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A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSACTING BITCOIN

Inventor: Brian D. Armstrong

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1). Field of the Invention

[0001] This invention relates to a computer system and method for transacting bitcoin.

2). Discussion of Related Art

[0002] The Bitcoin network is a peer-to-peer payment system having a plurality of nodes that are connected to one another. Bitcoin exchange computer systems allow for users to exchange local currency into or out of bitcoin. Users send payments by broadcasting digitally signed messages to the Bitcoin network. Users may, for example, send and receive payments using mobile applications on mobile devices, client software or a web browser.

[0003] Transactions do not explicitly identify the payor and payee by name or wallet. Instead, a bitcoin transaction transfers ownership to a new address, referred to as a “Bitcoin address”. The Bitcoin address is derived from the public portion of one or more cryptographic key pairs. The private portion of a key pair is not disclosed to the public. To send bitcoin sent to an address, a user broadcasts a payment message that is digitally signed with the associated private key.

[0004] Participants known as “miners” at miner computer systems verify and timestamp transactions into a shared public database called a “block chain”. The miners are rewarded with transaction fees and newly minted bitcoin for their effort. The miner computer systems are specialized computers that append blocks of transactions to the block chain. Solving a cryptographic puzzle required to append a block carries a reward plus fees included in

transactions in the block.

[0005] Host computer systems reside at various nodes and may host accounts or “wallets” that allow users to make and accept payments using bitcoin. The wallet stores the public key of the Bitcoin address and its associated private key.

[0006] The transfer of bitcoin may be an onerous task if the entire public key of the Bitcoin address has to be copied and transmitted.

[0007] When a transaction is made between two wallets at the same or different host computer systems, the transaction is broadcast to the Bitcoin network for block chain verification. Such a block chain verification may take a long time to complete. Miner fees are also associated with such a transfer and have to be paid by a host computer system requesting the transfer.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

SEND BITCOIN TO EMAIL ADDRESS

[0008] The invention provides a host computer system for transacting bitcoin including a processor, a network interface device connected to the processor, a computer readable medium connected to the processor, a data store on the computer readable medium and a set of instructions on the computer readable medium that are executable by the processor. The set of instructions includes a wallet establishment module, a login module, a hosted email module and a wallet management. The wallet establishment module establishes a first wallet in the data store, stores login details for the first wallet and storing a value representative of an amount of bitcoin held by the first wallet. The login module receives login credentials over the network interface device for the first wallet from a first user device, verifies whether the login credentials match the login details for the first wallet, and if the login credentials match the login details then logs the first user device into the first wallet. The hosted email module, if the first user device is logged into the wallet, permits transmission of an email by a user of the first user device to an email address of a second user device. The wallet management module, in response to the transmission of the email, records a transfer in the first wallet for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet to a second wallet identified by the email address.

[0009] The invention also provides a method of transacting bitcoin. A processor establishes a first wallet in a data store connected to the processor. The processor stores login details for the first wallet. The processor stores a value representative of an amount of bitcoin held by the first wallet. The processor receives login credentials for the first wallet from a first user device. The processor verifies whether the login credentials match the

login details for the first wallet. The processor, if the login credentials match the login details then, logs the first user device into the first wallet. The processor, if the first user device is logged into the wallet, permits transmission of an email by a user to the first user device to an email address of a second user device and in response to the transmission of the email. The processor records a transfer in the first wallet for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet to a second wallet identified by the email address.

[0010] The invention further provides a non-transitory computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions that are executable by a processor to carry out a method of transacting bitcoin. The processor establishes a first wallet in a data store connected to the processor. The processor stores login details for the first wallet. The processor stores a value representative of an amount of bitcoin held by the first wallet. The processor receives login credentials for the first wallet from a first user device. The processor verifies whether the login credentials match the login details for the first wallet. The processor, if the login credentials match the login details then, logs the first user device into the first wallet. The processor, if the first user device is logged into the wallet, permits transmission of an email by a user to the first user device to an email address of a second user device and in response to the transmission of the email. The processor records a transfer in the first wallet for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet to a second wallet identified by the email address.

OFF-BLOCK CHAIN TRANSACTIONS IN COMBINATION WITH ON-BLOCK CHAIN TRANSACTIONS

[0011] The invention further provides a first host computer system for transacting bitcoin including a processor at a first node of the Bitcoin network, a network interface device connected to the processor, a computer readable medium connected to the processor, a data

store on the computer readable medium and a set of instructions on the computer readable medium that are executable by the processor. The set of instructions includes a wallet establishment module. The wallet establishment module establishes a first and second wallets in the data store and stores a value representative of an amount of bitcoin held by the first wallet. The wallet management module receives, over the network interface device, a first transfer instruction for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet and an identifier of the second wallet, in response to the first transfer instruction, records a transfer in the first wallet for the amount of bitcoin in the first transfer instruction out of the first wallet and a transfer in the second wallet, identified by the identifier of the second wallet, for the amount of bitcoin in the first transfer instruction into the second wallet without paying a miner's fee for the first transfer. In order to execute a subsequent on-block chain transaction, the wallet management module receives, over the network interface device, a second transfer instruction for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet and a bitcoin address associated with a second node of the Bitcoin network, and in response to the second transfer instruction, records a transfer in the first wallet for the amount of bitcoin in the second transfer instruction out of the first wallet, broadcasts a message to the Bitcoin network, including to the second node, to record a transfer associated with the bitcoin address associated with the second node, for the amount of bitcoin in the second transfer instruction, and pays a miner's fee for the second transfer.

[0012] The invention further provides a method of transacting bitcoin including. A processor of a first host computer system at a first node of the Bitcoin network establishes first and second wallets in a data store connected to the processor. The processor stores a value representative of an amount of bitcoin held by the first wallet. The processor receives

a first transfer instruction for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet and an identifier of the second wallet. The processor, in response to the first transfer instruction, records a transfer in the first wallet for the amount of bitcoin in the first transfer instruction out of the first wallet and a transfer in the second wallet, identified by the identifier of the second wallet, for the amount of bitcoin in the first transfer instruction into the second wallet without paying a miner's fee for the first transfer. In order to execute a subsequent on-block chain transaction, the processor receives a second transfer instruction for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet and a bitcoin address associated with a second node of the bitcoin network. The processor, in response to the second transfer instruction records a transfer in the first wallet for the amount of bitcoin in the second transfer instruction out of the first wallet, broadcasts a message to the Bitcoin network, including to the second node, to record a transfer associated with the bitcoin address associated with the second node, for the amount of bitcoin in the second transfer instruction and pays a miner's fee for the second transfer.

[0013] The invention further provides a non-transitory computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions that are executable by a processor of a first host computer system at a first node of the Bitcoin network to carry out a method of transacting bitcoin. The processor establishes first and second wallets in a data store connected to the processor. The processor stores a value representative of an amount of bitcoin held by the first wallet. The processor receives a first transfer instruction for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet and an identifier of the second wallet. The processor, in response to the first transfer instruction, records a transfer in the first wallet for the amount of bitcoin in the first transfer instruction out of the first wallet and a transfer in the second wallet, identified by the

identifier of the second wallet, for the amount of bitcoin in the first transfer instruction into the second wallet without paying a miner's fee for the first transfer. In order to execute a subsequent on-block chain transaction, the processor receives a second transfer instruction for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet and a bitcoin address associated with a second node of the bitcoin network. The processor, in response to the second transfer instruction records a transfer in the first wallet for the amount of bitcoin in the second transfer instruction out of the first wallet, broadcasts a message to the Bitcoin network, including to the second node, to record a transfer associated with the bitcoin address associated with the second node, for the amount of bitcoin in the second transfer instruction and pays a miner's fee for the second transfer.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0014] The invention is further described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein:

[0015] Figure 1A is a block diagram of a network environment that includes the Bitcoin network and a number of systems forming part thereof or connected thereto;

[0016] Figure 1B is a block diagram of a first host computer system and a first and second user devices connected thereto;

[0017] Figure 2 is diagrammatic view of a first wallet that is held within a first host computer system in Figure 1;

[0018] Figure 3 is a view similar to Figure 2, further illustrating a second wallet that has been established within the first host computer system;

[0019] Figure 4 is a view of an email that is received by the second user device in Figure 1;

[0020] Figure 5 is a view of a browser displaying a user interface with fields for creating login details for the second wallet;

[0021] Figures 6 to 30 are views similar to Figure 5 that step a user of the second user device through a wallet set up;

[0022] Figures 31 to 33 are views of the browser wherein the user interface discloses various tools that can be used by the user;

[0023] Figures 34 to 37 are views of the browser wherein the user interface is used by the user to purchase bitcoin from the first host computer system;

[0024] Figure 38 is an email that is received by the second user device to confirm the purchase of the bitcoin from the first host computer system;

[0025] Figure 39 is an email that is received by the second user device with a notification that bitcoin has been added to their wallet as part of a referral bonus system;

[0026] Figure 40 is a view of the browser wherein the user interface displays “Limits and Verifications” associated with the second wallet;

[0027] Figure 41 is a view similar to Figure 3 displaying transfer of bitcoin from the second wallet to the first wallet;

[0028] Figures 42 and 43 are views of the browser when the user interface steps the user through the transfer of bitcoin from the second wallet to the first wallet;

[0029] Figure 44 is a view of the browser wherein the user interface displays Bitcoin addresses associated with transactions that have been completed;

[0030] Figure 45 is a view similar to Figure 40 further showing the transfer of bitcoin from the second wallet to a third wallet that is connected to a second host computer system; and

[0031] Figure 46 is a block diagram of a machine in the form of a computer system forming part of the network environment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0032] Figure 1A of the accompanying drawings illustrates a network environment 10, including the Bitcoin network 12, a first host computer system 14 within which the invention manifests itself, a second host computer system 16, first and second user devices 18 and 20 connected over the Internet 22 to the first host computer system 14, a third user device 24 connected to the second host computer system 16, a bitcoin exchange computer system 26 and a miner computer system 28.

[0033] The Bitcoin network 12 includes a host node 30 and a plurality of remote nodes 32A to D that are connected to one another. The first host computer system 14 is connected to the host node 30. The bitcoin exchange computer system 26 is connected to the remote node 32A. The second host computer system 16 is connected to the remote node 32B. The miner computer system 28 is connected to the remote node 32D or could reside on the same computer system.

[0034] The first host computer system 14 is used primarily for transacting bitcoin and, as shown in Figure 1B, includes a website 34 having a user interface 36, a login module 38, a wallet establishment module 40, a plurality of wallets 42, a wallet management module 44 and a hosted email module 46. The login module 38 is connected to the website 34 and the hosted email module 46 is connected to the login module 38. The wallet establishment module 40 is connected to the wallets 42. The hosted email module 46 is connected via the wallet management module 44 to the wallets 42. As illustrated in the drawing, the first user device 18 is connected over the Internet 22 and the user interface 36 to the login module 38. As further illustrated in the drawing, the hosted email module 46 is connected over the Internet 22 to the second user device 20 and the second user device 20 is connected over the

Internet 22 and the user interface 36 to the wallet establishment module 40.

[0035] As shown in Figure 2, the first host computer system 14 already has one wallet (Wallet A) stored among the wallets 42 corresponding to the first user device 18. The first wallet (Wallet A) includes an email address (email address A) and login details for the wallet. The first wallet (Wallet A) also includes a number of Bitcoin addresses (Bitcoin address 1; Bitcoin address 2) that have been created due to respective transfers or purchases (Transfer 1; Transfer 2). The first Bitcoin address (Bitcoin address 1) is created due to a purchase (Transfer 1) from a master wallet of the first host computer system 14 (First Host) and is recorded for a value in an amount in bitcoin. The second Bitcoin address (Bitcoin address 2) is created due to a transfer (Transfer 2) from another location within the Bitcoin network 12 having a network address outside of the first host computer system 14 and is recorded for a particular amount in bitcoin. The first wallet (Wallet A) was originally established by the wallet establishment module 40 in Figure 1B. The email address (email address A) and login details of the first wallet were also recorded by the wallet establishment module 40. The wallet establishment module 40 and wallet management module 44 were used to record the transfers and purchases (Transfer 1; Transfer 2), their Bitcoin addresses (Bitcoin address 1; Bitcoin address 2), their values and other details within the wallet.

[0036] A user of the first user device 18 in Figure 1B may use a mobile application on the first user device 18 to communicate over the Internet 22 directly with the login module 38 or may use a browser on the first user device 18 to communicate via the Internet 22 and the website 34 with the login module 38. A browser application on the first user device 18 transmits a user interface request over the Internet 22 to the website 34. The website 34

responds to the user interface request by transmitting the user interface 36 over the Internet 22 to the first user device 18. The user interface 36 is then displayed on the first user device 18. The user interface 36 includes fields for entering login credentials, which are then transmitted from the first user device 18 over the Internet 22 to the login module 38. The login module 38 verifies whether the login credentials match the login details for the wallet (Wallet A). If the login credentials match the login details, then the login module 38 logs the first user device 18 into the wallet (Wallet A) in Figure 2. If the login credentials do not match the login details, then the first user device 18 is not logged in to the wallet.

[0037] If the first user device 18 in Figure 1B is logged in to the wallet, the login module 38 also provides access for the first user device 18 to the hosted email module 46 and transmission of an email by a user of the first user device 18 to an email address of the second user device 20. The user interface 36 provides a field for entering the email address of the second user device 20. The user interface 36 also includes a field for entering an amount in bitcoin (or an amount in local currency that is converted to bitcoin using an exchange rate) that is being transferred from the wallet (Wallet A) corresponding to the first user device 18 to a respective wallet among the wallets 42 corresponding to the second user device 20 that has not yet been established at this point in time. The user of the first user device 18 then uses the hosted email module 46 to send an email at 50 to the second user device 20. The hosted email module 46 simultaneously at 52 instructs the wallet establishment module 40 to establish a wallet corresponding to the email address within the wallets 42. The hosted email module 46 simultaneously instructs the wallet management module 44 to record the amount of bitcoin that is being transferred from the wallet (Wallet A) within the wallet corresponding to the email address.

[0038] Figure 3 illustrates further activity within the wallets 42 due to the email represented by a third transfer (Transfer 3). When the user of the first wallet (Wallet A) transmits the email, the system uses an existing Bitcoin address (Bitcoin address 2) to which the outgoing transfer is charged. Associated with the transfer (Transfer 3) are the email address to which the email has been transmitted, the amount in bitcoin, a miner's fee of zero bitcoin that is paid by the first host computer system 14 to any miner computer system such as the miner computer system 28 in Figure 1A, and a host fee of zero bitcoin that are charged to the wallet (Wallet A) for the transfer. A second wallet (Wallet B) is established by the wallet establishment module 40 and the email address (email address B) of the second user device 20 is recorded as an identifier of the wallet (Wallet B). A Bitcoin address (Bitcoin address 3) is recorded within the second wallet (Wallet B) for the transfer (Transfer 3). Within the second wallet (Wallet B), the transfer (Transfer 3) has the Bitcoin address (Bitcoin address 3), the identifier of the wallet (Wallet A) from where the funds are transferred associated therewith, and the amount in bitcoin that has been transferred. The amount in bitcoin corresponding to the transfer (Transfer 3) of both wallets (Wallet A; Wallet B) is the same, consistent with double entry accounting principles. The second wallet (Wallet B) so far has no login details or any other user information and has not been accessed by a user of the second user device 20 at this point in time.

[0039] Figure 4 illustrates the email when it is received at the second user device 20 in Figure 1B. The email is received and viewed within an email application on the second user device 20. The email includes a link ("Click here to sign in and claim this amount") that, when selected by the user of the second user device 20, transmits a user interface request from the browser on the second user device 20 over the Internet 22 to the website 34. The

website 34 responds to the user interface request to transmit the user interface 36 over the Internet 22 to the second user device 20 for viewing within the browser.

[0040] Figure 5 illustrates the user interface 36 as displayed on the second user device 20 in Figure 1B. The user interface 36 includes a plurality of fields for the user of the second user device 20 to enter login details for the second wallet (Wallet B), including a password and a confirmation of the password. After the user has entered a password, the user can access their wallet by selecting the button “Access My Wallet”. The wallet establishment module 40 in Figure 1B stores the login credentials in association with the second wallet (Wallet B). The login module 38 also logs the second user device 20 into the second wallet (Wallet B). If the user is logged out, the user can be provided with a login page where the user can enter login credentials that are compared with the login details in the second wallet (Wallet B) and then log into the second wallet (Wallet B) following a favorable match between the login credentials and the login details.

[0041] Figure 6 shows a view that is displayed on the second user device 20 in Figure 1B. The user is already logged into the wallet, as shown in the top right. The user can accept or decline an agreement. Figure 7 displays the first page that is displayed to the user following acceptance of the agreement. The page shows the current balance corresponding to the amount of bitcoin at the Bitcoin address (Bitcoin address 4) in Figure 3. The user can select various tools down the left margin, including sending or requesting bitcoin, buying or selling bitcoin, account settings and various merchant tools. Figure 8 illustrates a view that is displayed to the user if the user selects the “Buy/Sell” link in Figure 7. The user is prompted to add a bank account. Figures 9 through 15 step the user through the entry of bank account details and verification of the bank account. The user can also select a credit card as a

backup payment. Figures 16 to 19 step the user through the entry of a credit card number and a billing address, and Figures 20 and 21 step the user through a verification process to verify that the user is in control of the credit card account. Figures 22 and 23 request additional information from the user. Figure 23 also allows the user to verify a phone at a phone number and Figures 24 through 27 step the user through a process for verifying their phone and phone number. Figures 28 through 30 illustrate a process for verifying an identity of the user of the second user device 20. As illustrated in Figures 31 to 33, the top margin within the account settings allow for additional tools such as referrals (Figure 31), viewing of Bitcoin addresses (Figure 32), and integration with an application programmable interface (Figure 33).

[0042] Figure 34 illustrates a process that is initiated by the user to purchase bitcoin from a wallet of the first host computer system 14. In the present example, the user selects one (1) bitcoin (BTC) to purchase. Figures 35 and 36 step the user through the process of purchasing the bitcoin. Once the bitcoin is purchased, the user can select on “History” tab in the top margin to display a view as shown in Figure 37 wherein the transaction is displayed and is marked as “PENDING”.

[0043] Figure 38 shows an email that is transmitted by the hosted email module 46 in Figure 1B to the second user device 20 to confirm the purchase of the bitcoin following selection of a “Confirm” button in Figure 35. The email also has a link that, when selected by the user, opens the browser on the second user device 20 and allows the user to login to their wallet and view the transaction.

[0044] Figure 39 shows an email that is transmitted by the hosted email module 46 in Figure 1B to the second user device 20 with a notification that bitcoin has been added to

their wallet as part of a referral bonus system.

[0045] Figure 40 illustrates a view that is displayed when the user selects a “Limits and Verifications” tab in the top margin of the “Buy/Sell” page.

[0046] When the user selects the “Send/Request” link in the left margin in Figure 40, the user is provided an option to send bitcoin from their wallet (Wallet B) in Figure 3 to another wallet (e.g. the first wallet (Wallet A)) in Figure 3.

[0047] Figure 41 illustrates further transfers or purchases (Transfer 4; Transfer 5; Transfer 6). The fourth transfer (Transfer 4) represents the purchase of bitcoin from the first host computer system’s 14 master wallet.

