



Possibilities of Decentralized Finance

people are not truly free unless they have complete financial liberty

Presenter(s): Founding Team

Virtual Meet-up

 **Centrum** Community

Connect | Collaborate | Create

About DCentrum



375

MEMBERS



15

EVENTS



3

TECHNOLOGIES



7

USECASES

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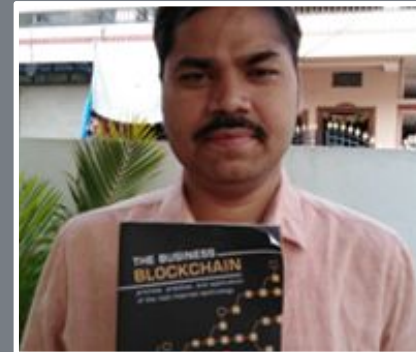
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Typical Cohort from DCentrum

D Centrum's 4-month Blockchain co-learning series:



Join to experience perfect way to learn and solve real world problems using IOTA Tangle with a group of highly motivated Decentralization enthusiasts



registration

<http://bit.ly/IOTAHydMeetups>

** Venue will be announced via Slack and confirmations after curation based on responses on above form



Hyderabad, India



Meeting
Frequency
Bi-Weekly



Total Series
Duration
3 Months

23 March 2019 –
6 July 2019



First thru Third Meetings:

- ✓ **Level Setting**
- ✓ **Foundation**
- ✓ **Concepts**

During initial two meetings we all will get to know each other and understand the foundational aspects to **Tangle & IOTA**. How is it different from Blockchain. Learn to document a use-case and Business Model.

Bring together and build a solid foundation



Fourth Meeting:

- ✓ **Real World use case selection**
- ✓ **Architecture, Scope Decisions**

Members will propose ideas to implement and we will together pick one or more use cases by looking at domain expertise and interest from majority of the participants. Idea(s) selected will provide choice to members to form groups and brainstorm about the scoping and architecture for the use case.

Encourages ideation and innovation from community



Fifth thru Seventh Meetings:

- ✓ **Building Solution by collaboration**

During this 45 day period we all will participate to build the end-to-end solution that will enable everyone coming together to build the chose use case(s)

Put the big picture in view and encourage team members to play various roles



Conclusion Workshop:

- ✓ **Condensed Version Workshop**
- ✓ **Showcase of Solutions built**

One day workshop for the open community to learn in a condensed approach what was done over a period of 3 months.

During this workshop, the ideas built will be showcased to the open community to help increase the connect and spread the idea.



Typical format of each meeting:

- Welcome & General Discussion
[30 mins]
- 2 Presentations from members
[30 min each]
- Shared Learning & Discussion
[60 min]
- News Briefs
[10 min]
- Open Discussion & Networking
[20 min +]



7 Use Cases we have executed



Krishi Chain

- A De-Centralized, Autonomous Marketplace for trading of agricultural commodities

Good Char

- Last mile donation tracking using Blockchain

B'Lock'

- Distributed Logistics with proof of origin and tracking etc

Identity Management

- Managing Self sovereign Identity on Blockchain

Cold Chain

- Bringing transparency to Cold Supply Chain (Vaccines, Food etc)

Smarter Law Violation Prevention System

- Focus on Traffic Violation Challan Management

DisNE

- Easy and trusted way to share unused assets paving path for truly shared economy

Agenda



- ❑ What is Money?
- ❑ Current Financial System and the Gaps
- ❑ Building Blocks of the DeFi World
- ❑ DeFi ecosystem
 - ❑ Prominent use cases of DeFi
- ❑ Deep Dive into one of the DeFi use cases - MakerDAO
- ❑ Next Steps

MONEY - What is MONEY?



