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The blockchain is a distributed ledger with growing lists of records (blocks) that are securely linked  
together via cryptographic hashes. Each block contains a cryptographic hash of the previous block, a  
timestamp, and transaction data (generally represented as a Merkle tree, where data nodes are  
represented by leaves). Since each block contains information about the previous block, they  
effectively form a chain (compare linked list data structure), with each additional b