

# Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets 2.12.2 reference manual

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## Abstract

Integrating cryptocurrency wallets into your WordPress site, using the **Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets** plugin, version **2.12.2**.

## At a glance

Turn your blog into a bank: Let your users deposit, withdraw, and transfer bitcoins and altcoins on your site.

Use **Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets** to maintain cryptocurrency balances for the users of your WordPress site.

Install *coin adapters* to support more coins or *app extensions* to provide additional cryptocurrency functionalities, such as payment gateways for products and services.

## Pricing

The core wallets plugin is free.

The coin adapters require free signup to [dashed-slug.net](https://dashed-slug.net).

Access to premium app extensions, updates and support require a paid subscription of \$9.95 per 3 months.

*If you choose to cancel your subscription you can continue using the plugins as long as you like, but you will lose access to updates and premium support.*

## Disclaimer

**By continuing to use the *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets* plugin, you indicate that you have understood and agreed to this disclaimer.**

You accept all responsibility for handling the account balances for all your users. Under no circumstances is dashed-slug.net or any of its affiliates responsible for any damages incurred by the use of this plugin.

Every effort has been made to harden the security of this plugin, but its safe operation depends on your site being secure overall.

You, the administrator, must take all necessary precautions to secure your WordPress installation before you connect it to any live wallets.

You are strongly advised to take the following actions (at a minimum):

- educate yourself about hardening WordPress security
- install a security plugin such as Wordfence
- enable **SSL/TLS** on your site if you have not already done so

## **Feature overview**

### **Crypto deposits**

Your users can now deposit and withdraw Bitcoins.

### **User transactions**

Users can transfer coins to other users.

### **Site fees**

You set the fees that your users pay to you when they transact or withdraw coins.

### **Altcoins integration**

Easily interface to other cryptocurrencies besides Bitcoin. Simply install the provided altcoin adapters for the currency you require.

### **Front-end UI**

Present a simple, knockout.js-enabled frontend UI using shortcodes. Or roll your own.

### **E-mail notifications and confirmations**

Users are notified by email whenever they perform transactions.

The admin can configure message strings via the admin interface, or bind to WordPress actions and code your own notification functions in PHP.

### **Capability-based access control**

Enable or disable user actions via WordPress capabilities.

### **DB storage**

All accounting data is stored safely and efficiently in your database.

## CSV Backups

Export accounting data to .CSV backup files with one click. Import again with ease.

## Pluggable

PHP and JSON APIs give access to the wallets from your theme or other plugins. Look out for more apps that build on this awesome APIs in the near future, or create your own!

## Documentation

PDF Documentation explains the ins and outs of this plugin in detail. Full PHPdoc is included for the PHP API.

## Security

Protection against common plugin security vulnerabilities such as CSRF attacks and SQL injections.

You can extend the FREE Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets plugin with:

- **coin adapter extensions** that connect to local nodes and other cloud wallets, and
- **app extensions**, such as payment gateways or user rewards.

Because these two concerns are decoupled, you can combine any of the existing app extensions with any of the coin adapters provided.

By mixing and matching plugins, you are in control of which currencies and services you provide.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Which coins are currently available?

The list of wallets that you can connect to directly is constantly growing.

To check what's currently available go to <https://www.dashed-slug.net> and check the menu under *Wallets* → *Coin Adapter Extensions* and see the available RPC adapters.

Also, if you are OK with using a web wallet service, then you can install the CoinPayments adapter. You then automatically get all of the coins that platform supports.

### Is it secure?

The Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets plugin is only as secure as your WordPress installation. Regardless of whether you choose to install this plugin, you should have already taken steps to secure your WordPress installation. At a minimum you should do the following:

- Install a security plugin such as Wordfence.
- Read the Codex resources on Hardening WordPress.
- If you are connecting to an RPC API on a different machine than that of your WordPress server over an untrusted network, make sure to tunnel your connection via `ssh` or `stunnel`. See [here](#).

### Do I really need to run a full node? bitcoind is too resource-hungry for my server.

Running a full node requires you to set up the daemon on a VPS or other machine that you own and administer. Normally the full blockchain needs to be downloaded, so you need to make sure that your server can handle the disk and network requirements.

#### Cloud wallets

Instead, you can choose to install one of the available coin adapters that are backed by cloud wallet services. These currently are:

- The CoinPayments Adapter extension
- The block.io Cloud Wallet Adapter extension

Study the services and their terms of service including what fees they charge before choosing to use them.

#### bittiraha

From version 1.1.0 onward, this plugin is compatible with the bittiraha-walletd wallet. From the project's description on GitHub:

Lightweight Bitcoin RPC compatible HD wallet This project is meant as a drop-in replacement for bitcoind for use in lightweight servers.

This is a wallet based on `bitcoinj` and does not store the blockchain locally. You will have to install this on a VPS or other server via the shell.

A downside is that the `walletnotify` mechanism and the `listtransactions` command are not implemented. **This means that there is no easy way for the plugin to be notified of deposits.** Deposits will not be recorded in the transactions table. Users will not be emailed when they perform deposits and they will not be able to see their deposits in the `[wallets_transactions]` UI. Deposits will correctly affect users' balances. You have been warned.

### Electrum

Alternatively, you can install and configure an Electrum wallet and the Electrum Bitcoin RPC Adapter extension. **Don't forget to disable the built-in Bitcoin core adapter.**

## Can you install/configure the plugin for me? / I am having trouble with the `bitcoin.conf` file

I am available to answer any specific questions if you attempt to install the plugin and you face some problem. Unfortunately I do not undertake installation and configuration of the plugin.

Keep in mind that no software is set-and-forget. Once you install software, it then needs to be maintained. If you find that you are having trouble installing the plugin or connecting it to a wallet, even with help, this is a good indication that you should not be running a wallet with people's money on it.

Remember that you have two options: stand-alone wallets or web wallets. Running a web wallet is considerably easier than a stand-alone wallet, as it does not require system administration skills. As a general rule, if you have trouble using Linux from the command line, you will be better off installing a web wallet.

## I cannot connect to a wallet running on my home computer

Unless your home internet connection has a static IP and you have opened the correct ports on your router/firewall you will not be able to use your home computer as a wallet backend. In fact, this is not a very good idea. Ideally you need a dedicated server to run a wallet with the availability required by a site that serves multiple users. Virtual private servers (VPSs) should be OK as the wallets do not max-out CPU usage under normal operation, after the blockchain finishes syncing. Shared/managed hosting plans are not appropriate for running wallet daemons. If you have a shared/managed hosting plan (i.e. no ssh access), you are stuck with using web wallets.

Check with your hosting plan for disk space and memory requirements against the requirements of the wallet you wish to run. For Bitcoin core, [click here](#).

## How can I integrate the plugin with my site?

Just insert the shortcodes anywhere to create forms to let a logged in user:

- **deposit funds:** [wallets\_deposit]
- **withdraw funds:** [wallets\_withdraw]
- **transfer funds to other users:** [wallets\_move]
- **view their balance:** [wallets\_balance]
- **view past transactions:** [wallets\_transactions]

These shortcodes render knockout.js-enabled forms. Read the shortcodes documentation for more details.

You can enter the same UI elements into your theme's widget area. Simply go to *Appearance* → *Widgets* and use the provided front-end widgets.

You can also use a special menu item to display the user balances as part of a nav menu:

1. Go to *Appearance* → *Menus*.
2. At the top right side of the screen, click *Screen Options*.
3. Under *Boxes*, make sure that *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets balances* is selected.
4. Now you are free to enter the balances menu item into your menus.

## I don't like the built-in forms. Can I provide my own?

First of all, the forms can be styled with CSS. They have convenient HTML classes that you can use.

If you wish to create forms with completely different markup, you can provide your own views for these shortcodes. Use the `wallets_views_dir` filter to override the directory where the views are stored (the default is `wallets/includes/views`). Most people will not need to do this.

Read the shortcodes documentation for more details.

## I want to do transactions from JavaScript. I don't want to use the provided shortcodes and their associated forms.

The provided built-in forms talk to a JSON API that is available to logged in users. If you choose to build your own front-end UI, you can do your AJAX calls directly to the JSON API.

Refer to the JSON API documentation for details.

## I want to do transactions from the PHP code of my theme or plugin.

You can use the PHP API directly.

