



# Unstoppable Money

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Tries to conserve network, disk space and RAM and only use it for mission critical stuff.

Adding anything non-financial can cause friction  
Showing earlier attempts, then suggested approach (client side validation + pay to contract)

In particular: list of coins (UTXO set) is ideally kept in RAM, to quickly check new blocks, earlier schemes didn't account for this



Nelson Mandela (1918-2013)

"I am fundamentally an optimist. Whether that comes from nature or nurture, I cannot say. Part of being optimistic is keeping one's head pointed toward the sun, one's feet moving forward. There were many dark moments when my faith in humanity was sorely tested, but I would not and could not give myself up to despair. That way lies defeat and death."  
"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

"Difficulties break some men but make others. No axe is sharp enough to cut the soul of a sinner who keeps on trying,

The data is stored in the blockchain by encoding hex values into the addresses. Below is an excerpt of one of the [transactions](#) storing the Mandela information. In this transaction, tiny amounts of bitcoins are being sent to fake addresses such as [15gHNr4TCKmhHDEG31L2XFNvpnEcnPSQvd](#). This address is stored in the [blockchain](#) as hex [334E656C736F6E2D4D616E64656C612E6A70673F](#). If you convert those hex bytes to Unicode, you get the string [3Nelson-Mandela.jpg?](#), representing the image filename. Similarly, the following addresses encode the data for the image. Thus, text, images, and other content can be stored in Bitcoin by using the right fake addresses.

16LseQUKmhA1XUq39QmxNg9c1bPQq6Jxh (0.157245 BTC - Output)

1AFZvfAuA5Pv3RTw679GVYbAzykZqm3Ys2 - (Unspent)	0.000055 BTC
1AcHQwytpRKkX71DQasUk5TMw6qNED2Yqw - (Unspent)	0.000055 BTC
15gHNr4TCKmhHDEG31L2XFNvpnEcnPSQvd - (Unspent)	0.000055 BTC
15VAeb5KsRqbyNWWp7WHSACuVQahe5ngS7 - (Unspent)	0.000055 BTC
112CuyPHVEi3zyHV/BzP3poagnvYUmYZ - (Unspent)	0.000055 BTC
1A8gy9ETeGkS1hea2crNp1oJ7fcRMuK8 - (Unspent)	0.000055 BTC
17mkD8JSfeVDx11ZumnEuKo6wVNW9mhipU - (Unspent)	0.000055 BTC

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€0.20 per 20 bytes -> €10 / kb, but  
that's paying 26 sat / byte. With  
low fees: ~€0.40 per kb.

Bitcoin doesn't know Mandela.  
Addresses look real, someone  
could spend them any moment.  
Probably not, but can't take the risk.

# Spammers gonna spam

Relay OP\_RETURN data TxOut as standard transaction type.  
#2738

Merged gavinandresen merged 1 commit into bitcoin:master from jgarzik:op\_return on 22 Oct 2013

Conversation 45

Commits 1

Checks 0

Files changed 5



jgarzik commented on 4 Jun 2013

Contributor + ...

Add new standard transaction type, that permits small amount of data to be attached to a transaction, in the form of an additional TxOut that is provably prunable.