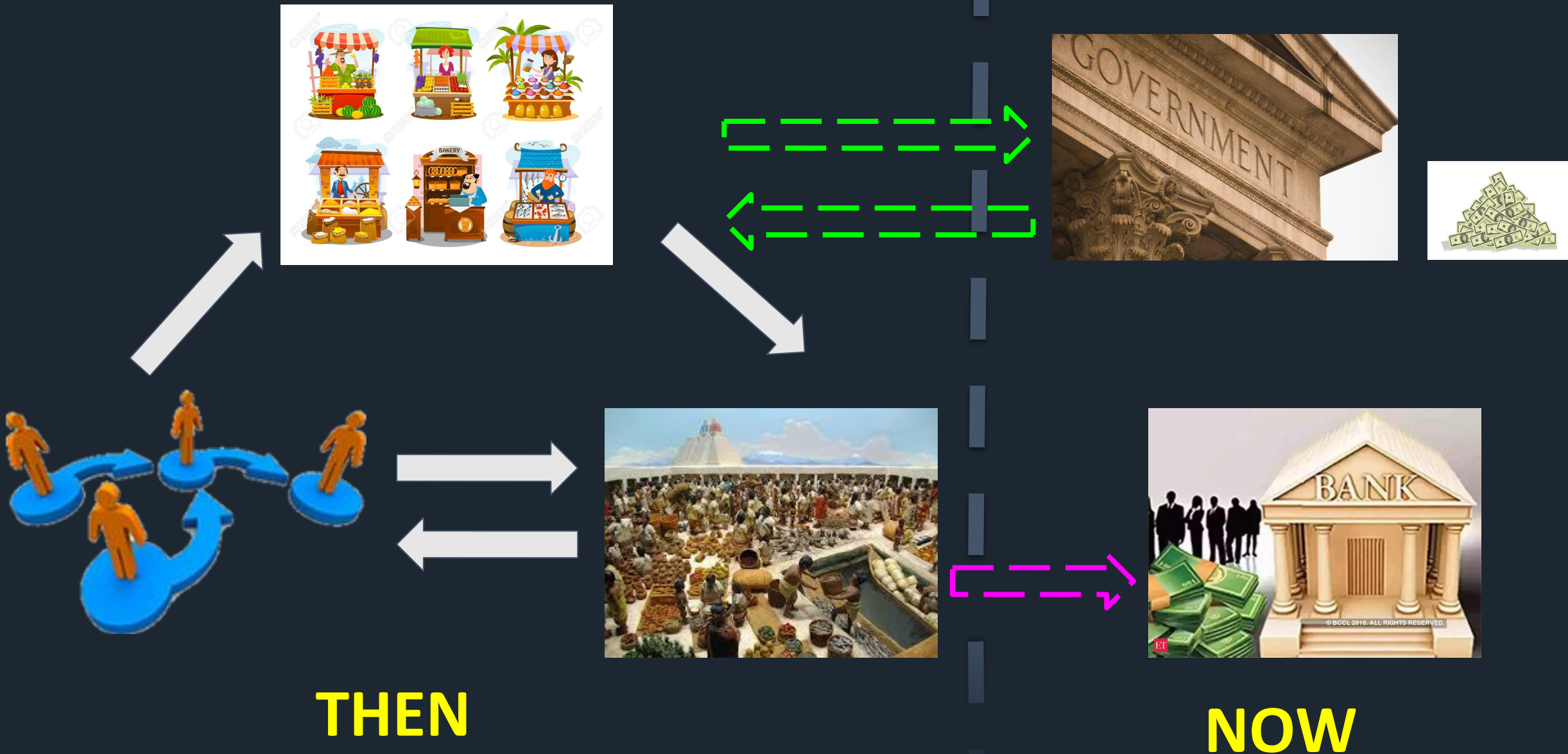
Ideal Characteristics

- Purchasing Power
- Easily exchangeable
- Eternal
- Easily Safeguarded
- Easily Stored
- Maintain its value



Money is “Credit” and “Credit” is Money

Our Current Financial System



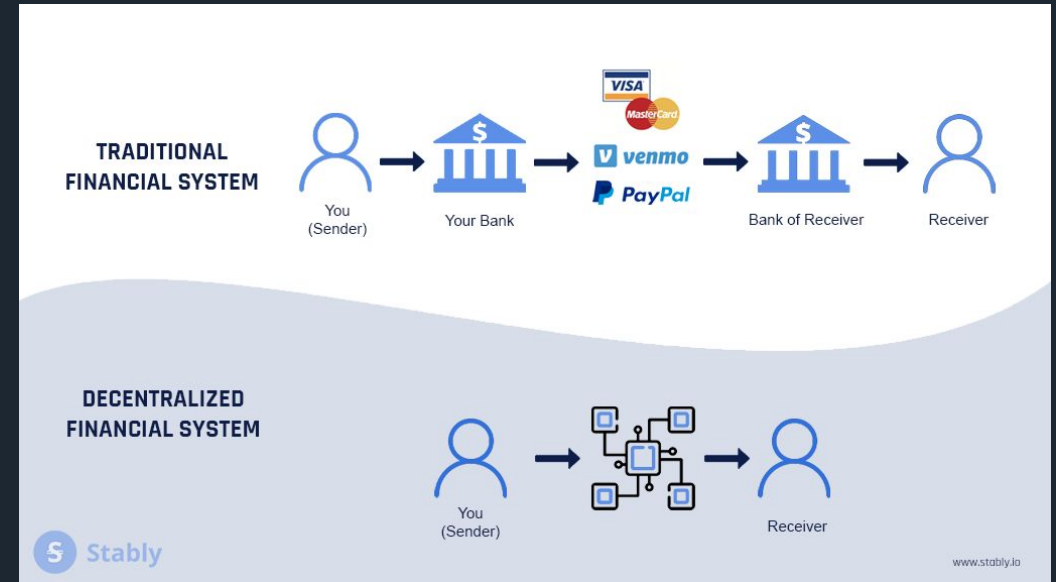
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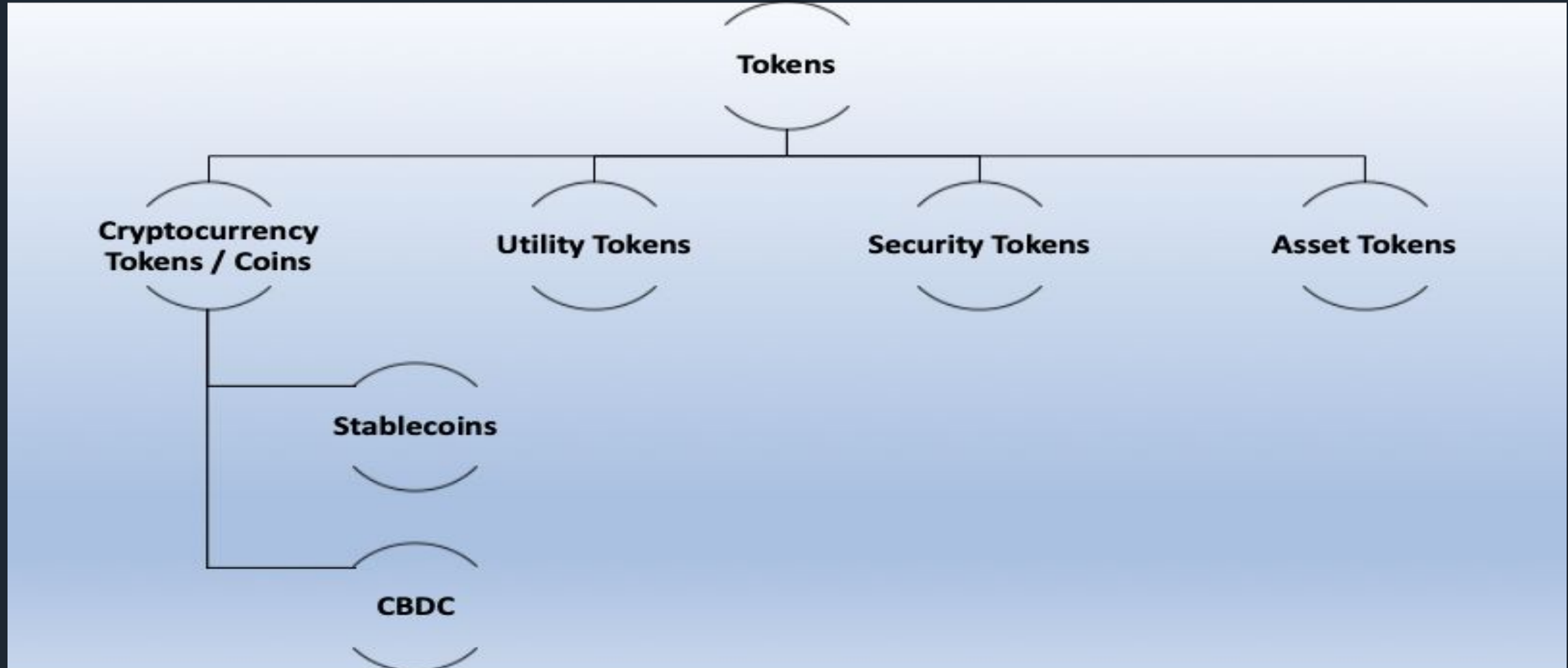
Gaps in the current Financial System