[0048] The fifth transfer (Transfer 5) represents the transfer of bitcoin from the second wallet (Wallet B) to the first wallet (Wallet A). The second wallet (Wallet B) now has login details stored therein. If the second user device 20 in Figure 1B has been logged out of the second wallet (Wallet B), then the second user device 20 is first directed to the login module 38 which receives login details for the second wallet (Wallet B) from the second user device 20, verifies whether the login credentials for the second wallet (Wallet B) match the login details for the second wallet (Wallet B). If the login details match the login credentials, then the login module 38 logs the second user device 20 into the second wallet (Wallet B).

[0049] The login module 38 then provides the second user device 20 with access to the hosted email module 46. The user of the second user device 20 then enters the email address (email address A) of the user of the first wallet (Wallet A) and an amount of bitcoin that the user of the second user device 20 wishes to transfer from the second wallet (Wallet B) to the first wallet (Wallet A). The user of the second user device 20 then uses the hosted email module 46 to send an email via the Internet 22 to the first user device 18. As soon as

the email is sent, a transfer (Transfer 5) is recorded within the second wallet (Wallet B). Because one of the Bitcoin addresses (Bitcoin address 4) has funds associated therewith, it can be charged for the transfer (Transfer 4). Within the second wallet (Wallet B) the transfer (Transfer 4) has the email address (email address A) to which the email has been sent and the amount in bitcoin associated therewith.

[0050] As indicated, the miner's fee that is paid by the first host computer system 14 and the host fee that is charged for the transfer are zero bitcoin because the first wallet (Wallet A) is stored within the wallets 42 of the first host computer system 14. The user of the first user device 18 receives the email indicating the transfer of bitcoin to their wallet (Wallet A). A Bitcoin address (Bitcoin address 5) is recorded within the first wallet (Wallet A) for the transfer (Transfer 5) together with the identifier of the second wallet (Wallet B) from which the transfer has been made and the amount in bitcoin. The amount in bitcoin corresponding to the transfer (Transfer 4) in the second wallet (Wallet B) is the same as the amount in bitcoin as in the first wallet (Wallet A).

[0051] As illustrated by the next transfer (Transfer 6), the user of the second wallet (Wallet B) can opt to send bitcoin to a Bitcoin address of the first wallet (Wallet A). The transfer (Transfer 6) is the same as the preceding transfer (Transfer 5) in all other respects.

[0052] Figure 42 shows a view that is displayed to the user of the second user device 20 in Figure 1B in order to make the transfer from their wallet (Wallet B) to the first wallet (Wallet A). The view includes a field for the user to enter the email address (email address A) and fields for entering either an amount in bitcoin (BTC) or an amount in a local currency (USD-United States Dollar). The exchange rate between bitcoin and the local currency is shown in the top left corner. The view also includes a button "Send Money"

which, when selected by the user, initiates the transfer of bitcoin.

[0053] Figure 43 is a view that is displayed to the user indicating transactions that have been initiated or completed. The purchase of bitcoin discussed with reference to Figures 35 to 37 is shown as “PENDING”. A block chain verification notice has to be broadcast by the miner computer system 28 and be received by the first host computer system 14 in Figure 1A before a determination is made to change the marker “PENDING” to “COMPLETE”. The other transactions representing transfers between the first and second wallets (Wallet A and Wallet B) in Figure 41 are shown as completed because they do not need block chain verification outside of the first host computer system 14. No block chain verification notice is thus required for these transactions to be marked “COMPLETE”. Figure 44 shows a view that can be selected by the user by selecting a tab in the top margin wherein the user is shown the Bitcoin addresses associated with transactions that have been completed.

[0054] Figure 45 illustrates a further transaction (Transfer 7) wherein bitcoin is transferred from the second wallet (Wallet B) to a third wallet (Wallet C) held by the second host computer system 16 in Figure 1A. The user of the second user device 20 enters a bitcoin address (Bitcoin address 6) that is located in the third wallet (Wallet C) and an amount of bitcoin to be transferred to the third wallet (Wallet C). A transfer (Transfer 7) is recorded within the second wallet (Wallet B). Associated with the transfer (Transfer 7) are the Bitcoin address (Bitcoin address 6), the amount in bitcoin that is being transferred and a miner’s fee that is charged for the transfer and has to be paid by the first host computer system 14 to the miner computer system 28 in Figure 1A. No fee is charged by the first host computer system 14 for a transfer to another Bitcoin address.

[0055] When the user of the second user device 20 in Figure 1A completes the purchase, a

transfer instruction is created and is broadcast via the host node 30 to all remote nodes 32A-D within the Bitcoin network 12. The transfer instruction thus traverses the first node and the second remote node 32B to reach the second host computer system 16. The second host computer system 16 and all other computer systems connected to the remote nodes 32A-D record the transfer (Transfer 7) with respect to the Bitcoin addresses (Bitcoin address 4; Bitcoin address 6). The transfer (Transfer 7) has associated therewith the amount in bitcoin.

[0056] The transfer instruction that results in the transfer (Transfer 5) thus results in no miner's fee being charged to and paid by the first host computer system 14. No host fee is charged to the second wallet (Wallet B) because the transfer (Transfer 7) is made to another wallet (Wallet A) within the wallets 42 of the first host computer system 14. By contrast, the transfer instruction that results in the transfer (Transfer 7) representing the transfer to the Bitcoin address (Bitcoin address 6) in the third wallet (Wallet C) results in a miner's fee that is paid by the first host computer system 14 to the miner computer system 28. The miner computer system 28 is responsible for verifying transfers of bitcoin over the Bitcoin network 12. In the present scenario, the miner computer system 28 verifies the transfer of bitcoin from the second wallet (Wallet B) to the third wallet (Wallet C).

[0057] Another transfer may comprise that bitcoin is sent to one of the nodes, e.g. node 32C. The node 32C could be a fourth user device which is owned by the recipient of the bitcoin transfer having its own bitcoin address.

[0058] Figure 46 shows a diagrammatic representation of a machine in the exemplary form of a computer system 900 within which a set of instructions, for causing the machine to perform any one or more of the methodologies discussed herein, may be executed. In alternative embodiments, the machine operates as a standalone device or may be connected

(e.g., networked) to other machines. In a network deployment, the machine may operate in the capacity of a server or a client machine in a server-client network environment, or as a peer machine in a peer-to-peer (or distributed) network environment. The machine may be a personal computer (PC), a tablet PC, a set-top box (STB), a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), a cellular telephone, a web appliance, a network router, switch or bridge, or any machine capable of executing a set of instructions (sequential or otherwise) that specify actions to be taken by that machine. Further, while only a single machine is illustrated, the term “machine” shall also be taken to include any collection of machines that individually or jointly execute a set (or multiple sets) of instructions to perform any one or more of the methodologies discussed herein.

[0059] The exemplary computer system 900 includes a processor 930 (e.g., a central processing unit (CPU), a graphics processing unit (GPU), or both), a main memory 932 (e.g., read-only memory (ROM), flash memory, dynamic random access memory (DRAM) such as synchronous DRAM (SDRAM) or Rambus DRAM (RDRAM), etc.), and a static memory 934 (e.g., flash memory, static random access memory (SRAM), etc.), which communicate with each other via a bus 936.

[0060] The computer system 900 may further include a video display 938 (e.g., a liquid crystal displays (LCD) or a cathode ray tube (CRT)). The computer system 900 also includes an alpha-numeric input device 940 (e.g., a keyboard), a cursor control device 942 (e.g., a mouse), a disk drive unit 944, a signal generation device 946 (e.g., a speaker), and a network interface device 948.

[0061] The disk drive unit 944 includes a machine-readable medium 950 on which is stored one or more sets of instructions 952 (e.g., software) embodying any one or more of

the methodologies or functions described herein. The software may also reside, completely or at least partially, within the main memory 932 and/or within the processor 930 during execution thereof by the computer system 900, the memory 932 and the processor 930 also constituting machine readable media. The software may further be transmitted or received over a network 954 via the network interface device 948.

[0062] While certain exemplary embodiments have been described and shown in the accompanying drawings, it is to be understood that such embodiments are merely illustrative and not restrictive of the current invention, and that this invention is not restricted to the specific constructions and arrangements shown and described since modifications may occur to those ordinarily skilled in the art.

CLAIMS

What is claimed:

SEND BITCOIN TO EMAIL ADDRESS

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1. A host computer system for transacting bitcoin comprising:
 - a processor;
 - a network interface device connected to the processor;
 - a computer readable medium connected to the processor;
 - a data store on the computer readable medium; and
 - a set of instructions on the computer readable medium that are executable by the processor, including:
 - a wallet establishment module establishing a first wallet in the data store, storing login details for the first wallet and storing a value representative of an amount of bitcoin held by the first wallet;
 - a login module receiving login credentials over the network interface device for the first wallet from a first user device, verifying whether the login credentials match the login details for the first wallet, and if the login credentials match the login details then logging the first user device into the first wallet;
 - a hosted email module that, if the first user device is logged into the wallet, permits transmission of an email by a user of the first user device to an email address of a second user device; and

a wallet management module that, in response to the transmission of the email, records a transfer in the first wallet for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet to a second wallet identified by the email address.

2. The host computer system of claim 1, wherein the set of instructions further includes:

a website receiving a user interface request from the first user device over the network interface device; and

a user interface of the website that is transmitted over the network interface device in response to the user interface request from the first user device, the user interface having at least one field for entering the login credentials and a field for entering the email address.

3. The host computer system of claim 2, wherein the user interface includes a field for entering of the amount of bitcoin that is being transferred.

4. The host computer system of claim 1, wherein the second wallet is stored in the data store connected to the processor.

5. The host computer system of claim 4, wherein the wallet management module, in response to the transmission of the email, records the transfer in the second wallet.

6. The host computer system of claim 4, wherein the wallet establishment module, in response to the transmission of the email, creates and stores the second wallet in the data store connected to the processor.

7. The host computer system of claim 6, wherein the email includes a link that, when selected by a user of the second user device, transmits a user interface request from a browser of the second user device, further comprising:

a website receiving the user interface request from the second user device over the network interface device; and

a user interface of the website that is transmitted over the network interface device in response to the user interface request from the second user device, the user interface having a plurality of fields for the user of the second user device to enter at least login details for the second wallet, wherein the wallet establishment module stores the login details received from the second user device in association with the second wallet.

8. The host computer system of claim 7, wherein the login module stores login details for the second wallet, receives login credentials for the second wallet from a second user device, verifies whether the login credentials for the second wallet match the login details for the second wallet, and if the login credentials match the login details then logs the second user device into the second wallet, and if the second user device is logged into the wallet, displays the amount of bitcoin being transferred.

9. The host computer system of claim 4, wherein the second wallet includes a plurality of Bitcoin addresses wherein each Bitcoin address represents a respective transfer of bitcoin to the second wallet.

10. A method of transacting bitcoin comprising:

establishing, by a processor, a first wallet in a data store connected to the processor;

storing, by the processor, login details for the first wallet;

storing, by the processor, a value representative of an amount of bitcoin held by the first wallet;

receiving, by the processor, login credentials for the first wallet from a first user device;

verifying, by the processor, whether the login credentials match the login details for the first wallet;

if the login credentials match the login details then, by the processor, logging the first user device into the first wallet;

if the first user device is logged into the wallet, permitting, by the processor, transmission of an email by a user to the first user device to an email address of a second user device; and

in response to the transmission of the email, recording, by the processor, a transfer in the first wallet for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet to a second wallet identified by the email address.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

receiving, by the processor, a user interface request at a website from the first user device; and

transmitting, by the processor in response to the user interface request, a user interface of the website to the first user device, the user interface having at least one field for entering the login credentials and a field for entering the email address.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the user interface includes a field for entering of the amount of bitcoin that is being transferred.

13. The method of claim 10, wherein the second wallet is stored in the data store connected to the processor.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

in response to the transmission of the email, recording, by the processor, the transfer in the second wallet.

15. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

in response to the transmission of the email, creating and storing, by the processor, the second wallet in the data store connected to the processor.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the email includes a link that, when selected by a user of the second user device, transmits a user interface request from a browser of the second user device, further comprising:

receiving, by the processor, a user interface request at a website from the second user device;

transmitting, by the processor in response to the user interface request, a user interface of the website to the first user device, the user interface having a plurality of fields for the user of the second user device to enter at least login details for the second wallet; and

storing the login details received from the second user device in association with the second wallet.

17. The method of claim 16, further comprising:

receiving, by the processor, login credentials for the second wallet from a second user device;

verifying, by the processor, whether the login credentials match the login details for the second wallet;

if the login credentials for the second wallet match the login details then, by the processor, logging the second user device into the second wallet; and

if the second user device is logged into the wallet, displaying, by the processor, the amount of Bitcoin being transferred.

18. The method of claim 13, wherein the second wallet includes a plurality of Bitcoin addresses wherein each Bitcoin address represents a respective transfer of bitcoin to the second wallet.

19. A non-transitory computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions that are executable by a processor to carry out a method of transacting bitcoin comprising:

establishing, by a processor, a first wallet in a data store connected to the processor;

storing, by the processor, login details for the first wallet;

storing, by the processor, a value representative of an amount of Bitcoin held by the first wallet;

receiving, by the processor, login credentials for the first wallet from a first user device;

verifying, by the processor, whether the login credentials match the login details for the first wallet;

if the login credentials match the login details then, by the processor, logging the first user device into the first wallet;

if the first user device is logged into the wallet, permitting, by the processor, transmission of an email by a user to the first user device to an email address of a second user device; and

in response to the transmission of the email, recording, by the processor, a transfer in the first wallet for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet to a second wallet identified by the email address.

OFF-BLOCK CHAIN TRANSACTIONS IN COMBINATION WITH ON-BLOCK CHAIN TRANSACTIONS

Inventor: Brian D. Armstrong

20. A first host computer system computer system for transacting bitcoin comprising:
a processor at a first node of the Bitcoin network;
a network interface device connected to the processor;
a computer readable medium connected to the processor;
a data store on the computer readable medium; and
a set of instructions on the computer readable medium that are executable by the processor, including:

a wallet establishment module establishing a first and second wallets in the data store, storing a value representative of an amount of bitcoin held by the first wallet;
and

a wallet management module receiving, over the network interface device, a first transfer instruction for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet and an identifier of the second wallet, in response to the first transfer instruction, recording a transfer in the first wallet for the amount of bitcoin in the first transfer instruction out of the first wallet and a transfer in the second wallet, identified by the identifier of the second wallet, for the amount of bitcoin in the first transfer instruction into the second wallet without paying a miner's fee for the first transfer, receiving, over the network interface device, a second transfer instruction for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet and a bitcoin address associated with a second node of the Bitcoin network, and in response to the second transfer instruction, recording a transfer in the first wallet for the amount of bitcoin in the second transfer instruction out of the first wallet, broadcasting a message to the Bitcoin network, including to the second node, to record a transfer associated with the bitcoin address

associated with the second node, for the amount of bitcoin in the second transfer instruction, and paying a miner's fee for the second transfer.

21. The host computer system of claim 20, wherein the set of instructions includes:

a login module that stores login details for the first wallet, receives login credentials for the first wallet from a first user device, verifies whether the login credentials match the login details for the first wallet, if the login credentials match the login details then logs the first user device into the first wallet, and if the first user device is logged into the wallet, permits the transfers based on the first transfer instruction and the second transfer instruction by a user of the first user device.

22. The host computer system of claim 21, wherein the set of instructions further includes:

a website receiving a user interface request from the first user device; and
a user interface of the website that is transmitted in response to the user interface request from the first user device, the user interface having at least one field for entering the login credentials and a field for selectably entering an identifier of the second wallet or bitcoin address associated with the second node.

23. The host computer system of claim 22, wherein the user interface includes a field for entering of the amount of bitcoin that is being transferred.

24. The host computer system of claim 22, wherein the login module:

stores login details for the second wallet, receives login credentials for the second wallet from a second user device, verifies whether the login credentials for the second wallet match the login details for the second wallet, if the login credentials match the login details then logs the second user device into the second wallet, and if the second user device is logged into the wallet, displays the amount of bitcoin being transferred based on the first transfer instruction.

25. The host computer system of claim 24, wherein the wallet management module determines whether a block chain verification notice has been received from the Bitcoin network indicating that the transfer based on the second transfer instruction has been verified, and records a notification in the first wallet that the transfer based on the second transfer instruction has been verified.

26. The host computer system of claim 25, wherein the wallet management module records a notification in the first wallet that the transfer based on the first transfer instruction has been processed without determining whether a block chain verification notice has been received.

27. The host computer system of claim 26, wherein the transfer based on the first transfer instruction is not broadcast to the Bitcoin network.

28. A method of transacting bitcoin comprising:
establishing, by a processor of a first host computer system at a first node of the

Bitcoin network, first and second wallets in a data store connected to the processor;
storing, by the processor, a value representative of an amount of bitcoin held by the first wallet;

receiving, by the processor, a first transfer instruction for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet and an identifier of the second wallet;

in response to the first transfer instruction, by the processor, recording a transfer in the first wallet for the amount of bitcoin in the first transfer instruction out of the first wallet and a transfer in the second wallet, identified by the identifier of the second wallet, for the amount of bitcoin in the first transfer instruction into the second wallet without paying a miner's fee for the first transfer;

receiving, by the processor, a second transfer instruction for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet and a bitcoin address associated with a second node of the bitcoin network;

in response to the second transfer instruction, by the processor, recording a transfer in the first wallet for the amount of bitcoin in the second transfer instruction out of the first wallet, broadcasting a message to the Bitcoin network, including to the second node, to record a transfer associated with the bitcoin address associated with the second node, for the amount of bitcoin in the second transfer instruction; and

paying, by the processor, a miner's fee for the second transfer.

29. The method of claim 28, further comprising:

storing, by the processor, login details for the first wallet;

receiving, by the processor, login credentials for the first wallet from a first user

device;

verifying, by the processor, whether the login credentials match the login details for the first wallet;

if the login credentials match the login details then, by the processor, logging the first user device into the first wallet; and

if the first user device is logged into the wallet, permitting, by the processor, the transfers based on the first transfer instruction and the second transfer instruction by a user of the first user device.

30. The method of claim 29, further comprising:

receiving, by the processor, a user interface request at a website from the first user device; and

transmitting, by the processor in response to the user interface request from the first user device, a user interface of the website to the first user device, the user interface having at least one field for entering the login credentials and a field for selectably entering an identifier of the second wallet or the bitcoin address associated with the second node.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein the user interface further include a field for entering of the amount of bitcoin that is being transferred.

32. The method of claim 30, further comprising:

storing, by the processor, login details for the second wallet;

receiving, by the processor, login credentials for the second wallet from a second

user device;

verifying, by the processor, whether the login credentials match the login details for the second wallet;

if the login credentials for the second wallet match the login details then, by the processor, logging the second user device into the second wallet; and

if the second user device is logged into the wallet, displaying, by the processor, the amount of bitcoin being transferred based on the first transfer instruction.

33. The method of claim 32, further comprising:

determining, by the processor, whether a block chain verification notice has been received from the Bitcoin network indicating that the transfer based on the second transfer instruction has been verified; and

recording, by the processor, a notification in the first wallet that the transfer based on the second transfer instruction has been verified.

34. The method of claim 33, further comprising:

recording a notification in the first wallet that the transfer based on the first transfer instruction has been processed without determining whether a block chain verification notice has been received.

35. The method of claim 34, wherein the transfer based on the first transfer instruction is not broadcast to the Bitcoin network.

