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WEB3 DOMAINS, EXPLAINED WITHOUT THE JARGON

COLLECTION "FLAG DOMAINS FOR BEGI NNERS"

SPECIAL EDITION - YOUR WALLET

Link Your Domain to Your Wallet

A Web3 domain only shows its full power when it lives in a wallet and points to it. That is when the name stops being a line in an account and becomes your address on the blockchain. Here is how to do it, click by click, without writing a line of code.



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THE BASICS

The wallet is the title deed

On the blockchain, a wallet is not a purse. It is the place where your name is recorded, and the pen that signs every transaction.

When a domain is minted, it is created on a blockchain and kept in a wallet, like any digital asset. The wallet does two things: it receives the domain, and it approves transactions when something needs to change. No wallet, no on-chain ownership. That is why Freename asks for one.

Think of it this way. Your Freename account is the counter where you paid. The wallet is the land registry where the deed is recorded. You want the deed in your name.

TWO WAYS TO KEEP YOUR NAME

Your own wallet. Most users mint and manage their domains with a non-custodial wallet such as MetaMask. Non-custodial means you control the private keys: only you can sign, so only you control the asset. Other major wallets work too, as long as they support the blockchain you mint on.

Freename's Custody Wallet. If you prefer not to manage a wallet app, Freename can hold your Web3 domains and TLDs for you in its Custody Wallet. It is available on the Polygon and Base blockchains. Simpler to start with; you can still move to your own wallet later.

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WHICH BLOCKCHAINS?

Freename mints on several networks - Polygon, BSC, Aurora, Solana, Base and others. For a first domain, Polygon is the usual choice: fast, cheap and supported by all major wallets. With the Custody Wallet, the choice is already made: Polygon or Base.

RECEIVE MONEY WITH A NAME

A wallet address is a long string of characters nobody can remember. A name can be said on the phone and written without mistakes. For example: sendmemoney.usa or mysonwallet.usa. Better than a 42-character string, don't you think?

THE RULE THAT PROTECTS EVERYTHING

A non-custodial wallet comes with a recovery phrase: twelve or twenty-four words shown only once at setup. Write them on paper. Keep that paper somewhere safe, offline. Never in a screenshot, a notes app, cloud storage, an email draft or a chat. Whoever holds these words holds your wallet and everything in it. Lost words cannot be recovered - not by Freename, not by MetaMask, not by anyone.

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CLICK BY CLICK

From purchase to payment address

1. **Install your wallet**
   Install MetaMask from metamask.io (browser extension or mobile app) and write the recovery phrase on paper during setup. Skip this step if you chose Freename's Custody Wallet - your names can be minted there on Polygon or Base.

2. **Mint the domain into your wallet**
   Open your **Portfolio** on freename.com, find the domain and click **"Mint"**. Choose the blockchain - Polygon is the usual first choice - and confirm the transaction in your wallet when it appears. Minting usually takes a few hours; when it is busy, up to 72. Once confirmed, the domain is in your wallet as an asset that fully belongs to you.

3. **Set the "Wallet Address" record**
   Still in your Portfolio, open the domain's **"Manage"** page and go to the **"Records"** section. In the **"Wallet Address"** area, click **"Sign Transaction"**, then confirm in MetaMask. The change takes a few hours to become active. This record is the link: it tells the blockchain which wallet your name points to.

4. **Receive crypto on your name**
   From then on, anyone using MetaMask with the Freename Web3 Resolver (a free Snap, installed from the MetaMask Snaps directory) can send crypto to your domain instead of a long wallet address. One detail to know: there is no automatic bridge between chains. If your domain is minted on Polygon and someone sends USDC on Base, the funds arrive on Base, at the same wallet address. The money does reach your wallet - but on the sender's chain.

> **BEFORE YOU SIGN ANYTHING**
> Only link a wallet that is yours and that you fully control. If the destination wallet belongs to someone else, or you no longer have access to it, every payment sent to your domain goes there - with no way back. Freename's advice is blunt: if you do not control the destination wallet, go no further.

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WHEN IT GETS STUCK

Checks and Fixes

THE FINAL CHECKLIST

- ☐ **The domain shows in my Portfolio** - purchase confirmed.
- ☐ **The domain is minted** - it is in my wallet (or the Custody Wallet) as an on-chain asset.
- ☐ **The "Wallet Address" record is signed** - "Records" section, "Sign Transaction", confirmed in MetaMask.
- ☐ **The linked wallet is mine** - I have full access to it, recovery phrase on paper.
- ☐ **I waited a few hours** - records take time to become active.

"NO ADDRESS RESOLUTION FOUND"

This is the error senders see in MetaMask when the link is not active yet. Three things to check, in order: you clicked **"Sign Transaction"** for this exact domain and confirmed with your wallet; the sender has the Freename Web3 Resolver Snap installed in MetaMask; and a few hours have passed since you signed. Still stuck? Try another device or browser, then write to support@freename.com.

Sign the record, wait a few hours, and your name works as your address.

GOOD HABITS

— Keep your wallet app up to date, and install it only from the official site.

— Never type your recovery phrase on a website. No legitimate service asks for it.

— Check the address after every change: Portfolio, "Manage", "Records".

— Moving a domain to another wallet later is a normal transfer of the asset - the name goes with it.

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