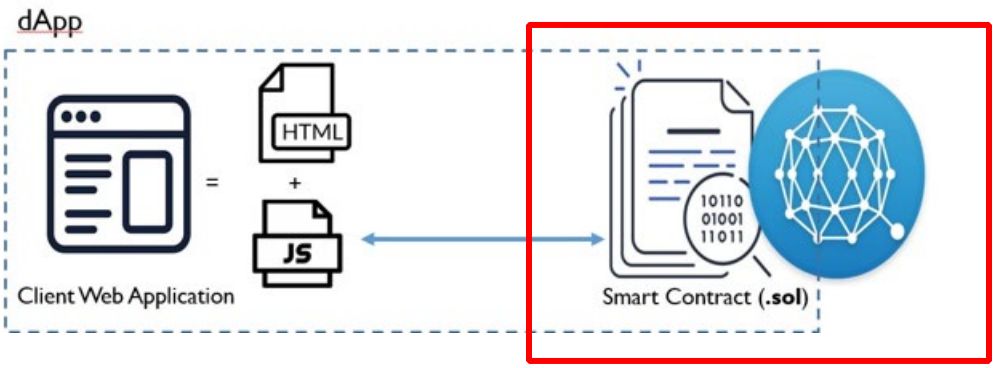
Practical 05: House Registration dApp – Introduction to Remix and MetaMask

For Practical 5 to Practical 9, we will be developing an Ethereum dApp, named House Registration dApp. This House Registration dApp will have the following functions that will be covered over the next few practical:

- Display List of House Registrations (Practical 6)
- Add New House Registration (Practical 7)
- Transfer House Registration (Practical 8)
- Transfer Payment (Practical 9)

Steps to code the dApp

1. Code the Smart Contract (**.sol**)
2. Code the Web Application's Front-end (**.html and/or .css**)
3. Code the Web Application's Script to interface (middleman) between the Smart Contract & Web Application's Front-end (**.js**)



For this practical we will only be doing the 1st step which is to code the Smart Contract and deploying Smart Contract to the Ethereum Test Blockchain via MetaMask.

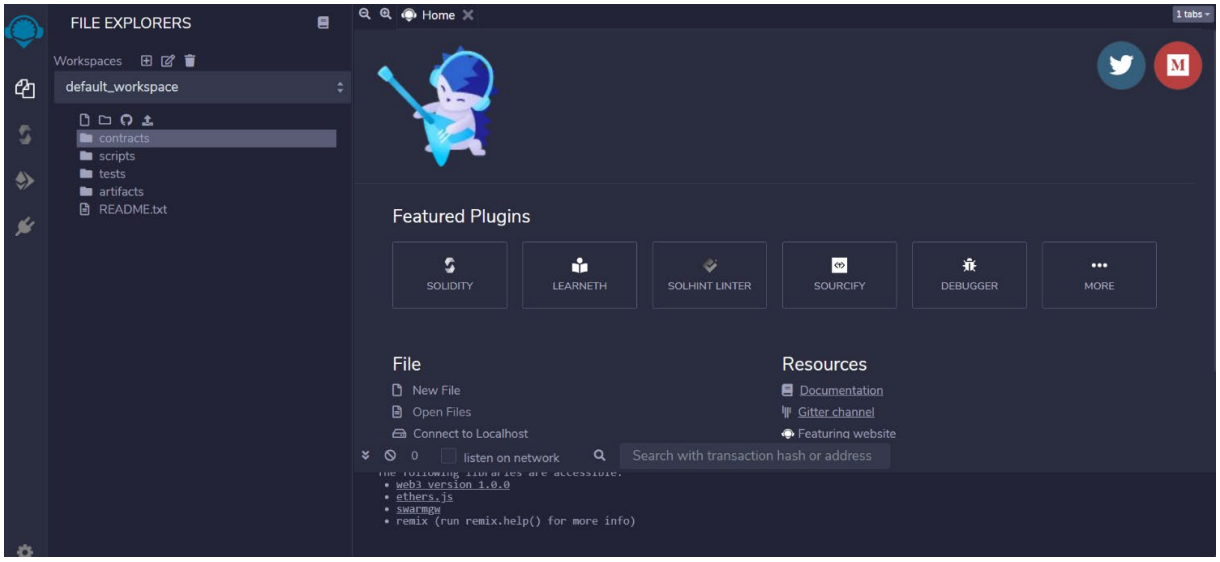
This practical consists of the following part:

Part 1: Coding and Testing the smart contract using Remix IDE.
Part 2: Installation of MetaMask
Part 3: Deploying the smart contract to the Ethereum Test Blockchain via MetaMask

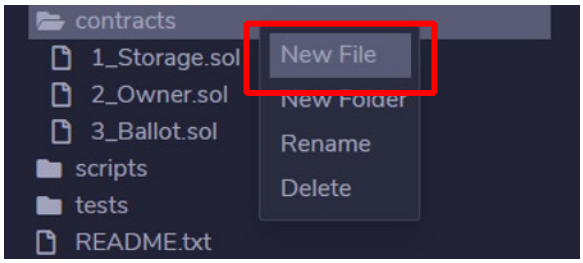
Part 1: Coding and Testing the smart contract using Remix IDE

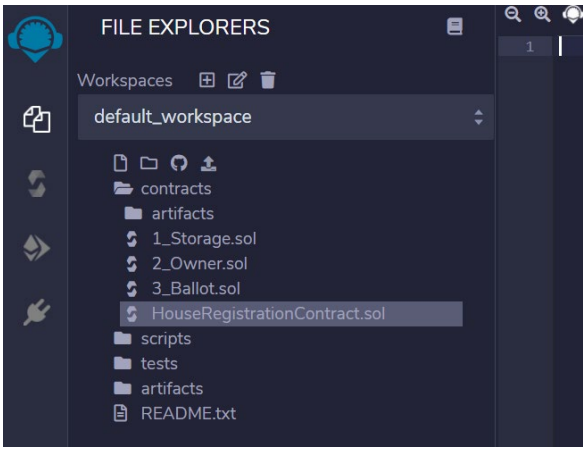
Remix is a web-based Integrated Development Environment (IDE) where you can create and test smart contracts and build a front-end web application for them.

