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1 . INTRODUCTION

1 . 1 OUR PRINCIPLES

MISSION

Our mission is to establish a compliant-by-design blockchain ecosystem that fosters collaboration, embraces the best available technology, and unlocks the network effects for the advancement of the Web3 movement. We aim to break free from isolated islands, promote inclusivity, and drive collective progress in decentralized and open-source ecosystems.

VISION

Our vision is to create a thriving and interconnected blockchain ecosystem where communities seamlessly collaborate, and share resources, liquidity, and knowledge. By transcending individual interests and embracing the best available technology, we aim to unleash the full potential of network effects, driving innovation, and propelling the Web3 movement towards a decentralized and open future. Through transparency, compliance, and a commitment to the ecosystem's benefit, we strive to establish a solid foundation, allowing for the ecosystem's self-sustainability and perpetual growth.

1 . 2 PŒLUDE

THE CURRENT STATE OF BLOCKCHAIN

Blockchain ecosystems are not solely defined by their technological advancements; they are equally influenced by the intricacies of social dynamics. It is fascinating to observe the diverse communities within these ecosystems, each contributing their own unique technological and ideological innovations. However, a notable challenge arises from the lack of standardized protocols and limited cooperation among these communities. As a result, we witness the emergence of isolated islands, where resources, liquidity, and knowledge are not shared.

This fragmented state of affairs is far from ideal within ecosystems that strive for decentralization and open-source collaboration. The absence of cohesion and cooperation hinders growth and progress, preventing them from reaching their full potential.

Breaking free from the paradigm of isolated camps, where each community believes its technology is superior and competes against the broader ecosystem, presents a formidable challenge. Apex Fusion knows that the key to success lies in embracing the best available technology, regardless of its source. Our primary objective is to build and develop with cutting-edge technologies, constantly striving for excellence.

To achieve this, it is crucial to establish connections and encourage communities to adopt a similar approach. By creating an environment that fosters free development and innovation, regardless of source, we can unleash the network effects that were intended to be the driving force behind the Web3 movement. This entails transcending the boundaries of individual communities and working towards a collective vision of progress and collaboration.

Overcoming the entrenched mindset of superiority and competition is no easy task. By showcasing the benefits of utilizing the best available technology, irrespective of its origin, we can pave the way for a more inclusive and cooperative ecosystem. This approach will enable us to tap into the vast potential of network effects, where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Similarly to the avoidance of cooperation, the absence of legal frameworks for blockchain ecosystems has posed significant challenges. As we see it, Switzerland has emerged as a pioneer in this field, and with the imminent introduction of the Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation (MiCA) in the neighboring EU, the time is ripe to establish a compliant-by-design ecosystem.

Apex Fusion aims to leverage this opportunity by combining the decentralized utility network (Prime), with the agility of trusted, but scalable industry solutions (Vector).

This amalgamation, together with Nexus as the interoperability component (EVM) will enable Apex Fusion to seamlessly connect communities and technologies, aligning with its overarching vision.

One of the key advantages of this system is its ability to harness the legal benefits associated with fully decentralized utility tokens right from the outset. This addresses a critical gap in the current landscape, where compliant token designs are lacking in less decentralized technological solutions. By incorporating legal aspects into the ecosystem, Apex Fusion ensures transparency and compliance with both existing and hopefully future legal frameworks.

Swiss foundations have a long-standing tradition of catering to broad ecosystems rather than individual beneficiaries. To ensure the transparent and compliant functioning of the system, it is imperative to relinquish control from the individuals and entities involved in designing and deploying solutions. This does not imply that early contributors are not rewarded; rather, it prevents them from exerting undue influence or skewing the network in favor of their own interests as a centralized entity.

It is important to note that while the foundation acts as a steward of the ecosystem, the network's design must facilitate its survival beyond the foundation's existence. The foundation serves as a benevolent caretaker, prioritizing the ecosystem's benefit and adhering to the best legally compliant structure currently available in the industry.

Different blockchain systems are designed to provide specific sets of services. General-purpose blockchain systems, such as Ethereum, enable the execution of general-purpose computations in a secure and trustless decentralized environment. Systems like Bitcoin, on the other hand, are tailored to provide coin transfer services. Users can take advantage of the capabilities of these blockchain networks individually, but the heterogeneity of these systems introduces friction when combining the services of different networks. This in large part is due to the

inconvenience of having to use the native tokens of both blockchain networks to take advantage of both sets of features. Users are required to own two sets of native tokens to operate on two bridged networks, and must explicitly perform bridging actions.

In contrast, Apex Fusion delivers a composite system of blockchain networks interconnected with trusted bridges. Each blockchain network in the system has been architected to provide a set of services that can be executed safely and efficiently within the context of the architecture it is best suited for. The Multi-Chain architecture consists of the Ouroboros consensus protocol as the base layer, anchoring both EVM and UTxO Layer 2 side chains, thus harnessing the strengths of the best liquid staking consensus protocol and the broad mass utility of smart contracts on EVM blockchains. The Apex Fusion system runs on a unique primary Apex token, which is solely issued on the Prime chain, that is seamlessly transferable and available to users on all blockchain networks within the system.

OVERCOMING FRAGMENTATION

As blockchain technology matures, its complexities deepen, highlighting the nuances that emerge at the intersection of technological advancement and intricate social dynamics. Within these diverse ecosystems, separate communities with their individualized innovations have birthed a mosaic of diverse solutions. Yet, there's a significant shortcoming: fragmentation.

The lack of universally accepted protocols and the propensity for each community to operate in isolation has created a fractured landscape. Resources, knowledge, and liquidity are trapped within these silos, working against the very ethos of decentralization and open-source collaboration that the blockchain community holds dear. This not only impedes potential growth but also limits the broader adoption of this revolutionary technology.

Instead of a cohesive and collaborative environment, the prevailing status quo reveals segregated communities, often entrenched in their belief of the superiority of their technological approach. This competitive stance is counterproductive,

preventing ecosystems from tapping into external innovations and fostering a more holistic and integrated blockchain landscape.

