

# Blockchains & Distributed Ledgers

## Lecture 03

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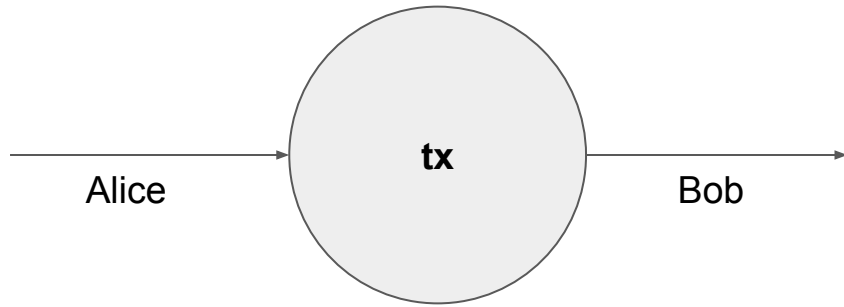
“smart contracts are neither smart nor contracts”

# What is a smart contract?

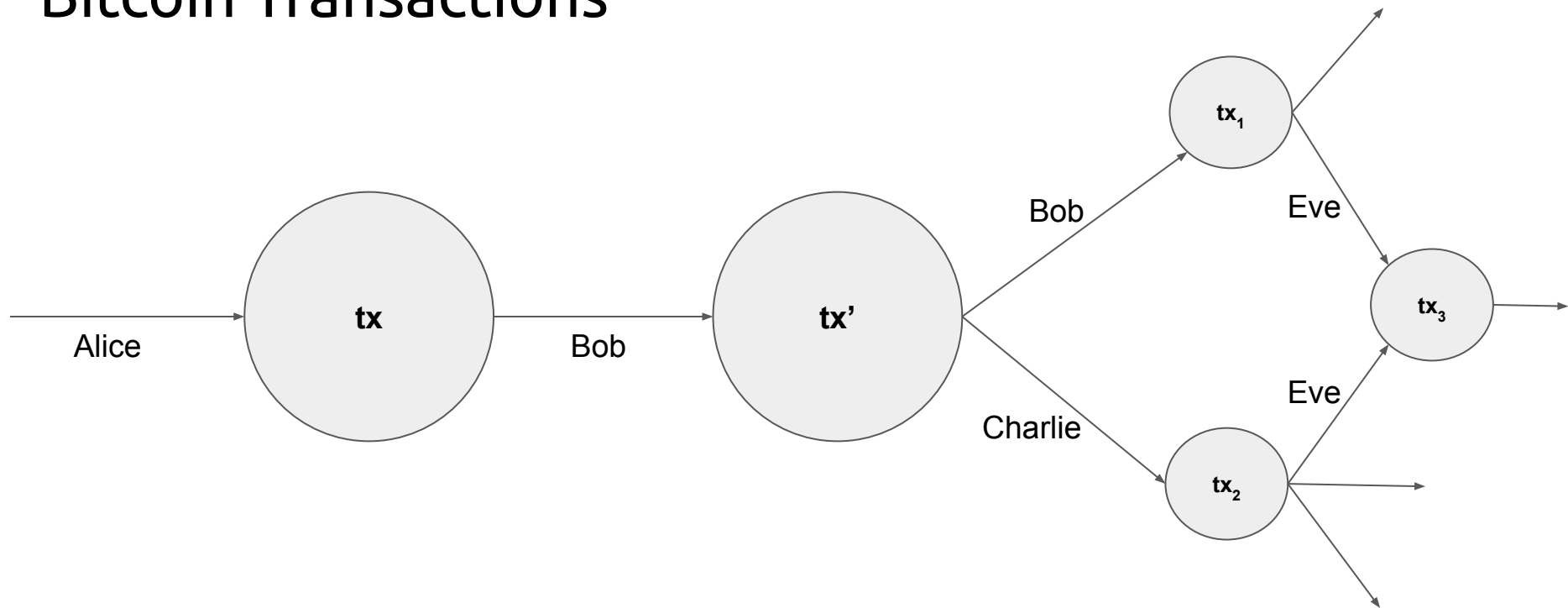
- Computer programs
- Contract code is executed by all full nodes
- The outcome of a smart contract is the same for everyone
- Context:
  - Internal storage
  - Transaction context
  - Most recent blocks
- The code of a smart contract cannot change

# Bitcoin

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# Bitcoin programs

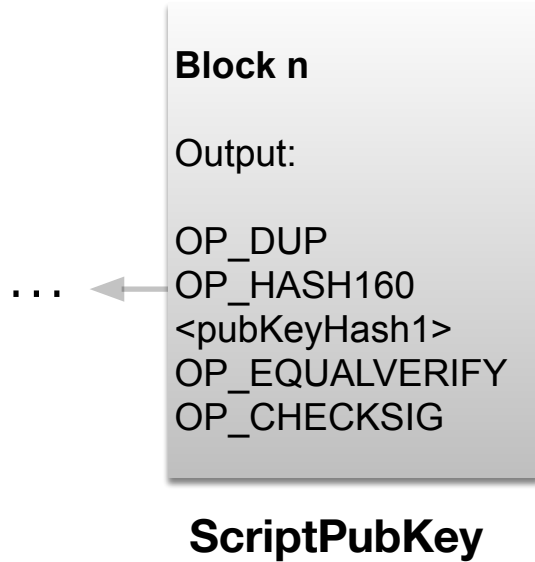
- **Transaction:** a transfer of value in the Bitcoin network
- Each transaction consists of the following main fields:
  - **input:** a transaction output from which it spends bitcoins:
    - i. previous transaction address
    - ii. index
    - iii. ScriptSig
  - **output:** instructions for spending the sent bitcoins:
    - i. value: amount of bitcoins to send
    - ii. ScriptPubKey: instructions on how to spend the sent bitcoins
- To validate a transaction:
  - concatenate ScriptSig of current tx with ScriptPubKey of referenced tx
  - check if it successfully compiles with no errors



# Bitcoin Script

- Stack-based
- Notation: Data in the script is enclosed in <> (<sig>, <pubKey>, etc)
- Opcodes: commands or functions
  - Arithmetic, e.g. OP\_ABS, OP\_ADD
  - Stack, e.g. OP\_DROP, OP\_SWAP
  - Flow control, e.g. OP\_IF, OP\_ELSE
  - Bitwise logic, e.g. OP\_EQUAL, OP\_EQUALVERIFY
  - Hashing, e.g. OP\_SHA1, OP\_SHA256
  - (Multiple) Signature Verification, e.g. OP\_CHECKSIG, OP\_CHECKMULTISIG
  - Locktime, e.g. OP\_CHECKLOCKTIMEVERIFY, OP\_CHECKSEQUENCEVERIFY

# Bitcoin Unspent Transaction Output (UTxO) example



# Bitcoin Script example



Stack	Script	Description
Empty	<sig1> <pubKey1> OP_DUP OP_HASH160 <pubKeyHash1> OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG	Add constant values from left to right to the stack until we reach an opcode.
<sig1> <pubKey1>	OP_DUP OP_HASH160 <pubKeyHash1> OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG	Duplicate top stack item
<sig1> <pubKey1> <pubKey1>	OP_HASH160 <pubKeyHash1> OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG	Hash at the top of the stack
<sig1> <pubKey1> <pub1Hash>	<pubKeyHash1> OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG	Push the hashvalue to the stack
<sig1><pubKey1> <pub1Hash><pubKeyHash1>	OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG	Check if top two items are equal
<sig1> <pubKey1>	OP_CHECKSIG	Verify the signature.
Empty	TRUE	If stack empty return True, else return False.