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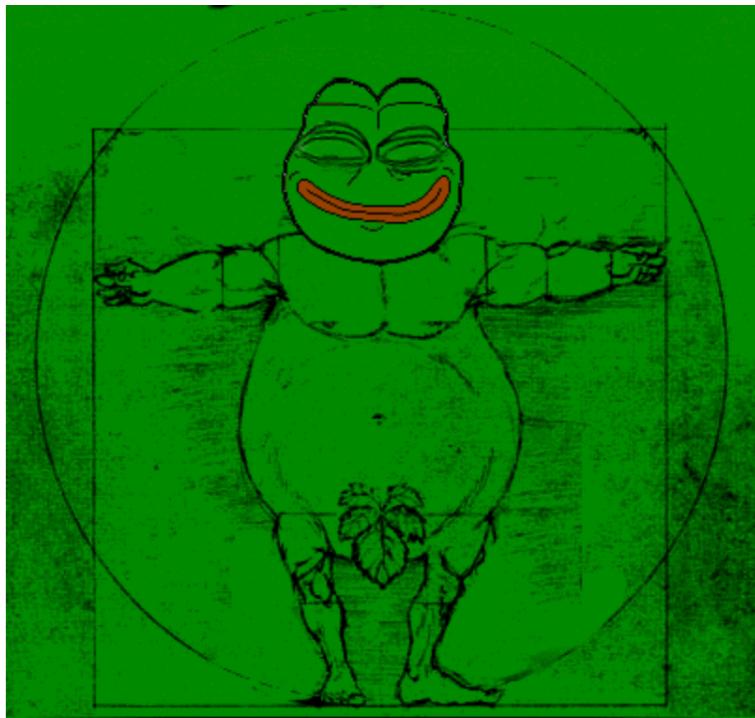
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introduced in 2013

permit: this method was not practical before, unless you knew a miner

provably prunable: download, process, discard

I'll save you the analogy Luke-Jr used



RPEPEGOLDENR Asset Information		Description				
Asset Name	RPEPEGOLDENR	RPEPEGOLDENR				
DEX Trade Price	Market Cap	Total Supply	Divisible	Locked		
000000 XCP (\$4.04)	\$1,270.09	314	False	True		
Issuer		SGbbcWHV8Xy17E9ZyEGW2nKsdRWwmNU				
Asset Reputation						
Current Rating	Last 30 Days	6 months ago	1 Year ago			
★★★★★ NA	★★★★★ NA	★★★★★ NA	★★★★★ NA			
<a href="#">Additional Information</a>	<a href="#">Dividends</a>	<a href="#">Holders</a>	<a href="#">Issuances</a>	<a href="#">Markets</a>		
<a href="#">Orders</a>	<a href="#">Sends</a>	<a href="#">Subassets</a>	<a href="#">Unconfirmed</a>			
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				2 results		
Block	Time	Asset	Quantity	Locked	Transfer	Fee
434,311	2 years ago	(R) RPEPEGOLDENR	0	True	False	0.0000000 XCP
434,225	2 years ago	(R) RPEPEGOLDENR	314	False	False	0.5000000 XCP

Inputs: Outputs:

Time	Value (BTC)	Value (USD)	Address	#
👉 2016-10-13 20:16	0.00147150	0.94	15DSGbbcWHV8Xy17E9ZyEGW2nKsdRWwmNU	0

#	Address	Value (USD)	Value (BTC)	Times
0	OP_RETURN d-7f4e736187e4d4279c5ee0ad24c85dd6	0.00	0.00000000	Unspent
	OP_RETURN: j3ay 99e9;9jE9oA999&#x27;9999C9999XG99q9990wG99			10-13 23:43 👉

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# Bitcoin nodes don't know what Rare Pepe is, but they can forget the OP\_RETURN transaction.

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High fees, block size wars,  
people went to other chains

Fair question: what is the right  
size for OP\_RETURN?