36. A non-transitory computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions that are executable by a processor of a first host computer system at a first node of the Bitcoin network to carry out a method of transacting bitcoin comprising:

establishing, by the processor, first and second wallets in a data store connected to the processor;

storing, by the processor, a value representative of an amount of bitcoin held by the first wallet;

receiving, by the processor, a first transfer instruction for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet and an identifier of the second wallet;

in response to the first transfer instruction, by the processor, recording a transfer in the first wallet for the amount of bitcoin in the first transfer instruction out of the first wallet and a transfer in the second wallet, identified by the identifier of the second wallet, for the amount of bitcoin in the first transfer instruction into the second wallet without paying a miner's fee for the first transfer;

receiving, by the processor, a second transfer instruction for an amount of bitcoin from the first wallet and a bitcoin address associated with a second node of the bitcoin network;

in response to the second transfer instruction, by the processor, recording a transfer in the first wallet for the amount of bitcoin in the second transfer instruction out of the first wallet, broadcasting a message to the Bitcoin network, including to the second node, to record a transfer associated with the bitcoin address associated with the second node, for the amount of bitcoin in the second transfer instruction; and

paying, by the processor, a miner's fee for the second transfer.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for transaction bitcoin is described. Bitcoin can be sent to an email address. No miner's fee is paid by a host computer system.

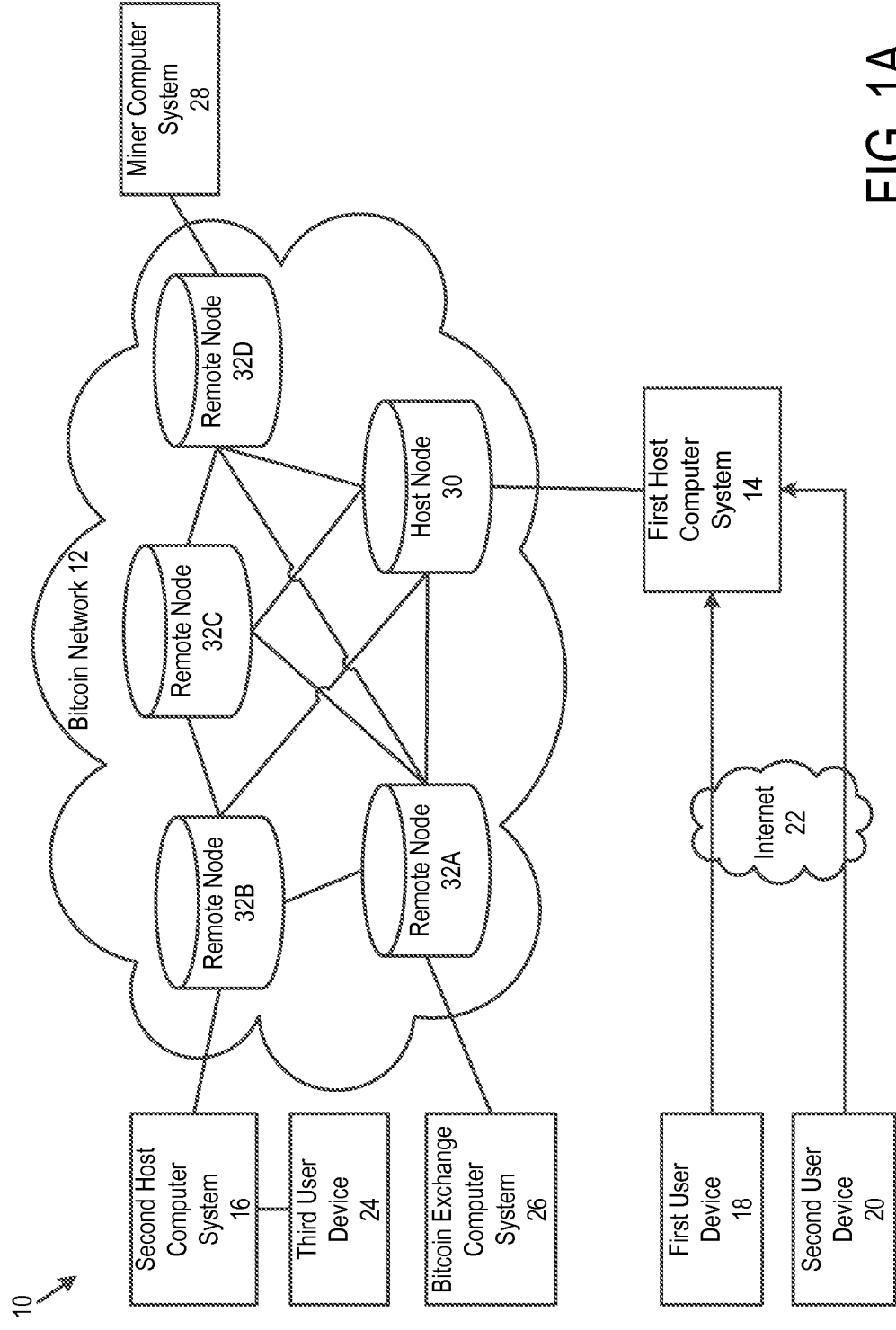


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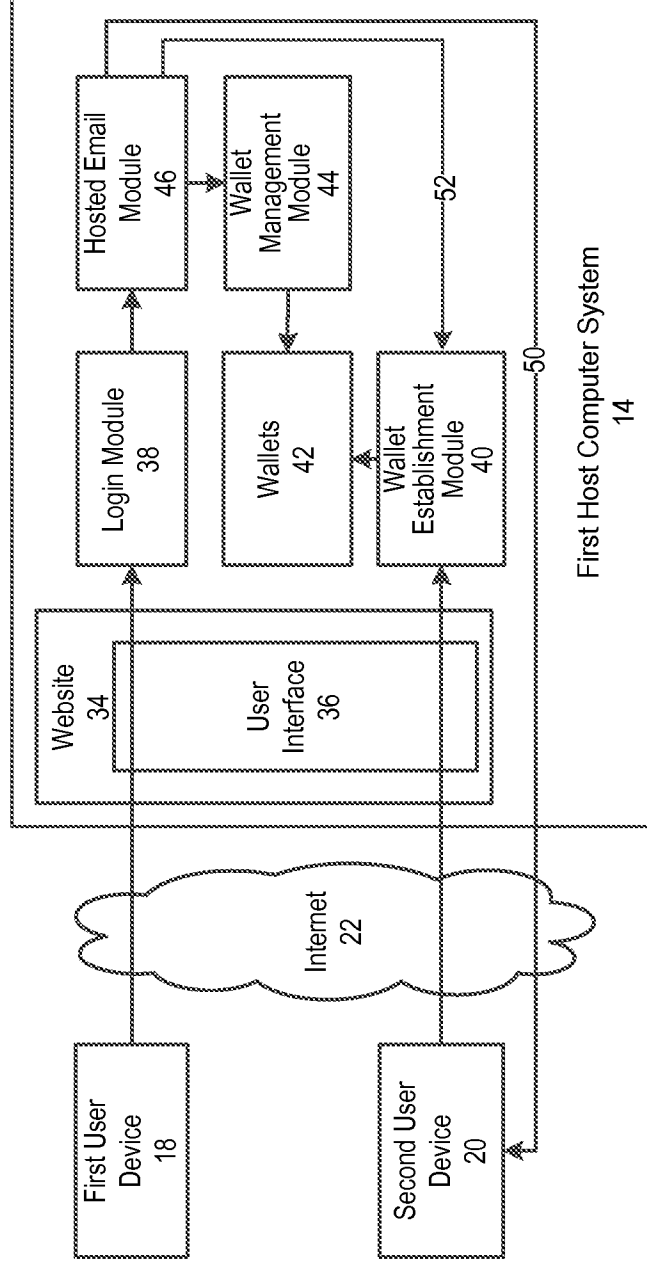


FIG. 1B

	First Host Computer System 14	
	Wallet A	
	Email address A; Login Details	
Transfer 1	Bitcoin address 1	
		From: First Host
		Amount in bitcoin
		Host Fee: x%
Transfer 2	Bitcoin address 2	
		From: Network address
		Amount in bitcoin
		Host Fee: 0 bitcoin

FIG. 2

	First Host Computer System 14			
	Wallet A		Wallet B	
	Email address A; Login Details		Email address B	
Transfer 1	Bitcoin address 1			
		From: First Host		
		Amount in bitcoin		
		Host Fee: x%		
Transfer 2	Bitcoin address 2			
		From: Network address		
		Amount in bitcoin		
		Host Fee: 0 bitcoin		
Transfer 3	Bitcoin address 2		Bitcoin address 3	
		To: Email address B		From: Wallet A
		Amount in bitcoin		Amount in bitcoin
		Miner's Fee = 0 bitcoin		
		Host Fee: 0 bitcoin		

FIG. 3



Hi Buyer01@domain.com

RepresentativeA just sent you **0.00189 BTC** (worth \$1 USD) using Coinbase.

Attached message:

Have some bitcoin and get a Coinbase account!

Bitcoin is a new digital currency that is being used all over the world.

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Kind regards,
The Coinbase Team

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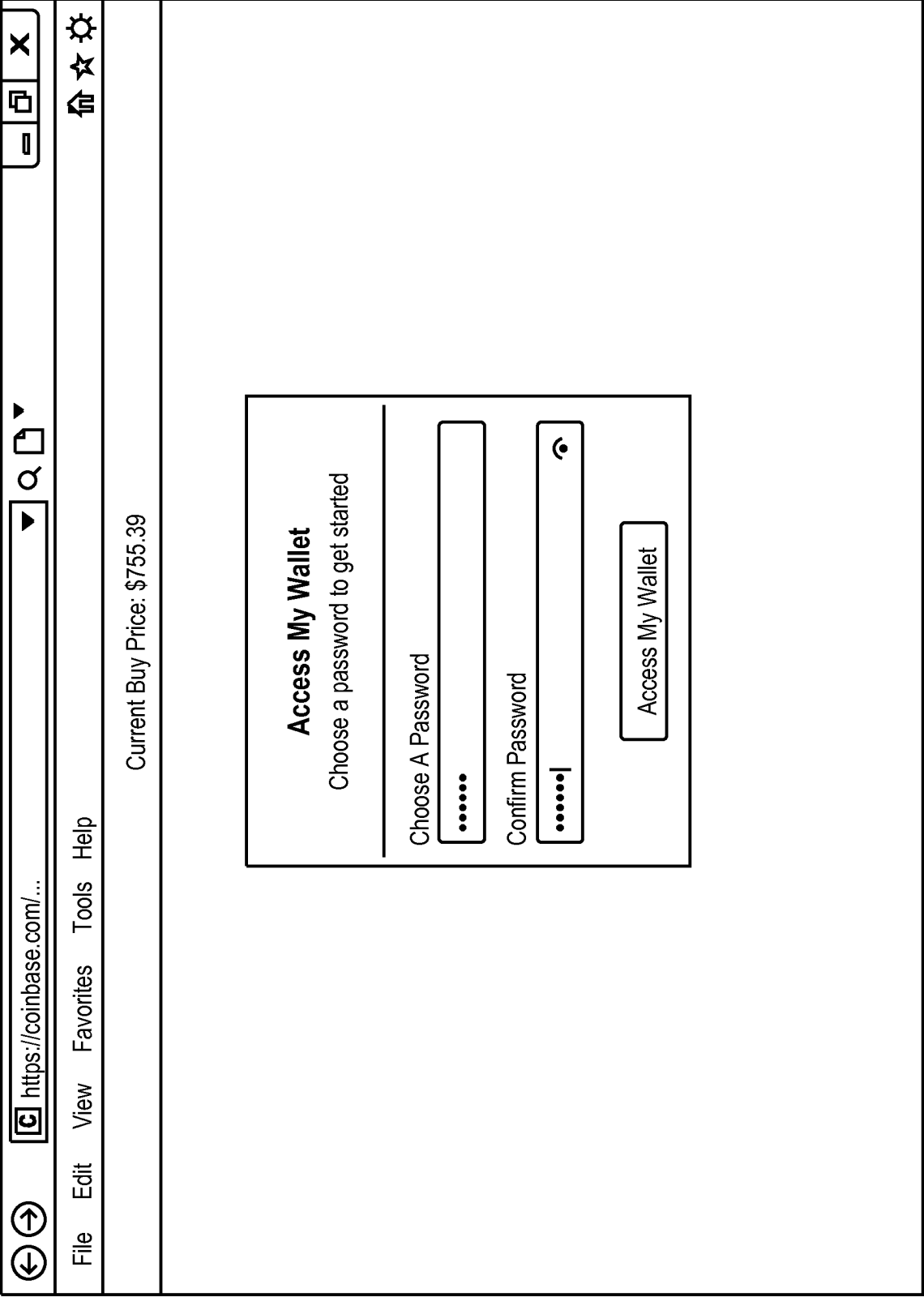


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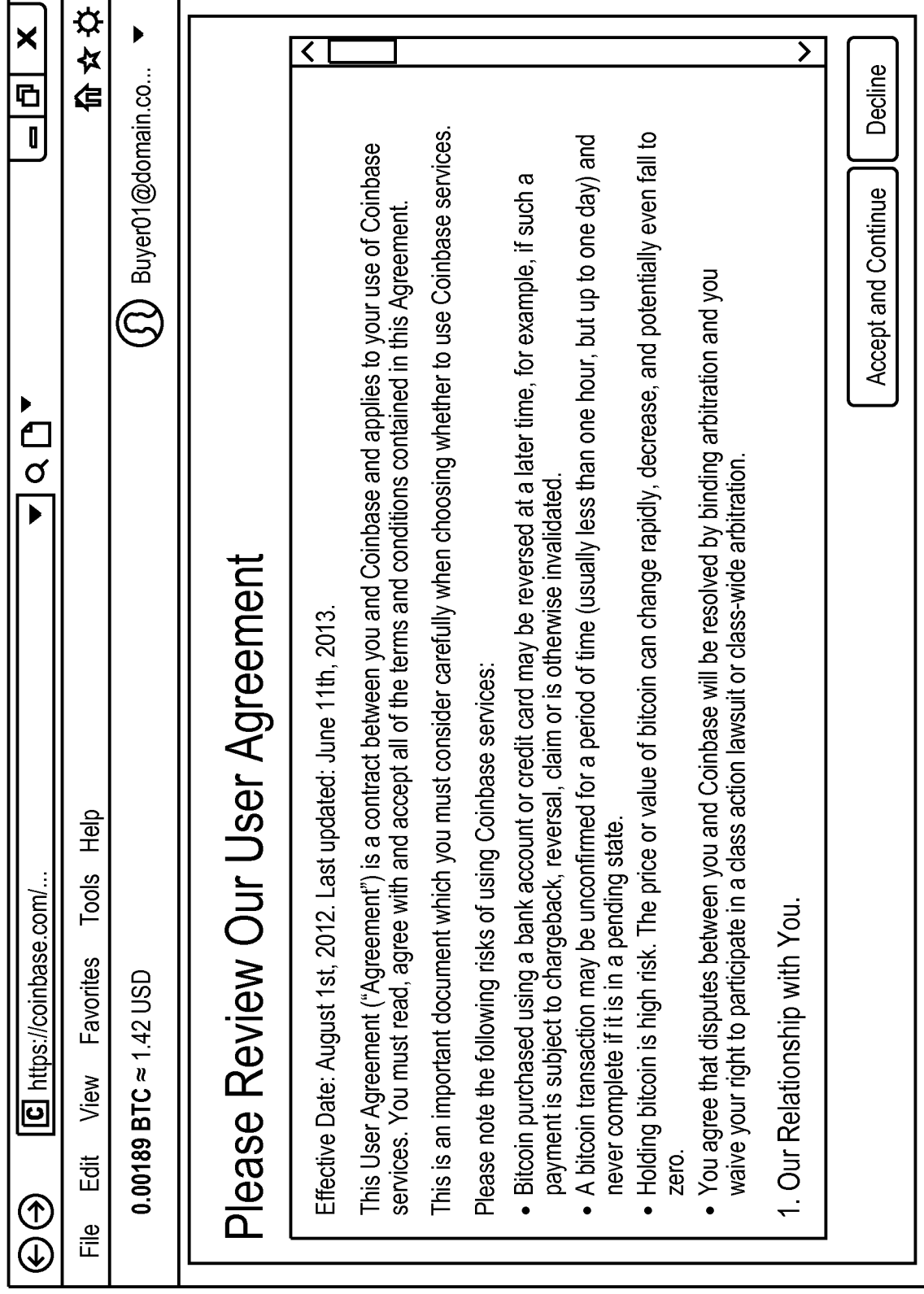


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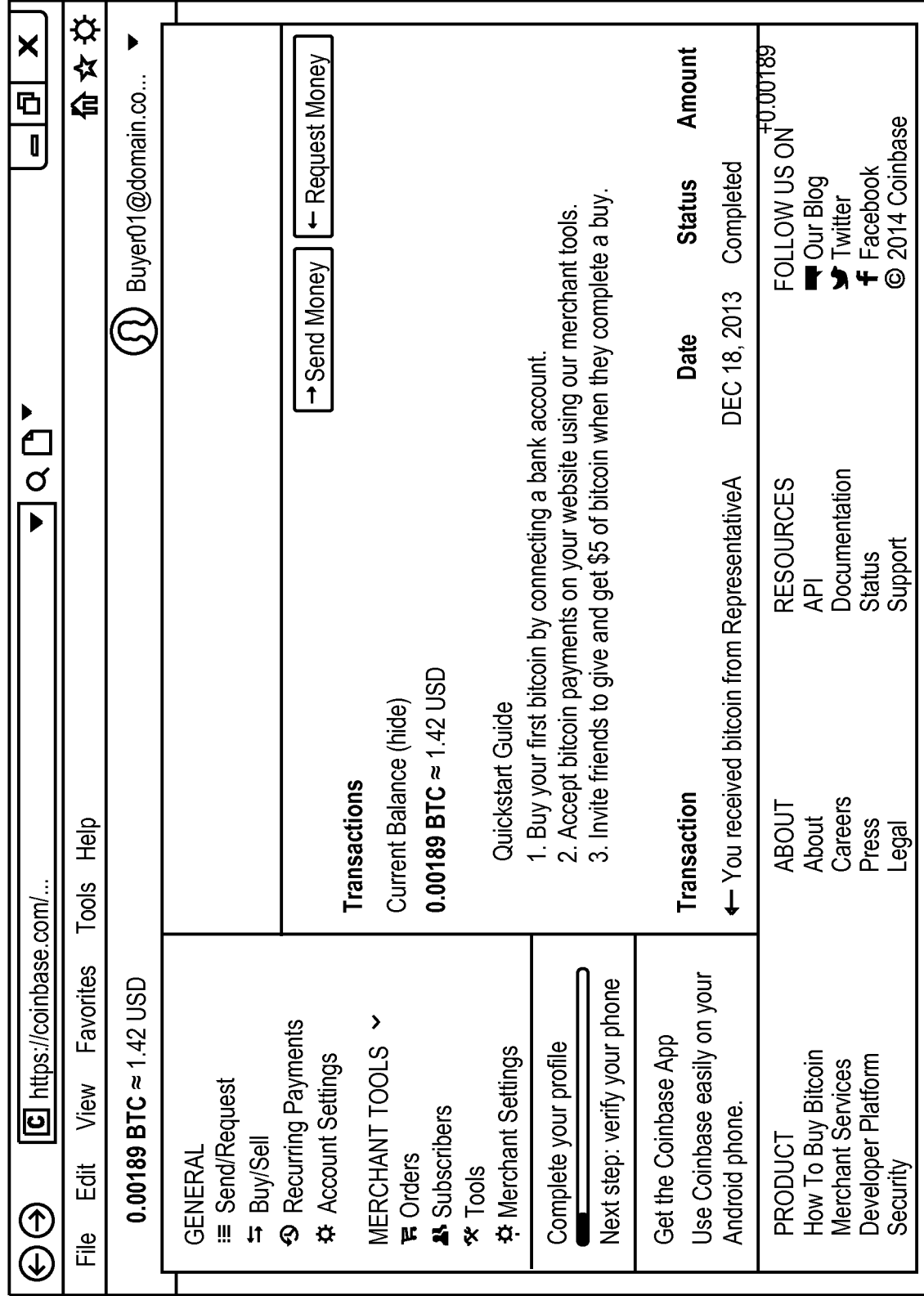


