

Headline: Star Atlas, The Sandbox Among 5 Hottest Crypto Games in 2022

Lead: Star Atlas and The Sandbox exemplify the metaverse and play-to-earn trends in crypto gaming in 2022.

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Gaming is moving to the blockchain. With crypto games rapidly gaining popularity, the opportunities for gamers and developers are growing in sync. But which games are the best?

Without further ado, let's jump straight into the 5 hottest crypto games in 2022—and take a look at some of the trends shaping the crypto gaming market.

1. The Sandbox

The Sandbox is a play-to-earn metaverse game that enables players to create LAND—digital plots that collectively comprise the game's metaverse. The Sandbox also supports SAND, a digital token that can be used to monetize LAND. SAND can be earned and exchanged through The Sandbox platform, and is also supported by the external cryptocurrency exchange Wazirx.

As a play-to-earn game that supports a metaverse, The Sandbox is benefiting from two major trends in gaming. Players can monetize their metaverse LAND and even use The Sandbox to launch their own blockchain-based games.

2. Polygonum

Polygonum is a multiplayer game that simulates survival situations. Players can buy and trade in-game items, claim territory, form factions, mine raw materials, and earn digital currency, among other activities. The platform's native cryptocurrency, \$POG, can be used to purchase in-game items that are tokenized into NFTs.

The Polygonum game accommodates three different playing styles by supporting three distinct primary zones: a player vs. player combat zone, a player vs. environment zone for hunting and exploration, and a zone reserved for farming.

Polygonum supports an open world, meaning that players can explore Polygonum in the order and manner that they wish. Open-world gaming is another major trend in the blockchain gaming sector, significantly overlapping with the metaverse.

3. Clash of Coins

Clash of Coins is the blockchain version of World of Warcraft or Command & Conquer. This massively multiplayer online role-playing game (MMORPG) enables players to band together under one or more digital coins—like Bitcoin—to attempt to achieve global dominance. Players of Clash of Coins compete in real time to claim territory from competing groups.

With over 100,000 participants already, the Clash of Coins game is benefiting from the broad name recognition associated with Bitcoin, Ethereum, and others. The game exemplifies the popularity in 2022 of strategy-based blockchain games.

4. Star Atlas

Star Atlas is another massively-multiplayer metaverse, standing out for its ability to support a 3D universe that gamers can experience in virtual reality (VR). Star Atlas, like Clash of Coins, organizes players into factions that wage galactic wars over resources, territories, and political power. Star Atlas players can directly influence the evolution of the game's metaverse, plus earn real-world money for participating.

Star Atlas supports two native cryptocurrencies—ATLAS and POLIS—and is hosted on the Solana blockchain. Star Atlas is another play-to-earn crypto game that is rapidly gaining popularity, and at the same time innovating on the VR front.

5. Rainmaker

Rainmaker is a blockchain-based fantasy game that focuses on cryptocurrency and stock market investing. Players participate in the Rainmaker ecosystem by conducting fantasy trades of stocks, cryptocurrencies, and other assets. As an educational game, players can learn about investing and improve their personal finance strategies in a risk-free environment.

The Rainmaker game uses real-time data from the stock market and cryptocurrency price feeds, to give the game a “real world” feel. Rainmaker's increasing popularity can be attributed to the ongoing trend—on and off the blockchain—of making education fun through gaming.