

Smart wallets

Interplay of UX and contract design decisions



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A brief history of Gnosis smart wallets



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- Stefan implemented Gnosis MultiSig
 - Configurable threshold to transfer assets (**Multi-factor authentication**)
 - Owners can be changed (**Simple “social” recovery**)
 - Exception rules for asset access (**Daily limit**)



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- Usability improvements



Gnosis Safe - Reduced gas usage

No on-chain transaction information vs all information on-chain

MultiSig

```
struct Transaction {  
    address destination;  
    uint value;  
    bytes data;  
    bool executed;  
}
```

Safe

- Transaction data needs to be shared off-chain (e.g. IPFS)




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Off-chain confirmation (signatures) vs on-chain confirmation

```
function getTransactionHash(  
    address to,  
    uint256 value,  
    bytes memory data,  
    Enum.Operation operation,  
    uint256 safeTxGas,  
    uint256 baseGas,  
    uint256 gasPrice,  
    address gasToken,  
    address refundReceiver,  
    uint256 _nonce  
)
```

Combined signatures of
transaction hash



```
function execTransaction(  
    address to,  
    uint256 value,  
    bytes calldata data,  
    Enum.Operation operation,  
    uint256 safeTxGas,  
    uint256 baseGas,  
    uint256 gasPrice,  
    address gasToken,  
    address payable refundReceiver,  
    bytes calldata signatures  
)
```



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Single on-chain nonce vs mapping of executed transaction

MultiSig

```
mapping (uint => Transaction) public transactions;  
mapping (uint => mapping (address => bool)) public confirmations;
```

Safe

```
uint256 public nonce;
```



Multi-factor authentication

- Linked-list for owners with threshold

```
mapping(address => address) internal owners;  
uint256 ownerCount;  
uint256 internal threshold;
```

