

# Simple Multisig with Hardware Wallets

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# Summary



## Agenda

- What is a Multisig?
- What is a Hardware Wallet?
- Preparing Our Hardware Wallets
- Creating a Multisig on Sparrow
- Receiving and Spending Funds
- Q&A



# What is a Multisig?

- **Multisig** stands for "multi-signature"
- A Bitcoin address that requires **two or more private keys** to approve and spend funds
- 💡 Example: "2-of-3 multisig" means any 2 out of 3 keys must sign a transaction
- **Used for:**
  - Improved security (even if one key is lost or stolen, funds are safe)
  - Shared custody (businesses, families, organizations)
  - Reducing single points of failure
- Multisig setups are flexible and can be tailored to your security needs!



# What is a Hardware Wallet?

- A dedicated device designed to securely store your Bitcoin private keys
- Signs transactions safely on-device: your private keys never leave the hardware, and you can always review what you are signing
- Allows you to generate public keys and Bitcoin addresses
- Supports creating recovery phrases (mnemonics) with the option of extra security using external entropy
- Can be connected to a computer or smartphone, but the secrets are never exposed
- Adds an extra layer of security and control to your funds
- Protects against malware, remote attacks, and phishing attempts
- 🔥 Makes self-custody of Bitcoin both practical and secure



# What is NOT a Hardware Wallet?

- **Not a backup solution** for mnemonics; you must handle backups yourself
- **Not a transaction creator**; you use a software wallet for that
- **Not a portfolio management tool**; it does NOT calculate balances or track transaction history—this is done by your wallet software
- ⚠️ You can generate mnemonics on-device but ...



# Examples

We will use three different hardware wallets, each from a different manufacturer, with:

- Three separate vendors
- Three distinct approaches to mnemonic backup and storage
- Three hardware implementations (different architectures and manufacturers)



# Examples: Jade

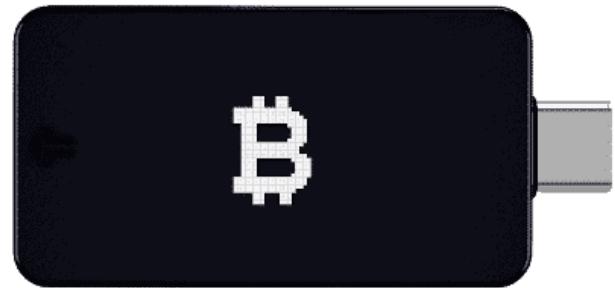
- Open-source hardware wallet developed by Blockstream
- Supports Bitcoin and the Liquid Network
- USB-C and Bluetooth compatible
- Large color screen, QR code support
- Designed for privacy and air-gapped operation
- Extensively documented DIY build process





## Examples: BitBox02

- Open-source hardware wallet by Shift Crypto
- Focused on Bitcoin and security best practices
- Touch sliders for PIN and navigation
- MCU and secure chip architecture (with interface and code fully open)
- MicroSD backup





## Examples: SeedSigner

- DIY, fully open-source Bitcoin hardware wallet
- Uses standard off-the-shelf parts (Raspberry Pi Zero, camera, screen)
- No specialized secure chip; stateless design —no secrets stored on device
- Camera-based QR code signing
- Targets maximum transparency and low-cost, accessible hardware
- Perfect for air-gapped cold storage and multisig setups





# Preparing Our Hardware Wallets

The first step is to update the firmware, which can usually be done using the companion app or the manufacturer's website.

Next, generate or restore a mnemonic directly on the device and complete the basic configuration.

Below is a quick summary of the initialization process for all three hardware wallets.



# Preparing Our Hardware Wallets - Jade

To initialize your Blockstream Jade hardware wallet:

- 1. Connect the Jade** to your computer using USB-C or turn it on wirelessly.
- 2. Update the firmware** using the official [Blockstream Green app](#) or the [Blockstream Jade web setup page](#).
- 3. Create a new wallet or restore from backup:** Choose "Create wallet" for a new mnemonic, or "Restore wallet" if you already have a seed phrase.
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions** and carefully write down or verify your 12 or 24-word recovery phrase (mnemonic).
- 5. Set a device PIN** for mnemonic encryption; connecting to a compatible software wallet like Blockstream Green may be required.
- 6. Back up your wallet**



# Preparing Our Hardware Wallets - BitBox

To initialize your BitBox02 hardware wallet:

- 1. Connect the BitBox02** to your computer and download the official [BitBoxApp](#).
- 2. Install and launch BitBoxApp.** The app will automatically detect your BitBox and check for firmware updates.
- 3. Create a new wallet or restore from a backup:** choose "Create wallet" for a new setup, or "Restore from backup" using your microSD card backup.
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions** to generate and confirm your recovery words (mnemonic).
- 5. Set up a device password** for extra security.
- 6. Back up your wallet:** The BitBox02 will prompt you to insert a microSD card to automatically save an encrypted backup.



# Preparing Our Hardware Wallets - SeedSigner

To initialize your SeedSigner device:

- 1. Assemble and power up your SeedSigner.**
- 2. Flash the SeedSigner OS** by flashing [SeedSigner releases](#) on SD card.
- 3. Set to Testnet (for this example):** from the main menu, go to "Settings" → "Select Network" → choose "Testnet" or "Signet" for safer experimentation.
- 4. Generate or Import a Seed on SeedSigner:**
  - Select “Seed Tools” then “Create Seed” to make a new seed phrase (mnemonic). Write down and verify all 12 or 24 words carefully.
  - Alternatively, choose “Scan Seed QR” if restoring from a QR code backup you created earlier.

 You will need to re-enter (scan or type) your seed each time you sign a transaction.



# Creating a Multisig on Sparrow

[Sparrow Wallet](#) is a powerful Bitcoin wallet designed for desktop use. It is ideal for Bitcoiners who value privacy, security, and versatility:

- **Open Source & Focused on Self-sovereignty**
- **Supports Airgapped Hardware Wallets:** including DIY devices like Jade, Specter, and Passport
- **Advanced Features:** multisig wallets, coin control, custom scripts, PSBT (Partially Signed Bitcoin Transaction) workflow
- **Works on Testnet, Signet, and Mainnet**
- **Great Interface:** intuitive UI for managing addresses, UTXOs, and coin selection



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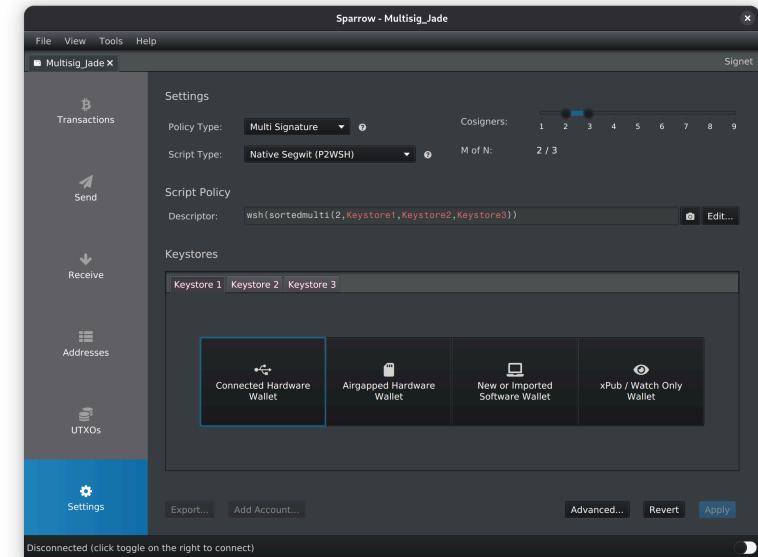
**Signet** is a public Bitcoin test network, designed for safe experimentation and development, without risking real bitcoin:

