

SLIP-39 Wallet "Seed" Generation & Backup

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Creating Ethereum, Bitcoin and other accounts is complex and fraught with potential for loss of funds.

A 12- or 24-word BIP-39 seed recovery Mnemonic Phrase helps, but a **single** lapse in security dooms the account (and all derived accounts, in fact). If someone finds your recovery phrase (or you lose it), the accounts derived from that seed are *gone*.

The SLIP-39 standard allows you to split the seed between 1, 2, or more groups of several mnemonic recovery phrases. This is better, but creating such accounts is difficult; presently, only the Trezor supports these directly, and they can only be created "manually". Writing down 5 or more sets of 20 words is difficult, error-prone and time consuming.

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1 Hardware Wallet "Seed" Configuration

Your keys, your Bitcoin. Not your keys, not your Bitcoin.

—Andreas Antonopoulos

The `python-slip39` project (and the SLIP-39 macOS/win32 App) exists to assist in the safe creation, backup and documentation of Hierarchical Deterministic (HD) Wallet seeds and derived accounts, with various SLIP-39 sharing parameters. It generates the new random wallet seed, and generates the expected standard Ethereum account(s) (at derivation path `m/44'/60'/0'/0/0` by default) and Bitcoin accounts (at Bech32 derivation path `m/84'/0'/0'/0/0` by default), with wallet address and QR code (compatible with Trezor and Ledger derivations). It produces the required SLIP-39 phrases, and outputs a single PDF containing all the required printable cards to document the seed (and the specified derived accounts).

On an secure (ideally air-gapped) computer, new seeds can *safely* be generated (**without trusting this program**) and the PDF saved to a USB drive for printing (or directly printed without the file being saved to disk.). Presently, `slip39` can output example ETH, BTC, LTC, DOGE, BSC, and XRP addresses derived from the seed, to *illustrate* what accounts are associated with the backed-up seed. Recovery of the seed to a Trezor Safe 3 is simple, by entering the mnemonics right on the device.

We also support the backup of existing insecure and unreliable 12- or 24-word BIP-39 Mnemonic Phrases as SLIP-39 Mnemonic cards, for existing BIP-39 hardware wallets like the Ledger Nano, etc.! Use your existing BIP-39 Phrase as your Seed Source, select "Using BIP-39" (and enter your BIP-39 passphrase), and generate a set of SLIP-39 Mnemonic

cards. Later, use the SLIP-39 App and set your Seed Source to Recover from your SLIP-39 Mnemonic cards, click "Using BIP-39" to get your BIP-39 Mnemonic back, and use it (and your passphrase) to recover your accounts to your Ledger (or other) hardware wallet.

Output of BIP-38 or JSON encrypted Paper Wallets is also supported, for import into standard software cryptocurrency wallets.

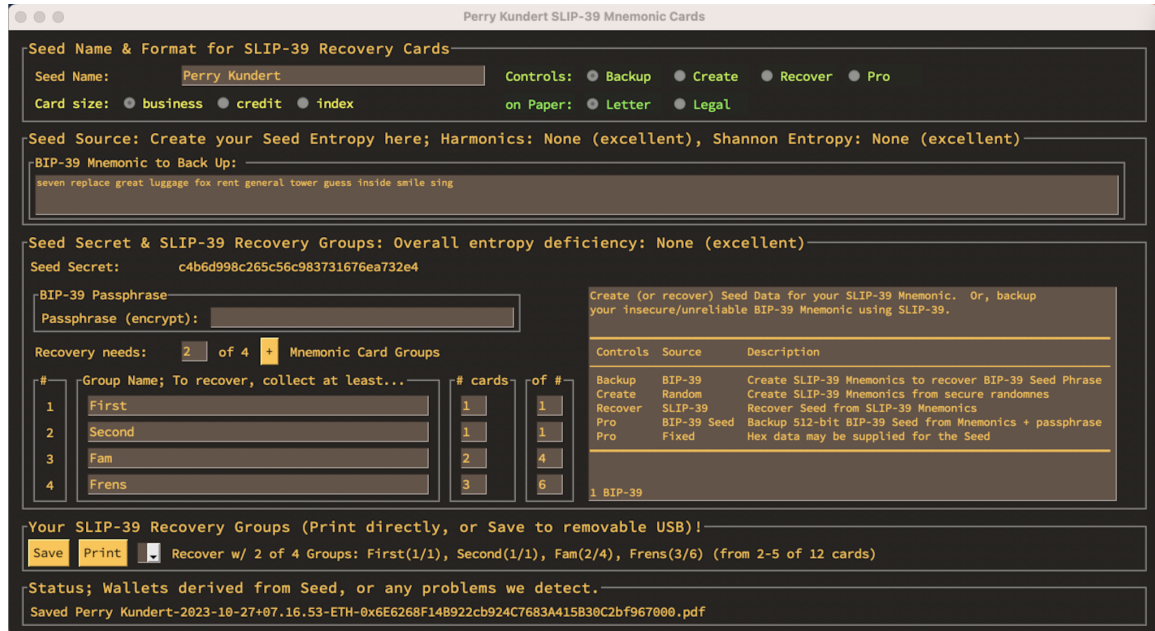


Figure 1: SLIP-39 App GUI

1.1 TL;DR Backup and Recover your BIP-39 Mnemonic

Here's a full round-trip demonstration of:

- Creating new (or "Backing Up" existing) Seed Entropy as a BIP-39 Mnemonic
- Recovering the Seed Entropy from SLIP-39 (via <https://iancoleman.io/slip39/>)
- Recovering the original BIP-39 (via <https://iancoleman.io/bip39/>)

First, we generate SLIP-39 Cards representing a BIP-39 Mnemonic seed. Remember, your BIP-39 Mnemonic simply encodes your 128- or 256-bit Seed Entropy. So, we're not backing up your Mnemonic phrase – we're backing up the raw seed data that is encoded into your BIP-39 Mnemonic.

```
# python3 -m pip install slip39; slip39 -q --using-bip39 # to generate one from scratch, or
slip39 --secret "seven replace great luggage fox rent general tower guess inside smile sing"
```

SLIP39-2025-11-22+15.17.24-ETH-0x6E6268F14B922cb924C7683A415B30C2bf967000.pdf

I recommend that you *tear off and destroy* the BIP-39 Mnemonic from the cover sheet, once you've confirmed you can recover it anytime you want, and you've set up your hardware wallet, and confirmed that it contains the same cryptocurrency addresses displayed in the PDF.



Later, when you need to recover your BIP-39 Seed Entropy and Mnemonic, use this SLIP-39 App or <https://iancoleman.io/slip39/> and enter some of your SLIP-39 Mnemonic Cards. These

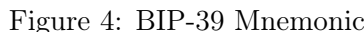


In this case, we're using the First and Second cards, intended for you to secure, separately from each other; for example, in two safes or other secure locations like locked filing cabinets, at 2 locations known to you and your partner(s):

In this step, we're simply converting the recovered Seed Entropy back into its BIP-39 Mnemonic. You need to select the "[X] show entropy details" checkbox in order to enter the raw Seed Entropy we've recovered in the last step:

```
python3 -m slip39.recovery --using-bip39 \
  -m "pitch negative acrobat romp desert usual negative darkness friar artist estimate aluminum beard crowd email season g
  -m "pitch negative beard romp diagnose timely ruler emission acrobat adult stilt dress typical blue inmate lilac pajamas
```

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2 Security with Availability

For both BIP-39 and SLIP-39, a 128- or 256-bit random "seed" is the source of an unlimited sequence of Ethereum and Bitcoin Hierarchical Deterministic (HD) derived Wallet accounts. Anyone who can obtain this seed gains control of all Ethereum, Bitcoin (and other) accounts derived from it, so it must be securely stored.

Losing this seed means that all of the HD Wallet accounts are permanently lost. It must be *both* backed up securely, *and* be readily accessible.

Therefore, we must:

- Ensure that nobody untrustworthy can recover the seed, but
- Store the seed in many places, probably with several (some perhaps untrustworthy) people.

How can we address these conflicting requirements?

2.1 Shamir's Secret Sharing System (SSSS)

Satoshi Lab's (Trezor) SLIP-39 uses SSSS to distribute the ability to recover the key to 1 or more "groups". Collecting the mnemonics from the required number of groups allows recovery of the seed.

For BIP-39, the number of groups is always 1, and the number of mnemonics required for that group is always 1. This selection is both insecure (easy to accidentally disclose) and unreliable (easy to accidentally lose), but since most hardware wallets **only** accept BIP-39 phrases, we also provide a way to *backup your BIP-39 phrase* using SLIP-39!

For SLIP-39, you specify a "group_threshold" of *how many* of your groups must be successfully collected, to recover the seed; this seed is (conceptually) split between 1 or more groups (though not in reality – each group's data *alone* gives away *no information* about the seed).

For example, you might have First, Second, Fam and Frens groups, and decide that any 2 groups can be combined to recover the seed. Each group has members with varying levels of trust and persistence, so have different number of Members, and differing numbers Required to recover that group's data:

Group	Required		Members	Description
First	1	/	1	Stored at home
Second	1	/	1	Stored in office safe
Fam	2	/	4	Distributed to family members
Frens	3	/	6	Distributed to friends and associates

The account owner might store their First and Second group data in their home and office safes. These are 1/1 groups (1 required, and only 1 member, so each of these are 1-card groups.)

If the Seed needs to be recovered, collecting the First and Second cards from the home and office safe is sufficient to recover the Seed, and re-generate all of the HD Wallet accounts.

Only 2 Fam group member's cards must be collected to recover the Fam group's data. So, if the HD Wallet owner loses their home (and the one and only First group card) in a fire, they could get the one Second group card from the office safe, and also 2 cards from Fam group members, and recover the Seed and all of their wallets.

If catastrophe strikes and the wallet owner dies, and the heirs don't have access to either the First (at home) or Second (at the office) cards, they can collect 2 Fam cards and 3 Frens cards (at the funeral, for example), completing the Fam and Frens groups' data, and recover the Seed, and all derived HD Wallet accounts.

Since Frens are less likely to persist long term, we'll produce more (6) of these cards. Depending on how trustworthy the group is, adjust the Fren group's Required number higher (less trustworthy, more likely to know each-other, need to collect more to recover the group), or lower (more trustworthy, less likely to collude, need less to recover).

3 SLIP-39 Account Creation, Recovery and Generation

Generating a new SLIP-39 encoded Seed is easy, with results available as PDF and text. Any number of derived HD wallet account addresses can be generated from this Seed, and the Seed (and all derived HD wallets, for all cryptocurrencies) can be recovered by collecting the desired groups of recover card phrases. The default recovery groups are as described above.

3.1 Creating New SLIP-39 Recoverable Seeds

This is what the first page of the output SLIP-39 mnemonic cards PDF looks like:

SLIP39 First(1/1) for: SLIP39 <i>Recover w/ 2 of 4 groups First(1), Second(1), Fam(2/4), Frens(3/6)</i> <small>ETH m/44'/0'/0'/0/0: 04c2077CA7F403d8ECA4181B0F62D91B5EA631B5E BTC m/84'/0'/0'/0/0: bc1qGd8r7wJfseenz9neew9thgQm5fvegnr2</small> <div> <div>1 diet</div> <div>2 smug</div> <div>3 acrobat</div> <div>4 romp</div> <div>5 acquire</div> <div>6 failure</div> <div>7 duckling</div> </div> <div> <div>8 sidewalk</div> <div>9 salary</div> <div>10 install</div> <div>11 usual</div> <div>12 impact</div> <div>13 story</div> <div>14 ancestor</div> </div> <div> <div>15 fantasy</div> <div>16 invasion</div> <div>17 strike</div> <div>18 metric</div> <div>19 gums</div> <div>20 cover</div> </div> <div>QR</div>	SLIP39 Second(1/1) for: SLIP39 <i>Recover w/ 2 of 4 groups First(1), Second(1), Fam(2/4), Frens(3/6)</i> <small>ETH m/44'/0'/0'/0/0: 04c2077CA7F403d8ECA4181B0F62D91B5EA631B5E BTC m/84'/0'/0'/0/0: bc1qGd8r7wJfseenz9neew9thgQm5fvegnr2</small> <div> <div>1 diet</div> <div>2 smug</div> <div>3 beard</div> <div>4 romp</div> <div>5 bucket</div> <div>6 boundary</div> <div>7 squeeze</div> </div> <div> <div>8 bucket</div> <div>9 forbid</div> <div>10 curly</div> <div>11 plastic</div> <div>12 marathon</div> <div>13 umbrella</div> <div>14 findings</div> </div> <div> <div>15 group</div> <div>16 display</div> <div>17 lyrics</div> <div>18 soldier</div> <div>19 afraid</div> <div>20 sheriff</div> </div> <div>QR</div>	SI 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
SLIP39 Fam(2/4) for: SLIP39 <i>Recover w/ 2 of 4 groups First(1), Second(1), Fam(2/4), Frens(3/6)</i> <small>ETH m/44'/0'/0'/0/0: 04c2077CA7F403d8ECA4181B0F62D91B5EA631B5E BTC m/84'/0'/0'/0/0: bc1qGd8r7wJfseenz9neew9thgQm5fvegnr2</small> <div> <div>1 diet</div> <div>2 smug</div> <div>3 ceramic</div> <div>4 scared</div> <div>5 drove</div> <div>6 stadium</div> <div>7 ancestor</div> </div> <div> <div>8 airport</div> <div>9 pancake</div> <div>10 emperor</div> <div>11 umbrella</div> <div>12 employer</div> <div>13 main</div> <div>14 sidewalk</div> </div> <div> <div>15 nuclear</div> <div>16 privacy</div> <div>17 buyer</div> <div>18 object</div> <div>19 remind</div> <div>20 library</div> </div> <div>QR</div>	SLIP39 Fam(3/4) for: SLIP39 <i>Recover w/ 2 of 4 groups First(1), Second(1), Fam(2/4), Frens(3/6)</i> <small>ETH m/44'/0'/0'/0/0: 04c2077CA7F403d8ECA4181B0F62D91B5EA631B5E BTC m/84'/0'/0'/0/0: bc1qGd8r7wJfseenz9neew9thgQm5fvegnr2</small> <div> <div>1 diet</div> <div>2 smug</div> <div>3 ceramic</div> <div>4 shadow</div> <div>5 coastal</div> <div>6 should</div> <div>7 pleasure</div> </div> <div> <div>8 thunder</div> <div>9 flavor</div> <div>10 twin</div> <div>11 broken</div> <div>12 holiday</div> <div>13 material</div> <div>14 literary</div> </div> <div> <div>15 boundary</div> <div>16 island</div> <div>17 privacy</div> <div>18 raisin</div> <div>19 security</div> <div>20 snapshot</div> </div> <div>QR</div>	SI 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
SLIP39 Frens(1/6) for: SLIP39	SLIP39 Frens(2/6) for: SLIP39	SI

Figure 5: SLIP-39 Cards PDF (from --secret ffff...)