Answer: make it cheaper than the  
alternatives, but not too cheap

# A New Blockchain Project Is Generating 20% Of Daily Bitcoin Transactions



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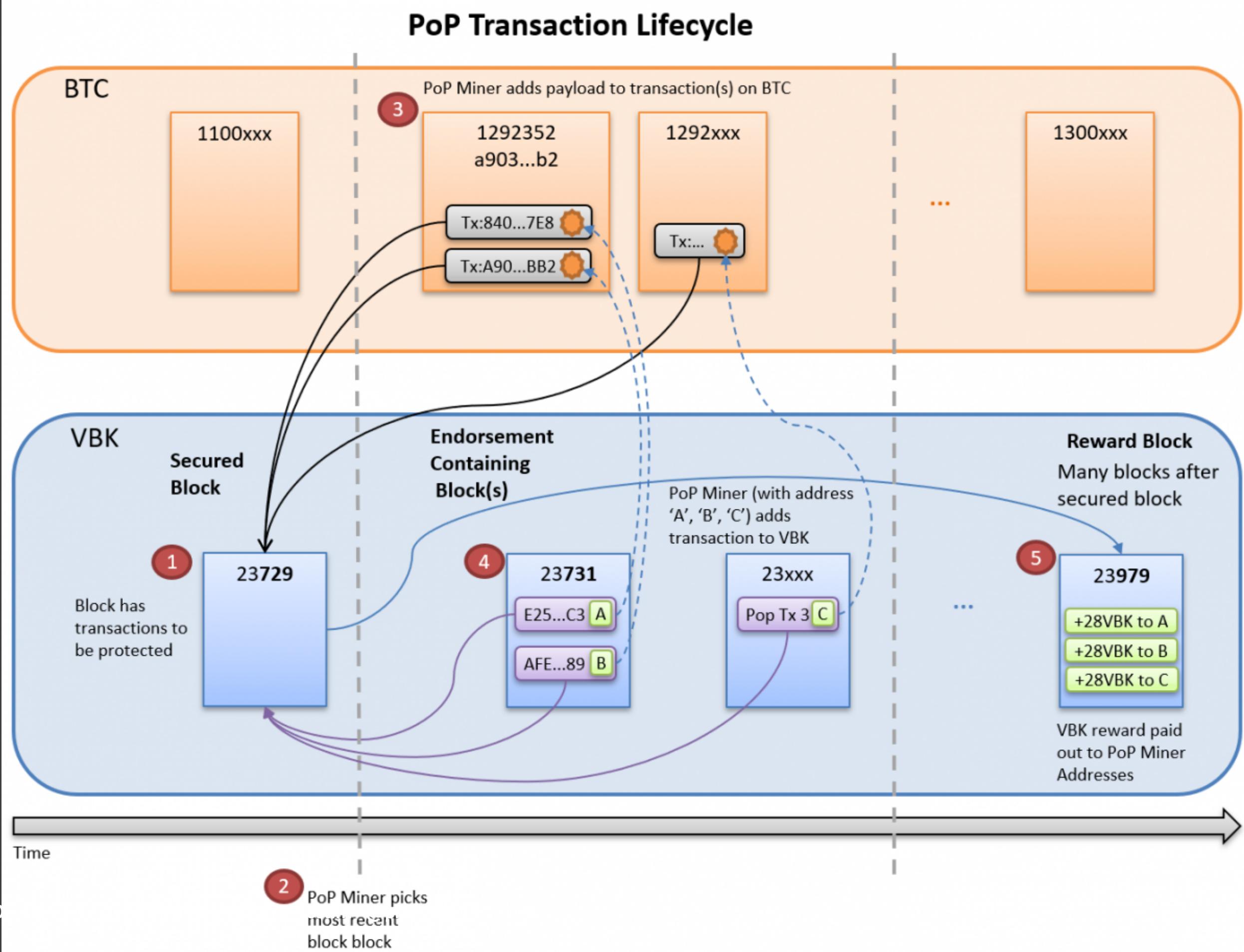
(Getty) GETTY

Recently, Bitcoin developers noticed some strange activity on the blockchain. Specifically, a large number of unidentified [OP\\_RETURN](#) transactions were discovered.

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# Winter is coming



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# takeaway: spam the Bitcoin blockchain, earn tokens

## Equilibrium fee level?

# Garzik wrote OP\_RETURN code

# Keep off the chain

E.g. RGB protocol

1. Client side validation
2. Pay to Contract

Indistinguishable from normal transaction, so can't be censored.