- **"Fake bitcoin"** is used on signet—no real value, free to obtain
- **Safer for Testing**: unlike testnet, blocks on signet are signed and reliable, reducing spam and instability
- **Similar Features to Mainnet**: allows you to experiment with real Bitcoin software and devices, simulating mainnet scenarios
- **Perfect for wallet development, testing firmware, or playing with new tools**



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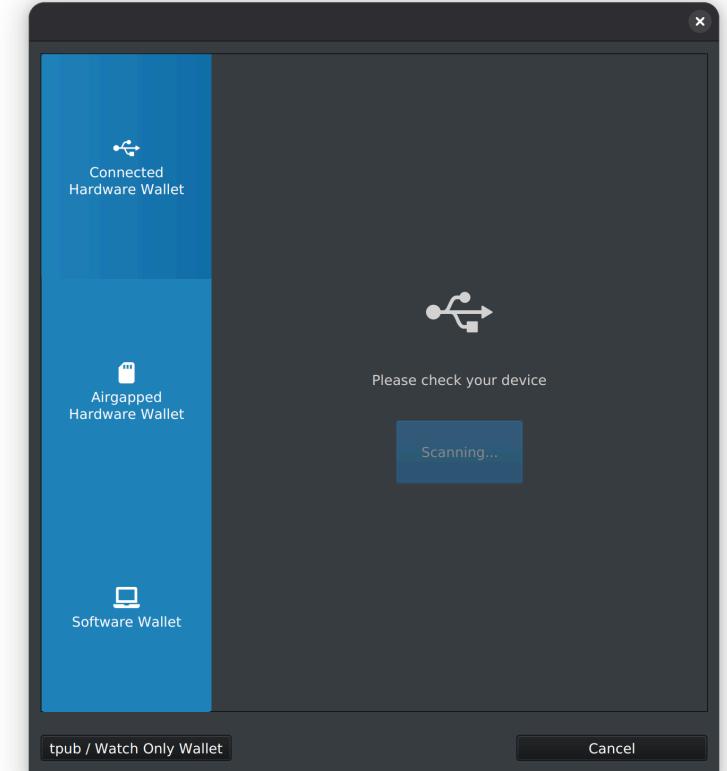
Create a multisig 2of3 native segwit wallet





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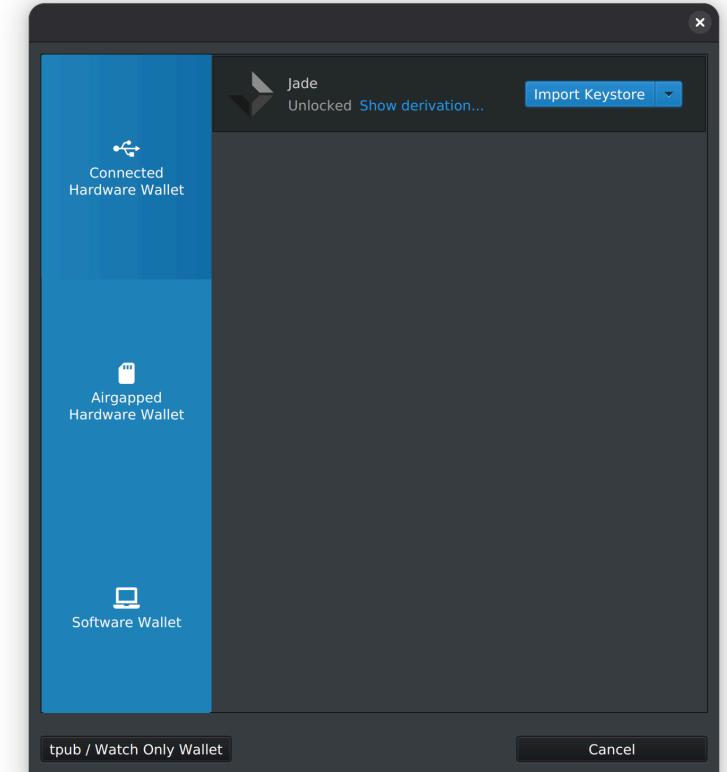
Load Jade as keystore 1.





# Creating a Multisig on Sparrow -

Jade found! We can import the key.



# Creating a Multisig on Sparrow - Jade

For the other two insert these data:

## **BitBox**

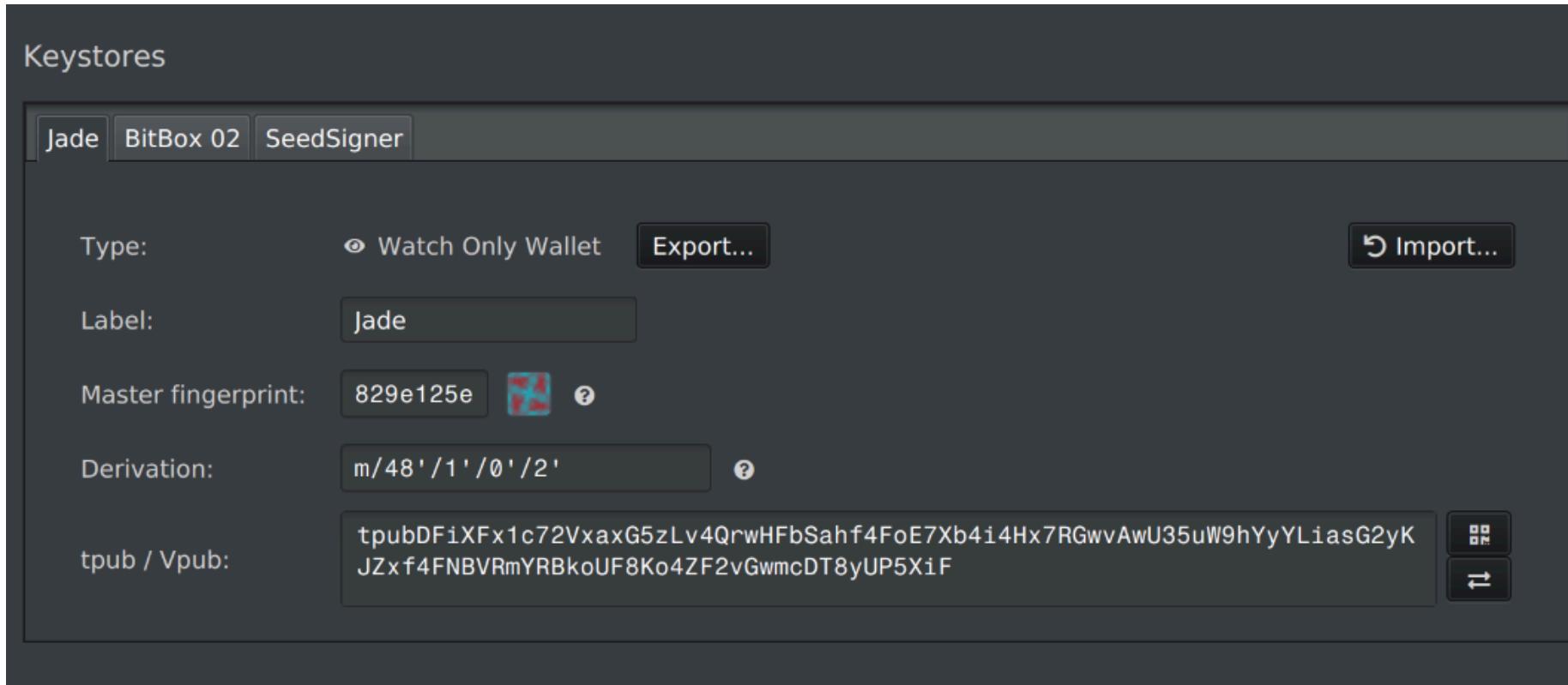
[7edda1f6/48'/1'0'2']tpubDEEGMxEq1otUaBFWtwLSnn3k7nZyWbfThJWqs877VQdc8dT  
YwTo8JmUPpWfSUShfeAsJZBXHmvzJVdNqxTAbQnFwq54AeVNnDy2YkuLuGFK

