



## Experiment No. 5

### Aim:

Performing a transaction using Geth

### Theory:

Ethereum Node:

An Ethereum node is a computer that is running the software client. The blockchain network is made up of nodes, which are the only method to access it. Nodes communicate with one another in order to validate transactions and record data about the status of the blockchain.

Types of Node:

1. Mining Node : Nodes that belong to miners. These nodes are responsible for writing all the transactions that have occurred in the Ethereum network in the block.
2. Ethereum Virtual Machine Node : These are the nodes in the Ethereum network in which SmartContracts are implemented.

By default, this node utilizes a 30303 port number for the purpose of communication among themselves.

Process of Mining:

A user writes and signs a transaction request with the private key of some account.

The user broadcasts the transaction request to the entire Ethereum network from some node.

Upon hearing about the new transaction request, each node in the Ethereum network adds the request to their local mempool, a list of all transaction requests they've heard about that have not yet been committed to the blockchain in a block.

At some point, a mining node aggregates several dozen or hundred transaction requests into a potential block, in a way that maximizes the transaction fees they earn while still staying under the block gas limit. The mining node then:

Verifies the validity of each transaction request (i.e. no one is trying to transfer ether out of an account they haven't produced a signature for, the request is not malformed, etc.), and then executes the code of the request, altering the state of their local copy of the EVM. The miner awards the transaction fee for each such transaction request to their own account.



Begins the process of producing the proof-of-work “certificate of legitimacy” for the potential block, once all transaction requests in the block have been verified and executed on the local EVM copy. Eventually, a miner will finish producing a certificate for a block which includes our specific transaction request. The miner then broadcasts the completed block, which includes the certificate and a checksum of the claimed new EVM state.

Other nodes hear about the new block. They verify the certificate, execute all transactions on the block themselves (including the transaction originally broadcasted by our user), and verify that the checksum of their new EVM state after the execution of all transactions matches the checksum of the state claimed by the miner's block. Only then do these nodes append this block to the tail of their blockchain, and accept the new EVM state as the canonical state.

Each node removes all transactions in the new block from their local mempool of unfulfilled transaction requests.

New nodes joining the network download all blocks in sequence, including the block containing our transaction of interest. They initialize a local EVM copy (which starts as a blank-state EVM), and then go through the process of executing every transaction in every block on top of their local EVM copy, verifying state checksums at each block along the way.

What is Geth ?

Geth (Go Ethereum) is a command line interface for running Ethereum node implemented in Go Language. Using Geth you can join Ethereum network, transfer ether between accounts or even mine ethers.

### **Steps to create your own private Ethereum Blockchain:**

1. Download Geth and install:  
<https://geth.ethereum.org/docs/install-and-build/installing-geth#install-on-windows>
2. Create a directory to hold your network files  
`mkdir eth-chain`  
`cd eth-chain`
3. Create your genesis file  
`touch Genesis.json`
4. Open your genesis file and paste the following  

```
{  
  "nonce": "0x000000000000000042",  
  "mixhash": "0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000",  
  "difficulty": "0x20000", "alloc": { },  
  "coinbase": "0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000",  
  "timestamp": "0x0", "parentHash":  
    "0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000",  
  "extraData": "0x", "gasLimit":  
    "0xffffffff", "config": { "chainId": 4224,
```



```
"homesteadBlock": 0,  
"eip150Block": 0,  
"eip155Block": 0,  
"eip158Block": 0  
}  
}
```

5. Initial the genesis block

Init our blockchain with the settings in the genesis file and define a folder for storing chain data.

```
> geth --datadir "./db" init genesis.json
```

datadir : Data directory for the databases and keystore  
init : initialize a new genesis block

6. Start your Ethereum peer node.

Networkid helps ensure the privacy of your network. You can use any number here (where we used "123456"), but other peers joining your network must use the same one.

```
geth --datadir "./db" --networkid 123456 --http --http.port "8545" --http.corsdomain "*" --nodiscover
```

```
http.api="admin,db,eth,debug,miner,net,shh,txpool,personal,web3", --allow-insecure-unlock
```

