

## It's Time to Own Our Future

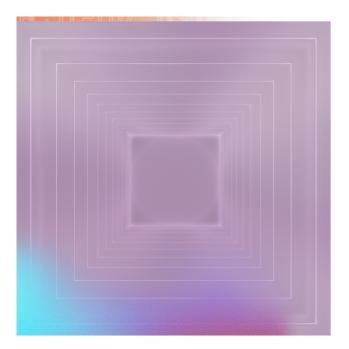
Living in today's world requires giving up a lot of control.

Every day, we give up control of intimate data to large tech companies to use online services. We give up control of our finances to banks and unaccountable credit bureaus. We give up control of our elections to voting system companies who run opaque and unauditable elections.

Even when we try to escape this power imbalance and participate in blockchains, most of us give up control and trust to third parties to verify transactions. Why? Because running a full node requires expensive hardware, unsustainable amounts of electricity and tons of time to sync increasingly heavier and heavier chains.

But it doesn't have to be this way.





That's why we created Mina.

In June of 2017, O(1) Labs kicked off an ambitious new open source project to design a layer one protocol that could deliver on the original promise of blockchain - true decentralization, scale and security. Rather than apply brute computing force, Mina offers an elegant solution using advanced cryptography and recursive zk-SNARKs.

Over the past three years, our team together with our incredible community have launched and learned through several testnet phases. And now, at long last, we are proud to introduce Mina to the wider world. Here, developers can build powerful applications like Snapps (SNARK-powered apps) to offer financial services without compromising data privacy and programmable money that anyone can access trustlessly from their phones. And that's just the beginning.

While there will still be challenges to come, the world's lightest, most accessible blockchain is ready to be powered by a whole new generation of participants.

Here's to a more efficient, elegant and fair future - for all of us.

"What attracted me was a small, scalable blockchain that's still independently verifiable on small nodes."



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