ADDRESSING THE TRILEMMA

The Apex Fusion architecture mitigates the blockchain trilemma by deploying the Ouroboros consensus protocol as L1 for security and decentralization (Prime chain). The initial solution will provide scalability within the ecosystem via internally bridged L2s using both UTxo (Vector chain) and EVM side chains (Nexus chain), with more chains to follow.

The diagram of the trilemma is shown in Figure 1.

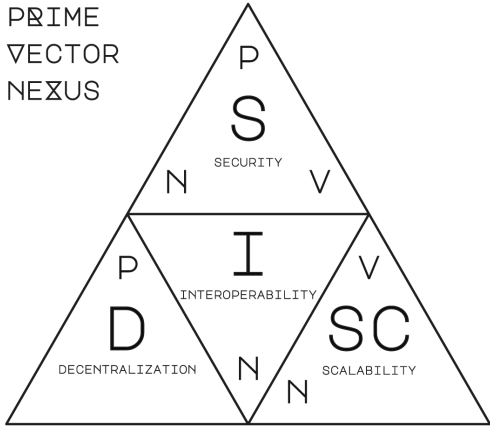


Figure 1. Security - decentralization - scalability trilemma.

The Apex Fusion user experience is aimed at seamless operation between chains in the system and beyond. A robust app that serves as a wallet and interface for Fusion ecosystem will be developed post-launch with the goal of creating a frictionless experience for users to store and trade their tokens. At the same time, developers can access the power of their wallets through APIs and SDKs in widely adopted programming languages for further commercial adoption.

NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE

In our pursuit of making a blockchain ecosystem that exemplifies sturdiness and optimization, Apex Fusion is dedicated to constructing a network infrastructure that is not only robust but also finely tuned to the needs of all stakeholders. Our strategy is twofold: to leverage state-of-the-art technology for our nodes and to advocate for a decentralized network architecture.

Decentralization and Network Resilience

Central to our vision is the decentralization of the network. We recognize the risks associated with node clustering, particularly on popular cloud infrastructure platforms such as AWS, GCP, etc. Such topology presents a risk, as it places the majority of the network's reliance on a single third-party provider. Consequently, this undermines the very essence of network decentralization. By the data presented on various research and media sources, the vast majority of nodes are deployed on centralized cloud services. There are many references of this available like Foundry research¹ from August 2023 and by statements² from V. Buterin from September 2023.

To mitigate these risks and enhance the network's resilience, we are taking a proactive approach. By diversifying our node distribution across various independent data centers, we ensure that our network is not reliant on any single infrastructure provider. This strategic distribution not only bolsters our network's resilience but also aligns with our ethos of decentralization.

Optimizing Nodes for High Performance

Apex Fusion is designed to incentivize employment of primarily bare-metal machines, which can be fine tuned for high performance and reliability. These machines are housed in specially designed data centers, equipped with optical connections. This setup is engineered to maximize efficiency and performance, ensuring that networks operate at the pinnacle of technological excellence.

Incentivizing Network Resilience through Reputation Score

To further this vision, Apex Fusion Reputation System will be used to reward network players who contribute to this resilient infrastructure. High-performing nodes will be recognized and incentivized, encouraging participants to strive for excellence in their operations - **Proof-of-Bare-Metal**. Additionally, the setup aims to reduce the concentration of nodes in major clusters by incentivizing their dispersion. This not only distributes the network's load more evenly but also fortifies it against potential centralized points of failure.

The system is engineered to broadly incentivize the achievement of these goals, while also ensuring that it doesn't penalize or exclude participants who may have limited resources to reach this level of excellence. This approach balances encouragement of high standards with accessibility for all network players, regardless of their resource capacity.

DECODING THE BLOCKCHAIN PARADIGMS

Two blockchain paradigms (UTxO and Account-based) have prevailed in previous years - both have strengths and limitations that have been addressed from a binary point of view. Recently, there has been a new and unified approach that combines the best of both worlds (ex. Vitalik on EVM Validiums³ in November 2023 and Mukn on Account view on UTxO Model⁴ in November 2022).

UTxO Paradigm:

- Foundations: Utilized by notable chains like Bitcoin and Cardano, the UTxO approach views tokens as a set of unspent outputs. These outputs, born out of transactions, are consumed and generated indivisibly.
- Strengths: UTxO blockchains stand out in various domains like transactions can be validated off chain reducing gas fees and network congestion, Better scalability because UTxO allows smart contracts parallelization and privacy, enables script sharing while reducing transaction size and enhancing throughput.

- Limitations: UTXO models have limitations with regards to robust smart contract flexibility and wide adoption.

Account-Based Paradigm:

- Foundations: Chains like Ethereum and its various offshoots using the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM) adopt an account-based approach. Here, token balances are maintained in individual accounts that have mutable states.
- Strengths: This model thrives by facilitating the development and deployment of robust smart contracts with wide user adoption.
- Limitations: The account-based approach struggles with complexities in concurrent computations, often manifesting in the form of high transaction costs and limited throughput.

As the blockchain universe continues to expand, it's evident that networks are tailor-made for specific purposes. Ethereum, for instance, is a bastion of decentralized applications, whereas Bitcoin has a singular focus on value transfer.

THE FUSION PARADIGM

Wide diversity of L1 and L2 blockchains offers users an abundance of utilities. Unfortunately, this boils down to one major inconvenience: the multitude of native tokens. For an average user, juggling different tokens and undertaking bridging maneuvers to seamlessly traverse networks is an onerous task, calling for a more streamlined approach.

To build and develop with cutting-edge technologies, constantly striving for excellence, it is crucial to establish connections and encourage communities to adopt a similar approach. By creating an environment that fosters free development and innovation, we can unleash the network effects that were intended to be the driving force behind the Web3 movement. This entails transcending the boundaries of individual communities and working towards a collective vision of progress and collaboration.

Overcoming the mindset of tribalism and competition is no easy task. However, by showcasing the benefits of utilizing the best available technology, irrespective of its origin, the goal is to foster a more inclusive and cooperative ecosystem. This approach will enable the unlocking of network effects, where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

TACKLING THE COMPLEXITIES OF REGULATION

The blockchain industry faces a considerable challenge in the absence of robust legal frameworks. As Switzerland spearheads regulatory advancements and with the imminent rollout of the new regulations within the EU, there emerges a clear opportunity to develop blockchain systems that synergize technical progress with legal compliance.