7. Attach your terminal to geth in order to interact with blockchain

```
geth attach ipc://./pipe/geth.ipc
```



8. Perform various commands. Some of them are given below

```
admin.nodeInfo
```

Creates a new account and prints the address. On the console, use:

```
personal.newAccount("123456")
```

**Note:** 123456 is the passphrase.

Check accounts using `eth.accounts`

Accounts are in an array so you can search account by index.

```
Use eth.accounts[0]
```

Check balance of account:

```
eth.getBalance(eth.accounts[0])
```

Check balance by using web3

```
web3.fromWei(eth.getBalance(eth.accounts[0]), "ether")
```

## 9. Mining

- a. Set Default Account

Check your default account,type

```
eth.coinbase
```

To set your default account, type

```
miner.setEtherbase(web3.eth.accounts[0])
```

- b. Start mining Check your balance with

```
eth.getBalance(eth.coinbase)
```

```
Run Miner.start(1)
```

Note: 1 refer to the number of threads

Look at your other terminal window, you should see some mining action in the logs. Check your balance again and it should be higher.

To end mining, type `Miner.stop()`



10. Transfer
  - a. Check your balance  
`eth.getBalance(eth.coinbase)`

- b. Unlock account

```
personal.unlockAccount("eth.accounts[0]")
```

- c. Transfer Ether

```
eth.sendTransaction({from: eth.accounts[0], to:  
eth.accounts[1], value: web3.toWei(1, "ether")})
```

Output:

**Fig 1: Initializing genesis.json**

```
C:\Users\soham\Desktop>mkdir eth-chain  
C:\Users\soham\Desktop>cd eth-chain  
C:\Users\soham\Desktop\eth-chain>geth --datadir "./db" init genesis.json  
INFO [09-27|14:53:07.955] Maximum peer count          ETH=50 LES=0 total=50  
INFO [09-27|14:53:07.963] Set global gas cap          cap=50,000,000  
INFO [09-27|14:53:07.964] Allocated cache and file handles database=C:\Users\soham\Desktop\eth-chain\db\geth\chaindata cache=16.00MiB handles=16  
INFO [09-27|14:53:08.001] Opened ancient database      database=C:\Users\soham\Desktop\eth-chain\db\geth\chaindata\ancient\chain readonly=false  
INFO [09-27|14:53:08.002] Writing custom genesis block nodes=0 size=0.00B time=0s gcnodes=0 gcsz=0.00B gctime=0s livenodes=1 liveness=0.00B  
INFO [09-27|14:53:08.002] Persisted trie from memory database database=chaindata hash=047862..906579  
INFO [09-27|14:53:08.004] Successfully wrote genesis state database=C:\Users\soham\Desktop\eth-chain\db\geth\lightchaindata cache=16.00MiB handles=1  
INFO [09-27|14:53:08.004] Allocated cache and file handles database=C:\Users\soham\Desktop\eth-chain\db\geth\lightchaindata\ancient\chain readonly=f  
6  
INFO [09-27|14:53:08.034] Opened ancient database  
INFO [09-27|14:53:08.034] Writing custom genesis block  
INFO [09-27|14:53:08.035] Persisted trie from memory database nodes=0 size=0.00B time=0s gcnodes=0 gcsz=0.00B gctime=0s livenodes=1 liveness=0.00B  
INFO [09-27|14:53:08.037] Successfully wrote genesis state database=lightchaindata hash=047862..906579
```



