

Blockchain 1.0

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Goal: How does Bitcoin work?

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Bitcoin Identity

Random strings as identity

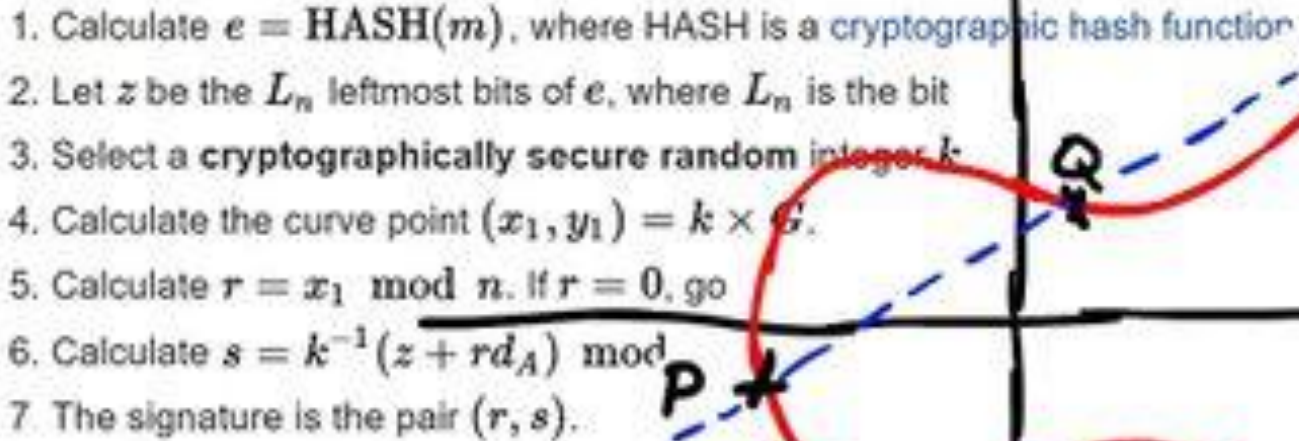
- **Private key**
 - **your password – keep it safe!!**
 - a **randomly generated** 256-bit number
 - 256 bits in hexadecimal is 32 bytes
 - or 64 characters in the range 0-9 or A-F
 - 979D57805279E6B5B2596918EEE1FB20D1FE0E832C4C261FF821D74DA9427027
 - or WIF compress to 52 characters in base58
 - L2JRtP5NMRXoCgeHuxsrWqDnQVpmHcmWDYRQeFgbT8hqnaq7pYe1

Bitcoin Identity

Random strings as identity

- **Public key**
 - **your username**
 - generated from private key using Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (**ECDSA**)
 - cannot find its private key given a public key
(cannot find the password given a username)
 - 512 bits + some formatting bits, or 65 bytes
 - compressed to 257 bits or 33 bytes
 - 66 characters in the range 0-9 or A-F
 - 03efde69707965d902643449e0e2029d3b44333c29b9711e5f385fa531c0ea7d33

ECDSA



$$(x_1, y_1) = k \times G$$

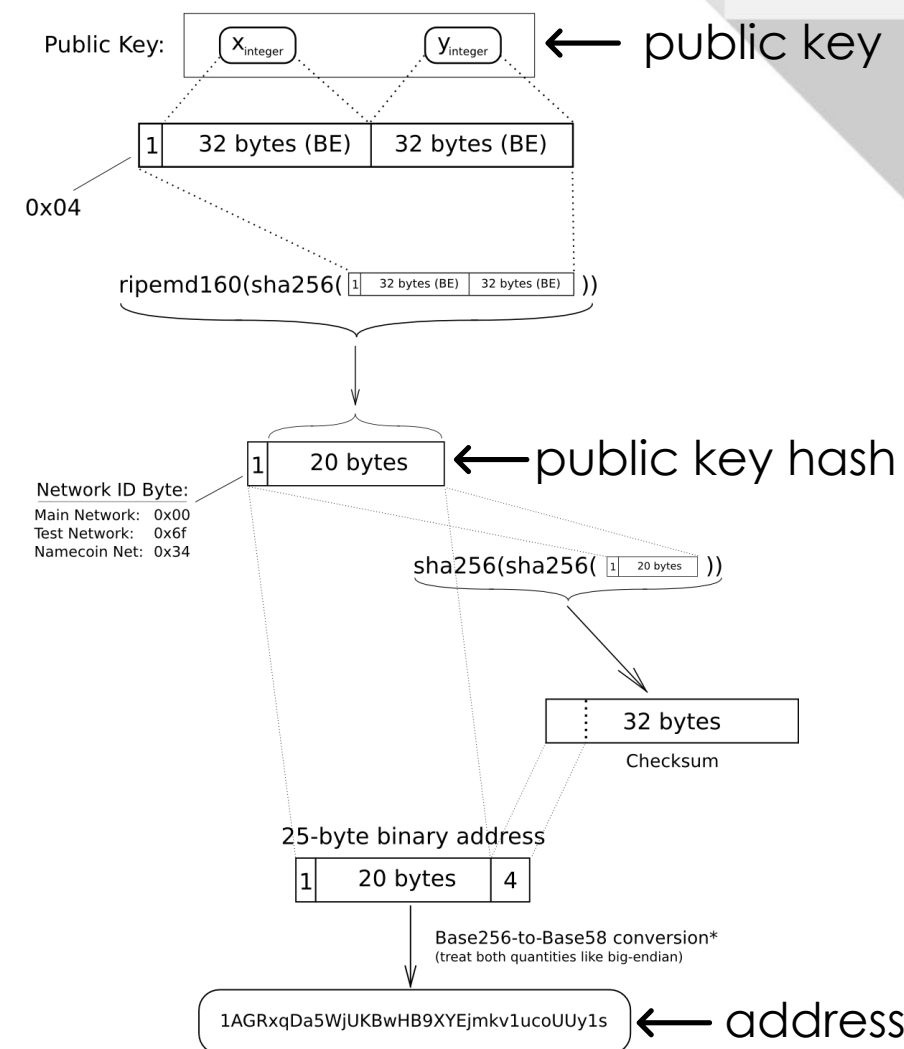
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Random strings as identity

- Address**

- **your user id**
- generated from public key
(public key -> public key hash -> address)
- 20 bytes
- 1FxyjVSqEaVtPcSv9z4qQoHGCdoFtjmfyp

Elliptic-Curve Public Key to BTC Address conversion

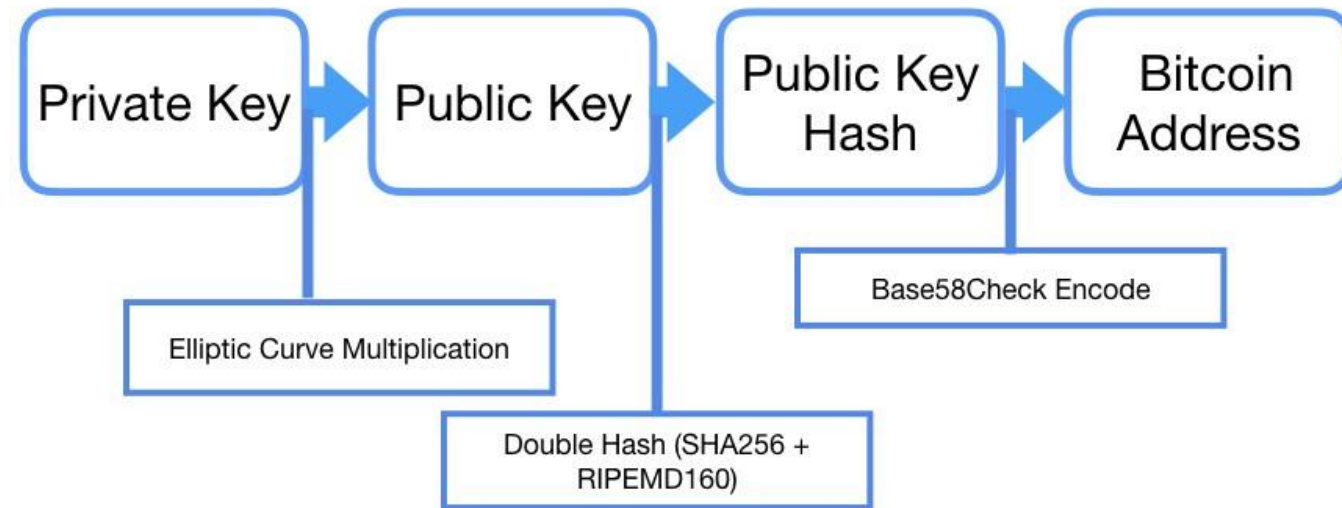


*In a standard base conversion, the 0x00 byte on the left would be irrelevant (like writing '052' instead of just '52'), but in the BTC network the left-most zero chars are carried through the conversion. So for every 0x00 byte on the left end of the binary address, we will attach one '1' character to the Base58 address. This is why main-network addresses all start with '1'

