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# Get started with the Model T

This article walks you through the process of initializing your Trezor Model T hardware wallet for use with Trezor Suite.

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## What you'll need

- Trezor Model T + USB connecting cable
- Trezor Suite for Desktop (or you can use Trezor Suite for web)
- Recovery Seed Cards (and a pen)
- About 15 minutes

## Process

1   Trezor Suite will prompt you to connect your device. You'll also have the option to opt in or out of anonymous data collection — this isn't mandatory, but it helps us with bug fixes and performance improvements, so we recommend allowing it.

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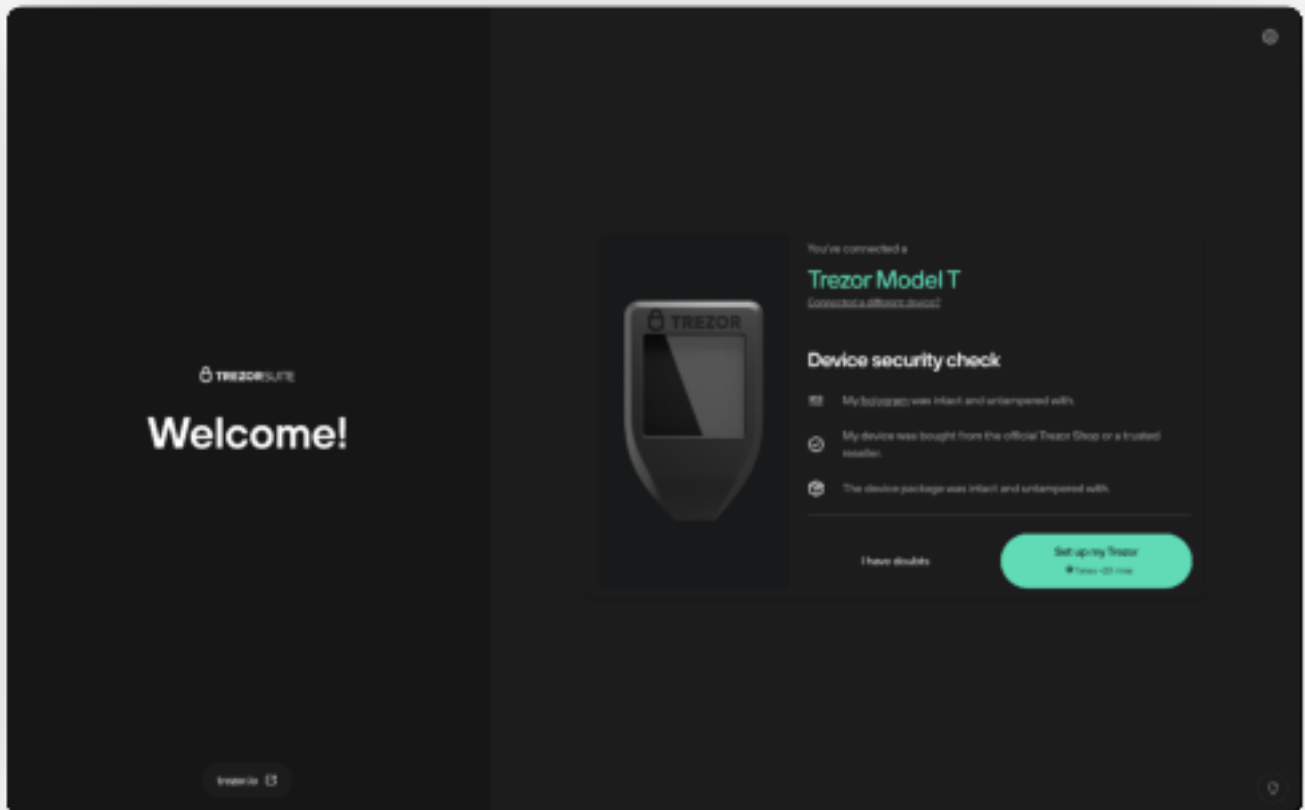
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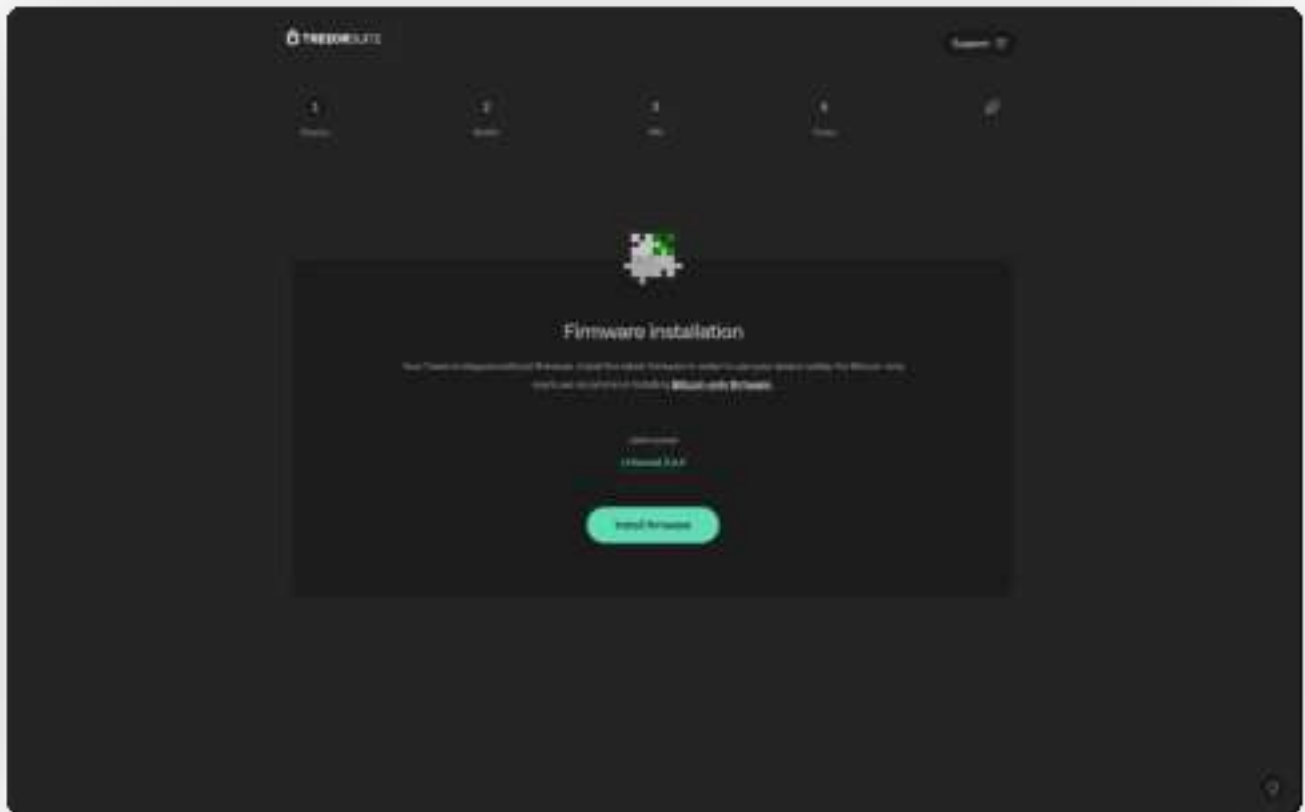
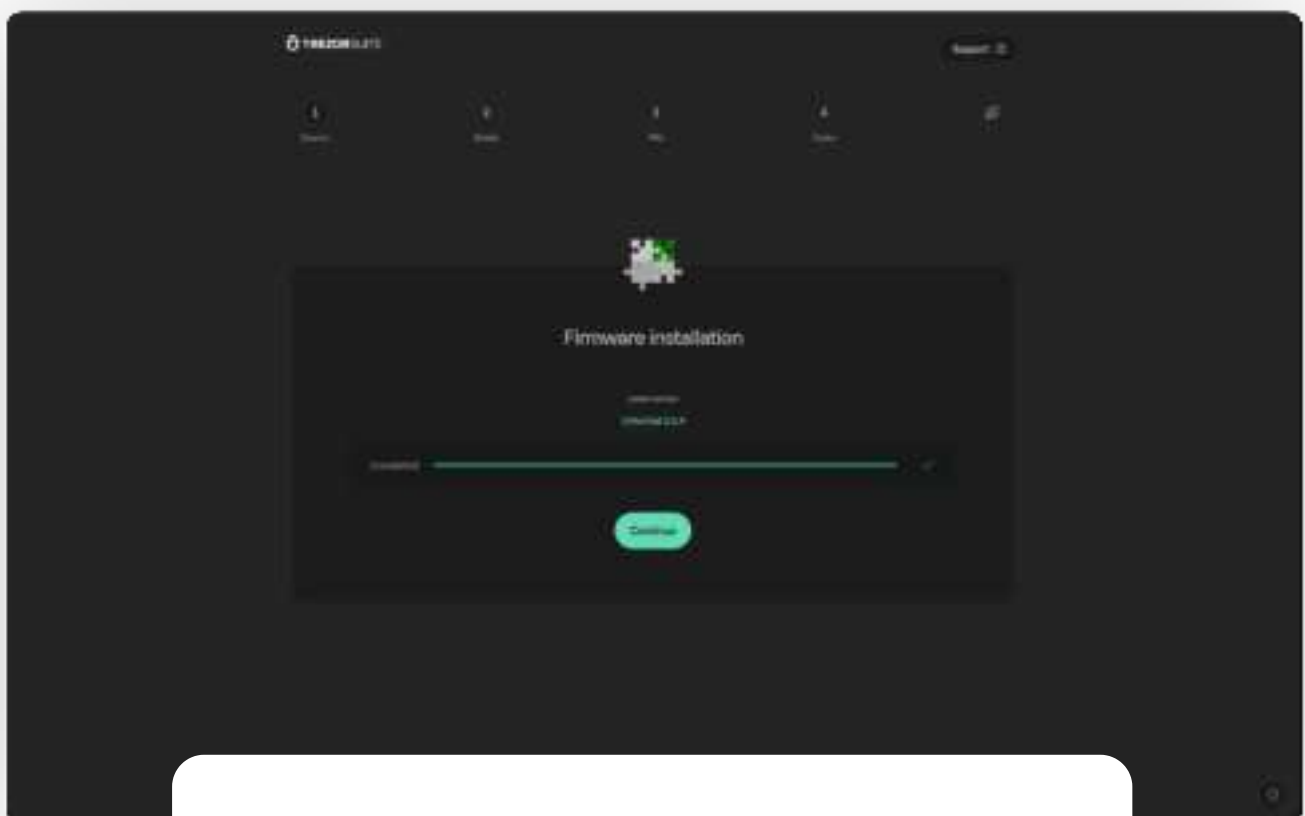ⓘ If there's any sign of tampering, do not use the device and make sure you contact Customer Support and we will do our best to arrange a replacement device.