Run the following to obtain a PDF file containing business cards with the default

SLIP-39 groups for a new account Seed named "Personal" (usable with any hardware wallet with SLIP-39 support, such as the Trezor Safe) ; insert a USB drive to collect the output, and run:

```
$ python3 -m pip install slip39          # Install slip39 in Python3
$ cd /Volumes/USBDRIVE/                  # Change current directory to USB
$ python3 -m slip39 Personal              # Or just run "slip39 Personal"
2022-11-22 05:35:21 slip39.layout ETH    m/44'/60'/0'/0/0 : 0x0F04cab1855CE275bd098c918075373EB3944Ba3
2022-11-22 05:35:21 slip39.layout BTC    m/84'/0'/0'/0/0 : bc1qszvts5vyxy265er6ngk3ew4utx5s1l2ck2m7m2
2022-11-22 05:35:22 slip39.layout Writing SLIP39-encoded wallet for 'Personal' to:\
Personal-2022-11-22+05.35.22-ETH-0x0F04cab1855CE275bd098c918075373EB3944Ba3.pdf
```

The resultant PDF will be output into the designated file.

This PDF file contains business card sized SLIP-39 Mnemonic cards, and will print on a single page of 8-1/2"x11" paper or card stock, and the cards can be cut out (`--card` `index`, `credit`, `half` (page), `third` and `quarter` are also available, as well as `4x6 photo` and custom "`<h>`", `<w>`), `<margin>`").

To get the data printed on the terminal as in this example (so you could write it down on cards instead), add a `-v` (to see it logged in a tabular format), or `--text` to have it printed to stdout in full lines (ie. for pipelining to other programs).

3.1.1 BIP-39 Mnemonic Phrase Backup using SLIP-39

To obtain the Seed in BIP-39 format, with its original "entropy" backed up using SLIP-39 (supporting any BIP-39 hardware wallet, and recoverable from the Mnemonic cards using SLIP-39), use the `--using-bip39` option:

```
$ slip39 --using-bip39 Personal-BIP-39
2022-11-22 05:47:13 slip39.layout ETH    m/44'/60'/0'/0/0 : 0x927232296120343A89DeAb15F108a420087a2Ef3
2022-11-22 05:47:13 slip39.layout BTC    m/84'/0'/0'/0/0 : bc1qgs6xg5kvrrxp4579y22a4tf0d8me4dslwxjr9x
2022-11-22 05:47:15 slip39.layout Writing SLIP39 backup for BIP-39-encoded wallet for 'Personal-BIP-39' to:\
Personal-BIP-39-2022-11-22+05.47.15-ETH-0x927232296120343A89DeAb15F108a420087a2Ef3.pdf
```

This is the best approach, if you want a new Seed and need to support a BIP-39-only Hardware Wallet. (If you already have a BIP-39 Mnemonic Phrase, see 3.4.3)

3.1.2 Paper Wallets for Software Wallet Support

The Trezor hardware wallet natively supports the input of SLIP-39 Mnemonics. However, most software wallets do not (yet) support SLIP-39. So, how do we load the Crypto wallets produced from our Seed into software wallets such as the Metamask plugin or the Brave browser, for example?

The `slip39.gui` (and the macOS/win32 SLIP-39.App) support output of standard BIP-38 encrypted wallets for Bitcoin-like cryptocurrencies such as BTC, LTC and DOGE. It also outputs encrypted Ethereum JSON wallets for ETH. Here is how to produce them (from a test secret Seed; exclude `--secret ffff...` for yours!):

```
slip39 -c ETH -c BTC -c DOGE -c LTC --secret ffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff \
--no-card --wallet password --wallet-hint 'bad:pass...' 2>&1
```

```

2025-11-22 15:17:26 slip39
2025-11-22 15:17:26 slip39
2025-11-22 15:17:26 slip39
2025-11-22 15:17:26 slip39.layout
2025-11-22 15:17:26 slip39.layout
2025-11-22 15:17:26 slip39.layout
2025-11-22 15:17:28 slip39.layout

```

It is recommended to not use '-s|--secret <hex>'; specify '-' to read from input
It is recommended to not use '-w|--wallet <password>'; specify '-' to read from input
Generated 128-bit SLIP-39 Mnemonics w/ identifier 15780 requiring 2 of 4 (extendable)
ETH m/44'/60'/0'/0/0 : 0x824b174803e688dE39aF5B3D7Cd39bE6515A19a1
BTC m/84'/0'/0'/0/0 : bc1q9yscq3l2yfxlwnlk3cszpqefparrv7tk24u6pl
DOGE m/44'/3'/0'/0/0 : DN8PNN3dipSJpLmyxtGe4EJH38EhqF8Sfy
LTC m/84'/2'/0'/0/0 : ltc1qe5m2mst9kjcqtfpapaanaty40qe8xtusmq4ake
Writing SLIP39-encoded wallet for 'SLIP39' to: SLIP39-2025-11-22+15.17.27-ETH-0x824b1

And what they look like:



Figure 6: Paper Wallets (from --secret ffff...)

To recover your real SLIP-39 Seed Entropy and print wallets, use the SLIP-39 App's "Recover" Controls, or to do so on the command-line, use `slip39-recovery`:

```

slip39-recovery -v \
--mnemonic "material leaf acrobat romp charity capital omit skunk change firm eclipse crush fancy best tracks flip gro
--mnemonic "material leaf beard romp disaster duke flame uncover group slice guest blue gums duckling total suitable t
2>&1

```

```

2025-11-22 15:17:29 slip39.recovery Recovered 128-bit Encrypted SLIP-39 Seed Entropy using 2 groups comprising 2 mnemonic
2025-11-22 15:17:29 slip39.recovery Seed decoded from SLIP-39 Mnemonics w/ no passphrase
2025-11-22 15:17:29 slip39.recovery Recovered SLIP-39 secret; To re-generate SLIP-39 wallet, send it to: python3 -m slip39
ffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff

```

You can run this as a command-line pipeline. Here, we use some SLIP-39 Mnemonics that encode the `ffff...` Seed Entropy; note that the wallets match those output above:

```

slip39-recovery \
--mnemonic "material leaf acrobat romp charity capital omit skunk change firm eclipse crush fancy best tracks flip gro
--mnemonic "material leaf beard romp disaster duke flame uncover group slice guest blue gums duckling total suitable t

```

```
| slip39 -c ETH -c BTC -c DOGE -c LTC --secret - \
    --no-card --wallet password --wallet-hint 'bad:pass...' \
    2>&1

2025-11-22 15:17:29 slip39          It is recommended to not use '-w|--wallet <password>'; specify '-' to read from input
2025-11-22 15:17:29 slip39          Generated 128-bit SLIP-39 Mnemonics w/ identifier 12274 requiring 2 of 4 (extendable)
2025-11-22 15:17:29 slip39.layout  ETH    m/44'/60'/0'/0/0    : 0x824b174803e688dE39aF5B3D7Cd39bE6515A19a1
2025-11-22 15:17:29 slip39.layout  BTC    m/84'/0'/0'/0/0    : bc1q9yscq3l2yfxlvnlk3cszpqefparrv7tk24u6pl
2025-11-22 15:17:29 slip39.layout  DOGE   m/44'/3'/0'/0/0    : DN8PNN3dipSJpLmyxtGe4EJH38EhqF8Sfy
2025-11-22 15:17:29 slip39.layout  LTC    m/84'/2'/0'/0/0    : ltc1qe5m2mst9kjcqtfpapaanaty40qe8xtusmq4ake
2025-11-22 15:17:32 slip39.layout  Writing SLIP39-encoded wallet for 'SLIP39' to: SLIP39-2025-11-22+15.17.31-ETH-0x824b1
```

3.1.3 Supported Cryptocurrencies

While the SLIP-39 Seed is not cryptocurrency-specific (any wallet for any cryptocurrency can be derived from it), each type of cryptocurrency has its own standard derivation path (eg. `m/44'/3'/0'/0/0` for DOGE), and its own address representation (eg. Bech32 at `m/84'/0'/0'/0/0` for BTC eg. `bc1qcupw7k8enymvvsaw7w35j5hq4ergtvus3zk8a8s`).

When you import your SLIP-39 Seed into a Trezor, you gain access to all derived HD cryptocurrency wallets supported directly by that hardware wallet, and **indirectly**, to any coin and/or blockchain network supported by any wallet software (eg. Metamask).

Crypto	Semantic	Path	Address	Support
ETH	Legacy	<code>m/44'/ 60'/0'/0/0</code>	<code>0x...</code>	
BTC	Legacy	<code>m/44'/ 0'/0'/0/0</code>	<code>1...</code>	
	SegWit	<code>m/49'/ 0'/0'/0/0</code>	<code>3...</code>	
	Bech32	<code>m/84'/ 0'/0'/0/0</code>	<code>bc1...</code>	
LTC	Legacy	<code>m/44'/ 2'/0'/0/0</code>	<code>L...</code>	
	SegWit	<code>m/49'/ 2'/0'/0/0</code>	<code>M...</code>	
	Bech32	<code>m/84'/ 2'/0'/0/0</code>	<code>ltc1...</code>	
DOGE	Legacy	<code>m/44'/ 3'/0'/0/0</code>	<code>D...</code>	
BNB	Legacy	<code>m/44'/714'/0'/0/0</code>	<code>0x...</code>	Beta
XRP	Legacy	<code>m/44'/144'/0'/0/0</code>	<code>rUP...</code>	Beta

1. ETH, BTC, LTC, DOGE

These coins are natively supported both directly by the Trezor hardware wallet, and by most software wallets and "web3" platforms that interact with the Trezor, or can import the BIP-38 or Ethereum JSON Paper Wallets produced by `python-slip39`.

2. Binance Smart Chain (BNB): binance.com

The Binance Smart Chain uses standard Ethereum addresses, but at a different derivation path.

3. Ripple (XRP)

Support for Ripple addresses is presently tested, but still considered Beta quality.

4. Other HDWallet support cryptocurrencies

Any other cryptocurrency supported by HDWallet is available (so long as it supports BIP44, and are also considered Beta quality).

3.2 The macOS/win32 SLIP-39.app GUI App

If you prefer a graphical user-interface, try the macOS/win32 SLIP-39.App. You can run it directly if you install Python 3.9+ from python.org/downloads or using homebrew `brew install python-tk@3.10`. Then, start the GUI in a variety of ways:

```
slip39-gui
python3 -m slip39.gui
```

Alternatively, download and install the macOS/win32 GUI App .zip, .pkg or .dmg installer from github.com/pjkundert/python-slip-39/releases.

3.3 The Python slip39 CLI

From the command line, you can create SLIP-39 Seed Mnemonic card PDFs.

3.3.1 slip39 Synopsis

The full command-line argument synopsis for `slip39` is:

```
slip39 --help 2>&1 | sed 's/~/: /' # (just for output formatting)
```

```
usage: slip39 [-h] [-v] [-q] [-o OUTPUT] [-t THRESHOLD] [-g GROUP] [-f FORMAT]
              [-c CRYPTOCURRENCY] [-p PATH] [-j JSON] [-w WALLET]
              [--wallet-hint WALLET_HINT] [--wallet-format WALLET_FORMAT]
              [-s SECRET] [-e ENTROPY] [--show] [--no-show] [--bits BITS]
              [--using-bip39] [--passphrase PASSPHRASE] [-C CARD] [--no-card]
              [--paper PAPER] [--cover] [--no-cover] [--identifier IDENTIFIER]
              [--extendable] [--no-extendable] [--text]
              [--watermark WATERMARK] [--double-sided] [--no-double-sided]
              [--single-sided]
              [names ...]
```

Create and output SLIP-39 encoded Seeds and Paper Wallets to a PDF file.

positional arguments:

names Account names to produce; if --secret Entropy is supplied, only one is allowed.

options:

-h, --help show this help message and exit
-v, --verbose Display logging information.
-q, --quiet Reduce logging output.
-o OUTPUT, --output OUTPUT
Output PDF to file or '-' (stdout: use -q!);
formatting w/ name, date, time, crypto, path, address
allowed
-t THRESHOLD, --threshold THRESHOLD
Number of groups required for recovery (default: half
of groups, rounded up)
-g GROUP, --group GROUP
A group name[<require>][<size>] (default: <size> = 1,
<require> = half of <size>, rounded up, eg.
'Frens(3/5)').
-f FORMAT, --format FORMAT
Specify crypto address formats: legacy, segwit,
bech32; default: BNB:legacy, BTC:bech32, DOGE:legacy,

```

ETH:legacy, LTC:bech32, XRP:legacy
-c CRYPTOCURRENCY, --cryptocurrency CRYPTOCURRENCY
    A crypto name and optional derivation path (eg.
    './<range>/<range>'); defaults:
    BNB:m/44'/714'/0'/0/0, BTC:m/84'/0'/0'/0/0,
    DOGE:m/44'/3'/0'/0/0, ETH:m/44'/60'/0'/0/0,
    LTC:m/84'/2'/0'/0/0, XRP:m/44'/144'/0'/0/0
-p PATH, --path PATH Modify all derivation paths by replacing the final
    segment(s) w/ the supplied range(s), eg. './.../1/'
    means .../1/[0,...)
-j JSON, --json JSON Save an encrypted JSON wallet for each Ethereum
    address w/ this password, '-' reads it from stdin
    (default: None)
-w WALLET, --wallet WALLET
    Produce paper wallets in output PDF; each wallet
    private key is encrypted this password (use
    --wallet="" for empty password)
--wallet-hint WALLET_HINT
    Paper wallets password hint
--wallet-format WALLET_FORMAT
    Paper wallet size; half, third, quarter or
    '<h>,<w>,<margin>' (default: quarter)
-s SECRET, --secret SECRET
    Use the supplied BIP-39 Mnemonic or 128-, 256- or
    512-bit hex value as the secret seed; '-' reads it
    from stdin (eg. output from slip39.recover)
-e ENTROPY, --entropy ENTROPY
    Additional entropy; if 0x... hex, used directly;
    otherwise, UTF-8 stretched via SHA-512
--show
    Show derivation of master seed
--no-show
    Disable showing derivation of master seed
--bits BITS
    Ensure that the seed is of the specified bit length;
    128, 256, 512 supported.
--using-bip39
    Generate Seed from secret Entropy using BIP-39
    generation algorithm (encode as BIP-39 Mnemonics,
    encrypted using --passphrase)
--passphrase PASSPHRASE
    Encrypt the master secret w/ this passphrase, '-'
    reads it from stdin (default: None/'')
-C CARD, --card CARD Card size; business, credit, index, half, third,
    quarter, photo or '<h>,<w>,<margin>' (default:
    business)
--no-card
    Disable PDF SLIP-39 mnemonic card output
--paper PAPER
    Paper size (default: Letter)
--cover
    Produce PDF SLIP-39 cover page
--no-cover
    Disable PDF SLIP-39 cover page
--identifier IDENTIFIER
    Specify a SLIP-39 encoding identifier (default: random
    integer)
--extendable
    Force extendable SLIP-39 encoding (the default)
--no-extendable
    Force non-extendable SLIP-39 encoding (the historical
    default)
--text
    Enable textual SLIP-39 mnemonic output to stdout
--watermark WATERMARK
    Include a watermark on the output SLIP-39 mnemonic
    cards
--double-sided
    Enable double-sided PDF (default)
--no-double-sided
    Disable double-sided PDF
--single-sided
    Enable single-sided PDF

