaMask will ask us to secure our wallet by watching a video about the Secret Recovery Phrase. This is a series of 12 words that will allow us to recover our wallet if we ever lose access. It is important to keep this phrase safe and secret, as anyone who has access to it will be able to access all of your funds.

Secure your wallet

After watching the video, click on "Secure my wallet."

Secure my wallet

MetaMask will then show a series of 12 words and ask us to write them down.

**[Tag: Include the Secret Recovery Phrase here as a list]**

We'll copy the Secret Recovery Phrase to our clipboard by clicking on "Copy to Clipboard."

Copy to Clipboard

Clicking on "Next" will lead us to a page to confirm our Secret Recovery Phrase. We'll confirm this by adding the words back into the spaces provided.

Confirm Secret Recovery Phrase

Click on "Confirm" to complete the setup.

Confirm

Finally, we'll click on "Got it" to finish setting up our MetaMask wallet.

Got it

MetaMask will then appear in the top right corner of our browser. To access MetaMask, we'll click on this icon.

MetaMask provides us with an interface to manage our wallet. We can create multiple accounts by clicking on "My accounts," then "Create account."

My accounts

Create account

We can see the addresses of our different accounts by clicking on the three dots, then "Expand view."

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Expand view

We'll close this window to continue.

In the top right corner, we'll see a section that says "Ethereum Mainnet." This is the main network of Ethereum. We will not be working with the Ethereum Mainnet in this course. We will be working with a testnet. We can see the different testnets that our MetaMask has access to by clicking on "Ethereum Mainnet."

Ethereum Mainnet

We can switch the network we're working on by simply clicking on another network. To see testnets, we have to "enable test networks".

We'll be working with the Sepolia testnet or Tenderly Virtual networks for this course.

Sepolia test network

We can see that our network has changed up here.

Remember, testnets are just like a real network, but you don't have to spend any real money to use them.

Let's switch to the Sepolia test network by clicking on the network drop down, then selecting "Sepolia test network."

Sepolia test network

We can see our network has changed here, and we have zero Sepolia ETH. This makes sense because this is a brand new wallet, and we haven't put any money into this brand new account yet, so of course, we have zero.

In the next lesson, we'll dive into using testnets and learn more about them.