Hands on Ethereum Smart Contracts

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Blockchain

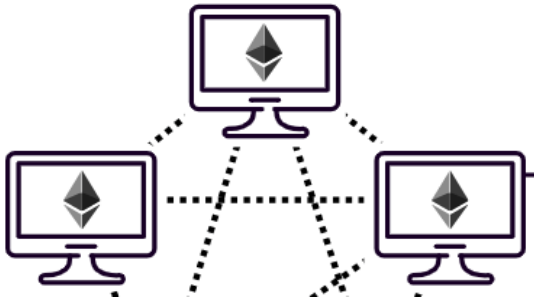
OPEN SOURCE, PUBLIC NETWORK

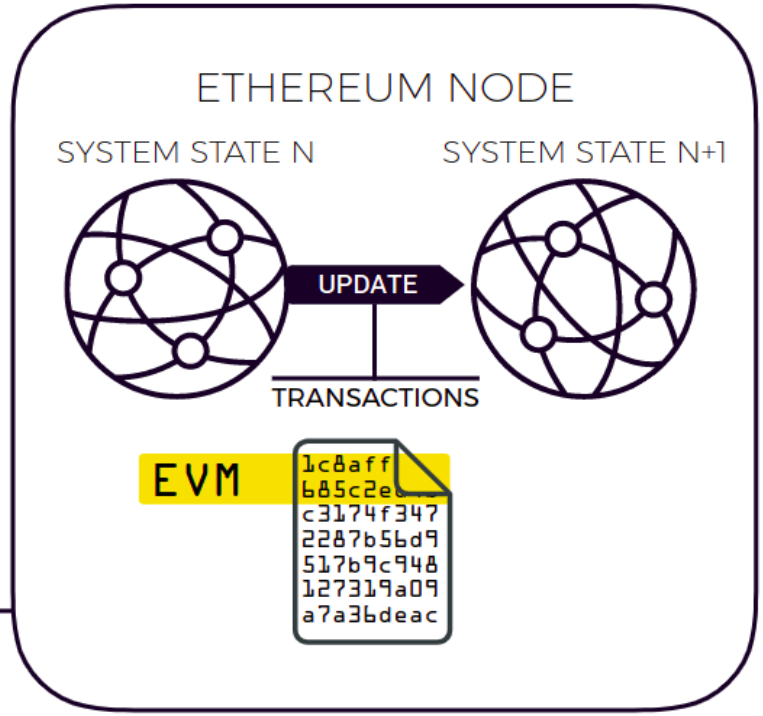
- Anyone can download the software to set up a node
- Permissionless
  - Anyone can join or contribute
- Blockchain features provide:
  - State management
  - Trustlessness
  - Trackability
  - Irreversible
- The Ethereum Virtual Machine
  - Execution environment
- Ideal system for smart contracts

DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING

Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM)

- Runs on every node
- Handles all transaction processing
- Turing complete
- Operates on bytecode

