Gitcoin Passport User Inquiry Compendium: Navigating Your Digital Identity

Basic Information and Onboarding

Understanding Gitcoin Passport:

- What is a Gitcoin Passport, and why do I need one?
  - The Gitcoin Passport is an identity verification application designed to create personal ledgers of verifiable credentials. Users can collect "stamps" from various authenticators across web2 and web3 platforms, like Bright ID, Proof of Humanity, Twitter, and Google. This process enables the creation of a digital identity that is trustworthy without needing to reveal personally identifiable information. Having a Gitcoin Passport is beneficial if you need a reliable way to prove your digital identity across different web platforms without compromising personal information.
- How does Gitcoin Passport benefit me as a participant in the Gitcoin ecosystem?
  - As a participant in the Gitcoin ecosystem, having a Gitcoin Passport offers several benefits
    - Eligibility for Matching Funds in Gitcoin Grants Rounds: The Gitcoin Grants Round allows anyone to support open-source projects of their choice. However, to be eligible for matching funds from the Gitcoin Grants Round, participants must have a Gitcoin Passport with a score of 15 or above. This score is calculated based on verified data points within your Passport, with each data point contributing a specific weight to the overall score
    - Identity Verification as a Good Actor: The Gitcoin Passport enables you to verify your identity effectively, distinguishing you from potential Sybil attackers. This verification is crucial in a decentralized ecosystem, ensuring that actors are legitimate and trustworthy

Creating and Setting Up a Passport:

- How do I create a Gitcoin Passport account?
  - To set up a Gitcoin Passport account you will need an Externally Owned Ethereum account that you would use to sign into the application on passport.gitcoin.co.

Once you sign into the app, you will be able to proceed with your identity verification.

- What information do I need to provide to set up my Passport?
  To set up your Gitcoin Passport, you need to follow these steps:
  - Set Up Your Ethereum Wallet: The first requirement is an Ethereum account, which acts as a wallet or address on the Ethereum network. This account is protected by cryptographic keys and allows you to interact with your assets and data on the Ethereum blockchain.ed instructions for creating an Ethereum wallet can be found on ethereum.org.
  - Sign into Gitcoin Passport: Once you have your Ethereum wallet, visit the Gitcoin Passport app and choose "Sign in With Ethereum." This process uses your cryptographic keys to prove ownership of the account without handing over any data to a central organization. When signing in, you will be prompted to connect your wallet and sign a message, which is a method of proving that you are the owner of a particular address and authorize the app to access your data on Ceramic. If it's your first time using the Passport app, a new Passport will be created for you.
  - Collecting Stamps: Stamps are the core of the Gitcoin Passport, representing verifiable credentials as proof of ownership or activity on other platforms. The Passport app guides you through connecting to various identity providers and grants the app access to some of your account data (this data is never stored or exported by Gitcoin Passport). The app then issues a Stamp, which is a credential representing your ownership of the connected account. This Verifiable Credential is saved into your Passport and can be presented to third-party apps for access to protected materials or communities

Stamps:

- What are stamps on Gitcoin Passport?
  - Stamps on Gitcoin Passport are verifiable credentials that represent proof of ownership or activity on other platforms. These Stamps are collected within the Gitcoin Passport, allowing for the aggregation of your online identity in one place. The more Stamps you collect, the stronger your evidence of identity, enhancing your access and influence across the web.
- How many types of stamps are there, and what do they represent?
  - There are various types of stamps in Gitcoin Passport, each representing a different aspect of your online identity and activities. These include social media verifications (like Google, Facebook, Twitter, Linkedin), blockchain-related activities (like Ethereum transactions, NTF Ownership), participation in Gitcoin activities, and verifications through identity services like BrightID, or Proof of Humanity. Each stamp contributes to building a robust and credible online profile within the Gitcoin community, enhancing trust and credibility. The exact number of stamps can vary as Gitcoin continues to evolve and add new verification methods.

