

# Technical Guide Voter Role

## selfdriven Foundation Governance

Helping Communities  
Self-Actuate

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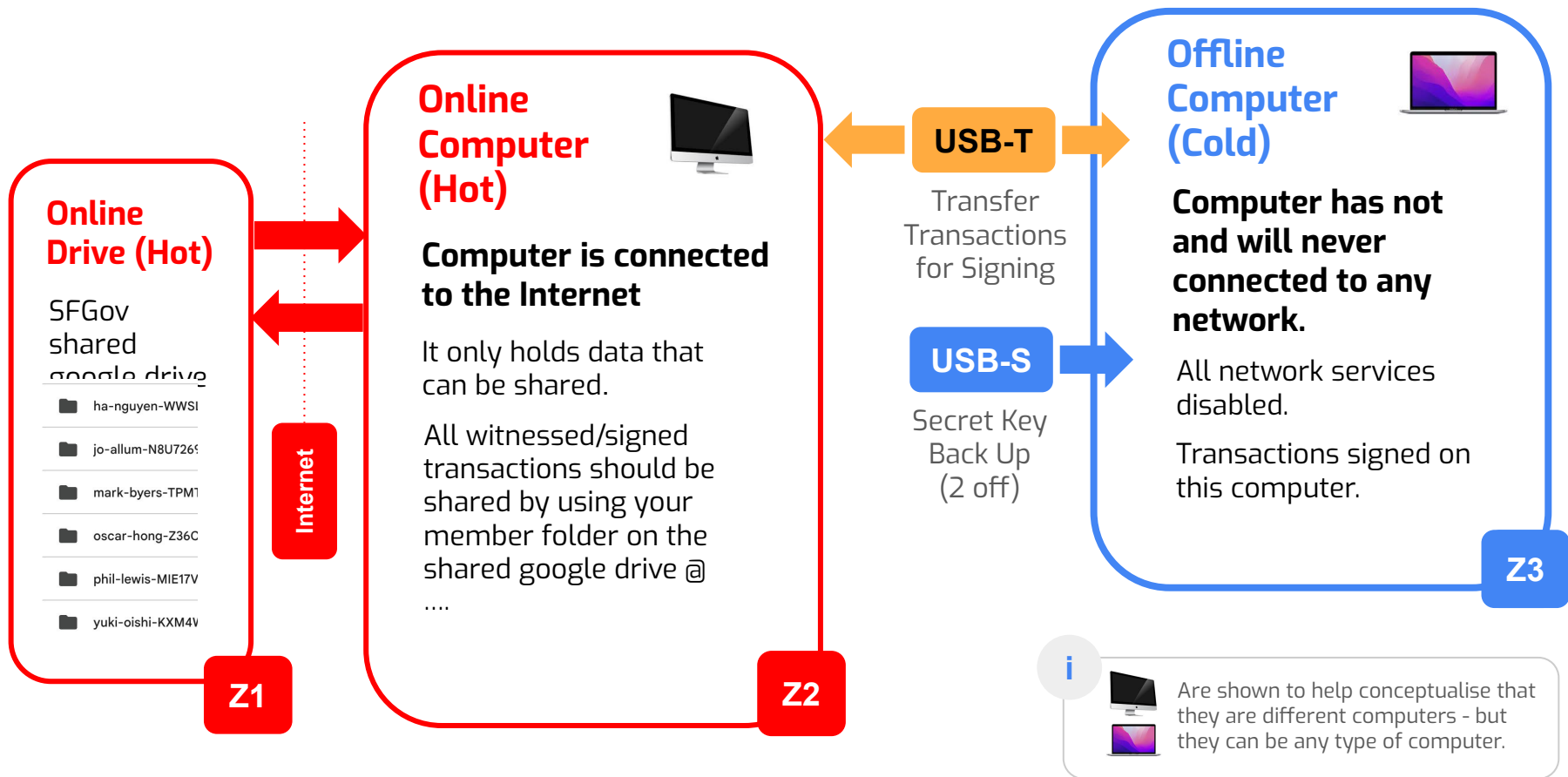
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## Zones



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## Protection

### 2A/ Risks

Information security risks are identified and recorded into the selfdriven Foundation Risk Register.

Each risk is then graded as “Negligible”, “Low”, “Medium”, “High”, “Critical”. And then controls are put in place to ensure they are at the minimum level set by the member’s role.

### 2B/ Risk Levels based Roles

Voter: Minimum is Low

Membership/Orchestrator: Minimum is Negligible

### 2C/ Voter Role

This role technical has the lowest level of information security related to it.

Given the keys can easily be reset, are one of many and proxied via the Orchestrator (Head of Security) before use on-chain – mitigating many of the risks.

