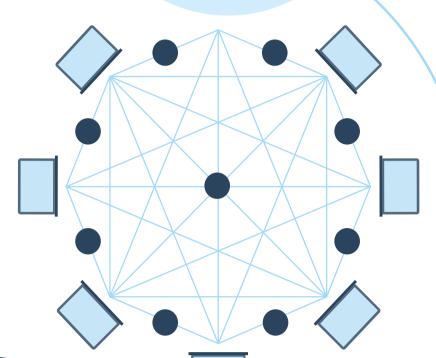


A decentralized app (dApp) is a software program that uses the power of blockchain technology, and oftentimes smart contracts, to achieve decentralization.

They store most often on cloud computing platforms and can operate on multiple systems simultaneously.



Each system runs on the same blockchain network, and every system in the network communicates with the other systems in order to complete a task or command.

Blockchain based companies used Apps to streamline processes and increase operational efficiency.

The underlying blockchain technology fosters transparency and auditability.

## KEY CHARACTERISTICS

Decentralized apps have four intrinsic characteristics:

### **OPEN SOURCE**

The applications infrastructure and code must be publicly available, allowing for transparency, auditability, and scrutiny.

### **CONSENSUS**

The application runs on a

**PROTOCOL** 

public blockchain and is free from the control of a central authority.



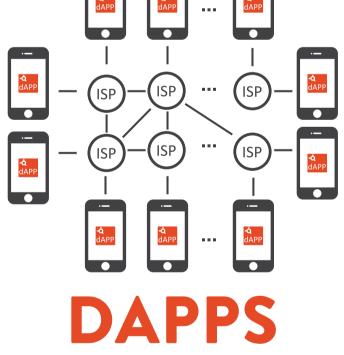
#### **INTERNALLY MONETIZED**

The application runs on a public blockchain and is free from the control of a central authority.

### **DECENTRALIZED**

Platform tokens are generated using a cryptographic consensus protocol, such as Proof-of-Work or Proof-of- Stake.

## DIFFERENCES FROM TRADITIONAL APPS



## **OPEN SOURCE**

because all parties have access to the code, it can't be easily manipulated. Updates are based on consensus and are transparent.



# **APPS**

DATA CENTER

## only the developers have

**CLOSED SOURCE** 

access to the code, meaning it can be changed whenever the developer wants. Transparency is nonexistent.

**FIAT MONETIZED** 

### digital token monetization

**INTERNALLY MONETIZED** 

means each participant can receive tokens. App use can be global because there aren't currency barriers.



### network supporters are not rewarded for participation;

fiat money is used to purchase the apps.

### not controlled by any one

**DECENTRALIZED** 



### party. Changes must be agreed upon by the

community.

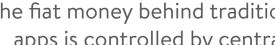


CENTRALIZED controlled by centralized parties like app stores, corporations, and developers. Individuals must go along with the directions of the entity in charge.

PROTOCOL CONSENSUS tokens are created in a decentralized manner, meaning

money creation and supply isn't

arbitrary or easily tampered with.



**SINGULAR CONSENSUS** the fiat money behind traditional apps is controlled by central banks. The corporations that control the apps can also redirect

money supply and charge fees.

