

Epistemology of BTC

This notebook serves to analyze best approaches to explaining BTC.

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Raw data

This data comes from the file “btc-epistemology.xlsx”. Just copy the range that includes the subjects column and the prerequisite “1” marks.

```
In[34]:= exceldata = "block
          1          1  1          1

block reward      1          1
          1  1          1          1  1

blockchain        1          1
          1          1

block time        1
          1  1

change
          1          1  1  1  1

change address
          1          1  1  1          1

coinbase tx       1  1
          1          1  1  1  1          1

halving           1          1
          1          1  1

hashing
          1

issuance          1  1  1          1
          1          1          1  1

mempool          1          1
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      1                      1

mining      1      1      1          1
      1          1          1      1      1          1      1

mining difficulty      1          1
      1          1      1

mining diff adj          1
      1          1      1      1

proof of work          1
      1          1      1

receive
  address
          1          1

satoshi
      1

transaction      1          1
      1          1          1      1      1

tx fee
      1          1      1

transactions
      1
      1          1

utxo          1          1
      1      1      1
";

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rawdata = ImportString[
  StringReplace[
    StringReplace[
      StringReplace[
        StringReplace[
          StringReplace[exceldata, {
            "\t\n" → ", 0\n"
          , "\t" → ", "
          }
        ]
      ]
    ]
  , {
    ", ," → ", 0,"

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    }]
    , {
      ", " → ", 0,"
    }]
    , {"", " → ", 0"}
  ]
  , "\n\n" → "\n"
]
, "CSV"
]

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Out[35]=

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{{block, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0},
 {block reward, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0},
 {blockchain, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
 {block time, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
 {change, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0},
 {change address, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0},
 {coinbase tx, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1},
 {halving, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
 {hashing, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
 {issuance, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0},
 {mempool, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0},
 {mining, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0},
 {mining difficulty, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
 {mining diff adj, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
 {proof of work, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
 {receive address, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1},
 {satoshi, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0},
 {transaction, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0},
 {tx fee, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0},
 {transactions, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1},
 {utxo, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0}}

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In[36]:= **subjects = rawdata[[All, 1]];**

data = rawdata[[All, 2 ;;]];

In[38]:= **literals =**

Sort[Flatten[List[subjects[[#][1]] → subjects[[#][2]]] & /@Position[data, 1]]];
literals // Length

Out[39]=

100

In[40]:= **Column[literals]**

Out[40]=

```

block → hashing
block → mempool
block → mining
block → transactions
blockchain → block

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blockchain → block time
blockchain → hashing
blockchain → proof of work
block reward → block
block reward → blockchain
block reward → mining
block reward → mining difficulty
block reward → satoshi
block reward → transactions
block reward → tx fee
block time → block
block time → mining
block time → mining difficulty
change → change address
change → receive address
change → satoshi
change → transaction
change → tx fee
change address → change
change address → receive address
change address → satoshi
change address → transaction
change address → utxo
coinbase tx → block
coinbase tx → block reward
coinbase tx → mining
coinbase tx → proof of work
coinbase tx → receive address
coinbase tx → satoshi
coinbase tx → transaction
coinbase tx → utxo
halving → block reward
halving → block time
halving → coinbase tx
halving → issuance
halving → mining
hashing → proof of work
issuance → blockchain
issuance → block reward
issuance → block time
issuance → coinbase tx
issuance → halving
issuance → mining
issuance → proof of work
issuance → satoshi
mempool → block
mempool → blockchain
mempool → mining
mempool → tx fee
mining → block
mining → blockchain
mining → block reward
mining → coinbase tx
mining → hashing

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mining → mempool
mining → mining diff adj
mining → mining difficulty
mining → proof of work
mining → transactions
mining → tx fee
mining diff adj → block time
mining diff adj → hashing
mining diff adj → mining
mining diff adj → mining difficulty
mining diff adj → proof of work
mining difficulty → block
mining difficulty → block time
mining difficulty → hashing
mining difficulty → mining diff adj
mining difficulty → proof of work
proof of work → blockchain
proof of work → hashing
proof of work → mining
proof of work → mining difficulty
receive address → transaction
receive address → utxo
satoshi → transaction
transaction → block
transaction → change
transaction → change address
transaction → mempool
transaction → receive address
transaction → satoshi
transaction → tx fee
transactions → blockchain
transactions → transaction
transactions → utxo
tx fee → proof of work
tx fee → satoshi
tx fee → transaction
utxo → blockchain
utxo → change
utxo → receive address
utxo → satoshi
utxo → transaction

```

