

Crypto Glossary

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A

Absolute Advantage

An economic term that refers to an actor's direct advantage in efficiency due to having superior production capability.

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Active Management

An investing strategy is used by fund managers who aim to outperform the index or market to generate profits.

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Airdrop

A form of distribution that awards holders of particular existing cryptocurrencies

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Algorithm

An unambiguous set of instructions used to solve a specified class of problems.

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All or None Order (AON)

An order to buy or sell a stock that will execute only in its entirety. If not, the order won't execute at all.

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Allocation

Dividing the total token supply into segments and determining if they can be earned, reserved, or purchased.

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Alpha

When used as an indication of active return on an investment, it measures the asset price against the overall market movement. The excess return...

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Altcoin

Short for "Alternative Coin", refers to all coins except Bitcoin.

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AML

Short for "Anti Money Laundering." A set of regulations determined by a nation to combat money laundering.

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Angel Investor

Private investors who provide financial support to new startups in return for equity rights.

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API

Short for “Application Programming Interface.” It is a piece of code that enables interaction between software to enable various tasks like obtaining real market...

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APU

Accelerated Processing Unit. A term coined by the semiconductor manufacturer AMD, it offers a CPU and GPU integrated onto a single die allowing for...

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Arbitrage

Taking advantage of variable prices across multiple exchanges in order to sell assets at a profit, despite little to no market movement.

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Ascending triangle

An ascending triangle is generally considered to be a continuation pattern, meaning that the pattern is significant if it occurs within an uptrend or...

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ASIC

Application Specific integrated circuits. Computing units designed for use on a single algorithm providing high performance and power efficiency

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Ask Price

The lowest price sellers determine as willing to accept.

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ATH

The All Time High price of a cryptocurrency.

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Atomic Swaps

A medium to perform direct, peer to peer cross chain exchanges from one blockchain to another, without an intermediate trusted third party or escrow...

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Attack Surface

The entry points for unauthorized access into a system.

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B

Bag Holder

Someone who has bought at a recent high and is left holding onto their asset, waiting to sell at the next point it breaks...

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BCF

Short for "Binance Blockchain Charity Foundation." BCF is the world's first decentralized charity platform. It was established to advocate the concept of blockchain for...

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Bearish

A descriptive term borrowed from stock markets to describe a negative market outlook.

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BEF

Short for “Binance Ecosystem Fund.” It is an initiative founded by Binance to establish collaborations within the blockchain and cryptocurrency ecosystem.

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BEP-2

Short for “Binance Chain Evolution Proposal 2.” It defines a set of technical rules and specifications to create a new token on the Binance...

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BEP-20

It is a token standard to use when transferring crypto assets from other chains to the Binance Smart Chain. It is an extension of...

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BEP-721

The technical standard to create non-fungible tokens (NFTs) on the Binance Smart Chain. It is an extension of Ethereum ERC-721, the most commonly used...

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BEP-95

A Binance Evolution Proposal that introduces a real-time burning mechanism to Binance Smart Chain.

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Beta

When used to indicate software status, it refers to an early test version of a program. Beta versions are released for users to test...

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Bid Price

The highest price a buyer is willing to pay for an asset.

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Bid-Ask Spread

It is the difference between the highest bid price and the lowest ask price of an asset.

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Black Swan Event

This term is used to refer to the most unexpected event that has the maximum possibility to occur in the market.

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Block

Blocks are linearly arranged data structures that permanently record the transaction data on a blockchain.

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Block Explorer

Similar to the File Explorer of a computer's operating system. It allows users to browse blockchain data such as addresses, transactions, blocks tokens and...

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Block Header

The section exists in each block that contains the information hashed when the block is mined. It is used to identify the block.

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Block Height

The number of blocks in the chain between the current block being minted and the genesis block.

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Block Reward

A mechanism that awards miners with newly minted bitcoin, acting as an incentive for users to add hashing power to the network.

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Block Time

The average time it takes for the network to find a solution to the block hash.

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Blockchain

A system of recording information in chronological order on a decentralized distributed ledger.

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Bollinger Bands

A technical analysis indicator measuring SMA20 and an upper and lower line.

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BUIDL

Usage of the word “build” in the same fashion as “HODL”, refers to keeping your heads down and focusing on building a project.

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Bull Market

Refers to having a positive trend in the prices of a market.

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Bullish

A descriptive term borrowed from stock markets to describe a positive market outlook.