```

3.4 Recovery & Re-Creation

Later, if you need to recover the wallet seed, keep entering SLIP-39 mnemonics into `slip39-recovery` until the secret is recovered (invalid/duplicate mnemonics will be ignored):

```
$ python3 -m slip39.recovery # (or just "slip39-recovery")
Enter 1st SLIP-39 mnemonic: ab c
Enter 2nd SLIP-39 mnemonic: veteran guilt acrobat romp burden campus purple webcam uncover ...
Enter 3rd SLIP-39 mnemonic: veteran guilt acrobat romp burden campus purple webcam uncover ...
Enter 4th SLIP-39 mnemonic: veteran guilt beard romp dragon island merit burden aluminum worthy ...
2021-12-25 11:03:33 slip39.recovery Recovered SLIP-39 secret; Use: python3 -m slip39 --secret ...
383597fd63547e7c9525575dec413f7
```

Finally, re-create the wallet seed, perhaps including an encrypted JSON Paper Wallet for import of some accounts into a software wallet (use `--json password` to output encrypted Ethereum JSON wallet files):

```
slip39 --secret 383597fd63547e7c9525575dec413f7 --wallet password --wallet-hint bad:pass... 2>&1
```

```
2025-11-22 15:17:33 slip39          It is recommended to not use '-s|--secret <hex>'; specify '-' to read from input
2025-11-22 15:17:33 slip39          It is recommended to not use '-w|--wallet <password>'; specify '-' to read from input
2025-11-22 15:17:33 slip39          Generated 128-bit SLIP-39 Mnemonics w/ identifier 22577 requiring 2 of 4 (extendable)
2025-11-22 15:17:33 slip39.layout   ETH    m/44'/60'/0'/0/0    : 0xb44A2011A99596671d5952CdC22816089f142FB3
2025-11-22 15:17:33 slip39.layout   BTC    m/84'/0'/0'/0/0    : bc1qcupw7k8enymvsa7w35j5hq4ergtvus3zk8a8s
2025-11-22 15:17:36 slip39.layout   Writing SLIP39-encoded wallet for 'SLIP39' to: SLIP39-2025-11-22+15.17.35-ETH-0xb44A2
SLIP39-2025-11-22+15.17.35-ETH-0xb44A2011A99596671d5952CdC22816089f142FB3.pdf
```

3.4.1 slip39.recovery Synopsis

```
python3 -m slip39.recovery --help 2>&1 | sed 's/~/: /' # (just for output formatting)
```

```
usage: __main__.py [-h] [-v] [-q] [-m MNEMONIC] [-e] [--no-entropy] [-b] [-u]
                  [--binary] [--language LANGUAGE] [-p PASSPHRASE]
```

Recover and output secret Seed from SLIP-39 or BIP-39 Mnemonics

options:

-h, --help	show this help message and exit
-v, --verbose	Display logging information.
-q, --quiet	Reduce logging output.
-m MNEMONIC, --mnemonic MNEMONIC	Supply another SLIP-39 (or a BIP-39) mnemonic phrase
-e, --entropy	Return the BIP-39 Mnemonic Seed Entropy instead of the generated Seed (default: True if --using-bip39 w/o passphrase)
--no-entropy	Return the BIP-39 Mnemonic generated Seed
-b, --bip39	Recover Entropy and generate 512-bit secret Seed from BIP-39 Mnemonic + passphrase
-u, --using-bip39	Recover Entropy from SLIP-39, generate 512-bit secret Seed using BIP-39 Mnemonic + passphrase
--binary	Output seed in binary instead of hex
--language LANGUAGE	BIP-39 Mnemonic language (default: english)
-p PASSPHRASE, --passphrase PASSPHRASE	Decrypt the SLIP-39 or BIP-39 master secret w/ this passphrase, '-' reads it from stdin (default: None)''

If you obtain a threshold number of SLIP-39 mnemonics, you can recover the original secret Seed Entropy, and then re-generate one or more wallets from it.

Enter the mnemonics when prompted and/or via the command line with `-m |--mnemonic "..."`.

The secret Seed Entropy can then be used to generate a new SLIP-39 encoded wallet:

```
python3 -m slip39 --secret = "ab04...7f"
```

SLIP-39 Mnemonics may be encrypted with a passphrase; this is *not* Ledger-compatible, so it rarely recommended! Typically, on a Trezor, you recover using your SLIP-39 Mnemonics, and then use the "Hidden wallet" feature (passwords entered on the device) to produce alternative sets of accounts.

BIP-39 Mnemonics can be backed up as SLIP-39 Mnemonics, in two ways:

1) The actual BIP-39 standard 512-bit Seed can be generated by supplying `--passphrase`, but only at the cost of 59-word SLIP-39 mnemonics. This is because the *output* 512-bit BIP-39 Seed must be stored in SLIP-39 -- not the *input* 128-, 160-, 192-, 224-, or 256-bit entropy used to create the original BIP-39 mnemonic phrase.

2) The original BIP-39 12- or 24-word, 128- to 256-bit Seed Entropy can be recovered by supplying `--entropy`. This modifies the BIP-39 recovery to return the original BIP-39 Mnemonic Entropy, before decryption and seed generation. It has no effect for SLIP-39 recovery.

3.4.2 Pipelining `slip39.recovery` | `slip39 --secret -`

The tools can be used in a pipeline to avoid printing the secret. Here we generate some mnemonics, sorting them in reverse order so we need more than just the first couple to recover. Observe the Ethereum wallet address generated.

Then, we recover the master secret seed in hex with `slip39-recovery`, and finally send it to `slip39 --secret -` to re-generate the same wallet as we originally created.

```
( python3 -m slip39 --text --no-card \  
  | ( sort -r ; echo "...later, after recovering SLIP-39 mnemonics..." 1>&2 ) \  
  | python3 -m slip39.recovery \  
  | python3 -m slip39 --secret - --no-card \  
) 2>&1
```

```
2025-11-22 15:17:37 slip39          Generated 128-bit SLIP-39 Mnemonics w/ identifier 10044 requiring 2 of 4 (extendable)  
2025-11-22 15:17:37 slip39.layout  ETH   m/44'/60'/0'/0/0   : 0xAe739AED6B1F663465560dF235ca770304b61E79  
2025-11-22 15:17:37 slip39.layout  BTC   m/84'/0'/0'/0/0   : bc1q4ycvuhhnt7usn4hp8urfhqhl9kul6n8lcc86us  
...later, after recovering SLIP-39 mnemonics...  
2025-11-22 15:17:37 slip39          Generated 128-bit SLIP-39 Mnemonics w/ identifier 32293 requiring 2 of 4 (extendable)  
2025-11-22 15:17:37 slip39.layout  ETH   m/44'/60'/0'/0/0   : 0xAe739AED6B1F663465560dF235ca770304b61E79  
2025-11-22 15:17:37 slip39.layout  BTC   m/84'/0'/0'/0/0   : bc1q4ycvuhhnt7usn4hp8urfhqhl9kul6n8lcc86us
```

3.4.3 Pipelining Backup of a BIP-39 Mnemonic Phrase

A primary use case for `python-slip39` will be to backup an existing BIP-39 Mnemonic Phrase to SLIP-39 cards, so here it is. Suppose you have some (arbitrary) way to recover (or generate) some Entropy; for example, by recovering the original seed entropy used to generate a BIP-39 Mnemonic:

```
( python3 -m slip39.recovery --bip39 --entropy \  
  --mnemonic "zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong" \  
  | python3 -m slip39 --using-bip39 --secret - \  
) 2>&1
```

```

2025-11-22 15:17:38 slip39          Assuming BIP-39 seed entropy: Ensure you recover and use via a BIP-39 Mnemonic
2025-11-22 15:17:38 slip39          Generated 128-bit SLIP-39 Mnemonics w/ identifier 13718 requiring 2 of 4 (extendable)
2025-11-22 15:17:38 slip39.layout   ETH    m/44'/60'/0'/0/0    : 0xfc2077CA7F403cBECA41B1B0F62D91B5EA631B5E
2025-11-22 15:17:38 slip39.layout   BTC    m/84'/0'/0'/0/0    : bc1qk0a9hr7wjfxeeenz9nwenw9flhq0tmsf6vsgnn2
2025-11-22 15:17:39 slip39.layout   Writing SLIP39 backup for BIP-39-encoded wallet for 'SLIP39' to: SLIP39-2025-11-22+15
SLIP39-2025-11-22+15.17.39-ETH-0xfc2077CA7F403cBECA41B1B0F62D91B5EA631B5E.pdf

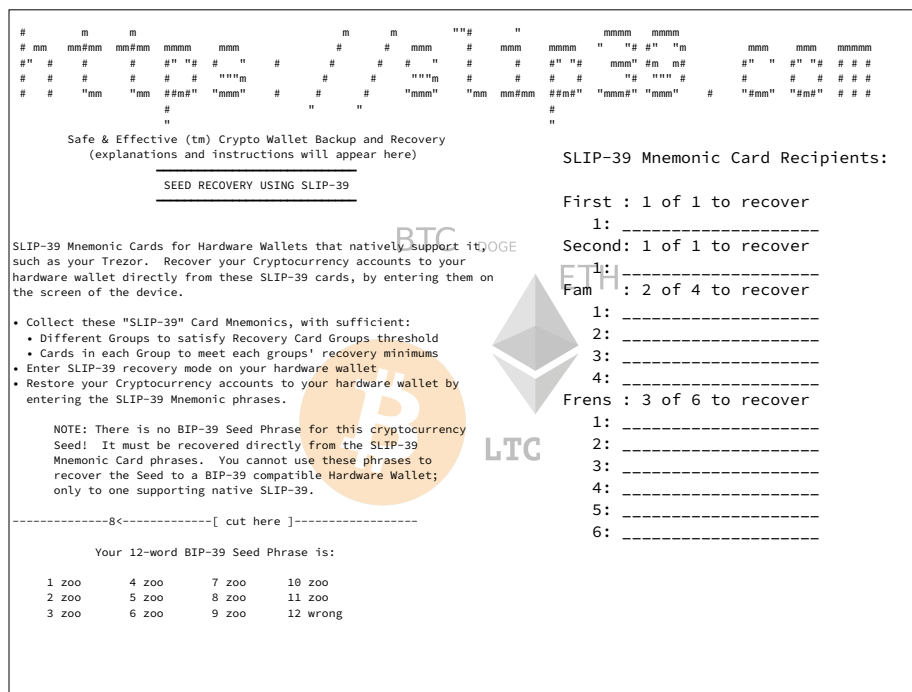
```

Better yet, if you already have a BIP-39 Mnemonic, you can just use that directly (we'll use a bit of "wrapping" around the filename output, so the first page shows up here):

```

echo -n "[./$( \
python3 -m slip39 --secret "zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong" --output ./images/SLIP39-Example.pdf
)]]"

```



Note the presence of the BIP-39 recovery phrase on the cover sheet; this is recovered by round-tripping the original BIP-39 seed entropy, through SLIP-39, and re-encoding back to BIP-39.

3.5 Generation of Addresses

For systems that require a stream of groups of wallet Addresses (eg. for preparing invoices for clients, with a choice of cryptocurrency payment options), **slip-generator** can produce a stream of groups of addresses.

3.5.1 slip39-generator Synopsis

```

slip39-generator --help --version | sed 's/~/: /' # (just for output formatting)

```

```
usage: slip39-generator [-h] [-v] [-q] [-s SECRET] [-f FORMAT] [--xpub]
                        [--no-xpub] [-c CRYPTOCURRENCY] [--path PATH]
                        [-d DEVICE] [--baudrate BAUDRATE] [-e ENCRYPT]
                        [--decrypt ENCRYPT] [--enumerated] [--no-enumerate]
                        [--receive] [--corrupt CORRUPT]
```

Generate public wallet address(es) from a secret seed

options:

```
-h, --help            show this help message and exit
-v, --verbose         Display logging information.
-q, --quiet           Reduce logging output.
-s SECRET, --secret SECRET
                        Use the supplied 128-, 256- or 512-bit hex value as
                        the secret seed; '-' (default) reads it from stdin
                        (eg. output from slip39.recover)
-f FORMAT, --format FORMAT
                        Specify crypto address formats: legacy, segwit,
                        bech32; default: BNB:legacy, BTC:bech32, DOGE:legacy,
                        ETH:legacy, LTC:bech32, XRP:legacy
--xpub                Output xpub... instead of cryptocurrency wallet
                        address (and trim non-hardened default path segments)
--no-xpub             Inhibit output of xpub (compatible w/ pre-v10.0.0)
-c CRYPTOCURRENCY, --cryptocurrency CRYPTOCURRENCY
                        A crypto name and optional derivation path (default:
                        "ETH:{Account.path_default('ETH')}"), optionally w/
                        ranges, eg: ETH:../0/-
--path PATH           Modify all derivation paths by replacing the final
                        segment(s) w/ the supplied range(s), eg. '.../1/-'
                        means .../1/[0,...)
-d DEVICE, --device DEVICE
                        Use this serial device to transmit (or --receive)
                        records
--baudrate BAUDRATE   Set the baud rate of the serial device (default:
                        115200)
-e ENCRYPT, --encrypt ENCRYPT
                        Secure the channel from errors and/or prying eyes with
                        ChaCha20Poly1305 encryption w/ this password; '-'
                        reads from stdin
--decrypt ENCRYPT      Secure the channel from errors and/or prying eyes with
--enumerated          Include an enumeration in each record output (required
                        for --encrypt)
--no-enumerate        Disable enumeration of output records
--receive             Receive a stream of slip.generator output
--corrupt CORRUPT     Corrupt a percentage of output symbols
```

Once you have a secret seed (eg. from slip39.recovery), you can generate a sequence of HD wallet addresses from it. Emits rows in the form:

```
<enumeration> [<address group(s)>]
```

If the output is to be transmitted by an insecure channel (eg. a serial port), which may insert errors or allow leakage, it is recommended that the records be encrypted with a cryptographic function that includes a message authentication code. We use ChaCha20Poly1305 with a password and a random nonce generated at program start time. This nonce is incremented for each record output.

Since the receiver requires the nonce to decrypt, and we do not want to separately transmit the nonce and supply it to the receiver, the first record emitted when --encrypt is specified is the random nonce, encrypted with the password, itself with a known nonce of all 0 bytes. The plaintext data is random, while the nonce is not, but since this construction is only used once, it should be satisfactory. This first nonce record is transmitted with an enumeration prefix of "nonce".

3.5.2 Producing Addresses

Addresses can be produced in plaintext or encrypted, and output to stdout or to a serial port.

```
echo ffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff | slip39-generator --secret - --path './-3' 2>&1
```

```
0: [["ETH", "m/44'/60'/0'/0/0", "0x824b174803e688dE39aF5B3D7Cd39bE6515A19a1"], ["BTC", "m/84'/0'/0'/0/0", "bc1q9yscq3l2yfx"],
1: [["ETH", "m/44'/60'/0'/0/1", "0x8D342083549C635C0494d3c77567860ee7456963"], ["BTC", "m/84'/0'/0'/0/1", "bc1q9nec684yvuhf"],
2: [["ETH", "m/44'/60'/0'/0/2", "0x52787E24965E1aBd691df77827A3CfA90f0166AA"], ["BTC", "m/84'/0'/0'/0/2", "bc1q2snj0zcg23d"],
3: [["ETH", "m/44'/60'/0'/0/3", "0xc2442382Ae70c77d6B6840EC6637dB2422E1D44e"], ["BTC", "m/84'/0'/0'/0/3", "bc1qxwekj46aa5"]]
```

To produce accounts from a BIP-39 or SLIP-39 seed, recover it using slip39-recovery.