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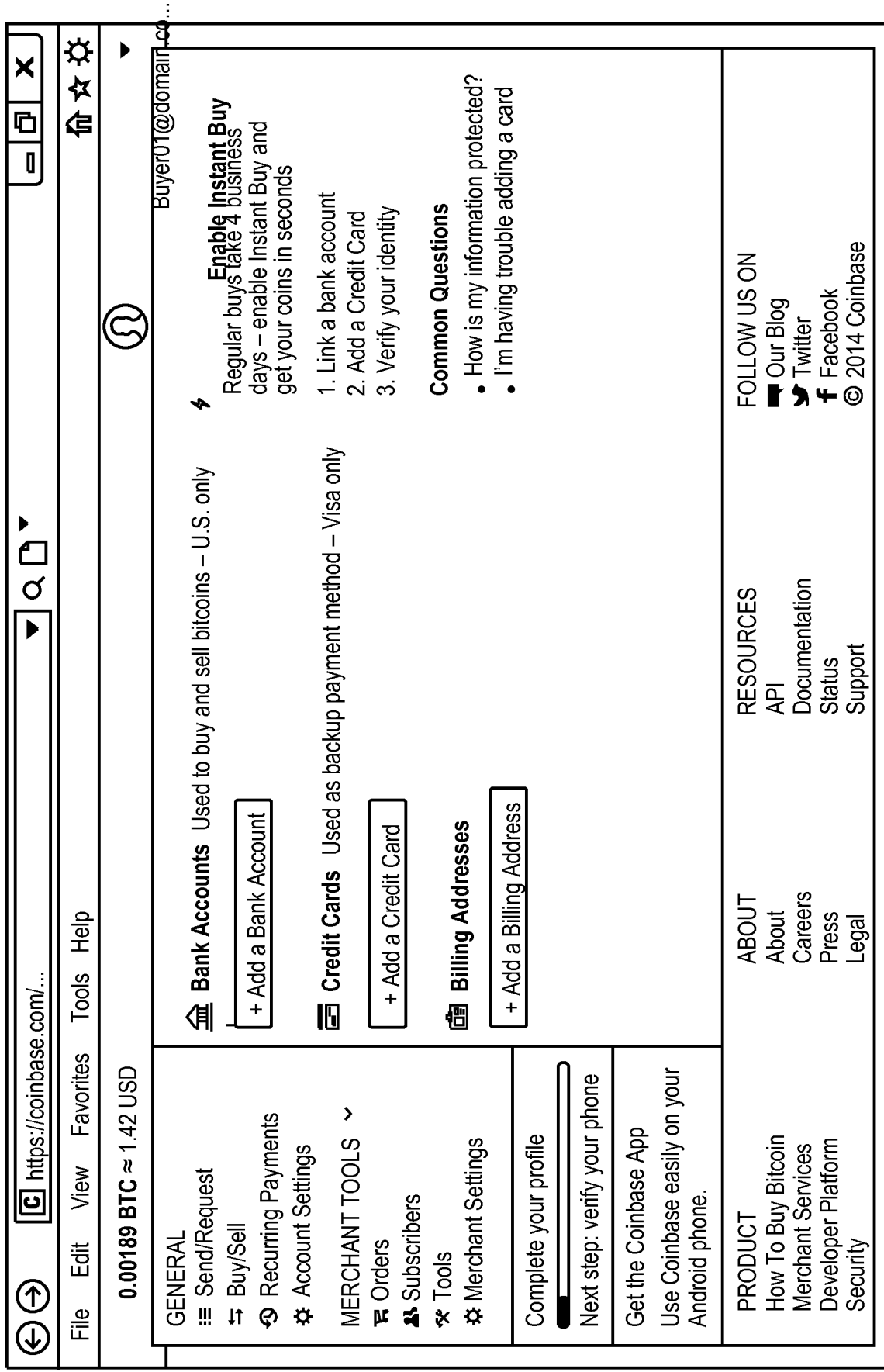


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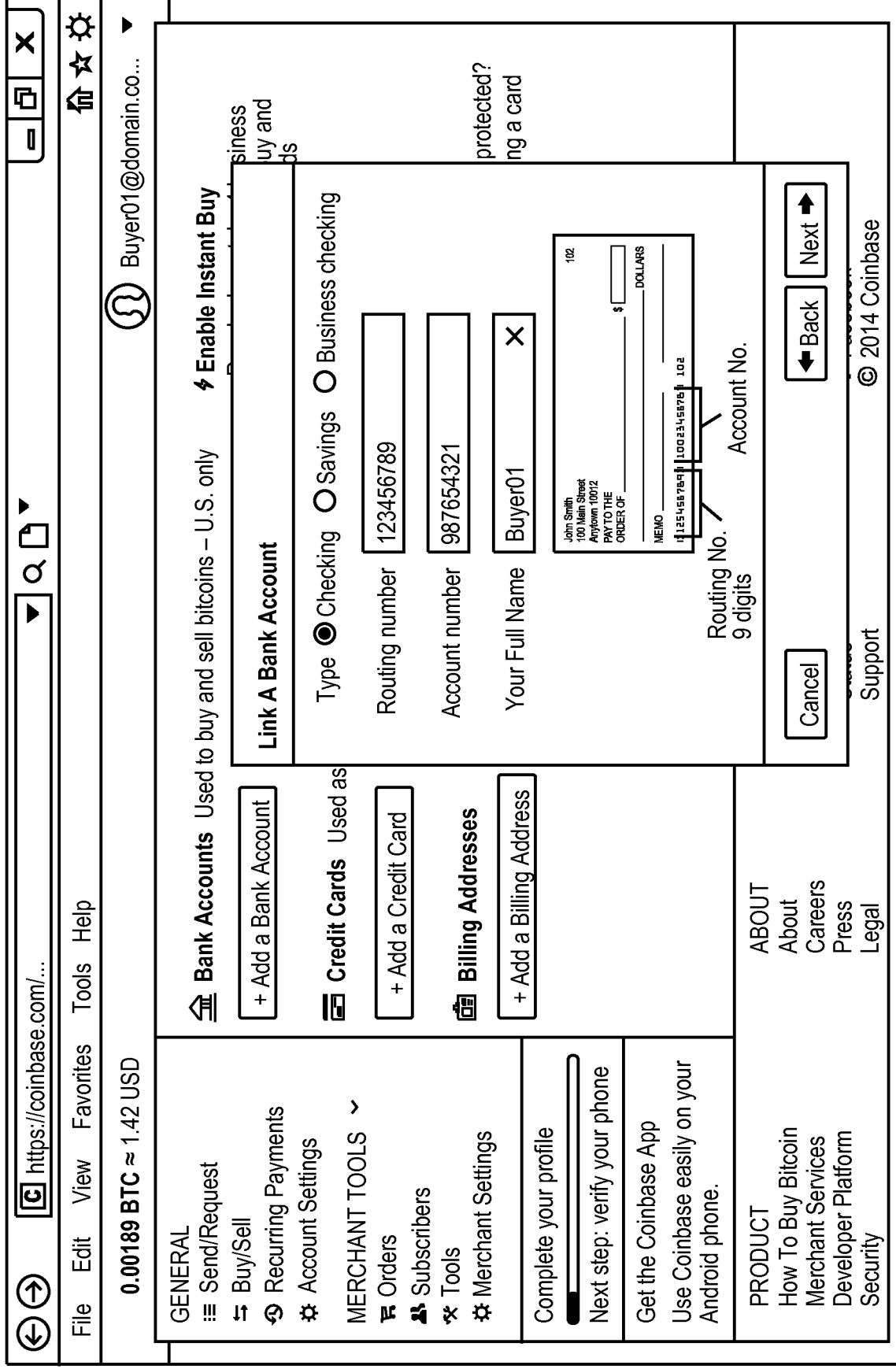


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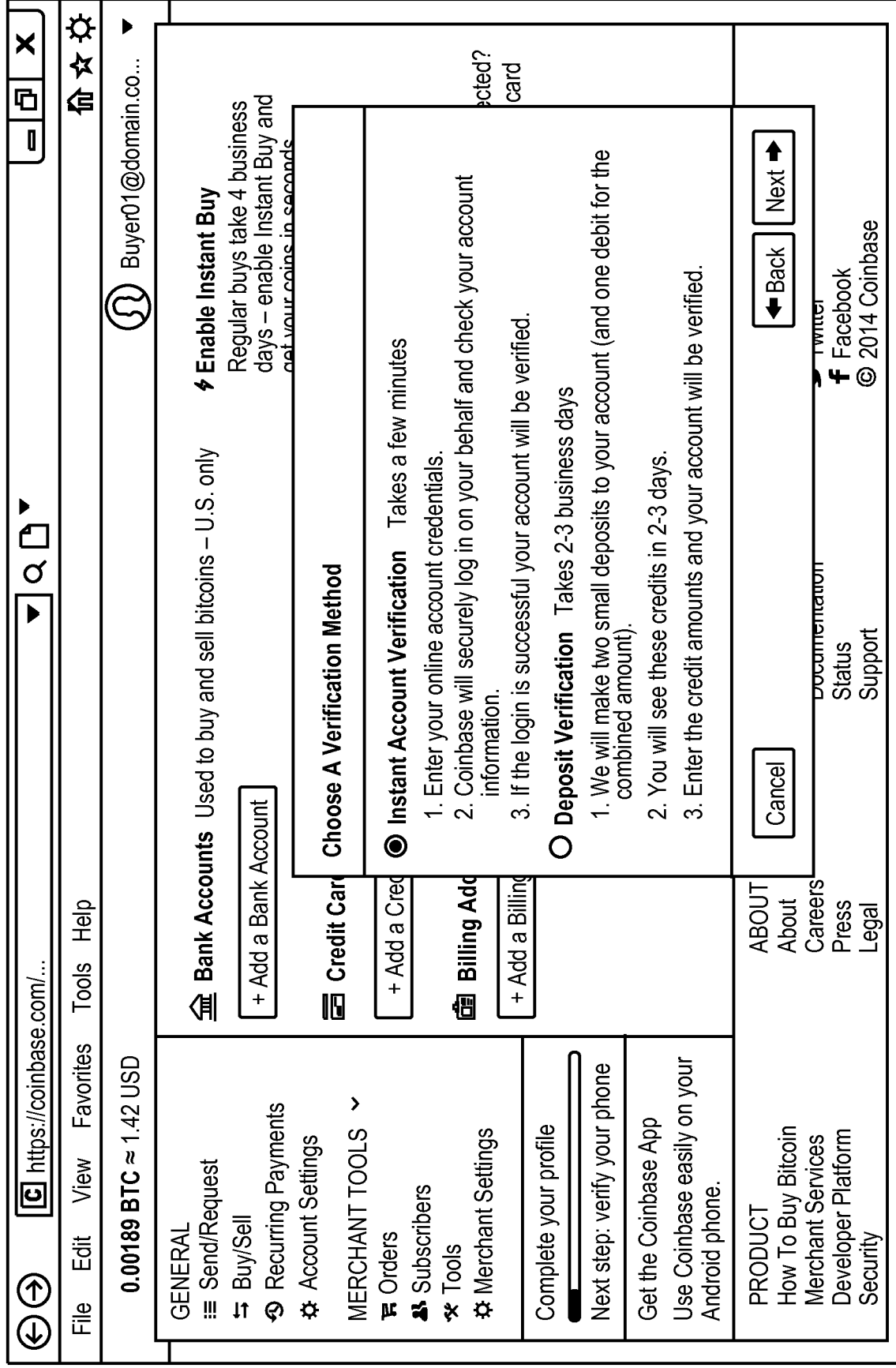


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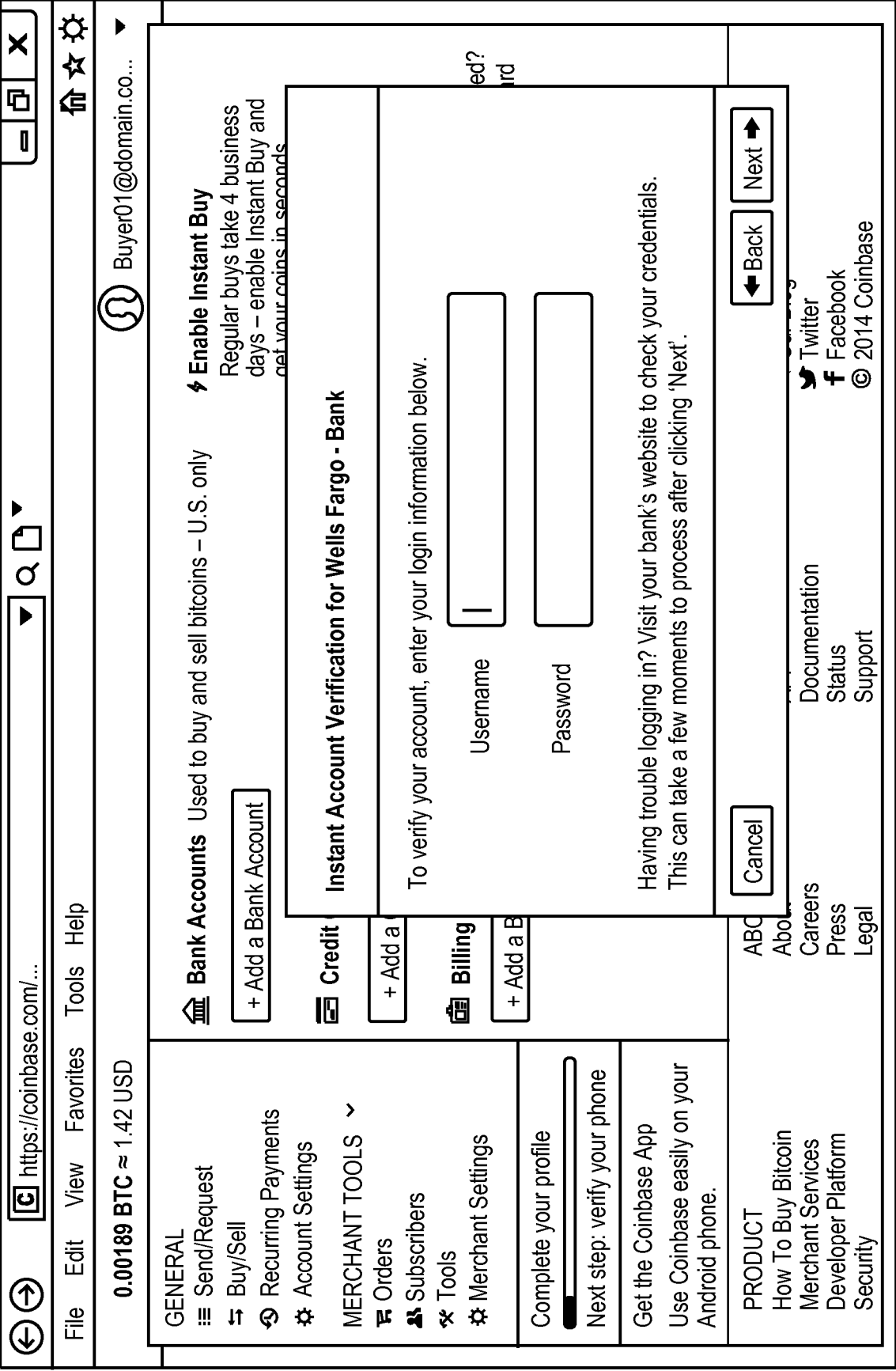


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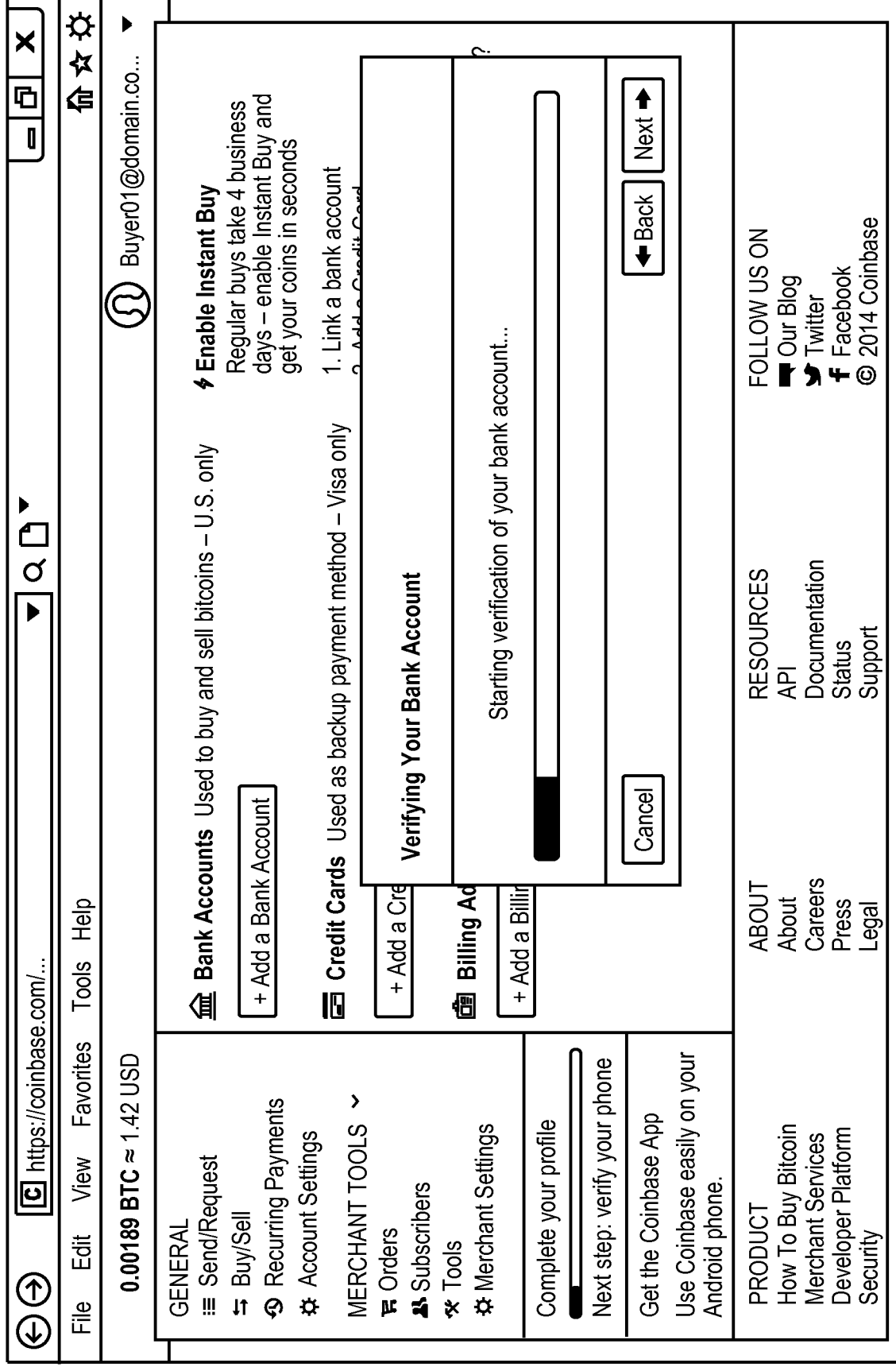


