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### Distributed Ledger

All network participants have access to the distributed ledger and its immutable record of transactions.

### Immutable

No participant can change or tamper with a transaction after it's been recorded to the shared ledger.

### Trustless

You don't need to know the other person or trust him.

### Definition

**Blockchain is a **shared**, **immutable** ledger that facilitates the process of **recording** transactions and **tracking** assets in a **business network**. An asset can be **tangible** (a house, a car, cash, land) or **intangible** (intellectual property, patents, copyrights, branding).**



## History of Blockchain Technology

The history of Blockchain starts before 2008 white paper by Satoshi Nakamoto.

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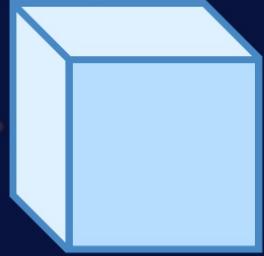
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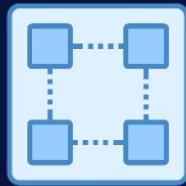
Records are bundled together into blocks and added to the chain one after another. The basic parts:



**The record :**  
can be any  
information



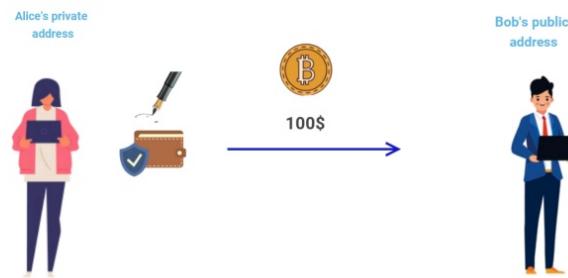
**The Block:**  
A bundle of  
records



**The Chain:**  
All the blocks  
linked  
together



Here's how a deal gets included in a Blockchain:



## Step One

A trade is recorded. For example, let's say Alice is sending to Bob \$100 in crypto. The record lists the details, including a digital signature from each party.

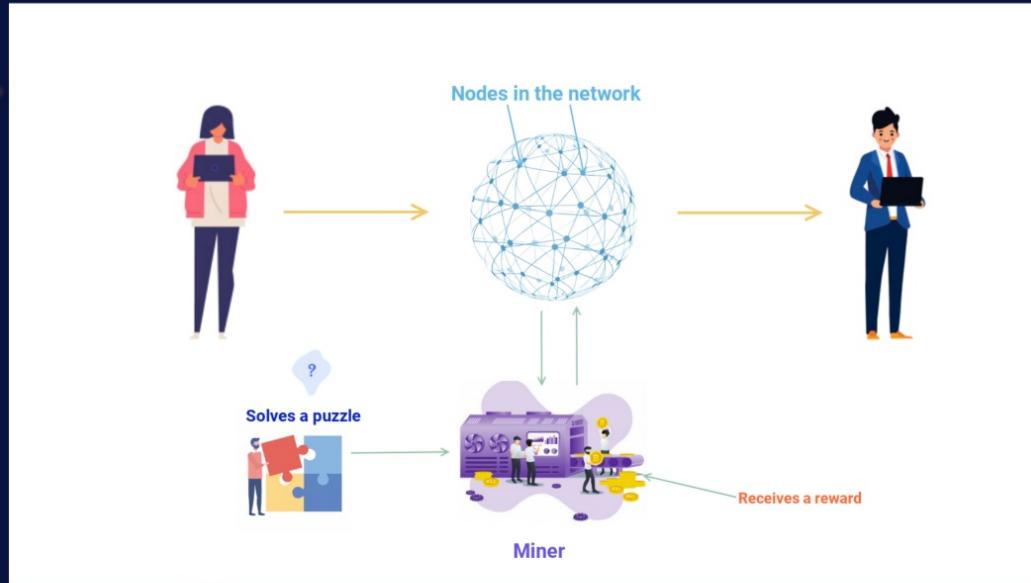
1. She enters Bob's account address as the recipient.
2. She specifies that she wants to send 100\$ in crypto to Bob.
3. She signs the transaction in order to make it official with her private keys.



## Step Two

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The record is checked by the network. The computers in the network, called 'Nodes', check the details of the trade to make sure it is valid.