Stamp Acquisition and Management

Earning Stamps:

- How can I earn stamps for my Gitcoin Passport?
  To earn various stamps for your Gitcoin Passport, you can:
    - Connect various accounts: Link social media, professional, and blockchain-related accounts like LinkedIn, Google, GitHub, and Ethereum wallets
    - Verify Identity: Use identity verification services like BrightID, Proof of Humanity, Civic or Holonym.
    - Participate in Gitcoin/Web3 community Activities: Engage in Gitcoin Grants, contribute to projects, participate in community events, vote on Snapshot proposals, etc
    - Show your activity and holdings in Ethereum or NFTs.
- Are there any free stamps, or do they all cost money?
    - While Gitcoin Passport stamps are primarily verified offchain using Gitcoin's server, meaning this process doesn't incur any direct cost, there might be some indirect cost (gas fees, NFT minting, community donations) related to claiming certain Web3 stamps. However, there are some Web2 stamps like Google, Linkedin, Facebook, Discord, Github, Coinbase and Twitter which have no cost components attached to being eligible for them.
- What are the specific steps to obtain the NFT Holder stamp?

Stamp Requirements:

- What are the requirements for each type of stamp?
    - The requirements for each type of stamp can be found [here](#)
- How can I fulfill the requirements for the more complex stamps like Guild Membership?
  To fulfill the requirements for the Guild stamp, you need to
    - Join the Gitcoin Passport Guild and have 1 or more roles in the Guild
    - Join 5 or more other Guilds and have 15 or more roles in those Guilds (please note that each of the guilds has to have a minimum of 250 members)
    - Be an Owner or Admin of 1 or more Guilds (250 members minimum)
- [ONE QUESTION / EXPLANATION FOR EACH STAMP]
    - BrightID: BrightID is a social identity network that allows users to prove their uniqueness. When you first verify the stamp on passport, you get directed to a page where you link passport to your BrightID profile by scanning a QR code. The stamp and score is below:
        - Account: 0.69
    - Civic: To claim the civic stamp, browse to https://getpass.civic.com/ to get the civic passes. The stamps and scores are below.
        - Holds a Civic CAPTCHA Pass: 0.49
        - Holds a Civic Uniqueness Pass: 3.27

- - ■ Holds a Civic Liveness Pass: 2.25
  - ○ Coinbase: Integrate your Coinbase account with your onchain identity to unlock a realm of digital possibilities. This stamp requires you to have an active Coinbase account and to establish your onchain identity on Base, bridging the gap between traditional and decentralized finance. To begin your on-chain verification journey with coinbase, browse to https://www.coinbase.com/onchain-verify. The score is below
    - ■ Coinbase account & Onchain identity: 1.35
  - ○ CyberConnect: To claim the cyberconnect stamp, you need to have a cyberprofile handle or be a part of an organization. Go to https://link3.to/ to get a cyberprofile handle. The cyberconnect stamps/scores are:
    - ■ Premium CyberProfile Handle (length is between 1 and 6 characters): 1.21
    - ■ Paid CyberProfile Handle (length is between 7 and 12 characters): 1.21
    - ■ Organization Membership: 1.21
  - ○ Discord: You can connect your Discord account with Passport to get the Discord stamp. Just navigate to the Discord tile on the Passport dashboard and verify, when prompted, authenticate your account and you should be able to claim the stamp.
    - ■ Account ownership: 0.69
  - ○ ENS: Connect to ENS to verify your ownership of your web3 domain name. Browse to https://ens.domains/ to get an ens domain name. Please note that the ENS stamp only recognizes ENS domains if they are set to your account as primary ENS (or reverse record). The stamp/score is:
    - ■ Ens domain name ownership: 2.2
  - ○ ETH: The ETH stamp in Gitcoin Passport is a verifiable credential that is earned by verifying Ethereum transactions associated with a user's Ethereum address. It has the following stamps and score:
    - ■ At least 0.5 ETH in gas fees spent: 2.4
    - ■ At least 1 ETH transaction: 1.27
    - ■ Possessed at least 1 ETH: 3.12
    - ■ Possessed at least 10 ETH: 1.27
    - ■ Possessed at least 32 ETH: 1.27
    - ■ First ETH transaction occurred more than 30 days ago: 1.16
  - ○ Facebook: Connect your existing Facebookn account with Passport to claim the following stamps:
    - ■ Facebook Account: 0.69
    - ■ Facebook Profile Picture attached: 0.69
  - ○ Gitcoin Grants: The Gitcoin Grant stamp recognizes contributions made during all Gitcoin Grants rounds 1-18 (ended August 2023). Donations made in the current round will not be counted until post-round analysis is completed, usually ~3 weeks from the round end. Only matching-eligible contributions for each round are counted. Stamps are:
    - ■ Contributed to at least 1 Grant: 2.91

