

# A COMPILATION OF FTP EDU-THREADS

## Foreword

Daniel Sheldon is a South African-based Digital artist, illustrator, and animator. He reimagined John Trumbull's painting (the Declaration of Independence) into what we have as For the People NFT.

For The People NFT collection is a pile of polaroids from the night before. Builders, artists, dreamers, pioneers, cartoons — all of them together encapsulating the zeitgeist from the 2021/2022 bull run. Some remain fixtures of the industry. Some have drifted away from web3. Others stole billions from retail investors and so we had to cut them from the NFT collection. **TIMES CHANGE**

Before, during and after the launch of the NFTs, contributors at PeopleDAO wrote threads on builders who were featured in the collection. This compilation puts all the threads in one piece for easy find and read.

As you read, you'll gain insight from their journeys, the detours they took, and how they've impacted the space. We hope these inspire you as well to go make something.

Happy reading!



Our first release for our Snapshot in Time features @pplpleasr1 on X, a New York-based multidisciplinary artist! Her visual effects credits as an artist are outstanding, given its appearances in feature films, commercials, and Blizzard game cinematics.

Maya, aka Pplpleasr, is a talented digital artist and 3D animator known for their surreal creations. They received widespread acclaim for their work in the online art and NFT communities. We remember her from the Uniswap teaser ad, that made everyone shook!

Pplpleasr's artwork frequently includes dreamlike landscapes, intricate characters, and vibrant colors. They are renowned for combining various styles and influences to create visually stunning and thought-provoking works. We hope to see more of her works in the future!



With Maya's commitment to pushing art boundaries & embracing blockchain tech, they are now seen as a significant figure in the world of digital art and NFTs. With the launching of <http://Shibuya.xyz> we can see creator empowerment that is built on decentralization! LFGG



[WHO IS SUPERPHIZ?] Many of us who are fond of POAPs and GitPOAPs may know Superphiz for supporting the protocols and their users!

Superphiz is a beacon chain community health consultant for Ethereum! His influence and contributions within the blockchain communities and the crypto space largely delve into the decentralization ethos.

Particularly, Superphiz is a staunch advocate and supporter of decentralized staking in the Ethereum network. Anyone (big and small players!) in the community who believes in the importance of Ethereum's decentralization can take part in upholding the future of the network.

To put it simply, holders of Ethereum and other network participants must have a sense of responsibility to it;

ideally, individuals would set up their own staking nodes in the blockchain #stakefromhome.

Superphiz's work thus far has encouraged a community-driven approach to the DeFi industry, inculcating the best practices not only to the holders of Ethereum but also to anyone interested in staking!

We recommend following Superphiz for his technical knowledge and insights on blockchain, as we believe in his authenticity and genuineness as a wholesome figure in the crypto community! LFG!



## [MEET KEV OWOCKI]

As described by BanklessHQ, Kev Owocki is a man who wears many hats: a software developer, tech entrepreneur, engineering manager, and community builder - a master of all trades!

Owocki has let his passion, curiosity, and knowledge drive his way through this path, making him one of the key people in the world of Ethereum, open-source software, and public goods in the blockchain (did we mention we <3 public goods?).

Within this span of time, shifting from one tech startup to another, Owocki realized the power and the significant utility of open-source software, opening the doors to a deeper appreciation of the world of public goods.

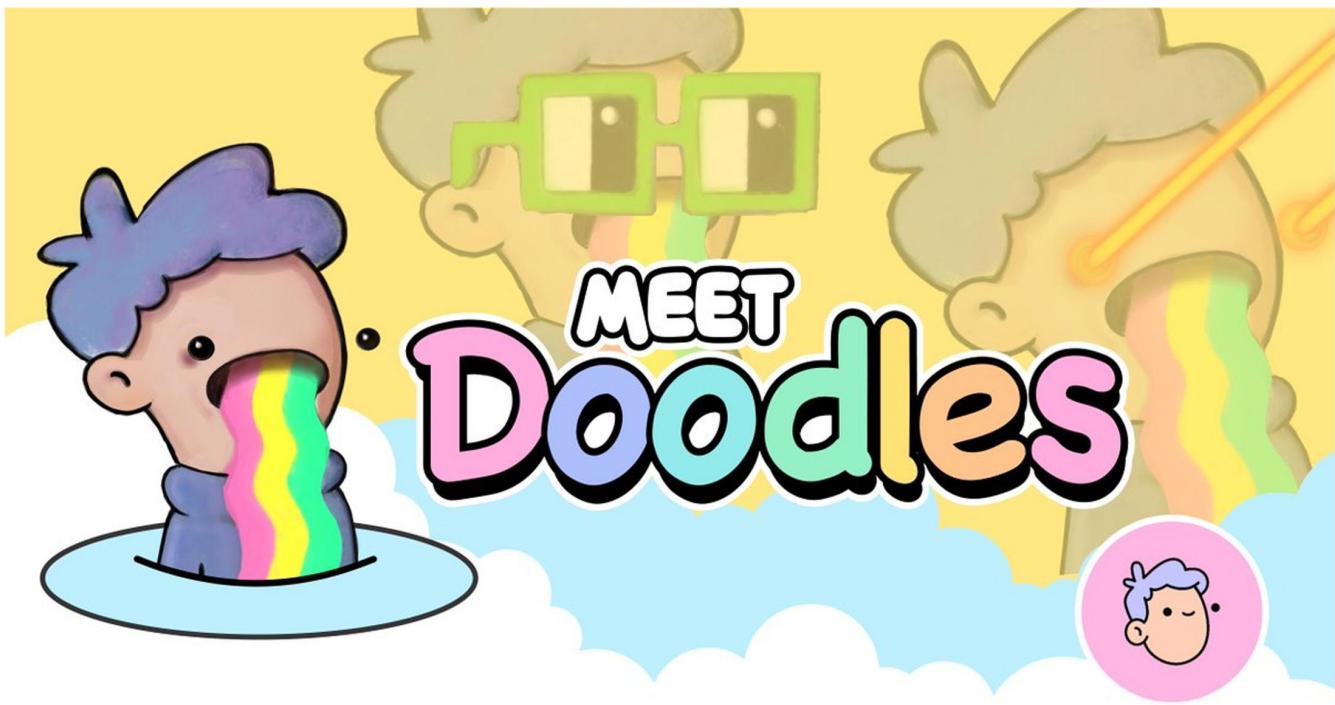
After earning his degree in Computer Science, he has gone from working in corporate environments and running tech startups to the crypto space, aiming to help other builders work for public goods and be compensated for such work.

As co-founder of Gitcoin, a driving force behind the movement of creating regenerative crypto ecosystems, Kev Owocki has significantly contributed to efforts to resolve sybil attacks and other challenges to decentralization.

Since Gitcoin's inception four years ago, more than 3,000 unique projects have already benefited from over \$50 million in donated funding!

By prioritizing repeat interactions while building trust through privacy-preserving identities and implementing Quadratic Funding and One-Heart-One-Vote approaches, Owocki aims to stimulate a pro-social, pro-environmental, and protopian ecosystem, one that is gradually getting better in every step of the way!