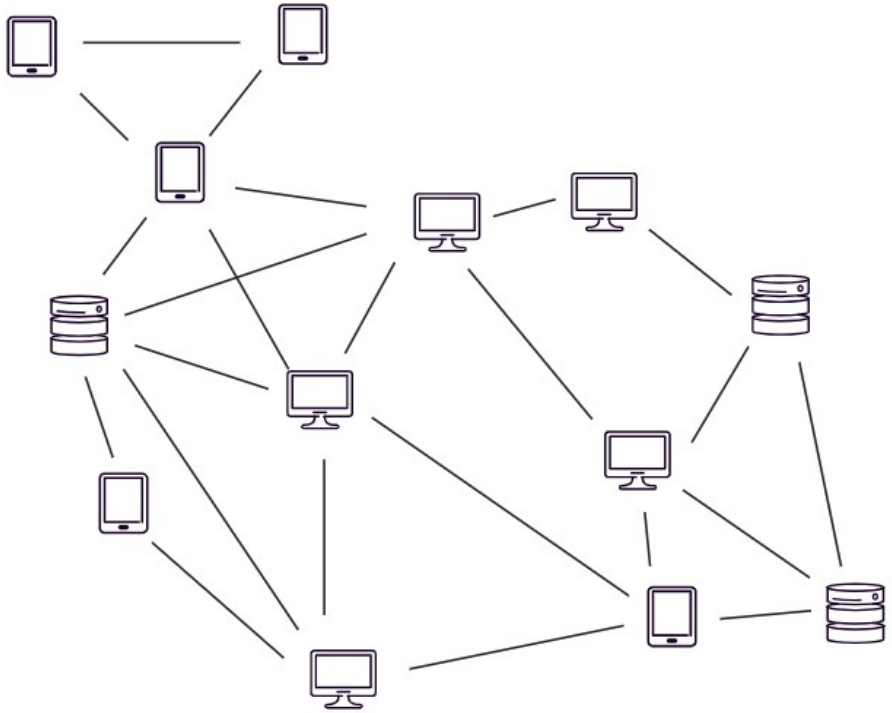




DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING

THE EVM IS SLOW

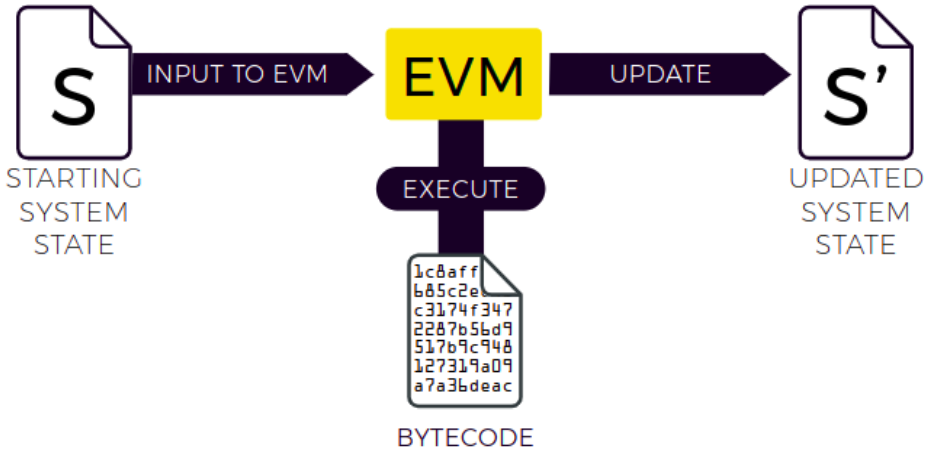
- 10 - 20 transactions per second
- Every transaction is processed by every node
- Slow and fast computers
- Only as fast as the slowest machine



EVM BYTECODE

THE EVM EXECUTES BYTECODE

- Bytecode is a low level stack based language
  - Bytecode specifies how state transitions are applied to the network's state
- Transactions contain bytecode



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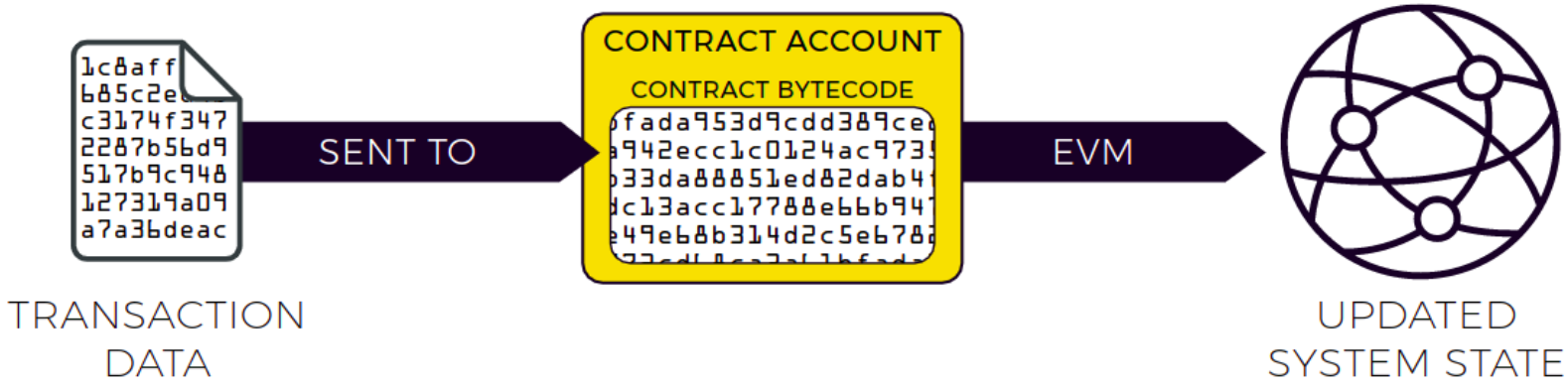
SMART CONTRACTS EXIST AS BYTECODE

- Contract accounts keep contract bytecode in storage
- EVM executes contract bytecode when a transaction is received



