

# DRAFT of *Get Started* tab

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**Reminder: Both the *FAQs* draft and this *Get Started* section are part of the “clearnet” promotional website, not the private “actual business” website.**

- **Ideally, the format of the *Get Started* document should mimic the ideal format of the *FAQs* section.**

*[Note: **Text highlighted in blue** indicates matters still to be decided before *Bedrock* officially goes into operation.]*

## GENERAL CATEGORIES:

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## ISSUES:

### Get Started

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### FULL-TEXT DISCUSSION:

#### Get Started

### A. Opening an Account

#### A.1. *How?*

- Bedrock ... is *different* from all other internet services, and creating a Bedrock account is different. In some ways, it is simpler; in others, more complicated. *Don't let any complexity stop you from gaining our valuable services!*
  - First: Acquire the (free) TOR Browser
    - *Why?* A major aspect of Bedrock's difference is its total commitment to the privacy of its clients. The internet – increasingly the subject of surveillance and interference by private (criminal) and public (bureaucratic) entities, has only the defenses of *encryption* and *decentralization*. Electing to do business within the TOR system maximizes both to a degree far more secure than conventional internet usage.
      - **Bedrock accounts can *only* be created and accessed by using the TOR Browser.**
      - Bedrock recommends using the TOR Browser *whether or not one chooses to use Bedrock!*
    - Visit [the TOR Project website](#), familiarize yourself with its basics, and download and install its system on your computer or smartphone.

A.2. In addition to being useful as a conventional internet *browser*, the TOR Browser allows access to ***private websites***, such as the site maintained by Bedrock to handle all its private business dealings.

- “Private” websites are not registered with the public Domain Name System (“DNS”). They have un-memorizable website addresses, consisting of 56-random character URLs with an *.onion* extension. They can only be found by extra research or invitation, and can *only* be accessed by the TOR Browser.

- Bedrock’s (prototype) private website – where you would actually create your account – is:  
<http://nh3hj6lylygu6hvm4uifzbxpqd7w2uzhpdcmv2nxssvgwu3s4xie3yd.onion/index.html/>
- Obviously, this would be difficult to memorize or re-type correctly, character for character. It is always sensible to use your device’s ability to *select*, *copy*, and *paste* text, to indicate the address. Bedrock gives you a “button” that will automatically copy the address into your “clipboard.” [BUTTON to come]
  - Please feel free to check Bedrock’s private website out – understanding that it’s *only a prototype* and lacks any actual current functionality.
- But remember: you can *only* access Bedrock’s (or any other) *private* website by using the TOR Browser.
  - Observing current trends toward oppressive surveillance, Bedrock hopes (and anticipates) that the private web will eventually overcome its propagandized demonic reputation and become the *standard* way the internet is accessed, ultimately replacing “clearnet” commercial access altogether.

A.3. After reaching the “landing page” of Bedrock’s private website, you might want to refresh your memory of the login information choices Bedrock recommends. (*If you do, click on “reproduced here.”*)

- After reading that page, you can link to the Create Account page, where all Bedrock clients will initially register themselves.
  - The Name field is *optional!* Whatever you enter will be used in e-mails from Bedrock and also on our “bulletin board.”
    - Recommendation: Do personalize your account with a “handle” or pseudonym that you and chosen others will recognize. Enter your actual name only if you plan to transact business openly using Bedrock.
    - Reason: Remember that *anyone* can create a valid Bedrock account. Having an account is no guarantee that every account holder shares your concern for privacy.
  - If you leave the Name field blank (which is perfectly acceptable), Bedrock will use only your Account Number (which will be auto-generated) for all communications with you. Anything you enter as a Name will be included, in parentheses, after the Account Number.

