

PayString Design Best Practices

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Overview

This design guideline document provides consistent principles and best practices for teams that want to add PayString to their existing application logic, user experience, and flows.

This document uses a sample iOS app design called WalletCo to demonstrate key experiences.

Creating PayString

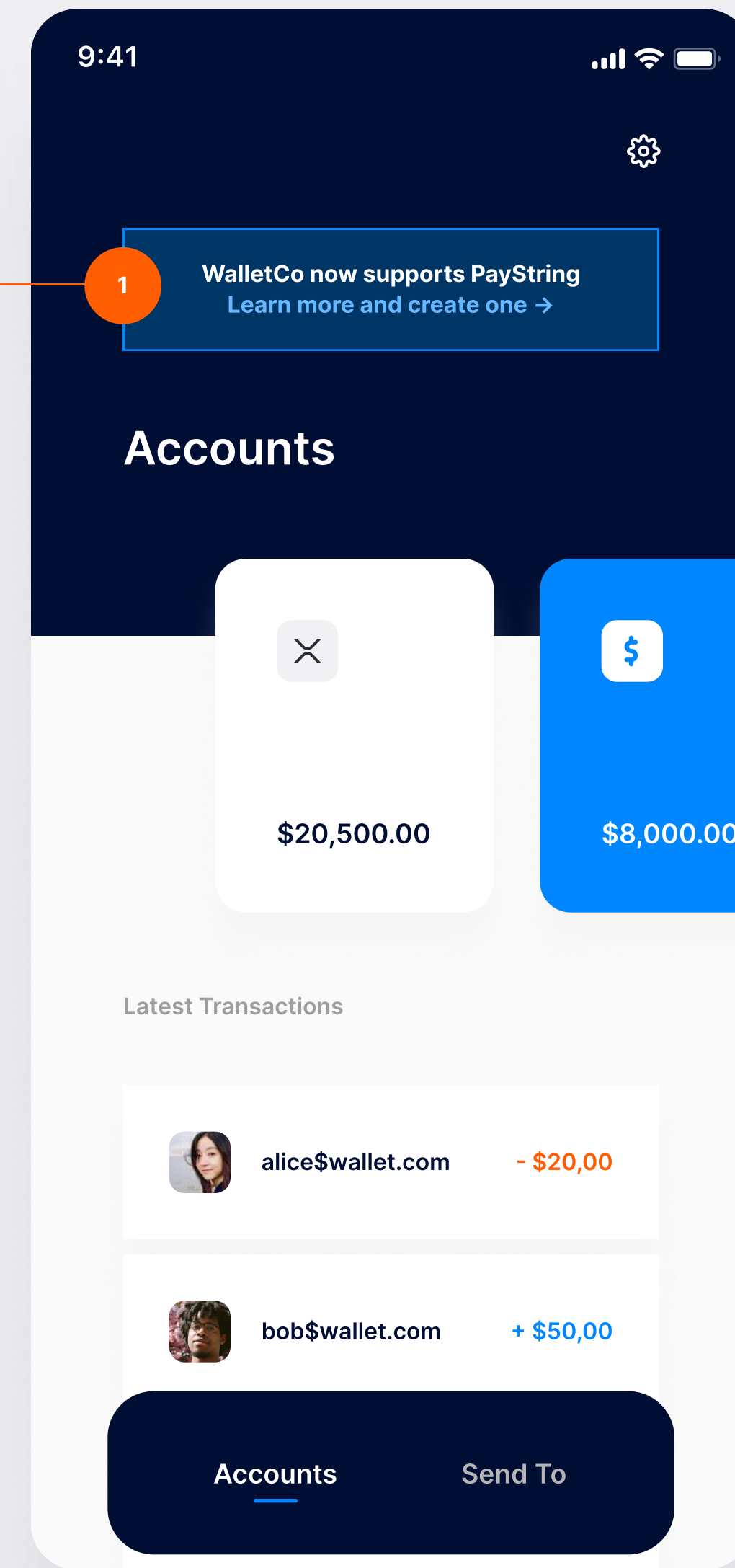
Introducing PayString

Here are two simple ways to introduce PayString to your users:

1. Add a PayString creation screen to your onboarding flow. This addresses first-time users who are creating an account.
2. Add a notification that tells existing users that your app now supports PayString.

This image illustrates how to introduce PayString through an in-app message.

Example notification that links users to the PayString creation flow.