Here's an example of recovering a test BIP-39 seed; note that it yields the well-known ETH 0xfc20...1B5E and BTC bc1qk0...gmn2 accounts associated with this test Mnemonic:

```
( python3 -m slip39.recovery --bip39 --mnemonic 'zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong' \
  | python3 -m slip39.generator --secret - --path './-3' --format 'BTC:segwit' --crypto 'DOGE' ) 2>&1
```

```
0: [["DOGE", "m/44'/3'/0'/0/0", "DTMaJd8wqye1fymnjxZ5Cc5QkN1w4pMgXT"], ["BTC", "m/49'/0'/0'/0/0", "3CfyLSjYFFV6MUAMh3auTK9"],
1: [["DOGE", "m/44'/3'/0'/0/1", "DGkL2LD5FfccAaKtx8G7TST5iZwrNkecTY"], ["BTC", "m/49'/0'/0'/0/1", "31nD3MEioUDchu7bVaHUCdC"],
2: [["DOGE", "m/44'/3'/0'/0/2", "DQa3SpFZH3fFpEFAJHTXZjam4hWiv9muJX"], ["BTC", "m/49'/0'/0'/0/2", "32pqj8rgW1BdXK2Cygwn2JV"],
3: [["DOGE", "m/44'/3'/0'/0/3", "DTW5tqLwspMY3NpW3RrgMfjWs5gnpXtfwe"], ["BTC", "m/49'/0'/0'/0/3", "3CimS2PfrNykKtJe1uxM4Qt"]]
```

We can encrypt the output, to secure the sequence (and due to integrated MACs, ensures no errors occur over an insecure channel like a serial cable):

```
( slip39-recovery --bip39 --mnemonic 'zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong' \
  | slip39-generator --secret - --path './-3' --encrypt 'password' ) 2>&1 \
  | sed -E 's/^(.{100}).{1,}$/\1.../' # (shorten output)
```

```
nonce: a96242b6ad45e1bf3ae643dc9866632bd51237b4197bbc3716ad8614
0: fcd335174d6c2494c8e85284afeb4096f7cbdc2158779fd33ba906b7f085c9c69c34a004ac11fcc9e94cc0f8851a7...
1: 743e0190247918e46a36d6f7101d455b04685c210badeb6678b186d330d7a45656152b96efcd81d66d36bdaab7478...
2: 0cbcd20fec90c0c8ac47671a1582fb179c24751075bda0e08c648bfa0fa50c7e2e4bf1d759fc3337dc9a24d6db959...
3: 32b74dd961fde45c1b42d967da88e52e10ba695ad9ca15132e9cd21e06de9b127a9f52e3d657448a55fe67fd66d67...
```

On the receiving computer, we can decrypt and recover the stream of accounts from the wallet seed; any rows with errors are ignored:

```
( slip39-recovery --bip39 --mnemonic 'zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong' \
  | slip39-generator --secret - --path './-3' --encrypt 'password' \
  | slip39-generator --receive --decrypt 'password' ) 2>&1
```

```
0: [["ETH", "m/44'/60'/0'/0/0", "0xfc2077CA7F403cBECA41B1B0F62D91B5EA631B5E"], ["BTC", "m/84'/0'/0'/0/0", "bc1qk0a9hr7wjfx"],
1: [["ETH", "m/44'/60'/0'/0/1", "0xd1a7451beB6FE0326b4B78e3909310880B781d66"], ["BTC", "m/84'/0'/0'/0/1", "bc1qkd33yck74lg"],
2: [["ETH", "m/44'/60'/0'/0/2", "0x578270B5E5B53336baC354756b763b309eCA90Ef"], ["BTC", "m/84'/0'/0'/0/2", "bc1qvr7e5aytd0h"],
3: [["ETH", "m/44'/60'/0'/0/3", "0x909f59835A5a120EafE1c60742485b7ff0e305da"], ["BTC", "m/84'/0'/0'/0/3", "bc1q6t9vhestkcf"]]
```

3.5.3 X Public Keys

If you prefer, you can output "xpub..." format public keys, instead of account addresses. By default, this will elide the non-hardened portion of the default addresses – use the "xpub..." keys to produce the remaining non-hardened portion of the HD wallet paths locally.

For example, assume you must produce a sequence of accounts for each client of your company to deposit into. Your highly secure serial-connected "key enclave" system (which must know your HD wallet seed) emits a sequence of xpubkeys for each new client over a serial cable, to your accounting system:

```
( echo 'zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong' \  
  | python3 -m slip39.generator --secret - --xpub --path "../-2'" --encrypt 'password' \  
  | python3 -m slip39.generator -v --receive --decrypt 'password' ) 2>&1
```

2025-11-22 15:17:45 slip39.generator Decrypting accountgroups with nonce: 7c260ee845a514ddb92e75d3

```
0: [{"ETH", "m/44'/60'/0'", "xpub6C2y6te3rtGg9SspDDFbjGEgn7yxc5ZzzkBk62yz3GRKvuqdaMDS7NUbesTJ44FprxAE7hvm5ZQjDMbYWehdJ  
1: [{"ETH", "m/44'/60'/1'", "xpub6C2y6te3rtGgCPb4Gi89Qin7Da2dvnnHSuR9rLQV6bWQKiyfKyjtVzr2n9mKmTEHzr4rzK78LmdSXLszvpZqV  
2: [{"ETH", "m/44'/60'/2'", "xpub6C2y6te3rtGgENnaK62SyPawqKvbde17wc2ndMGFWi2yAkk3piwEY9QK8egtE9ye9uoqiqs5WV3MTNCCP2qjU
```

As required (throttled by hardware the serial cable RTS/CTS signals) your accounting system receives these "xpub..." addresses:

```
( echo 'zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong' \  
  | python3 -m slip39.generator --secret - --xpub --path "../-2'" --encrypt 'password' \  
  | python3 -m slip39.generator -v --receive --decrypt 'password' \  
  | while IFS=: read num json; do \  
    echo "--- $(( num ))"; \  
    echo "$json" | jq -c '.[0]'; \  
  done \  
) 2>&1
```

2025-11-22 15:17:46 slip39.generator Decrypting accountgroups with nonce: 59824d0b591f00e043ef4edb

```
--- 0  
["ETH", "m/44'/60'/0'", "xpub6C2y6te3rtGg9SspDDFbjGEgn7yxc5ZzzkBk62yz3GRKvuqdaMDS7NUbesTJ44FprxAE7hvm5ZQjDMbYWehdJQsyBCP3mL8  
["BTC", "m/84'/0'/0'", "zpub6rD5AGSXPTDMSnmczjENMT3NvVF7q5MySww6uxitUsBYgkZLeBywrcwUWhW5YkeY2aS7xc45APPgfA6s6wWfG2gnfABq6TD  
--- 1  
["ETH", "m/44'/60'/1'", "xpub6C2y6te3rtGgCPb4Gi89Qin7Da2dvnnHSuR9rLQV6bWQKiyfKyjtVzr2n9mKmTEHzr4rzK78LmdSXLszvpZqVs4ussUU8Ny  
["BTC", "m/84'/0'/1'", "zpub6rD5AGSXPTDMUaSe3aGDqWk4uMTwcrFwytkKuDGmi3ofUkJ4dQxXHZwiXWbHHrELJAor8xGs61F8sbKS2JdQkLZRnu5PGktn  
--- 2  
["ETH", "m/44'/60'/2'", "xpub6C2y6te3rtGgENnaK62SyPawqKvbde17wc2ndMGFWi2yAkk3piwEY9QK8egtE9ye9uoqiqs5WV3MTNCCP2qjUNDb8cmSg4Z  
["BTC", "m/84'/0'/2'", "zpub6rD5AGSXPTDMYx2sQPuZgceniniRXDK5tELiREjxfSGJENNxuQD3u2yfpRqnNE1JeH14Pa7MVGrofdJtyXw252ws9HgRcd82
```

Then, it generates each client's sequence of addresses locally: you are creating HD wallet accounts from each "xpub..." key, and adding the remaining non-hardened HD wallet path segments:

```
( echo 'zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong' \  
  | python3 -m slip39.generator --secret - --xpub --path "../-2'" --encrypt 'password' \  
  | python3 -m slip39.generator -v --receive --decrypt 'password' \  
  | while IFS=: read num json; do \  
    echo "--- $(( num ))"; \  
    echo "$json" | jq -cr '.[0]|"--crypto " + .[0] + " --secret " + .[2]' | while read command; do \  
      python3 -m slip39.cli -v --no-json addresses $command --paths m/0/-2; \  
    done; \  
  done \  
) 2>&1
```

2025-11-22 15:17:47 slip39.generator Decrypting accountgroups with nonce: 5b659d22a2e9e0fc725265c8

```

--- 0
ETH m/0/0 0xfc2077CA7F403cBECA41B1B0F62D91B5EA631B5E
ETH m/0/1 0xd1a7451beB6FE0326b4B78e3909310880B781d66
ETH m/0/2 0x578270B5E5B53336baC354756b763b309eCA90Ef
BTC m/0/0 bc1qk0a9hr7wjfxeezn9nwenw9flhq0tmsf6vsgnn2
BTC m/0/1 bc1qkd33yck74lg0kaq4tdcmu3hk4yruhjxpe9ug
BTC m/0/2 bc1qvr7e5aytd0hpmtaz2d443k364hprvqpm3lrx8w
--- 1
ETH m/0/0 0x9176A747BA67C1d7F80AaDC930180b4183AfB5c4
ETH m/0/1 0xa1409B655aC3e09eF261de00BAa4e85bD2820AA4
ETH m/0/2 0xae22C13Ef5891Ed835C24Ed5090542DFa748c21F
BTC m/0/0 bc1q8pqnqs573vx3qdp0xp6qdqzvny8px24rxh9lp
BTC m/0/1 bc1qwtc58u4mmnxa29u8j07e6lmpnrs38vefy3y24
BTC m/0/2 bc1qg9s8qzm0lcef6v6umhlm3evtca5zsqv7elqd5s
--- 2
ETH m/0/0 0x32A8b066c5dbD37147766491A32A612d313fda25
ETH m/0/1 0xff8b88b975f9C296531C1E93d5e4f28757b4571A
ETH m/0/2 0xc95Bdf50CA542E1B689f5C06e2D8bAd0625Dfa23
BTC m/0/0 bc1q09zpchmknny90ghkg76gd69dvaf57qwcsrhes
BTC m/0/1 bc1qjytdyw6zramwt4nvvpte93hfry2d4xhhqn0xg4
BTC m/0/2 bc1qcummre0pxv5xj4gvvyut0t84vfwjd6eu7r387v4

```

You'll notice that, after this elaborate exercise of generating xpubkeys, encrypted transmission and recovery, generating accounts from the xpubkeys, and producing multiples addresses using the remainder of the original HD wallet paths: the output addresses are identical to those generated directly from the BIP-39 Mnemonic Phrase:

```

secret='zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong'
for crypto in BTC ETH; do
    python3 -m slip39.cli -v --no-json addresses --secret "$secret" --crypto $crypto --paths "-2"
done

```

```

BTC m/84'/0'/0'/0/0 bc1qk0a9hr7wjfxeezn9nwenw9flhq0tmsf6vsgnn2
BTC m/84'/0'/0'/0/1 bc1qkd33yck74lg0kaq4tdcmu3hk4yruhjxpe9ug
BTC m/84'/0'/0'/0/2 bc1qvr7e5aytd0hpmtaz2d443k364hprvqpm3lrx8w
ETH m/44'/60'/0'/0/0 0xfc2077CA7F403cBECA41B1B0F62D91B5EA631B5E
ETH m/44'/60'/0'/0/1 0xd1a7451beB6FE0326b4B78e3909310880B781d66
ETH m/44'/60'/0'/0/2 0x578270B5E5B53336baC354756b763b309eCA90Ef

```

3.5.4 Serial Port Connected Secure Seed Enclave

What if you or your company wants to accept Crypto payments, and needs to generate a sequence of wallets unique to each client? You **can** use an xpubkey and then generate a sequence of unique addresses from that, which doesn't disclose any of your private key material:

```

( python3 -m slip39.generator -q --secret 'zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong' \
  --xpub --path "-2" --crypto BTC
) 2>&1

```

```

0: [{"BTC", "m/84'/0'/0'", "zpub6rD5AGSXPTDMSnmczjENMT3NvVF7q5MySww6uxitUsBYgkZLeBywrcwUWhW5YkeY2aS7xc45APPgfA6s6wWfG2gnf
1: [{"BTC", "m/84'/0'/1'", "zpub6rD5AGSXPTDMUaSe3aGDqWk4uMTwcrFwytkKuDGmi3ofUkJ4dQxXHZwiXWbHHrELJAor8xGs61F8sbKS2JdQkLZRnu
2: [{"BTC", "m/84'/0'/2'", "zpub6rD5AGSXPTDMYx2sQPuZgceniniRXDK5tELiREjxfSGJENNxuQD3u2yfpRqnNE1JeH14Pa7MVGrofDJtyXw252ws9H

```

Since you have to generate such an xpubkey from a "hardened" path, such as with `slip39.generate --xpub ...`, you **still** need to run that tool chain on some secure "air gapped" computer. So, how do you do that safely, knowing that you need to input your SLIP-39 or BIP-39 Mnemonics on that computer? Especially, if you want to do this under any kind of automation, and deliver the output xpubkey to your insecure business computer systems?

One solution is to have the computer hosting your Seed or Mnemonic private key material **only** connected to your business computer systems with a guaranteed **safe** mechanism. Definitely **not** with any kind of general purpose network system!

The solution: **The RS-232 Serial Port**

With USB to DB-9 female to DB-9 male serial adapters, any small computer with USB ports (such as the Raspberry Pi 400) can be connected serially and serve as your "secure" computer, storing your Seed Mnemonic.

Remember to disable all other wired and wireless networking!

The RS-232 port on the "secure" computer can be protected from all incoming data transmissions, make an exploit effectively impossible, while still allowing outgoing data (the generated xpubkeys).

A DB-9 serial breakout board or custom serial adapter be easily constructed that disconnects pin 3 (TXD) on the "business" side from pin 2 (RXD) on the "secure" side, eliminating any chance of data being sent to the "secure" side. The only electronic connection that transmits data to the "secure" side is the hardware flow control pin 7 (RTS) to pin 8 (CTS). An exploit using this single-bit approach vector is ... unlikely. :)

3.6 The slip39 module API

Provide SLIP-39 Mnemonic set creation from a 128-bit master secret, and recovery of the secret from a subset of the provided Mnemonic set.

3.6.1 slip39.create

Creates a set of SLIP-39 groups and their mnemonics.