Bitcoin Identity

Random strings as identity

- **Private key** – **password**
 - to redeem
- **Public key** – **username**
 - to receive
- **Address** – **user id**
 - to be found

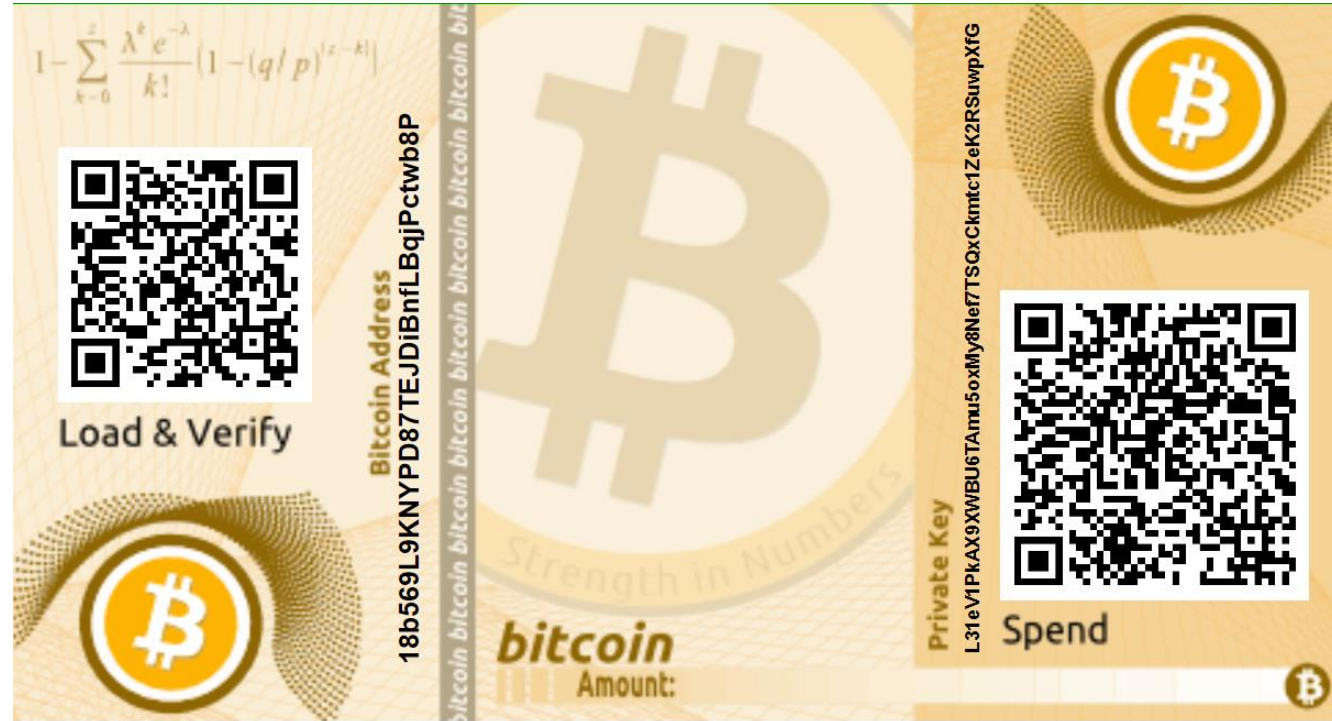


***wise advice:** use a new address for each transaction
== generate a new key pair each time

Bitcoin Identity

Keys Storage

- **Wallet** - holds the private key(s) that allows you to access your bitcoin address
- hot storage – online
 - mobile wallet
 - web wallet
- cold storage – offline
 - paper wallet
 - hardware wallet
 - brain wallet