1. Go to https://remix.ethereum.org/



2. Right click on contracts and select “New File”. Name the file as **HouseRegistrationContract.sol**





3. Copy the following code into "**HouseRegistrationContract.sol**" to register a new house.

```
    pragma solidity ^0.5.10;

contract HouseRegistrationContract {
    // Model a house
    struct House {
        uint houseNo;
        string owner;
    }
    // Read/write houses
    mapping(uint => House) public houseList;
    uint public houseCount;

    function registerNewHouse (string memory _owner) public {
        houseCount ++;
        houseList[houseCount] = House(houseCount, _owner); // Creates a new
house & stores it into houseList
    }
    constructor() public {
        registerNewHouse("Owner 1"); // Registers the 1st house to Owner 1
        registerNewHouse("Owner 2"); // Registers the next house to Owner 2
    }
}
```

Your codes in **HouseRegistrationContract.sol** should look like this

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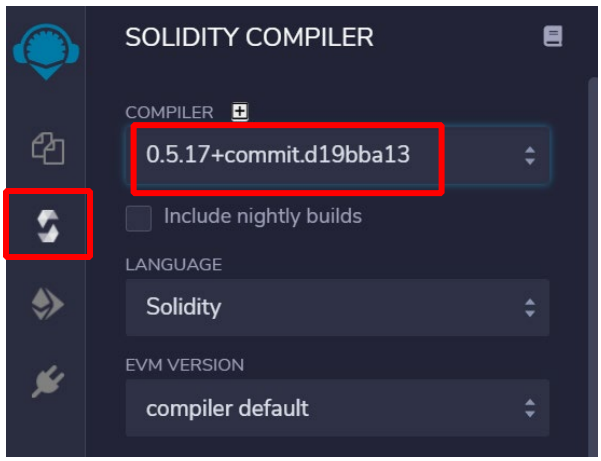
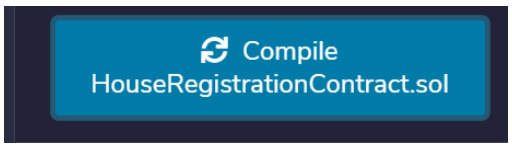
4. Click on the **compiler**  **icon** and change the compiler to **0.5.17**. Click on the **blue button** to compile the smart contract.

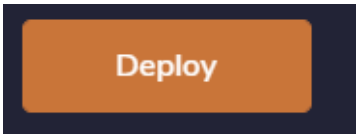




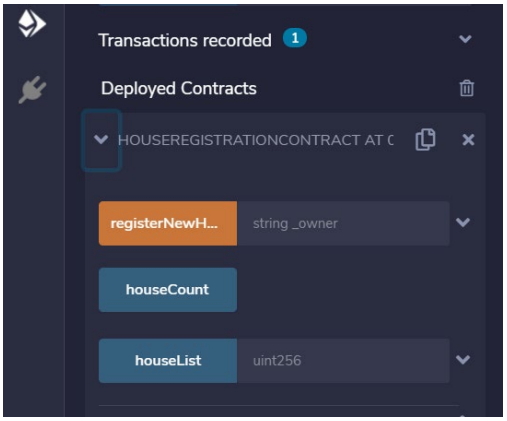
5. Make sure there is a green tick on the compiler icon 

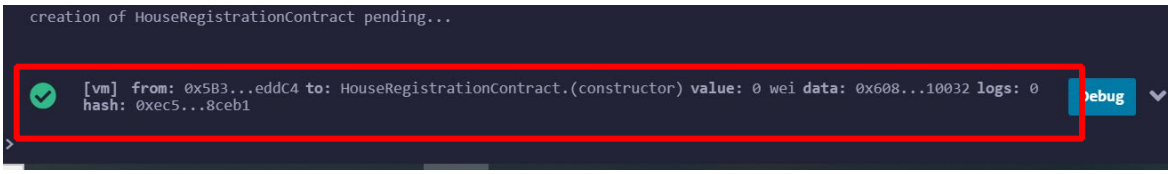
6. To test the smart contract, click on the **diamond**  icon to go to the **Deploy & Run Transactions** panel. Make sure the environment is set to the local environment **JavaScript VM.** By selecting “JavaScript VM”, you are deploying and running your smart contract in the **local environment, i.e. your local machine/ laptop**.

7. Click the orange button to **Deploy**



8. Once deployed, you will be able to see the deployed contract at the **Deploy & Run Transaction panel** and the details of the transaction at the bottom toolbar.

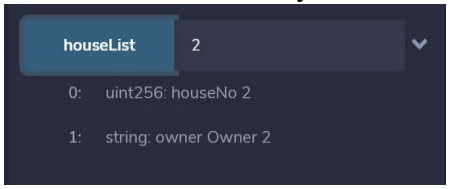




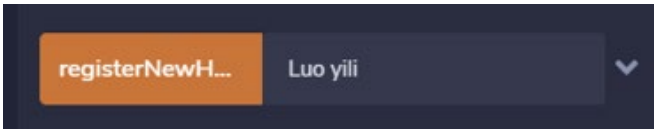
9. Test the smart contract

(i) Click on the blue “houseCount” button – you should see that there are 2 houses

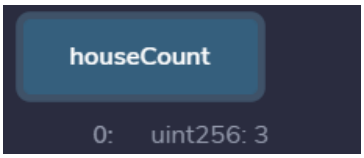
(ii) Enter “2” into the field beside the blue “houseList” button and click on the blue “houseList” button – you should see that house #2 is registered to “Owner 2”



(iii) Enter <your name> into the field beside the orange “registerNewHouse” button and click on the orange “registerNewHouse” button - a new house will be registered to your name.



(iv) Click on the blue “houseCount” button – you should see that there are 3 houses registered in the blockchain now



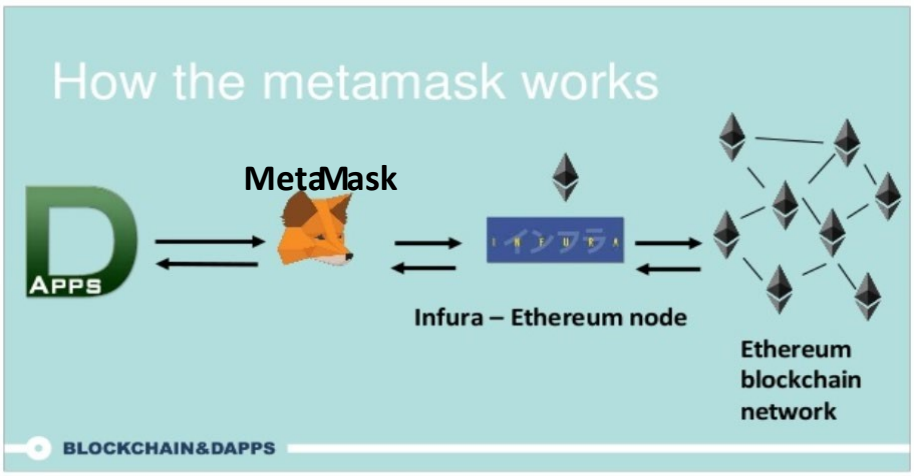
(v) Enter “3” into the field beside the blue “houseList” button and click on the blue “houseList” button – you should see that house #3 is registered to your name