Refer to the PHP API documentation for details.

### **I want to replace an adapter with another one.**

You can only have one coin adapter enabled per each coin. The plugin will warn you about this.

Suppose you wish to replace the internal *Bitcoin core adapter* with the *block.io BTC adapter*. You would have to:

1. Wait for pending deposits and withdrawals to execute. They should be in 'done' state.
2. Disable your original coin adapter.
3. Delete the deposit addresses from your database with:

```
DELETE FROM wp_wallets_adds WHERE symbol = 'BTC';
```

4. Activate and configure the new adapter.

### **Can you add XYZ coin for me?**

Unfortunately no. I can no longer cater to requests to add new coin adapters. I can only provide assistance by answering specific questions to coin adapter developers.

If your coin's wallet has a standard RPC API that is a direct fork of Bitcoin core, then you should be able to modify the Litecoin adapter to suite your needs. Feel free to republish it after modifying the code. There are some instructions on how to do this [here](#). More detailed instructions are in the PDF documentation, under the section *Coin Adapter development*.

If your coin is an ERC-20 token then there is no support for that at the moment. Ideally this is something that will be implemented in the future.

### **Are you available for custom development work?**

Unfortunately I do not undertake custom projects. If you have an idea about a cool extension then please let me know about it. If it is a good fit for the project, it will be added to the backlog. When implemented, It will be available either to all users for free, or for dashed-slug premium members.

### **Can you add fiat currency deposits?**

I do not have plans to add fiat currency deposits. That is not to say that someone cannot develop an extension to do this.



### **Can you build an exchange on top of the plugin?**

Yes this is in the future plans.

### **I want to pay for premium membership but cannot or do not want to pay via PayPal.**

I am currently in the process of building a plugin extension that will allow you to pay for membership via cryptocurrencies. In the meantime, you may contact me directly at [info@dashed-slug.net](mailto:info@dashed-slug.net) if you wish to send a Bitcoin payment and I will activate your membership manually.

### **How can I get support or submit feedback?**

Please use the support forum on [WordPress.org](https://wordpress.org/support/) for all issues and inquiries regarding the plugin.

To get support on the provided extensions, subscribe to dashed-slug and go to the support forums.

For all other communication, please contact [info@dashed-slug.net](mailto:info@dashed-slug.net).

## Available extensions

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets** *Turn your blog into a bank: Let your users deposit, withdraw, and transfer bitcoins and altcoins on your site.* Support forum

- This plugin is always available at the dashed-slug download area and at wordpress.org.
- The extensions can be downloaded at the dashed-slug download area.

## App extensions

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: Author Payroll extension** *Pay your article authors with cryptocurrencies based on Google Analytics metrics.* Support forum

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: Events Manager Cryptocurrency Payment Gateway** *Let logged in users pay for tickets in Events Manager Pro from their cryptocurrency wallet.* Support forum

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: Faucet Extension** *Reward your users for solving CAPTCHAs.* Support forum

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: Tip the Author** *Allows users with cryptocurrency wallets to tip content authors.* Support forum

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: WooCommerce Cryptocurrency Payment Gateway** *Let logged in users pay at WooCommerce checkout from their cryptocurrency wallet.* Support forum

## Wallet Coin adapters

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: BlockIO Cloud Wallet Adapter** *Allows your Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets WordPress plugin to interface with your block.io cloud wallet account.* Support forum

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: CoinPayments Adapter** *Allows your Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets WordPress plugin to interface with your CoinPayments.net cloud wallet account.* Support forum

## Local wallet adapters

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: Dogecoin RPC Adapter** *Allows your Wallets plugin to interface with the Dogecoin daemon (dogecoind).* Support forum

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: Electrum Bitcoin RPC Adapter** *Allows your Wallets plugin to interface with the Bitcoin Electrum Bitcoin wallet.* Support forum

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: eMark RPC Adapter** *Allows your Wallets plugin to interface with the Deutsche eMark wallet.* Support forum

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: Feathercoin RPC Adapter** Allows your Wallets plugin to interface with the Feathercoin daemon (*feathercoind*). Support forum

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: Goldcoin RPC Adapter** Allows your Wallets plugin to interface with the Goldcoin daemon (*goldcoind*). Support forum

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: Goshencoin RPC Adapter** Allows your Wallets plugin to interface with the Goshencoin wallet. Support forum

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: Gridcoin RPC Adapter** Allows your Wallets plugin to interface with the Gridcoin daemon (*gridcoinresearch*). Support forum

**Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets: Litecoin RPC Adapter** Allows your Wallets plugin to interface with the Litecoin daemon (*litecoind*). Support forum

## Transactions

Users can perform three types of transactions:

- *Deposits*, by sending funds from a blockchain to a deposit address.
- *Withdrawals*, by requesting to send funds to an external address on the blockchain.
- *Internal transfers* (aka *moves*) to other users.

Also, feature plugin extensions can perform such operations on behalf of the users with the `do_move()` and `do_withdraw()` functions. See the PHP API section for more.

## Admin panel

As of release 2.3.0, administrators with the `manage_wallets` capability can view all transactions on the system, via the admin panel titled *Transactions*.

## Confirmations

As of release 2.3.0, administrators with the `manage_wallets` capability can choose what kind of confirmation, if any, move and withdraw transactions need before they can change from unconfirmed to pending. This is set via the admin panel titled *Confirms*.

There are two possible types of confirmation that may be required for a withdraw or move transaction.

- *admin confirmation* This is given via the admin transactions table. For unconfirmed and pending transactions, there are actions to confirm and unconfirm a transaction in the column titled *Accepted by admin*.
- *user confirmation* The user that originates the transaction request receives an email containing a nonce and an ID that uniquely identifies the transaction request. If the user clicks on the link, the transaction is considered to be confirmed by the user. The body

of the email is configurable. Administrators can also modify the *Verified by user* column via the *Transactions* admin panel.

## **Lifecycle (states)**

As of release 2.3.0, transactions can have one of the following states:

- **unconfirmed** This is the initial state for all transactions.
- **pending** For moves and withdrawals, this is the state that a transaction gets when it has been confirmed by a user and/or admin. You can choose which types of confirmation is required in the admin panel, under “Confirms”.
- **done** Transactions that have been executed and affect a user’s balance are in this state. Also, deposits that have reached the required number of network confirmations. The required confirmation count is set at the coin adapter settings for each coin separately.
- **failed** Transactions that could not be executed are marked as failed. They do not affect user balances.

## Shortcodes

Wallet shortcodes display UI forms to the front-end that let the user do basic operations with their cryptocurrency accounts.

All the operations accessible via shortcodes are only relevant to logged in users. The shortcodes will only display if:

1. the user is logged in,
2. there is at least one wallet online, and
3. the user has the necessary capabilities, including `has_wallets`.

### Shortcode reference

#### Deposit funds

**Required capabilities:** `has_wallets`

A screenshot of a web form for depositing funds. It features a label 'Coin:' followed by a dropdown menu showing 'Bitcoin' with a downward arrow. Below this is a label 'Deposit address:' followed by a text input field containing the address '1DaShEDyeAwEc4snWq14hz5EBQXeHrVBxy'.

Use the `[wallets_deposit]` shortcode to display a form that will let the user know which address they can send coins to if they wish to make a deposit.

#### Withdraw funds

**Required capabilities:** `has_wallets`, `withdraw_funds_from_wallets`

Coin:

Bitcoin

Withdraw to address:

Amount:

Fee:

฿0.00005000

Transaction comment:

Address label:

SEND

RESET FORM

Use the `[wallets_withdraw]` shortcode to display a form that will let the user withdraw funds. The user will be notified by email when the withdrawal succeeds.

#### Transfer funds to other users

**Required capabilities:** `has_wallets`, `send_funds_to_user`

Coin:

Bitcoin

Recipient user:

luser

Amount:

Transfer comment:

Fee:

฿0.00000100

SEND

RESET FORM

Use the `[wallets_move]` shortcode to display a form that lets the user transfer coins to other users on your site. Both users will be notified by email when the transaction succeeds.

#### Display user balance(s)

**Required capabilities:** `has_wallets`

Coin:

Bitcoin

Balance: ฿0.00079295

Use the `[wallets_balance]` shortcode to show the current user's balances.