EVM BYTECODE

HIGH LEVEL LANGUAGES COMPILE TO BYTECODE

- Solidity
- Vyper
- LLL

SOLIDITY CONTRACT

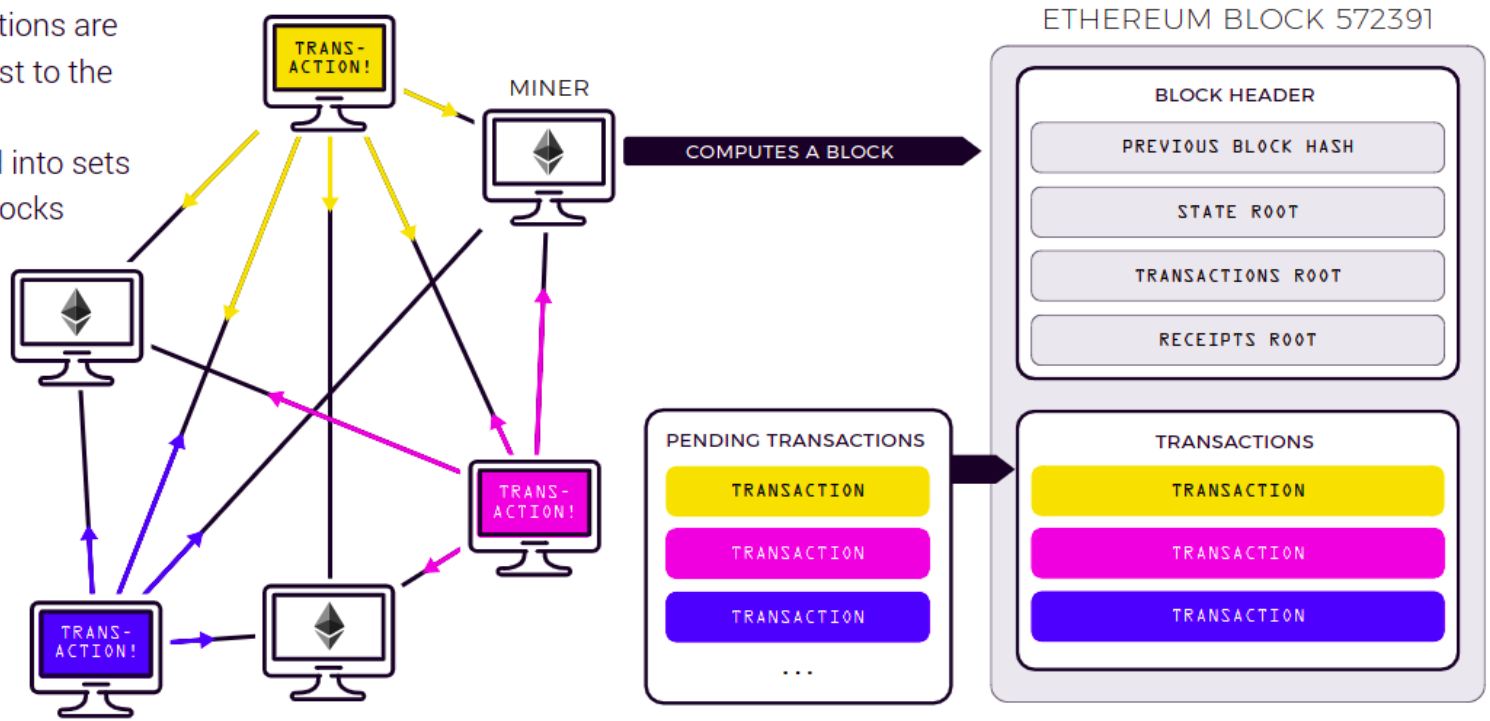
```
pragma solidity ^0.4.0;
contract Ballot {

    struct Voter {
        uint weight;
        bool voted;
        uint8 vote;
        address delegate;
    }
    struct Proposal {
        uint voteCount;
    }

    address chairperson;
    mapping(address => Voter) voters;
    Proposal[] proposals;

    /// Create a new ballot with $(_numProposals) different proposals.
    function Ballot(uint8 _numProposals) public {
        chairperson = msg.sender;
        voters[chairperson].weight = 1;
        proposals.length = _numProposals;
    }
```

COMPILES TO

CONTRACT BYTECODE

ETHEREUM NETWORK PROCESS

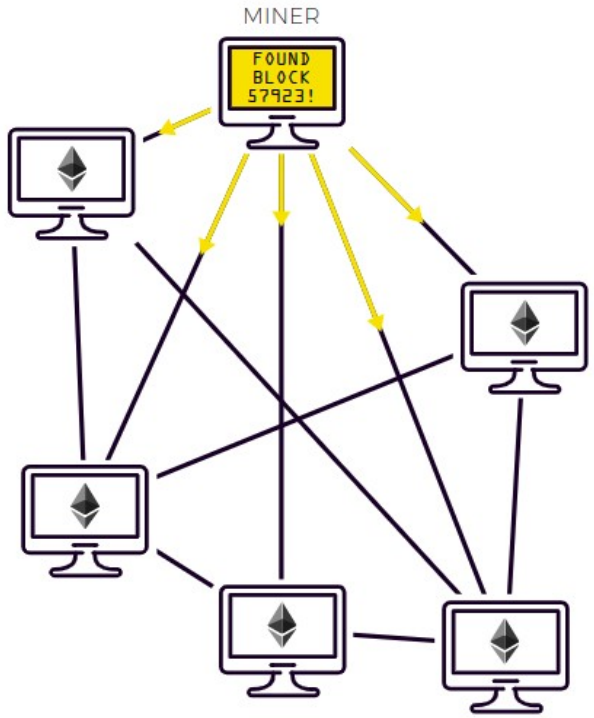
- Transactions are broadcast to the network
- Grouped into sets called blocks



ETHEREUM NETWORK PROCESS

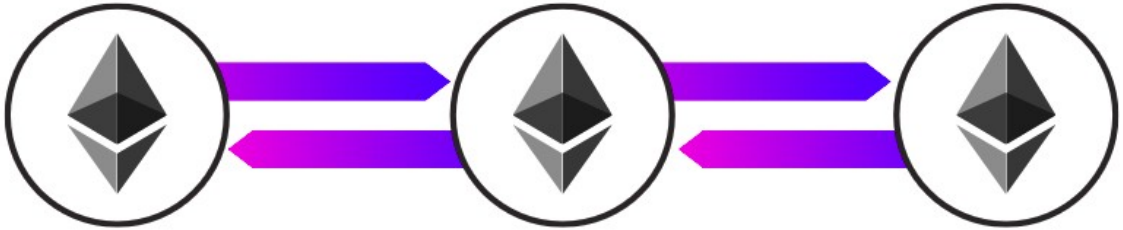
WHEN A VALID BLOCK IS FOUND THE BLOCK IS BROADCAST WITH:

- Transaction list
- Uncles list
- Block header:
  - Previous block hash
  - State root
  - Transactions root
  - Receipts root
  - Block number
  - Gas used
  - Timestamp
  - Nonce



ETHEREUM AS A PLATFORM

- Turing completeness allows for smart contracts
- Digital Identity management
- Value transfer
- Applications on Ethereum
  - Use the underlying Ethereum security
  - Benefit from Ethereum protocol development
- Interoperability
  - Standard protocol



Ethereum basics: accounts

ETHEREUM ACCOUNTS

In Ethereum, the state is made up of objects called *accounts*, with each account having a 20-byte address.

STATE OBJECTS

Externally Owned Accounts **State**: Balance	Contract Accounts **State**: Balance & Storage
Address: 0x9BC11a4Abae1BDfe7d2b05C16B1A15502b5447f7 **Balance**: 10 ETH **Transaction Count (Nonce)**: 3	**Address:** 0xaC76Cad279439b9267FF3a3c36d4134f8d3A314c **Balance**: 50 ETH **Account Creation Count (Nonce)**: 30 **Storage (...)** **Contract Code**: 52341561000f57600080fd5b604051602080...

ETHEREUM ACCOUNTS

STATE OBJECTS

Externally Owned Accounts
State: Balance

1. Ether balance
2. Send transactions
   - Transfer value
   - Initiate contract code
3. Controlled by private keys
4. Nonce

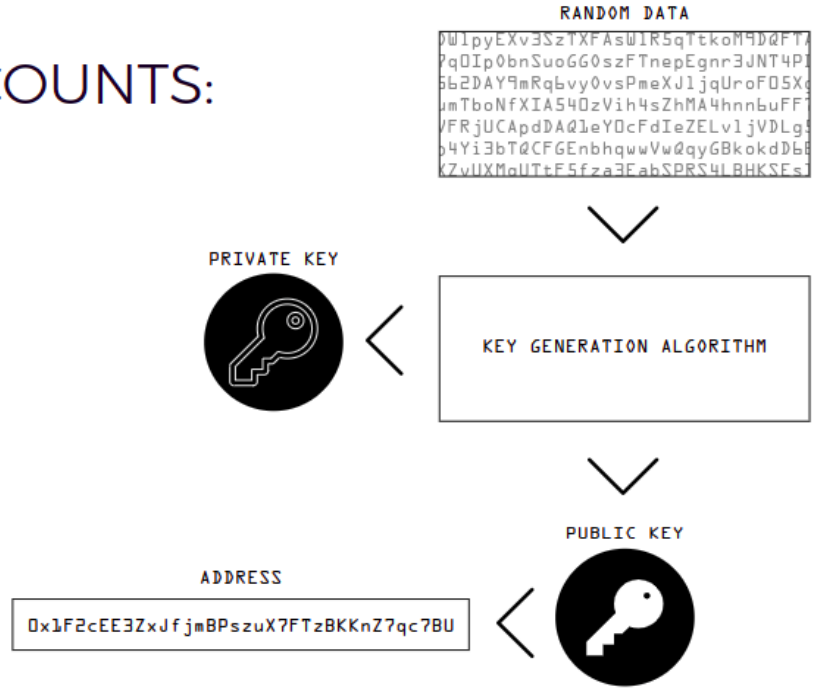
Contract Accounts
State: Balance & Storage

1. Ether balance
2. Can transfer value
3. Can call other contracts
4. Associated smart contract
   - Initiated by external transactions
   - Can manipulate its storage
5. Nonce

GENERATING ACCOUNTS

EXTERNALLY OWNED ACCOUNTS:

Whenever a user generates a private-public keypair, a corresponding account address is created as well.



