

Public Blockchain: Exercises

Hands-on Intro to Blockchains

ERC Standards, Open Zeppelin



ERC20



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Discord Channel of the Course

Most DAOs manage their community through a public discord channel, sometimes even used for off-chain voting.

This course also has a Discord channel!

1. Download Discord: <https://discord.com/>
2. Course Channel: <https://discord.gg/4xcnqVYb9y>

What can you use the channel for?

Ask questions, connect with other students, share news, events, and material related to the course, and as well off-topic posts.



Recap: What did we learn last week?

21 addresses answered at least one correct answer
0 addresses answered incorrect answers only

13 out 21 addresses were also registered on ILIAS

**If you expected tokens and did not receive them,
it's time to check with your instructor!**

How many coins do I have?

Coin
overview

Submit
assignment

Sign

About



Knowledge overview

Choose the semester:

☒ 2025 Summer

Knowledge needed for exam: 32

Your current knowledge: 7

Your missing knowledge: 25

Coin overview in Dapp shows your coin in *this semester*

10108.8875 UMETH

+\$0 (+0.00%) [Portfolio](#)



Buy & Sell



Swap



Bridge



Send



Receive

Tokens

NFTs

Activity

UNIMA1



NOW

22 NOW



UMETH

10,109 UMETH

[MetaMask support](#)

Metamask shows all the coins that you have ever collected (the two values might differ if you are a returning student)



Assignment 2 Attention!



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Make sure the contract address for
BaseAssignment is the same as the
one on the Submission Dapp

Assignment: 2. Deploy My Quiz

Validator contract address:
`0xc1251387b24B08FD3B2613186e638F97DBF9C8C1`

Semester: 2025 Summer

Assignment link: https://ilias.uni-mannheim.de/goto.php?target=file_1637824_download&client_id=ILIAS

Start block: 5490928

Deadline: 5585100


24h Grace Period: 5592300

Deadline with penalty: 5628300

```
constructor(string[] memory initialQuestions, bool[] memory initialAnswers)  
BaseAssignment(0xc1251387b24B08FD3B2613186e638F97DBF9C8C1)
```

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 - What happens when a transaction *reverts*?
 - What type of *variables* are there in solidity?
 - What are *events*?
 - What are *mappings*?
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The method is accepting incoming Ether...how much did we send ?



```
function askQuestion() external payable {
    uint256 randomIndex = uint256(keccak256(abi.encodePacked(block.timestamp,
    string memory question = questions[randomIndex];
    bool answerIsYes = answers[question];
    emit QuestionAsked(msg.sender, question, answerIsYes);
}
```

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}
```

Number of answers and questions must match

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Solidity By Example is your friend!

<https://solidity-by-example.org/variables/>

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Mappings in the MyQuiz Contract

```
contract MyQuiz is BaseAssignment {
    address public owner;

    string[] public questions;
    mapping(string => bool) public answers;

    mapping(address => mapping(string => bool)) public userAnswers;

    event QuestionAsked(address indexed user, string question, bool answerIsYes);
    event AnswerStored(address indexed user, string question, bool userAnswer);

    constructor(string[] memory initialQuestions, bool[] memory initialAnswers)
        BaseAssignment(0xc1251387b24B08FD3B2613186e638F97DBF9C8C1)
    {
        require(initialQuestions.length == initialAnswers.length, "Mismatched array lengths");

        owner = msg.sender;
        questions = initialQuestions;

        for (uint256 i = 0; i < initialQuestions.length; i++) {
            answers[initialQuestions[i]] = initialAnswers[i];
        }
    }
}
```

Here we have a mapping and a mapping of a mapping

Initialized like an array in other programming languages (e.g., JS), but with a fundamental difference. *Which one?*

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        }
    }
}
```

Here we define two events: each event can index up to 3 topics (hard limit)



Mappings and Events in the MyQuiz Contract

```
function answerQuestion(string memory question, bool userAnswer) external {  
    userAnswers[msg.sender][question] = userAnswer;  
    emit AnswerStored(msg.sender, question, userAnswer);  
}  
  
function getAnswer(string memory question) external view returns (bool)  
{  
    return userAnswers[msg.sender][question];  
}
```

Store the answer in the mapping inside the smart contract AND in an event.

Why both? What are the differences?



