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0/ Yesterday was my last day as the Rosetta Technical Lead at @coinbase. Starting tomorrow (crypto never sleeps, right?), I'll join @el33th4xor, @kevinsekniqi, and the rest of the talented team at @avalabsofficial in building @avalancheavax.

1/ When I joined Coinbase out of college, I thought I "knew" blockchain. Boy was I wrong! Standardizing and scaling asset addition at Coinbase while collaborating with the top blockchain engineers at the top projects by market cap flipped my world upside down.

2/ I don't think there is any other place that ramps you up into the magical moon math of crypto as fast as @coinbase and I firmly believe it is the best place for any crypto engineer to start their career. Good news! They're hiring! https://t.co/NOuZ2L5x1s

3/ To all my former coworkers, I want to say thank you for everything you've taught me. I'll never forget all the time and energy you spent helping me become a better engineer and a better person. I have no doubt that you'll continue pushing Rosetta forward for years to come.

4/ For the next few months, I'll remain an advisor to the Rosetta project. I will lend a hand to asset issuers implementing Rosetta for the first time and chime in on high-level design decisions.

5/ On that note, it's great to see the work @figment_io and @avalabsofficial have already done to create a Rosetta C-Chain implementation for @avalancheavax. If you're looking to test drive the C-Chain, I think this is one of the easiest ways to do so: https://t.co/UmTr9guM5L

6/ Now, why @avalabsofficial? Investment cycles in the L1 space occur every few years, at most, and we are at the end of the current period (credit to @el33th4xor for reminding me of this).

7/ When considering leaving Coinbase for the world of L1s, I had the option of doing something now (preferably 6 months ago) or to wait a few more years for the next wave of ideas to take hold. Long story short, waiting a few more years would have driven me nuts.

8/ Because of my position at Coinbase, it was my job to deeply study all of the consequential L1s launched in the last few years. Over time, I formed a pretty strong opinion that any project I would join must have certain attributes.

9/ I felt any project I would consider joining must support general smart contracting while retaining expansive composability, scale through loosely-connected but distinct subspaces, and enable thousands of people to serve as block producers in consensus.

10/ I looked long and hard for projects that checked all of these boxes but most promising teams ended up failing to check the last block, inclusive consensus. Enter @avalancheavax.

11/ When I came across the @avalancheavax paper produced by Team Rocket, I felt, like many others, there was something materially novel here. As I dug in deeper and deeper, I kept looking for the “but….”, however, I never found one.

12/ I felt @avalancheavax was finally the solution to the inclusive consensus problem that tripped up other PoS approaches. Don’t take my work for it. Ask @tederminant, the creator of one of the most performant PBFT protocols, why he left that work to co-found @avalabsofficial.

13/ As you can tell, I really really care about this inclusive consensus issue. To make it even easier for anyone to create, run, and monitor their own @avalancheavax validator, I created a tool called snowplow.

14/ This tool helps you back up your staking credentials, validator db, and even sends text message alerts if something goes haywire! https://t.co/5aNo4UzM8s

15/ Well, that’s all for now. Until next time...From Snowflake to Avalanche. Per consensum ad astra.