To celebrate 10,000,000\$ worth of ETH transactions  
We are giving back to the community with

# 10 000 ETH giveaway

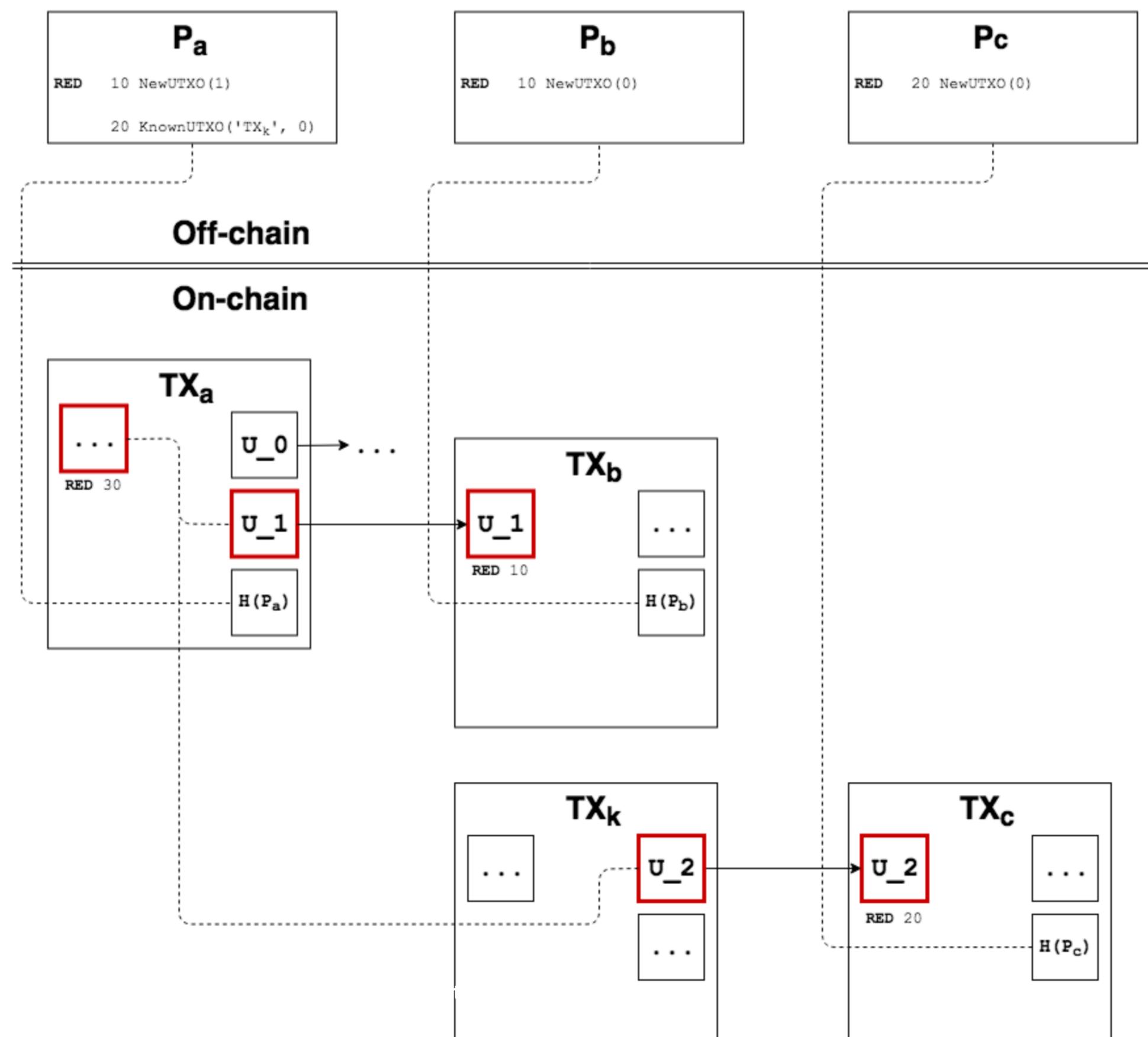
Send 0.5-10 ETH to verify your address, and get 5-100 ETH back (limit is 100 ETH per address). Fav this tweet when you get yours!