Key	Description
name	Who/what the account is for
group_threshold	How many groups' data is required to recover the account(s)
groups	Each group's description, as {"<group>":(<required>, <members>), ... }
master_secret	128-bit secret (default: from secrets.token_bytes)
passphrase	An optional additional passphrase required to recover secret (default: "")
using_bip39	Produce wallet Seed from master_secret Entropy using BIP-39 generation
iteration_exponent	For encrypted secret, exponentially increase PBKDF2 rounds (default: 1)
cryptopaths	A number of crypto names, and their derivation paths]
strength	Desired master_secret strength, in bits (default: 128)

Outputs a `slip39.Details` namedtuple containing:

Key	Description
name	(same)
group_threshold	(same)
groups	Like groups, w/ <members> = ["<mnemonics>", ...]
accounts	Resultant list of groups of accounts
using_bip39	Seed produced from entropy using BIP-39 generation

This is immediately usable to pass to `slip39.output`.

```
import codecs
import random
from tabulate import tabulate

#
# NOTE:
#
# We turn off randomness here during SLIP-39 generation to get deterministic phrases;
# during normal operation, secure entropy is used during mnemonic generation, yielding
# random phrases, even when the same seed is used multiple times.
#
import shamir_mnemonic
shamir_mnemonic.shamir.RANDOM_BYTES = lambda n: b'\00' * n

import slip39

cryptopaths      = [("ETH", ".../-2"), ("BTC", ".../-2")]
master_secret     = b'\xFF' * 16
master_secret     = 'zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong'
passphrase        = b""
```

```

create_details      = slip39.create(
    "Test", 2, { "Mine": (1,1), "Fam": (2,3) },
    master_secret=master_secret, passphrase=passphrase, cryptopaths=cryptopaths,
    extendable=False, identifier=0,
)

[
    [
        "Card", "Mnemonics 1 ", "Mnemonics 2", "Mnemonics 3"
    ],
    None,
] + [
    [
        f"{g_name}({g_of}/{len(g_mnems)}) #{g_n+1}:" if l_n == 0 else ""
    ] + words
    for g_name, (g_of, g_mnems) in create_details.groups.items()
    for g_n, mnem in enumerate( g_mnems )
    for l_n, (line, words) in enumerate(slip39.organize_mnemonic(
        mnem, label=f"{g_name}({g_of}/{len(g_mnems)}) #{g_n+1}:" ))
]

Add the resultant HD Wallet addresses:

[
    [ account.path, account.address ]
    for group in create_details.accounts
    for account in group
]

```

3.6.2 slip39.produce_pdf

Key	Description
name	(same as <code>slip39.create</code>)
group_threshold	(same as <code>slip39.create</code>)
groups	Like groups, w/ <code><members></code> = ["<mnemonics>", ...]
accounts	Resultant { "path": Account, ... }
using_bip39	Generate Seed from Entropy via BIP-39 generation algorithm
card_format	'index', '(<h>,<w>),<margin>', ...
paper_format	'Letter', ...
orientation	Force an orientation (default: portrait, landscape)
cover_text	Produce a cover page w/ the text (and BIP-39 Phrase if using_bip39)

Layout and produce a PDF containing all the SLIP-39 details on cards for the crypto accounts, on the `paper_format` provided. Returns the paper (orientation,format) used, the FPDF, and passes through the supplied cryptocurrency accounts derived.

```

(paper_format,orientation),pdf,accounts = slip39.produce_pdf( *create_details )
pdf_binary = pdf.output()
[
    [ "Orientation:",      orientation ],
    [ "Paper:",           paper_format ],
    [ "PDF Pages:",       pdf.pages_count ],
    [ "PDF Size:",        len( pdf_binary )],
]

```

Card	Mnemonics 1	Mnemonics 2	Mnemonics 3
Mine(1/1) #1:	1 academic	8 safari	15 standard
	2 acid	9 drug	16 angry
	3 acrobat	10 browser	17 similar
	4 easy	11 trash	18 aspect
	5 change	12 fridge	19 smug
	6 injury	13 busy	20 violence
	7 painting	14 finger	
Fam(2/3) #1:	1 academic	8 prevent	15 dwarf
	2 acid	9 mouse	16 dream
	3 beard	10 daughter	17 flavor
	4 echo	11 ancient	18 oral
	5 crystal	12 fortune	19 chest
	6 machine	13 ruin	20 marathon
	7 bolt	14 warmth	
Fam(2/3) #2:	1 academic	8 prune	15 briefing
	2 acid	9 pickup	16 often
	3 beard	10 device	17 escape
	4 email	11 device	18 sprinkle
	5 dive	12 peanut	19 segment
	6 warn	13 enemy	20 devote
	7 ranked	14 graduate	
Fam(2/3) #3:	1 academic	8 dining	15 intimate
	2 acid	9 invasion	16 satoshi
	3 beard	10 bumpy	17 hobo
	4 entrance	11 identify	18 ounce
	5 alarm	12 anxiety	19 both
	6 health	13 august	20 award
	7 discuss	14 sunlight	

m/44'/60'/0'/0/0 0xfc2077CA7F403cBECA41B1B0F62D91B5EA631B5E
 m/84'/0'/0'/0/0 bc1qk0a9hr7wjfxenz9nwenw9flhq0tmsf6vsgnn2
 m/44'/60'/0'/0/1 0xd1a7451beB6FE0326b4B78e3909310880B781d66
 m/84'/0'/0'/0/1 bc1qkd33yck74lg0kaq4tdcmu3hk4yruhjajxpe9ug
 m/44'/60'/0'/0/2 0x578270B5E5B53336baC354756b763b309eCA90Ef
 m/84'/0'/0'/0/2 bc1qvr7e5aytd0hpmtaz2d443k364hprvqpm3lxr8w

Orientation: landscape
 Paper: Letter
 PDF Pages: 2
 PDF Size: 60534

3.6.3 slip39.write_pdfs

Key	Description
names	A sequence of Seed names, or a dict of { name: <details> } (from slip39.create)
master_secret	A Seed secret (only appropriate if exactly one name supplied)
passphrase	A SLIP-39 passphrase (not Trezor compatible; use "hidden wallet" phrase on device instead)
using_bip39	Generate Seed from Entropy via BIP-39 generation algorithm
group	A dict of { "<group>":(<required>, <members>), ... }
group_threshold	How many groups are required to recover the Seed
cryptocurrency	A sequence of ["<crypto>", "<crypto>:<derivation>", ...] w/ optional ranges
edit	Derivation range(s) for each cryptocurrency, eg. "../0-4/-9" is 9 accounts first 5 change addresses
card_format	Card size (eg. "credit"); False specifies no SLIP-39 cards (ie. only BIP-39 or JSON paper wallets)
paper_format	Paper size (eg. "letter")
filename	A filename; may contain "...{name}..." formatting, for name, date, time, crypto path and address
filepath	A file path, if PDF output to file is desired; empty implies current dir.
printer	A printer name (or True for default), if output to printer is desired
json_pwd	If password supplied, encrypted Ethereum JSON wallet files will be saved, and produced into PDF
text	If True, outputs SLIP-39 phrases to stdout
wallet_pwd	If password supplied, produces encrypted BIP-38 or JSON Paper Wallets to PDF (preferred vs. json_pwd)
wallet_pwd_hint	An optional passphrase hint, printed on paper wallet
wallet_format	Paper wallet size, (eg. "third"); the default is 1/3 letter size
wallet_paper	Other paper format (default: Letter)
cover_page	A bool indicating whether to produce a cover page (default: True)

For each of the names provided, produces a separate PDF containing all the SLIP-39 details and optionally encrypted BIP-38 paper wallets and Ethereum JSON wallets for the specified cryptocurrency accounts derived from the seed, and writes the PDF and JSON wallets to the specified file name(s).

```
slip39.write_pdfs( ... )
```

3.6.4 slip39.recover

Takes a number of SLIP-39 mnemonics, and if sufficient `group_threshold` groups' mnemonics are present (and the options `passphrase` is supplied), the `master_secret` is recovered. This can be used with `slip39.accounts` to directly obtain any Account data.

Note that the SLIP-39 passphrase is **not** checked; entering a different passphrase for the same set of mnemonics will recover a **different** wallet! This is by design; it allows the holder of the SLIP-39 mnemonic phrases to recover a "decoy" wallet by supplying a specific passphrase, while protecting the "primary" wallet.

Therefore, it is **essential** to remember any non-default (non-empty) passphrase used, separately and securely. Take great care in deciding if you wish to use a passphrase with your SLIP-39 wallet!

Key	Description
mnemonics	["<mnemonics>", ...]
passphrase	Optional passphrase to decrypt secret Seed Entropy
using_bip39	Use BIP-39 Seed generation from recover Entropy

```
# Recover with the wrong password (on purpose, as a decoy wallet w/ a small amount)
recoverydecoy = slip39.recover(
    create_details.groups['Mine'][1][:] + create_details.groups['Fam'][1][:2],
    passphrase=b"wrong!"
)
recoverydecoy_hex = codecs.encode( recoverydecoy, 'hex_codec' ).decode( 'ascii' )

# But, recovering w/ correct passphrase yields our original Seed Entropy
recoveryvalid = slip39.recover(
    create_details.groups['Mine'][1][:] + create_details.groups['Fam'][1][:2],
    passphrase=passphrase
)
recoveryvalid_hex = codecs.encode( recoveryvalid, 'hex_codec' ).decode( 'ascii' )

[
    [ f"{len(recoverydecoy)*8}-bit secret (decoy):", f"{recoverydecoy_hex}" ],
    [ f"{len(recoveryvalid)*8}-bit secret recovered:", f"{recoveryvalid_hex}" ]
]
```

128-bit secret (decoy): 2e522cea2b566840495c220cf79c756e
 128-bit secret recovered: ffffffffffffffffffffffffff

3.6.5 `slip39.recover_bip39`

Generate the 512-bit Seed from a BIP-39 Mnemonic + passphrase. Or, return the original 128- to 256-bit Seed Entropy, if `as_entropy` is specified.

Key	Description
<code>mnemonic</code>	"<mnemonic>"
<code>passphrase</code>	Optional passphrase to decrypt secret Seed Entropy
<code>as_entropy</code>	Return the BIP-39 Seed Entropy, not the generated Seed

3.6.6 `slip39.produce_bip39`

Produce a BIP-39 Mnemonic from the supplied 128- to 256-bit Seed Entropy.

Key	Description
<code>entropy</code>	The bytes of Seed Entropy
<code>strength</code>	Or, the number of bits of Entropy to produce (Default: 128)
<code>language</code>	Default is "english"

4 Conversion from BIP-39 to SLIP-39

If we already have a BIP-39 wallet, it would certainly be nice to be able to create nice, safe SLIP-39 mnemonics for it, and discard the unsafe BIP-39 mnemonics we have lying around, just waiting to be accidentally discovered and the account compromised!

Fortunately, **we can** do this! It takes a bit of practice to become comfortable with the process, but once you do – you can confidently discard your original insecure and unreliable BIP-39 Mnemonic backups.

4.1 BIP-39 vs. SLIP-39 Incompatibility

Unfortunately, it is **not possible** to cleanly convert a BIP-39 *generated* wallet Seed into a SLIP-39 wallet. Both BIP-39 and SLIP-39 preserve the original 128- to 256-bit Seed Entropy (random) bits, but these bits are used **very differently** – and incompatibly – to generate the resultant wallet Seed.

In native SLIP-39, the original, recovered Seed Entropy (128- or 256-bits) is used directly by the BIP-44 wallet derivation. In BIP-39, the Seed entropy is not directly used *at all*! It is only **indirectly** used; the BIP-39 Seed Phrase (which contains the exact, original entropy) is used, as normalized text, as input to a hashing function, along with some other fixed text, to produce a 512-bit Seed, which is then fed into the BIP-44 wallet derivation process.

The least desirable method is to preserve the 512-bit **output** of the BIP-39 mnemonic phrase as a set of 512-bit (59-word) SLIP-39 Mnemonics. But first, let's review how BIP-39 works.

4.1.1 BIP-39 Entropy to Mnemonic

BIP-39 uses a single set of 12, 15, 18, 21 or 24 BIP-39 words to carefully preserve a specific 128 to 256 bits of initial Seed Entropy. Here's a 128-bit (12-word) example using some fixed "entropy" `0xFFFF..FFFF`. You'll note that, from the BIP-39 Mnemonic, we can either recover the original 128-bit Seed Entropy, **or** we can generate the resultant 512-bit Seed w/ the correct passphrase:

```
from mnemonic import Mnemonic
bip39_english = Mnemonic("english")
entropy       = b'\xFF' * 16
entropy_hex   = codecs.encode( entropy, 'hex_codec' ).decode( 'ascii' )
entropy_mnemonic = bip39_english.to_mnemonic( entropy )

recovered     = slip39.recover_bip39( entropy_mnemonic, as_entropy=True )
recovered_hex = codecs.encode( recovered, 'hex_codec' ).decode( 'ascii' )

recovered_seed = slip39.recover_bip39( entropy_mnemonic, passphrase=passphrase )
```

```

recovered_seed_hex= codecs.encode( recovered_seed, 'hex_codec' ).decode( 'ascii' )

[
    [ "Original Entropy", entropy_hex ],
    [ "BIP-39 Mnemonic", entropy_mnemonic ],
    [ "Recovered Entropy", recovered_hex ],
    [ "Recovered Seed", f"{recovered_seed_hex:.50}..." ],
]

```

Original Entropy	ffffffffffffffffffffffff
BIP-39 Mnemonic	zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong
Recovered Entropy	ffffffffffffffffffffffff
Recovered Seed	b6a6d8921942dd9806607ebc2750416b289adea669198769f2...

Each word is one of a corpus of 2048 words; therefore, each word encodes 11 bits ($2048 = 2^{11}$) of entropy. So, we provided 128 bits, but $12 \times 11 = 132$. So where does the extra 4 bits of data come from?

It comes from the first few bits of a SHA256 hash of the entropy, which is added to the end of the supplied 128 bits, to reach the required 132 bits: $132 / 11 = 12$ words.

This last 4 bits (up to 8 bits, for a 256-bit 24-word BIP-39) is checked, when validating the BIP-39 mnemonic. Therefore, making up a random BIP-39 mnemonic will succeed only 1 / 16 times on average, due to an incorrect checksum 4-bit ($16 = 2^4$). Lets check:

```

def random_words( n, count=100 ):
    for _ in range( count ):
        yield ' '.join( random.choice( bip39_english.wordlist ) for _ in range( n ))

successes = sum(
    bip39_english.check( m )
    for i,m in enumerate( random_words( 12, 10000 ))) / 100

[
    [ "Valid random 12-word mnemonics:", f"{successes}%" ],
    [ "Or, about: ", f"1 / {100/successes:.3}" ],
]

```

Valid random 12-word mnemonics:	5.94%
Or, about:	1 / 16.8

Sure enough, about 1/16 random 12-word phrases are valid BIP-39 mnemonics. OK, we've got the contents of the BIP-39 phrase dialed in. How is it used to generate accounts?

4.1.2 BIP-39 Mnemonic to Seed

Unfortunately, BIP-39 does **not** use the carefully preserved 128-bit entropy to generate the wallet! Nope, it is stretched to a 512-bit seed using PBKDF2 HMAC SHA512. The normalized **text** (*not the Entropy bytes*) of the 12-word mnemonic is then used (with a salt of "mnemonic" plus an optional passphrase, "" by default), to obtain the 512-bit seed:

```

seed = bip39_english.to_seed( entropy_mnemonic )
seed_hex = codecs.encode( seed, 'hex_codec' ).decode( 'ascii' )

[
    [ f"{len(seed)*8}-bit seed:", f"{seed_hex:.50}..." ]
]

```

512-bit seed: b6a6d8921942dd9806607ebc2750416b289adea669198769f2...

