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 the 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

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make

cel-key or

sh

installs binary in GOBIN path, accessible via cel-key

make

install-key

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make

install-key For the purpose of this guide, we will use themake 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 tohe chain ID section on the troubleshooting page for more information Bridge

Full

Light bash ./cel-key

add

< key-nam e

--keyring-backend

test

--node.type

bridge

\ --p2p.network

< networ k

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test

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--node.type

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```
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light

```
\ --p2p.network
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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 arearabica
- andmocha
- . Please note the default network will bemocha
- .

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 pointcel-key utility to the correct directory via thep2p.network orhome 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 becelestia (Mainnet Beta).

Steps for exporting node keys

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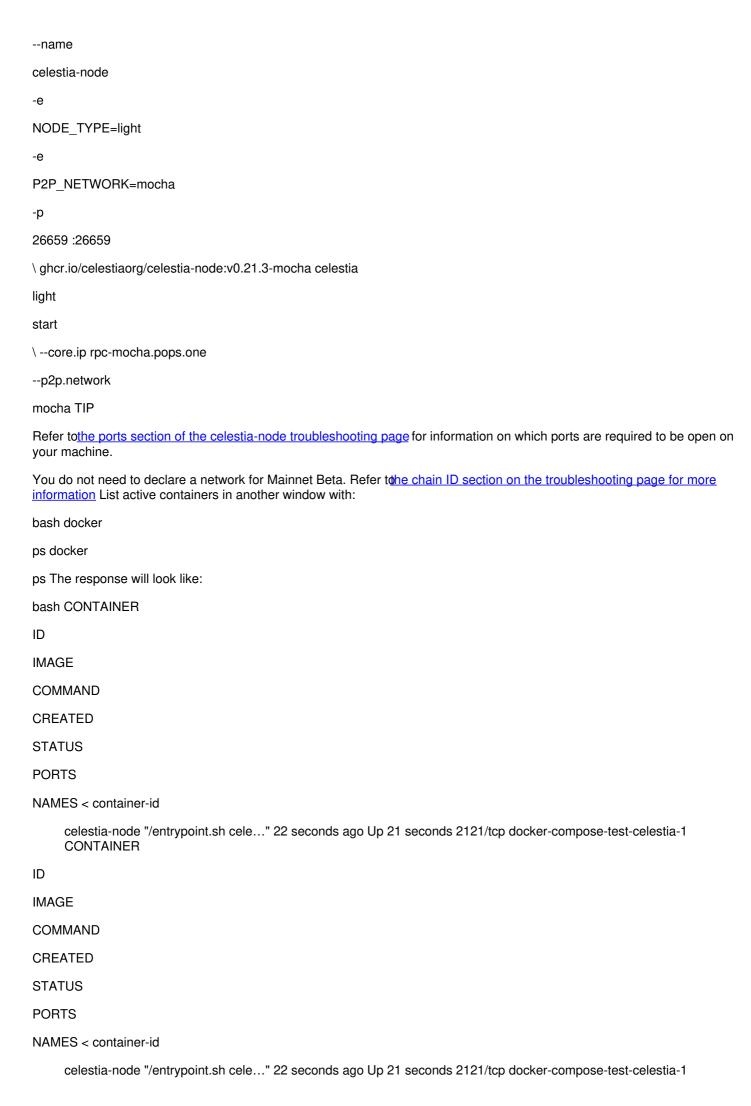
Bridge

Full

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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

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      bash ./cel-key
```

```
export
< key-nam e
--keyring-backend
test
--node.type
light
\ --p2p.network
< networ k
        ./cel-key
export
< key-nam e
--keyring-backend
test
--node.type
light
\ --p2p.network
< networ k
```

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-nam e
--recover
--keyring-backend
test
\ --node.type
bridge
--p2p.network
< networ k
        ./cel-key
add
< key-nam e
--recover
--keyring-backend
test
```

```
\ --node.type
bridge
--p2p.network
< networ k
        bash ./cel-key
add
< key-nam e
--recover
--keyring-backend
test
\ --node.type
full
--p2p.network
< networ k
        ./cel-key
add
< key-nam e
--recover
--keyring-backend
test
\ --node.type
full
--p2p.network
< networ k
        bash ./cel-key
add
< key-nam e
--recover
--keyring-backend
test
\ --node.type
light
--p2p.network
< networ k
        ./cel-key
add
< key-nam e
```

```
--recover
--keyring-backend
test
\ --node.type
light
--p2p.network
< networ k
```

View all options for cel-key

```
sh ./cel-key
--help ./cel-key
--help
```

Docker and cel-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:v0.21.3-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

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light

start

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--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 withcel-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:

```yaml
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 yourdocker-compose.yml :
```

```bash
docker-compose
```

up docker-compose

up List active containers in another window with:

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```

ps docker

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exec

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< container-i d

/bin/bash Now, interact withcel-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: []