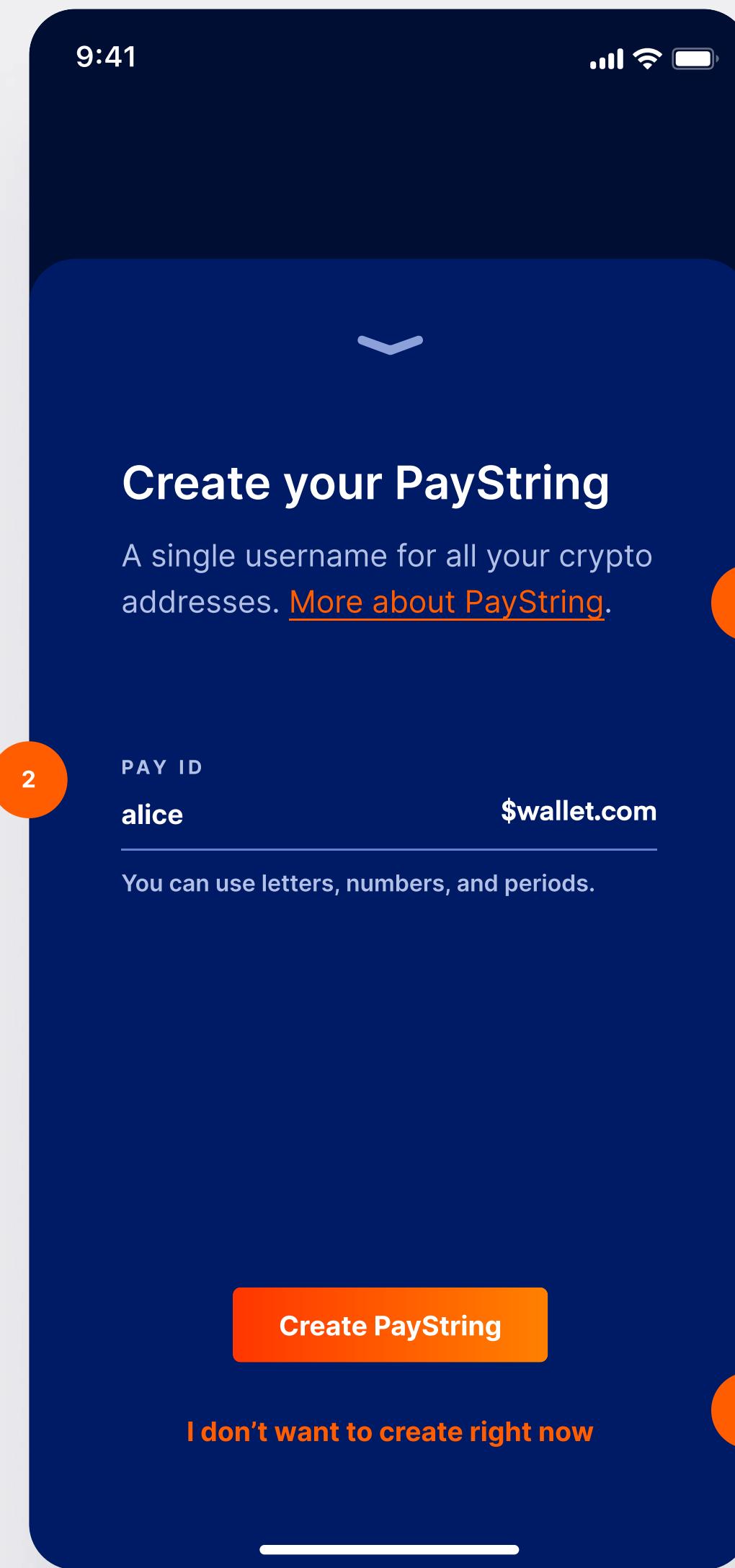
Creating a PayString

Creating a PayString should feel similar to selecting a username for an email address or Twitter handle.

Allow a range of 6-30 characters.
PayString only supports Latin letters,
numbers, and periods.

Display a brief description of PayString
and a link to learn more.

Allow users to opt out or skip this step.



The image shows a mobile app interface for creating a PayString. The screen has a dark blue background. At the top, the status bar shows the time 9:41 and signal/battery icons. Below the status bar is a white chevron icon pointing down. The main heading is 'Create your PayString' in white. Below it is a paragraph: 'A single username for all your crypto addresses. [More about PayString.](#)'. Below this is a form with a label 'PAY ID' and a text input field containing 'alice'. To the right of the input field is the text '\$wallet.com'. Below the input field is a small note: 'You can use letters, numbers, and periods.' At the bottom of the screen are two buttons: an orange button labeled 'Create PayString' and a white button labeled 'I don't want to create right now'.

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Create your PayString

A single username for all your crypto addresses. [More about PayString.](#)

PAY ID

alice \$wallet.com

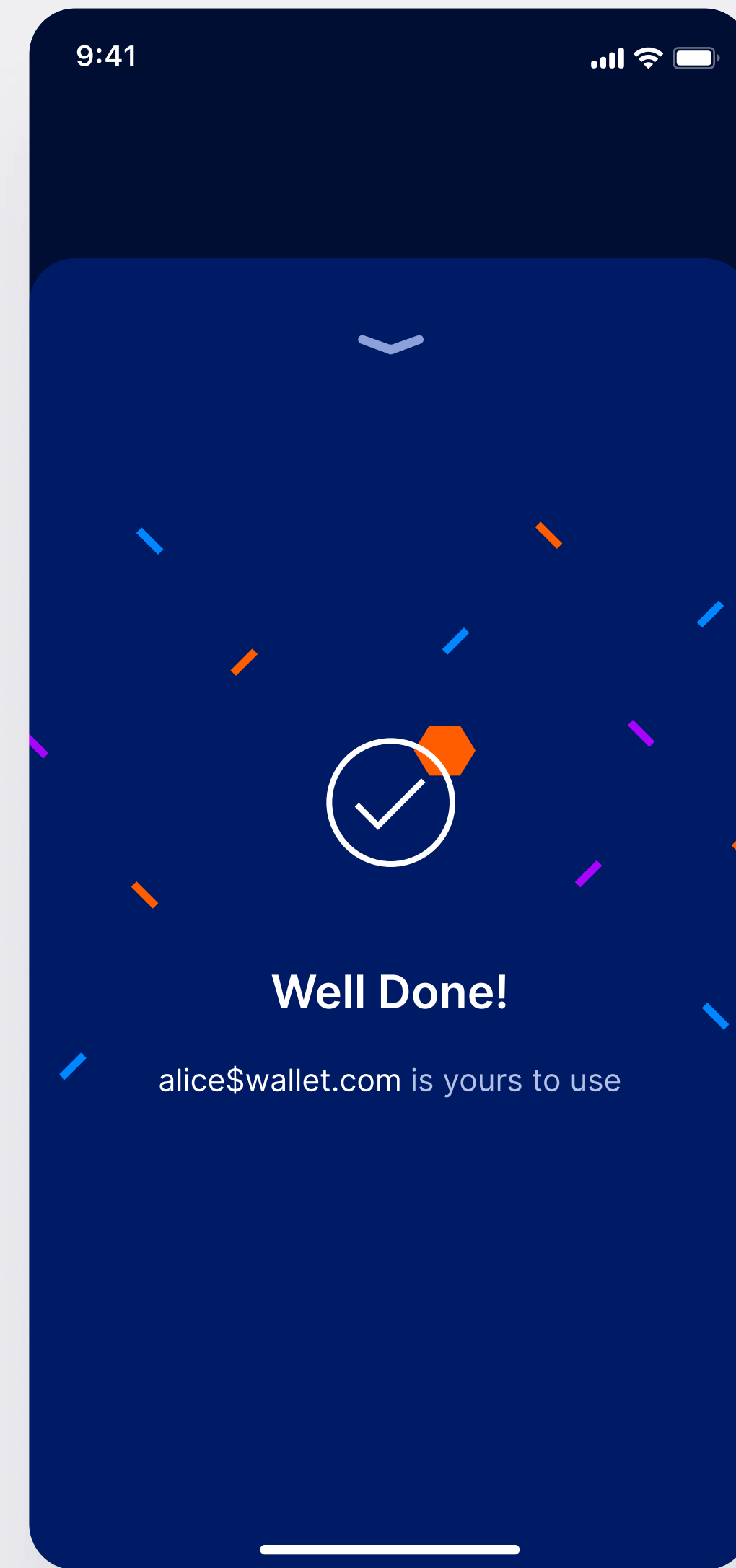
You can use letters, numbers, and periods.

