

# **Bethel: Revolutionizing Data Management with ZK (Zero-Knowledge)-Enhanced Decentralized Storage, Databases and Applications**

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## **Abstract**

This whitepaper introduces the Bethel Platform, an advanced, multi-language containerized blockchain development platform. The platform offers a ledger ecosystem with applications in finance, trade, healthcare, government enterprise, AI, IoT, and more, while also providing decentralized storage, database storage, and container solutions. By leveraging the power of blockchain technology, Bethel aims to revolutionize data management, offering enhanced security, privacy, and efficiency. This whitepaper will delve into the details of the Bethel Platform and its innovative offerings.

## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 Background**

In the era of digital transformation, data has become the most valuable asset for businesses and individuals alike. The exponential growth of data generation and consumption has led to an increased demand for efficient, secure, and cost-effective data storage solutions. Traditional centralized storage systems, while widely used, are fraught with challenges such as single points of failure, vulnerability to cyber attacks, lack of privacy, and escalating costs.

Blockchain technology, with its inherent characteristics of decentralization,

transparency, and immutability, presents a promising solution to these challenges. It enables the creation of decentralized storage systems where data is not stored on a central server, but instead, it is distributed across a network of nodes. This not only enhances the security and privacy of data but also ensures its availability even if some nodes in the network fail.

However, the potential of blockchain technology in the realm of data storage is not limited to these models. The concept can be extended to database storage and containerization as well, leading to the creation of a comprehensive, decentralized data management platform.

This is where the Bethel Platform comes in. Bethel aims to revolutionize the way we store and manage data by creating a comprehensive, decentralized data management platform that includes storage, database storage, and containers. This whitepaper will delve into the details of the Bethel Platform and its offerings in these areas.

## 1.2 Bethel Platform

The Bethel Platform is a pioneering solution in the realm of blockchain technology, designed to address the growing needs of secure, efficient, and decentralized data management. It is a multi-language, containerized blockchain development platform that offers a comprehensive ledger ecosystem with potential applications across various sectors, including finance, trade, healthcare, government enterprise, AI, and IoT.

At its core, Bethel is built around three key components: decentralized storage, decentralized database storage, and decentralized containers. These components work together to provide a robust and versatile platform for data management.

1. **Decentralized Storage:** Bethel's decentralized storage solution allows data to be stored across a network of nodes rather than in a centralized location. This enhances data security and privacy while ensuring high availability and reliability.

2. **Decentralized Database Storage:** Bethel extends the concept of decentralized storage to databases. This allows for the creation of distributed databases that offer improved performance, scalability, and resilience compared to traditional centralized databases.

3. **Decentralized Containers:** Bethel's decentralized containers provide a secure and efficient way to package and distribute software across the network. This ensures that applications run consistently, regardless of the environment in which they are deployed.

The Bethel Platform is designed to be user-friendly, making it accessible to both experienced developers and amateurs alike. It provides a suite of tools and APIs that simplify the process of interacting with the blockchain and developing decentralized applications (dApps).

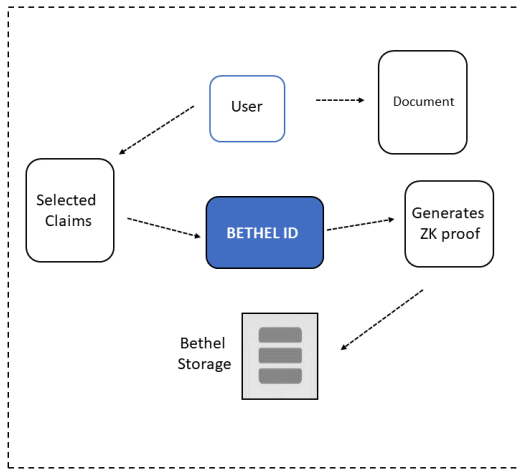
In essence, the Bethel Platform represents a significant step forward in the evolution of blockchain technology. It leverages the strengths of decentralization to offer a comprehensive, versatile, and user-friendly platform for data management and application development.

## 2. Bethel Decentralized ZK-Storage

### 2.1 Overview

Bethel's decentralized storage is a key component of the platform, designed to provide a secure, efficient, and scalable solution for data storage needs. Unlike traditional storage systems that rely on centralized servers, Bethel's decentralized storage distributes data across a network of nodes. This approach eliminates single points of failure, enhances data security and privacy, and ensures high availability and reliability.