4.1.3 BIP-39 Seed to Address

Finally, this 512-bit seed is used to derive HD wallet(s). The HD Wallet key derivation process consumes whatever seed entropy is provided (512 bits in the case of BIP-39), and uses HMAC SHA512 with a prefix of b"Bitcoin seed" to stretch the supplied seed entropy to 64 bytes (512 bits). Then, the HD Wallet **path** segments are iterated through, permuting the first 32 bytes of this material as the key with the second 32 bytes of material as the chain node, until finally the 32-byte (256-bit) Ethereum account private key is produced. We then use this private key to compute the rest of the Ethereum account details, such as its public address.

```
path = "m/44'/60'/0'/0/0"
bip39_eth_hd = slip39.account( seed, 'ETH', path )
[
  [ f"{len(bip39_eth_hd.key)*4}-bit derived key path:", f"{path}" ],
  [ "Produces private key: ", f"{bip39_eth_hd.key}" ],
  [ "Yields Ethereum address:", f"{bip39_eth_hd.address}" ],
]
```

256-bit derived key path: m/44'/60'/0'/0/0
Produces private key: 7af65ba4dd53f23495dcb04995e96f47c243217fc279f10795871b725cd009ae
Yields Ethereum address: 0xfc2077CA7F403cBECA41B1B0F62D91B5EA631B5E

Thus, we see that while the 12-word BIP-39 mnemonic carefully preserves the original 128-bit entropy, this data is not directly used to derive the wallet private key and address. Also, since an irreversible hash is used to derive the Seed from the Mnemonic, we can't reverse the process on the seed to arrive back at the BIP-39 mnemonic phrase.

4.1.4 SLIP-39 Entropy to Mnemonic

Just like BIP-39 carefully preserves the original 128-bit Seed Entropy bytes in a single 12-word mnemonic phrase, SLIP-39 preserves the original 128- or 256-bit Seed Entropy in a *set* of 20- or 33-word Mnemonic phrases.

```
name,thrs,grps,acct,ub39 = slip39.create(
  "Test", 2, { "Mine": (1,1), "Fam": (2,3) }, entropy )
[
  [ f"{g_name}({g_of}/{len(g_mnems)}) #{g_n+1}:" if l_n == 0 else "" ] + words
  for g_name,(g_of,g_mnems) in grps.items()
  for g_n,mnem in enumerate( g_mnems )
  for l_n,(line,words) in enumerate(slip39.organize_mnemonic(
    mnem, rows=7, cols=3, label=f"{g_name}({g_of}/{len(g_mnems)}) #{g_n+1}:" ))
]
```

Since there is some randomness used in the SLIP-39 mnemonics generation process, we would get a **different** set of words each time for the fixed "entropy" 0xFFFF..FF used in this example (if we hadn't manually disabled entropy for `shamir_mnemonic`, above), but we will **always** derive the same Ethereum account 0x824b..19a1 at the specified HD Wallet derivation path.

```
[
  [ "Crypto", "HD Wallet Path:", "Ethereum Address:" ],
  None,
] + [
  [ account.crypto, account.path, account.address ]
  for group in create_details.accounts
  for account in group
]
```

Mine(1/1) #1:	1 academic	8 umbrella	15 moment
	2 agency	9 darkness	16 segment
	3 acrobat	10 salt	17 privacy
	4 easy	11 bishop	18 loan
	5 course	12 impact	19 tricycle
	6 prune	13 vanish	20 sister
	7 deadline	14 squeeze	
Fam(2/3) #1:	1 academic	8 bumpy	15 greatest
	2 agency	9 undergo	16 luxury
	3 beard	10 easel	17 grill
	4 echo	11 smug	18 task
	5 drift	12 oral	19 plastic
	6 campus	13 briefing	20 auction
	7 group	14 luck	
Fam(2/3) #2:	1 academic	8 saver	15 fridge
	2 agency	9 flip	16 fatal
	3 beard	10 fluff	17 scramble
	4 email	11 cleanup	18 alto
	5 cover	12 prevent	19 inmate
	6 become	13 cubic	20 invasion
	7 width	14 multiple	
Fam(2/3) #3:	1 academic	8 resident	15 jacket
	2 agency	9 activity	16 database
	3 beard	10 verify	17 picture
	4 entrance	11 fawn	18 elegant
	5 both	12 yoga	19 device
	6 airport	13 devote	20 webcam
	7 decent	14 perfect	

Crypto	HD Wallet Path:	Ethereum Address:
ETH	m/44'/60'/0'/0/0	0xfc2077CA7F403cBECA41B1B0F62D91B5EA631B5E
BTC	m/84'/0'/0'/0/0	bc1qk0a9hr7wjfxeezn9nwenw9flhq0tmsf6vsgnn2
ETH	m/44'/60'/0'/0/1	0xd1a7451beB6FE0326b4B78e3909310880B781d66
BTC	m/84'/0'/0'/0/1	bc1qkd33yck74lg0kaq4tdcmu3hk4yruhjaye9ug
ETH	m/44'/60'/0'/0/2	0x578270B5E5B53336baC354756b763b309eCA90Ef
BTC	m/84'/0'/0'/0/2	bc1qvr7e5aytd0hpmtaz2d443k364hprvqpm3lrx8w

4.1.5 SLIP-39 Mnemonic to Seed

Lets prove that we can actually recover the **original** Seed Entropy from the SLIP-39 recovery Mnemonics; in this case, we've specified a SLIP-39 group_threshold of 2 groups, so we'll use 1 Mnemonic from Mine, and 2 from the Fam group:

```
_,mnem_mine      = grps['Mine']
_,mnem_fam       = grps['Fam']
recseed          = slip39.recover( mnem_mine + mnem_fam[:2] )
recseed_hex      = codecs.encode( recseed, 'hex_codec' ).decode( 'ascii' )
[
    [ f"{len(recseed)*8}-bit Seed:", f"{recseed_hex}" ]
]
```

128-bit Seed: ffffffffffffffffffffffffff

4.1.6 SLIP-39 Seed to Address

And we'll use the same style of code as for the BIP-39 example above, to derive the Ethereum address **directly** from this recovered 128-bit seed:

```
slip39_eth_hd    = slip39.account( recseed, 'ETH', path )
[
    [ f"{len(slip39_eth_hd.key)*4}-bit derived key path:", f"{path}" ],
    [ "Produces private key: ", f"{slip39_eth_hd.key}" ],
    [ "Yields Ethereum address:", f"{slip39_eth_hd.address}" ],
]
```

256-bit derived key path: m/44'/60'/0'/0/0

Produces private key: 6a2ec39aab88ec0937b79c8af6aaf2fd3c909e9a56c3ddd32ab5354a06a21a2b

Yields Ethereum address: 0x824b174803e688dE39aF5B3D7Cd39bE6515A19a1

And we see that we obtain the same Ethereum address 0x824b...1a2b as we originally got from `slip39.create` above. However, this is **not the same** Ethereum wallet address obtained from BIP-39 with exactly the same 0xFFFF...FF Seed Entropy, which was 0xfc20...1B5E!

This is due to the fact that BIP-39 does not use the recovered Seed Entropy to produce the seed like SLIP-39 does, but applies additional one-way hashing of the Mnemonic to produce a 512-bit Seed.

4.2 BIP-39 vs SLIP-39 Key Derivation Summary

At no time in BIP-39 account derivation is the original 128-bit Seed Entropy used (directly) in the derivation of the wallet key. This differs from SLIP-39, which directly uses the 128-bit Seed Entropy recovered from the SLIP-39 Shamir's Secret Sharing System recovery process to generate each HD Wallet account's private key.

Furthermore, there is no point in the BIP-39 Seed Entropy to account generation where we **could** introduce a known 128-bit seed and produce a known Ethereum wallet from it, other than at the very beginning.

Therefore, our BIP-39 Backup via SLIP-39 strategy must focus on backing up the original 128- to 256-bit Seed *Entropy*, **not** the output Seed data!

4.3 BIP-39 Backup via SLIP-39

Here are the two available methods for backing up insecure and unreliable BIP-39 Mnemonic phrases, using SLIP-39.

The first "Emergency Recovery" method allows you to recover your BIP-39 generated wallets **without the passphrase**, but does not support recovery using hardware wallets; you must output "Paper Wallets" and use them to recover the Cryptocurrency funds.

The second "Best Recovery: Using Recovered BIP-39 Mnemonic Phrase" allows us to recover the accounts to *any* standard BIP-39 hardware wallet! However, the SLIP-39 Mnemonics are **not** compatible with standard SLIP-39 wallets like the Trezor – you have to use the recovered BIP-39 Mnemonic phrase to recover the hardware wallet.

4.3.1 Emergency Recovery: Using Recovered Paper Wallets

There is one approach which can preserve an original BIP-39 *generated* wallet addresses, using SLIP-39 mnemonics.

It is clumsy, as it preserves the BIP-39 **output** 512-bit stretched seed, and the resultant 59-word SLIP-39 mnemonics cannot be used (at present) with the Trezor hardware wallet. They can, however, be used to recover the HD wallet private keys without access to the original BIP-39 Mnemonic phrase *or passphrase* – you could generate and distribute a set of more secure SLIP-39 Mnemonic phrases, instead of trying to secure the original BIP-39 mnemonic + passphrase – without abandoning your existing BIP-39 wallets.

We'll use `slip39.recovery --bip39 ...` to recover the 512-bit stretched seed from BIP-39:

```
( python3 -m slip39.recovery --bip39 -v \  
  --mnemonic "zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong" \  
) 2>&1
```

```
2025-11-22 15:17:55 slip39.recovery BIP-39 Language detected: english  
2025-11-22 15:17:55 slip39.recovery Recovered 512-bit BIP-39 secret from english mnemonic  
2025-11-22 15:17:55 slip39.recovery Recovered BIP-39 secret; To re-generate SLIP-39 wallet, send it to: python3 -m slip39  
b6a6d8921942dd9806607ebc2750416b289adea669198769f2e15ed926c3aa92bf88ece232317b4ea463e84b0fcd3b53577812ee449ccc448eb45e6f54
```

Then we can generate a 59-word SLIP-39 mnemonic set from the 512-bit secret:

```
( python3 -m slip39.recovery --bip39 \  
  --mnemonic "zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong" \  
  | python3 -m slip39 --secret - --no-card -v \  
) 2>&1 | tail -20
```

2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	7	theory	19	calcium	31	wrist	43	wealthy	55	prepare	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	8	payroll	20	photo	32	stadium	44	manual	56	garbage	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	9	zero	21	modern	33	remember	45	living	57	package	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	10	says	22	alcohol	34	lift	46	much	58	skin	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	11	tadpole	23	pecan	35	memory	47	smear	59	patent	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	12	traveler	24	dominant	36	afraid	48	paces			
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	6th	1	exceed	13	cargo	25	rumor	37	focus	49	emperor
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	2	vexed	14	duke	26	lyrics	38	armed	50	diagnose	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	3	decision	15	sunlight	27	source	39	moment	51	symbolic	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	4	spider	16	saver	28	pulse	40	trash	52	jacket	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	5	acquire	17	endless	29	perfect	41	scroll	53	talent	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	6	jewelry	18	level	30	coastal	42	maximum	54	facility	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	7	receiver	19	mouse	31	permit	43	erode	55	society	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	8	should	20	violence	32	morning	44	snake	56	carpet	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	9	wrote	21	holiday	33	duke	45	involve	57	hesitate	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	10	that	22	makeup	34	expand	46	beam	58	expect	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	11	wealthy	23	license	35	pleasure	47	roster	59	ceramic	
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39	12	remind	24	order	36	luck	48	juice			
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39.layout	ETH	m/44'/60'/0'/0/0 : 0xfc2077CA7F403cBECA41B1B0F62D91B5EA631B5E									
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39.layout	BTC	m/84'/0'/0'/0/0 : bc1qk0a9hr7wjfxeezn9nwenw9flhq0tmsf6vsgnn2									

This `0xfc20..1B5E` address is the same Ethereum address as is recovered on a Trezor using this BIP-39 mnemonic phrase. Thus, we can generate "Paper Wallets" for the desired Cryptocurrency accounts, and recover the funds.

So, this does the job:

- Uses our original BIP-39 Mnemonic
- Does not require remembering the BIP-39 passphrase
- Preserves all of the original wallets

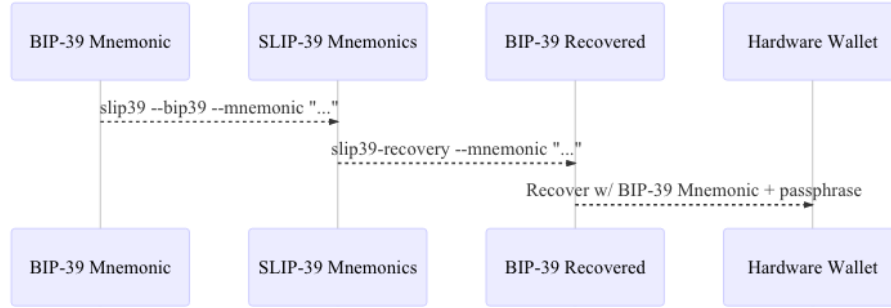
But:

- The 59-word SLIP-39 Mnemonics cannot (yet) be imported into the Trezor
- The original BIP-39 Mnemonic phrase cannot be recovered, for any hardware wallet
- Must use the SLIP-39 App to generate "Paper Wallets", to recover the funds

So, this is a good "emergency backup" solution; you or your heirs would be able to recover the funds with a very high level of security and reliability.

