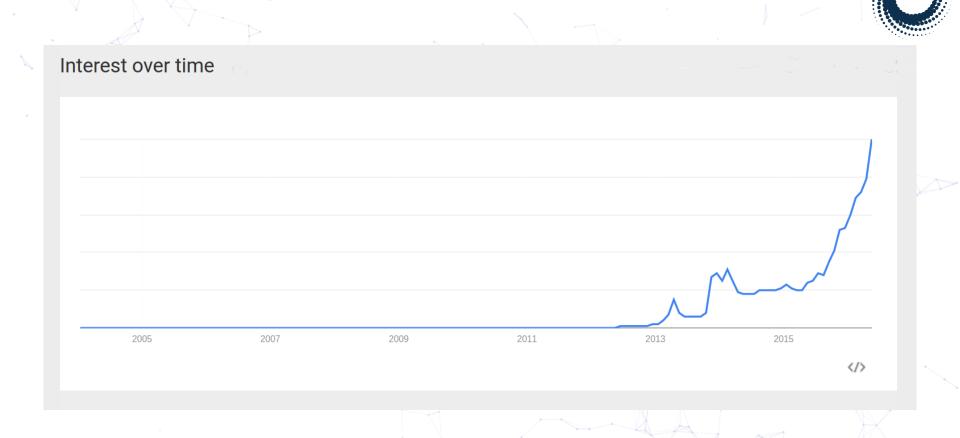
Intro to The Blockchain





What if I Told You ... the Blockchain Could Disrupt ... Everything

Goldman Sachs

From Silicon Valley to Wall Street, technologists and investors alike are buzzing about the potential for the Blockchain to revolutionize ... well everything. The hype is high and the potential is real but roadblocks remain. The funding backdrop is healthy and the application eco-system is growing. Once considered the underlying pipes of Bitcoin, this technology is quickly taking center stage from its crypto-currency parent promising an ushering in of a new set of tools to cut costs and challenge the profit pool of the middle-man with a promise to make centralized institutions obsolete. This solution promises to not just address consumer opportunities but also those for the far more lucrative enterprise.

What if I told you that Bitcoin was just the opening act ... with the Blockchain ready to take center stage. In its purest form the Blockchain is a digital platform that records and verifies transactions in a tamper- and revision-proof way that is public to all (Exhibit 1). Levering the same peer-to-peer technology first developed in a dorm room at Northeastern University with Napster (and subsequently built upon by folks like Skype and Spotify) the tool was first born out of a need to track and create Bitcoin. Specifically Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies required a way of building agreement between all parties involved in a transaction. From buying to selling to trading to storing, every transaction would be chained to each other so one could never duplicate or change the ownership of Bitcoin. This Blockchain allows information to be put in, but never deleted. This complete history ... a "shared public ledger" that a network (and the currency) relies on, if you will - made, in the user's mind, the role of a Central Bank obsolete (Exhibit 2). The fiat of the currency, as a result, was born of the citizens of the internet, not a central clearing institution or agency. Lastly, while the Blockchain associated with Bitcoin remains the most well known, there are growing sets of private and permission-driven shared ledgers gaining traction and worth focusing on.

Exhibit 1: The Blockchain is a distributed, public ledger, most commonly known as the core underlying technology for Bitcoin

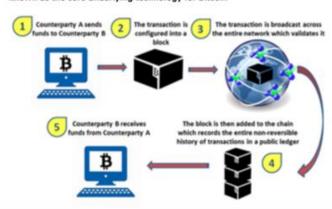
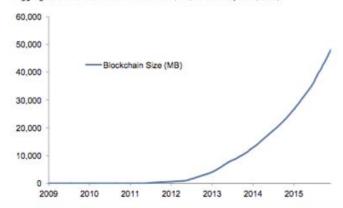


Exhibit 2: The size of the Blockchain grows along with the no. of transactions Aggregate size of the Bitcoin Blockchain (MB) since inception (2009)



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research.