# Bitcoin's scripting language limitations

- Lack of Turing-completeness: No loops
- Lack of state: Cannot keep internal state.
- Value-blindness: Cannot denominate the amount being sent
- Blockchain-blindness: Cannot access block header values such as nonce, timestamp and previous hash block.

# Extending Bitcoin functionality: add new opcodes

- Building a protocol on top of Bitcoin:
  - Pros:
    - Take advantage of the underlying network and mining power.
    - Very low development cost
  - Cons:
    - No flexibility.
- Build an independent network:
  - Pros:
    - Easy to add and extend new opcodes.
    - Flexibility.
  - Cons:
    - Need to attract miners to sustain the network.
    - Difficult to implement.

# Ethereum

# Same principles as Bitcoin

- **A peer-to-peer network:** connects the participants
- **Sybil resistance:** Proof-of-Stake (former Proof-of-Work)
- **A digital currency:** ether
- **A global ledger:** the blockchain
  - Addresses: key pair
  - Wallets
  - Transactions: digital signatures
  - Blocks



# Ethereum: A universal Replicated State Machine

- Transaction-based deterministic state machine
  - Global state (singleton)
  - A virtual machine that applies changes to global state
- A global decentralized computing infrastructure
- Anyone can create their own state transition functions
- Stack-based bytecode language
- Turing-completeness
- Smart contracts
- Decentralized applications

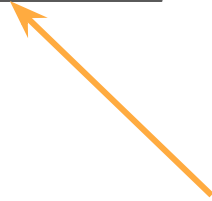
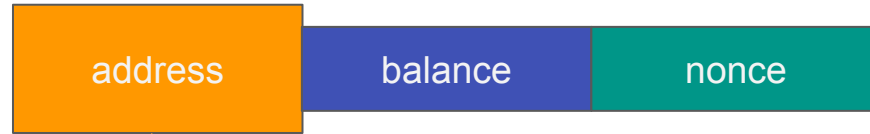
# Ethereum accounts

- Global state of Ethereum: **accounts**
- They **interact** to each other **through transactions** (or messages)
- A **state** and a 20-byte **address** (160-bit identifier) associated with each account

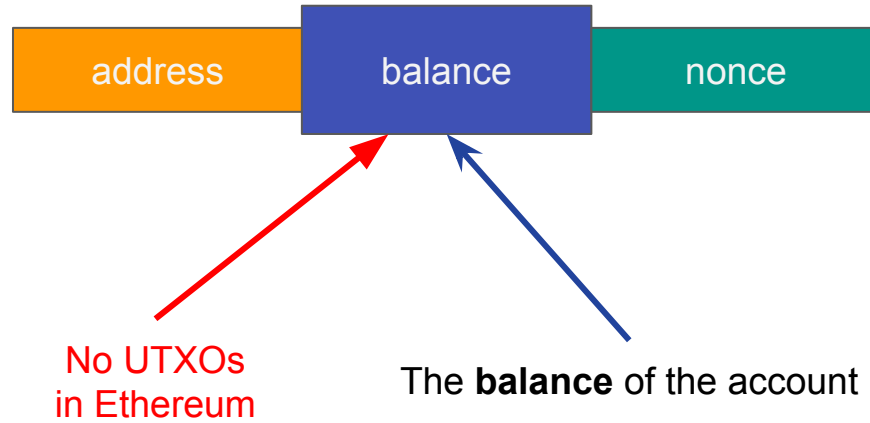


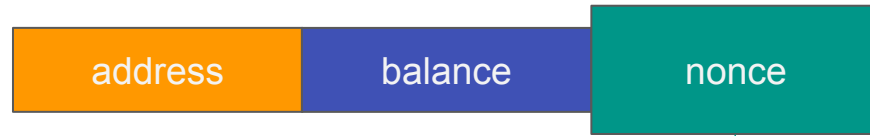
# Ethereum account





The **address** of the account





Total transactions



# UTxO vs Accounts

- UTxO pros:
  - Unlinkability → Higher degree of privacy
  - Scalability (parallelism, sharding)
- Account pros:
  - Space saving
  - Conceptual simplicity

# Two types of accounts

- Personal accounts (what we've seen)
- **Contract accounts**



# Ethereum contract account



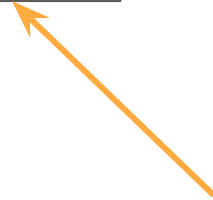
# Ethereum accounts

	Personal account	Contract account
address	$H(\text{pub\_key})$	$H(\text{addr} + \text{nonce of creator})$
code	$\emptyset$	Code to be executed
storage	$\emptyset$	Data of the contract
balance	ETH balance (in Wei)	ETH balance (in Wei)
nonce	# transaction sent	# transaction sent

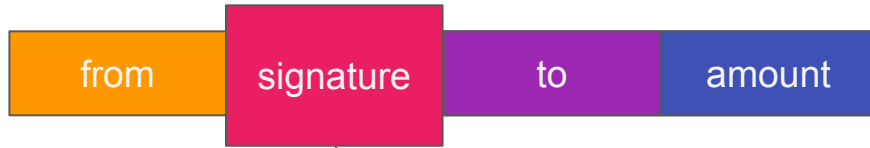


# Ethereum transaction

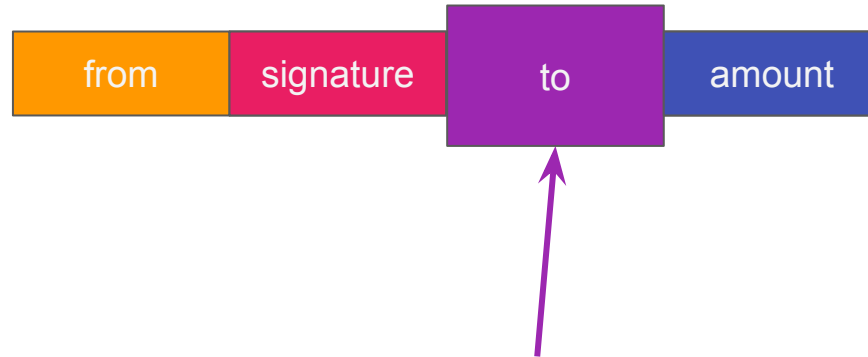




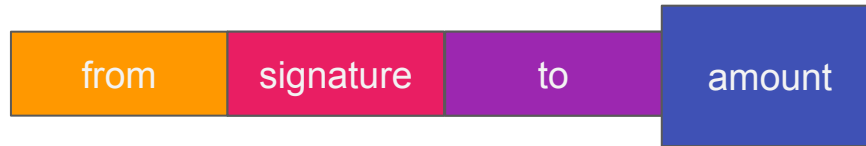
The **sender** of the transaction



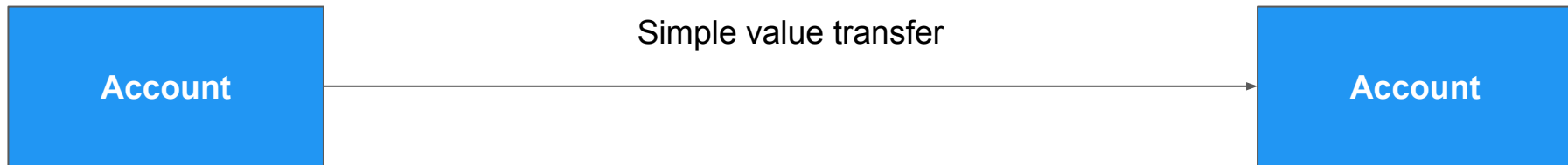
**Digital signature** on the **new transaction**  
created by **the sender's private key**



