



Press release

Tezos Foundation to Support Stephen Andrews' Development Studio

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The Tezos Foundation is pleased to announce that it will issue a grant to Stephen Andrews to establish TezTech, a global Tezos software development studio.

Stephen is a widely respected contributor to the Tezos ecosystem. Some of his work includes [TezBox](#), a multi-platform, dApp friendly wallet for Tezos, and [BakeChain](#), a service that allows its users to bake ("validate") on the Tezos network without having to install and maintain a full node. In addition to these two projects, the TezTech team will continue to work on:

- [eztz.js](#) - a Javascript library for interacting with the Tezos blockchain.
- [fi](#) - a high-level smart contract language for Tezos that compiles to Michelson.
- tzToken - a sub-token standard for Tezos.
- TezRPC - an RPC API that offers free access to the Tezos blockchain by providing infrastructure for developers and users.
- [Velos](#) - a proposed off-chain, trustless scaling method for Tezos.

This grant also supports TezTech's initial research and development of "Sona," a decentralized identity protocol on Tezos. Sona will allow users to maintain control over their identities and seeks to be extremely modular as a way to provide value-added services to end users.

The TezTech team's mission is to provide tools, applications, and services that empower the Tezos ecosystem. The Foundation is thrilled to support this development studio as it works to advance the Tezos project.