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# Abstract

The abstract should identify clearly and succinctly the purpose of the project, the methods used, the results obtained and the significance of the results or findings. The abstract must not exceed 300 words. Abstract section gives readers a brief idea about your project, which briefly presents your problem statement and how you can solve it. paragraph. Leave tab with 4 spaces when you start.

KEYWORDS: *Blockchain; Cryptography; Cloud Computing; Peer-to-Peer; DApps.*

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Background and Motivation

In this section, you should describe the problem that you set out to solve with the project. An introduction might, for example, begin by stating, "The aim of the work described in the Report was to provide a software tool with which people can arrange meetings." Avoid starting a Report with an irrelevant history of information technology.

Explain whatever background the reader will need in order to understand the problem. The background might refer to previous work in the academic literature that provides evidence that the problem is a real and significant problem worth solving. Include a clear and detailed statement of the project aims and provide an overview of the structure of the solution. Please note that the GP2 report (492) should have more literature material than the GP1 (491).

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### 1.2 My Dream

I once had a dream, I was doing big brain stuff in that dream [4].

# Chapter 2

## Literature Review

### 2.1 Proof

See below for irrefutable proof, extreme care and rigour has been shown in this proof by Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM).

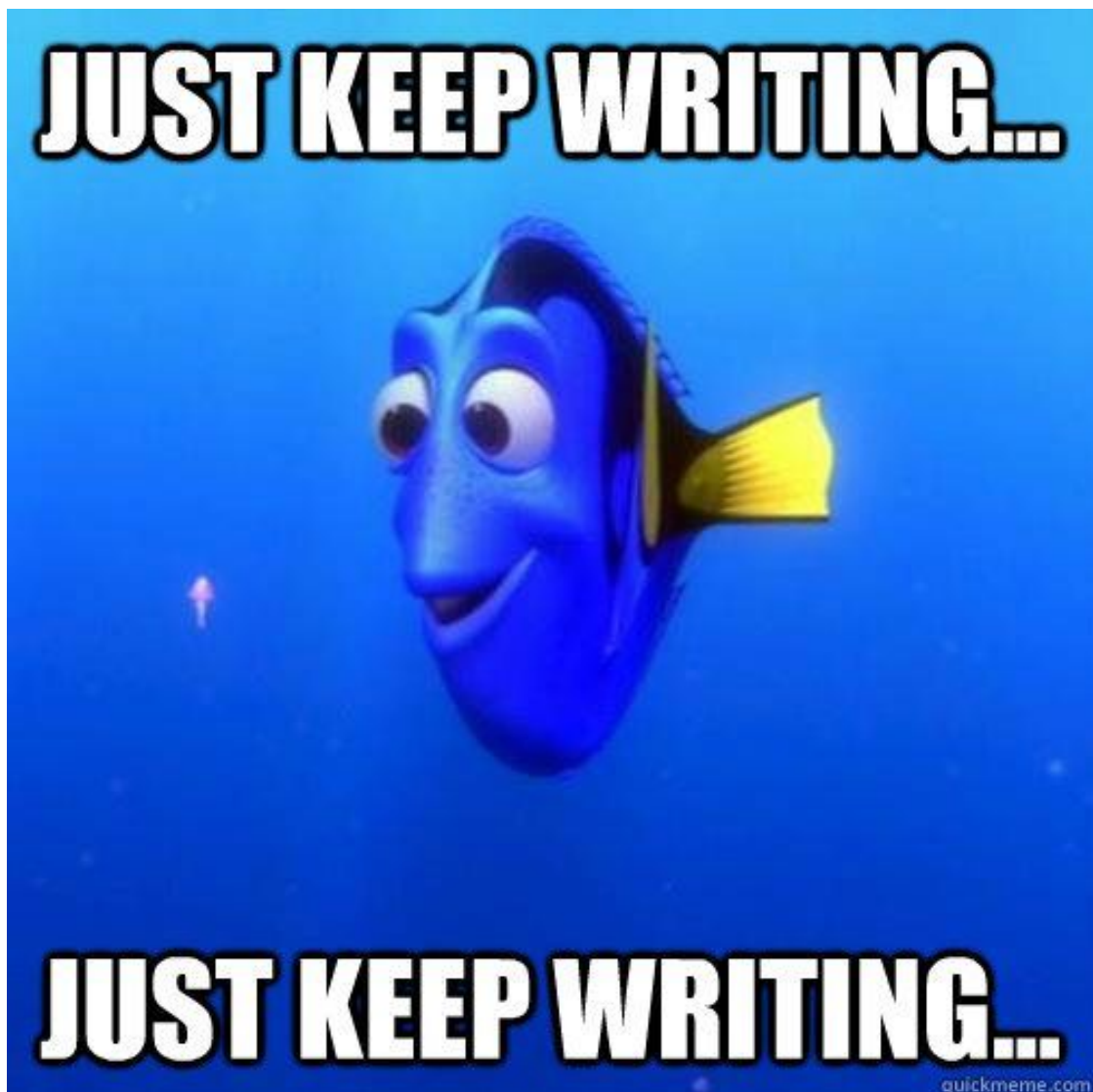


Figure 2.1: Clear proof of theorem.

As stated in the Decentralized Application (DAPP) theorem, I'm right.

# Chapter 3

## Methodology

### 3.1 IPFS gateway

IPFS deployment seeks to include native support of IPFS in all popular browsers and tools. Gateways provide workarounds for applications that do not yet support IPFS natively. For example, errors occur when a browser that does not support IPFS attempts access to IPFS content in the canonical form of `ipfs://CID/optional path to resource`. Other tools that rely solely on HTTP encounter similar errors in accessing IPFS content in canonical form, such as Curl (opens new window) and Wget (opens new window).