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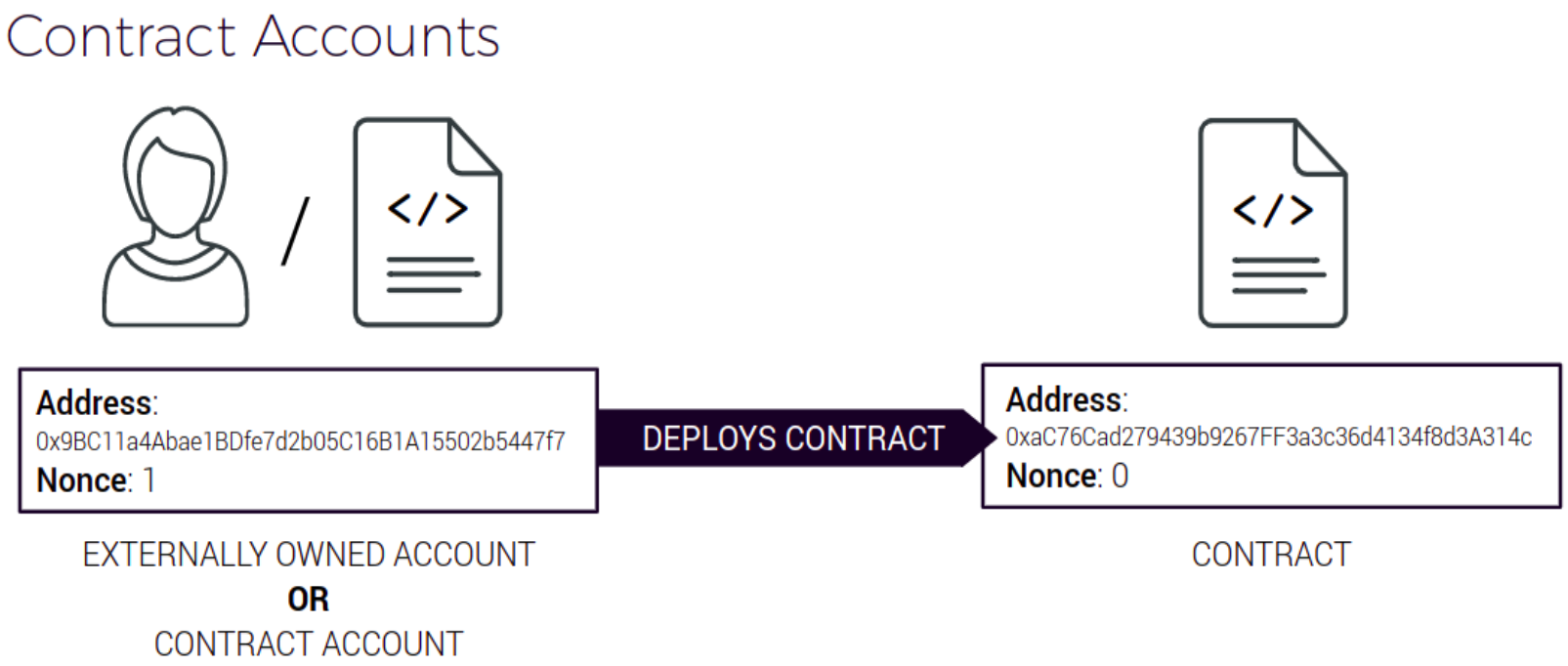


Ethereum basics: transactions

ETHEREUM TRANSACTIONS

A MESSAGE SENT FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER

- Transactions update state
  - Ether balance
  - Contract Storage
- Always signed by sender

- EOA or contract account
- Optionally includes
  - Ether
  - Data

ETHEREUM TRANSACTIONS

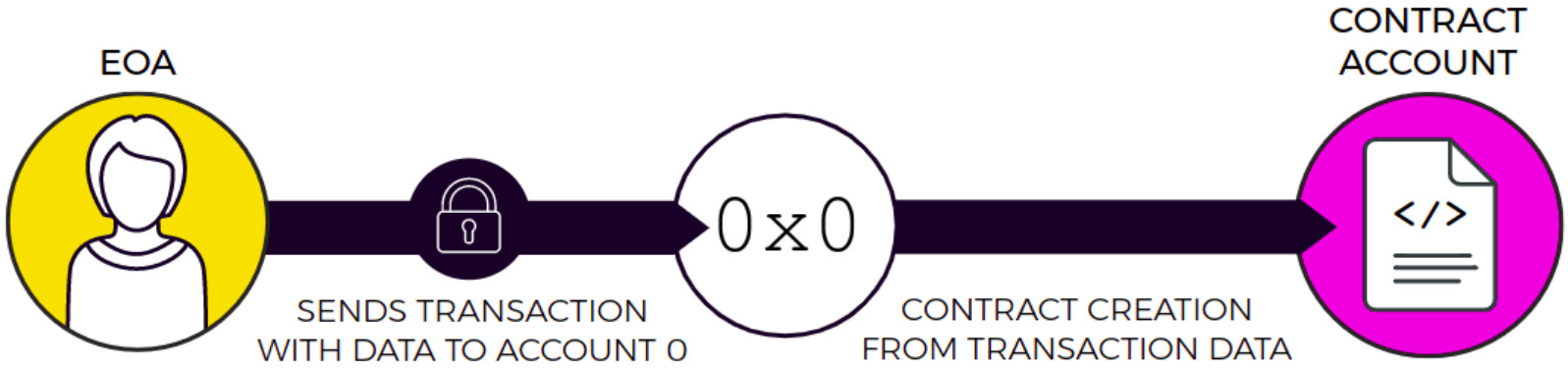
IF THE TARGET IS A CONTRACT

- Code executes with data as input

ETHEREUM TRANSACTIONS

IF TARGET ACCOUNT IS 0

- Transaction creates a new contract
- Transaction data is executed
  - Output is stored as the contract



ETHEREUM TRANSACTIONS

Ethereum transaction contents

Recipient Address:
`0x9BC11a4Abae1BDfe7d2b05C16B1A15502b5447f7`

Nonce: **`5`**
(Transaction count from sender)