- Owner management functions

```
function addOwnerWithThreshold(address owner, uint256 _threshold)  
function removeOwner(address prevOwner, address owner, uint256 _threshold)  
function swapOwner(address prevOwner, address oldOwner, address newOwner)  
function changeThreshold(uint256 _threshold)
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    public
    returns (bool success)
{
    // Only whitelisted modules are allowed.
    require(msg.sender != SENTINEL_MODULES && modules[msg.sender] != address(0), "Method can only be called from an enabled module");
    // Execute transaction without further confirmations.
    success = execute(to, value, data, operation, gasleft());
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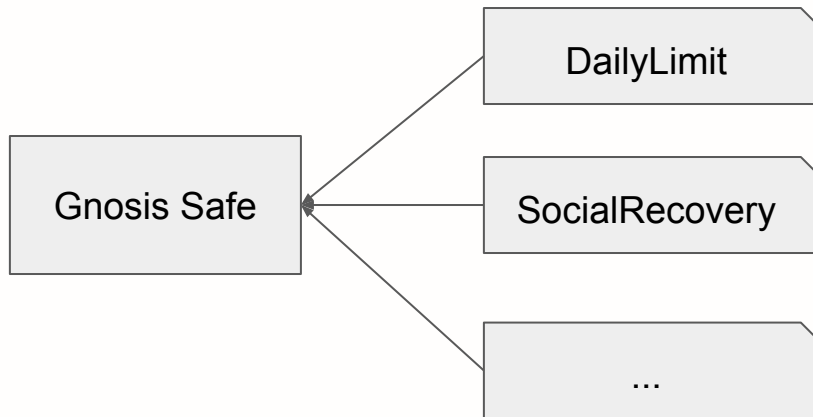
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contract Enum {
    enum Operation {
        Call,
        DelegateCall
    }
}

function executeDelegateCall(address to, bytes memory data, uint256 txGas)
    internal
    returns (bool success)
{
    // solium-disable-next-line security/no-inline-assembly
    assembly {
        success := delegatecall(txGas, to, add(data, 0x20), mload(data), 0, 0)
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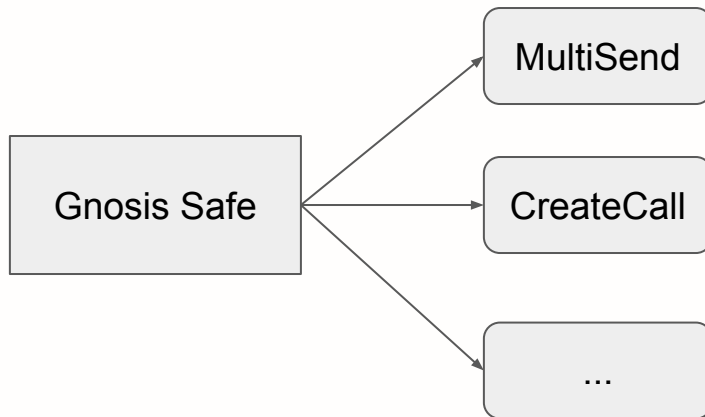


