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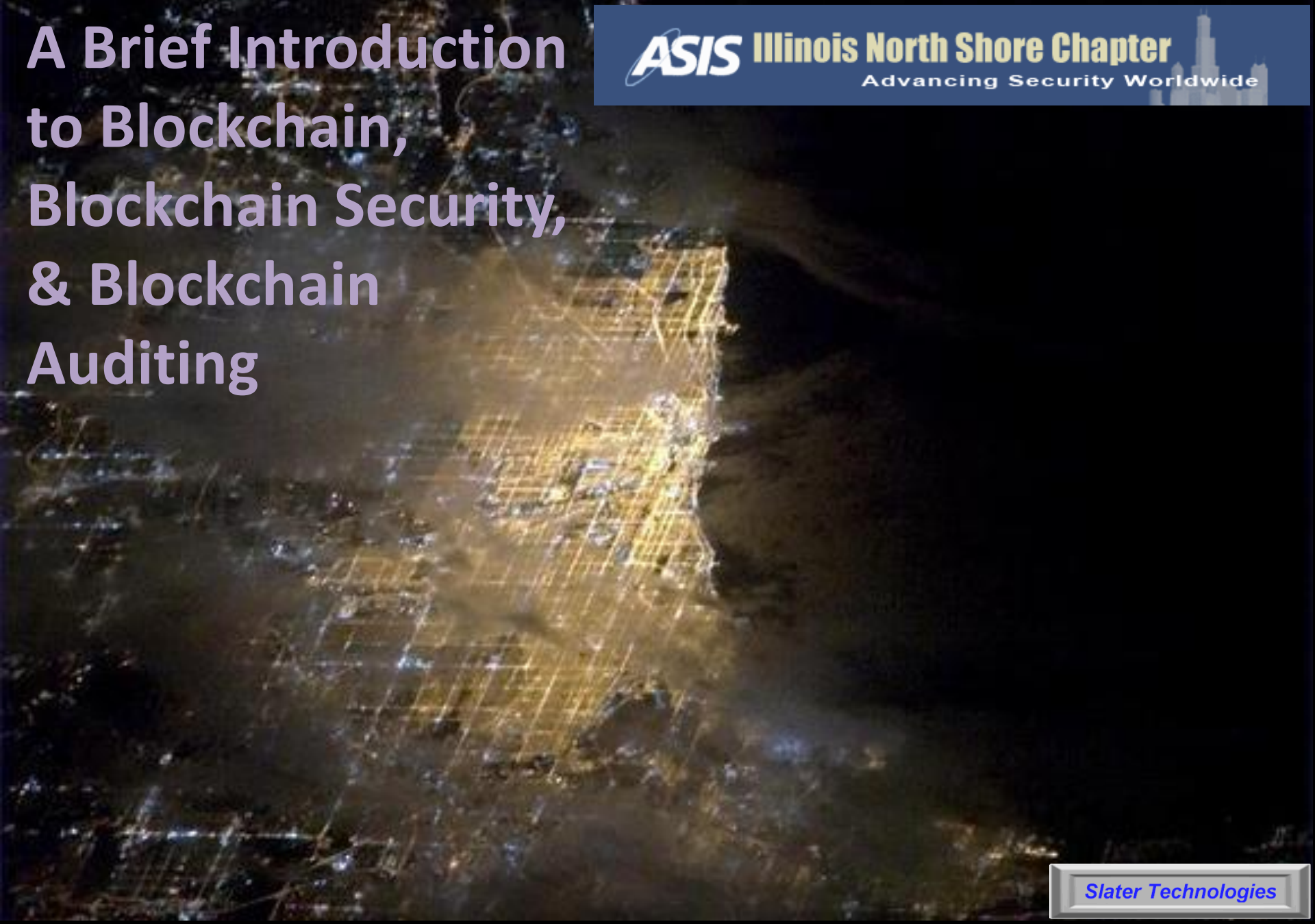

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Abstract

- Since Blockchain became well-known as the foundational set of technologies that enabled the creation and operation of Bitcoin, it has captured the attention and imagination of developers, industry leaders, and investors. This is because as a set of technologies that use consensus and peer-to-peer, decentralized systems, it creates immutable data records and enables trust and disintermediation at scale. So what is preventing Blockchain from changing the world?

- Presently, many people understand the basics of Blockchain Technology, yet they don't understand it at a level to sufficiently address the most fundamental and important aspects of Information Assurance: Security and Auditing. This ambitious presentation will present some of the challenges that are preventing mass adoption of Blockchain, and some practical solutions to those challenges. Specifically: 1) Threats and Vulnerabilities in Blockchain-based systems; 2) How to Secure Blockchain infrastructure and applications; 3) How to perform Secure Software Development for Blockchain applications by design, coding practices, testing and verification; 4) Blockchain and Auditing 5) Concepts of Auditing the Data and Transactions in Blockchain Data Structures; and 6) Automating the Auditing of Blockchains and Blockchain Applications.

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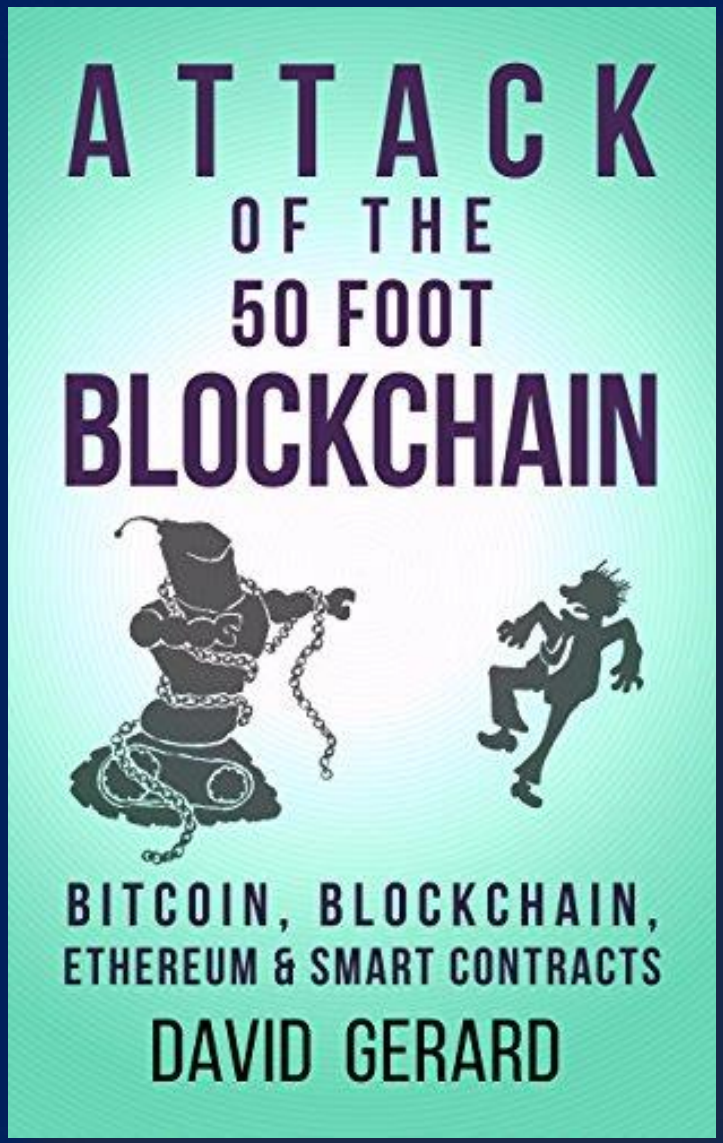
For a Cynical & Humorous View of Blockchain



This is a good and very readable book.

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ISIS *Loves* Bitcoin (or They *Did* Love It)

Their Public Key

Comment:
This actually didn't end well for ISIS **and their Donors**.

Enough said.

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Free Blockchain Daily Newspaper:

Blockchain Matters

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Agenda

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Why Is Blockchain Important?

Why is Blockchain Important?

1) Creates the capability for immutable transaction data
2) Peer-to-Peer & Decentralized
3) Secure (relatively speaking)
4) Rapidly growing in popularity
5) Large companies like WalMart, IBM, and suppliers are using it solve real-world challenges.
6) **Congress introduced a Bill in July 2019, the Blockchain Promotion Act of 2019**

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Why is Blockchain Important?

BLOCKCHAIN

U.S. Senate approves Blockchain Promotion Act to formally explore opportunities for the technology

JULY 12, 2019, 3:24PM EDT

The U.S. Congress is working on legislation defining blockchain.

The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee approved the Blockchain Promotion Act, CNET reports. The bipartisan legislation instructs the U.S. Department of Commerce to set up a working group to define what "blockchain" is.

The bill aims to create a blockchain definition on the federal level to ensure uniformity in definition among states. Besides preparing the definition, the Blockchain Working Group will also provide recommendations on potential applications of blockchain, including on how federal agencies could take advantage of the technology.

Members of the working group will include both governmental and non-governmental stakeholders: representatives of Federal agencies that could benefit from blockchain as well as information and communication technology manufacturers, suppliers, software providers, service providers, vendors, and subject matter experts.

"Blockchain is an exciting new technology with great potential and promise," said U.S. Sen. Ed Markey, a co-sponsor of the bill. According to Markey, the legislation would help "further understand applications for this technology and explore opportunities for its use within the federal government."

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Why Is Blockchain Important

- Accessible
- Open source
- Easily provides three challenging elements of the **Parkerian Hexad** model for security:
  - **Authenticity**
  - **Control**
  - **Utility**
- It WORKS!
- Business enabler
- Reduces risk of computer fraud
- It is being widely adopted for trusted computing
- Blockchain developers and architects are in great demand: for every Blockchain professional there are 14 open positions

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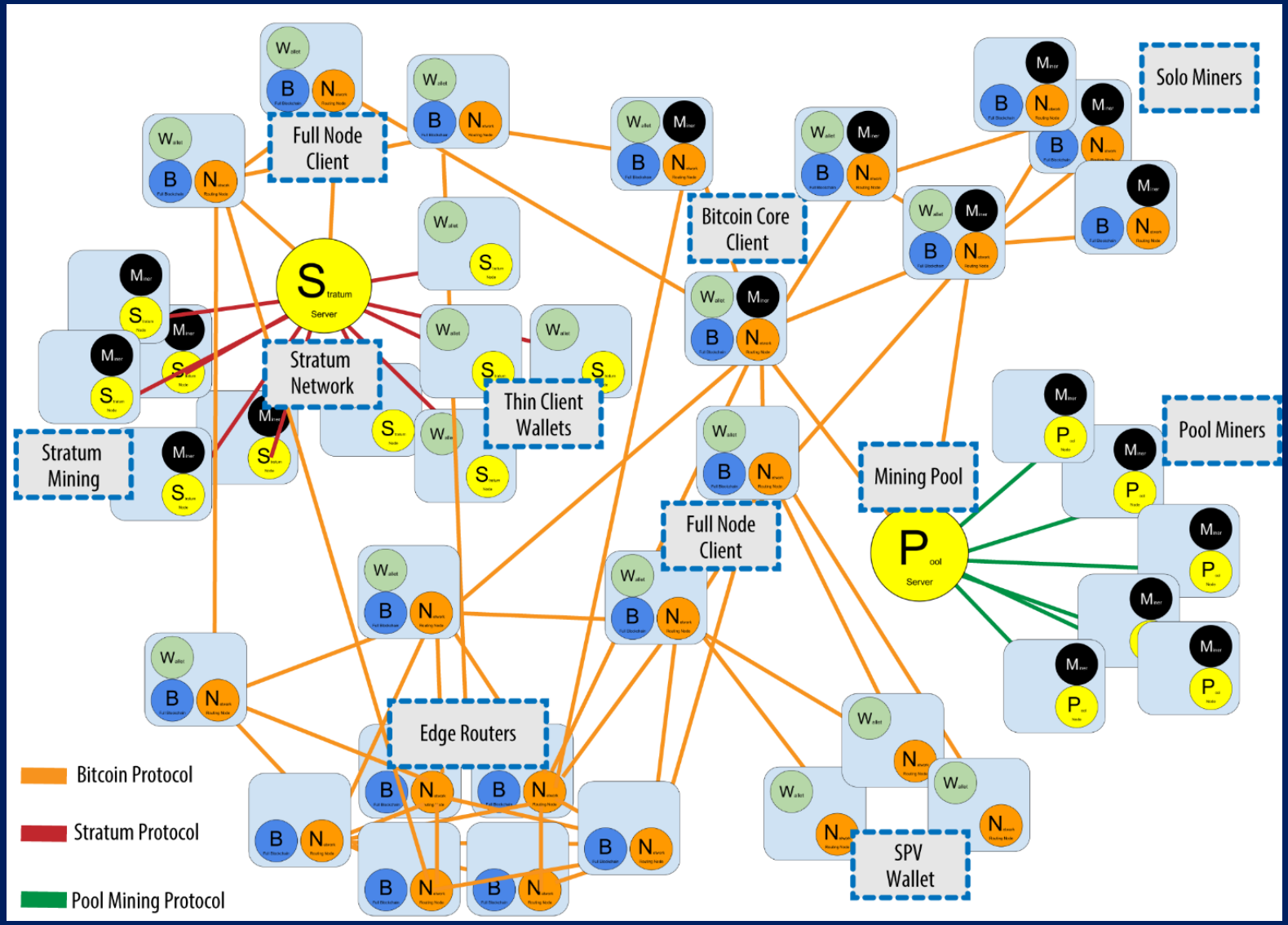
What is Blockchain?

A Logical Diagram of a Blockchain Network



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What Is Blockchain?

- It's like an Operating System that rides on top on Linux, Unix, and of Windows
- Distributed Ledger
- Decentralized, Peer-to-Peer
- Popularized by Satoshi Nakamoto (Bitcoin inventor)
- Uses Public-Key Cryptography and Hashing
- Append-only Transactions (no deletes or modifications to data)
- The Open Source Code already exists in Github (Bitcoin and Ethereum)
- Immutable (cannot delete blocks or change data in blocks)
- Driven by consensus protocol(s)
  - Proof of Work
  - Proof of Stake
  - Etc.
- The world's largest Blockchain Database is the Bitcoin Blockchain Database, with 180 GB (it doesn't scale very well)
- **Blockchain IS NOT Cryptocurrency, BUT Cryptocurrency uses Blockchain**

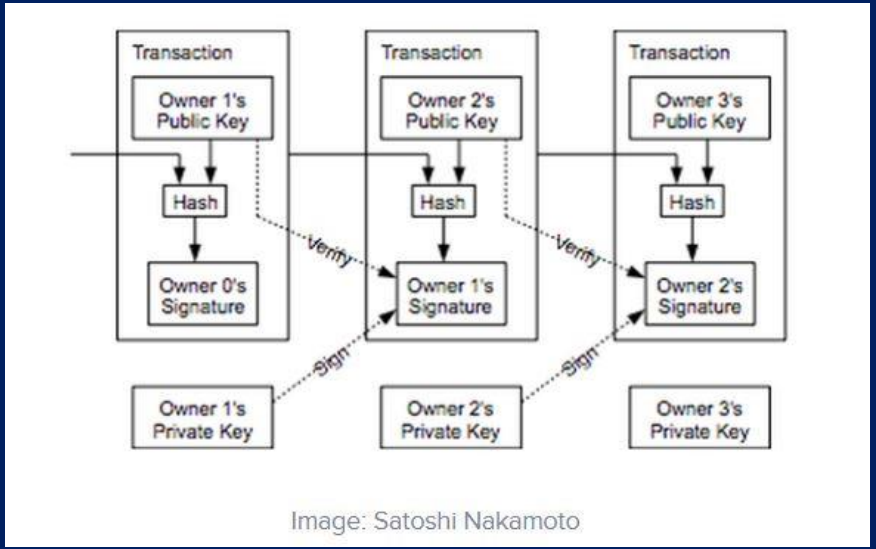

Image: Satoshi Nakamoto

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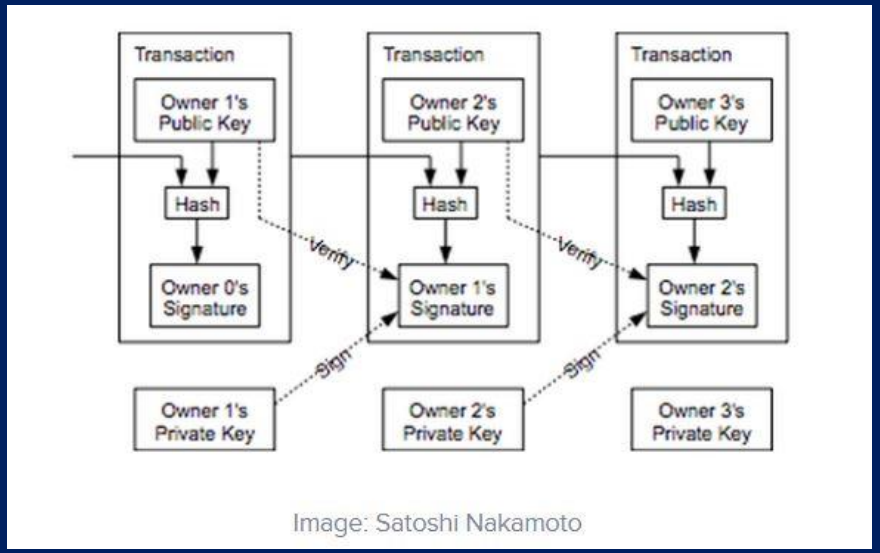
What Is Blockchain?

- **From Blockchain Consensus Protocol Guide:**
  - A blockchain is a decentralized peer-to-peer system with no central authority figure.
  - While this creates a system that is devoid of corruption from a single source, it still create a major problems:
    - How are any decisions made?
    - How does anything get done?
    - Think of a normal centralized organization.
  - All the decisions are taken by the leader or a board of decision makers. This isn't possible in a blockchain because a blockchain has no "leader". For the blockchain to make decisions, they need to come to a consensus using "consensus mechanisms".



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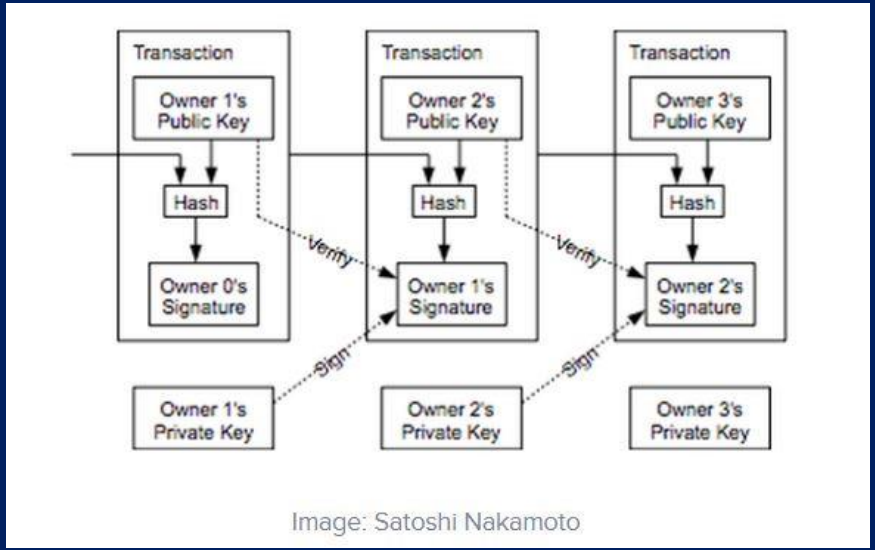
The Term “Blockchain”

- Name for a data structure
- Name for an algorithm
- Name for a suite of Technologies
- An umbrella term for purely distributed peer-to-peer systems with a common application area
- A peer-to-peer-based operating system with its own unique rule set that utilizes hashing to provide unique data



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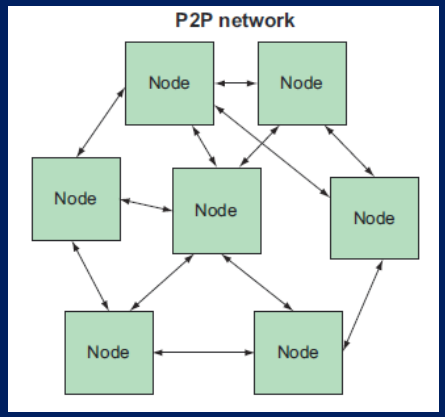

Figure 1.4 A peer-to-peer (P2P) network is made of nodes that communicate directly with each other without the coordination of a master node.

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Blockchain – Simplified View

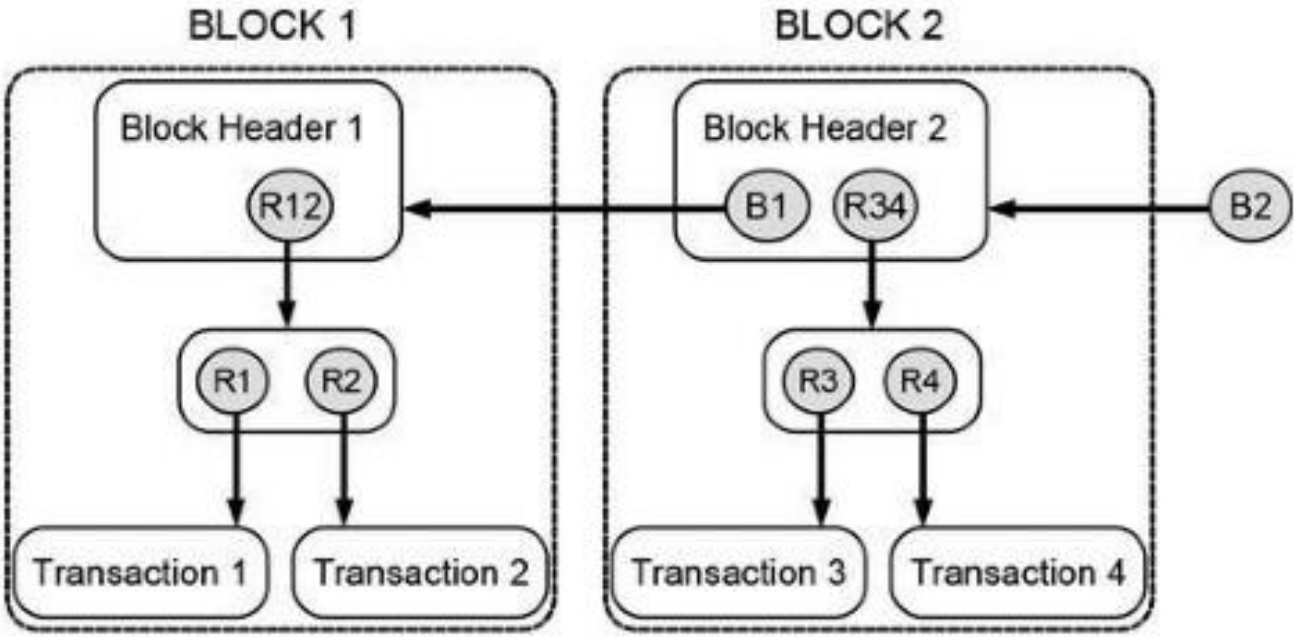

Figure 14-5. A simplified blockchain-data-structure containing four transactions

Source: Drescher, D. (2017). Blockchain Basics. Frankfort am Main, Germany: Apress.

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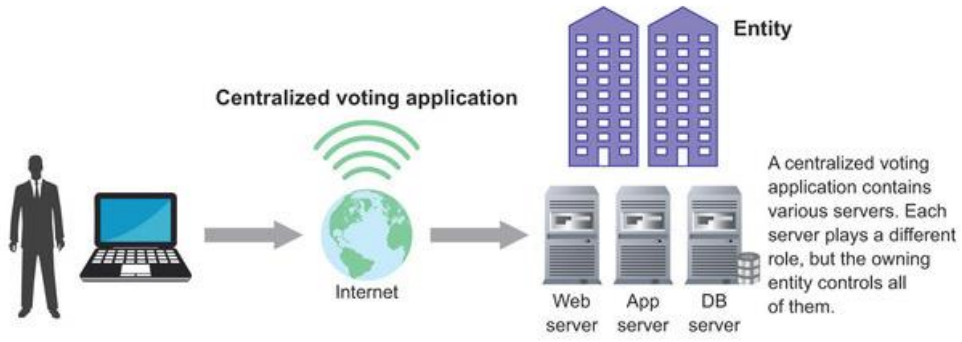
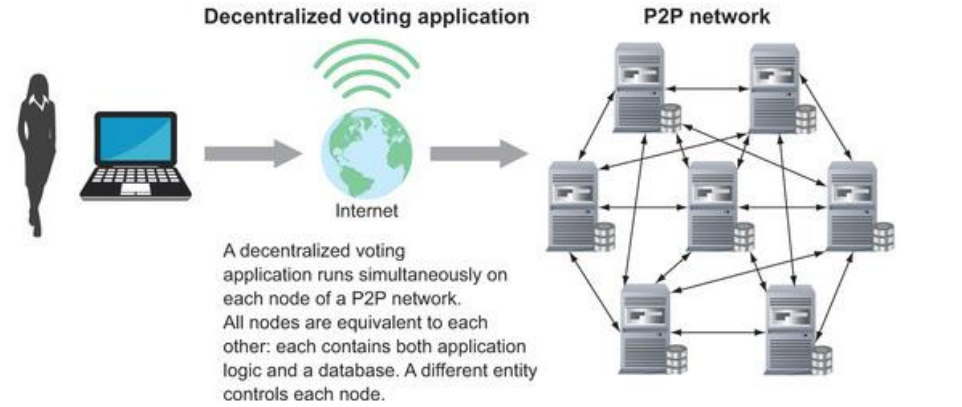
Comparing a Centralized Application to a Decentralized Application

Figure 1.2. Comparison of a centralized voting application with a decentralized one. One institution owns all servers of a centralized application. A decentralized voting application runs simultaneously on multiple nodes of a network that different entities own.