- - Contributed to at least 10 Grant: 3.64
    - Contributed to at least 100 Grant: 1.86
    - Contributed to at least 25 Grant: 2.82
    - Contributed at least $10: 2.92
    - Contributed at least $100: 2.71
    - Contributed at least $1000: 2.52
  - Github: Connect to GitHub to verify your code contributions. For the Contribution Activity credentials, make sure your contribution data is public. Go to Settings > Public Profile > Contributions & Activity and uncheck 'Make profile private and hide activity'. Verify your contribution history with your Gitcoin Passport The stamps are:
    - Account created at least 90 days ago: 1
    - Account created at least 180 days ago: 1.21
    - Account created at least 365 days ago: 1.41
    - Contributions on at least 30 distinct days: 1.21
    - Contributions on at least 60 distinct days: 1.21
    - Contributions on at least 120 distinct days: 1.21
  - Gnosis Safe: Gnosis Safe Signer/Owner Verification. Currently, we only recognize Gnosis Safes on the Ethereum main network. So you can't get that stamp through your Gnosis Safes on other networks. The stamp is:
    - Gnosis safe signer/owner account: 2.65
  - Google: Connect your google account to verify your email address. The stamp is:
    - Google account: 1.01
  - GTC Staking: Stake GTC to boost your trust in the Gitcoin ecosystem. Browse to https://staking.passport.gitcoin.co/ to stake on yourself or someone else. The stamps are
    - Beginner Community Staker (Stake 5 GTC on someone else/have someone stake 5 GTC on you): 1.27
    - Experienced Community Staker (Stake 10 GTC on 2 accounts each/have 2 accounts stake 10 GTC on you): 1.27
    - Trusted Citizen (Receive stakes from 5 unique users, each staking a minimum of 20 GTC on you): 1.27
    - Self Staking Bronze (5 GTC staked on self): 1.21
    - Self Staking Gold (125 GTC staked on self): 1.21
    - Self Staking Silver (20 GTC staked on self): 1.21
  - Guild: Connect to Guild to verify your membership in open source communities. Browse to https://guild.xyz/. Note that qualifying guilds must have more than 250 members. The stamps are:
    - Owner or Administrator of one or more guilds: 0.69
    - Member of more than 5 guilds and more than 15 roles: 0.69
    - Member with 1 or more roles in Gitcoin Passport Guild: 0.69
  - Holonym: Connect to Holonym to verify your identity without revealing any personal information. Browse to https://holonym.id/. The stamp is:
    - Proven uniqueness using Holonym with government ID: 5.02