**We Are Giving Away 10,000 Ethereum!!**

# Ethereum Giveaway!

- RGB asset: 100 finney fully backed by me
- Bitcoin testnet private key:  
cP7453tMvkWPcEHfx8zpCQezoU5PeoQjjEYaCMzxD9  
Tz4f5GEpxW (access to 10 finney)
- Instructions: <https://github.com/Sjors/presentations>  
(after my talk)

## What makes RGB special: Client-Side-Validation



Confusing image, point is that on-chain txs are interpreted off-chain

# Client-side Validation

```
kaleidoscope issueasset --title "ETH (Finney)" --supply 1000
Asset ID: 6f840761c0b7d0af3514c4577af80899b65a1bf2c7d022a6c0c58afa2f8f2bc9
```

```
22 pub struct Contract {
23     pub title: String,
24     pub issuance_utxo: OutPoint,
25     pub initial_owner_utxo: OutPoint,
26     pub burn_address: Address,
27     pub network: Network,
28     pub total_supply: u32,
29 }
30
31 impl Contract {
32     pub fn get_asset_id(&self) -> Sha256dHash {
33         self.bitcoin_hash()
34     }
35 }
```



Alekos Filini afilini

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# Current implementation by Alekos Filini (code sometimes more useful than spec)

## Transaction on blockchain refers to asset id

## asset id commits to rules, such as total supply and the initial owner

# Client-side Validation

Asset ID: 6f840761c0b7d0af3514c4577af80899b65a1bf2c7d022a6c0c58afa2f8f2bc9  
sha256(6f840761c0b7d0af3514c4577af80899b65a1bf2c7d022a6c0c58afa2f8f2bc9)  
c92b8f2ffa8ac5c0a622d0c7f21b5ab69908f87a57c41435afd0b7c06107846f

Outputs / Receivers		
Index	Address	Value (\$T)
0	tb1q468qs808t7jqfalgnjkyp8hacga3as5k3nvdjs	0.00997000 >
1	Nonstandard	0.00000000 >
		<b>0.00997000</b>

Input, Output Scripts	
Index	Script
Input 0	Witness: 30440220233b0379348d9e85e9d29820b8ba59c912288866403dc7d118cbc6604df1cf2302203874 373934fb8674aa032ab0d20c535d7fd407379d1a27f177af7fddd78ed51701 03873888d8115beee6938510de7ddef0f1b22a2474e5ba58d4fccbde7766494bc6
Output 0	0 ae8e081de75fa404f7e89cac409efdc23b1ec296
Output 1	OP_RETURN c92b8f2ffa8ac5c0a622d0c7f21b5ab69908f87a57c41435afd0b7c06107846f Decoded: 0 0/?????!!?222222zW25????a?o

# Client-side Validation

```
kaleidoscope sendtoaddress tb1qj7mtznsd6uzmztma6yutkklv4ypjj4g9mhmmf4 \
6f840761c0b7d0af3514c4577af80899b65a1bf2c7d022a6c0c58afa2f8f2bc9 \
100
```

Outputs / Receivers		
Index	Address	Value (\$T)
0	tb1qj7mtznsd6uzmztma6yutkklv4ypjj4g9mhmmf4	0.00497500 >
1	tb1q226hekesveps4tdnzdd4dvhc2dca05alr4axk8	0.00497500 >
2	Nonstandard	0.00000000 >
		<b>0.0095000</b>

Input, Output Scripts	
Index	Script
Input 0	Witness: 304402202e623b08767ac8ffbb1d126ac9bf69bccdbb4c17ed08e105c84f62e1b673b0202201e7bc f18a93448231d93417f509a7dedd7a742f4ec35f7d187fda2632735633101 0231f22d4601b26176c155099e8a9ec4285851c1a78249bd74f84b36eb4439b7b5
Output 0	0 97b6b14e0dd705b12f7dd138bb5beca903295505
Output 1	0 52b57cdb3066430aadb3135b56b2f85371d7d3bf
Output 2	OP_RETURN 31e5bf11b1118f30b7233c13aae207fddd75cf036e359762055b75b7feffa86