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Burned

A process where Cryptocurrencies remove stored tokens from the circulating supply.

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Buy Wall

Refers to a single huge buy order, or a composition of multiple large buy orders created at the same price.

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Byzantine fault tolerance

A consensus mechanism that offers secure validation across a distributed set of data, stemming from information propagation theory labelled as the Byzantine Generals problem.

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C

Candidate Block

A block that a miner is trying to mine when it's not yet verified or added to the blockchain.

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Candlestick

A representation of the price activity of an asset during a specific timeframe that displays four main price levels: open and close, and the...

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Capitulation

Refers to losing hope in the asset and selling them at a loss to leave as quickly as possible.

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Censorship-resistance

A characteristic of a cryptocurrency network that prevents any entity to control transactions on it.

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CFTC

Short for “Commodity Futures Trading Commission,” a US-based agency responsible for regulating the derivatives markets.

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Cipher

An algorithm is used to encrypt and decrypt messages.

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Circulating Supply

Refers to the total number of coins or tokens that are publicly available in the market and can be traded.

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Coin

A cryptocurrency or digital cash that is operating on an independent blockchain and used as an exchange of value.

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Cold Storage

A storage method that keeps the wallet off of the internet when it is not being actively used.

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Collateral

Refers to the crypto asset that the borrower provides as a guarantee that the borrower will pay back.

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Colocation

A separate space in a data center of stock exchanges that is shared with other entities such as high-frequency traders.

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Community Takeover (CTO)

A project taken over and run by its holders or broader community after the original team steps back, abandons it, or loses credibility.

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Confirmation Time

Refers to the time between the moment a transaction is submitted to the network and the moment it got recorded into a confirmed block.

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Consensus algorithm

Ensures that all users taking part in the minting process maintain the same version the chain, whilst preventing any single party from using their...

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Cooked

Describes a trader, position, token, or project that is in serious trouble, suffering heavy losses, or seen as unlikely to recover.

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CPI

Short for "Consumer Price Index," which is a collection of assets whose price is tracked to gain market insight.

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CPU

Central processing unit. A generalised processor used as the main 'brains' for a computer.

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Crowdsale

The process where a blockchain offers investors newly minted tokens or coins, often at a discounted rate, in exchange for capital.

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Cryptocurrency

Crypto is a form of medium of exchange that exists digitally or virtually and is secured by cryptography.

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Cryptography

A science of using mathematical theories and computation to encrypt and decrypt information..

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Custody

Refers to the holding of assets on behalf of a client.

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D

DAC

Short for “Decentralized Autonomous Cooperative,” an organization that is controlled by its shareholders rather than a central authority.

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DAG

Directed Acyclical Graph. A data structure that flows in one direct, it allows for chains to sprawl out into multi-threaded structures, increasing throughput whilst...

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DAO

Decentralised Autonomous Organization. A business model that operates on a series of set parameters, built into the company from inception allowing the company to...

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dApp

Stands for Decentralised Application. Where in part or all of the applications software stack is hosted, stored and processed on a network of systems...

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DCA

Short for “Dollar Cost Averaging”, refers to a strategy where an investor invests fixed dollar amounts over a regular time period instead of all...

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DDoS

Distributed Denial of Service. A malicious attack that prevents users from communicating with the network by flooding the provider with requests in a way...

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Death Cross

A death cross appears on a chart when an asset's short-term moving average crosses below the long-term moving average indicating the potential for a...

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Decryption

Reverting the encrypted data back to its readable version.

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DeFi

Short for decentralized finance. DeFi offers financial vehicles without relying on intermediaries such as brokerages, exchanges, or banks by using smart contracts on a...

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Delegated Proof of Stake

Takes the fundamentals of proof of stake and adds a democratic element whereby the community elect Witness' to secure the network and vote power...

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Delisting

Removal of a coin or token from a cryptocurrency exchange.

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Design Flaw Attack

An attack by creating either a smart contract, decentralized market or other software with knowledge of certain flaws to trick users who are interacting...

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DEX

Decentralized Exchange. A cryptocurrency exchange platform that facilitates trading of assets on its own distributed ledger, removing the need for a centralized authority and...

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Difficulty Bomb

A term used specifically for Ethereum blockchain, referring to increasing mining difficulty due to its migration to proof of stake.