Part 2: Installation of MetaMask

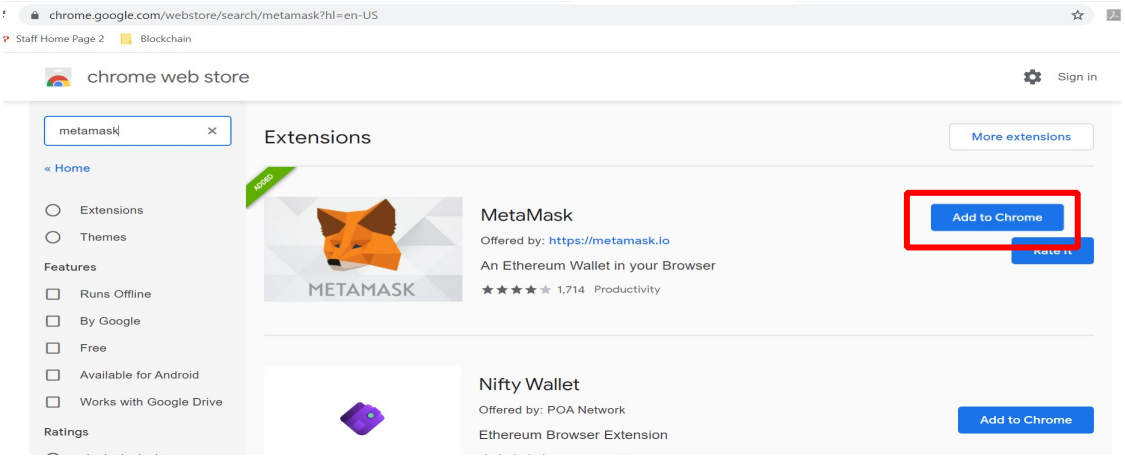
MetaMask is an Ether cryptocurrency wallet.

It is available as a browser extension (for Chrome, Firefox & Opera), allowing web applications to interact with the Ethereum blockchain without the need to run an Ethereum node. MetaMask talks to the Ethereum blockchain for your web application.

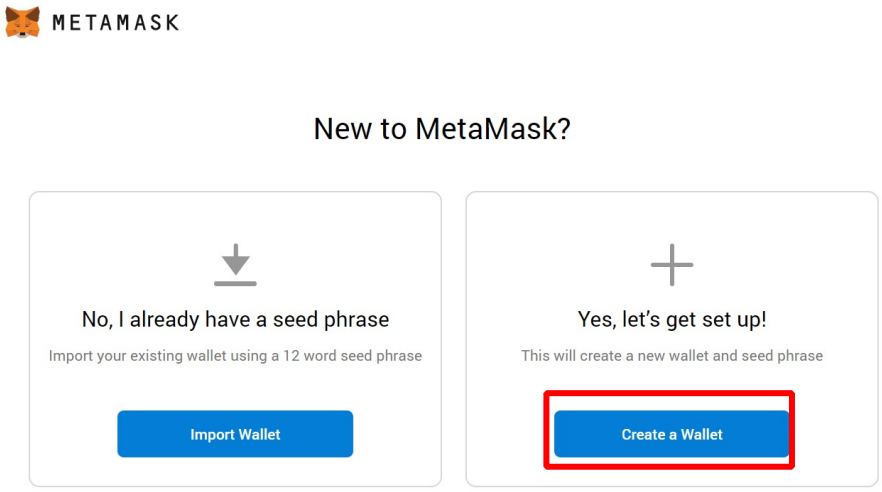
We will be using MetaMask to help deploy our smart contract onto the Ethereum (test) blockchain and to communicate between our web application and smart contract.



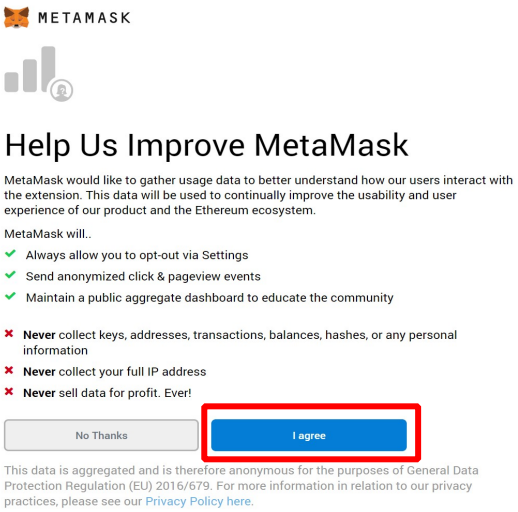
1. Look for the **MetaMask** extension in the Chrome web store & click on **Add to Chrome**.



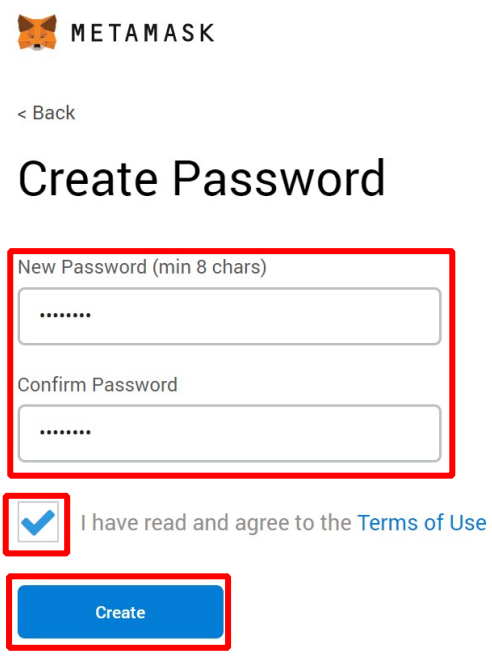
2. Select **Create a Wallet**.