Source: Roberto Infante, Building Ethereum DApps, 2019

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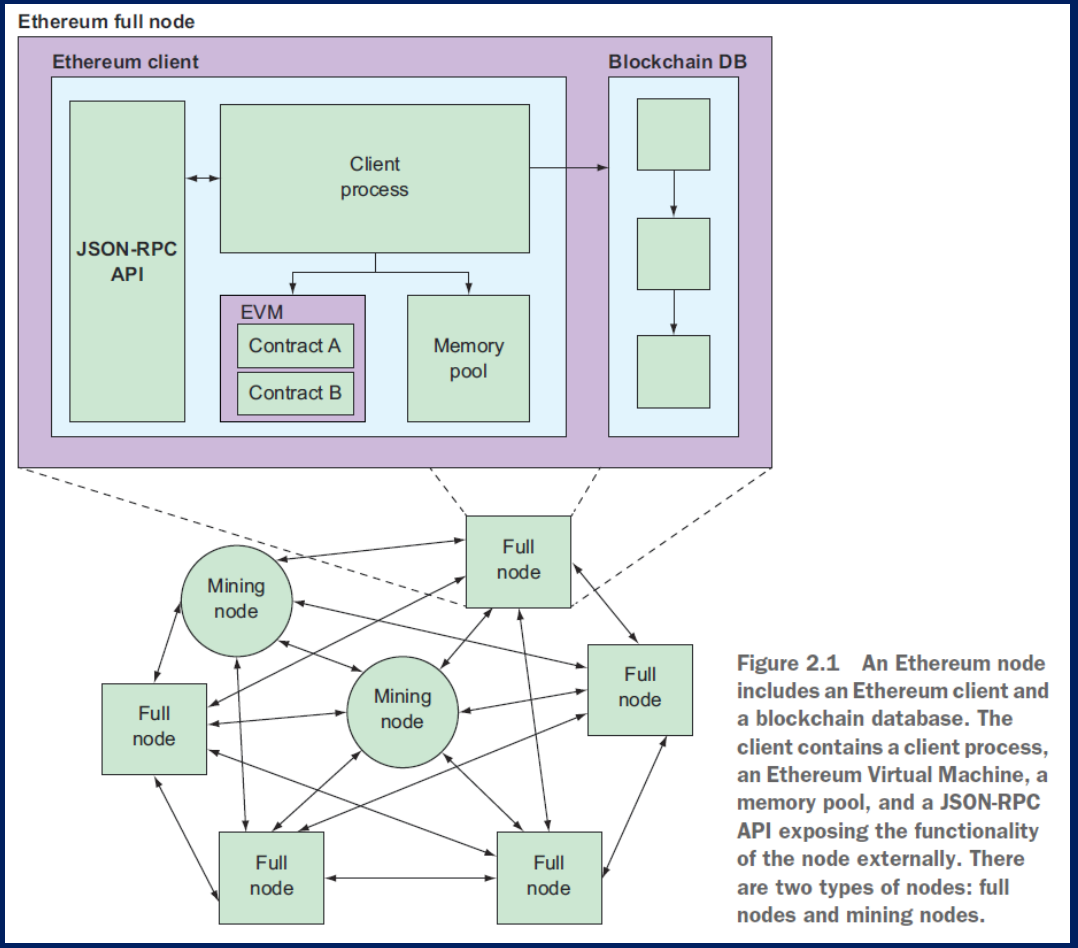
Full Ethereum Node

2.1.1. Inside an Ethereum node

Figure 2.1. An Ethereum node includes an Ethereum client and a blockchain database. The client contains a client process, an Ethereum Virtual Machine, a memory pool, and a JSON-RPC API exposing the functionality of the node externally. There are two types of nodes: full nodes and mining nodes.



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Example Blockchain Contents

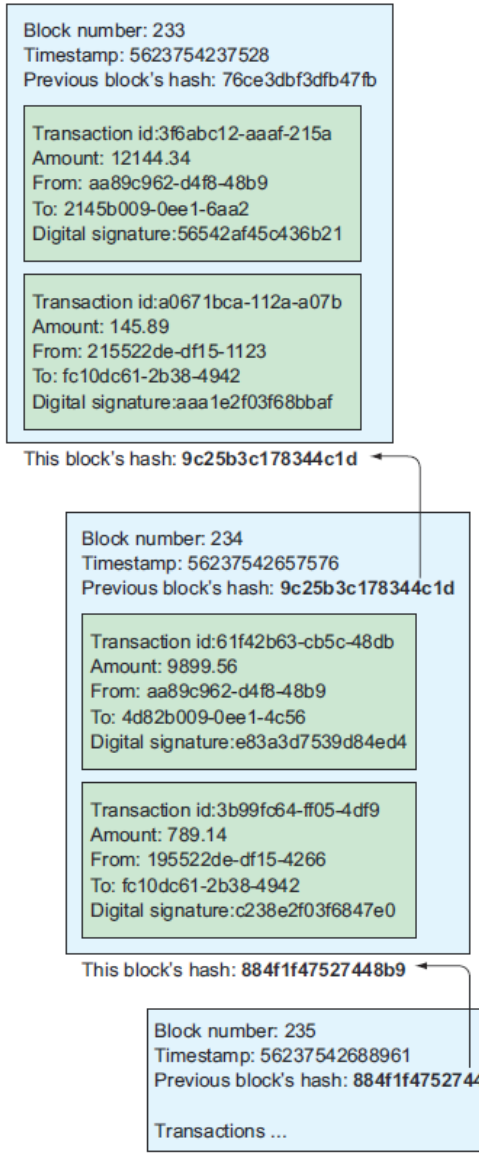

Figure 2.14 A blockchain is a sequence of blocks, each containing a sequence number, a timestamp, and a list of transactions, each individually digitally signed. Each block also references the cryptographic hash of the previous block.

A block includes a list of transactions, which are digitally signed to prove their provenance. Most blockchains digitally sign transactions with an *elliptic curve digital signature*

Source: Roberto Infante, Building Ethereum DApps, 2019

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Example of Blockchain Immutability

This structure guarantees transactions can't be tampered with or modified. A transaction recorded in a block can't be altered retroactively because to modify it, the hash of the block containing it would have to be regenerated, and this wouldn't match the existing one already referenced by subsequent blocks, as shown in figure 2.15.

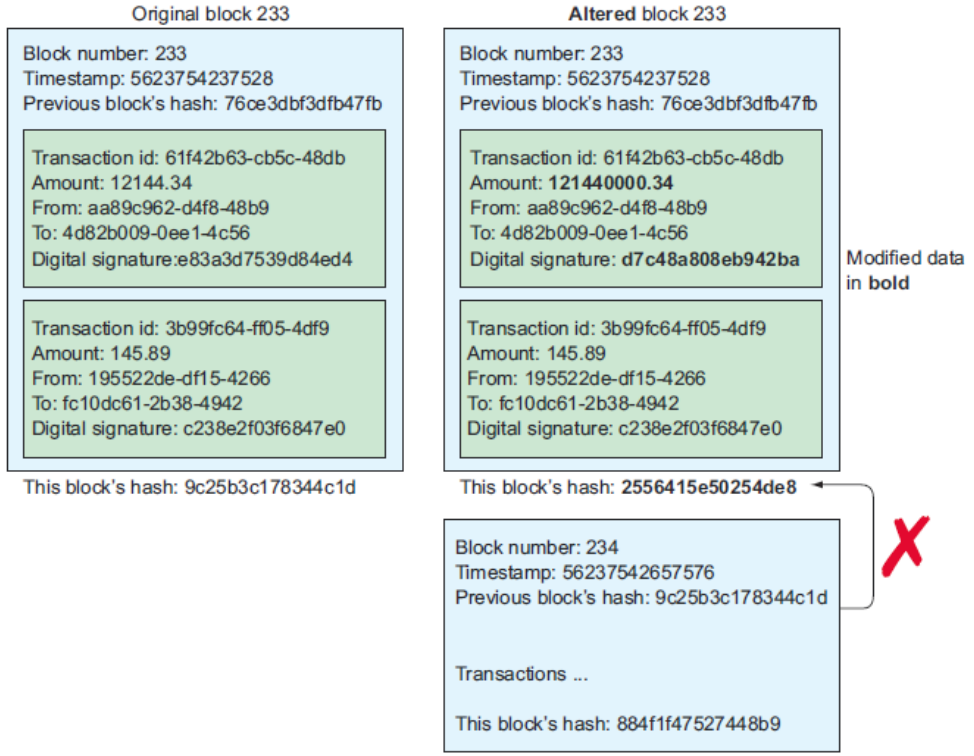

Figure 2.15 An attempt at altering the contents of a block, for example its transactions, won't be successful: the new hash generated from the altered block details won't match the original block's hash already directly referenced in the next block and indirectly referenced in the subsequent blocks.

NOTE If two transactions contradict each other—for instance, each of them tries to transfer all the funds of the same account to a different destination account (known as a "double-spend attack")—miners will execute only the first one, recognized in the Ethereum network through a globally accessible sequence number. They will reject the second one, and it will never appear

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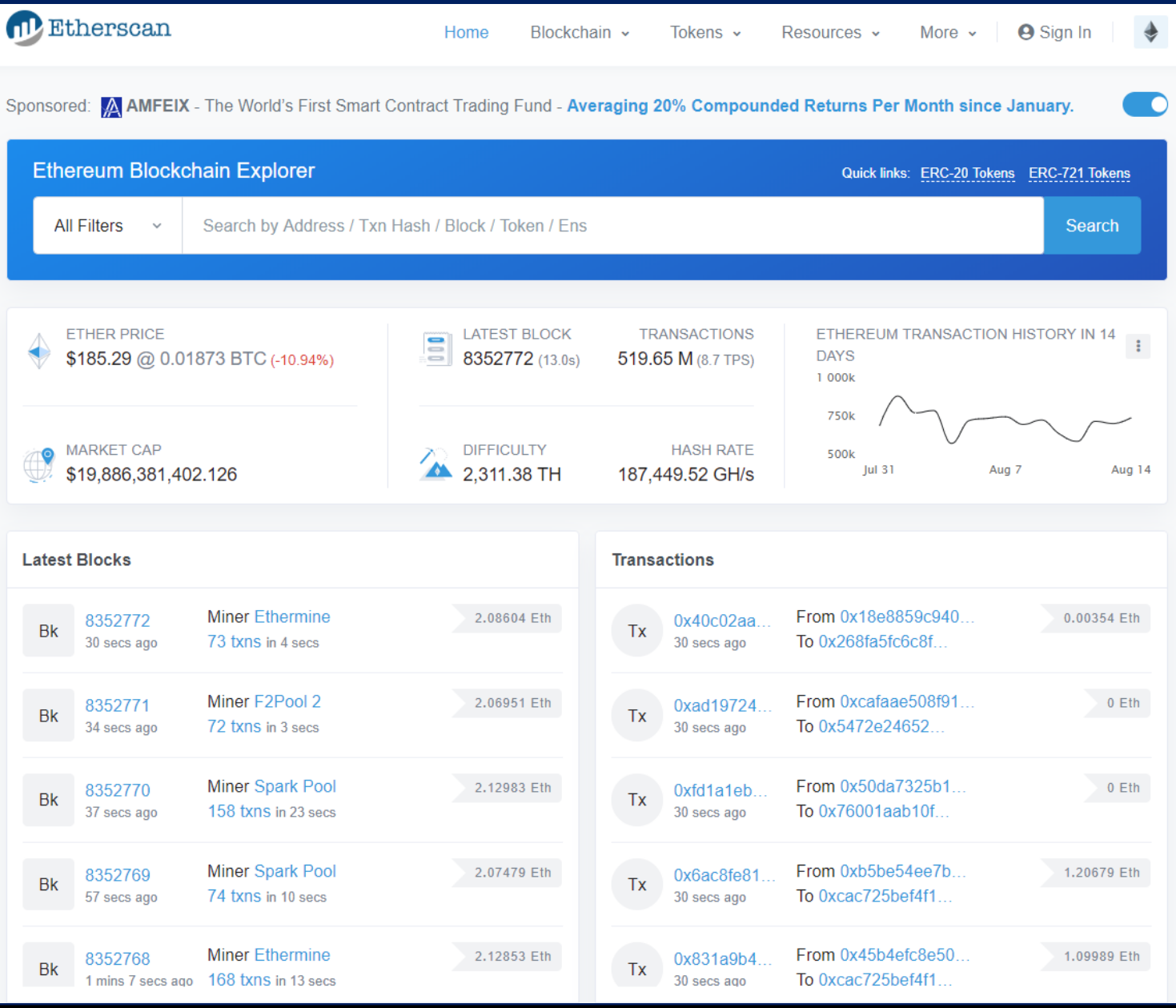
Actual Ethereum Main Net Blockchain



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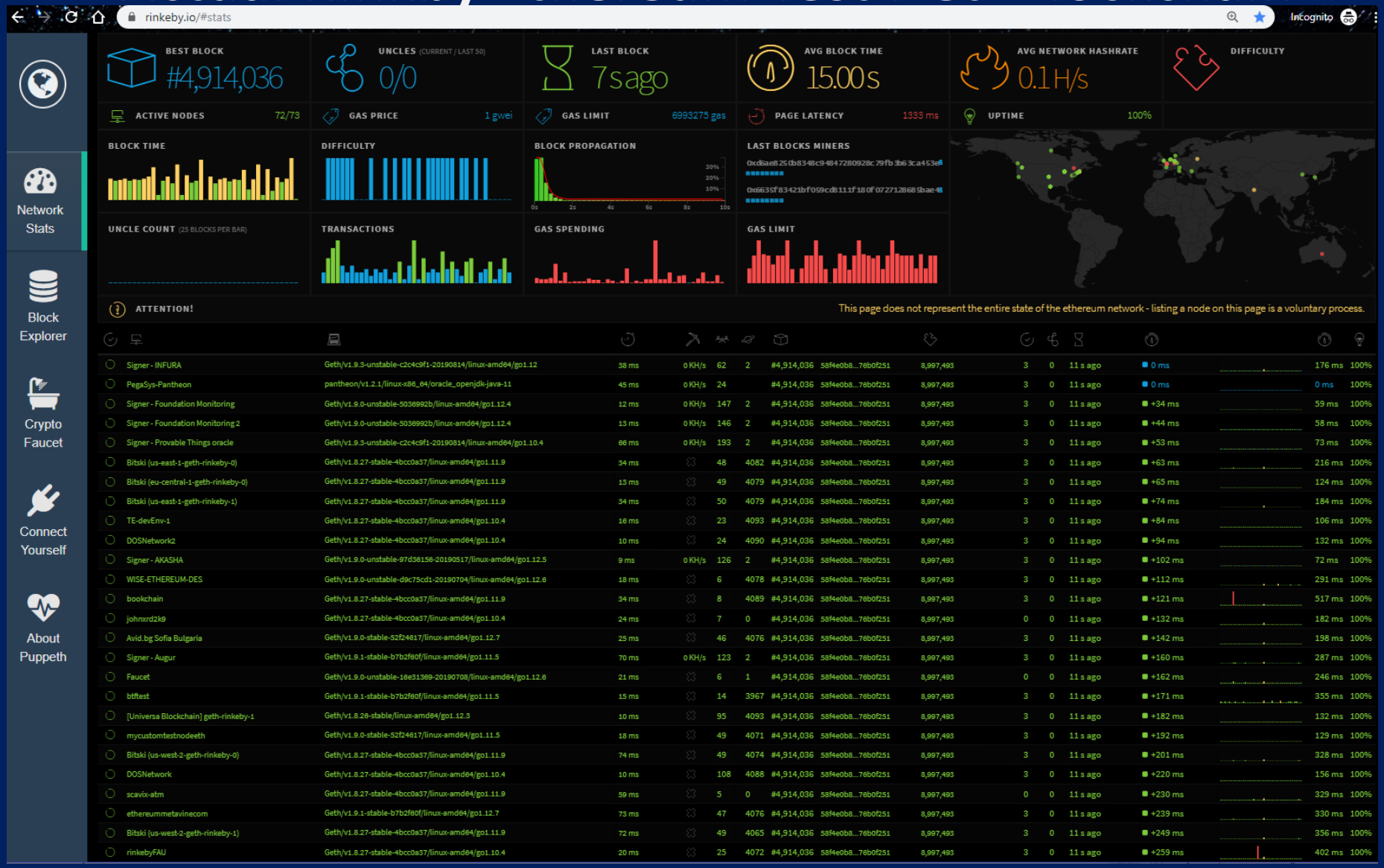
Actual Rinkby Ethereum Test Net Blockchain



Source: https://www.rinkeby.io/#stats

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Bitcoin vs. Ethereum

 VS 	Bitcoin 	Ethereum 
Founder	Satoshi Nakamoto	Vitalik Buterin
Release Date	9 Jan 2008	30 July 2015
Release Method	Genesis Block Mined	Presale
Blockchain	Proof of work	Proof of work (Planning for POS)
Useage	Digital Currency	Smart Contracts Digital Currency
Cryptocurrency Used	Bitcoin(Satoshi)	Ether
Algorithm	SHA-256	Ethash
Blocks Time	10 Mintues	12-14 Seconds
Mining	ASIC miners	GPUs
Scalable	Not now	Yes

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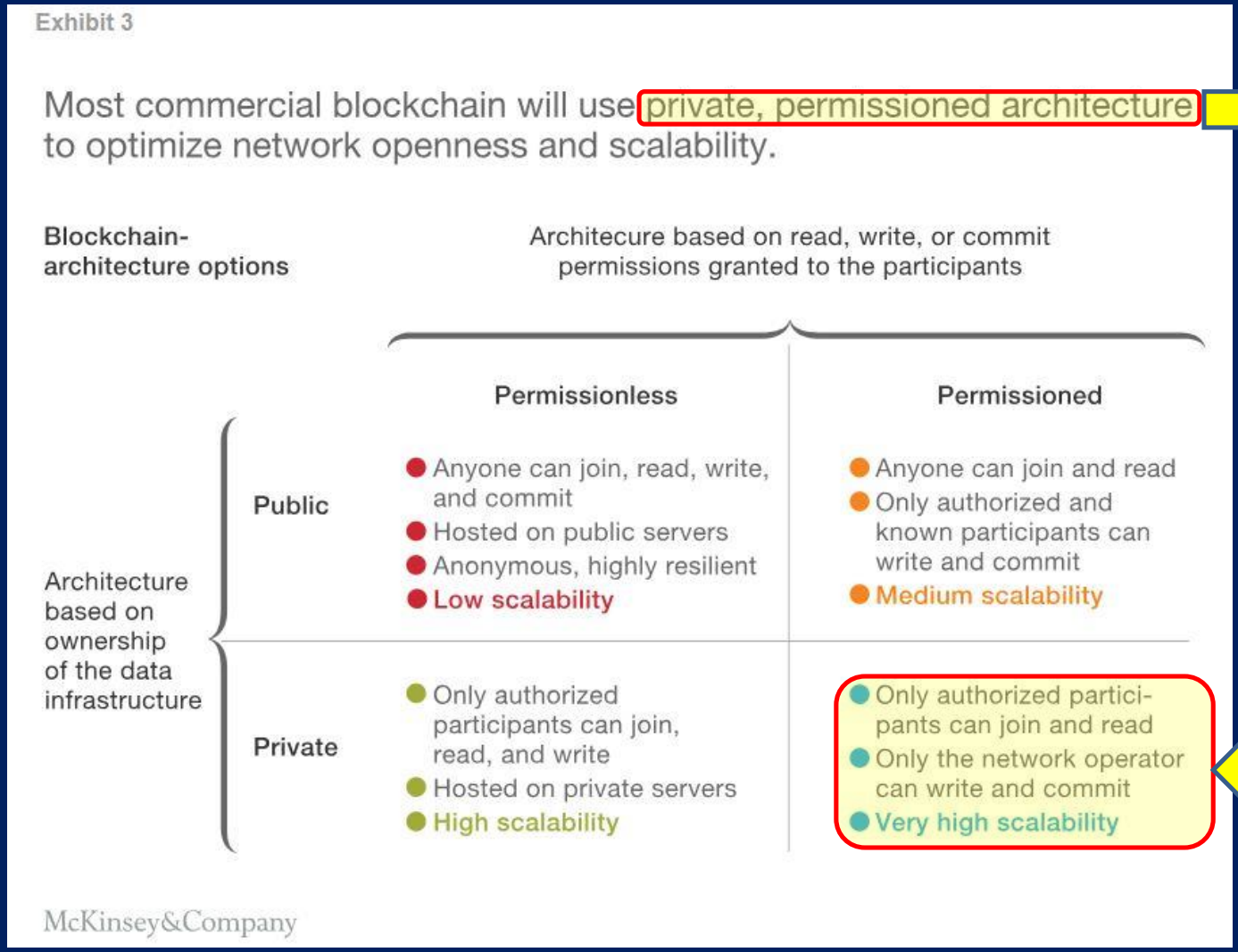
Important Architecture Decision



Source: McKinsey & Company 2017

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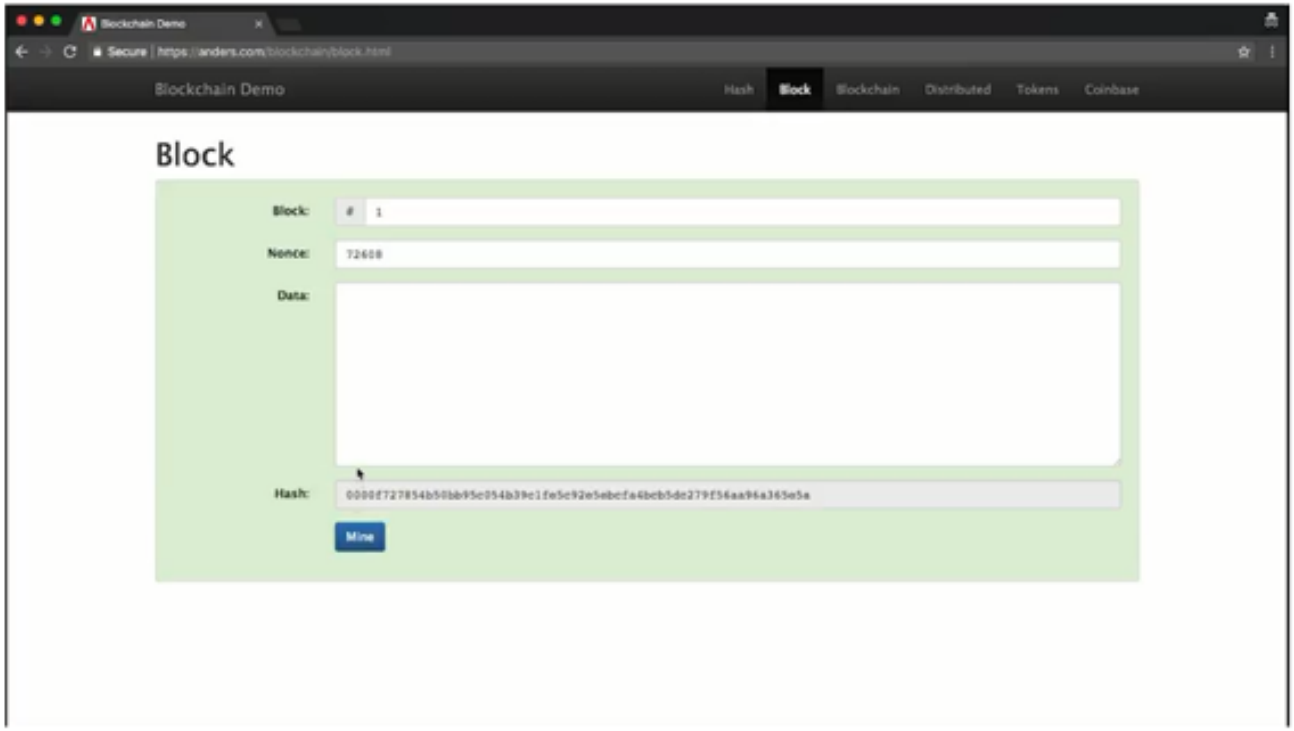
Blockchain – Simple Demonstration

Block Demonstration

Now that you have some idea of the basics of blocks, lets go through a simple demonstration. We'll head back to the website from before to show how you can start interacting with blocks yourself.

You can follow along with this demonstration at Anders.com.