4.3.2 Best Recovery: Using Recovered BIP-39 Mnemonic Phrase

The best solution is to use SLIP-39 to back up the original BIP-39 Seed *Entropy* (*not* the generated Seed), and then later recover that Seed Entropy and re-generate the BIP-39 Mnemonic phrase. You will continue to need to remember and use your original BIP-39 passphrase:



First, observe that we can recover the 128-bit Seed Entropy from the BIP-39 Mnemonic phrase (not the 512-bit generated Seed): 3

```
( python3 -m slip39.recovery --bip39 --entropy -v \
  --mnemonic "zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong"
) 2>&1
```

```
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39.recovery BIP-39 Language detected: english
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39.recovery Recovered 128-bit BIP-39 entropy from english mnemonic (no passphrase supported)
2025-11-22 15:17:56 slip39.recovery Recovered BIP-39 secret; To re-generate SLIP-39 wallet, send it to: python3 -m slip39
ffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff
```

Now we generate SLIP-39 Mnemonics to recover the 128-bit Seed Entropy. Note that these are 20-word Mnemonics. However, these are **NOT** the wallets we expected! These are the well-known native SLIP-39 wallets from the 0xFFFF...FF Seed Entropy; not the well-known native BIP-39 wallets from that Seed Entropy, which generate the Ethereum wallet address 0xfc20...1B5E! Why not?

```
3
( python3 -m slip39.recovery --bip39 --entropy \
  --mnemonic 'zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong' \
  | python3 -m slip39 --secret - --no-card -v
) 2>&1 | tail -20
```

```
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          4 skin      11 group    18 script
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          5 carve     12 bike     19 album
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          6 prayer    13 grin     20 temple
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          7 oasis     14 guitar
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39      5th 1 skin      8 plastic   15 satoshi
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          2 result    9 station   16 salon
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          3 decision 10 scroll    17 plunge
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          4 snake     11 stick    18 artwork
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          5 club      12 leader   19 testify
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          6 engage    13 elephant 20 marathon
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          7 smart     14 debris
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39      6th 1 skin      8 campus    15 medal
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          2 result    9 equation  16 coastal
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          3 decision 10 either   17 obtain
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          4 spider    11 omit     18 wits
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          5 crowd     12 oasis    19 failure
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          6 true      13 revenue  20 install
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          7 thorn     14 wavy
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39.layout  ETH  m/44'/60'/0'/0/0 : 0x824b174803e688dE39aF5B3D7Cd39bE6515A19a1
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39.layout  BTC  m/84'/0'/0'/0/0 : bc1q9yscq3l2yfylvnlk3cszpqefparrv7tk24u6pl
```

Because we must tell `slip39` to that we're using the BIP-39 Mnemonic and Seed generation process to derived the wallet addresses from the Seed Entropy (not the SLIP-39 standard). So, we add the `-using-bip39` option:

```
3
( python3 -m slip39.recovery --bip39 --entropy \
  --mnemonic "zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo zoo wrong" \
  | python3 -m slip39 --secret - --no-card -v --using-bip39
) 2>&1 | tail -20

2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          4 skin      11 client   18 amuse
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          5 debris    12 glen     19 epidemic
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          6 glance    13 clock    20 tofu
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          7 discuss   14 dryer
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39      5th 1 ivory     8 evidence  15 fragment
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          2 helpful   9 provide  16 antenna
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          3 decision 10 upstairs 17 beard
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          4 snake     11 example  18 kernel
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          5 boundary 12 goat     19 talent
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          6 curious   13 total    20 domain
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          7 aquatic   14 makeup
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39      6th 1 ivory     8 vitamins 15 blimp
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          2 helpful   9 believe  16 mortgage
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          3 decision 10 careful  17 wrist
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          4 spider    11 imply    18 pistol
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          5 drink     12 military 19 disease
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          6 smoking   13 carve    20 course
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39          7 laundry   14 patent
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39.layout  ETH  m/44'/60'/0'/0/0 : 0xfc2077CA7F403cBECA41B1B0F62D91B5EA631B5E
2025-11-22 15:17:57 slip39.layout  BTC  m/84'/0'/0'/0/0 : bc1qk0a9hr7wjfxeezn9nwenw9flhq0tmsf6vsgnn2
```

And, there we have it – we've recovered exactly the same Ethereum and Bitcoin wallets as would a native BIP-39 hardware wallet like a Ledger Nano.

1. Using SLIP-39 App "Backup" Controls

In the SLIP-39 App, the default Controls presented are to "Backup" a BIP-39 recovery phrase.

In "Seed Source", enter your existing BIP-39 recovery phrase. In "Seed Secret", make sure "Using BIP-39" is selected, and enter your BIP-39 passphrase. This allows us to display the proper wallet addresses – we do **not** store your password, or save it as part of the SLIP-39 cards! You will need to remember and use your passphrase whenever you use your BIP-39 phrase to initialize a hardware wallet.

Check that the Recovery needs ... Mnemonic Card Groups are correct for your application, and hit Save!

Later, use the "Recover" Controls to get your BIP-39 recovery phrase back, from your SLIP-39 cards, whenever you need it.

Practice this a few times (using the "zoo zoo ... wrong" 12-word or "zoo zoo ... vote" 24-word phrase) until you're confident. Then, back up your real BIP-39 recovery phrase.

Once you're convinced you can securely and reliably recover your BIP-39 phrase any time you need it, we recommend that you destroy your original BIP-39 recovery phrase backup(s). They are dangerous and unreliable, and only serve to make your Cryptocurrency accounts **less** secure!

5 Cryptocurrency Invoicing and Licensing

A valuable use of Cryptocurrency accounts is to send or receive payments for goods, services or remittances/donations. The global monetary system makes this very difficult (or even impossible), especially if any of the corporations or governments involved in the transaction are hostile to you or any of the other individuals attempting to transact business.

Worse yet, your business or family can be arbitrarily ejected from the financial system by an of the many intermediary banking industry and government parties involved in any traditional financial transaction, even if you are not convicted of a crime.

Even if such payments are allowed, and none of the counterparties are actively hostile to you, the complexity and expense of quoting a price, signing a client, invoicing for payment, confirming the validity of the invoice and making the payment, monitoring for incoming payments and associating them with the correct invoices, conforming amounts paid are correct, issuing a receipt, book-keeping the incoming payment, converting currencies, retaining the correct taxes for each counterparty jurisdiction, reconciling books, and finally preparing and filing taxes, and then (perhaps years later) defending your accounting decisions against a hostile tax inspector with infinite funds to prosecute – all this makes it virtually impossible for a small business to survive. Furthermore, you must accomplish all this, **without error**, while attempting to defend yourself against business adversaries with preferential tax treatment, office-towers full of lawyers and accountants, for whom the total percentage of gross revenues paid to accomplish compliance is less than 1%, while the small business is likely to spend 10% to 25% of their entire gross revenue **just** to financial and regulatory compliance overheads.

Fortunately, DeFi (Decentralized Finance) provides you with the capability to receive payments, quickly and efficiently, from anyone on the planet who wishes to pay you for your services.

Your software can use a variety of means to verify payment, and then license use of the various functionality of your software.

5.1 Using Plain HD Wallet Accounts

If your needs are simple, you can securely generate an `xpub...` key using a unique HD Wallet derivation path for each separate enterprise you wish to receive funds for. If this is done in a secure (ie. air-gapped) environment, then this `xpub...` key can safely be used to generate a sequence of HD Wallet addresses for each "client" you wish to charge.

The client deposits cryptocurrency, and you (later) transfer or aggregate it as you wish – using your normal, secure (ie. Hardware Wallet) transfer process.

This is simplest for the client, as they can buy Cryptocurrency on any exchange, and simply "withdraw" the correct amount of Cryptocurrency to the given account. However, there is no other information attached to the transaction – all "licensing" verification takes place manually, outside the cryptocurrency system.

So, generating a sequence of plain (Externally Owned Account, or EOA) client addresses from an `xpub...` is a worthwhile solution to consider. However, it does have some drawbacks:

5.1.1 Fee Distribution

Collecting up all the clients' payments later is a manual process. If you wish to distribute the payments (say, to pay partners, or a licensor whose software you sub-licensed, or to ensure that **you** get paid should someone license your software), this must all be done manually.

5.1.2 ERC-20 Tokens

If ERC-20 tokens are accepted into the generated EOA addresses, then you must transfer Ethereum into the account first, before transferring out the ERC-20 tokens. This requires at least one additional transfer fee, and since Gas fees are now variable, may result in a small amount of Ethereum abandoned in the account.

5.1.3 Distribution Failures

In any payment system with many clients paying for product(s), and fees being distributed to various payees, there are normally many trusted partners involved, and many manual (or automated) processes that can fail.

For example, what if a piece of software is created and distributed by some organization, and this software uses your licensed module? If the organization fails, or is deplatformed by a hostile government or corporation, or the software is abandoned, then clients who find the software and install it and want to pay for a license will probably not be able to pay the organization for it – and your license fees also will go unpaid.

Surely, there must be a way to deploy a sequence of interconnected Smart Contracts that can ensure that:

- Any new client can uniquely allocate (and optionally store some data with) a "Forwarder" address and pay for the product,
- Payment into that account address (and perhaps validation of its unique data) constitutes proof of licensing,
- Payees (direct and indirect) can flush any such payments through to themselves (and others)

These goals **can** be achieved using per-client "Forwarder" account addresses.

5.2 "Forwarder" Account Addresses

The solution to this problem is to use accounts that **nobody** has "private key" access to – including you (the software issuer), or any client.

These accounts host an Ethereum Smart Contract (the account address is actually the pre-computed address of a future instance of a "Forwarder" contract). They are not Externally Owned Account (EOA) addresses, and have no Private Key; they can only do what their Smart Contract defines.

The **only** function of these "Forwarder" Contracts is to collect the address' Ethereum and ERC-20 tokens into the product's "Fee Distribution" MultiPayoutERC20 Contract account, optionally storing an immutable value associated with the "salt" value from which the "Forwarder" account address is derived.

5.2.1 The Client "Forwarder" Contract

Once the product's MultiPayoutERC20 "Fee Distribution" contract address is identified, the act of obtaining a unique client payee "Forwarder" address is simple.

1. A "salt" value unique to the client is deduced, usually consisting of "something they know" (eg. a Public Key) plus "something they have" (eg. a Machine ID, or a User Name).
2. The salt is used to deduce the client's unique "Forwarder" address

1. The Product Owner's MultiPayoutERC20 Contract

The creation of a MultiPayoutERC20 contract is very simple.

The product owner must know the Ethereum addresses of the payees, and each payee's proportion of the product revenue. A payee may be another MultiPayoutERC20 contract (eg. for a product module sub-license), which may in turn have its own payees.

An Ethereum account containing sufficient funds to establish the MultiPayoutERC20 contract must be available. Here's an example, using the Ethereum "Goerli" testnet.

Since contract creation is expensive, we'll determine if we've already deployed a MultiPayoutERC20 contract, so we don't need to spend funds to executed this example. We'll use any GOERLI_SEED or GOERLI_XPRVKEY defined in your environment, as well as ALCHEMY_API_TOKEN and ETHERSCAN_API_TOKEN available.

First, lets get the Ethereum account private key details, and see if we've already deployed a MultiPayoutERC20:

```
#
# To create a new MultiPayoutERC20contract:
#
#   Provide yourself with a Goerli testnet account under your control;
#   provide an "xpub..." key for it, or the BIP-39 Mnemonic phrase to
#   derive its HD wallet. Use the https://goerlifaucet.com to fund the
#   account with some Goerli test Ethereum; requires you to set up an
#   https://alchemy.com account, and put your API token in the
#   ALCHEMY_API_TOKEN environment variable.
#
#   If you have an Etherscan API token, put it in ETHERSCAN_API_TOKEN.
#   This will be used to scan for any existing contracts already deployed by
#   your Goerli testnet Ethernet address.
#
import os
import logging

from web3 import Web3
import slipp39
from slipp39.invoice import MultiPayoutERC20, ethereum, Chain

goerli_xprvkey = os.getenv( 'GOERLI_XPRVKEY' )
if not goerli_xprvkey:
    goerli_seed = os.getenv( 'GOERLI_SEED' )
    print(f"Using Ethereum seed: {goerli_seed}")
```

```

if goerli_seed:
    try:
        # why m/44'/1'/... instead of m/44'/60'/...? Dunno;
        # That's the derivation path that Trezor Suite uses for
        # Goerli testnet wallets...
        goerli_xprvkey = slip39.account(
            goerli_seed, crypto="ETH", path="m/44'/1'/0'"
        ).xprvkey
    except Exception as exc:
        print(f"Failed to deduce XPRVKEY from seed: {exc}")

contract = None
mp_found = None
if goerli_xprvkey:
    # We have the means to authorize a transaction on an Ethereum account!
    # Get the Account.address public from the xprvkey
    goerli_src = slip39.account(
        goerli_xprvkey, crypto='ETH', path="m/0/0"
    )
    print(f"Using Ethereum address: {goerli_src}")

    # eg. f"wss://eth-goerli.g.alchemy.com/v2/{os.getenv( 'ALCHEMY_API_TOKEN' )}"
    provider_url = ethereum.alchemy_url( ethereum.Chain.Goerli )
    provider = Web3.WebsocketProvider( provider_url )

    # Lets scan the address's transactions for any existing contract creations,
    # and see if any match our MultiPayoutERC20 API. Will automatically use the
    # ETHERSCAN_API_TOKEN environment variable, if defined.
    try:
        for tx in reversed(ethereum.ethertx( chain=Chain.Goerli, address=goerli_src.address )):
            if not ( contract := tx.get( 'contractAddress' ) ):
                continue
            try:
                mp_found = MultiPayoutERC20(
                    provider,
                    address = Web3.to_checksum_address( contract ),
                )
            except Exception as exc:
                print( f"Contract {contract} is not a MultiPayoutERC20: {exc}" )
            else:
                print( f"Contract {contract} IS a MultiPayoutERC20" )
                break
        else:
            print( f"No MultiPayoutERC20 contracts found for Goerli address {goerli_src}" )
    except Exception as exc:
        print( f"Failed to scan {goerli_src!r} for contracts: {exc}" )

    f"MultiPayoutERC20 found: {contract}\n\n{mp_found}"

```

MultiPayoutERC20 found: None

None

If we didn't find a MultiPayoutERC20, and have the means to deploy and have not already, do so! We'll always send the same proportion to the next 3 accounts in our HD wallet for this example.

```

#
# Deploy a new MultiPayoutERC20, if necessary
#
mp_created = None
if goerli_xprvkey and not contract:
    destination = tuple(

```

```

        a.address
        for a in slip39.accounts( goerli_xprvkey, crypto="ETH", paths=f"m/0/1-3" )
    )

    payees = {
        address: share + 1
        for share,address in enumerate(destination)
    }

    tokens = list(
        ethereum.tokeninfo(
            t,
            chain = ethereum.Chain.Goerli,
            w3_url = provider_url,
            use_provider = Web3.WebsocketProvider
        )
        for t in (
            "0xe802376580c10fE23F027e1E19Ed9D54d4C9311e", # USDT
            "0xde637d4C445cA2aae8F782FFAc8d2971b93A4998", # USDC
            "0xaFF4481D10270F50f203E0763e2597776068CBc5", # WEENUS
            "0x1f9061B953bBa0E36BF50F21876132DcF276fC6e", # ZEENUS
        )
    )

    # print( tabulate( [
    #     [
    #         [ "Token", "Decimals", "Contract"]
    #     ] + [
    #         [ t.name, t.decimals, t.contract ]
    #         for t in tokens
    #     ]
    # ], tablefmt='orgtbl' ))

    erc20s = list(
        t.contract
        for t in tokens
    )

    try:
        mp_created = MultiPayoutERC20(
            provider,
            agent = goerli_src.address,
            agent_prvkey= goerli_src.prvkey,
            payees = payees,
            erc20s = erc20s,
        )
    except Exception as exc:
        print( f"Failed to deploy a new MultiPayoutERC20: {exc}" )
    else:
        print( f"Success deploying a new MultiPayoutERC20: {mp_created}" )
        contract = mp_created._address

        print("MultiPayoutERC20 Newly Deployed Contract Details:")

    f"MultiPayoutERC20 deployed: {mp_created}"

```

MultiPayoutERC20 deployed: None

Finally, if we found or deployed a MultiPayoutERC20 contract, lets generate a "Forwarder" for some unique user-identifying data (we'll use a pre-existing contract, if necessary).

```
if not contract:
```

```

    # We haven't been able to create a contract; just show a pre-defined one.
    contract = "0xbE69793974Fc55cD8B94Dac6b410827740Cc6d68"

#
# To examine an existing MultiPayoutERC20 contract, use:
#   https://goerli.etherscan.io/address/<contract>
mp = MultiPayoutERC20(
    provider,
    address = Web3.to_checksum_address( contract ),
)

import hashlib
import uuid
username = "perry@kundert.ca"
machine_id = uuid.uuid4()
salt = hashlib.sha256(
    f"{username}-{machine_id}".encode()
)
salt_int = int.from_bytes( salt.digest(), byteorder='big' )
forwarder = mp.forwarder_address( salt_int )

(
f"MultiPayoutERC20 Contract & Forwarder Details:\n\n{mp}\n\n"
+ tabulate( [
    [ "MultiPayoutERC20 Contract:", f"{contract}" ],
    [ "Unique Client Salt:", f"{salt.hexdigest()}" ],
    [ "Their Forwarder Contract:", f"{forwarder}" ],
], tablefmt='orgtbl' ))

```

5.2.2 Distributing Funds Deterministically

One (or more) Smart Contracts move the funds from this account, into the payees' accounts/Contracts.