- Once you're sure everything is present and correct, click Setup up my Trezor
- Your Trezor is shipped without firmware, so the first step is to install the latest version by clicking the Install firmware button:

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- Once firmware installation is successfully completed, click on Continue:

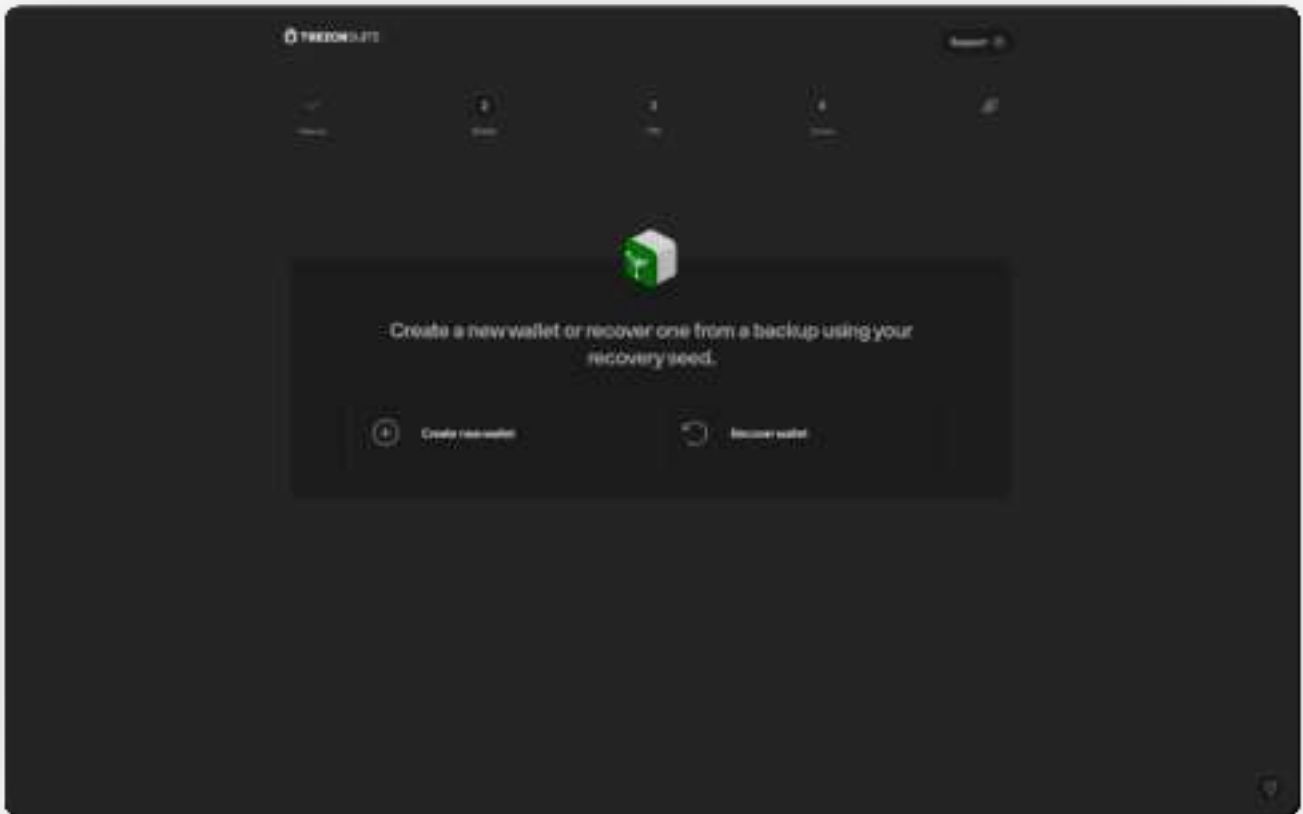

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- In the next step you should choose 'Create new wallet' if this is your first time setting up your Trezor
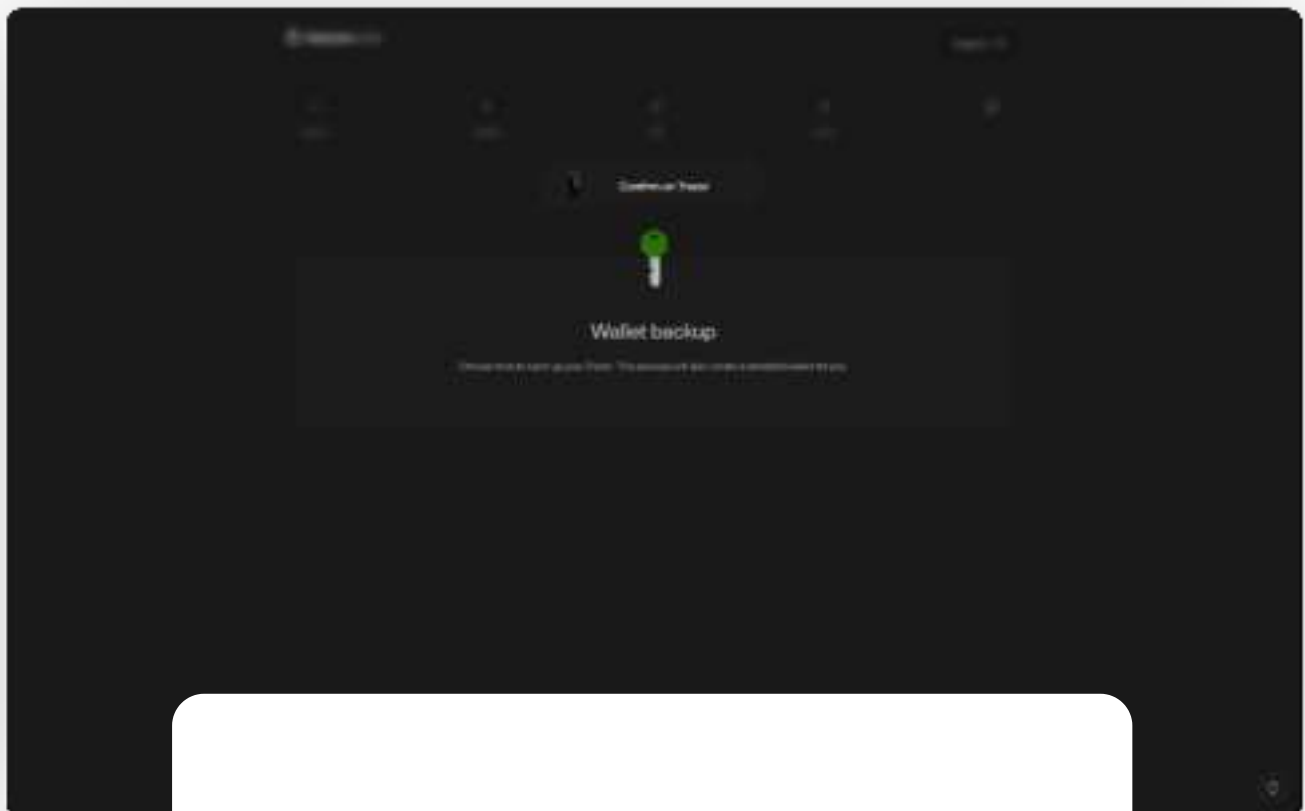
> ℹ️ You can only use the 'Recover wallet' option if you already have a Recovery Seed backup that can restore and enable access to existing accounts.
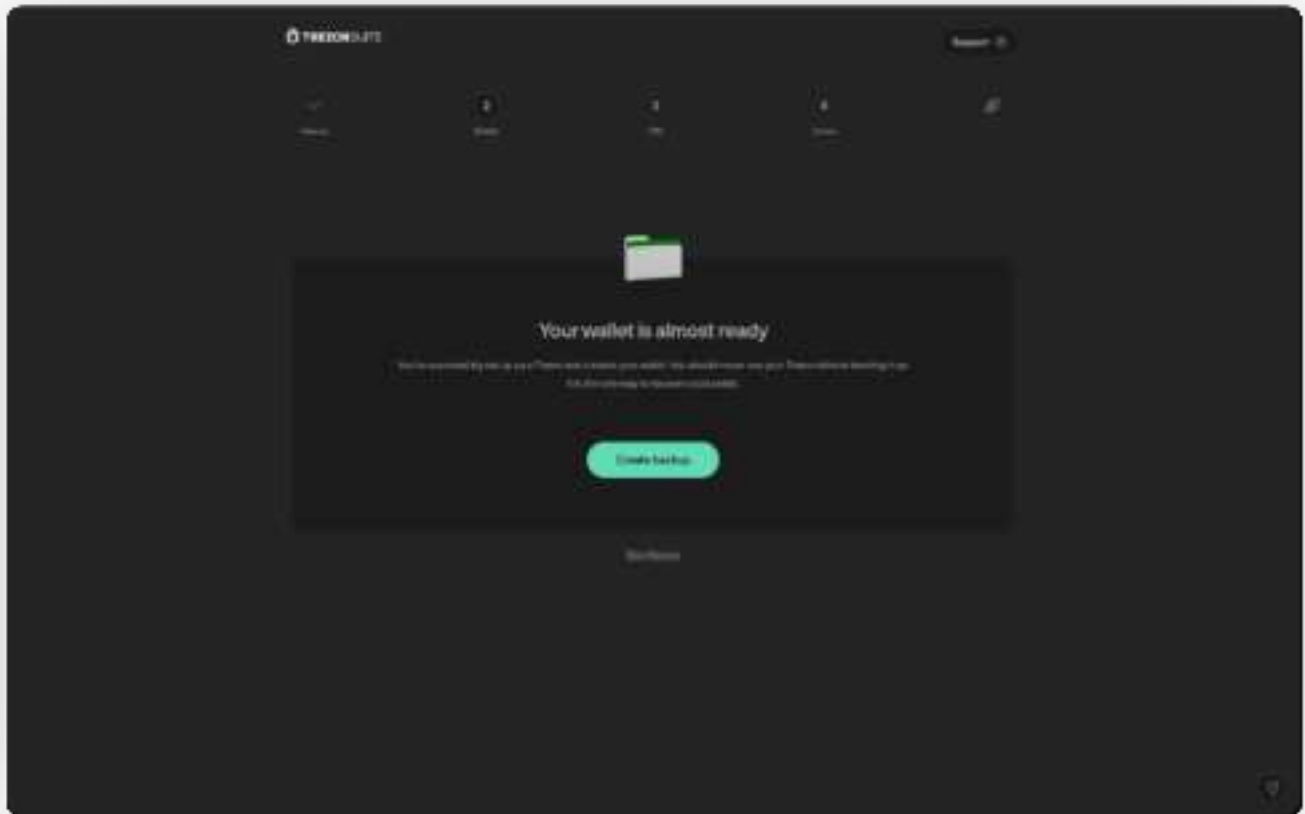


- After selecting 'Create new wallet' you can choose between 'Standard seed backup' or 'Advanced Shamir backup'. Here we will detail the 'Standard seed backup' process, and the Shamir method is discussed in detail on the Trezor blog.

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- After selecting 'Standard seed backup' you'll be prompted to confirm the action on your device.



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- Select Create wallet on your Trezor to proceed.

- The next step involves creating the backup, i.e., recording your recovery seed phrase on the recovery seed cards provided. To begin the process, simply click Create backup:



- You'll then be prompted to confirm that you understand the backup instructions. Once these all have a green check mark, you can hit Begin backup:
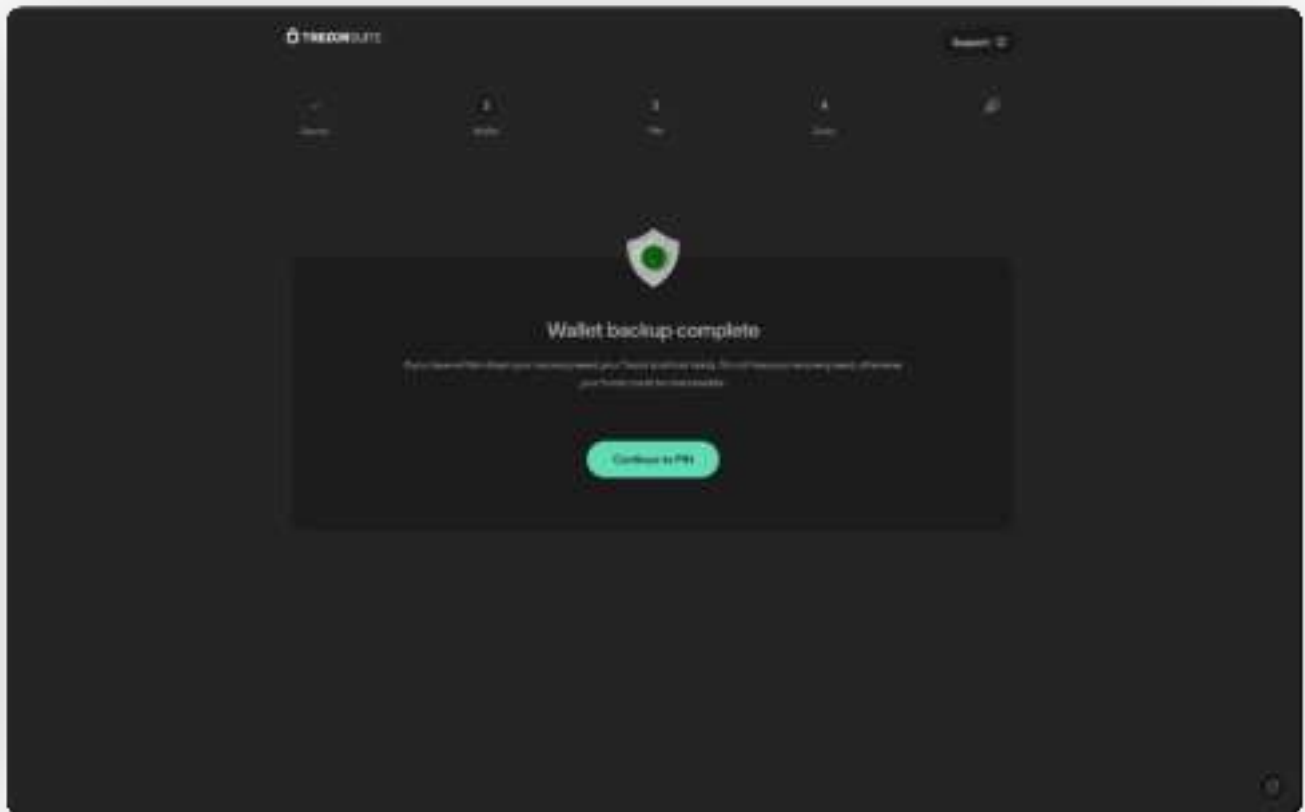
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- You must acknowledge and confirm you understand the instruction to 'Never make a digital copy of your seed and never upload it online.' using the device touchscreen. To do so, simply press the 'OK, I understand' button displayed on the device.
- Your Trezor will then generate a list of words that you must write down in the correct order on the recovery seed card provided.

⚠️ This information is the most important part of securing your Trezor and your crypto.
Do not share this information with anyone, and keep it safely stored offline.