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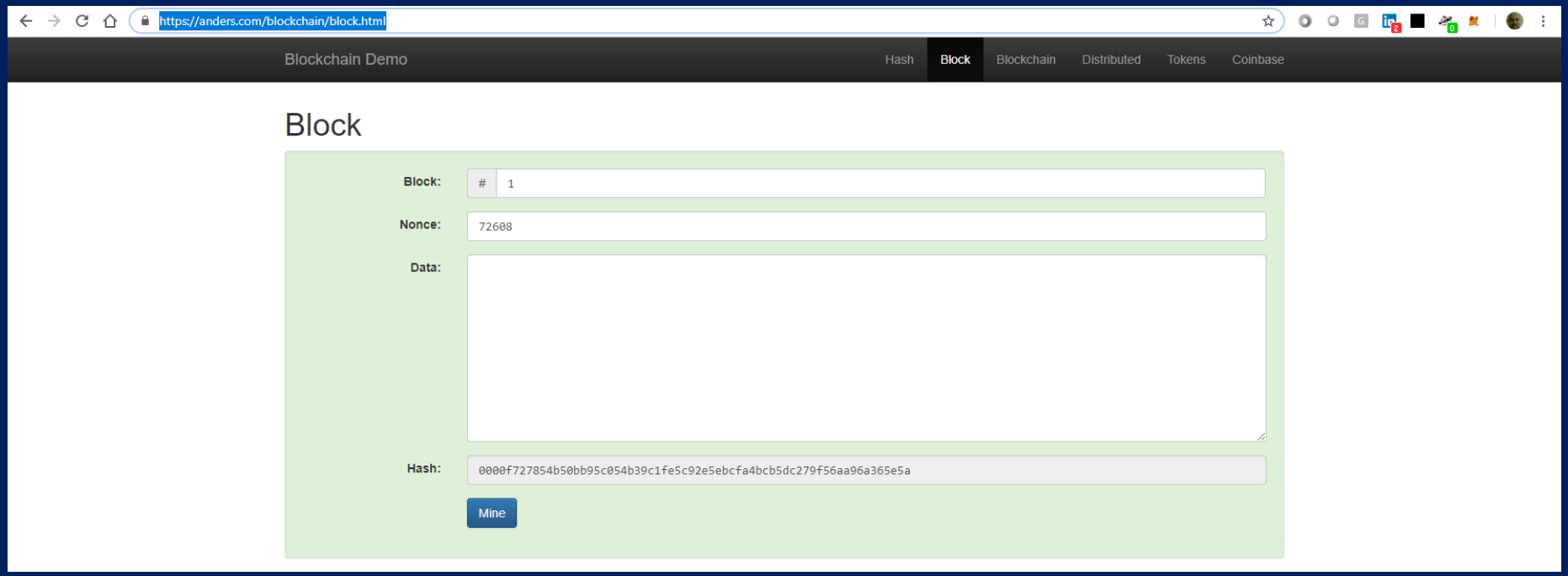

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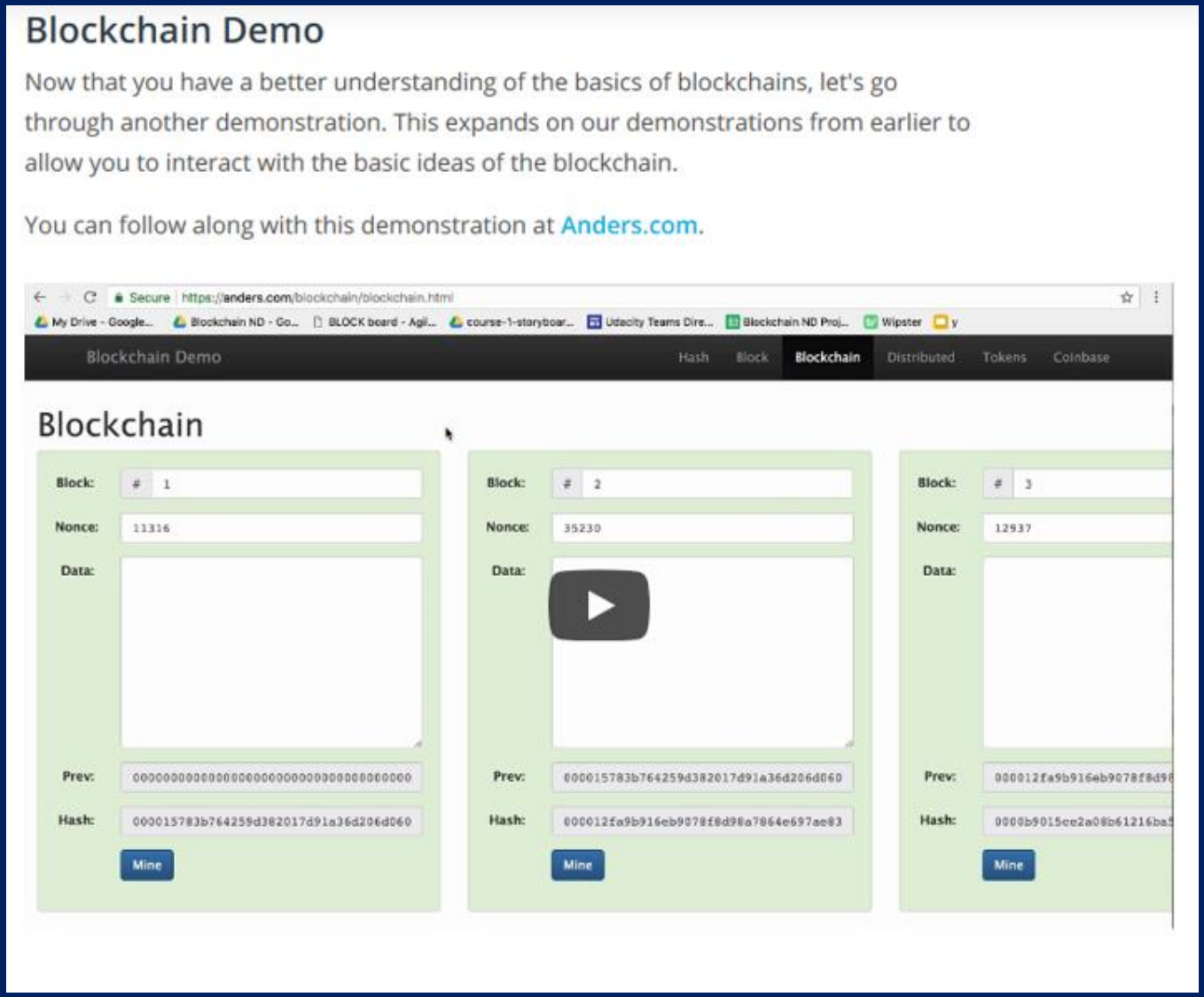

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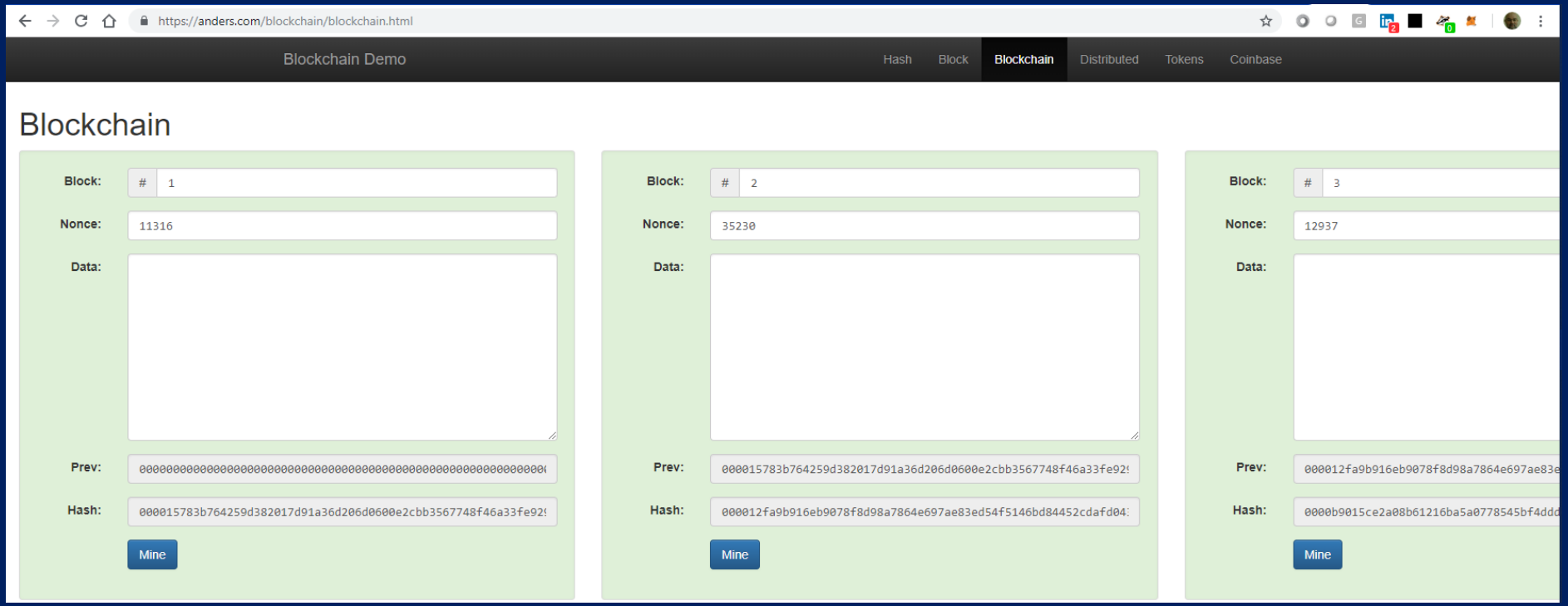

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HOW DOES BLOCKCHAIN WORK?

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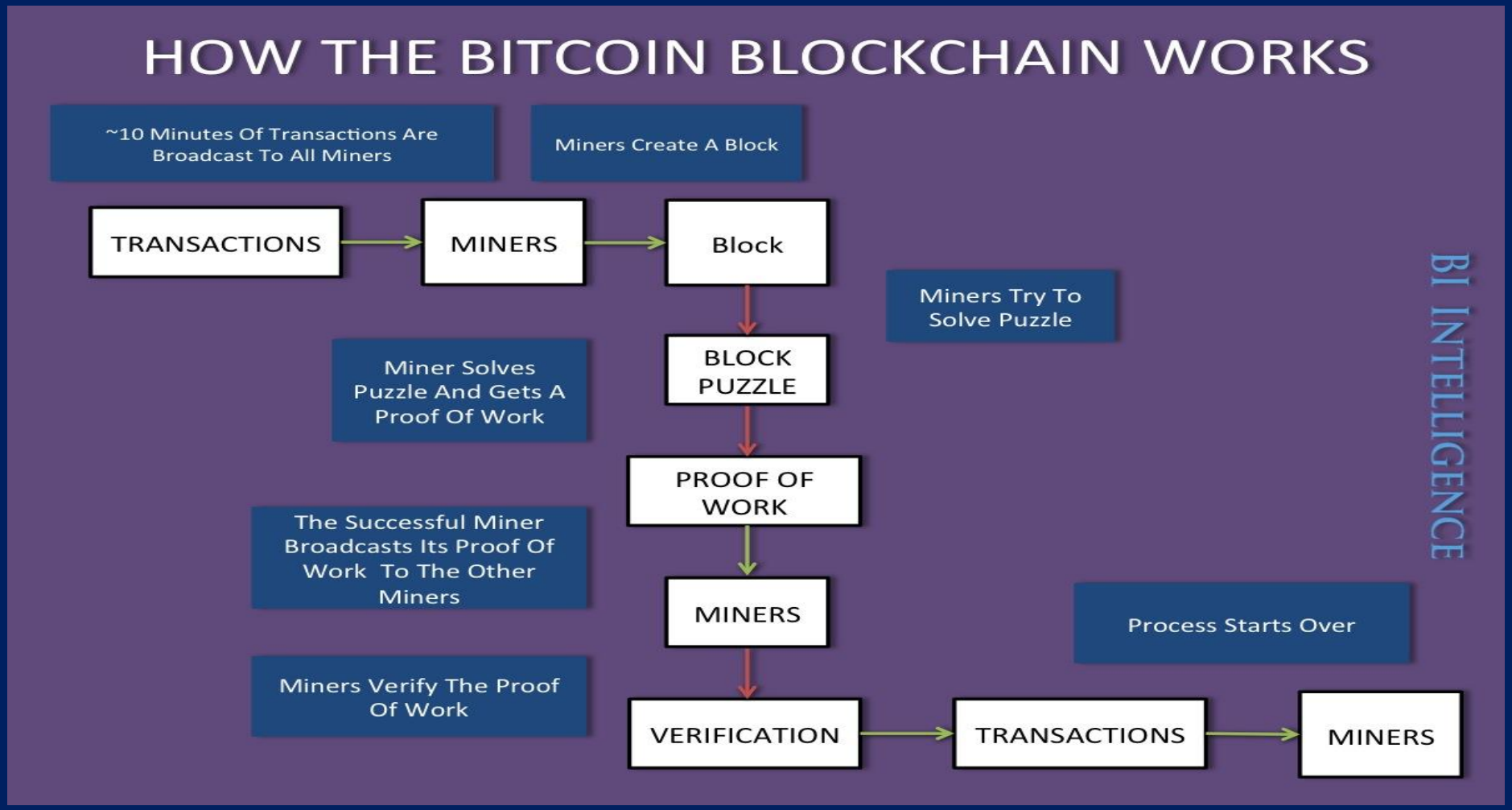
How Does a Blockchain Work?



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Mining Principles: Block Creation

1. Get the root of the Merkle tree that contains the transaction data to be added.
2. Create a hash reference to the header of that block that will be the predecessor from the new block header's point of view.
3. Obtain the required difficulty level.
4. Get the current time.
5. Create a preliminary block header that contains the data mentioned in points 1 to 4.
6. Solve the hash puzzle for the preliminary block header.
7. Finish the new block by adding the nonce that solves the hash puzzle to the preliminary header.

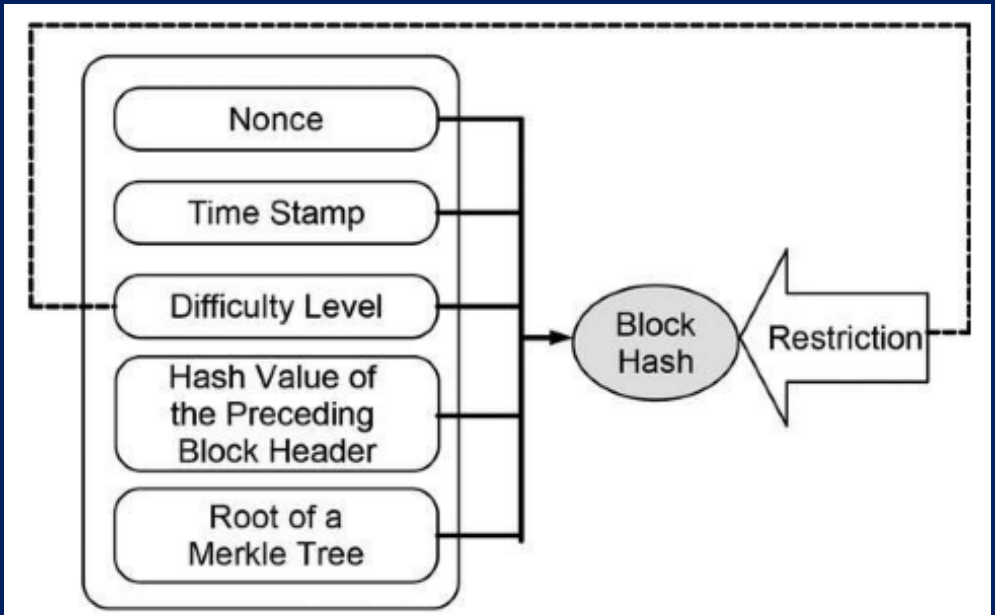


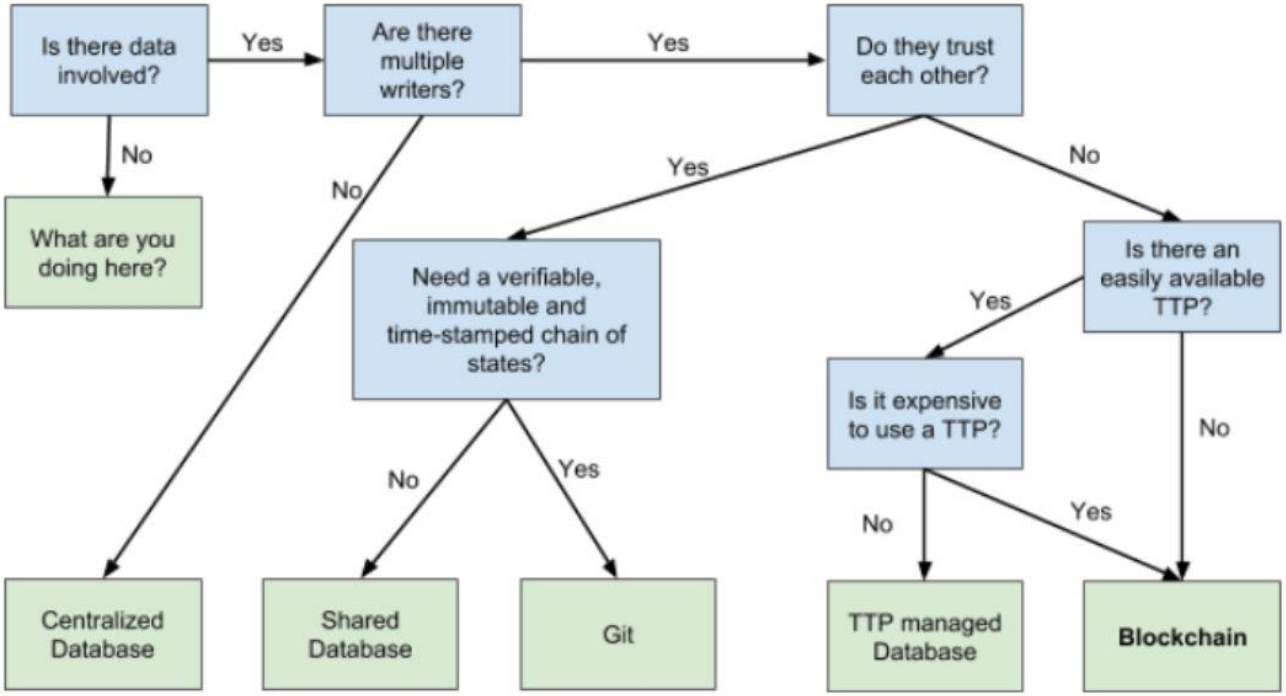
Figure 16-1. *Schematic illustration of the hash puzzle required to be solved when adding a new block to the blockchain-data- structure*

Special Note: Many other Blockchains, including Ethereum, apply these same principles.

Source: Drescher, D. (2017). Blockchain Basics. Frankfort am Main, Germany: Apress.

Why Blockchain?

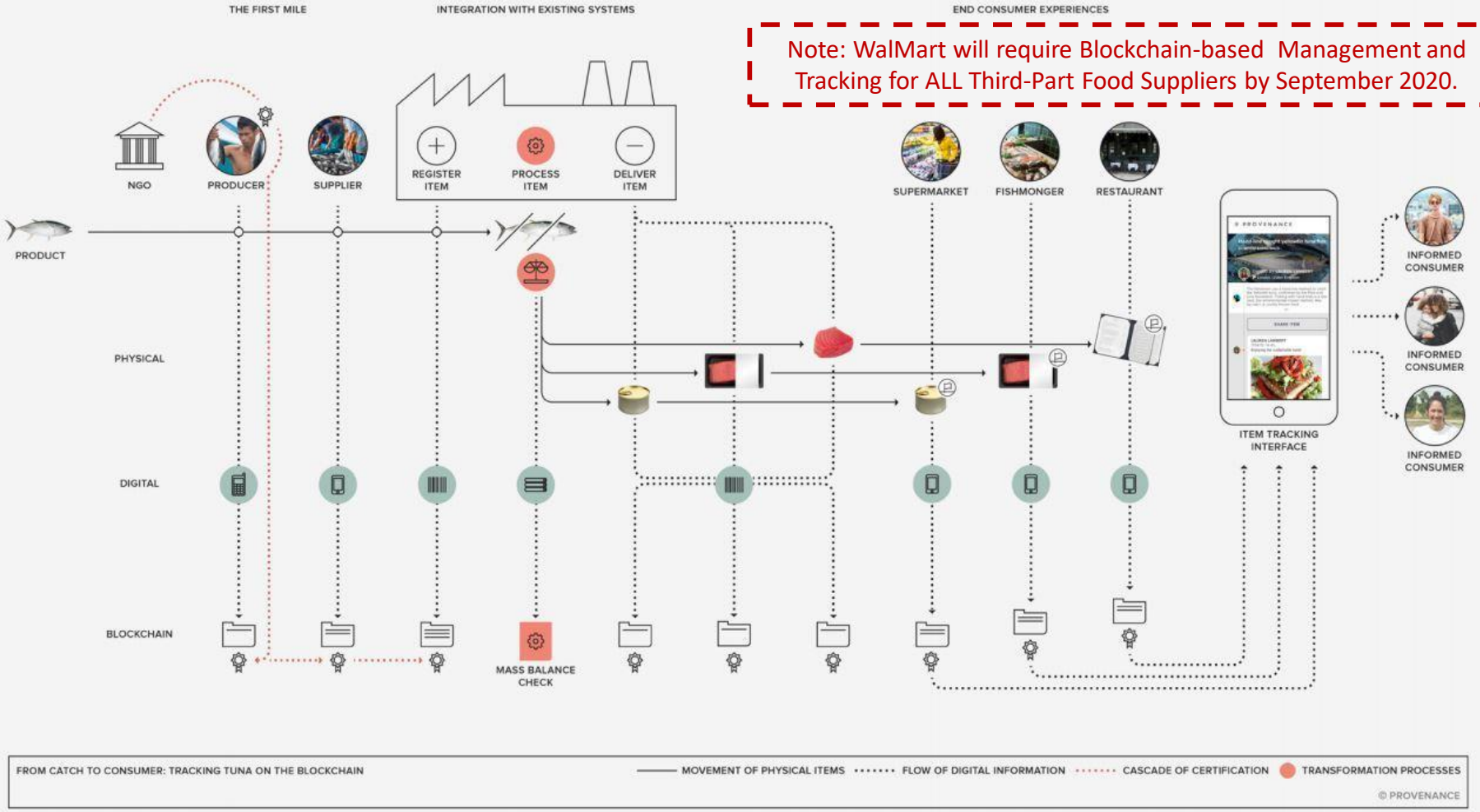
If you are a little lost, don't worry, here is a visual framework that will help you assess whether a Blockchain is something you should be looking into:



Voila! You have now a framework to decide whether Blockchain technology is worth looking into. However, your journey doesn't end here. Once you figured out that a decentralized solution might be suited to your problem, there are kopp?

Source: To Blockchain or not to Blockchain? https://medium.com/causys/to-blockchain-or-not-to-blockchain-aed05bf08150 Hats off to the author, Thomas Ferry of Causys

Blockchain Enhances Supply Chain Management



Note: WalMart will require Blockchain-based Management and Tracking for ALL Third-Part Food Suppliers by September 2020.

Figure 1: This chart shows how Provenance uses blockchain technology to not only permanently record certifications of supply chain data for tuna (up through sale), but also those of the participating NGOs tasked with ensuring the catch is slavery-free. (Source: Provenance)

Source: Provenance – Using Blockchain to Manage the Supply Chain

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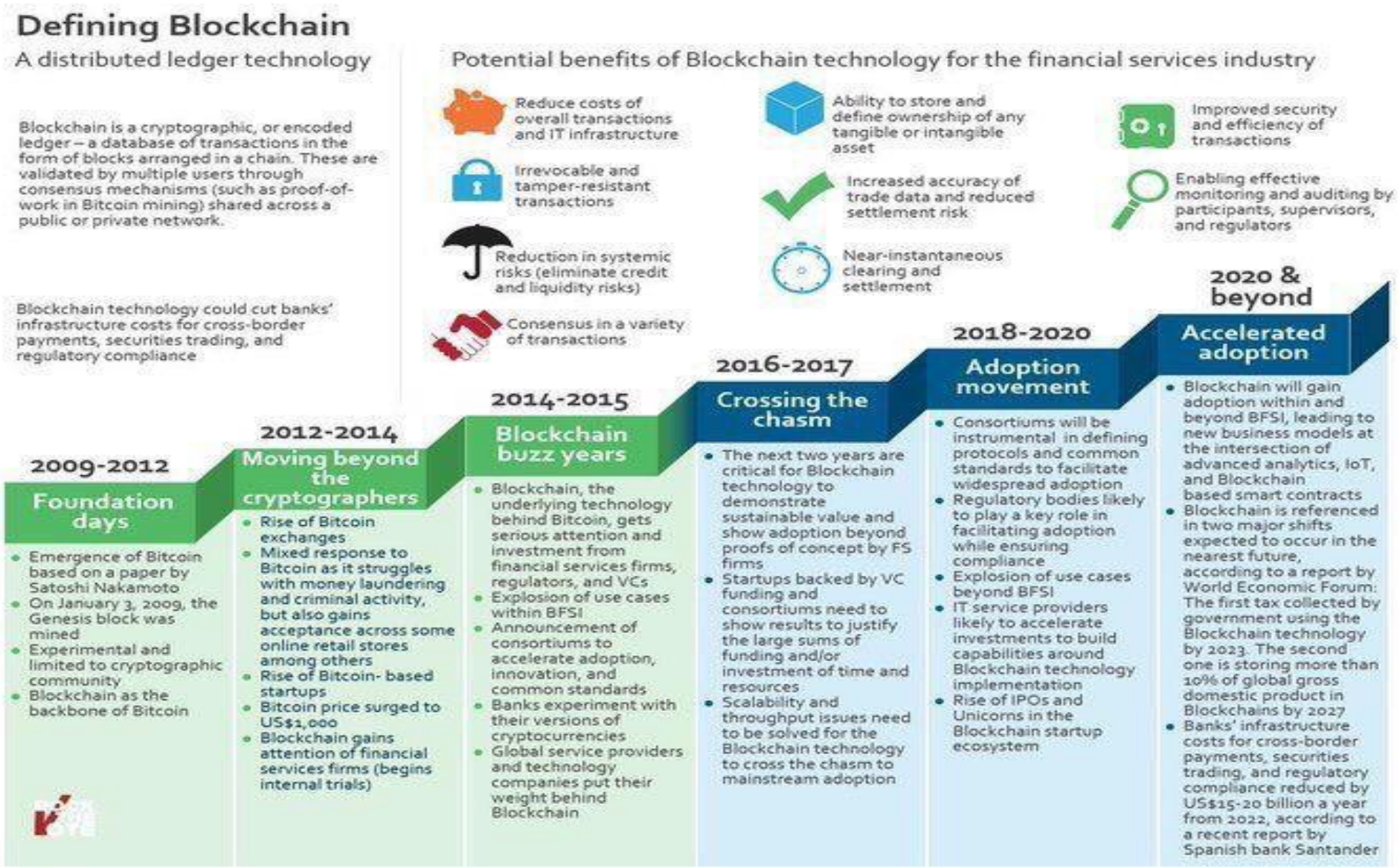
Blockchain Use Evolution



Everest Group Blockchain in BFSI – Looking Beyond the Hype

Blockchain Use Cases in Business

Non-Financial Use Cases

Digital Content/Documents, Storage & Delivery

BitProof, Blockcai, Ascribe, ArtPlus, Chainy.Link, Stampery, Blocktech (Alexandria), Bisantyum, Blockparti, The Rudimental, BlockCDN

Authentication & Authorization

The Real McCoy, Degree of Trust, Everpass, BlockVerify,

Digital Identity

Sho Card, Uniquid, Onename, Trustatom

Marketplace

Providing premium rights & brand based coins: MyPowers

Smart Contracts

Otonomos, Mirror, Symbiont, New system Technologies

Real Estate

Factom

Diamonds

Everledger

Gold & Silver

BitShares, Real Asset Co., DigitalTangible (Serica), Bit Reserve

Reviews/Endorsement

TRST.im, Asimov (recruitment services), The World Table

Blockchain in IoT

Filament, Chimera-inc.io, ken Code – ePlug

App Development

Proof of ownership for modules in app development: Assembly

Network Infrastructure & APIs

Ethereum, Eris, Codius, NXT, Namecoin, Colored Coins, Hello Block, Counterparty, Mastercoin, Corona, Chromaway, BlockCypher

Other

Prediction platform: Augur
Election Voting: Follow My Vote
Patient Records management: BitHealth

Financial Use Cases

Currency Exchange & Remittance

Coinbase (Wallet), BitPesa, Billion, Ripple, Stellar, Kraken, Fundrs.org, MeXBT, CryptoSigma

P2P Transfers

BTC Jam, Codius, BitBond, BitnPlay (Donation), DeBuNe (SME's B2B transactions)

Ride Sharing

La'zooz

Data Storage

Storj.io, Peernova

Trading Platforms

equityBits, Spritzle, Secure Assets, Coins-e, DXMarkets, MUNA, Kraken, BitShares

Gaming

PlayCoin, Play(on DACx platform), Deckbound

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Latest Blockchain News

Real-World Blockchain Solutions

Entity	Use	Blockchain(s)	Link
Maersk	Expedite tracking of Cargo shipment internationally	Hyperledger	https://www.ibm.com/blogs/think/2018/11/tradelens-how-ibm-and-maersk-are-sharing-blockchain-to-build-a-global-trade-platform/
U.S. State Department & Coca-Cola	Reduce risk of forced labor and child labor	Customized	https://www.digitaltrends.com/cool-tech/coca-cola-blockchain-forced-labor/
Saudi Arabia	Tracking cross-border trade	Hyperledger	https://cointelegraph.com/news/saudi-arabia-completes-ibm-tradelens-pilot-for-cross-border-blockchain-trade
Overstock	Business model change from online retail to investor in Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Start-ups	Several	https://mashable.com/article/overstock-blockchain-cryptocurrency/
Walmart	Requiring several fresh food suppliers to use Blockchain	Several	https://cointelegraph.com/news/walmart-requires-certain-produce-suppliers-to-deploy-blockchain-technology
FedEx	Supply chain and logistics management improvements.	Hyperledger	https://cointelegraph.com/news/fedex-joins-hyperledger-blockchain-hub-big-implications-for-logistics

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Blockchain Security

3 Important Things Business Leaders Need to Know About Blockchain Security

- 1. Security is not just a technical problem, it is a leadership problem
- 2. Exploitation is not just a result of attacker capabilities, but also of developer errors
- 3. While attackers do compromise a blockchain itself, they more commonly exploit the configuration of the technology leveraging a blockchain

Source: Alison DeNisco Ramone, TechRepublic.com, April 18, 2019
https://www.techrepublic.com/article/how-to-secure-a-blockchain-3-things-business-leaders-need-to-know/

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How to Secure Blockchain Applications and Infrastructure

- Build and lead Teams of experienced, dedicated workers
- Design securely
- Do code reviews and rigorous testing
- Implement securely
- Document ***everything***
- Test security
  - Routinely test vulnerabilities (at least quarterly)
    - https://tinyurl.com/y292y3yf
  - Penetration test semi-annually
    - https://tinyurl.com/yya4vtac
  - Test and document performance
    - https://tinyurl.com/yxpwszj7
- Do Threat Management
- Continuously review for upgrading

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How to Perform Secure Software Development for Blockchain Applications by Design, Coding Practices, Testing and Verification

- Experienced DApp developers
- Test-driven Development
- Code Defensively
- Code reviews, by multiple experienced developers
- Understand and remediate the weakest security points, especially protection of private keys and sensitive data.
- Implement the tests on test net and understand exactly how the code will behave prior to moving to main net
- Automate Smart Contract testing when possible

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Ethereum Smart Contract Security Best Practices

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This document provides a baseline knowledge of security considerations for intermediate Solidity programmers. It is maintained by ConsenSys Diligence, with contributions from our friends in the broader Ethereum community.