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Fig 2: Staring Ethereum peer node

```
C:\Users\soham\Desktop\eth-chain>geth --datadir ".\db" --networkid 123456 --http --http.port "8545" --http.corsdomain "*" --nodiscover --http.api="admin,db,eth,net,web3,personal,debug", --allow-insecure-unlock
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.531] Maximum peer count                      ETH=50 LES=0 total=50
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.535] Set global gas cap                      cap=50,000,000
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.537] Allocated trie memory caches           clean=150,00MiB dirty=256,00MiB
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.537] Allocated cache and file handles       database=C:\Users\soham\Desktop\eth-chain\db\geth\chaindata cache=512,00MiB handles=8192
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.563] Opened ancient database                 database=C:\Users\soham\Desktop\eth-chain\db\geth\chaindata\ancient\chain readonly=false
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.564] -----
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.565] Chain ID: 4224 (unknown)
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.565] Consensus: unknown
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.565] Pre-Merge hard forks:
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.565] - Homestead: 0 (https://github.com/ethereum/execution-specs/blob/master/network-upgrades/mainnet-upgrades/homestead.md)
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.565] - Tangerine Whistle (EIP 150): 0 (https://github.com/ethereum/execution-specs/blob/master/network-upgrades/mainnet-upgrades/tangerine-whistle.md)
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.565] - Spurious Dragon/1 (EIP 155): 0 (https://github.com/ethereum/execution-specs/blob/master/network-upgrades/mainnet-upgrades/spurious-dragon.md)
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.565] - Spurious Dragon/2 (EIP 158): 0 (https://github.com/ethereum/execution-specs/blob/master/network-upgrades/mainnet-upgrades/spurious-dragon.md)
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.565] - Byzantium: <nil> (https://github.com/ethereum/execution-specs/blob/master/network-upgrades/mainnet-upgrades/byzantium.md)
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.565] - Constantinople: <nil> (https://github.com/ethereum/execution-specs/blob/master/network-upgrades/mainnet-upgrades/constantinople.md)
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.566] - Petersburg: <nil> (https://github.com/ethereum/execution-specs/blob/master/network-upgrades/mainnet-upgrades/petersburg.md)
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.566] - Istanbul: <nil> (https://github.com/ethereum/execution-specs/blob/master/network-upgrades/mainnet-upgrades/istanbul.md)
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.566] - Berlin: <nil> (https://github.com/ethereum/execution-specs/blob/master/network-upgrades/mainnet-upgrades/berlin.md)
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.566] - London: <nil> (https://github.com/ethereum/execution-specs/blob/master/network-upgrades/mainnet-upgrades/london.md)
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.566] The Merge is not yet available for this network!
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.566] - Hard-fork specification: https://github.com/ethereum/execution-specs/blob/master/network-upgrades/mainnet-upgrades/paris.md
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.566] -----
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.566] Disk storage enabled for ethash caches  dir=C:\Users\soham\Desktop\eth-chain\db\geth\ethash count=3
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.570] Disk storage enabled for ethash DAGs    dir=C:\Users\soham\AppData\Local\Ethash count=2
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.570] Initialising Ethereum protocol         network=123,456 dbversion=8
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.573] Loaded most recent local header         number=0 hash=047862..986579 td=131,072 age=53y6mo2d
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.573] Loaded most recent local full block     number=0 hash=047862..986579 td=131,072 age=53y6mo2d
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.573] Loaded most recent local fast block     number=0 hash=047862..986579 td=131,072 age=53y6mo2d
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.573] Loaded local transaction journal        transactions=0 dropped=0
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.575] Regenerated local transaction journal    transactions=0 accounts=0
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.575] Gasprice oracle is ignoring threshold set threshold=2
WARN [09-27|15:36:08.575] Engine API enabled                     protocol=eth
WARN [09-27|15:36:08.576] Engine API started but chain not configured for merge yet
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.576] Starting peer-to-peer node             instance=Geth/v1.10.25-stable-69568c55/windows-amd64/go1.18.5
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.594] New local node record                  seq=1,664,270,763 id=a143a6ea775bbb39 ip=127.0.0.1 udp=0 tcp=30303
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.594] Started P2P networking                 self="enode://c63ab8ac3c2e8c896695c8311415e5ea068c5d88311563b4caf99f9e713995b8dec825a525c9ed0e1c7f9dbf9c2161fdbdb184a24f9a1ca9038586fa57d9f1b0127.0.0.1:30303?discport=0",
b6127.0.0.1:30303?discport=0"
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.594] IPC endpoint opened                    url=\\.\pipe\geth.ipc
ERROR [09-27|15:36:08.595] Unavailable modules in HTTP API list   unavailable=[db] available=[admin debug web3 eth txpool personal ethash miner net]
INFO [09-27|15:36:08.595] Loaded JMT secret file                 path=C:\Users\soham\Desktop\eth-chain\db\geth\jmtsecret crc32=0xcfedefef
```

