[EIP-7732] Enshrined Proposer-Builder Separation

Implementation in Prysm and Nimbus Separation of ethereum block into consensus and execution parts

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EIP-7732: Enshrined Proposer-Builder Separation ○ ↔

Separates the ethereum block in consensus and execution parts, adds a mechanism for the consensus proposer to choose the execution proposer.

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Motivations

- Currently,
 - Beacon block proposers request a hash tree root (HTR) from third-party builders.
 - They submit a SignedBlindedBeaconBlock to a trusted relay.
 - The relay replaces the HTR with the full execution payload off-protocol before broadcasting.
 - This setup requires trust in intermediaries (relays).
- Project was about solving trust issues and not about transaction ordering or MEV (Maximum Extractable Value).



Motivations

- Trust-free exchange between proposer and builder without intermediary
- Proposers can outsource block construction without trusting builders, and builders can advertise blocks directly without intermediaries.
- Guarantees
 - Proposer payment safety: if an honest builder's payment is processed, payload becomes canonical
 - Builder payload safety: if an honest builder publishes a payload, it becomes a canonical. (honest majority)



Execution Layer: No changes required.

Consensus Layer:

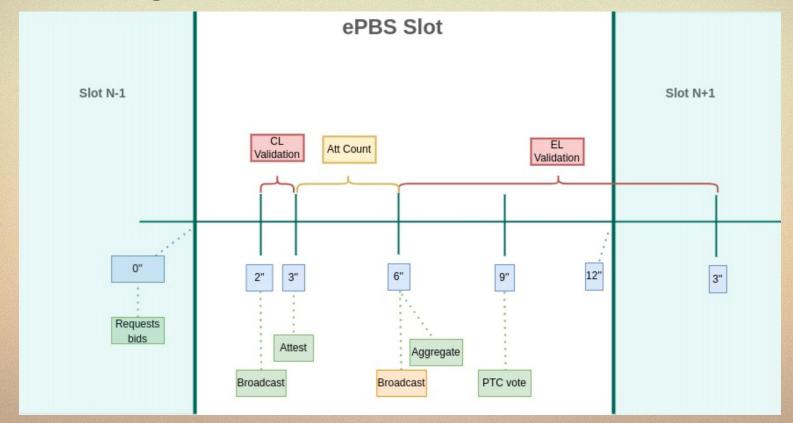
- Modifications in Beacon Chain and Fork Choice logic.
- Introduction of a new "Payload Timeliness Committee (PTC)" which is renamed to "Availability Committee (AC)" in the new design
- A new role called builder or staked builder

Engine API: No changes needed.



- Separate consensus and execution validation of block
 - 9s to validate execution instead of 1-2s
 - 12-15s to validate DA instead of 1-2s, more time to produce kzg proofs
- Consensus block no longer carries execution
 - resulting in faster propagation & verification
- Consensus liveness no longer depends on execution results
- Any builder can set the floor of the auction through p2p market space









- At any given slot, the blockchain's head can be:
 - Skipped: Block is missing
 - Empty: Block is on-chain, execution payload is missing
 - Full: Both block and execution payload are included on-chain
- Initial Fork choice rule design
 - (block, slot) voting with new payload and withheld boosts



Prysm implementation highlights

(ss by terence)

- Fork into to ePBS epoch
- Operate under new slot intervals
- Validator self-build and propose consensus block / execution payload
- Get PTC duties and perform PTC duties
- Verify consensus block and execution payload at different cutoff
- Chain finalize under epbs epoch

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dataAvailabilityWaitedTime=0s deposits=0 epoch=6 finalizedEpoch=4
finalizedRoot=0xa332f926... justifiedEpoch=5
justifiedRoot=0x8ae59858... parentRoot=0xe5604191...
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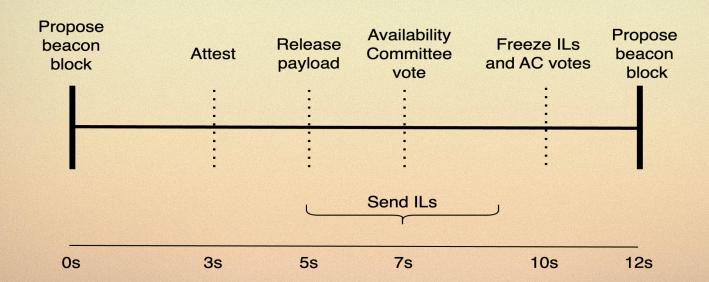


Future works

- Implement the new fork-choice design
- Hope that more clients start implementation for ePBS (teku has already started it)
- Update fork-choice consensus specs according to new design
- Spec tests
- Devnet testing



New fork-choice Design





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