Kev Owocki is proof that in a fast-paced space, knowing and continuously learning about your craft leads to efficient execution and management!



REMEMBERING THE CRAZY FROM THE '21 & '22 BULL.

My doods.. have you heard of Doodles? If not, well it's time to find out!

Doodles were mainly a 10,000 collection of hand-drawn NFTs that showcase original art by Burnt Toast, matching unique traits to produce the collection.

The Doodles journey began on October 17, 2021, with a minting price of 0.123E for an epic treasury of 420 (kek)!

Get yourself a Doodle and be part of the action! Each gives you voting power to shape the community via DoodleBank - One Doodle = one vote, so keep those eyes peeled! With a treasury of over \$5 million USD, they had a lot of community activities to fund! We remember when Doodles sold out, and Discord was reopened for new collectors and enthusiasts.

Anyone remember Space Doodles? They were made to be swappable with the OG Doodles. Aside from this, there were multiple immersive in-person experiences, creating more Doodle initiatives and FUNraisers; Doodles 2, Doodles Records, etc!

The founders' aim was to bridge Web3 and the real world--connecting NFT enthusiasts through community initiatives such as installations, concert merchandise, and more! More recently, we've been seeing the Doodles rocking some cool @crocs!! LFG Congrats Doodles!!

The Doodles community has the funding and tools to pioneer the next digital frontier. We believe that they'll reshape creative content processes, unlocking more value to the NFTs. The community of The\_PeopleDAO is eagerly watching their next moves.

Thanks for reading! If you're interested in joining their community, we recommend you follow Doodle mains and rising stars on Twitter: @jholguin, @austin\_hurwitz, @ingi\_erlingsson, @vaypor, @MyNamelsJonas, @\_wmoon, @Prophet87\_eth, @jims\_eth.



Welcome to another episode of Snapshot in Time, this time a preview of a great NFT artist, DesLucrece! LFG!!

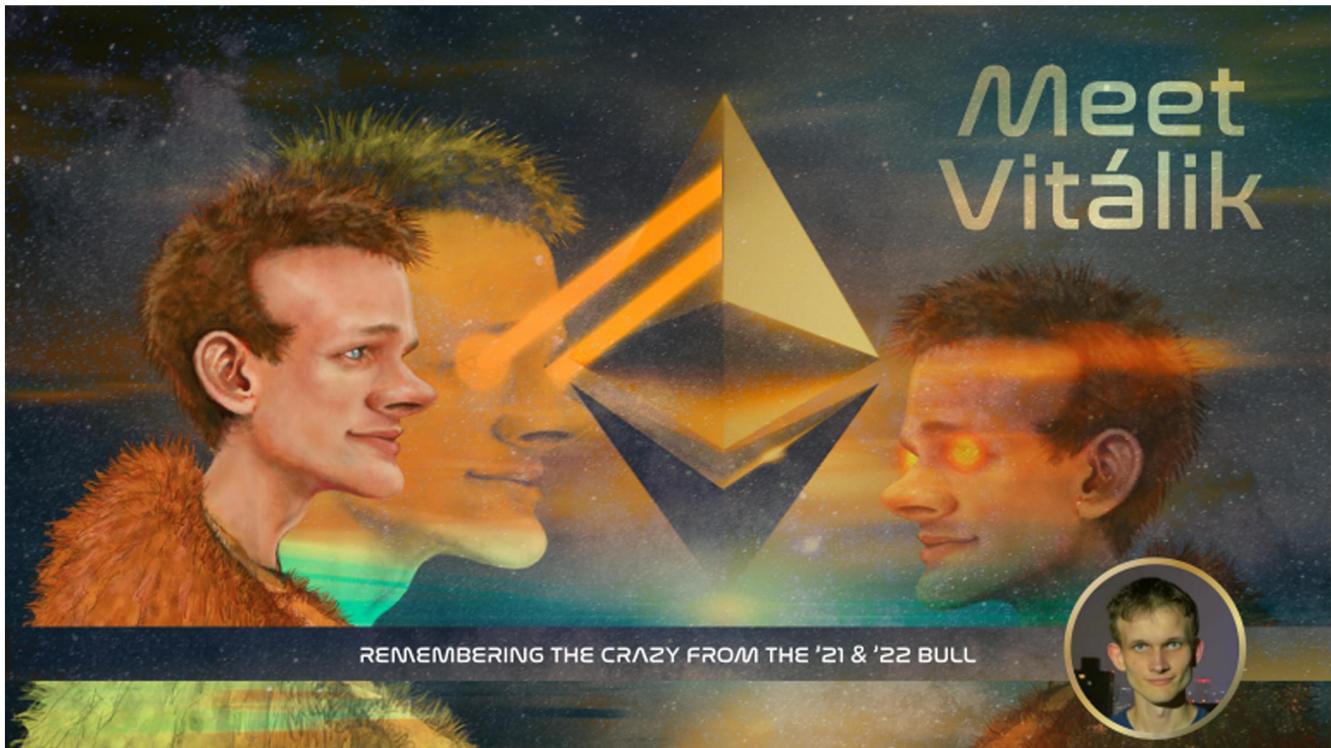
Who is he? Well, DesLucrece is an up-and-coming Vietnamese artist hailing from Norway. You could tell that his works are of a distinct art style, especially when you see them in your timeline—you would immediately know that it is his!

As a brand agency designer, DesLucrece has developed a strong grasp of his own style, seen in his NFT collections. Our personal favorite is the Madonna & Child!

If you have been around for a while, you would know him by the Des Monsters! And if you're a procreate artist, you would know his favorite brush (LOL). With his bold use of colors, his NFT animations emerge as quite a sight to see.

Not only does the Tezos community regard him as especially promising, but his art has also reached great auction houses such as Sotheby's!

We believe that with his artistic prowess, he shall see greater heights and more bountiful opportunities! LFG!



About time we get into one of the most known founders in the space, Vitalik Buterin!

Born in Russia and raised in Canada, Vitalik Buterin is most known in the blockchain and crypto industries! It all started when he was contributing to a publication called Bitcoin Weekly in 2011 and serving on the editorial board of Ledger in 2016 (a research magazine).

Most recognized as co-founder of Ethereum along with Gavin Wood, Charles Hoskinson, Anthony Di Iorio, and Joseph Lubin, the creation of smart contracts was first introduced by Ethereum! Due to their efforts, blockchain technology now has a wider spectrum of decentralized applications (DApps). The blockchain environment has been significantly shaped by Vitalik Buterin through his leadership and vision!

His well-known commitment to open-source development is also awe-inspiring as we also believe in open-source software and public goods!

Pushing for the implementation of blockchain technology in various sectors, such as banking, one cannot underestimate the influence of Vitalik Buterin going far beyond Ethereum.

We are pretty sure that some newer crypto participants know him more because of him burning \$6 billion in SHIB tokens, but that's a story for another day!