- The E-Mail Address field is *required* and *essential*. E-mail is the *only* way we communicate with you.
  - You can also use it to log in (instead of your Account Number [TBD]).
  - Depending on your circumstances, it might be advisable to consider whether you want to receive e-mail from Bedrock in your most commonly-used e-mail account – especially if that account displays your true name. An alternative suggestion:
    - Create an additional e-mail address – free encrypted e-mail services are readily available – perhaps using the same handle or pseudonym you chose, above.
    - Then configure your new e-mail system to route all e-mails from Bedrock to a special sub-folder not immediately visible on your regular e-mail’s “Inbox” page.
- Create your Password
  - Obviously, this is an essential, required step.
  - Bedrock indicates its requirements for a client password in comprehensive detail on the registration page.
  - Re-enter your Password
- [TBD: Immediately?] Create a Two-Factor Authentication (“2FA”) mechanism.
- [TBD (alternatively?):] Additional self-protecting authentication methods are always recommended, and may be required should your Bedrock holding reach 0.500 Nuggets.
- As noted in the Bedrock Clients section of the *Whitepaper*, and reiterated in the *FAQs* section on Legal and Government Issues, all clients must read and agree to the *Standard Client Contract* [to come]. Its most important clause states that any future contention a client may have with Bedrock Digitized Bullion System will be referred to the private General Arbitrator appointed by Bedrock’s independent Board of Governors.

A.4. A last admonition before creating the account: *Saving* authentication details is ultimately the client’s – *your* – responsibility. It may seem inconsequential when there is nothing *in* the account, but if a holding is accumulated while authentication details are lost, it can be a personal disaster. *We urge you to take the time now to record – in two places – your chosen e-mail address and password!*

- That is *all* that’s required!
- Please note what information has *not* been demanded (and will never be):

- Your legal name
- Your address
- Your citizenship
- Your national identity number
- Your telephone
- Your photograph
- Your bank account
- Bedrock considers that information *your personal property* – to be shared only at your personal discretion.
- Click Create the Account [**BUTTON**] or press Enter.

#### A.5. Exploring the Client Dashboard



[Log Out](#)

[Initiate Transaction](#)

[Bedrock Amenities](#)

[Bedrock Information](#)

[Settings](#)

[icon] 2 Transaction Proposals

[icon] 0 New E-mails

### Client Dashboard – Account #123456 (Joe Superman)

[juper99@pm.me](mailto:juper99@pm.me)

**Current Nugget Holding: 0.08428571  
or 8,428,571 Nugget Satoshis**

[Transaction History](#)

- At this point, you will have created the “Null” Bedrock account with which all clients begin. You will see a personal Client Dashboard page resembling the one above. Even without acquiring any Nuggets *in* the account, you may keep it as long as you wish.
  - Note: The above mock-up portrays the *positive* holding of a fictional Regular client, as opposed to the Null holding of a brand-new client.
  - Note: *Initiate Transaction*, *Settings*, and *Log Out* shown are hyperlinks; *Amenities* and *Information* open drop-down menus.

- Notice that an Account Number has been automatically created and displayed by the system. This is essential to anything you do with your account. *Add your Account Number to your recorded e-mail choice and password.* The E-mail Address and any Name you entered are also displayed.
- Your Nugget Wallet Address has also been automatically created. It is displayed on your Settings page. [TBD]
- From your Client Dashboard page, you can:
  - View the current status of your Nugget Holding. It is reported in two formats – whole Nuggets, and “Nugget Satoshis.”
  - Review your Nugget Transaction History
  - Initiate a Transaction with another Bedrock account
  - If a Bedrock account holder is proposing a Transaction to you, clicking the notification icon will open it for your consideration
  - If a Bedrock account holder has sent you an e-mail on Bedrock’s internal system, clicking the notification icon will open it

#### A.6. System Amenities and Information

- The Bedrock Amenities tab lists:
  - View *Standard Transaction Form*
  - Arbitration Organizations Database
  - Access the Bulletin Board
  - Access Internal E-Mail
  - View the *Standard Client Contract*
  - Support (Help Desk) – for questions regarding use of the private website
- The Bedrock Information tab lists:
  - Vault Location Details
  - Current vault holding details
  - Bedrock fees and charges
- Client Settings
  - [Show EXAMPLE PERSONAL SETTINGS SCREEN (once it exists)?]  
Client Settings options will include:
    - Name, Password, E-mail *revise* and *re-set*
    - Preferred arbitration organization(s) [drop-down/check-box menu]
    - Display of the Account’s Nugget Wallet Address

- Preferred language(s) [drop-down/check-box menu]
- Geographic locations of interest [drop-down/check-box menu]
- Preferred computer/smartphone system [automatic? TBD]
- Fail-safe procedures in event of your disability or demise
- Option of receiving Bedrock informational and promotional e-mail
  - Though certain choices are required to transact Nuggets, most general settings are *optional*.
  - Clients can also change them at any time.