### View past transactions

Required capabilities: has\_wallets, list\_wallet\_transactions

Coin:

Bitcoin

Rows per page:

10

Page:

1

Latest transactions

Type	Time	Amount (+fee)	Fee	From	To	Comment	Confirmations
deposit	17/12/2016, 5:17:38 μ.μ.	฿0.00001000	฿0.00000000	1rXEs8Kbj7mcMU1ZAq84Kdm85Vdd2Xg2b2	me		3791
move	27/12/2016, 6:47:19 μ.μ.	฿-0.00001334	฿0.00000100	me	luser	unique test	-
withdraw	30/12/2016, 1:44:37 μ.μ.	฿-0.00006000	฿0.00005000	me	3i1B4pkLQ2VmLZwhuEGto3NAJdeh4xjr1W	withdrawing bitcoins	541

Use the [wallets\_transactions] shortcode to display an interactive table that shows past deposits, withdrawals and transfers that affect the user's account. The table is paginated and data is loaded dynamically.



## Modifying front-end UIs (for developers)

### Capturing events on the front-side

Withdraw and move forms use JavaScript to emit bubbling DOM events to denote that a withdrawal or a transfer to another user has succeeded.

The event names are:

- wallets\_do\_withdraw, and
- wallets\_do\_move.

The default behavior is to display informative message boxes using the browser's `alert()` function.

You can bind handlers to these DOM events to override, or to add to, this behavior.

The event handlers have access to the response of the JSON API, and to the form values entered by the user. Here's some example JavaScript code:

#### Observing transfers between users:

```
jQuery('body').on( 'wallets_do_move', function( event, response, symbol, amount, toaccount,
    if ( typeof(response.result) == 'string' ) {
        if ( response.result == 'success' ) {
            alert( 'Successfully sent ' + amount + ' ' + symbol );
        } else {
            alert( "Move failed: \n" + response.message );
        }
    } else {
        alert( "Move failed!" );
    }
    event.preventDefault();
});
```

#### Observing withdrawals:

```
jQuery('body').on( 'wallets_do_withdraw', function( event, response, symbol, amount, address,
    if ( typeof(response.result) == 'string' ) {
        if ( response.result == 'success' ) {
            alert( 'Successfully withdrew ' + amount + ' ' + symbol + ' to ' + address );
        } else {
            alert( "Move failed: \n" + response.message );
        }
    } else {
        alert( "Move failed!" );
    }
    event.preventDefault();
});
```

```
});
```

The above examples override the default handlers. If you wish to add to the default behavior, simply delete the `event.preventDefault()` statements and let the events bubble up.

## Overriding the default UI

### Using CSS

All the UI elements have the `dashed-slug-wallets` class to help you with CSS styling:

```
.dashed-slug-wallets.move { }  
.dashed-slug-wallets.withdraw { }  
.dashed-slug-wallets.balance { }  
.dashed-slug-wallets.deposit { }  
.dashed-slug-wallets.transactions { }
```

### Using HTML and PHP and JavaScript and CSS and stuff!

If you are a developer, you can override the default forms provided to do much more than just change the styling.

All the UI elements are implemented as knockout.js forms that talk to the provided JSON API.

These forms live in the `wp-content/plugins/wallets/includes/views` directory of your WordPress installation:

```
wp-content/plugins/wallets/includes/views/balance.php  
wp-content/plugins/wallets/includes/views/move.php  
wp-content/plugins/wallets/includes/views/deposit.php  
wp-content/plugins/wallets/includes/views/withdraw.php  
wp-content/plugins/wallets/includes/views/transactions.php
```

You can copy these files to another directory of your choosing. Make sure to override the views directory using the `wallets_views_dir` filter, to let the plugin know where to look for the templates. Here's sample code for how to do this:

```
function my_wallets_views_dir_override( $dir ) {  
    return '/path/to/the/directory/where/the/new/templates/are/copied';  
}  
add_filter( 'wallets_views_dir', 'my_wallets_views_dir_override' );
```

## Capabilities

WordPress does access control using the concept of Roles and Capabilities. You can read about it in the WordPress Codex.

### Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets capabilities

You can assign capabilities to roles using the admin interface. Just navigate to *Wallets* → *Capabilities* and check capabilities in the matrix, then hit *Save changes*.

Capabilities control which shortcodes and JSON API endpoints are available to a user.

By default, the PHP API overrides capabilities checks. You can enforce checking with the new argument, `$override_capabilities`.

As of 2.2.4 you cannot modify the capabilities of the administrator role using this interface. This is to prevent admin accounts from locking themselves out of the `manage_wallets` capability.

#### **manage\_wallets**

- Enables admin interface. For administrators only.

#### **has\_wallets**

- Needed for all shortcodes.
- Needed for the `get_transactions`, `do_withdraw` and `do_move` JSON APIs.
- Needed for the `do_move()`, `do_withdraw()`, `get_coin_adapters()`, `get_balance()`, `get_new_address()`, `get_account_id_for_address()` and `get_transactions()` PHP APIs. Only checked when `$override_capabilities` is true.

#### **list\_wallet\_transactions**

- Need for the `wallets_transactions` shortcode.
- Needed for the `get_transactions` JSON API.
- Needed for the `get_transactions()` PHP API. Only checked when `$override_capabilities` is true.

#### **send\_funds\_to\_user**

- Need for the `wallets_move` shortcode.
- Needed for the `get_users_info` JSON API.

- Needed for the `do_move()` PHP API. Only checked when `$override_capabilities` is `true`.

#### **withdraw\_funds\_from\_wallet**

- Needed for the `wallets_withdraw` shortcode.
- Needed for the `do_withdraw` JSON API.
- Needed for the `do_withdraw()` PHP API. Only checked when `$override_capabilities` is `true`.

## Notification settings

Users are notified by e-mail or BuddyPress private messages when they perform deposits or withdrawals and when they send or receive funds. In the admin interface navigate to *Wallets* → *Notification settings*.

- You can control whether you want BuddyPress private messages.
- You can control whether you want email messages.
- You can control which types of notifications are sent.
- You can edit the subject line templates.
- You can edit the text body templates.

You can use the following variable substitutions in your templates:

- **###ACCOUNT###** — Account username.
- **###ACCOUNT\_ID###** — WordPress account ID.
- **###OTHER\_ACCOUNT###** — Username of other account (for fund transfers between users)
- **###OTHER\_ACCOUNT\_ID###** — WordPress account ID of other account (for fund transfers between users)
- **###TXID###** — Transaction ID. ( This is normally the same as the txid on the blockchain. Internal transactions are also assigned a unique ID. )
- **###AMOUNT###** — The amount transacted.
- **###FEE###** — For withdrawals and transfers, the fees paid to the site.
- **###SYMBOL###** — The coin symbol for this transaction (e.g. “BTC” for Bitcoin)
- **###CREATED\_TIME###** — The date and time of the transaction in ISO-8601 notation. YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZZZZ
- **###COMMENT###** — For internal fund transfers, the comment attached to the transaction.
- **###ADDRESS###** — For deposits and withdrawals, the external address.
- **###EXTRA###** — For some coins, extra info on transactions. E.g. Monero *Payment ID*, Ripple *Destination Tag*, etc.

## BuddyPress private messages

To enable private messages: 1. Go to *Settings* → *BuddyPress* and enable the *Private Messages* component. This will enable private messages for BuddyPress. 2. Go to *Wallets* → *Notifications* → and enable *Send BuddyPress private messages*. This will make *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets* use BuddyPress to send notifications as private messages.

## I heard you liked notifications, so I...

If you choose to enable BuddyPress notifications you might decide to disable email notifications. Keep in mind that BuddyPress can also send its own email notifications for private messages, so your notification will arrive twice to the user’s inbox if everything is enabled.

## Localization

### Basic concepts

The plugin has been internationalized. All strings use the `__()` function and its friends.

To familiarize yourself with some basic localization concepts, you can read this page in the Codex.

### Language domains

The localized strings have been split into two *language domains*. The domains are named `wallets` and `wallets-front`. This allows you to easily localize the frontend without localizing the backend (WordPress admin interface). The frontend requires considerably less effort to localize than the entire plugin.

The `.pot` files are found in `wp-content/plugins/wallets/languages/wallets.pot` and `wallets-front.pot`.