## Mechanisms of Bethel ZK-Storage



Bethel ZK-Storage operates through a meticulously architected system comprising a wallet with DID service, a user-friendly storage interface, a rigorous file scanning engine, advanced ZK services, both off-chain and on-chain, a file chunk service for efficient data management, and integrated storage modules, including an IPFS-supported module for enhanced interoperability and data integrity.

## Role of ZK (Zero-Knowledge) Proofs in Bethel Storage

Iden3 Protocol Phases:

1. Setup Phase
2. Proving Phase
3. Verification Phase

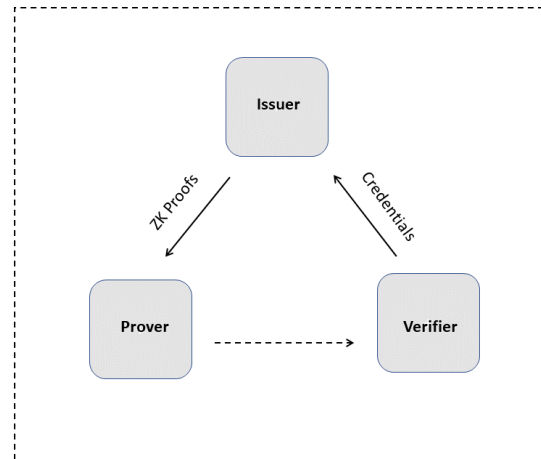
1. **Setup Phase:** Generates Proving Key ( $pk$ ) and Verification Key ( $vk$ ) based on the arithmetic circuit (or QAP representation of it).  
 $(pk, vk) \leftarrow Setup(Circuit)$
2. **Proving Phase:** Prover generates a proof  $\pi$  that they know a witness  $w$  satisfying the circuit without revealing  $w$ .  
 $\pi \leftarrow Prove(pk, w)$
3. **Verification Phase:** Verifier uses  $\pi$  and  $vk$  to check the validity of the prover's claim.  
 $Valid \leftarrow Verify(vk, \pi)$

The incorporation of Zero-Knowledge proofs within Bethel Storage is a testament to the platform's commitment to privacy, security, and efficiency. These

Proofs are pivotal in verifying data integrity and user permissions, ensuring a seamless and secure storage experience while minimizing computational load through efficient off-chain computations and robust on-chain verifications.

## Bethel ZK-Storage Components

### • Bethel Wallet - DID Service



Provides users with a decentralized identifier (DID) and is the gateway for interactions within the Bethel Storage ecosystem.

Each user generates a digital identifier (DID) and associated cryptographic keys.

- DID:  $DID_u$
- Public Key:  $PK_u$
- Private Key:  $SK_u$

Authorities issue verifiable credentials, which are cryptographically signed.

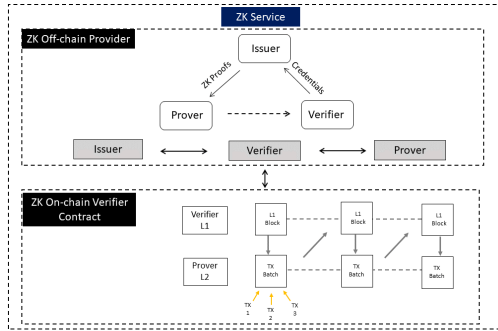
- Credential:  $Cred_u$
- Authority's Signature:  $\sigma = Sign(Cred_u, SK_{authority})$
- Credential and signature pair:  $(Cred_u, \sigma)$

Users generate a ZKP for a claim about their credential without revealing the credential itself.

- Claim:  $Claim_u$  (e.g., "Age > 18")
- Witness:  $w$  (private input, such as the actual age)
- Proof Generation Function:  $\pi = ZKProve(Claim_u, w, PK_{authority})$

The function  $ZKProve$  takes the user's claim, their private witness (which substantiates the claim), and the authority's public key to generate a proof  $\pi$ .

- **ZK Service**



Provides essential security and proofing capabilities for Bethel Storage.