Fig 3: Attaching terminal to geth in order to interact with blockchain using ipcgeth attach ipc://./pipe/geth.ipc

```
Welcome to the Geth JavaScript console!

instance: Geth/v1.10.25-stable-69568c55/windows-amd64/go1.18.5
coinbase: 0xa13b5e37acae8cdd16b7b089ee7d40a957b11361
at block: 0 (Thu Jan 01 1970 05:30:00 GMT+0530 (IST))
datadir: C:\Users\soham\Desktop\eth-chain\db
modules: admin:1.0 debug:1.0 eth:1.0 net:1.0 personal:1.0 rpc:1.0 web3:1.0

To exit, press ctrl-d or type exit
> admin.nodeInfo
{
  enode: "enode://c63ab8ac3c2e8c896695c8311415e5ea068c5d88311563b4caf99f9e713995b8dec825a525c9ed0e1c7f9dbf9c2161fdbdb184a24f9a1ca9038586fa57d9f1b0127.0.0.1:30303?discport=0",
  enr: "enr:-Jy4QFw_On0NlCaRV0dqmP4hC0s8WvXBNS3_FFzeuFTIWDShKSuMasFwqLitjzV_xSh8Gm2MQSx26QTH8spnsiCu-GAVNlSh8q2V8aMfgHn0CQSGAgmLkgnY8gmLwhH8AAAG3c2VjcDI1MmsxoQPGoCcsPC6M3MaVY0EUFEXqBoxdCDEVV77TK-Z_ucTwVuIRzbeFmIM0Y3CCdL8",
  id: "a143a6ea775bbb39954805494a7c1b251fbd332d258c1d40201739e1f28f02c",
  ip: "127.0.0.1",
  listenAddr: "[*]:30303",
  name: "Geth/v1.10.25-stable-69568c55/windows-amd64/go1.18.5",
  ports: {
    discovery: 0,
    listener: 30303
  },
  protocols: {
    eth: {
      config: {
        chainId: 4224,
        eip158Block: 0,
        eip150Hash: "0xc000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000",
        eip155Block: 0,
        eip158Block: 0,
        homesteadBlock: 0
      },
      difficulty: 131072,
      genesis: "0x04786260f9e2b8a341a6a07949d7436c53bc4fd1ed00ff3b5f209f86986579",
      head: "0x04786260f9e2b8a341a6a07949d7436c53bc4fd1ed00ff3b5f209f86986579",
      network: 123456
    },
    snap: {}
  }
}
```





**Fig 4: Checking accounts, creating new accounts, starting mining process,checking account balance.**

```
To exit, press ctrl-d or type exit
> eth.accounts
[]
> personal.newAccount()
Passphrase:
Repeat passphrase:
"0x3933105f51a6b7744a26fee147b06c62ea38dfa1"
> eth.accounts
["0x3933105f51a6b7744a26fee147b06c62ea38dfa1"]
> miner.setEtherbase(eth.accounts[0])
true
> miner.start(1)
null
> personal.newAccount("12345")
"0x805cb9f0962c47bc34d6d56c6b3819a2a011fb75"
> eth.accounts
["0x3933105f51a6b7744a26fee147b06c62ea38dfa1", "0x805cb9f0962c47bc34d6d56c6b3819a2a011fb75"]
> eth.getBalance(eth.accounts[0])
9800000000000000000000000000000000
> web3.fromWei(eth.getBalance(eth.accounts[0]), "ether")
1090
> eth.coinbase
"0x3933105f51a6b7744a26fee147b06c62ea38dfa1"
> miner.stop()
null
> eth.getBalance(eth.accounts[1])
0
> web3.fromWei(eth.getBalance(eth.accounts[1]), "ether")
0
```

