

To design and develop end-to-end decentralized applications (Dapps).

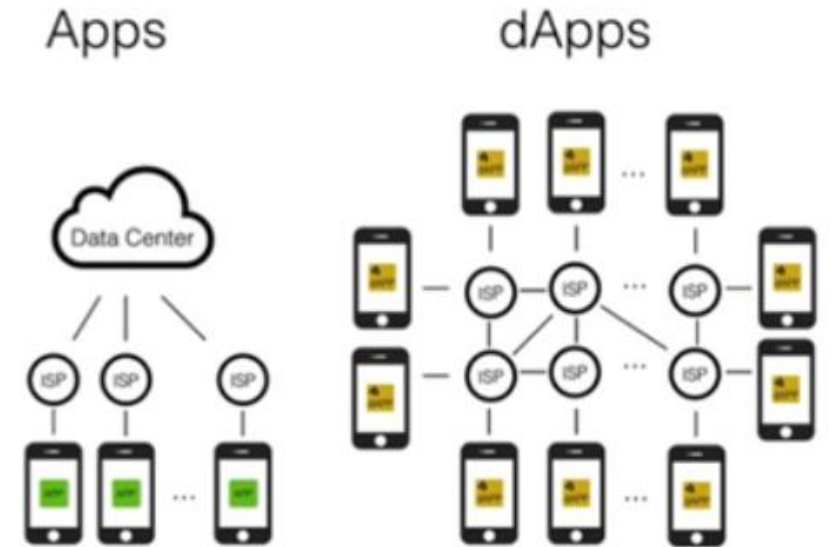
Practical 8

When you're peering curiously into blockchain....

"I think I want to build a decentralized app, but can't figure out WHY I actually should or HOW to do it."

What is DApp?

- A P2P type of network that is governed by members all around the world.
- Running of the app (and its data) is distributed across lots of people/nodes.
- There is no single (central) point of failure...



Characteristics of DApp

- **Open Source**: the worldwide availability of the main source code.
- **Decentralization**: the utilization of blockchain technology
- **Incentivization**: the provision of the cryptographic tokens or digital assets to the contributors.
- **Protocol**: the token generation combined with the consensus mechanism.

Pros and Cons of DApp

- PROS

- You don't need to trust anyone with your data.
- No servers needed. With it, no maintenance or rent.
- 100% uptime, guaranteed.
- Impossible to backdoor without a million hackers at your disposal due to BFT.
- Quick and easy to deploy, usable without any frontend.

- CONS

- Slow, inefficient, riddled with fees for the end user.
- Immutable, difficult to future-proof.

Problems with the DApp

1. **Cost:** Because computation runs on every node, by definition it is at least as costly as the number of nodes in the network (eg 100x amazon AWS).
2. **Time:** Since multiple nodes have to first run the computation (fast) and then come to a consensus about its result (slow), it's much slower than central servers.
3. **Services:** How do you provide services to users?
4. **Privacy:** Right to be forgotten.

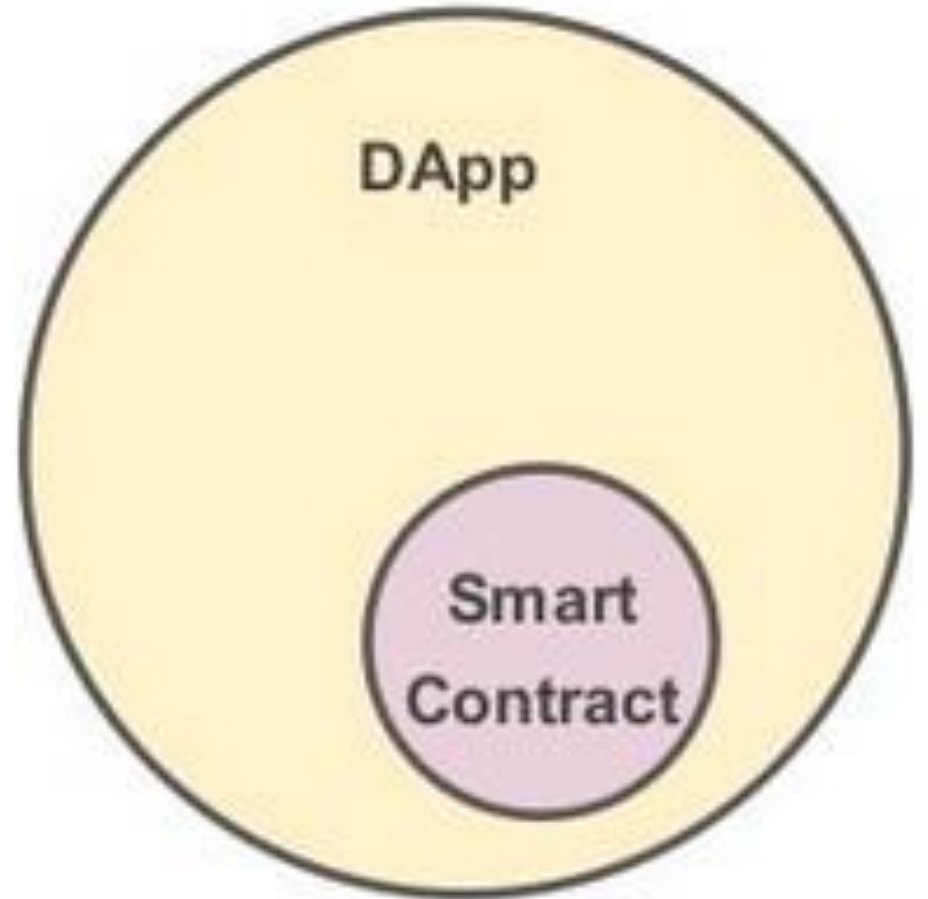
"You can compete on any 2"



...unless you're decentralized.

DApps vs Smart Contract

- The DApp is the full application including its front-end markup.
- Any non-blockchain code on the front end or a separate server AND the smart contract.
- The smart contract is just the portion of the app that actually works with the blockchain.



Steps

- Create Solidity program in Remix
- Compile it.
- It will generate ABI and bytecode
- Deploy it
- It will generate smart contract address
- Open <https://oneclickdapp.com/>
- Create DApp by signing in.

Sample Code

- `pragma solidity ^0.6.0;`

```
contract sample_dapp {  
    uint value;  
    function initialize (uint x) public {  
        value = x;  
    }  
  
    function get() view public returns (uint){  
        return value;  
    }  
    function increment (uint n) public {  
        value = value + n;  
    }  
    function decrement (uint n) public {  
        value = value - n;  
    }  
}
```

Screenshot of working of DApp

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Contract

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ABI

decrement, increment, initialize, get, ...

Read

Write

decrement (uint256)

increment (uint256)

initialize (uint256)

Functions
in SC

get

Choose your wallet



Connect Metamask



Connect Coinbase Wallet



Connect Mobile Wallet

Connect with
Metamask

1. Click on initialize and connect with Metamask
2. First initialize the value
3. Check the value in **Read** module under **get** function.

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Task

- Create a DApp of the smart contract created in the last lab (in practical 5)