Where to start?

- General Philosophy describes the smart contract security mindset
- Solidity Recommendations contains examples of good code patterns
- Known Attacks describes the different classes of vulnerabilities to avoid
- Software Engineering outlines some architectural and design approaches for risk mitigation
- Documentation and Procedures outlines best practices for documenting your system for other developers and auditors
- Security Tools lists tools for improving code quality, and detecting vulnerabilities
- Security EIPs lists EIP's related to security issues and vulnerabilities
- Security Resources lists sources of information for staying up to date
- Tokens outlines best practices specifically related to Tokens.

Best Free Resources On Smart Contract Security Best Practices

Smart Contract Security Best Practices
https://consensys.github.io/smart-contract-best-practices/

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Blockchain Auditing

Blockchain and Auditing

- Blockchain Integrity and Security
- DApps
- Infrastructure
- Physical Security

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Concepts of Auditing the Data and Transactions in Blockchain Data Structures

- Data should be validated and verified prior to committing as a Blockchain transaction because once written to the Blockchain it is ***immutable***.
- Sample transactions should be verified from the DApp as successfully written to the Blockchain.
- Use Blockchain Logs and Processing Events

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AUTOMATING THE AUDITING OF BLOCKCHAINS AND BLOCKCHAIN APPLICATIONS

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Automating the Auditing of Blockchains and Blockchain Applications

- In February 2018, ***Maian***, an open source tool to monitor Smart Contracts for being Greedy, Prodigal, or Suicidal was announced.

- As of April 2018, EY has Blockchain Auditing tools and technology.
  - https://www.ey.com/en_gl/news/2018/04/ey-announces-blockchain-audit-technology

- As of October 2018, How Big Four Auditors Delve Into Blockchain: PwC, Deloitte, EY and KPMG Approaches Compared
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AUTOMATING THE AUDITING OF BLOCKCHAINS WITH MAIAN

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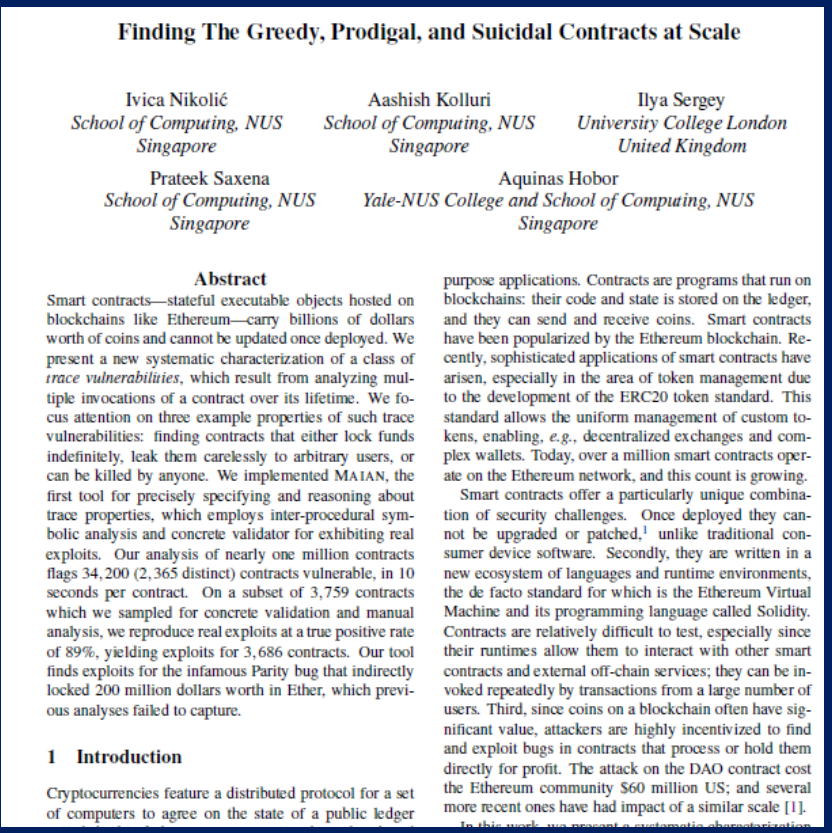
Maian: Auditing Smart Contracts at Scale



Finding The Greedy, Prodigal, and Suicidal Contracts at Scale

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Abstract

Smart contracts—stateful executable objects hosted on blockchains like Ethereum—carry billions of dollars worth of coins and cannot be updated once deployed. We present a new systematic characterization of a class of *trace vulnerabilities*, which result from analyzing multiple invocations of a contract over its lifetime. We focus attention on three example properties of such trace vulnerabilities: finding contracts that either lock funds indefinitely, leak them carelessly to arbitrary users, or can be killed by anyone. We implemented MAIAN, the first tool for precisely specifying and reasoning about trace properties, which employs inter-procedural symbolic analysis and concrete validator for exhibiting real exploits. Our analysis of nearly one million contracts flags 34,200 (2,365 distinct) contracts vulnerable, in 10 seconds per contract. On a subset of 3,759 contracts which we sampled for concrete validation and manual analysis, we reproduce real exploits at a true positive rate of 89%, yielding exploits for 3,686 contracts. Our tool finds exploits for the infamous Parity bug that indirectly locked 200 million dollars worth in Ether, which previous analyses failed to capture.

1 Introduction

Cryptocurrencies feature a distributed protocol for a set of computers to agree on the state of a public ledger purpose applications. Contracts are programs that run on blockchains: their code and state is stored on the ledger, and they can send and receive coins. Smart contracts have been popularized by the Ethereum blockchain. Recently, sophisticated applications of smart contracts have arisen, especially in the area of token management due to the development of the ERC20 token standard. This standard allows the uniform management of custom tokens, enabling, *e.g.*, decentralized exchanges and complex wallets. Today, over a million smart contracts operate on the Ethereum network, and this count is growing.

Smart contracts offer a particularly unique combination of security challenges. Once deployed they cannot be upgraded or patched,[1] unlike traditional consumer device software. Secondly, they are written in a new ecosystem of languages and runtime environments, the de facto standard for which is the Ethereum Virtual Machine and its programming language called Solidity. Contracts are relatively difficult to test, especially since their runtimes allow them to interact with other smart contracts and external off-chain services; they can be invoked repeatedly by transactions from a large number of users. Third, since coins on a blockchain often have significant value, attackers are highly incentivized to find and exploit bugs in contracts that process or hold them directly for profit. The attack on the DAO contract cost the Ethereum community $60 million US; and several more recent ones have had impact of a similar scale [1].

February 2018 Technical paper about flaws in How Ethereum and EVM handle Smart Contracts. Worth your time

Prodigal - Leak them carelessly to arbitrary users

Suicidal - Can be killed by anyone

Greedy - Lock funds Indefinitely

Source:
https://www.reddit.com/r/Bitcoin/comments/7ys5nq/pdf_finding_the_greedy_prodigal_and_suicidal/

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EY has a new Tool, Blockchain Analyzer with the Capability to Automate the Auditing of Blockchain Applications

- The EY Blockchain Analyzer is designed to facilitate EY audit teams in gathering an organization's entire transaction data from multiple blockchain ledgers.
- Auditors can then interrogate the data and perform analysis of transactions, reconciling and identifying transaction outliers. The technology has been designed to support testing of multiple.
- Cryptocurrencies including BitCoin, Ether, BitCoin Cash, LiteCoin, and a number of other crypto-assets managed or traded by exchanges or asset management firms.

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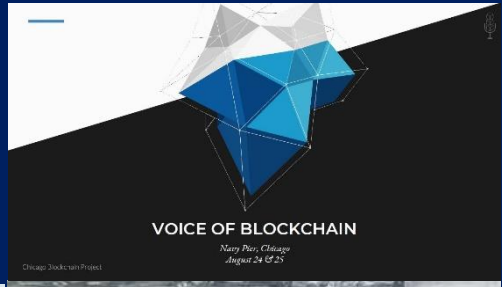
So we covered:

- Why Blockchain Is Important?
- What Is Blockchain?
- Why Blockchain?
- Latest Blockchain News
- Blockchain Security
- Blockchain Auditing



Conclusion

From James Nguyen
February 12, 2019

Trust and Transparency

The bottom line is that it's not enough to just trust in blockchain security because there is usually more transparency than other technological data security and privacy methods. Developers, miners and even enterprises need to look at the entire digital ecosystem when considering security, as every single point provides savvy hackers with a weak leak to exploit.

As blockchain investment continues to skyrocket and the crypto markets continue to diversify — even with the recent slowdown — we will see more unique and sophisticated examples of cyber criminals penetrating blockchain's security veneer. That's the paradoxical ratio of technology: for as many positive innovations that tech brings up, there almost is an equal amount of sinister efforts to match it. The trick is to keep discussing the threats to blockchain while also inspiring and enabling the community to secure it.

Source: **Blockchain still vulnerable to hacks despite security hype, but here are some solutions by James Nguyen. Retrieved from https://e27.co/blockchain-still-vulnerable-to-hacks-despite-security-hype-but-here-are-some-solutions-20190212/** -

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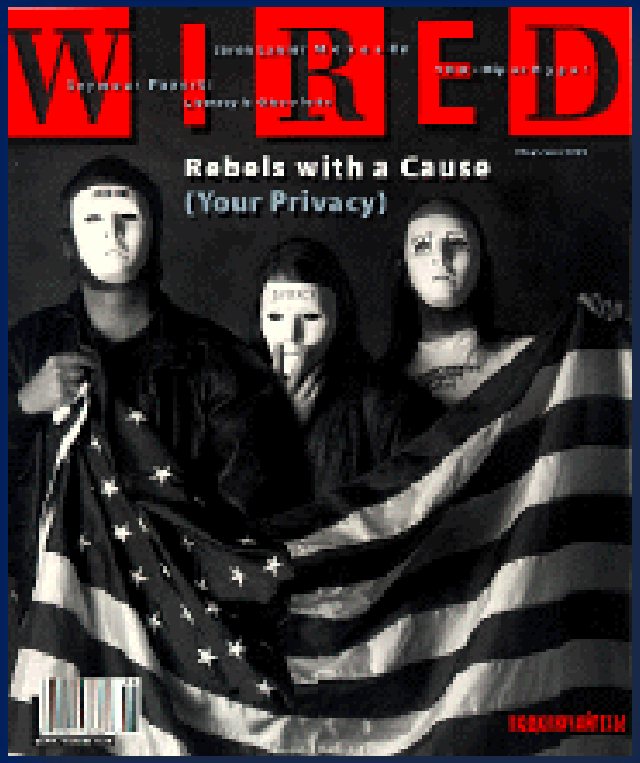

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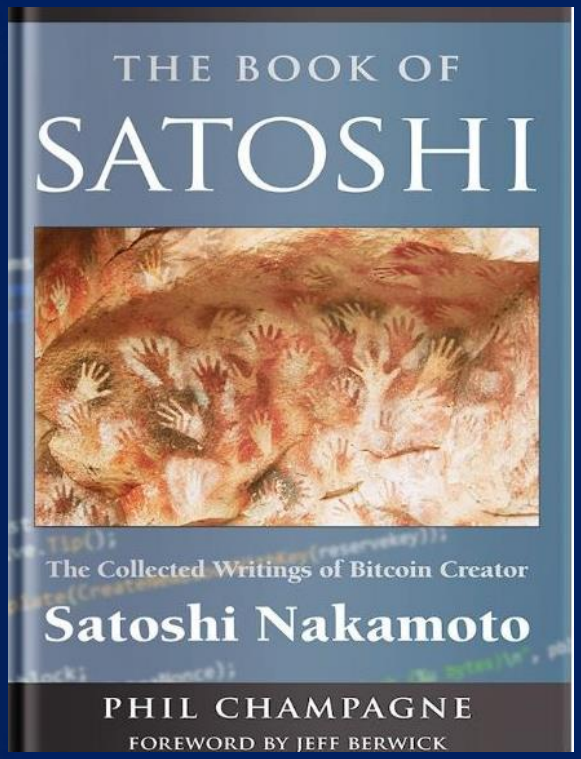

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2. Keep your contracts as simple as possible
3. Publish with great caution
4. Back Up, Back Up, Back Up Your Private Keys
5. Triple-check the Address Before Sending Currency
6. Take Care When Using Exchanges
7. Beware Wi-Fi
8. Identify Your Blockchain Dev
9. Don’t Get Suckered
10. Don’t Trade Tokens Unless You Know What You’re Doing

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This work is dedicated with love, admiration, gratitude, and great respect to *James P. Jarnagin* (January 25, 1935 – December 2, 2018), the Man who was my Mentor and Father-figure since March 1985. He is one of the biggest reasons for my career success and personal success. What I owe him can never be repaid.

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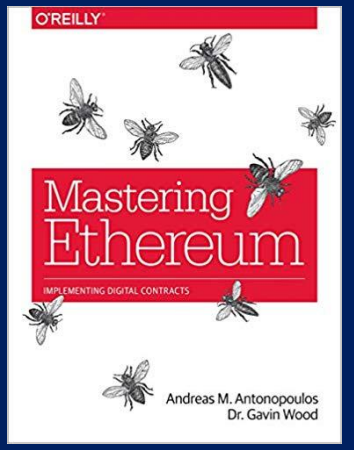

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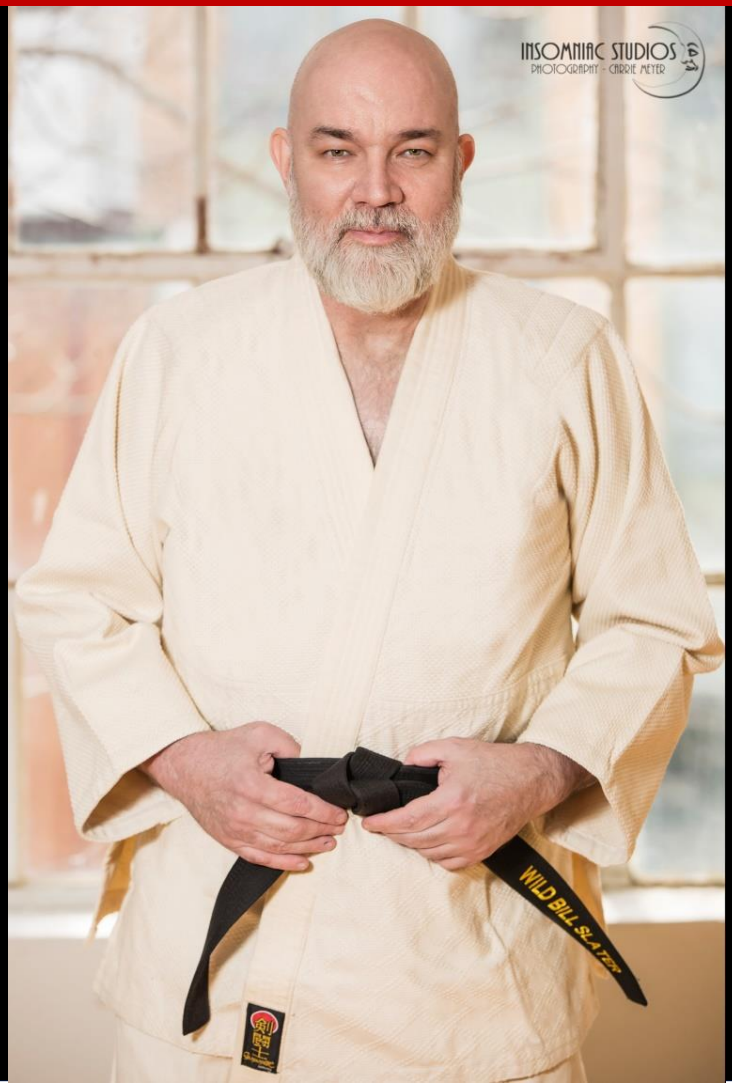

Supplemental Slides

Why Is Blockchain Important?

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BLOCKCHAIN

U.S. Senate approves Blockchain Promotion Act to formally explore opportunities for the technology

JULY 12, 2019, 3:24PM EDT

The U.S. Congress is working on legislation defining blockchain.

The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee approved the Blockchain Promotion Act, CNET reports. The bipartisan legislation instructs the U.S. Department of Commerce to set up a working group to define what "blockchain" is.

The bill aims to create a blockchain definition on the federal level to ensure uniformity in definition among states. Besides preparing the definition, the Blockchain Working Group will also provide recommendations on potential applications of blockchain, including on how federal agencies could take advantage of the technology.

Members of the working group will include both governmental and non-governmental stakeholders: representatives of Federal agencies that could benefit from blockchain as well as information and communication technology manufacturers, suppliers, software providers, service providers, vendors, and subject matter experts.

"Blockchain is an exciting new technology with great potential and promise," said U.S. Sen. Ed Markey, a co-sponsor of the bill. According to Markey, the legislation would help "further understand applications for this technology and explore opportunities for its use within the federal government."

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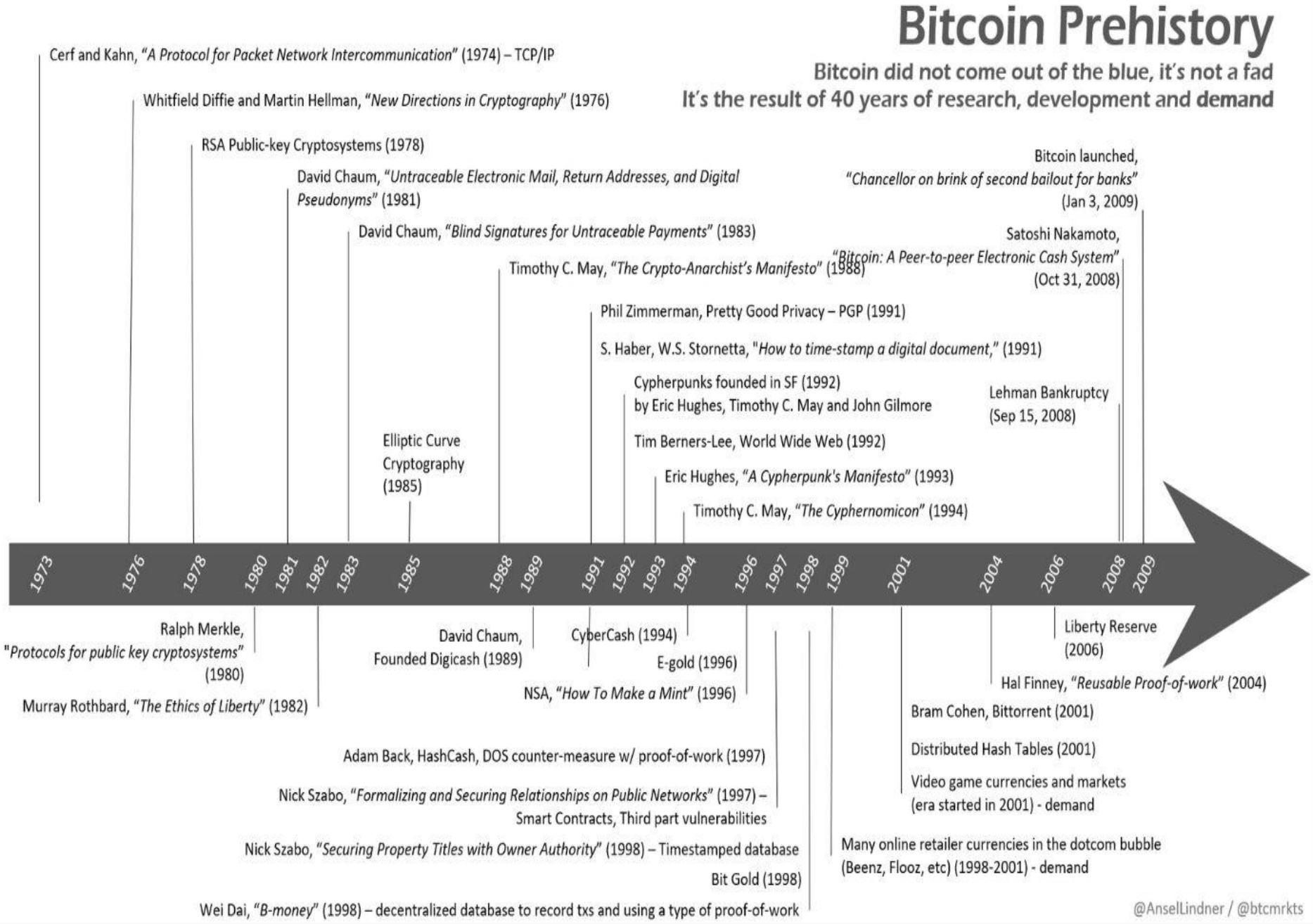
What is Blockchain?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BLOCKCHAIN TRAINING ALLIANCE

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Blockchain terms 2.0

51% Attack
A situation in which a majority of miners in the blockchain launch an attack on the rest of the nodes (or users). This kind of attack allows for double spending or stealing assets.

Agreement Ledger
A distributed ledger used by two or more users to negotiate and reach agreement

Block Height
Number of blocks connected together in the block chain

Byzantine Fault Tolerance (BFT)
Byzantine fault tolerance (BFT) is the property of a system that is able to resist the class of failures derived from the Byzantine Generals' Problem. This means that a BFT system is able to continue operating even if some of the nodes fail or act maliciously.

Chaincode
A program that initializes and manages a ledgers state through submitted applications

Coinbase
The largest exchange for buying and selling Bitcoin & converting Bitcoin into dollars or other currencies.

Consensus
The agreement of all participants of a network on the validity of a transaction

Cryptocurrency
A digital currency based on mathematics, where encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of units of currency and verify the transfer of funds. Cryptocurrencies operate independently of a central bank.

Dagger Hashimoto
The proposed spec for the mining algorithm in Ethereum 1.0

ABI (Application Binary Interface)
An interface between two binary program modules, often one program is a library and the other is being run by a user

Alt-coin
Any cryptocurrency that exists as an alternative to bitcoin

Blockchain (Public)
A mathematical structure for storing digital transactions (or data) in an immutable, peer-to-peer ledger that is incredibly difficult to fake and yet remains accessible to anyone.

Casper
Consensus algorithm that combines proof of work and proof of stake. Ethereum is going to use Casper as a transition to proof of stake.

Channel
A Blockchain channel is a separate data channel allowing nodes to communicate in private, or transactions to be funded, etc., without the entire network seeing it.

Composer CLI
Hyperledger command line allowing for administrative tasks

Consensus Process
The process of reaching consensus on a ledger's content

CRUD
Create,retrieve,update, delete

DApps
Decentralized Applications

Address
Address (Cryptocurrency address) is used to send and receive transactions on the network

API
Application Programming Interface (part of a remote server that sends requests and receives responses)

Business logic layer
A part of code that determines the rules to be followed when doing business

CDN (Content Delivery Network)
Allows for a quick transition of assets needed to load internet content (html, js, css, etc.)

CLI
Command Line Interface

Composer Rest Server
Generates a REST API from a deployed Blockchain

Consortium Blockchain
A blockchain where the consensus process is controlled by a pre-selected set of nodes.

Cryptographic Hash Function
A function that receives an input of any size and returns a unique string of a uniform length

DDoS Attacks
A Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) attack is a cyber-attack in which the perpetrator seeks to make a machine or network resource unavailable to its intended users by temporarily or indefinitely disrupting services of a host connected to the Internet

Aggregated Transactions
Merging multiple transactions into one, allowing trustless swaps, and other advanced logic. Used in NEM.

Bitcoin
The first, and most popular, cryptocurrency based off the decentralized ledger of a blockchain created in 2009.

Business network card
Provides necessary information to connect a blockchain business network

Centralized
Maintained by a central, authoritative location or group

Coin
Representation of a digital asset built on a new blockchain

Confirmation
Indication that the blockchain transaction has been verified by the network through mining

Container Technology
A solution to run a software application reliably when deployed in a different environment other than the one in which it was created. Such as Docker or Kubernetes.

Cryptography
A method for securing communication using code

Decentralization
The transfer of authority and responsibility from a centralized organization, government, or party to a distributed network.

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Difficulty
Indication of how hard it is to verify blocks in Proof-of-Work mining

Digital Signature
A mathematical scheme used for presenting the authenticity of digital assets

ERC20
Ethereum request for comments standard

Fiat
Legal tender whose value is backed by the government that issued it. Ex: USD, EUR, CNY, JPY

Gas (Ethereum)
A measure of how much Ether is paid for a given action performed in Ethereum Blockchain

Gossip Protocol
A gossip protocol is a procedure or process of computer-computer communication that is based on the way social networks disseminate information or how epidemics spread. It is a communication protocol

Hash Function
A function that maps data of an arbitrary size

Hyperledger Composer
Hyperledger Composer is Blockchain Application Development framework which simplifys the blockchain application development on Hyperledger Fabric

Initial Coin Offering (ICO)
The form in which capital is raised to fund new cryptocurrency ventures. Modeled after an Initial Public Offering (IPO). Funders of an ICO receive tokens.

JSON
"JavaScript Object Notation" and is pronounced like the name "Jason". JSON is a text-based data interchange format designed for transmitting structured data. It is most commonly used for transferring data between web applications and web servers.

Decentralized
The concept of a shared network of dispersed computers (or nodes) that can process transactions without a centrally located, third-party intermediary.

Double Spend
A scenario where someone tries to send a bitcoin transaction to two different recipients at the same time

ET-Hash
The proof of work algorithm used by Ethereum 1.0

FITS model for Blockchain applicability
A model for assessing the applicability of blockchain using: Fraud is prevalent, Intermediaries exist, Throughput is needed, Stable data is in the application.