Apex Fusion capitalizes on this evolving landscape by merging the benefits of decentralized blockchain technology with regulatory foresight. Through an adept combination of technologies, Apex Fusion is poised to foster a connected and cohesive environment that aligns with its overarching vision. A distinctive feature of this approach is its strategic initiation with a fully decentralized utility token, filling the compliance void many contemporary systems grapple with. By embedding legal considerations into its design, Apex Fusion ensures it remains at the forefront of innovation while adhering to current and anticipated regulations.

The governance model of Apex Fusion is tailored to prioritize the broader ecosystem ensuring transparent and fair operations. While early contributors are acknowledged and rewarded for their roles, mechanisms are in place to prevent undue influence or bias towards any singular entity. Though the Apex Foundation plays a pivotal role in the initial stages, the ultimate goal is for the network to be perpetually self-sustaining, thereby establishing Apex Fusion's commitment to a balanced, future-ready blockchain ecosystem.

2. ΔPEX FUSION

Let there be light: Enter **Fusion** - an integrated system encompassing three blockchain networks at its inception, interconnected with reliable trusted bridges. Each network under this umbrella is fine-tuned for specific services, optimized by its unique architecture. This eliminates the need for users to juggle multiple tokens, as the entire system runs on a singular primary **Apex** token, effortlessly transferable across the networks.

Apex Fusion connects UTXO and account-based (EVM) models, marrying the robust staking capabilities of Ouroboros Consensus Protocol with the versatility of EVM-based smart contracts. This is initially achieved via a 3-chain architecture that combines their complementary strengths:

- **Prime Network** (UTXO L1) - Provides a robust and decentralized backbone securing the base layer leveraging UTXO model advantages within a proven liquid staking consensus framework.
- **Vector Network** (UTXO L2) - Optimized high-speed sidechain specialized for rapidly processing transactions like DeFi swaps and gaming interactions.
- **Nexus Network** (EVM L2) - EVM-compatible execution environment via L2 scaling technology facilitating integration with Ethereum's tools and ecosystems.
- **Reactor router** - Bridging Apex token between chains in the ecosystem. The initial architecture currently supports the three original chains, but supports the inclusion of additional chains as the ecosystem grows.

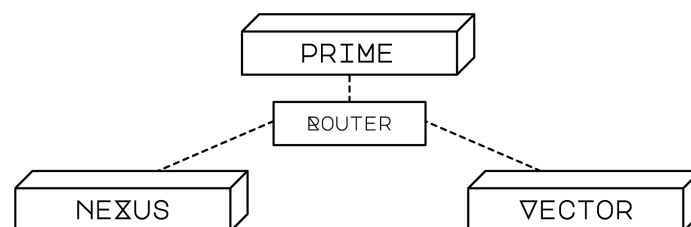


Figure 2. The architecture of the Apex Fusion system.

To enable seamless operations between the chains in the system, interactions will be optimized for a frictionless user experience. Fusion blockchains fueled by Apex and supported tokens (like ERC20 tokens) will be connected with other external networks via designated bridges, such as general message-passing protocols like Axelar, Chainport or Chainlink's CCIP. This will allow seamless communication and asset transfers between diverse blockchains.

2.1 ΔPEX TOKEN

Apex tokens (APEX) are only minted on the Prime network. The inflation rate, minting schedule, and other tokenomics are governed by the Prime validators/stakers and a decentralized governance system. The smallest unit of APEX is DFM. As Cardano-based chains support 6-decimal tokens, while EVM-based chains support tokens with 18 decimal places, APEX tokens are rounded down when bridged. Differences in rounding will be part of the bridging fee or similar.

2.2 PRIME NETWORK

The Prime network serves as the decentralization and security layer for the Fusion family of networks and is the exclusive issuer of the APEX tokens. It also serves as the liquid staking consensus mechanism for the multi-chain architecture providing liquid staking benefits to both the UTxO (Vector) and EVM (Nexus) side chains. It will be maintained by a decentralized network of validators using the latest Ouroboros PoS consensus protocol, based on a proven and secure e-UTxO accounting method. These advantages make the Prime chain the ideal candidate for providing security and decentralization to the Fusion multi-chain architecture. Transaction fees on the Prime chain are set relatively high to enhance security. This is purposely weighted for safety as the predominant transactions on this network will involve the use of liquid staking. Dapps and smart contracts requiring the leverage of speed and low-cost transactions will use the Vector (UTXO) and Nexus (EVM) side chains depending on their preference.

As Apex tokens are only generated on the L1 chain, the Prime chain represents the only source of inflation within the ecosystem. In addition to liquid staking, the Prime chain will be used by the foundation to fund projects by delegating and saturating nodes using the ISPOs (initial stake pool offerings) process. This mechanism is termed InFusion as the delegated APEX will remain within the Apex Fusion Foundation. So, aside from primary token generation, both grants and Infusion-generated funding will be dedicated to projects developing the ecosystem. Generally speaking, funding for system improvements and overall wider adoption within the fusion architecture will be issued on the Prime chain.

2.3 VECTOR NETWORK

The Vector network is a performance-optimized chain with low fees and high speed, supporting dApps based on the Cardano ecosystem and use cases that require high-speed transactions, such as rapid settlements in DeFi or real-time interactions in the gaming domain. The chain acts as an L2 chain of the Prime network chain. To support the performance requirements of the Vector chain, the network is maintained by a permissioned set of validators. The block times on the Vector chain are smaller than the block times on the Prime chain which increases the throughput of the network.

2.4 NEXUS NETWORK

The Nexus network is an EVM chain that enables the integration of EVM-based dApps and services with low transaction fees, thanks to the efficient EVM L2 scaling infrastructure based on the existing open-source implementations, such as Polygon EVM. The network is maintained by a permissioned set of validators. The APEX token is represented as an ETH equivalent native token in this network, adapting to the account-based system of the EVM chain.