**Receiver** of the transaction

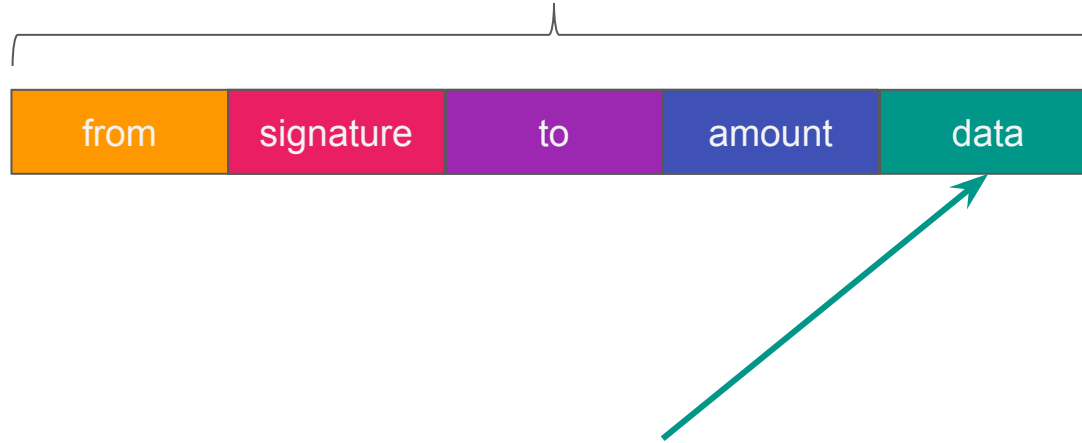


**Amount** transferred by transaction (in Wei)





# a transaction about a contract



Transaction **about personal accounts**:  
Field is unused

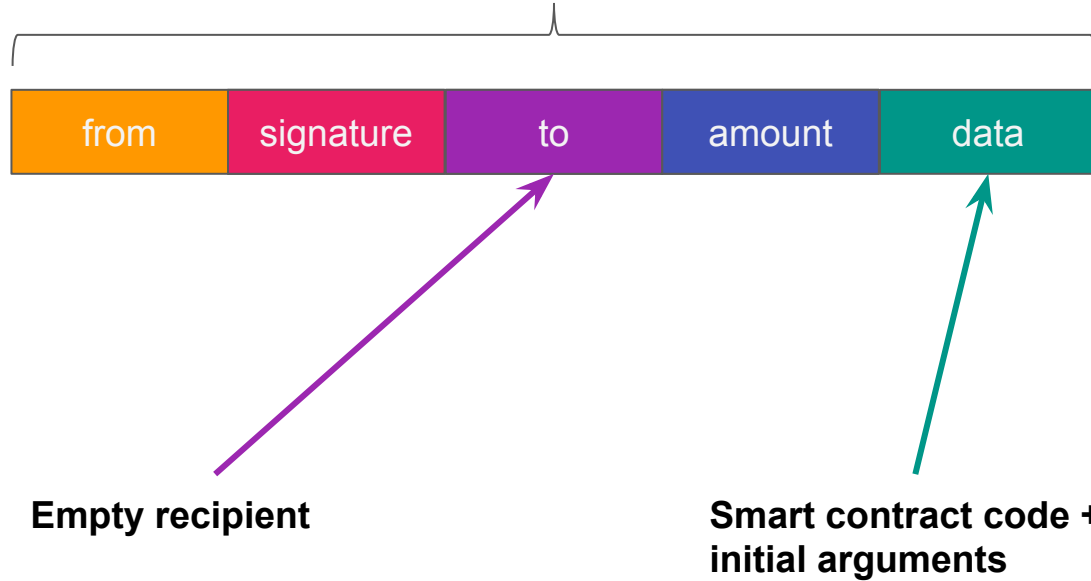
Transaction **about contracts**:  
Will contain **data about the contract**