Create PayString

I don't want to create right now

Confirm PayString Creation

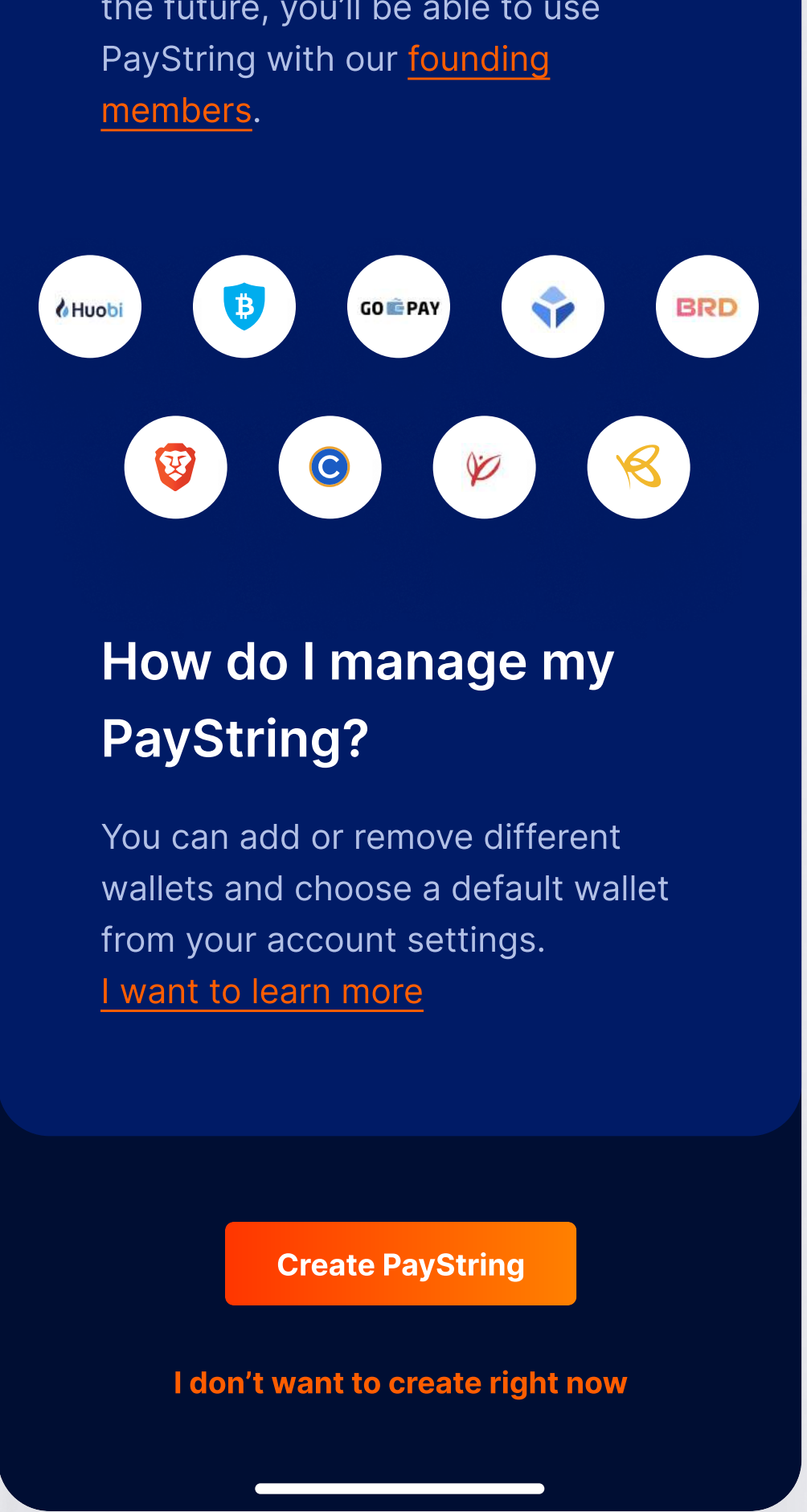
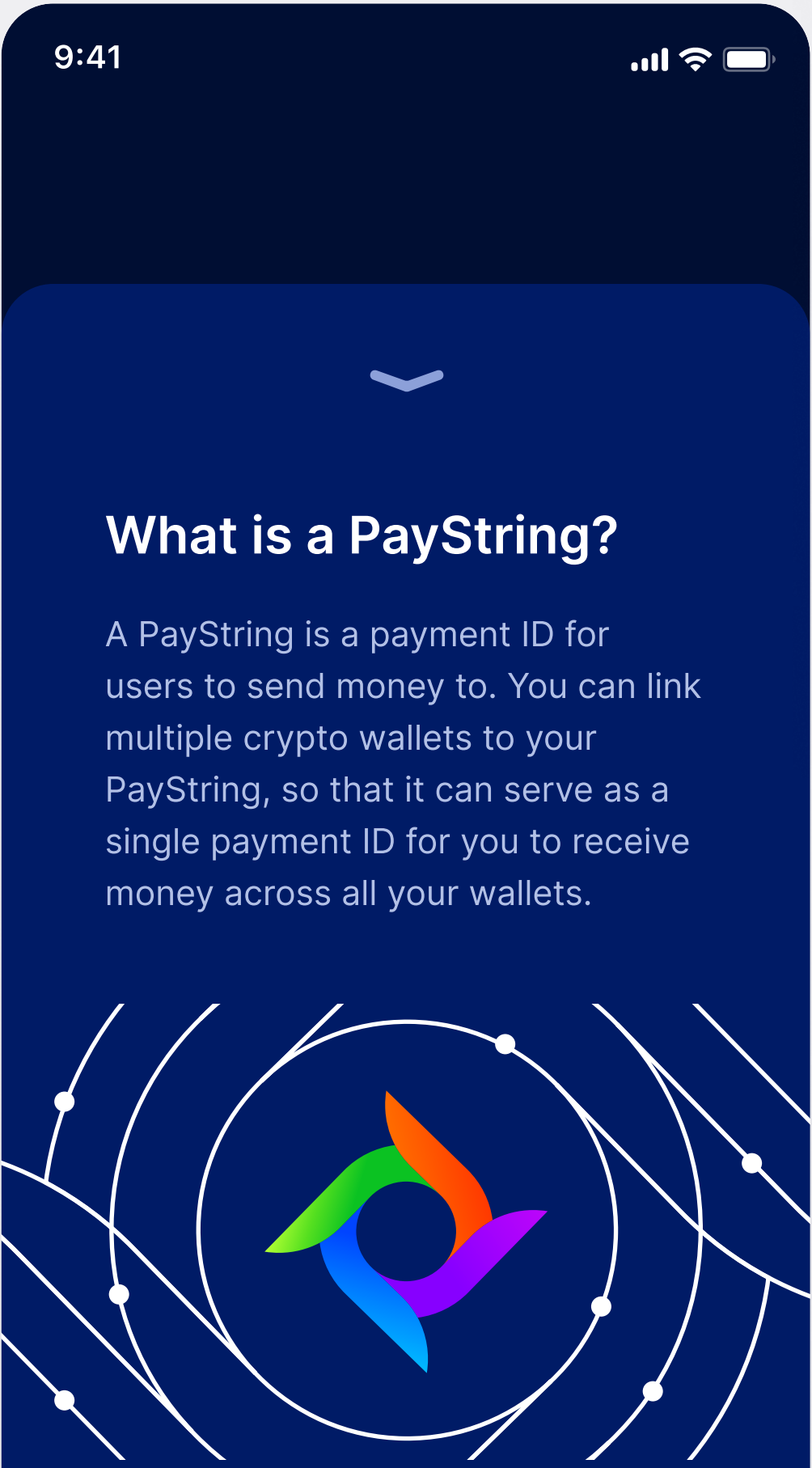
Display a confirmation screen that confirms the user successfully created a PayString.



More about PayString

Before a user creates a PayString, provide more information about PayString, including what it is and how it improves your app's user experience.

This guide discusses commonly asked questions for users learning about PayString for the first time.