## 3 Hardware (Member)

### 3A/ Computer connected to the internet (Existing)



Used to access SFGov Google Drive foundation/governance/ folder

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### 3B/ Computer never connected to the internet



Used to sign transactions

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### 3C/ Three(3) USB Drives, Well Known Brand\*, 16GB +



One(1) used to transfer files between computers

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Two(2) used to hold secret keys

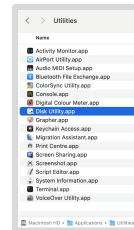
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\* Sandisk / Samsung / Kingston / Verbatim / Lexar

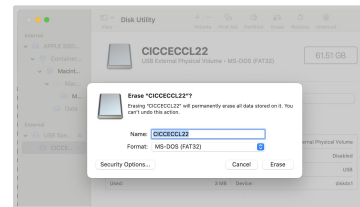
## Preparing USBs

1/ Put the USB into your **offline (cold)** computer

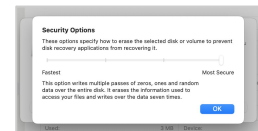
2/ On MacOS > Applications > Utilities > **Open Disk Utility**



3/ Click on the USB > Click **Erase ..** button



4/ Click **Security Options** > Slide to Most Secure > Click OK



5/ Rename the USB Drive to say "SFGov" & Select ExFat > Click **Erase**



You can get a safe for the storage of your USBs, but if you are a Voter only, this is not critical as your Identity (X509) keys can be reset.

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## Software (Voter)



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The follow software is in the Google Drive @  
**/organisation/foundation/governance/app**



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Witness Transaction

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## Identity & Roles

### 5A/ X509 Standard for Identity

X509 used by the internet to establish the identity of things (e.g. websites) and people. It creates a set of keys linked to you. One key is public and one is private. The private key needs to be kept secret and never leave the offline (code) "Z3" code. You keep an encrypted copy of the private key on your "USB-S" drives.

[\[Instructions for member to generate X509 Certificate\]](#)

### 5B/ Roles / Voter Role

There a number of technical roles; Membership / Delegator / Voter.

This guide is focused on the Voter role.

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## Voting

A/ Orchestrator (Head of Security) creates the transaction for the gov action id and sets the the vote to be as agreed by the SFGov as per its governance document.

[Voting Sheet]

B/ Transaction put into each of the members Google Drive folder

C/ Each member then copies the transaction file to their Transfer USB (USB-T)

D/ Member then puts the USB-T drive into their offline (cold) computer [Z3] and copies the transaction file to the Computer hard drive.

E/ The USB-T drive is then removed from the computer.

F/ One of the USB-S drives is plugged into offline (cold) computer [Z3].

G/ Member follows the *Software voting instructions ... (later in this doc [7E])*

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## **Instructions (Step by Step)**

**7A/ Prepare USBs**

**7B/ Prepare Offline-Cold Computer**

**7C/ Copy Software to Offline-Cold Computer**

**7D/ Create Your SF Member Identity (X509 Keys)**

**7E/ Voting on a Governance Action**

**7F/ Backing Up & Restoring Private X509 Keys (PEM File)**



## 7A

# Prepare USBs

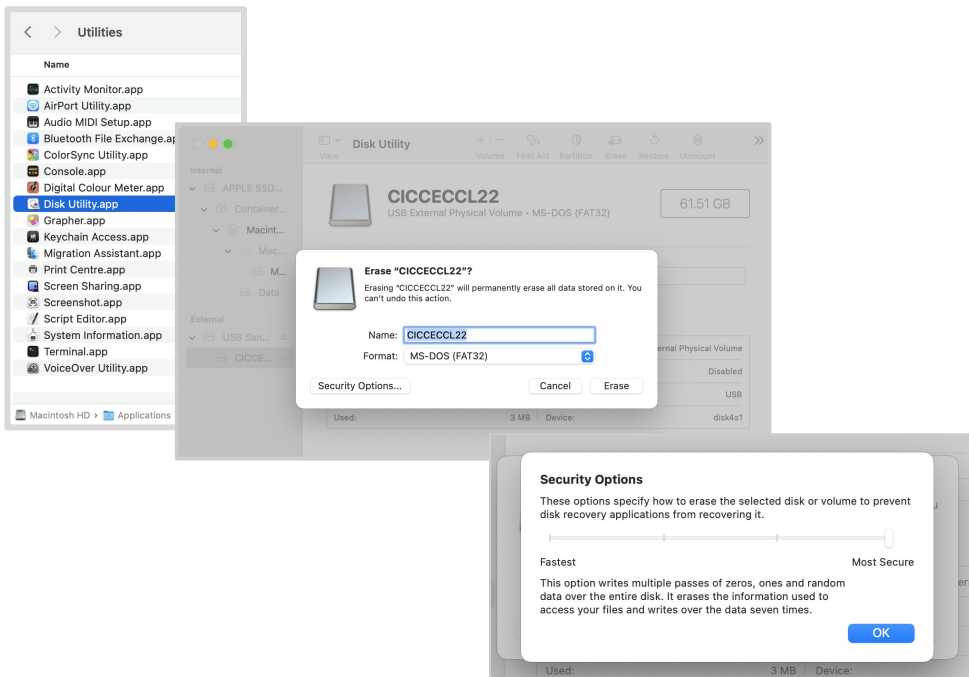
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# Prepare Offline-Cold Computer