```
In[41]:= vertices = VertexList[literals]
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Out[41]=
```

```

{block, hashing, mempool, mining, transactions, blockchain,
 block time, proof of work, block reward, mining difficulty,
 satoshi, tx fee, change, change address, receive address,
 transaction, utxo, coinbase tx, halving, issuance, mining diff adj}

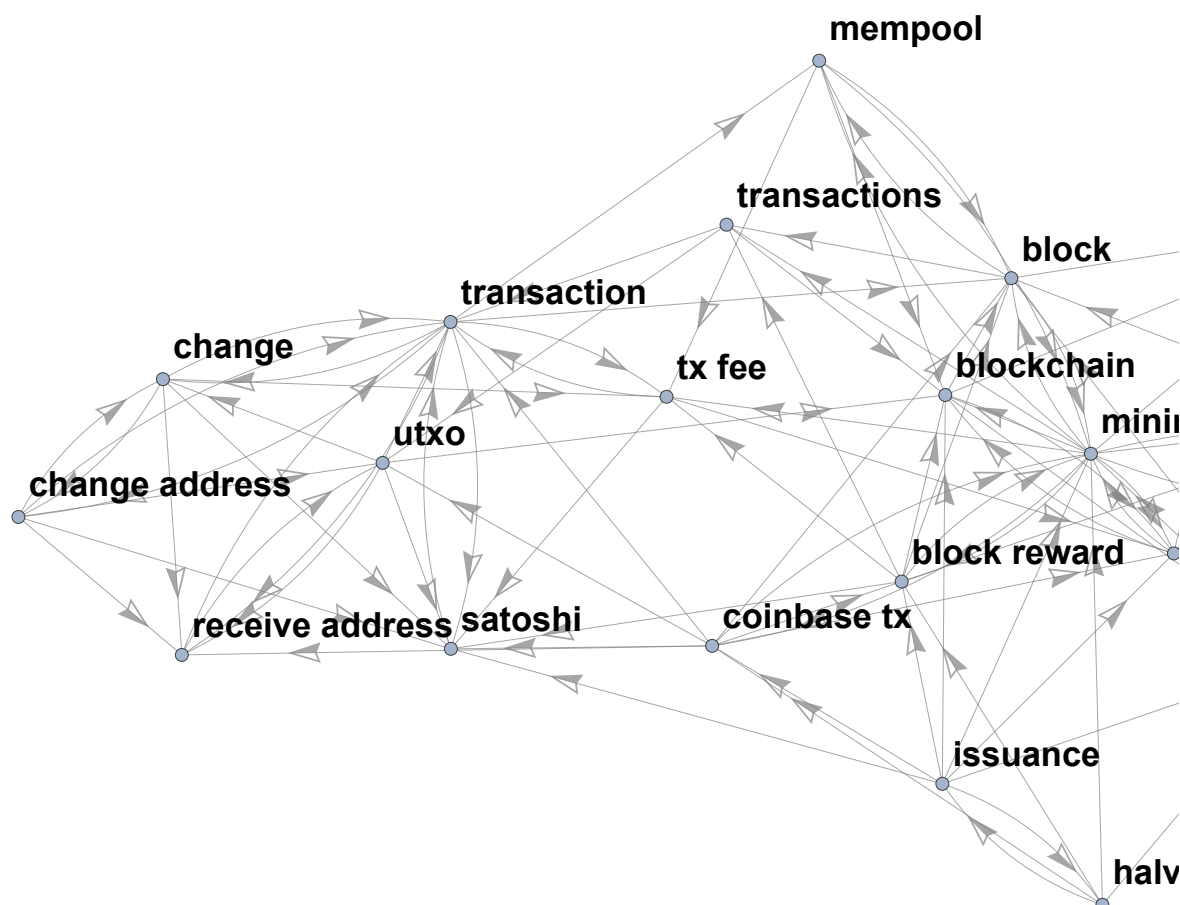
```

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In[42]:= twoD = Graph[
  literals
  , VertexSize → Small
  , VertexLabels → "Name"
  , VertexLabelStyle → Directive[Black, 18, Bold]