In his innovativeness and dedication to decentralization, Vitalik Buterin has surely fueled the development of new technology, making him a major individual and representative of innovations in the modern day. LFG!



## FOR THE PEOPLE NFT

**CHECKING THROUGH “FOR THE PEOPLE” NFT COLLECTION, WHO IS LAURA SHIN?**



## [WHO IS LAURA SHIN?]

Laura Shin is a crypto journalist, author, and investigator. She is also the host of the Unchained podcast on Twitter.

She was a former senior editor at Forbes on the topics of crypto and blockchain. She has been in this line of work for over 20 years, weaving intricate and exciting stories, breaking down complicated concepts in the crypto world into easily digestible information for any individual—crypto or non-crypto, to understand and enjoy.

With her podcasts, she has been able to interview and have fireside chats with icons in the blockchain and crypto industry such as Vitalik Buterin and Andre Cronje!

In early 2022, Laura Shin was able to release her book,

"The Cryptopians," tackling "crypto fever," crypto personalities, and the broad crypto market's influence. It shares the story of Ethereum and ICOs and is available online.

We believe that Laura Shin is an important figure in the crypto space, given her unbiased journalism and blockchain investigations! Her captivating writing and hosting truly make her one of crypto's known media personalities!



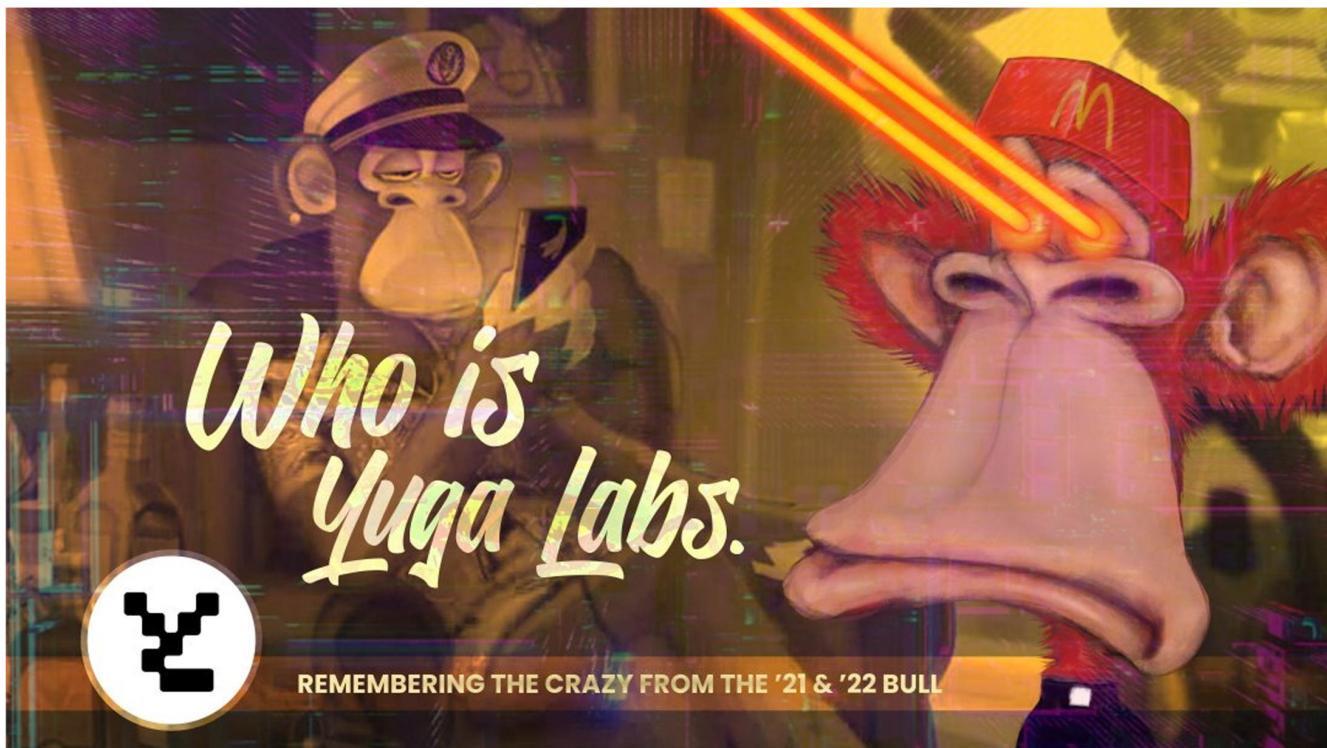
Ser Austin is a dynamic figure from Colorado who specializes in blockchain tech; we know him from many projects such as Buidlguidl & Niftylnk. He has done meaningful contributions and innovations wherein he is able to actively share his expertise.

His journey in programming started in the late 90s under the guidance of his math teacher who inspired him! His early projects included developing web apps. These were manifestations of his talent in electronics & automation!

Beyond developing & exploring AI & distributed systems, Austin is a mentor to other developers/builders, sharing wisdom & knowledge in #ETH to teach the wonders of building DApps! His expertise is rooted in "scaffold-eth", a template for rapid smart contract-based prod dev!

Actively encouraging devs to push boundaries of Ethereum, his latest endeavor involves dev coordination.. facilitating pseudonymous founders to support builderd, boosting collaboration.

In today's ever-evolving tech landscape, ser Austin truly is a guiding force! A champion of blockchain innovation & education wholeheartedly establishing his mark & as a figure in the ETH ecosystem.



Yuga Labs is a digital assets and blockchain technology company known for creating the @BoredApeYC.

Besides the iconic Bored Ape Yacht Club NFT collection, Yuga Labs has developed other notable projects like MeebitsNFTs and has acquired CryptopunksNFTs and OthersideMeta, contributing significantly to the NFT space.

Into the NFT boom and bull run of 2021 and 2022, BAYC has come to be popular and highly-valued! Now, it is one of the most recognizable NFTs in the world! They always seem like they're having fun!

Despite initial challenges, including community members being victims of hacks and various issues, Yuga Labs powered through and broke into the NFT consciousness. Their success can be attributed to the power of community,

team skill and talent, and brilliant marketing. The team has shipped numerous products and set up multiple fun events for their members, adding significant value to the Bored Ape Yacht Club.

Yuga Labs has six separate collections under its umbrella:

1. @BoredApeYC and MAYC: Expanding Yuga's ecosystem by adding 20k new NFTs.
2. @OthersideMeta: The metaverse of the Yuga Labs ecosystem.
3. Cryptopunks
4. BAKC
5. Meebits

Each of these collections has its own merits, contributing to Yuga Labs' position as a leading name in the NFT space. For more insights into the exciting Yuga Labs ecosystem, follow the OGs and rising stars on X: @GordonGoner, @ShaneCultra, @sicko\_ape, @CryptoGarga, @nothreadguy, @stretch\_kyle, @foxSlightly, @dgtlgal.



Sujiyan.eth or Suji has a not so typical tech story!

His thrilling adventures in web3 has been known to most as the founder of @realMaskNetwork as a staunch advocate of internet privacy ! But his early interests were in AI, crypto, & machine learning.