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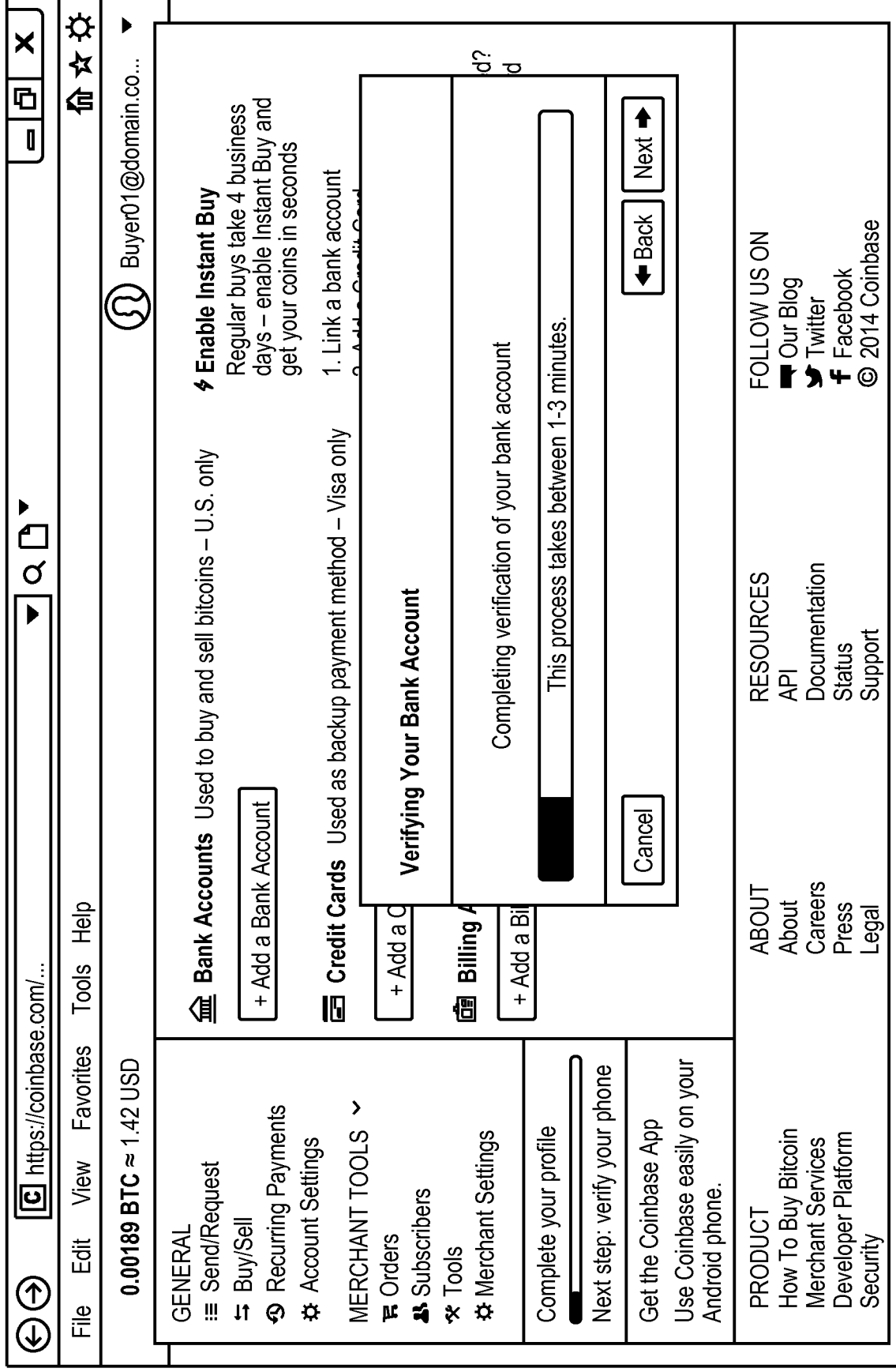


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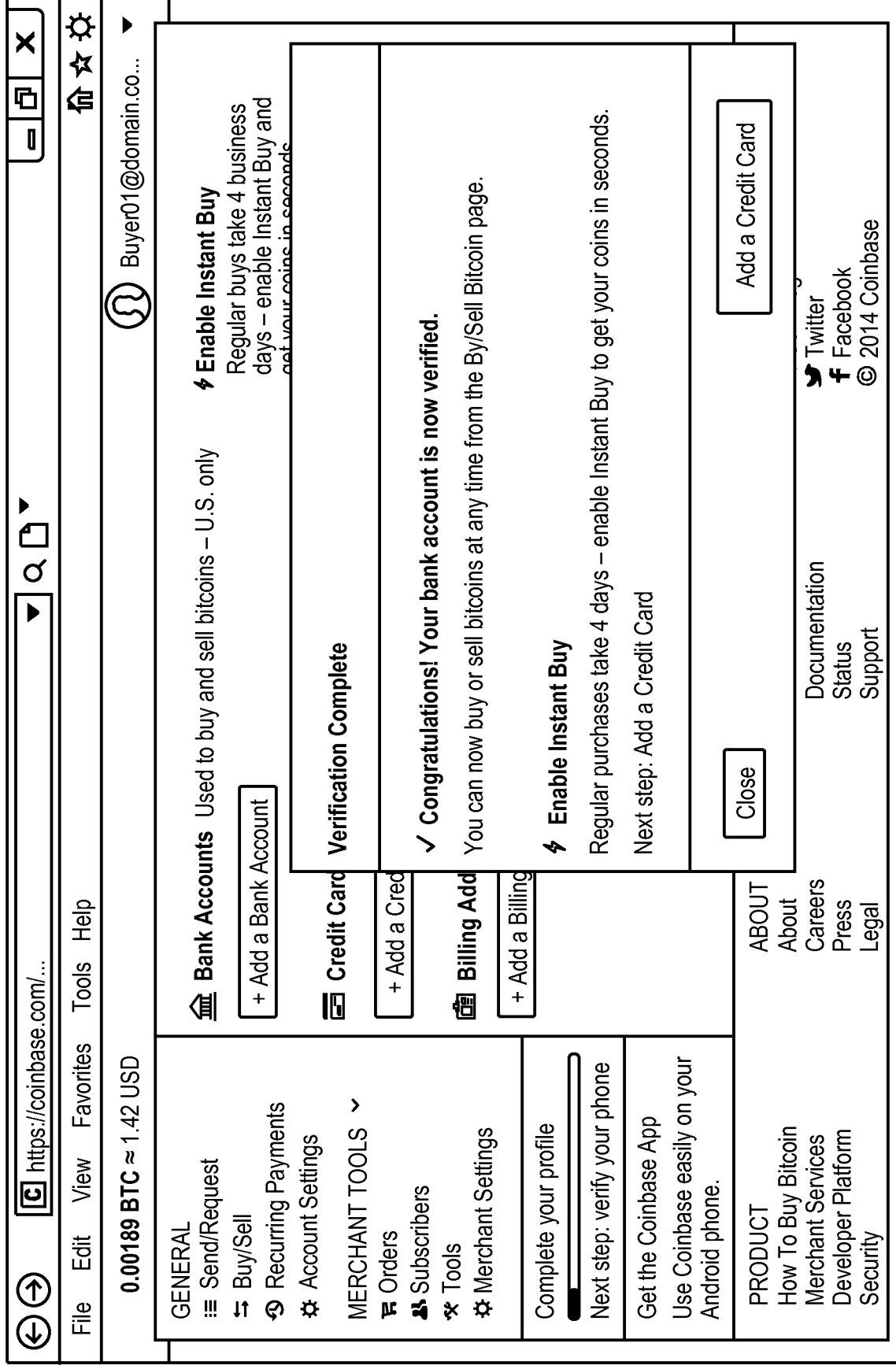


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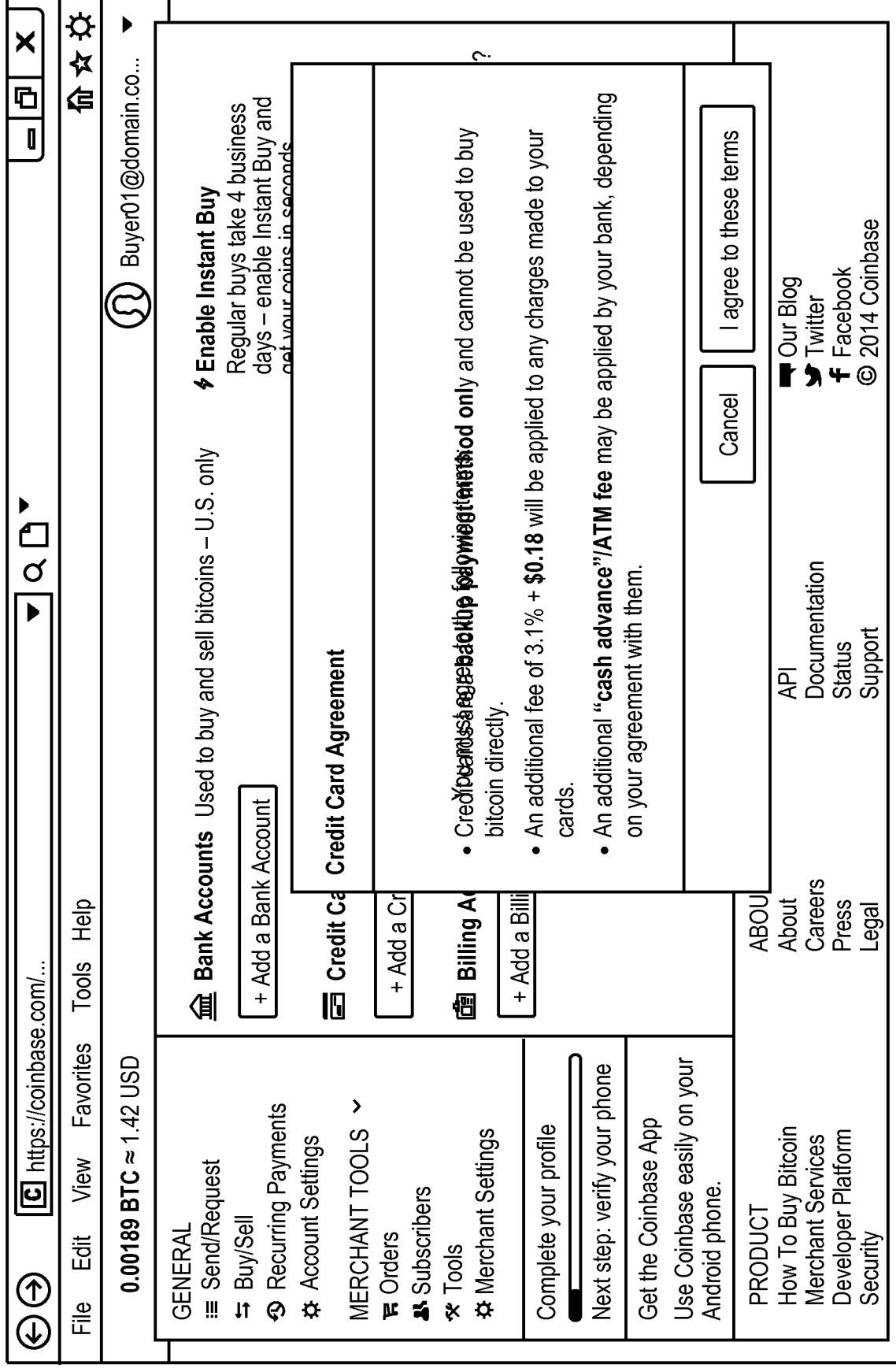


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FIG. 16

The screenshot displays the Coinbase website interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes links for File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The main header shows the current balance as 0.00189 BTC, approximately 1.42 USD. The left sidebar contains a menu with options like GENERAL, Send/Request, Buy/Sell, Recurring Payments, Account Settings, MERCHANT TOOLS, Orders, Subscribers, Tools, and Merchant Settings. The main content area is titled 'Bank Accounts' and 'Used to buy and sell bitcoins - U.S. only'. It features a modal window for 'Add a Billing Address' with fields for First name (John), Last name (Smith), Address (20011 City View Rd), City (Los Angeles), State (California), ZIP Code (90001), and Billing address (United States). The modal also includes 'Cancel' and 'Add Address' buttons. The footer contains links for ABOUT, How To Buy Bitcoin, Merchant Services, Developer Platform, Security, and Support, along with the copyright notice '© 2014 Coinbase'.

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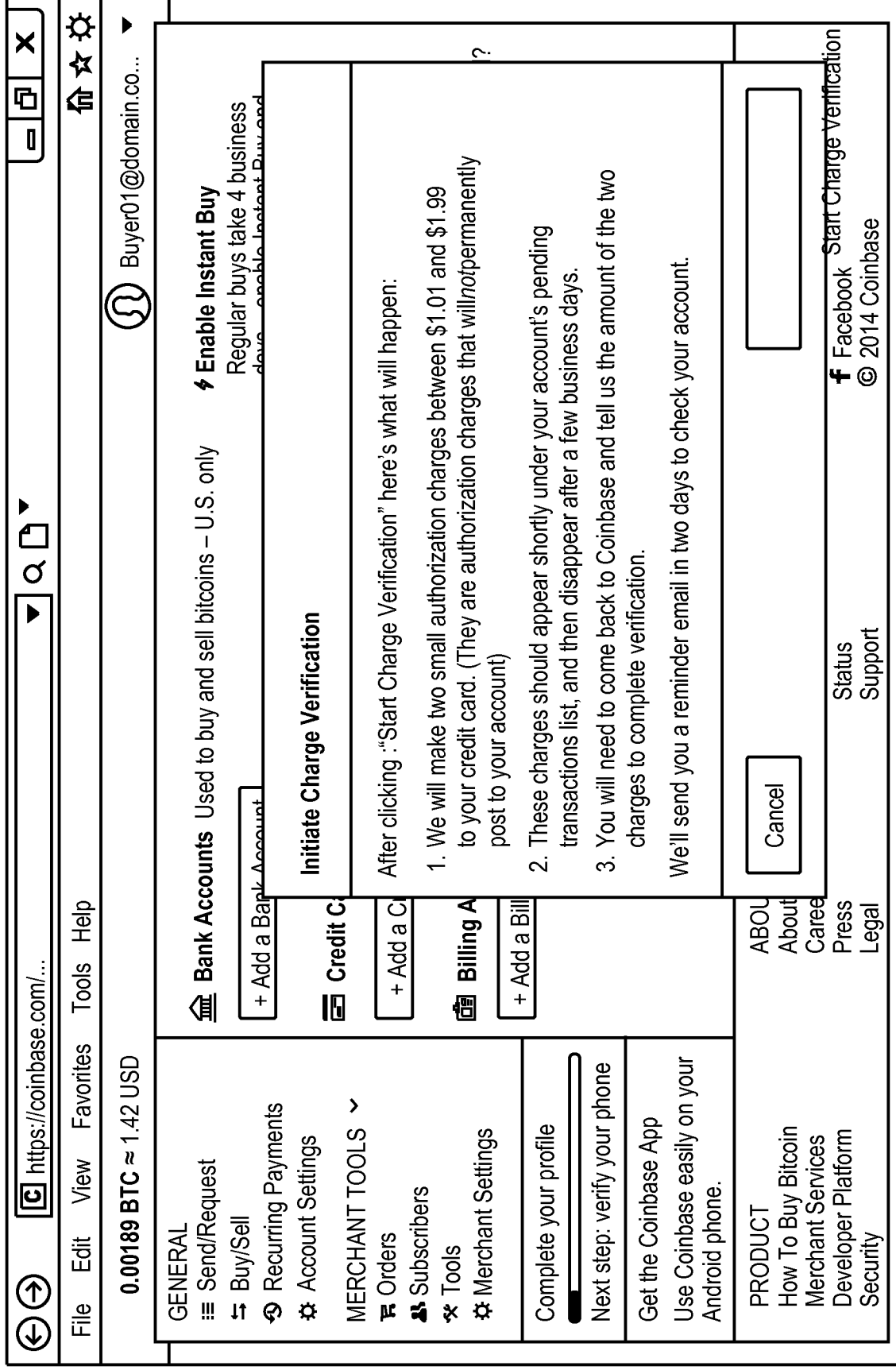


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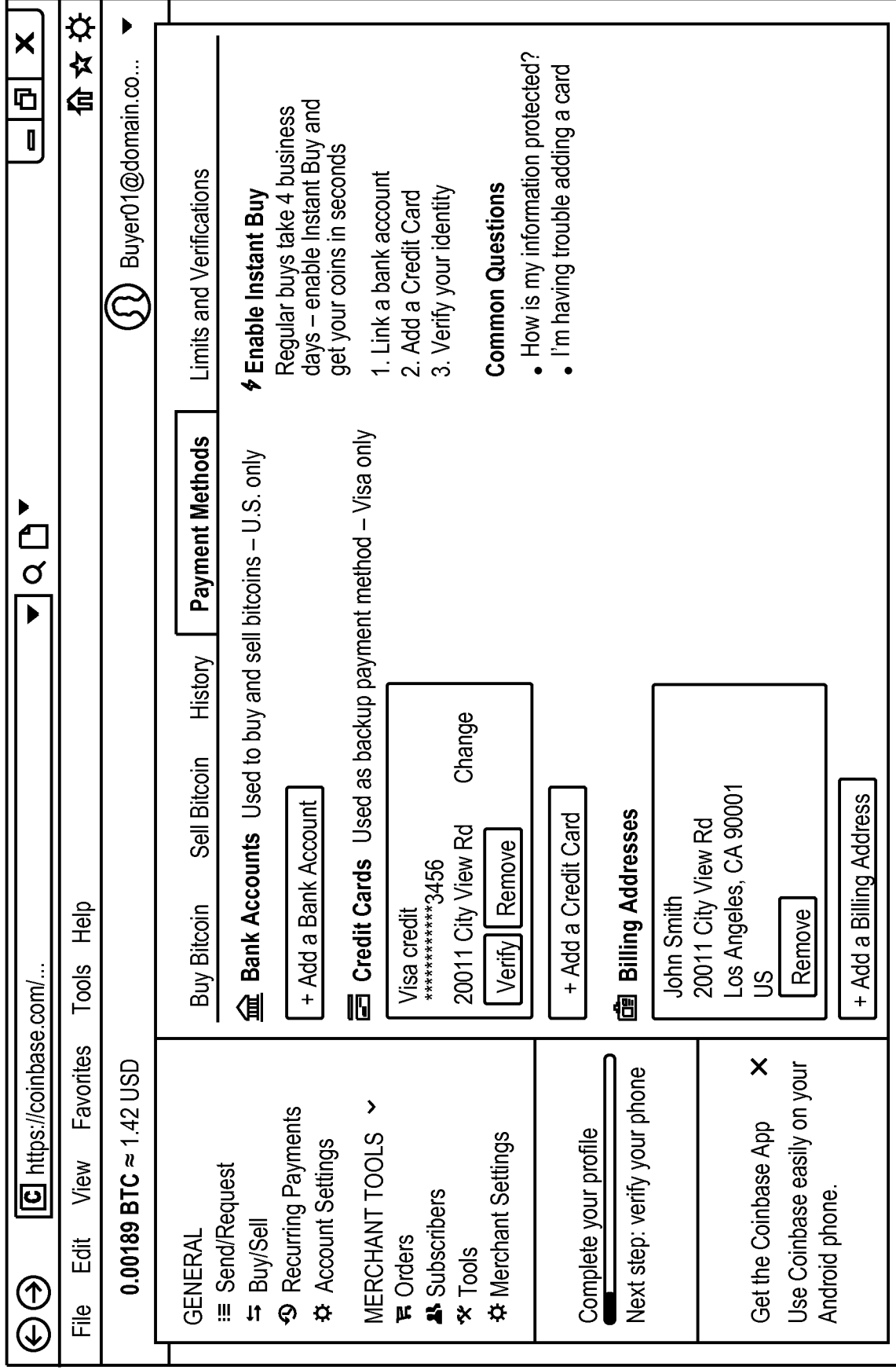


