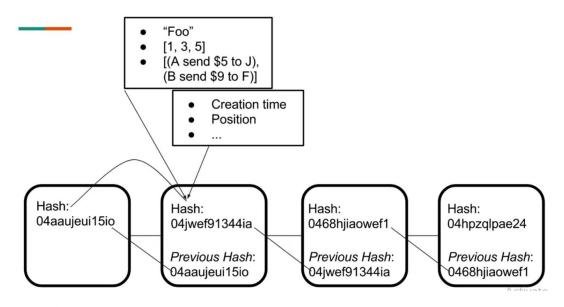
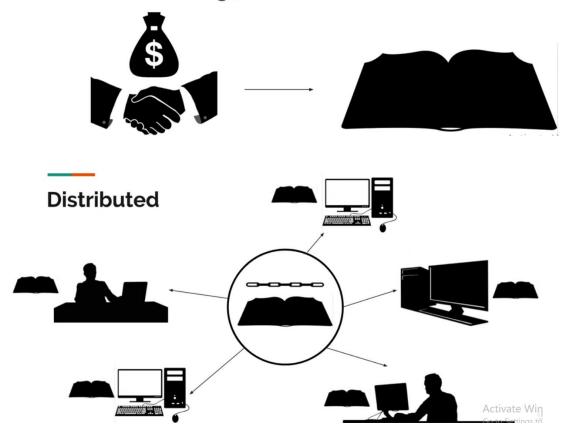
What is the Blockchain and Why Use it:



Ledger

A ledger is a record-keeping book that stores all the transactions of an organization.



Centralized

Decentralized

- One entity records the data.
- Everyone records the data.
- The central entity has a lot of power. Everyone has equal power.
- Full authority to fine or reward.
- Fair and transparent system.
- Complete trust with the entity.
- Trustless.

Why use the Blockchain?

- Decentralization leads to a trustless system.
- No middle men and no fees.
- Highly secure and no central point of failure.
- Dependable data.

Blockchain

The blockchain is a distributed and decentralized ledger that stores data such as transactions, and that is publicly shared across all the nodes of its network.

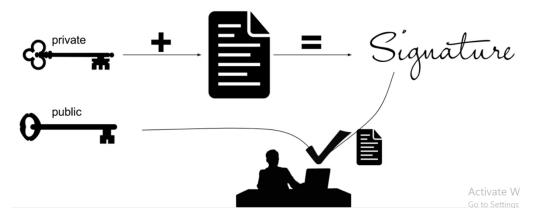


The Blockchain in Practice Cryptocurrencies and Cryptography:

Leverages the blockchain

- How is this secure?
- Uses cryptography to generate digital signatures.

Digital Signatures



Wallets

- Objects that store the private and public key of an individual.
- The public key is the address of the wallet.
- Help sign transations.

The Blockchain in Practice Mining and Bitcoin:

Mining

- Transactions are temporarily "unconfirmed."
- Include blocks of transactions by solving a "proof of work" algorithm.
 - Difficult to solve, and computationally expensive.
 - Once solved, the miner can add the block and other miners will verify.
 - Miners are rewarded for adding a block to the chain.
 - The difficulty can adjust to control the rate of new blocks coming in.

Bitcoin

- The first decentralized cryptocurrency in 2009.
- Great growth, and widespread adoption \$\$\$





Additional Use Cases







- Blockchain-supported documentation and identification systems.
- "Will this really change the world?"



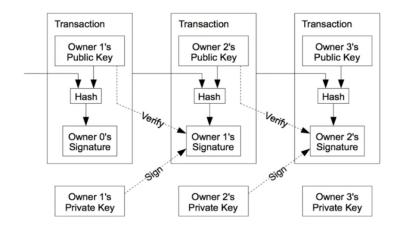
Roadmap to Building the Blockchain Guided by the Bitcoin White Paper:

bitcoin.pdf

- Published on October 31st, 2008.
- White paper is an official document outlining proposals on an issue.
- Satashi Nakamoto

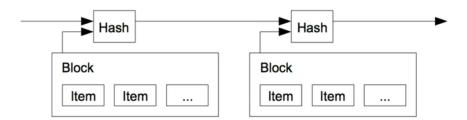


2. Transactions



3. Timestamp Server

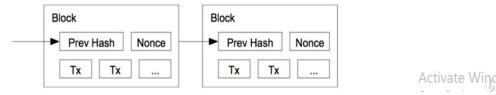
• Timestamps order blocks in the chain.



4. Proof-of-Work

To implement a distributed timestamp server on a peer-to-peer basis, we will need to use a proof-of-work system similar to Adam Back's Hashcash [6], rather than newspaper or Usenet posts. The proof-of-work involves scanning for a value that when hashed, such as with SHA-256, the hash begins with a number of zero bits. The average work required is exponential in the number of zero bits required and can be verified by executing a single hash.

For our timestamp network, we implement the proof-of-work by incrementing a nonce in the block until a value is found that gives the block's hash the required zero bits. Once the CPU effort has been expended to make it satisfy the proof-of-work, the block cannot be changed without redoing the work. As later blocks are chained after it, the work to change the block would include redoing all the blocks after it.



- 5. Network
- 6. Incentive
- 7. Reclaiming Disk Space
- 8. Simplified Payment Verification
- 9. Combining and Splitting Value
- 10. Privacy
- 11. Calculations