

Tales of the Agora Road

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Collector's Edition

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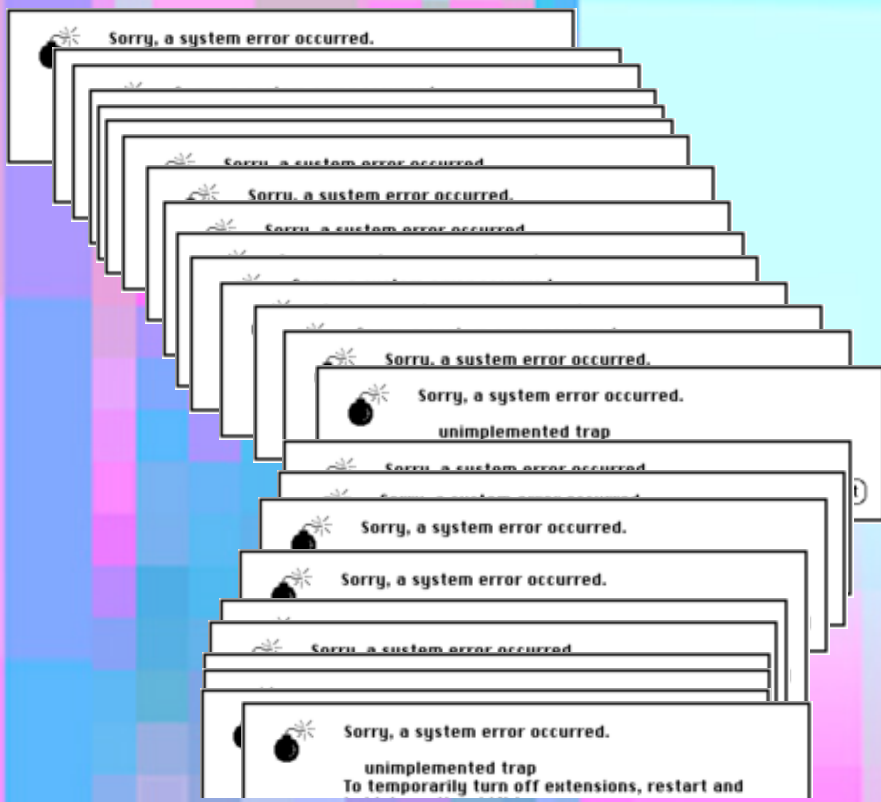
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What are NFTs? Why are NFTs?

Should I laugh, cry, or buy?

NFT stands for Non-Fungible Token. In layman's terms, it's a piece of information (e.g. an image) that anyone can view online, but only its owner can control. In the case of NFTs, "control" typically just means transfer of ownership.

So what's the point? You can think of NFTs like digital baseball cards. Ultimately, they are merely a piece of data, like a photo. But, based on their rarity and appeal, other people might be willing to pay you money to col-

lect it. You can photocopy a baseball card, just as you can screenshot an NFT image, but collectors (buyers) will know a fake from the real. The main advantage NFTs have over physical collectibles is **accessibility**. You can trade them entirely online, instantly, and in some cases free.

Digital collectibles have existed for decades, but NFTs are different in one big way: **decentralization**. Unlike a sword in World of Warcraft or hat in Team Fortress 2, an NFT doesn't exist in a single company's server. It technically exists as thousands of digital copies scattered across servers throughout the world. But only the owner has the key to change who the owner is. As such, it isn't susceptible to a company going out of business and you don't need to pay a recurring fee to maintain access to it.



AgoraRoad.com Interview with ExampleGuy

Q. How many NFTs do you have?

A. About 50. Although, at a time I owned more than 200.

Q. Why?

A. It's fun. And profitable.

Q. How profitable?

A. I've doubled my money since I started.

Q. What most excited you about the future of NFTs?

A. Once the hype dies down, I expect those who are left — artists, cypherpunks, passionate deus — will find new, fun ways to innovate with digital collectables.

Q. What's your favorite NFT?

Q. My 06 Rarepepe. Never selling.

It's important to pause here and examine what important recent technological innovation enabled everyone from 5 year olds to forgetful grandmas to create collectable, decentralized rarepepes, kittens, and potatoes. In a word...

Bitcoin. In 2009, a mysterious Internet user with the handle Satoshi Nakamoto released Bitcoin. Regardless if you think Bitcoin is a scam, revolutionary tech, neither, or both, Bitcoin undeniably proved that something of value (in this case, cash), could be decentralized. A bitcoin, like an NFT, can be viewed online by anyone, but only its its owner can control it, and it exists decentralized. They may not have apparent inherit utility, but they are scarce and they have value, just like a dollar or a baseball card.

NFTs distinguish themselves from Bitcoin by being non-fungible. There's that weird word again! Bitcoin is fungible, which means if I offer to buy a pizza from you for 1 bit-

coin, you won't ask what color or shape my bitcoin is; they're all the same. NFTs are non-fungible, and thus they can be unique. Or, you can print 100 limited copies of one, and while they are all alike, there are only 100 like them.

As for yours truly, I've never owned an NFT, but I have always been intrigued by their potential. I believe NFTs will be useful to society in time. But for now, consider it a gamble. —Cyberbob



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