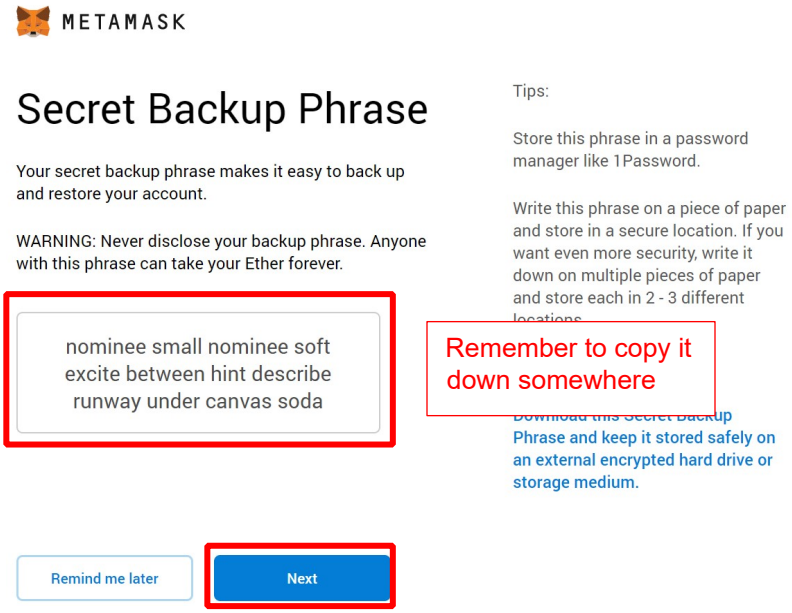
3. Click on **I agree**



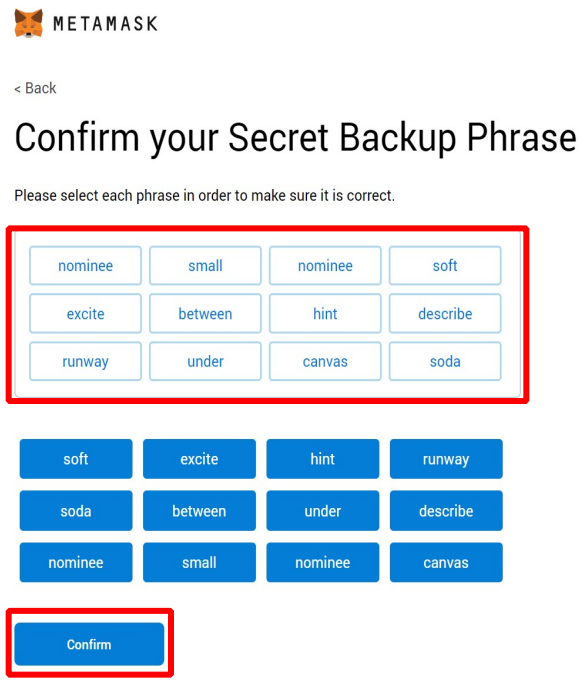
4. Enter your own password, check the Terms of Use checkbox, and click on **Create**. Please DO NOT forget your password.



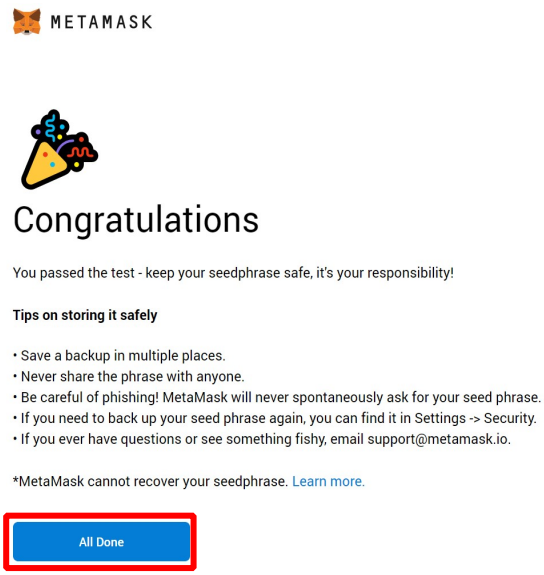
5. You will be given a random secret backup phrase. **Make sure to copy the backup phrase in a place where you can remember** as it is the only way which you can restore your account back if you forget your password. Then clicking **Next.**



6. Enter your secret backup phrase and click **Confirm**.

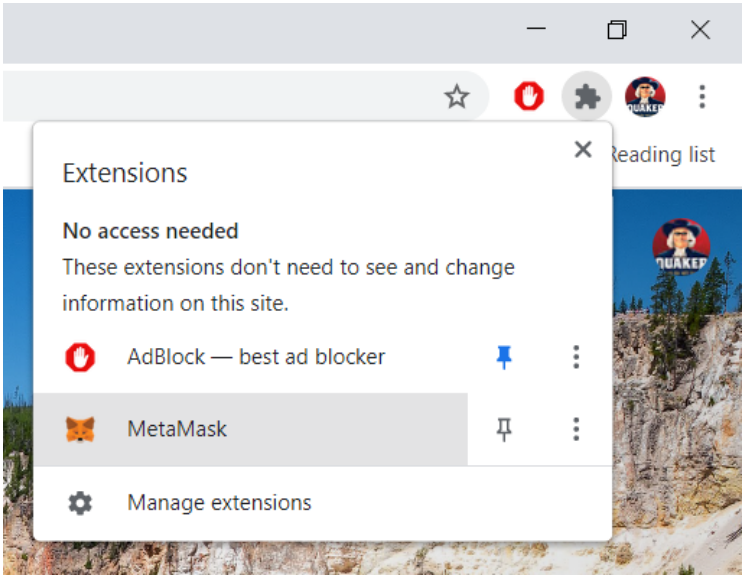


7. Click **All Done**

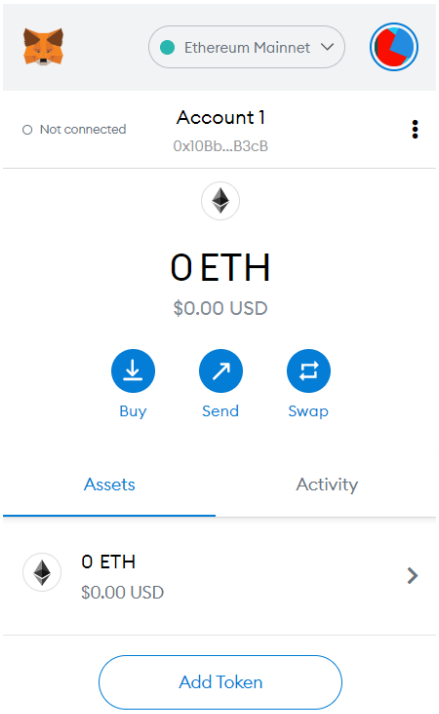


8. You should see a **fox** icon at the top of your chrome browser when the MetaMask extension has been successfully installed and account has been successfully created.