- Entry Barriers
- Highly Taxing
- Lack of Transparency
- Single Point of Failure



Building Blocks of the DeFi World



Blockchain + Crypto-Wallets + Tokens



DeFi Ecosystem

True Open financial system

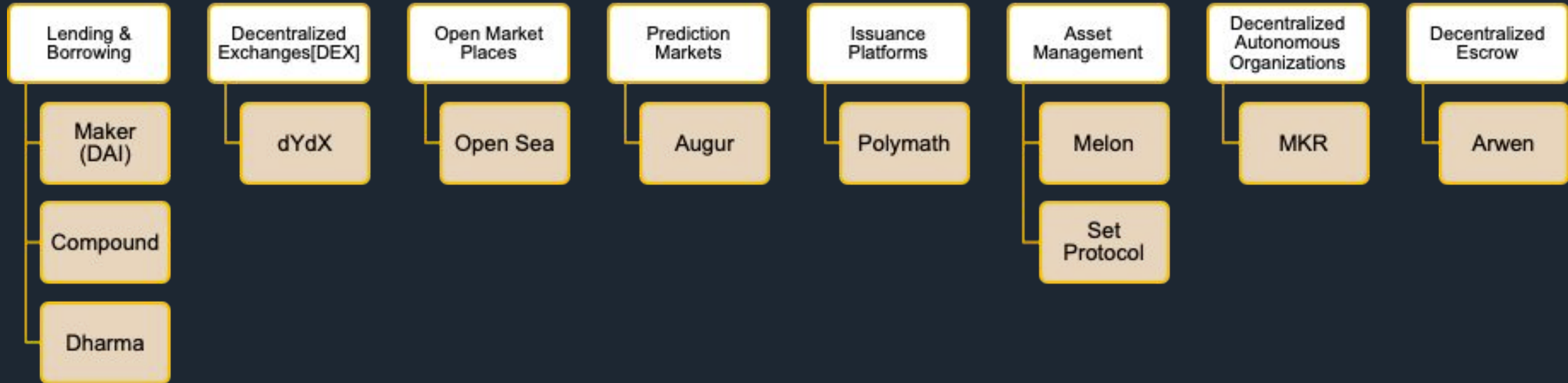


- Decentralized
- Open
- Borderless
- Neutral
- Censorship resistant

no centralized custodian



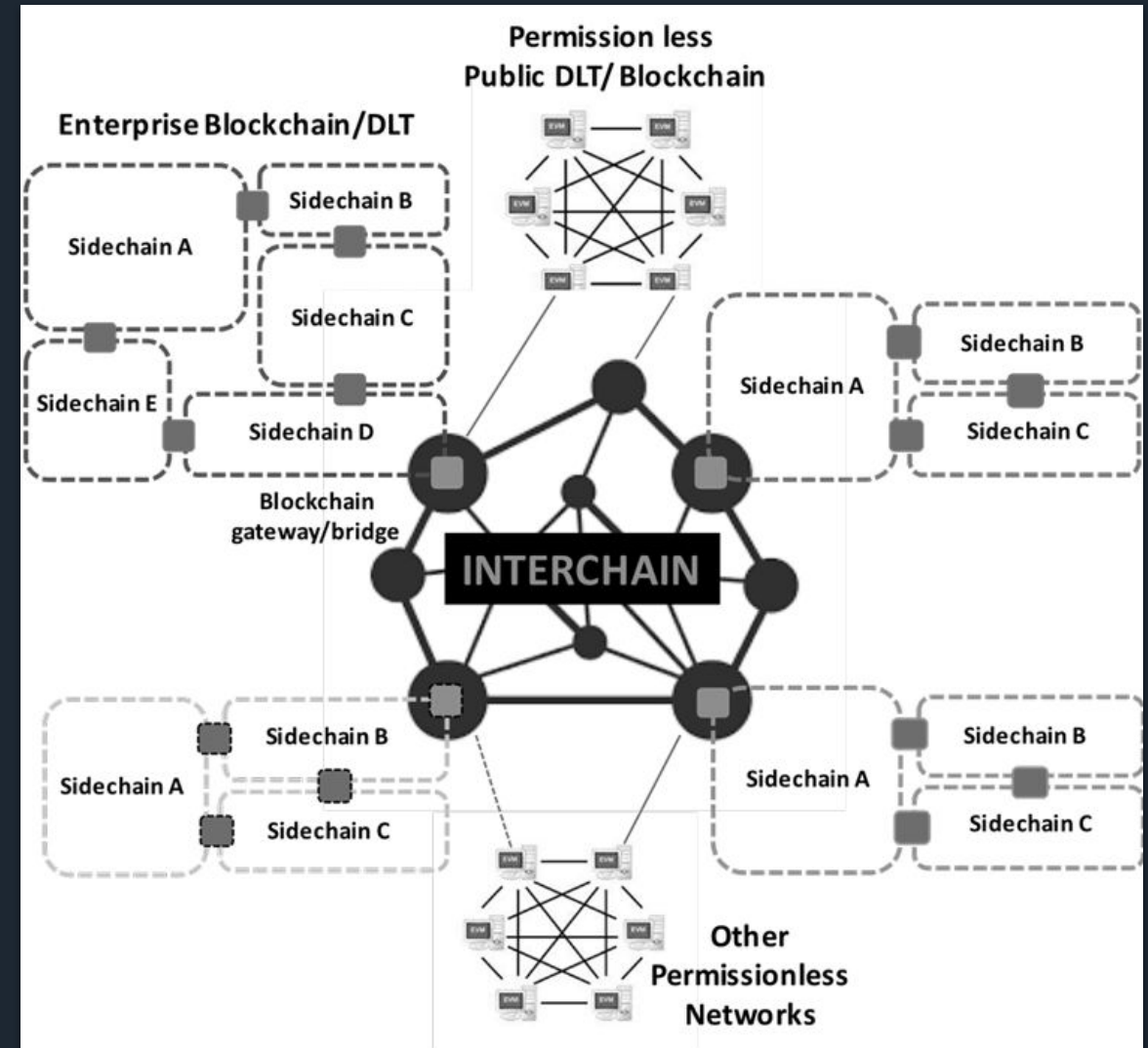
ecosystem for an Open financial system i.e DeFi