# Client-side Validation

```
117     impl Verify for Proof {
118         fn get_needed_txs(&self) -> Vec<NeededTx> {
119             let mut ans = Vec::new();
120
121             for out_point in &self.bind_to {
122                 ans.push(NeededTx::WhichSpendsOutPoint(out_point.clone()));
123             }
124
125             if self.is_root_proof() {
126                 let mut needed_txs = self.contract.as_ref().unwrap().get_needed_txs();
127                 ans.append(&mut needed_txs);
128             } else {
129                 for i in 0..self.input.len() { // iterate the input proofs
130                     let mut needed_txs = self.input[i].get_needed_txs();
131                     ans.append(&mut needed_txs);
132                 }
133             }
134
135             ans
136         }
137     }
```

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Commits to chain of proofs  
Proofs are uploaded to a  
server, identified by outpoint  
(UTXO + index) (or put in a zip  
file, like in my demo)

## Pay to Contract

- OP\_RETURN is suboptimal
- Tweak receive address to include hash
- good explainer <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup><https://blog.eternitywall.com/2018/04/13/sign-to-contract/>

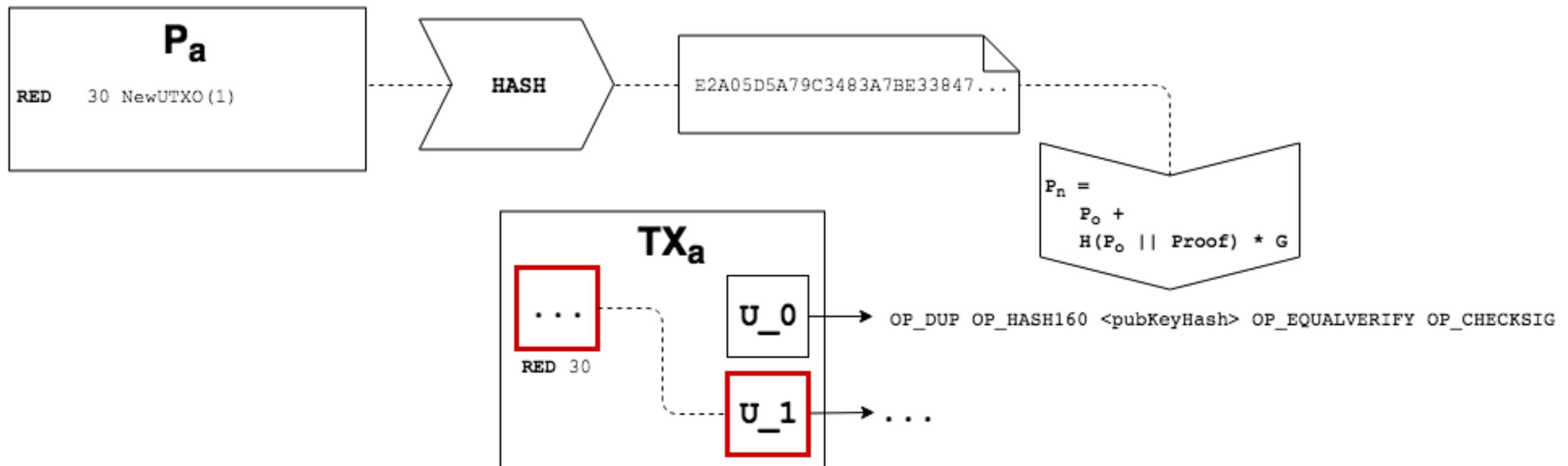
Similar mechanism used by Taproot  
to add secret spending conditions

In order to spend you must know  
the hash, so no accidental  
spending like with color coins

Recipient won't even see funds  
without this hash

# Pay to Contract

## Pay-to-Contract



Part of RGB spec, but not implemented yet

# ETH Giveaway

Testnet private key: cP7453tMvkWPcEHfx8zpCQezoU5PeoQjjEYaCMzxD9Tz4f5GEpxW  
Address: tb1qj7mtznsd6uzmztma6yutkklv4ypjj4g9mhmmf4

Asset ID: 6f840761c0b7d0af3514c4577af80899b65a1bf2c7d022a6c0c58afa2f8f2bc9

The above address contains 10 Finney worth of "stablecoin".