Allowing one to send "secret" messages and secure transactions without leaving social platforms, online data is secured @realMaskNetwork (on X) and we have Suji to thank!

Named in Forbes' 30 under 30, Suji Yan has had a lot of significant accomplishments, mainly in DeFi.

He has several awards, has backed aspiring new businesses, DApps, and other underlying blockchain infrastructure!

Suji Yan's influence has undeniably and in no doubt shaped the web3 and DeFi landscape ushering an ecosystem that is brighter and more decentralized.



XCopy is a pioneer NFT artist, known for his contributions to the crypto ART movement!

His distinct style combining pop culture, tech, glitch & future aesthetics, (and a brush we know so much) portray visual effects that feature vivid colors and bizarre imagery!

If you are around the 21 and 22, we know him for the right click & save as NFT guy, the one we feature in our FTP collection!

For earlier classes of crypto, they know @XCOPYART as an OG, an NFT artist who has established himself as an early adopter of blockchain tech. His works have been acquired by global blockchain advocates, tech enthusiasts, and NFT art fans! A prominent collector is @CozomoMedici with his acquisition putting crypto news into mainstream

news. Everyone vibes with Xcopy's iconic flashing & glitching style!

One of our favorites is "A Coin for the Ferryman" (2018) which you can access in @SuperRare on X.



## Meet: Sebastian Borget

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Anyone who's been here for quite a long time has surely heard of The Sandbox Game. What started as a 2-D pixel art game in 2012 has now become one of the biggest names in world-building games!

From its genesis in 2012 and evolution in 2016, The Sandbox Game started its major upgrade in 2018 as a fully 3-D game and went from a centralized to a player-centric, user-generated, decentralized platform in the blockchain.

The great mind behind this success is Sebastian Borget, a French entrepreneur with over 13 yrs of professional experience! His deep involvement in mobile gaming has led him to champion the integration of blockchain technology into visual entertainment & gaming.

His creation, The Sandbox, earned significant recognition,

being featured by Apple in its top games list for 2 consecutive years (2012 & 2013). This platform paved the way for native video games within the Metaverse, embracing crypto features like "play-to-earn."

Surely, his leadership and contributions to The Sandbox's development have amplified awareness of blockchain's potential in gaming. Interested in owning a LAND? Head over to <http://sandbox.game>

Sebastian's impact extends beyond gaming, advocating the use of blockchain technology for NFTs, smart contracts, & in-game items. His success is attributed to his passion, belief in collaboration, & strategic approach to blockchain, gaming, & technology.

As the 4th most influential person in crypto by cointelegraph, Borget continues to make strides in advancing his vision in the field of gaming, blockchain, and user experience!

LFG Join the metaverse For the People!!



Since its launch in April 2021, the Bored Ape Yacht Club has generated billions of dollars through its unique hand-drawn cartoon primates and invited a lot of people into NFTs. However, everyone needs to learn more about its lead artist @allseeingseneca!

Today, we feature @allseeingseneca, an Asian-American visual artist who, despite not knowing so much about NFTs back then, has inadvertently ignited a billion-dollar revolution through what now might be one of the world's largest NFT projects, BAYC.

After graduating from Rhode Island School of Design in 2016, Seneca moved to New York as a freelance illustrator where Nicole Muniz, a creative agent, saw a lot of potential in her portfolio and connected her with various companies and eventually, to what would become BAYC.

After that first stint, Seneca has made her waves in the NFT scene with her unique works of art, paintings that are described as an interplay of personal art & pop culture, featuring themes of “cosmic horror and candyland”, representing evolution as an artist and an individual.

In December 2021, @allseeingSeneca had her 5-piece NFT drop in the Iconoclast NFT Art Show at Miami’s Art Basel. The year after that, she had her first solo auction featuring her 4-piece collection, “Portraiture by Seneca”, with Phillips auction house.

Seneca has also bagged a lot of awards and has been featured in international galleries; and as of late, her most recent body of work, Perils of Sēsē, is sold out. View the astonishing story at <http://perilsofsese.com>.

Seneca’s wide imagination “wide-awake hallucinations” she had when she was a kid have been interwoven and shown through her art. Undoubtedly, her works have left & are still leaving an indelible mark in d world of NFTs, & we could only expect more wonderful creations from here!

With Seneca in the NFT art scene, we will not only continue to see outstanding works of art but an advocate of an inclusive and truly artist-friendly space. GO check out her profile! @allseeingseneca <3



What drives a visionary man from the Robotics and Finance industry to become a pioneer in the Blockchain revolution? Let's find out!

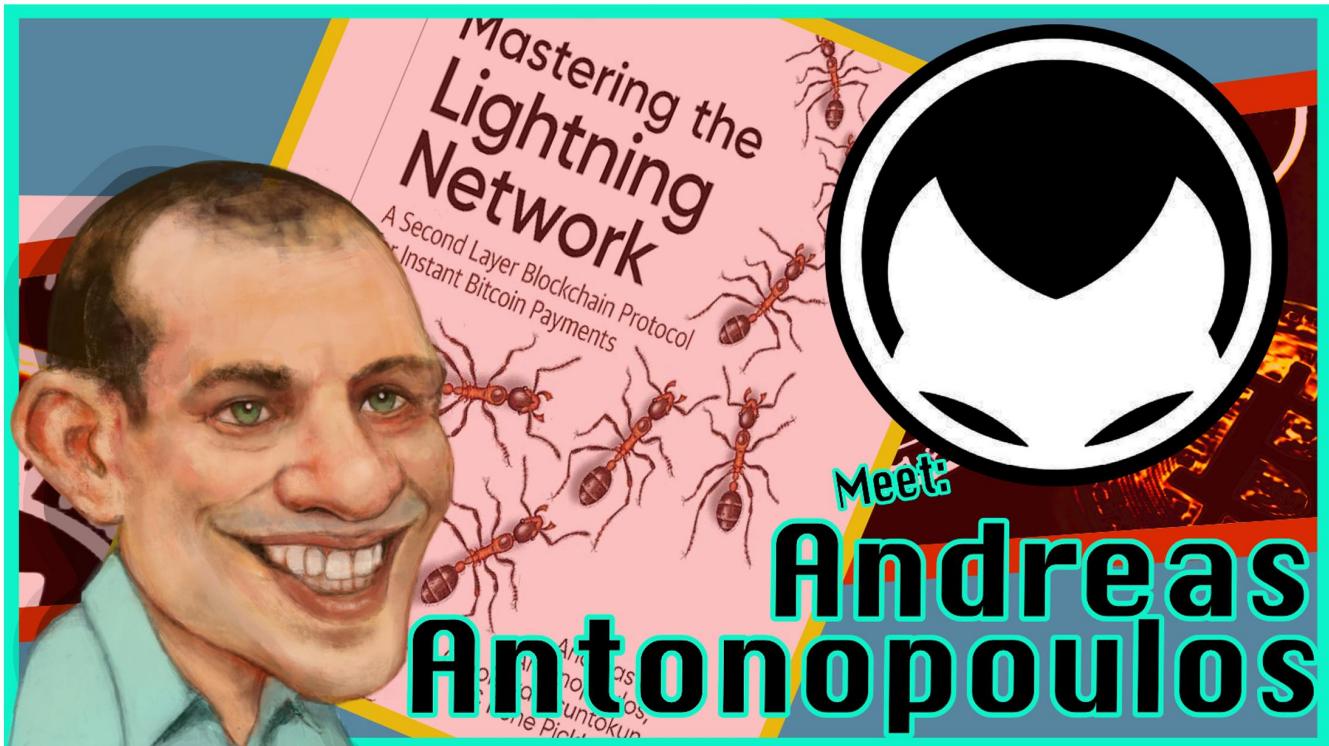
Joseph Lubin started his career in robotics, machine vision and engineering. Before the Blockchain industry, he spent about 2 years in Finance, where he worked as VP of Technology at Goldman Sachs.