  , EdgeStyle → Directive[Gray]
  , EdgeShapeFunction → {"CarvedArrow", "ArrowSize" → .02}}
]

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Out[42]=

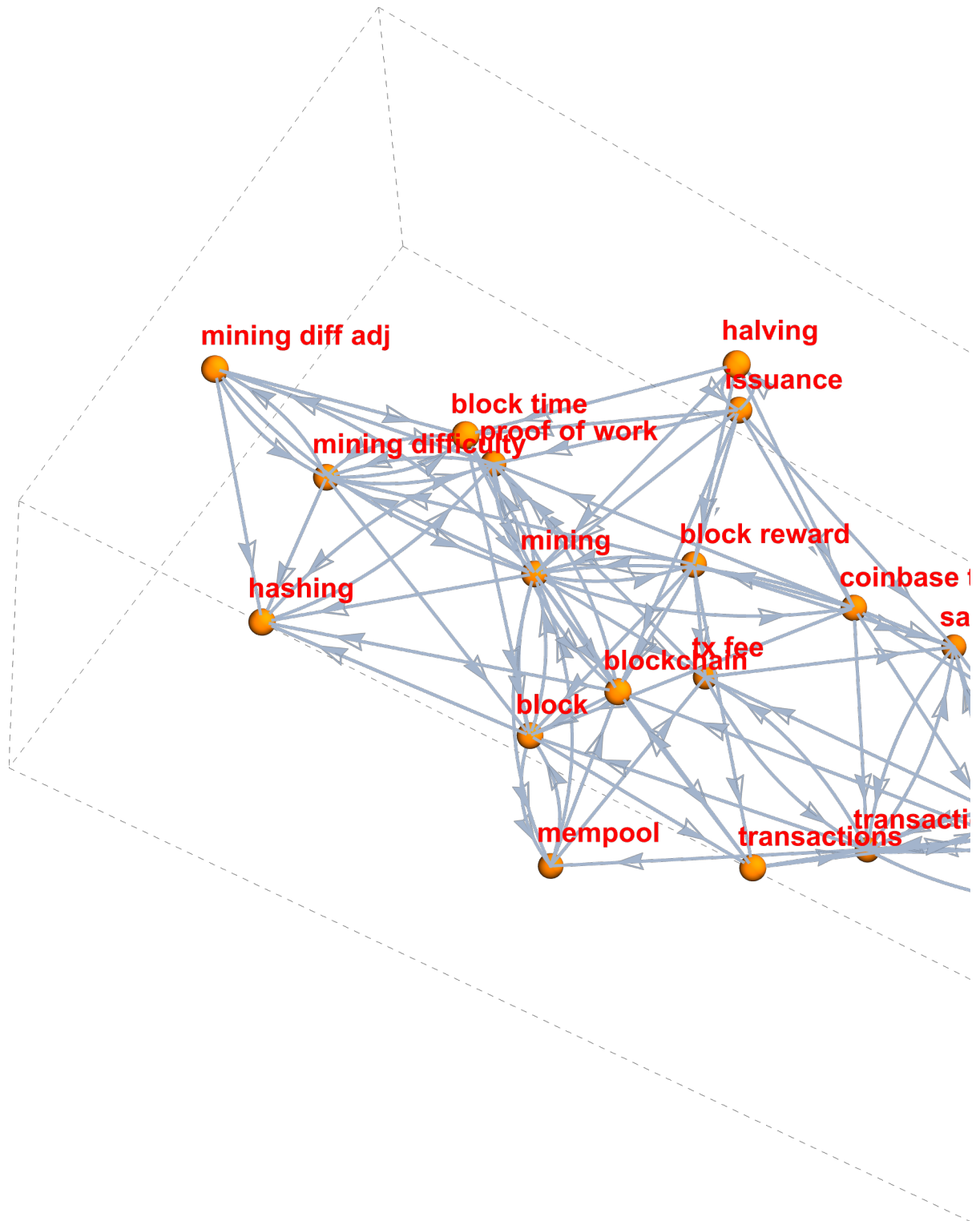


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In[43]:= threeD = Graph3D[
  literals
  , Boxed → True
  , BoxStyle → Directive[Dashed]
  , VertexLabels → "Name"
  , VertexLabelStyle → Directive[Red, 18, Bold]
  , VertexSize → 0.2
  , VertexStyle → Orange
  , EdgeStyle → Directive[Thick]
  , EdgeShapeFunction → {"CarvedArrow", "ArrowSize" → .02}}
]