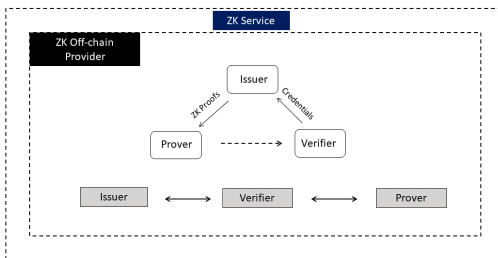
Utilizing Zero-Knowledge Proofs (ZK), it ensures data privacy and security while maintaining efficiency and scalability. It includes the roles of Issuer, Verifier, and Provider.

Verifiers check the ZKP against the DID and the public key of the issuer.

- Verification Function:  $\text{Verify}(\pi, \text{Claim}_u, \text{PK}_{\text{authority}}, \text{DID}_u) \rightarrow \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$

The Verify function takes the proof  $\pi$ , the claim  $\text{Claim}_u$ , the authority's public key  $\text{PK}_{\text{authority}}$ , and the user's DID  $\text{DID}_u$ . It returns true if the proof is valid (meaning the claim is substantiated without revealing the private witness) or false otherwise.

- **ZK Off-chain Provider - Issuer, Verifier, and Prover.**



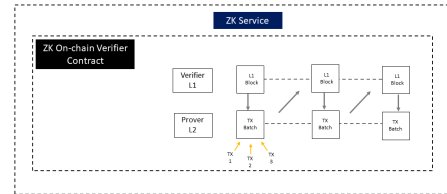
To perform complex computations and generate Zero-Knowledge proofs off-chain.

The Issuer creates and issues cryptographic proofs, the Verifier verifies the correctness and authenticity of off-chain computations, and the Provider manages access to off-chain services, ensuring authentication and verification.

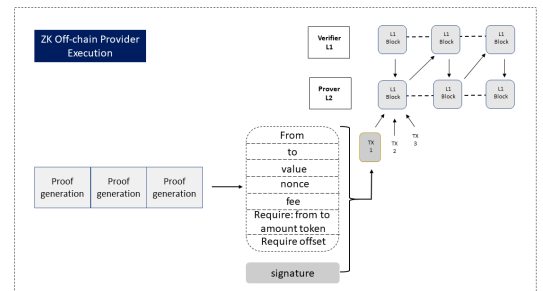
$$\pi \leftarrow \text{Prove}(pk, w)$$

- $\pi$  is the proof generated by the prover.
- $pk$  is the proving key, generated during the setup phase and used in the proof generation process.
- $w$  is the witness, which is the prover's secret information or the set of values that satisfy the computational problem or the arithmetic circuit.

- **ZK On-chain Verifier Contract**



To validate the zero-knowledge proofs submitted by the zK Off-chain Prover on the blockchain.

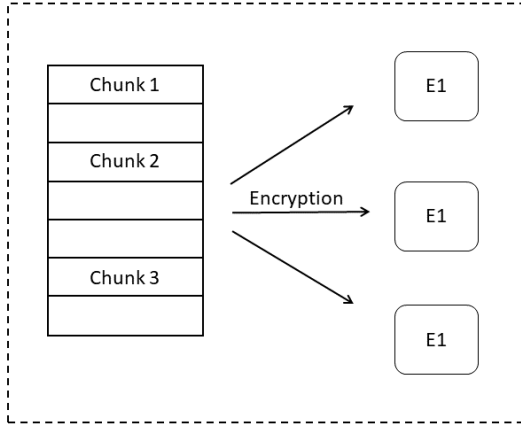


It ensures that off-chain computations are accurate and trustworthy without revealing the underlying data or computations, enhancing security and privacy.

$$\text{isValid} \leftarrow \text{Verify}(vk, \pi, \text{publicInputs})$$

- isValid: A boolean value indicating whether the proof  $\pi$  is valid.
- Verify: The verification function or method implemented in the smart contract.
- vk: The verification key, part of the setup parameters, used to verify the proof.
- $\pi$ : The proof generated by the prover, submitted to the contract for verification.
- publicInputs: Any public inputs or parameters that are part of the proof but not sensitive or private. These are used alongside the verification key  $vk$  to validate the proof.

## • File Chunk Service



To segment large files into smaller, more manageable chunks for efficient storage and retrieval. Chunking optimizes data transfer, storage efficiency, and redundancy in decentralized systems, enhancing performance and scalability.