**Fig 5: Mining process started (Terminal 1)**

```
INFO [10-03|15:04:55.110] Updated mining threads          threads=1
INFO [10-03|15:04:55.116] Transaction pool price threshold updated price=1,000,000,000
INFO [10-03|15:04:55.120] Commit new sealing work        number=1 sealhash=e6d27b..912b0c uncles=0 txs=0 gas=0
fees=0 elapsed=3.405ms
INFO [10-03|15:04:55.122] Commit new sealing work        number=1 sealhash=e6d27b..912b0c uncles=0 txs=0 gas=0
fees=0 elapsed=5.485ms
INFO [10-03|15:04:57.879] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=0 elapsed=863.991ms
INFO [10-03|15:04:58.724] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=1 elapsed=1.708s
INFO [10-03|15:04:59.595] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=2 elapsed=2.579s
INFO [10-03|15:05:00.426] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=3 elapsed=3.411s
INFO [10-03|15:05:01.259] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=4 elapsed=4.243s
INFO [10-03|15:05:02.071] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=5 elapsed=5.056s
INFO [10-03|15:05:02.900] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=6 elapsed=5.885s
INFO [10-03|15:05:03.771] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=7 elapsed=6.755s
INFO [10-03|15:05:04.591] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=8 elapsed=7.575s
INFO [10-03|15:05:05.417] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=9 elapsed=8.401s
INFO [10-03|15:05:06.246] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=10 elapsed=9.231s
INFO [10-03|15:05:07.081] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=11 elapsed=10.065s
INFO [10-03|15:05:07.913] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=12 elapsed=10.897s
INFO [10-03|15:05:08.751] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=13 elapsed=11.735s
INFO [10-03|15:05:09.570] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=14 elapsed=12.504s
INFO [10-03|15:05:10.423] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=15 elapsed=13.457s
INFO [10-03|15:05:11.243] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=16 elapsed=14.227s
INFO [10-03|15:05:12.069] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=17 elapsed=15.054s
INFO [10-03|15:05:12.898] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=18 elapsed=15.882s
INFO [10-03|15:05:13.741] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=19 elapsed=16.725s
INFO [10-03|15:05:14.589] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=20 elapsed=17.573s
INFO [10-03|15:05:15.429] Generating DAG in progress     epoch=0 percentage=21 elapsed=18.413s
```