### Translating the plugin to your language

1. Copy the `.pot` file to a `.po` file that includes the ISO 639-1 language code you want to translate. For example, to translate the frontend to Spanish, copy `wallets-front.pot` to `wallets-front-es.po`. For a list of language codes available, consult the gettext documentation.
2. Edit the `.po` file and translate the strings to your language. You can use any text editor to do this, but you may find it easier if you use POEdit.
3. Save the `.po` file and convert it to a machine-readable `.mo` file. If you use POEdit there is an option to compile to `.mo`. Place both files in the `wp-content/plugins/wallets/languages` directory.
4. That's it. To test your translation, go to your WordPress admin screens, and to *Settings* → *General* → *Site Language*. Select your language and click on *Save Changes*.

## Block explorers

Transactions and addresses are displayed in the admin interface or frontend as links to block explorers.

- The plugin knows about a few common coins and their block explorers, and provides sane defaults for these coins.
- Site owners can provide alternative or additional block explorer URIs by binding to WordPress filters.
- Coin adapter developers can provide alternative or additional block explorer URIs by overriding the appropriate functions from the abstract adapter class.
- In the coin URIs, the symbols %s are substituted with the address or transaction ID string.
- The chainz.cryptoid.info block explorer is used as fallback because it supports several coins.

## Site administrators

Site administrators can provide URI patterns by binding to the following filters: `wallets_explorer_uri_add_XXX` and `wallets_explorer_uri_tx_XXX`, where XXX is a coin symbol. Example for DOGE:

```
public function explorer_uri_address( $uri ) {
    return "https://dogechain.info/address/%s";
}
add_filter( 'wallets_explorer_uri_add_DOGE', 'explorer_uri_address' );

public function explorer_uri_transaction( $uri ) {
    return "https://dogechain.info/tx/%s";
}
add_filter( 'wallets_explorer_uri_tx_DOGE', 'explorer_uri_transaction' );
```

## Coin adapter developers

Coin adapter developers can provide URI patterns by overriding the base coin adapter functions. An example from the DOGE coin adapter:

```
{
    public function explorer_uri_address( $uri ) {
        return "https://dogechain.info/address/%s";
    }

    public function explorer_uri_transaction( $uri ) {
        return "https://dogechain.info/tx/%s";
    }
}
```

## Cold Storage

There is a cold storage section in the admin panel of the Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets free WordPress plugin.

### What is Cold Storage

When users hold cryptocurrencies on your site, these funds are stored on your back-end wallets. The plugin uses these wallets to communicate with the blockchains.

If a malicious hacker were to somehow gain access to your WordPress, they could steal your users' money. This is why you must:

- keep your site secure, and
- plan for the possibility that your site can be breached. No system is 100% safe.

One very popular security measure is to keep part of the funds in *cold storage*. This is an offline wallet, to which your site's code does not have access to.

The concept is not much unlike that of fractional reserve banking: You do not keep all of the deposited funds on the live wallet. Instead you keep a fraction of those funds online, and the rest you keep on another wallet. Preferably a wallet that is not even connected to the internet. Paper wallets and hardware wallets are good for this, but you could also use a computer that you keep offline at all times.

This release features an admin page that makes it easy to split funds into a live and cold wallet: For every currency you have installed, the page will tell you

- how many coins you have in your online wallet,
- how much is the total of all your users' balances, and
- how much you need to deposit or withdraw to reach your target level.

### Using Cold Storage to secure your site

You can now target to keep a **fixed percentage of the total balances** online at all times. Send the rest of the coins to cold storage and keep them safe. At a later time you can deposit them again into your site as needed.

The admin page will let you **deposit** and **withdraw** funds to and from an external cold storage wallet. These transactions are not recorded in your transactions table. They do not affect any user balances. They only affect the online wallet balance. In the event of a security breach, all of the offline coins are safe and your risk is minimized.

You will want to **keep online more money than you expect your users to withdraw** all at once. If there are not enough funds online, user-requested withdrawals will fail.



On the other hand, you could decide that all withdrawals require **confirmation by an admin**. Then you can keep all of the funds in cold storage and only put them back online before you manually approve user withdrawals.

Any administrator with the `manage_wallets` capability has access to that page. Keep in mind that you need to wait for transactions to confirm before they affect your balance. If you are using the CoinPayments adapter, withdrawals might take a few minutes to execute.

## Hardware wallets

Consider getting a hardware wallet to use for cold storage. A Trezor or Ledger Wallet will do nicely.

## APIs, APIs everywhere!

The modular philosophy of the Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets plugin is about **providing programmatic** access to an **abstraction layer** that can then talk to a **bitcoin** wallet or to other cryptocurrencies.

In simple English: You and others can build and use applications that do financial transactions, without worrying about the implementation details of each coin, or about UI issues, accounting, etc.

### For site administrators

- Install wallet daemons
- Install this plugin and configure it to use your wallets.
- Insert the simple shortcodes into your site's content.

### For developers

If you're a developer, by now you will probably be asking:

Can I see the software stack diagram?

OK, here it is:



Figure 1: software stack

## JSON API

The Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets WordPress plugin exposes two JSON APIs:

1. The transaction API enables logged in users to perform and view transactions from the frontend.
2. The notification API lets the wallet daemons notify the system of incoming transactions. (For bitcoind, this maps to `-walletnotify` and `-blocknotify`).

### Transaction API

You can control which parts of the API are available by setting capabilities in the admin screens.

#### Get users info

Retrieves usernames and user IDs of all users on the site.

Used by the `[wallets_move]` shortcode UI to display a drop-down selection of users to send coins to.

**URI path:** `/wallets/get_users_info`

**Parameters:** none

**Required capabilities:** `has_wallets`, `send_funds_to_user`

**Example response:**

```
{
  "users": [
    {
      "id": 2,
      "name": "luser"
    }
  ],
  "result": "success"
}
```

#### Get coins info

Retrieves information relevant to all the coins enabled on the site.

Used by all shortcode front-ends to display a drop-down selection of available coins.

**URI path:** `/wallets/get_coins_info`

**Parameters:** none

**Required capabilities:** `has_wallets`

**Example response:**

```

{
  "coins":{
    "LTC":{
      "name":"Litecoin",
      "symbol":"LTC",
      "icon_url":"http://example.com/wp-content/plugins/wallets-litecoin/assets/sp",
      "sprintf":"\u0141%01.8f",
      "extra_desc":"Destination address label (optional)",
      "explorer_uri_address": "https://live.blockcypher.com/ltc/address/%s/",
      "explorer_uri_tx": "https://live.blockcypher.com/ltc/tx/%s/",
      "balance":0.00659988,
      "move_fee":0,
      "move_fee_proportional":0,
      "withdraw_fee":0.0002,
      "withdraw_fee_proportional":0,
      "deposit_address":"LPsj8nDiuBjbvRFR8CDoYhSbd4nDekbBQV",
      "deposit_address_qrcode_uri":"litecoin:LPsj8nDiuBjbvRFR8CDoYhSbd4nDekbBQV"
    },
    "BTC":{
      "name":"Bitcoin",
      "symbol":"BTC",
      "icon_url":"http://example.com/wp-content/plugins/wallets/includes/./asset",
      "sprintf":"\u0e3f%01.8f",
      "extra_desc":"Destination address label (optional)",
      "explorer_uri_address": "https://blockchain.info/address/%s",
      "explorer_uri_tx": "https://blockchain.info/tx/%s",
      "balance":0.00091565,
      "move_fee":0,
      "move_fee_proportional":0,
      "withdraw_fee":0.0002,
      "withdraw_fee_proportional":0,
      "deposit_address":"mrXEs8Kbj7mcMU1ZAq84Kdm85Vdd2Xg2b2",
      "deposit_address_qrcode_uri":"bitcoin:mrXEs8Kbj7mcMU1ZAq84Kdm85Vdd2Xg2b2",
    }
  },
  "result":"success"
}

```

### Get transactions

Retrieve past transaction info (deposits, withdrawals and transfers to other users) of the currently logged in user.

Used by the [wallets\_transactions] shortcode UI to display a paginated table of transactions.

