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DeFi: The Bridge to the Future of Finance

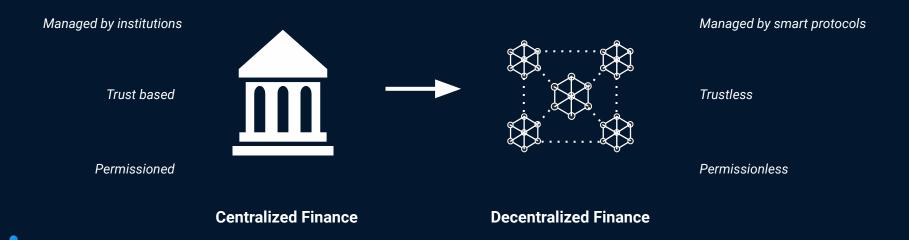
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What is decentralized finance?

Definition: Decentralized finance (DeFi) enables financial services without relying on intermediaries such as brokerages, exchanges, or banks

Key properties: Permissionless, distributed, immutable, trustless, 24/7, composable



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Today's DeFi ecosystem



Digital assets and DeFi are becoming mainstream

Crypto Markets ~\$1.2T Value >310 million users globally

Increasing global regulatory clarity

UK, EU, UAE, AU, Singapore + more are building regulatory frameworks, passing comprehensive laws

DEX adoption sees steady growth

Uniswap trading volumes beat Coinbase for a second month in a row in March 2023, registering the best month, in terms of DEX volume, since January 2022

Adoption within reach

97% of survey respondents believe that crypto and blockchain will have a significant role in enabling faster payments in the next three years

Only when DeFi and CeFi work together, can they reach their full potential.

CeFi and DeFi Synergy

- Traditionally centralized businesses are transitioning to a web3 world (eBay, Amazon, Google, GameStop)
- Web2 companies adopting cryptocurrencies (Venmo, Google, Shopify, PayPal, Fidelity)
- 55% of the biggest 100 banks have invested in web3



Ripple

800+ employees in 15 global offices working to achieve our vision of enabling the world to move value like information moves today: **the Internet of Value**

We're on a **mission** to **build** breakthrough crypto solutions for a world without economic borders



















Real world use cases (just to name a few)

- Cross-border payments
- Liquidity, asset exchange
- In-app payments
- Lending and credit
- Trading and settlement
- Identity and verification
- Custody
- Ownership tracking (real estate, vehicles)
- Carbon credits
- Others we can't yet imagine...

Path forward to greater adoption

- Further regulatory clarity
- Decentralized ID (AML/ KYC)
- Security
- User experience simplicity













Enterprise scale and Decentralized solutions in one company

Global Enterprise grade Payments Network RippleNet: a payments infrastructure, messaging service, and financial network delivering payment volume run rate exceeding \$15 billion

Decentralized network using the latest blockchain solutions at scale *XRPLedger*: Widely used by individuals, companies, and financial networks, including RippleNet, where XRP is used as a universal vehicle of value