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Payment option for **meta transaction**

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    bytes calldata signatures  
)  
...  
uint256 gasUsed = gasleft();  
// If no safeTxGas has been set and the gasPrice is 0 we assume that all available gas can be used  
success = execute(to, value, data, operation, safeTxGas == 0 && gasPrice == 0 ? gasleft() : safeTxGas);  
gasUsed = gasUsed.sub(gasleft());  
...  
if (gasPrice > 0) {  
    handlePayment(gasUsed, baseGas, gasPrice, gasToken, refundReceiver);  
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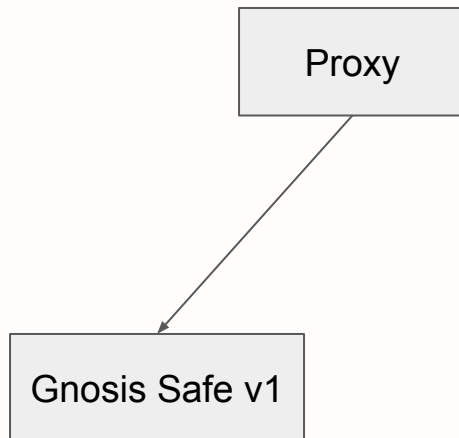
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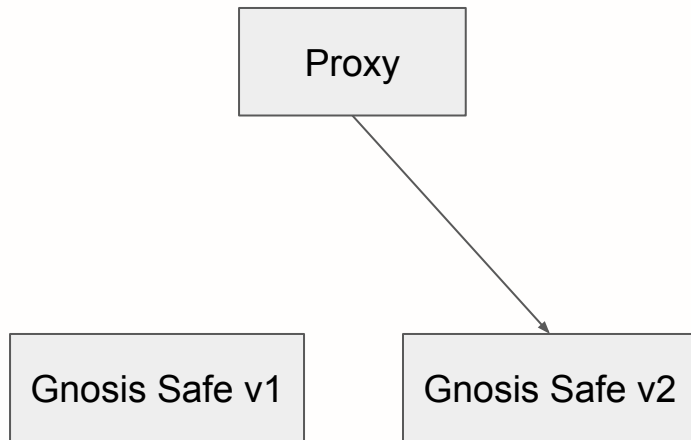
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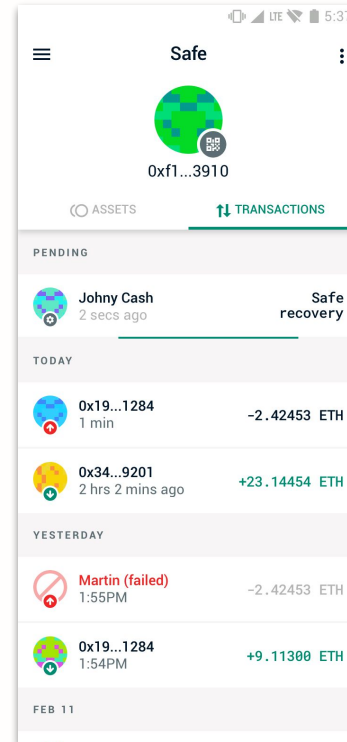
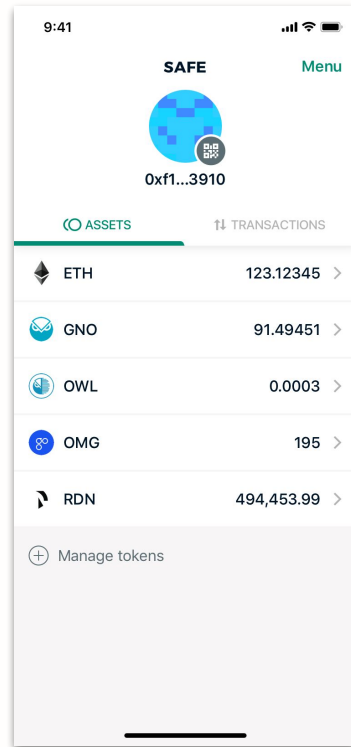
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 - Modules for advanced access logic
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- No Ethereum knowledge required
 - No additional account with ETH required
 - Gas prices can be abstracted



Impact of contract design decisions on UX:
Gnosis Safe & Gnosis Safe *for Teams*