```

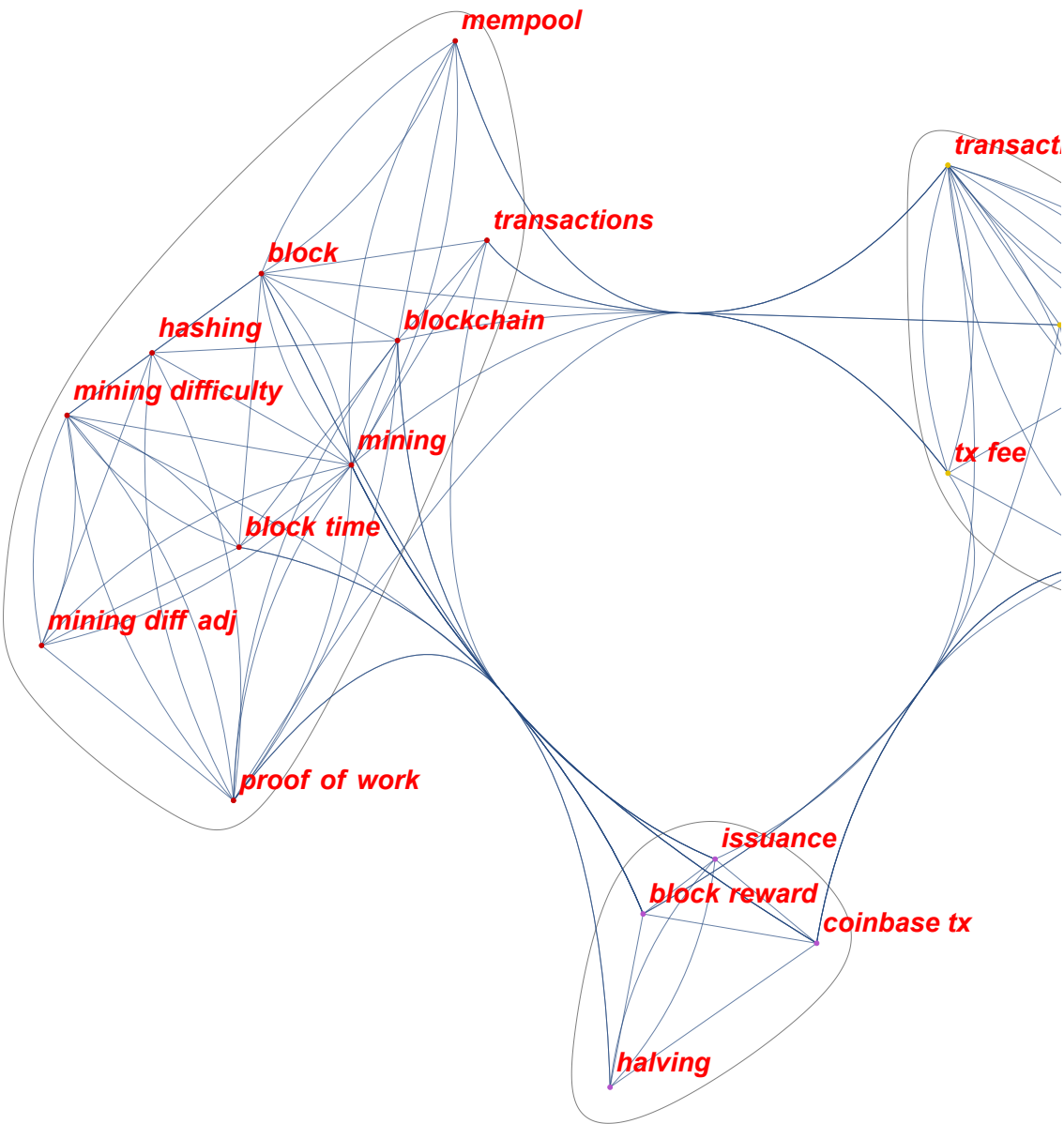
Out[43]=



Community Graph

```
In[44]:= CommunityGraphPlot[
  literals
  , ImageSize → 900
  , ImageMargins → 20
  , VertexSize → 0.05
  , VertexLabels → "Name"
  , CommunityBoundaryStyle → Automatic
  , VertexLabelStyle → Directive[Red, Italic, Bold, 15]
  (*, EdgeShapeFunction → {"CarvedArrow", "ArrowSize" → .01} *)
]
```