   If not, click on the **jigsaw** icon at the top-right hand corner of the window. MetaMask should appear on the dropdown menu.



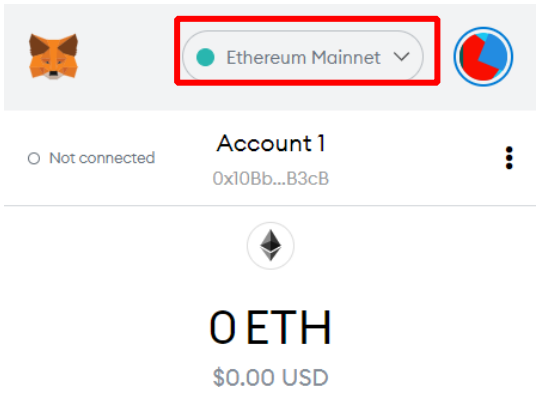
The MetaMask window should popup.

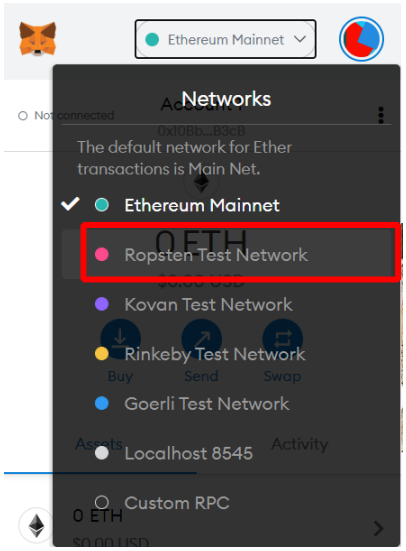


9. Click on the Main Ethereum Network dropdown.

   You should see the following networks available in your MetaMask wallet:
   - Ethereum Mainnet
   - Ropsten Test Network
   - Kovan Test Network
   - Rinkeby Test Network
   - Goerli Test Network

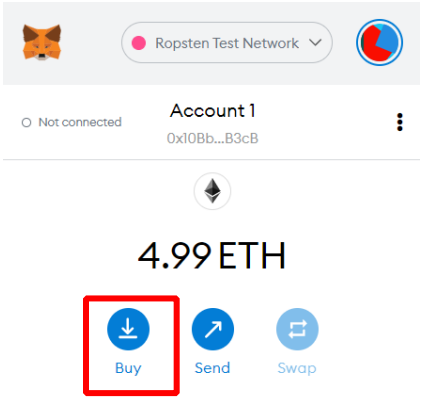
   Select **Ropsten Test Network**.

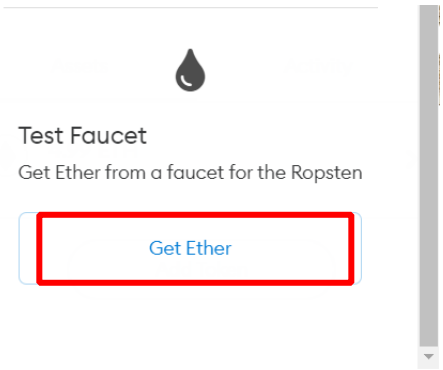




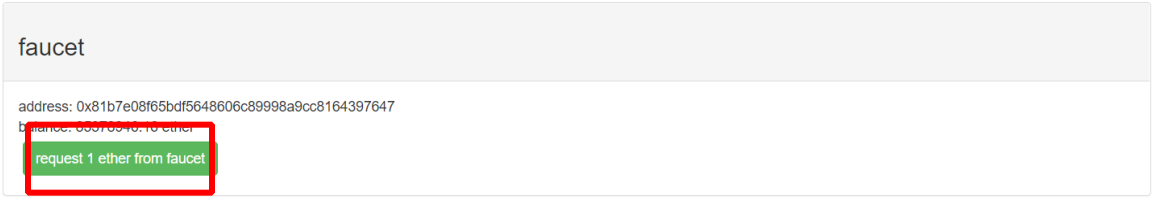
   The Main Ethereum Network, also known as Main Net, is the real Ethereum blockchain network. You will need real ether to deploy your smart contract and execute transactions on the Main Net. The rest are **Test** networks for testing purpose only, and the ethers of these networks have no real value

10. We will need to get some ETH to deploy our smart contract and execute transactions on the **Ropsten Test Network**. Click on **Buy**. Then at the bottom of the window, select **Get Ether**. (Note: If you face connection error getting the ether, you may look for other links at the bottom of this practical.)

