

# Create a wallet with celestia-node

This tutorial will go over using thecel-key utility to generate a wallet on celestia-node.

While this tutorial will go over installation process ofcel-key , it is recommended that you complete the following prerequisites first:

- [Setting up your environment](#)

Once you completed the prerequisite, you can proceed with this tutorial.

## Using thecel-key

utility

Inside the celestia-node repository is a utility calledcel-key that uses the key utility provided by Cosmos-SDK under the hood. The utility can be used toadd ,delete , and manage keys for any DA node type(bridge || full || light) , or just keys in general.

### Installation

You need to first pull down the celestia-node repository:

```
sh git
```

```
clone
```

```
https://github.com/celestiaorg/celestia-node.git cd
```

```
celestia-node/ git
```

```
clone
```

```
https://github.com/celestiaorg/celestia-node.git cd
```

celestia-node/ It can be built using either of the following commands:

```
sh
```

**dumps binary in current working directory, accessible via ./cel-key**

```
make
```

```
cel-key
```

**dumps binary in current working directory, accessible via ./cel-key**

```
make
```

```
cel-key or
```

```
sh
```

**installs binary in GOBIN path, accessible via cel-key**

```
make
```

```
install-key
```

**installs binary in GOBIN path, accessible via cel-key**

make

install-key For the purpose of this guide, we will use the make cel-key command.

## Steps for generating node keys

To generate a key for a Celestia node, select the tab for your node type:

TIP

You do not need to declare a network for Mainnet Beta. Refer to [the chain ID section on the troubleshooting page for more information](#)

Bridge

Full

Light

bash ./cel-key

add

< key-name

--keyring-backend

test

--node.type

bridge

\ --p2p.network

< network

./cel-key

add

< key-name

--keyring-backend

test

--node.type

bridge

\ --p2p.network

< network

bash ./cel-key

add

< key-name

--keyring-backend

test

--node.type

full

\ --p2p.network

< network

./cel-key

add

< key-name

--keyring-backend

test

--node.type

full

\ --p2p.network

< network k

bash ./cel-key

add

< key-name

--keyring-backend

test

--node.type

light

\ --p2p.network

< network k

./cel-key

add

< key-name

--keyring-backend

test

--node.type

light

\ --p2p.network

< network k

This will load the key into the directory of the node.

Further flags you can use to customize your key are the following:

- --p2p.network
- : Specifies which network you want the key for. Values are arabica
- andmocha
- . Please note the default network will be mocha
- .

Keep in mind that your celestia-node will only pick up keys that are inside the default directory under /keys so you should make sure to point cel-key utility to the correct directory via the p2p.network or home flags if you have specified a custom directory or network other than Arabica, Mocha, or Mainnet Beta.

Also keep in mind that if you do not specify a network with --p2p.network, the default one will always be celestia (Mainnet Beta).

## Steps for exporting node keys

You can export a private key from the local keyring in encrypted and ASCII-armored format.

Bridge

Full

Light bash ./cel-key

export

< key-nam e

--keyring-backend

test

--node.type

bridge

\ --p2p.network

< networ k

./cel-key

export

< key-nam e

--keyring-backend

test

--node.type

bridge

\ --p2p.network

< networ k

bash ./cel-key

export

< key-nam e

--keyring-backend

test

--node.type

full

\ --p2p.network

< networ k

./cel-key

export

< key-nam e

--keyring-backend

test

--node.type

full

\ --p2p.network

< networ k

bash ./cel-key

```
export
< key-name
--keyring-backend
test
--node.type
```

```
light
\ --p2p.network
< network
./cel-key
```

```
export
< key-name
--keyring-backend
test
--node.type
light
```

```
\ --p2p.network
< network
```

## Steps for importing node keys

To import from a mnemonic, use the following command, then enter your bip39 mnemonic:

Bridge

Full

Light bash ./cel-key

add

< key-name

--recover

--keyring-backend

test

\ --node.type

bridge

--p2p.network

< network

./cel-key

add

< key-name

--recover

--keyring-backend

test

\ --node.type

bridge

--p2p.network

< network k

bash ./cel-key

add

< key-name

--recover

--keyring-backend

test

\ --node.type

full

--p2p.network

< network k

./cel-key

add

< key-name

--recover

--keyring-backend

test

\ --node.type

full

--p2p.network

< network k

bash ./cel-key

add

< key-name

--recover

--keyring-backend

test

\ --node.type

light

--p2p.network

< network k

./cel-key

add

< key-name

```
--recover
--keyring-backend

test

\ --node.type

light

--p2p.network

< network
```

## View all options forcel-key

```
sh ./cel-key

--help ./cel-key

--help
```

## Docker andcel-key

### Prerequisites

- Docker installed on your machine
- Understanding of the [guide on how to run celestia-node with Docker](#)
- .

