

ABSTRACT

Blockchain technology, particularly through Decentralized Finance (DeFi), has significantly transformed the financial industry. As of January 2023, DeFi's crypto market cap stood at \$46.21 billion, with 6,686,500 users. DeFi surpasses Traditional Finance (TradFi) in various aspects, offering lower fees, inclusivity, faster transactions, accessibility, transparency, programmability, high security, and no intermediaries. From an end-user perspective, DeFi provides advantages like self-storage of assets, peer-to-peer transactions, and creative control over financial solutions. Despite its rapid growth, there remains a lack of comprehensive research on DeFi mapping, including its benefits, risks, financial services, and underlying technology. This study uses a descriptive qualitative approach, including literature reviews, phenomenological research, and interviews, to address this gap and enhance understanding of DeFi in academia and industry. The research aims to examine the DeFi Taxonomy and the relationships between its dimensions.

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