Out[44]=



Layered Graph

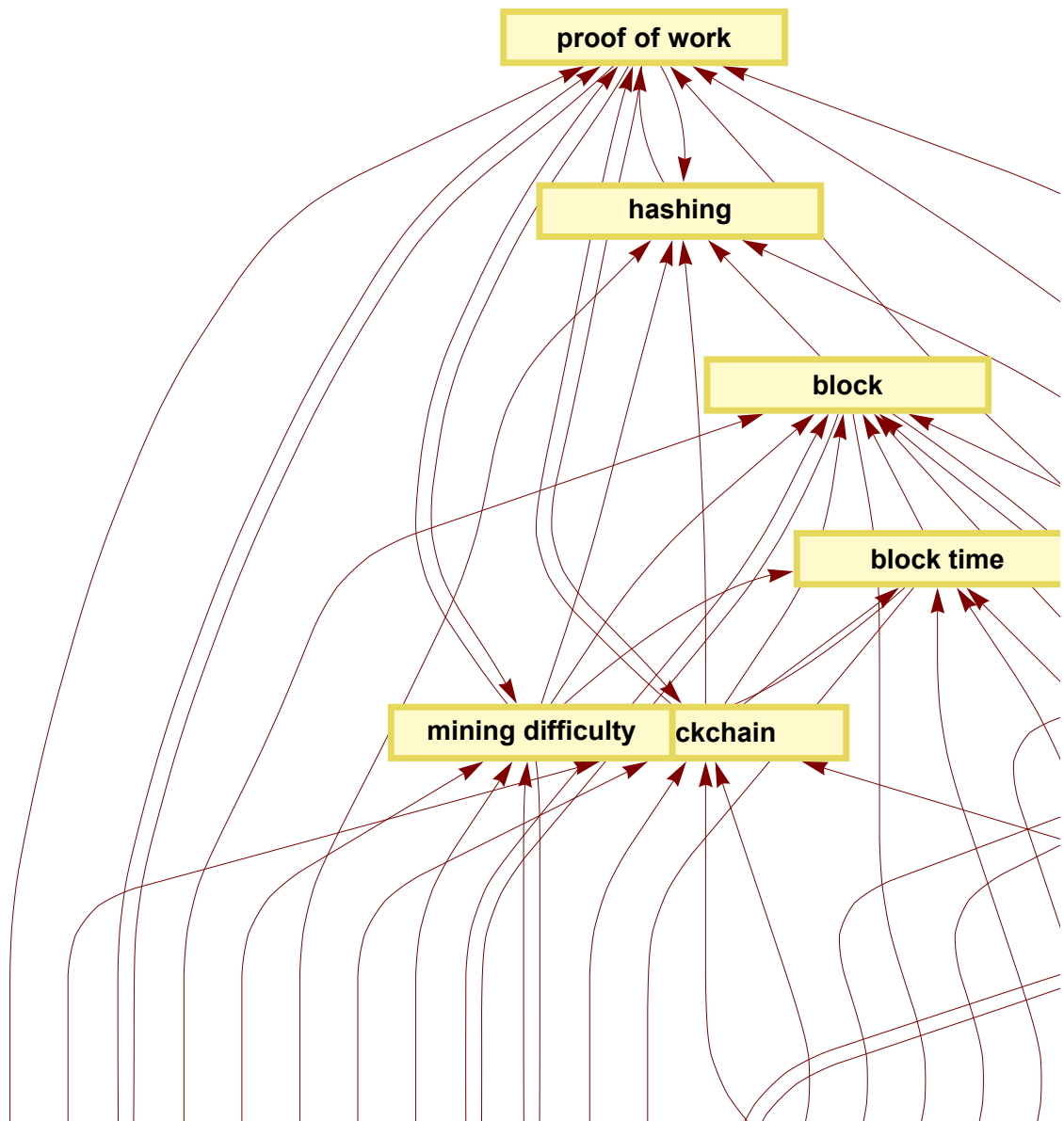
In[45]:=

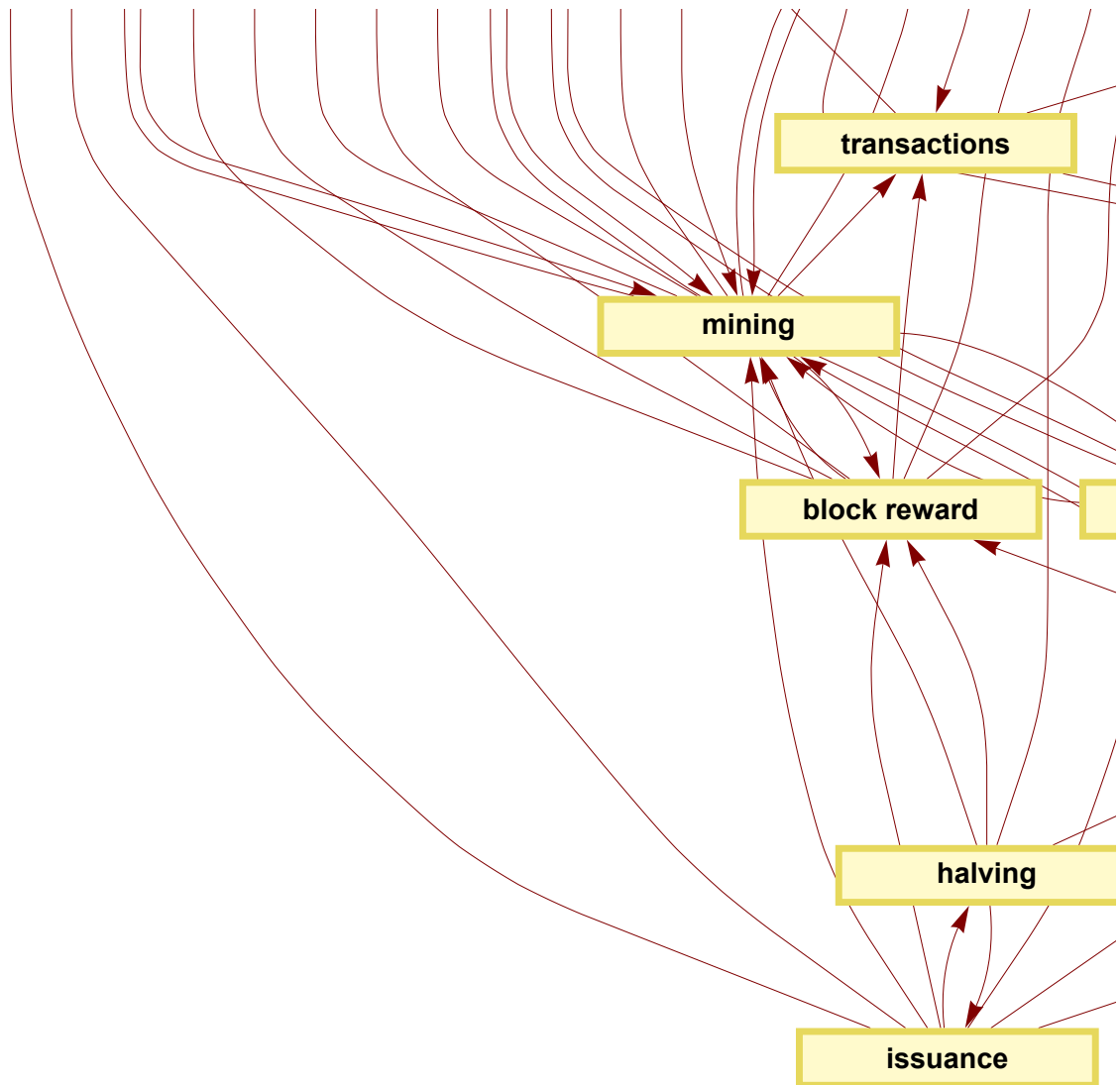
```

In[46]:= LayeredGraphPlot[
  literals
  , Bottom
  , ImageSize → 1200
  , ImageMargins → 20
  , VertexSize → {2.75, .5}
  , AspectRatio → 1
  , VertexLabelStyle → Directive[Bold, 15]
  (*, VertexSize → 0.05
  , VertexLabels → "Name"
  , EdgeShapeFunction → {"CarvedArrow", "ArrowSize" → .02}
  *)
  , PlotTheme → "ClassicDiagram"
]

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Out[46]=





In[47]:= ReverseSortBy[

Table[{vertices[[x]], VertexDegree[literals] [[x]]}, {x, 1, Length[vertices]}], Last]

Out[47]=