Fig 6: Mining process details: Mined potential block and sealing of blocks(Terminal 1)

```
INFO [10-03|15:06:28.748] Successfully sealed new block      number=1 sealhash=e6d27b..912b0c hash=25cf94..706e8b
elapsed=1m33.629s
INFO [10-03|15:06:28.749] ⚡ mined potential block      number=1 hash=25cf94..706e8b
INFO [10-03|15:06:28.753] Commit new sealing work      number=2 sealhash=f1be22..4da5a8 uncles=0 txs=0 gas=0
fees=0 elapsed=0s
INFO [10-03|15:06:28.753] Commit new sealing work      number=2 sealhash=f1be22..4da5a8 uncles=0 txs=0 gas=0
fees=0 elapsed=0s
INFO [10-03|15:06:29.301] Generating DAG in progress    epoch=1 percentage=3 elapsed=3.621s
INFO [10-03|15:06:30.186] Generating DAG in progress    epoch=1 percentage=4 elapsed=4.506s
INFO [10-03|15:06:30.358] Successfully sealed new block  number=2 sealhash=f1be22..4da5a8 hash=719e0d..dbf04f
elapsed=1.605s
INFO [10-03|15:06:30.359] ⚡ mined potential block      number=2 hash=719e0d..dbf04f
INFO [10-03|15:06:30.360] Commit new sealing work      number=3 sealhash=64539a..503a81 uncles=0 txs=0 gas=0
fees=0 elapsed="143.7µs"
INFO [10-03|15:06:30.362] Commit new sealing work      number=3 sealhash=64539a..503a81 uncles=0 txs=0 gas=0
fees=0 elapsed=1.681ms
INFO [10-03|15:06:31.094] Generating DAG in progress    epoch=1 percentage=5 elapsed=5.414s
INFO [10-03|15:06:31.979] Generating DAG in progress    epoch=1 percentage=6 elapsed=6.299s
INFO [10-03|15:06:32.884] Generating DAG in progress    epoch=1 percentage=7 elapsed=7.204s
INFO [10-03|15:06:33.781] Generating DAG in progress    epoch=1 percentage=8 elapsed=8.101s
INFO [10-03|15:06:34.671] Generating DAG in progress    epoch=1 percentage=9 elapsed=8.991s
INFO [10-03|15:06:35.583] Generating DAG in progress    epoch=1 percentage=10 elapsed=9.903s
INFO [10-03|15:06:36.478] Generating DAG in progress    epoch=1 percentage=11 elapsed=10.798s
INFO [10-03|15:06:36.687] Successfully sealed new block  number=3 sealhash=64539a..503a81 hash=e5537b..fabcaf
elapsed=6.326s
INFO [10-03|15:06:36.688] ⚡ mined potential block      number=3 hash=e5537b..fabcaf
INFO [10-03|15:06:36.689] Commit new sealing work      number=4 sealhash=95ad18..5f9f1d uncles=0 txs=0 gas=0
fees=0 elapsed=1.001ms
INFO [10-03|15:06:36.689] Commit new sealing work      number=4 sealhash=95ad18..5f9f1d uncles=0 txs=0 gas=0
```

Fig 7: Transferring balance

```
PS C:\Users\soham> geth attach ipc:///pipe/geth.ipc
Welcome to the Geth JavaScript console!

instance: Geth/v1.10.25-stable-69568c55/windows-amd64/go1.18.5
coinbase: 0x3933105f51a6b7744a26fee147b06c62ea38dfa1
at block: 225 (Mon Oct 03 2022 15:20:44 GMT+0530 (IST))
datadir: C:\Users\soham\Desktop\PrivateNetwork\Eth
modules: admin:1.0 debug:1.0 engine:1.0 eth:1.0 ethash:1.0 miner:1.0 net:1.0 personal:1.0 rpc:1.0 txpool:1.0 web3:1.0

To exit, press ctrl-d or type exit
> eth.accounts
["0x3933105f51a6b7744a26fee147b06c62ea38dfa1", "0x805cb9f0962c47bc34d6d56c6b3819a2a011fb75"]
> eth.getBalance(eth.accounts[0])
1.125e+21
> eth.getBalance(eth.accounts[1])
0
> web3.fromWei(eth.getBalance(eth.accounts[0]),"ether")
1125
> web3.fromWei(eth.getBalance(eth.accounts[1]),"ether")
0
> eth.sendTransaction({from: eth.accounts[0], to: eth.accounts[1], value: web3.toWei(1, "ether")})
Error: authentication needed: password or unlock
    at web3.js:6365:9(45)
    at send (web3.js:5099:62(34))
    at <eval>:1:20(21)
```





**Note:** Authentication is needed to transfer balance. Use  
`personal.unlockAccount(eth.accounts[0])`

Observations and Findings: From this we came to know that an Ethereum is a decentralized, open-source blockchain with smart contract functionality. We have also learned about the types of nodes, process of mining and Geth.

**Conclusion:**

**Q. How can you perform a transaction using Geth (the Go Ethereum client) from the command line, and what are the essential steps to send Ether from one account to another?**