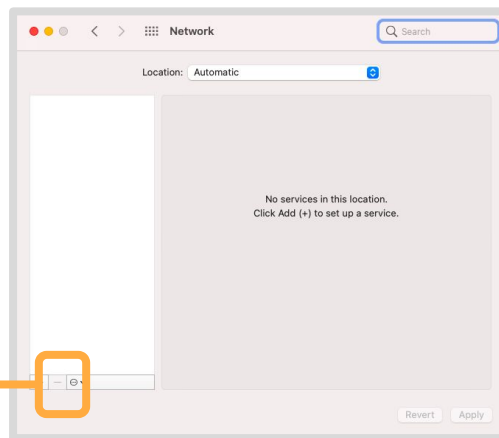
1/ On MacOS > [Apple Logo] > **System Preferences ...**

2/ Click the **Network** icon

3/ Click the **[ - ] button** until all the "Wifi, LAN" options are removed.

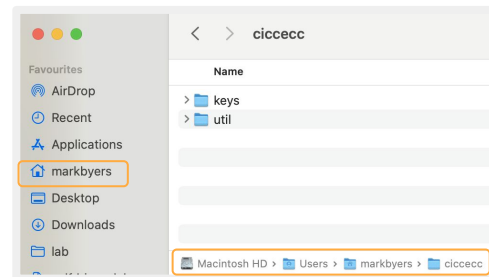
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If using the latest version of MacOS this is slightly different process, but it is the same intent of removing all network access.



4/ Using MacOS Finder or equivalent, create folders:

- /sfgov
  - /util
  - /keys



# 7C

## Copy Software to Offline-Cold Computer

- 1/ Insert the “USB-T” transfer USB driven into the online/hot computer
- 2/ Copy the **organisation/foundation/governance/app** zipped file to the USB drive.
- 3/ Eject the **USB** from the online-hot computer and **insert into your offline-cold computer**.
- 4/ Copy the “util” folder from the **USB** to the “sfgov” folder you created in step 7B

**Note:** If you downloaded the zip file, then you will need to unzip it first, by right clicking on the ciccSFGov-util.zip and selecting Open With ... Archive Utility.app ...

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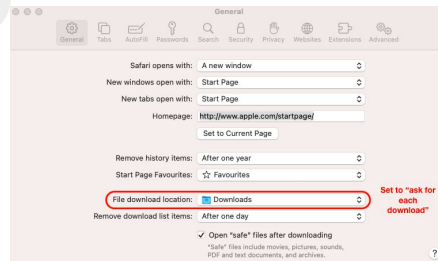
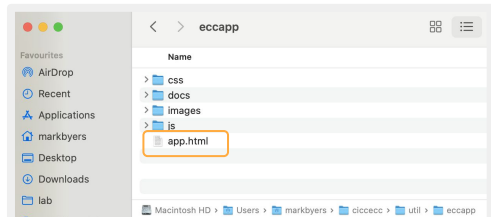
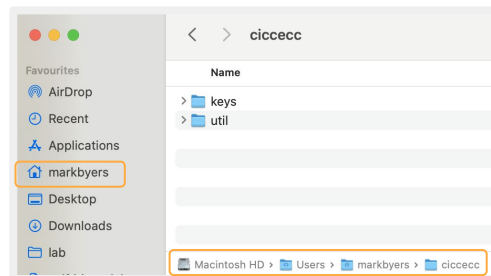


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## 7D

## Create X509 Identity (.pem/.csr)

1/ This will use a simple browser app that is in the `/sfgov/app` folder on your offline computer,

2/ **Get your unique "SF ID Code"** allocated by the SF Head of Security (e.g. Mark). You can get your code from the list @ [Instructions for member to generate X509 Certificate](#).

3/ On your offline/cold computer using the MacOS Finder (or equivalent) open the `/sfgov/app` folder, and **double click on app.html**. This will open the web browser and show the **Eastern Cardano App**.

4/ Fill in your details and click **"Generate X509 Identity"** and **save the .pem file** to your **"keys" folder**. This is your private key that you must keep safe.

5/ Then click **"Generate X509 Certificate Signing Request"** and **save the .csr file** to your **"keys" folder**. This is your file that you need to share with Head of Security (e.g. Mark)

6/ **Copy the .csr file to your "USB-T" USB drive** and eject the drive and plug into your online computer.