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If anyone wants to give it a try:

`0xD1176c496442F9dC443FfEF6f298f75926a4A40`

Questions range from easy to ridiculously difficult.


The square projection question is a challenge included in the contract I offer for anyone who is interested. I encountered it in my free-time studying of linear algebra & topology, and it's one of the harder ones. Feel free to use AI and google if needs be.

| # | Date | Content | Details | Assignment |
|----|--------|-----------------------|---|------------|
| 1 | 25 Feb | Basic Intro | Intro, Setting Up MetaMask, Connecting to Faucets, Transactions, Wallet Mnemonic, Keypairs, ENS. | 0 |
| 2 | 4 Mar | Setup, Intro EthersJS | Setting up local environment, Basic programming, EthersJS | 1 |
| 3 | 11 Mar | EthersJS | EthersJS Wallets, Dotenv | |
| 4 | 18 Mar | EthersJS | EthersJS: Providers and Signers | |
| 5 | 25 Mar | Hardhat, Solidity | First steps with Hardhat, Basic contract in Solidity. | 2 |
| 6 | 26 Mar | Solidity | Review Assignment 1. Mappings, data structures, payable, modifiers. UniMa Blockchain Submission System. | |
| 7 | 1 Apr | ERC Standards | ERC standards, Open Zeppelin | |
| 8 | 8 Apr | Testing | Review Assignment 2. Testing smart contracts. | 3 |
| 9 | 29 Apr | Keccak256 | Keccak256, abiEncode, abiEncodePacked | 4 |
| 10 | 6 May | ABI Encodings | Review Assignment 3. Raw Transactions | 5 |
| 11 | 6 May | Contract to Contract | Contract to Contract | |
| 12 | 13 May | Upgradable Contracts | Review Assignment 4. Static calls, proxy contracts, implementations, storage clashes | |
| 13 | 20 May | Exam Preparation | Conducting exercises like what could be found in the exam | |
| 14 | 27 May | Optimizing Solidity | Review Assignment 5. Optimization, open issues. | |

Ethereum Improvement Proposals

All Core Networking Interface ERC Meta Informational


EIPs

 Ethereum Cat Herders

1762 members

 Eth R&D

11281 members

 Ethereum Wallets

439 members

 Everything

 Last Calls

 All except ERC

email alerts

<https://eips.ethereum.org/>

- Document providing info to the Ethereum community or **describing a new feature**
- Should provide a **concise technical specification** of the feature and a rationale for it
- Several **approval steps** from “Idea” to “Final”

- **Core:** improvements requiring a consensus fork (e.g. [EIP-5](#), [EIP-101](#))
 - **Networking:** improvements around transport protocol among Ethereum nodes (e.g., [EIP-8](#))
 - **Interface:** improvements around client [API/RPC](#) calls (e.g., [EIP-6](#)), and [contract ABIs](#).
 - **ERC:** *application-level* standards and conventions, including contract standards such as token standards ([ERC-20](#)), name registries ([ERC-137](#)), URI schemes, library/package formats, and wallet formats.
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ERC stands Ethereum Requests for Comments.
token interfaces. These standards help ensure smart contracts remain composable, so for instance when a new project issues a token, that it remains compatible with existing decentralized exchanges

Tokens:

- [ERC-20](#) - A standard interface for fungible (interchangeable) tokens, like voting tokens, staking tokens or virtual currencies.
- [ERC-721](#) - A standard interface for non-fungible tokens, like a deed for artwork or a song.

And more:

<https://ethereum.org/en/developers/docs/standards/tokens/>

A smart contract that implements the following **6 methods** and **2 events** is an *ERC-20 compatible token*:

```
// ERC-20 Methods:
function totalSupply() external view returns (uint256);
function balanceOf(address account) external view returns (uint256);
function allowance(address owner, address spender) external view returns (uint256);
function transfer(address recipient, uint256 amount) external returns (bool);
function approve(address spender, uint256 amount) external returns (bool);
function transferFrom(address sender, address recipient, uint256 amount) external returns (bool);

// ERC-20 Events:
event Transfer(address indexed from, address indexed to, uint256 value);
event Approval(address indexed owner, address indexed spender, uint256 value);
```