- ○ Idena: Connect to Idena to verify your human identity. Browse to https://idena.io/. The stamps are:
  - ■ Identity Age more than 10 epochs: 1.48
  - ■ Identity Age more than 5 epochs: 1.48
  - ■ Idena Stake more than 100k iDna: 1.41
  - ■ Idena Stake more than 10k iDna: 1.16
  - ■ Idena Stake more than 1k iDna: 0.9
  - ■ Idena Identity State - Human: 1.61
  - ■ Idena Identity State - Newbie: 0.51
  - ■ Idena Identity State - Verified: 1.35
- ○ Lens Handle: Connect to Lens to verify your social media presence on Web3. Browse to https://lens.xyz/. The stamp and related score is
  - ■ At least 1 Lens Handle: 2.45
- ○ Linkedin Account: Connect your existing Linkedin account to verify. Browse to https://www.linkedin.com/. The stamp and related score is
  - ■ Linkedin account: 1.02
- ○ NFT Holder: Connect your Ethereum wallet to verify that you own an Ethereum-based NFT. Currently, we only recognize NFTs on the Ethereum main network. So you can't get that stamp through your NFTs on other networks. The stamp and related score is
  - ■ Holds at least 1 NFT: 0.69
- ○ PHI: Connect your Phi account and showcase your Phi quests. Browse to https://philand.xyz/. The stamps and related scores are:
  - ■ Active Rank Gold I ~ V (Earn 150,000 EXP ~ on Active Score): 1.16
  - ■ Active Rank Silver I ~ V (Earn 65,000 EXP ~ on Active Score): 1.67
- ○ Proof of Humanity: Register your account on Proof of Humanity and connect to Passport to verify your human identity. Browse to https://proofofhumanity.id/. The stamp and related score is
  - ■ Registered account on PoH: 1.21
- ○ Snapshot: Connect to Snapshot to verify your DAO voting power. Browse to https://snapshot.org/. The stamps and related scores are:
  - ■ Created a DAO proposal that was voted on by at least 1 account: 2.82
  - ■ Voted on 2 or more DAO proposals: 1.41
- ○ Trusta Labs: This uses Trusta's TrustScan product (https://www.trustalabs.ai/trustscan) based on your activities on Eth Mainnet. You will not be able to claim the stamp if you lack sufficient data or have Sybil like patterns they have detected. Note, the MEDIA score for zkSync is different from this score. For more questions please see their Q&A (https://trusta-labs.gitbook.io/trustalabs/trustscan/q-and-a-for-sybil-score). The stamp and related score is
  - ■ TrustScan Non-Sybil Account: 1.54
- ○ Twitter: Connect to Twitter to verify your social media presence. The stamps and related scores are:
  - ■ Account created at least 180 days ago: 1

- ■ Account created at least 1 year ago: 1.21
- ■ Account created at least 2 years ago: 1.41
  - ○ ZkSync: Connect to zkSync to verify your zkSync wallet activity. Only 'TRANSFER' transactions on ZkSync Lite are recognized. Transactions need to achieve verified status (may take up to 24hrs) across all zkSync networks to count. Other transaction types are not currently included. The stamps and related scores are:
    - ■ ZkSync Lite: 0.4
    - ■ ZkSync Era: 0.4

Stamp Usage and Points:

- ● What do the points next to each stamp mean?
  - ○ The points next to each stamp in Gitcoin Passport represent the weight assigned to that particular stamp in the overall Passport score calculation. Each stamp's weight reflects its relative importance or credibility in establishing the identity and trustworthiness of the Passport holder. These weights are used to calculate the Passport score, which is a measure of the user's credibility within the Gitcoin ecosystem.
- ● How do I use stamps once I've earned them?

Score and Reputation

Understanding Scores:

- ● What is the Gitcoin Passport score, and how is it calculated?
  - ○ The Gitcoin Passport score is a crucial component in determining the eligibility for matching funds in Gitcoin Grants Rounds. It is calculated based on various verified data points in a participant's Passport, each assigned a specific weight. These weights are used to determine the overall Passport score.
- ● How can I check my current Passport score?
  - ○ To check your current Gitcoin Passport score, you would typically need to log in to your account on the Gitcoin Passport platform. The score should be visible in your account dashboard
- ● Does having a higher score provide me with any advantages in the Gitcoin community?
  - ○ Yes, having a higher score in your Gitcoin Passport can provide several advantages in the Gitcoin community. A higher score generally indicates a more robust and credible online identity, which can be particularly beneficial during Gitcoin Grants Rounds. For instance, contributions made by individuals with higher Passport scores are eligible for matching funds, meaning that the higher your score, the more likely your donations to open-source projects are to be matched.