## **SeedSigner**

[d7efaa7e/48'/1'0'2']tpubDEyr8wUpFxYjuDUpKvBT75cut4ZNp1ixS4RkBxX77dJK9XrKp  
hoeX29aX5C1tPMcWESup7DSq1JwAaaySuQCTNud8mk8HWifqoobWtUtdU

# Creating a Multisig on Sparrow - Jade

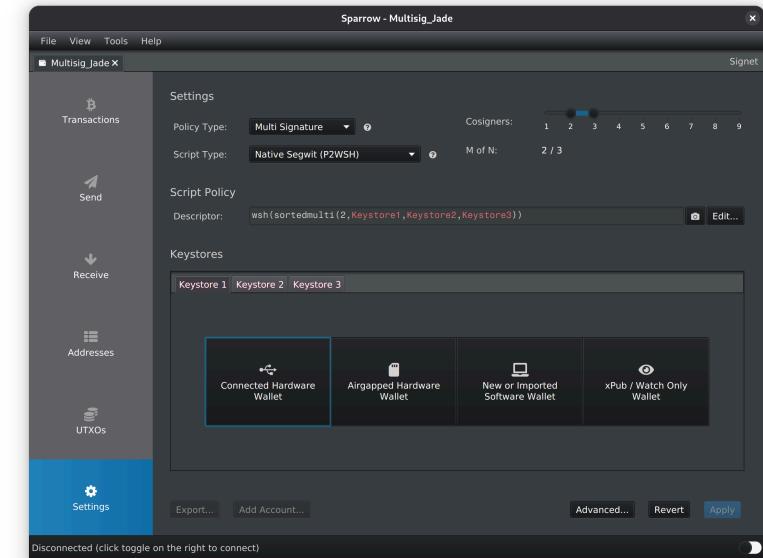
You will receive these data from other participants after they load the hardware wallet in sparrow.





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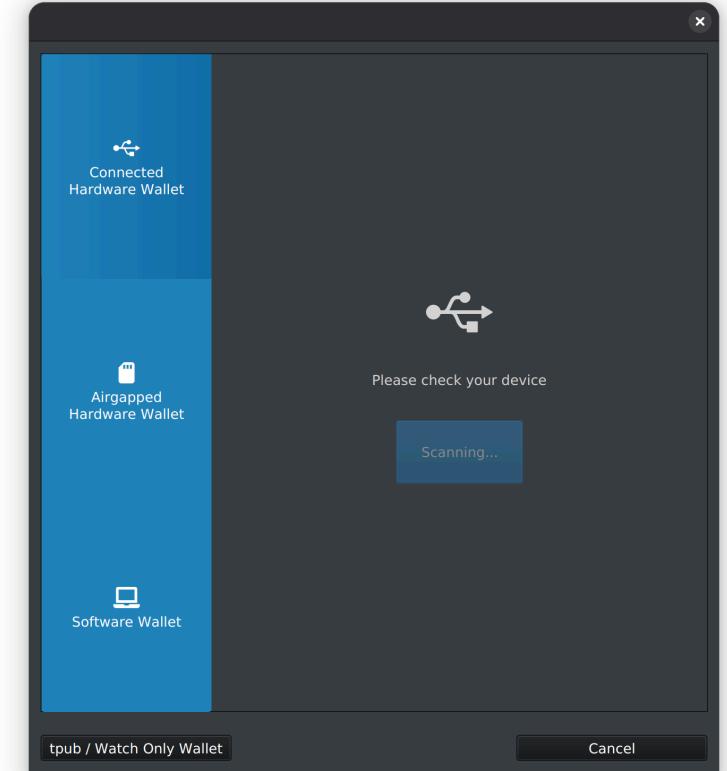
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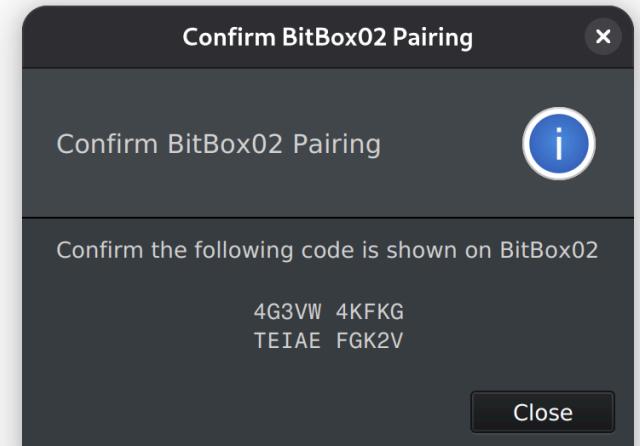
Load BitBox as keystore 2.





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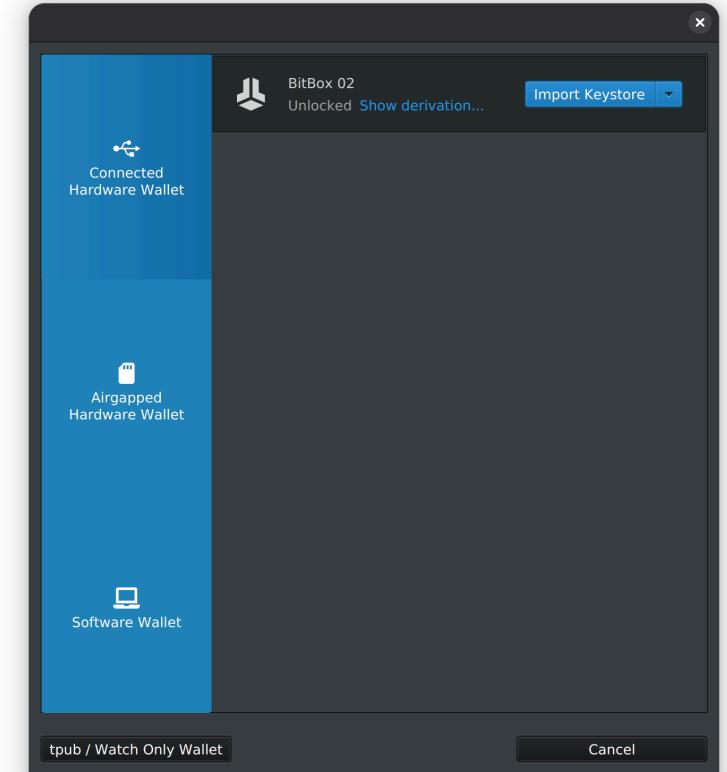
If needed confirm the pairing.