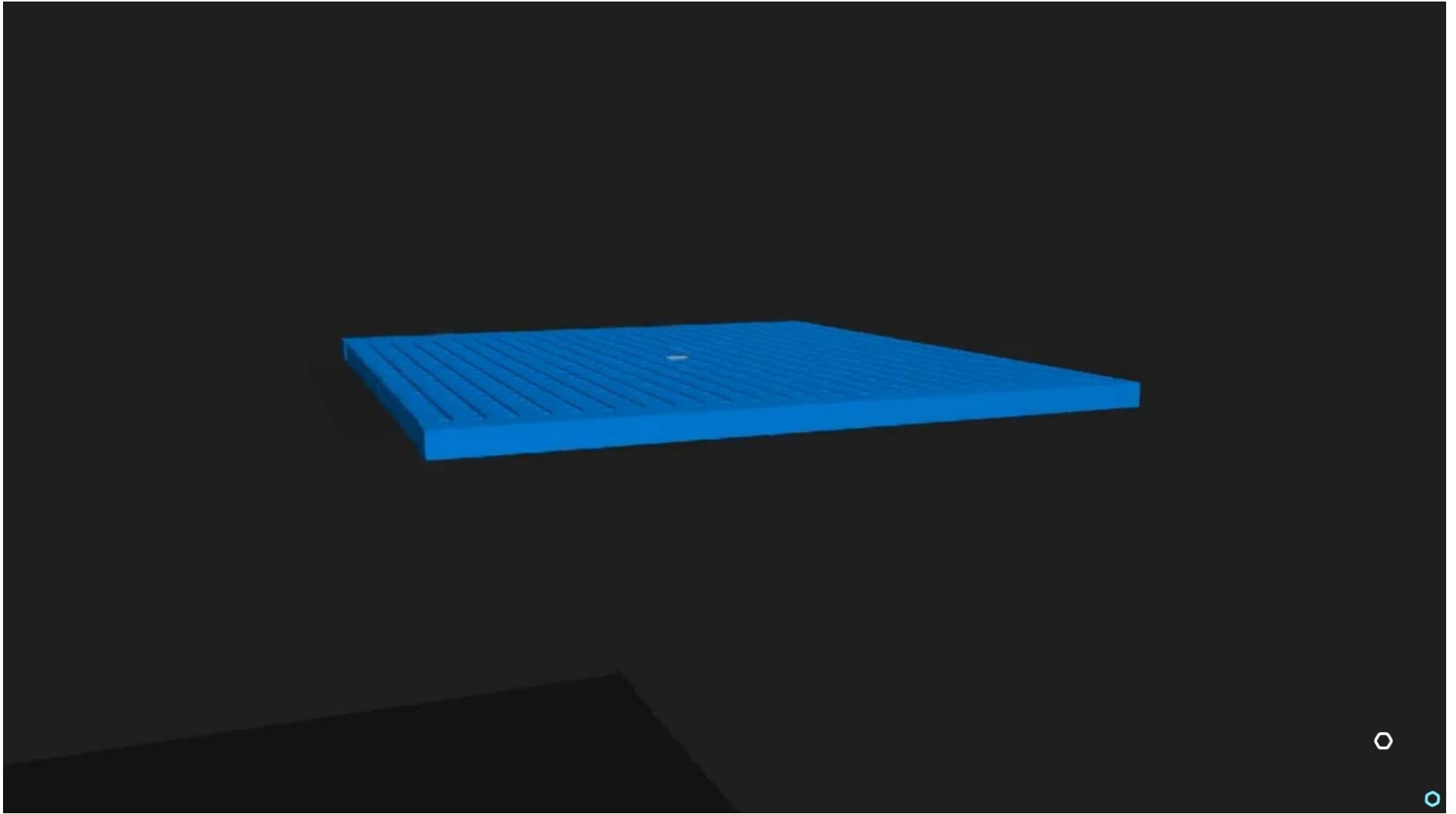




## Step Three

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The records that the network accepted are added to a block. Each block contains a unique code called a hash. It also contains the hash of the previous block in the chain.