Deep in finance at Wall Street, Lubin was one of the few who warned about the financial crisis in 2008. After the failure of the traditional financial system, he sought for alternatives and he found the bitcoin whitepaper.

Lubin's background in engineering and experience in traditional financial systems made him invaluable and when he met Vitalik Buterin, he was asked to join the group of

co-founders. In 2014, there was a disagreement between Vitalik and another co-founder of Ethereum. It was about whether to make Ethereum for-profit or keep it decentralized and non-profit. Vitalik wanted it to remain non-profit and this presented Lubin an opportunity; ConsenSys was founded.

Lubin founded ConsenSys as a for-profit incubator for blockchain startups, starting with Ethereum. Others include Safe, MetaMask and Gitcoin. His search for an alternative to the traditional financial system keeps driving him to accelerate decentralization through his company.



If you find it difficult to understand blockchain terminologies, you're not alone. Many people experience this too. In today's thread, we explore a blockchain educator, @aantonop (on X), and his effort in educating millions of people like you.

Andreas started learning programming at the age of ten. He holds a master's degree in data communications & distributed systems and has experience with various networks and information security. He began tinkering with the philosophy of Bitcoin in 2012.

These days, Andreas is a sought-after expert on Bitcoin and open blockchain technologies. His ability to simplify difficult concepts and draw attention to the advantages and disadvantages of these technologies for our interconnected societies is well known.

Andreas has written two best-selling technical books for programmers, "Mastering Bitcoin" and "Mastering Ethereum," in an effort to simplify complicated concepts. These books have been widely used by the intended audience, bringing value to the blockchain space.

"Mastering Bitcoin," intended for coders, teaches how cryptographic currencies work, how to use them, and how to create software that works with them. The first few chapters are great for beginners (even non-coders) seeking to understand Bitcoin and crypto basics.

"Mastering Ethereum" is another piece that has served as a reference manual and a comprehensive exploration of Ethereum for both beginners and professionals alike. In his book, he explained the fundamentals of Ethereum and why organizations like NASDAQ are experimenting with it.

Andreas has 4 more books, The Internet of Money (i - iii) and "Mastering the Lightening Network".

He also runs a community on YouTube and Patreon where you can become a community member, interact with blockchain enthusiasts and participate in live Q&A sessions.

To learn more about bitcoin & open blockchains, get in touch with Andreas Antonopoulos @aantonop on X or visit his webpage: <https://aantonop.com>



How do you graduate with a bachelor's degree in Philosophy & Management and then become a founder of a decentralized Oracle software? The story of the founder of Chainlink has some insight.

Sergey was born in Moscow, Russia in 1986 but his family moved to New York in the 1990s. Although he didn't study technology in university, he was influenced by his STEM-educated parents from an early age. It grew into a passion for computers & how cathode ray televisions worked.

After graduation, Sergey taught as an associate professor alongside Lawrence Lenihen. Aside from being a professor, Lawrence is also the CEO of a venture capital firm, FirstMark Capital. Sergey interned at the firm & his journey into entrepreneurship & technology leaped forever.

In 2011, he worked with another VC firm, QED Capital, which invests in start-ups from Russia & Eastern Europe across fields like portfolio management, data analytics and insurance.

After the first Bitcoin price spike to \$30+ in 2011, the firm turned its attention towards crypto research and mining. The firm eventually led to the creation of an expert technical team that would make the first blockchain-based webmail (CryptoMail), co-founded by Sergey.

In 2014, Sergey co-founded Chainlink, a decentralized blockchain oracle network which helps facilitate the interaction between smart contracts and real-world data from off-chain sources to on-chain smart contracts.

Beyond his impact with Chainlink, he's also an investor and partner to many decentralized platforms. At the Consensus conference in June 2024, he projects that all financial transactions will soon take place onchain.

In his words "We're still going to a world where all the world's value, credits & all commodities are onchain and represented in advanced financial products"

Fun fact: Sergey Nazarov has been speculated many times to be the mystery creator of Bitcoin, Satoshi Nakamoto.

SN = SN? Maybe he is, maybe he isn't, perhaps we'll never know.



Promoting inclusivity for women is something you've heard before, and this has been approached in many ways. But Yam Karkai's approach through decentralization has a fresh take on this. How?

Yam Karkai was a freelance digital artist before entering the NFT space. Bringing her art onchain via NFTs brought her to the limelight and gave her a stage to encourage other female artists in the process.

