S3MT Smart Contract Stack Selection

This document outlines the selected technical stack for the development of S3MT's Solana-based smart contract architecture, covering minting, burning, presale operations, DAO integration, and ecosystem interaction tools. These selections are designed to ensure long-term flexibility, modularity, and ease of integration across future components including NFTs, staking, and governance.

Core Frameworks and Tools

1. Anchor Framework (Solana)

Purpose: Smart contract development for minting, burning, treasury management, DAO logic, and presale operations.

Rationale:

- Anchor offers a powerful Rust-based abstraction layer for building and deploying Solana smart contracts with clean syntax and security-focused defaults.
- Supports program-derived addresses (PDAs) and upgradable programs, aligning with the evolving nature of S3MT's tokenomics and DAO phases.
- Strong ecosystem support and extensibility for staking, proposals, and modular DAO governance.

2. SPL Token Program

Purpose: Standard implementation of fungible tokens on Solana.

Rationale:

- SPL Token is the canonical Solana token program equivalent to Ethereum's ERC-20.
- Supports minting, burning, and transferring logic via a well-maintained CLI and SDK.
- Used in conjunction with Anchor for low-level token operations and compatibility with the broader Solana ecosystem.

3. Metaplex Token Metadata (Optional)

Purpose: Support for token branding, Founders NFTs, and metadata flexibility.

Rationale:

- Enables attaching and updating metadata for NFTs or wrapped S3MT tokens.
- Provides functionality for Founders NFT distribution with verifiable linkage to token access and long-term reward rights.
- Future-proof support for pNFTs, staking passes, or community badges.

4. Solana Pay + Helius SDK

Purpose: Enable seamless presale UX, payment flows, and transaction analytics.

Rationale:

- Solana Pay allows token buyers to purchase via QR code or wallet-integrated payment flows, directly in USDC or SOL.
- Helius SDK provides webhook infrastructure to track real-time mint/burn events, presale purchases, or token transfers.
- Improves transparency and makes it easier to integrate live analytics and notifications into the frontend or admin systems.

Suggested Architecture

Component	Framework/Tool	Notes
Token Mint/Burn	Anchor + SPL Token	Secure and modular mint/burn logic
Presale Contract	Anchor + Solana Pay	Presale purchase, price tiering, buyer validation
Founders NFTs	Metaplex Metadata	NFT-based access control, reward eligibility
Treasury Logic	Anchor	Allocation to dev, ops, marketing, founders, buyers
Event Tracking	Helius Webhooks	For logging purchases, burns, distributions, DAO proposals
DAO Governance	Anchor Modules + Realm	Optional integration with Realms or custom DAO voting flows

Development Strategy

1. Begin with Anchor contract for minting, burning, and presale.

- 2. Integrate SPL Token + Solana Pay for live presale and token distribution.
- 3. Use Helius to track wallet interactions and event logs.
- 4. Deploy optional NFT logic for Founders access and branding.
- 5. Transition to DAO-based governance using Anchor modules and/or Realm integration.

This stack provides the flexibility, scalability, and performance needed for the S3MT roadmap, with compatibility across Solana-native tools and open-source best practices.