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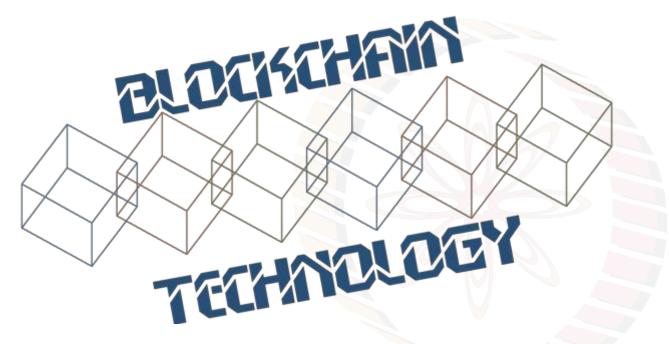
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BLOCKCHAIN FOR ENTERPRISE - OVERVIEW

Blockchain Defined



Blockchain is a design pattern made famous by its use in Bitcoin. But its uses go far beyond.



Blockchain can reimagine the world's most fundamental business interactions and open the door to invent new styles of digital interactions.

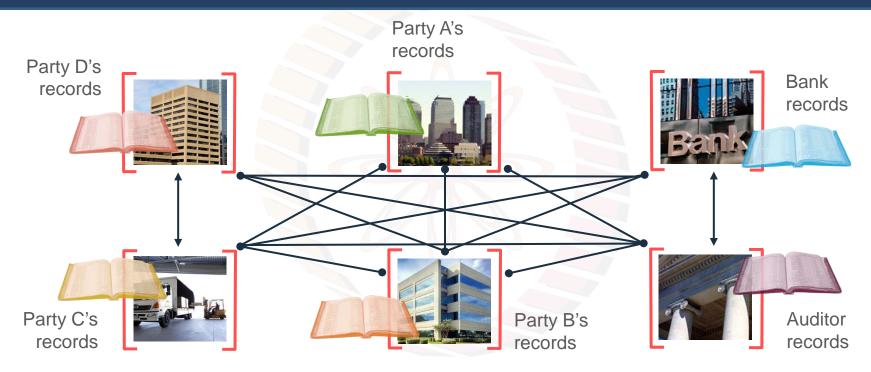
Total Blockchain Opportunity



Total Bitcoin Opportunity

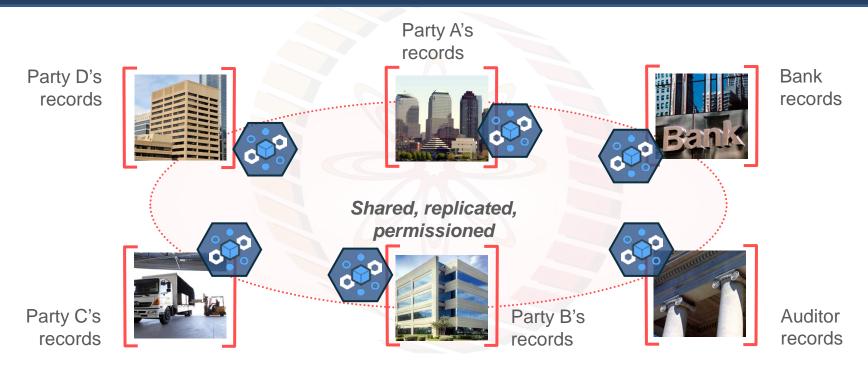
Enterprises are adopting Blockchain to a very broad range of business applications

Problem: Difficult to Track Asset Transfers in a Business Network



... Inefficient, expensive, vulnerable

Solution... Shared, Replicated, Permissioned Ledger



... Consensus, provenance, immutability, finality

Key Concepts and Benefits of Blockchain for Business

Append-only distributed system of record shared across business network

Shared Ledger`

Security

Ensuring appropriate visibility; transactions are secure, authenticated & verifiable