Cryptographic Variables: **V**, **R** and **S**
- Make up the sender's signature

Value (optional): **`100000`** (in wei)
- Amount of Ether to send with the transaction

Data (optional): **`0x8b69a0ca`**
- Specifies contract instructions or deployment instructions

Gas Limit or **Start Gas**
- The maximum number of computational steps the transaction execution is allowed to take

Gas Price
- The fee the sender pays per computational step

Ethereum basics: gas and fees

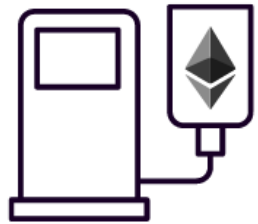
EXECUTION COSTS

EXECUTING OPERATIONS ON ETHEREUM COSTS A FEE

- The network is like a public utility, like the electric grid
- Gas fees are incentives for miners
- Miners collect all gas used in a block as a reward

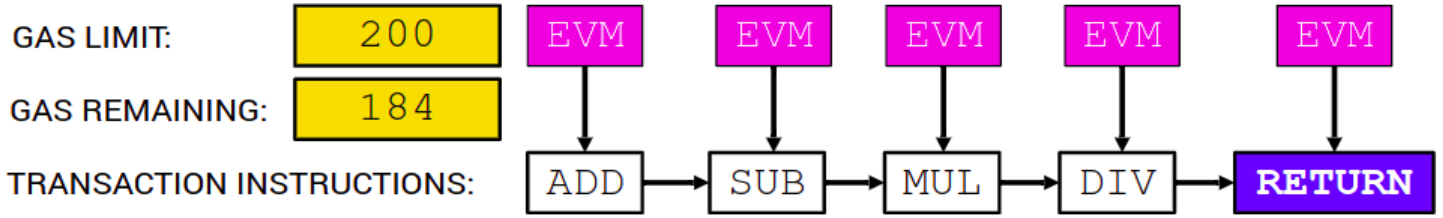
EXECUTION COSTS

- Gas is the metering unit of the Ethereum Virtual Machine
- Each operation on the EVM consumes gas
  - Different operations cost different amounts
  - Multiplication consumes 5 gas
  - Addition consumes 3 gas
- Gas is paid for with Ether
- Gas limit and price is specified per transaction
- Gas limit is max gas allowed for the transaction
- Gas price is how much Ether the sender pays per gas



GAS USAGE

- Every operation consumes a predetermined amount of gas
- Set transaction gas limit at the beginning of a transaction
  - Start gas / gas limit
  - Start gas is sent with transaction to pay for processing
- Every operation consumes gas
  - Remaining gas is reduced every step



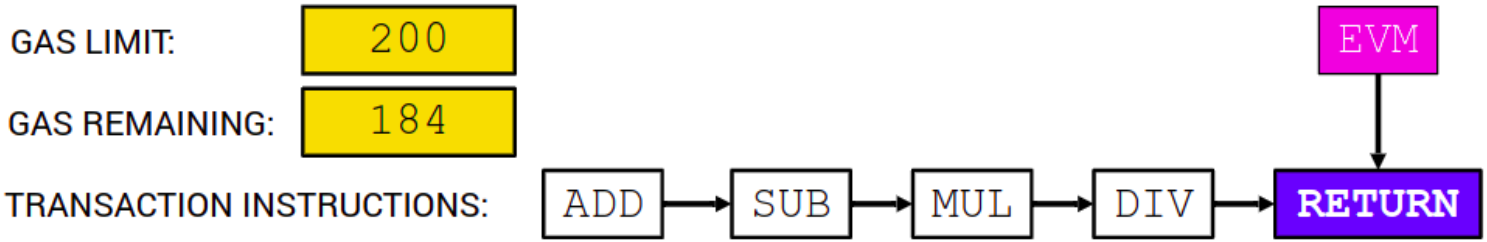
GAS USAGE

OUT OF GAS

- Transactions that run out of gas with steps remaining will fail

SUCCESSFUL TRANSACTION

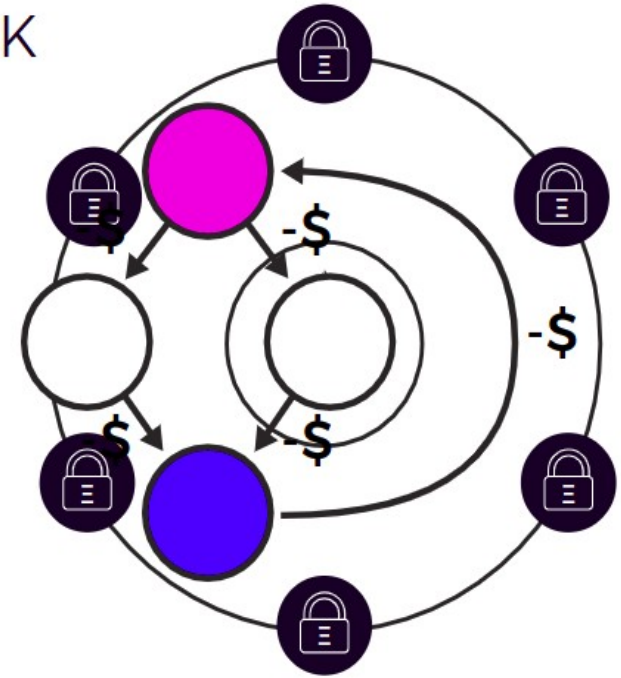
- Remaining gas is returned to the sender of the transaction



