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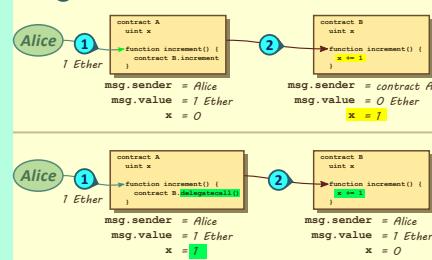
delegatecall

The `delegatecall()` method is a low level function similar to the `call()` method, and is used to call other contracts; when contract A executes a `delegatecall()` on contract B, the code inside the latter is ran inside the context of the former:

- `storage` - This would refer to contract A's storage
- `msg.sender` - This would refer to the caller who called contract A
- `msg.value` - This would be the value that was sent to contract A

Once you deploy a smart contract to the blockchain, you cannot change the code of that contract, however using `delegatecall()` you are able to upgrade the contract even though you are not able to change any of the code inside it

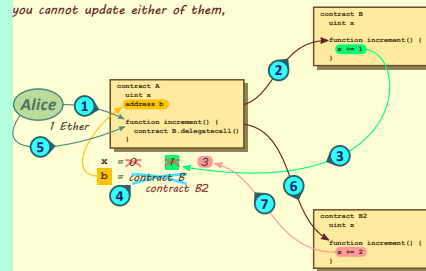
Suppose Alice calls the increment function in contract A and sends 1 Ether



When the code in contract B is executed, it does not change the state variable inside contract B, and the state variable `x` inside contract A (not inside contract B) is updated, this is because `delegatecall()` runs the code inside contract B using the storage `msg.sender` & storage `msg.value` of contract A

How is `delegatecall()` useful?

it lets you write upgradable contracts, in the example below, contract A and contract B are already uploaded to the blockchain so you cannot update either of them,



Delegatecall

A video discussing all of this material is available here: <https://youtu.be/Yh8UL7FzWAI>

This...

```
pragma solidity ^0.8.7;

contract A {
    uint public num;
    address public sender;
    uint public value;

    function setVar(address _contract, uint _num) public payable {
        (bool success, bytes memory data) = _contract.delegatecall(
            abi.encodeWithSignature("setVar(uint256)", _num)
        );
    }
}

contract B {
    uint public num;
    address public sender;
    uint public value;

    function setVar(uint _num) public payable {
        num = _num;
        sender = msg.sender;
        value = msg.value;
    }
}
```

DEPLOY & RUN TRANSACTIONS

Account: 0x5B...dC4
Value: 1 ether
Contract: A-B
Deploy
Deployed Contracts
A AT 0x5d...692 (MEMORY)
setVars 0x5e...ff5, 123
num 0x0256: 123
sender 0x address: 0x5B...dC4
value 0x uint256: 1000000...0000000
B AT 0x4...bee (MEMORY)
setVars

```
contract B2 {
    uint public num;
    address public sender;
    uint public value;

    function setVar(uint _num) public payable {
        num = 2 * _num;
        sender = msg.sender;
        value = msg.value;
    }
}
```

DEPLOY & RUN TRANSACTIONS

Account: 0x5B...dC4
Value: 2 ether
Contract: A-B
Deploy
Deployed Contracts
A AT 0x5d...692 (MEMORY)
setVars 0x5e...ff5, 123
num 0x0256: 246
sender 0x address: 0x5B...dC4
value 0x uint256: 2000000...0000000