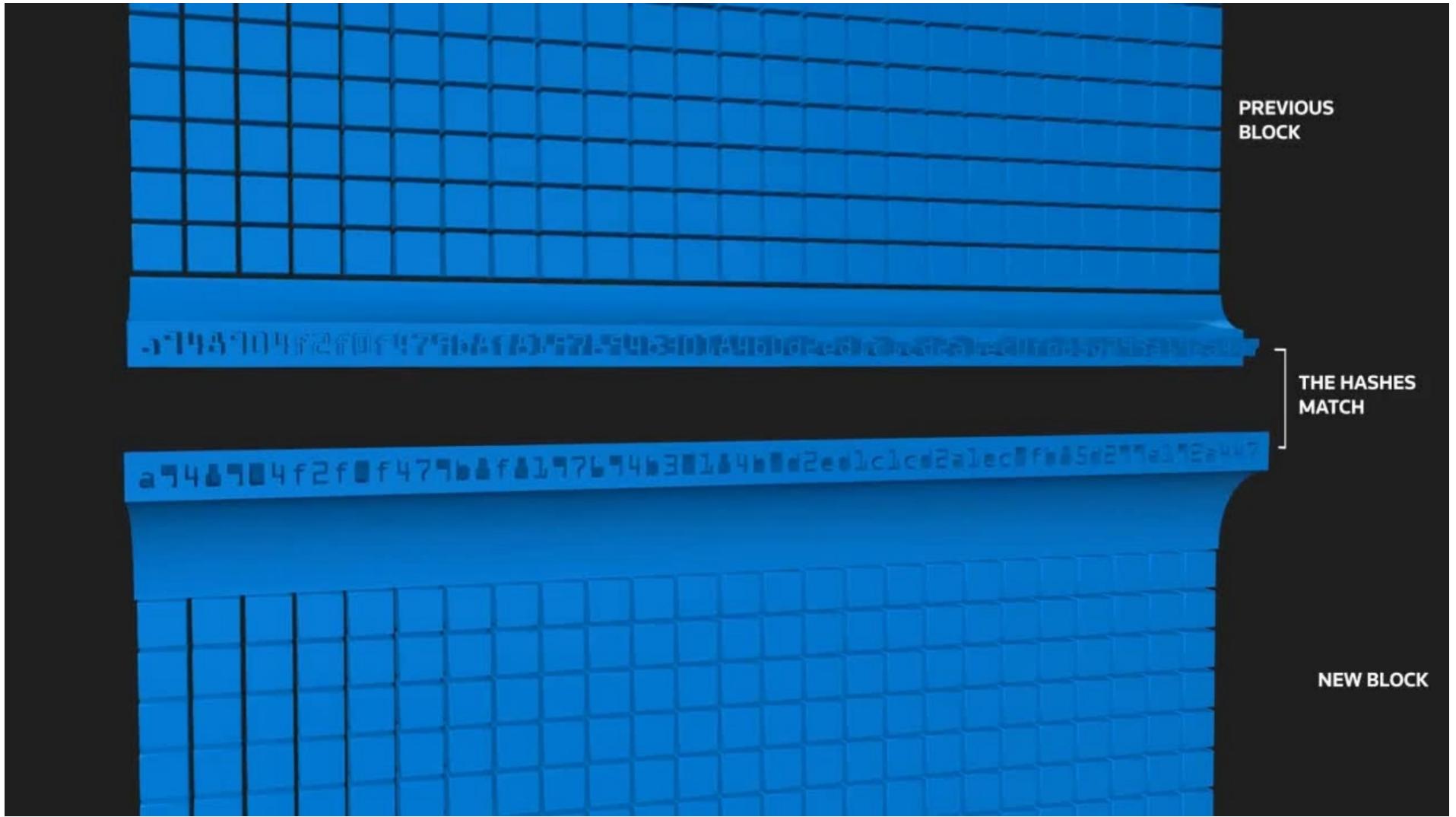


## Step Four

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The block is added to the blockchain. The hash codes connect the blocks together in a specific order.







## Hash Function



A hash code is created by a math function that takes digital information and generates a string of letters and numbers from it. Let's take a closer look at two important characteristics of hash codes:

First, no matter what the size of the original file, a hash function will always generate a code of the same length.

Second, any change to the original input will generate a new hash.