2.5 REACTOR ROUTER

Network bridges enable the transference of APEX tokens between different system networks. The Reactor Router presents a trusted bridge that enables quick and

seamless transfer of APEX tokens between the chains within the ecosystem. While there may be other bridges that will connect the APEX ecosystem to other L2 chains, the Reactor Router is designed to only bridge the APEX tokens minted on APEX L1, the Prime Chain.

Implementing the bridge between the L2 chains and the L1 chain has a unique architecture, as all chains should run on native APEX tokens, but the APEX tokens are minted only on the L1 chain.

Figure 3 illustrates the high-level architecture of our bridge solution between the L1 Prime chain and an L2 chain in the Fusion ecosystem. Tokens are transferred from the user's wallet to a bridge hot wallet on one chain and released from the bridge hot wallet on the other chain to the recipient's wallet.

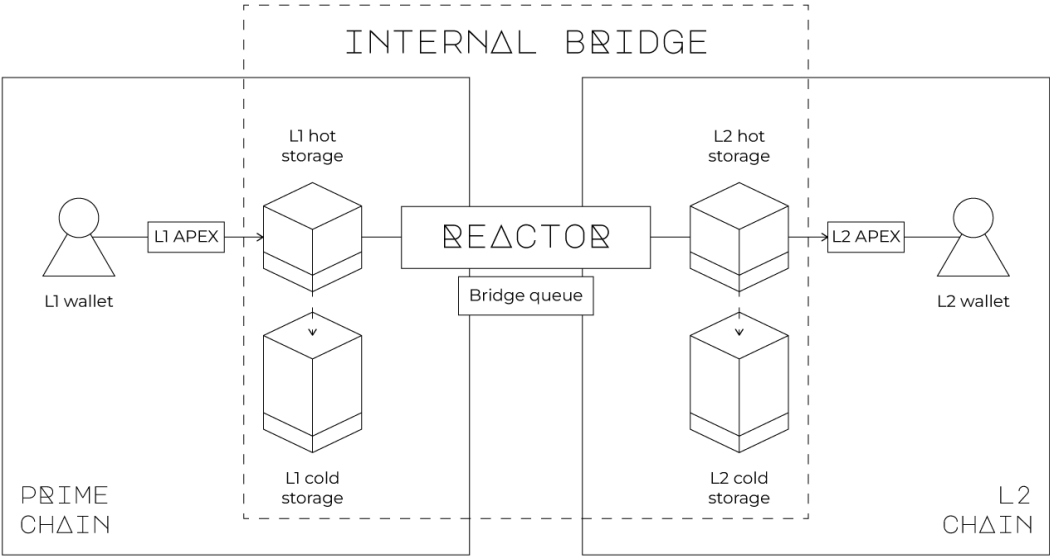


Figure 3. Example of bridged APEX token transfer from the Prime chain to an L2 chain.

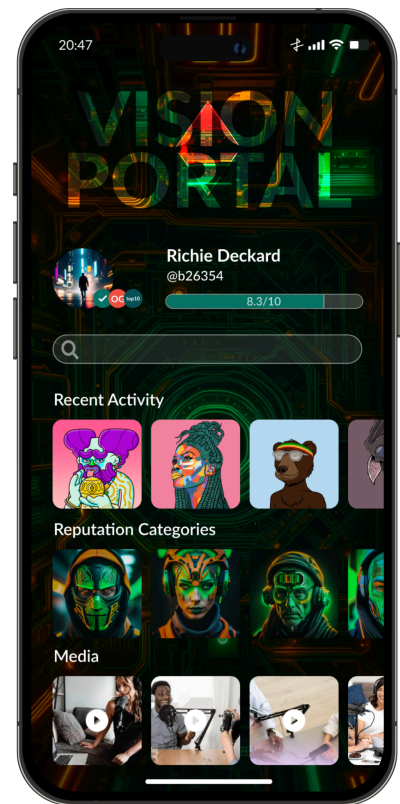
3. ΔPEX ∇ISION PORTAL

Apex Vision is a state-of-the-art web app that seamlessly aggregates all interactions between ecosystem stakeholders. It is designed to be a mobile-first, secure, frictionless, and engaging platform that will provide continuous interactions with users.

The main objective of the Vision portal is to establish pillars of the ecosystem that are composed of dynamic interactions powered by blockchain technology, decentralized identities, and different product components.

Besides traditional features like wallet, swaps, and bridging, the Vision Portal will have 3 major additional functionalities:

1. Reputation system
2. Endorsement center
3. Knowledge hub



3.1 ΔPEX REPUTATION SYSTEM

The Apex Reputation System is a repository of decentralized metrics (scores) that evaluate users' credibility based on their contributions and conduct across the Apex ecosystem. It aims to build trust and accountability without centralized gatekeepers.

SCORE CALCULATION

The scoring algorithm aggregates various on-chain data parameters including:

1. Governance participation - Proposals created, votes cast, discourse activity
2. Protocol contributions - Core dev work, application building, documentation
3. Token holdings and staking - Skin in the game signals commitment
4. Transaction history - Volume, types, recency, and other patterns
5. Decentralized identity - Verified credentials and links to external profiles
6. Endorsements - On-chain affirmations of credibility from other users
7. Conduct metrics - Monitoring for fraudulent behavior, scams, manipulation
8. Ecosystem alignments - Supporting shared vision and values

The relative weights of these parameters are determined through the governance system, and are continually refined based on data-driven insights and processes audited by reputable third parties.

The journey throughout the reputation system begins with a registry of standardized Decentralised IDs where the user optionally provides data like proof of their social profiles (like X, LinkedIn, Github..) or their wallets. The reputation system then indexes all previous on-chain actions, behaviors, and endorsements and calculates the metrics.