## Redeem process

Install Bitcoin Core and launch with

```
-testnet -server=1 -rpcuser=bitcoin -rpcpassword=bitcoin .
```

Install [Kaleidoscope](#) and create `~/.rgb/rgb.conf` :

```
{  
    "rpcconnect": "127.0.0.1",  
    "rpcport": 18332,  
    "rpcuser": "bitcoin",  
    "rpcpassword": "bitcoin",  
    "default_server": "localhost:3000"  
}
```

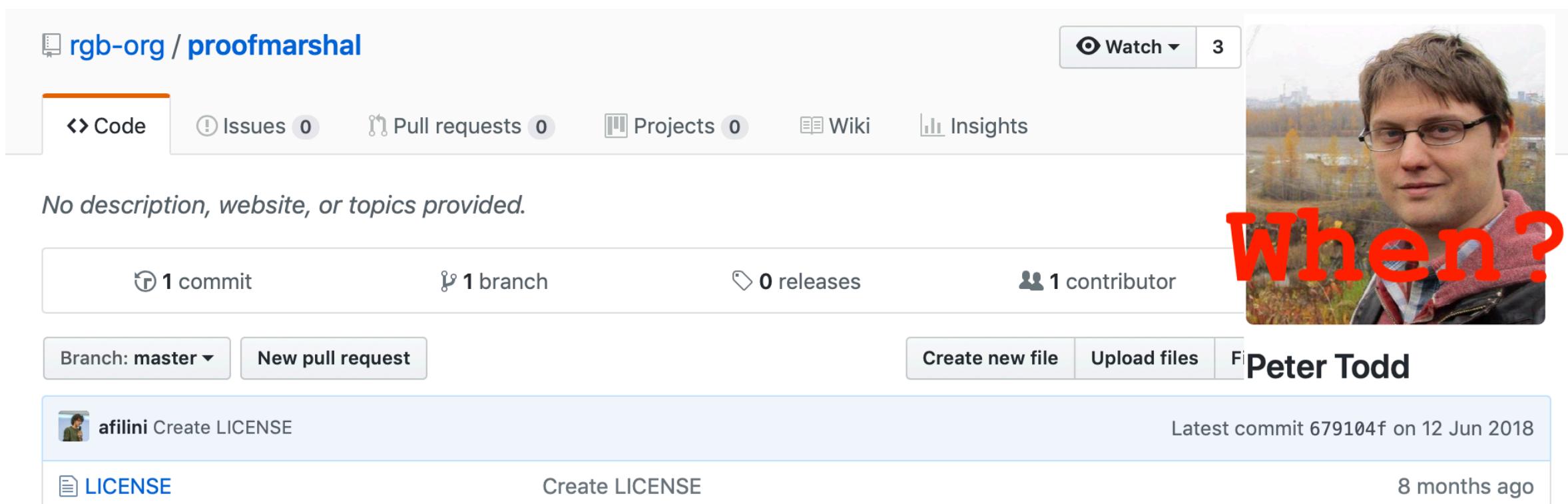
Install [Bitfröst](#), create `~/.rgb-server` and extract `rgb-server.zip`, which contains the proofs you need in order to spend the stablecoin.

Send up to 10 finney to me at

`tb1q4fnez58x6nqrjvyx7hrp8g92wc9ne439jag2ns@localhost:3000` and email the generated proof to `sjors@sprovoost.nl` as well as your ETH address.