EXECUTION COSTS

FEES HELP PROTECT THE NETWORK

- Reduce spam
- Halt bad code
- Every step costs something
- Infinite loops will run out of funds



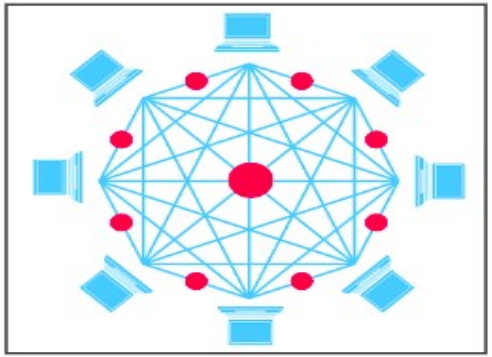
Smart contracts (briefly)

SMART CONTRACTS

"A computer protocol to digitally execute terms of a contract"

1	Trustless	No 3rd parties or intermediaries Universally accessible
2	Trackable	Transactions can be traced Auditability
3	Irreversible	Transactions are final Security is paramount
4	Self-executing	Reduce Costs Increase Speed Use Case Variability

SMART CONTRACTS



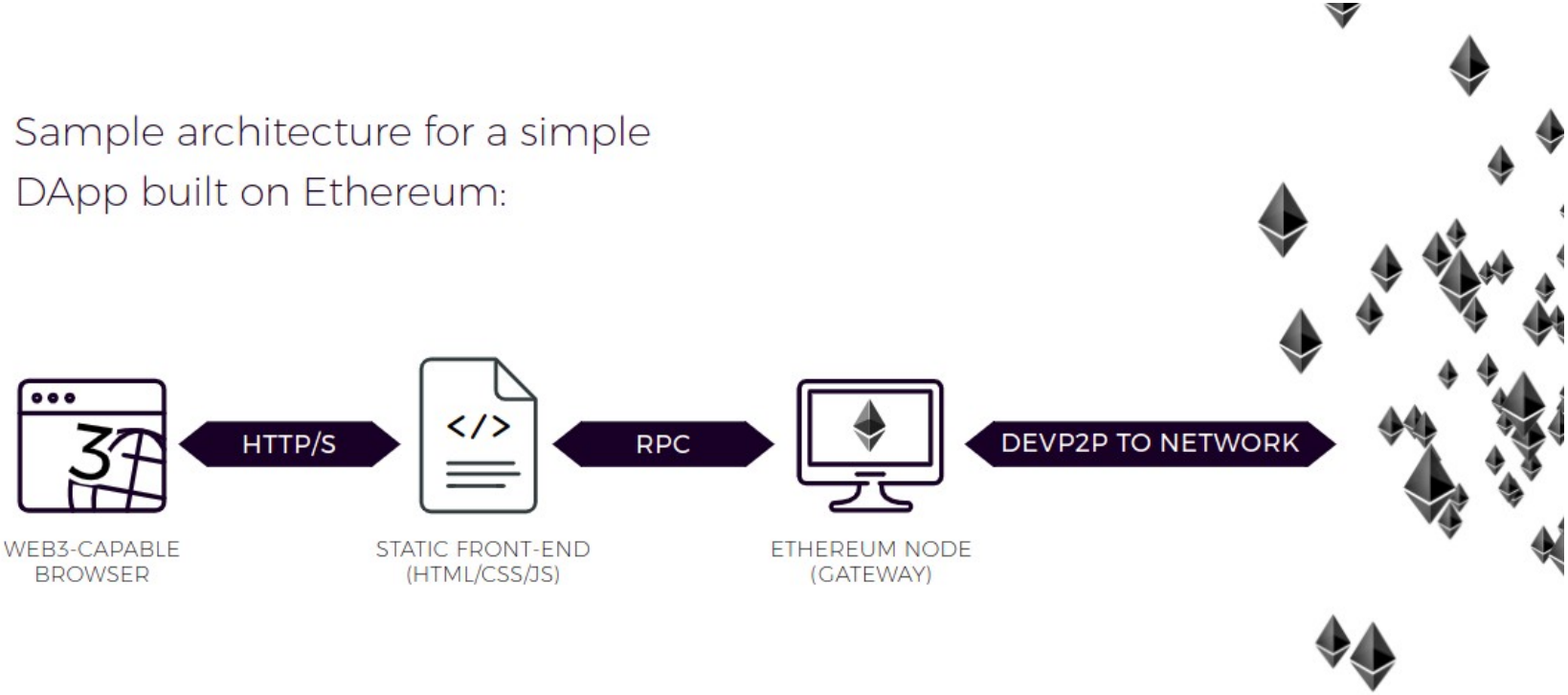
Smart Contracts do not necessarily have to be on a blockchain, but blockchains offer:

- A trustless, universally accessible system
- Trackable, irreversible transactions
- Mechanisms for self-execution

Development environment and tools

ANATOMY OF A DECENTRALIZED APPLICATION

Sample architecture for a simple DApp built on Ethereum:



DEVELOPMENT BLOCKCHAIN OPTIONS

ETHEREUM NETWORKS

ETHEREUM MAINNET

- ? Highest security
- ? Real value
- ? Immutable
- ? Public
- ? Expensive
- ? Slow
- ? Highest risk

TESTNETS

- ? Public
- ? Free ether
- ? Not final
- ? Still slow

PRIVATE NETWORK

- ? Fast
- ? Free
- ? Private
- ? Isolated
- ? No Real Value

DEVELOPMENT BLOCKCHAIN PROGRESSION

- Great for early development
- Rapid setup, deployment and testing
- Cheap

- Open to the public
- Closer to production environment
- Test larger scale
- Bug bounties
- Slower iterations

- Highest risk
- Using real value

CONNECTING TO A BLOCKCHAIN

Geth	→	public / private blockchains
Ganache	→	local private development blockchain
Remix	→	blockchain simulator (local, private)
Metamask	→	public / private blockchains

WHAT WE'LL USE

- Remix
- Web3.js
- Npm (Node.js)
- Metamask

Let’s start (simple)!

Smart contracts fundamentals: data types and variables

FEATURES OF SOLIDITY

- Statically typed
- Compiled language
- Elementary (value) types
  - Boolean
  - Integer
  - Address
  - Byte arrays
  - Enums
- Complex (reference) types
  - Arrays
  - Structs
- Mappings

BOOLEAN

- Declared with **`bool <variable name>`**
- Can be either true or false
- Use logical operators to control flow in conditional statements
- Logical negation (**`!`**), logical conjunction (**`&&`**), logical disjunction (`||`), equality (`==`) and inequality (**`!`**`=`)
- Common short circuiting rules
- Adding the public attribute, **`bool public <variable name>`**, will automatically create a getter function to retrieve the variables value
  - This is true of all variables
- All types initialize to `0`; unassigned booleans default to **`false`**.

INTEGER

- Signed or unsigned integers (`int` and `uint`)
- Can be defined with or without assignment (default assignment = 0)
- Can be defined with or without a number suffix
- `uint` is the same as `uint256` where 256 is the size of the integer in bits
- Suffix must be a multiple of 8, `uint8`, `int16`, `int64`, `uint256` are all valid

FUNCTION TYPES

- Function types are defined with the following components:
  - `function (<parameter types>)`
  - `internal | external`
  - `pure | constant | view | payable`
  - `returns(<return types>)`

ARRAYS

- Defined as `T[k]` for fixed size of length `k`
- `T[]` for dynamic
- Can be allocated to storage or memory
  - Storage arrays can be any data type
  - Memory arrays can be anything but a mapping
- Declaring the variable public will create a getter function that requires the index of the desired value as a parameter

STRUCTS

- A way to define new types
- Cannot contain a member of its own type
- Struct values stored as local variables in functions are not copied, they are passed by reference

```
// Defines a new type with two fields.
struct Funder {
    address addr;
    uint amount;
}

struct Campaign {
    address beneficiary;
    uint fundingGoal;
    uint numFunders;
    uint amount;
    mapping (uint => Funder) funders;
}
```

MAPPINGS

- Declared by `mapping(_KeyType => _ValueType)`
- `_Keytype` can be any type but mapping, dynamic array, contract, enum or struct
- `_Valuetype` can be any type
- Mappings are essentially hash tables
  - Every value is virtually initialized to its default
    - As a result, mappings have no length
  - Key data is not stored in the mapping, rather its keccack256 hash
- A mapping declared public will create a getter requiring the `_keyType` as a parameter and return the `_valuetype`

UNITS

- Solidity contains simple unit conversions and globally accessible variables
- Ether units
  - Solidity will convert amounts of ether
  - It recognizes the units of **`wei`**, **`finney`**, **`szabo`** and **`ether`**
- Time suffixes
  - `1 == 1 seconds`
  - `1 minutes == 60 seconds`
  - `1 hours == 60 minutes`
  - `1 days == 24 hours`
  - `1 weeks == 7 days`
  - `1 years == 365 days`
- Leap seconds are not taken into account

GLOBAL VARIABLES

- `msg.data (bytes)`: complete calldata
- `msg.gas (uint)`: remaining gas
- `msg.sender (address)`: sender of the message (current call)
- `msg.sig (bytes4)`: first four bytes of the calldata (i.e. function identifier)
- `msg.value (uint)`: number of wei sent with the message
- `now (uint)`: current block timestamp (alias for `block.timestamp`)
- `tx.gasprice (uint)`: gas price of the transaction
- `tx.origin (address)`: sender of the transaction (full call chain)

Let’s do something bigger!

What now?

Suggestions

- Cryptozombies
  https://cryptozombies.io/
- Mastering Ethereum
  https://github.com/ethereumbook/ethereumbook
- Fork my code and let’s build together!

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Grazie!