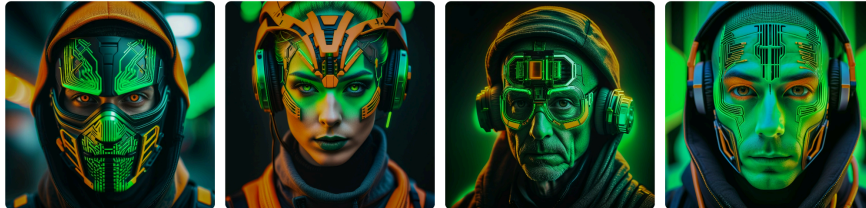
Certain activities like proposing impactful upgrades can significantly boost scores. But credibility has a half-life that decays over time if contribution lags or civic engagement wanes, incentivizing sustained engagement.

The reputation algorithm and parameters are open source for full transparency. User data remains private under self-custody. Users can verify the data used for their score. An on-chain governance process, facilitated by the Apex Fusion Foundation, manages updates, aligning with community values and third-party audits provide assurance.

ONE OVERALL SCORE TO RULE THEM ALL

While there is an aggregate score, different segments, with similar scores across categories, can emerge into distinct reputation groups such as:

- Technical Contributor - For developers, engineers, researchers
- Community Builder - For organizers, communicators, creators
- Infrastructure provider - Stake pool operator, oracles, validators
- Content Creator - For media, blogs, education, creative
- Protocol Partner - For infrastructure providers, vendors, connectors
- Ecosystem Advocate - For external platforms integrating with Apex



This provides nuanced, multidimensional reputation profiles.

GAMING PREVENTION

Strict anti-sybil mechanisms ensure one identity per user that links on-chain and off-chain identities, with the potential to integrate with verification systems. Inspired by the concept of the ENS (Ethereum Name Service), the Fusion reputation system will have embedded handles with the issuance of the DID (**.apex** domains).

Abnormal transaction spikes are detected through heuristics. Penalties like exclusion from governance and degraded scores help deter gaming. Community flags on suspicious conduct combined with data-driven monitoring provide oversight.

THE BENEFITS OF THE ΔPEX REPUTATION SCORE

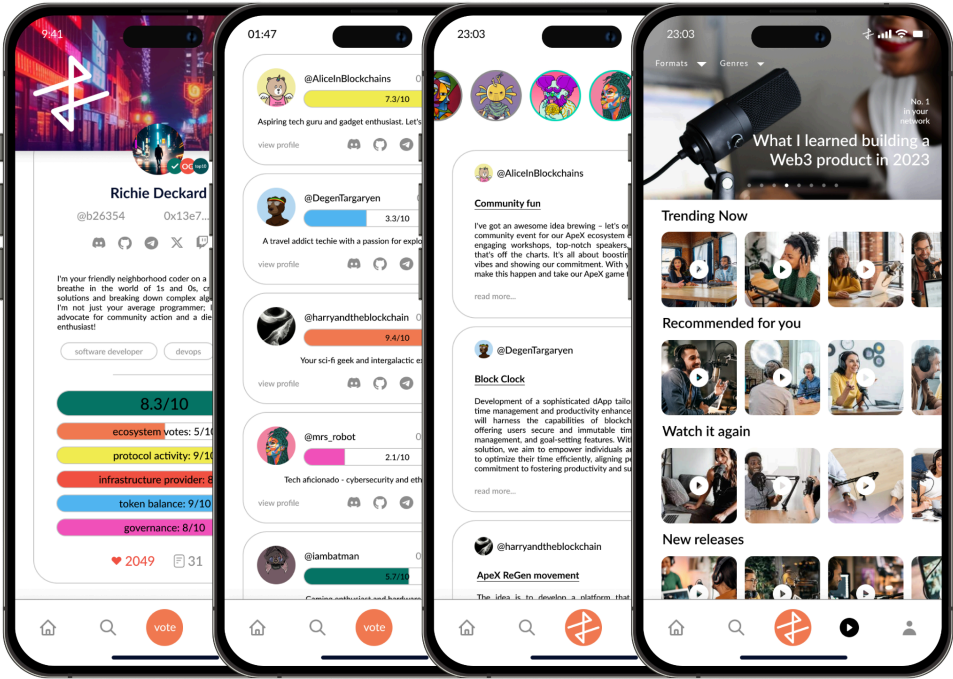
The Apex Reputation Score unlocks a world of possibilities by **quantifying trust** and credibility on-chain. As reputation is ported across decentralized networks, new socioeconomic models can emerge.

For individuals, reputation enables **permissionless participation** in Fusion networks. By linking identities to on-chain activity, anyone can impact communities and build credibility regardless of geographic or institutional constraints. Reputation becomes the passport to access and influence.

A permissionless reputation also **enables recognition** for contributions that matter. Developers, creators, organizers, and leaders can finally showcase impact through objectively quantified on-chain reputation. Pseudonymous figures can gain influence based purely on merit and sharing knowledge.

Every accomplishment, collaboration, or misconduct is permanently logged for all to inspect. This **transparency** motivates good behavior in alignment with collective interests. Future disputes can be resolved by examining reputation-linked records.

On-chain reputation lays the foundation for the ecosystem to function based on **proven** contributions rather than subjective judgments. Apex Fusion is pioneering solutions that quantify credibility to empower users in an open decentralized world.



3.2 ENDORSEMENT CENTER

The Apex ecosystem features the Endorsement Center, which is part of the Vision platform where users can endorse projects or individuals, reflecting their trust and credibility within the community. This system is built around the reputation metrics that indicate the user's influence and trustworthiness. When a user with a high reputation score endorses an entity (individual or a project), it raises the recipient's

reputation score more than when a user with a low reputation score does. This direct relationship between the endorser's reputation and the impact of their endorsement creates a responsible and meaningful network of trust within the community.

At the core of the Endorsement Center's functionality are the milestones and targets that endorsed projects are expected to achieve. The reputation scores of both endorsers and endorsees are directly linked to the success or failure of these projects. If an endorsed project, that is part of the InFusion funding mechanism, meets its milestones, the reputation score of the endorser increases, rewarding their good judgment. On the other hand, if a project fails to meet its objectives, the endorser's reputation score decreases, reflecting the inherent risks in their endorsement. This system of reciprocal influence ensures that endorsements are given and received with careful consideration.