# Creating a Multisig on Sparrow -

BitBox found! We can import the key.



# Creating a Multisig on Sparrow - BitBox

For the other two insert these data.

## **Jade**

[829e125e/48'/1'0'2']tpubDFiXFx1c72VxaxG5zLv4QrwHFbSahf4FoE7Xb4i4Hx7RGwvAw  
U35uW9hYyYLiasG2yKJZxf4FNBVRmYRBkoUF8Ko4ZF2vGwmcDT8yUP5XiF

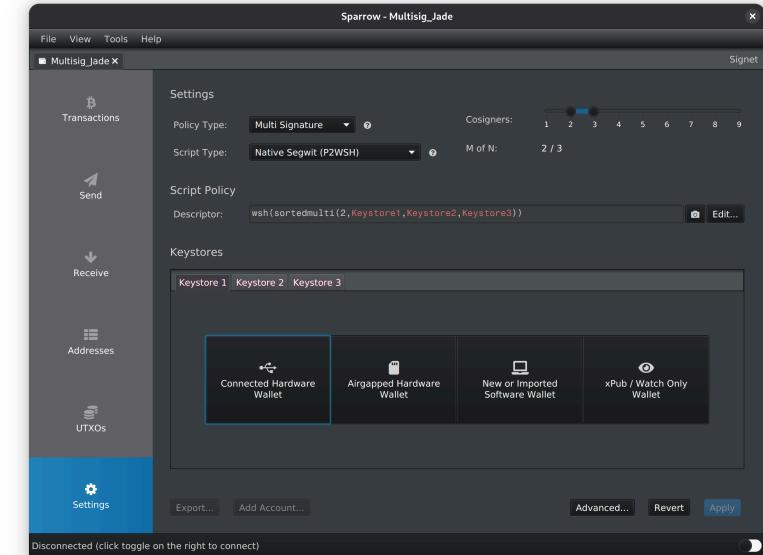
## **SeedSigner**

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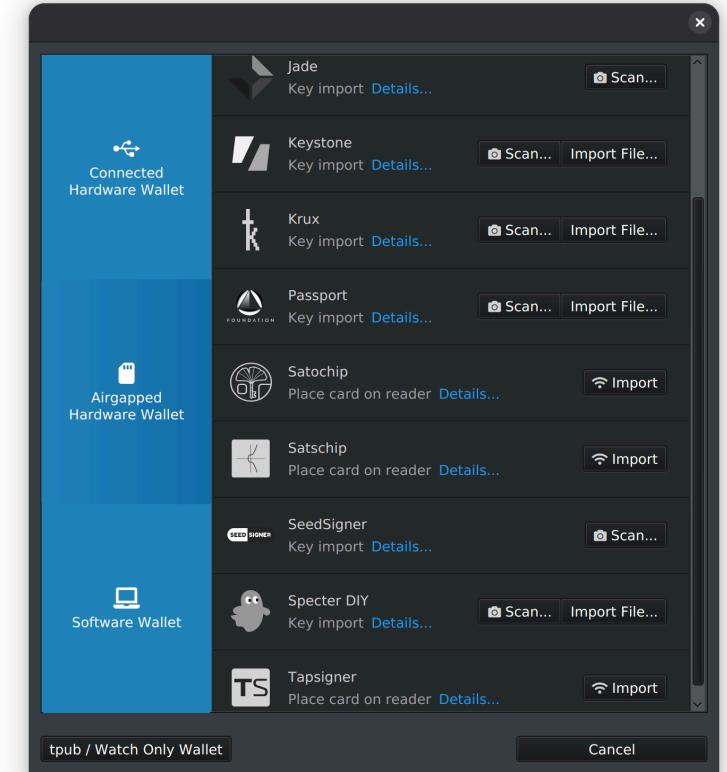
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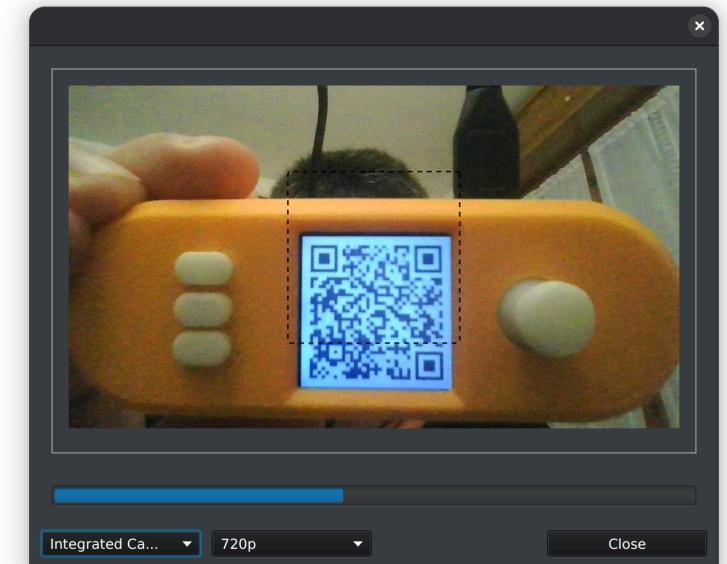
Load Seed Signer as keystore 3.





# Creating a Multisig on Sparrow -

Load mnemonic and export XPub (you will need to select "multisig" and after "sparrow" as multisig type)





# Creating a Multisig on Sparrow - Seed Signer

For the other two insert these data.