Genesis Block
The initial block within a blockchain

Governance
The rules that are established for a Blockchain that determine how it is governed, administrated, and managed or protected

Hot Wallet
A wallet that is directly connected to the internet at all times

Hyperledger Fabric
Hyperledger project hosted by Linux which hosts Smart Contracts called Chaincode

Instantiate(d)
To instantiate is to create an instance of an object in an object-oriented programming (OOP) language. An instantiated object is given a name and created in memory or on disk using the structure described within a class declaration.

Kubernete(s)
A set of building blocks ("primitives"), which collectively provide mechanisms that deploy, maintain, and scale applications. Also defined as an open-source container-orchestration system for automating deployment, scaling and management of containerized applications.

Digital Asset
Any digital data that is formatted into binary code and includes the right to use it.

Enum
A data type that represents the enumeration of values of the same type

Ethereum
Blockchain application that uses a built-in programming language that allows users to build decentralized ledgers modified to their own needs. Smart contracts are used to validate transactions in the ledger.

Fork
A collectively agreed upon software update by all the nodes on the network.

GitHub
A web based hosting service for version control using git. Used by blockchain

Hard Fork
Alters the blockchain data in a public blockchain. Requires all nodes in a network to upgrade and agree on the new version.

Hot/Cold Wallet
A cryptocurrency description where Hot wallets are like checking accounts whereas cold wallets are like savings accounts.

IDE (Integrated development Environment)
Application for software developers that primarily consists of a source code editor, build automation tool, and debugger

Invariant
A function, quantity, or property that remains unchanged when a specified transformation is applied.

Ledger
An append-only store of records

Digital Identity
A digital identity is an online or networked identity adopted or claimed in cyberspace by an individual, organization, or electronic device.

EOA
Externally Owned Account

Exchange
A place to buy and sell cryptocurrency

Fungibility
The ability of a good or asset to be interchanged with other individual goods or assets of the same type. Applicable to Corda Distributed Ledger

Golang (Google language)
Created by google in 2009, GOlang is a programming language based on C

Hardware Wallet
A physical device that can be connected to the web and interact with an online exchange

Hyperledger
Started by the Linux Foundation, Hyperledger is an umbrella project of open source blockchains

Immutable
"unable to be changed". Data stored in a blockchain is unable to be changed (not even by administrators)

IPFS
Inter Planetary File System

Liquidity
The ability of an asset to be converted into cash

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Lightning Network
A decentralized network using Smart Contract functionality in the blockchain to enable instant payments across a network of participants.

Market Cap
Total value held in a cryptocurrency

Merkle Tree
A tree in which every leaf node is labelled with the hash of a data block and every non-leaf node is labelled with the cryptographic hash of the labels of its child nodes

Mining
The act of validating blockchain transactions. Requires computing power and electricity to solve "puzzles". Mining rewards coins based on your computing power.

Mining pool
A collection of miners who come together to share their processing power over a network and agree to split the rewards of a new block found within the pool

Mist
Browser for installing and using Dapps

MSP (Membership Service Provider)
A Hyperledger Fabric blockchain network can be governed by one or more MSPs

Multisignature (transaction)
Multi signature transactions require multiple parties to approve the transaction, determined by the rules.

Node
A copy of the ledger operated by a user on the blockchain

Nonce
A number only used once in a cryptographic communication (often includes a timestamp)

Nothing at Stake problem
This is caused by validator nodes approving all transactions on old and new software after a hard fork occurs

NPM (Node Package Manager)
Default package manager runtime environment node.js. NPM manages dependencies for an application.

Oauth protocol
Open Authorization is a standard that is used by third party services to keep and distribute user's information without exposing their password

Ommer (aka Uncle)
A block which has been completely mined but has not yet been added to the Blockchain

On-chain governance
A system for managing and implementing changes to a cryptocurrency blockchain

Oracle
An interface that connects smart contracts and data sources

Orderer Network
A computer network that allows nodes to share resource

P2P (Peer to Peer)
Decentralized model where two parties complete a transaction without an intermediary third party. The buyer and seller interact directly.

PKI (Public Key Infrastructure)
A set of roles, policies, and procedures needed to create, manage, distribute, use, store, and revoke digital certificates and manage public-key encryption.

Pragma(s) or Pragma-line
Defines which compiler version the smart contract uses

Private Blockchain
Blockchain that can control who has access to it. Contrary to a public blockchain a Private Blockchain does not use consensus algorithms like POW or POS, instead they use a system known as byzantine fault tolerant(BFT). BFT is not a trustless system which makes a BFT system less secure.

Proof of Activity
Active Stakeholders who maintain a full node are rewarded

Proof of Burn
Miners send coins to an inactive address essentially burning them. The burns are then recorded on the blockchain and the user is rewarded.

Proof of Capacity
Plotting your hard drive (storing solutions on a hard drive before the mining begins). A hard drive with the fastest solution wins the block

Proof of Elapsed Time
Consensus algorithm in which nodes must wait for a randomly chosen time period and the first node to complete the time period is rewarded

Proof of Stake (POS)
A consensus algorithm that chooses the owner of a new block based on the wealth they have or (Stake). There is not a block reward so the forgers take the transaction fee

Proof of Work (POW)
A consensus algorithm which requires a user to "mine" or solve a complex mathematical puzzle in order to verify a transaction. "Miners" are rewarded with Cryptocurrencies based on computational power.

Proof of Importance
Proof-of-Importance is a Blockchain consensus mechanism in NEM. Similar to proof-of-stake: nodes need to 'vest' an amount of currency to be eligible for creating blocks and are selected for creating a block roughly in proportion to some score.

Pub/Sub
Publish/Subscribe

Public Blockchain
A publically accessible blockchain

Public key cryptography
Encryption that uses two mathematically related keys. A public and private key. It is impossible to derive the private key based on the public key.

REST API (representational state transfer API)
Defines restraints based on HTTP

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RPC (Remote Procedure Calls)
A protocol that is used from one program to request a service on another program located on a network

RSA
RSA encryption system to encrypt a message with an individual's public key so that only that individual can decrypt the message in a reasonable amount of time

Satoshi Nakamoto
An individual or entity who created Bitcoin protocol having successfully solved the digital currency issue of the 'double spend'

Segwit
The process by which the block size limit on a blockchain is increased by removing signature data from Bitcoin transactions

SDK
A software development kit provides the necessary tools for a developer to create software on a specific platform

SHA-256
SHA-256 is a member of the SHA-2 cryptographic hash functions designed by the NSA. SHA stands for Secure Hash Algorithm. SHA-256 is used in several different parts of the Bitcoin network: Mining uses SHA-256 as the Proof of work

Sharding
Dividing a blockchain into several smaller component networks called shards capable of processing transactions in parallel

Smart Contract
Self-executing contract with the terms of agreement written into the code

Solidity
A programming language used for writing smart contracts on the Ethereum network

Stablecoin
The definition for a cryptocurrency designed to minimize the effects of price volatility such as being pegged to a currency, or to exchange traded commodities (such as precious metals).

Stake Weighting
A function of Proof-of-Stake where the weight of his or her "vote" is a function of the proportion of tokens he or she owns

Token
Representation of a digital asset built on an existing blockchain

Token Economics
The study, design, and implementation of economic systems based on blockchain technology.

Tokenless Ledger
A ledger that doesn't require a native currency to operate

Turing Complete language
A language that is able to perform calculations that a computer is capable of

Ubuntu
Free open source operating system and linux distribution

UTXO (Unspent Transaction Outputs)
Unspent transaction outputs are used to determine whether a transaction is valid

Virtual Machine
Emulation of a computing system

VMware
Subsidiary of Dell that provides cloud computing and platform visualization software and services

VMware Player
Virtualization software package for x64 Computers running Microsoft or Linux

VYPER
A programming language created to be a formal introduction to smart contracts

Wallet
Stores the digital assets you own

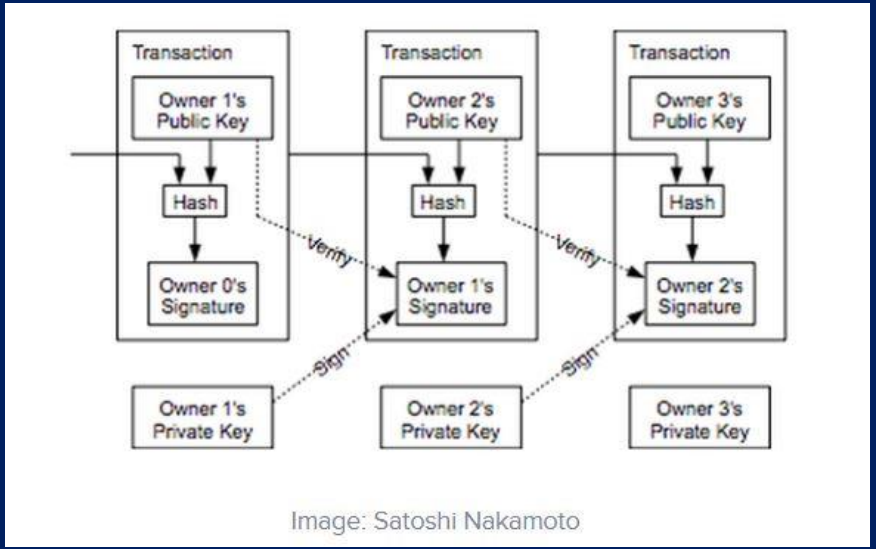
Zeppelin (or Open Zeppelin)
Community of like-minded Smart Contract developers

Source: Blobal Blockchain Terms by the Blockchain Training Alliance.
https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/2137/1081/files/BTA_Global_Blockchain_Terms.pdf?2499

The Term "Blockchain"

The blockchain is a purely distributed peer-to-peer data store with the following properties:

- Immutable
- Append-only
- Ordered
- Time-stamped
- Open and transparent
- Secure (identification, authentication, and authorization)
- Eventually consistent



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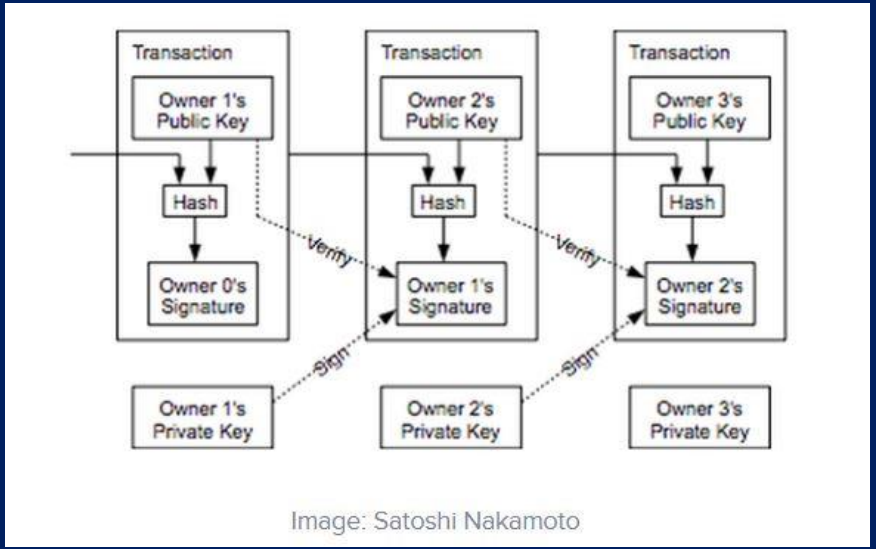
Properties of Blockchain's Nonfunctional Aspects

When interacting with the blockchain, you will notice how it fulfills its duties. The quality at which the blockchain serves its purpose is described by its nonfunctional aspects:

- Highly available
- Censorship proof
- Reliable
- Open
- Pseudoanonymous
- Secure
- Resilient
- Eventually consistent



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HOW DOES BLOCKCHAIN WORK?

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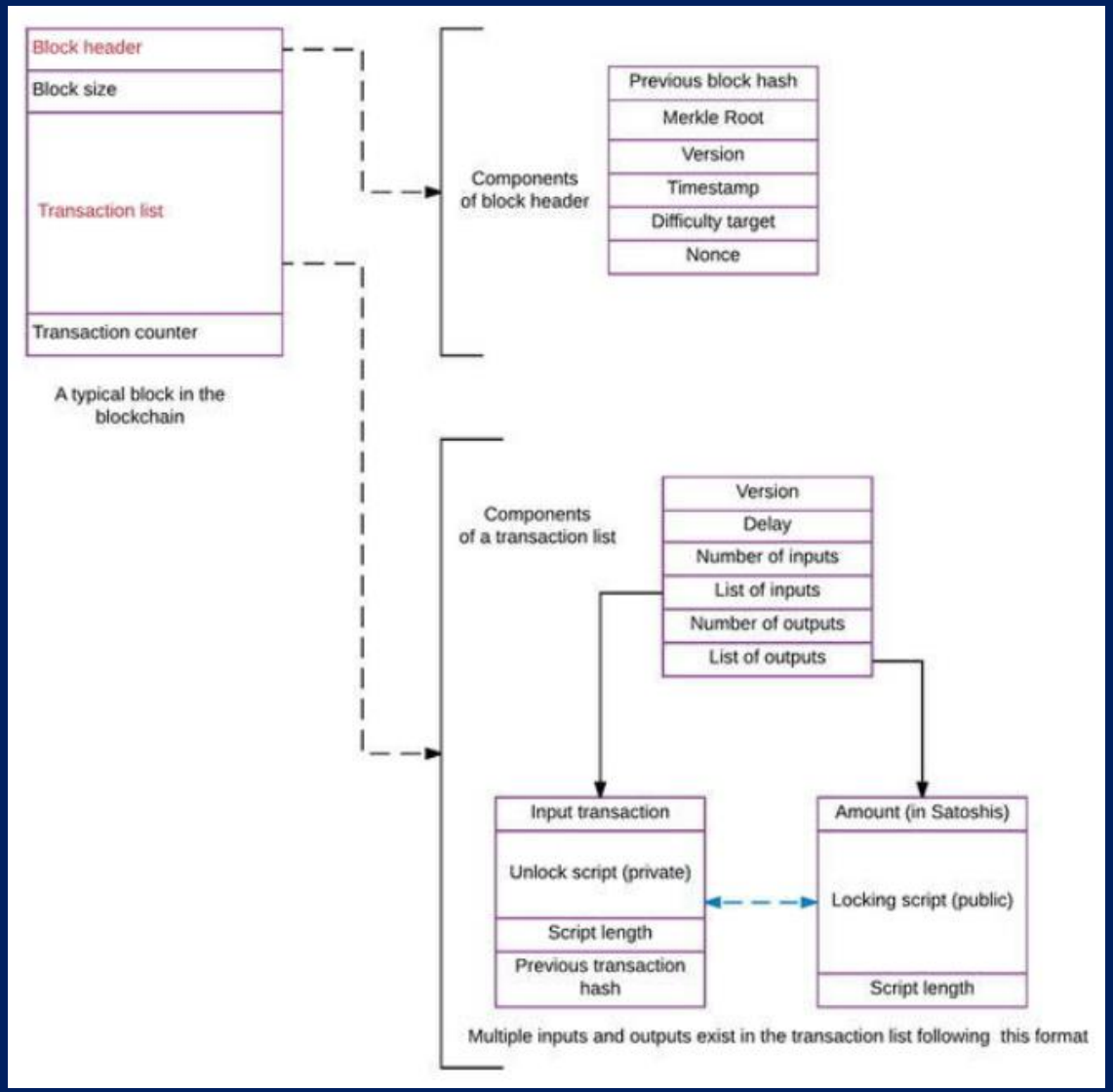
Typical Blockchain Composition

- Block Header
- Block Transactions



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Creating a Block: The Blockchain Mining Processs

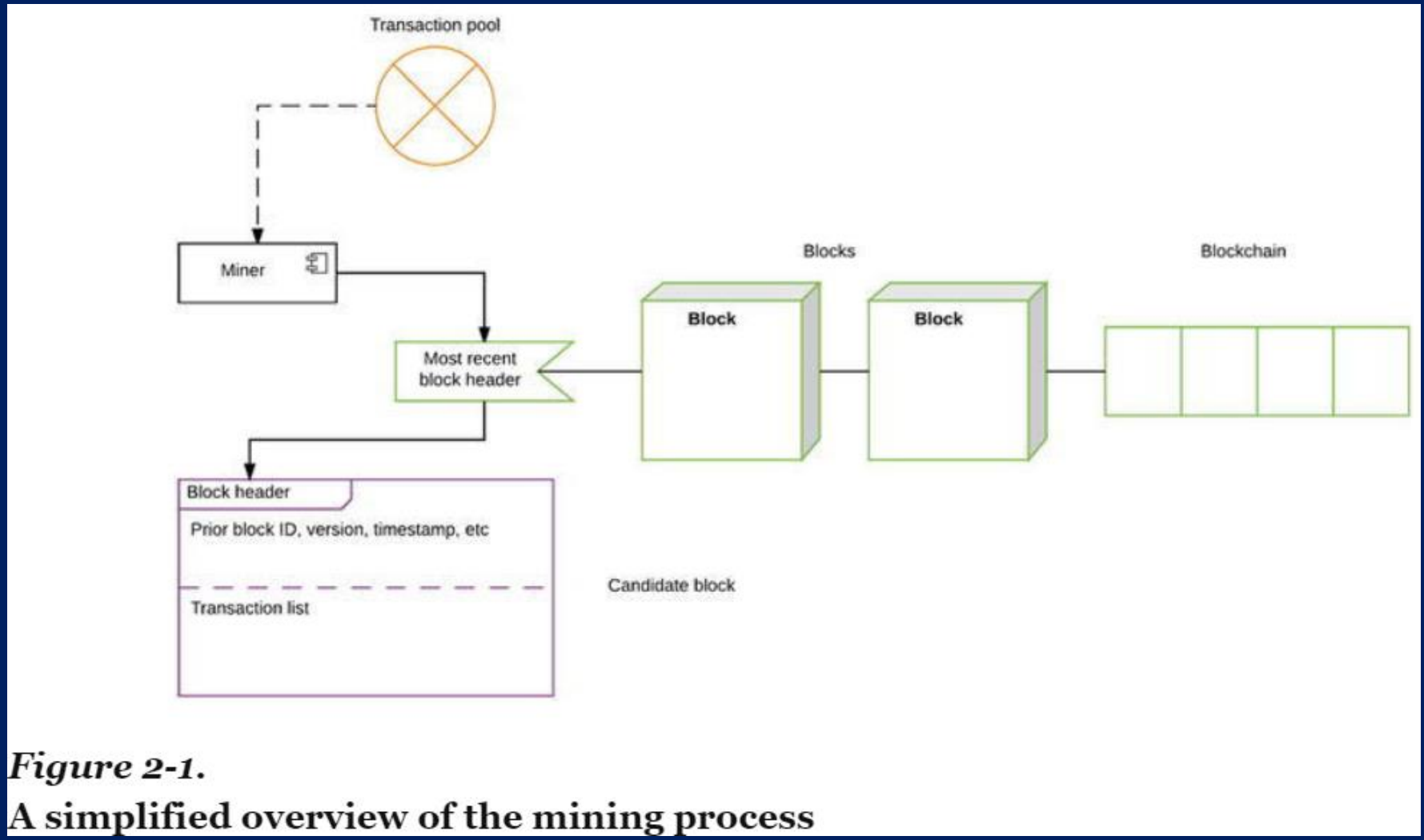

Figure 2-1.
A simplified overview of the mining process

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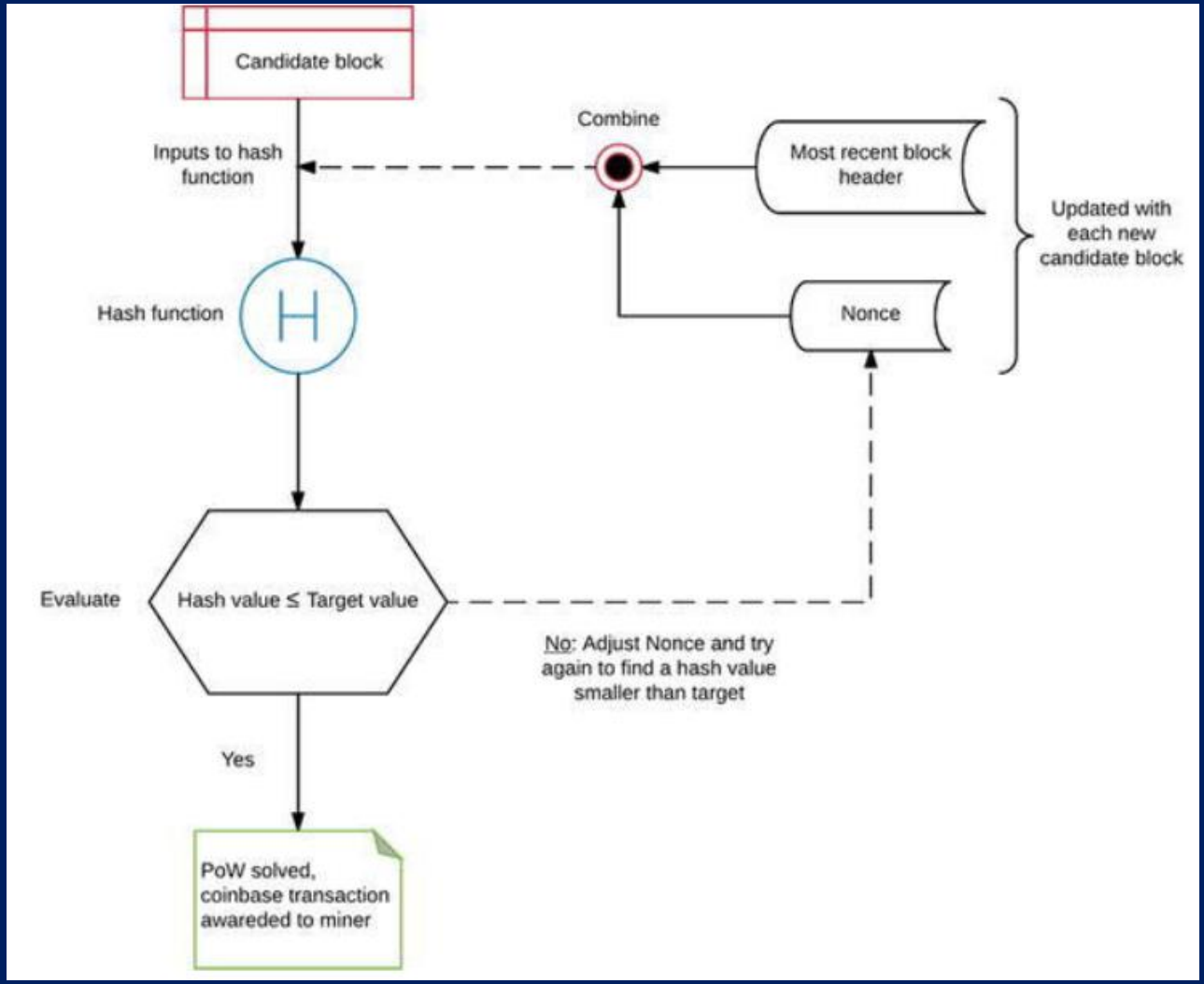
Mining Principles: Proof of Work



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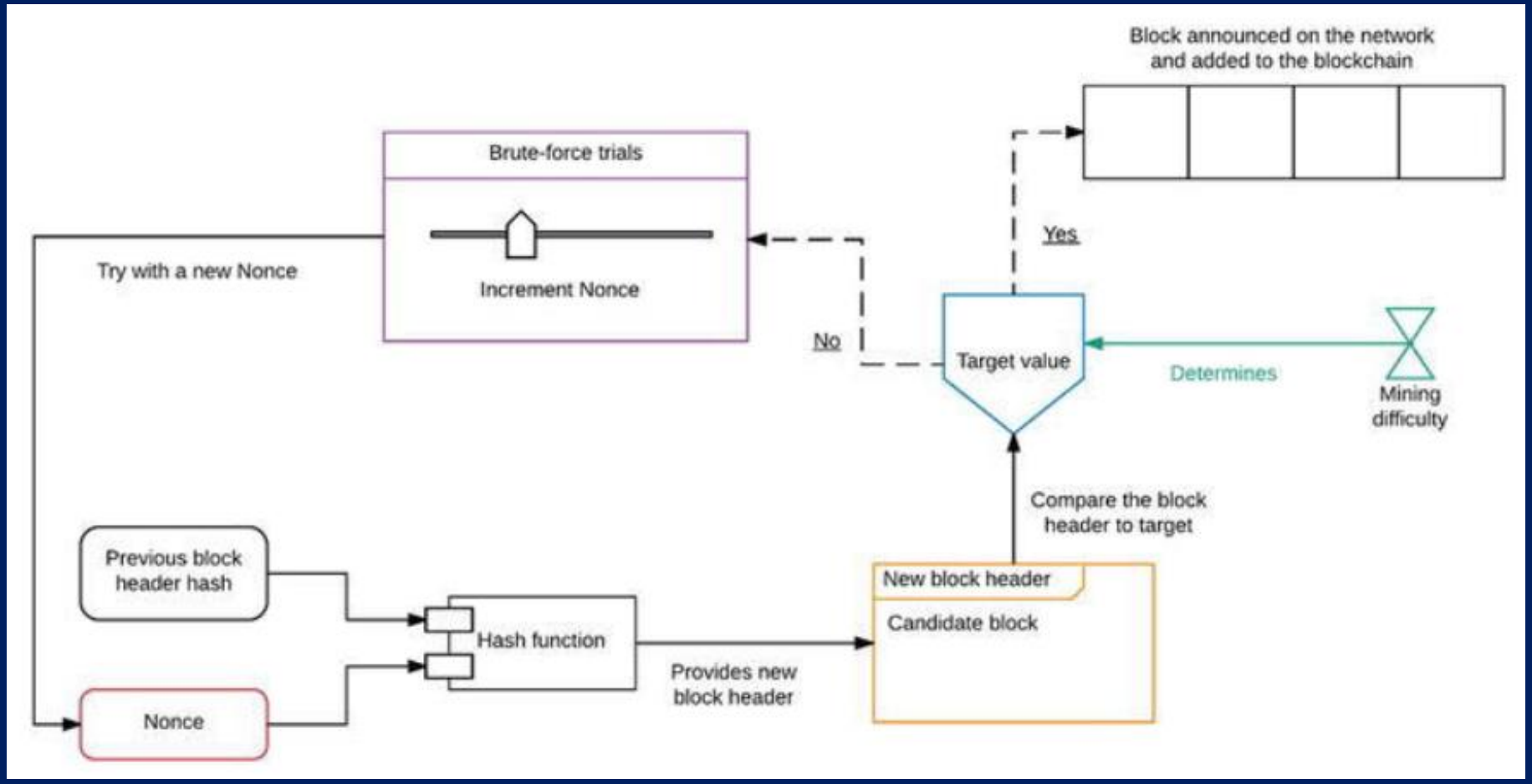
Mining Principles: Solving the Proof of Work



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Why Blockchain?