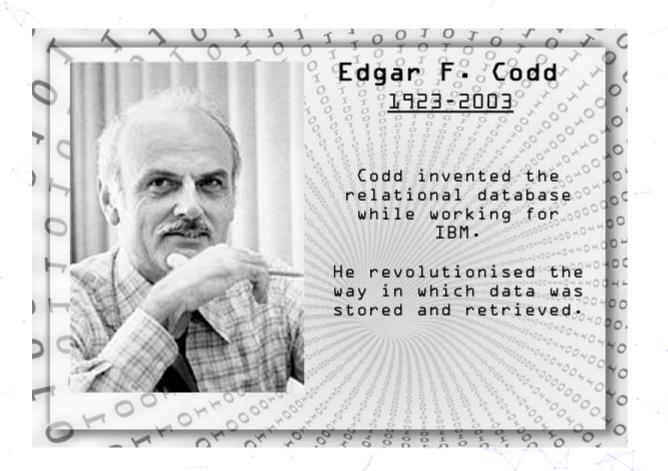
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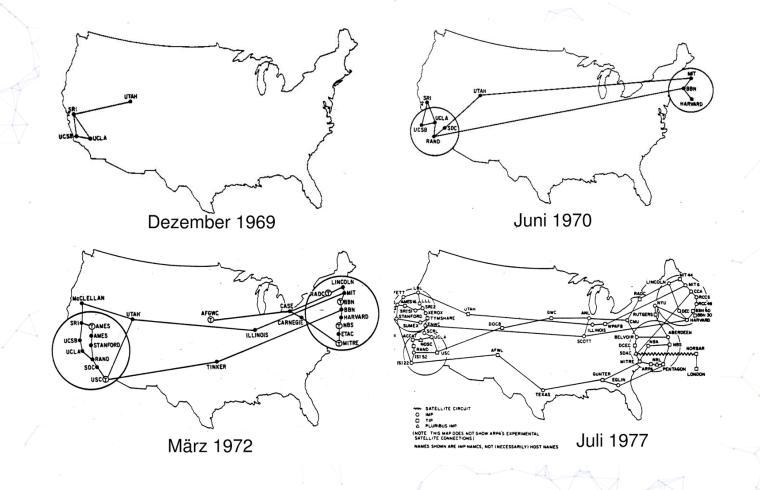






"In the mainframe's early days, the 1950s, IBM sold the first era of mainframes to businesses that didn't even know they needed them."











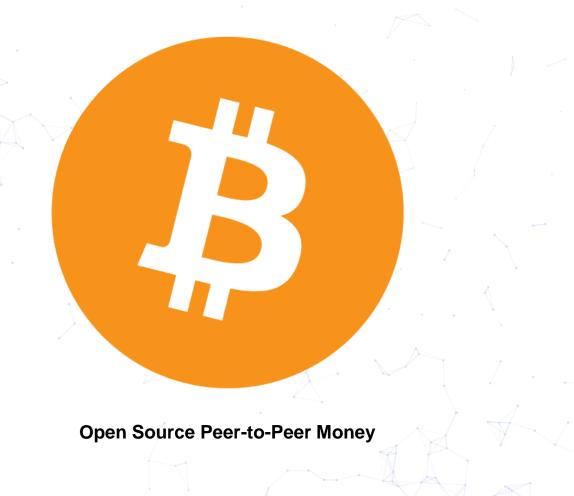
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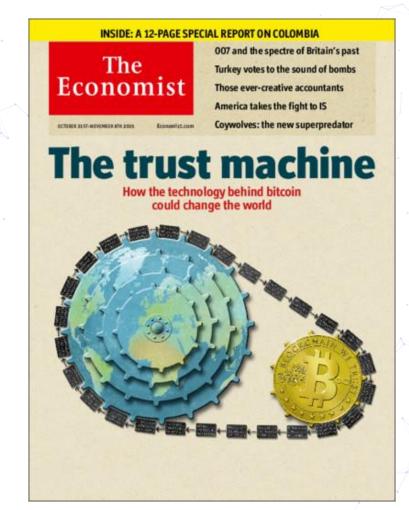