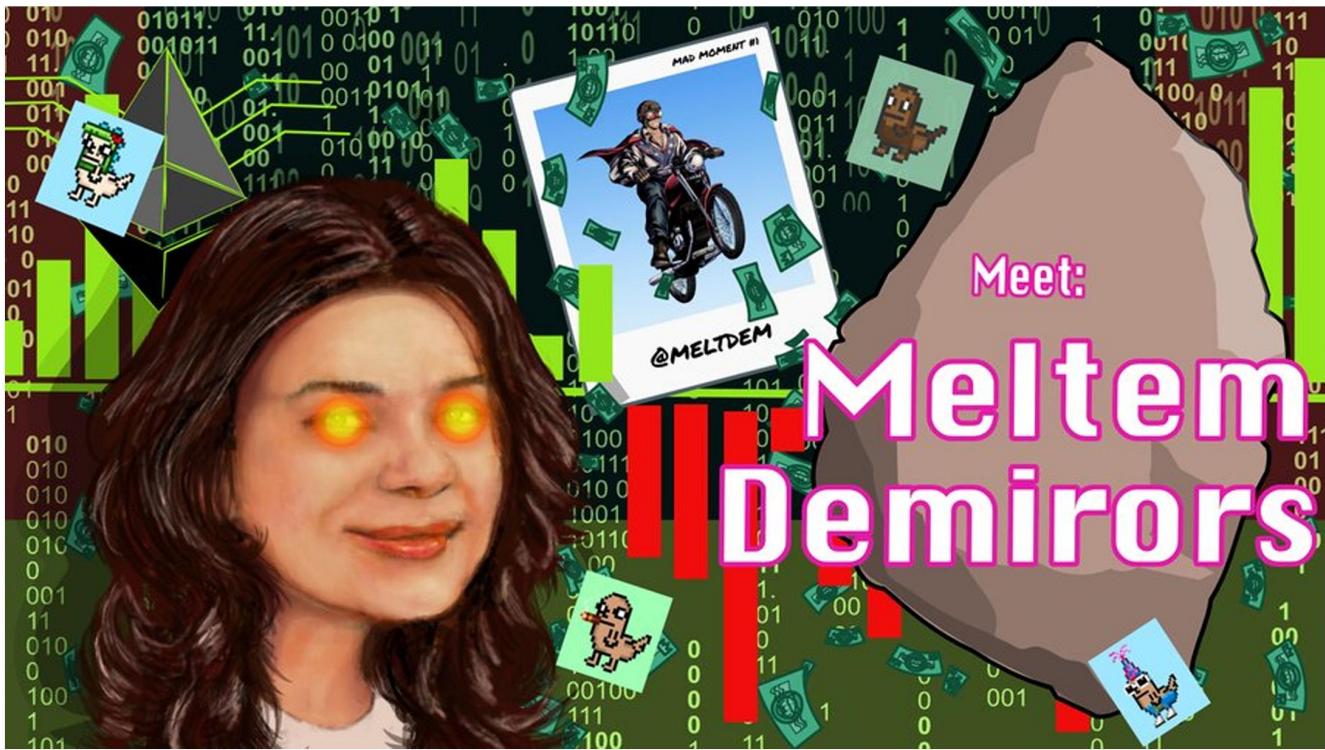
Following the \$2.5 billion in NFT sales in the first half of 2021—a field with a decidedly boys' club sensibility—Yam's career took a drastic turn when the media company, Hello Sunshine, partnered with her women led NFT collection. Her NFT collection, World of Women (WoW) is a compilation of 10,000 distinct NFTs created by female artists. It features women from diverse backgrounds and

it is ranked 21st in the top NFTs of all time on Opensea.

Owners of artworks from her project includes celebrities like Snoop Dogg, who purchased "The fire within you" and "Two Faces" for about 55 ETH (\$182,000). Similarly, Hollywood stars including Eva Longoria and Shonda Rhimes have purchased World of Women NFTs to support her cause.

Portions of the NFT proceeds is donated to the Great Green Wallan initiative, an African-led initiative themed "Women and Climate" that is growing an 8000 km green corridor across Africa with the goal of improving the lives of women on the front lines of the climate crisis.

Another portion is also allocated towards the Code Green charity. Clearly, these collections are beyond collectibles. As Yam says, "the project is focused on shared values and making a positive impact."



"I always like to joke that over the last decade of my life, I've worked with a group of crazy people on the internet to meme a global currency into existence." - Meltem Demirors.

In 2009, Demirors earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Rice University and in 2015, a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Sloan School of Management at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Before taking a bet on the crypto industry, she worked in corporate finance for the oil-and-gas industry in trading, Merger & Acquisition, and corporate treasury roles.

Her crypto origin story began in 2012, when she started researching Bitcoin. She was hooked by the idea of a borderless currency. As she finished her MBA at MIT, she took a bet on the crypto industry when it wasn't fancy and

joined the Digital Currency Group. She began this career as an advocate for cryptocurrency due to the much skepticism around it.

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She organized investor summits to accelerate this advocacy, shining light on the utility of crypto & winning over investors. She soon started angel investing and has invested in hundreds of crypto companies over the last 7 years, including Mirror, The Graph Protocol & Polymarket.

Currently, she is the Chief Strategy Officer at CoinSharesCo, a digital asset investment firm that manages \$7B in assets where she provides investors with access to crypto assets and blockchain companies.

She is also a board member at the WEF Blockchain Council and teaches at MIT & Oxford. She is actively involved in efforts related to consumer privacy, civil rights and freedom of speech.

It's a good day to honor an icon!



Gavin Wood is popularly known as one of the co-founders of Ethereum and the creator of Solidity but there is more to him than meets the eye.

He was born in Lancaster England and attended Lancaster Royal School. In 2002, he completed his master's degree in engineering from the University of York. In 2005, he completed his doctoral dissertation on Music Visualization for Human Computer Interfacing.

He is one of the 8 co-founders of Ethereum alongside Vitalik Buterin. While at Ethereum, he released the Ethereum Yellow Paper, defining the technicalities of the Ethereum Virtual Machine. He also proposed & helped develop Solidity, the native language of smart contracts.

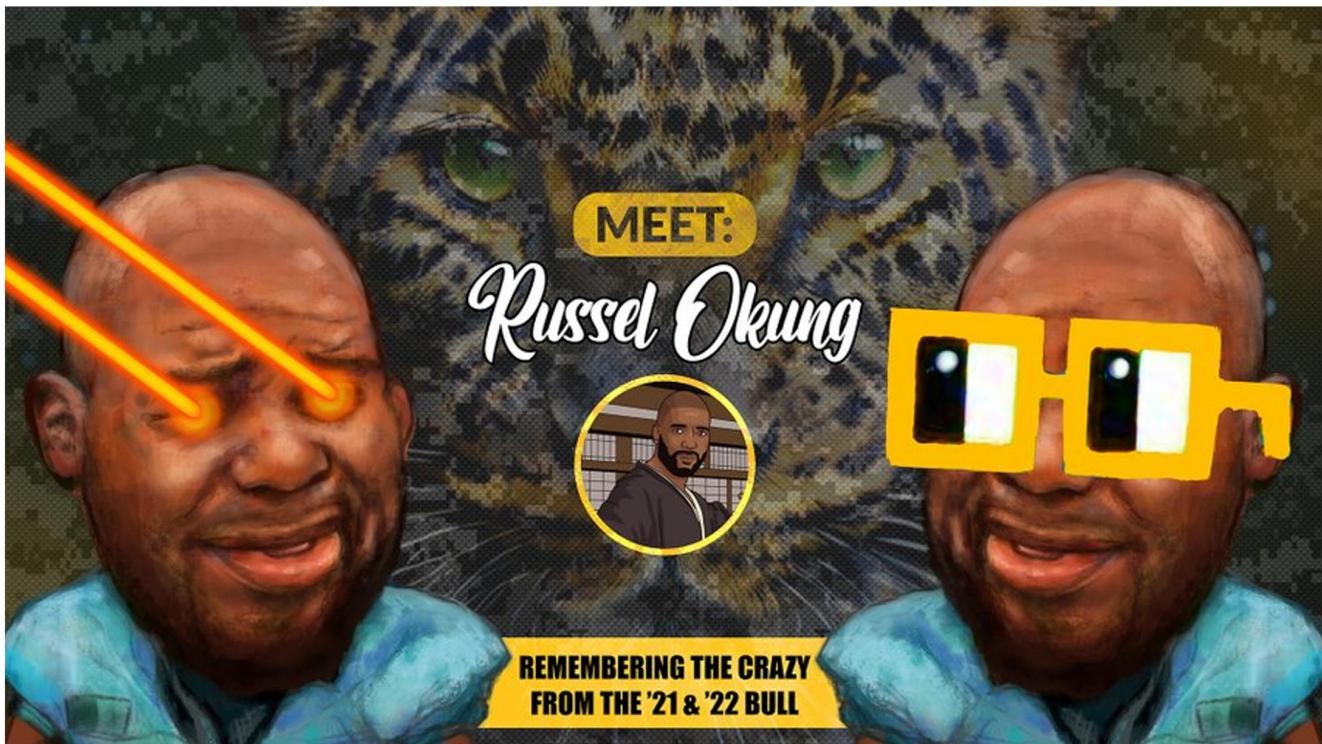
In January 2016, he left the Ethereum Foundation and

founded Parity Technologies. He also launched Web3 Foundation to fund Web3 projects. The foundation has given grants to over 300 projects and also donated \$5.8m in cryptocurrency to Ukraine during the Russia invasion in 2022.

