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The problem is, I can't find a way to access my new wallet. Is there software for my Mac in which I can enter the public key, then send the BTC with its private key? Is there an iPhone app that can scan the QR codes and send money? Or a website where I can paste in the keys? You mention WIF, but I can't find any file ending in .wif, and Blockchain only lets you create new wallets or import existing online wallets—not paper wallets.

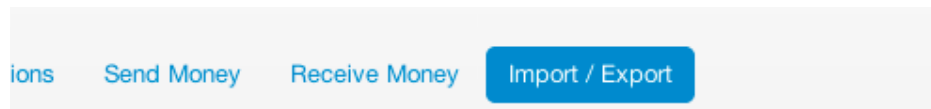
Hi Peter, good questions.

There's no .wif file to look for. WIF just essentially means, "a private key that begins with the number 5." The way you will "access your paper wallet" will be to "swipe your wallet" -- the equivalent of uploading the coins from your paper wallet to a live wallet, whether that be electrum, bitcoin-QT, blockchain.info, etc. You will always swipe the complete balance, it's not safe to attempt a partial swipe.

Virtually any wallet that includes a "import private key" feature will accept the private key hidden under the folds of your paper wallet. You just need to know where to look. *Not 100% of wallets have this feature.* Many exchanges (like MT Gox and coinbase) do, which is very convenient if your primary intent is to speculate on the value of bitcoins and sell them back to USD/euros some day.

WHERE TO LOOK -- a couple examples:

In the case of blockchain.info, it's "**Import Private Key**" under "Import/Export"



Add Watch Only Bitcoin Address

You may add a **Watch Only** bitcoin address to your wallet. You will not be able to

Import Private Key

Import an existing private key below. All private key formats are supported.

In the case of coinbase.com, it's under **account:integrations:import a paper wallet:**

[Account Settings](#)

[Referrals](#)

[Bitcoin Addresses](#)

[Integrations](#)

Third Party Applications

These applications make use of the [Coinbase API](#).

- No applications have been granted access.

API Key Access

 [Show My API Key](#)

Your API key is currently: **DISABLED**

Paper Wallets

Export your bitcoins to private physical storage.

 [Print A Paper Wallet](#)

 [Import A Paper Wallet](#)

Import from Paper Wallet

Enter your paper wallet's private key:

Private key

[Check](#)

Hope this helps!
- Canton