

1. What is a smart contract? How are they deployed? You should be able to describe how a smart contract is deployed and the necessary steps.

Smart Contracts are programmatic instructions that can be deployed in a blockchain to be interacted with later as a decentralized program capable of computation, storage and input and output of data.

- To deploy a smart contract, you will need:
- Your contract's bytecode
- ETH for gas
- A deployment script or plugin
- Access to an Ethereum node, either by running your own, connecting to a public node, or via an API key using a node service.

If you are using Hardhat as a deployment plugin, here follows the instructions:

1. Start a local node

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npx hardhat node
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2. Open a new terminal and deploy the smart contract in the localhost network

```
npx hardhat run --network localhost scripts/deploy.js
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As general rule, you can target any network configured in the hardhat.config.js

```
npx hardhat run --network <your-network> scripts/deploy.js
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2. What is gas? Why is gas optimization such a big focus when building smart contracts?

- Gas is the cost necessary to perform a transaction on the network. Miners set the price of gas based on supply and demand for the computational power of the network needed to process smart contracts and other transactions. Gas prices are denoted in small fractions of ether called gwei.
- Gas optimization is crucial for contract competitiveness because of the transactional costs involved.

3. What is a hash? Why do people use hashing to hide information?

Hash is a none way cryptographic function that have some special properties such as: A tiny change on the message implies in a totally different has.

Good hash functions should avoid collision.

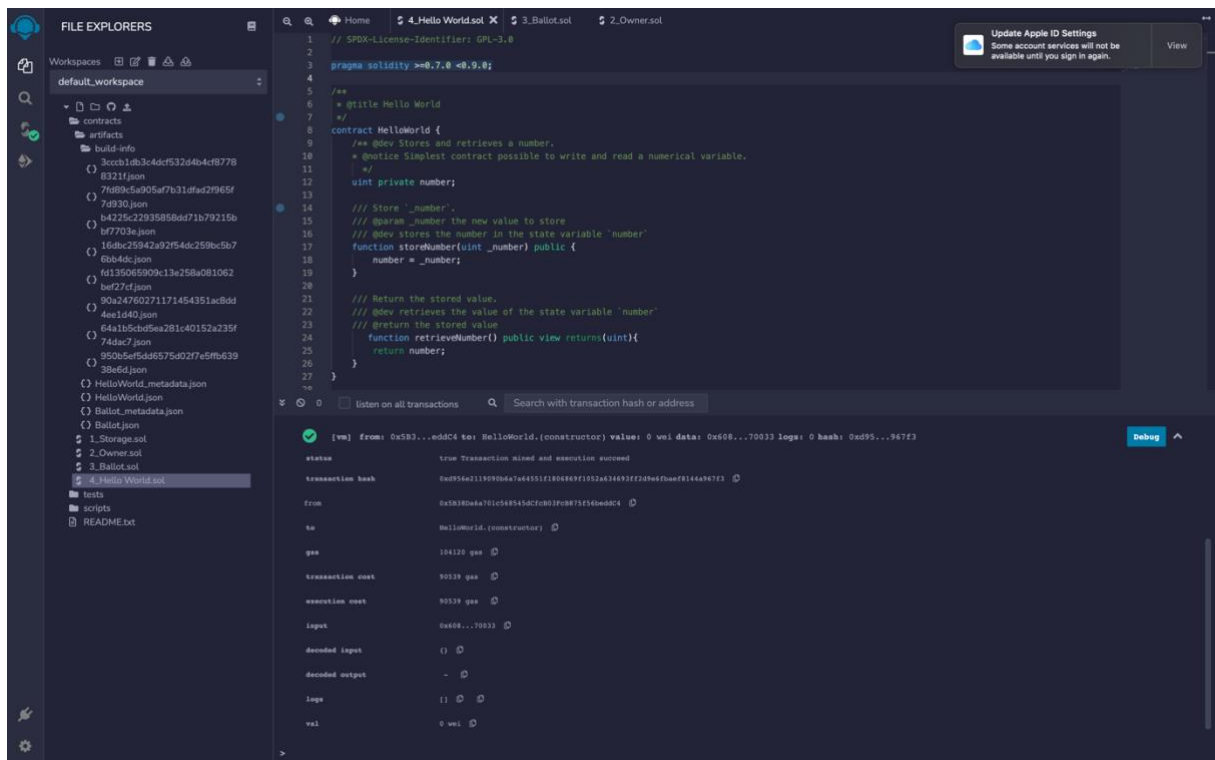
4. How would you prove to a colorblind person that two different colored objects are actually of different colors? You could check out Avi Wigderson talk about a similar problem [here](#).

I would declare the colors of the balls in plain sight and ask for the person to mix (or not) the balls behind his/her back. I would consistently assert the different colors and as the person has the info if ball changed or not, after multiple interactions the degree of trust on the classification should raise.

Provide the answers to these questions in your submission.

. You sure you're solid with Solidity?

1. Program a super simple "Hello World" smart contract: write a `**storeNumber**` function to store an unsigned integer and then a `**retrieveNumber**` function to retrieve it. Clearly comment your code. Once completed, deploy the smart contract on [remix](#). Push the .sol file to Github or Gist and include a screenshot of the Remix UI once deployed in your final submission pdf.



2. On the documentation page, [the "Ballot" contract](#) demonstrates a lot of features on Solidity. Read through the script and try to understand what each line of code is doing.
3. Suppose we want to limit the voting period of each Ballot contract to **5 minutes**. To do so, implement the following: Add a state variable `startTime` to record the voting start time. Create a [modifier](#) `voteEnded` that will check if the voting period is over. Use that modifier in the `**vote**` function to forbid voting and revert the transaction after the deadline.

4. Deploy your amended script and test the newly implemented functionality in part 3. Submit (1) your amended version of the contract on Github or Gist and (2) screenshots showing the time of contract deployment as well as the transaction being reverted once past the voting period.

Deployment time:

The screenshot shows the Remix IDE interface. On the left, the 'DEPLOY & RUN TRANSACTIONS' panel is active, displaying the environment (JavaScript VM (London)), account (0x5B3...eddC4), gas limit (3000000), and value (0 Wei). The contract 'Ballot - contracts/3_Ballot.sol' is selected, and the 'Deploy' button is highlighted. Below the deployment settings, a list of transactions is shown, including 'HELLOWORLD AT 0XD91...39138 (MEM)' and 'BALLOT AT 0XD8B...3FAB (MEMORY)'. The main editor displays the Solidity code for the 'Ballot' contract, which includes a constructor, a 'vote' function, and a 'delegate' function. The right sidebar shows the 'proposeNames' function. The bottom panel displays the transaction details for the deployment, including the transaction hash, from address, to address, gas, transaction cost, execution cost, input, decoded input, decoded output, logs, and value.

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Global Variables
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block.chainid: 0xd05
block.coinbase: 0x00000000000000000000000000000000
               00000000000000000000000000000000
block.difficulty: 70762765929000
block.gaslimit: 1500500
block.number: 1
block.timestamp: 1651101597
msg.sender: 0x5B38Da6a701c568545dCfcB0
            3FcB875f56beddC4
msg.sig: 0x60806040
msg.value: 0 Wei
tx.origin: 0x5B38Da6a701c568545dCfcB03
           FcB875f56beddC4
block.basefee: 1 Wei (0x01)
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Transaction Failing:

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