Improving Scores:

- What actions can I take to increase my Passport score?
  To increase your Gitcoin Passport score, focus on accumulating a diverse range of verified stamps. This can be achieved by:
    - Linking various social and professional accounts (e.g., GitHub, Google, LinkedIn).
    - Participating in Gitcoin activities and contributions.
    - Verifying blockchain-related activities and holdings.
    - Using identity verification services like BrightID.
    - Engaging with DAOs and voting on proposals.
- Can connecting social media accounts like LinkedIn or Facebook affect my score?
    - Yes, connecting social media accounts like LinkedIn, Twitter or Facebook can positively affect your Gitcoin Passport score. Each social media account you connect and verify adds a certain weight to your overall Passport score.

Technical Support and Troubleshooting

Connectivity Issues:

- Why am I having trouble connecting my accounts to Gitcoin Passport?
    - If you're having trouble connecting your accounts to Gitcoin Passport, the issue might depend on the specific account type you're trying to connect.
    - Verify that you have access to authenticate the accounts you're linking to Passport
    - Ensure that you meet the requirements for the stamp
    - If you still are unable to connect, please reach out to the support team through the support widget on the site.
- What should I do if I get an error while trying to add a stamp?
    - you can reach out to us through the support widget on the Passport page. Select the option "I want to report an issue on the product", follow the prompts and our team will be quick to receive your feedback. Please ensure you provide your wallet address, and where necessary, screenshots of the console logs or error messages.

Account Management Issues:

- How do I update or correct information on my Gitcoin Passport?
    - If you notice any incorrect information on your Passport, please reach out to our support team with full details of the issue and they'll surely help
- What steps should I take if I suspect unauthorized activity on my Passport?

Security and Privacy

Data Security:

- How is my data kept secure on the Gitcoin Passport platform?
  - Gitcoin Passport secures your data by using decentralized verification methods, not storing personal information, employing blockchain technology for security, and conducting regular security updates.
- What security practices does Gitcoin recommend for users?
  - Gitcoin recommends following best practices for Ethereum account security to ensure the safety and integrity of your digital identity. These practices include:
  - Secure Your Private Keys: Never share your private keys or seed phrases with anyone. Store them in a secure, offline environment.
  - Use a Hardware Wallet: For enhanced security, use a hardware wallet. It keeps your private keys offline and immune to online hacks.
  - Enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA): Wherever possible, activate 2FA on your accounts. This adds an extra layer of security beyond just a password.
  - Beware of Phishing Scams: Be vigilant about phishing attempts. Always double-check URLs and email addresses to ensure they are from legitimate sources.
  - Keep Software Updated: Regularly update your wallet software, browsers, and antivirus programs to protect against new vulnerabilities.
  - Use Strong, Unique Passwords: Create complex and unique passwords for each of your accounts to reduce the risk of unauthorized access.
  - Remember, security in the digital world is paramount, especially in decentralized ecosystems like Ethereum. Staying informed and cautious is key to protecting your assets and identity

Privacy Concerns:

- What personal information is visible to others through my Gitcoin Passport?
  - Gitcoin Passport does not display any personally identifiable information to others. It only shows verifiable credentials issued by identity authenticators, ensuring privacy while establishing trust in your online identity. The Passport aggregates stamps from various sources, but the specifics of your personal information, like your name or contact details, are not exposed. This design maintains privacy and security while enabling community trust.
- How can I control the privacy of my data on Gitcoin Passport?
  - Gitcoin Passport is deeply committed to your data privacy, and here's how it empowers you to control your personal information:
  - Encryption and Security: Gitcoin Passport employs advanced encryption techniques to protect your data. While we maintain the key for this encryption, be assured that your identifying information is securely handled and safeguarded.