### Determine Number of Chunks:

$$n = \lceil \frac{S}{c} \rceil$$

### Create Chunks:

$$F_i = \text{Chunk}(F, (i - 1) \cdot c, \min(i \cdot c, S)), \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

### Reassembly Process:

To reconstruct the original file  $F$  from its chunks  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n$ :

$$F = F_1 || F_2 || \dots || F_n$$

- $n$  is the total number of chunks.
- $F_i$  represents the  $i^{\text{th}}$  chunk of the file.
- $\text{Chunk}(F, \text{start}, \text{end})$  is a function that extracts a portion of  $F$  from byte index  $\text{start}$  to  $\text{end}$ .
- $||$  denotes the concatenation of the file chunks to reconstruct the original file.

## • On-chain Metadata

To store metadata of files on the blockchain, including file hashes, ownership data, access permissions, and history. This enhances security, transparency, and provides an immutable record of file metadata, ensuring trust and accountability.

### Metadata Storage:

- For a file  $F$  with unique identifier  $id_F$ :  

$$M_F = \{\text{hash}(F), \text{owner}(id_F), \text{permissions}(id_F), \text{history}(id_F)\}$$
- Store  $M_F$  on the blockchain.

### Metadata Update Operations:

- **Update Ownership:**  

$$\text{owner}(id_F) \leftarrow \text{newOwner}$$
- **Change Permissions:**  

$$\text{permissions}(id_F) \leftarrow \text{newPermissions}$$
- **Add to History:**  

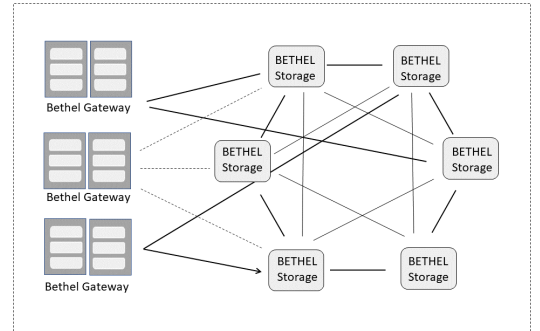
$$\text{history}(id_F) \leftarrow \text{history}(id_F) || \text{newEntry}$$

### Metadata Retrieval:

- To retrieve the metadata for file  $F$  with identifier  $id_F$ :  

$$M_F \leftarrow \text{getMetadata}(id_F)$$
- $M_F$  represents the metadata associated with file  $F$ .
- $\text{hash}(F)$  is the cryptographic hash of the file, ensuring data integrity.
- $\text{owner}(id_F)$  denotes the current owner of the file.
- $\text{permissions}(id_F)$  details who has access to the file and what actions they can perform.
- $\text{history}(id_F)$  is a log or record of important events or changes related to the file.
- $||$  symbolizes the concatenation of a new entry to the history log.

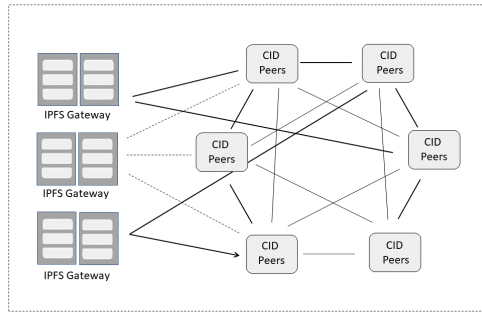
## • Bethel Storage Module



The primary storage module where actual data is stored within the Bethel system.

Utilizes decentralized storage techniques, distributing data across multiple nodes for redundancy and security.

- **IPFS supported Storage Module**



An additional gateway integrated with the InterPlanetary File System (IPFS) for storage.

Leverages IPFS's peer-to-peer architecture for integrity and interoperability, ensuring data authenticity and reducing redundancy.

## Advantages of Bethel Storage and IPFS Modules

The Bethel Storage Module and the IPFS-supported Storage Module offer distinct advantages, with the former ensuring decentralized, flexible, and resilient data storage, and the latter optimizing data retrieval and integrity through a content-addressable, peer-to-peer protocol. Users' choice between these modules or their synergistic utilization can be tailored based on specific storage needs, regulatory compliances, or performance criteria.

## Concept and Functionality of Decentralized Identifiers

Decentralized Identifiers (DIDs) represent the paradigm shift towards user-centric digital identities in the Web3 landscape. These identifiers, anchored in blockchain technology, provide a robust framework for verifiable, self-sovereign identities, allowing users to control their digital interactions securely and privately.