## Scaling - Proofmarshal

- Multiple transactions in one UTXO using a Merkle tree



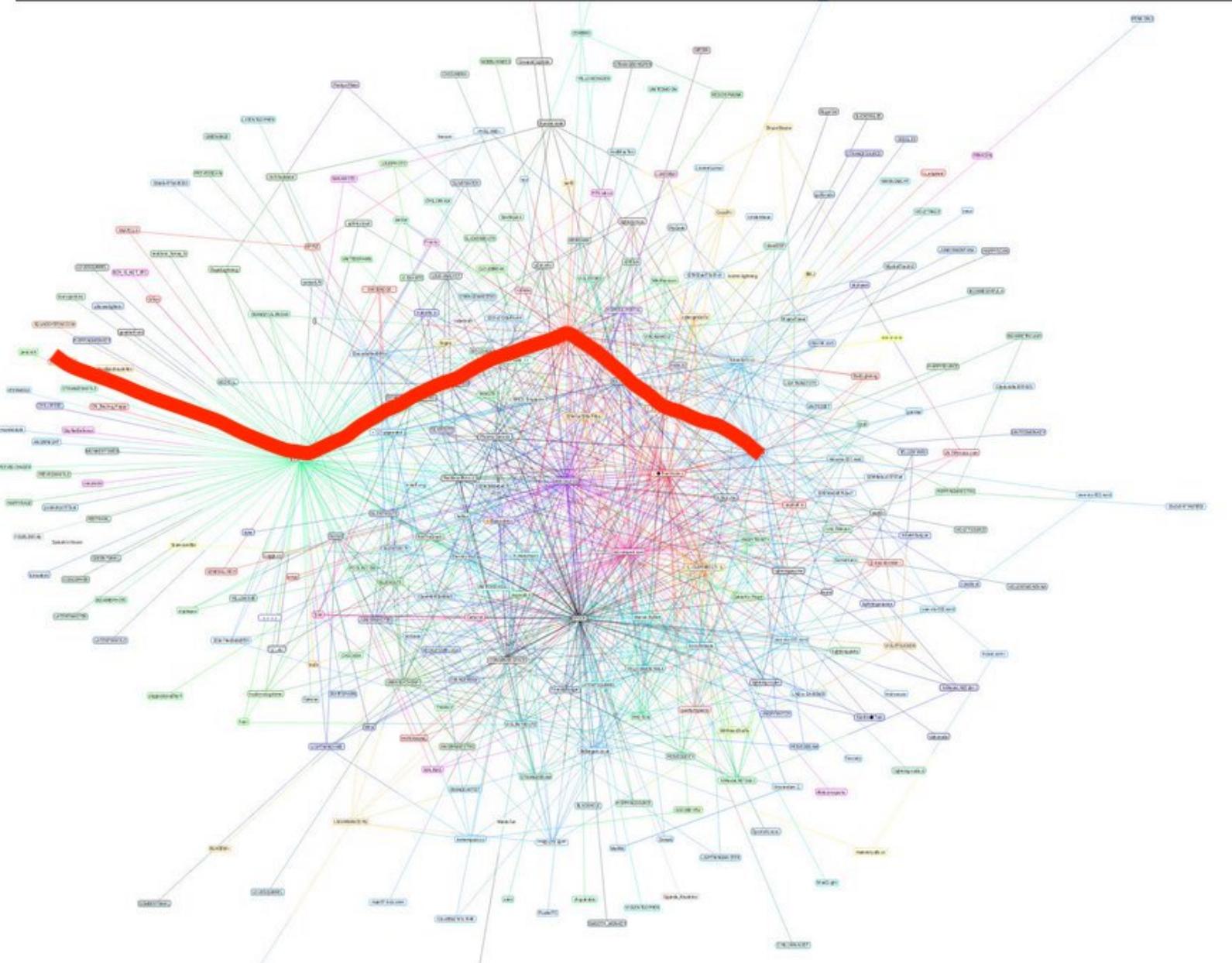
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Don't yet understand how this works, figure out during Q&A?

Gist afaik: instead of single UTXO for each move, use Merkle tree to compress multiple proofs into one UTXO

# Scaling - Lightning (colored channels)



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# Colored channels

## Homework

- Study RGB: <https://github.com/rgb-org/spec>
- Help improve it before the hackathon (implementing pay-to-contract)
- Don't like it? Make something else.
- ETH Giveaway instructions: <https://github.com/Sjors/presentations>

PGP: ED9B DF7A D6A5 5E23 2E84 5242 57FF 9BDB CC30 1009