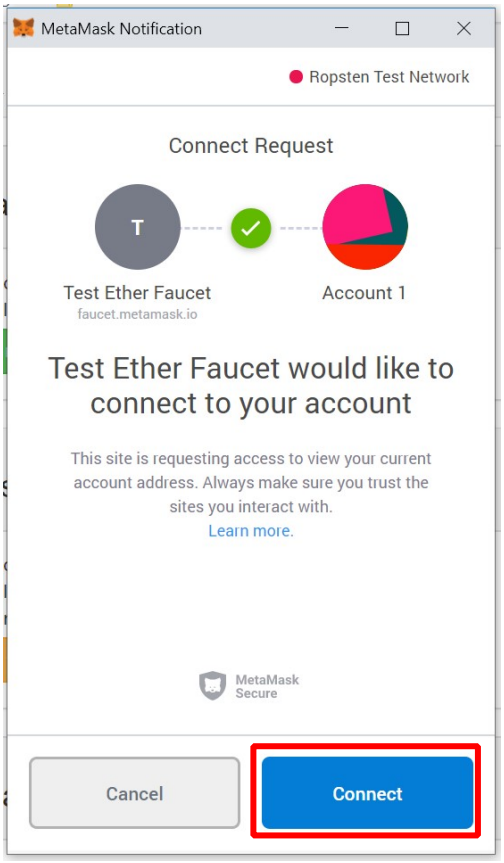




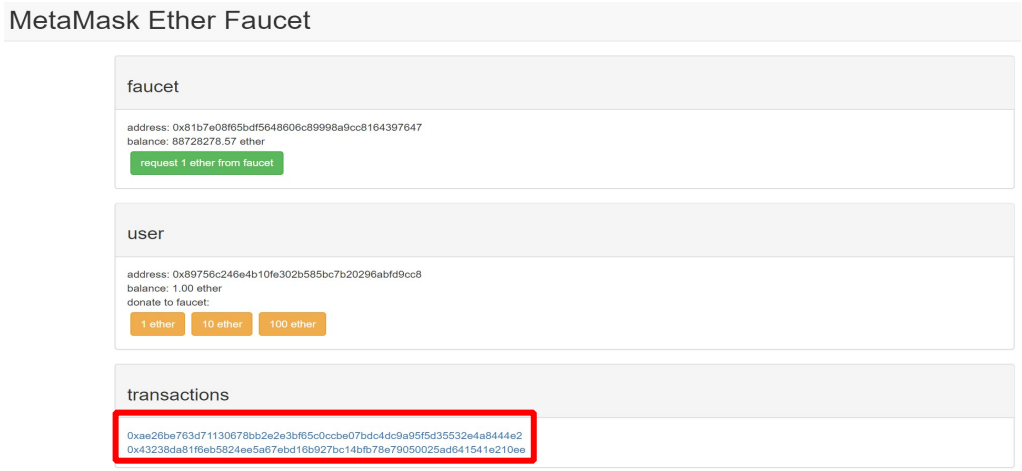
11. Select **request 1 ether from faucet**. (Note: If you face some issues trying to get the ether, you may look for other links at the bottom of this practical. This is just one of the links)



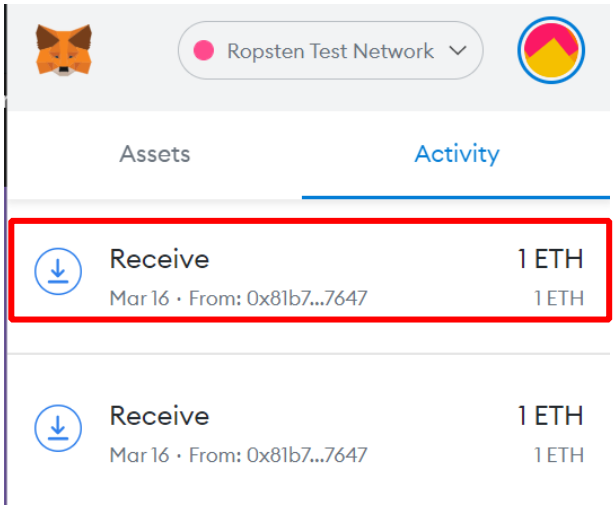
12. Click on **Connect** (Note: Skip this step if you have problem doing step 10-11)



13. You should see transactions at the bottom of the page once the faucet has sent you the ether. (Note: If you receive errors, connect your laptop to a hotspot or any other Wi-Fi network other than the NYP's.)



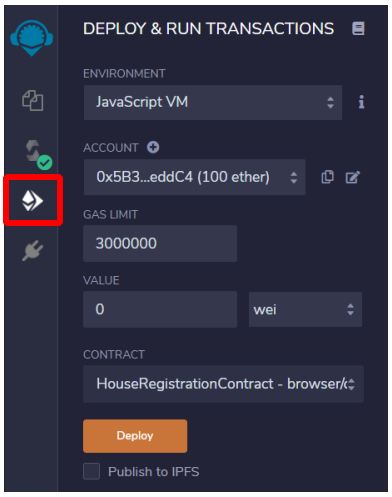
Check your MetaMask Wallet to see if you have received the ETH.

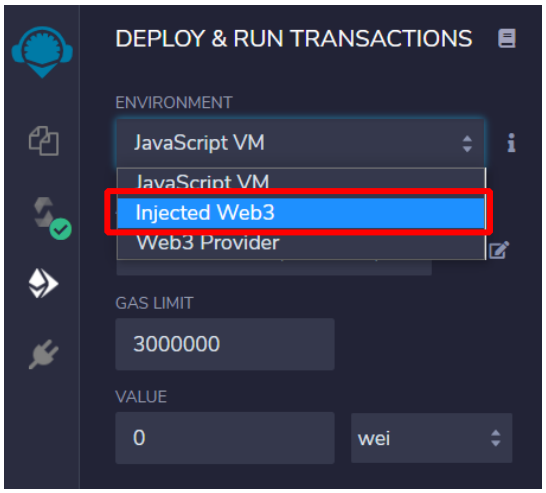


Part 3: Deploying the Smart Contract to Ethereum Test Blockchain via MetaMask

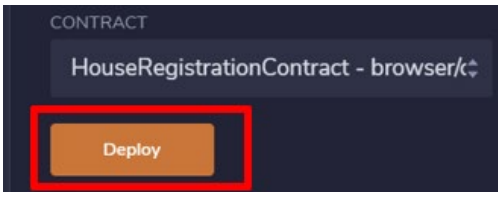
1. Click on the **diamond**  icon to go to the **Deploy & Run Transactions** panel.

2. Change the environment **JavaScript VM to Injected Web3** from the dropdown menu. By selecting “Injected Web3”, you are deploying and running your smart contract in the real **Ethereum Test Blockchain**, hence you will need MetaMask and test Ethers to execute your transactions.

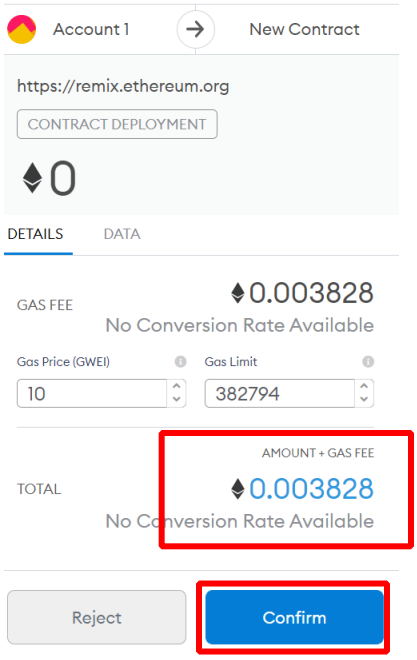




3. Click on deploy

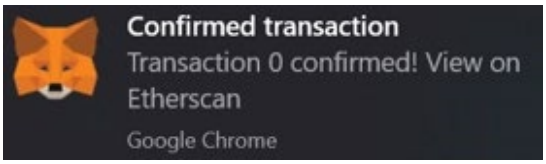


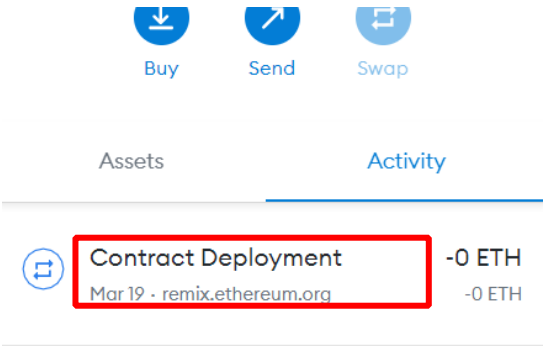
4. Click on **confirm** once MetaMask has pop-up**.** (If you do not have enough Ether, request more from the faucet.)