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Digital Signature

A unique digital identifier that allows for a user to distinctly recognise and validate a file or transaction, usually through the use of a...

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Distributed Ledger

A digital record of transactions that is maintained by a group of clients where changes and additions are verified across all parties to ensure...

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Double Spending

Implies that a crypto asset is spent twice. Usually occurs as a result of a 51% attack.

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DYOR

Short for “Do Your Own Research”, used in crypto communities as a piece of advice before investing in any crypto asset.

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E

Eclipse Attack

Occurs when the majority of nodes are malicious and collectively prevent specific nodes from receiving information from the honest nodes.

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EEA

Short for “Enterprise Ethereum Alliance.” EEA is a member-led organization that aims at driving the use of the Ethereum blockchain as an open standard...

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ELI5

Explain it Like I’m 5. A borrowed abbreviation from reddit used ask for a concise, beginner level explanation.

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Encryption

A technique to secure data into a code to prevent unauthorized access.

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ENS

Similar to a DNS within internet infrastructure, it allows user to obtain a “custom domain” .eth address, instead of using regular hexadecimal hash.

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ERC-721

An Ethereum-based non-fungible token.

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ERC20

A protocol that outlines the specific functions and events that allow blockchains to interact with other via the Ethereum Blockchain. ERC20 tokens are currently...

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Escrow

A service that provides transaction security by acting as an impartial trusted third party, holding onto an asset until the terms of a contract...

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Ethereum

An open source blockchain that acts as a distributed computing platform and operating system, allowing decentralized applications and smart contracts be executed.

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EVM

Ethereum Virtual Machine. An Ethereum runtime environment for smart contracts, Isolated from the rest of the networks, allowing new software to be tested in...

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Exchange

A centralized or decentralized market used to buy or sell coins.

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F

Fakeout

A term used in technical analysis to refer to a situation in which the investor enters into a position in anticipation of a future...

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Farming

The practice of depositing, lending, or staking crypto assets in DeFi protocols or liquidity pools to earn rewards such as interest, trading fees, incentive...

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Faucet

A site or application that will reward it's users with a cryptocurrency for completing specified tasks and assignments.

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Fiat

Currency that has no direct material backing, usually in reference to debt based markets such as USD.

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Fiat

Fiat money refers to currencies issued and backed by governments.

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Flappening

A scenario in which Litecoin (LTC) overtakes Bitcoin Cash (BCH) in terms of market capitalization.

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Flippening

A scenario in where Ethereum overtakes Bitcoin as the dominant cryptocurrency.

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FOK

Short for "Fill or Kill Order." Refers to a buy or sell order which will be canceled unless it is executed immediately and completely.

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FOMO

Fear of Missing Out. Trades or Investment that is derived from an emotional reaction of wanting to take part in a popular trend.

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Forex (FX)

A global market for trading fiat currencies. short for "Foreign Exchange Markets"

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Formal Verification

Checking the correctness of a system using cryptographic algorithms and mechanisms.

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Frontier AI

Frontier AI refers to extremely powerful foundation models that might have potentially dangerous capabilities that could seriously jeopardize public safety.

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FUD

Fear, Uncertainty and Doubt that affects markets, usually in a negative fashion.

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FUDster

Someone who uses an elevated media platform or social network to perpetuate Fear Uncertainty and Doubt through the investing community in order to effect...

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Full Node

A computer that validates blocks and transactions by implementing all the rules of the chain. Unlike nodes, which download only key data and act...

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Fundamental Analysis

Trying to determine the real value of an asset using all publicly available information.

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Futures Contract

An agreement that can be traded on exchanges that stipulates a buy or sell price of an asset at a specific price and time.

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G

Gas

A measurement given to functions on the Ethereum blockchain to denote how computationally expensive they will be, this is offered to the miners who...

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Gas Price

The maximum a user is willing to reward a miner in order to have their transaction processed, higher prices ensure faster transaction times.

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General Public License

A type of license that allows users to copy and modify software.

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Genesis Block

The first block of a blockchain, almost always hardcoded into the software clients — the only block in the chain that has no reference...

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Ghost Dev

An anonymous, pseudonymous, hard-to-identify, or suddenly absent developer behind a crypto project, often associated with limited transparency and weak accountability.

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GitHub

A website where teams can share their open-source codes.

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GM

An abbreviation for good morning, which in crypto is a friendly and quick way of wishing your followers or community a joyous day. GM...