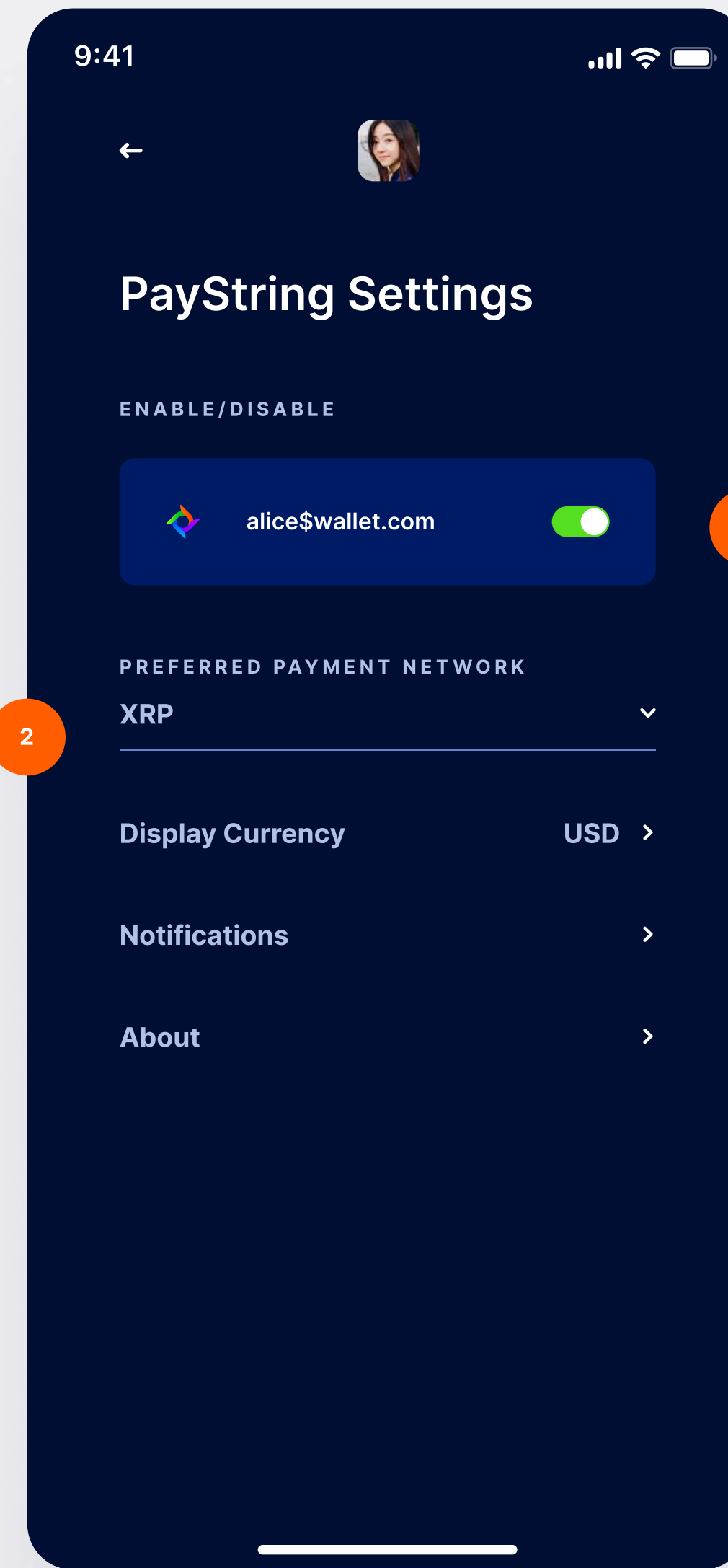
Settings

PayString Settings

In your app's global settings menu, add more settings for the user to manage their PayString.

An option for a user to specify a preferred payment network to use when sending payments. No need to ask each time.

Enable or disable PayString toggle.



Verifiable PayString

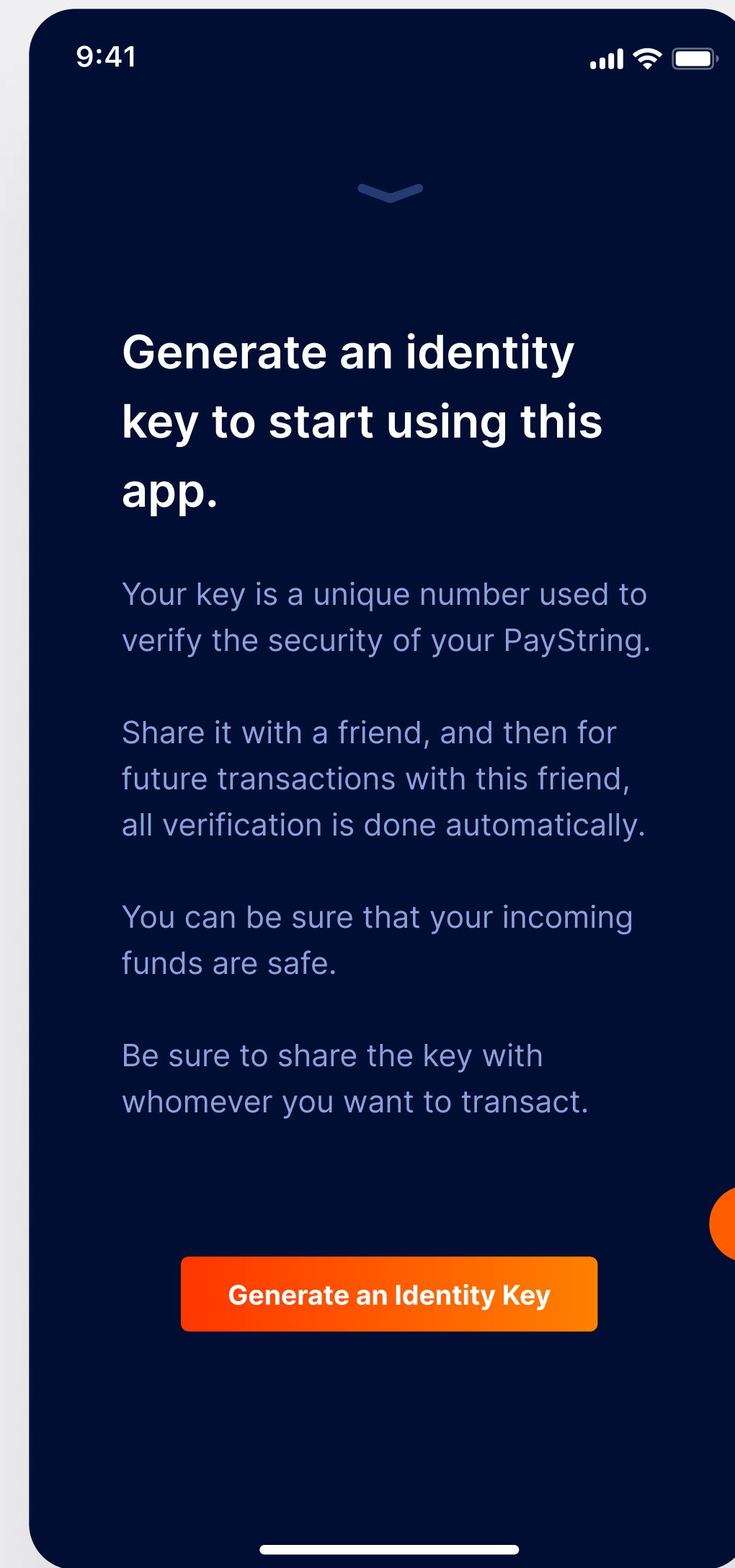
Verifiable PayString

Verifiable PayString provides enhanced security to the base PayString request and response. Verifiable PayString adds several digital signature fields so you can:

- Securely manage your PayString without needing to trust the PayString server
- Track your friends' keys to automatically verify the integrity of their PayString
- Alert you when a PayString is invalid, before you send a payment

Identity Key

Your Identity Key is a unique number that allows you and your friends to verify the security of your PayString. Once you share your Identity Key with your friends, all verification is done automatically so that you can be sure your incoming funds are safe.