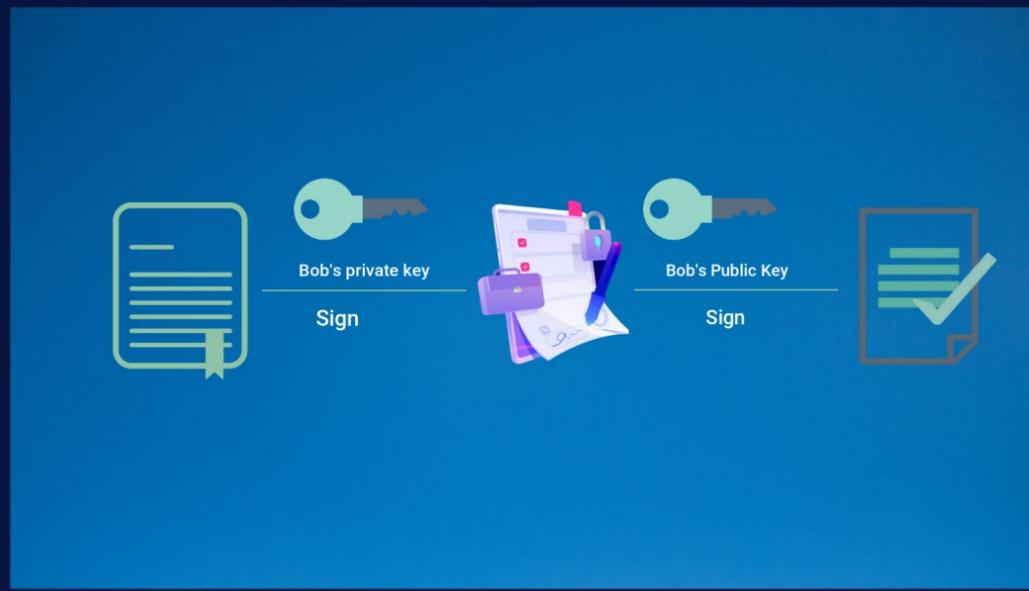
Example: <https://andersbrownworth.com/blockchain/hash>



## Public vs. Private Key

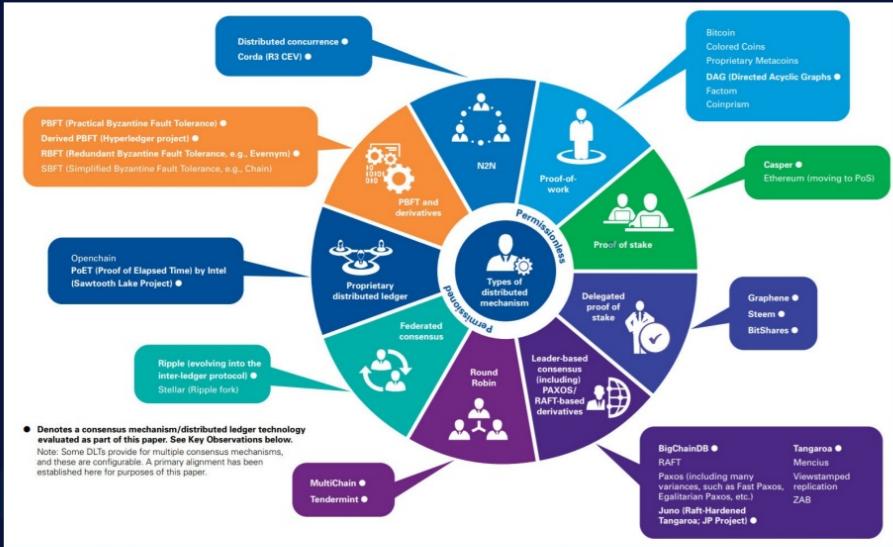
- Public key cryptography uses a pair of a public key and a private key to perform different tasks. Public keys are widely distributed, while private keys are kept secret.
- The goal of public and private keys is to prove that a spent transaction was indeed signed by the owner of the funds, and was not forged.
- When you own cryptocurrencies, what you really own is a "private key."