Interoperability for the Blockchain/DeFi ecosystem



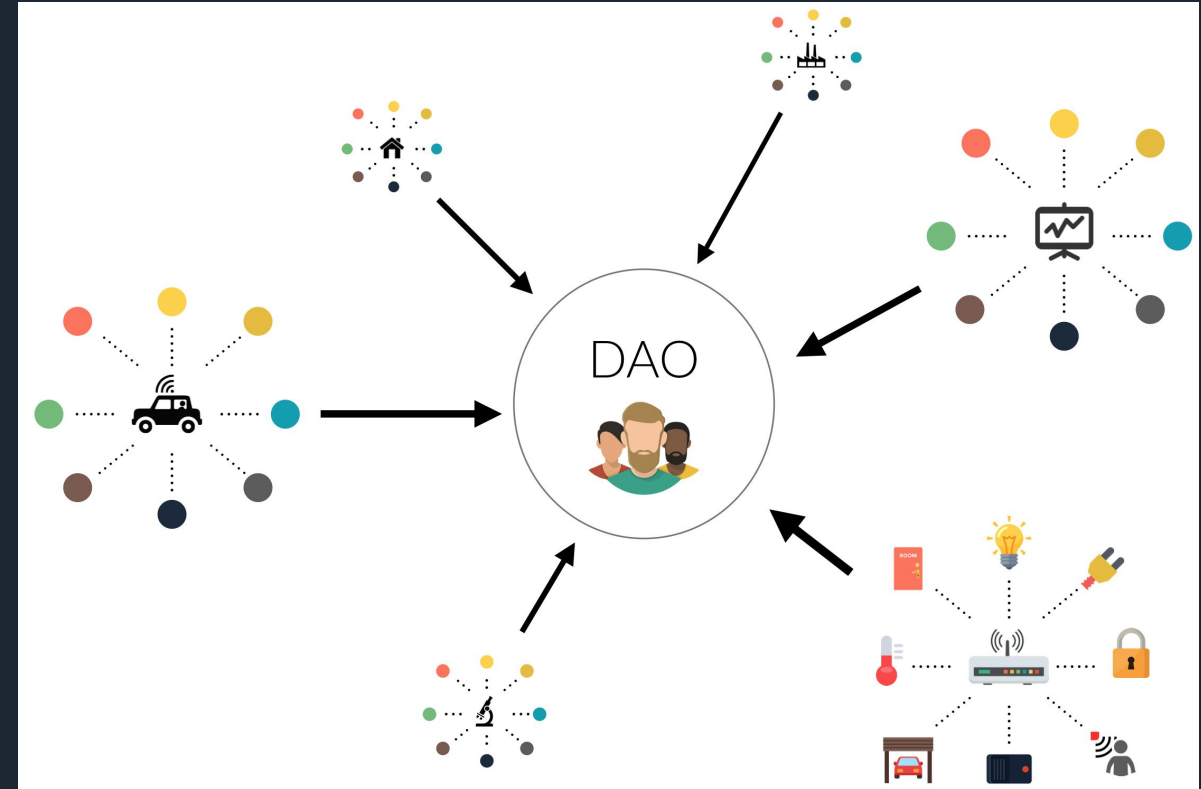
- An ecosystem to work much like the internet where TCP/IP and HTTP helps build several applications
- Smart Contracts and Modules on one Blockchain can talk similar entities on an other Blockchain
- Interoperability platforms
Polkadot, Cosmos, Chainlink,
Wanchain, Quant