Elements in favor of a blockchain approach

Block chain use cases requires massive cloud resources

Establish trust

Transact on identity

Ensure provenance of data

Facilitate value exchange

Enable smart contracts

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Blockchain Security

Blockchain Security – Threats and Vulnerabilities & Remediation – Part 1

Threat or Vulnerability	Description	Remediation	Comment(s)
Threat	51% Attack	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade.	Happened to Bitcoin in June 2014. http://tinyurl.com/y5malrxc
Threat	Sybil Attack	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade.	Need better education and experience.
Vulnerability	Bad Private Key Management	Understand & Securely manage private keys.	Need better education and tools.
Vulnerability	Centralization	Understand the CAP Theorem and Decentralization. Design and implement accordingly.	Need better education.
Vulnerability	Scalability	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade.	Need better education and experience.
Vulnerability	Network Security	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade.	Need better education.
Vulnerability	Smart Contracts – Coding errors	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade.	Need better education and experience.
Vulnerability	Smart Contracts – Configuration Errors	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade.	Need better education and experience.
Vulnerability	Blockchain & Smart Contracts - Inexperience	Use Secure Development practices, and experienced developers and testers.	Need better education and experience.

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Blockchain Security – Threats and Vulnerabilities & Remediation – Part 2

Threat or Vulnerability	Description	Remediation	Comment(s)
Vulnerability	Reentrancy	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Vulnerability	Unexpected Ether	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Vulnerability	DELEGATECALL	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Vulnerability	Default Visibilities	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Vulnerability	Entropy Illusion	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Vulnerability	External Contract Referencing	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Vulnerability	Short Address / Parameter Attack	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Vulnerability	Unchecked CALL Return Value	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Vulnerability	Race Conditions / Front Running	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.

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Blockchain Security – Threats and Vulnerabilities & Remediation – Part 3

Threat or Vulnerability	Description	Remediation	Comment(s)
Vulnerability	Denial of Service	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Vulnerability	Block Timestamp Manipulation	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Vulnerability	Constructions with Care	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Vulnerability	Uninitialized Storage Pointers	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Vulnerability	Floating Point and Precision	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Vulnerability	Transaction Origin Authentication	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Vulnerability	Contract Libraries	Securely design, implement, monitor, maintain, test & upgrade. Code reviews & Audits.	See ***Mastering Ethereum***, Chapter 9.
Threat	**Shor's Algorithm (Using Quantum Computing)**	**Stronger, better encryption, perhaps Quantum Cryptography.**	**Closer than you think**

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MIT Article – Blockchains Are Now Getting Hacked

Once hailed as unhackable, blockchains are now getting hacked

More and more security holes are appearing in cryptocurrency and smart contract platforms, and some are fundamental to the way they were built.

by Mike Orcutt February 19, 2019

Early last month, the security team at Coinbase noticed something strange going on in Ethereum Classic, one of the cryptocurrencies people can buy and sell using Coinbase's popular exchange platform. Its blockchain, the history of all its transactions, was under attack.

An attacker had somehow gained control of more than half of the network's computing power and was using it to rewrite the transaction history. That made it possible to spend the same cryptocurrency more than once—known as "double spends." The attacker was spotted pulling this off to the tune of $1.1 million. Coinbase claims that no currency was actually stolen from any of its accounts. But a second popular exchange, Gate.io, has admitted it wasn't so lucky, losing around $200,000 to the attacker (who, strangely, returned half of it days later).

Just a year ago, this nightmare scenario was mostly theoretical. But the so-called 51% attack against Ethereum Classic was just the latest in a

51% Attack on Ethereum Classic – January 2019

Source: MIT Review, Mike Orcutt, February 19, 2019
https://www.technologyreview.com/s/612974/once-hailed-as-unhackable-blockchains-are-now-getting-hacked/

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CASE STUDIES

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Case Study 1

- Timeframe: November 2017
- Location: User ***devops199*** somewhere on the Ethereum Blockchain
- Topic: Placement in Production of flawed Smart Contract
- Results: Loss of over $150 million

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$150,000,000 bug

Blockchain Auditing

Concepts of Auditing the Data and Transactions in Blockchain Data Structures

- Blockchain Log Entries on geth
- Examine using Javascript in geth console using *web3.eth.filter()*
- Options include:
  - **fromBlock:** Number of the earliest block for fetching the logs or use 'latest' or 'pending'
  - **toBlock:** Number of the latest block for fetching the logs or use 'latest' or 'pending'
  - **address:** An address or list of addresses to only get logs from particular accounts
  - **topics:** List of log topics
- When *web3.eth.filter()* is set to 'pending' it returns a transaction hash of the most recent pending transaction.

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- Log object fields you can examine include
  - **logIndex:** Log index position of the block.
  - **transactionIndex:** Transaction index position the log was created from.
  - **transactionHash:** Hash of the transaction this log was created from.
  - **blockHash:** Hash of the block this log was in.
  - **blockNumber:** Block number where this log was in.
  - **address:** Address from which this log originated.
  - **data:** Includes non-indexed arguments of the log.
  - **topics:** Includes indexed log arguments.

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Example Log review code using Javascript

```
var filterString = 'pending';
var filter = web3.eth.filter(filterString);
// //Watch for state changes
filter.watch(function(error, result){
  if (!error)
    console.log(result);
});

//Output - transaction hash
0x1369363a13994cd77fe31f1b75514f4ae7015fa0b5a6753eeeba3c

var options = {'fromBlock': 'pending',
        'address': '0xc79d0f151f6c7f51772a4d9f488c90f517

//Watch for state changes and get logs
web3.eth.filter(options, function(error, result){
  if (!error)
    console.log(JSON.stringify(result));
});
```