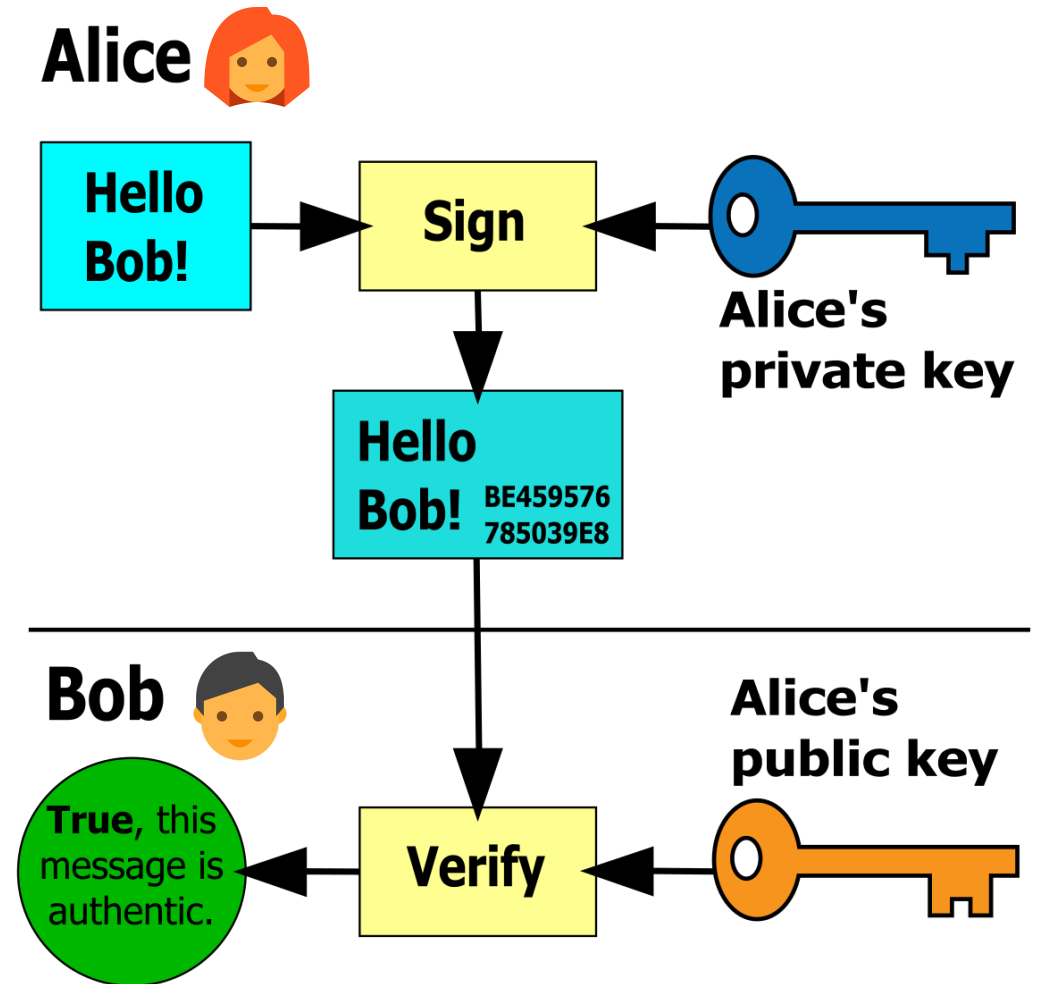


paper wallet

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Proving Identity

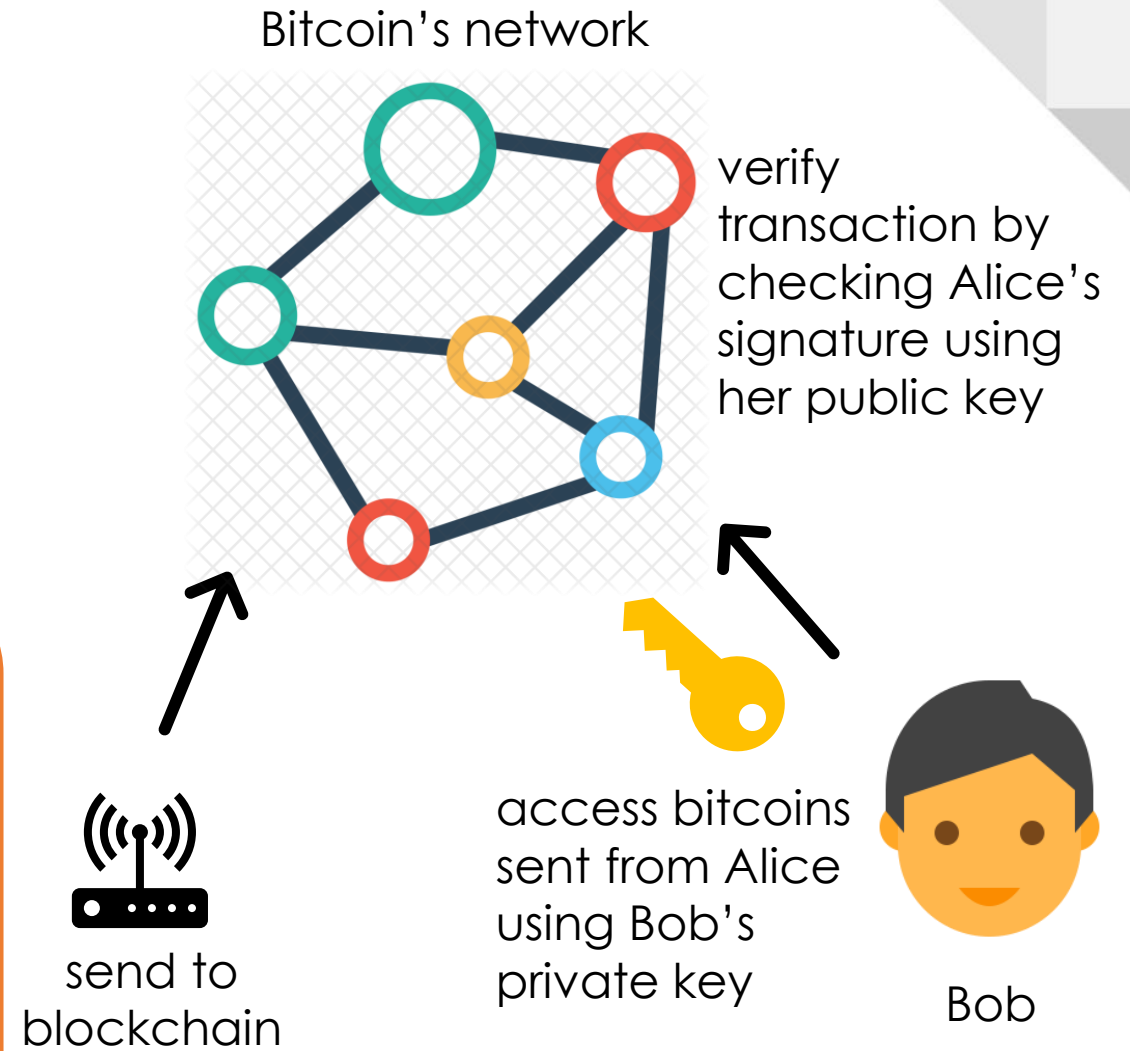
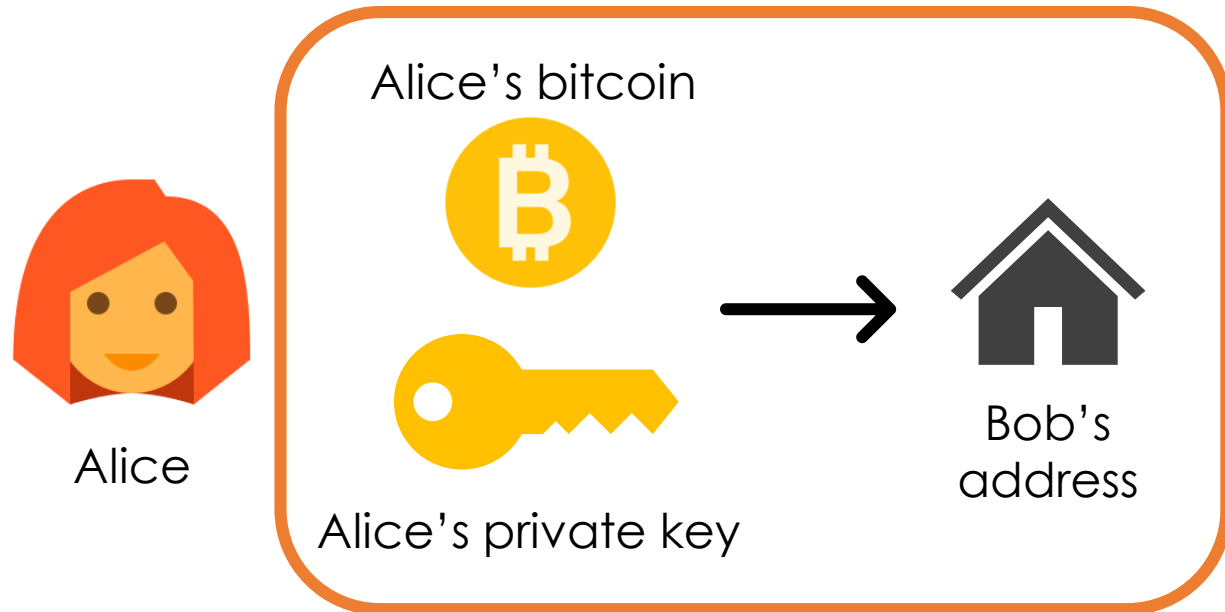
- **Digital Signature**
 - to generate:
private key + message
 - to verify:
public key + message
 - in **Bitcoin**:
message == transaction



Bitcoin Transaction

Example

- Alice sends a transaction to Bob



Bitcoin Transaction

UTXOs

- **Double-spending problem** – spending the same money more than once
 - the ultimate enemy of digital money
- **Bitcoin**'s solution: **UTXOs** (Unspent Transaction Outputs)
 - piggy banks (spend all or none)
 - contained data: value(amount) and owner's address
- **Bitcoin** is **NOT** account/balance based