**URI path:** /wallets/get\_transactions/SYMBOL/COUNT/FROM

**Parameters:**

- **SYMBOL:** The coin's symbol, e.g. BTC, LTC, etc. Only transactions regarding this coin will be retrieved.
- **COUNT:** Retrieve this many transactions
- **FROM:** Start retrieving transactions from this offset (for pagination)

**Required capabilities:** has\_wallets, list\_wallet\_transactions

**Example response:**

```
{
  "transactions": [
    {
      "category": "deposit",
      "tags": "",
      "account": "1",
      "other_account": null,
      "address": "1rXEs8Kbj7mcMU1ZAq84Kdm85Vdd2Xg2b2",
      "txid": "c9c30612ea6ec2509c4505463b6f965ac25e8e2cff6451e480aa3b307377df97",
      "symbol": "BTC",
      "amount": "0.0000100000",
      "fee": "0.0000000000",
      "comment": null,
      "created_time": "2016-12-17 15:22:14",
      "updated_time": "2016-12-30 11:33:14",
      "confirmations": "3249",
      "status": "done",
      "retries": 0,
      "admin_confirm": 0,
      "user_confirm": 0,
      "extra": null,
      "other_account_name": null,
      "amount_string": "\u00e3f0.00001000",
      "fee_string": "\u00e3f0.00000000"
    },
    {
      "category": "move",
      "tags": "send move",
      "account": "1",
      "other_account": "2",
      "address": "",
      "txid": "move-58629b173cb8f0.44669543-send",
      "symbol": "BTC",
      "amount": "-0.0000133400",
      "fee": "0.0000010000",
    }
  ]
}
```

```

        "comment": "comment test",
        "created_time": "2016-12-27 16:47:19",
        "updated_time": "2016-12-27 16:47:19",
        "confirmations": "0",
        "status": "done",
        "retries": 0,
        "admin_confirm": 0,
        "user_confirm": 1,
        "extra": null,
        "other_account_name": "luser",
        "amount_string": "\u0e3f-0.00001334",
        "fee_string": "\u0e3f0.00000100"
    },
    {
        "category": "withdraw",
        "tags": "",
        "account": "1",
        "other_account": null,
        "address": "1i1B4pkLQ2VmLZwhuEGto3NAJdeh4xJr1W",
        "txid": "fed08f9a90c526f2bb791059a8718d422b8fdbcb55f719bd36b6e3d9717e815e0",
        "symbol": "BTC",
        "amount": "-0.0000600000",
        "fee": "0.0000500000",
        "comment": "withdrawing bitcoins",
        "created_time": "2016-12-30 11:44:37",
        "updated_time": "2016-12-30 12:46:41",
        "confirmations": "12",
        "status": "done",
        "retries": 2,
        "admin_confirm": 1,
        "user_confirm": 1,
        "extra": null,
        "other_account_name": null,
        "amount_string": "\u0e3f-0.00006000",
        "fee_string": "\u0e3f0.00005000"
    }
],
    "result": "success"
}

```

*All times are GMT.*

### Get nonces

Performing `do_move` and `do_withdraw` actions requires a nonce code. Get these via this api. Each of the two nonces is returned only if the current user has the capability to perform the

action.

**URI path:** /?\_\_wallets\_action=get\_nonces

**Parameters:** none

**Required capabilities:** has\_wallets

**Example response:**

```
{
  "nonces":{
    "do_withdraw":"893a9f9dad",
    "do_move":"6d5ebff18a"
  },
  "result":"success"
}
```

#### Move funds to another user

Transfers funds to another user. The transfer fee that the administrator has set in the coin adapter is charged to the sender.

**URI path:** /?\_\_wallets\_action=do\_move&\_\_wallets\_symbol=SYMBOL&\_\_wallets\_move\_toaccount=TOACCOUNT

**Parameters:**

- **SYMBOL:** The symbol of the coins to move, e.g. BTC, LTC, etc.
- **TOACCOUNT:** User ID of the recipient. The IDs are accessible via `get_user_info`.
- **AMOUNT:** The amount of coins to transfer, excluding any transaction fees. This is the amount that the recipient is to receive.
- **COMMENT:** A descriptive string that the sender attaches to the transaction.
- **WPNONCE:** The `do_move` WordPress nonce from the `get_nonces` call.

**Required capabilities:** has\_wallets, send\_funds\_to\_user

**Example response:**

```
{
  "result":"success"
}
```

#### Withdraw funds to an external address

Transfers funds to another address on the coin's network. The withdrawal fee that the administrator has set in the coin adapter is charged to the sender.

**URI path:** /?\_\_wallets\_action=do\_withdraw&\_\_wallets\_symbol=SYMBOL&\_\_wallets\_withdraw\_address=ADDRESS

**Parameters:**

- **SYMBOL:** The symbol of the coins to move, e.g. BTC, LTC, etc.

- **ADDRESS:** The external address to send coins to.
- **AMOUNT:** The amount of coins to transfer, excluding any transaction fees. This is the amount that the recipient address is to receive.
- **COMMENT:** A descriptive string that the sender attaches to the withdrawal.
- **COMMENT\_TO:** A descriptive string that the sender attaches to the address.
- **WPNONCE:** The do\_move WordPress nonce from the get\_nonces call.

**Required capabilities:** has\_wallets, withdraw\_funds\_from\_wallet

**Example response:**

```
{
  "result": "success"
}
```

## Notification API

### Notify

Notifies the wallets plugin that an event has occurred. The plugin then fires a WordPress action of the form `wallets_notify_TYPE_SYMBOL` with a single `MESSAGE` argument, and adapters can decide how to handle this. The notification API does not require login.

In practice this mechanism is useful for receiving deposits and for updating the confirmation counts of transactions.

For the bitcoin daemon, the `-walletnotify` parameter must be made to call `/wallets/notify/BTC/wallet/TXID` where `TXID` is a transaction ID, and `-blocknotify` must be made to call `/wallets/notify/BTC/block/BLOCKHASH` where `BLOCKHASH` is the hash of the latest block announced on the blockchain.

In general it is the responsibility of coin adapters to inform you of how to set up notification.

**URI path:** `/wallets/notify/SYMBOL/TYPE/MESSAGE`

**Parameters:**

- **SYMBOL:** The symbol of the coin that this notification is about, e.g. BTC, LTC, etc.
- **TYPE:** The notification type, such as wallet, block, alert, etc.
- **MESSAGE:** A string that is the payload of the notification.

**Example response:**

```
{
  "result": "success"
}
```



## **PHP API**

The Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets WordPress plugin offers a PHP API.

### **Purpose**

- You can access the API from your theme to perform transactions on behalf of your users.
- You can develop plugins that utilise the PHP API.
- You can install plugins that the Dashed-Slug releases to extend functionality. Many such plugins are on the roadmap.

### **How to call**

First you must call `Dashed_Slug_Wallets::get_instance()` to get an instance of the wallets plugin class. Refer to the auto-generated PHPdoc for a complete reference of what you can do and access.

### **Security caution**

As a side note, this also means that you must double-check what themes and plugins are installed on your site. Every piece of code that your site runs must be trustworthy for security reasons. Do not install themes or plugins from unknown sources without checking the code thoroughly. You should be already aware of this.

## Exchange rates API

Extensions can use exchange rates to calculate prices in different currencies.

App extensions to the **Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets** plugin, such as the **WooCommerce** and **Events Manager payment gateways**, use exchange rates for price calculation.

### Calling from PHP

Rates are retrieved with the following API call:

```
Dashed_Slug_Wallets_Rates::get_exchange_rate( $from, $to );
```

### Admin settings

You can choose which API will be used to pull exchange rates between various cryptocurrencies.

Go to *Wallets* → *Exchange rates* and pick a cryptocurrency exchange to use.

Payment gateways on checkout will only show coins where 1. the coin adapter is enabled, and 2. the coin is listed on the selected exchange

Set the *Rates cache expiry* to control how often new exchange rates are downloaded.

- New exchange rate data is always loaded after the user request, on PHP shutdown.
- Until new data is downloaded, the old data is used.
- New data is loaded when the time specified by the admin has elapsed.

There are options for tunnelling requests through tor. This is only useful if you are setting up a hidden service. In all other cases, keep this disabled.

Finally there are three views of the the downloaded data. These are there for debugging.

Scroll down and click on *Save Changes*.