Example: <https://andersbrownworth.com/blockchain/public-private-keys/keys>





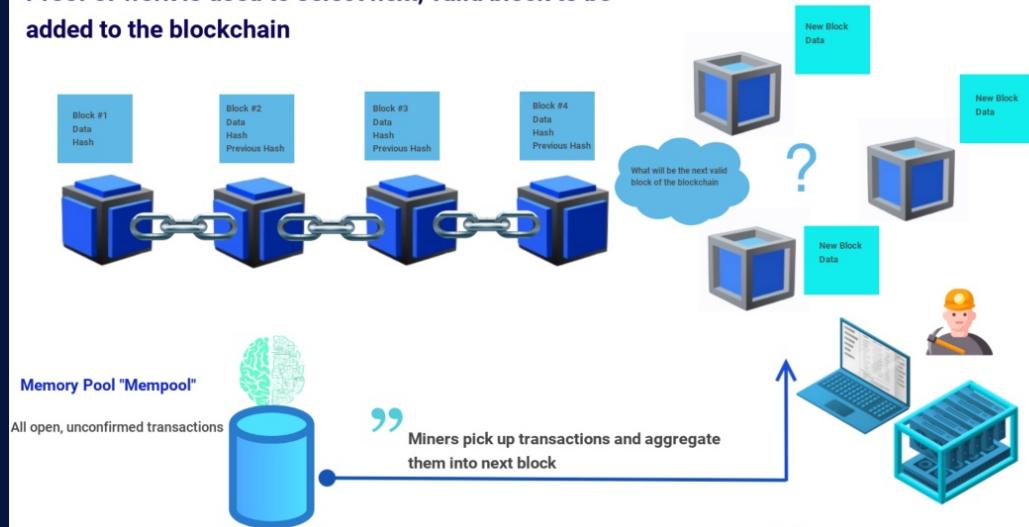
# Consensus Mechanism





## Proof of Work

Proof of work is used to select next, valid block to be added to the blockchain

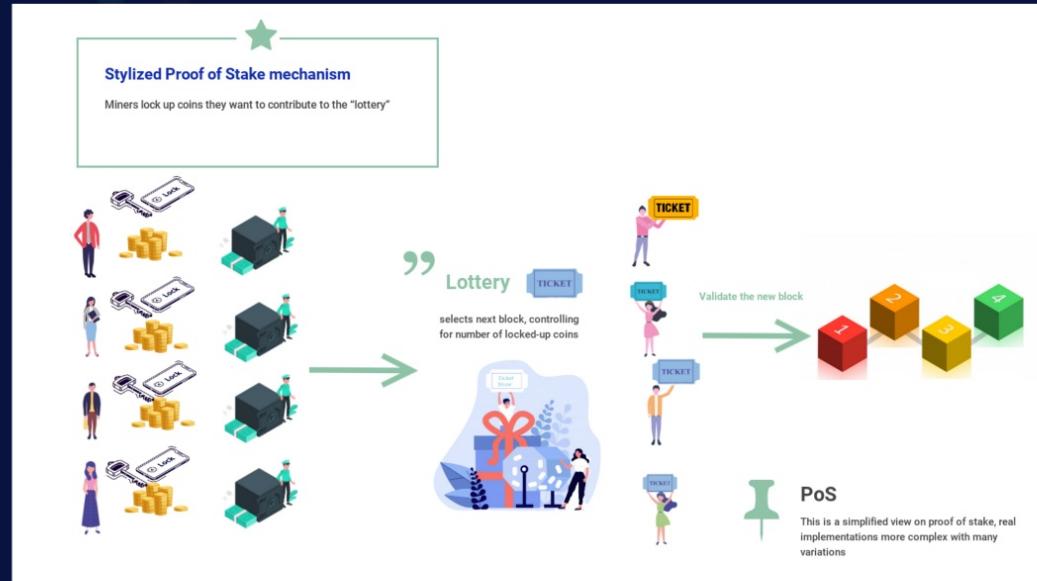


To add a block to the chain, nodes must demonstrate that they have done 'work' by solving an increasingly difficult computational puzzle. This process, called mining, uses a lot of computing power. In return for their work, members can receive rewards - tokens for instance, or bitcoins.



