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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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Choose your Bitcoin wallet

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

- Mobile
- Desktop
- Hardware
- Web

![Wallet Options](https://example.com/wallet-options)

⚠️ 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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ePortfolio ? Learning Wallet ?

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Example 1

A possible application of The Blockchain in learning and teaching –

Exposé the student learning record to the public

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Offsetting costs of learning using peer-to-peer network

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