<https://ethereum.org/en/developers/docs/standards/tokens/erc-20/>

A “standard” approach to implement a standard is by defining an interface and then declaring that the contract `is` implementing

```
interface IERC20 {
```

Convention: Interfaces begin with I and are uppercase.

```
// ERC-20 Methods:
```

```
function totalSupply() external view returns (uint256);
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
event Transfer(address indexed from, address indexed to, uint256 value);
```

```
event Approval(address indexed owner, address indexed spender, uint256 value);
```

```
}
```

```
contract MyNewToken is IERC20 {
```

```
// Implementation of interface...
```

Keyword `is`

Function Modifiers

- Keywords added after the input parameters.
- Alter function's behavior, usually for optimization or access control.

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    function transfer(address recipient, uint256 amount) external returns (bool);  
    function transferFrom(address sender, address recipient, uint256 amount) external returns (bool);  
    // ...  
    event Transfer(address indexed from, address indexed to, uint256 indexed value);  
    event Approval(address indexed owner, address indexed spender, uint256 indexed value);  
}
```

Alters who can call this function, cannot be called internally.

Details:

<https://ethereum.stackexchange.com/questions/19380/external-vs-public-best-practices>

Declares that the function does not modify state variables.

Details:

<https://solidity-by-example.org/view-and-pure-functions/>

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- Alter function's behavior, usually for optimization or access control.