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Example Log review code using Javascript

```
//Output
{
"address":"0xc79d0f151f6c7f51772a4d9f488c90f5177fee4e",
"blockHash":"0xd134ca3a65ab817404fea672afbbbc42c6d200
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"blockNumber":2386,
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}
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Security Tools for Auditing & Visualizing Transactions in Blockchain Data Structures

Visualization

- Sūrya [https://github.com/ConsenSys/surya] - Utility tool for smart contract systems, offering a number of visual outputs and information about the contracts' structure. Also supports querying the function call graph.
- Solgraph [https://github.com/raineorshine/solgraph] - Generates a DOT graph that visualizes function control flow of a Solidity contract and highlights potential security vulnerabilities.
- EVM Lab [https://github.com/ethereum/evmlab] - Rich tool package to interact with the EVM. Includes a VM, Etherchain API, and a trace-viewer.
- ethereum-graph-debugger [https://github.com/fergarrui/ethereum-graph-debugger] - A graphical EVM debugger. Displays the entire program control flow graph.

Source: Smart Contract Security: https://consensys.github.io/smart-contract-best-practices/

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Static & Dynamic Analysis

- MythX Plugin for Truffle [https://github.com/ConsenSys/truffle-security] - Security verification plugin for Truffle.
- Sabre [https://github.com/b-mueller/sabre] - Easy-to-use MythX security analyzer written in JavaScript.
- PythX [https://github.com/dmuhs/PythX] - MythX Python library and CLI tool.
- Mythril Classic [https://github.com/ConsenSys/mythril-classic] - Swiss army knife for smart contract security.
- Slither [https://github.com/trailofbits/slither] - Static analysis framework with detectors for many common Solidity issues. It has taint and value tracking capabilities and is written in Python.
- Echidna [https://github.com/trailofbits/echidna] - The only available fuzzer for Ethereum software. Uses property testing to generate malicious inputs that break smart contracts.
- Manticore [https://github.com/trailofbits/manticore] - Dynamic binary analysis tool with EVM support [https://asciinema.org/a/haJU2cl0R0Q3jB9wd733LVosL].
- Oyente [https://github.com/melonproject/oyente] - Analyze Ethereum code to find common vulnerabilities, based on this paper [http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~loiluu/papers/oyente.pdf].

- Securify [https://securify.chainsecurity.com/] - Fully automated online static analyzer for smart contracts, providing a security report based on vulnerability patterns.
- SmartCheck [https://tool.smartdec.net] - Static analysis of Solidity source code for security vulnerabilities and best practices.
- Octopus [https://github.com/quoscient/octopus] - Security Analysis tool for Blockchain Smart Contracts with support of EVM and (e)WASM.

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Weakness OSSClassifcation & Test Cases

- SWC-registry [https://github.com/SmartContractSecurity/SWC-registry/] - SWC definitions and a large repository of crafted and real-world samples of vulnerable smart contracts.
- SWC Pages [https://smartcontractsecurity.github.io/SWC-registry/] - The SWC-registry repo published on Github Pages

Test Coverage

- solidity-coverage [https://github.com/sc-forks/solidity-coverage] - Code coverage for Solidity testing.

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Linters

Linters improve code quality by enforcing rules for style and composition, making code easier to read and review.

- Solcheck [https://github.com/federicobond/solcheck] - A linter for Solidity code written in JS and heavily inspired by eslint.
- Solint [https://github.com/weifund/solint] - Solidity linting that helps you enforce consistent conventions and avoid errors in your Solidity smart-contracts.
- Solium [https://github.com/duaraghav8/Solium] - Yet another Solidity linting.
- Solhint [https://github.com/protofire/solhint] - A linter for Solidity that provides both Security and Style Guide validations.

Source: Smart Contract Security: https://consensys.github.io/smart-contract-best-practices/

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5.4 Summary and Observations

The symbolic execution engine of MAIAN flags 34,200 contracts. With concrete validation engine or manual inspection, we have confirmed that around 97% of prodigal, 97% of suicidal and 69% of greedy contracts are true positive. The importance of analyzing the bytecode of the contracts, rather than Solidity source code, is demonstrated by the fact that only 1% of all contracts have source code. Further, among all flagged contracts, only 181 have verified source codes according to the widely used platform Etherscan, or in percentages only 1.06%, 0.47% and 0.49%, in the three categories of prodigal, suicidal, and greedy, respectively. We refer the reader to Table 1 for the exact summary of these results.

Inv. depth	Prodigal	Suicidal	Greedy
1	131	127	682
2	156	141	682
3	157	141	682
4	157	141	682

Table 2: The table shows number of contracts flagged for various invocation depths. This analysis is done on a random subset of 25,000–100,000 contracts.

Furthermore, the maximal amount of Ether that could have been withdrawn from prodigal and suicidal contracts, before the block height BH, is nearly 4,905 Ether, or 5.9 million US dollars[10] according to the exchange rate at the time of this writing. In addition, 6,239 Ether (7.5 million US dollars) is locked inside posthumous contracts currently on the blockchain, of which 313 Ether (379,940 US dollars) have been sent to dead contracts after they have been killed.

Finally, the analysis given in Table 2 shows the number of flagged contracts for different invocation depths from 1 to 4. We tested 25,000 contracts being for greedy, and 100,000 for remaining categories, inferring that increasing depth improves results marginally, and an invocation depth of 3 is an optimal tradeoff point.

7 Conclusion

We characterize vulnerabilities in smart contracts that are checkable as properties of an entire execution trace (possibly infinite sequence of their invocations). We show three examples of such trace vulnerabilities, leading to greedy, prodigal and suicidal contracts. Analyzing 970,898 contracts, our new tool MAIAN flags thousands of contracts vulnerable at a high true positive rate.

Prodigal - Leak them carelessly to arbitrary users

Suicidal - Can be killed by anyone

Greedy - Lock funds Indefinitely

Bottom Line: three to four percent of the smart contracts on Ethereum's blockchain still contain trace vulnerabilities, according to the researchers' new analysis methodology.

Sources: https://www.reddit.com/r/Bitcoin/comments/7ys5nq/pdf_finding_the_greedy_prodigal_and_suicidal/ and https://bitsonline.com/singapore-research-ethereum/

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Opacity Is Hampering Ethereum Security

Another interesting point raised in the paper is the unavailability of smart contract source code for Ethereum smart contracts, estimating the number at only one percent of the 970 thousand contracts they analyzed.

Fixing serious security vulnerabilities at scale requires **peer review**, and the **culture of propriety on the Ethereum network** forced the research team to directly analyze EVM bytecode instead of the sources to complete their research. Were the source code for these contracts more available and reviewed, Trace Vulnerabilities on Ethereum may not have proliferated in the first place.

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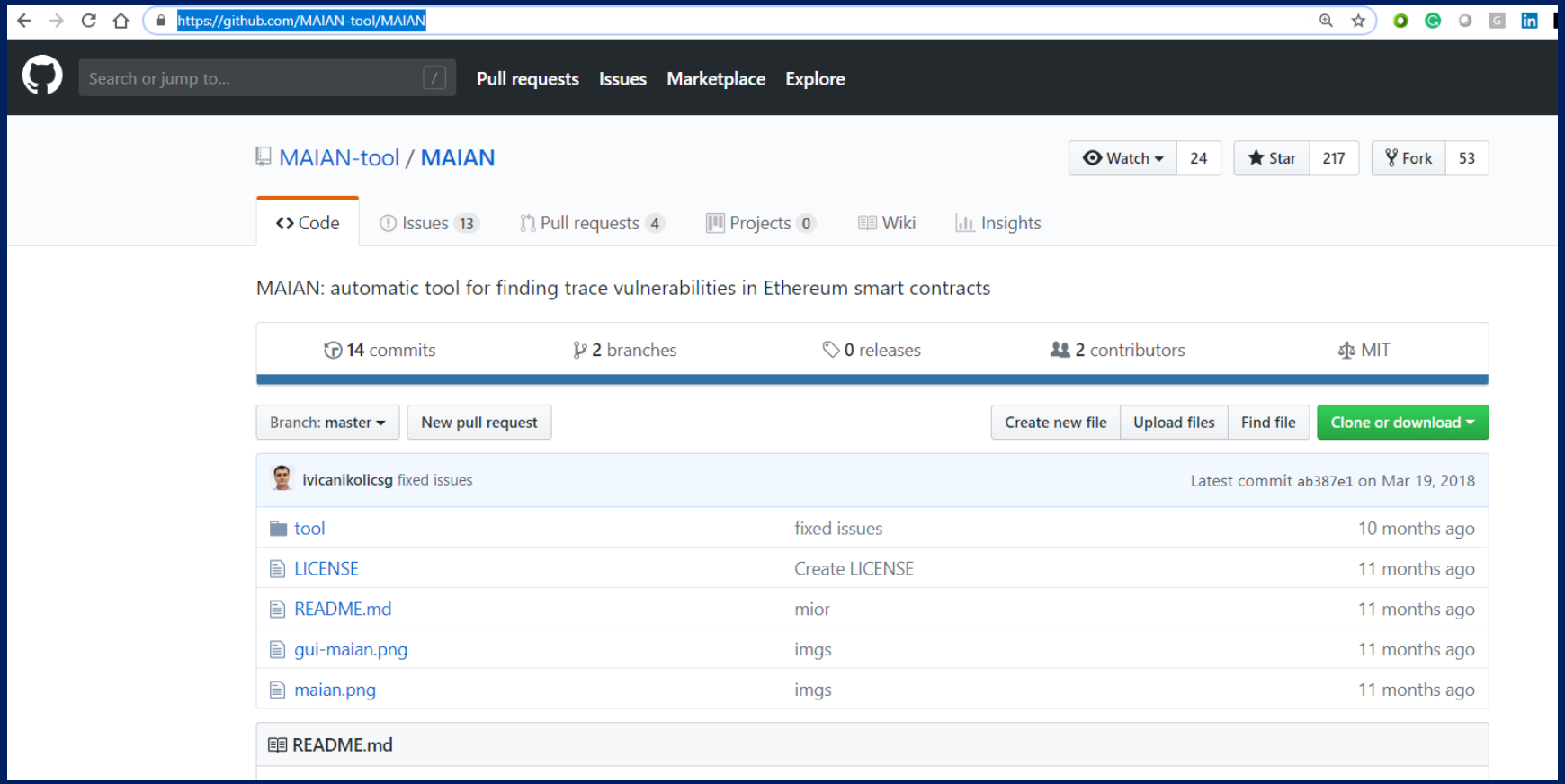
This tool is Open Source and it's FREE on Github!



Source https://github.com/MAIAN-tool/MAIAN

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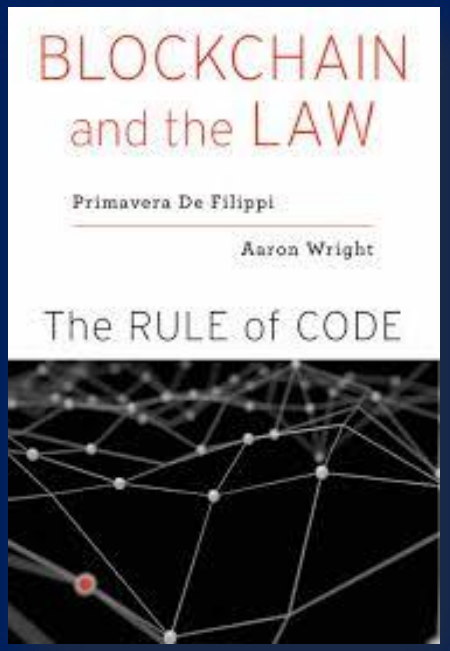
Blockchain & The Law

- Blockchain establishes ownership, confirmed transactions, control, and transfer of ownership.
- Blockchain will force lawyers to understand technology better