## B. How to Acquire Nuggets – The two most common methods:

### B.1. You can acquire Nuggets by Adding Bullion into the system

- When a client desires to acquire a *large number of Nuggets*, or is concerned to acquire Nuggets quickly, the most expeditious method is to become a Bedrock “Pioneer,” a client who arranges for Bedrock to increase its holding of bullion, which results directly in an increase in Nuggets, all of which are placed into the client’s account. Depending on the client’s privacy requirements and urgency in acquiring Nuggets, two methods are available.
  - 1) The pioneer client can send Bedrock [specific] cryptocurrency, which Bedrock will have converted into the [specific] fiat currency required by its bullion vendor. This method is slower but more secure, as the client’s personal identity can be hidden.
  - 2) The pioneer client can send Bedrock funds in the specific fiat currency required by its bullion vendor. This method is quicker, but less secure, as the client’s personal identity is necessarily visible to all banks.
    - The client would send the funds to a special Treasury Clerk, who would necessarily become privy to personal details. Bedrock’s By-Laws will establish that an “ethical screen” would exist, isolating that clerk’s transactions from all other Bedrock employees and transactions. The clerk would notify other personnel only that the pioneer’s Bedrock Client Account added so much fiat, to be used to acquire bullion. The Treasury Clerk will then have no further access to the client’s account.

### B.2. You can acquire Nuggets by exchange with business clients

- Bedrock consider it highly plausible that cryptocurrency exchanges will be among its earliest pioneer clients. They will observe that they can acquire Nuggets at the spot price of gold, and speculate that they can retail it to many individual customers at a premium price occasioned by the Nugget's enhanced fungibility.
  - Some crypto exchanges are able to accept fiat currencies for their tokens.
  - Many require Know Your Customer ("KYC") details from all their clients. However, once Nuggets (or virtually any cryptocurrencies) are purchased, what a client *does* with them is traceable only with extraordinary difficulty.

### B.3. You can acquire Nuggets by exchange with individual clients

- Consult Bedrock's on-line "bulletin board" for possibilities. (See discussion in section C.2. below.) It is anticipated that some holders of Nuggets, speculating on growth in their premium value, will be ready to exchange Nuggets for fiat currency.
  - Bedrock anticipates that, as the system grows, *most clients will acquire Nuggets through exchange*, rather than by funding its initial acquisition. The proportion of pioneers to Regular clients (100–0 at first) will likely gradually decline until pioneers are a numerical minority.
- Many public businesses may become eager to save some of their earnings in Bedrock's negotiable bullion tokens, and will advertise that they will accept Nuggets in addition to conventional currency. As Bedrock clients, they can copy their general promotions onto the bulletin board.
- If any client has a product or service that may be of interest to other clients, it can be listed on Bedrock's bulletin board. (Conversely, clients can indicate interest in specific goods or services that others might offer.) This may result in proposals that will come to you either via a notification on your Dashboard page or through Bedrock's private e-mail system.
- Transactions can be initiated by either the Sender (who will send Nuggets) or the Recipient (who will receive them, usually in exchange for goods or services).
- At some point, if you and another client reach a common decision to proceed, one will forward a *Standard Transaction Form* to the other, with all required details entered. The initiating client will indicate acceptance as he or she sends the form. Both the Nugget Sender and the Nugget Recipient must concur on every detail. Presuming you agree to the terms of a form sent to you, you click Accept. Bedrock's system will only proceed with a



form that both clients have accepted. It will then verify that all requirements have been met, and forward the completed form to be Validated on the blockchain. Presuming it is valid (that is, that the Sender's current holding is sufficient), both Bedrock accounts will be updated, and then each client must fulfill his or her part of the agreement (if not already done).