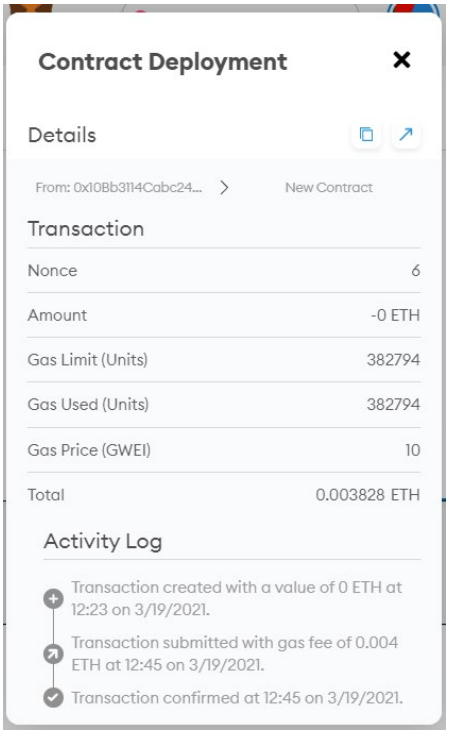
MetaMask will deploy the smart contract into the Ropsten for this amount of ETH/gas fee

5. MetaMask should soon prompt you on the confirmation of the transaction. Go to MetaMask wallet and you will be able to see the **Contract Deployment** under the **Activity** tab.

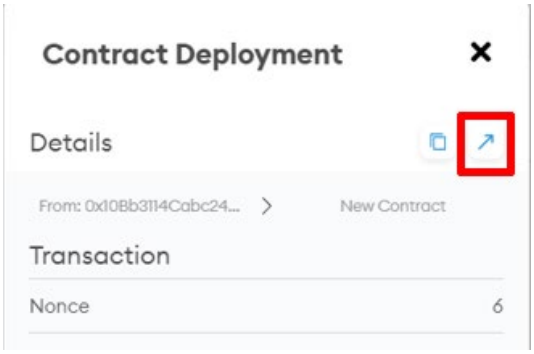




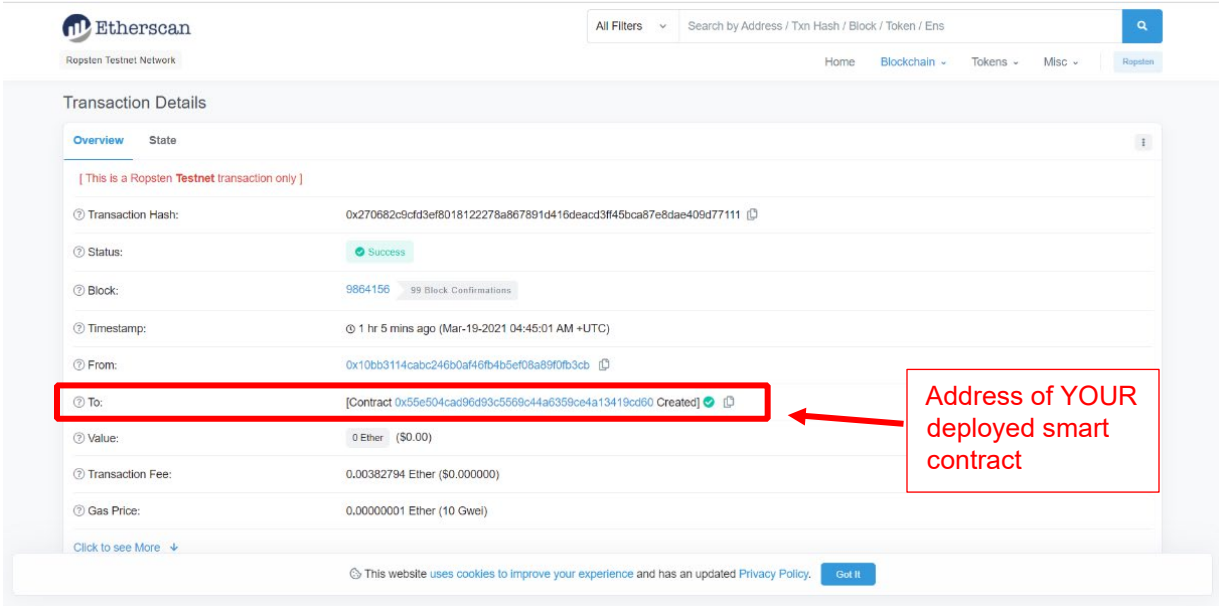
6. Click on the **Contract Deployment** and it will show you that the smart contract has been deployed.



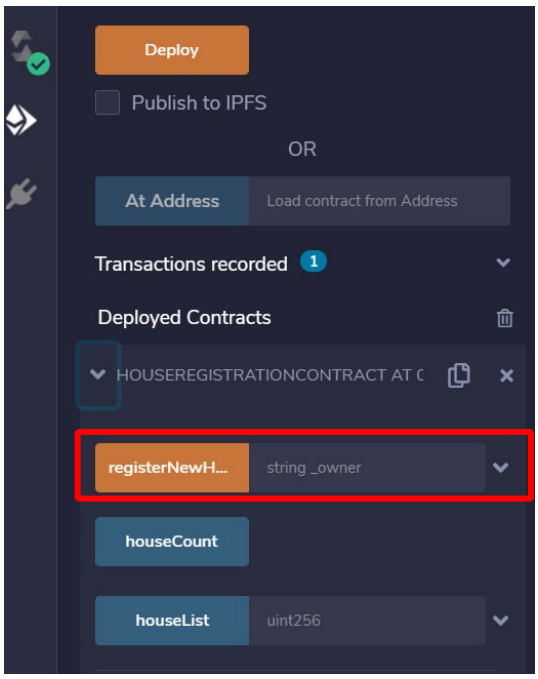
7. Click on the **arrow** in the contract Deployment which will direct you to **Etherscan** for more information on the transaction.