- ○ Open Source Transparency: The Gitcoin Passport platform is open source, which means you can directly review the code. This transparency allows you to understand exactly how your data is managed and ensures there are no hidden processes in the way your information is handled.
- ○ Limited Personal Data Storage: We do not store personal information directly in the Passport. Instead, the platform focuses on handling encrypted or anonymized data, prioritizing your privacy at every step.
- ○ User Control: You have the autonomy to decide what information you share. This user-centric approach ensures that you navigate the platform with confidence, knowing that your privacy is respected.
- ○ Policy Transparency: We are transparent about our data practices. You're encouraged to review Gitcoin Passport's privacy policy for a comprehensive understanding of how your data is treated.
- ○ Your privacy is not just a feature but a foundation of the Gitcoin Passport experience. With our commitment to encryption, transparency, and user control, you can trust that your digital identity is both secure and private

Staking and Incentives

GTC Staking:

- What is GTC staking, and how does it relate to Gitcoin Passport?
  - ○ GTC Staking refers to the process of locking up or staking Gitcoin's native token, GTC, typically to participate in governance or earn rewards. In relation to Gitcoin Passport, staking GTC can be one of the verifiable actions that contribute to your Passport score. By staking GTC, you can obtain a stamp that adds weight to your score, demonstrating your active participation and investment in the Gitcoin ecosystem. This, in turn, enhances your credibility and trustworthiness within the community, potentially leading to benefits like higher matching in Gitcoin Grants Rounds.
- How can I stake or unstake GTC, and what are the implications for my Passport?
  To stake or unstake your GTC,
  - ○ Navigate to https://staking.passport.gitcoin.co/StakeDashboard and connect your wallet.
  - ○ During an active season you'll see the option to "Modify Stake" for both Self Staking and Community Staking. When the season is over, you'll see the option to "Unstake All".
  - ○ Stake GTC: Click Modify Stake and follow the prompts to stake your GTC tokens. This might involve specifying the amount and confirming the transaction in your connected wallet.
  - ○ Unstake GTC: To unstake, reverse the process, selecting the option to unstake and confirming the transaction.

Incentives and Rewards:

- Are there rewards for maintaining a high score or collecting certain stamps?
  - Maintaining a high score or collecting certain stamps in Gitcoin Passport can offer rewards, particularly in the context of Gitcoin Grants Rounds. A higher Passport score increases the likelihood that your contributions to open-source projects will be eligible for matching funds. This incentivizes users to verify their identity thoroughly and maintain a high score. However, specific rewards for collecting individual stamps are not typically outlined. The primary benefit lies in enhanced credibility and trust within the Gitcoin ecosystem, leading to potential advantages in community engagement and funding opportunities.
- How are rewards distributed, and how can I claim them?

Platform Feedback and Updates

Feedback Submission:

- How can I provide feedback on my experience with Gitcoin Passport?
  - To provide feedback on your experience with Gitcoin Passport, you can reach out to us through the support widget on the Passport page. Select the option "I have a feedback/product request" and our team will be quick to receive your feedback.
- Where can I report bugs or suggest improvements for the platform?
  - To report bugs on Gitcoin Passport, you can reach out to us through the support widget on the Passport page. Select the option "I want to report an issue on the product" and our team will be quick to receive your feedback.

Staying Informed:

- How can I find out about new stamps or features added to Gitcoin Passport?
  To stay updated on new stamps or features added to Gitcoin Passport, you can follow these steps:
  - Regularly check the Gitcoin Passport documentation and support pages. Websites like https://docs.passport.gitcoin.co/ and https://support.gitcoin.co/gitcoin-knowledge-base/ are likely to have the most up-to-date information about any new stamps or features.
  - Social Media and Community Channels: Follow Gitcoin on social media platforms like Twitter, LinkedIn, or Facebook. These platforms are often used for announcements and updates. Additionally, joining Gitcoin's community channels, like Discord (https://discord.gg/gitcoin) or Telegram groups, can be a good way to get the latest news and interact with other community members.