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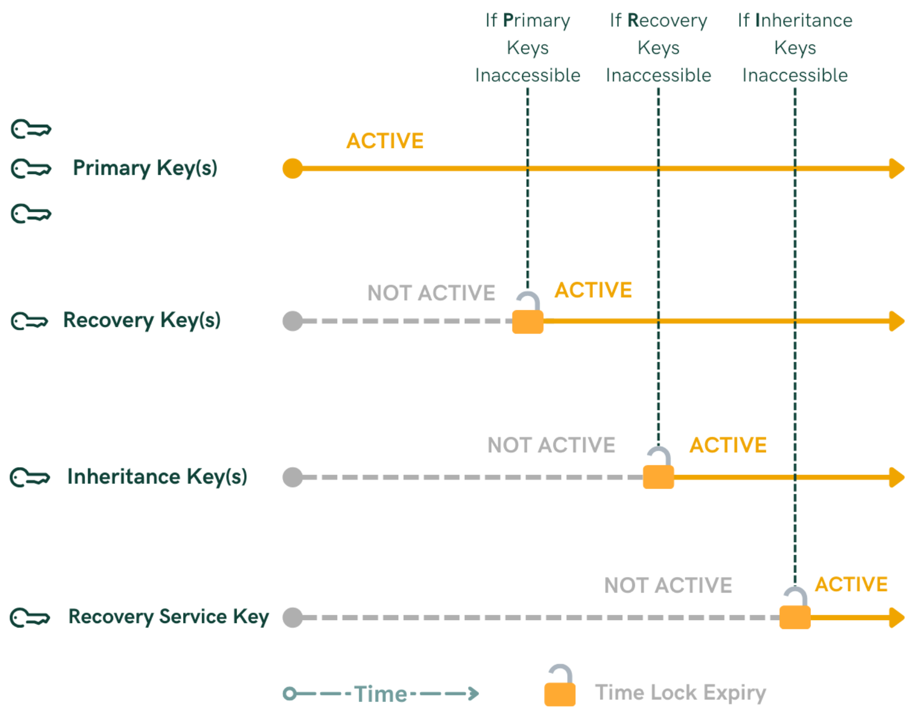
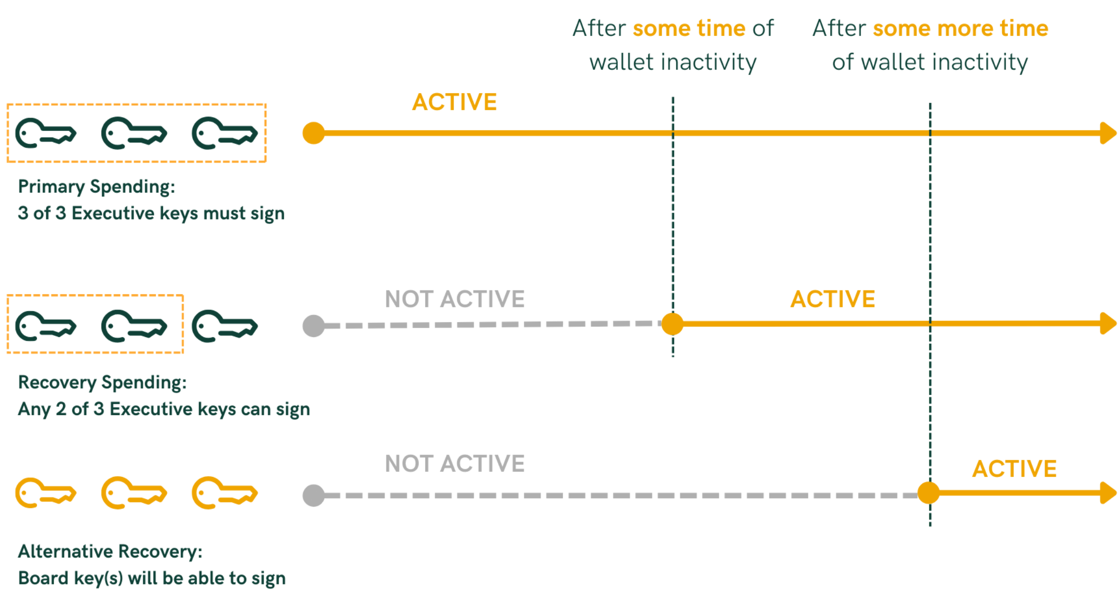
People with significant amounts of Bitcoin—whether individuals or organizations—can't afford to hold their wealth in single-signature wallets, be it software or hardware. The risks associated with a single point of failure are just too high. Organizations, in particular, need more assurance because the funds don't belong to just one person. In most scenarios, Bitcoins are jointly owned but represented by an organization. They have the right mindset to secure these big funds in a better way, and that's why, unfortunately, they often lean toward using custodians who have made a name for themselves in the space.There's nothing inherently wrong with these custodians, but this tendency leads to a dangerous situation. When most high-net-worth Bitcoin holders and organizations use the same custodians, it results in a large amount of Bitcoins under the control of a few entities. This centralization poses a risk to Bitcoin's core principle of decentralization.

Enter Vaults as a Solution

Vaults can change this game by offering practical, secure, and flexible setups that put control back into the hands of the owners. By incorporating layers of recovery and access with time-dependent conditions, vaults make it completely practical for high-net-worth individuals and organizations to adopt self-custody. At the same time, they provide peace of mind, ensuring that they won't lose their funds and that their assets aren't subject to single points of failure.



With vaults, the ownership of funds can be distributed within an organization using customized setups that suit the organization's workings. Many organizations leverage hierarchical structures for access to all kinds of assets, and the vault's hierarchical layers of security, recovery, and inheritance fit seamlessly into these structures.



Taking Back Control

Vaults help take back control of Bitcoins, putting it back in the hands of the actual owners and removing the need for custodians who can become chokepoints regarding Bitcoin's resiliency. By redistributing ownership to the actual users themselves, vaults reduce the impact of custodians and avoid the emergence or rise of chokepoints.

Why This Matters

Relying heavily on custodians undermines the decentralized nature of Bitcoin. If large amounts of Bitcoin are held by a few entities, it makes the network more vulnerable to attacks, regulatory pressures, and the failures of those custodians. By adopting robust self-custody methods like vaults, we strengthen Bitcoin's resilience. We ensure that control is distributed, risks are mitigated, and the fundamental principles of Bitcoin are upheld.

Conclusion

Vaults provide a viable solution for individuals and organizations to securely manage their Bitcoin holdings without relying on third-party custodians. They offer the security, flexibility, and peace of mind needed to handle large amounts of Bitcoin. By embracing these advanced self-custody methods, we can preserve Bitcoin's decentralization, enhance its resilience, and keep control where it belongs—with the owners.