

# Solana Speedrun - Metaplex Track

Metaplex is the digital asset protocol that powers Solana NFTs, home to collections and games like Claynosaurz, Mad Lads, Aurory and the Heist. Developers use Metaplex SDKs to build NFT powered applications like wallets, games and marketplaces and frameworks like Umi, Kinobi and Shank provide powerful tools that make Solana development faster, easier and more secure. With over 500 million assets minted across 50 million unique wallets, Metaplex is one of the largest protocols on Solana.

Metaplex recently [introduced Core](#), a next-generation NFT standard that uses a [single account design](#) that reduces complexity for on-chain programming and application development. It also improves minting costs and network load by over 85% for on-chain assets. With its powerful [external plugin system](#), developers and creators have maximum flexibility to create unique digital experiences, combined with native indexing support through the [Metaplex Digital Asset Standard API \(DAS API\)](#).

## Prizes

The Metaplex Foundation will be granting a total of 50,000 \$MPLX to the top three projects that leverage Metaplex Core.

1st - 25,000 MPLX

2nd - 15,000 MPLX

3rd - 10,000 MPLX

Eligibility for prizes is subject to passing KYC/AML verification. All prizes will be subject to a 1 year lockup period.

## Criteria

Projects will be evaluated on the following factors:

- Creative use of Metaplex Core and Core's External Plugins
- Fun gameplay
- Engaging and novel mechanics

We look forward to seeing your submissions!