```
{ {mining, 20}, {transaction, 15}, {proof of work, 12}, {block, 12},
  {coinbase tx, 11}, {block reward, 11}, {blockchain, 11}, {mining difficulty, 10},
  {utxo, 9}, {satoshi, 9}, {issuance, 9}, {tx fee, 8}, {change, 8},
  {block time, 8}, {receive address, 7}, {mining diff adj, 7}, {mempool, 7},
  {hashing, 7}, {change address, 7}, {transactions, 6}, {halving, 6} }
```

Scoring prerequisites and complexities

Prerequisites Scores

```
In[48]:= prerequisites = AssociationThread @@ (ReverseSortBy[
    Table[{
        vertices[[x]]
        , VertexInDegree[literals] [[x]]}
        , {x, 1, Length[vertices]
        }]]
    , Last]
    // Transpose
);
prerequisites // Dataset[
    #
    , ItemStyle → {Black}
    , HeaderStyle → Bold
    , HeaderBackground → LightYellow
    , MaxItems → (vertices // Length)
] &
```

Out[49]=

mining	9
transaction	8
satoshi	8
proof of work	8
block	8
blockchain	7
hashing	6
tx fee	5
receive address	5
mining difficulty	5
block time	5
utxo	4
block reward	4
transactions	3
mempool	3
coinbase tx	3
change	3
mining diff adj	2
change address	2
issuance	1
halving	1

Complexity Scores

```
In[50]:= complexity = AssociationThread@@ (ReverseSortBy[
  Table[{
    vertices[[x]]
    , VertexOutDegree[literals][[x]]
    , {x, 1, Length[vertices]]}
    , Last
  ]
  // Transpose
);
complexity // Dataset[#, ItemStyle → {Black}, HeaderStyle → Bold,
  HeaderBackground → LightYellow, MaxItems → (vertices // Length)] &
```

Out[51]=

mining	11
issuance	8
coinbase tx	8
transaction	7
block reward	7
utxo	5
mining difficulty	5
mining diff adj	5
halving	5
change address	5
change	5
proof of work	4
mempool	4
blockchain	4
block	4
tx fee	3
transactions	3
block time	3
receive address	2
satoshi	1
hashing	1

Prerequisite minus Complexity Scores