Tools like IPFS Companion (opens new window) resolve these content access errors. However, not every user has permission to alter — or be capable of altering — their computer configuration. IPFS gateways provide an HTTP-based service that allows IPFS-ignorant browsers and tools to access IPFS content.

Decentralized Application Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM) Smart Contract (SC) Transaction

Bitcoin Cryptocurrency Blockchains

# Chapter 4

## System Development Methodology

# Chapter 5

## Result and Analysis

# Chapter 6

## Future Work

# Chapter 7

## Limitations

genesis consensus blockchain nonce

# Appendix



# Glossary

## Acronyms

<b>AIC</b>	Al-Azhar ICPC Community
<b>DAPP</b>	Decentralized Application
<b>EVM</b>	Ethereum Virtual Machine
<b>SC</b>	Smart Contract
<b>TX</b>	Transaction

## Terminology

<b>bitcoin</b>	A cryptocurrency that uses a blockchain network to regulate the generation of coins/tokens and transfer of funds. Bitcoin is the most widely used cryptocurrency and is the most widely traded currency in the world.
<b>blockchain</b>	A blockchain is a distributed database that is shared among the nodes of a computer network. As a database, a blockchain stores information electronically in digital format.
<b>consensus</b>	The process used by a group of peers, or nodes, on a blockchain network to agree on the validity of transactions submitted to the network. Dominant consensus mechanisms are Proof of Work (PoW) and Proof of Stake (PoS).
<b>cryptocurrency</b>	Digital money which uses encryption and consensus algorithms to regulate the generation of coins/tokens and transfer of funds. Cryptocurrencies are generally decentralized, operating independently of central authorities.
<b>genesis</b>	The first block in a blockchain network.

**nonce**

A nonce is an abbreviation for “number only used once,” which, in the context of cryptocurrency mining, is a number added to a hashed—or encrypted—block in a blockchain that, when rehashed, meets the difficulty level restrictions. The nonce is the number that blockchain miners are solving for. When the solution is found, the blockchain miners are offered cryptocurrency in exchange.

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