

“Astra – Frequently Asked Questions”

Answers to some common questions about Astra – The Social Supercomputer:

Astra Platform

1. What is Astra?

Astra is a community-oriented social supercomputer, which empowers people to advance frontiers of science and establish collective social truths for a better tomorrow while earning valuable Digital Currencies.

2. What is the noble mission of Astra?

The noble mission of Astra is to bring people together for discovery of ‘Scientific Truths’ and ‘Social Truths’. The Astra platform enables people to contribute for scientific endeavors as well as help build vaults of social truths for transparent and corruption-free societies. The motto of Astra is – **Earn valuable Digital Currencies while doing Good Karmas!**

3. What problem does Astra solve?

The volunteer Grid Computing Networks for scientific research have been around for almost 20 years. However, due to the lack of tangible incentives, they have failed to become main-stream. Astra is leveraging the Trust Machine technology to design an innovative incentive system for the Grid Computing Networks. The social and economic incentives offered by Astra will encourage large number of people to contribute spare computing resources for scientific research and for building trustworthy data-repositories.

4. How is Astra different from a number of other Grid Computing Networks like Golem and SONM?

Astra plays at a different part of the industry value chain compared to Golem and SONM. Astra’s mission is to be closer to consumers, organize them in action-oriented communities, and make it extremely easy for them to contribute to scientific projects and join the world of Digital Currencies. The noble mission of Astra is to build, animate, and capture the energy of communities for Scientific Discoveries and Social Truths for efficient and corruption-free societies.

5. What type of communities is Astra building?

Currently, a number of charismatic leaders have built large followings through their websites or on social media sites, such as, YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter.

However, these communities are mostly passive with only one-way flow of information from the leader to audience. Astra's objective is to transform these passive communities into vibrant economic communities. The new economic communities will collectively create and monetize value by sharing resources, creating rare digital assets, and developing content.

Astra will first offer a modern social networking platform to select volunteer Grid Computing communities, such as, FightAIDS@HOME, ProteinFolding@HOME, DrugDiscovery@HOME, Einstein@HOME, and Cosmology@Home, etc. Later, Astra will offer the same economic platform to online communities on YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter.

6. What type of incentive system is Astra designing to encourage more people to share their computing resources?

Astra is designing both social incentives and economic incentives to attract common people to the Astra platform and the new world of Digital Currencies. The social incentives include Identity, Accomplishments, and Recognition. The economic incentives include Network Utility Tokens (STARs), rare Digital Assets, and Community Tokens. The STARs will be used to 'access' and 'offer' computing, storage, and networking resources. The rare Digital Assets and Community Tokens will be offered in the Phase II and Phase III of the project respectively. The purpose of rare Digital Assets is to celebrate a community's achievements and they may acquire value over time.

Astra Network Utility Tokens (STARs)

7. What is the name of Astra Networks' Utility Token?

STAR. The ethereal Astra Network will be accessible only through this token STAR.

8. What will be the uses of Astra Network Utility Tokens (STARs)?

The primary use of STAR network utility tokens will be to 'access' and 'offer' computing, storage, and networking resources in peer-to-peer transactions. In addition, the world-wide Astra team will be continually striving for new applications of STARs to build and motivate communities. For example, STARs will also be used to play engaging community games and to create Community Coins. These applications will generate additional demand for STARs.

9. What is Astra's revenue model?

The Astra will be earning a market dependent transaction fee, which may range from 5% to 20%.

Team

10. Where is Astra based?

Astra is a global project with team members and contributors spread around the world.

11. How can I get involved?

Please join our Telegram channels to ask any questions and stay abreast of our progress. You may also join Astra's vibrant LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter communities and share your ideas. Once the project is launched you may also join one of the Astra communities for scientific discoveries and social truths to contribute computing resources and earn valuable Digital Currencies.

12. What does Astra mean?

Astra has two meanings in the ancient Greek and Sanskrit languages. In Greek, it stands for 'Star'. In Sanskrit, it means a 'Weapon' – a 'weapon' against dreadful diseases and corruption.