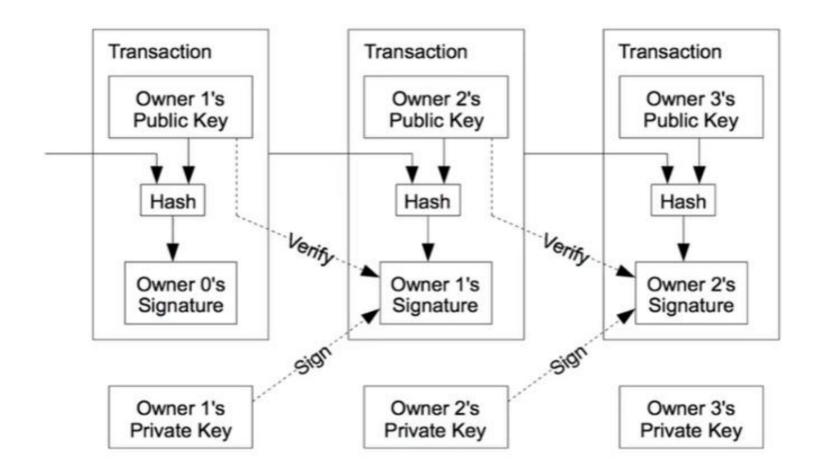
Roadmap to Building the Blockchain: Guided by the Bitcoin White Paper

bitcoin.pdf

- Published on October 31st, 2008.
- White paper is an official document outlining proposals on an issue.
- Satashi Nakamoto
- 8 pages 12 sections.



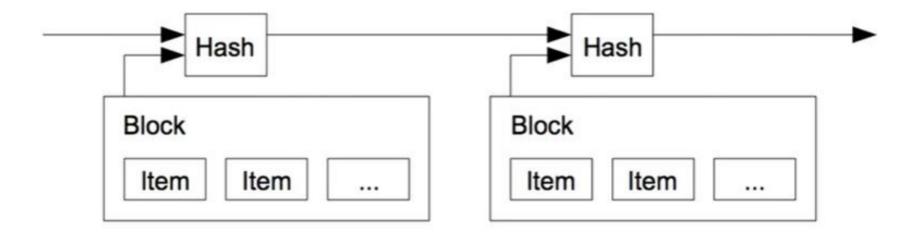
2. Transactions



The follow diagrams and text are from the original bitcoin.pdf white paper.

3. Timestamp Server

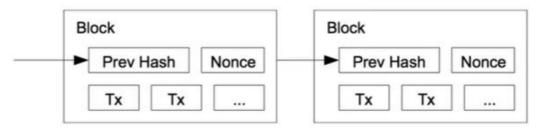
Timestamps order blocks in the chain.



4. Proof-of-Work

To implement a distributed timestamp server on a peer-to-peer basis, we will need to use a proof-of-work system similar to Adam Back's Hashcash [6], rather than newspaper or Usenet posts. The proof-of-work involves scanning for a value that when hashed, such as with SHA-256, the hash begins with a number of zero bits. The average work required is exponential in the number of zero bits required and can be verified by executing a single hash.

For our timestamp network, we implement the proof-of-work by incrementing a nonce in the block until a value is found that gives the block's hash the required zero bits. Once the CPU effort has been expended to make it satisfy the proof-of-work, the block cannot be changed without redoing the work. As later blocks are chained after it, the work to change the block would include redoing all the blocks after it.



5. Network

6. Incentive

- 7. Reclaiming Disk Space
- 8. Simplified Payment Verification
- 9. Combining and Splitting Value
- 10. Privacy
- 11. Calculations

Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System

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