He is the creator of Polkadot, a blockchain platform that allows multiple chains to run in parallel and communicate with each other through a relay chain. On April 18th, 2024, Dr. Wood unveiled a new blockchain called Joint-accumulate machine (JAM).

JAM is a proposed design created to succeed the current relay chain within the Polkadot ecosystem. This initiative represents a significant shift in blockchain technologies and aims to improve the operational mechanics and scalability of networks like Polkadot and many more.

Cheers to the builders who continue to build and who inspire others to build!



In May 2019, Russell Okung tweeted “Pay me in Bitcoin”. In December 2020, he quoted the original post “Paid in Bitcoin”.

Russell, 36, was born in Houston and went to Oklahoma State University where he led Oklahoma State with 71 knockdown blocks. He gained recognition as a finalist for the Outland Trophy and was also considered one of the best offensive tackles in the 2010 NFL draft.

Russell left a lasting impact in the NFL and has since ventured into the technology sector where he's making a killing in the business as well. He famously said, “I think there are incredible opportunities out here, almost to the point that I'll probably never leave at all”.

His passion for technology led him to take the bold step in

2019 by a tweet. The tweet matured in 2020 when he received half of his \$13 million salary in Bitcoin. “Money is more than currency, it is power”, Russell said in a statement.

He added that “the way money is handled from creation to dissemination is part of that power and getting paid in Bitcoin is the 1st step of opting out of that corrupt, manipulated economy we all inhabit”

Due to his love for technology and his passion to expose young individuals to the opportunities therein, he started The Greater Movement, a foundation that equips underserved youth with 21st century career opportunities.

As a Bitcoin Evangelist, he has also hosted several Bitcoin Conferences, collaborating with innovators to promote Bitcoin. Strike founder Jack Mallers once said “Russell is a leader setting the example on a big stage”.

We join Jack to celebrate this pioneer today!



"I used to work for the government, now I work for the public." - Edward Snowden.

Born in North Carolina in June 1983, Ed was a computer systems expert for the US National Security Agency, a line of work he'd anticipated for himself as his family had also served the US govt.

In 2013, after disillusionment with the ops and getting his internal reports on ethical concerns ignored, Ed dropped thousands of classified files -- without info on massive illicit surveillance practices that infringed on everyone's right to privacy -- on 3 journalists in Hong Kong.

As these threatened the stability of global relations for the US & exposed malfeasance in the highest echelons, Snowden was charged with violating the Espionage Act of

2017 and theft of government property and had his passport revoked whilst intending to seek asylum in Ecuador.

Failing to find refuge in 27 countries, Snowden eventually settled in Russia and has since become an elusive virtual presence (which is why we have him appearing in our NFT centerpiece via an encrypted satellite video link).

Snowden has received many awards for his whistleblowing and public service, and is the author of the worldwide best-selling book, "Permanent Record". With his views on govt transparency, immutable public records, & individual rights to sovereignty and privacy, the blockchain enshrines much of what Snowden holds dear.

He sees Bitcoin as "the most significant monetary advance since the creation of coinage" - Unpopular opinion? Not on this side of the fence. Edward Snowden - we celebrate his conviction for the truth, justice, and privacy.



"Girls need modems. Women may not be great at physical altercations, but we sure excel at rapid-fire keyboarding." - St. Jude.

Born in Washington DC in March 1939, Judith Milhon (aka St. Jude) was a self-taught computer programmer and hacker, an ardent feminist, digital rights activist, and journalist. At a time when male domination was absolute in IT, she excelled and pushed for women's participation.

In 1992, Judith co-founded Cypherhunks, advocating for privacy, anonymity and freedom of speech through cryptography and digital technologies. Being a journalist & editor, she also contributed to renowned cyber-subculture publications under her hacker alias, St. Jude.

If you wonder how her notable mugshot came about, it was

due to her constant arrests because of her involvement in civil rights protests and rallies, including the 1965 Voting Rights March from Selma to Montgomery. Yep, she was an organizer in that march!

St. Jude was visceral and went all out for advocacy and digital literacy. She was an early contributor to the Community Memory project, a digital bulletin board for sharing and making digital information and Computer Programming accessible and understandable to people.

Judith authored provocative books on hacking and cyber-awareness, including "The Joy of Hacker Sex", "How to Mutate & Take Over the World" and "The Cyberpunk Handbook". She passed on in 2003 yet her intellect and fiery spirit left a legacy that continues to inspire the world.



Brendan Eich is a renowned personage in the tech world & is celebrated for his relevant contributions to programming and web development.

Well, he was only JavaScript's creator, co-founder of Mozilla, & served as Mozilla Corporation's CTO & briefly as CEO.

His journey in technology and development was deeply rooted in the principles of math and computer science which he both attained as his bachelor's degree from Santa Clara University. He further pursued a master's at the University of Illinois in 1985.

All these birthed JavaScript in 1995 at Netscape Communications Corporation. This revolutionized tech user experiences & web applications.

BrendanEich's impact went beyond JavaScript. Co-founding Mozilla in 1998 led to the advancement of open-source ideals.

Eventually, Firefox culminated which prioritized a more user-centric design and utilized an open web ecosystem. Most importantly, he advocated and championed user privacy rights amid a more advancing interconnected digital world.

Yet, Eich's CEO tenure at Mozilla faced controversy which led to his departure. Despite this, he emerged as Brave Software's co-founder 2015, raising about \$2.5M & finally launching a privacy-focused browser with Tor tabs in 2016, for which he co-created BAT.

BrendanEich's legacy persists to this day with his innovations continuously reshaping the internet, web development, and user experience; all the while advocating for an inclusive, innovative, and privacy-centric web.



Harold Thomas Finney II was an American developer whose lifetime contribution traversed multiple facets of technology. Early on, he was recognized for his lead roles in console game devt such as in Adventures of Tron, Armor Ambush, Astrosmash, & Space Attack.

Finney later transitioned to a more pivotal position when he worked at PGP Corporation until his retirement in 2011. His involvement in the cypherpunk movement as a cryptographic activist highlighted his commitment to privacy and secured communication.