Gnosis Safe *mobile apps* - For individuals



Gnosis Safe *for Teams* - Manage crypto funds collectively

The screenshot displays the Gnosis Safe 'for Teams' web interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for 'Wallets', 'Transactions', 'Address Book', and 'Settings'. The account information shows 'Account: 0x0e329fa8d6Fcd1ba0C...', 'Balance: 721.35 ETH', 'Nonce: 543', and the network 'Rinkeby'. The status 'Online' is indicated with a green dot.

The main content area is titled 'My MultiSig 1.12 ETH' with the address '0xAD228e667659B70eD63e311748b84718c7a8c0f' below it.

There are three main sections:

- Owners:** A section with an 'Add' button and a dropdown arrow.
- Tokens:** A section with an 'Add' button and a dropdown arrow.
- Multisig transactions:** A section with an 'Add' button, a filter set to 'All', and a pagination control set to '5/p'.

Below the 'Multisig transactions' section is a table with the following headers: ID, Destination, Value, Data/Subject, Confirmations, and Executed. The table is currently empty, displaying the message: 'No multisig transactions. Send a multisig transaction [now](#).'

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This screenshot shows the 'Rebranding' interface for a Gnosis Safe. The top navigation bar includes links for Safes, Transactions, and Settings. The account address is 0xH3403CC40CE5940203E395939bA08d664ce051566d9bD. The main section is titled 'Rebranding' with the address 0xH3403CC40CE5940203E395939bA08d664ce051566d9bD. Below this are tabs for 'BALANCES', 'TRANSACTIONS', and 'SETTINGS'. A checkbox 'Hide zero balances' is present. A table shows the balance for various assets. The table has columns: ASSET, BALANCE, and VALUE. The assets listed are Ethereum, Gnosis, OmiseGo, OX, and Golem. The table also includes 'Send' and 'Receive' buttons for each asset. A 'Manage Tokens' link is visible. The bottom of the table shows 'Rows per page: 10' and '1-5 of 5'.

ASSET	BALANCE	VALUE
Ethereum	1.349 ETH	\$539.49
Gnosis	0.599 GNO	\$23.11
OmiseGo	39.922 OMG	\$2930.89
OX	1,945.492 ZRX	\$18,083.89
Golem	12.034 GNT	\$321.01



Gnosis Safe *for Teams* - Flexibility & full control

< Create New Safe

✓ Start

2 Owners

3 Confirmations

4 Review

Specify the owners of the Safe.

NAME	ADDRESS
<div>Owner name</div> My Metamask (me)	<div>Owner address*</div> 0xH3403CC40CE5940203E395939bA08d664ce051566d9bD ✓
<div>Owner name*</div>	<div>Owner address*</div>