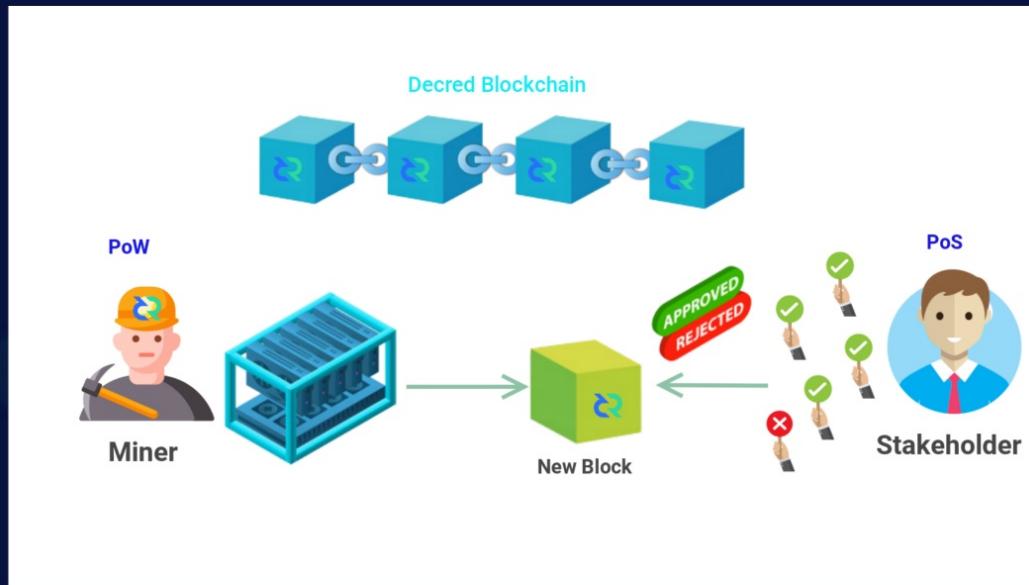
## Proof of Stake

Participants buy tokens which allow them to join the network. The more tokens they have, the more they can mine.





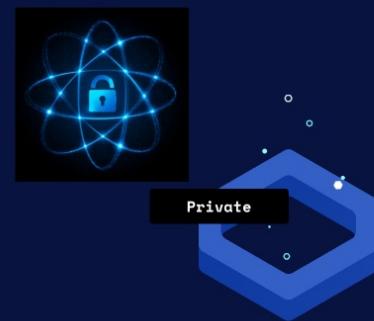
## Hybrid PoW/PoS



Hybrid Proof of Work/Proof of Stake consensus mechanisms utilize elements of both PoW and PoS models when determining transaction validation rights. In doing so, they aim to mitigate the respective weaknesses of each. While the exact mechanisms of individual hybrid consensus algorithms vary, the following explanation is based on **Decred**, perhaps the most notable project using a hybrid system.