### Pluggable exchanges

Register a new exchange with:

```
function filter_wallets_rates_providers( $providers ) {  
    $providers[] = 'newexchange';  
}
```

```
add_filter( 'wallets_rates_providers', 'filter_wallets_rates_providers' ), 10, 2);
```

Your code must discover cryptocurrency symbols known by this exchange with:

```

function filter_rates_cryptos_newexchange( $cryptos, $provider ) {
    if ( 'newexchange' == $provider {
        // Do API calls to the exchange here

        //
        $cryptos[] = 'DOGE';
    }
    return $cryptos;
}

add_filter( 'wallets_rates_cryptos', 'filter_rates_cryptos_newexchange' ), 10, 2);

Your code must also discover exchange rates from the various markets on this exchange:

function filter_rates_newexchange( $rates, $provider ) {
    if ( 'newexchange' == $provider {
        // Do API calls to the exchange here and determine prices

        // example: add a rate of BTC to DOGE
        $from = 'BTC';
        $to = 'DOGE';
        $r = 0.00000020;

        $rates["{$from}_{$to}"] = $r;
    }
    return $rates;
}

add_filter( 'wallets_rates', 'filter_rates_newexchange' ), 10, 2);

```

### Cache expiry

When contacting exchange APIs, make sure to set your cache timeout to the value of

```
Dashed_Slug_Wallets::get_option( 'wallets_rates_cache_expiry', 5 );
```

That is all.

## Multi-site (aka network) installations

As of version 2.2.3, the **Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets** plugin can be installed on multi-site WordPress installations.

As of version 2.4.0, the plugin will behave differently depending on whether it is *network-activated*, or activated on individual blogs.

### Activating on individual blogs

The *superadmin* installs the plugin via the network administrative pages and **does not** network-activate it.

Administrators can then activate the plugin on individual blogs and view the *Wallets* menu.

User roles who have the `manage_options` capability (usually administrators) will gain the `manage_wallets` capability and be able to configure settings, setup adapters, view and approve transactions, etc.

All settings can be set to be different between blogs.

Users will maintain separate wallets on each blog. Transactions stored in the database are bound to a blog and only appear on that blog.

Administrators can choose to install *coin adapters* or *feature extensions* on a blog-by-blog basis.

### Network-activating

The *superadmin* installs the plugin via the network administrative pages and proceeds to network-activate it.

Site administrators can not activate or deactivate the plugin on individual blogs, nor can they view the *Wallets* menu.

User roles who have the `manage_network` capability (usually super-admins) will gain the `manage_wallets` capability and be able to configure settings, setup adapters, view and approve transactions, etc. Site administrators will not be able to configure wallets settings.

Users will maintain one balance per coin accross the network.

Transactions stored in the database of the network can appear on all blogs in the network.

The network admin can choose to install *coin adapters*.

Blog administrators cannot install *coin adapters*, but they can install *feature extensions* on a blog-by-blog basis.

## Troubleshooting

Before contacting support you can have a look at these common pitfalls.

If you do contact support, please go to the Dashboard (top left in the admin screens) and find the plugin's widger. Copy the debug info and paste it into your query. This will let me know what type of system the plugin runs on.

### I do not see the UI elements in the frontend.

1. Check that you have added the shortcodes correctly or that you are displaying the wid-gets in the right widget area.
2. Check that you are logged in.
3. Check that you are logged in as a user with the right capabilities, including `has_wallets`. The needed capabilities for each UI element are listed in the *Shortcodes* section of this document.
4. Check that at least one coin adapter is online. Go to *Wallets* → *Adapters* and check the *status* column of each adapter.
5. Check your browser's JavaScript console for any errors (not warnings). If any script on your page has halted execution of JavaScript scripts then this would cause the UIs to not load.

If you have checked all of the above:

5. Contact support. If possible, check your JavaScript console for errors. If you find any, report them when you describe your issue.

### I see the UI elements but no coins.

1. Check that there is at least one adapter with status "online".
2. Contact support. If possible, check your JavaScript console for errors. If you find any, report them when you describe your issue.

### I am trying to test the plugin but do not want to spend money on transaction fees every time I test deposits or withdrawals.

You can perform most of your tests using testnets. Both Bitcoin and Litecoin have robust testnets that people are always mining.

- For RPC adapters, set `testnet=1` and restart your wallet.
- For the *CoinPayments adapter*, use the LTCT symbol for Litecoin testnet.
- For the *block.io adapter*, set the API keys to the testnet wallets provided by your account.
- For the *bittiraha wallet*, edit `testnet.conf` and set `enabled=1` and `port=18332`. Then restart your wallet and set the *Bitcoin core node* adapter to connect to that port.

Make sure to delete deposit addresses from the DB, as testnet addresses are different from mainnet addresses.

After configuring your adapter to connect to a testnet, use testnet faucets to perform deposits and withdrawals.

**Bitcoin testnet faucets:**

- <https://testnet.manu.backend.hamburg/faucet>
- <http://bitcoinaucet.uo1.net/>

**Litecoin testnet faucet:**

- <http://testnet.litecointools.com/>

**I am testing the plugin in my development environment and I am not getting any email notifications.**

First make sure that notifications are enabled in *Wallets* → *Notifications*. They should be enabled by default.

This is probably not an issue with the plugin, but with your OS setup. Unless you have set up sendmail on your system, emails will not work.

Since you are testing in a development environment, it makes sense that sendmail would not be set up, while on an actual live server provided by a web host, emails would work.

The easiest workaround would be to forward emails through a gmail account. You can setup a plugin such WP Mail SMTP.

Another option would be to test with *notifications* sent as BuddyPress private messages. However you would not be able to get *confirmation emails*, as this would not make sense from a security standpoint. If you choose to test the plugin using BuddyPress for this reason, you would have to disable confirmations. See the glossary section for the difference between notifications and confirmations.

**I am getting a warning about cron “The wp\_cron job has not run in a while and might be disabled.”**

1. Manually visit the following link in your browser, replacing *example.com* with the domain name for your site. This should trigger cron once and execute a single batch of transactions.

`http://example.com/wp-cron.php?doing\_wp\_cron`

2. Setup a unix cron job to trigger that URL via curl at regular intervals. For example this will trigger cron every five minutes:

```
* /5 * * * * curl http://example.com/wp-cron.php?doing_wp_cron  
> /dev/null 2>&1
```

3. Alternatively, you can setup the above curl command in CPanel if you prefer. See here for details.

### **I am getting a warning about cron “WordPress cron is disabled.”**

1. Check if the constant `DISABLE_WP_CRON` is set to false in your `wp-config.php` file. If it is, delete the line and cron should be enabled again.
2. If you cannot find the constant in `wp-config.php`, some other plugin might be setting the constant. Search the code of the other plugins or try disabling them to figure out which plugin is causing this.

### **I can’t find the *Wallets* menu in the admin screens even though the plugin is listed as installed and activated.**

There’s only a few reasons why the wallet menu would not show up:

On a multisite install if the plugin is network-activated, then the *Wallets* menu will be in the network admin pages, not at the blog level admin pages. If this is not what you wanted, first network-deactivate the plugin, and then activate the plugin on each blog where you want to use it.

Secondly, the menu appears only to users who have the `manage_wallets` capability. The plugin normally sets this capability to the administrator on activation. You can check if your user has this capability with this plugin: *Capability Manager*

Assuming the above is not the case, this would only happen if the plugin was not installed properly for whatever reason.

Maybe files are missing, or maybe something is very wrong with the database. In any case there must be errors in the logs.

### **I am trying to change the UIs by editing my shortcodes or my Widget settings, but the frontend remains the same no matter what.**

If you have installed a caching plugin such as *WP Super Cache*, try clearing your server cache.

**Under *Wallets* → *Adapters*, the status of my RPC coin adapters is *not responding*.**

- The error message includes *403 - forbidden*: The port you are trying to connect to is not open for your WordPress machine. This would indicate that your `rpccallowip` setting is not correct. Check your IP and port settings, your firewalls and lastly your host's firewalls. The unix commands `telnet` and `nc` are your friends in debugging this.
- The error message includes *301 - unauthorized*. The username and password that you provided does not match your `rpcuser` and `rpcpassword` settings, or your `rpcauth` setting. Remember that you are to EITHER set `rpcuser` and `rpcpassword`, OR `rpcauth` but not both.
- If there is another error message, check the error message to get a hint as to what is going wrong. Contact support if needed.

