

# Alternative Cryptocurrencies

a quick primer

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*Per numeros...  
...ad astra*

# Who am I?

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- ❑ polyglot programmer since tender age
- ❑ former IT consultant
- ❑ former devop (when it wasn't a buzzword yet)
- ✓ Open Source Developer (debian-live cofounder)
- ✓ Full Stack Software Engineer
- ✓ former FBK Technologist (web of data and Bitcoin technologies)
- ❑ inbitcoin.it CEO

Profile update pending: once the blockchain confirms the data this notice will disappear (~20 mins)



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A random man with quite a few random passions. At latest status update: Entrepreneurship, Bitcoin and Smart Contracts ✎

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# Alternative Cryptocurrencies

...are them real money, like bitcoin?

Sort of:

- 99% Traded for bitcoins
- only Litecoin and few others are traded for fiat currencies
- ✓ registrationless trading



source: [coinmarketcap.com](http://coinmarketcap.com)

# Alternative Cryptocurrencies

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**tl;dr:**

- weaker network security
- weaker development
- weaker adoption
- dumped for bitcoins

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Wait! there are  
still 20 minutes of talk!  
What are *Alts* good for?

source: [coinmarketcap.com](http://coinmarketcap.com)

# “Market capitalization”

640 currencies would be enough for everyone ...

#	Name	Market Cap	Price	Available Supply	Volume (24h)
1	 Bitcoin	\$ 3,421,949,381	\$ 241.03	14,197,075 BTC	\$ 11,510,300
3	 Litecoin	\$ 71,763,278	\$ 1.83	39,312,004 LTC	\$ 1,700,160
7	 Dogecoin	\$ 14,264,708	\$ 0.000143	99,537,422,819 DOGE	\$ 244,757
2	 Ripple	\$ 217,244,587	\$ 0.006808	31,908,551,587 XRP *	\$ 145,321
4	 BitShares	\$ 15,673,532	\$ 0.006240	2,511,953,117 BTS *	\$ 121,664
16	 BlackCoin	\$ 2,791,583	\$ 0.037265	74,911,457 BLK *	\$ 85,617

“Market cap” is  
-> *total coins times price.*

Bitcoin has 50 times the marketcap of Litecoin, the 2<sup>nd</sup> most traded crypto.

Dogecoin was born from an Internet meme



Ripple marketcap is misleading (most tokens are not distributed)

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# Bitcoin is code

Let's Fork!

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for Bitcoin Core. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for Explore, Gist, Blog, and Help. The repository name is 'bitcoin / bitcoin'. On the right side, there are buttons for Watch (888), Star (6,915), and Fork (4,817). A callout box highlights the 'Fork' button and its count. Below the repository name, there is a link to the Bitcoin Core integration/staging tree. A progress bar shows 8,405 commits, 4 branches, 134 releases, and 296 contributors. At the bottom, there is a merge pull request #6159 by user 'laanwj'.

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branch: master   bitcoin / +

Merge pull request #6159

laanwj authored 23 hours ago   latest commit e1412d3e96

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Code

Issues 309

Pull requests 111

Pulse

# Bitcoin is code

Let's buy a fork!

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# Altcoin as a “Forked” Bitcoin

## Classical Altcoins code properties

	Bitcoin 	Litecoin 	Dash 	Nxt 
block time	10 mins	2.5 mins	2.5 mins	90 secs
max total coins	21 M	84 M	~22 M	1 B (premined)
mining algorithm	SHA256	Scrypt	X11	Proof of Stake
price	200 €	1.5 €	2.5 €	0.1 €
Estimated users	~ 1 M	15 K	5 K	4 K
Venture Capitals	~ 800 M\$	few M\$	few K\$	few K\$

# Altcoins and Altchains...

..but the 2014's buzzword was "Appcoin"



# Pegged altcoins

1\$ = 1 BitUSD = 1 Nubits = 1 Tether

Stable cryptos derived by inflating and deflating a “sister” derived crypto:

Bitshares  $\Leftrightarrow$  BitUSD

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Hey, this is something that banks know how to do!

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# Turing complete blockchains

*Smart contracts* platform embedded in the chain

The Blockchain is not “really” a ledger, but a Distributed Database executing non-turing complete scripts (“programs without cycles”).

**Ethereum, Bitshares:** altcoins with altchains

**Counterparty:** tokens over The Blockchain



Counterparty



*Those are still like  
Penny Stocks, be careful.  
I do not endorse them!*



# Turing complete blockchains?

Is embedding applications  
at ledger level a Good Idea?

... or is more like if  
Windows 3.1 was embedded in  
the Internet Protocol  
(TCP/IP) itself ?



Counterparty



# Need an Altcoin for?

do it on top of Bitcoin and leverage “The Blockchain”

## Examples:

accepting 0 confirmation tx?



multisignatures 2/2



scale to thousands tx/sec?



payment hub (lightning networks)

adding Trust ?



Open Access Protocol



enable (some) smart contracts?



Oraclize!



change the inflation curve?

add a group of wisemen choose how many coins “print” and destroy?  
embed pong in the ledger ?



ok, for everything else you would need an Alt, we can help you at [inbitcoin.it](http://inbitcoin.it)

# Need an Altcoin for?

do it on top of Bitcoin and leverage “The Blockchain”

## Examples:

Create your local social credit circuit like Sardex or Scac ?



Solutions on top of the Bitcoin layer:

Tokens over Open Access Protocol (OAP)

As above but must scale really *big* right now?



Wait for NASDAQ to fuel OAP2, they are probably already doing just that.

You really need a purpose specific blockchain and you cannot use The Blockchain?



Again, contact us, could be interesting.



# Questions?

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