Connect Wallet

Setup Guide

From zero to autopilot.

A plain-language, step-by-step walkthrough — written for first-timers, not just crypto natives. Takes about 10 minutes end to end.

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Start Minting →

◇ Before you start

Two things you need.

If you've never used crypto before, these two terms cover almost everything you'll see below.

W A wallet

A wallet is an app that proves you own a crypto address and lets you approve transactions — think of it as your login and your signature combined. We use **MetaMask**, a free browser extension. Install it from metamask.io before you start — it only takes a minute, and it's the only wallet you need for everything below.

G A little bit of ETH for gas

"Gas" is the small fee paid to the network for a transaction — in this case, minting your Sentinel. We mint on **Base**, a low-fee network, so gas is typically under $0.10. You'll need a small amount of ETH on Base in your wallet before minting; any exchange that sells ETH can send it directly to your Base address.

◇ The walkthrough

Four steps to live.

The same four steps as on the home page, in full detail. Don't rush step 2 — getting the API key permissions right is the single most important part.

1 Mint

Click **Connect Wallet** in the top right of any page. MetaMask will open and ask you to approve the connection — approve it. You're not signing anything that costs money here, just proving it's your wallet.

Then head to the NFT page, pick a tier (higher tiers receive more of the signal sources we promote), and click Mint. Confirm the transaction in MetaMask. Minting is the only step with a network fee — everything after it is free.

2 Connect

Once the mint confirms, open your Portal — your personal dashboard, where trades, P&L, positions, and settings live from now on. Open **Connect Exchange** and pick whichever exchange you already have an account on (or want to open one on) — 13 supported. One NFT connects to one exchange.

Next, create a trade-only API key on that exchange. This is the part to slow down on. An API key is like a spare key to your exchange account that you hand to our bot instead of your real password — and you control exactly what that spare key is allowed to do. **You want a key that can trade, and cannot withdraw.** Every exchange calls this something slightly different ("Contract Trading," "Futures Trading," etc.) but the principle is the same everywhere: find the permissions/restrictions section when creating the key, turn trading ON, leave withdrawal OFF.

We check this for you automatically and reject any key that has withdrawal enabled — but it's still worth double-checking yourself before you paste it in.

B Bybit

- Account → API → Create New Key
- Enable "Contract Trading" only — leave Withdraw unchecked
- Demo/testnet available at testnet.bybit.com if you want to try it risk-free first

W Weex

- Account → API Management → Create
- Enable trading permission only, set a passphrase
- No demo API — first connection uses real funds

B BingX

- Account → API Management → Create API Key
- Enable "Perpetual Futures Trading" only
- Demo trading available with 100K virtual USDT

H Hyperliquid

- Settings → Generate API Wallet (no separate key/secret pair)
- No KYC required — it's a decentralized exchange
- Needs USDC on Arbitrum, roughly $50 minimum

Using one of the other 9 supported exchanges?

The steps above are exchange-specific and we've verified them directly. For the exchanges below, the same principle applies (find Permissions/Restrictions on your new API key, enable trading, disable withdrawal) but the exact menu wording varies — search "API key" in that exchange's own help center to find their current instructions rather than relying on a guide that could go stale.

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Finally, back in the Portal's Connect Exchange flow, paste your API key and secret (and passphrase, if that exchange needs one). We validate them live against the exchange before saving — you'll see a clear "Connected" confirmation once it's working.

Your keys are encrypted (AES-256) the moment they're saved. We never see them in plaintext, and you can disconnect at any time from the same screen.

3 Stand by

Once connected, your Sentinel waits, idle, until a signal source is promoted to your tier. A source is promoted only after it passes our forward test on new signals — no unproven source ever trades your account. Until then your Sentinel opens nothing.

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Trade

When a source is promoted to your tier, it switches on automatically and trades on your own exchange account. Your dashboard updates in real time with open positions, P&L, and trade history. The kill switch is always one click away if you ever want to pause everything.

◇ Prefer to watch?

Video walkthrough.

Coming soon — following the exact same four steps above.

We're producing a short screen-recorded walkthrough of this exact process. In the meantime, the steps above and the downloadable PDF cover everything the video will show. Questions in the meantime? Check the FAQ or reach out on Telegram.

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