EatTheBlocks Token Cheatsheet

ERC20

Suitable for	Fungible assets (asset A can be exchanged with asset B)
Use cases	company shares, event ticket, virtual currency, productized service
Main functions	**Token transfer** ``` function transfer(address _to, uint256 _value) public returns (bool success) ``` =>transfer `_values` tokens to address `_to` --- **Delegated transfer** ``` function transferFrom(address _from, address _to, uint256 _value) public returns (bool success) ``` =>transfer `_values` tokens to address `_to` on behalf of `from`. Token owner must call `approve(sender, _value)` before.
Implementation	https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/tree/master/contracts/token/ERC20
Specification	https://eips.ethereum.org/EIPS/eip-20

ERC721

When to use it	For non-fungible assets (asset A cannot be exchanged with asset B)
Use cases	cryptocollectibles, art items, real estate
Main functions	**Token transfer (normal & delegated)** ``` function transferFrom(address _from, address _to, uint256 _tokenId) external payable ``` =>transfer `_values` tokens identified by `_tokenId` to address `_to`. Sender must be the current owner, an authorized operator, or the approved address for this (`_tokenId`, `msg.sender`) --- **Safe transfer (normal & delegated)** ``` function safeTransferFrom(address _from, address _to, uint256 _tokenId) external payable ``` =>same as before except that if the receiver is a contract it must implement the erc721 receiver interface. This is to avoid to send tokens to contracts that cant handle them.
Implementation	https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/blob/master/contracts/token/ERC721/ERC721.sol
Specification	https://eips.ethereum.org/EIPS/eip-721

ERC223

When to use it	Same as ERC20, except it prevents token being locked in contract that cant handle them. I dont recommend using it. ERC777 is more modern.
Use cases	Same as ERC20
Main functions	**Token transfer** ``` *function transfer(address _to, uint _value, bytes _data) returns (bool)* ``` =>transfer `_value` tokens to address `_to`. If receive is a contract, it must have `tokenFallback(address _from, uint _value, bytes _data)` `bytes` argument will be forwarded in this case. --- **Token transfer (compatible with erc20)** ``` function transfer(address _to, uint _value) returns (bool) ``` =>same as before except it does not accept a `bytes` argument for compatiblity with erc20 token
Implementation	https://github.com/ethereum/eips/issues/223
Specification	https://github.com/Dexaran/ERC223-token-standard/tree/development/token/ERC223

ERC777

When to use it	Same as ERC20, except it prevents locked coins in contracts + provide function "hooks" in receiving contracts
Use cases	Same as ERC20
Main functions	**Token transfer** ``` *function send(address to, uint256 amount, bytes calldata data) external;* ``` =>transfer `amount` tokens to address `to`. if the recipient is a contract it must implement this function: ``` function tokensReceived(address operator, address from, address to, uint256 amount, bytes calldata data, bytes calldata operatorData) external ``` --- **Delegated transfer** ``` function operatorSend(address from, address to, uint256 amount, bytes calldata data, bytes calldata operatorData) external; ``` =>transfer `amount` tokens to address `to` on behalf of `from`. Token owner must call `authorizeOperator(address operator) external`
Implementation	https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/tree/master/contracts/token/ERC777
Specification	https://eips.ethereum.org/EIPS/eip-777

ERC1155

When to use it	For BOTH fungible and non-fungible assets. Good for class of fungible assets.
Use cases	example: event tickets where several tickets are in different categories (premium, economy, etc...)
Main functions	**Token transfer (normal & delegated)** ``` *function safeTransferFrom(address _from, address _to, uint256 _id, uint256 _value, bytes calldata _data) external* ``` =>transfer `_value` tokens identified by `_id` to address `_to`, on behalf of `_from`. Sender must be the current owner, or an authorized operator approved for this (`msg.sender`, `_id`) if recipient is a contract, it must implement this function: ``` function onERC1155Received(address _operator, address _from, uint256 _id, uint256 _value, bytes calldata _data) external returns(bytes4); ``` --- **Batch transfer transfer (normal & delegated)** ``` function safeBatchTransferFrom(address _from, address _to, uint256[] calldata _ids, uint256[] calldata _values, bytes calldata _data) external ``` =>same as before except transfer is done in batch if recipient is a contract, it must implement this function: ``` function onERC1155BatchReceived(address _operator, address _from, uint256[] calldata _ids, uint256[] calldata _values, bytes calldata _data) external returns(bytes4); ```
Implementation	https://github.com/enjin/erc-1155
Specification	https://eips.ethereum.org/EIPS/eip-1155