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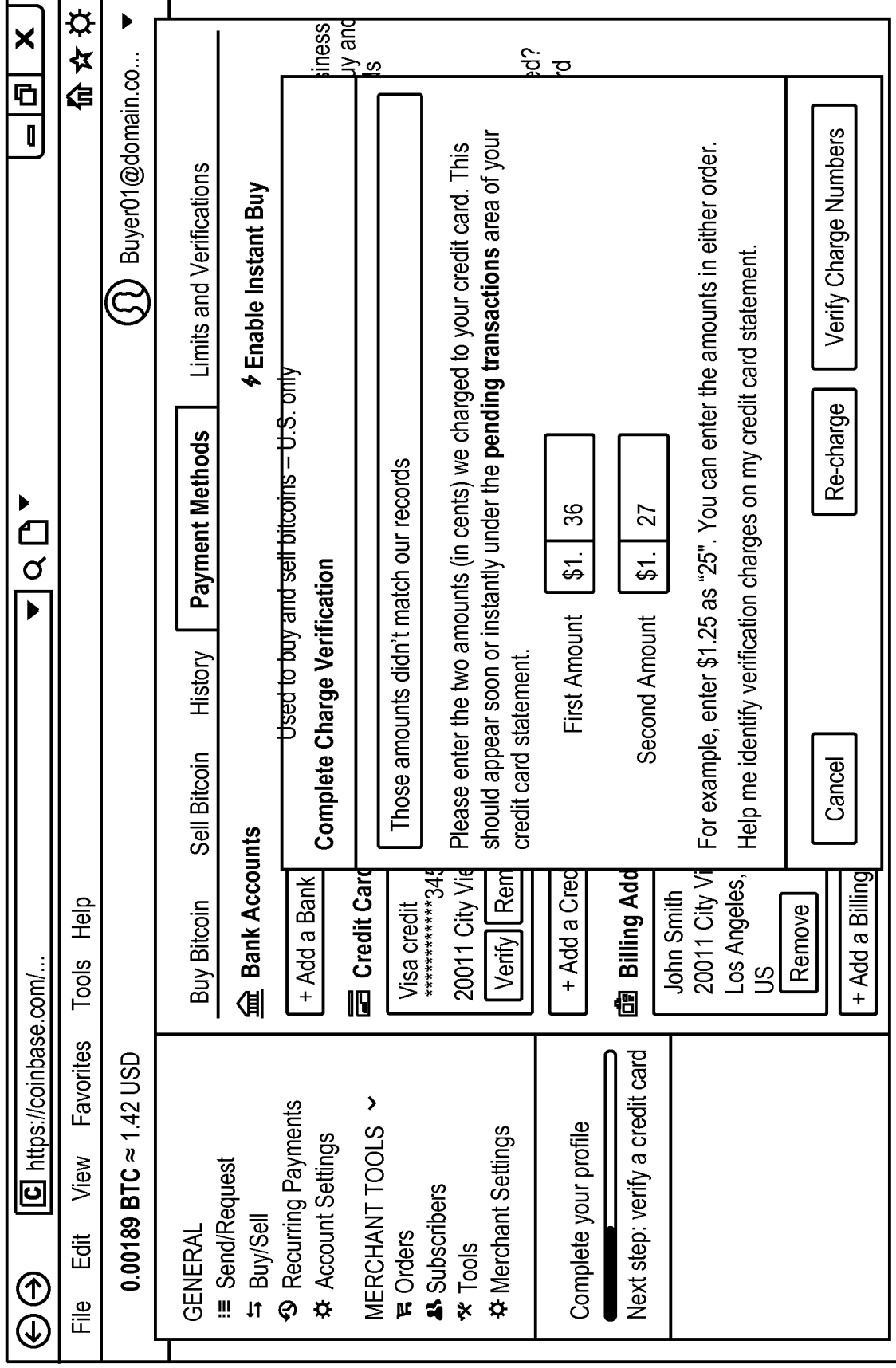


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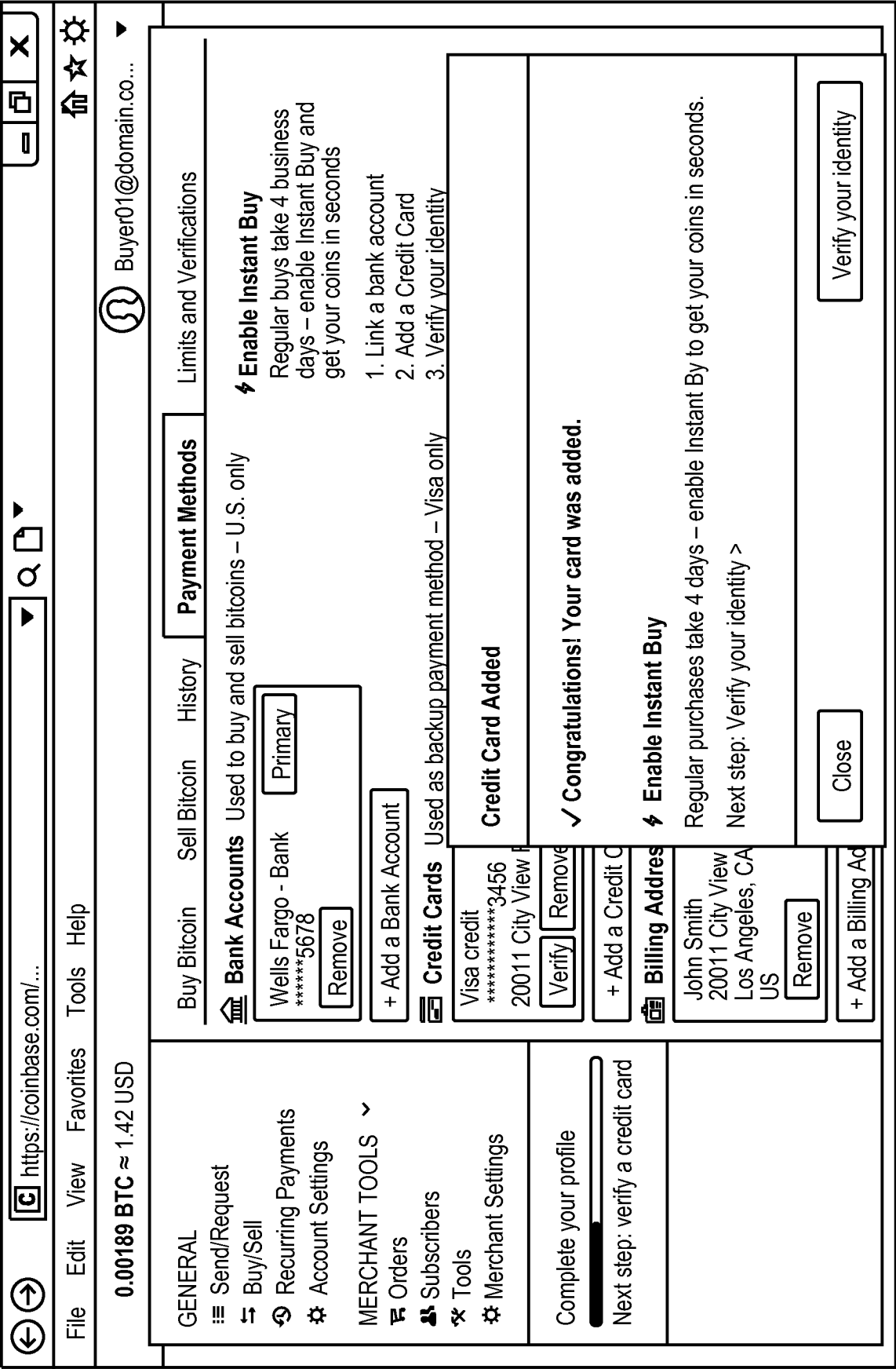


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buyer01@domain.com

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Buyer01@domain.co...

Account updated!

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Name

John Smith

Email

buyer01@domain.com

Local currency

United States, Dollar (USD)

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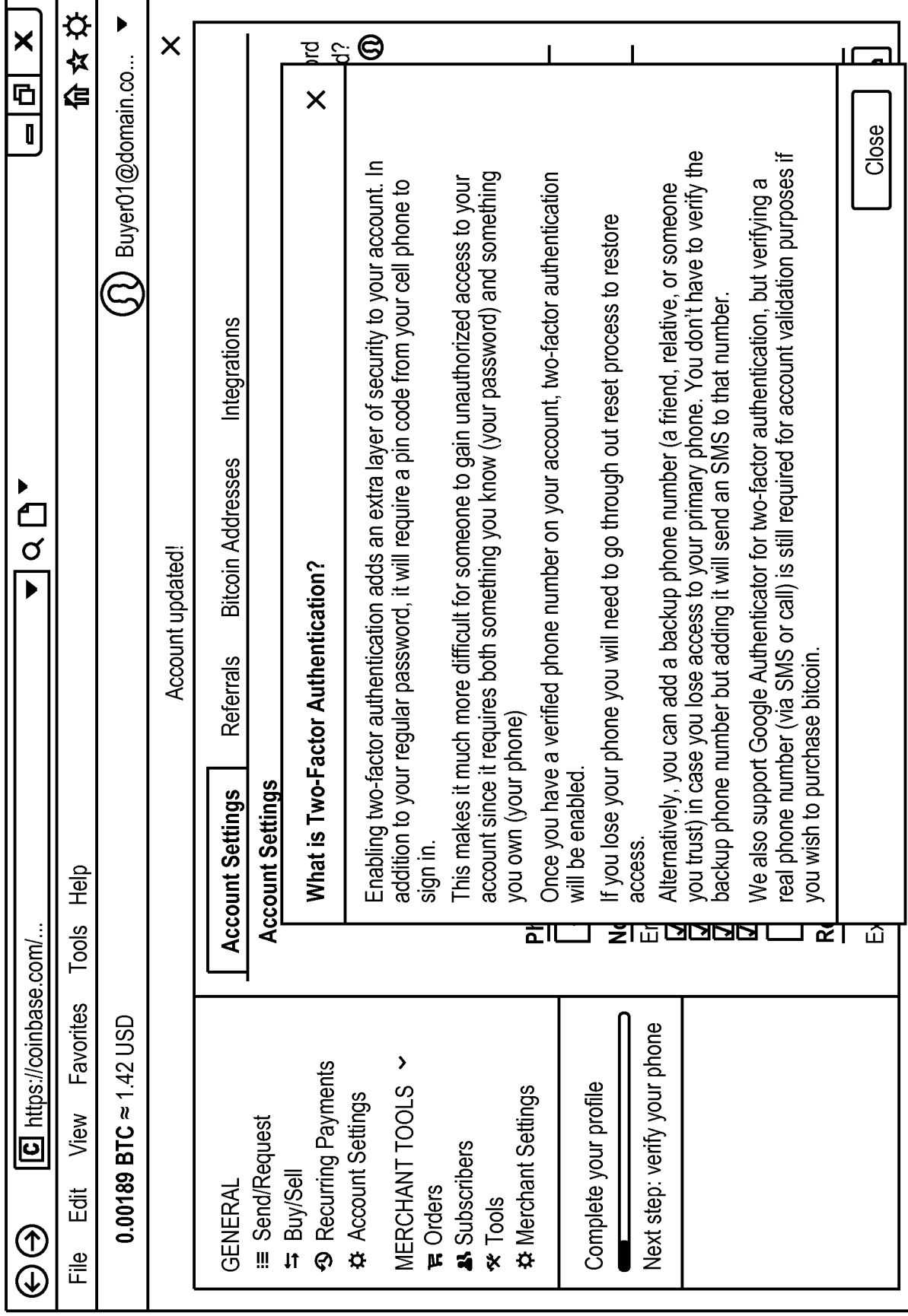


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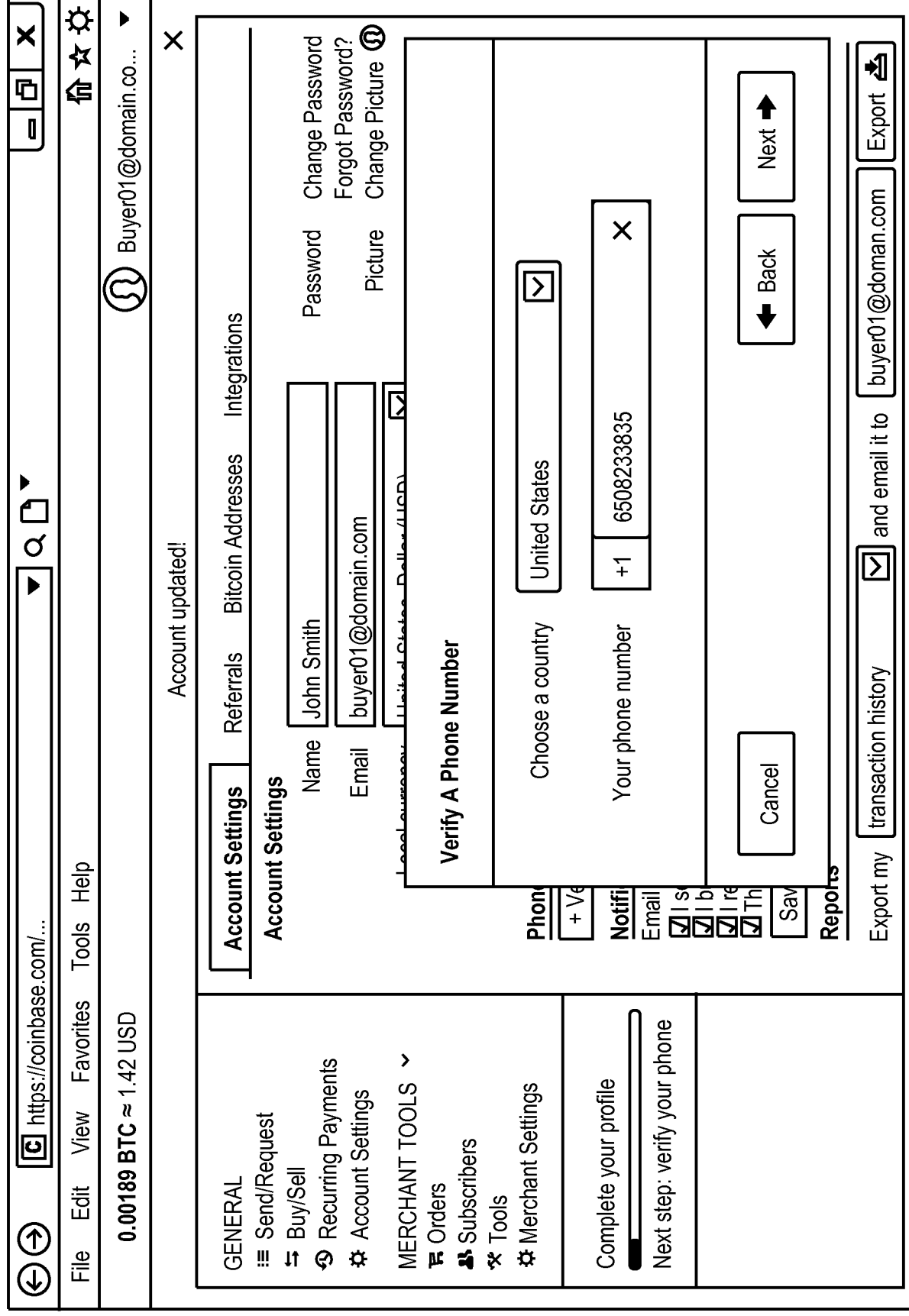


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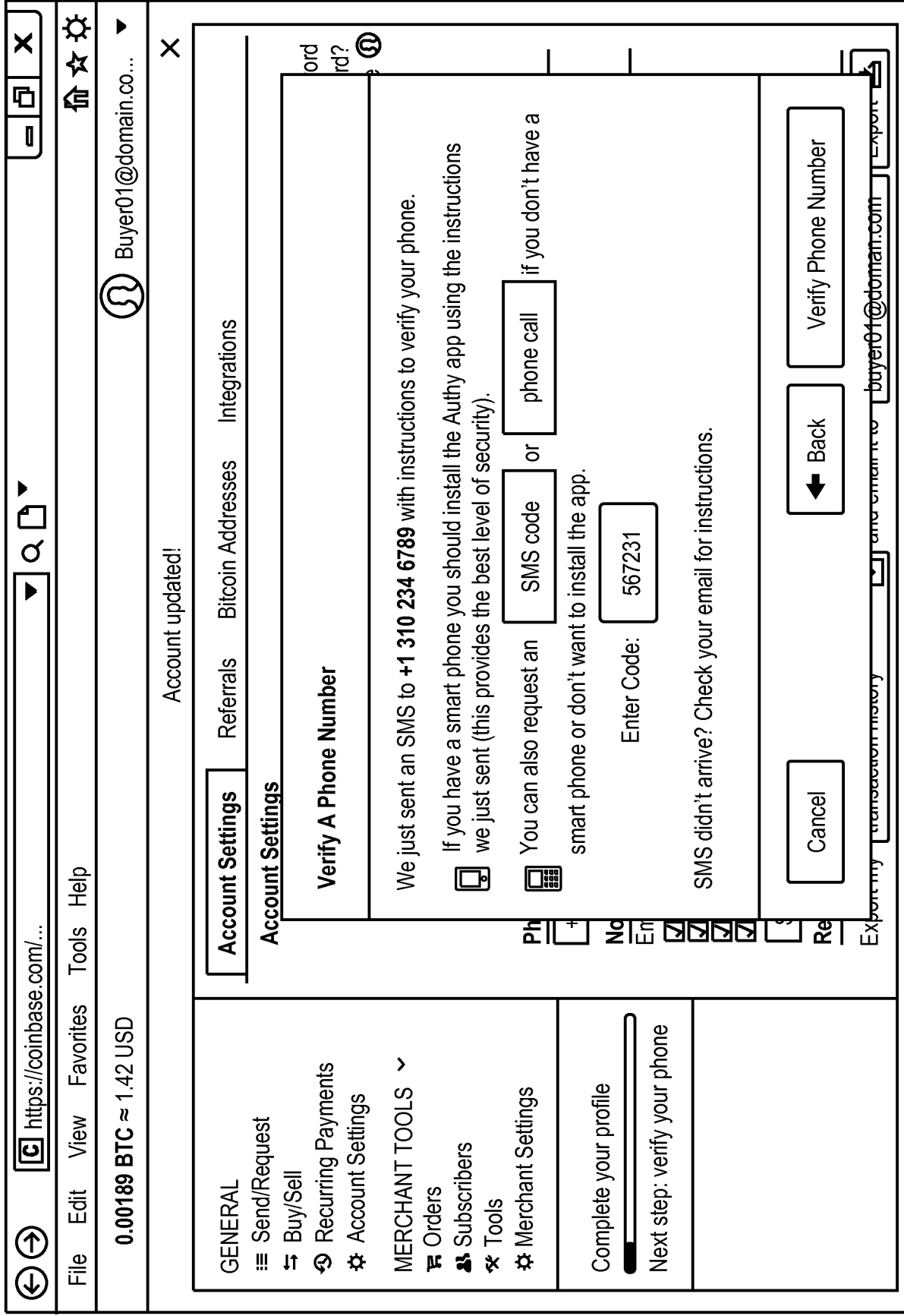


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buyer01@domain.com

Local currency

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Next step: verify your identity

ID Verification

Confirm your identity to increase your buy/sell limits

ID verification is anoptionalstep for increasing your buy/sell limits. You can attempt once per 24 hours.