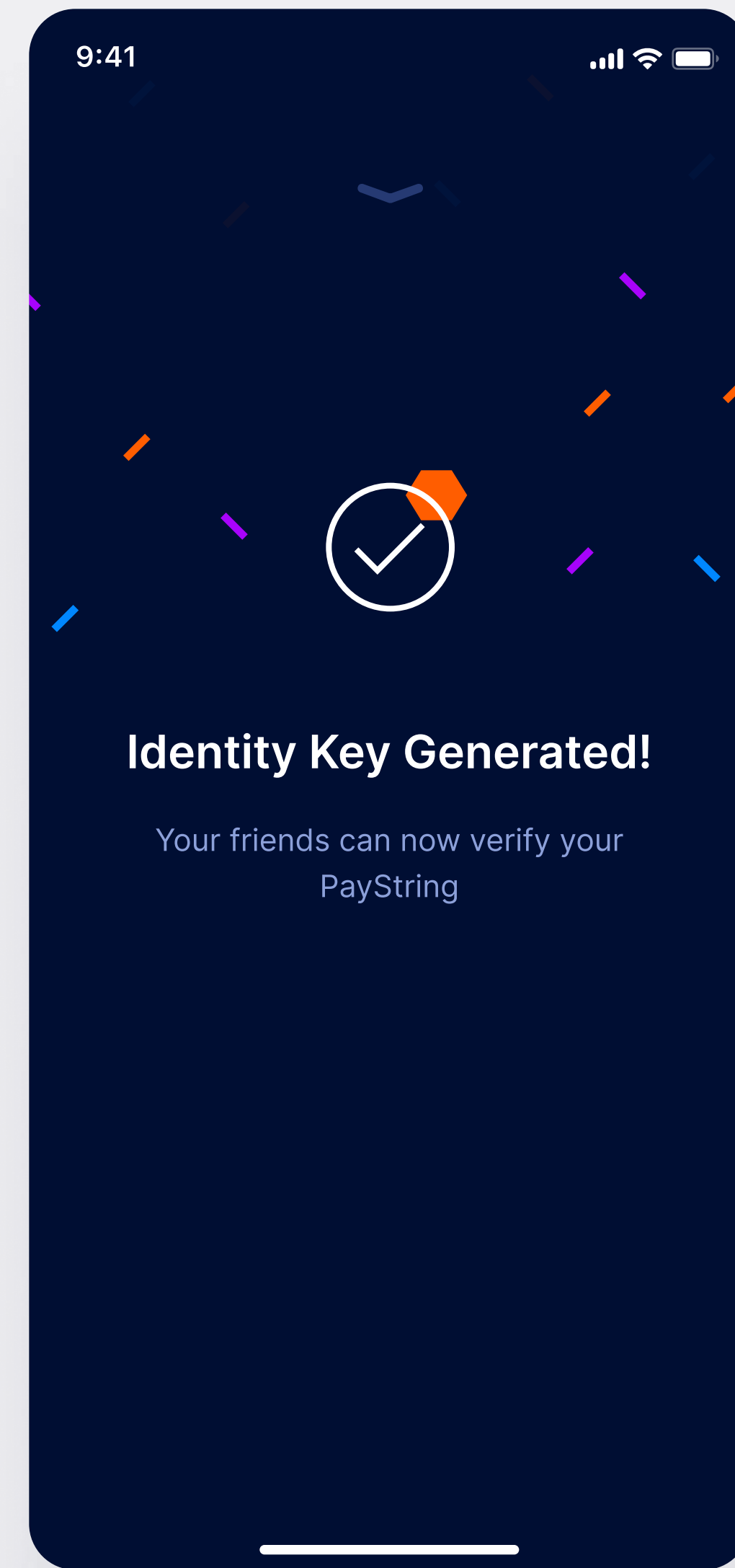


Generate a key to allow your friends to verify your PayString.

Verifiable PayString

A confirmation screen informs the user that the key has been successfully generated.

This only needs to be done once.



Verifiable PayString

If you want to verify a user before sending, you have two options:

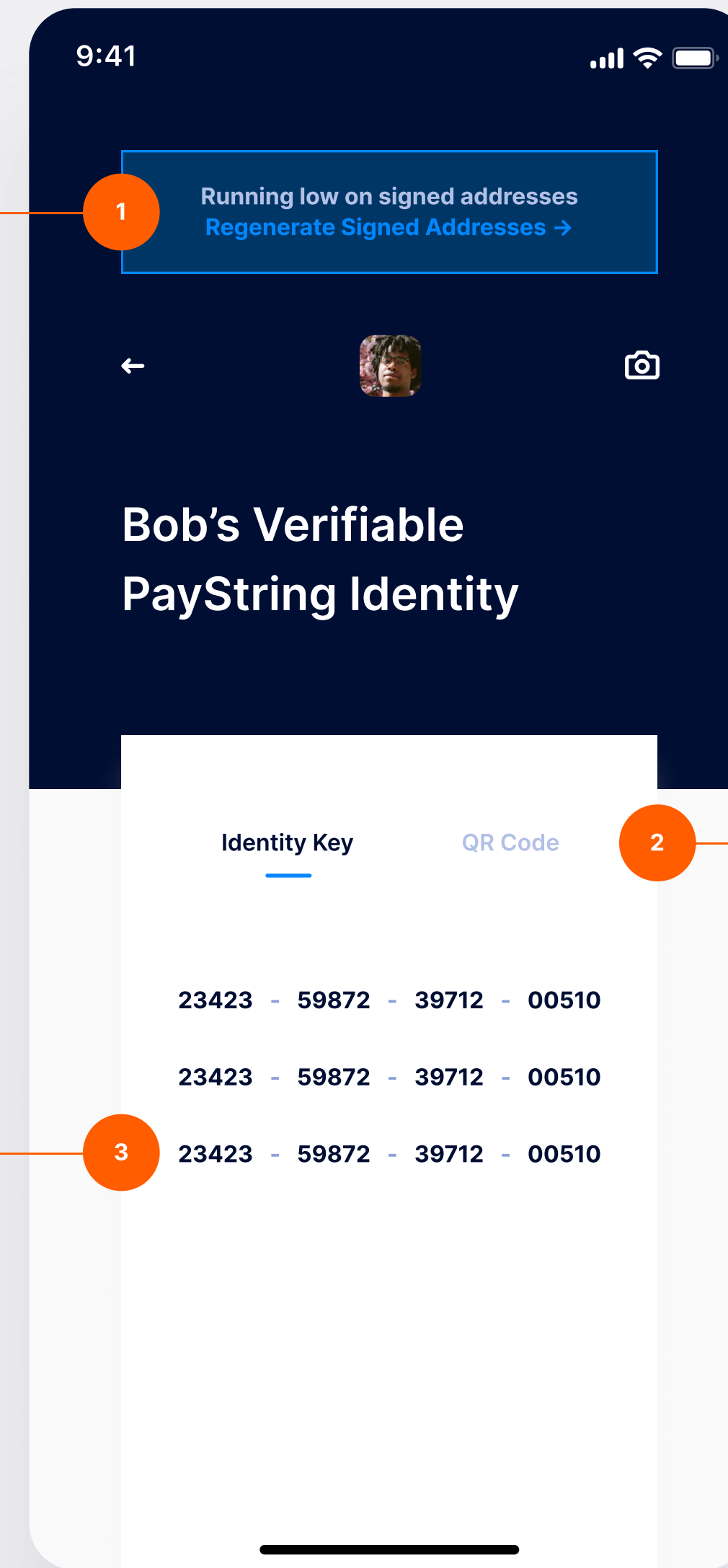
First, you can share your Identity Key and let your friend compare it on their device.