He was involved in developing the first anonymous remailer, which allows users to send emails with their identity concealed, leading to a more secure email communication between users. This greatly marked Finney's impact on digital privacy.

Aside from these, his legacy soared when he was associated with Satoshi Nakamoto, the creator of Bitcoin. He is acknowledged by the community as one of Bitcoin's earliest contributors being the first transaction recipient in 2009.

This was further evidenced by his reception of the inaugural Bitcoin transaction from Nakamoto. His expertise and contributions in technology allowed Bitcoin to soar and mark its foundation in revolutionizing cryptocurrency.

Unfortunately, Hal was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in '09. Despite this, his dedication to technological innovation persisted & continued building new software. He passed away in 2014 in Arizona due to ALS complications.

Hal Finney left a legacy of relevance, and his contributions will forever be revered in the field of technology.

For the People NFT

## Who is Changpeng Zhao? Also known as CZ

#BINANCECEO



Changpeng Zhao, or simply CZ, is one of the living legends who has made great strides in the world of cryptocurrency. Everyone knows his impact to crypto! With Binance's trading volume of over \$2B as the largest crypto exchange, this is an understatement!

CZ had a humble beginning.. being a Chinese-Canadian coder who finished his CS degree at McGill University, Canada. Exposed to computing at such a young age, his interest in tech led him to venture into designing trading software for exchange companies and eventually, into crypto.

Learning abt \$BTC in 2013 & actively engaging in crypto communities, CZ founded Binance in 2017, now the world's largest, user-friendly crypto exchange with an array of cryptocurrencies & unique features.

With Richard Teng as the new CEO, CZ sees Binance grow further.

Thank you for everything you have done CZ! We miss you!



Elan Halpern is a visionary architect of digital innovation at the heart of the Web3 revolution. With a degree in Computer Science from Stanford University, they now focus on making building easy for everyone.

Elan works her magic as a Product Manager at @alchemyplatform/@alchemylearn (on X). Now priced over \$10B, it is the world's leading platform that provides builders with fundamental tools to transgress boundaries between technology and creativity!

With Alchemy, 3 core challenges are aimed to be solved:

- 1) Reliable connection to the blockchain
- 2) Application scaling
- 3) Developer tooling

Come on, who doesn't love efficient technology? Know more of their products at <http://alchemy.com>

Not only do they help developers, but more especially, they empower women and non-binary individuals who aim to build Web3 dApps through we3 – the Web3 network for women and non-binary professionals! We love it!

At @hello\_we3 (on X), they aim for 50/50 – women & non-binary individuals in 50% of leadership roles & owning 50% of crypto-assets! All done through Web3 education, HQ professional network, and investments. What more? They have IRL events! Explore more at <http://hello-we3.com>

@0xElan (on X) has undeniable influence in the Web3 space. Their creative spirit & technical prowess are reshaping the digital realm and pushing the limits of what's possible. Elan is creating a change in Web3 and it is as impactful as it is imaginative !! LFG



Hayden Adams is known for his major (an understatement, btw) contributions to the expansion and advancement of DeFi. He is recognized as the Founder & CEO of Uniswap, a ground-breaking, first-of-its-kind decentralized exchange (DEX) on the Ethereum blockchain.

After graduating from Stony Brook University with a Mechanical Engineering degree, @haydenzadams (on X) began his career as a Siemens analyst. Come mid-2017 after this 1st professional stint, Adams set out to explore the blockchain through smart contracts (whew!).

Needless to say, his entry into the nascent field of crypto changed his career and the space dramatically. With Uniswap, Adam transformed the DeFi environment by introducing an automated market maker (AMM) paradigm, an idea by Ethereum inventor Vitalik Buterin.

Simply put, an AMM is a DEX that allows automatic/permissionless crypto trading – 0% reliance on centralized intermediaries! By leveraging on smart contracts & preplanned algorithms, a self-sustaining liquidity pool eliminates the need for traditional order books.

To date, Uniswap is one of the leading open-source and DeFi protocols, and the largest DEX by total value locked (TVL) as of writing. Still, it is continuously growing and evolving, having released recent improvements under v4 last June 2023.

Hayden Adams' leadership and foresight were crucial in putting Uniswap at the vanguard of the DeFi movement. With its success, we could only see more of it evolve in the year to come! For more details on uniswap, visit <http://uniswap.org>



Imagine creating a piece of art from start to finish every day for a year. Mindblowing. Multiply that by 14 years without missing a single day. Insanely exceptional. Well-known for his “Everydays” project, we have none other than Mike Winkelmann!

@beeple (on X) creates a wide variety of art & design! Before entering the CT, he released VJ loops & paved the way for his work on concert visuals of some of the biggest names in the music industry Imagine Dragons, Justin Bieber, One Direction, Eminem, Nikki Minaj, & many more!

His work called “Crossroads” was one of the first NFTs he sold for 66,666.66USD since he started selling in 2020. This political and revolutionary piece, a theme he’s known for, eventually resold for over 6M USD.

Notably in March 2021, Beeple brought crypto to the world's leading auction house, Christie's, through his work "Everydays: The First 5000 Days". What was initially put up for \$100 sold for more than \$69M, making it the 2nd most expensive NFTs sold to date.

Such a piece is an assemblage of 5000 works of art - one art, every single day, for 13 yrs since '07 – under his "Everydays" project. Currently on the 14th round, Beeple has never missed a day of "getting better at different things". A true inspiration.

Aside from these (yup, there's more!!), Beeple has also crafted a lot of short films that feature his technical prowess in digital media. All of his work can be viewed at <http://beeple-crap.com> and they are all astonishing to see, 100% guaranteed!

Beeple opened opportunities for other artists to utilize the space to create as well! As NFTs are unique & Web3 is dynamic, the possibilities in various use cases are endless.  
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Fodé Diop is a developer, businessman, activist, and educator hailing from Senegal, West Africa, and is one of the builders from across the globe whom we celebrate our epic reimagining of the Declaration of Independence.

Senegal's currency and financial systems are controlled by the French Franc and are subject to the pressures of the IMF. Diop felt first-hand the debilitating effects of this centralized control when the college tuition savings his father had made were decimated by a massive 50% devaluation of the Senegalese currency in 1994, almost preventing him from studying at the Emporia State University in Kansas.

Diop sees technology, and in particular, blockchain, as a permissionless and trustless means to circumvent corrupt

local government systems and enable the people of countries like Senegal to participate in a decentralized global economy.

As modern phones put the power of personal computers and broadcasting in the hands of everyday citizens, he sees these as tools of the modern entrepreneur to break the borders of colonial monetary systems and to connect, learn, grow, and participate with global communities.

He sees how crypto presents a way to shore/peg financial value in a decentralized manner where volatility is not regionally/geographically disingenuous.

Fodé is a contributor & featured in many global blockchain publications as an important proponent in web3. We celebrate his tenacity and dedication to his people.

## **Endnote**

Thank you for reading.

We hope you are inspired to build and contribute to the future. LFG!