**I have setup an RPC adapter correctly (status=responding). When I perform a deposit, the deposit never shows up in the plugin, even after waiting for a few minutes.**

Deposits are discovered via two ways, polling on cron, and via curl using the wallet's notification mechanism. It is unlikely that both of these mechanisms don't work. Check to see first if the wallet has downloaded the entire blockchain. If it is stuck or is simply still downloading, then it would not know about any recent transactions. For Bitcoin, you can check the block count with `bitcoin-cli getinfo`. The value of `blocks` should match the current block height for the network. Check <https://blockchain.info/latestblock> for Bitcoin, or a similar block explorer service for any other coin.

**I get the following error in the frontend: Could not contact server. / Status: parseerror / Error: SyntaxError: JSON.parse: unexpected character at line 1 column 1 of the JSON data**

You would normally get this if you have enabled logging in `wp-config.php` ( `WP_DEBUG` is `true` ), and you have not set `WP_DEBUG_DISPLAY` to `false` ) and any other plugin or theme on your installation is writing any text to the logs for any reason.

The plugin's frontend performs a number of XHR requests to the WordPress server, and the responses should be valid JSON. If any errors are written to the output, that would cause the responses to not be valid JSON. Set `WP_DEBUG_DISPLAY` to `false` in your `wp-config.php`.



### **When I activate the plugin, my WordPress becomes somewhat slow but is still usable.**

If you can still use WordPress, go to *Wallets* → *Exchange rates* and set the *Rates provider* to *disabled*. If this makes WordPress fast again, this means that the delay was coming from the exchange rates API. Try experimenting with other rates providers.

You can also go to *Wallets* → *Cron job* and set the *Run every* interval to a higher value. The plugin and its extensions perform miscellaneous maintenance tasks on every cron heartbeat. You can control how often these tasks are performed.

### **When I activate the plugin, my WordPress becomes extremely slow and is unusable.**

If WordPress has become so slow as to be completely unusable, you can regain control of your WordPress if you simply delete the plugin.

- You will have to delete the `wp-content/plugins/wallets` directory.
- You will not lose your settings unless you run the plugin's uninstall script.
- You will not lose any transaction data or deposit addresses, even if you run the uninstall script.
- You can reinstall the plugin after diagnosing the problem.

The plugin contacts a number of third-party endpoints for its normal operation. If these connection attempts timeout (instead of succeeding or failing) then this will typically incur a slowdown of about 30 seconds per each connection attempt, making the plugin and WordPress unusable. Connection timeouts are usually caused due to firewalls.

- Make sure that you have only enabled tor settings if you know that your site is a hidden site running on tor.
- If you are connecting to an RPC wallet situated on a different machine than your WordPress server, make sure that your webhost allows outgoing connections to TCP ports other than 80 and 443.
- If you are the administrator of the WordPress machine, check your firewalls for any rules that may interfere with outgoing connections.

### **Something else is wrong. I would like to check the logs for any errors that might give me clues as to what's going on.**

Here are instructions on how you enable logs: Debugging in WordPress

Make sure that you have `define( 'WP_DEBUG', true );` and `define( 'WP_DEBUG_LOG', true );`. This will write to `wp-content/debug.log`. You will want to set `define( 'WP_DEBUG_DISPLAY', false );`. Otherwise any error or warning will cause the JSON API to not parse.

The plugin always writes to the logs on activation. It would write something like: Upgrading wallets schema from X to Y. and Finished upgrading wallets schema from X to Y.. If it does not write to that file while you are activating the plugin, then your logging is not working properly. Check your wp-config.php and the filesystem owner/permissions on the wp-content directory. It must be writable by the user of your webserver daemon.

## Coin Adapter development

In *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets*, connectivity to the various local wallets and cloud wallets is provided by *Coin adapters*. These are WordPress plugins that extend Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets.

Coin adapters do the following:

1. Perform the on-chain transfers (withdrawals).
2. Notify the plugin for any incoming deposits.
3. Provide information about a coin and the wallet service.
4. Provide settings that control communication with the wallet.

Coin adapters do not worry about accounting or internal fund transfers. This is done by the main plugin.

### Instructions for Bitcoin-like coins

Coins with an interface similar to the Bitcoin JSON-RPC API are the easiest to implement. You can simply modify the Litecoin RPC Adapter extension. Instructions follow:

1. Download the Litecoin RPC Adapter. This is the reference implementation for this type of adapters.
2. Rename the files `wallets-litecoin.php` and `includes/wallets-litecoin-adapter.php` to names appropriate for your coin.
3. Replace all strings in both files to names appropriate for your coin, making sure to preserve case. For example *Litecoin* → *Mycoin*, *litecoin* → *mycoin*, *LTC* → *MCN*.
4. Modify the values in the `action_activate()` function to match your coin's details. The administrator can override these defaults later.
  - The **TCP port number** for the RPC API.
  - Sane defaults for the **deposit and internal transfer fees**. This will depend on your coin's typical price and typical transaction fees.
  - Set the required **number of network confirmations** for deposits to be considered confirmed.
5. If needed, replace the default URI patterns for links to a blockexplorer by overriding the parent functions `explorer_uri_address` and `explorer_uri_tx`.
6. Finally remove the `ds-update.php` file. This is the dashed-slug plugin update mechanism. You should provide your own way to maintain the plugin and distribute it via your own channels.

Once you finish all changes, test your adapter with a deposit and a withdrawal. The rest of this chapter is of interest only if you wish to develop a coin adapter for a wallet with a different interface.

## Coin adapter simple example

When the `wallets_declare_adapters` action is triggered, include a file that will contain the adapter.

```
function myplugin_wallets_declare_adapters() {  
    include 'myplugin-coin-adapter-class.php';  
}
```

```
add_action( 'wallets_declare_adapters', 'myplugin_wallets_declare_adapters' );
```

The adapter itself must be a class that derives from `Dashed_Slug_Wallets_Coin_Adapter`.

The class must have a no-argument constructor. You do not instantiate your class. *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets* will create a single instance of each class you declare.

Simply study the `Dashed_Slug_Wallets_Coin_Adapter` class file and override all methods needed in your implementation.

For example, a Litecoin wallet might begin as follows:

```
class MyPlugin_Adapter extends Dashed_Slug_Wallets_Coin_Adapter {  
  
    public function get_symbol() {  
        return 'LTC';  
    }  
  
    public function get_name() {  
        return 'Litecoin';  
    }  
  
    // etc...  
  
}
```

The adapter's submenu normally appears under the wallets menu.

On the action `admin_menu`, *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets* triggers the `wallets_admin_menu` action.

Adapters normally bind the `action_wallets_admin_menu()` function to this action upon construction. This is the function that binds the adapter settings.

You might want to override it to provide additional settings:

```
public function action_wallets_admin_menu() {  
    parent::action_wallets_admin_menu();  
  
    // bind additional settings...  
}
```

Or to hide the settings altogether and possibly provide your own page.

```
public function action_wallets_admin_menu() { }
```

## Coin adapters class hierarchy

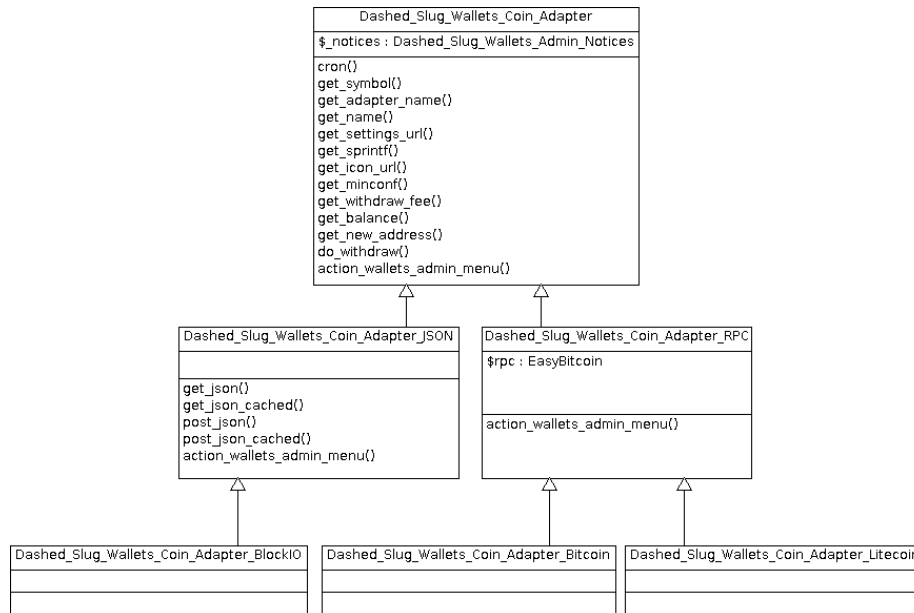


Figure 2: Coin adapters class hierarchy

You do not have to extend directly from `Dashed_Slug_Wallets_Coin_Adapter`.