- The simplest possible scenario: A trusted friend is urging you to try Bedrock. You dine together and, by agreement, you pay for both in fiat currency. Your friend promises to send you the Nugget equivalent of his or her portion. You create an account and e-mail the account number. Your friend – the Sender – presently initiates a copy of the *Standard Transaction Form*, filling in the amount owed you (converted into Nuggets), choosing an Immediate transaction, and entering a brief summary of the consideration (for example, “My share of tonight’s dinner bill”). You – the Recipient – examine the transaction, find it correct, and indicate your agreement. The transaction is sent to the validators, verified ... and you acquire your first Nuggets!
- A slightly more complex scenario: Over time, “Joe Superman” has acquired a small holding of Nuggets. Scanning the bulletin board, Joe liked an entry by “Nature Painter,” visited that client’s clearnet website, and decided to purchase an attractive drawing of cypress trees on a riverbank, advertised for 90 USD, plus 10 USD for international shipment. Corresponding with Nature Painter by internal e-mail, agreement was reached to acquire the drawing for 0.05 Nuggets. Therefore, Joe initiated a transaction, entered essential data, approved it, and submitted it. Nature Painter received a notification that a transaction had been proposed, and opened the following for consideration:

## Bedrock Standard Transaction Form

### BASIC DATA

Transaction ID: BDBS0123

Sending Client: Account #123456 (**Joe Superman**)  
Recipient Client: Account #654321 (**Nature Painter**)  
Amount of Transaction: **0.05000000** Nuggets  
or 5,000,000 Nugget Satoshis

Effective Exchange:

Delayed

Immediate

Delay Interval (calendar days):   10  

ENTRIES ABOVE CAN BE VIEWED BY THE CLIENTS AND BY BEDROCK STAFF  
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ENTRIES BELOW CAN ONLY BE VIEWED BY THE TRANSACTING CLIENTS

### CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Required:

The substance of this transaction is:

Transfer of Catalog item #NP075

Should any contention arise over this matter,  
I agree that it will be referred to a Bedrock-approved private Client Arbitrator

Sender:

Recipient:

Ancillary Statements:

Recipient will please forward the drawing in a sturdy cylinder, via FedEx, to: Josephine Smith / Torre Gigante, Apto. 37-C / Calle 68 Este / Panama City, PANAMA. Note: I suggested a 10 day Delay Interval due to a current labor strike here. Thanks.

I am in complete agreement with the foregoing:

Sender

Recipient

*Alternatively:* I have made revisions. Return Template for other client for further consideration.

Submit





## RECEIPT

Transaction ID: BDBS0123  
Date-Time Stamp: March 11, 2024 – 0305:46.2 UTC

Sending Client: Account #**123456 (Joe Superman)**  
Recipient Client: Account #**654321 (Nature Painter)**  
Amount of Transaction: **0.05000000** Nuggets  
or **5,000,000** Nugget Satoshia

Nature Painter has accepted your proposed transaction #BDBS0123. The exchange has been submitted and validated. 0.05000000 Nuggets have been moved from your account to the Quarantine Account. A Transaction Fee of 0.00200000 Nuggets has also been debited. Your current account therefore stands at 0.08428571 Nuggets.

Should Nature Painter default on the agreed stipulations, you should immediately alert [transactions@BedrockDBS.com](mailto:transactions@BedrockDBS.com). If all is well, and we do not hear from you before **March 21, 2024** at 0305:46.2 UTC, the exchange funds will be transferred permanently to Nature Painter.

Thank you for using Bedrock!

- The drawing safely arrived in five days. Josephine Smith (a/k/a Joe Superman) was entirely satisfied, and politely notified Bedrock that Nature Painter's Nuggets could be transferred immediately.