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Golden Cross

A golden cross occurs when a short-term moving average crosses above a long-term moving average signaling a potential bullish breakout.

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Gossip Protocol

A procedure for peer-to-peer communication where nodes share the “gossip” of a transaction to their connected nodes.

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GPU

Graphics Processing Unit. A specialized electronic circuit that utilizes a highly parallelized structure and high speed memory to rapidly process rendering and manipulating graphical...

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Gwei

The denomination in which gas prices are paid for on the Ethereum blockchain.

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H

Halving

Refers to the process where the payout for reward mechanism for blockchain miners is halved when particular conditions are met.

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Hard Cap

Refers to the maximum amount of tokens that can be generated.

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Hard Fork

A software of protocol change that renders previous versions incompatible.

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Hard Wallet

A wallet built upon a secure hardware platform that implement processes and platform specific software to provide greater security for their users.

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Hash Rate

Refers to the required total computational speed of mining hardware to calculate new hashes.

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Hashing

The process of transforming data using a mathematical function into a value or key that is reprehensive of the original data set. Used in...

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HD Wallets

Hierarchical Deterministic Wallet. Uses a 12 word mnemonic phrase or 'seed' to generate a Hierarchical tree like structure of keys, allowing the user to...

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HFT

Short for "High Frequency Trading." An algorithmic trading method that involves the execution of a large number of small amount orders within seconds.

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HODL

A meme in the crypto community that is a purposeful misspelling of the word "hold." Another interpretation for HODL is an acronym meaning, "hold..."

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HTLC

Short for "Hashed TimeLock Contract." A type of smart contract that reduces risk by creating a time-based escrow that unlocks with a cryptographic passphrase.

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I

Iceberg Order

A trading method in which a large buy or sell order is divided into several small ones.

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Index fund

A passively managed fund, where investors are buying into a portfolio that a particular segment of the market, called an index. Examples include the...

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Initial coin offering

Similar to Crowdsale, provides blockchain with a one-time event allowing investors to buy tokens at a discounted rate and provide the chain with start-up...

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Initial Exchange Offering (IEO)

A fundraising method through which coins are sold through a trusted exchange market.

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Initial Public Offering (IPO)

A fundraising method where tokens are sold through a trusted private company.

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Interoperability

Refers to the ability of different blockchains to be compatible with each other, transfer data from one another and build upon each others' features.

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IoT

Internet of Things. Used to describe one of landmark stages of the internet in where non-human web traffic, in the form of internet connected...

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IPFS

Short for "InterPlanetary File System," an open-source, distributed peer-to-peer network to store and share data.

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Isolated Margin

A margin balance is allocated to an individual position. It restricts the amount of margin allocated to each position and thereby reduces risks.

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K

Keccak

A family of cryptographic hashing functions which utilize sponge construction in order to provide wider random permutation, leading to greater flexibility in its use...

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KYC

Know Your Customer. A process used as an anti-money laundering countermeasure that involves investors providing exchanges and banks with verifiable means of identification such...

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L

Lambo

A meme referring to the luxury vehicle investors will buy with their new found crypto wealth.

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Larping

The act of adopting a false persona, exaggerated story, or fake insider image to appear more credible, influential, or successful in order to shape...

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Latency

The time delay between submitting a transaction to a network and the first confirmation of the transaction.

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Law of Demand

Refers to the readiness of consumers to buy a certain amount of assets from a certain price.

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Layer 0

The first layer of a blockchain which includes the necessary elements to build the chain itself, such as hardware for mining and an internet...

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Layer 1

Refers to an operating blockchain.

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Layer 2

Refers to a solution protocol built on the layer 1 blockchain. Layer 2 solutions usually aim at providing scalability and speed to the layer...

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Ledger

A record-keeping system where the monetary and identity details of transactions are recorded anonymously.

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Lightning Network

A blockchain scalability model that greatly expands throughput, speed, cost effectiveness and compatibility.

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Liquidation Sensitivity Index (LSI)

The Liquidation Sensitivity Index is a financial metric devised by CryptoSlate used to gauge the market's reaction to price movements in the crypto markets, particularly Bitcoin....

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Liquidity

Refers to the ease of buying or selling an asset without causing significant price fluctuations.

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Listing

Addition of an asset to an exchange market.

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Long-Term Holders (LTHs)

These are individuals or entities that have held onto their Bitcoin for a longer period, typically considered to be more than 155 days.