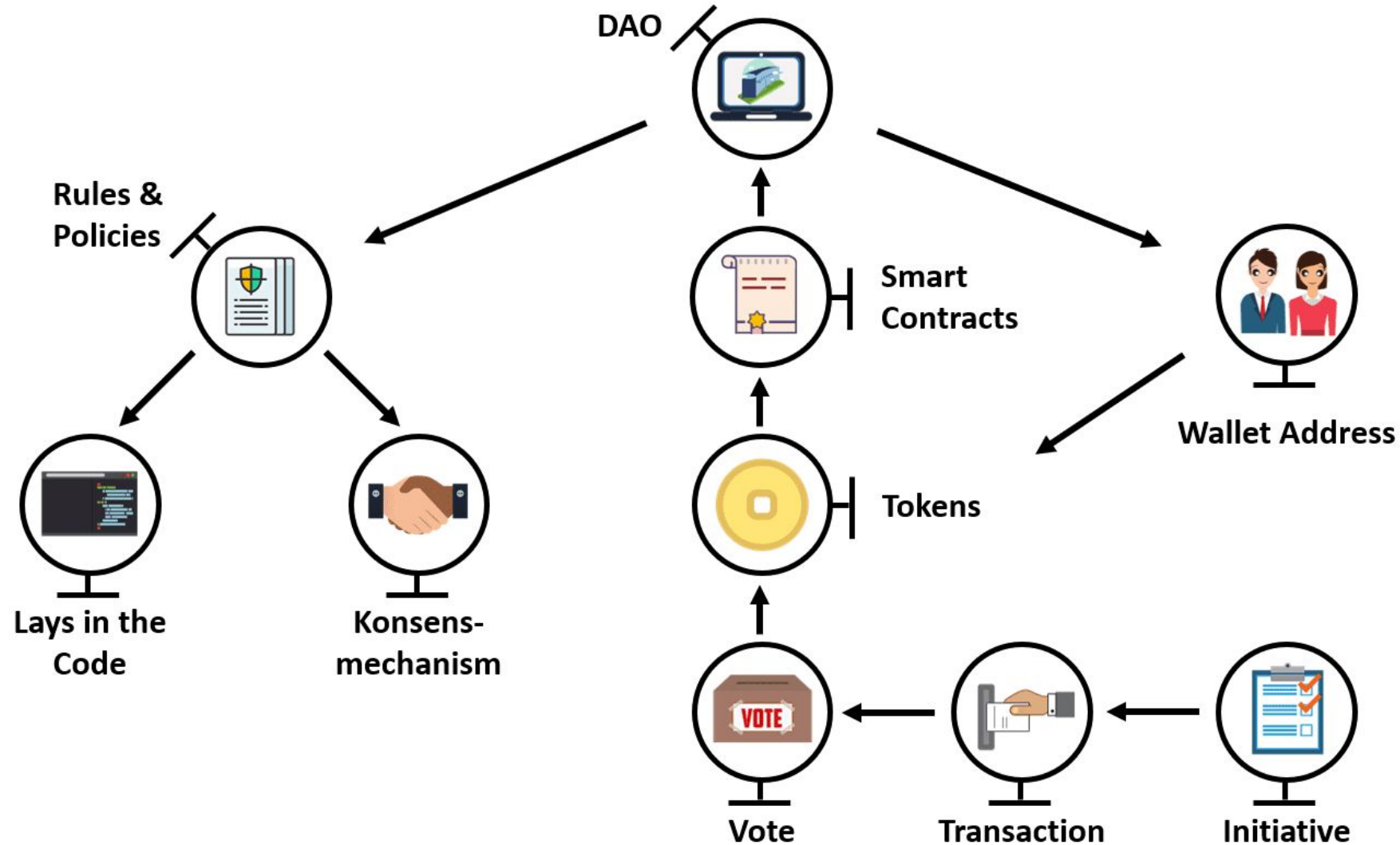
DeFi and Decentralized Autonomous Organizations



- Money without Banks and Bank Managers
- Machines coming to consensus using Smart Contracts
- The highest form of a Smart Contract is a DAO which is collection of Smart Contracts
- DAO ensures governance auto enforcement and compliance
- DAO protects the democracy and uses mechanisms like voting



DeFi and Decentralized Autonomous Organizations





Assets Management Tools



Analytics



Decentralized Exchanges



DeFi Infrastructure & Dev Tooling



Decentralized Lending



Asset Tokenization



KYC & Identity



Payments



Marketplaces



Stablecoins



Margin Trading & Derivatives



Ethereum-based DAO Platforms



Dec. Insurance Platforms



Prediction Markets





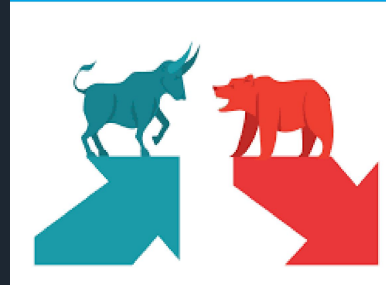
DeFi Use cases



Crypto Lending & Borrowing



Decentralized Exchanges



Crypto Derivatives



Crypto Wallets
&
Asset Management



DeFi Insurance

Crypto Wallets and Asset Management Tools



CUSTODIAL WALLET

CUSTODIAL WALLET ARE
THIRD PARTIES SUCH AS EXCHANGES
AND BROKERAGE SERVICES. THESE
SERVICES HAVE CONTROL OVER
YOUR COINS.



NONCUSTODIAL WALLET

NONCUSTODIAL WALLET GIVE
USERS 100% CONTROL BY
PROVIDING OWNERS
WITH THE PRIVATE KEYS

Crypto Wallets and Asset Management Tools



Custodial Wallets

Custodial wallets are wallets where third-parties keep and maintain control over your cryptocurrencies on your behalf.

Examples: Coinbase, Kraken, Coinex, Bitstamp, Poloniex, Bittrex, Bitfinex, Binance

Non-Custodial Wallets

Non-custodial wallets are wallets where you take full control and ownership of your cryptocurrencies (mnemonics etc)

Examples: Metamask, Argent

Crypto Wallets and Asset Management Tools



Crypto Asset Management apps

Fund management is the process of overseeing your assets and managing its cash flow to generate a return on your investments.

The Dapp will have algorithms to conduct trades for you automatically instead of doing it yourself.