### `Dashed_Slug_Wallets_Coin_Adapter_RPC`

If your wallet is a Bitcoin-like wallet daemon with an RPC API, you might want to derive from `Dashed_Slug_Wallets_Coin_Adapter_RPC`. This is an abstract class that uses EasyBitcoin-PHP to communicate with a wallet.

### `Dashed_Slug_Wallets_Coin_Adapter_JSON`

If you need to do GET or POST requests to an API that returns JSON, consider deriving from `Dashed_Slug_Wallets_Coin_Adapter_JSON`. This provides the following helpers: `get_json()`, `get_json_cached()`, `post_json()`, `post_json_cached()`.

## Withdraw address validators

You can bind JavaScript validator functions to coins. Whenever a user enters a withdrawal address into the [wallets\_withdraw] UI, your function can test that address for consistency and warn the user if the address does not pass validation. For example, here's how to hook a validation function for Litecoin:

```
$.fn.walletsBindWithdrawAddressValidator(  
    'LTC',  
    function ( val ) {  
        var bytes;  
  
        try {  
            bytes = bs58check.decode( val );  
        } catch ( e ) {  
            return false;  
        }  
  
        if ( bytes.length != 21 )  
            return false;  
  
        var version = bytes[0];  
  
        return 0x30 == version;  
    }  
);
```

The above code binds a validator function to the LTC symbol. The code does a bs58check and a version check to validate a Litecoin address. The bs58check object from bitcoinjs is always available.

To make sure that your code runs after the wallets code, enqueue it with these dependencies:

```
function action_wp_enqueue_scripts() {  
    wp_enqueue_script(  
        'wallets_litecoin_validator',  
        plugins_url( 'wallets-litecoin-validator.js',  
            "wallets-litecoin/assets/scripts/wallets-litecoin-validator.js" ),  
        array( 'wallets_ko', 'bs58check' ),  
        false,  
        true  
    );  
}  
add_action( 'wp_enqueue_scripts', 'action_wp_enqueue_scripts' );
```

This ensures that your script only runs after \$.fn.walletsBindWithdrawAddressValidator and bs58check are loaded.

## Glossary

Here are some terms related to *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets*.

*PRO TIP:* When contacting the *dashed-slug* for support or other inquiries, it is useful to have this glossary handy until you are fluent with the language of the dashed-slug ;-)

**Accepted by admin** — A type of transaction *confirmation*. For either *withdrawals* or *internal transfers* the admin can be required to provide *confirmation*. In this case, the admin has to go to the *Wallets* → *Transactions*\* admin panel and click next to a transaction to let it proceed.

**Adapter** — See *Coin Adapter*.

**App extension** — An *extension* to *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets* that provides useful functionality. Contrast with *Coin adapter extension*.

**Capabilities** — 1. In the general context of WordPress, see the Codex definition of Roles and Capabilities 2. In the context of the *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets* plugin, the WordPress capabilities that begin with the slug `wallets_` and control access to wallet actions and management.

**Cloud wallet adapter** — A *coin adapter* that uses an online wallet service rather than a standalone wallet node. Offers ease of use and minimal maintenance. The *CoinPayments Adapter* and the *block.io Adapter* extension are examples of *cloud wallet adapters*.

**Cold storage** — A wallet that holds a part of the website's funds and is offline. That is, there is no way for the system where WordPress runs to withdraw funds from the cold storage wallet even if the system is compromised. Only the site operator should be able to transfer funds to and from cold storage.

**Confirmation** — 1. In the general context of cryptocurrencies, see the Bitcoin wiki page for Confirmation 2. In the context of the *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets* plugin, the transaction attributes *Accepted by admin* and *Verified by user*.

**Coin adapter** — Communicates with a cryptocurrency wallet to provide deposit and withdraw support for a coin to the *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets* plugin.

**Coin adapter extension** — An *extension* to *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets* that provides one or more *Coin Adapters*.

**Cron** — A mechanism of *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets* where on every heartbeat of the plugin, a number of transactions are executed and *coin adapters* can perform their own actions such as detecting transactions or other checks. Normally *cron* is triggered by the wp cron mechanism, which in turn can be triggered by a Linux cron scheduler if needed. However the *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets* cron is guaranteed to run eventually even in installations where the other mechanisms are absent.

**dashed-slug** — Software house that churns out cryptocurrency plugins for WordPress at an alarming rate!

**Deposit** — A *transaction* whereby a user sends money from some other wallet on the cryptocurrency network to their *deposit address* on your website.



**Deposit address** — A cryptocurrency address where a user can send coins to perform a *deposit*. Every user has one *deposit address* for each *coin adapter* and a new address is generated on the wallet by the *coin adapter*, if one does not exist.

**Extension** — A plugin that extends *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets*. See *App extension* and *Coin adapter extension*.

**Symbol** — A short, usually three-letter string of letters that identifies a currency. e.g. “BTC” for Bitcoin.

**Internal transfer** — A transfer between two users in the same WordPress installation, either in the same blog or accross blogs in a multisite install. The transfer can cost any amount of fees that the administrator chooses, including zero fees. The transaction is only stored in the local database and is not broadcast to the network. In fact, the *coin adapter* is not notified about internal transfers at all. Users can initiate internal transfers using the `[wallets_move]` shortcode. *App extensions* such as the *WooCommerce Payment Gateway extension* use internal transfers to perform transactions.

**IPN** — Stands for Instant Payment Notification. In the context of the CoinPayments *multi-adapter*, the mechanism that lets the CoinPayments platform to inform *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets* of incoming user deposits.

**Move** — See *Internal transfer*. The term *move* is used throughout the sourcecode for brevity.

**Multi-adapter** — A *coin adapter extension* that provides more than one *coin adapter*.

**Notification** — A message sent to a user to inform them of some event that affects their balance in some way, such as a *deposit*, *withdrawal*, or *internal transfer*. The message reports whether the transaction succeeded or failed, and includes an error message in case of failure. It can be sent over e-mail or, since version 2.8.3 via the BuddyPress Private Messaging component.

**Transaction** — A *deposit*, *withdrawal*, or *internal transfer* that affects user balances (i.e. excluding *cold storage* deposits and withdrawals).

**Transaction status** — One of the following: *Unaccepted* is a *transaction* that has not been *Accepted by admin* or *Verified by user*. *Pending* is a *transaction* that has been, and is ready to be executed. *Done* is a transaction that has been performed successfully. *Failed* means the transaction did not succeed due to some error. *Cancelled* is a transaction that was cancelled manually by an admin with the `manage_wallets` capability.

**Verified by user** — A type of transaction *confirmation*. For either *withdrawals* or *internal transfers* the user that originated the transaction can be required to provide *confirmation*. This is done via a nonce that is sent to the account owner over e-mail for added security.

**Withdrawal** — A *transaction* whereby a user sends money from your website to another address on the cryptocurrency network. If that address is a deposit address of some other user on the same website, an *internal transfer* is done instead.

## Contact and support

Please use the support forum on WordPress.org for all issues and inquiries regarding the plugin.

Please use the appropriate support forum for the plugin's extensions.

You are welcome to send in any problems, questions, suggestions, thoughts, etc.

For all other communication, please contact [info@dashed-slug.net](mailto:info@dashed-slug.net).

When requesting support, it is helpful if you include some info about the problem you are facing and your system. You can go to the WordPress Admin Dashboard, and in the widget for *Bitcoin and Altcoin Wallets* you will find information about your setup. You can copy this information and paste it into your support request.