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M

Mainchain

Referring to processes or transactions that occur on the most currently released version of a particular blockchain.

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Mainnet Swap

Refers to the migration of an asset from one blockchain network to another.

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Margin Trading

A high-risk trading behavior where the investor uses borrowed funds.

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Market Capitalization

A measurement of the market valuation for outstanding tokens. Calculated by taking the price of a single token and multiplying it by the amount...

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Market Momentum

Refers to a continuous increase or decrease in market price within a certain timeframe.

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Masternode

Nodes that verify new blocks and carry-out special governing roles, unlike regular nodes that add new transaction blocks to the blockchain.

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Maximum Supply

Indicates the maximum number of tokens that will be created.

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MD5

A hashing function developed in 1992 due to known vulnerabilities predominately used for checksums and data validity.

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Mempool

A node's mechanism for storing unconfirmed transactions.

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Merged Mining

Mining more than one cryptocurrency at the same time without sacrificing hash rate.

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Merkel Tree

Also known as a Hash Tree, is a data structure where every child node contains a hashing label of the node that exists above...

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Metadata

A data type that includes basic information about other data, such as its features or a transaction.

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Metaverse

A virtual world where, one day, we will all interact, create, work, and live our lives. Crypto will play a pivotal in the metaverse...

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MEW

My Ether Wallet. A free open source tool to create ERC-20 compatible Ethereum wallets, currently the industry standard.

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Mining

A process where algorithms use mathematical function to guess the hash of a block. This acts as collection, validation.

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Mining Farm

Collection of multiple miners, or a large data center devoted to crypto mining.

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Mooning

The process where market value of an asset skyrockets, exceeding investor's expectations, often used as a meme.

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Moore's law

An observational rule of thumb credited to Gordon Moore in 1965 stating that the density of integrated circuits will double every approximately two years.

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Moving Average Convergence Divergence

A technical analysis tool used to forecast future prices by indicating the relationship between two moving averages to provide a metric for price momentum.

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Mt Gox

A Japanese cryptocurrency exchange that in 2013 accounted for over 70% of all bitcoin transactions, hacked in 2014 and filing for bankruptcy, its influence...

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MultiSig

A digital signature scheme which allows multiple user to sign a contract or wallet.

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N

Newborn Nine

A term introduced by Bloomberg Senior ETF analyst Eric Balchunas to refer to a group of nine spot Bitcoin ETFs that were launched in...

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NFT

An abbreviation for non-fungible token. Unlike most cryptocurrencies, which are fungible, NFT's defining characteristic is that they cannot be divided or split into multiple...

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NGMI

An abbreviation for not going to make it. i.e., "Dave sold all his Bitcoin at the bottom. He's NGMI!"

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Node

A point of connection in the network that acts as a redistribution or end point.

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Nonce

A random arbitrary number used to timestamp or otherwise ensure the order of a transaction in order to prevent against a replay attack.

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O

OCO

Short for “one cancels the other order.” Refers to a pair of contradicting orders created together where only one of them can be executed.

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Off-chain

A transaction or process that occurs outside the main blockchain.

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Open source

Originating from the software industry, it is a program whose source code is made freely available to anybody, allowing them to study, change and...

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Oracles

A third party data feed used by smart contracts to trigger events.

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Orphan Block

Refers to a block that has been created but was not accepted by the network to be added to the main blockchain.

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P

P2P

Stands for Peer to Peer. Denoting the ability for two computers to communicate across a network without a server or central authority.

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Paper Bitcoin

Paper Bitcoin is the term for Bitcoin derivatives that don't require direct cryptocurrency ownership.

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Paper Wallet

An offline wallet that is simply the private key and address printed on paper, usually alongside a QR code, one of the safest ways...

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Peer-to-Peer (P2P)

A type of decentralized communication model created by two or more nodes who come together to share the workload and communicate.

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Pegged Currency

Refers to the currencies which are linked to a specific (usually government-backed) asset in terms of their price. For example, USDT is pegged to...

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Phishing

A phishing attack happens when the attacker attempts to acquire the credentials of users to gain access to their wallets.

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Polkadot Crowdloan

Projects who compete to reserve a spot on the Polkadot chain ask their supporters to stake Polkadots (DOT) to support their projects. This process...

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Ponzi Scheme

An investment fraud in which the attacker collects funds from investors with promises of high returns, and uses the collected funds to pay certain...