The Endorsement Center incorporates algorithmic formulas to measure the impact of endorsements. These formulas take into account factors such as the endorser's reputation score, the number of endorsements they have made, and the performance of the projects or individual users (DIDs) they have endorsed. This algorithmic approach guarantees a fair and transparent system, balancing the influence of an endorsement with the endorser's standing and the actual outcomes of endorsed projects. This feature ensures that the Apex Fusion ecosystem not only supports a community-driven platform but also promotes standards of accountability and excellence, a true meritocratic system.

3.3 ΔPEX FUSION - THE ∇VOICE OF WEB3

Apex Fusion recognizes the **power of communication** as a fundamental tool in the Web3 era. Apex Fusion will be opening a new chapter in Web3 Communication by revolutionizing content creation and distribution in the Web3 World. Blockchain interoperability is not just a critical part on the technology integration level, it goes far beyond in its capacity to present Web3 to a wide range of audiences. Apex Fusion's approach transcends traditional communication, weaving a community-driven endeavor that resonates beyond the Web3 community.

The goal is to lead by example in the Web3 world with our innovative and inclusive approach to communication, highlighting the commitment to community engagement, high editorial standards, and frictionless, future-ready UX on the groundbreaking platform fueled by Apex Fusion ecosystem technology. Apex Fusion remains dedicated to being a beacon of knowledge, information, engagement, and innovation.

The communication strategy borrows from the **Apex Fusion manifesto**, but sprouts from community roots and matures with the ecosystem. This guiding principle ensures it aligns and helps develop the vision and values at the forefront of Web3 inclusivity. It permeates through all communication channels, establishing a coherent and powerful voice.

In line with the ethos of Web3, decentralization drives the media strategy. Apex Fusion is committed to **diversifying content creation** across the Web3 community, making it a collective voice for innovation and progress.

Vision Portal stands at the forefront of Apex Fusion's media initiative. Designed to serve the entire Web3 community, Vision Portal is an education, information, and engagement hub. It encompasses an educational academy, a rich repository of articles, and a diverse array of video content, including bite-sized videos and in-depth long-form content. "All Voices of Web3" is not just a tagline; it's the commitment to providing a platform where every member of the Web3 community can share, learn, and grow.

4 . TOKENOMICS OVERVIEW

4 . 1 USE CASES

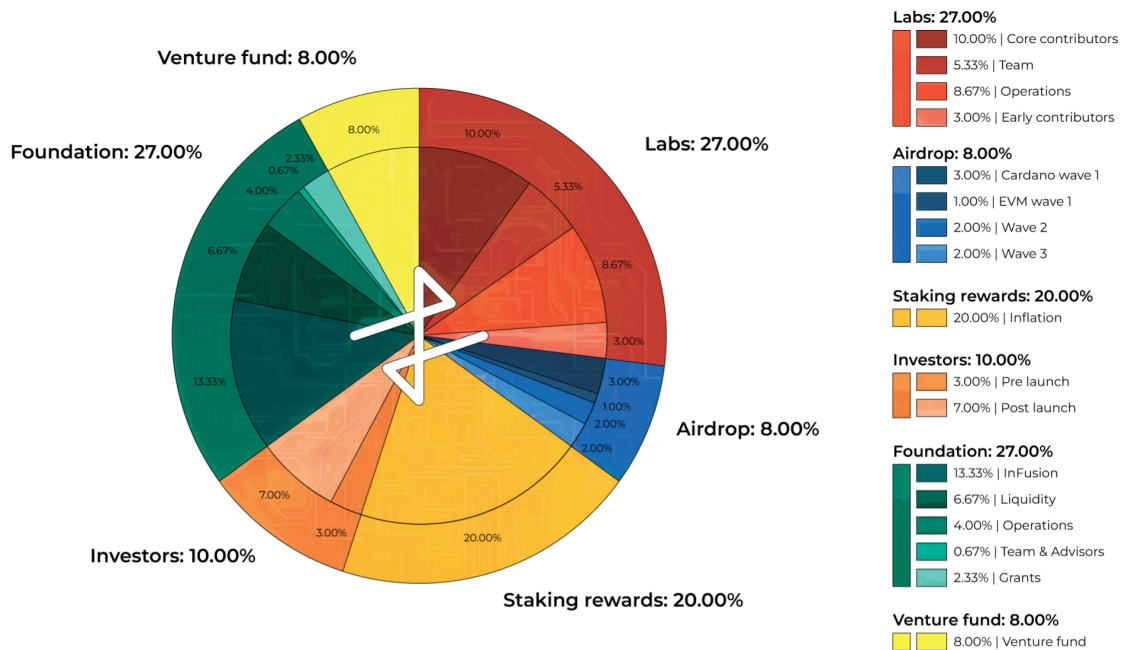
The APEX token serves as the primary token within the APEX Fusion ecosystem, with a myriad of utilities underlining its significance:

- **Access to network infrastructure:** The APEX token is primarily used for interacting with Fusion blockchains, protocols, and decentralized applications.
- **Transaction Fees:** The APEX token covers transaction fees across the Fusion ecosystem. The tri-chain structure ensures varied costs for different use cases: the Prime network, as a decentralized L1 liquid staking security layer, will have higher fees, whereas Nexus and Vector L2 layers prioritize cost-effectiveness, speed, and scalability. These transaction fees support vital operational aspects like transaction processing, network security, bridge functions, and validator rewards.
- **Intra Fusion chain transfers:** The APEX token plays a crucial role in enabling seamless transfers between the interconnected chains of the Fusion ecosystem through a native Reactor router.
- **Staking Rewards:** APEX staking not only strengthens the network and enhances its security but also allows token holders to partake in governance. By staking APEX tokens, users earn rewards, fostering long-term engagement and loyalty.
- **Ecosystem growth:** Fusion reputation system that possesses the power to influence the network's trajectory that determines funding. The APEX Fusion Foundation promotes the delegation of APEX tokens to various staking pools, supporting community-centric projects and ensuring decentralized evolution.