- Once you've recorded all of the words in the correct order (12 words is the default recovery seed length for the Trezor Model T) proceed by holding the Hold to confirm button on the device touchscreen.
- You must then select the requested words from your recovery seed, as instructed by your device. After completing this process, you will see the message 'You have finished verifying                                             on.
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Continue.

- With the wallet backup complete, you can proceed with setting up a PIN to protect your device from unauthorized physical access:
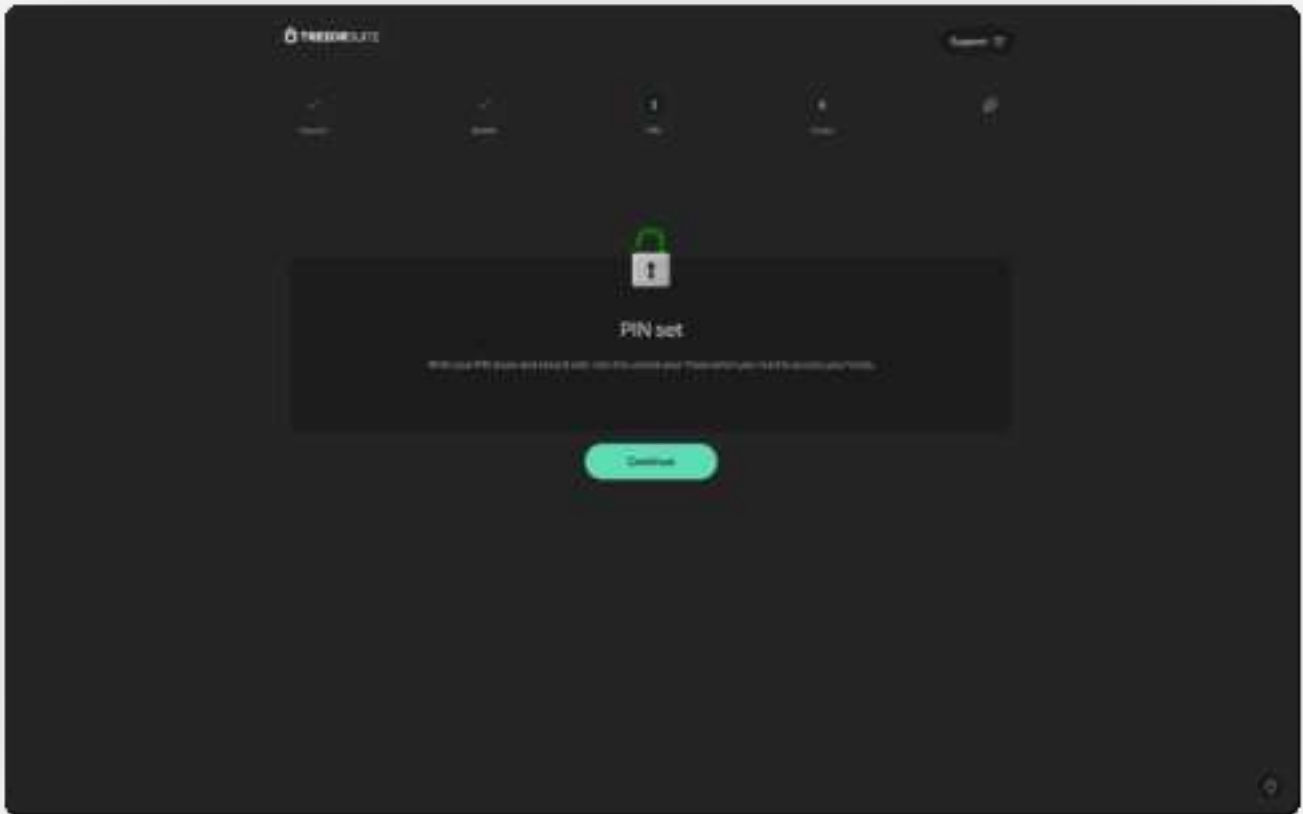


- In the 'Wallet backup complete' window, select Continue to PIN
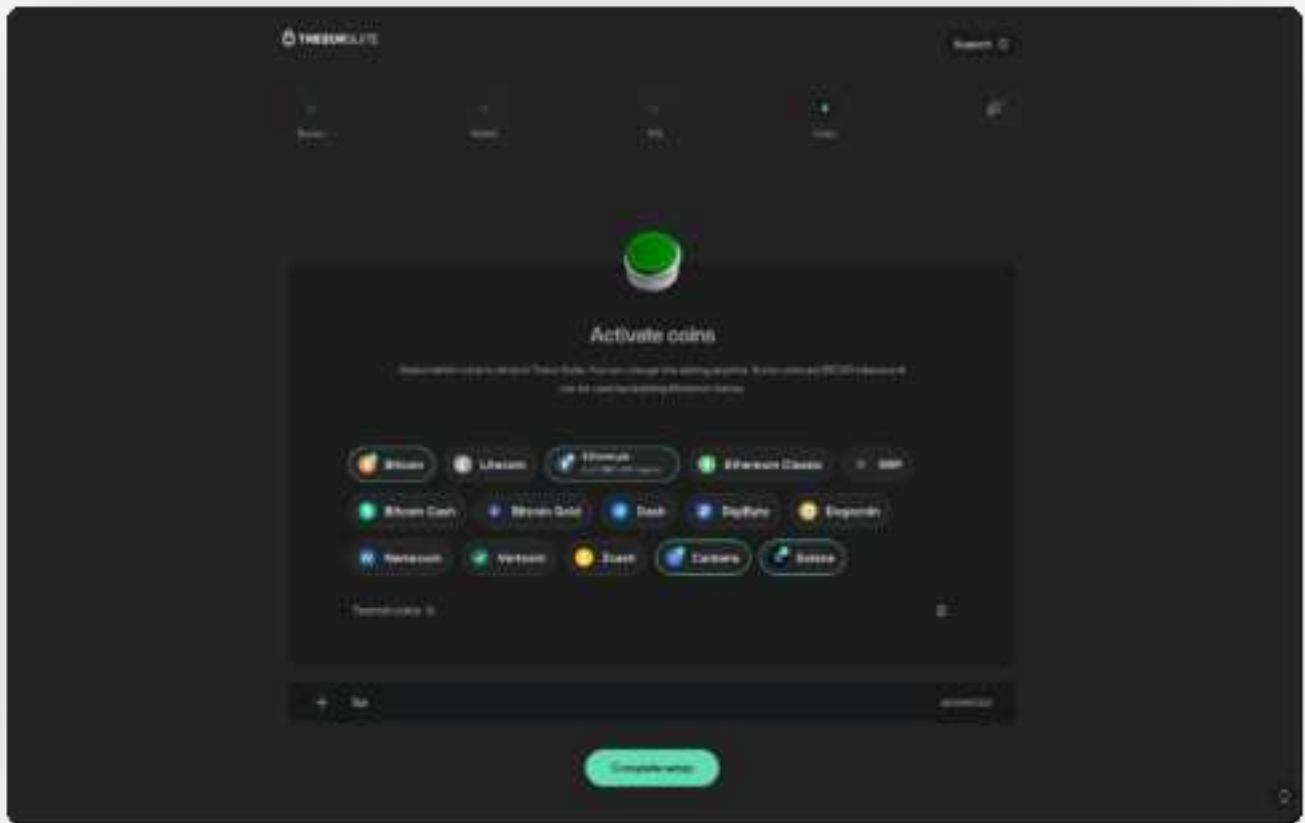- In the 'Set a PIN' window, click on Set PIN:

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- Your device will ask 'Turn on PIN protection?' – press the Turn on button to confirm
- Then enter your new PIN directly via the Trezor Model T touchscreen. You will need to enter your PIN a second time to confirm it is correct.
- Once complete, your device will display the message 'PIN protection turned on' and Trezor Suite will show the confirmatory 'PIN set' window:
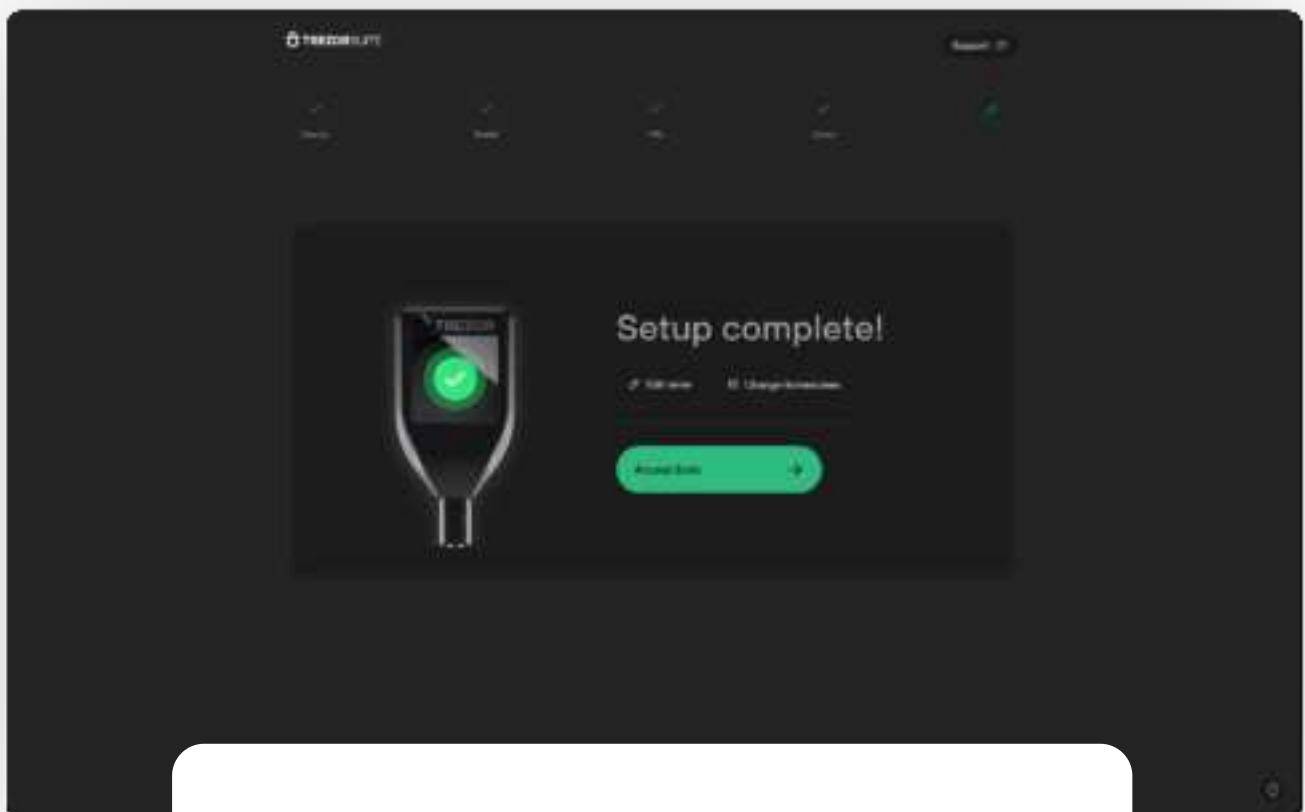
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> ⓘ You should also keep a safe offline copy of your PIN, preferably separate from
> your recovery seed

- Press Continue and you will be directed to the 'Activate coins' window, where you're free to choose which cryptocurrencies are shown in Trezor Suite. This setting can be changed at any time, along with the other (advanced) settings.
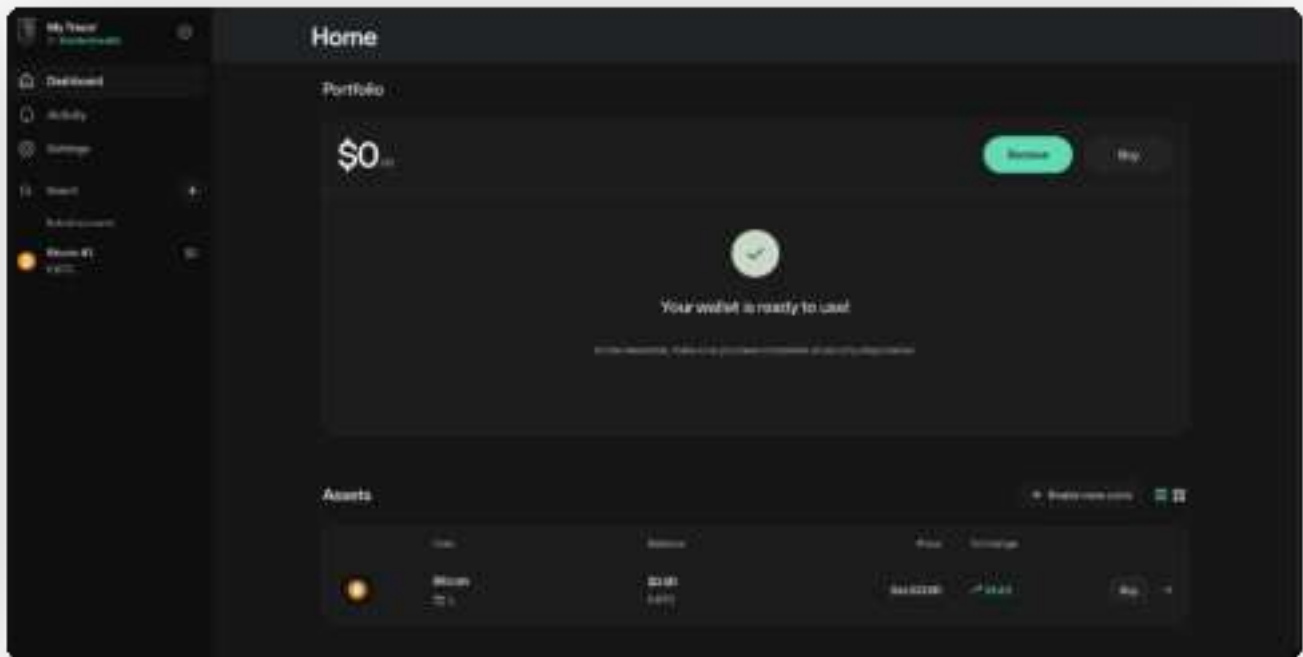- Once you're happy with your selection of active coins, simply click Complete setup and you're all done!