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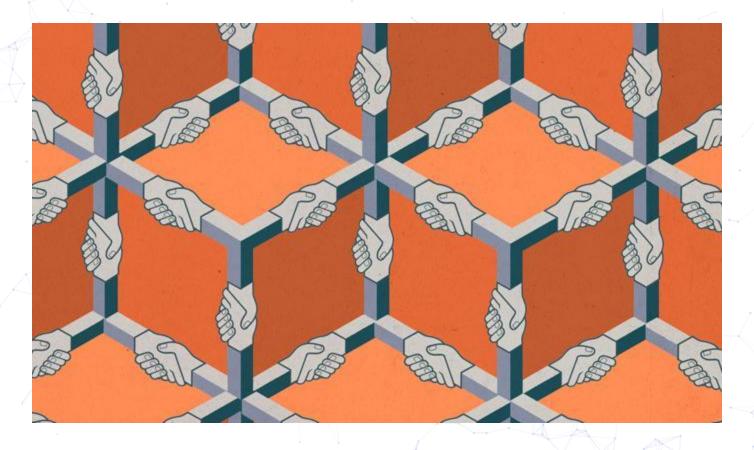
Bitcoin Network statistics (as of 2016-05-16 22:57:13)

First Block	2009-01-03 18:15:05
Total number of full nodes on the network	5,635
Total monetary base	15,552,450 BTC
Total market capitalization	\$ 7,061,994,286
24 hour trade volume	\$ 60,323,200
Transactions per second	~ 7
Size of blockchain	68 GB
Hash rate of the network	1,616,378,377,000,000,000 hashes/second (exa)





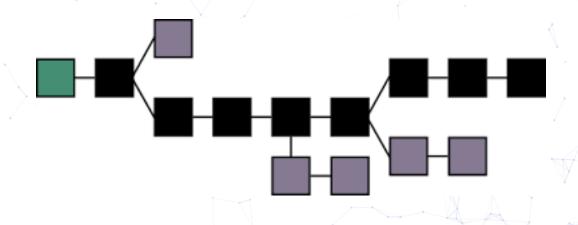






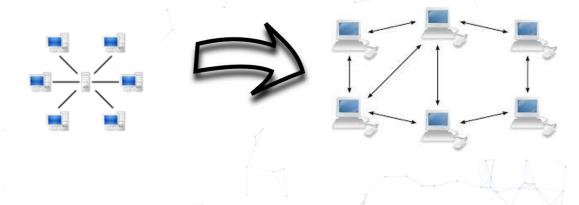
A blockchain is a time-stamped, non-repudiable database that contains the entire logged history of transactions on the system.

Each transaction processor on the system maintains their own local copy of this database and the consensus formation algorithms enable every copy to stay in sync.





Blockchain networks are peer-to-peer networks. Open blockchain networks are permissionless - any client can sync to the network and begin to participate.





Consensus mechanisms determine the state of the blockchain database, as well as which state transitions are acceptable according to protocol rules. Transaction processors are often referred to as miners.





Cryptographic tokens (cryptocurrency) are cryptographically secured digital unit of account (numeraire), medium of exchange (currency), and a store of value. These tokens play an integral role in the incentivization mechanisms of public blockchain networks.

Token balances are stored via entries on the blockchain database. An account address is identified by the public key of a user.







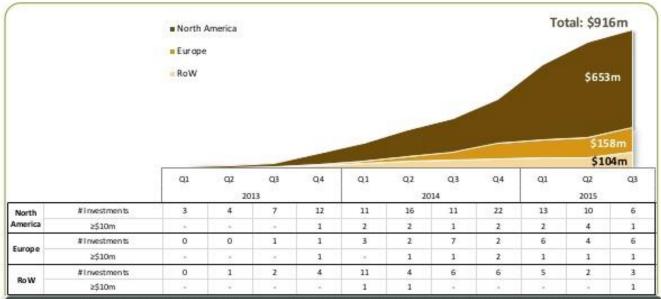


A virtual machine enables programmable blockchain transactions. The virtual machine is the mechanism that allows for smart contract based decentralized applications.