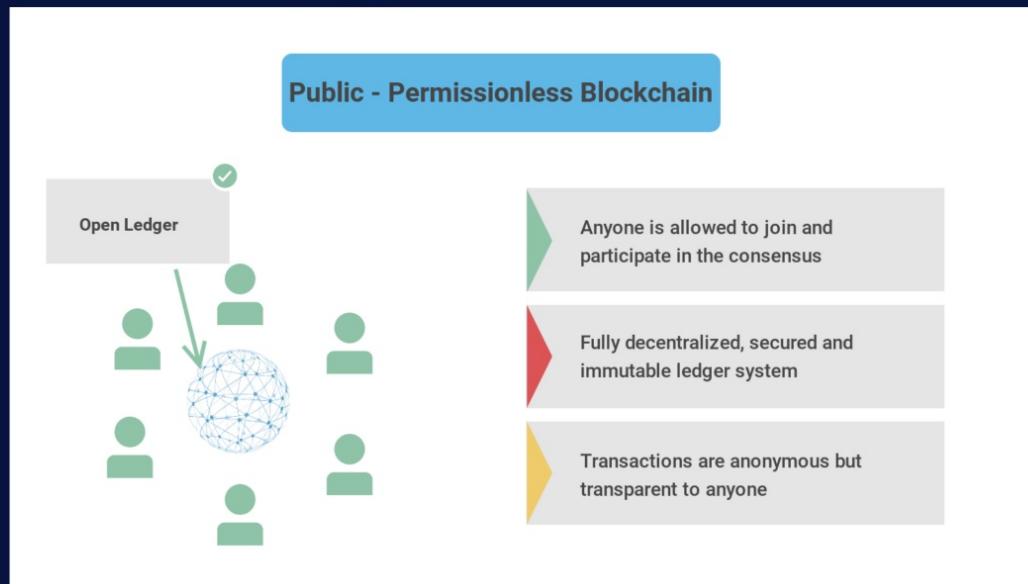


## Types of Blockchain





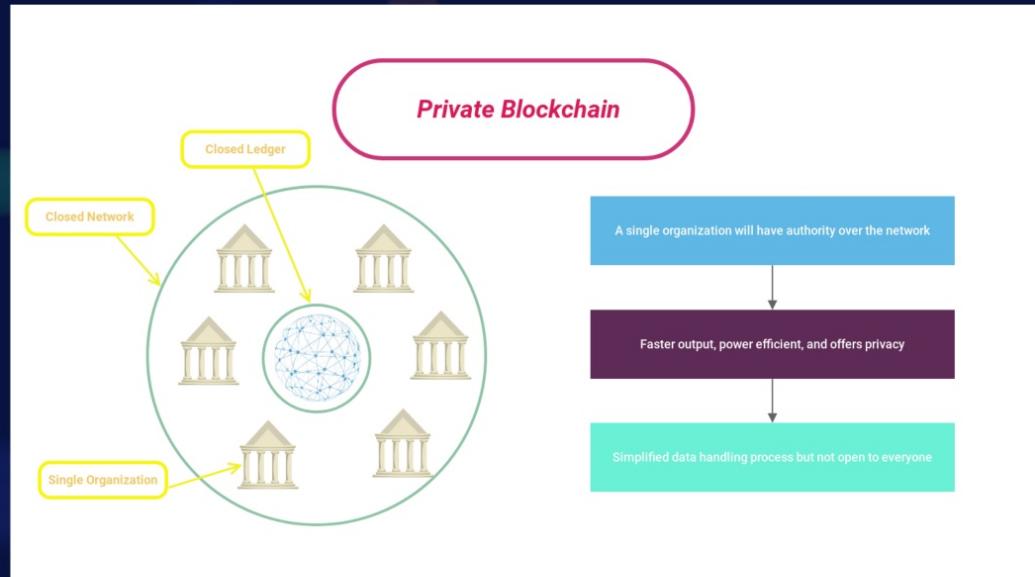
## Public-Permissionless Blockchain



A **public blockchain** is a blockchain that anyone in the world can **read, send** transactions too and expect to see them included if they are valid, and anyone can participate in the consensus process.