## File Chunking

In the Bethel ecosystem, each piece of data is divided into smaller chunks, encrypted for security, and then distributed across the network. This process is transparent to the user, who can access their data as if it were stored on a local device. Behind the scenes, however, the Bethel platform ensures that the data is securely stored and readily available when needed.

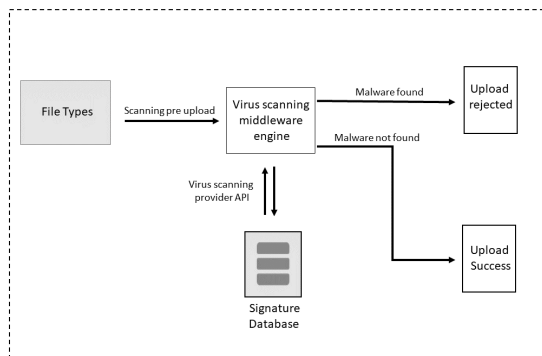
- *fileSize* as the size of the input file in bytes.
- *chunkSize* as the specified size of each chunk in bytes.
- *i* as the loop variable representing the current position in the file.
- *chunkFilePath* as the path of the chunk file being created.
- *names* as the slice containing names of the chunks.

Input: *inputFile* (file handle of the input file)  
*chunkSize* (specified size of each chunk)  
*hashFile* (directory where chunks are stored)  
 Output: *chunkNames* (slice containing paths of the created chunk files)  
*names* (slice containing names of the chunks)

Procedure: for  $i = 0$  to  $fileSize$  step  $chunkSize$  do  
      $chunkFilePath = hashFile / chunk \left( \frac{i}{chunkSize} + 1 \right)$   
     create a new chunk file at *chunkFilePath*  
     copy next  $chunkSize$  bytes from *inputFile* to *chunkFile*  
     close *chunkFile*  
     append *chunkFilePath* to *chunkNames*  
     append "chunk"  $\left( \frac{i}{chunkSize} + 1 \right)$  to *names*  
 end for  
 Return: *chunkNames*, *names*

The decentralized storage system is built on a peer-to-peer network, where each node participates in the storage and retrieval of data. This not only ensures the redundancy and availability of data but also allows the system to scale organically as the network grows.

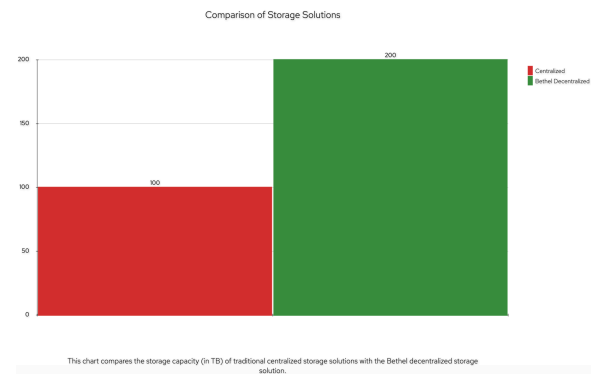
## The Necessity of Pre-Upload Virus Scans



Pre-upload virus scanning is an integral security protocol within Bethel Storage, ensuring that the ecosystem is safeguarded from malicious threats. This preemptive measure not only protects individual files but also upholds the integrity of the entire storage network, reinforcing user trust, compliance with stringent data security regulations, and fostering a robust security posture against potential cyber threats.

Furthermore, Bethel's decentralized storage solution incorporates an incentive mechanism to encourage participation in the network. Nodes that contribute storage capacity to the network are rewarded, creating a self-sustaining ecosystem that is both robust and resilient.

In summary, Bethel's decentralized storage offers a transformative approach to data storage, leveraging the power of blockchain technology to provide a solution that is secure, scalable, and efficient.



The algorithm for Bethel's decentralized storage can be represented as follows:

```

def store_data(data, network):
    chunks =
    divide_into_chunks(data)
    encrypted_chunks =
    encrypt_chunks(chunks)

    distribute_chunks(encrypted_chunks, network)

def retrieve_data(data_id, network):
    encrypted_chunks =
    retrieve_chunks(data_id, network)
    chunks =
    decrypt_chunks(encrypted_chunks)
    data =
    combine_chunks(chunks)
    return data
  
```

## File Sharing in Decentralized Storage Systems

In Bethel Storage, file sharing transcends conventional methodologies, embracing a decentralized approach where unique access links or keys are generated for encrypted files. These files can be securely shared and accessed by authorized recipients, with the system ensuring data integrity, access control, and user privacy.