4.2 TOKEN SUPPLY AND ALLOCATION SUMMARY

The APEX token has a fixed supply of 3,000,000,000. The term "Circulating Supply" denotes APEX tokens that are not locked up. Excluding Ecosystem Incentives, most APEX tokens have long-term lockup periods, with a linear unlocking schedule.

The allocation of the tokens is as follows:



- **Investors (10%):** Total investor allocation is **10%**. The project will be initially funded through a pre-launch round of **3%** of the token supply. The remaining share is planned to be used to fund the project from outside strategic investors primarily post-launch. Please note that percentages between rounds may be adjusted based on market conditions whilst the 10% max allocation to investors will be maintained.
- **Labs (27%):**
 - **Team (5.3%):** This allocation rewards the project's team and aligns their financial interests with the project's success. The tokens will vest linearly over 3 years.

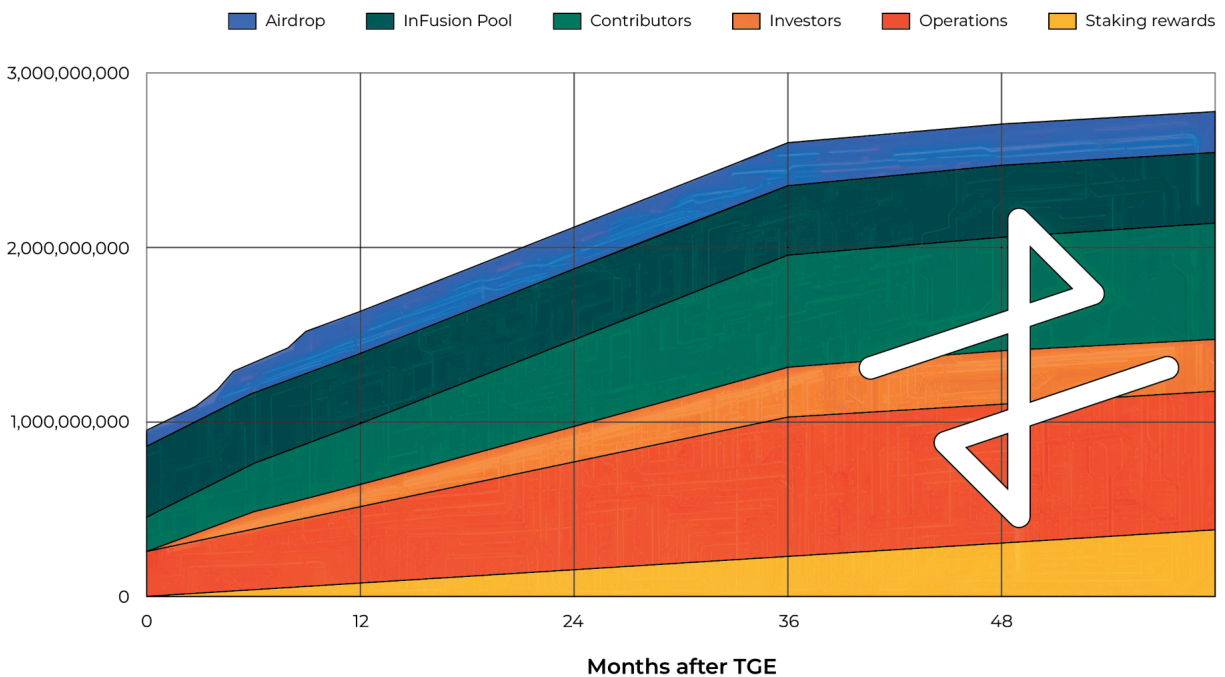
- Operations (**8.7%**): It includes bootstrapping liquidity for L2 chains and operating capital for the Reactor bridge. Also includes daily operating and maintenance costs such as costs for infrastructure and support.
- Core contributors (**10%**): Reserved for project Core contributors. The tokens will vest linearly over 3 years ensuring long-term commitment.
- Early contributors (**3%**): Tokens allocated to advisors will vest over 3 years, ensuring long-term commitment.
- The Foundation is the custodian of the ecosystem and it will own a majority of the allocation (**27%**) for various purposes:
 - Operations (**4%**): A significant portion supports the ecosystem through radical innovation funds for development, infrastructure, dApps, research, marketing, and more.
 - InFusion (**13.3%**): This innovative decentralized funding model uses staking pool rewards to finance projects. Rather than rewarding delegators, rewards are kept by the project for development. Funding can be halted if projects don't achieve milestones.
 - Grants (**2.3%**) are awarded based on several criteria, including technical merit and community benefit.
 - Liquidity (**6.7%**): Tokens in this category ensure network security and growth. Providing liquidity earns users APEX tokens. Rewards for liquidity will decrease over time.
 - Team and Advisors (**0.7%**): This allocation rewards the project's team and aligns their financial interests with the project's success. The tokens will vest linearly over 3 years.
- Airdrops (**8%**) in the custody of the Foundation until distribution: 240M APEX tokens are allocated for airdrops to holders of specific platforms, such as the Cardano and EVM chains. The airdrop aims to attract active users and has three phases over 12 months. Specific criteria will filter out ineligible addresses.

- Staking rewards (Inflation) (**20%**): APEX has an innovative inflation schedule. The foundation will engage with subject matter experts who will create a financial model to propose new inflation rates based on market inputs. Dynamic inflation ensures a steady income for critical infrastructure stakeholders (such as Stake Pool Operators). The goal is to balance the safety of the network with its economic value within the dynamic external environment, thereby nurturing a stable ecosystem for both the token and its community of stakeholders.

4.3 TOKEN SCHEDULE

To encourage long-term alignment, certain APEX token allocations will be subject to vesting schedules. This includes portions allotted to team members, advisors, and investors according to the industry standards. Vesting restricts access to tokens over time through gradual linear release. This prevents short-term thinking and sudden impacts on circulating supply.

Vesting Schedule by Allocation (cumulative)



4.4 ΔIRDROP

Out of the total 3B APEX supply, **240M (8%)** is allocated to an airdrop for holders of Cardano and EVM projects whose tech is utilized for Nexus. The team wants this to be a community onboarding effort from across the existing crypto ecosystem. We will reward the ecosystems whose technology and years of hard work we are building upon. The airdrop strategy is based on an intricate methodology aimed at incentivizing activity. Details of the airdrop will be announced before the event.