Indexed parameters are relevant only for events and create a special data structure known as **topic** which is used as a filter.

Details:

<https://docs.soliditylang.org/en/v0.8.29/contracts.html#events>

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<https://eips.ethereum.org/EIPS/eip-20>

The **Approve** pattern allows smart contracts to *spend your tokens*.



Exercise: Testing Approve Pattern on Uniswap (Sepolia)

0) Select the Sepolia Network on MetaMask; you will need *some Sepolia ETH*.

1) Go to <https://app.uniswap.com/swap>

2) Tap the “green sun” for “Account”



3) Tap the gear icon for “Settings”



0x5558...adfa



4) Enable Testnet mode

Testnet mode

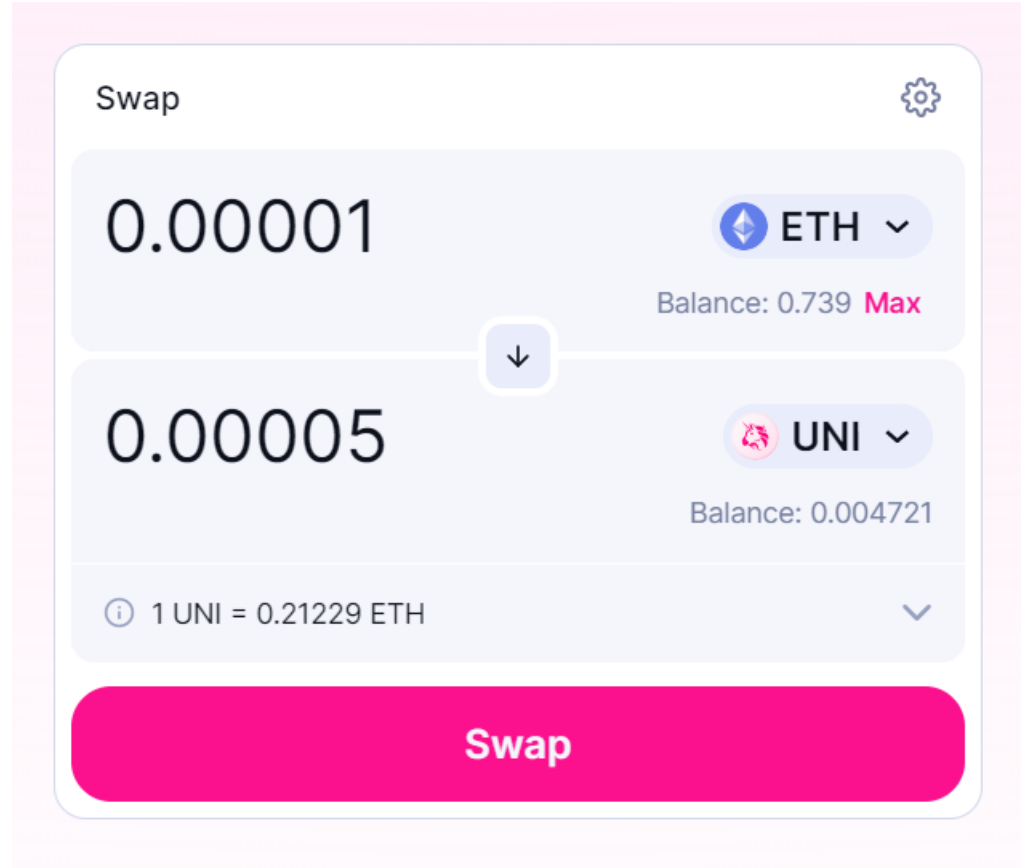


Exercise: Testing Approve Pattern on Uniswap (Sepolia)

ETH to UNI

Swap some ETH for UNI
(you might need to select UNI
from a dropdown menu)

Click on Swap and start the
transaction.



The image shows a Uniswap Swap interface. At the top, it says "Swap" with a settings gear icon. Below this, there are two input fields. The first field shows "0.000001" and has a dropdown menu set to "ETH" with a balance of "0.739 Max". The second field shows "0.000005" and has a dropdown menu set to "UNI" with a balance of "0.004721". A downward arrow icon is positioned between the two fields. At the bottom, there is a pink button labeled "Swap". Below the input fields, there is a small information box that says "1 UNI = 0.21229 ETH".

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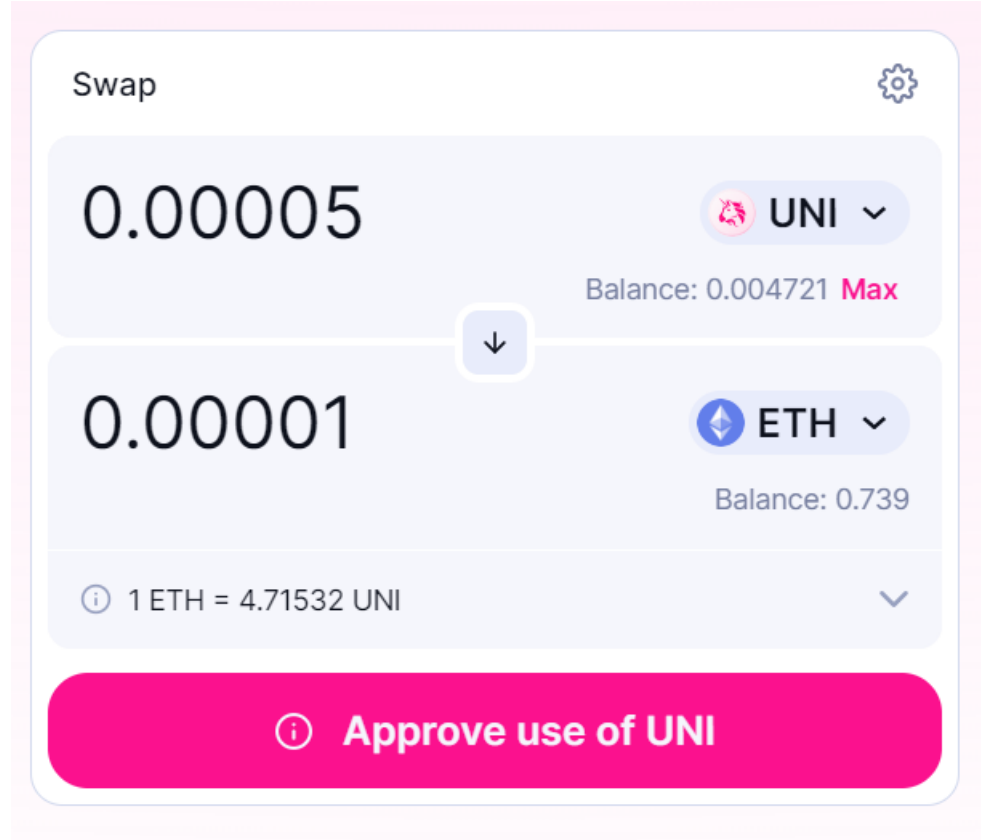
UNI to ETH

You got UNI, now do the opposite trade

Swap some UNI for ETH

You need now to do **two** transactions:

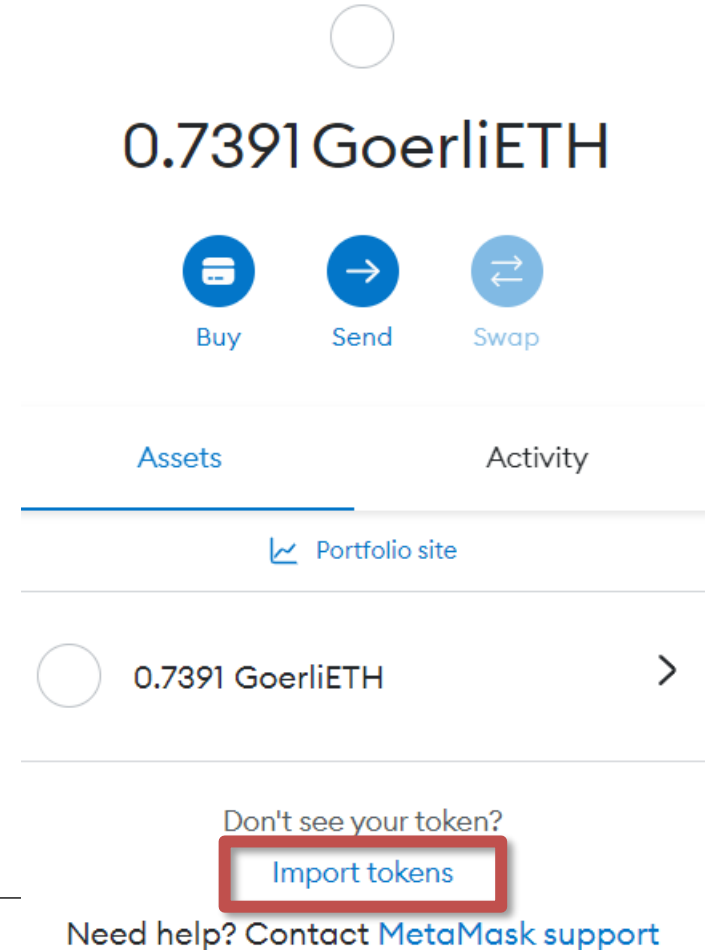
1. **approve** first the Uniswap smart contract to take your UNI
2. **swap** UNI for ETH



The image shows the Uniswap Swap interface. At the top, it says "Swap" with a settings gear icon. Below this, there are two input fields. The first field shows "0.00005" and is labeled "UNI" with a dropdown arrow. To its right, it says "Balance: 0.004721 Max". The second field shows "0.00001" and is labeled "ETH" with a dropdown arrow. To its right, it says "Balance: 0.739". Between the two fields is a downward arrow icon. Below the input fields, there is a line showing the rate: "1 ETH = 4.71532 UNI". At the bottom, there is a large pink button with an information icon and the text "Approve use of UNI".

Add UNI to Metamask

- By default, Metamask will **NOT** show you your newly swapped UNI.
- You need to **manually** import the token into Metamask, so that it will track your balance.
- To add it, you need to know the **contract address** of the UNI token.
- You can easily find the contract address from the transaction page on **Etherscan**.



Add UNI to Metamask

Transaction Details < >

Overview

Logs (5)

State

[This is a Goerli **Testnet** transaction only]

Transaction Hash: 0xc7f793515014c1a6cdcde5d7ec9c282a29375559a5b779322

Status: Success

Block: 8727354 2 Block Confirmations

Timestamp: 24 secs ago (Mar-27-2023 02:01:24 PM +UTC)

From: 0x55586A4ca0ea46D5830C0E6e4Ec39e36c520adfa

To: 0x4648a43B2C14Da09FdF82B161150d3F634f40491

ERC-20 Tokens Transferred: 3

From 0x4648a4...34f40491 To 0x4648a4...34f40491 For 0.001 Wrapped Ethe... (WETH...)

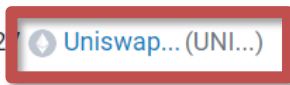