- Blockchain could also make room for “smart contracts,” where assets would be transferred automatically once certain conditions are met.
- Blockchain could resolve disputes very directly and efficiently, saving lawyers and their clients a great deal of work. This also could mean the end of escrow accounts where the law firm holds onto money and distributes funds once conditions have been met.
- Contracts and transactions could be a logical first-step in the blockchain adoption journey.
- Blockchain could very well improve the effectiveness of the criminal justice system;
- If corporations and websites agree to give law firms access to records automatically collected through blockchain, those records could cause new, reliable evidence to surface more quickly.
- Expect that those with evidence on their side will embrace this concept, and others will prefer to drag their adversary through a drawn-out process.
- As more companies adopt Blockchain technologies and require their third-party suppliers to adopt Blockchain technologies, expect this requirement to be written into legally binding business contracts.



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Delaware corporate law is rich in rules arising from issues of trust and the application of fiduciary duties. Usually the rules relate to whether the directors of a corporate board have breached their fiduciary duty of care or loyalty to the company or shareholders. While this framework affords directors considerable leeway to manage the affairs of the company through a bedrock principle of Delaware law called the business judgment rule, it also serves to deter directors from engaging in problematic behavior and to hold directors responsible when they act carelessly or put their own interests above those of the shareholders.

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Source: https://www.forbes.com/sites/andreatinianow/2019/02/07/when-blockchains-crash-whom-can-you-sue/#760e20707775

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Blockchain Limits and Challenges

Technical Limitations

The most important technical limitations of the blockchain are:

- Lack of privacy
- The security model
- Limited scalability
- High costs
- Hidden centrality
- Lack of flexibility
- Critical size

Source: Drescher, D. (2017). Blockchain Basics. Frankfort am Main, Germany: Apress.

Technical Limitations

Table 23-1. Technical Limitations of the Blockchain and Their Reasons

Technical Limitation	Conflict	Fundamental Functionality
Lack of privacy	Transparency vs. privacy	Reading the history of transaction data
Lack of scalability	Security vs. speed	Writing transaction data to the data store

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Limits and Challenges

- Scalability
- Performance (Bitcoin – 600 seconds / block; Ethereum, 14 to 17 seconds / block)
- Security, especially with user wallets
- Weaknesses in the technologies, i.e. deployment of bad contracts, can cause very expensive blunders and loss of confidence and reputation
- Finding the right people to develop DApps and manage the technologies
- Resistance to change
- Anti-trust issues (Norton Rose Fulbright):
  - Does blockchain allow for improper information sharing and facilitate collusion among competitors?
  - Do blockchain standards and rules create or enhance market power by favoring one or several industry participant(s) over others?
  - Does a permissioned blockchain amount to a concerted refusal to deal?

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Ethereum Blockchain DApps and Dapp Design & Development

Overview of Ethereum

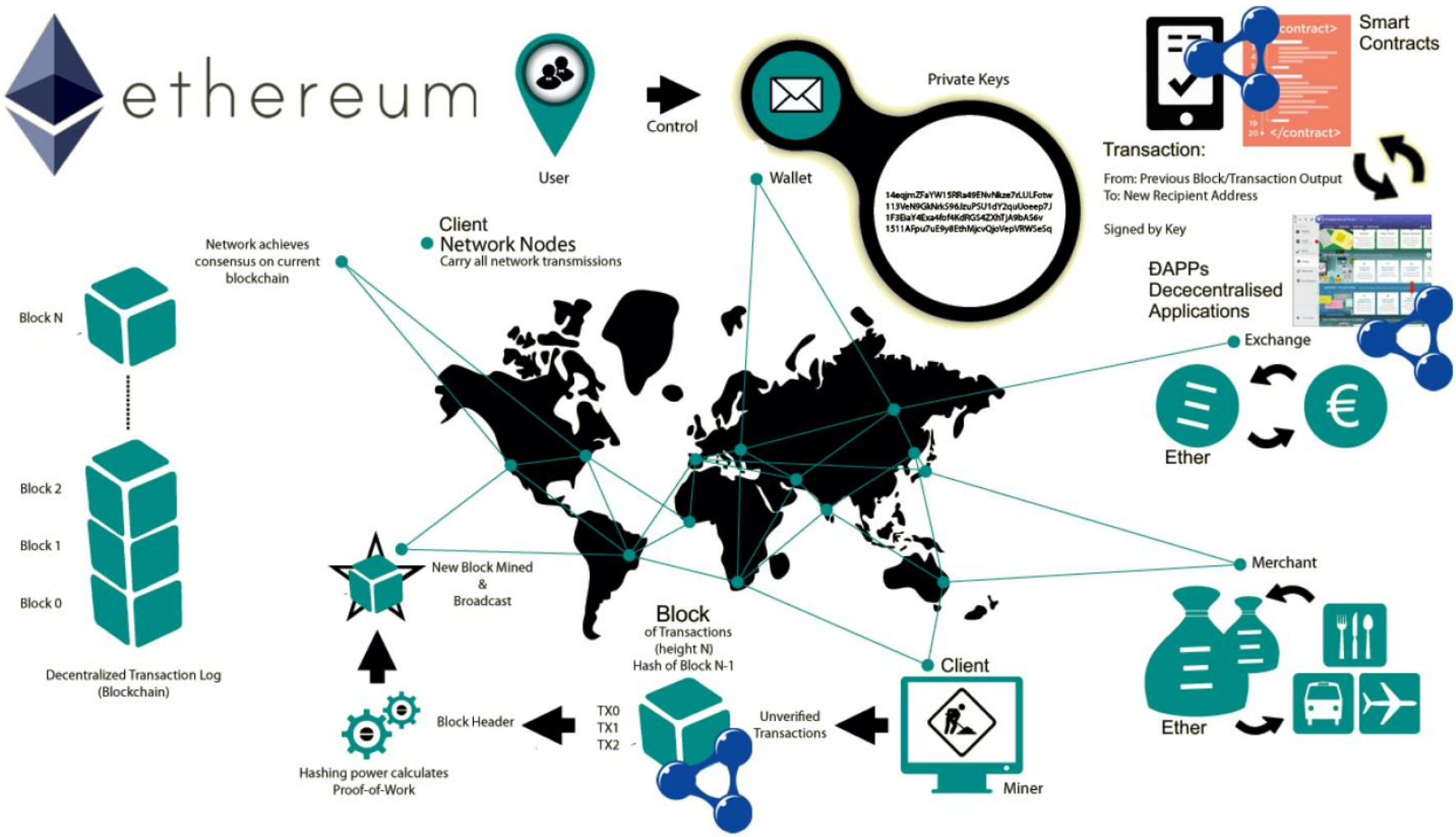

Fig. 6. Ethereum framework elements, modified from [39, p.16]

Source: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/315619465_A_more_pragmatic_Web_30_Linked_Blockchain_Data

Ethereum DApp Architecture

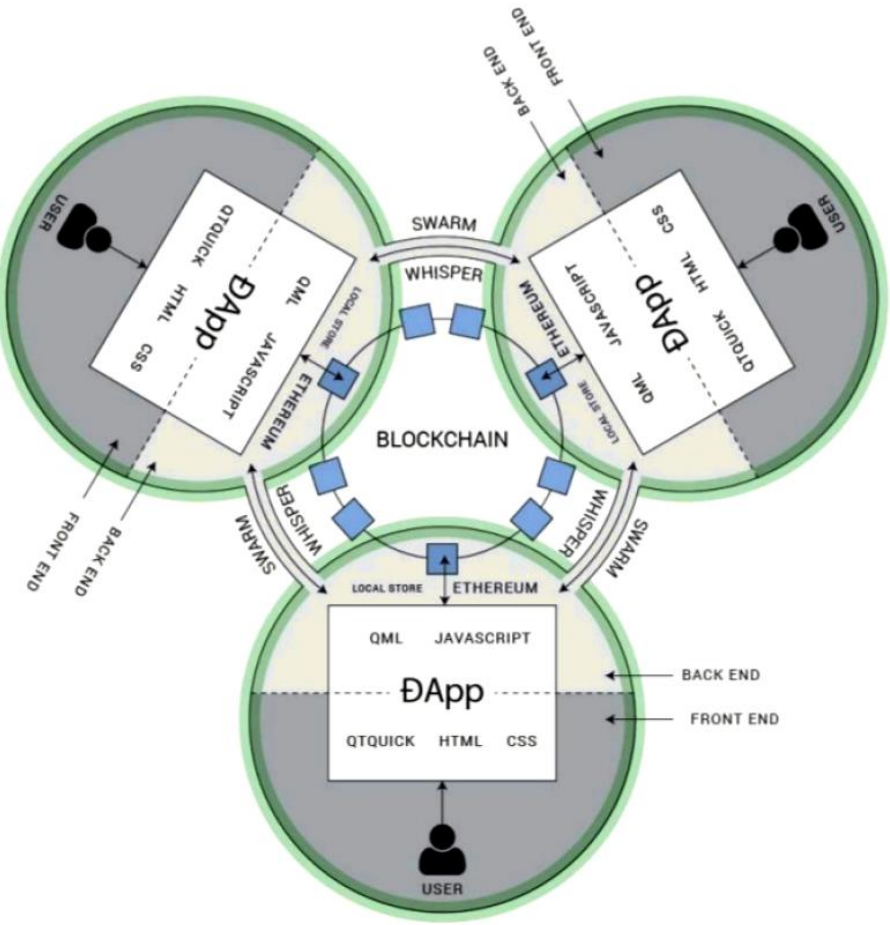

Fig. 11. Ethereum Architecture [52]

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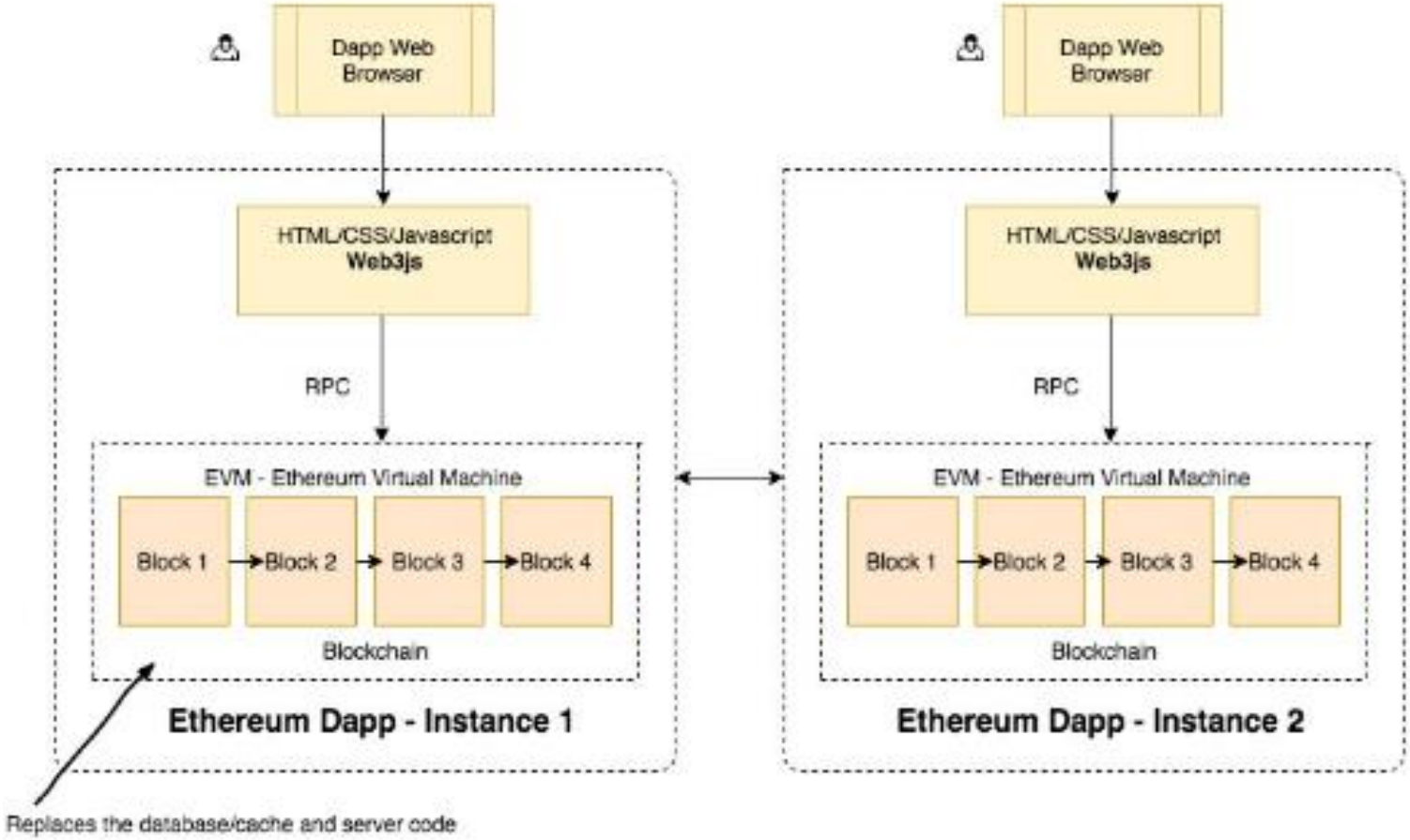


High-Level DApp Architecture

Figure 4.1: High-level DApp architecture, Source: Mahesh Murthy, medium.com

Source: Ethereum Smart Contract Development by Mayukh Mukhopadhyay

Web3.js Tech Stack

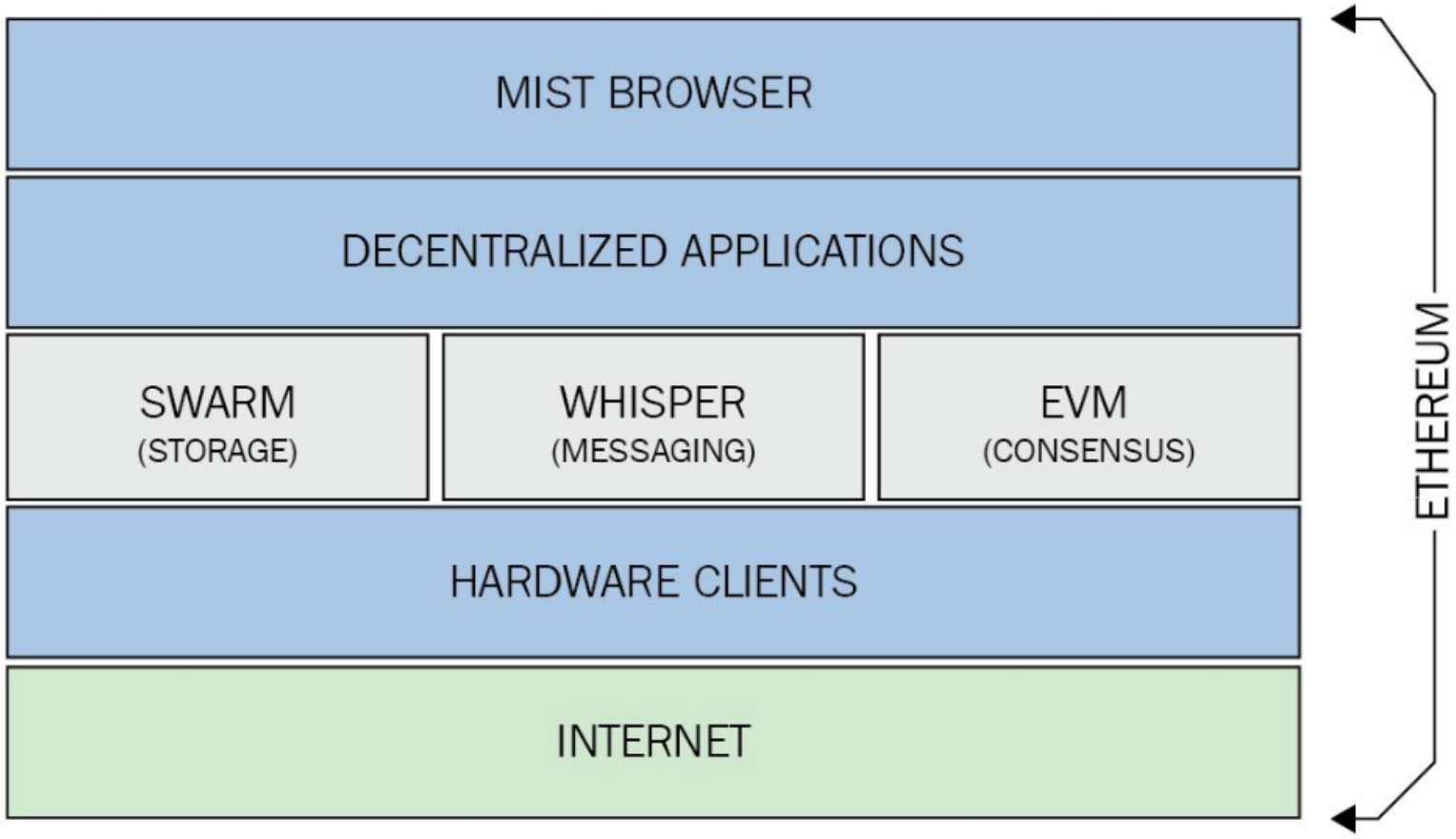
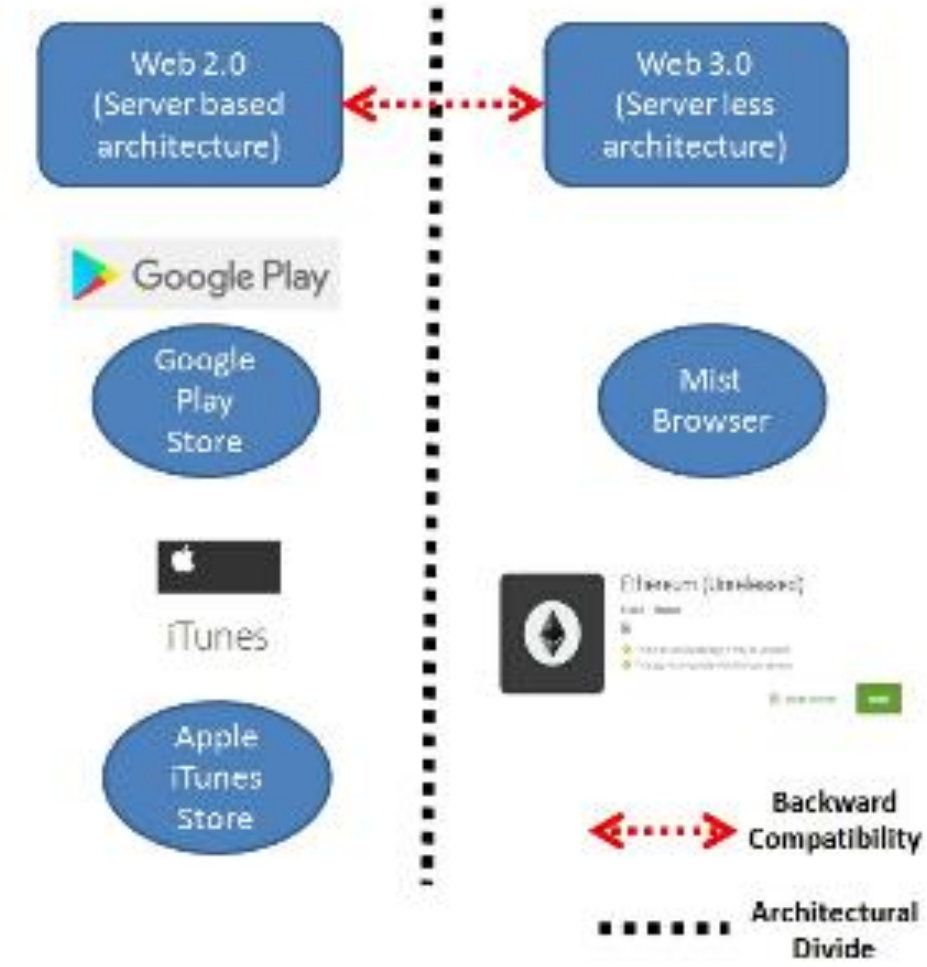


Figure 2.4: Web 3.0 tech stack for Ethereum, Source: Ethereum stack exchange

Web Apps and DApps - Compared



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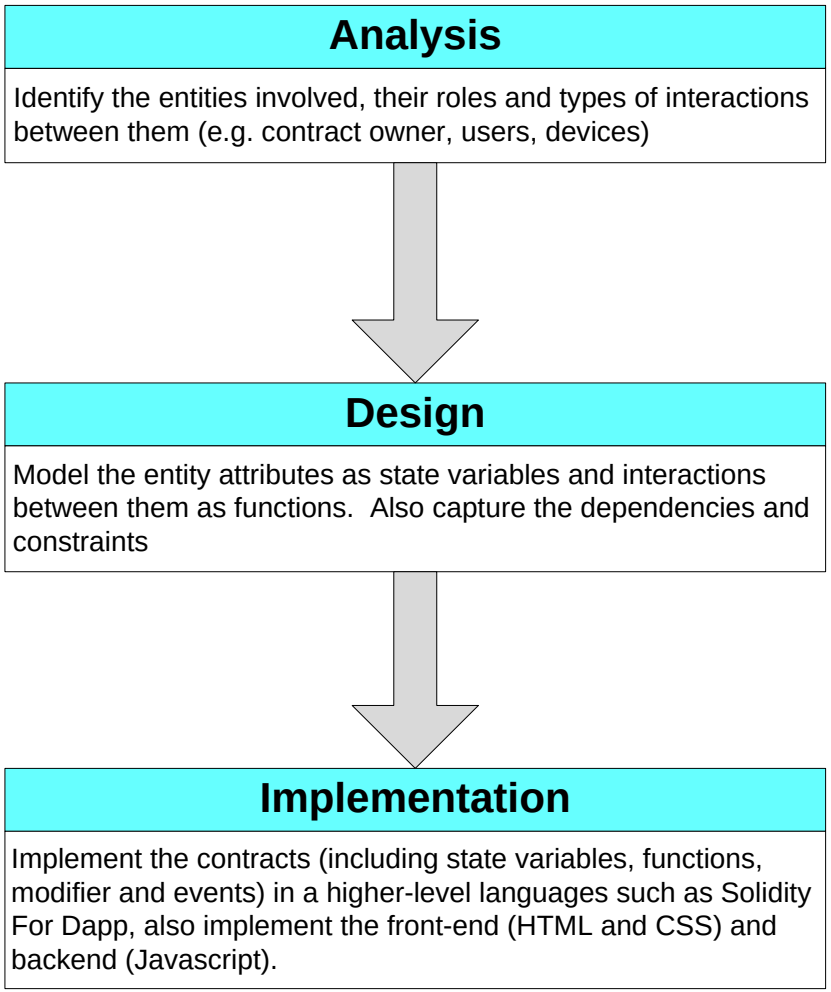
DApp Development Steps

1. Analysis
2. Design
3. Implementation



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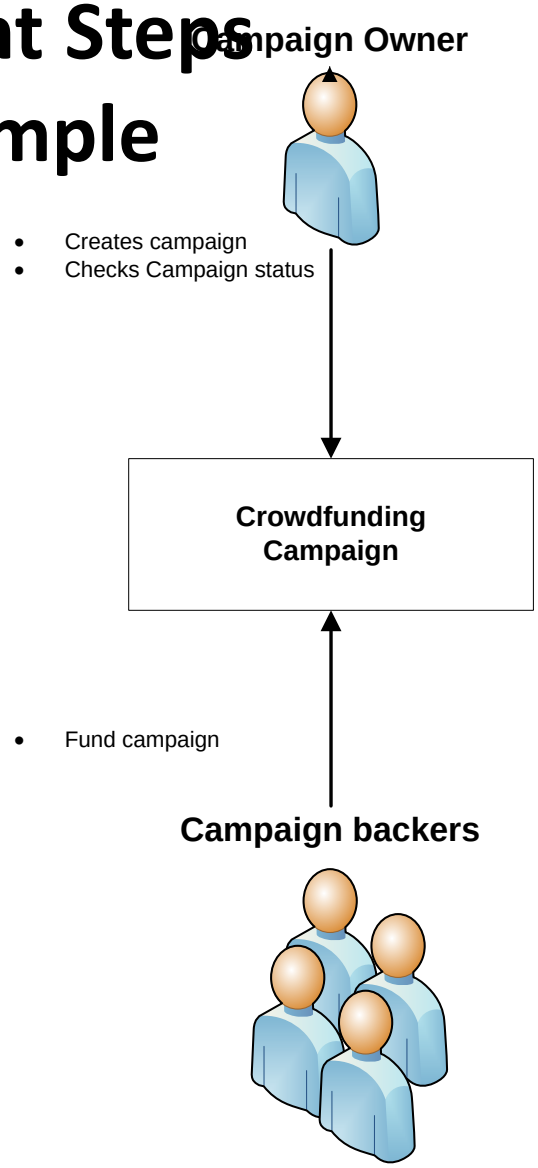
DApp Development Steps – Analysis - Example



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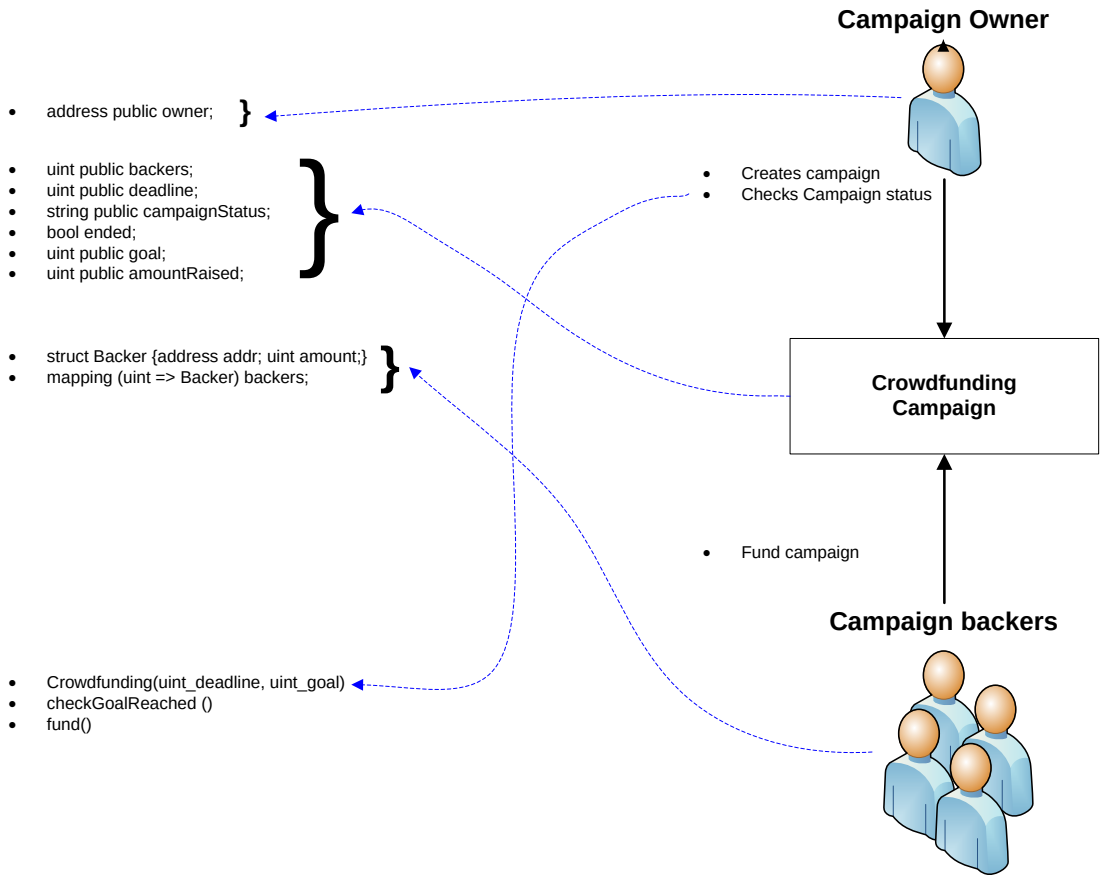

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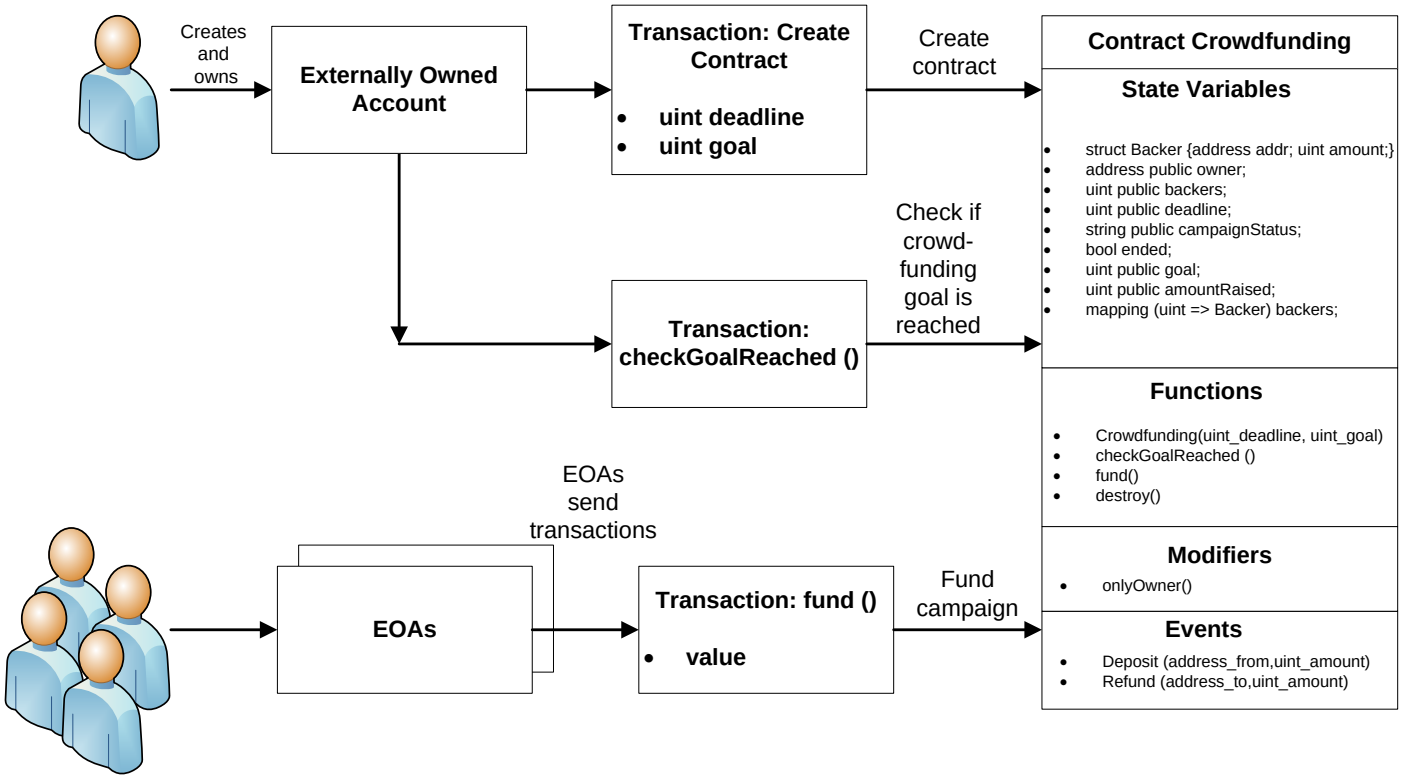
DApp Development Steps – Implementation - Example

(Example Business Case: Crowdfunding Application)



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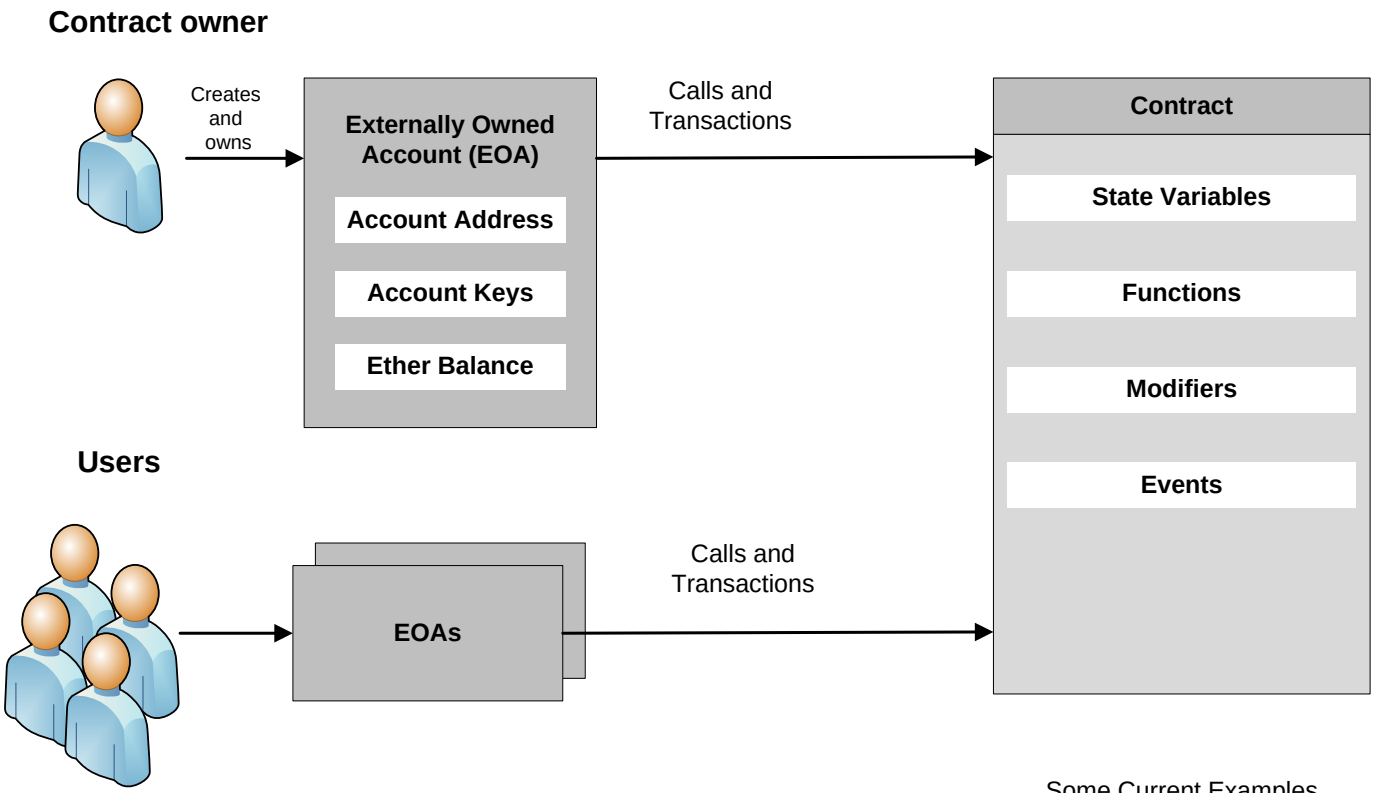
Many-to-One



Some Current Examples

- Crowdfunding
- Event Registration
- Voting
- Name Registration

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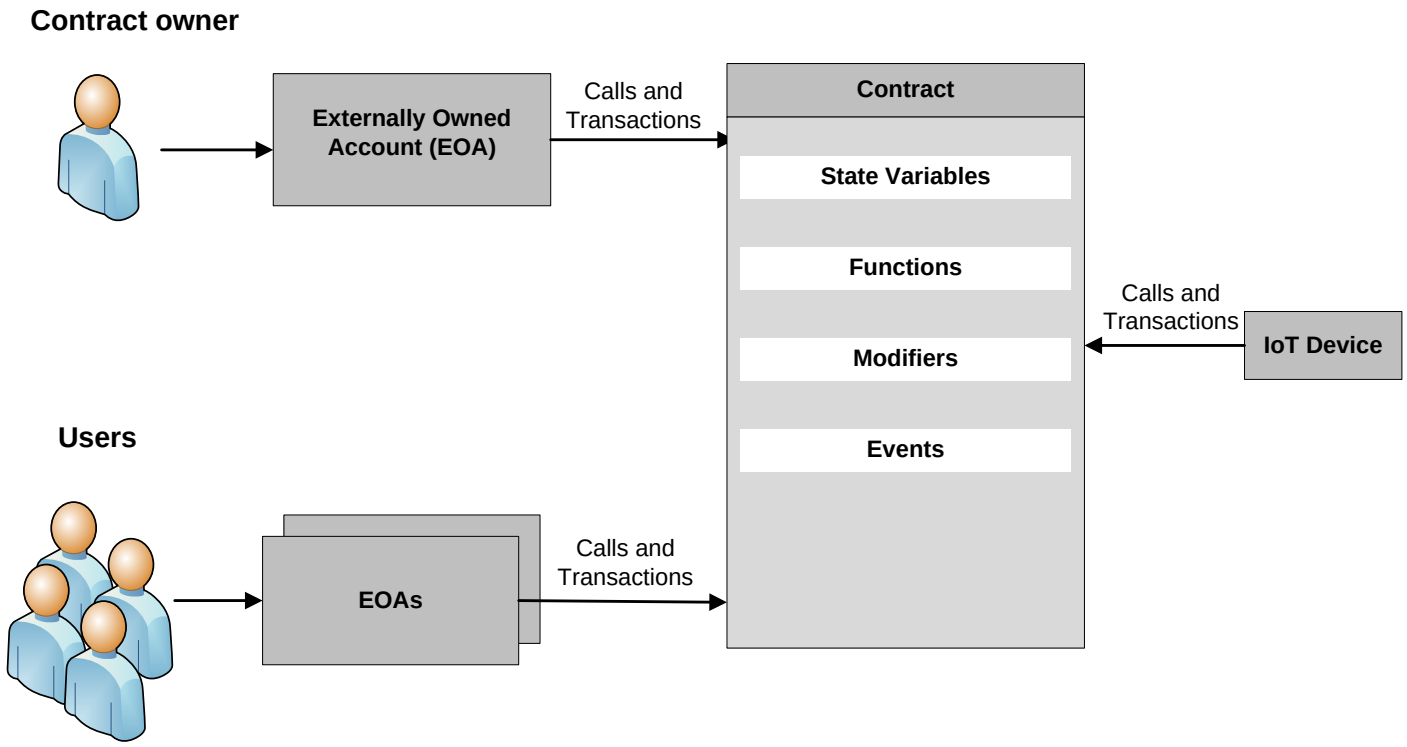
Many-to-One for IoT Applications



Some Current Examples

- Solar charging stations
- Smart switch

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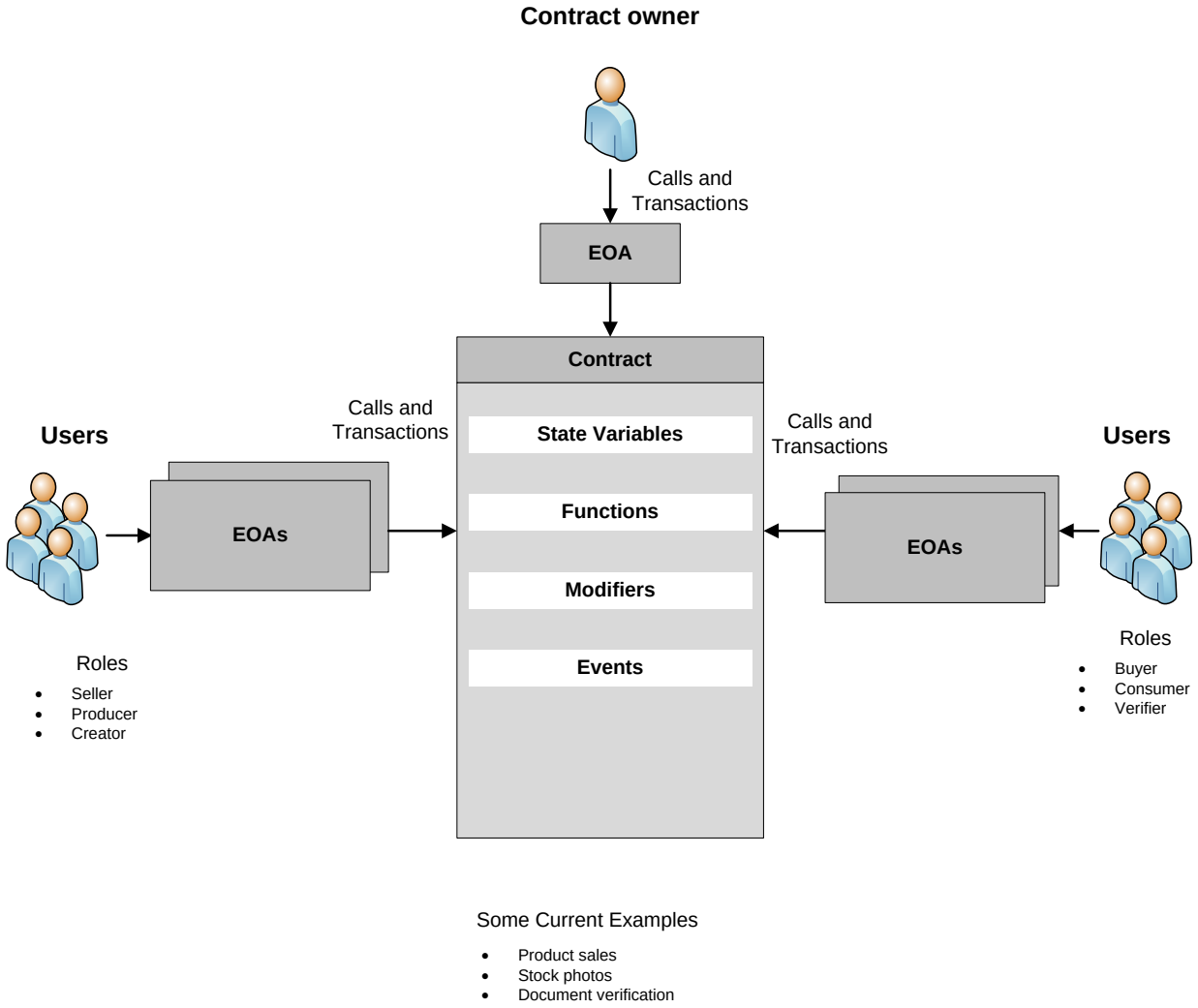
Many-to-One for Financial Applications



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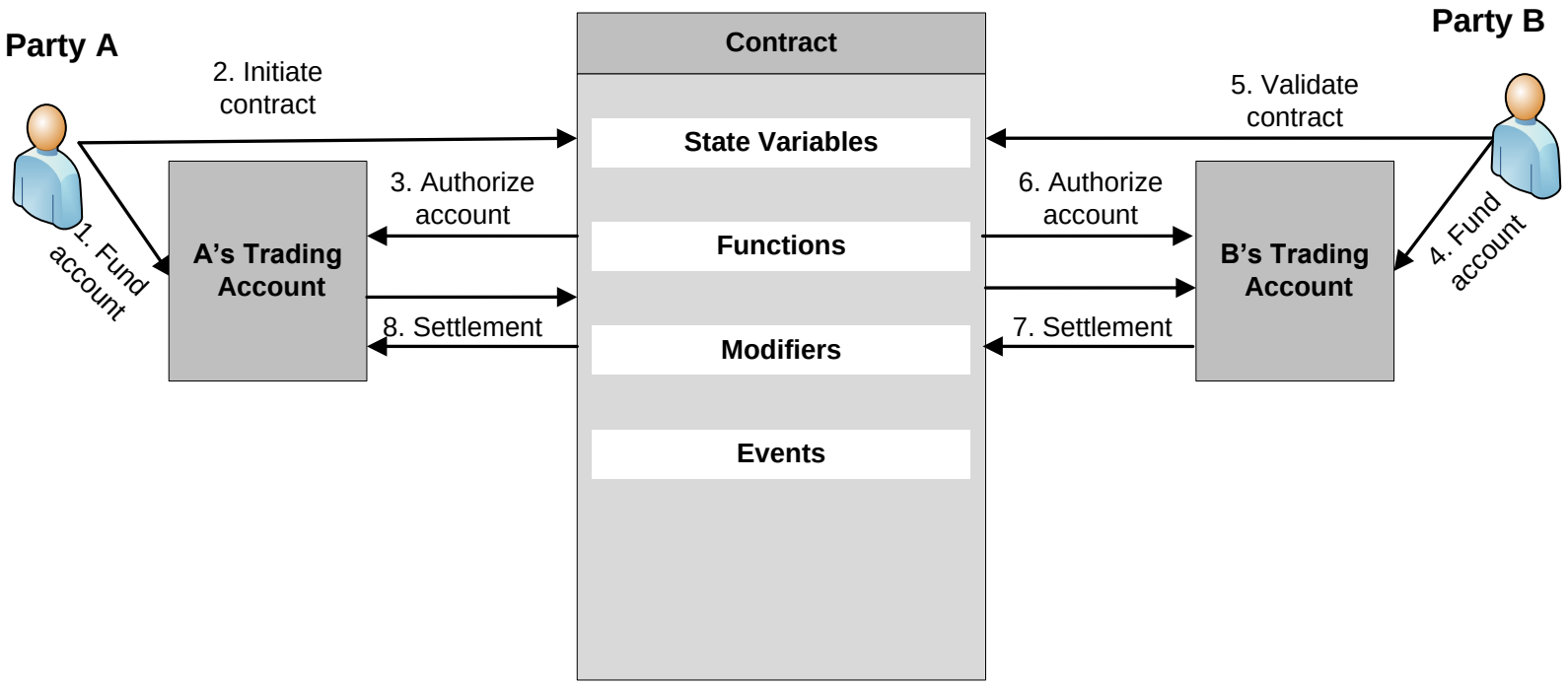
Many-to-Many or Peer-to-Peer



Some Current Examples

- Call option
- Interest rate swap

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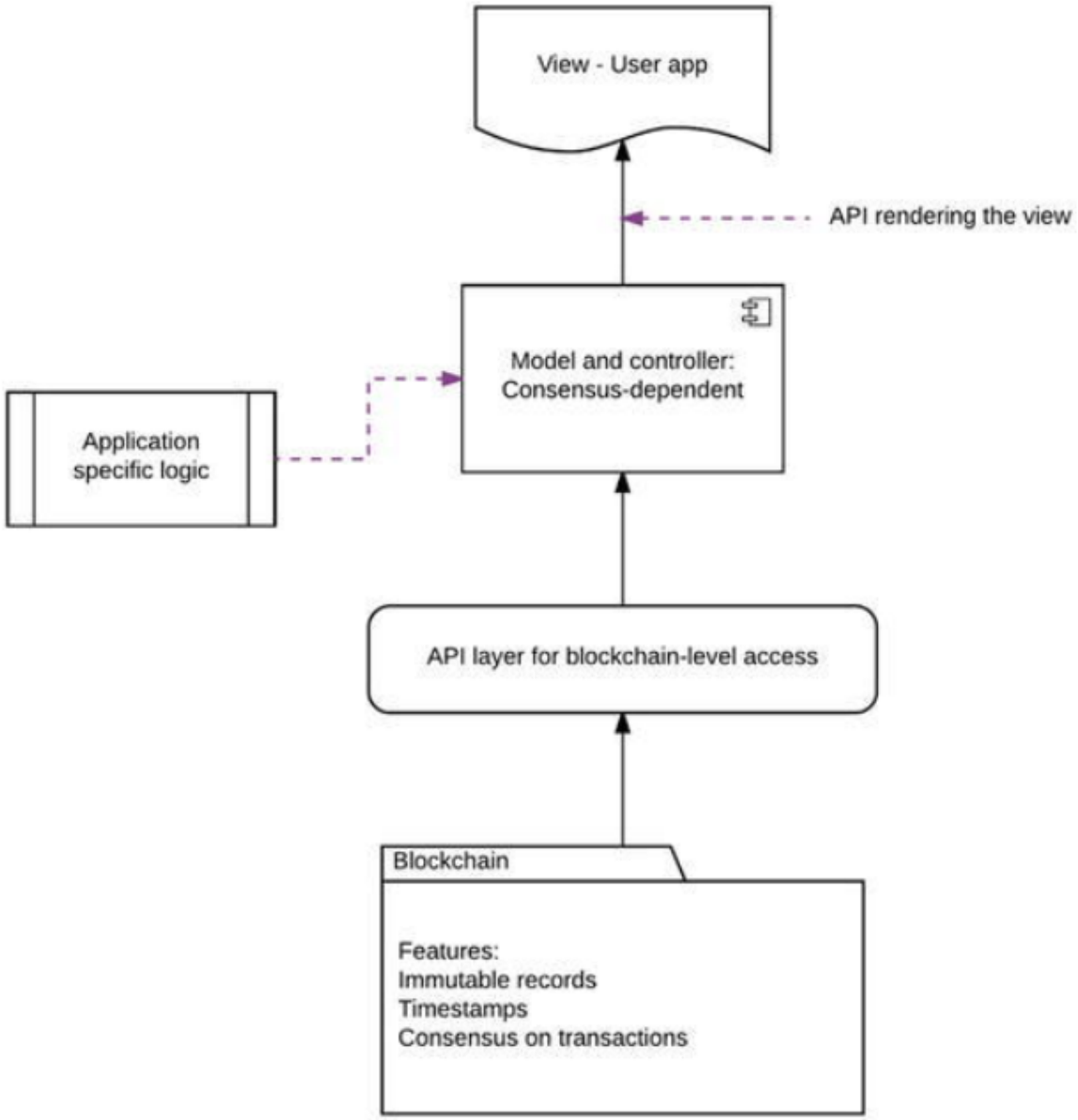
Simple Blockchain Application Model



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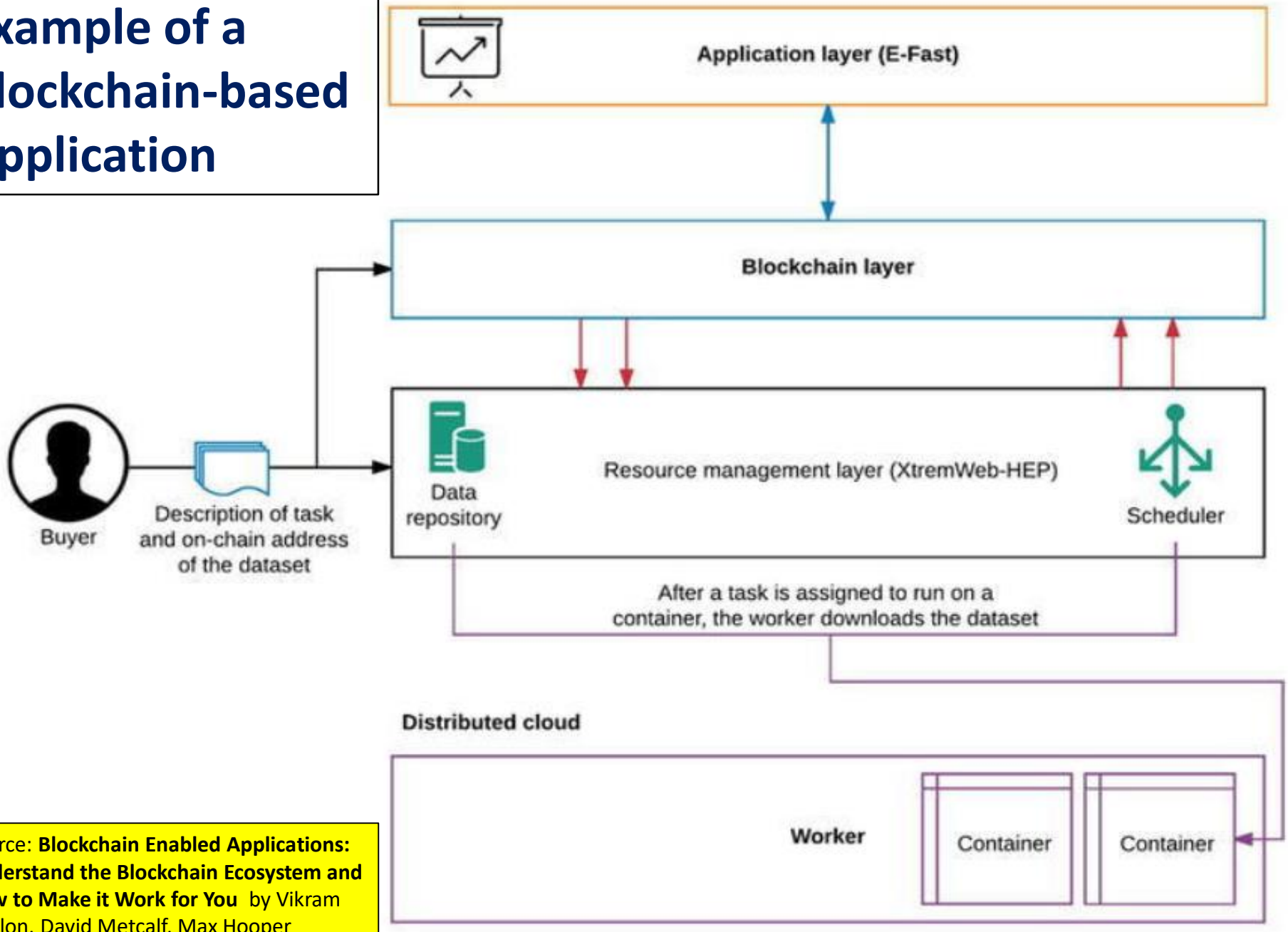
Example of a Blockchain-based Application



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The Required Skills for a Blockchain Development Staff

Blockchain Developer Skill Set
Top 30 Co-occurring IT Skills

For the 6 months to 12 July 2018, Blockchain Developer job roles required the following IT skills in order of popularity. The figures indicate the absolute number co-occurrences and as a proportion of all permanent job ads featuring Blockchain Developer in the job title.

1	397 (100.00%)	Blockchain	15	111 (27.96%)	Smart Contracts
2	200 (50.38%)	Finance	16	107 (26.95%)	Solidity
3	184 (46.35%)	JavaScript	17	106 (26.70%)	Linux
4	168 (42.32%)	Node.js	18	104 (26.20%)	AngularJS
5	151 (38.04%)	Ethereum	19	101 (25.44%)	Docker
6	146 (36.78%)	Bitcoin	20	98 (24.69%)	Redis
7	142 (35.77%)	SQL	21	93 (23.43%)	MySQL
8	139 (35.01%)	Cryptocurrency	21	93 (23.43%)	Banking
9	134 (33.75%)	Java	22	92 (23.17%)	Amazon AWS
10	125 (31.49%)	NoSQL	23	88 (22.17%)	HTML
11	123 (30.98%)	Git (software)	24	85 (21.41%)	Telecoms
12	122 (30.73%)	React	24	85 (21.41%)	PostgreSQL
13	118 (29.72%)	Test Automation	25	84 (21.16%)	Agile Software Development
13	118 (29.72%)	GitHub	25	84 (21.16%)	ES6
14	115 (28.97%)	Front End Development	26	77 (19.40%)	CSS

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Additional Required Skills for a Blockchain Development Staff

- Web3.js
- DApp development
- UI and UX Design and Testing Skills
- Deep understanding of compiled code, Gas, and the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM)
- Secure coding
- Defensive coding
- Egoless Programming
- Stringent Code Reviews
- Networking
- Understanding of Protocols
- Planning
- Requirements
- Technical Specifications and Writing
- Design
- Architecture – Infrastructure, Data, and Security
- Testing – Testing – Testing
- Simulation
- Troubleshooting

And don't forget PROJECT MANAGEMENT & PROGRAM MANAGEMENT!

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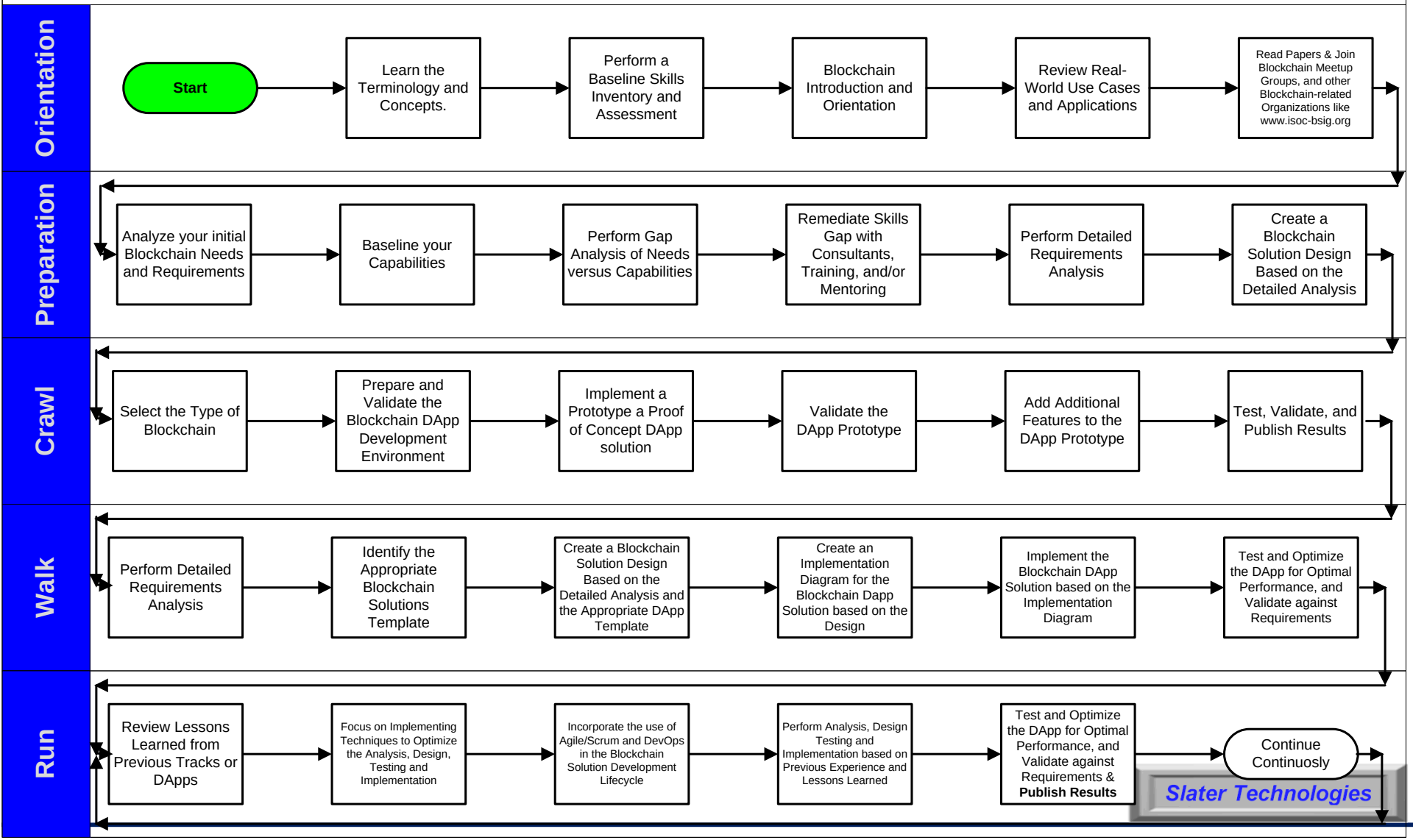
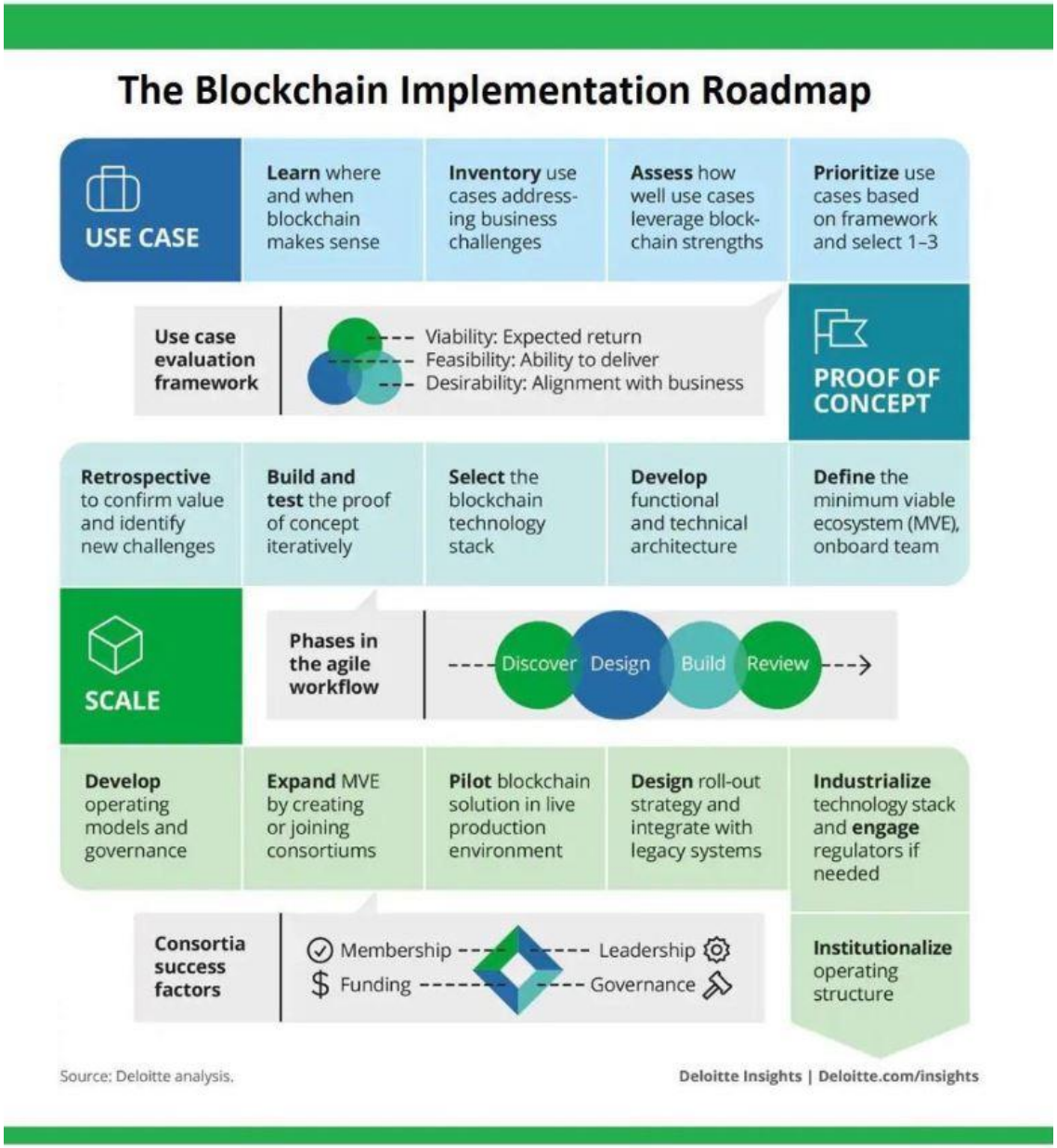
Roadmap to "Blockchain" Your IT Organization: How to Help Your IT Staff Go from Square One to Competence & Dominance in Blockchain Technologies





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