## Jade

[829e125e/48'/1'0'/2']tpubDFiXFx1c72VxaxG5zLv4QrwHFbSahf4FoE7Xb4i4Hx7RGwvAw  
U35uW9hYyYLiasG2yKJZxf4FNBVRmYRBkoUF8Ko4ZF2vGwmcDT8yUP5XiF

## BitBox

[7edda1f6/48'/1'0'/2']tpubDEEGMxEq1otUaBFWtwLSnn3k7nZyWbfThJWqs877VQdc8dT  
YwTo8JmUPpWfSUShfeAsJZBXHmvzJVdNqxTAbQnFwq54AeVNhDy2YkuLuGFK



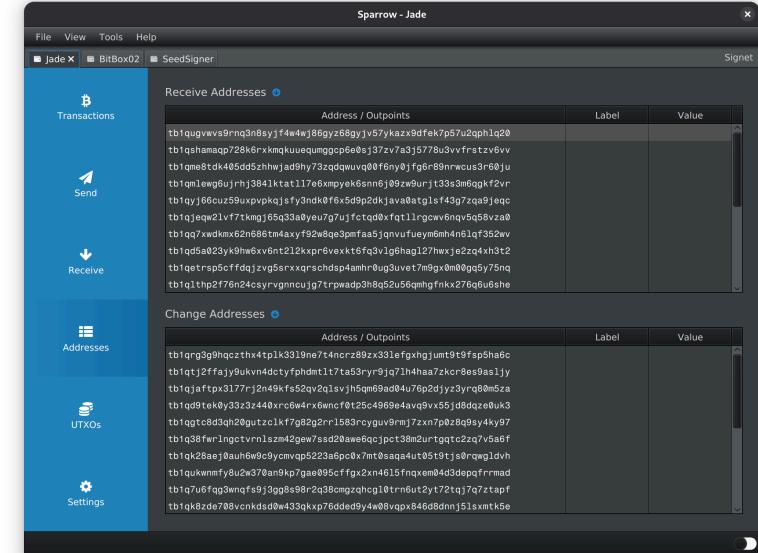
# Creating a Multisig on Sparrow

The created wallet can be saved as a descriptor,  
in my case this is the descriptor

```
wsh(  
    sortedmulti(2,  
        [d7efa7e/48h/1h/0h2h]  
        tpubDEyr8wUpFxyjjuUpKvBT75cut4ZNp1ixS4RkMBxX77dJK9XrKphoeX29aX5C1tPMcWEsup7DSq1JwAaaySuQCTNud8mk8HWifqoobWtUtdU/<0;1>/*,  
        [7edda1f6/48h/1h/0h/2h]  
        tpubDEEGMxEq1otUaBFWtwLSnn3k7nZyWbfThJWqs877VQdc8dTywTo8JmUPpWfSUSHfeAsJZBXHmvzJVdNqxTabQnFwq54AeVNnDy2YkuLuGFK/<0;1>/*,  
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```

)#xvr0j9ca

⚠ Remember the importance of backing up the descriptor in a multisig scenario, without it, you can't sign even if you have 2 out of 3 private keys!





# Receiving and Spending Funds

The screenshot shows the Jade wallet application interface. The left sidebar has tabs for Transactions, Send, Receive, Addresses, UTXOs, and Settings. The 'Receive' tab is selected. The main area displays a 'Receive' section with an address input field containing `tb1qugvwvs9rnq3n8syjf4w4wj86gyz68gyjv57ykazx9dfek7p57u2qphlq20`, a label input field, derivation information `m/48'/1'/0'/2'/0/0`, and a note that it was last used 'Unknown'. To the right of the address is a QR code. Below this is a 'Required ScriptPubKey' section with a script input field containing `OP_0 <wsh>`. Underneath is an 'Output Descriptor' section with a descriptor input field containing the following code:

```
wsh(sortedmulti(2,0392de9fb656f99e04ff3e6bba5487df8ac1d5316e166948168e345063789bd702,03d033  
d12d58c98b3eae78435394527b02144bce624e012198a5c20f8552c00d8d,03fa5429194bda516dfa7a04382c29  
7adafb1e80fb0e611084473e42083a1d039e))
```

At the bottom are buttons for 'Display Address' and 'Get Next Address'.



# Receiving and Spending Funds

The screenshot shows the Jade wallet application interface. The left sidebar has icons for Transactions, Send, Receive, Addresses, UTXOs, and Settings. The main area is titled "Send" and contains fields for "Pay to:", "Label:" (set to "Required"), "Amount:" (set to "sats"), and a "Fee" section with a slider from 1 to 1024. The "Rate:" is set to "1.00 sats/vB" and "High Priority". The "Fee:" field is empty. At the bottom, "Optimize:" buttons are shown for "Efficiency" and "Privacy". There are also "Clear" and "Create Transaction >>" buttons. The top bar shows tabs for "Jade X", "BitBox02", and "SeedSigner", and a "Signet" button.

Transactions

Send

Receive

Addresses

UTXOs

Settings

Pay to:

Label: Required

Amount: sats

Fee

Range: 1 2 4 8 16 32 64 128 256 512 1024

Rate: 1.00 sats/vB High Priority

Fee: sats

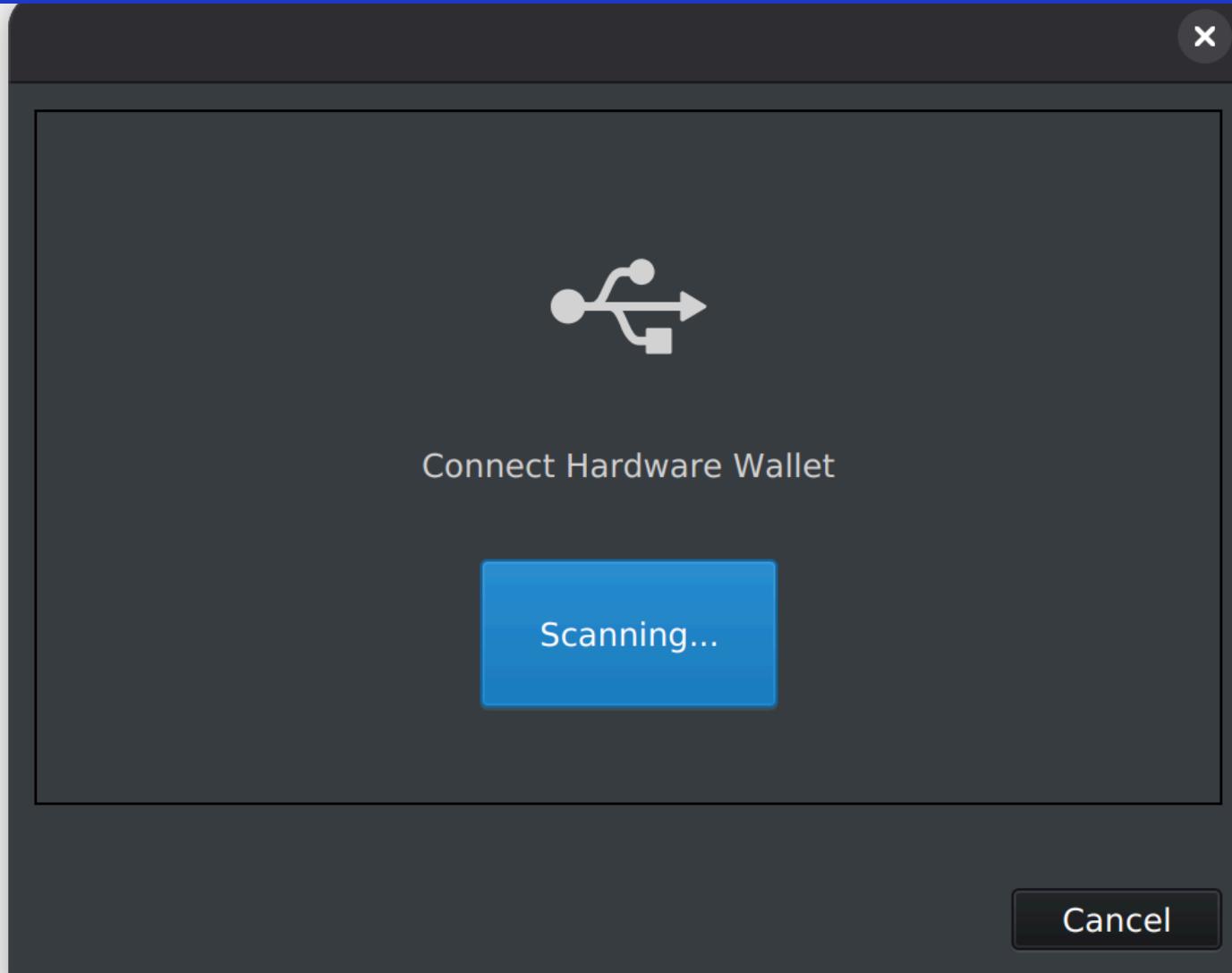
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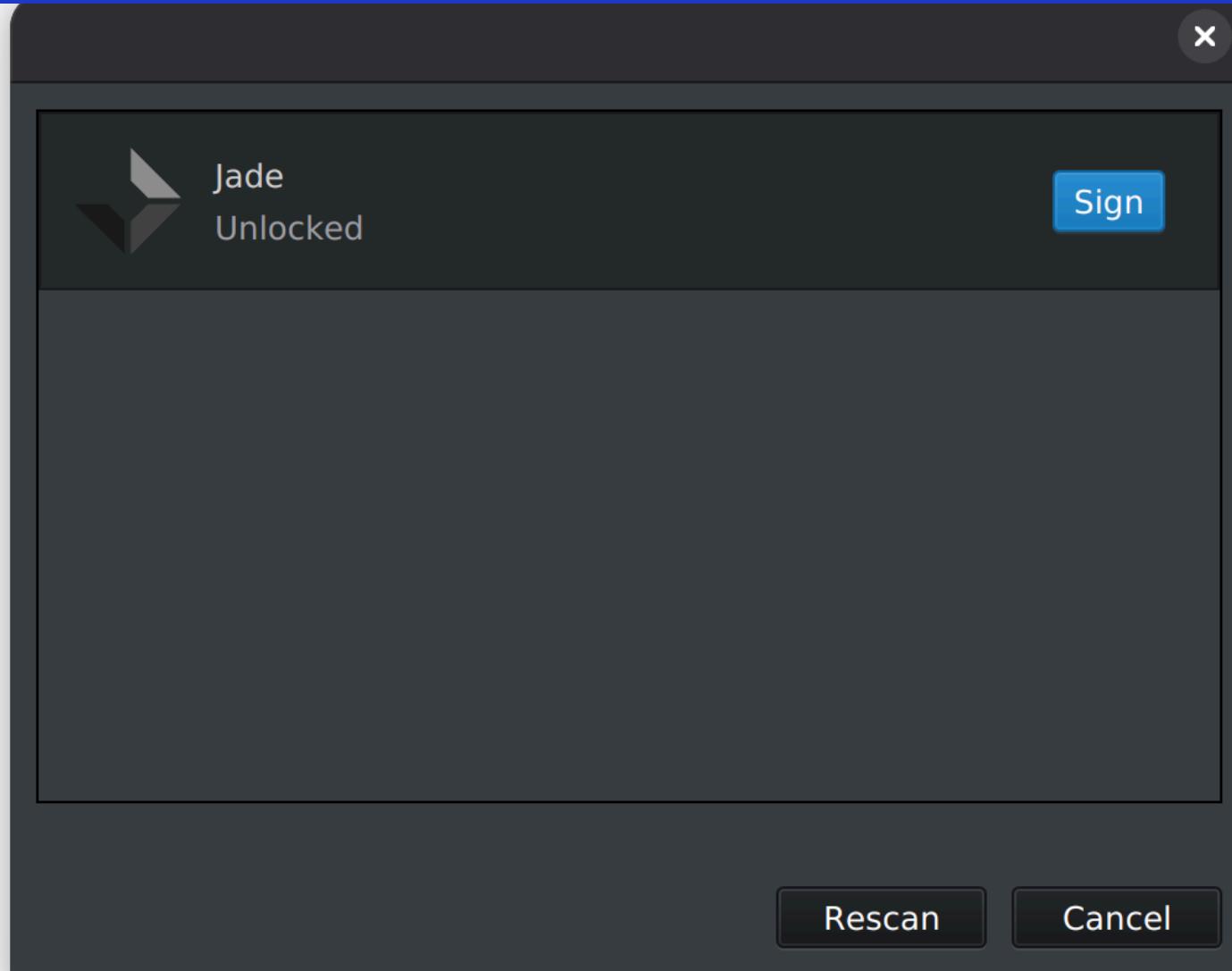


# Receiving and Spending Funds - Jade

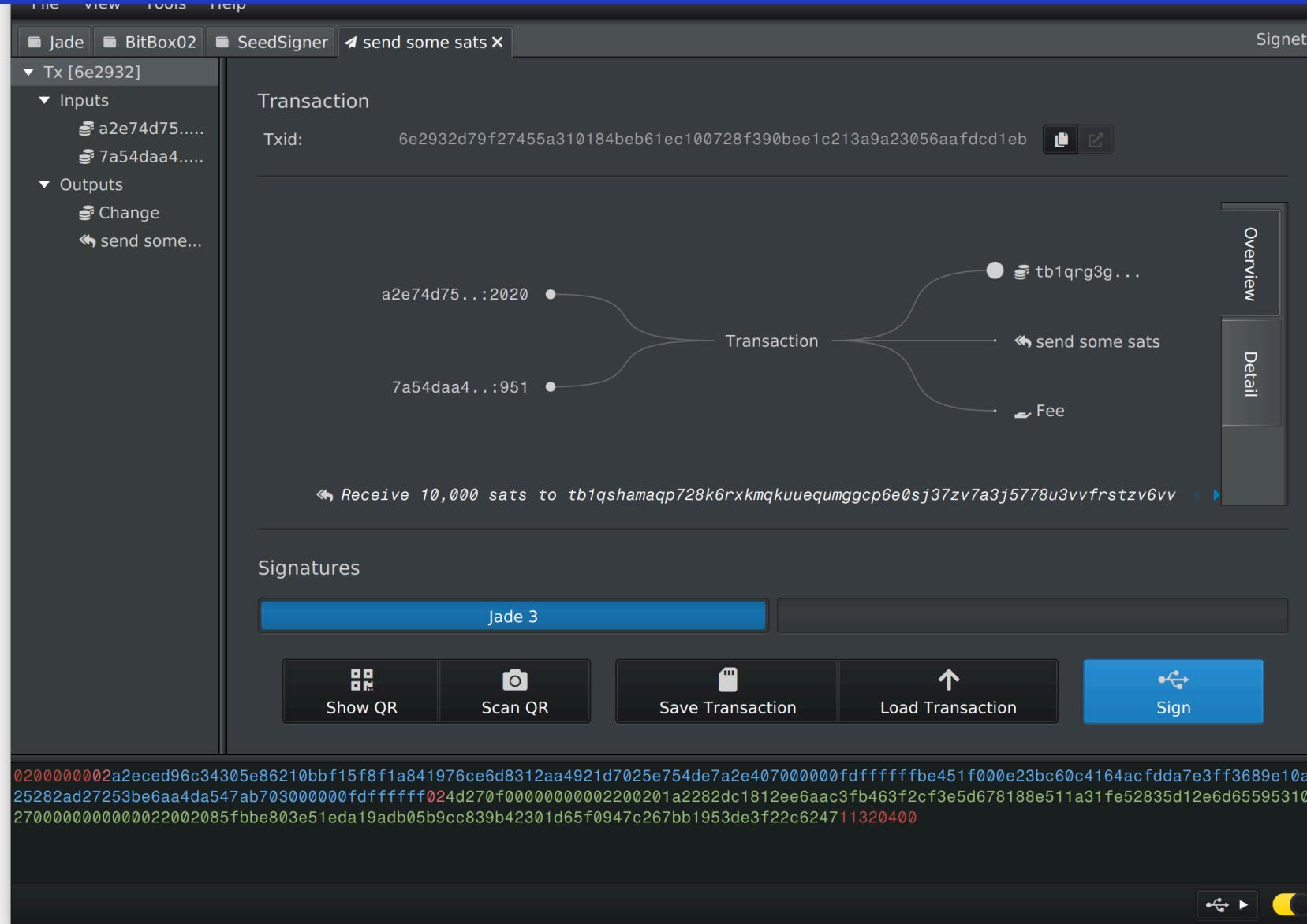




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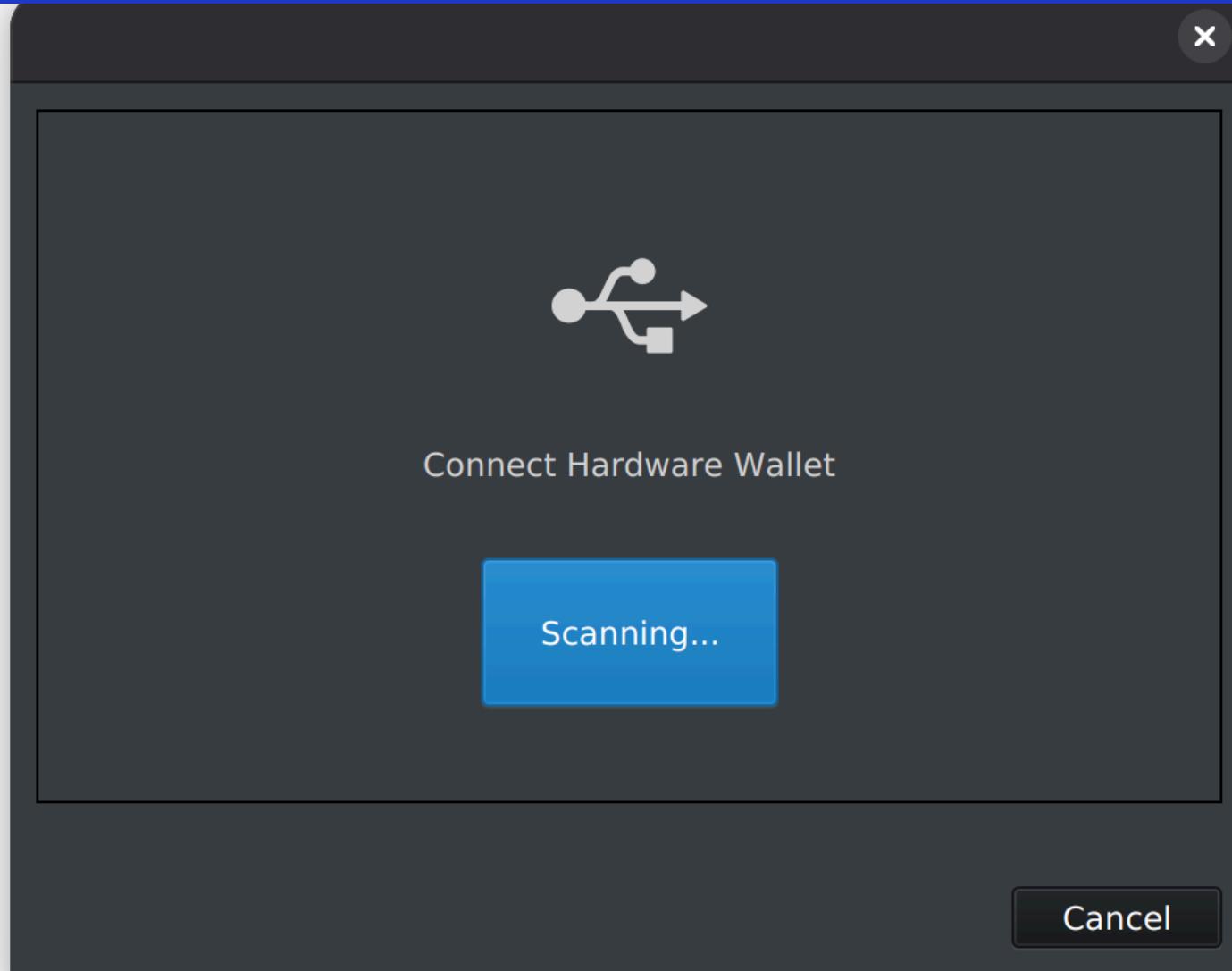


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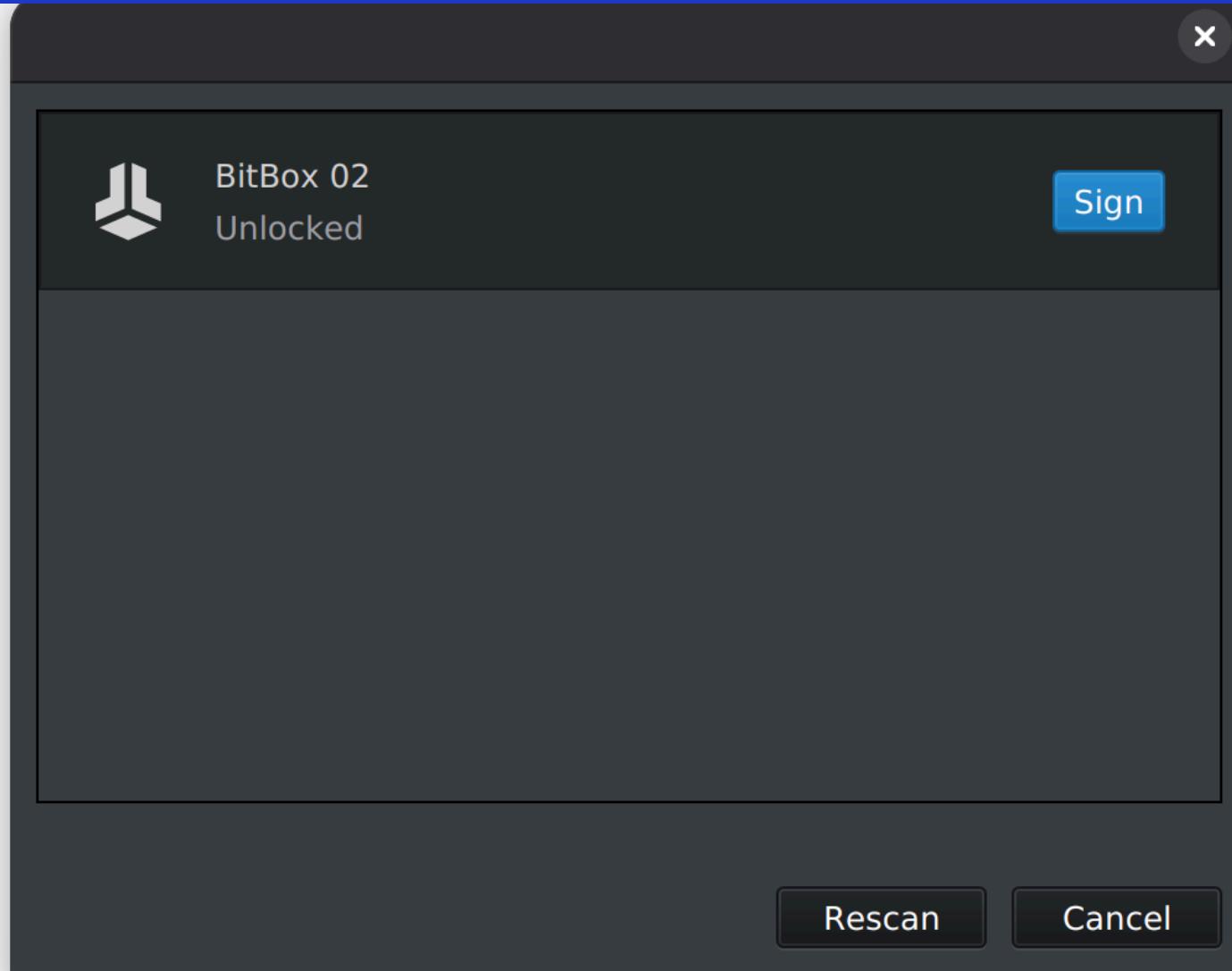


# Receiving and Spending Funds - BitBox02





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# Receiving and Spending Funds - BitBox02

The View Tools Help

Jade BitBox02 SeedSigner send some sats.psbt Signet

Tx [6e2932]

Inputs  
a2e74d75.....  
7a54daa4.....

Outputs  
Change  
send some...

Transaction