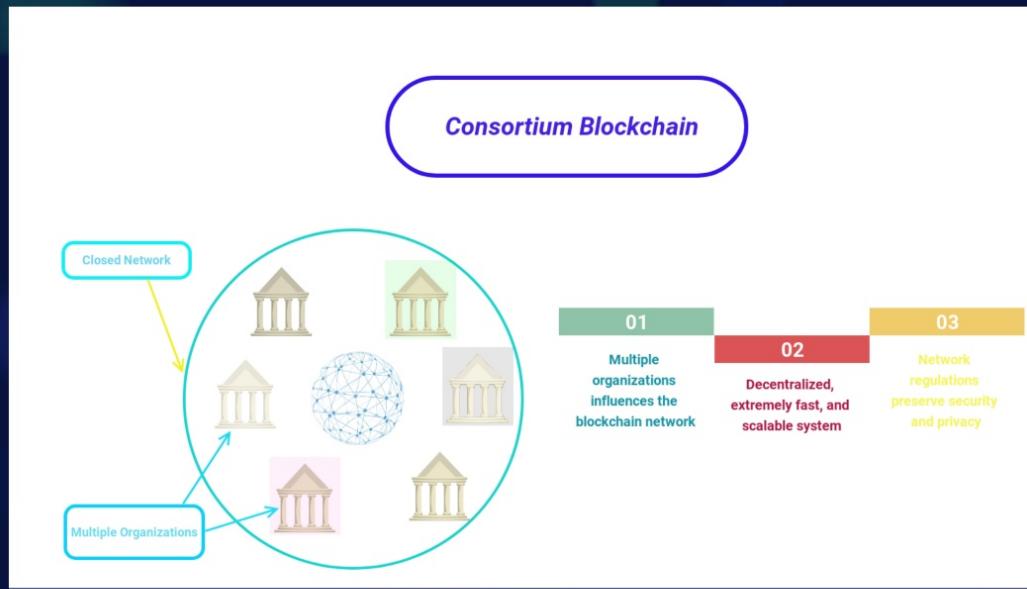


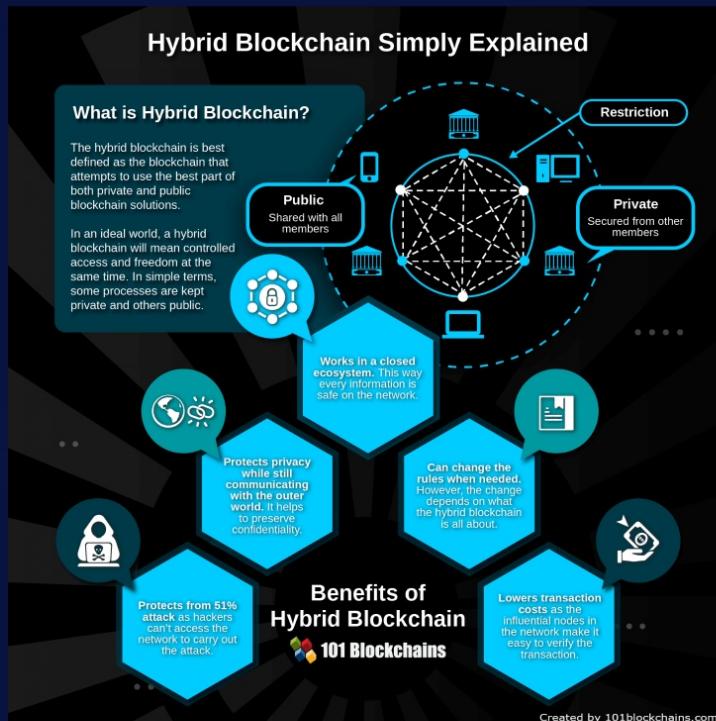
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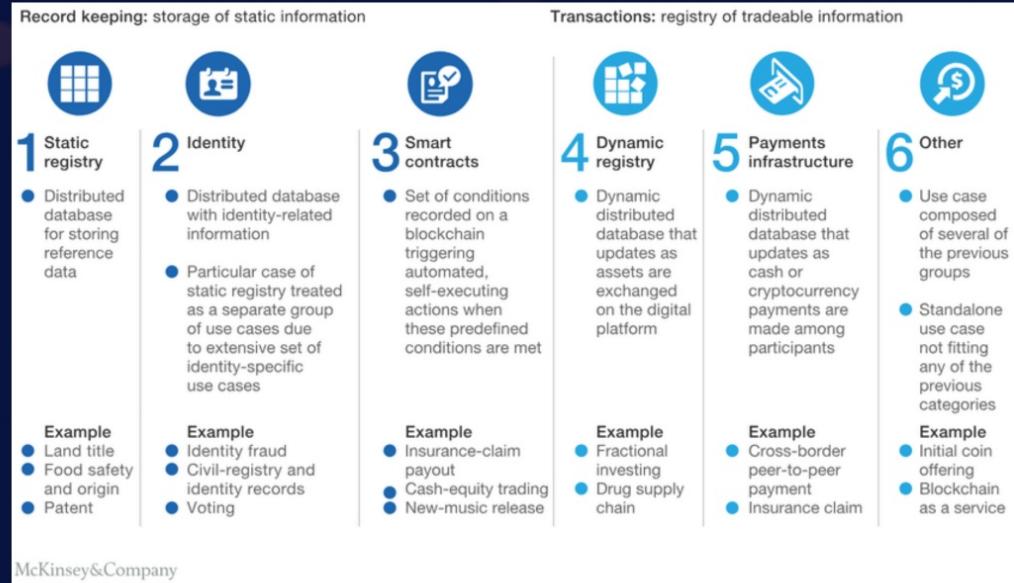


## Consortium Blockchain





# Hybrid Blockchain



## Use Cases

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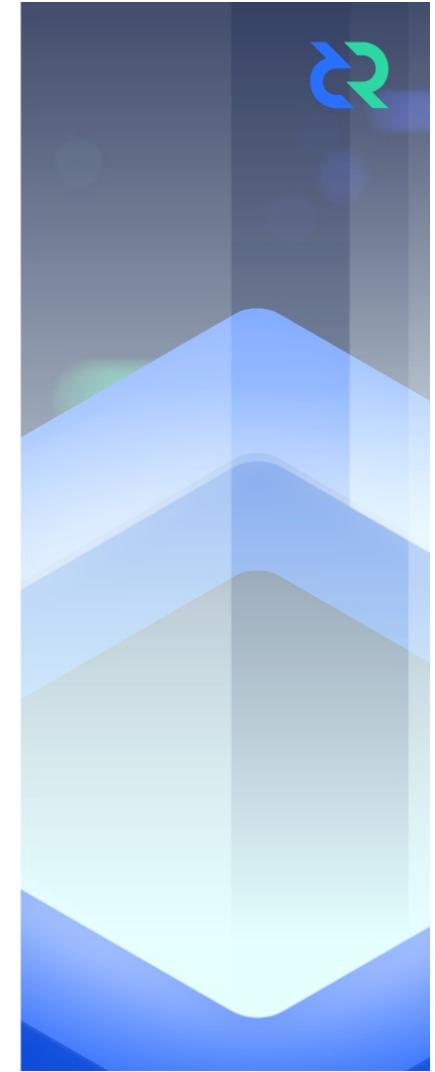
Healthcare: <https://www.burstiq.com>

Politeia: <https://proposals.decred.org>

<https://timestamp.decred.org>

Voting: <https://votolegal.com.br>

Estonia: [https://youtu.be/OEXPF2\\_SbQM](https://youtu.be/OEXPF2_SbQM)





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