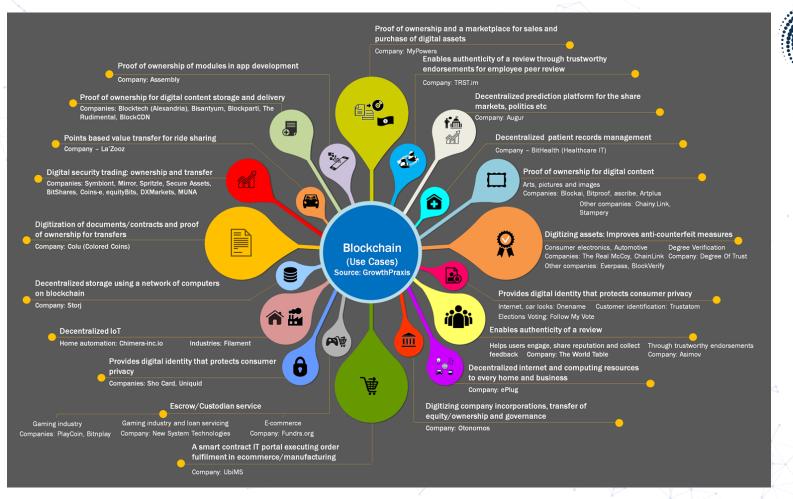


2015 has marked a transition to investors backing leaders rather than experiments, with the top 10 companies raising more than 80% of the total funding this year

Source CoinDeal, Ptchtpols, VentureSource, VentureSourcer, Gunchtpse Note: Data as of December 1, 2015



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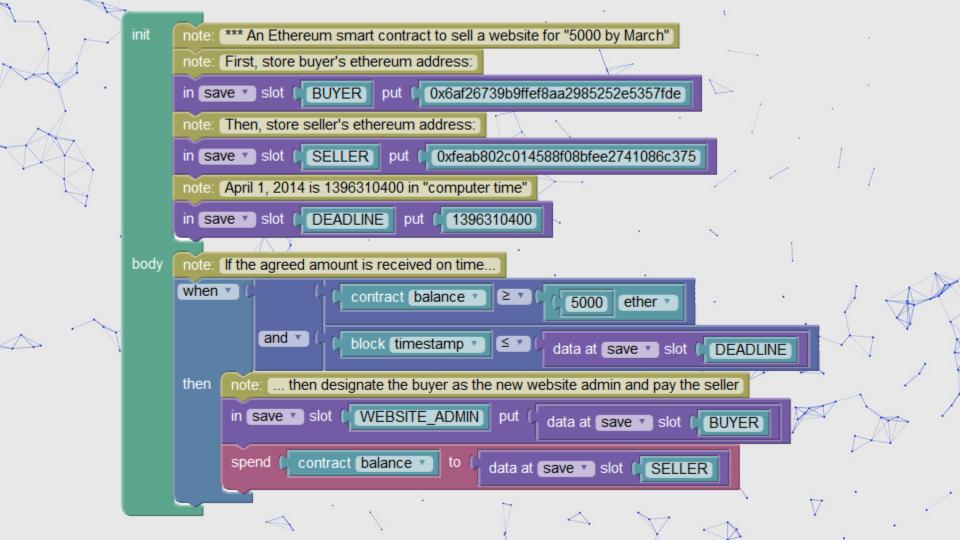
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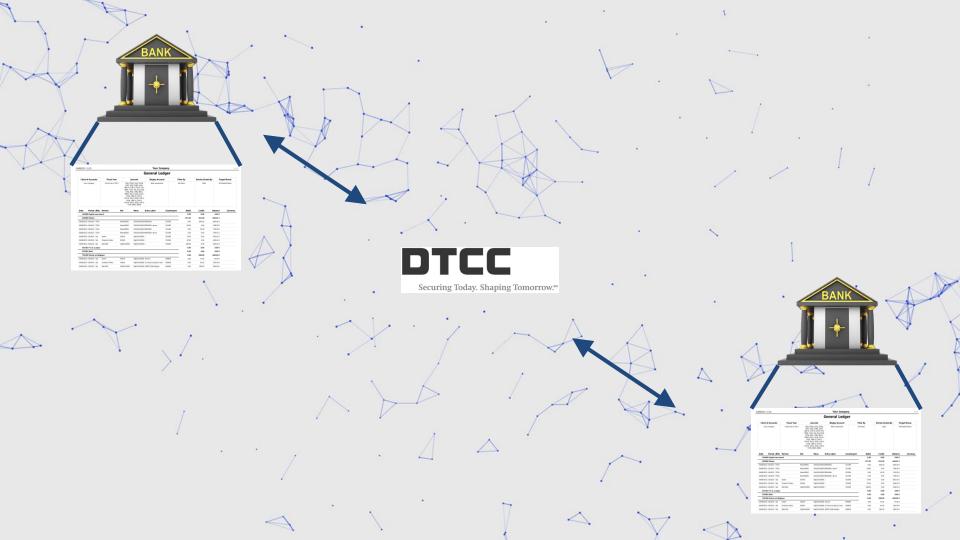
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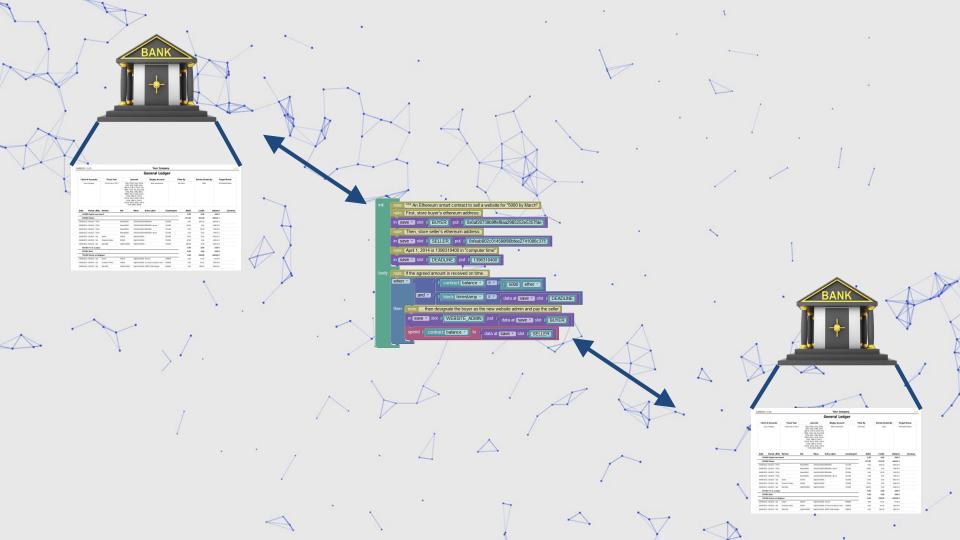


