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Buyer's guide

The currency used to buy stuff on Silk Road are Bitcoin. Bitcoin uses encryption and a system of peer-to-peer double checking to create a completely digital currency. No personal information is associated with your bitcoins at all, making them ideal for anonymous transactions. Additionally, Silk Road employs a built-in tumbler that mixes all incoming bitcoins through a series of dummy transactions before they ever leave. Click here for instructions on how to get Bitcoins, or visit Bitcoin.org to learn more.

Silk Road employs an escrow system for all transaction. This means that when you make an order the bitcoins are deducted from your wallet, moves into a temporary escrow account, then after the vendor sends to order they confirm it being sent. When you receive the package, you confirm it being received and the vendor revives the coin. If for whatever reason you do not receive the package you can send the order into resolution, where you and the vendor can resolve the problem or should that not work Silk Road will step in to resolve the issue. Keep in mind this system is to prevent fraud on both the end of the seller and the buyer.

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Connecting to Hidden Services

Connecting to Hidden Services main article

If you are reading this now, you have at least figured out how to access a tor hidden service, good job :) You have either installed tor and configured your browser to use it, or you are using a proxy such as tor2web. We strongly encourage you to connect to the hidden service directly rather than going through a proxy as it is much more secure and anonymous. The [Tor Browser Bundle](#) is available for all major platforms.

Getting bitcoins

Bitcoin main article

Click here for a list of reputable exchangers that will take many different forms of payment for Bitcoins. When they ask for your receiving address, give them the address on your account page that looks something like this:

1E8sKdGWSy9ysm5ndCbBfdySzRhiPwmYDr

Your deposit will appear in your account once the Bitcoin network confirms your transfer. This can take up to an hour or more. If for some reason your transfer doesn't come through, just let us know and be sure to include the address you sent the coins to.

Your account has a built-in eWallet for Bitcoins, so you can buy and sell here without ever having to worry about third-party services at all. When you sell something, your account is credited, and when you buy something, it is debited.

Shopping Cart

Shopping Cart main article

The first step to placing an order is selecting the items you want to purchase by adding them to your shopping cart. From the cart, you may increase the quantity of your purchase, and select the appropriate postage option. See your vendor's page or the item description for postage instructions. When you've chosen your postage and quantity, click "update cart" to confirm the changes. Once your cart is ready, you must enter the address you would like your items sent to. This is the one point in the process where some kind of personal information is revealed. We take this very seriously and have taken every precaution to protect it.

Receiving address

From the moment you submit your order, to the moment it is displayed to your vendor, the information is fully encrypted and totally unreadable. Then, as soon as your vendor marks your package with the address and confirms shipment, the address is deleted forever and is not retrievable. For the extra cautious, you can encrypt your information yourself with your *vendor's public key* so that even we at Silk Road would be unable to view it, even if we wanted to. See below for more ways to be safe.

Payment

If you have enough funds in your account to cover your purchase, then your order will be validated instantly and sent on to your vendor. If not, then you must deposit enough Bitcoins into your account to cover your total.

When your order ships, its status will change from "processing" to "in transit." Now just kick back and wait for it to arrive. Once it does, don't forget to click "finalize" next to your order and leave feedback :)

Tumbler

Just when you thought Silk Road couldn't be more secure, we went one step further. The tumbler sends all payments through a complex, semi-random series of dummy transactions, each with a new, one-use receiving address, making it nearly impossible to link your payment with any coins leaving the site. The quantity, frequency, and number of transactions are all varied chaotically in a way that mimics the transactions of the bitcoin economy as a whole.