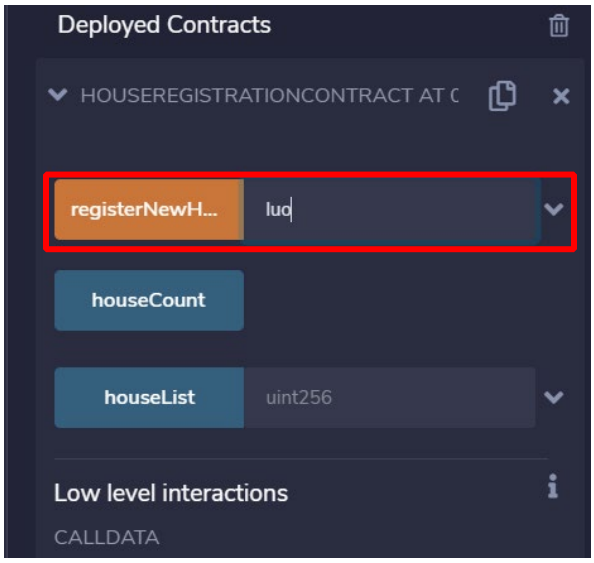
Highlighted below is the address of your **deployed smart contract**. (note: The address may take a while to show. Please be patient)



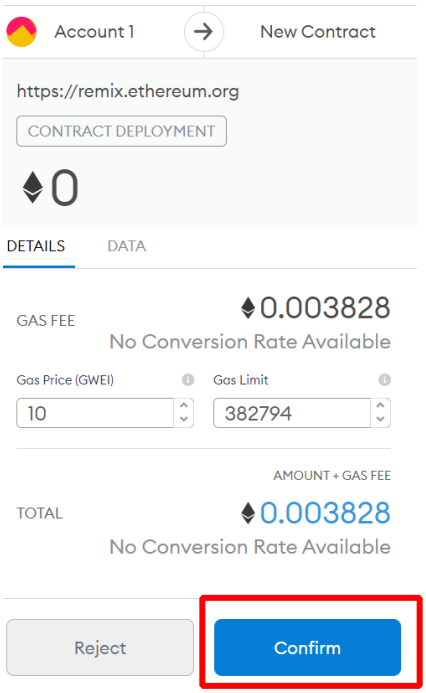
8. Under the **Deploy & Run Transaction**  icon, you will be able to see the deployed contract. Click on the contract and you will be able to see the registerNewHouse function.



9. Enter your name next to the orange **registerNewHouse** button & click on orange registerNewHouse button.

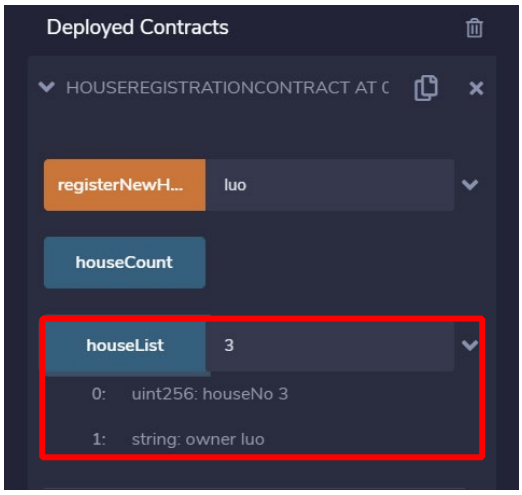


10. Notice that MetaMask has popped up, click on confirm and wait for the transaction confirmation. (Note: transaction confirmation popup notification might take a while to show, please wait patiently).

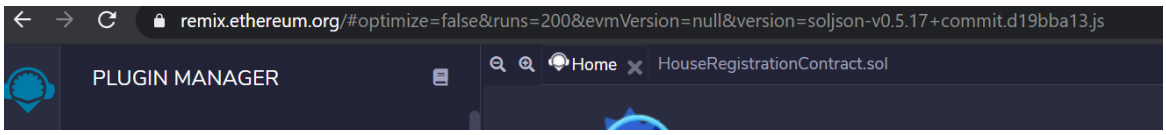


MetaMask pop up notification to confirm deployment transaction

11. In the **Deploy & run transaction** panel, enter the number **3** next to the blue **houseList** button & click on it. Your name should appear as the house owner. Notice that MetaMask did not popup this time? This is because Ether is only required to execute “Write” transactions (i.e. the orange buttons) and not required for “Read” transactions (i.e. the blue buttons).



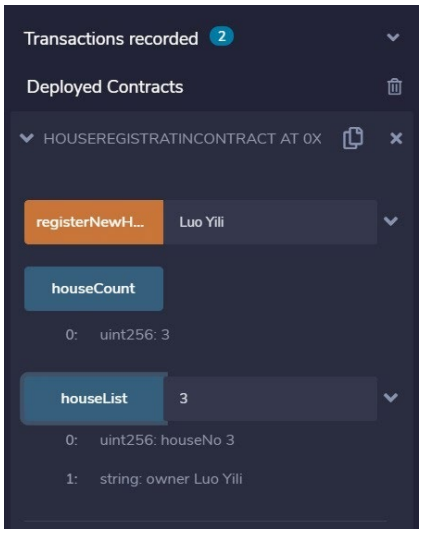
12. **Bookmark/ copy & save the link** of your project to continue to work on it in the next practical.



13. **Backup your codes**.

    Create a folder **P05 Smart Contract** and create a text file using notepad inside the folder & name it **HouseRegistrationContract.txt**. Copy your HouseRegistrationContract.sol codes from Remix Ethereum and paste it into the notepad.

Capture a **screenshot of your transaction** in the Remix and save it into the "P05 Smart Contract" folder.



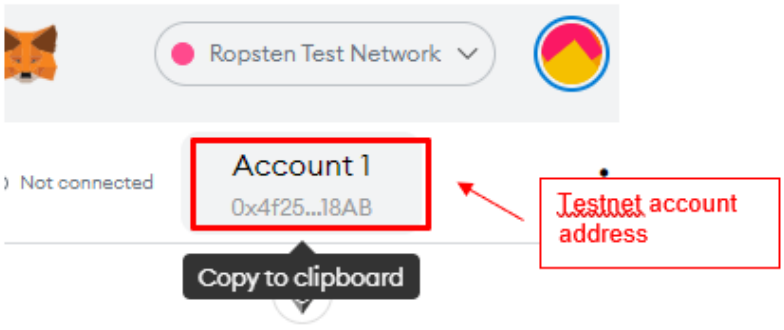
14. Zip up the **"P05 Smart Contract"** folder and **submit your zip folder to Blackboard.**

Additional Tips:

The following 2 links are another alternative Ropsten Ether Faucets links for you to request for ether: (Note: It may take some time for the ether to be added to your MetaMask account please be patient.)

- https://faucet.ropsten.be/
- https://faucet.dimensions.network/

To get the Ether from these 2 links you will need to enter **your MetaMask testnet account address,** which can be found in your MetaMask wallet app.



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