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Pre-sale

A token event sale that operates before an ICO campaign, often with lower targets.

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Price wall

An accumulation of buy or sell orders at a specific price.

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Private Key

Operates in tandem with a Public key as part of common asymmetric cryptography standards, this key should never be shared.

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Proof of Attendance Protocol (POAP)

A protocol that uses blockchain technology to create badges or collectibles to mark the attendance at an event.

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Proof of Authority

A centralised validation method that gives the right to validate to only to eligible parties that have been approved by an authority.

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Proof of Capacity

Also known as proof of space. This validation method is similar to PoW, but requires miners to pre-mine unique hashes, relying more on large...

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Proof of Stake

A power efficient transaction validation system in where users must 'stake' their coins in order to mint new blocks, minting of fraudulent transactions will...

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Proof of Work

A transaction validation system that requires the use of a computationally intensive process within the network that acts as a deterrent to prevent denial...

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Pseudorandom

A function that can produce an outcome that can pass statistical randomness tests.

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Pump and dump

The process of buying a large amount of tokens at once, usually as a co-ordinated group, in order to artificially inflate or 'pump' the...

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Q

QR code

Quick response code. A type of two dimensional barcode with greater storage and faster readability than regular barcodes, its square structure also provides easy...

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R

Race Attack

Refers to two transactions that are created simultaneously with the purpose of spending the same funds twice.

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Raid

Coordinated mass posting, replying, or engagement by a project's community across platforms such as Telegram or X to amplify visibility, push a narrative, or...

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Raiden Network

An ERC-20 compatible token designed to leverage secure payment channels in order to create an off-chain scaling solution for the Ethereum Blockchain.

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Ransomware

A type of virus that threatens to destroy or publish private data unless a ransom is paid.

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Rekt

Synonym for liquidated.

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Rekt

Used as a synonym for “liquidated.”

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Ring signature

A digital signature topology developed in 2001 leveraged in security focused cryptocurrencies, as a mechanism to anonymise transactions.

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ROI

Short for “Return of Investment.” Calculated via the ratio between net profit and net cost, it is used as a measure for evaluating the...

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Routing Attack

An internet service provider level attack to manipulate the participation in an online system. Used on blockchains to manipulate nodes and mining.

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RSI

Relative Strength Index. A common trading metric that provides a visual indicator of general market trends.

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Rug Pull

A scam where a project team unexpectedly abandons the project and sells all its liquidity.

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Rugged

Describes a trader, investor, or community that has been hit by a rug pull or similar scam, leaving holders with sharply devalued or effectively...

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S

Satoshi

The smallest quantifiable amount of Bitcoin, one-billionth of a single Bitcoin or 0.000000001 BTC.

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Satoshi Nakamoto

The pseudonymous name used by the original inventor of the Bitcoin cryptocurrency.

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Script

A power efficient hashing algorithm that is more RAM intensive than SHA-256, it saw its debut in the cryptocurrency market as the algorithm of...

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SEC

Short for "Securities and Exchange Commission." It is a US government agency responsible for regulating the securities markets.

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Seed phrase

Used as a point of origin for certain wallets, it uses a mnemonic phrase to generate a wallet ID which can then be used...

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SegWit

Short for "Segregated Witness." This refers to separating transaction signatures from Bitcoin transactions to increase the number of transactions recorded in one block.

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Selfish Mining

Refers to when a miner strategically withholds or releases new blocks to the blockchain to create a competitive advantage for himself.

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Sell Wall

Happens when an accumulation of sell orders at a certain price level reaches a very large amount.

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Serial Rugger

A person or team repeatedly linked to rug pulls, pump-and-dump schemes, or token launches that collapse after insiders extract value and leave holders with...

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SHA

Stands for Secure Hashing Algorithm: a standard of hashing algorithm developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the latest iteration being labeled...

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Sharding

A scalability solution for the Ethereum blockchain that validates the blockchain in a parallelised manner.

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Sharpe Ratio

A measurement created in 1966 and used by investors to evaluate the return on investment.

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Short-Term Holders (STHs)

Conversely, these are individuals or entities that have held their Bitcoin for a shorter period, usually less than 155 days.

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Sidechain

A separate blockchain, attached to a parent blockchain that allows assets to be interchangeable, in turn increasing the scope, throughput and availability of their...