Escrow

Escrow main article

Our commitment is to total satisfaction for each and every purchase you make here. If your package never arrives or is not in the condition you expected, you may have a chance at a full or partial refund of the purchase price. Just click "resolve" next to your order. Our resolution center gives you total flexibility in working out a mutually agreeable outcome with your vendor, whether you want to request a full or partial refund, release payment to your vendor, or extend the time you wait for arrival. In the rare event that an agreement can't be made, a Silk Road admin will be right there to mediate and investigate if necessary. The vast majority of orders are filled exactly as expected, but to avoid even the rare hang up, we strongly encourage you to read your vendor's feedback and ask questions of them ahead of time.

NEVER go around the escrow and pay a vendor directly. We will be totally unable to protect you in this event and the vendor will have much less motivation to serve you well. People HAVE been scammed this way. If a seller requests that you pay them directly, please let us know so we can address the situation.

Escrow hedge

Unfortunately, the Bitcoin exchange rate isn't as stable as we would all like it to be, and can fluctuate wildly in a matter of hours, let alone the days or weeks it takes for a package to arrive. Because of this, there is a real danger that the Bitcoins being held in your escrow account will lose value by the time your vendor gets paid or you are refunded. So, we've given the option to vendors to hedge the future payments they are expecting from escrow such that the dollar value of the payment doesn't change as the Bitcoin exchange rate changes.

For example, a vendor is hedging the escrow for a 10 btc order you place with them, and the dollar value of your order when you purchase it is \$100. Now, let's say your order never arrives and your vendor agrees to a full refund, but those 10 btc are no longer worth \$100, they're worth \$50! Because your vendor hedged the escrow, you won't get a refund of 10 btc, you'll get 20 btc equaling the original value of \$100. Of course, the opposite is also true. If Bitcoins appreciate in value while your order is in escrow, your refund will be fewer Bitcoins, but still equaling the original dollar value.

When checking out, you will see which orders will be hedged and which won't. After the order is placed, your escrow balance will reflect the dollar value of your hedged orders and the Bitcoin value of your unhedged orders. All hedged orders are hedged as soon as the order is placed. So when getting a refund for hedged items, don't be surprised if the number of Bitcoins you get back is not the same as the amount you paid.

Receiving packages

Use a different, unrelated address than the one where your item will be kept such as a friend's house or P.O. box. Once the item arrives, transport it discretely to its final destination. Avoid abandoned buildings or any place where it would be suspicious to have mail delivered.

Do not sign for your package. If you are expecting a package from us, do not answer the door for the postman, let him leave it there and then transport it as described above. Do not use your real name. This tactic doesn't work in some places because deliveries won't be made to names not registered with the address. If you think this is a problem, send your self a test letter with the fake name and see if it arrives.

If you follow these guidelines, your chances of being detected are minimal. In the event that you are detected, deny requesting the package. Anyone can send anyone else anything in the mail.

Purchasing statistics

Because you are totally anonymous on Silk Road, the vendors here have no way of knowing if they can trust you at first. To help them judge whether they want to do business with you or not, some statistics are kept about your past purchases. When you purchase an item, before the order is accepted, your vendor can see how long you have been a member on the site, how many orders have been shipped out to you, and what percentage of the payments you made for those purchases were ultimately refunded to you. They can also see how many orders you ignored and allowed to "auto-finalize." So, the best way to keep a good reputation and eventually be accepted by all of the vendors here is to finalize your orders as soon as they arrive and you confirm they are good, and to only request a refund when you deserve it. The statistics are weighted toward the present, so you must keep up your good behavior, but if you have a bad streak, you can recover by doing well going forward. You can view your own stats at any time by clicking the link on your account page.

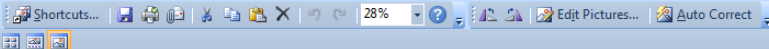
Final note

We do everything we can to protect your anonymity and ensure that your visits here bring you great satisfaction. However, you should understand the risks of possessing and using any of the items you purchase here. Research these matters before jumping in and be responsible for your actions. Learn how Tor and Bitcoin work so you can understand how to use them and where their limitations are. If you have any questions or concerns, we are here to support you.

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Buyer's guide

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