Step 1: Basic Information

First nameJohn

Last nameSmith

Address20011 City View Rd

CityLos Angeles

StateCalifornia

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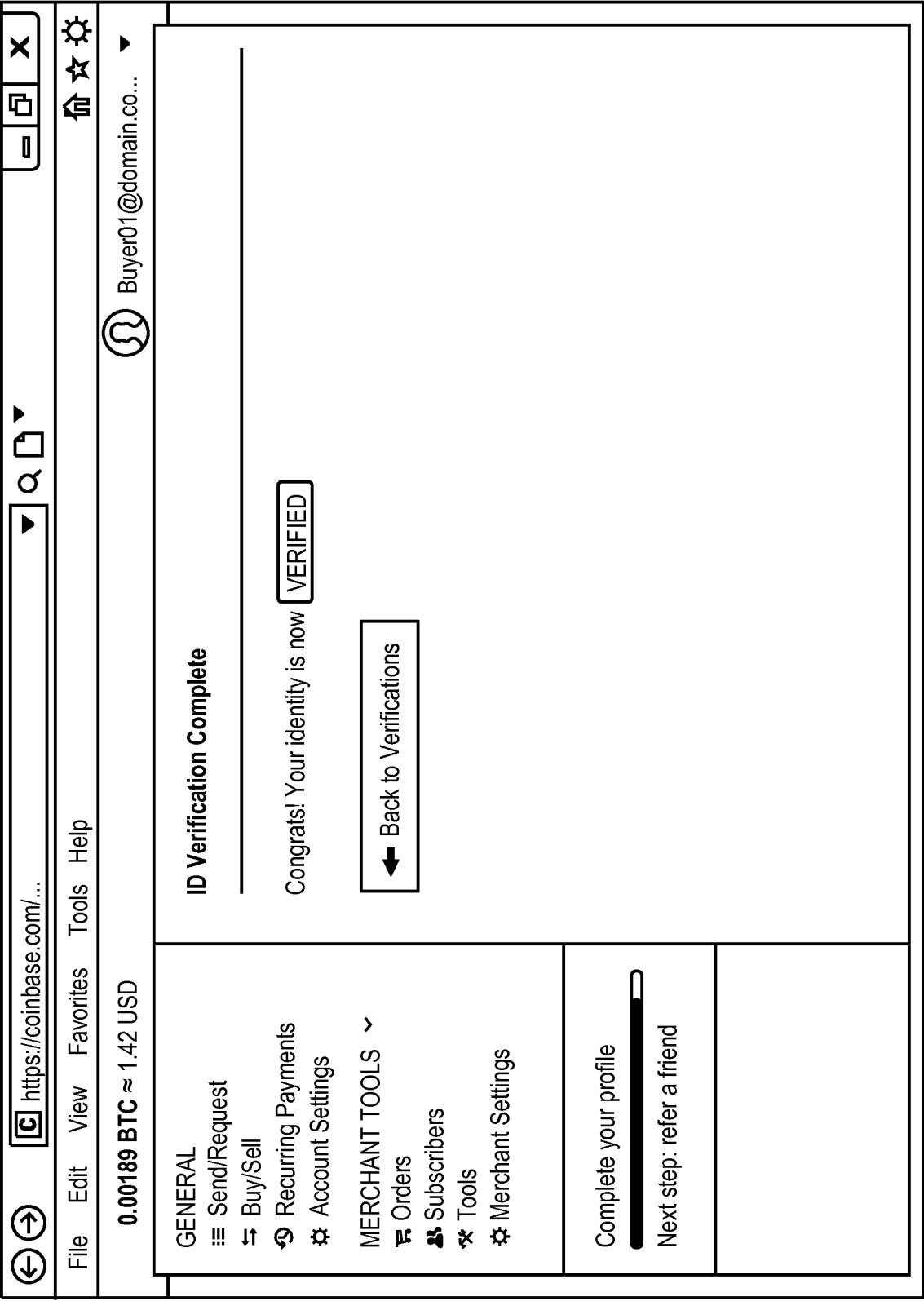


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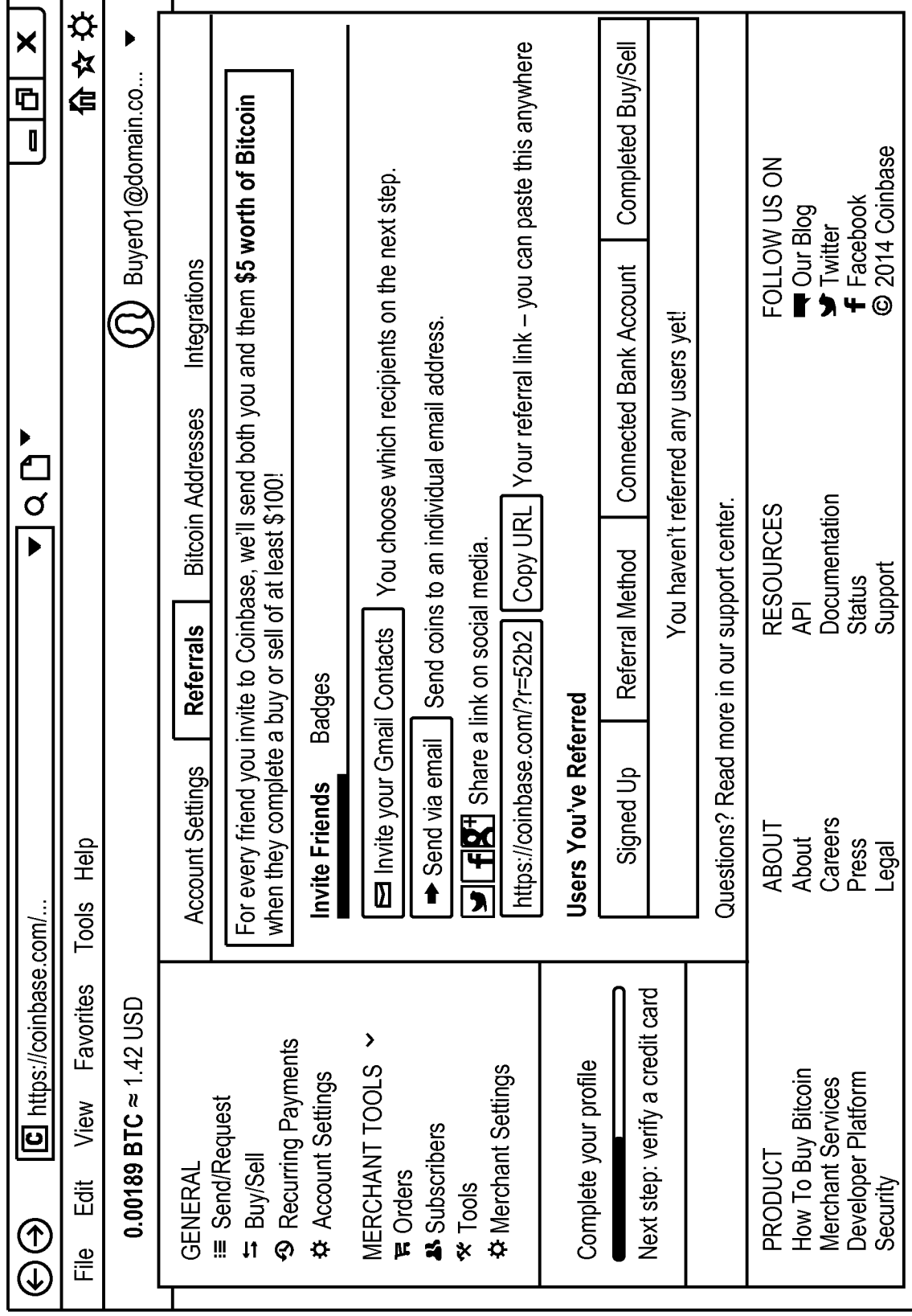


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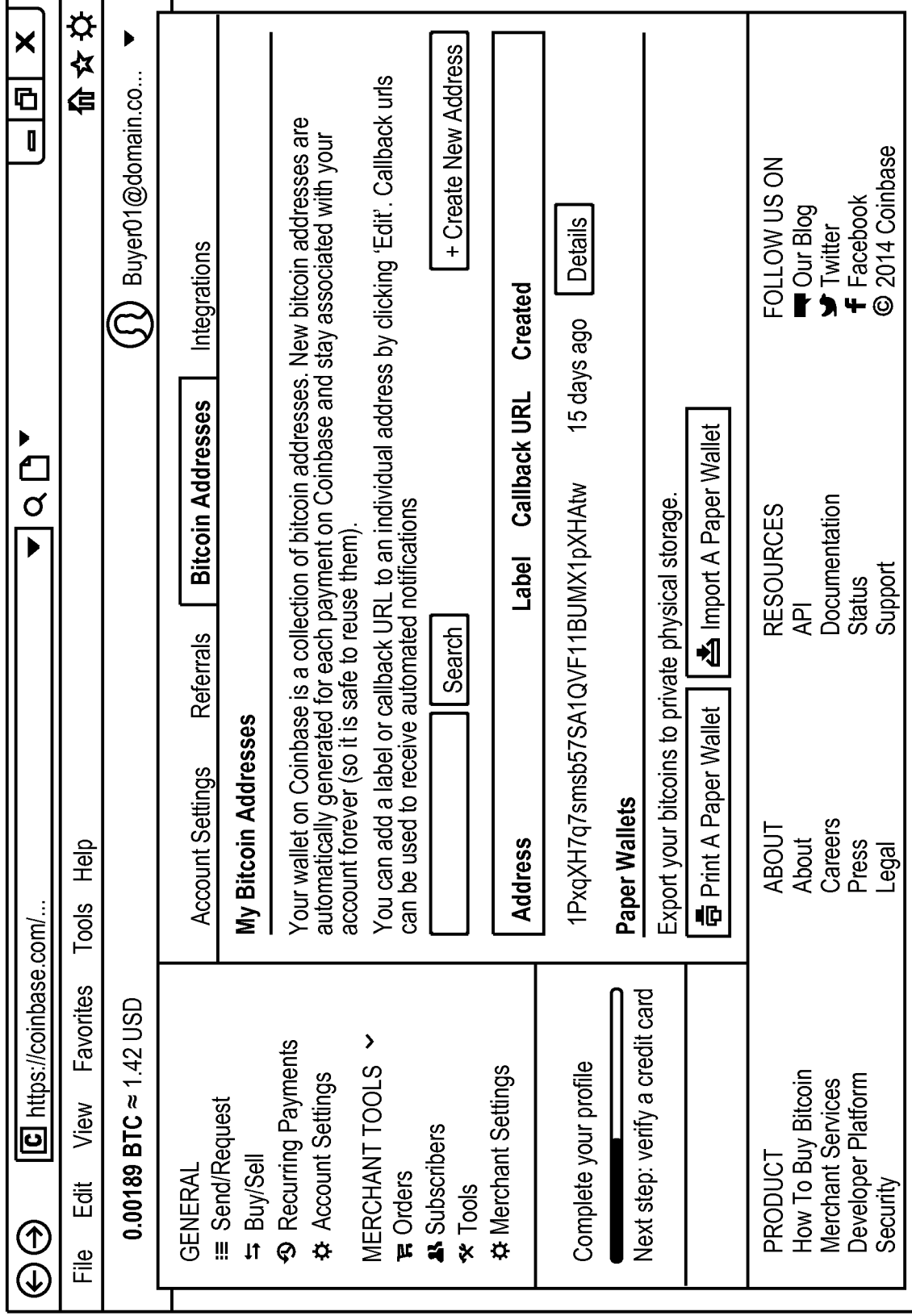


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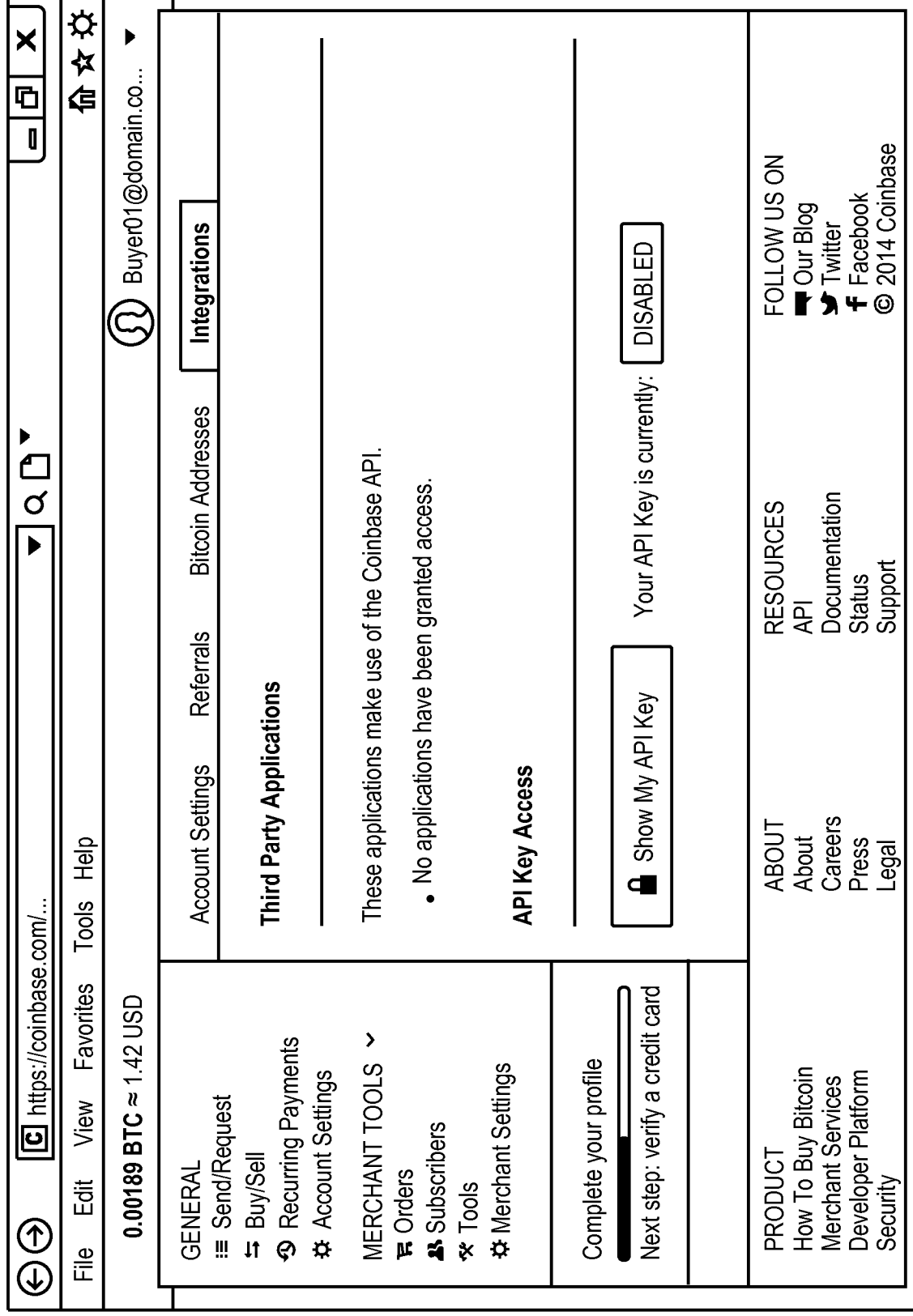


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Buy Amount

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at \$757.43 USD each

Payment method

Wells Fargo - Bank ****5678

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Bank fee

Total

\$757.43

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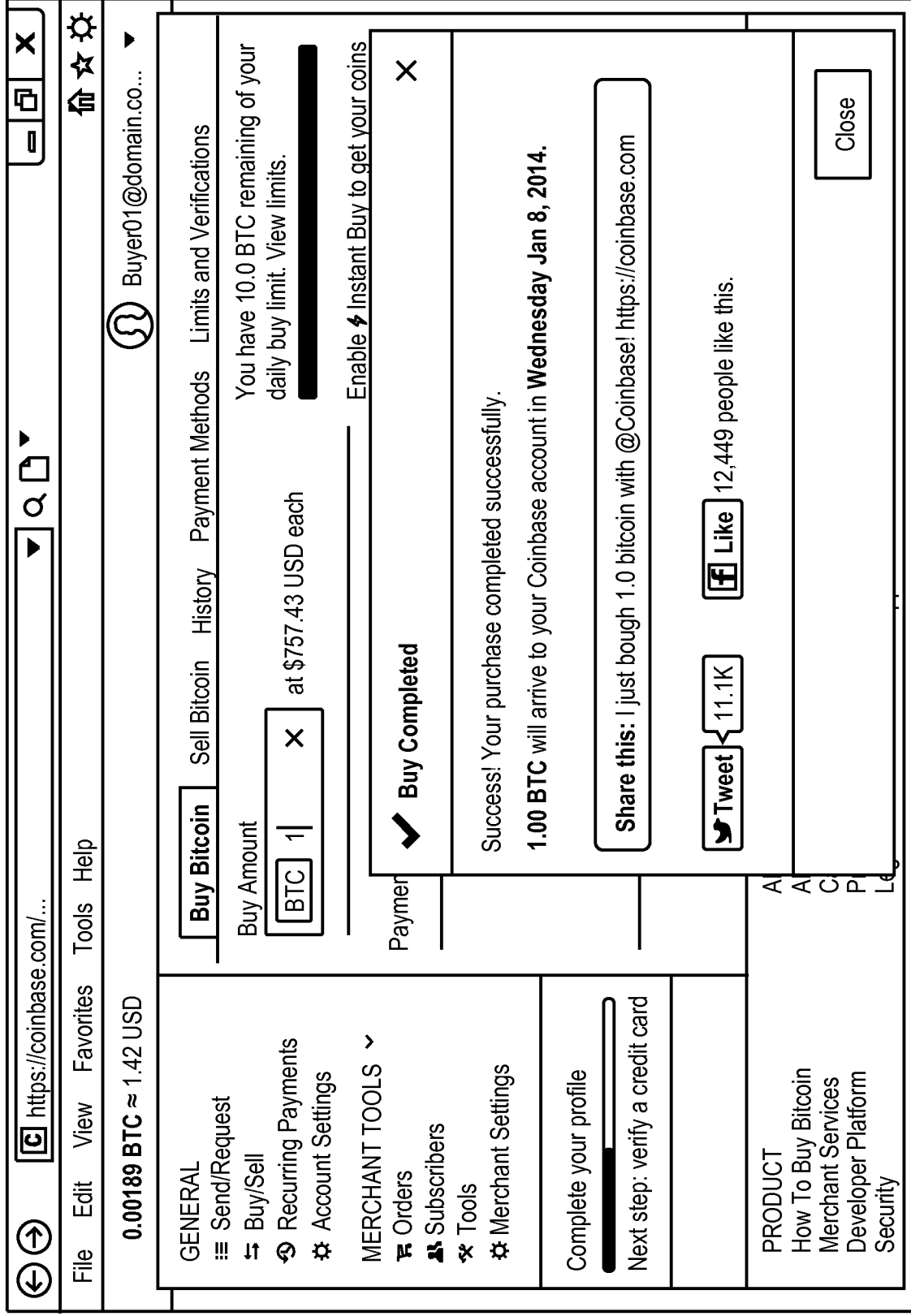


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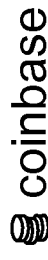
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FIG. 37



Hi Buyer01@domain.com

On Jan 2, 2014 you purchased 1.00 BTC via bank transfer.