# Smart contract lifecycle



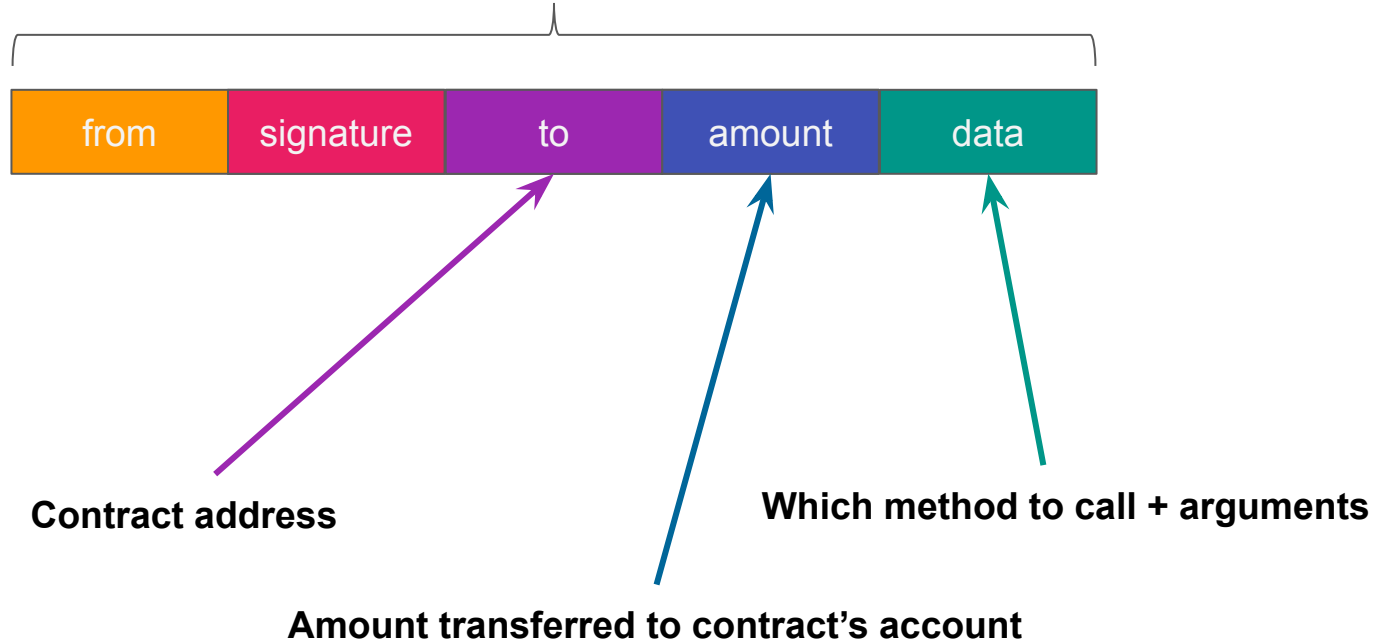


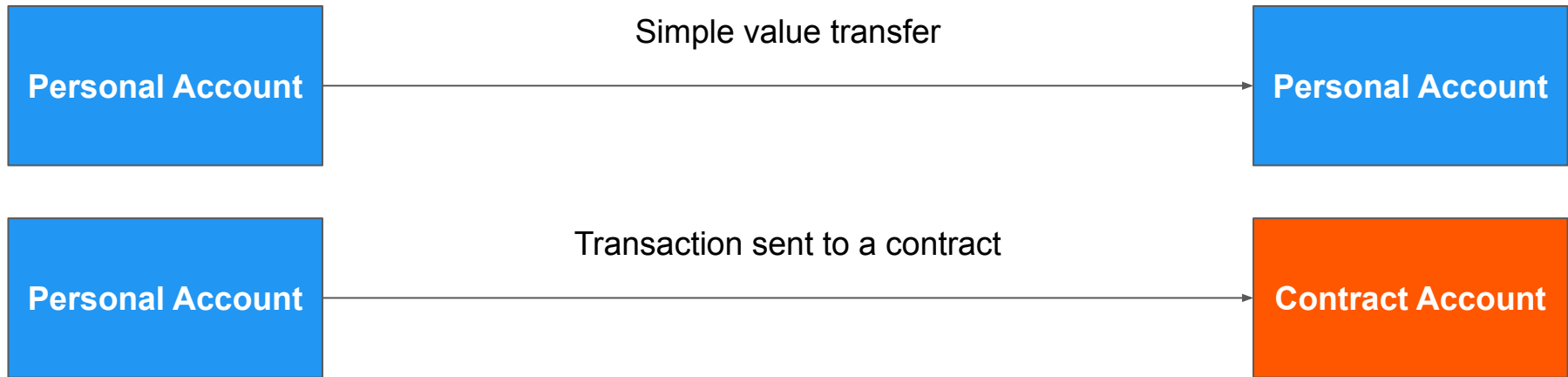
# Transaction for contract creation





# Transaction for contract interaction





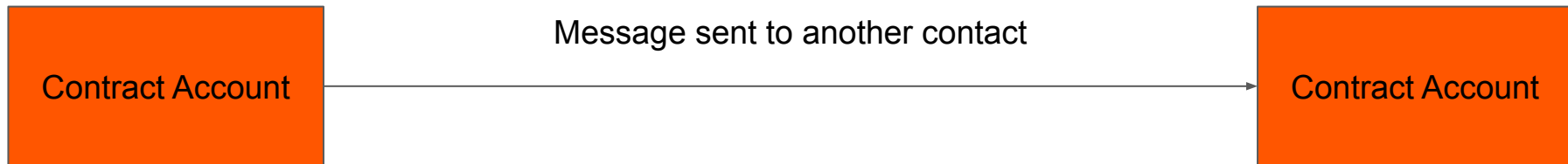
# Contract method call

- When contract account is activated:
  - a. Contract **code** runs
  - b. It can read/write to **internal storage**
  - c. It can **send other transactions** or **call other contracts**
- Can't initiate new transactions on their own
- Can only fire transactions in response to other transactions received

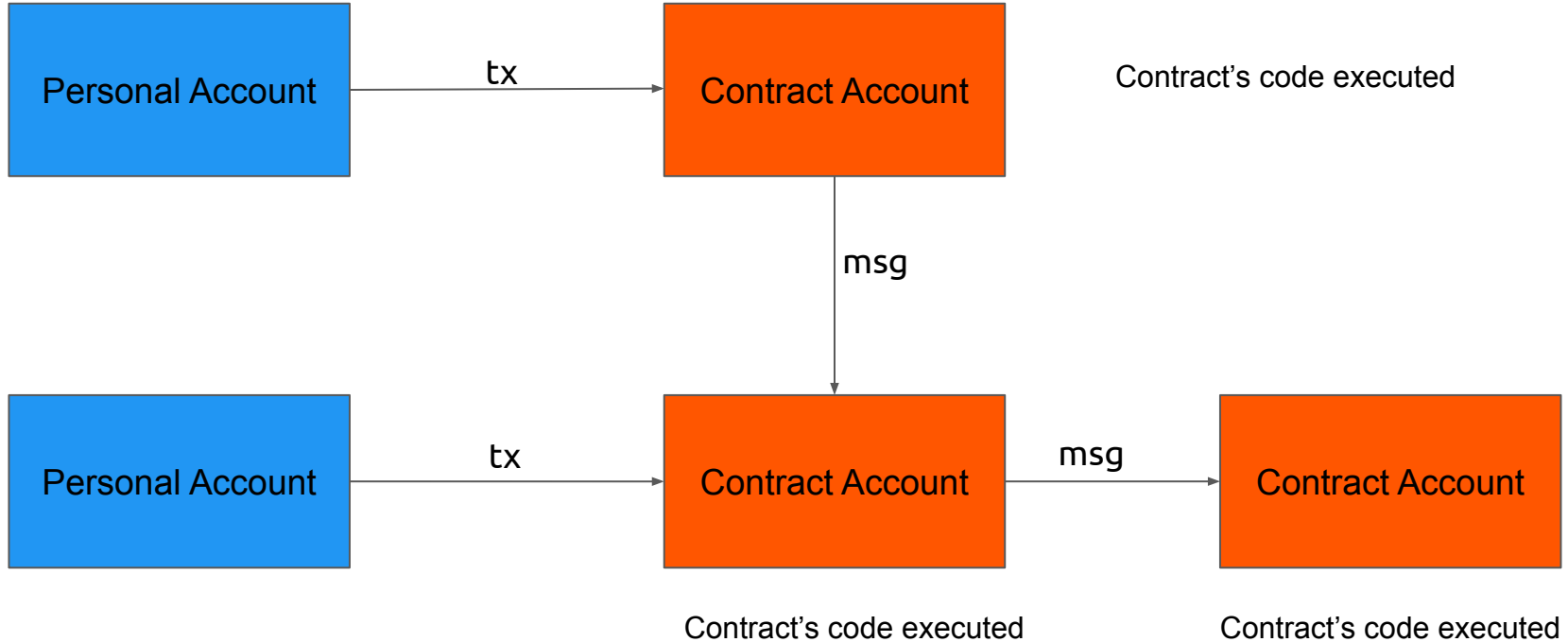


# Messages

- Like a **transaction** except it is **produced by a contract**
- Virtual objects
- Exist **only** in the **Ethereum execution environment**
- A message leads to the recipient account running its code
- **Contracts** can have **relationships** with **other contracts**



# Transactions & messages



# Types of transactions

	send	create	call
from	sender	creator	caller
signature	sig	sig	sig
to	receiver	∅	contract
amount	ETH	ETH	ETH
data	∅	code	f, args



# a transaction for contract destruction



**Contract address**

**The name of a method that calls the  
selfdestruct opcode**

# Ethereum Virtual Machine

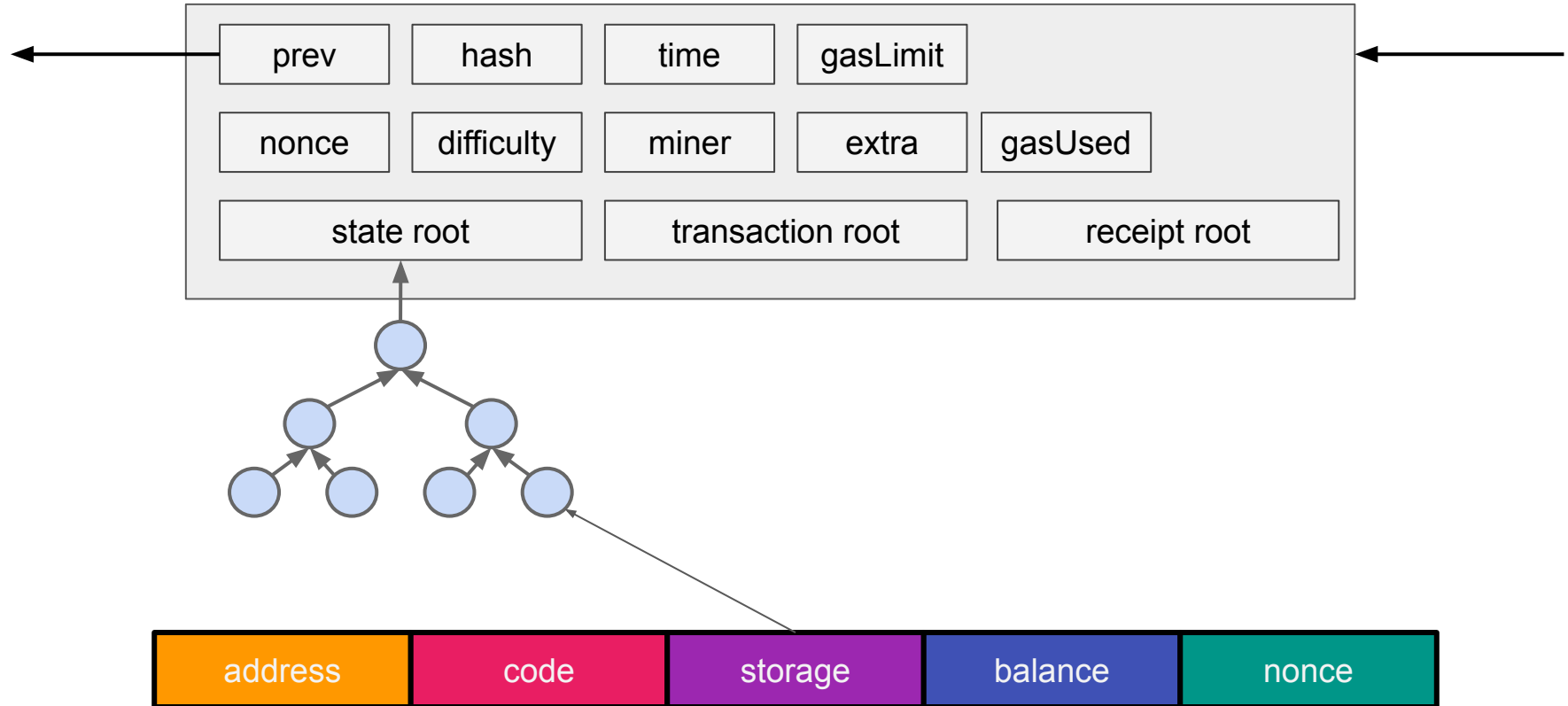
- Series of **bytecode** instructions (EVM code)
- Each **bytecode** represents an **operation** (opcode)
- A quasi **Turing complete** machine
- **Stack-based** architecture (1024-depth)
- **32-byte** words (256-bit words)
- **Crypto** primitives