Alternatively, if you are near your friend, you can share your QR code and allow your friend to scan it.

PayString lets you easily rotate network addresses. Click “Regenerate Signed Addresses” if you have run out of mappings and you need to sign new ones.

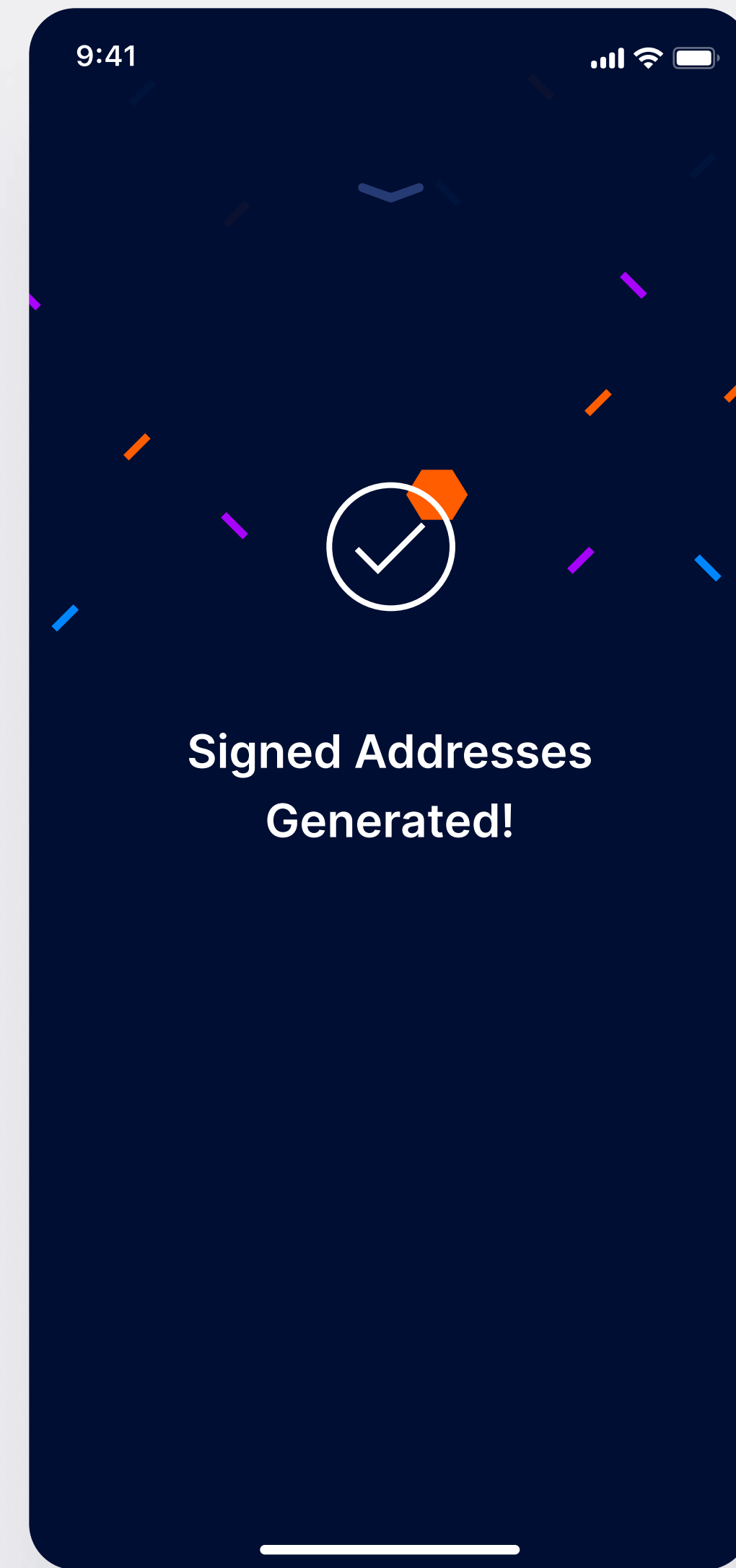
Share your Identity Key if your friend wants to verify your PayString.

Your QR Code allows your friend to verify before transacting.



