

## **Blockchain Course Contents (3 days)**

**By Dr. Vishwanath Rao**

- Introduction to Blockchain:
  - What is blockchain?
  - History and evolution of blockchain technology.
  - Key characteristics of blockchain (decentralization, immutability, transparency, etc.).
  - Comparison with traditional databases.
- Cryptocurrencies and Bitcoin:
  - Overview of cryptocurrencies and their role in blockchain ecosystems.
  - Understanding Bitcoin as the first and most well-known cryptocurrency.
  - Bitcoin mining and its consensus mechanism (proof-of-work).
- Blockchain Architecture:
  - Block structure and the concept of a distributed ledger.
  - Consensus mechanisms: proof-of-stake, delegated proof-of-stake, proof-of-authority, etc.
  - Smart contracts and their role in executing programmable transactions.
  - Public vs. private blockchains.
- Ethereum and Smart Contracts:
  - Introduction to Ethereum as a platform for decentralized applications (DApps).
  - Solidity programming language for smart contracts.
  - Deploying and interacting with smart contracts on the Ethereum network.
  - Common vulnerabilities and best practices for smart contract development.
- Other Blockchain Platforms:
  - Overview of other blockchain platforms (e.g., Hyperledger, Corda, EOS, etc.).
  - Understanding their specific use cases and features.
- Blockchain Development Tools and Frameworks:
  - Tools for building, testing, and deploying blockchain applications.
  - Development environments and integrated development frameworks.
- Decentralized Applications (DApps):
  - Design and architecture of DApps.
  - Building front-end interfaces that interact with smart contracts.
  - Interacting with DApps through web3.js or similar libraries.

- Security and Privacy in Blockchain:
  - Security challenges in blockchain ecosystems.
  - Cryptography and its role in securing transactions and data.
  - Privacy-enhancing techniques (e.g., zero-knowledge proofs).
- Blockchain Integration:
  - Integrating blockchain with existing systems and applications.
  - Using APIs and other tools to interact with blockchain networks.
- Blockchain Use Cases:
  - Real-world applications of blockchain technology in various industries (finance, supply chain, healthcare, etc.).
- Regulatory and Legal Considerations:
  - Overview of blockchain regulations and compliance issues.
  - Discussion of legal challenges and future prospects.
- Blockchain Scalability and Sustainability:
  - Challenges and solutions related to blockchain scalability.
  - Environmental impact and sustainability considerations (e.g., energy consumption).
- Blockchain Case Studies and Projects:
  - Analyzing real-life blockchain implementations and success stories.
  - Hands-on projects to build and deploy blockchain applications.
- Future Trends and Emerging Technologies:
  - Exploring the latest developments and trends in blockchain technology.
  - Integration with other emerging technologies like AI, IoT, and more.

#### Introduction to Hyperledger:

- Overview of the Hyperledger project and its objectives.
- Understanding permissioned blockchains and their advantages.
- Comparison with other blockchain platforms like Ethereum.

#### Hyperledger Fabric:

- Introduction to Hyperledger Fabric as a permissioned blockchain framework.
- Architecture of Hyperledger Fabric (consensus mechanisms, channels, etc.).
- Components of a Fabric network: peers, orderers, clients, and membership services providers (MSPs).
- Chaincode (smart contracts) development using Golang or Node.js.

#### Smart Contract Development:

- Writing and deploying smart contracts (chaincode) in Hyperledger Fabric.

- Understanding the endorsement policy and transaction flow.