

## BIP 0042 - A finite monetary supply for Bitcoin (soft fork)

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Table 1: Data sheet for A finite monetary supply for [Bitcoin](#)

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### Abstract

*Although it is widely believed that Satoshi was an inflation-hating goldbug he never said this, and in fact programmed Bitcoin's money supply to grow indefinitely, forever. He modeled the monetary supply as 4 gold mines being discovered per mibillennium (1024 years), with equal intervals between them, each one being depleted over the course of 140 years.*

*This poses obvious problems, however. Prominent among them is the discussion on what to call 1 billion Bitcoin, which symbol color to use for it, and when [wallet](#) clients should switch to it by default.*

*To combat this, this document proposes a controversial change: making Bitcoin's monetary supply finite.*

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