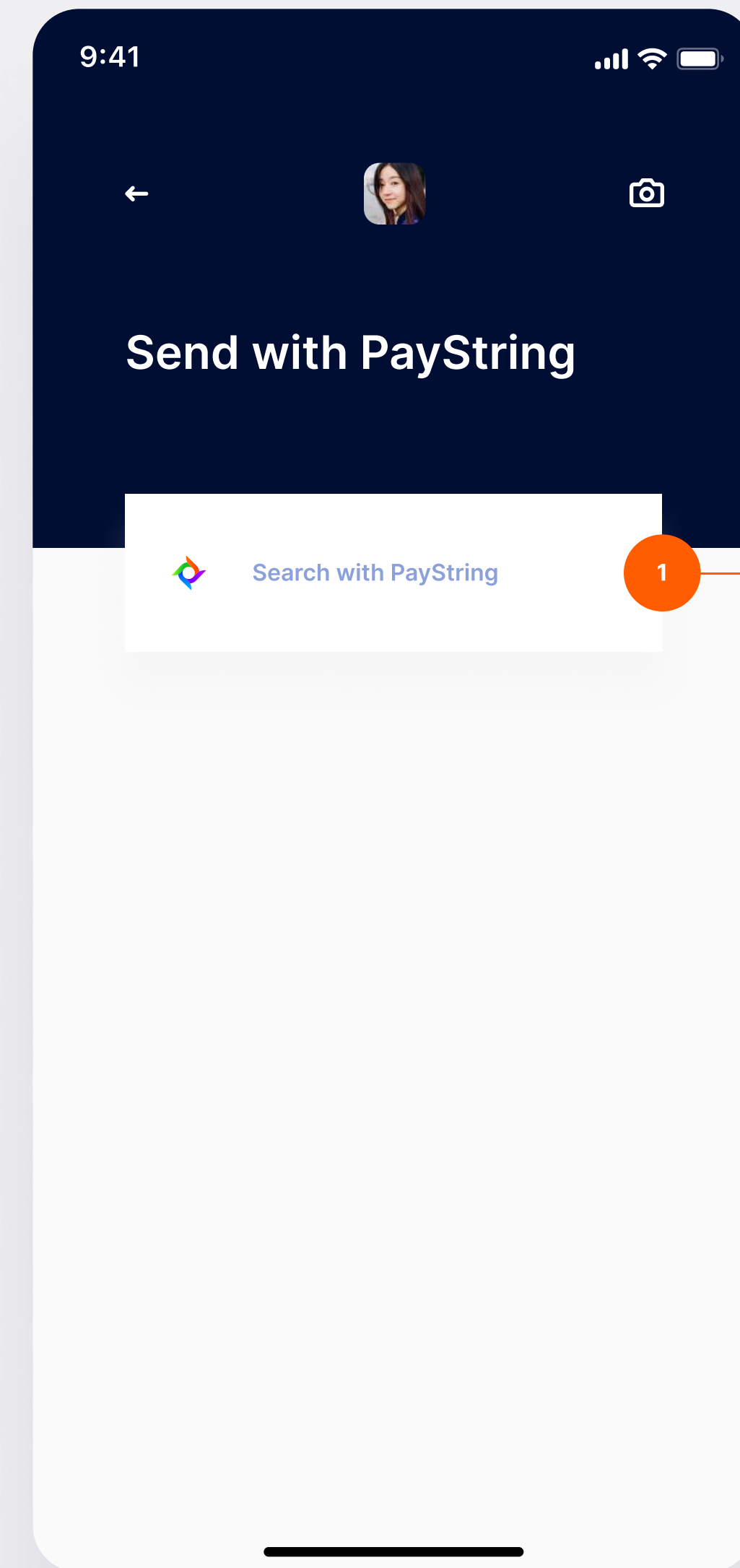
Verifiable PayString

A confirmation screen informs the user that the new addresses have been signed successfully.



Verifiable PayString

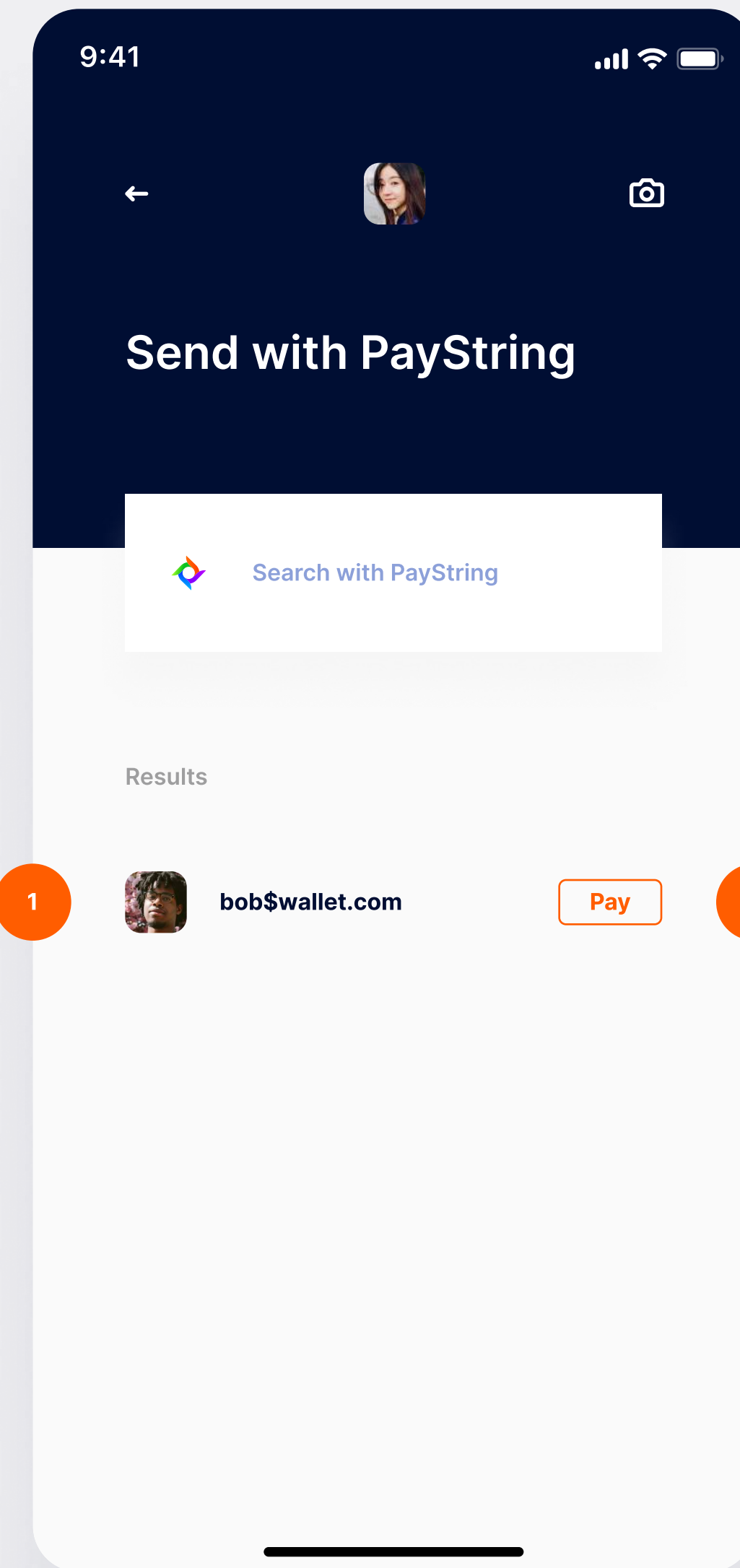
Searching with PayString should be straightforward. Enter their wallet name in the address field on your app to get results.



Search box allows you to find PayStrings

Verifiable PayString

"bob\$wallet.com" as the result of your search.



Click the "Pay" button to start the payment or verification process.

