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# Tokenized Cash: *Reserve* First

The end of the savings account story is not the end of savings math—liquidity, insurance, and governance still decide who sleeps.

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## Tokenized / *Cash Stack* /

Tokenized cash economics studies how programmable money, stablecoins, and tokenized savings vehicles unbundle traditional deposit bundles—then reassemble yield, risk, and UX in ways users must audit

honestly. Pair with [on-chain wealth](#) for rail literacy, [tokenization](#) on claim design, [entropy](#) on fee and peg drift, and [stock vs. flow](#) so emergency stock survives yield experiments.

*"Tokenized cash is savings with new plumbing  
—read the reserve map like a grown-up."*

## 1. Unbundling *Savings*

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TOKENIZED CASH POLICY SHEET

01

## Plain-cash floor

Bills and payroll—non-negotiable bank or equivalent.

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02

## Venue limits

Per-protocol caps, per-chain caps, kill rules.

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03

## Reserve read

Composition, cadence, auditor, scope—dated.

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04

## Stress rehearsal

Freeze, depeg, outage—comms and owner.

# 8. Atlas *Integration*

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