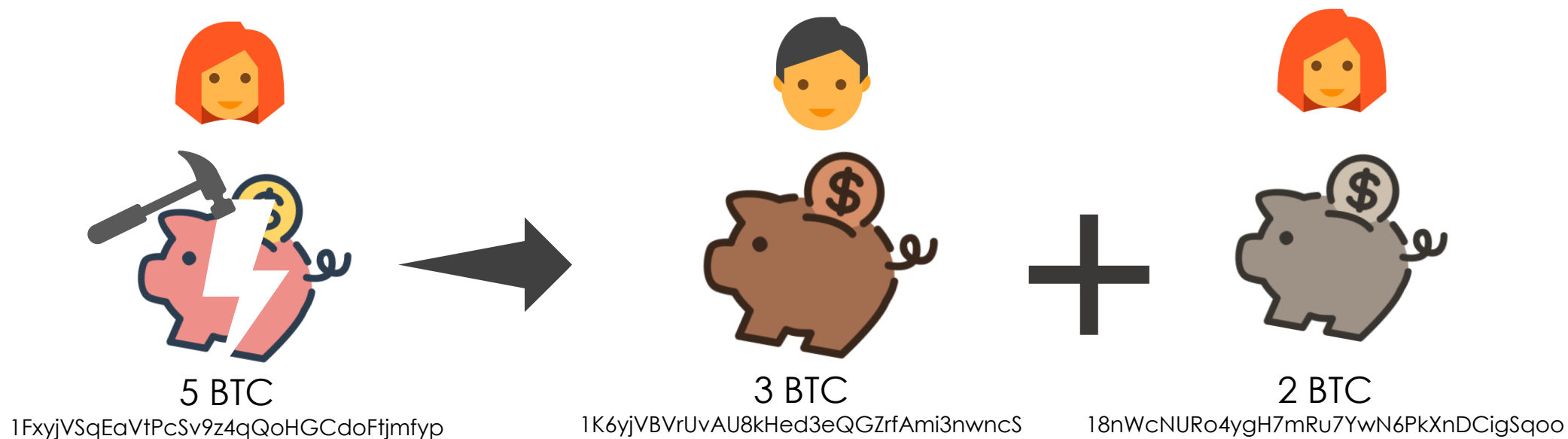
5 BTC

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Bitcoin Transaction

Behind the Scene – Spending UTXO

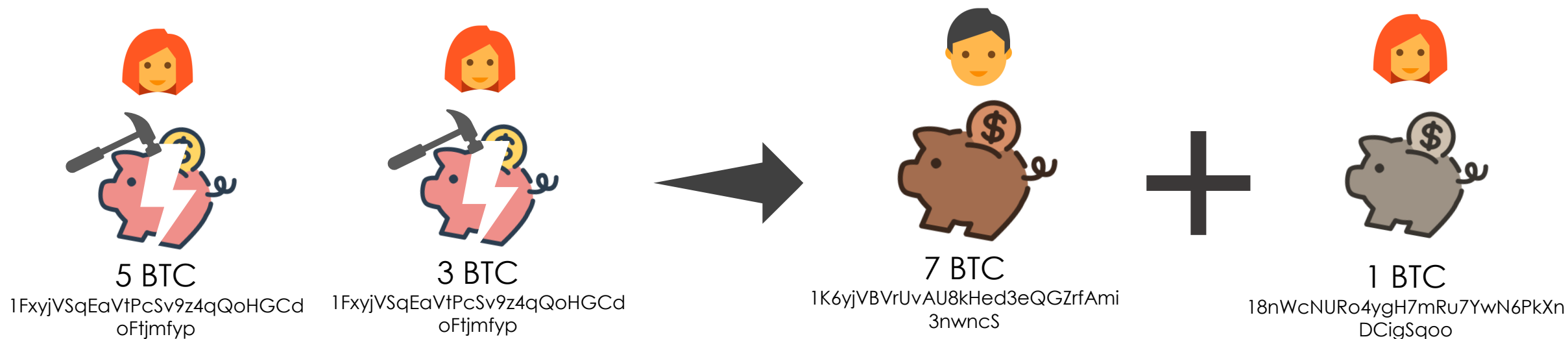
- example: Alice sending 3 BTC to Bob



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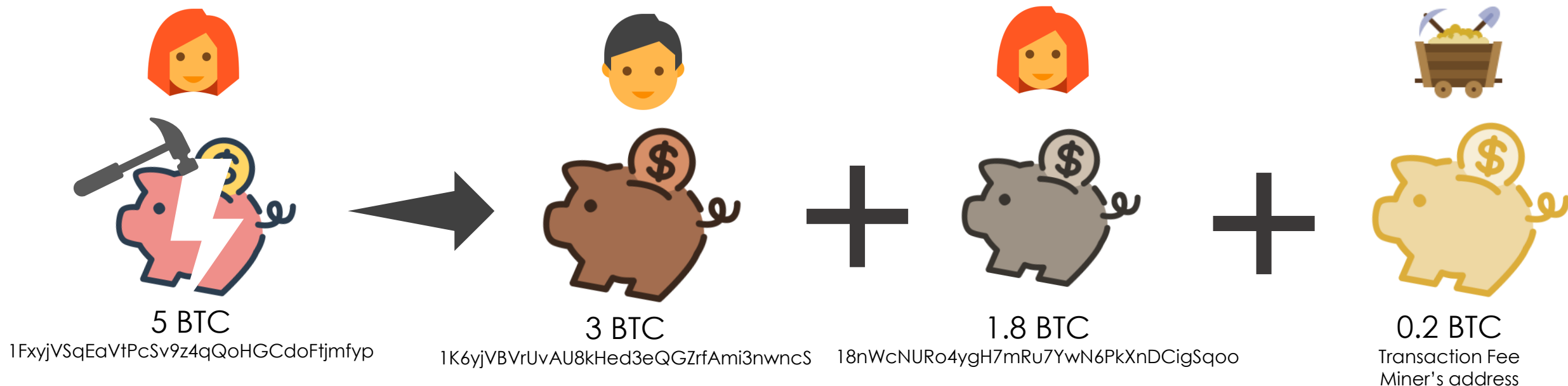
- example: Alice sending 7 BTC to Bob



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Behind the Scene – Spending UTXO

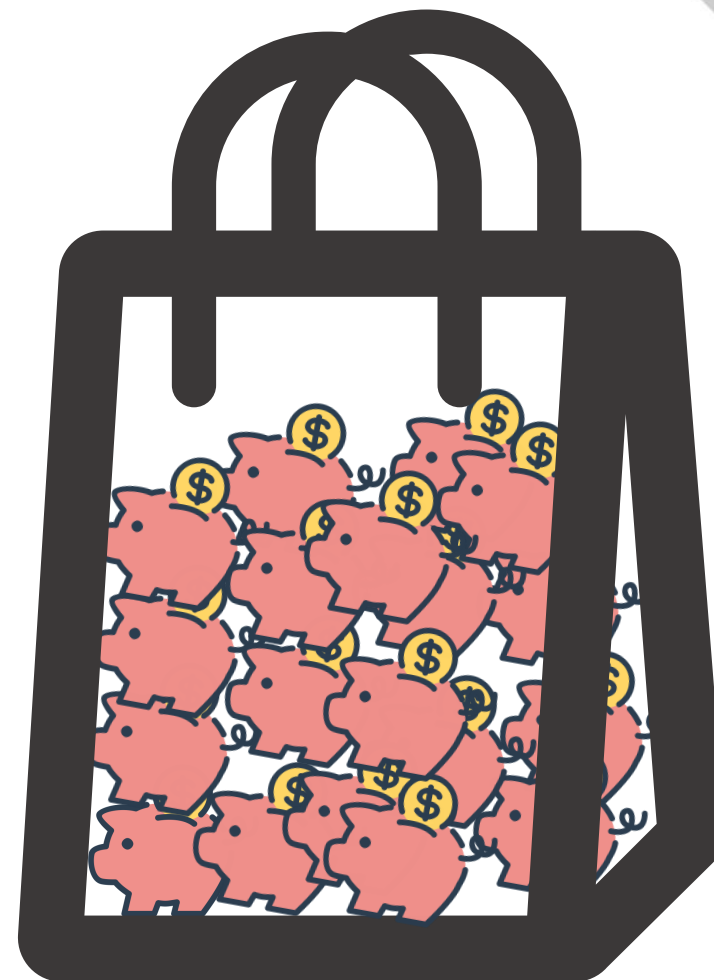
- example: Alice sending 3 BTC to Bob with transaction fee



Bitcoin Transaction

UTXO Pool

- A memory pool of all current **UTXOs**
 - used by **miners** to verify transactions (by checking the money you're spending belongs to you)



