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MegaBigPower
CEO Dave Carlson inside North America’s biggest bitcoin mine as of April 2014.
1 Bitcoin = £261.9

Exchange rate calculated using USD Bitcoin price via Preev.com
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Example of a Bitcoin address:
3J98t1WpEZ73CNmQviecrnyiWrnqRhWNLy

Example of a Private key:
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Blockchain Learning –

Choose your Bitcoin wallet

Find your wallet and start making payments with merchants and users.

- Mobile
- Desktop
- Hardware
- Web

Take time to educate yourself

Bitcoin is different from what you know and use every day. Before you start using Bitcoin for any serious transaction, be sure to read what you need to know and take appropriate steps to secure your wallet. Always remember that it is your responsibility to choose your wallet carefully and adopt good practices in order to protect your money.

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Academic development  Educational finance

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ePortfolio ?  Learning Wallet ?
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Example 1

A possible application of The Blockchain in learning and teaching –

Expose the student learning record to the public
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Example 2

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Offsetting costs of learning using peer-to-peer network

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Decentralized Cloud Storage

Storj is based on blockchain technology and peer-to-peer protocols to provide the most secure, private, and encrypted cloud storage.

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Next steps and conclusion