### Running your node

Run the Docker image (in this example, we are using a light node on Mocha testnet):

```
bash docker

run

--name

celestia-node

-e

NODE_TYPE=light

-e

P2P_NETWORK=mocha

-p

26659 :26659

\ ghcr.io/celestiaorg/celestia-node:v0.18.3-mocha celestia

light

start

\ --core.ip rpc-mocha.pops.one

--p2p.network

mocha docker

run
```

--name

celestia-node

-e

NODE\_TYPE=light

-e

P2P\_NETWORK=mocha

-p

26659 :26659

\ ghcr.io/celestiaorg/celestia-node:v0.18.3-mocha celestia

light

start

\ --core.ip rpc-mocha.pops.one

--p2p.network

mocha TIP

Refer to [the ports section of the celestia-node troubleshooting page](#) for information on which ports are required to be open on your machine.

You do not need to declare a network for Mainnet Beta. Refer to [the chain ID section on the troubleshooting page for more information](#) List active containers in another window with:

bash docker

ps docker

ps The response will look like:

bash CONTAINER

ID

IMAGE

COMMAND

CREATED

STATUS

PORTS

NAMES < container-id

```
celestia-node "/entrypoint.sh cele..." 22 seconds ago Up 21 seconds 2121/tcp docker-compose-test-celestia-1
CONTAINER
```

ID

IMAGE

COMMAND

CREATED

STATUS

PORTS

NAMES < container-id

```
celestia-node "/entrypoint.sh cele..." 22 seconds ago Up 21 seconds 2121/tcp docker-compose-test-celestia-1
```



Interact with the container by replacing for the container ID:

```
bash docker
```

```
exec
```

```
-ti
```

```
< container-i d
```

```
/bin/bash docker
```

```
exec
```

```
-ti
```

```
< container-i d
```

```
/bin/bash Now, interact with cel-key to check for the key that was autogenerated when you started the node:
```

```
bash ./cel-key
```

```
list
```

```
--keyring-backend
```

```
test
```

```
--node.type
```

```
light ./cel-key
```

```
list
```

```
--keyring-backend
```

```
test
```

```
--node.type
```

light You can also export your key from the container. In the next section, you'll learn how to mount existing keys to the container.

## Mounting existing keys to container

In this example, we'll be mounting an existing key to the container. We're also using an existing image called celestia-node. This will mount the entire `./celestia-light/keys` directory to your image, or on Mainnet Beta the `./celestia-light/keys` directory.

Write `adocker-compose.yml` to accomplish this:

```
yml version : "3.8" services : celestia : image : celestia-node environment : - NODE_TYPE=light command : celestia light start --core.ip rpc-mocha.pops.one --p2p.network mocha --keyring.keyname my_celes_key volumes : - {PWD}/keys:/root/.celestia-light-mocha-4/keys ports : - 26659:26659 version : "3.8" services : celestia : image : celestia-node environment : - NODE_TYPE=light command : celestia light start --core.ip rpc-mocha.pops.one --p2p.network mocha --keyring.keyname my_celes_key volumes : - {PWD}/keys:/root/.celestia-light-mocha-4/keys ports : - 26659:26659 Start the container by running the following command in the directory with your docker-compose.yml :
```

```
bash docker-compose
```

```
up docker-compose
```

```
up List active containers in another window with:
```

```
bash docker
```

```
ps docker
```

```
ps The response will look like:
```

```
bash CONTAINER
```

```
ID
```

IMAGE

COMMAND

CREATED

STATUS

PORTS

NAMES < container-id

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CONTAINER

ID

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Interact with the container by replacing for the container ID:

bash docker

exec

-ti

< container-i d

/bin/bash docker

exec

-ti

< container-i d

/bin/bash Now, interact with cel-key to check your address matches the address you expect with the key you mounted:

bash root@:/#

./cel-key

list

--keyring-backend

test

--node.type

light using

directory:

**~/celestia-light-mocha-4/keys**

address:

celestia1wkhyhr7ngf0ayqlpnsnxg4d72hfs5453dvunm9 name:

my\_celes\_key pubkey:

```
'{"@type":"/cosmos.crypto.secp256k1.PubKey","key":"A1/NsoY0RGL7Hqt4VWLg441GQKJsZ2fBUnZXipgns8oV"}' type :  
local root@:/#
```

./cel-key

list

--keyring-backend

test

--node.type

light using

directory:

## ~/celestia-light-mocha-4/keys

address:

celestia1wkhyhr7ngf0ayqlpnsnxg4d72hfs5453dvunm9 name:

my\_celes\_key pubkey:

```
'{"@type":"/cosmos.crypto.secp256k1.PubKey","key":"A1/NsoY0RGL7Hqt4VWLg441GQKJsZ2fBUnZXipgns8oV"}' type :  
local [] [Edit this page on GitHub] Last updated: Previous page New Blobstream X deployments Next page Integrating  
Wallets for developers []
```