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+ Add another owner

BALANCES

TRANSACTIONS

SETTINGS

ID

Type

AMOUNT ↓

VALUE

DATE

Status

5

Modify settings

n/a

n/a

Jul 31, 2019 - 8:47:32 pm

Awaiting

TX hash: n/a

TX fee: n/a

TX status: **Awaiting confirmations from other owners**

Timestamp: Dec 11, 2017 - 1:01:42 pm

CONFIRMED [1/2]

UNCONFIRMED [1]

My MetaMask

0xH3...d9bD ✓

Modified daily limit(s):

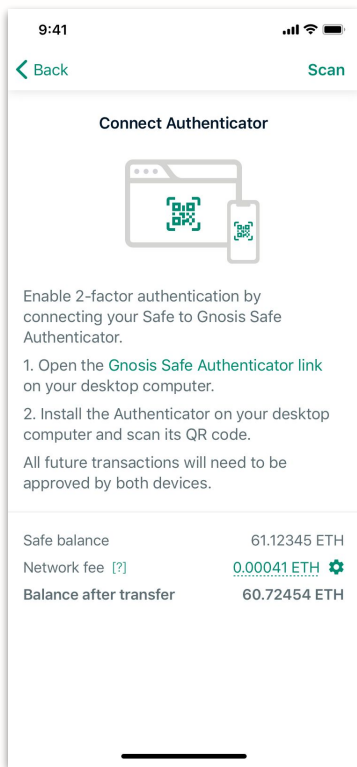
1.00 ETH -> 2.00 ETH

Cancel tx

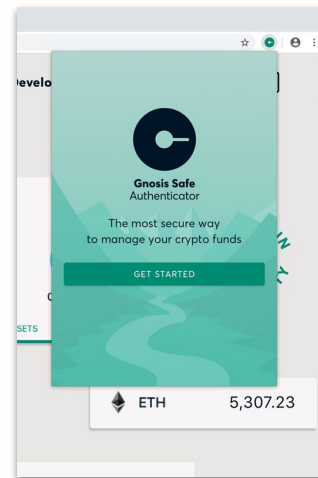
Confirm tx



Gnosis Safe - 2FA & Only necessary info



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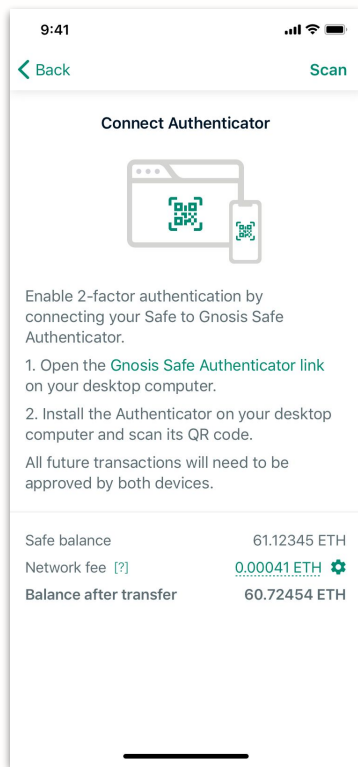


Browser extension



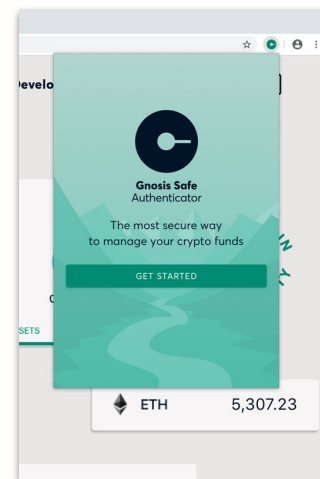
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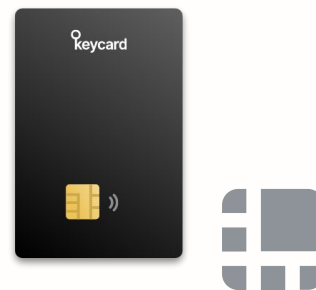


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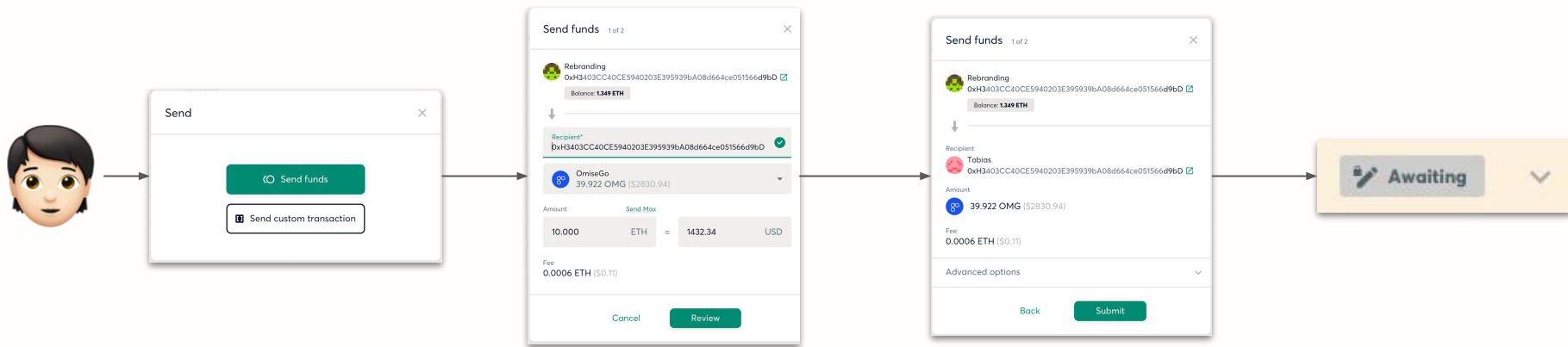
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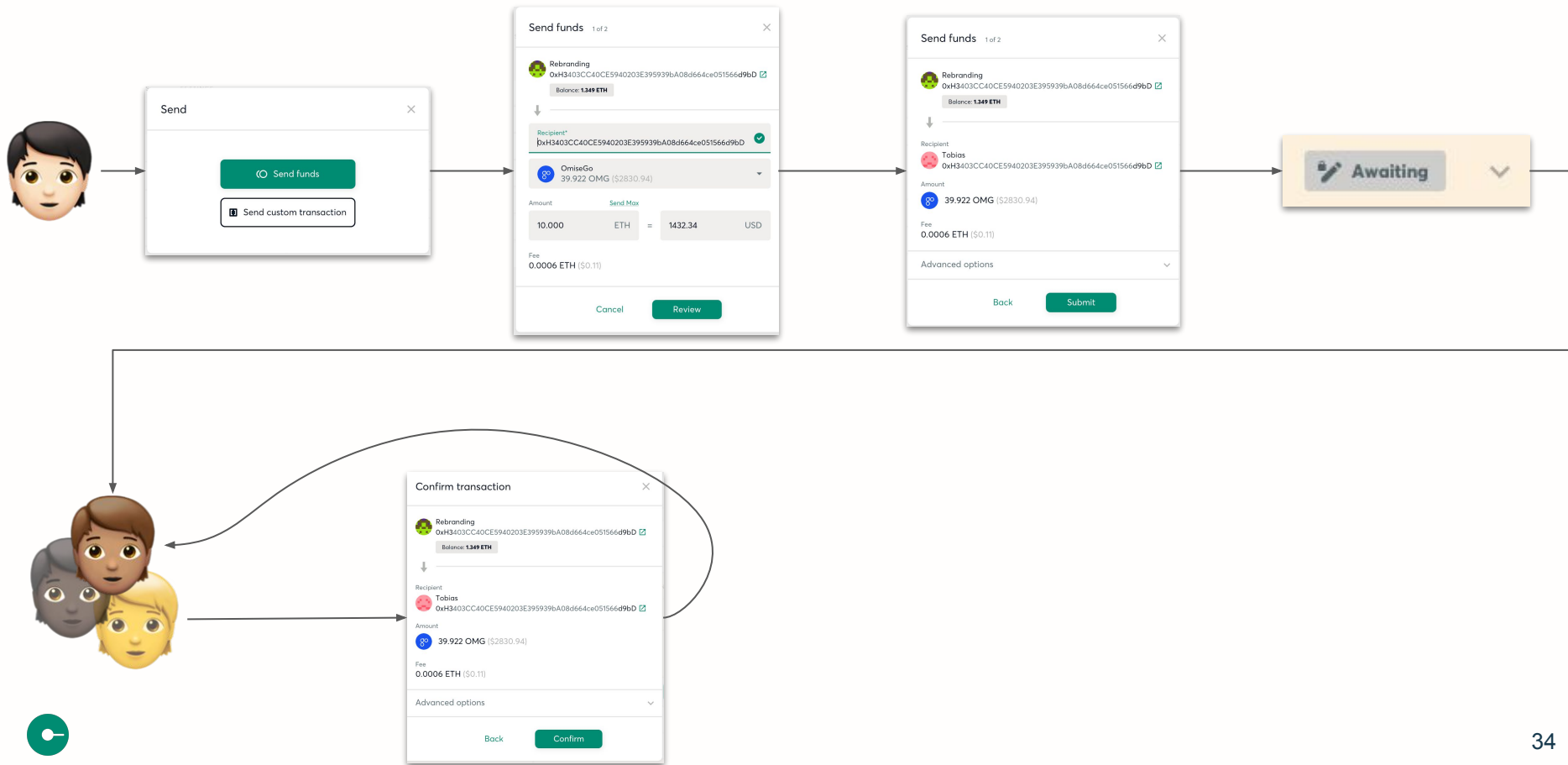
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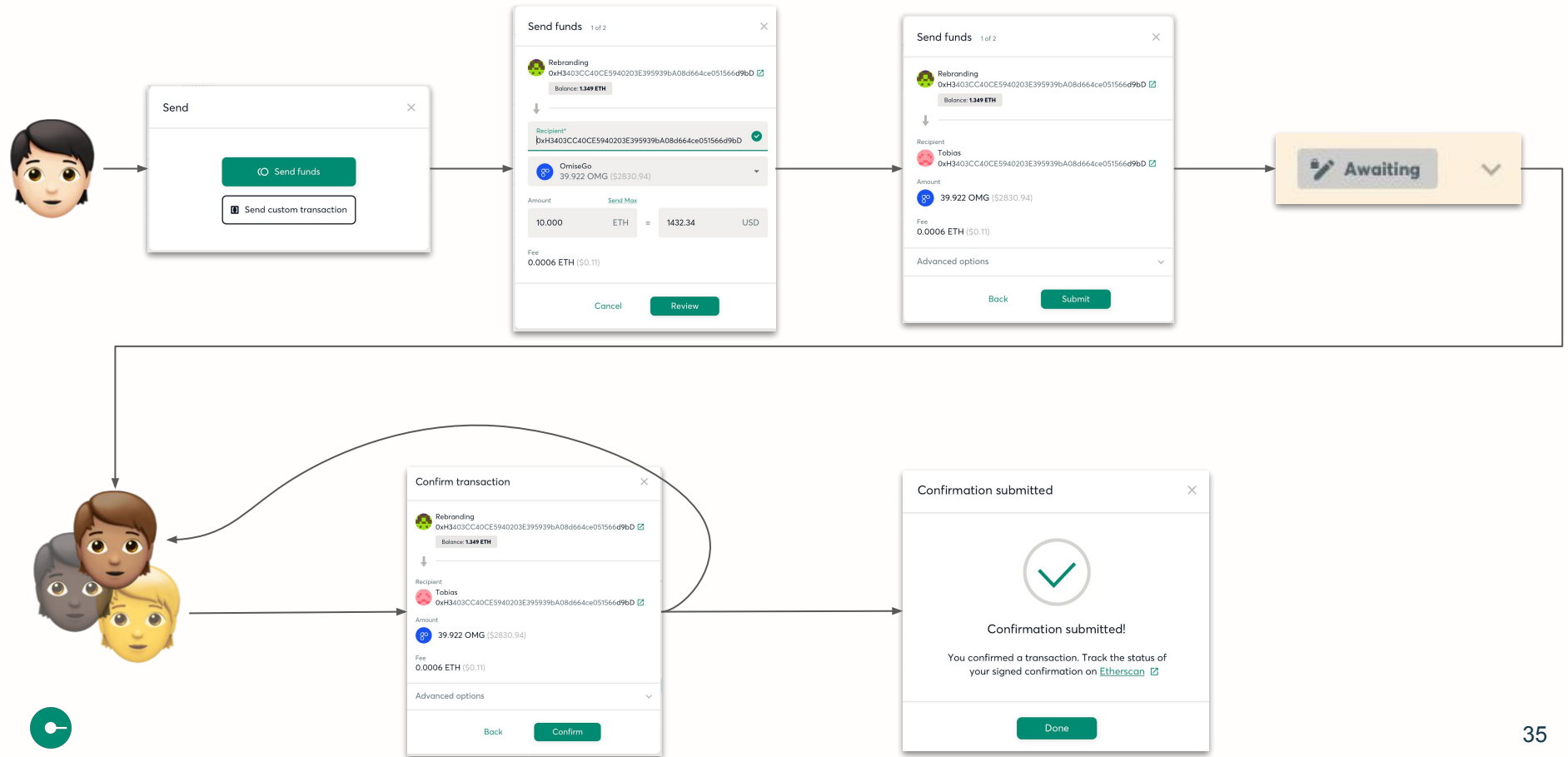
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Recipient's address

Max amount

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