Example: **TokenSets**

Others: CryptoCompare, CoinTracking, BlockFolio, Delta, Crypto Graphite

Crypto Asset dashboards

A dashboard is a simple platform that aggregates all your DeFi activities in one place. It is a useful tool to visualize and track where your assets are across the different DeFi protocols. The dashboard is able to segregate your assets into different categories such as deposit, debt and investments

DeFiSnap, Frontier, InstaDApp, MyDeFi and Zerion

Traditional Lending & Borrowing



Traditional lending and borrowing of funds: credit and collateralization through Banks

Entrepreneurs : borrow the upfront capital for a business by collateralizing Businesses

Common man: Mortgage for a house by using house as collateral

Challenges and shortfalls of the current lending and borrowing system:

- Restrictive funding criteria
- Geographical or legal restriction to access banks
- High barriers to loan acceptance
- Exclusivity of only the wealthy to enjoy the benefits of low-risk high-returns lending

Decentralized Lending & Borrowing



Decentralized Lending and Borrowing:

- With enough collateral, anyone can have access to capital to do whatever they want.
- Capital lending is also something that is no longer enjoyed only by the wealthy, everyone can contribute to a decentralized liquidity pool of which borrowers can take from and pay back at an algorithmically-determined interest rate

Popular Cryptocurrencies Used in Decentralized Lending: Dai, USDC, Ether

Popular Cryptocurrencies to Collateralize Loans: Ether, Bitcoin

Centralized Crypto Lending and Loans

Centralized lending protocols are largely characterized by fixed interest rates in which assets must be transferred and locked for a predefined period of time.

- Bitfinex
- Binance
- BlockFi
- Coinbase
- Poloniex

Decentralized Crypto Lending and Loans

DeFi lending protocols are largely characterized by dynamic, floating interest rates which do not require custody to be transferred.

- Aave
- Compound Finance
- Dharma
- dYdX
- Fulcrum
- Nuo



Custodial Type of Lending Platforms:

Dharma, Compound, Maker, Nuo Network, dYdX, Fulcrum, ETHLend, etc

Non Custodial Type of Lending Platforms:

BlockFi and Nexo

Crypto Lending and Borrowing



Advantages of Crypto lending

- Transparency in fund movements and the underlying smart contract
- Price efficiency as prices are subject to market demand
- Much easier access for users
- Greater platform utility, speed, and flexibility in lending/borrowing
- Censorship resistance and immutability

Disadvantages

- Smart contract risk replaces the counterparty risk of traditional lending
- Low liquidity limits to borrowing and lending at current interest rate without materially affecting the equilibrium interest rates

Decentralized Exchanges



Centralized Exchanges (CEXs) allow for large trades to happen with plenty of liquidity, it still carries a lot of risks because users do not have ownership of their assets in exchanges

Examples: Coinbase , Binance

Decentralized Exchanges(DEXs) work by using smart contracts and on-chain transactions to reduce or eliminate the need for an intermediary. Some popular Decentralized Exchanges include projects like Kyber Network, Uniswap, Dex Blue and dYdX

Examples:

Types of DEXs

- Order book-based DEXs : dYdX, dex.blue
- Liquidity pool-based DEXs : Kyber Network, Bancor, and Uniswap

DEX aggregators: take care of liquidity and split the orders across DEXs for best possible prices

Examples: 1inch, Paraswap, DEX.AG

Crypto Derivatives



Derivative is a contract whose value is derived from another underlying asset such as stocks, commodities, currencies, indexes, bonds, or interest rates

Types of Derivatives: Futures, Options, Forwards, Swaps

Examples: Bitcoin Futures, Bitcoin Futures & Options, Bitcoin Forwards, Bitcoin perpetual swaps

Top reasons to trade derivatives:

- To hedge against the volatility of the underlying asset
- Speculate on the directional movement of the underlying asset or leverage their holdings.

Example Crypto Derivative platforms:

Synthetix, bZx, Augur, dYdX, Erasure, Opyn, Swap Rate, Uma

Decentralized Insurance



Decentralized insurance protocols allow its users to take out insurance policies on smart contracts, funds, or any other digital asset through pooling individual funds to cover any claims. Though the crypto-insurance space is small, the market is untapped and as the need grows, more insurance applications would emerge in the future

Popular Platforms:

Nexus Mutual

Etherisc

CDx

Decentralized Lottery



PoolTogether is a decentralized no-loss lottery or decentralized prize savings application where users get to keep their initial deposit amount after the lottery prize is drawn.

Prize money is funded using the interest earned on Compound by the pooled user deposits

For each round of PoolTogether, all the user deposits will be sent to Compound to earn an interest and one lucky winner will be selected at random at the end of each interval to win the entire interest prize money

Decentralized Payments



Sablier is a payment streaming application—meaning that it allows payment and withdrawals to be made in real time and in small increments (by the second!) between different parties.

- Payments for hourly consultation work, daily contract workers
- Monthly rent payment made in real time as work/progress is being made.

Streaming Payment:

Instead of having to wait for a fixed period of time (eg. monthly, biweekly) for pay, payments are sent in real time in periods defined and agreed upon by both parties. Through Sablier, payees can now receive their pay in real time and withdraw it whenever they want to.

Just like you can stream music on Spotify, so you can stream money on Sablier!



DeFi application model of MakerDAO



- MakerDAO (stable coin project) is a decentralized lending facility built on the **ETH** blockchain. This project includes two tokens: **DAI** (stable coin pegged to USD), **MKR** (governance token)
- MakerDAO platform allows to generate **DAI** against the collateral (**ETH**) by creating a Collateral Debt Position (**CDP**)
- MakerDAO uses the MKR token and **CDP** smart contracts to stabilize the **DAI** token to \$1