## 2.2 Use Cases

Bethel's decentralized storage solution has a wide range of potential use cases across various sectors. Here are a few examples:

1. **Data Backup and Archiving:** Businesses and individuals can use Bethel's decentralized storage for secure and reliable data backup and archiving. The distributed nature of the storage ensures that the data is always available and protected against loss.

2. **Content Distribution:** Content creators and distributors can leverage Bethel's decentralized storage to distribute their content to a global audience. This can be particularly useful for streaming services, online gaming platforms, and other digital content providers.

3. **Secure Document Storage:** Organizations dealing with sensitive documents, such as legal firms, healthcare providers, and financial institutions, can use Bethel's decentralized storage to securely store and share these documents while maintaining privacy and compliance with regulations.

4. **IoT Data Storage:** With the proliferation of Internet of Things (IoT) devices generating vast amounts of data, Bethel's decentralized storage can provide a scalable and efficient solution for storing this data.

5. **Decentralized Applications (dApps):** Developers of dApps can use Bethel's decentralized storage as a backend for their applications, providing their users with a seamless and secure data storage solution.

These are just a few examples of the potential use cases for Bethel's

decentralized storage. The flexibility and scalability of the solution mean that it can be adapted to a wide range of other applications across different sectors.

## 3. Bethel Decentralized Database Storage

### 3.1 Overview

Bethel's decentralized database storage extends the concept of decentralized storage to databases, providing a robust solution for managing structured data. This innovative approach combines the benefits of blockchain technology with the functionality of traditional databases, resulting in a system that is secure, scalable, and efficient.

In a traditional database system, data is stored on a central server, which can become a bottleneck in terms of performance and a single point of failure. Bethel's decentralized database storage, on the other hand, distributes the data across a network of nodes, eliminating these issues.

Each node in the Bethel network stores a portion of the database, and the data is replicated across multiple nodes to ensure redundancy and high availability. This means that even if a node fails, the data is still accessible from other nodes in the network.

Furthermore, the decentralized nature of the database means that it can scale organically with the size of the network. As more nodes join the network, the capacity of the database increases, allowing it to handle larger volumes of data without a loss in performance.



Bethel's decentralized database storage also incorporates advanced security features. All data stored in the database is encrypted, and access control mechanisms ensure that only authorized users can access the data.

In summary, Bethel's decentralized database storage offers a powerful and flexible solution for managing structured data. It combines the security, transparency, and decentralization of blockchain technology with the functionality of traditional databases, providing a next-generation data management solution.

The algorithm for Bethel's decentralized database storage can be represented as follows:

```
def store_data_in_db(data, db, network):
    encrypted_data =
encrypt_data(data)

distribute_data(encrypted_data,
db, network)

def
retrieve_data_from_db(data_id,
db, network):
    encrypted_data =
retrieve_data(data_id, db,
network)
    data =
decrypt_data(encrypted_data)
    return data
```

### 3.2 Use Cases

Bethel's decentralized database storage can be applied in a variety of scenarios across different sectors. Here are a few examples:

1. Supply Chain Management: Companies can use Bethel's decentralized database storage to track and verify the movement of goods across the supply chain. The transparency and immutability of the data can help reduce fraud and improve efficiency.

2. Healthcare Records: Healthcare providers can use Bethel's decentralized database storage to securely store and share patient records. The high level of security and privacy offered by the platform can help providers comply with regulations such as HIPAA.

3. Financial Services: Banks and other financial institutions can use Bethel's decentralized database storage for secure and efficient management of financial data. The platform can help reduce the risk of data breaches and improve operational efficiency.

4. Government Services: Government agencies can use Bethel's decentralized database storage to manage public records, such as land registries or citizen databases. The transparency and security of the platform can help improve public trust and reduce corruption.

5. Decentralized Applications (dApps): Developers can use Bethel's decentralized database storage as a backend for their dApps. This can provide a scalable and efficient solution for managing application data.

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## 4. Bethel Decentralized Containers

### 4.1 Overview

Bethel's decentralized containers represent a significant innovation in the realm of software deployment and distribution. Leveraging the principles of decentralization, these containers provide a secure, efficient, and scalable solution for packaging and distributing software across the Bethel network.