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- Click on Access Suite to get started:



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- That's it! You're in Trezor Suite and your wallet is ready to use:



> ℹ️ To enhance the privacy and security of your crypto assets, we recommend using the passphrase feature. This enables you to create unique 'hidden' Passphrase wallets and control access to them, without requiring a second hardware wallet or wallet backup (recovery seed). This means your funds are safe, even if your backup is compromised. You can learn more in our Standard and Passphrase wallets article.
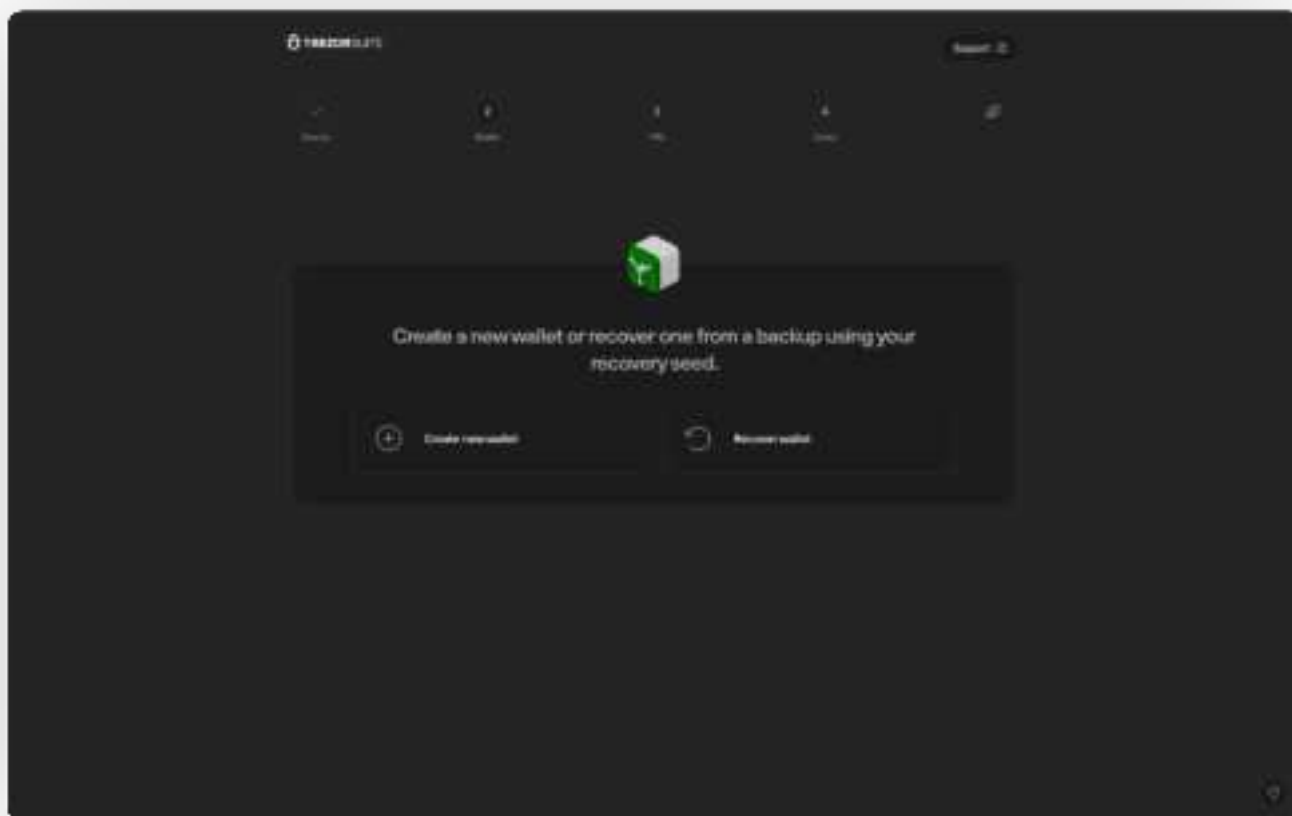
# What about the 'Recover wallet' option?

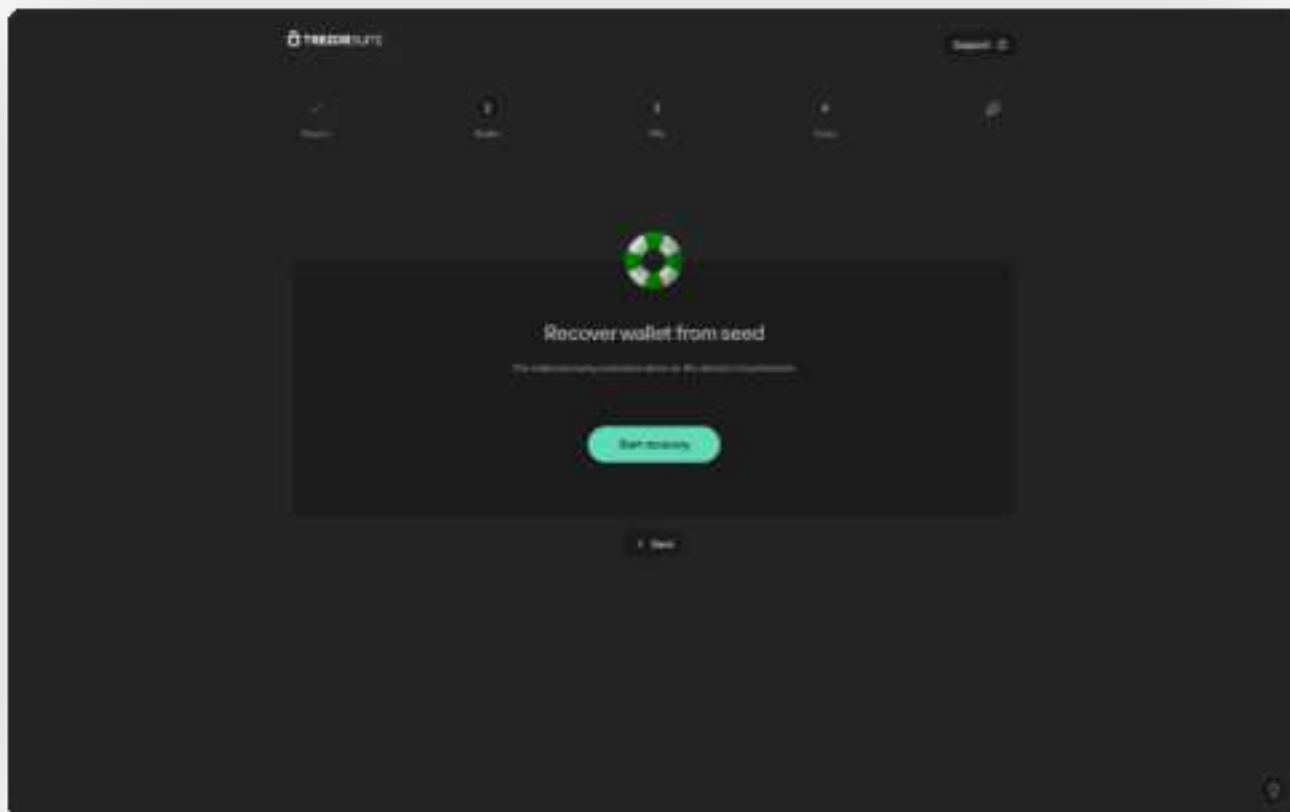> ℹ️ Do not enter your recovery seeds anywhere unless the physical Trezor device instructs you to do so, and you confirm your choice on your Trezor. Only trust the instructions on your Trezor device.