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Skein

One of the five finalists of the NIST hash function competition, based on the Threefish tweakable block cypher. Skein allows for a modular package...

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Smart Contracts

A digital protocol used to facilitate and enforce the negotiation of a contract without use of a third party.

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Soft fork

A change to the software or protocol that allows for backwards compatible with previous versions.

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Soft wallet

A software based wallet that is able to be hosted as a desktop, mobile or web application, many providing cross-platform integration with all three.

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Solidity

A programming language based around EMCA Script and by extension JavaScript, created specifically for writing Smart contracts.

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Stablecoin

A type of cryptocurrency that is backed by reserve assets and therefore can offer price stability.

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Staking

A way of earning passive income from cryptocurrencies. When investors stake their coins, they don't sell them and can't trade them. In return, the...

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Staking Pool

Staking pools are created by miners to increase their chance of successfully validating a new block.

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T

Tangle

IOTA's DAG based alternative to the blockchain data structure, aimed predominantly at the IoT sector. It provides high throughput and instantaneous, feeless transactions. Each...

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Tanking

A term used in traditional financial markets to refer to a strong downwards trend in the price history of a certain asset.

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TestNet

An alternative blockchain running separate to the main chain used for developers to prototype software and updates to ensure stability before launch.

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Ticker

A combination of letters used to represent a cryptocurrency on trading platforms. (Example: BTC, ETH, USDT etc.)

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Token

A type of cryptocurrency issued on a blockchain. Unlike coins, tokens can represent an asset and be redeemed for them, or hold value on...

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Token Lockup

A pre-planned lock-up or vesting period where tokens or coins are not allowed to be traded or liquidated. Usually set following a token sale...

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Token Sale

Selling tokens in return for cryptocurrencies. Same as Initial Coin Offering.

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TOR

The Onion Router. An anonymous communications network that encrypts data with multiple layers of security as it passes through nodes, bouncing traffic randomly through...

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Total Supply

Shows the number of assets that currently are in circulation or locked.

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TPS

Short for "Transaction per Second." Shows the number of transactions a blockchain is able to issue per second.

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Transaction ID (TXID)

A set of characters unique to each verified transaction on the blockchain.

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Trenches

The most speculative, fast-moving parts of the market, where traders buy and sell newly launched, thinly traded, or highly volatile tokens in search of...

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Turing Complete

A system that can be used to solve any possible computational problem.

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TVL

An abbreviation for total value locked. TVL refers to the total value of crypto assets locked in protocols. For example, Aave has over \$20...

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U

UTXO

Unspent transaction output.

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V

Vapourware

When a heavily advertised or promised product never materialises.

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Vladimir Club

Refers to someone who holds 0.01% of the maximum supply of a cryptocurrency.

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Volatility

A measure of how quickly the price of an asset changes.

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W

WAGMI

Abbreviation for “we’re all going to make it,” i.e. “All my friends bought Ethereum in 2017 and we held. WAGMI!”

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Wallet

A software program that stores public and private keys, allowing the user to interact and perform transactions on blockchain.

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Wallet Address

Similar to an email address, a wallet address acts as a destination for crypto to be sent to or received.

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Weak Subjectivity

Concept created by Vitalik Buterin to refer to a requirement of PoS blockchains where certain nodes have to rely on other ones when determining...

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Web 1.0

The first version of the web consists of read-only pages connected via hyperlinks.

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Web 2.0

The version of the web where participants can create content for an audience.

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Web 3.0

The version of the web built on the ideas of decentralization, openness, and privacy.

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Wei

The smallest denomination of ETH. One ETH is equal to 1018 wei.

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Whale

A cryptocurrency investor with enough resources to move the market price significantly with large buy or sell orders.

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Whiskers

(A.k.a. Wick or shadow) Vertical lines extend from the candle charts that show the highest and lowest points of a trading pair.

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Whitelist

A spam filtering mechanism where only users registered to the list will be granted communications or access.

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Wick Farm

A market, token, or trading setup prone to sharp, illiquid price spikes and reversals that create long chart wicks, often because thin liquidity makes...

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Wrapped Token

Wrapped tokens represent the original token at a 1:1 ratio and allow users to trade from the main chain to ERC-20 tokens.

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Z

Zero-Knowledge Proof

Method of verifying transaction without revealing any information about them.

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51% Attack

Refers a directed towards controlling share of the collective mining pool. If a malicious party were to control more than 51% of global hashing...

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