#### B.4. Account changes upon acquisition of holdings

- Once a client acquires a positive Nugget balance, he or she must contribute a monthly Maintenance Fee, which covers the cost of vaulting the bullion and supporting the system. The Fee will be proportionately based on your Nugget holding as of the monthly date, and will be made *in Nuggets* automatically deducted from your account. A statement of the update will be e-mailed to your registered address.
- Transaction fees are always the same, irrespective of the amount of Nuggets being exchanged. They are automatically deducted, *in Nuggets*, from the *Sender's* account. (In normal retail situations, the charge will often be subsumed into the price.)
- Frequent exchangers will realize they are always required to agree that any future contentions must be referred to an arbitration firm approved by Bedrock's Board of Governors, and may wish to examine the database of

firms, to narrow down a personal list of those most compatible. Personalized selections can be included among one's client Settings.

- The database of arbitrators can be sorted by languages employed; geographic areas; business specialties; cost; personal identification requirements; and other distinguishing characteristics.
- Additional account protection mechanisms may be required by Bedrock following a specific number of transactions, or the accumulation of a specific holding size, or a specific passage of time. Clients will be notified in advance that such changes are required.

## C. How to Exchange Nuggets

### C.1. Exchanging **with external firms**

- Clients who acquired Nuggets through external firms such as cryptocurrency exchanges, can also exchange some or all of them back.
- Retail outlets, small and large, will presently make their ability to accept Nuggets known.
  - Bedrock's *Standard Application Programming Interface* will, in addition to presenting both parties with the same necessary information demands as the *Standard Transaction Form*, automatically open both parties' TOR connections through to the private website where, after authenticating, they can indicate full acceptance of the transaction.

### C.2. Exchanging directly **with other clients** using the Bulletin Board

- The purpose of Bedrock's private bulletin board is to give clients a direct mechanism to alert other clients to their willingness to exchange Nuggets with other goods and services.
- The board has a mechanism to sort entries by several time-saving categories. For example:
  - Desire to offer or to acquire
  - Good or service category
  - Geographic area
- Entries on the bulletin board are associated only with Bedrock Account Numbers and the Name each client may have registered. Further detail may be revealed at the client's option.
- Should a bulletin board entry intrigue you, you can use the Bedrock internal e-mail system to contact the account for more information.

- Reminder: *Anyone* can acquire a Bedrock client account. Possession of a Bedrock account is not a demonstration that the client shares your concern for your privacy or property. *Bedrock does not endorse or guarantee any entry on the bulletin board.* Clients must use due diligence to discover good faith or fraud for themselves.
- The bulletin board will be “lightly” monitored by Bedrock management, based solely on our management’s *private* objections to entries proposing violence, fraud, or manifesting deliberate, egregious offensiveness. The account that posted the entry will be promptly notified of its removal and the reason for it.
- A special area of the bulletin board is reserved for client evaluations and recommendations of other clients, and of external service firms such as arbitration organizations, cryptocurrency exchanges, or retailers.
- There is also a “suggestion box” for improvements in Bedrock’s system.

### C.3. **Using the Private E-Mail System**

- On finding an item of interest on the bulletin board, a client can use the internal e-mail system, addressing the Account Number associated with the entry. Bedrock’s system will automatically forward the missive to the account’s registered e-mail address. (Only the sender’s Account Number will be included.) If the receiver wishes to respond, he or she will follow the procedure in reverse.
- Should a client find a public advertisement by another Bedrock customer (that lists that business’s account number), the internal e-mail can equally be used.
- If any fiat currency goods are to change hands, obviously the correspondents will have to choose to divulge more detailed personal information. If they continue to use Bedrock’s e-mail, they can at least be assured the correspondence is fully private and encrypted.

### C.4. **Don’t forget to make full use of the Help Desk!**

- It’s there to help all Bedrock clients with authentication issues; exchange procedures; arbitration choices; new business development; and much more.

## **D. Get Started Today!**

### D.1. **Download, install, and open the TOR Browser.**

- D.2. Access Bedrock's private website (address in section A.2. above).
- D.3. Enter your chosen e-mail address and password and create your account.
  - Strong recommendation: *Record those details, plus your automatically created Account Number, immediately! Twice!*
- D.4. *Explore* the private Bedrock website.
- D.5. *Plan how you can build a great future anchored in gold!*