- If you have a new and/or empty Trezor Model T, you can restore an existing wallet using your rec

- If you're                                                                                     vish to
  load a d      Essential, Analytical, Preferential                                              then
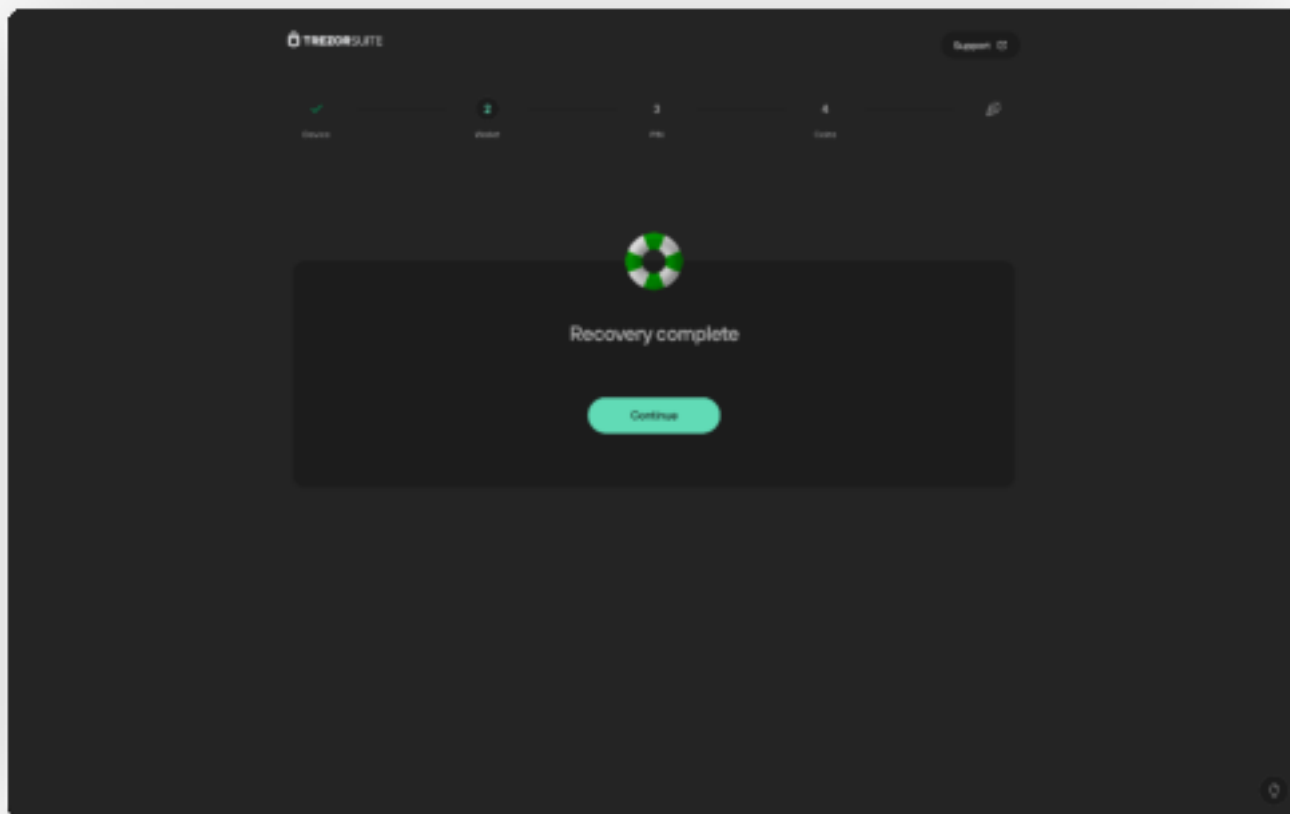  proceed with the recovery process (see below)

- During the second stage of setting up your Trezor Model T (the first stage is installing the firmware), choose the 'Recover wallet' option:



- After selecting 'Recover wallet' you will see the 'Recover wallet from seed' window, which informs you that the entire process is done using the device touchscreen:

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- Click Start recovery and follow the device's on-screen instructions:

  - Confirm 'Do you really want to recover a wallet?' using the device touchscreen

  - Select the number of words in your recovery seed phrase using the device touchscreen (12 is the default number of words for the Trezor Model T recovery seed phrase)

  - Then enter the recovery seed using the touchscreen

- Once the process is complete, simply click on Continue in the 'Recovery complete' window:
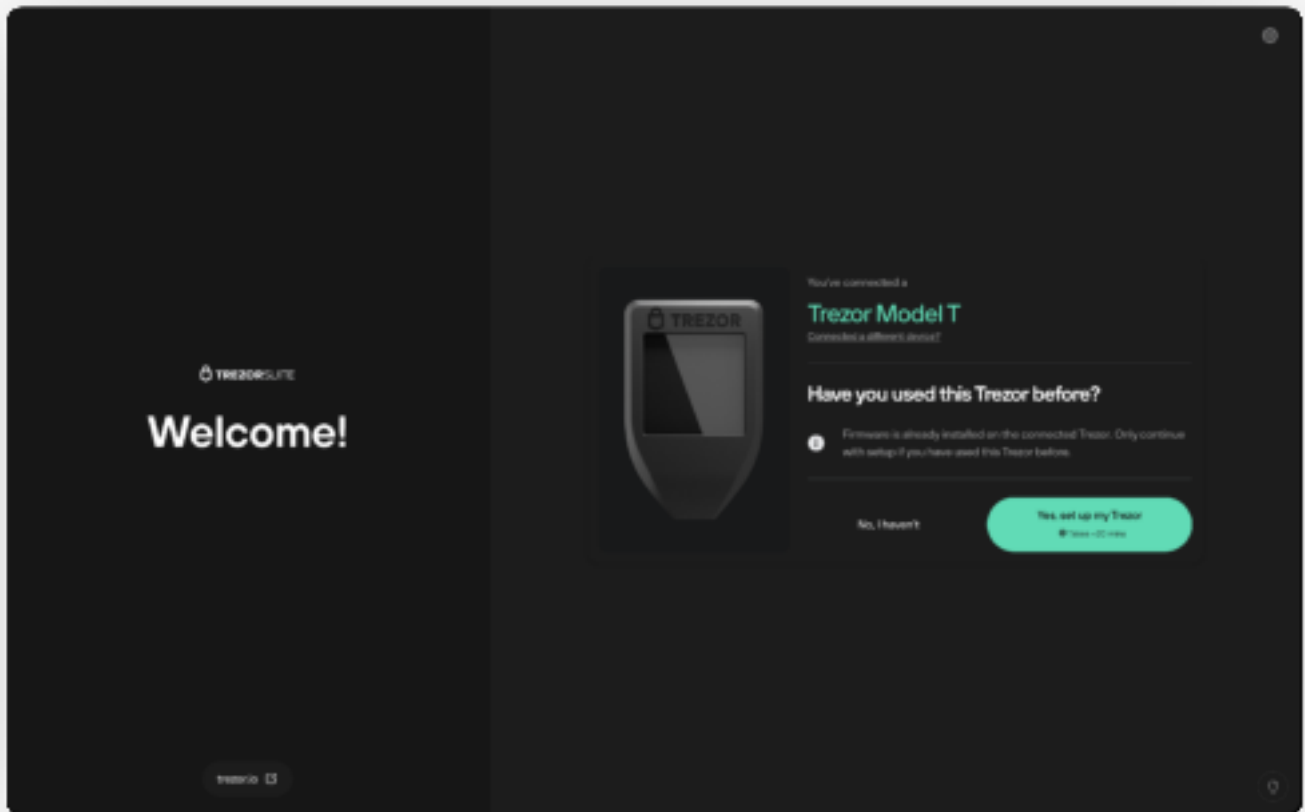
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- After completing the remaining steps of the setup, you'll be able to access the crypto funds held in the wallet associated with this particular Recovery Seed phrase.