# EVM: contract execution

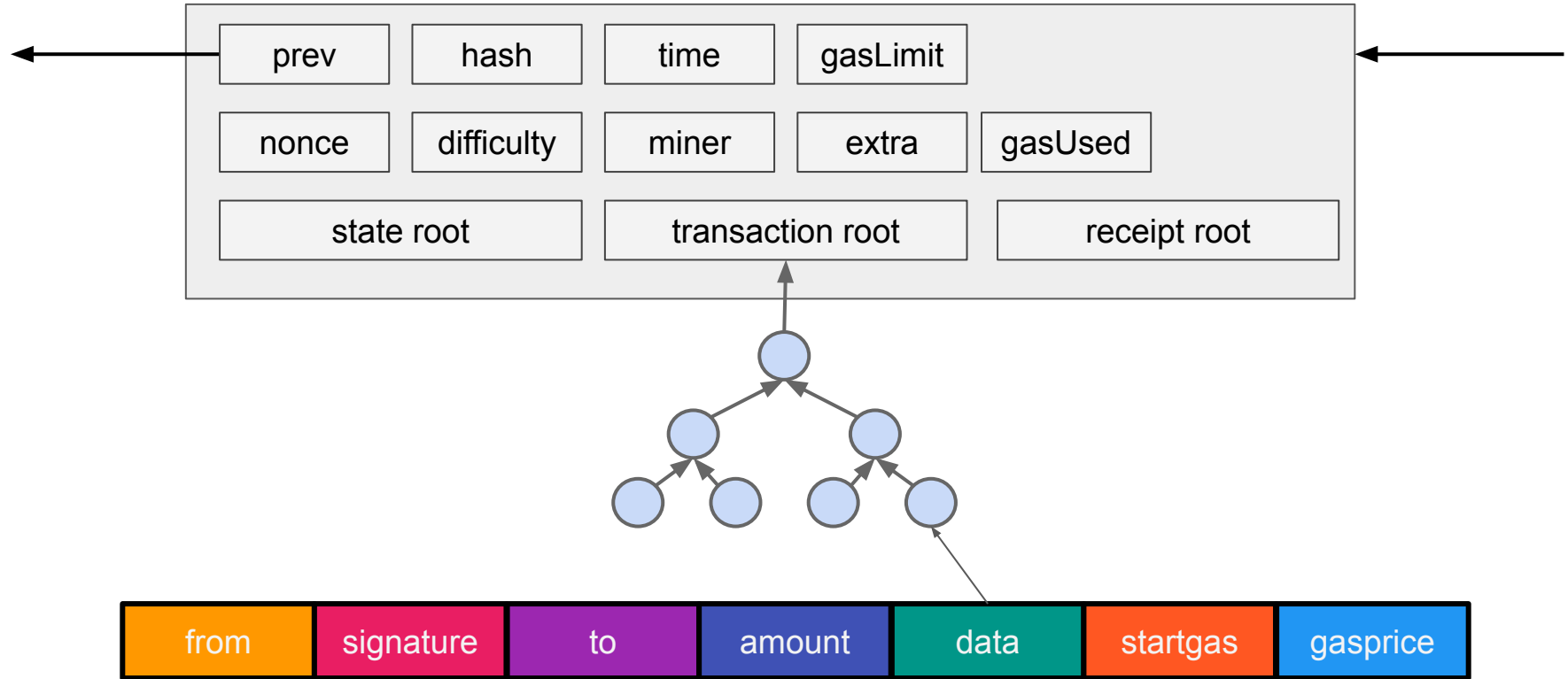
- Three types of storage:
  - **Stack**
  - **Memory** (expandable byte array)
  - **Storage** (key/value store)
- All memory is **zero-initialized**
- Access:
  - **value**
  - **sender**
  - **data**
  - **gas** limit
  - **block header** data (depth, timestamp, miner, block id, ...)



# Ethereum block



# Ethereum block



# Ethereum Mining

- **Blocks** contain: **transaction** list and most **recent state**
- Block **time**: ~12-15 **seconds**
- *(Since 2022)* Proof-of-stake (Gasper)
  - Previously **Proof-of-work**: Ethash (originally designed to be **memory-hard**)
- **Winner** of the block:
  - Previously: 2 ETH + tx fees
  - Now: a bit [more complex](#)

# Transaction fees: the phone booth model



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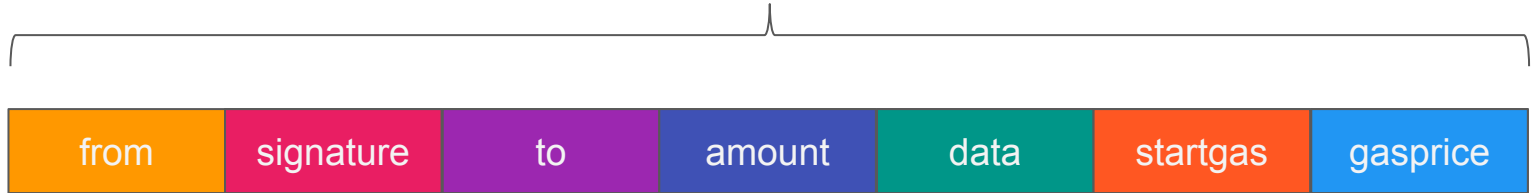
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## Solution

- Every **computation step** has a **fee**
- Fee is **paid** in **gas**
- **Gas** is the **unit** used to **measure computations**



# Ethereum transaction





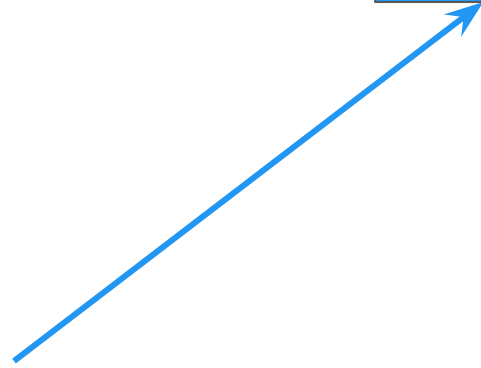


Maximum amount of gas willing to pay

# Gas Limit

- Equals to startgas
- All **unused gas** is **refunded** at the end of a transaction
- **Out of gas** transactions are **not refundable**
- Blocks also have a **gas limit**