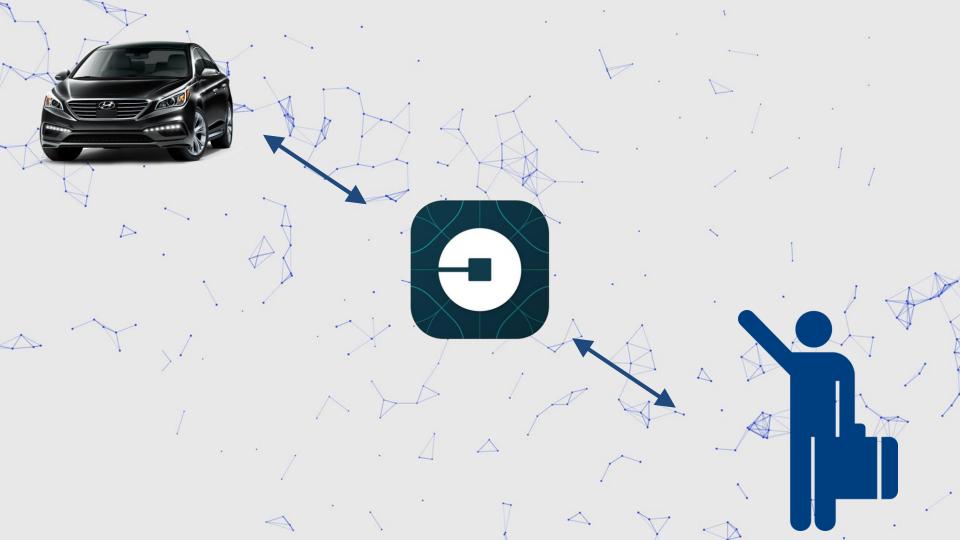
Ethereum Network statistics (as of 2016-05-16 22:57:13)

