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Introduction to Cryptium Labs –

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I. Proof-of-Stake will be an
alternative to Proof-of-Work

II. There will be many
chains, and one ecosystem

Cryptium Labs

Validation

Development
Research

Community



Cryptium Labs

Infrastructure operator for Proof-of-Stake (PoS) public blockchains

Supported Networks



Tezos (XTZ)

The Self-Amending Crypto-Ledger

Validating since July 2018

Projects

Cryptium Labs' open-source projects

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Automated Rewards Payment Manager for
Tezos Bakers

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Automated Rewards Payment Manager for Tezos Bakers Written in Haskell

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and Polkadot

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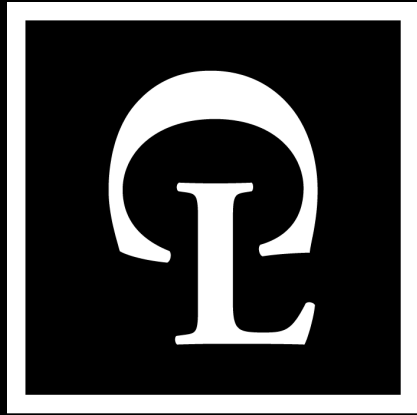


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Half-Baked is Always Better than Double-Baked — ...

Many of you have seen on Reddit or Twitter that a Baker on Tezos had been



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Introduction to **Proof-of-Stake** Algorithms

Consensus Algorithm \neq Proof-of-X

Consensus Alg.

Mechanisms that enable peers to agree on a specific state of values

Proof-of-X

Mechanisms that determine what peers are eligible to participate in consensus

Nakamoto Consensus

The chain with the
largest pool of
electricity or heaviest
is the canonical one

Byzantine-Fault Tolerant Consensus

Latest block with
more than $2/3$ of the
validator set's
signatures

Proof-of-Work

Compete with other nodes to solve the computational puzzle or find the nonce for the next block

Proof-of-Stake

Allocate the required amount of value as a collateral, which can be lost when deviating from the protocol

The Nothing-At-Stake Problem

- Deviating from the protocol, by e.g. causing and maintaining multiple forks, *at no cost*
- Present in PoS variants from commercial and academic projects
- One of the most commercialised projects:
 - Delegated Proof-of-Stake
 - Used in e.g. Bitshares, EOS
- Assumes that if one of the active block producers (top 21 by votes) deviates, it will not get voted again

Variants of **Proof-of-Stake**

Liquid PoS
(LPoS)

e.g. Tezos

Bonded PoS
(BPoS)

e.g. Cosmos
Hub

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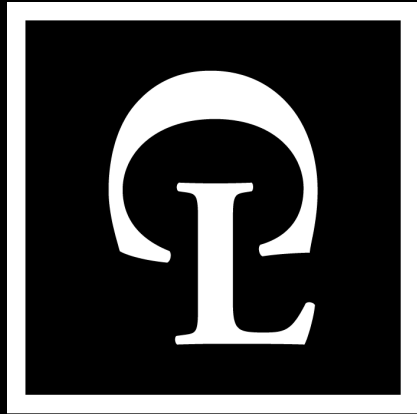
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Nakamoto
Consensus
(Heaviest Chain
Consensus)

BFT
Consensus

Hybrid
PoW + BFT
PoS



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Liquid
Proof-of-Stake
(LPoS)

Bakers

Tezos token holders
who operate a
validating node and
participate in
consensus

Delegators

Tezos token holders
who participate
indirectly in consensus
by delegating their
baking rights to bakers

Bakers: What are they?

- Are in charge of maintaining the Tezos network active by producing blocks and endorsements
- Must have a minimum of 10,000 XTZ in self-bond
- Solo-bakers & Public Baking Services
- Are incentivised to operate **secure** validating nodes
- Have voting power for protocol upgrades

Bakers: What are the Rewards?

- 64 XTZ / baked block
- 1 or 2 XTZ / endorsed block
- Transaction fees
- Every 10,000 XTZ = 1 Roll
- More rolls → Higher chance to receive baking and endorsement slots



Bakers: What are the Risks?

- Safety-Faults:
 - Double-baked block: -512 XTZ/block
 - Double-endorsed block: -64 XTZ
 - - rewards and fees locked in the security deposits
- Liveness: Missing rewards
- Overdelegation: How to increase the self-bond?



Bakers: Double-Baking Examples

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Operation Hash	Level	Age	Baker	Baker Rewards	Offender	Denounced Level	Lost Deposits	Lost Rewards	Lost Fees
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Delegators: Who are they?

- They own XTZ
- They do not want to operate a baker
- They are incentivised to at least delegate to bakers, so they can receive rewards
- They must trust the baker they choose to delegate to
- They can change bakers anytime
- They generate delegation smart contracts (and maintain custody)

Delegators: Risks and Rewards

- Delegations are not at stake but they must **trust** that their bakers will pay the rewards correctly and on time
- Opportunity cost when not switching quick enough when a baker closes
- Receive a portion of the rewards generated by the baker
- Normally pay a % in service fees to the baker

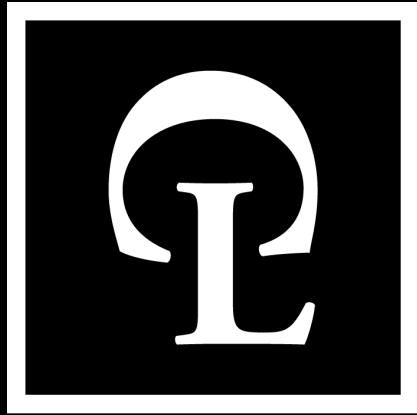
Solo-baking vs Public Baker vs Delegating

Average Rewards for 1 Cycle	10,000 XTZ	100,000 XTZ	1,000,000 XTZ
Solo-Baking	7.9778	79.7780	797.7796
Public Baker *	16.71	168.52	1683.76
Delegating *	6.89	68.89	688.85

* 10% fee

** 50% revenue share

Find the detailed numbers and calculations here: <https://medium.com/cryptium>



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The Role of Tezos (XTZ) Token Holders

The Role of Token Holders

- *Hodling* is economically discouraged
- PoS Networks introduce two new stakeholders into the ecosystem:
 - **Validators:** participate directly in consensus
 - **Delegators:** participate indirectly
- On-Chain Governance
 - In some networks only validators will have voting power proportional to their total stake
 - In others, delegators have the power to overwrite the vote of the validators

The **security & decentralisation** of these networks rely on the decisions of token holders, be it **by validating or delegating**

– *Letter to Current & Future Delegators* ([Link](#))

How to Reach Out

- **Slides** will be available github.com/cryptiumlabs/library
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