From 0x07A4f6...9eccEC86 To 0x55586A...c520adfa For 0.00472168105886702 Uniswap... (UNI...)

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From the user perspective, the swap was one operation, but the smart contract executed **three**.

One of them involve sending **UNI** to you.

Checkpoint. What are the others?



Add UNI to Metamask

 **Token** Uniswap (UNI)

ERC-20

Overview

MAX TOTAL SUPPLY
1,000,000,000 UNI ⓘ

HOLDERS
25,777

TOTAL TRANSFERS
639,913

Market

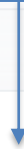
FULLY DILUTED MARKET CAP ⓘ
\$0.00

CIRCULATING SUPPLY MARKET CAP
-

Other Info

TOKEN CONTRACT (WITH 18 DECIMALS)
📄 [0x1f9840a85d5af5bf1d1762f925b...](#) ⓘ

Copy UNI contract



Note: contract address may differ

Add UNI to Metamask

UNI contract

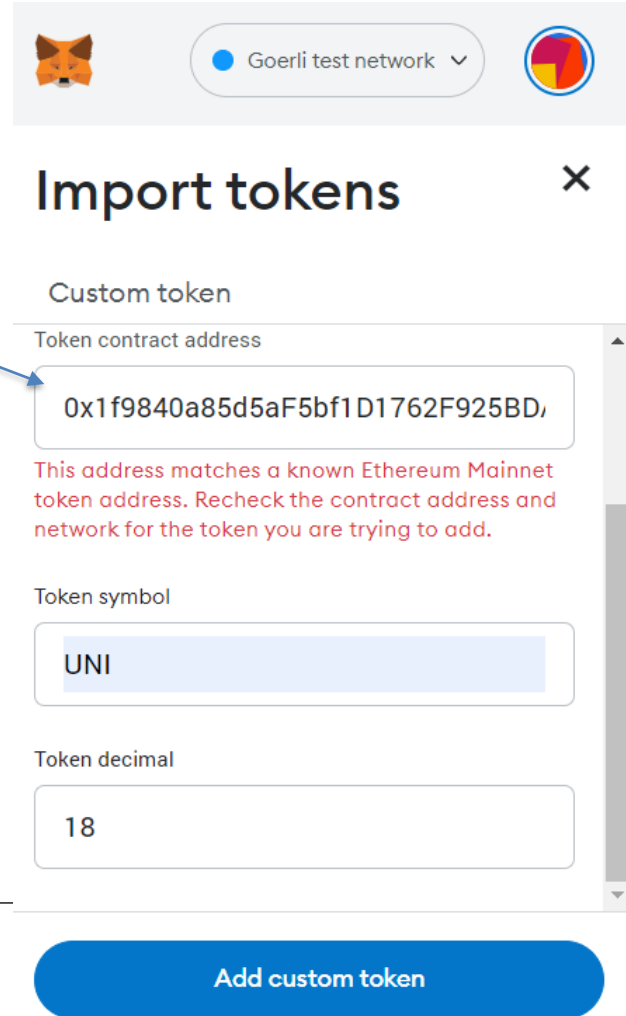
BONUS:

You can also get some SEPOLIA LINK and swap it:
<https://faucets.chain.link/sepolia>

Checkpoint.

If you switch LINK to UNI how many approvals are required?

Note: contract address may differ



Goerli test network

Import tokens

Custom token

Token contract address

0x1f9840a85d5aF5bf1D1762F925BD,

This address matches a known Ethereum Mainnet token address. Recheck the contract address and network for the token you are trying to add.

Token symbol

UNI

Token decimal

18

Add custom token



The standard for secure blockchain applications

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<https://openzeppelin.com>

Audited and reliable, Open Zeppelin offers a collection of:

- Implementations of standards like [ERC20](#) and [ERC721](#)
- Flexible [role-based permissioning](#) scheme
- Reusable [Solidity components](#)

To use it in your application, you need to install it:

```
npm install @openzeppelin/contracts
```



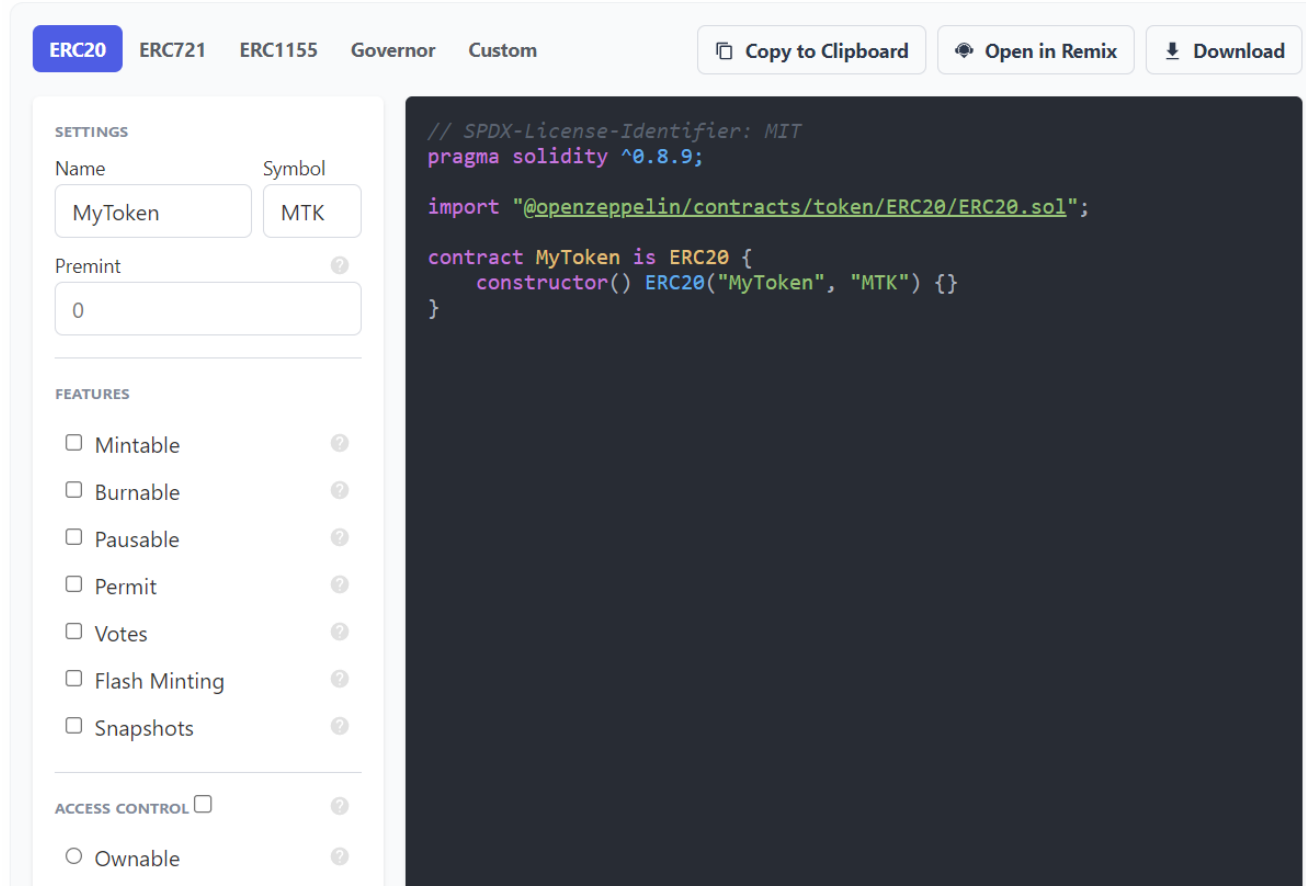
You can also install it with yarn

Details: <https://docs.openzeppelin.com/contracts/5.x>

- Let's play with Open Zeppelin Wizard to understand what this library offers.

Exercise:

- Deploy an Open Zeppelin ERC20 contract to the (not) UniMa blockchain.



The screenshot shows the Open Zeppelin Wizard interface for creating an ERC20 token. The top navigation bar includes tabs for ERC20, ERC721, ERC1155, Governor, and Custom. The ERC20 tab is selected. On the right, there are buttons for 'Copy to Clipboard', 'Open in Remix', and 'Download'.

SETTINGS

Name: MyToken Symbol: MTK

Premint: 0

FEATURES

- ☐ Mintable
- ☐ Burnable
- ☐ Pausable
- ☐ Permit
- ☐ Votes
- ☐ Flash Minting
- ☐ Snapshots

ACCESS CONTROL ☐

- ☐ Ownable

Code Snippet:

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity ^0.8.9;

import "@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC20/ERC20.sol";

contract MyToken is ERC20 {
    constructor() ERC20("MyToken", "MTK") {}
}
```

Time for Exercises...