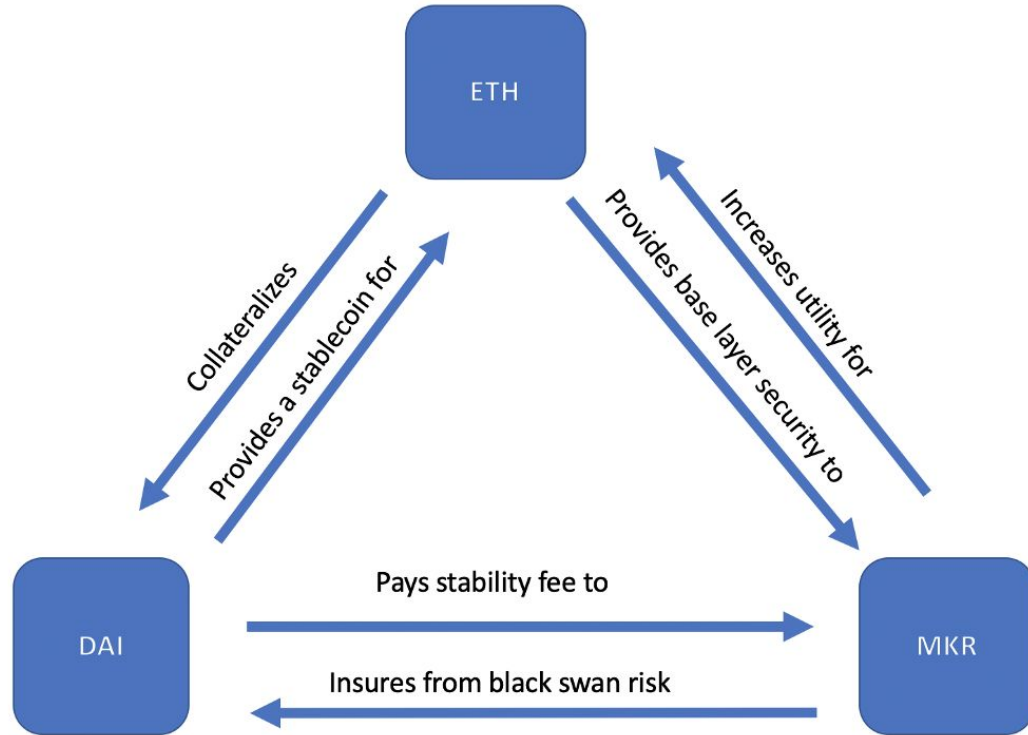


- DAI is a stablecoin, that is pegged to the US dollar.

1DAI \approx \$1



- MKR is the governance token for the DAI credit system
- Offers transparent stablecoin system on ETH
- MKR holders have the responsibility of making decisions around risk that will impact the future of the system

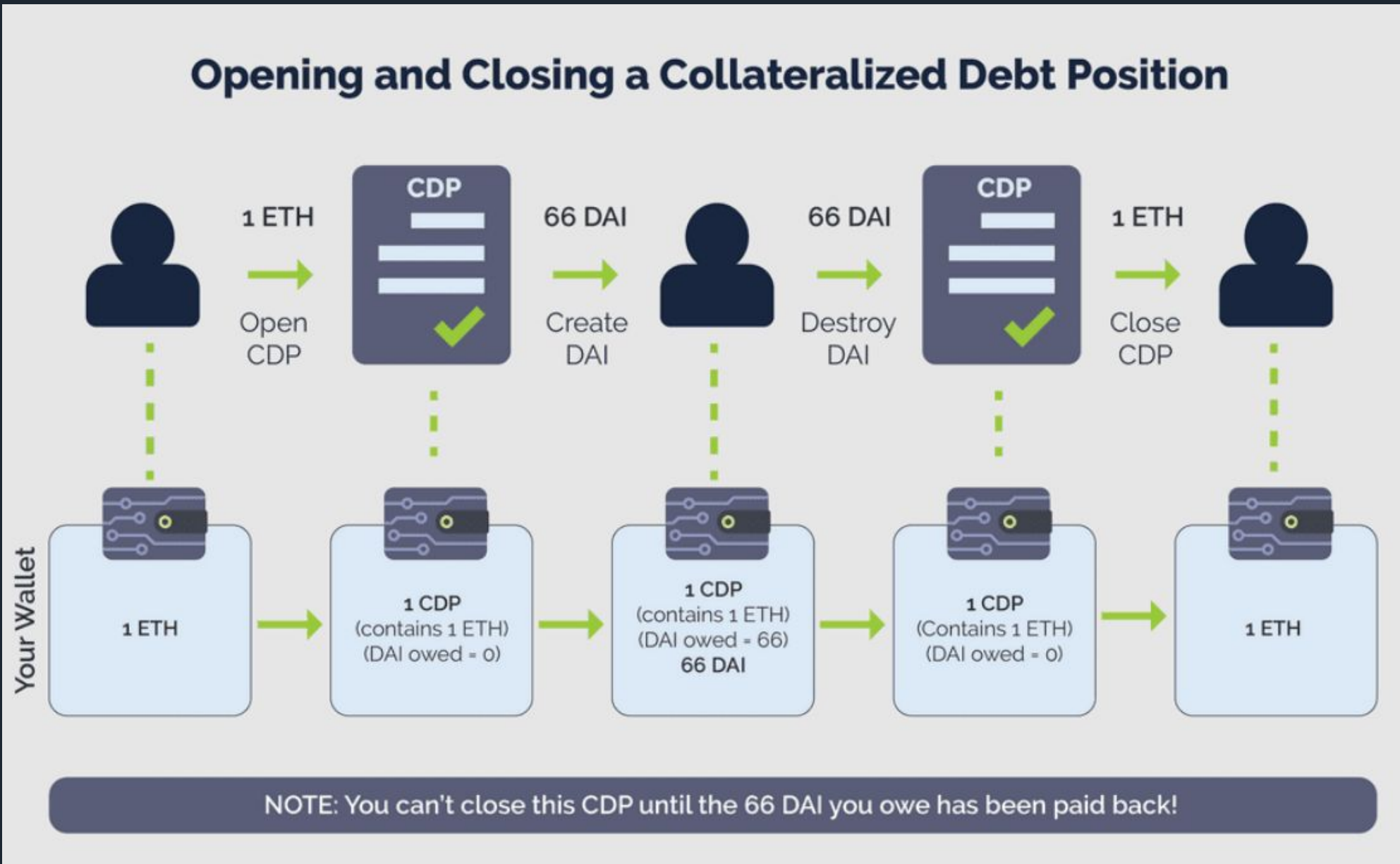


Collateralized Debt Position (CDP) Smart Contracts



- CDP's are stored in smart contract. CDP is the debt in DAI leveraged by ETH. The smart contract ensures that DAI can only be created when users lock up collateral.
- Collateral must be always more than 150% of the amount of DAI generated
- CDP's remove DAI from the market when users return DAI tokens together with a minor stability fee to free up their collateral
- If the price of collateral drops below a certain position CDP liquidates along with liquidation penalty of 13% and one needs re-collateralize or sellback some DAI and remove from circulation in order to maintains the stability of DAI

How CDP Works?

