### psst: paper-based secret sharing technique

You can use psst to split a secret into up to four parts. Each part in isolation reveals nothing about the secret (except its length). Any two parts combined allow the secret to be restored.

1) Get a safe and calm space, an hour of free time, a pen, a six-sided dice, scissors, and transparent adhesive tape.

2) Write the secret down h	۷)	here:	:
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01	 02	03	04
05	 06	07	08
09	 10	11	12
13	 14	15	16
17	 18	19	20
21	22	23	24

3) Convert the secret to digits using one of the the text conversion tables printed on the secret share sheets. For bip-39 seed phrases, it's enough to use the first four letters of each word. If you use more, pad short words with "q" to not reveal word lengths.

01	 02	03	04
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- 4) Split each digit into four shares. For each digit:
  - Locate the corresponding block in the table to the right.
  - Throw a six-sided dice to select a random row therein.
  - Write each of the four shares onto its sheet.
- 5) Fold the share sheets along the vertical dotted lines, to connect the two halves of the title page.
- 6) Add a description, date, and signature.

  In the description, write what the secret represents and how it was converted into digits.
- 7) Unfold, then cut the sheets along the solid lines.
- 8) Fold the sheets into their final form:
  - Fold the sides so that they cover the secret share.
  - Fold along each of the horizontal dotted lines. The title page is now on top.
  - The secret is now in the middle, with 2 layers above/below.
  - Wrap the top flaps (with signature) around the package.
- 9) Fix the top flaps with adhesive tape. Attach carefully, so that removing the tape will tear the signature and make it evident that the share has been opened.
- 10) Destroy this sheet (burn it) and other copies of the secret.

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Share # 1 of: 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 4 [ ]

psst: https://github.com/Sjlver/psst/

Date:
Signature:

Text (a-z)

conversion:

(note x/j are
merged)

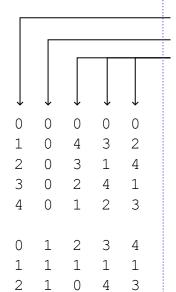
00=a	01=b	02=c
03 = d	04=e	
10=f	11=g	12=h
13=i	14=k	
20=1	21=m	22=n
23=0	24 = p	
30 = q	31=r	32=s
33=t	34 = u	
40=v	41=w	42=y
43=7	44=x/	i

#### Hex conversion:

00=0	$\Omega T = T$
02=2	03=3
10=4	11=5
12=6	13=7
20=8	21=9
22=a	23=b
30=c	31=d
32=e	33=f

#### ASCII conversion:

use 3 digits xyz res = 25x+5y+z+3



1 4 2 0

- Secret (first column)
- Share #1 (this share, second column)
- Shares #2, #3, #4 (remaining columns)

To recover the secret using two shares, process each digit individually. Any two shares uniquely identify a row in the table to the left.

The secret is the concatenation of the digits labeled "Secret (first col)".

To recover the text form, combine two digits per letter and refer to on of the tables on the right.

0	2	4	1	3	
1	2	3	4	0	
1 2 3 4	2	2	2	2	
3	2	1	0	4	
4	2	0	3	1	
0	3	1	4	2	
1	3	0	2	4	
1 2 3	3	4	0	1	
3	3	3	3	3	
4	3	2	1	0	
0	4	3	2	1	
1	4	2	0	3	
	4	1	3	0	
2 3 4	4	0	1	2	
4	4	4	4	4	

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Secret share #1:

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Share # 2 of: 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 4 [ ]

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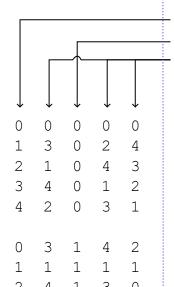
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03 = d	04=e	
10=f	11=g	12=h
13=i	14=k	
20=1	21=m	22=n
23=0	24 = p	
30 = q	31=r	32=s
33=t	34 = u	
40=v	41=w	42=y
43=7	44=x/	i

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#### ASCII conversion:

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Secret (first column)
Share #2 (this share, third column)
Shares #1, #3, #4 (remaining columns)

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	4	2	0	3
1 2 3 4	4 2 0	2	2	2
3	0	2	4	1
4	3	2	1	0
0	4	3	2	1
	2	3	4	0
1 2	0	3	1	4
3	2 0 3	3	1 3	3
4	1	3	0	2
0	2	4	1	3
1	2	4	3	2
2	3	4	0	1
1 2 3 4	1	4	0 2	1
4	4	4	4	4
4	1 4	4	4	

#### Secret share #2:

01	02	
03	04	
05	06	
07	08	
09	10	
11	12	
13	14	
15	16	
17	18	
19	20	
21	22	
23	24	

Description:	 	

Share # 3 of: 3 [ ] 4 [ ]

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Date:
Signature:

Text (a-z) conversion:

(note x/j are merged)

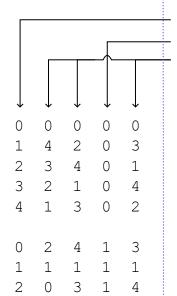
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03 = d	04=e	
10=f	11=g	12=h
13=i	14=k	
20=1	21=m	22=n
23=0	24 = p	
30 = q	31=r	32=s
33=t	34 = u	
40=v	41=w	42=y
43 = z	44 = x/	j

#### Hex conversion:

01=1	
03=3	
11=5	
13=7	
21=9	
23=b	
31 = d	
33=f	
	03=3 11=5 13=7 21=9 23=b 31=d

#### ASCII conversion:

use 3 digits xyz res = 25x+5y+z+3



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- Secret (first column)
- Share #3 (this share, second column)
- Shares #1, #2, #4 (remaining columns)

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0	4	3	2	1
1	4 3 2	0	2	4
2	2	2	2	2
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4	0	1	2	3
0	1	2	3	4
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2	4 3 2	1	3 3 3 3	0
3	3	3	3	3
4	2	0	3	1
0	3	1	4	2
1	3 2	3	4	2
2	1	0	4 4 4	
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4	4	4	4	4

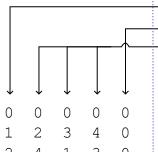
#### Secret share #3:

Description:	 	 

Share # 4 of 4

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Date: Signature:



Secret (first column) Share #4 (this share, last column) Shares #1, #2, #3 (remaining columns)

To recover the secret using two shares, process each digit individually. Any two shares uniquely identify a row in the table to the left. The secret is the concatenation of the digits labeled "Secret (first col)". To recover the text form, combine two digits per letter and refer to on of the tables on the right.

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1	4	2	0	3
2	1	0	4	3
3	3	3	3	3
4	0	1	2	3

0	1	2	3	4
1	3	0	2	4
2	0	3	1	4
3	2	1	0	4

#### Secret share #4:

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13		14	
15		16	
17		18	
19		20	
21		22	
22		_ 2.4	

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