If multiple independent parties must be paid out of the proceeds from each client, receiving payments to a plain Account (for which you hold the private key) may not be acceptable to all parties involved. A product owner providing a licensee the capability to sub-licensing their product may, for example, charge a much better fee, if the licensee can prove that payments will **automatically** flow back to the license owner, every time the licensee sells their product which contains the sub-license.

There are ways to ensure that each client payment **must** be distributed to each payee, as agreed, using cryptocurrencies which implement Smart Contracts.

A Smart Contract can be created which guarantees that Cryptocurrency funds from a source address are distributed in a fixed proportion to several destination addresses.

A Contract is created that is unique to each set of payee accounts and (fractional) distribution of assets, containing a function something like this (in Solidity):

```

function payout_internal() private nonReentrant {
    move_but_x10000_to( 9310, payable( address( 0x7f7458EF9A583B95DFD90C048d4B2d2F09f6dA5b ) )); // 6.900%
    move_but_x10000_to( 5703, payable( address( 0x94Da50738E09e2f9EA0d4c15cf8DaDfb4CfC672B ) )); // 40.000%
    move_but_x10000_to( 0, payable( address( 0xa29618aBa937D2B3eeAF8aBc0bc6877ACE0a1955 ) )); // 53.100%
}

```

(you can see the remaining Smart Contract code in the slip-39 source.)

This function can be executed in various ways.

5.2.3 Disbursement Directly from Random Account

The most expensive and least flexible method constructs, executes and selfdestructs this `payout_internal` Smart Contract function.

```

constructor() payable {
    payout_internal();
    selfdestruct
}

```

5.2.4 Client "Forwarder" Account Creation and Licensing

Guaranteeing that each client's payments always flow through to the designated tree of payees is the responsibility of the `MultiPayoutERC20Forwarder` (client "Forwarder" account) and `MultiPayoutERC20` (product's "Fee Distribution") Smart Contracts.

Confirmation of Licensing is the responsibility of the client software. At software runtime, some checks are completed. At minimum, two pieces of data are loaded from storage:

- The Machine ID, and
- A Public Key and a Signature of the Machine ID (previously generated), or
- A Private Key (from which the Machine ID Signature can be generated)

Then, assuming:

- Accounts can be created uniquely for some pseudo-random client-specific identifying key
 - A public key for example
- Some data can be stored and later retrieved using that client key
 - The signature of some License text or the client-unique Machine ID (or a significant portion of it)
- Payments to the account can be queried from on the blockchain

The client software can check the blockchain to confirm payment to the account, and the saved data (eg. Signature) can be checked to confirm that this client is indeed the licensee. For example, the client's Private Key generates the Public Key, and the retrieved signature matches the Signature of the Machine ID.

If all of these tests pass, then the client software has confirmed that it is licensed.

If not, a licensing offer (invoice) can be generated, to allow the client to obtain a license.

1. Licensing Attacks

An attacker can attempt to re-use some pre-existing license payment; it can inspect the blockchain history to obtain the prior allocation of a paid "Forwarder" account, and recover the client key (the client's public key), and the associated data stored for that key (the signature). However, when the software attempts to confirm that the public key signs the machine ID, it will fail, because the attacker doesn't have the original payee's machine ID – which was not included in the original blockchain transaction.

Only if the client software is also under the control of the attacker can this attack succeed; but, in that case, the attacker can simply remove the entire license check from the software.

5.3 Single-Use Accounts using Pre-Signed Transfers

One tempting (but ultimately fragile) solution is to use Ethereum "transfer" transactions that you don't actually have the private key to sign.

One artifact of how Ethereum (and similar) Cryptocurrency systems create and validate transactions, is that the "source" address may be deduced from the transaction and its accompanying signature. Normally, one already "has" a source address (and its private key) containing funds, and then creates a transaction moving some of those funds (or executing a Smart Contract call) to some destination, and finally signs it using their private key. However, one **can** create the exact same transaction performing the same actions – and then **provide a random signature**, and deduce what Ethereum Account it **must** have originated from. This will be a pseudo-random (unpredictable) source Address, assuming that some bit(s) in the transaction and/or signature differ.

This "signed" transaction from this random Ethereum account may do anything – so long as (when it's finally executed) there is sufficient Ethereum available to pay the "Gas" fees, and to supply whatever value (in ETH, ERC-20 tokens, etc.) is required by the transaction.

5.3.1 Collection Failure

A number of failure modes exist that can result in cryptocurrency lost in this client address:

- Only ETH supported at reasonable cost
- If an ERC-20 token transfer is invoked, the exact token must be known in advance.
 - Any other token or Ethereum deposited would be lost
- If the exact correct amount of Ethereum to pay for Gas is not deposited, the transaction will fail and will not be re-executable, resulting in loss of all funds at the address.

5.3.2 Not Supported for Bitcoin

This idea is **not possible** using Bitcoin, due to its lack of general-purpose smart contracts, and the fact that one cannot "sign" transactions in advance to generate the "source" Account address: the transaction must contain specific information about the source UTXOs (Unspent TransaXion Outputs) being spent, which is of course unavailable in advance.

5.4 Testing MultiPayoutERC20

Put some TGOR (Test Goerli Ethereum) tokens into the "zoo zoo ... wrong" Ethereum account on the Goerli testnet. This is (of course) a well-known account, and the funds will disappear pretty quickly, but should give you time to run the tests successfully.

You can mint TGOR for free, at:

```
https://faucet.quicknode.com/ethereum/goerli
https://goerlifaucet.com/
```

Transfer about 0.1 TGOR to the "zoo zoo ... wrong" test account:

```
0x667Ac3Fc27A8EbcDA66E7E01ceCA179d407ce00
```

Then, run:

```
make test # or: make unit-test_multipayout_ERC20_web3_tester
```

6 Building & Installing

If you `git clone git@github.com:pjkundert/python-slip39.git` and have the source code, you can use the supplied GNU `make` targets to create a venv Virtual Environment and build then install.

The GUI requires Python3 with tk support, and uses PySimpleGUI which has a 30-day trial period, after which it requires a license.

6.1 Homebrew on macOS, or Nix on Linux or macOS

The `python-slip39` project is tested under both homebrew:

```
$ brew install python-tk@3.12
$ PY3=python3.12 make venv
...
(python-slip39-13.0.0-usr-darwin-cpython-312) bash-3.2$
```

and using the official `python.org/downloads` installer.

It is also supported under Nix (optionally prefixed with eg. `TARGET\=py310`):

```
$ make nix-venv
...
*** Activating /Users/perry/src/python-slip39-13.0.0-nix-darwin-cpython-312 VirtualEnv for Interactive /bin/bash
(python-slip39-13.0.0-nix-darwin-cpython-312) Perrys-MBP:python-slip39 perry$
```

The Nix installation is probably the recommended approach for macOS and Linux.

Either of these methods will get you a `python3` executable running version 3.12+, usable for running the `slip39` module, and the `slip39.gui` GUI.

6.2 Native Python3 on Linux

To manually create your own venv and install from pypi using the Python 3.9 to 3.12 (+ TK if using the GUI) you have at hand:

1. Ensure your Python3 has tk and pip, and GNU make; on Linux systems, this might be something like:

```
$ sudo apt install make python3-pip python3-tk
```

2. Create the Python3 Virtual Environment using the GNU make target venv; this will create the venv, and install slip39 in it:

```
$ cd python-slip39
$ make venv
$ python3 -m slip39.gui
```

To create it manually, and then install slip39, go into the python-slip39 directory you cloned, and:

```
$ python3 -m venv python-slip39-venv
$ . ./python-slip39-venv/bin/activate
(python-slip39-venv) [you@yourhost src]$ python3 -m pip install slip39[gui]
...
(python-slip39-venv) [you@yourhost src]$ python3 -m slip39.gui
```

3. The GUI is built using PySimpleGUI, which has a 30-day trial period before you have to purchase a license. Accept the trial period, and the GUI will be displayed.

6.3 The slip39 Module

To build the wheel and install slip39 manually:

```
$ git clone git@github.com:pjkundert/python-slip39.git
$ make -C python-slip39 install
```

To install from Pypi, including the optional requirements to run the PySimpleGUI/tkinter GUI, support serial I/O, and to support creating encrypted BIP-38 and Ethereum JSON Paper Wallets:

```
$ python3 -m pip install slip39[gui,wallet,serial]
```

6.4 The slip39 GUI

To install from Pypi, including the optional requirements to run the PySimpleGUI/tkinter GUI:

```
$ python3 -m pip install slip39[gui]
```

Then, there are several ways to run the GUI:

```
$ python3 -m slip39.gui      # Execute the python slip39.gui module main method
$ slip39-gui                # Run the main function provided by the slip39.gui module
```

6.4.1 The macOS/win32 SLIP-39.app GUI

You can build the native macOS and win32 SLIP-39.app App.

This requires the official python.org/downloads installer; the homebrew python-tk@3.9 will not work for building the native app using either PyInstaller. (The py2app approach doesn't work in either version of Python).

```
$ git clone git@github.com:pjkundert/python-slip39.git
$ make -C python-slip39 app
```

6.4.2 The Windows 10 SLIP-39 GUI

Install Python from <https://python.org/downloads>, and the Microsoft C++ Build Tools via the Visual Studio Installer (required for installing some `slip39` package dependencies).

To run the GUI, just install `slip39` package from Pypi using `pip`, including the `gui` and `wallet` options. Building the Windows SLIP-39 executable GUI application requires the `dev` option.

```
PS C:\Users\IEUser> pip install slip39[gui,wallet,dev]
```

To work with the `python-slip39` Git repo on Github, you'll also need to install Git from git-scm.com. Once installed, run "Git bash", and

```
$ ssh-keygen.exe -t ed25519
```

to create an `id_ed25519.pub` SSH identity, and import it into your Git Settings SSH keys. Then,

```
$ mkdir src
$ cd src
$ git clone git@github.com:pjkundert/python-slip39.git
```

1. Code Signing

The MMC (Microsoft Management Console) is used to store your code-signing certificates. See stackoverflow.com for how to enable its Certificate management.

7 Licensing

Each installation of the SLIP-39 App requires an Ed25519 "Agent" identity, and cryptographically signed license(s) to activate various `python-slip39` features. No license is required to use basic features; advanced features require a license.

7.1 Create an Ed25519 "Agent" Key

The Ed25519 signing "Agent" identity is loaded at start-up, and (if necessary) is created automatically on first execution. This is similar to the `ssh-keygen -t ed25519` procedure.

Each separate installation must have a `~/crypto-licensing/python-slip39.crypto-keypair`. This contains the licensing "Agent" credentials: a passphrase-encrypted Ed25519 private key, and a self-signed public key. This shows that we actually had access to the private key and used it to create a signature for the claimed public key and the supplied encrypted private key – proving that the public key is valid, and associated with the encrypted private key.

7.2 Validating an Advanced Feature License

When an advanced feature is used, all available `python-slip39.crypto-license` files are loaded. They are examined, and if a license is found that is:

- Assigned to this Agent and Machine-ID
- Contains the required license authorizations

then the functionality is allowed to proceed.

If no license is found, instructions on how to obtain a license for this Agent on this Machine-ID will be displayed.

If you've already obtained a "master" license on your primary machine's SLIP-39 installation, you can use it to issue a sub-license to this installation (eg. for your air-gapped cryptocurrency management machine).

Otherwise, a URL is displayed at which the required "master" license can be issued.

7.2.1 Get a sub-license From Your "master" License

Typically, you'll be using python-slip39's advanced features on an air-gapped computer. You do not want to visit websites from this computer. So, you obtain a sub-license from your primary computer's python-slip39 installation, and place it on your secure air-gapped computer (eg. using a USB stick).

Take note of the secondary machine's Agent ID (pubkey) and Machine ID. On your primary computer (with the "master" license), run:

```
python3 -m slip39.sublicense <agent-pubkey> <machine-id>
```

Take the output, and place it in the file `~/crypto-licensing/python-slip39.crypto-license` on your air-gapped computer.

7.2.2 Obtaining an Advanced Feature "master" License

On your primary computer, open the provided URL in a browser. The URL contains the details of the advanced feature desired.

This URL's web page will request an Ed25519 "Agent" public key to issue your "master" license to. This should be your primary user account's Ed25519 "Agent" public key – this master "Agent" will be issuing sub-licenses to any of your other SLIP-39 installations. You will be redirected to a URL that is unique to the advanced feature plus your Agent ID.

An invoice will be generated with unique Bitcoin, Ethereum and perhaps other cryptocurrency addresses. Pay the required amount of cryptocurrency to one of the provided wallet addresses. Within a few seconds, the cryptocurrency transfer will be confirmed.

Once the payment for the advanced feature is confirmed, the URL including your agent ID will always allow you to re-download the license. It is only usable by your Agent ID to issue sub-licenses to your python-slip39 installations on your machines.

8 Dependencies

Internally, python-slip39 project uses Trezor's python-shamir-mnemonic to encode the seed data to SLIP-39 phrases, python-hdwallet to convert seeds to ETH, BTC, LTC and DOGE wallets, and the Ethereum project's eth-account to produce encrypted JSON wallets for specified Ethereum accounts.

8.1 The python-shamir-mnemonic API

To use it directly, obtain , and install it, or run `python3 -m pip install shamir-mnemonic`.

```
$ shamir create custom --group-threshold 2 --group 1 1 --group 1 1 --group 2 5 --group 3 6
Using master secret: 87e39270d1d1976e9ade9cc15a084c62
Group 1 of 4 - 1 of 1 shares required:
merit aluminum acrobat romp capacity leader gray dining thank rhyme escape genre havoc furl breathe class pitch location r
Group 2 of 4 - 1 of 1 shares required:
merit aluminum beard romp briefing email member flavor disaster exercise cinema subject perfect facility genius bike inclu
Group 3 of 4 - 2 of 5 shares required:
merit aluminum ceramic roster already cinema knit cultural agency intimate result ivory makeup lobe jerky theory garlic en
merit aluminum ceramic scared beam findings expand broken smear cleanup enlarge coding says destroy agency emperor hairy d
merit aluminum ceramic shadow cover smith idle vintage mixture source dish squeeze stay wireless likely privacy impulse to
merit aluminum ceramic sister duke relate elite ruler focus leader skin machine mild envelope wrote amazing justice mornin
merit aluminum ceramic smug buyer taxi amazing marathon treat clinic rainbow destroy unusual keyboard thumb story literary
Group 4 of 4 - 3 of 6 shares required:
merit aluminum decision round bishop wrote belong anatomy spew hour index fishing lecture disease cage thank fantasy extra
merit aluminum decision scatter carpet spine ruin location forward priest cage security careful emerald screw adult jerky
merit aluminum decision shaft arcade infant argue elevator imply obesity oral venture afraid slice raisin born nervous uni
merit aluminum decision skin already fused tactics skunk work floral very gesture organize puny hunting voice python trial
merit aluminum decision snake cage premium aide wealthy viral chemical pharmacy smoking inform work cubic ancestor clay ge
merit aluminum decision spider boundary lunar staff inside junior tendency sharp editor trouble legal visual tricycle auct
```