# What if I'm using an initialized Trezor Model T?

As mentioned earlier, if you're locked out of your device because you've forgotten your PIN, or you wish to load a different recovery seed onto your device, you'll need to wipe the device first. This introduces some small but important changes to the look of the initialization processes described above.

- If you've forgotten your PIN then you'll need to wipe the device in Bootloader mode, i.e., perform a 'factory reset'. In this case, the firmware is removed along with all other private information including the PIN and recovery seed. As this restores the device to it's original factory condition, the initialization process is the same as above.

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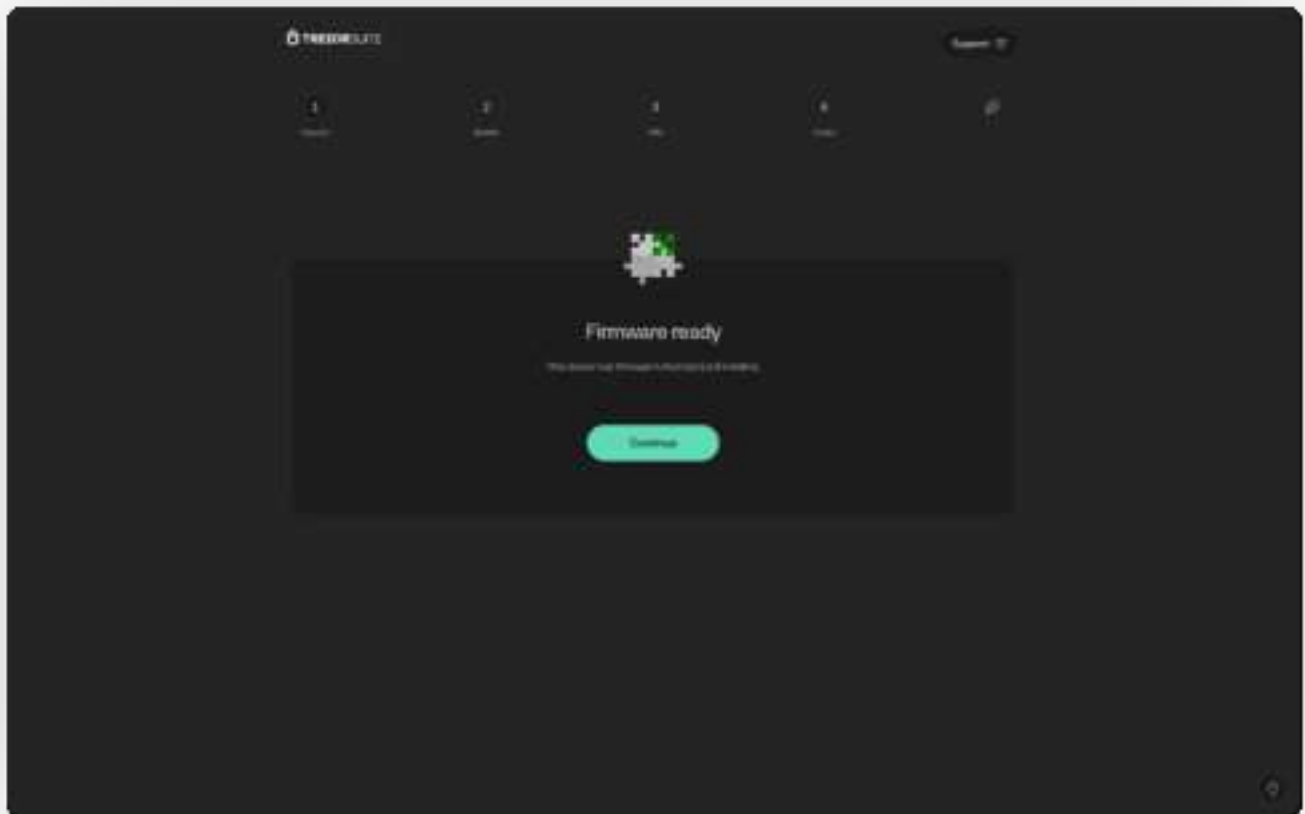- Once you've connected your device, the first 'Security check' window now looks like this:



- The message displayed now tells you that firmware is already installed on the device you've just connected.

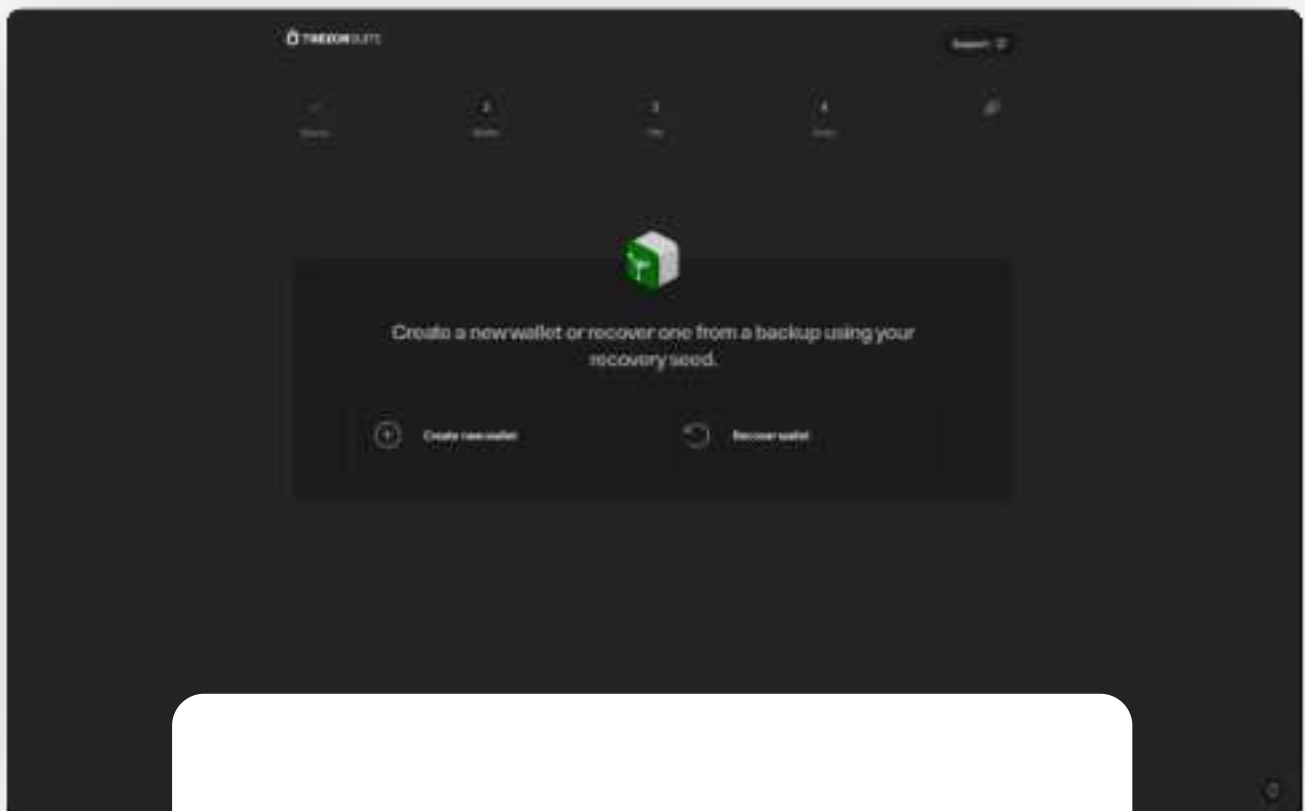> ⓘ If you've never used the device, do not proceed with the setup! Instead, unplug the device and contact Customer Support and we will do our best to arrange a replacement device.

- If you've already used the device and are sure that it's safe to proceed, click Yes, set up my Trezor and you will then see the 'Firmware ready' confirmation dialogue:

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- Now click on Continue and you will see the same options as above, i.e., 'Create new wallet' and 'Recover wallet':



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- From here, the processes are the same as those described above.

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