UTXO pool

Bitcoin Transaction

Transaction Pool

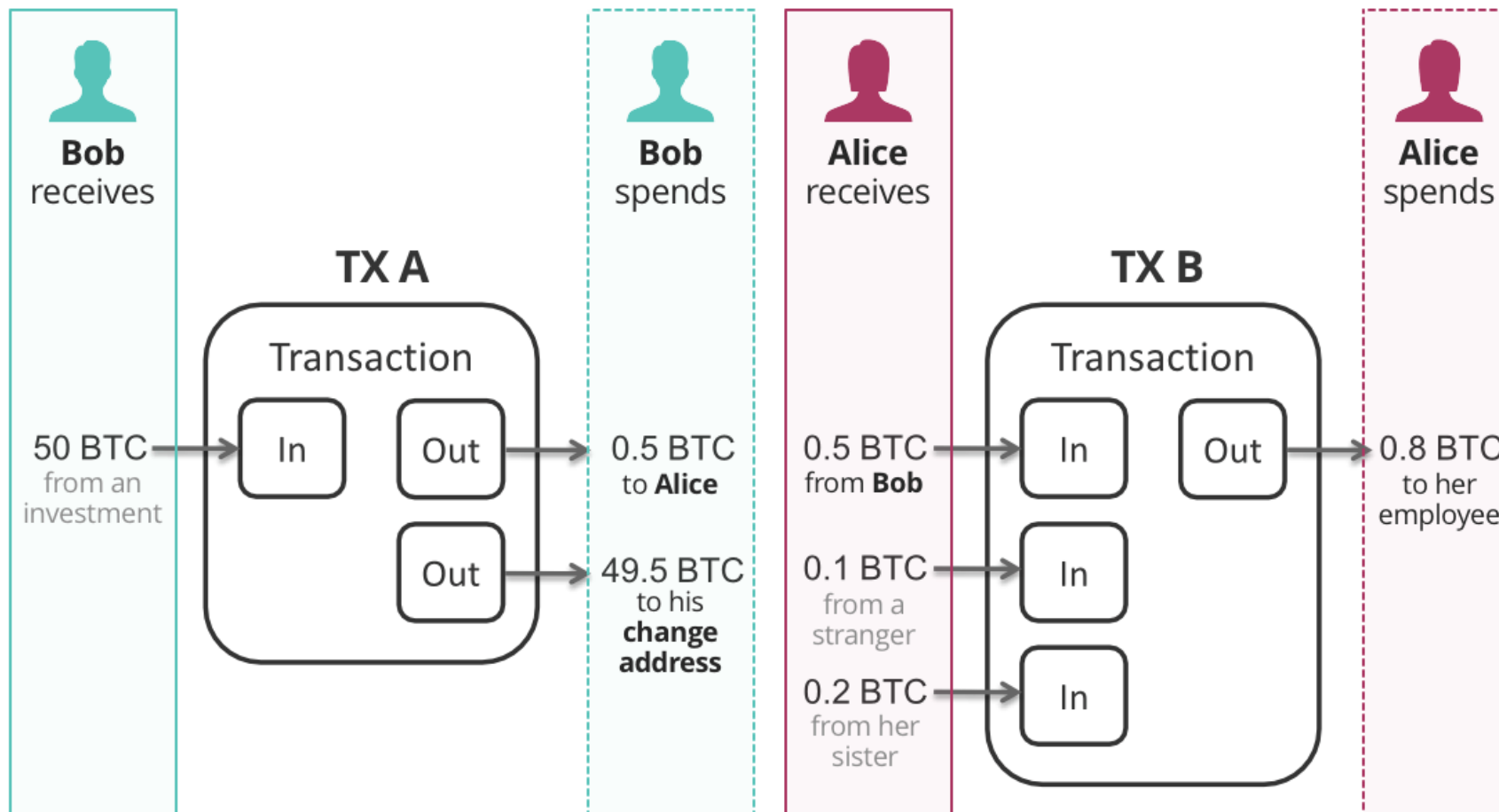
- A memory pool of all current **pending transactions**
 - used by **miners** to pick transactions to verify



Transaction pool

Bitcoin Transaction

Example



Bitcoin Transaction

Summary

Transaction Z:

I am [public key matching Bitcoin address Q].

I am spending the Bitcoins paid to me from transactions A, B, and C.

Pay N satoshis to address P and M satoshis to address Q. Whoever mines the block containing this transaction may keep the remainder as a tip.

Signed,

[Signature with public key mentioned above]

Bitcoin Transaction

Summary

Simple version:

If I want to send some of my **bitcoin** to you, I publish my intention and the nodes scan the entire bitcoin network to validate that I 1) have the bitcoin that I want to send, and 2) haven't already sent it to someone else. Once that information is confirmed, my transaction gets included in a "block" which gets attached to the previous block – hence the term "blockchain." Transactions can't be undone or tampered with, because it would mean re-doing all the blocks that came after.

Getting a bit more complicated:

My bitcoin wallet doesn't actually hold my bitcoin. What it does is hold my bitcoin address, which keeps a record of all of my transactions, and therefore of my balance. This address – a long string of 34 letters and numbers – is also known as my “public key.” I don't mind that the whole world can see this sequence. Each address/public key has a corresponding “private key” of 64 letters and numbers. This is private, and it's crucial that I keep it secret and safe. The two keys are related, but there's no way that you can figure out my private key from my public key.

That's important, because any transaction I issue from my bitcoin address needs to be “signed” with my private key. To do that, I put both my private key and the transaction details (how many bitcoins I want to send, and to whom) into the bitcoin software on my computer or smartphone.

With this information, the program spits out a digital signature, which gets sent out to the network for validation.

This transaction can be validated – that is, it can be confirmed that I own the bitcoin that I am transferring to you, and that I haven't already sent it to someone else – by plugging the signature and my *public* key (which everyone knows) into the bitcoin program. This is one of the genius parts of bitcoin: if the signature was made with the private key that corresponds to that public key, the program will validate the transaction, without knowing what the private key is. Very clever.

The network then confirms that I haven't previously spent the bitcoin by running through my address history, which it can do because it knows my address (= my public key), and because all transactions are public on the bitcoin ledger.

Even more complicated:

Once my transaction has been validated, it gets included into a “block,” along with a bunch of other transactions.

A brief detour to discuss what a “hash” is, because it’s important for the next paragraph: a hash is produced by a “hash function,” which is a complex math equation that reduces any amount of text or data to 64-character string. It’s not random – every time you put in that particular data set through the hash function, you’ll get the same 64-character string. But if you change so much as a comma, you’ll get a completely different 64-character string. This whole article could be reduced to a hash, and unless I change, remove or add anything to the text, the same hash can be produced again and again. This is a very effective way to tell if something has been changed, and is how the blockchain can confirm that a transaction has not been tampered with.

Back to our blocks: each block includes, as part of its data, a hash of the previous block. That’s what makes it part of a chain, hence the term “blockchain.” So, if one small part of the previous block was tampered with, the current block’s hash would have to change (remember that one tiny change in the input of the hash function changes the output). So if you want to change something in the previous block, you also have to change something (= the hash) in the current block, because the one that is currently included is no longer correct. That’s very hard to do, especially since by the time you’ve reached half way, there’s probably another block on top of the current one. You’d then *a/so* have to change that one. And so on.

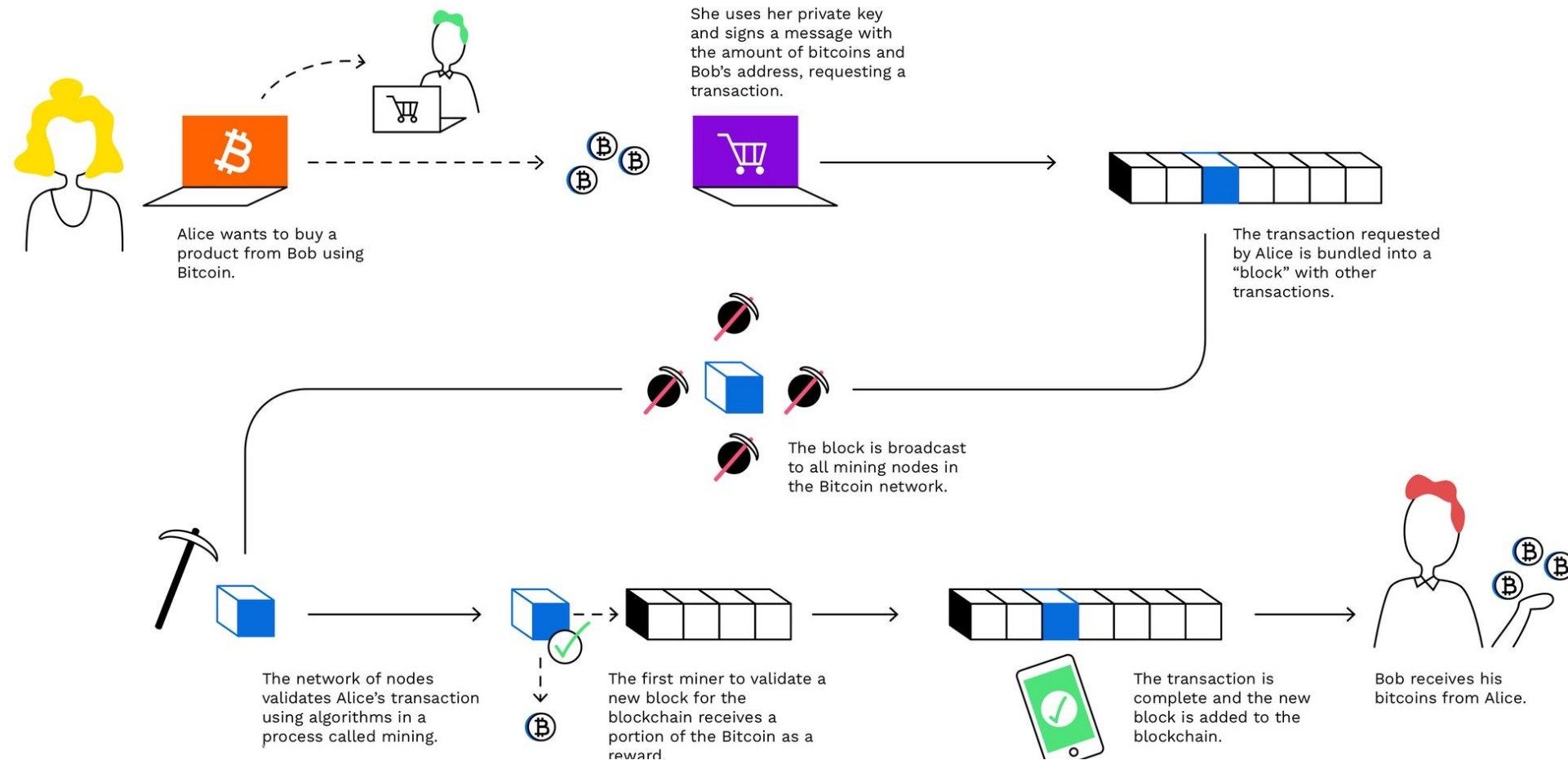
This is what makes Bitcoin virtually tamper-proof. I say virtually because it’s not impossible, just very very, very, very, very difficult and therefore unlikely.