Those bitcoins are now [available in your Coinbase account!](#)

Thank you for the purchase.

Kind regards,
The Coinbase Team

FIG. 38



Hi Buyer01@domain.com

Coinbase just sent you **0.00660667 BTC** (worth \$4.99 USD) using Coinbase.

Attached message:

Congrats! You just earned a referral bonus for completing your first bitcoin purchase/sale. Your friend RepresentativeA also got \$5.00 of bitcoin for telling you about Coinbase.

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FIG. 39

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FIG. 40

First Host Computer System 14			
Wallet A		Wallet B	
	Email Address A; Login Details		Email address B; Login Details
Transfer 1	Bitcoin address 1		
		From: First Host	
		Amount in bitcoin	
		Host Fee: x%	
Transfer 2	Bitcoin address 2		
		From: Network address	
		Amount in bitcoin	
		Host Fee: 0 bitcoin	
Transfer 3	Bitcoin address 2		Bitcoin address 3
		To: Email address B	From: Wallet A
		Amount in bitcoin	Amount in bitcoin
		Miner's Fee = 0 bitcoin	
		Host Fee: 0 bitcoin	
Transfer 4			Bitcoin address 4
			From: First Host
			Amount in bitcoin
			Host Fee: x%
Transfer 5	Bitcoin address 5		Bitcoin address 4
		From: Wallet B	To: Email address A
		Amount in bitcoin	Amount in bitcoin
			Miner's Fee = 0 bitcoin
			Host Fee: 0 bitcoin
Transfer 6	Bitcoin address 5		Bitcoin address 4
		From: Wallet B	To: Bitcoin address 5
		Amount in bitcoin	Amount in bitcoin
			Miner's Fee = 0 bitcoin
			Host Fee: 0 bitcoin

FIG. 41

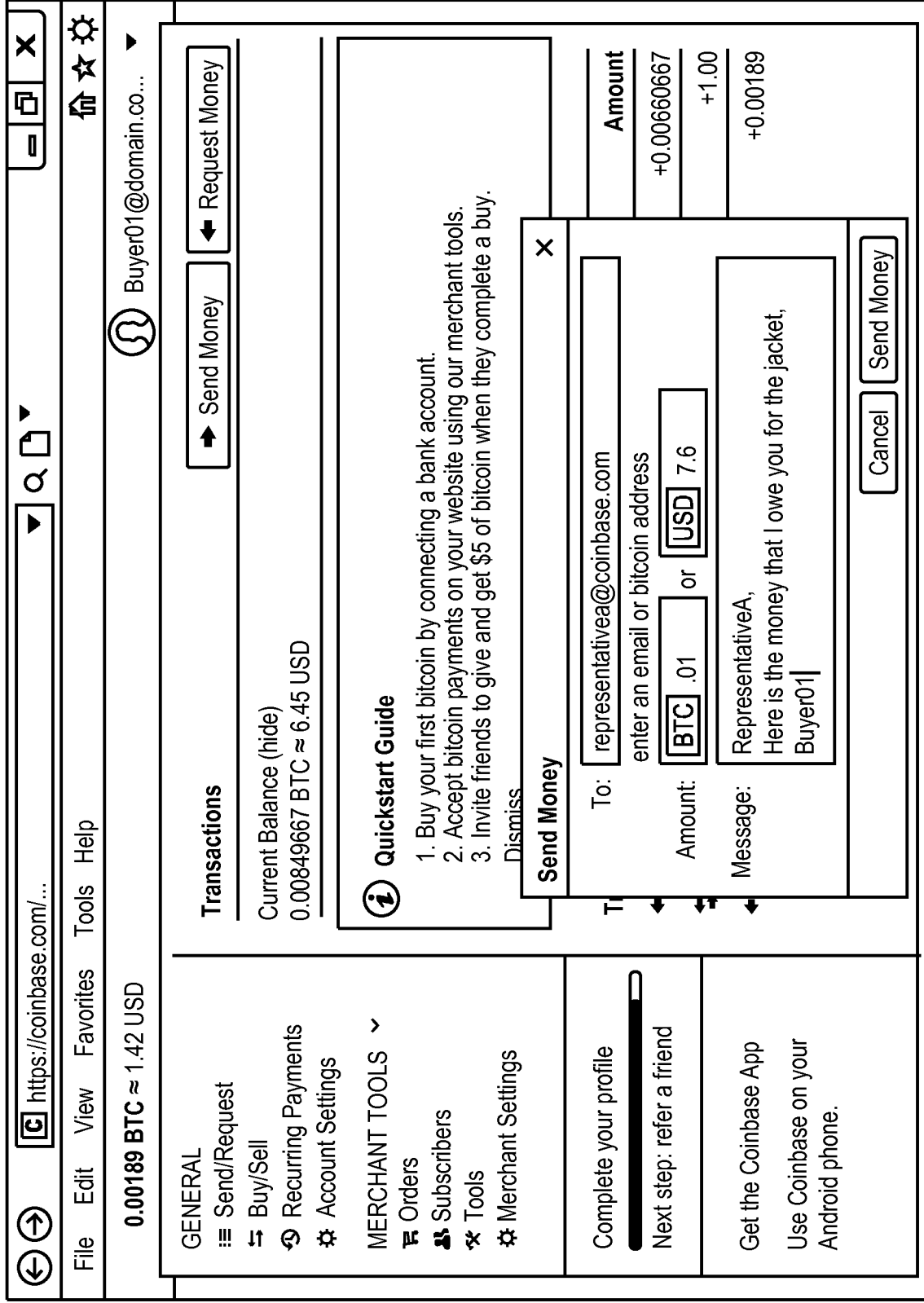


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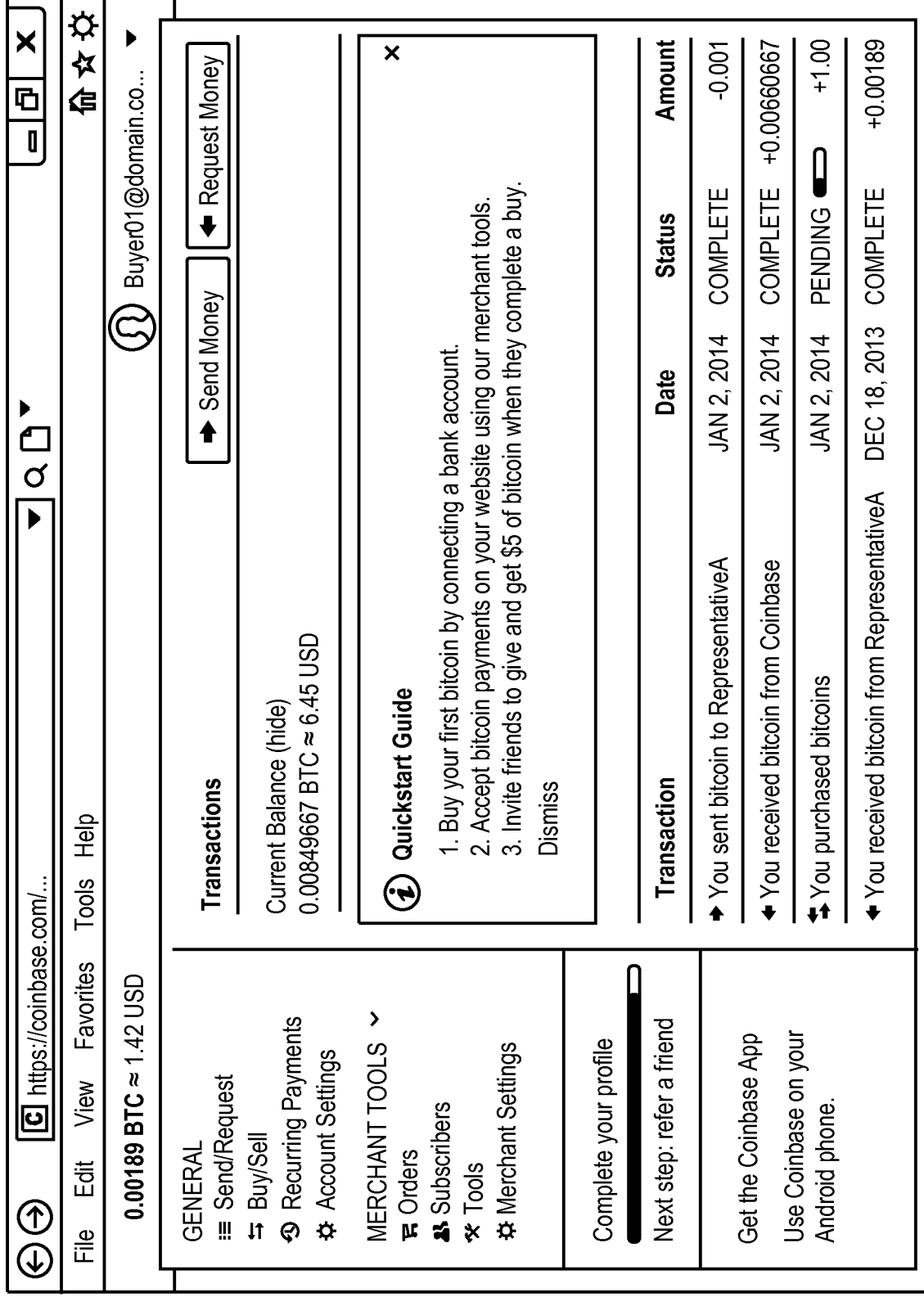


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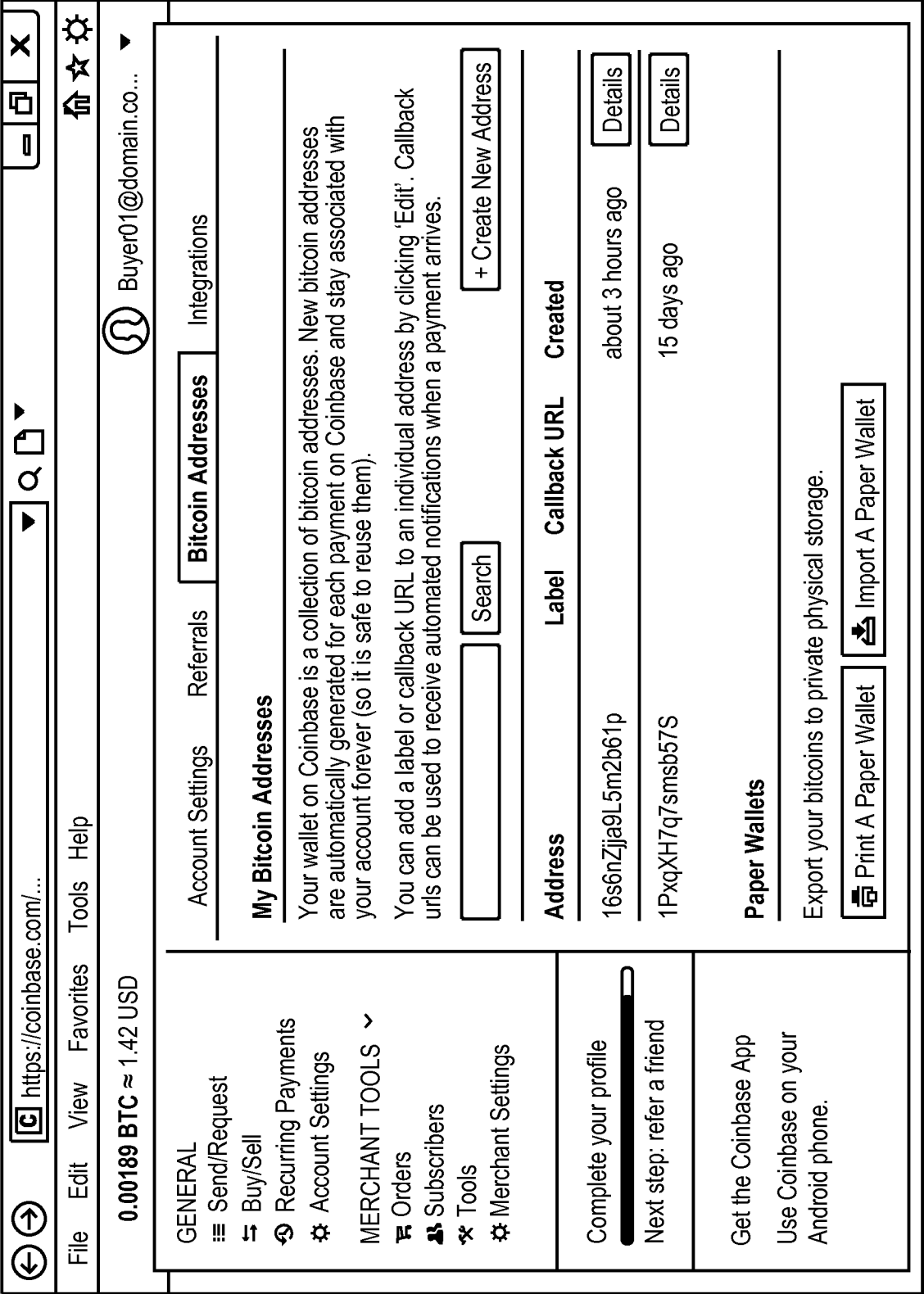


FIG. 44

	First Host Computer System 14			Second Host		
	Wallet A			Computer System 16		
	Email Address A; Login Details			Wallet B		
	Email Address B; Login Details			Wallet C		
Transfer 1	Bitcoin address 1					
		Amount in bitcoin				
	Bitcoin address 2					
Transfer 2		From: Network address				
		Amount in bitcoin				
		Host Fee: 0 bitcoin				
Transfer 3	Bitcoin address 2		Bitcoin address 3			
		To: Email address B		From: Wallet A		
		Amount in bitcoin		Amount in bitcoin		
		Miner's Fee = 0 bitcoin				
		Host Fee: 0 bitcoin				
Transfer 4			Bitcoin address 4			
				From: First Host		
				Amount in bitcoin		
				Host Fee: x%		
Transfer 5	Bitcoin address 5		Bitcoin address 4			
		From: Wallet B		To: Email address A		
		Amount in bitcoin		Amount in bitcoin		
				Miner's Fee = 0 bitcoin		
				Host Fee: 0 bitcoin		
Transfer 6	Bitcoin address 5		Bitcoin address 4			
		From: Wallet B		To: Email address A		
		Amount in bitcoin		Amount in bitcoin		
				Miner's Fee = 0 bitcoin		
				Host Fee: 0 bitcoin		
Transfer 7			Bitcoin address 4	Bitcoin address 6		
				To: Bitcoin Address 6	From: Wallet B (First Host)	
				Amount in bitcoin	Amount in bitcoin	
				Miner's Fee = 001 Bitcoin		
				Host Fee: 0 bitcoin		

FIG. 45

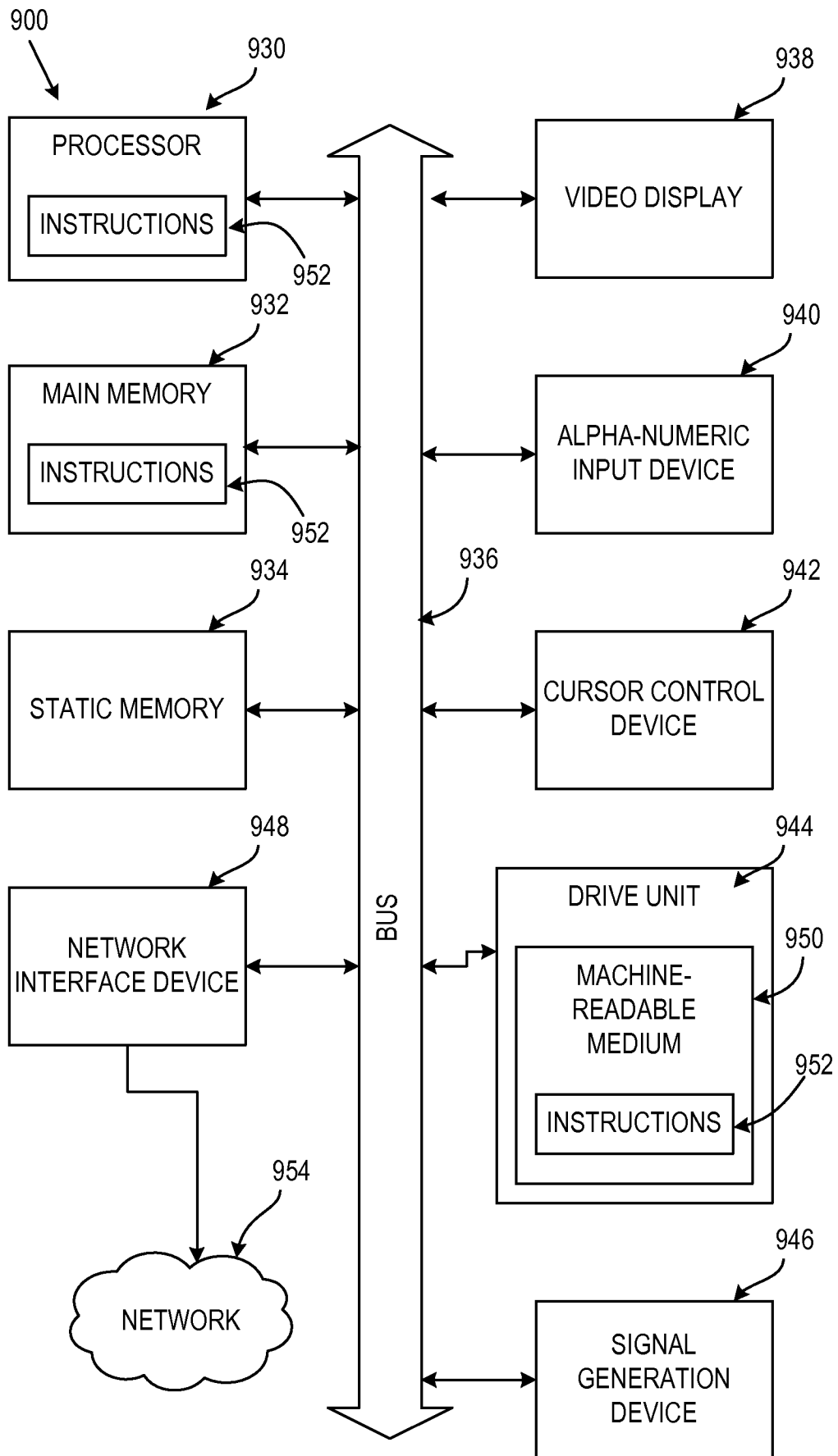


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