Atlas Protocol Light Paper

Defining blockchain interactive advertising & marketing

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Motivation

With the rapid growth of the Blockchain industry we are seeing continuous rollouts of blockchain projects. However, as of today, there is very little interaction can be done on blockchain other than balance transfers. Even though we have Smart Contracts that enables Dapps, a good mechanism for information transferring and discovery is still to be defined.

There are prior attempts trying to solve digital advertising’s problem with Blockchain technology, however, Blockchain economy has its own advertising problem to be solved. It is impractical to promote Blockchain projects in Internet since digital advertising industry can not profile Blockchain addresses and current Blockchain could not support complicated interactions required by advanced advertising practices.

Hence a better infrastructure is needed to help define ways of identifying, activating users and conveying information along with value. Nebulas Labs (Nebulabs) and xGoogler Blockchain Alliance (xGBA) has jointly incubated Atlas Protocol (ATP) to close this gap in the blockchain ecosystem. ATP is tasked to build a Blockchain native interactive marketing infrastructure so to enable information flow freely on chain and also to explore new ways of on-chain interactions.
Protocol Overview

Atlas Protocol proposed a new Blockchain native media for value ranking and circulation via advertising. ATP aims to connect advertiser, publishers (e.g., DApps), Blockchain users with on-chain interactions via Atlas Ads.

Atlas Protocol components include:

- **Transaction Interactive Element (TIE):** Interactive elements build on top of Blockchain transactions
- **Atlas Targeting Rank (ATR):** Value ranking mechanism based on on-chain activities
- **User Data Protection & Incentives (UDI):** Mechanism to protect user privacy from abuse as well as include users into the value circulation by rewarding user for engaging in on-chain interactions.
Protocol:
Transaction Interactive Element

In Atlas Protocol, Transaction Interactive Element (TIE) defines a generic structure for users on Blockchain to interact with each others besides transfer transactions. It is worth noting that TIE also defines how one can proactively reach other Blockchain users on-chain with information and interaction intent.

The protocol itself defines:
- Generic interaction structures that could be specialized for different scenarios
- TIE data structure and related storage & transportation guidance
- How to Interpret TIE data in end user facing channels
- Smart Contract interfaces for record TIE interaction data on Blockchain
Protocol:
Atlas Targeting Rank

Atlas Targeting Rank (ATR) aims to navigate advertising information in the ever growing Blockchain network and make sure it reaches the most wanted audience.

ATR defines a value ranking mechanism for addresses that is:
- Based on on-chain activities of addresses
- Specialized for advertising
- Used to increase the overall ROI of on-chain promotions

Every address’ ATR value is updated periodically, and relatedness among user and multiple ad candidates are calculated dynamically during ad match.
Protocol: User Data Protection & Incentives

Atlas Protocol ascertains that user data belongs to user themselves, and value user contributed data through interaction as their contribution to the ecosystem to be rewarded.

Hence in User Data Protection & Incentives (UDI), the protocol specifies the follow details:

- Ways of using Blockchain technology and other security measures to ensure user data privacy, including that ATP user profiling will not use risky traditional technologies such as Cookies.
- Mechanism to make sure ATP applications complaint with data protection regulations such as GDPR.
- Guidelines for distributing incentives to user to acknowledge their data contribution.
Use Cases:
Atlas Smartdrop

In the era of Blockchain advertising, Airdrop is a new way of promotion that native to Blockchain, however, current solutions all rely on Internet for spreading the word and does not have good targeting hence are costly and inefficient.

With Atlas Smartdrop, one can rely on ATR for selecting targeted audience on-chain base on their need and proactively reach out to on-chain addresses with information, engagement intent as well as token rewards, hence making the whole process highly efficient, yields great ROI.
Use Cases: Atlas SmartVoting

As a third-party technology platform, Atlas Protocol product establishes mutual trust among exchanges, projects and users. Users participate in on-chain voting and get rewards. Every vote is recorded on blockchain. On-chain data analysis makes it possible to analyze user behaviors and obtain accurate marketing information while straying away from user offline data in order to protect privacy.
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Tokens

Atlas Protocol token symbol is ATP. It is distributed on Nebulas public blockchain platform following the NRC20 standard. ATP token is used to build technical infrastructure and boost ecosystem development for the new on-chain interactive advertising. It can be utilized for but not limited to these scenarios:

- Ad transaction payments
- Publisher incentives
- User data contribution rewards

The total number of ATP token remains constant at 10 billions. Token allocation distributions and release schedules are:

Institution Settlement: $0.01/Token
Institution Round: Oct 2018

- **30%** - *Institution*: 3,000,000,000 tokens, 30% of total supply. 2 years vesting schedule. 1,500,000,000 tokens minted. 1,320,434,297 tokens locked (as June 2019).
- **20%** - *Team*: 2,000,000,000 tokens, 20% of total supply. 4 years vesting schedule. None minted.
- **30%** - *Ecosystem*: 3,000,000,000 tokens, 30% of total supply. 1,000,000,000 tokens minted, for ecosystem business development and advertising system utility purposes.
- **10%** - *Community*: 1,000,000,000 tokens, 10% of total supply. 500,000,000 tokens minted, for community smartdrop, promotions, and bounty program.
- **10%** - *Nebulas Labs*: 1,000,000,000 tokens, 10% of total supply. 1,000,000,000 tokens minted, for incubation of the project.
Institutional Supporters
## Clients & Partners

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Roadmap

- Q2 2018, Core Team Founded
- June 2018, Product v1 Proof of Concept
- Q3 2018, Product v1 Beta
- Q4 2018, Product v1 Launch
- Q1 2019, Product v2 Launch
- Q2 2019 and beyond, Product v3 and ecosystem
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