Price to pay per gas unit

# Gas Price

- Measured in **gwei** ( $10^9$  Wei)
- Determines how **quickly** a transaction will be **mined**
  - Higher gas price makes transaction more appealing to miners



# Transaction Fees



# Confirmation vs. Gas price

Next update in 10s

Wed, 28 Sep 2022 17:20:57 UTC



😊 Low

13 gwei

Base: 13 | Priority: 0  
\$0.39 | ~ 10 mins: 0 secs

😊 Average

14 gwei

Base: 13 | Priority: 1  
\$0.42 | ~ 3 mins: 0 secs

😊 High

14 gwei

Base: 13 | Priority: 1  
\$0.48 | ~ 30 secs

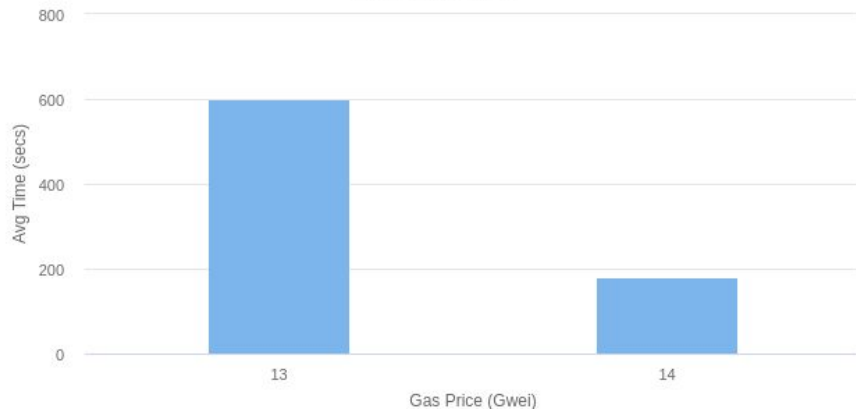
## Estimated Cost of Transaction Actions:

[View API](#)

Action	Low	Average	High
🔗 OpenSea: Sale	\$1.34	\$1.43	\$1.62
🔗 Uniswap V3: Swap	\$3.45	\$3.69	\$4.18
🔗 USDT: Transfer	\$1.01	\$1.08	\$1.23

## Confirmation Time x Gas Price (Last 1000 blocks)

Source: Etherscan.io



<https://etherscan.io/gastracker>

# Confirmation vs. Gas price

Next update in 2s

Wed, 28 Sep 2022 17:36:08 UTC



Low

29 gwei

Base: 29 | Priority: 0

\$0.81 | ~ 10 mins: 0 secs



Average

31 gwei

Base: 29 | Priority: 2

\$0.87 | ~ 3 mins: 0 secs



High

32 gwei

Base: 29 | Priority: 3

\$0.90 | ~ 30 secs

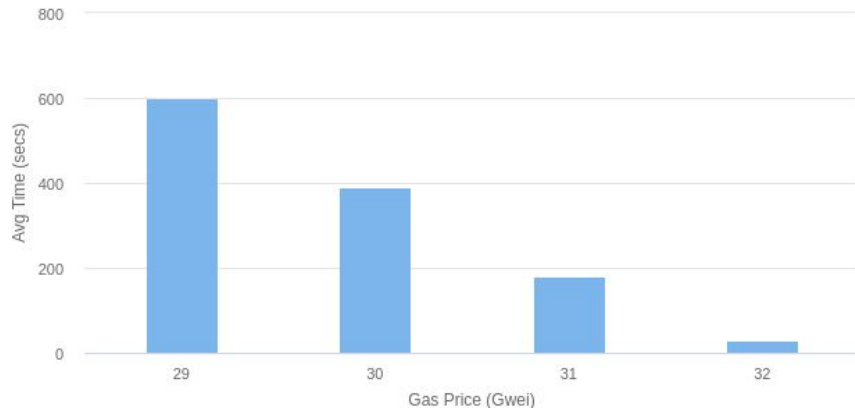
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Action	Low	Average	High
② OpenSea: Sale	\$2.77	\$2.96	\$3.06
② Uniswap V3: Swap	\$7.14	\$7.64	\$7.88
② USDT: Transfer	\$2.10	\$2.24	\$2.31

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# Storage in Ethereum

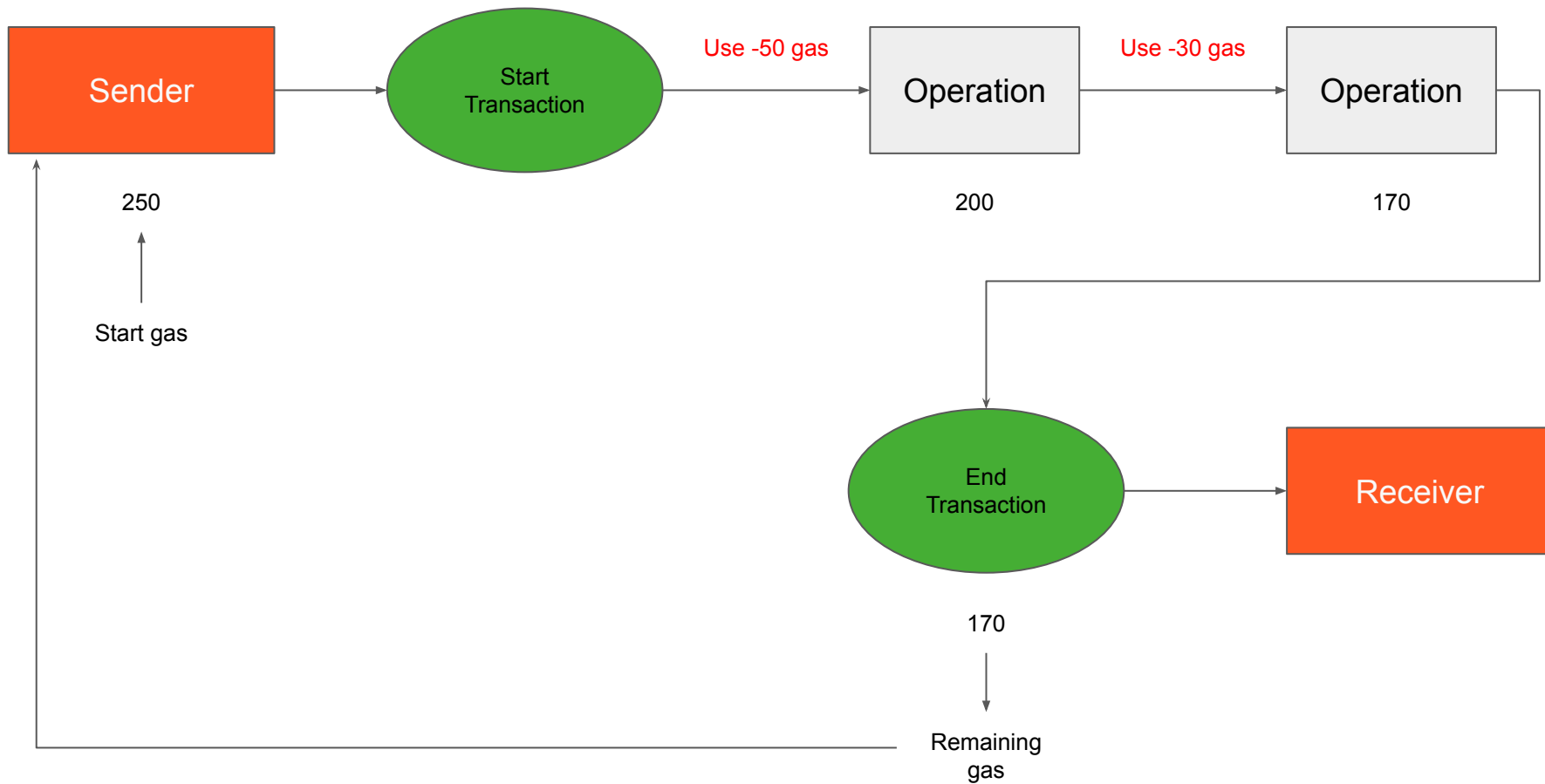
ETH Price: \$1,300 (28 September, 2022) - Gas Price: 16 Gwei