Question: Who verify those transactions?

Answer: Miners

What is Bitcoin Mining?

How Bitcoin Transactions work



Bitcoin Decentralized Network

Miners & Mining

- **Miner** – people who do the work of mining
 - in theory, everyone could be a miner
- **Mining** – verifying transactions and put them into a new block, solve a puzzle, then publish this block to the blockchain
- Miners are in a **race** to compete who can publish a new block onto the blockchain first
- approx. every 10 minutes == a new block

Bitcoin Decentralized Network

Proof of Work (PoW) – solving a puzzle

- **Proof of work** – the process of solving a cryptographic puzzle
 - hard to solve, easy to verify
 - the only way to solve is by using brute force method
 - consumes a lot of energy
- **Bitcoin:**
 - Find a **nonce** (number only used once) such that the hash of the block results in certain amount of leading zeros
 - able to adjust mining difficulty by changing the number of leading zeros

Bitcoin Decentralized Network

Proof of Work (PoW) – example

Example

Let's say the base string that we are going to do work on is "Hello, world!". Our target is to find a variation of it that SHA-256 hashes to a value smaller than 2^{240} . We vary the string by adding an integer value to the end called a **nonce** and incrementing it each time, then interpreting the hash result as a long integer and checking whether it's smaller than the target 2^{240} . Finding a match for "Hello, world!" takes us 4251 tries.

```
"Hello, world!0" => 1312af178c253f84028d480a6adc1e25e81caa44c749ec81976192e2ec934c64 = 2^252.253458683
"Hello, world!1" => e9afc424b79e4f6ab42d99c81156d3a17228d6e1eef4139be78e948a9332a7d8 = 2^255.868431117
"Hello, world!2" => ae37343a357a8297591625e7134cbea22f5928be8ca2a32aa475cf05fd4266b7 = 2^255.444730341
...
"Hello, world!4248" => 6e110d98b388e77e9c6f042ac6b497cec46660deef75a55ebc7cfd65cc0b965 = 2^254.782233115
"Hello, world!4249" => c004190b822f1669cac8dc37e761cb73652e7832fb814565702245cf26ebb9e6 = 2^255.585082774
"Hello, world!4250" => 0000c3af42fc31103f1fdc0151fa747ff87349a4714df7cc52ea464e12dcd4e9 = 2^239.61238653
