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**XRP**

## Evolve XRP ETF

### OVERVIEW

XRP is a digital asset designed to facilitate fast and cost-effective cross-border payments and serves as the native cryptocurrency of the XRP Ledger (XRPL), an open-source, decentralized blockchain platform.

Unlike many cryptocurrencies, XRP was created to work within the traditional financial system, aiming to enhance international money transfers by providing liquidity and bridging different currencies.<sup>1</sup>

### HISTORY & DEVELOPMENT



The development of the XRP Ledger began in 2011 by engineers David Schwartz, Jed McCaleb, and Arthur Britto. They sought to create a more efficient alternative to Bitcoin, focusing on faster transaction times and reduced energy consumption.<sup>2</sup>

### INVESTMENT CASE



Investors are drawn to XRP due to its utility in facilitating rapid and low-cost international payments. Its adoption by various financial institutions as a bridge currency enhances its value proposition.

### USES



XRP is primarily used to facilitate cross-border payments by acting as a bridge currency between different fiat currencies, enabling faster and more cost-effective international transactions. Beyond payments, XRP is utilized in various applications, including:

- **Remittances:** Providing a quick and affordable method for individuals to send money internationally.
- **Microtransactions:** Enabling small-value transactions due to its low transaction fees.
- **Decentralized Finance (DeFi):** Serving as collateral and liquidity in emerging DeFi platforms.

These use cases leverage XRP's speed and efficiency to improve financial services.

### SUPPLY & ISSUANCE



XRP was pre-mined with a total supply of 100 billion tokens at its inception. A significant portion of this supply was allocated to Ripple Labs, with the remaining distributed among founders and through various giveaways and incentives. To manage the release of XRP into the market and maintain price stability, Ripple placed 55 billion XRP into an escrow account, releasing up to 1 billion XRP per month as needed. Unutilized XRP from these monthly releases are returned to escrow.<sup>3</sup>

### TECHNICAL FEATURES



The XRP Ledger employs a unique consensus mechanism known as the Ripple Protocol Consensus Algorithm (RPCA), which differs from Proof-of-Work (PoW) and Proof-of-Stake (PoS) systems. In RPCA, independent validators agree on the order and outcome of XRP transactions every few seconds, resulting in rapid transaction finality and low energy consumption.<sup>4</sup> This design allows the XRP Ledger to process transactions efficiently, with typical settlement times of 3-5 seconds and the capacity to handle up to 1,500 transactions per second.<sup>5</sup>

### GOVERNANCE & DECENTRALIZATION



The XRP Ledger operates as a decentralized network of independent validators who maintain the ledger and validate transactions. While Ripple Labs contributes to the development and promotion of XRP, it does not control the XRP Ledger. The network's consensus mechanism relies on a diverse set of validators to ensure decentralization and security.

### ADOPTION & INSTITUTIONAL INTEREST



A well-known company that uses XRP is American Express, which leverages RippleNet to enable real-time cross-border payments for corporate clients. Through its partnership with Ripple, American Express uses XRP indirectly via Ripple's infrastructure to facilitate faster and more transparent transactions between the U.S. and international markets, helping businesses move money efficiently and reduce settlement times from days to seconds<sup>6</sup>

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## SOURCE

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