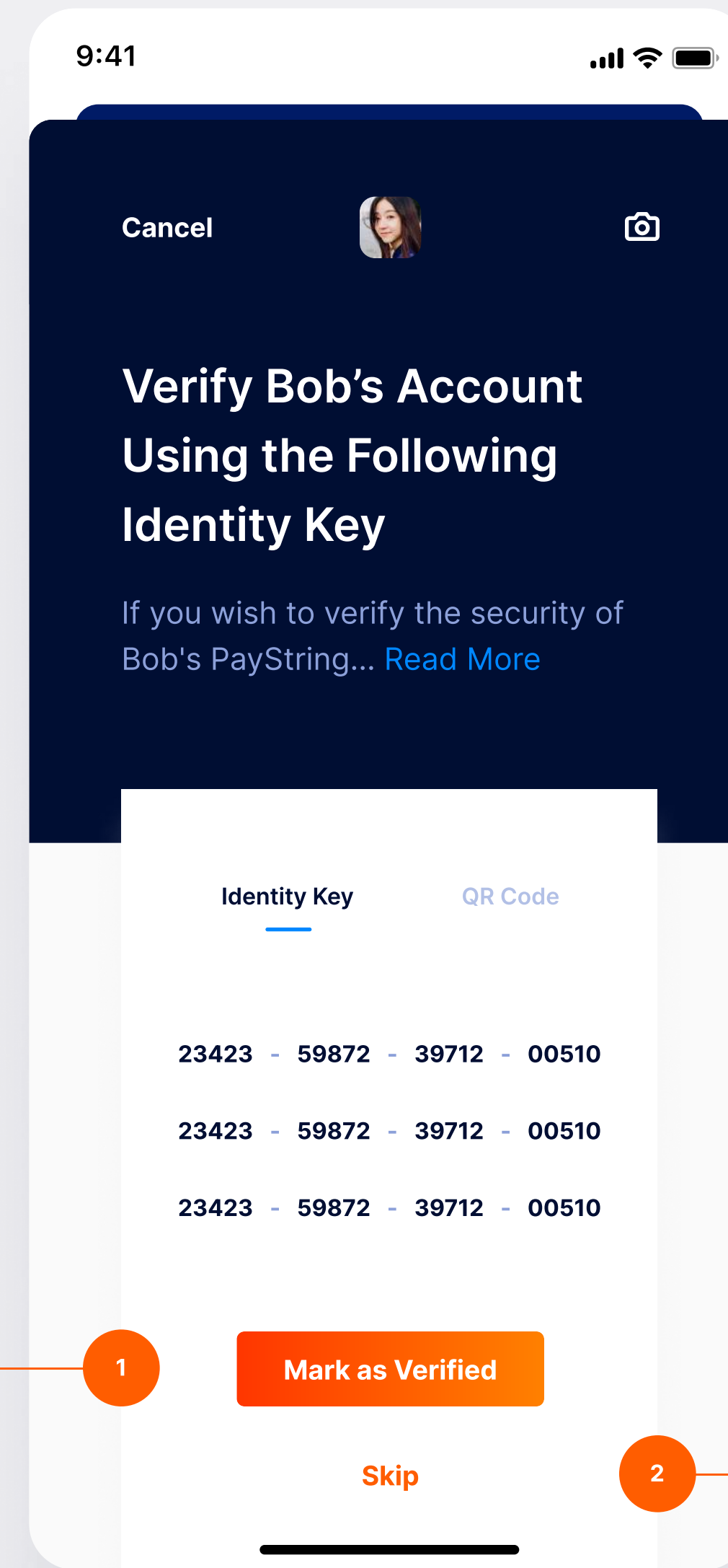
Verifiable PayString

The first time you click on Pay, you can verify a PayString.

To verify the security of their PayString, compare the Identity Key below to the Identity Key shown in their wallet. Click the “Mark as Verified” button as the last step.

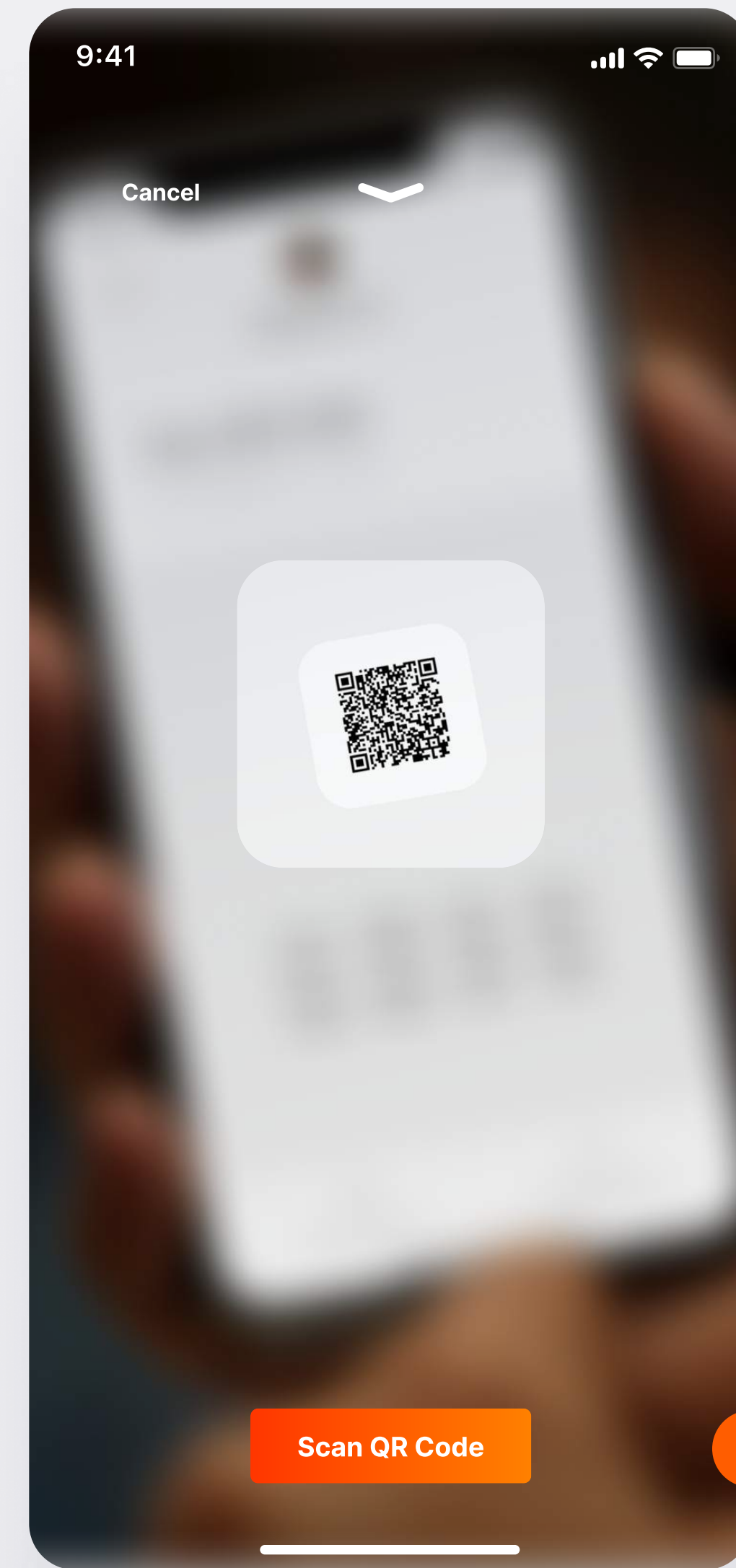
Tap the button if you want to verify

Click the “Skip” button if you want to go to the payment process without verifying.



Verifiable PayString

Alternatively, you can scan the QR Code on your phone for a match to verify their public key. [This feature will open the phone camera.](#)



Hit the “Scan QR Code” button when you are ready.

Verifiable PayString

The confirmation screen informs the user that their friend has been successfully verified.