In traditional software deployment, applications are often tied to the specific environment in which they were developed, leading to inconsistencies and potential failures when deployed in a different environment. Containerization addresses this issue by packaging the application along with its dependencies into a standalone unit that can run consistently across different environments.

Bethel takes this concept a step further by decentralizing the distribution and execution of these containers. Instead of running on a single server, Bethel containers are distributed across the network of nodes, similar to how data is stored in Bethel's decentralized storage and database systems.

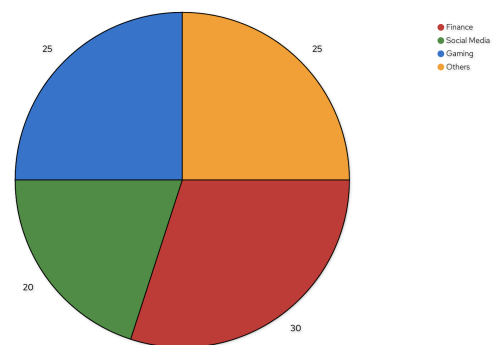
Each node in the Bethel network can run one or more containers, and the workload is automatically balanced across the network to ensure optimal performance. This not only enhances the scalability and reliability of the application but also improves its security, as the decentralized nature of the system makes it more resilient to attacks.

Furthermore, Bethel's decentralized containers are designed to be language-agnostic, meaning they can support applications written in any programming language. This makes the

platform highly versatile and accessible to developers with different skill sets.

In summary, Bethel's decentralized containers offer a transformative approach to software deployment and distribution. By combining the benefits of containerization with the power of decentralization, they provide a solution that is secure, scalable, and efficient.

Distribution of dApps on Bethel Platform



This pie chart shows the distribution of different types of decentralized applications (dApps) on the Bethel platform.

The algorithm for Bethel's decentralized containers can be represented as follows:

```
def deploy_container(container,
network):

    distribute_container(container,
network)

def run_container(container_id,
network):
    nodes =
find_nodes(container_id,
network)
    for node in nodes:

run_container_on_node(container_
id, node)
```

## 4.2 Use Cases

Bethel's decentralized containers can be utilized in a multitude of scenarios across various sectors. Here are a few examples:

1. **Software Development and Deployment:** Developers can use Bethel's decentralized containers to package and distribute their applications across the network. This ensures consistent performance regardless of the deployment environment and allows for efficient scaling as the user base grows.

2. **Microservices Architecture:** Companies implementing a microservices architecture can use Bethel's decentralized containers to deploy and manage their services. The decentralized nature of the platform allows for efficient load balancing and fault tolerance.

3. **Machine Learning and AI:** Researchers and data scientists can use Bethel's decentralized containers to distribute their machine learning models and AI algorithms. This can provide a scalable and efficient solution for processing large volumes of data.

4. **Edge Computing:** In edge computing scenarios, Bethel's decentralized containers can be used to deploy applications closer to the data source, reducing latency and improving performance.

5. **Decentralized Applications (dApps):** Developers of dApps can use Bethel's decentralized containers as a backend for their applications. This can provide a scalable and efficient solution for managing application logic and processing data.

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## 5. Integration of Advanced Decentralized Storage Features

While Bethel is a unique platform with its own set of innovative features, it also integrates advanced decentralized storage features inspired by leading solutions in the field. These features are designed to enhance the functionality of the Bethel platform and provide users with a more robust and versatile decentralized storage solution.

One of these features is the marketplace model for storage. In this model, users with excess storage capacity can rent out their space to others who need it. This creates a dynamic and self-sustaining ecosystem where storage resources are efficiently utilized, and users can earn rewards for their contribution.

Another feature is the use of storage contracts. These contracts define the terms of the storage agreement between the user and the provider, including the amount of storage space, the duration of the contract, and the price. These contracts are transparent and immutable, providing a secure and reliable framework for storage transactions.

Bethel also incorporates advanced proof-of-storage mechanisms to ensure the integrity and availability of the data. These mechanisms allow the platform to verify that the data is being stored correctly and is available for retrieval when needed.

In summary, while maintaining its unique identity and innovative approach, Bethel integrates advanced decentralized storage features to provide users with a secure, efficient, and versatile solution for their data storage needs.