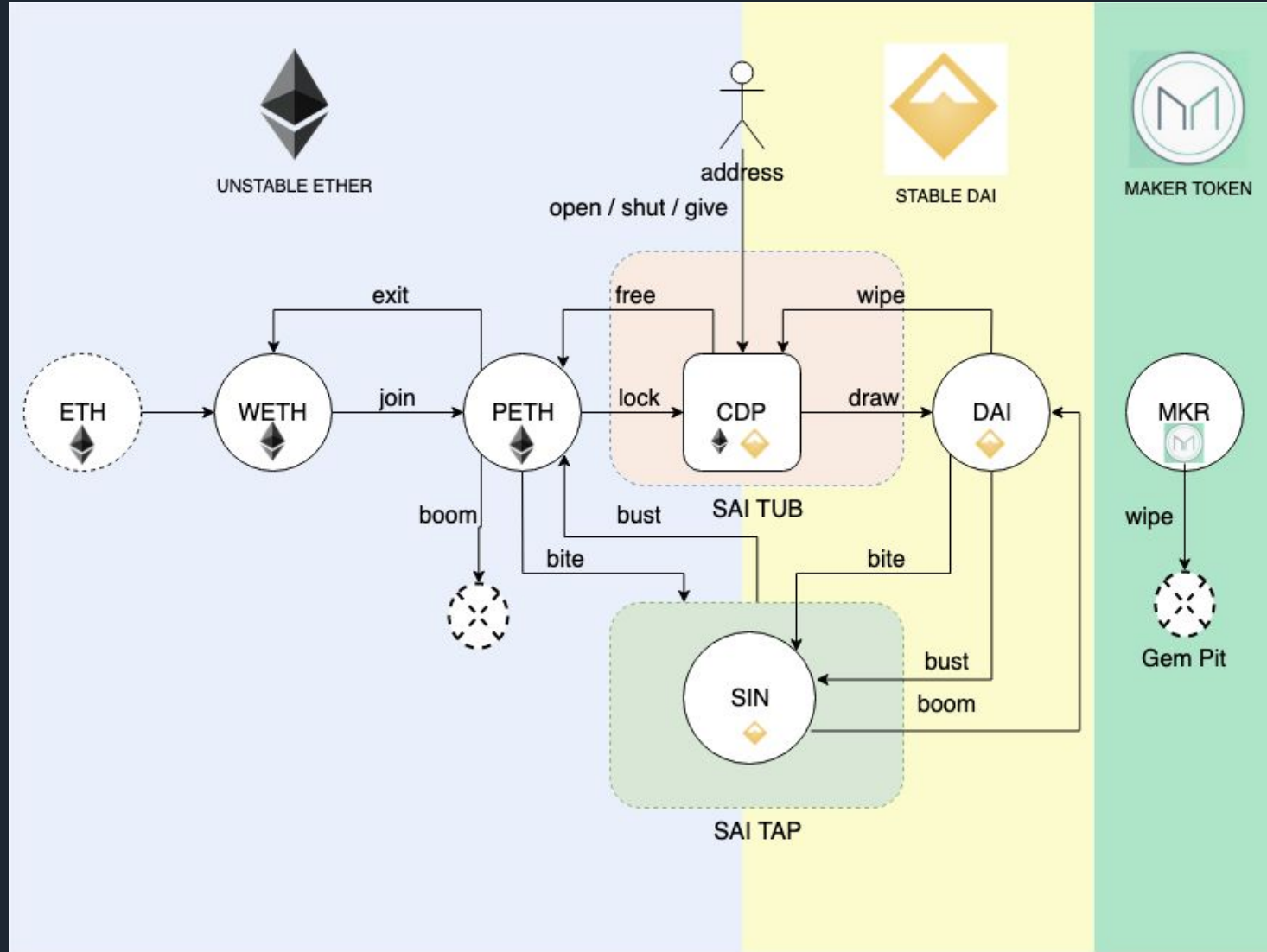


Governance through MKR



- ❑ Voting rights on the proposals
- ❑ Interest rates i.e. stability fee
 - ❑ If there is more DAI in the market, the price of the DAI would drop. MKR would increase the interest rate to encourage pay back the loan or close CDP's to reduce the supply of DAI and bring stability
- ❑ Goal $1\text{DAI} \approx \$1$
- ❑ Deals with collateral risk and irrational market without sacrificing its decentralization

How MakerDAO works?



MakerDAO - Use cases



- Complete Financial Independence. ...
- Self-Sovereign Money Generation. ...
- Savings. ...
- Stable Amidst Volatility. ...
- Convenient, Fast, Low-Cost Remittance. ...
- Service Anytime. ...
- Convenient On/Off Ramps.
- Transparency Above and Beyond Traditional Financial System



Possibilities & Risks

DeFi downsides and risks



- Smart contracts hacks
- Data feed centralization
- Capital inefficiency of DeFi loans



Possibilities with DeFi



- Near instantaneous loans without the need of bank approval / paperwork
- Earn good interest on the assets instead of low or negative interest rates
- Ability to issue stock for a company with no need deal with bankers , lawyers and exorbitant fees
- Financial Inclusion - Small / Micro Loans
- Crowdfunding
- Faster and Cheaper Money Transfers





Next Steps

Next steps



- Fill the Survey Form
- Collate Ideas pertaining to the DeFi Space
- Come together to build the Solution
 - Idea Validation
 - Architecting the Solution
 - Build the PoC
- Ready to take it to the next stage



WHY? WHO? WHERE? WHICH? WHEN? HOW? WHAT?





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