The airdrop is designed in three parts and relies on a model whereby users have to initiate an action to receive the airdrop. In short, the more activity, the higher the likelihood of token allocations during any airdrop wave. Each wave of the airdrop is estimated to span several months after the project's launch, with all unclaimed APEX allocated to the last round of distribution.

The airdrop strategy aims to acquire as many active users as possible, minimize user acquisition costs, create vested participation in protocols within the network, establish market forces to drive ecosystem value, and maximize token distribution to retail while minimizing the exposure to inactive users.

This carefully thought-out approach towards the airdrop is expected to enhance the project's user adoption, increase network activity, and create a fair distribution of tokens.

5. ECOSYSTEM GOVERNANCE

Central to Apex Fusion is its unique decentralized governance system, driving the ecosystem towards a vision of an interconnected world. Decision-making is distributed among empowered stakeholders that contribute through Vision Portal, by sharing their suggestions and discussing various proposals for ecosystem development.

Overseen by the Swiss Federal Foundation Supervisory Authority, the Apex Fusion Foundation has a significant role in safeguarding the APEX token and its

encompassing ecosystem. Its primary purpose isn't to directly control the ecosystem but rather to ensure its sustainability and growth.

Promoting decentralized governance lies at the heart of the Apex Fusion Foundation's approach. Through means such as grants, radical innovation funds, and capital deployment, it establishes an environment conducive to community-driven development and growth. The Foundation emphasizes a solid technical foundation, seeing it as the key to widespread adoption.

Apex Fusion Foundation is a synthesis of decentralized governance, community engagement, and long-term vision. It stands as a pillar of stability and direction, guiding the ecosystem towards growth and global adoption. For more insights and participation opportunities, the Apex Fusion Foundation's official website is a valuable resource.

5.1 FOUNDATION STRUCTURE

The Foundation is an entity established to foster the Apex Fusion ecosystem and nurture a sense of unity among a globally distributed community. It entrusts the community with essential decisions concerning fund allocations, governance policies, strategy, research, training, and essential partnerships.

The Foundation Council is the main operational body. The Foundation Council will appoint a qualified team to manage routine operations, such as finance, project management, and administration.

Special Commissions and their administrators - appointed, guided, and supervised by the Foundation Council - are a direct link to the Apex Fusion broader community.

Moreover, the coordination of the InFusion and Grants program stands out as a significant component, primarily used to support various initiatives.

5.2 LEGAL FRAMEWORK & PHILANTHROPY

The Foundation prioritizes adhering to legal regulations, which solidifies its reputation and trustworthiness. A Statutory auditor by the Swiss supervisory authority will monitor Foundation activities and ensure full legal compliance.

Moreover, consistent with its core values, the Foundation also considers allocating resources to meaningful philanthropic activities that resonate with the ecosystem's objectives.

5.3 TOKEN DYNAMICS & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Foundation follows transparent guidelines concerning token distribution, ensuring equilibrium between different stakeholders like the ecosystem funds, contributors, and Core contributors. Occasionally, the Foundation becomes the custodian of intellectual properties. The Foundation Council's decisions ensure these assets are used in line with the ecosystem's objectives.

5.4 COMMUNITY, DEVELOPERS, AND BEYOND

The Apex Fusion Foundation places significant emphasis on building and nurturing relationships. By laying down the necessary structures, it provides a platform for the community to grow and evolve.

Attracting developers and dApps from the outset is paramount for the success and sustainability of Apex Fusion. Developers serve as the lifeblood of any blockchain ecosystem, shaping its functionality, scalability, and innovation potential. Early developer engagement establishes a strong foundation upon which new blockchains can grow, adapt, and thrive in the competitive landscape of blockchain technology. By enticing talented developers and fostering a thriving developer

community, the Apex Fusion ecosystem can enhance its technological robustness and broaden its utility and appeal to users.

In addition to staking rewards, to ensure developer activity and the creation or extension of existing dApps into the Apex Fusion ecosystem, The Foundation has a mandate to invest in and support projects and dApps that contribute to the growth and adoption of the Apex Fusion ecosystem. Multiple strategies will be implemented:

1. **Cross-Chain Bridging:** The nature of Apex Fusion, with its family of chains comprising Prime, Vector, Nexus, and Reactor bridge, ensures bridging with other popular blockchains which will allow developers to easily port existing projects.
2. **Media & Communications:** to promote public awareness regarding the Apex Fusion ecosystem, the Apex Fusion protocol, and related technologies and applications; to take measures in the field of marketing and distribution of the Apex Fusion token and the Apex Fusion ecosystem; and to foster connections among diverse web3 communities and entities.
3. **Business Development:** Providing tools and infrastructure to the Apex Fusion ecosystem without competing with it, focusing on supporting and enabling the community and partners by offering resources that foster innovation and growth, while ensuring a collaborative and synergistic environment.
4. **Developer Grants & Funding:** a portion of APEX tokens will be allocated to a developer grant program and InFusion. These programs will provide financial support to promising projects and developers who are building in the ecosystem.
5. **Liquidity Provision Rewards:** A mandate for a liquidity provision program will be adopted to incentivize DeFi ecosystem growth for providing liquidity to Apex-based DEXs, with the potential to increase attractiveness for DeFi users interested in yield farming and liquidity provision.
6. **Hackathons & Competitions:** Hackathons and coding competitions will be organized with APEX token prizes, with the goal of attracting both experienced and novice developers looking for opportunities to showcase their skills and win rewards.

7. **Events & Conferences:** Presence on Web3 events, but also in the wider tech industry, with a goal of propagating ecosystem development for a growing user and partner base.
8. **Regional hubs:** Establishing a permanent presence in strategic locations to harvest the potential of the vibrant local communities by providing continuous support and education.
9. **Documentation & Awareness:** Developer-focused documentation and tools specifically tailored for building on Apex Fusion will be provided, as well as campaigns to promote the advantages of developing in the ecosystem.

6 . DISCLAIMER

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