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Hash

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012fa9b916eb9078f8d98a7864e697ae83

0b9015ce2a08b61216ba5a0778545bf4d

Block: # 4

Nonce: 35990

Data: 

Prev: 0000b9015ce2a08b61216ba5a0778545bf4d

Hash: 0000ae8bbc96cf89c68be6e10a865cc47c6c4f

Mine

Block: # 5

Nonce: 56265

Data:

Prev: 0000ae8bbc96cf89c68be6e10a865cc47c6c4f

Hash: 0000e4b9052fd8aae92a8afda42e2ea0f17972

Mine

Evolution of Bitcoin Mining



2009

CPU

Users began mining bitcoin using only their central processing unit.

GPU

The first bitcoin block is mined using a graphics processing unit.

2010



2010

Mining Pools

Individual miners start to join together, increasing reward efficiency.

ASIC

The first commercial ASIC is released by Avalon.

2013



2014

Mining Farms

China's oldest Bitcoin farm opens in Ordos.

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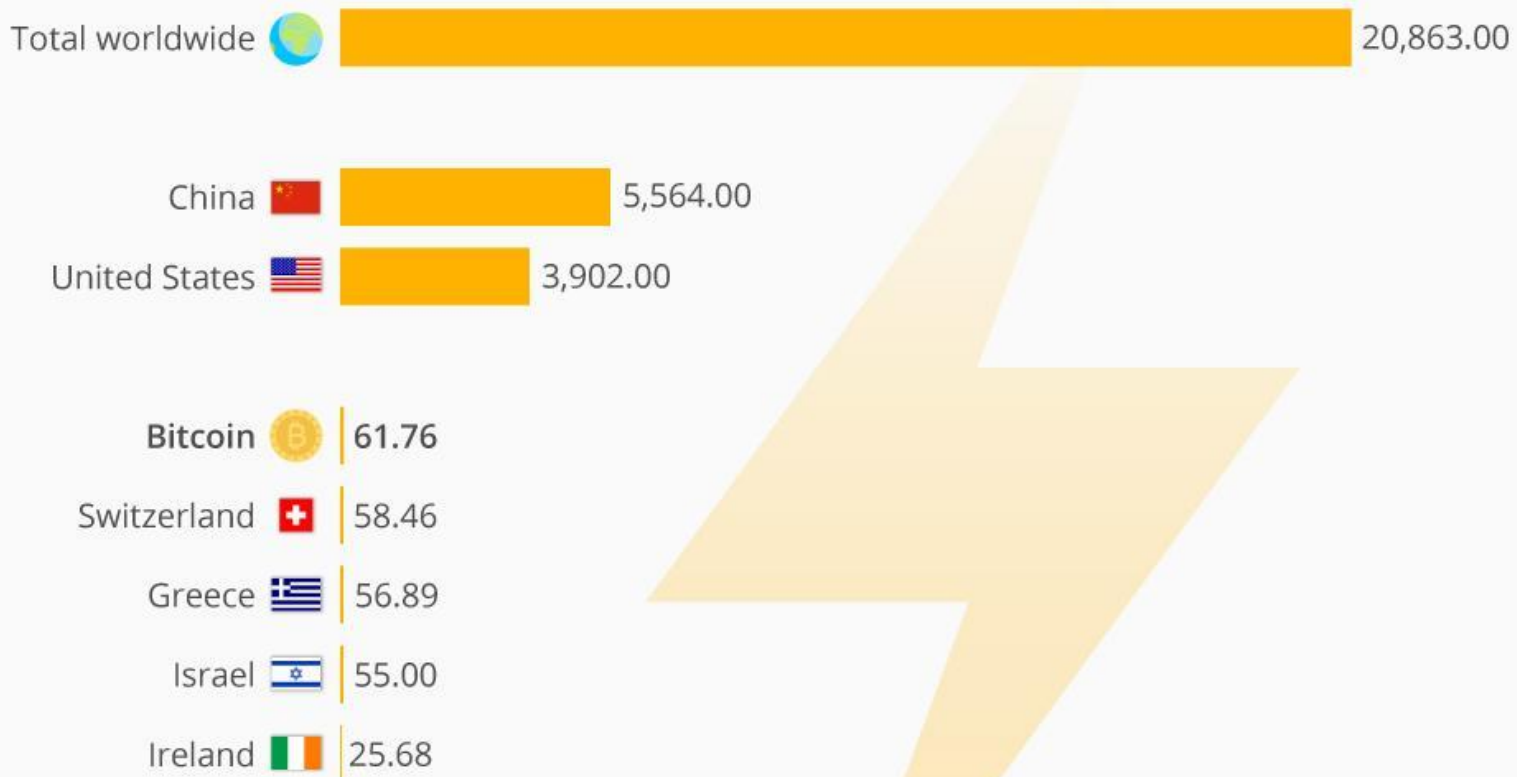
Mining Race & Evolution





Bitcoin Devours More Electricity Than Switzerland

Estimated annual electricity consumption in 2019 (terawatt-hours)



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Mining in Detail

- **Steps to mine a block:**
 1. Download the entire blockchain
 2. Verify transactions
 3. Put verified transactions into a block
 4. Find a valid nonce (solve the puzzle, aka PoW)
 5. Broadcast your block
 6. Profit!

Question: Why would people mine bitcoin?

Answer: Incentive!

Bitcoin Decentralized Network

Mining Incentive

- **Mining incentive**

- sometimes call the “**coinbase**” transaction
- the reward (in bitcoins) that miners get when they publish a new block
 - Bitcoin amount halving every 210,000 blocks (~ four years)
 - 2008/2009 -> 50 bitcoins
 - 2012 -> 25 bitcoins
 - 2016 -> 12.5 bitcoins
 - 2020 -> 6.25 bitcoins (most likely on May 12)
 - ...
- there're only **21 million** bitcoins that can be mined/created
- last bitcoin will be mined in **2140**

BITCOIN CLOCK

Block Halving ETA:

7 days

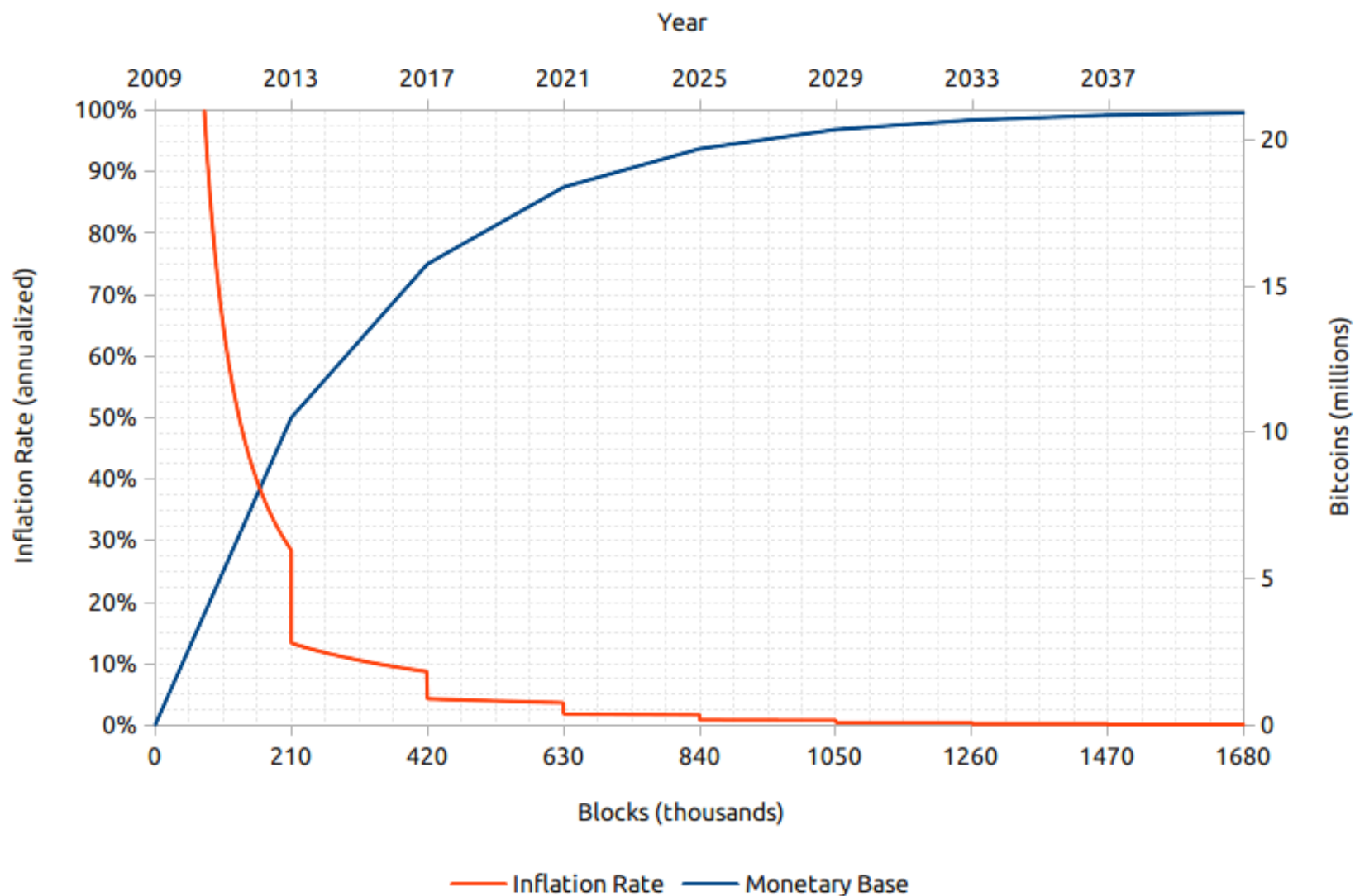
22 hours

57 minutes

Date ETA: **May 12, 2020**