First Block	2015-07-30 15:26:13
Total number of full nodes on the network	6,934
Total monetary base	80,098,146 ETH
Total market capitalization	\$~1.1 B
24 hour trade volume	\$ 32,997,600
Transactions per second	~ 20
Size of blockchain	18 GB
Hash rate of the network	2,100,000,000,000 hashes/second (tera)
Total funding raised by Ethereum projects	> \$125,000,000



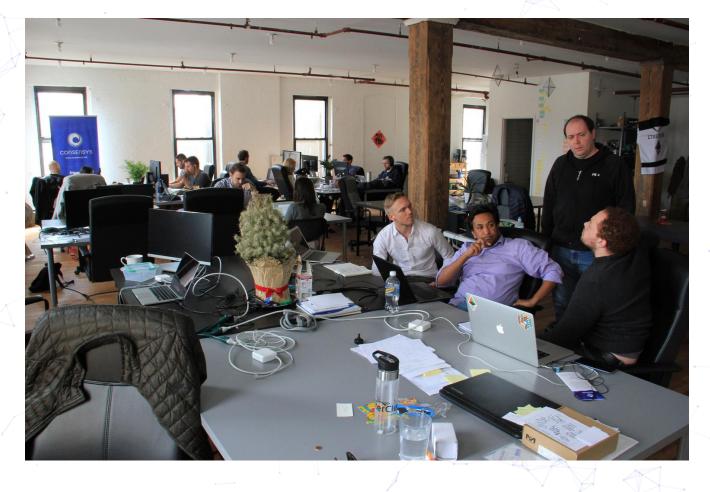














Application



User Interface, Business Logic

Core Components



Wallet, identity, persona, reputation

Tools



Developer tools and infrastructure

Infrastructure

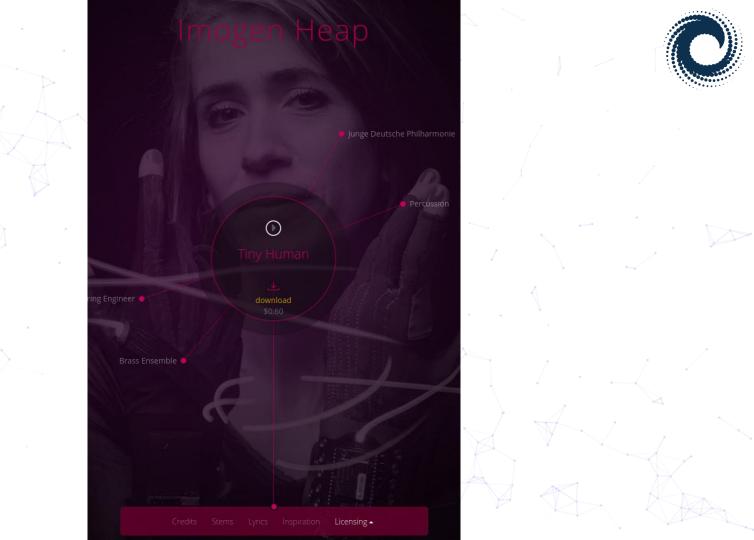


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Ethereum - Public, Consortium and Private Networks





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A microgrid using TransActive Grid's model could let you directly sell energy generated from your rooftop solar panels to your neighbor.



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ETH BaaS in the news



"Anything that can be digitized, cryptocurrencies, derivatives trading, securities trading and settlement, even property titles, is a potential service on Ethereum."

Wall Street Journal

"It's available as part of <u>Microsoft</u> Azure cloud and is primarily targeted at the financial services industry."

- Wired



"The <u>Ethereum project</u> and <u>ConsenSys</u>, the company created by one of the project's cocreators, have received a huge vote of approval from one of the world's biggest enterprise software providers — Microsoft."

- Tech Crunch

"We've found Azure to be an efficient and powerful cloud to deploy our offerings and are looking forward to further collaboration with Microsoft. The initial offerings of BlockApps Strato and Ether. Camp will serve as foundational protocols and tools for developers to create blockchain applications immediately."

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