Txid: 6e2932d79f27455a310184beb61ec100728f390bee1c213a9a23056aaafcd1eb

a2e74d75...:2020  
7a54daa4...:951

tb1qrg3g...  
send some sats  
Fee

Overview Detail

Receive 10,000 sats to tb1qshamaqp728k6rxkmqkuuequumggcp6e0sj37zv7a3j5778u3vvfrstzv6vv

Signatures

Jade BitBox 02

View Final Transaction Broadcast Transaction

0200000002aeced96c34305e86210bbf15f8f1a841976ce6d8312aa4921d7025e754de7a2e407000000fdfffffbbe451f000e23bc60c4164acfdda7e3ff3689e10a25282ad27253be6aa4da547ab703000000fdfffff024d270f00000000002200201a2282dc1812ee6aac3fb463f2cf3e5d678188e511a31fe52835d12e6d655953102700000000000022002085fbbe803e51eda19adb05b9cc839b42301d65f0947c267bb1953de3f22c624711320400

USB ► 🔋

This screenshot shows the BitBox02 software interface for managing Bitcoin transactions. The main window displays a transaction with two inputs (a2e74d75... and 7a54daa4...) and two outputs: one for sending 10,000 sats to a specific address (tb1qshamaqp728k6rxkmqkuuequumggcp6e0sj37zv7a3j5778u3vvfrstzv6vv) and another for fees. The transaction is signed by Jade and BitBox 02. Buttons for viewing the final transaction and broadcasting it are present. The bottom of the screen shows the raw hex code of the transaction.

# Receiving and Spending Funds - Result

The View Tools Help

Jade BitBox02 SeedSigner send some sats.psbt Signet

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tb1qrg3g...  
send some sats  
Fee

Overview Detail

Receive 10,000 sats to tb1qshamaqp728k6rxkmqkuuequumggcp6e0sj37zv7a3j5778u3vvfrstzv6vv

Blockchain

Status: Unconfirmed

02000000000102a2eced96c34305e86210bbf15f8f1a841976ce6d8312aa4921d7025e754de7a2e407000000fdfffffbbe451f000e23bc60c4164acfdda7e3ff3689e10a25282ad27253be6aa4da547ab703000000fdfffff024d270f0000000002200201a2282dc1812ee6aac3fb463f2cf3e5d678188e511a31fe52835d12e6d6559531027000000000000022002085fbbe803e51eda19adb05b9cc839b42301d65f0947c267bb1953de3f22c62470400483045022100a997e89fb147277fd0bd895634e1ad5ac7833a4476b91cfae837f7a4b44b205102204d76f11d0c9a5121ea79e3f5e2535e6aca3f8d7e5c9da09004ce63b0baad6c000147304402203b99b1a94c85065b3f900261965586705a48c67091b0c9958ee367183ef2fffd02206328f725a2ae