The formula representing the advanced decentralized storage features in Bethel can be represented as follows:

$$S = P * (C + I) / T$$

*where:*

*S = Storage capacity*

*P = Number of participating nodes*

*C = Base storage capacity per node*

*I = Incentive for providing additional storage*

*T = Time duration of the storage contract*

## 5.1 Advanced Decentralized Contract Features in Bethel

In addition to its unique offerings, Bethel also integrates advanced features inspired by leading decentralized storage solutions. These features aim to enhance the functionality of the Bethel platform, providing users with a more comprehensive and versatile decentralized storage solution.

One such feature is the implementation of storage contracts. These contracts, which are transparent and immutable, define the terms of the storage agreement between the user and the provider. This includes details such as the amount of storage space, the duration of the contract, and the price. The use of these contracts provides a secure and reliable framework for storage transactions.

Another feature is the use of a multi-signature scheme for transactions. This scheme enhances the security of transactions on the platform, requiring multiple parties to authorize a transaction before it can be executed. This helps to prevent unauthorized transactions and enhances the overall security of the platform.

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In summary, Bethel integrates advanced features inspired by leading solutions in the field, providing users with a secure, efficient, and versatile solution for their data storage needs. These features, combined with Bethel's unique offerings, make it a comprehensive and innovative platform for decentralized storage.

The formula representing the advanced decentralized contract features in Bethel can be represented as follows:

$$C = S * D * P$$

*where:*

*C = Cost of the storage contract*

*S = Storage space required*

*D = Duration of the contract*

*P = Price per unit of storage per unit of time*

Representing a complex system like the Bethel Platform in a single formula is challenging due to the multifaceted nature of the platform. However, we can attempt to create a high-level formula that captures the essence of the platform's operations.

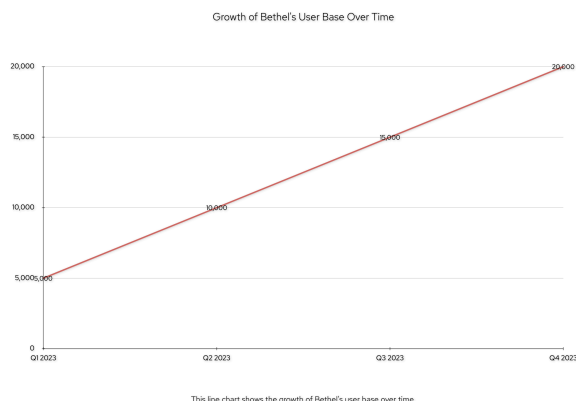
Let's denote:

*U as the user*  
*D as the data*  
*C as the container*  
*SM as the storage marketplace*  
*CO as the container orchestrator*  
*B as the blockchain*  
*SN as the storage node*  
*DN as the deployment node*  
*We can then represent the operations of the Bethel Platform as follows:*

$$\text{BethelPlatform}(U, D, C) = B(\text{SM}(U, D), \text{CO}(U, C))$$

This formula represents the Bethel Platform as a function of the user U, the data D, and the container C. The platform is represented as the blockchain B of the storage marketplace SM and the container orchestrator CO. The storage marketplace is a function of the user and the data, representing the process of storing data, and the container orchestrator is a function of the user and the container, representing the process of deploying containers.

Please note that this is a highly abstracted representation and does not capture all the details and complexities of the Bethel Platform. The actual implementation would involve many more variables and operations.



## 6. Conclusion

The Bethel Platform represents a significant advancement in the realm of blockchain technology and decentralized data management. By offering decentralized storage, database storage, and container solutions, Bethel provides a comprehensive and versatile platform that can cater to a wide range of data management needs across various sectors.

Bethel's decentralized storage solution leverages the power of blockchain technology to provide a secure, efficient, and scalable solution for data storage. The decentralized database storage extends this concept to structured data, offering a robust solution for managing databases in a decentralized manner. Furthermore, the decentralized containers provide a revolutionary approach to software deployment and distribution, ensuring consistent performance across different environments.

The platform integrates advanced features inspired by leading solutions in the field, enhancing its functionality and versatility. These features, combined with Bethel's unique offerings, make it a comprehensive and innovative platform for decentralized data management.

In essence, the Bethel Platform is poised to revolutionize the way we store and manage data. By leveraging the strengths of decentralization, it offers a solution that is not only secure and efficient but also scalable and adaptable to future needs. As we move towards a more digital and interconnected world, solutions like Bethel will play a crucial role in ensuring the secure and efficient management of data.

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