Business terms embedded in transaction database & executed with transactions

Smart Contracts

Consensus

All parties agree to network verified transaction

Reduces Time



Transaction time from days to near instantaneous

Removes Cost



Overheads and cost intermediaries

Reduces Risk



Tampering, fraud & cyber crime

Enables New Business Models



IoT Integration into supply chain

Degree of Centralization



Censorship-resistant
Scale to large number of nodes
One global blockchain

Privacy

Scale in transaction throughput

Many interacting blockchains

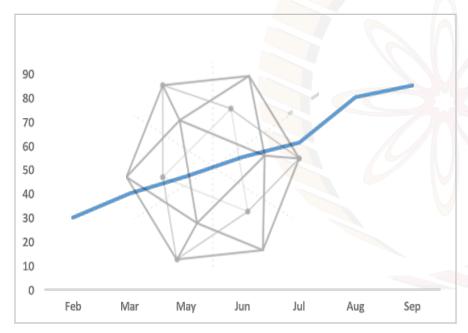
Figure source: "Distributed Ledger Technology: Beyond Blockchain", A report by UK Govt Chief Scientific Adviser

Permission-less vs Permissioned Blockchains

	Permission-less	Permissioned
Access	Open read/write access to database	Permissioned read/write access to database
Scale	Scale to a large number of nodes, but not in transaction throughput	Scale in terms of transaction throughput, but not to a large number of nodes
Consensus	Proof of work/ proof of stake	Closed membership consensus algorithms
Identity	Anonymous/pseudonymous	Identities of nodes are known, but transaction identities can be private/anonymous/pseudonymous
Asset	Native assets	Any asset/data/state

The Linux Foundation Hyperledger Project

A collaborative effort created to advance blockchain technology by identifying and addressing important features for a cross-industry open standard for distributed ledgers that can transform the way business transactions are conducted globally.



www.hyperledger.org

220+ Members, 260% Growth in 11 months; 10 projects

Hyperledger Members

Source: https://www.hyperledger.org/members

Updated: 1 March 2018

Premier



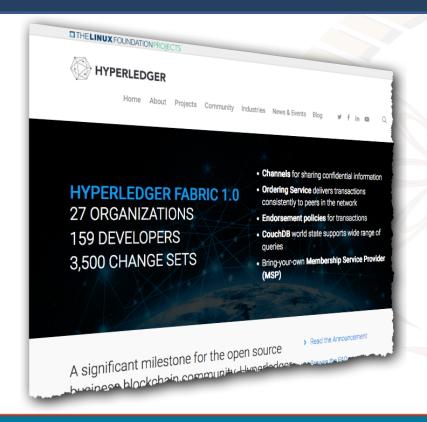
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Hyperledger Fabric: Distributed ledger platform



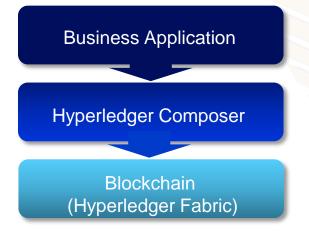
- An implementation of blockchain technology that is a foundation for developing blockchain applications
- Emphasis on ledger, smart contracts, consensus, confidentiality, resiliency and scalability.
- V1.0 released July 2017
 - 159 developers from 27 organizations
 - IBM is one contributor of code, IP and development effort to Hyperledger Fabric

http://hyperledger-fabric.readthedocs.io/

Hyperledger Composer: Accelerating Time to Value

https://hyperledger.github.io/composer

- A suite of high level application abstractions for business networks
- Emphasis on business-centric vocabulary for quick solution creation
- Reduce risk, and increase understanding and flexibility



- Features
 - Model your business networks, test and expose via APIs
 - Applications invoke transactions to interact with business network
 - Integrate existing systems of record
- Fully open and part of Linux Foundation Hyperledger
- Try it in your web browser now: http://composer-playground.mybluemix.net/

Fun Reading

- What is the difference between Bitcoin and Blockchain (3 mins): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKwa-BqnJDg
- Smart contracts, 1994 article by Nick Szabo:
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- Hyperledger resources page: https://www.hyperledger.org/resources
- Hyperledger publications: https://www.hyperledger.org/resources/publications
- Keynote talk by Brian Behlendorf, Executive Director of Hyperledger Project at LinuxCon 2017 (21 mins): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pr4Hb0jb0lo