f0d494df49a9161ad8f61d35167c4c049a8d5fe9aa12f2f8d153016952910292d6a9fb656f90001ff3a6hb5187df9001d5216c1660181680215063780hd7022102d032d12d58098h300078125204527h02144h00621c01219825620f8552

USB ► 🔋

# Receiving and Spending Funds - Result

The screenshot shows the Jade wallet interface with the following details:

**Transactions:**

- Balance: 1,003,101 sats (\$ 1,084.76)
- Mempool: 0 sats
- Transactions: 3

**Graph:** A line graph showing the balance over time. The Y-axis ranges from 0 to 1,500,000 sats, and the X-axis shows times 04:26 and 12:46. The balance starts at approximately 1,000,000 sats, drops to about 500,000 sats, and then rises to 1,003,101 sats.

**Transaction History Table:**

Date	Label	Value	Balance
► 2025-10-22 15:59	send some sats.psbt	(✓) -305	(✓) 1,003,101
► 2025-10-22 15:29		(✓) 501,089	(✓) 1,003,406
► 2025-10-22 00:31		502,317	502,317

**Logs:**

```
[Oct 22 15:39:34] Finding transactions for [.../1/0-.../1/19]
[Oct 22 15:39:35] Finished loading.
[Oct 22 15:56:05] Finding transactions for [.../1/20]
[Oct 22 15:56:06] Finished loading.
[Oct 22 16:00:07] Finished loading.
```

# Q&A



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- Sparrow Wallet Documentation



# Satoshi Spritz Project

- Federation of local Bitcoiner groups
- Free and privacy-oriented events
- BITCOIN ONLY
- Focused on learning self-sovereignty
- Satoshi Spritz Connect every week online

<https://satoshispritz.it>

<https://t.me/SatoshiSpritzConnect>

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  -  Bitcoin node development
  -  Using Hardware Wallets
  -  Open source philosophy
  -  Debian installation
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