Size	Gas	Cost (ETH)	Cost (\$)
1KB	677,000	~0.021	\$27
1MB	~693,000,000	21.33	\$27,700
10MB	~7,000,000,000	~215	\$280,000



# Computation steps

1. If **gas\_limit \* gas\_price > balance** then **halt**
2. **Deduct**  $\text{gas\_limit} * \text{gas\_price}$  from **balance**
3. Set  $\text{gas} = \text{gas\_limit}$
4. **Run code** deducting from gas
5. After termination **return remaining gas** to **balance**



# Out of gas exceptions

- State **reverts** to **previous state**
- $\text{gas\_limit} * \text{gas\_price}$  is **still deducted** from **balance**



# Introduction to Solidity

# Solidity

- A **high level programming** language for **writing** smart **contracts** on **Ethereum**
- **Compile** code for the **Ethereum Virtual Machine**
- **Syntax** similar to **JavaScript**

Documentation: [docs.soliditylang.org](https://docs.soliditylang.org)

# Solidity

- **Contracts** look like **classes / objects**
- **Statically**-typed language (variable types must be set explicitly)
- Most of the control structures from **JavaScript** are available in **Solidity** (conditions, loops, exception handling, etc.)

# HelloWorld contract

```
pragma solidity >=0.7.0 <0.9.0;
```

```
contract HelloWorld {
```

```
    function print () public pure returns (string memory) {
```

```
        return 'Hello World!';
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

# Pragmas

```
pragma solidity 0.8.0;
```

```
pragma solidity ^0.8.1;
```

```
pragma solidity >=0.8.1 < 0.9.0;
```



Equivalent

The pragma keyword is used to enable certain compiler (version) features or checks. Follows the same syntax used by [npm](#).



# Contract

```
contract <ContractName> { ... }
```

# Constructors

```
contract HelloWorld1 {  
    constructor () { ... }  
}
```

```
contract HelloWorld2 {  
    constructor (uint x, string y) { ... }  
}
```

# Solidity: Variables

- State variables:
  - Contract variables
  - **Permanently stored** in contract **storage**
  - **Must declare** at compilation time
- Local variables
  - Within a **function**: **cannot** be **accessed** outside
  - **Complex** types: at **storage** by default
  - **Value** types: in the **stack**
  - Function **arguments**

# Types

- The **type** of each variable **needs to be specified** (Solidity is a statically typed language)
- **Two** categories:
  - **Value** types
  - **Reference** types
- **“undefined”** or **“null”** values **do not exist** in Solidity
- **Variables** without a value **always** have a **default value** (zero-state) dependent on their type.
- Solidity follows the scoping rules of C99 (variables are visible until the end of the smallest `{}`-block)

# Value types

# Types: booleans

```
contract Booleans {  
    bool p = true;  
    bool q = false;  
}
```

Operators: !, &&, ||, !=, ==

# Types: integers

```
contract Integers {  
  
    uint256 x = 5;  
  
    int8 y = -5;  
  
}
```

- Two types:
  - `int` (signed)
  - `uint` (unsigned)
- Keywords: `uint8` / `int8` to `uint256` / `int256` in step of 8.
- `uint` / `int` are alias for `uint256` / `int256`.
- Operators as usual:
  - Comparisons: `<=`, `<`, `==`, `!=`, `>=`, `>`
  - Arithmetic operators: `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`, `%`, `**`
  - Bitwise operators: `&`, `|`, `^`
  - Shift operators: `>>`, `<<`
- Range:  $2^b - 1$  where  $b \in \{8, 16, 24, 32, \dots, 256\}$
- Division always results in an integer and round towards zero ( $5 / 2 = 2$ ).
- No floats!

# Types: address

```
contract Address {  
    address owner;  
    address payable anotherAddress;  
}
```

Address type holds an Ethereum address (20 byte value).

The “payable” keyword enables to send Ether to the address (you cannot send to plain addresses).



# Types: fixed-size byte arrays

```
contract ByteArrays {  
    bytes32 y = 0xa5b9...;  
  
    // y.length == 32  
  
}
```

- `bytes1`, `bytes2`, `bytes3`, ..., `bytes32`
- `byte` is alias for `byte1`
- `length`: fixed length of the byte array. You cannot change the length of a fixed byte array.

# Types: Enum

```
contract Purchase {  
    enum State { Created, Locked, Inactive }  
}
```

# Example Enum

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.24;
```

```
contract Enum {  
    enum ActionChoices { GoLeft, GoRight, GoStraight, SitStill }  
    ActionChoices choice;  
    ActionChoices constant defaultChoice = ActionChoices.GoStraight;  
  
    function setGoStraight() public {  
        choice = ActionChoices.GoStraight;  
    }  
  
    function getChoice() public view returns (ActionChoices) {  
        return choice;  
    }  
}
```

# Reference types

# Types: arrays, static and dynamic

```
contract Arrays {
    uint256[2] x;
    uint8[] y;
    bytes z;
    string name;
    // 2D: dynamic rows, 2 columns!
    uint [2][] flags;

    function create () public {
        uint[] memory a = new uint[](7);
        flags.push([0, 1]);
    }
}
```

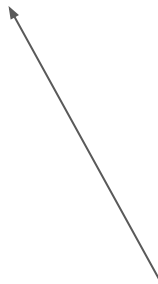
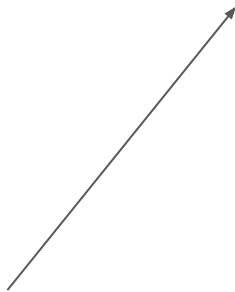
- The **notation** of declaring **2D** arrays is **reversed** when compared to **other languages**!
  - **Declaration:** `uint[columns][rows] z;`
  - **Access:** `z[row][column]`
- `bytes` and `string` are **special** arrays.
- `bytes` is similar to `byte[]` but is **cheaper** (gas).
- `string` is **UTF-8-encoded**.
- Members:
  - `push`: push an element at the end of array.
  - `length`: return or set the size of array.
- `string` does **not** have **length** member.
- **Allocate** memory **arrays** by using the **keyword** `new`. The size of memory arrays has to be known at compilation (in this case 7). You **cannot** resize a memory array.

# Types: Mappings

```
contract Mappings {  
    mapping(address => uint256) balances;  
}
```

key

value



# Types: Struct

```
contract Vote {  
    struct Voter {  
        bool voted;  
        address voter;  
        uint vote;  
    }  
}
```

- A struct cannot contain a struct of its own type (the size of the struct has to be finite).
- A struct can contain mappings.