Bitcoin Inflation vs. Time



Bitcoin 24h **\$8,883.12** +0.33%Ethereum 24h **\$204.66** -0.22%XRP 24h **\$0.216365** -0.72%Bitcoin Cash 24h **\$245.37** -0.02%

How Bitcoin Mining Works

Aug 20, 2013 at 20:59 UTC Jan 31, 2018 at 17:35 UTC

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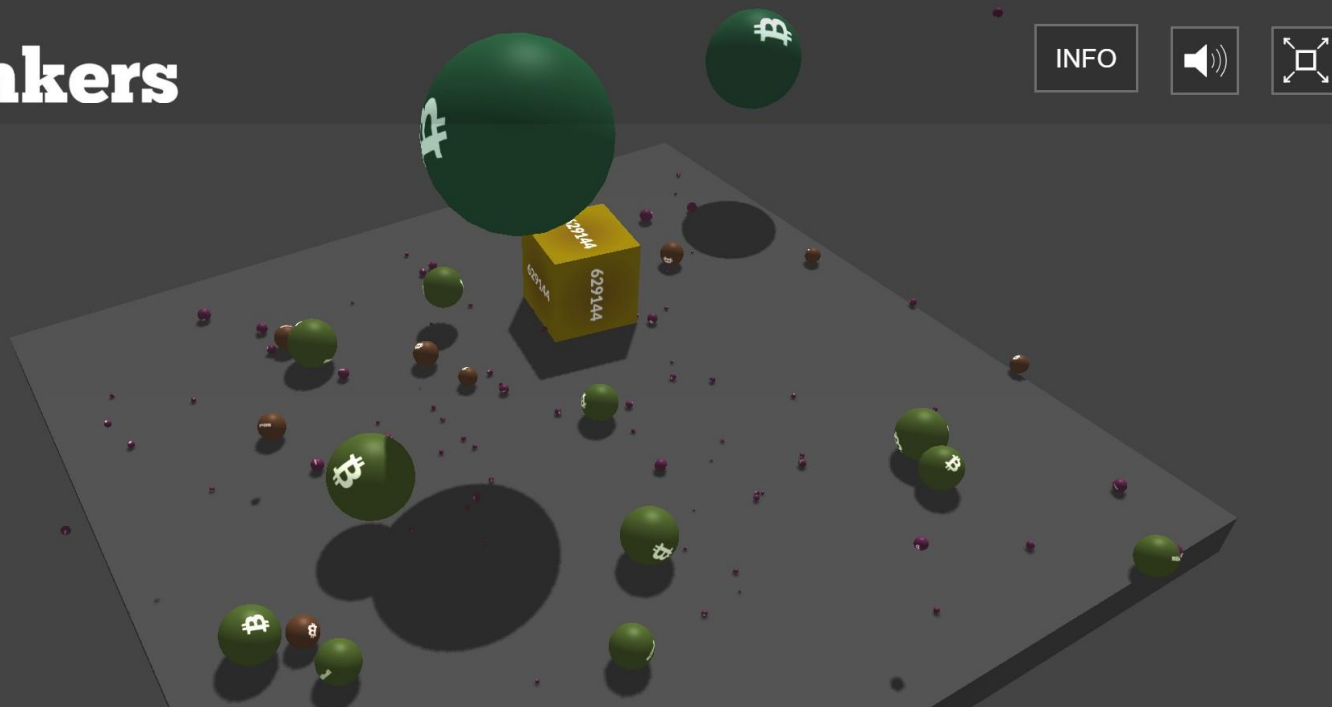
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INFO  

CLOSE

Block Hash

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Height 629144

Size 1085.549KB

Difficulty 16104807485529.383

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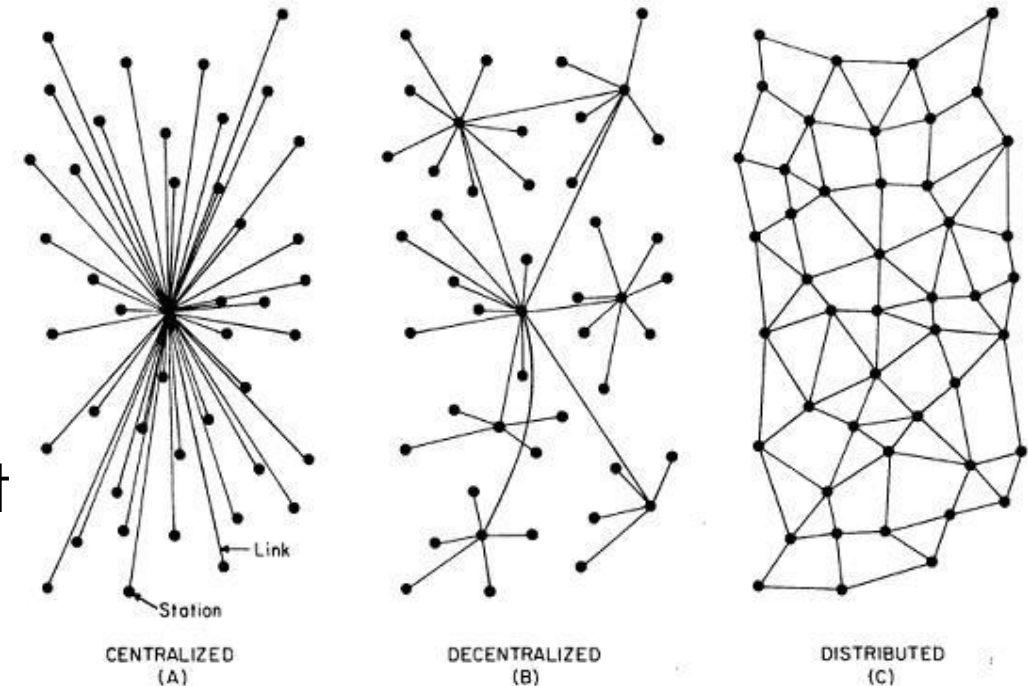
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Bitcoin Blockchain

Block & Chain

- **Bitcoin Blockchain ==**
 - Immutable Transaction Database
 - Decentralized Network
 - chain of blocks + chain of individual transactions
- **Core Value:**
 - an immutable ledger of data without relying on a central authority
 - digital asset with real value
 - digital currency without boundary





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Thank you for listening!
See you again soon!





Questions?

More Resources

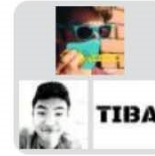
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Bitcoin Giveaway!!

Thank you for joining!

- **Steps:**
 1. Join the group chat
 2. Install a wallet
 3. Post your bitcoin address in the chat
 4. Enjoy your bitcoins!

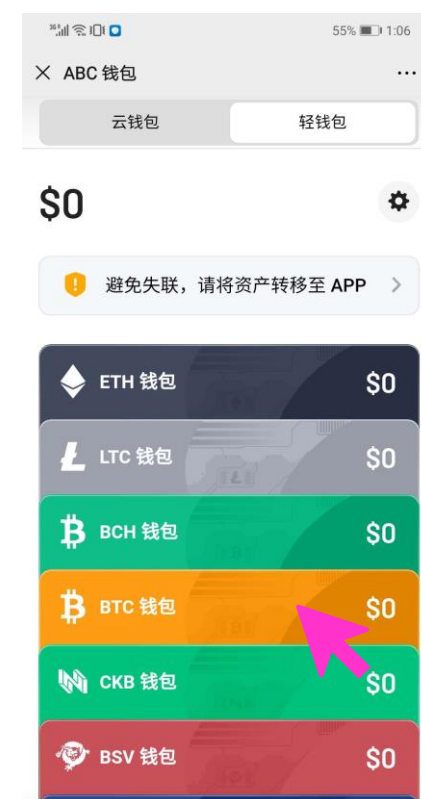


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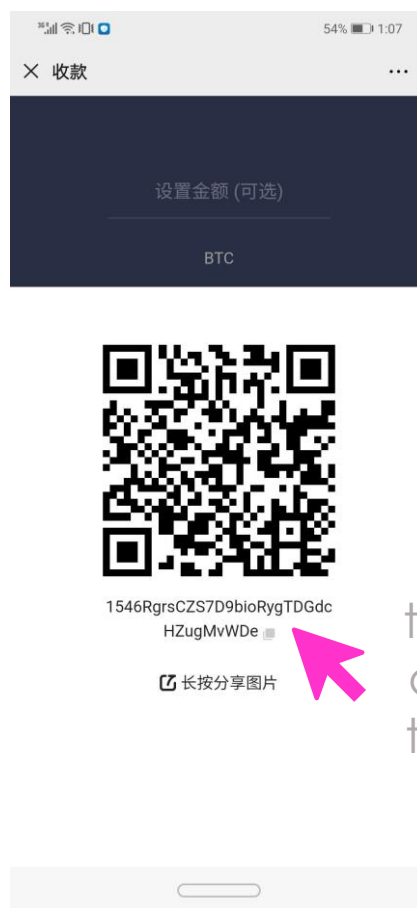
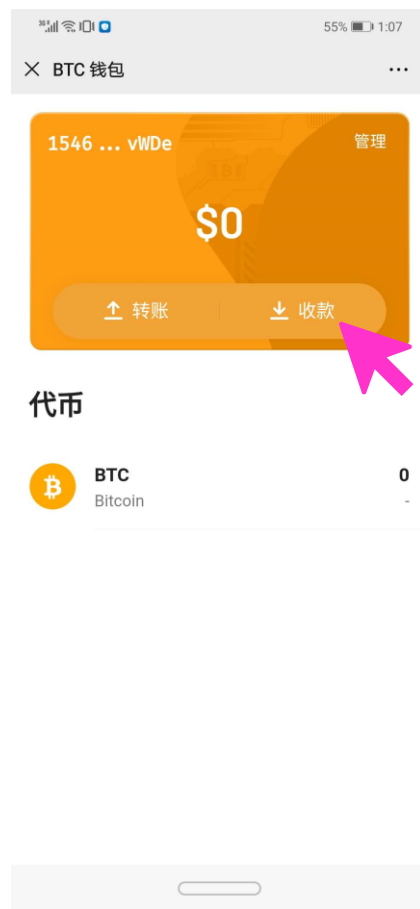
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Installing Wallet



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Installing Wallet



that's your bitcoin address, send this to the group chat



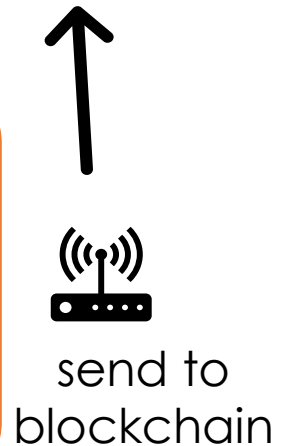
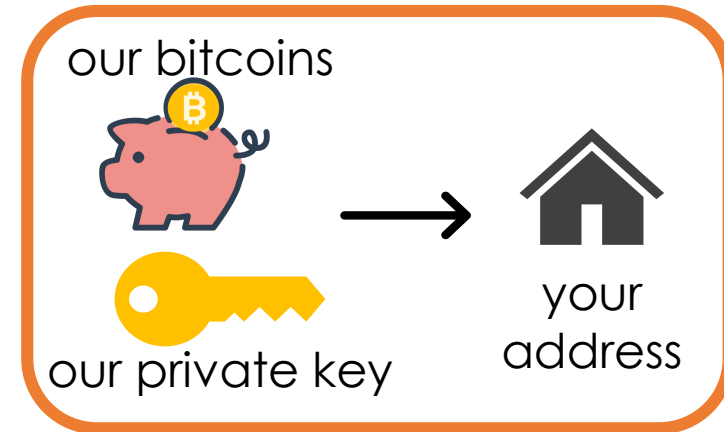
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Behind the scene

"let me buy some
pizza with my
bitcoins!"



TIBA
"ok, here's
the proof
that I own
these
bitcoins"



"hold on, let me
verify first..."

