

# First look at new decentralized bitcoin exchange

## User-friendly peer-to-peer bitcoin exchange application enters alpha

*December 16, 2014 - ([bitsquare.io](http://bitsquare.io))* The Bitsquare team announced today the first milestone release and start of alpha testing for their innovative bitcoin exchange application.

Bitsquare is among the first efforts to facilitate direct person-to-person trading of bitcoin for national currencies using bitcoin's multisignature transaction technology. The free and open source application runs on Mac OS X, Linux and Windows platforms and has been created by an international team of experienced software developers.

“Bitsquare is designed for those who want to exchange a national currency for bitcoin and do not want to forfeit control or privacy to a central authority in order to trade with other individuals”, said project founder Manfred Karrer. He added, “Bitsquare should appeal to people who regard financial transactions as a form of private speech to be protected from surveillance by corporations, governments and other institutions.”

Bitsquare version 0.1 is available now for download and testing at <https://bitsquare.io/>.

### About Bitsquare

- Explainer video: [vimeo.com/113838717](http://vimeo.com/113838717)
- Whitepaper: [bitsquare.io/bitsquare.pdf](http://bitsquare.io/bitsquare.pdf)
- Roadmap: [bitsquare.io/roadmap](http://bitsquare.io/roadmap)
- FAQ: [bitsquare.io/faq](http://bitsquare.io/faq)

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- [The Future of Bitcoin Exchanges](#) by Bitsquare team member Richard Myers
- [Eliminating Bitcoin's Weakest Link](#) by Bitsquare team member Chris Beams

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