7/ **Copy the .csr file to your folder on the SFGov shared google drive** - then let Head of Security (e.g. Mark) know.



**After all steps completed, power-down your offline computer, to clear all memory of private information.**

USB-T



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`/sfgov/sfgovapp/app.html`



**The .pem file is your private key, you must keep this secret!**

1/ As instructed by the SFGov Voting Orchestrator, copy the `mainnet-sfgov-vote-[govaction reference].hash` file from the members voting folder on the SFGov shared drive to your `/sfgov/voting` folder on your offline computer using your USB-T,

2/ Open the SFGov App on your offline computer (`/util/app.html`), select the files & click Witness Transaction, save the `.witness` file to the `/voting` folder on your offline computer.

3/ Copy `mainnet-SFGov-vote-[govaction reference]-member-[firstname]-[lastname]-[code].witness` to your USB-T and then plug it into your online computer.

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## 1/ Use the SFGov App Backup tab to encrypt your keys

  
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**Encrypt & Backup Your PEM File**

**X.509 Identity (Private Key) File (.pem)**  
Your individual X.509 file (created using the Identity tab)

No file chosen

**Password**  
Your password for encrypting the file. **Keep it safe!!**

Save the file onto your "USB-S" drive(s).

## 2/ Use the SFGov App Restore tab to decrypt your keys

  
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**Decrypt & Restore Your PEM File**

**Encrypted Backup X.509 Identity (Private Key) File (.backup)**  
Your encrypted individual X.509 file (typically stored on USB-S)

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**Password**  
The password you used to encrypt/backup the private key file.

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## Appendices

### A1/ Safari - Enabling Developer Mode

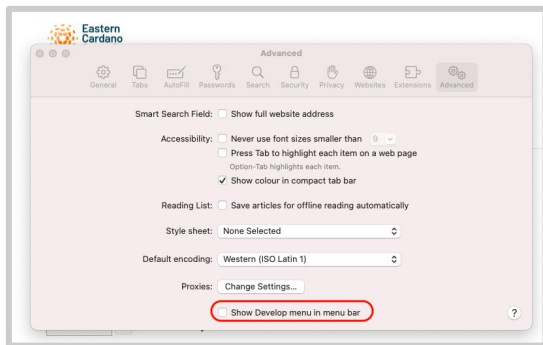
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## Safari Enabling Developer Mode

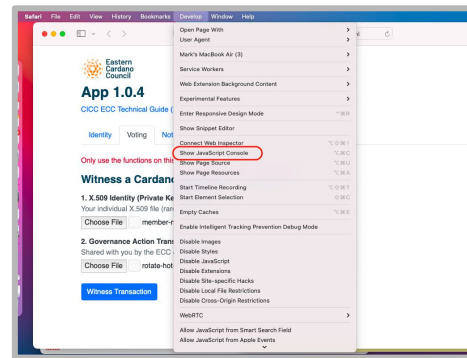


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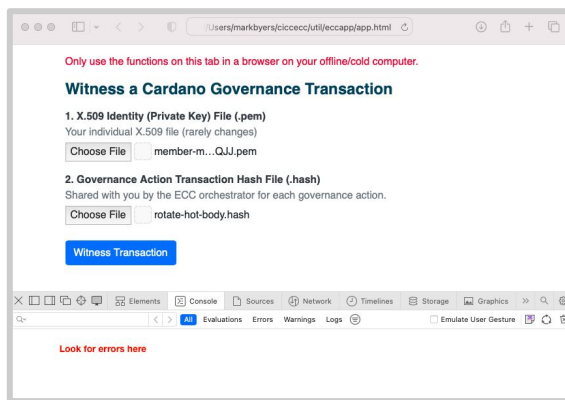
1/ Menu > **Safari > Preferences.. > Advanced Tab**, tick “Show Develop menu in bar” and close the Preferences window..



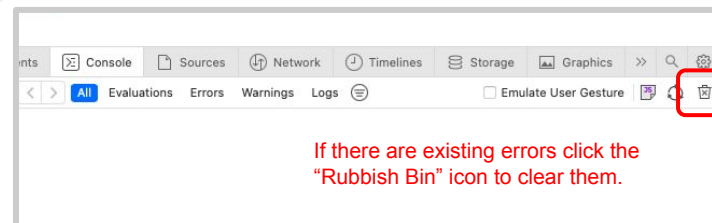
2/ Menu > **Develop > Show Javascript Console**.



3/ Select the files & click **Witness Transaction** and then see if any errors in the **Console tab**. If there are then screenshot and send to the Orchestrator.



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If there are existing errors click the “Rubbish Bin” icon to clear them.