# Example Structs

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.24;
```

```
contract Ballot {  
    struct Voter {  
        uint weight;  
        bool voted;  
        address delegate;  
        uint vote;  
    }  
}
```

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



# Visibility

# Visibility

- **public:** Public functions can be called from other contracts, internally, and from personal accounts. For public state variables a getter function is automatically created.
- **external:** External functions cannot be called internally. Variables cannot be declared as external.
- **internal:** Internal functions and variables can be called only internally. Contracts that inherit another contract can access the parent's internal variables and functions.
- **private:** Private functions and variables can be called only by the contract in which they are defined and not by a derived contract.

# Solidity: Functions

- Can return multiple values
- Access
  - **Public:** Accessed by **anyone**
  - **Private:** Accessed **only** from the **contract**
  - **Internal:** Accessed **only internally**
  - **External:** Accessed **only externally**
- Declarations
  - **View:** They promise **not** to **modify** the **state**
  - **Pure:** They promise **not** to **read** from or **modify** the **state**.
  - **Payable:** Must be used to **accept Ether**

Remember that on-chain data is public regardless of access declaration!

Data location

# Data location: areas

- Every reference type (array, struct, mapping) has a data location.
- Two main data locations: **storage** and **memory**.
- **Calldata**: special location for function's arguments.
- As of Solidity version **5.0.0** you must **always declare** the data **location** of reference types inside functions' body, arguments and returned values.

# Data location: areas

- Storage:
  - Persistent
  - All state variables are saved to storage
- Memory:
  - Non-persistent
  - Can be used for function variables or arguments
- Calldata:
  - Non-modifiable (read-only)
  - Function arguments
  - Cheaper than memory
  - Used for dynamic params of an *external* function

# Data location: assignment copy/reference rules

- Assignment of the form “variable <- variable”
- Assignment by copy
  - storage <-> memory
  - state (global storage) variable <- state variable, storage and memory
- Assignment by reference
  - memory <-> memory
  - local storage variable <- storage

# Fallback functions

```
contract Fallback {  
    receive() external {  
        ...  
    }  
  
    fallback() external {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

- No arguments (`msg.*` is accessible, contains all data about incoming transaction, incl. sender and value).
- No returned values.
- Mandatory visibility: external.
- `Receive` is executed if no data (transaction field) is supplied. It is implicitly `payable`.
- `Fallback` is executed if the function that a user tries to call does not exist. May or may not be `payable`.
- In the absence of a fallback function a contract cannot receive Ether and an exception is thrown.
- Should be simple - without consuming too much gas.



# Solidity: events

- EVM logging mechanism
- Arguments are stored in the transaction log
- An alternative to store data cheaply
- Client software can create “listeners” to events (eg. in Python/JS)

# Solidity: events

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.24;

contract ClientReceipt {
    event Deposit(
        address indexed _from,
        bytes32 indexed _id,
        uint _value
    );

    function deposit(bytes32 _id) public payable {
        emit Deposit(msg.sender, _id, msg.value);
    }
}
```

Contract - Solidity

```
var abi = /* abi as generated by the compiler */;
var web3 = /* http/ws connection to Eth full node */;
var contractObject = web3.eth.contract(abi);
var contractInstance = contractObject.at("0x1234...ab67");
/* address */

var event = contractInstance.Deposit();

// watch for changes
event.watch(function(error, result){
    if (!error)
        console.log(result);
    ....
    /* use result to access event data .. */
});
```

Client - Javascript

# Solidity: Inheritance

- Multiple inheritance
- **One contract** is created on the **blockchain** for all derived contracts: codes concatenate
- The general **inheritance** system is very **similar** to **Python's**

# Solidity: Inheritance

- Use *is* keyword to **extend** a contract
- **Derived** contracts: **access** all non-private members, internal functions and state variables
- **Abstract** contracts can be used as **interfaces**
- **Functions** can be **overridden**
- **Interfaces**: functions are not implemented

# Solidity: Inheritance

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.24;

interface Regulator {
    function checkValue(uint amount) external returns (bool);
    function loan() external returns (bool);
}

contract LocalBank is Bank(10) {
    string private name;
    uint private age;

    function setName(string newName) public {
        name = newName;
    }
    function getName() public view returns (string) {
        return name;
    }
    function setAge(uint newAge) public {
        age = newAge;
    }
    function getAge() public view returns (uint) {
        return age;
    }
}
```

```
contract Bank is Regulator {
    uint private value;
    constructor (uint amount) public {
        value = amount;
    }
    function deposit(uint amount) public {
        value += amount;
    }
    function withdraw(uint amount) public {
        if (checkValue(amount)) {
            value -= amount;
        }
    }
    function balance() public view returns (uint) {
        return value;
    }
    function checkValue(uint amount) public view returns (bool) {
        return value >= amount;
    }
    function loan() public view returns (bool) {
        return value > 0;
    }
}
```

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.24;
```

```
contract Jedi {  
  
    function computeForce() internal pure returns (uint){  
        return 50;  
    }  
  
    function getExtraForce() private pure returns (uint) {  
        return 100;  
    }  
}  
  
contract Ewok {  
    Jedi j = new Jedi();  
    uint force = j.computeForce(); // error private method  
}
```

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.24;
```

```
contract Human is Jedi {  
    uint age = 70;  
    string name = "Luke";  
    string lastName = "Skywalker";  
    bool isMaster = false;  
    uint force = 0;  
  
    function setMaster(bool _master) external {  
        isMaster = _master;  
        force = computeForce(); // internal call  
        force = force + getExtraForce(); // error private  
method  
    }  
  
    function getJedi() public view returns (uint, string, string,  
bool){  
        return (age, name, lastName, isMaster) //  
multi-values  
    }  
}
```

# Solidity: Modifiers

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.24;
```

```
contract owned {
```

```
    address owner;
```

```
    constructor() public { owner = msg.sender; }
```

```
    modifier onlyOwner {  
        require(msg.sender == owner);  
        _;  
    }  
}
```

Declare modifier

```
contract mortal is owned {  
    function close() public onlyOwner {  
        selfdestruct(owner);  
    }  
}
```

Apply modifier

# Solidity: units and globally available variables

- Ether Units

- A literal number can take a suffix of wei, finney, szabo or ether (2 ether == 2000 finney evaluates to true)

- Time Units

- Suffixes like seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks and years (1 hours == 60 minutes)



# Solidity: units and globally available variables

- Block and Transaction Properties

- `block.blockhash`
- `Block.coinbase`
- `block.timestamp`
- `msg.data`
- `msg.gas`
- `msg.value`
- `msg.sender`
- `tx.origin`

# Solidity: units and globally available variables

- Error Handling
  - via error objects (see [Solidity docs](#))
  - assert
  - require
  - revert
- Mathematical and Cryptographic Functions
  - addmod, mulmod
  - Keccak256 (SHA-3), sha256, ripemd160

# Solidity: units and globally available variables

- Address Related
  - `<address>.balance`
  - `<address>.transfer`
  - `<address>.send`
  - `<address>.call`, `<address>.callcode`, `<address>.delegatecall`
- Contract Related
  - `this`, `selfdestruct`

Send ether

# Send ether

Function	Gas forwarded	Error handling	Notes
<code>transfer</code>	2300	throws error on failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Safe</b> against re-entrancy</li><li>• <b>Fails</b> if recipient contract's fallback function consumes &gt;2300 gas</li></ul>
<code>send</code>	2300	<code>false</code> on failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Safe</b> against re-entrancy</li><li>• <b>Fails</b> if recipient contract's fallback function consumes &gt;2300 gas</li></ul>
<code>call</code>	all remaining gas	<code>false</code> on failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Not safe</b> against re-entrancy</li></ul>

Interacting with other  
contracts

# Interacting with other contracts

```
contract Planet {  
    string private name;  
    constructor (string memory _name){ name = _name; }  
    function getName() public returns(string memory) { return name; }  
}
```

```
contract Universe {  
    address[] planets;  
    event NewPlanet(address planet, string name);  
  
    function createNewPlanet(string memory name) public {  
        Planet p = new Planet(name);  
        planets.push(address(p));  
        emit NewPlanet(address(p), p.getName());  
    }  
}
```