```
In[52]:= ReverseSort[Merge[{prerequisites, -complexity}, Total]] //  
  Dataset[#, ItemStyle → {Black}, HeaderStyle → Bold,  
    HeaderBackground → LightYellow, MaxItems → (vertices // Length)] &
```

Out[52]=

satoshi	7
hashing	5
block	4
proof of work	4
receive address	3
blockchain	3
block time	2
tx fee	2
transaction	1
transactions	0
mining difficulty	0
mempool	-1
utxo	-1
change	-2
mining	-2
change address	-3
mining diff adj	-3
block reward	-3
halving	-4
coinbase tx	-5
issuance	-7

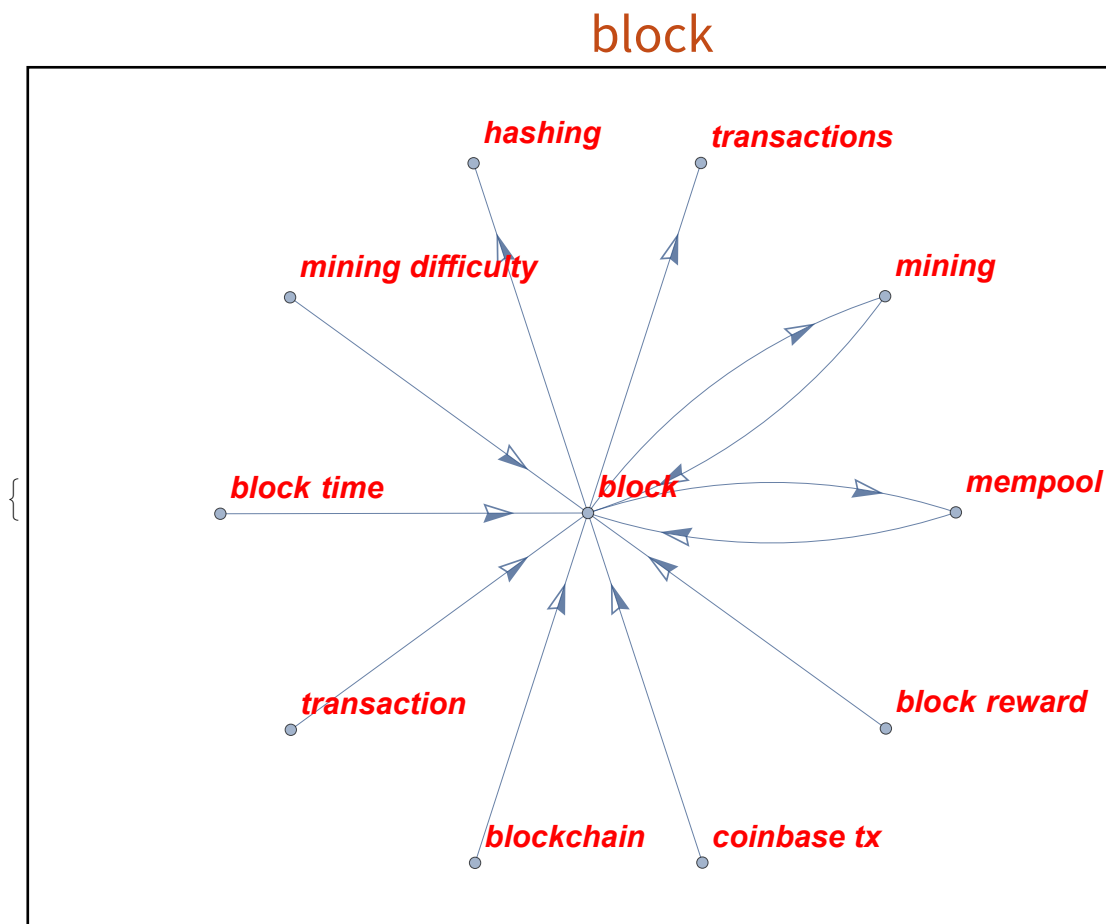
Vertex views

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In[68]:= Table[
  Labeled[
    Framed[
      Graph[
        Select[literals, #[[1]] == x || #[[2]] == x &]
        , ImageSize → {600, 400}
        , ImageMargins → 20
        , VertexSize → 0.05
        , VertexLabels → "Name"
        , VertexLabelStyle → Directive[Red, Italic, Bold, 16]
        , EdgeShapeFunction → {"CarvedArrow", "ArrowSize" → .04}}
      ]
    ]
    , x
    , Top
    , LabelStyle → "Section"
  ]
  , {x, vertices}
]

```

Out[68]=

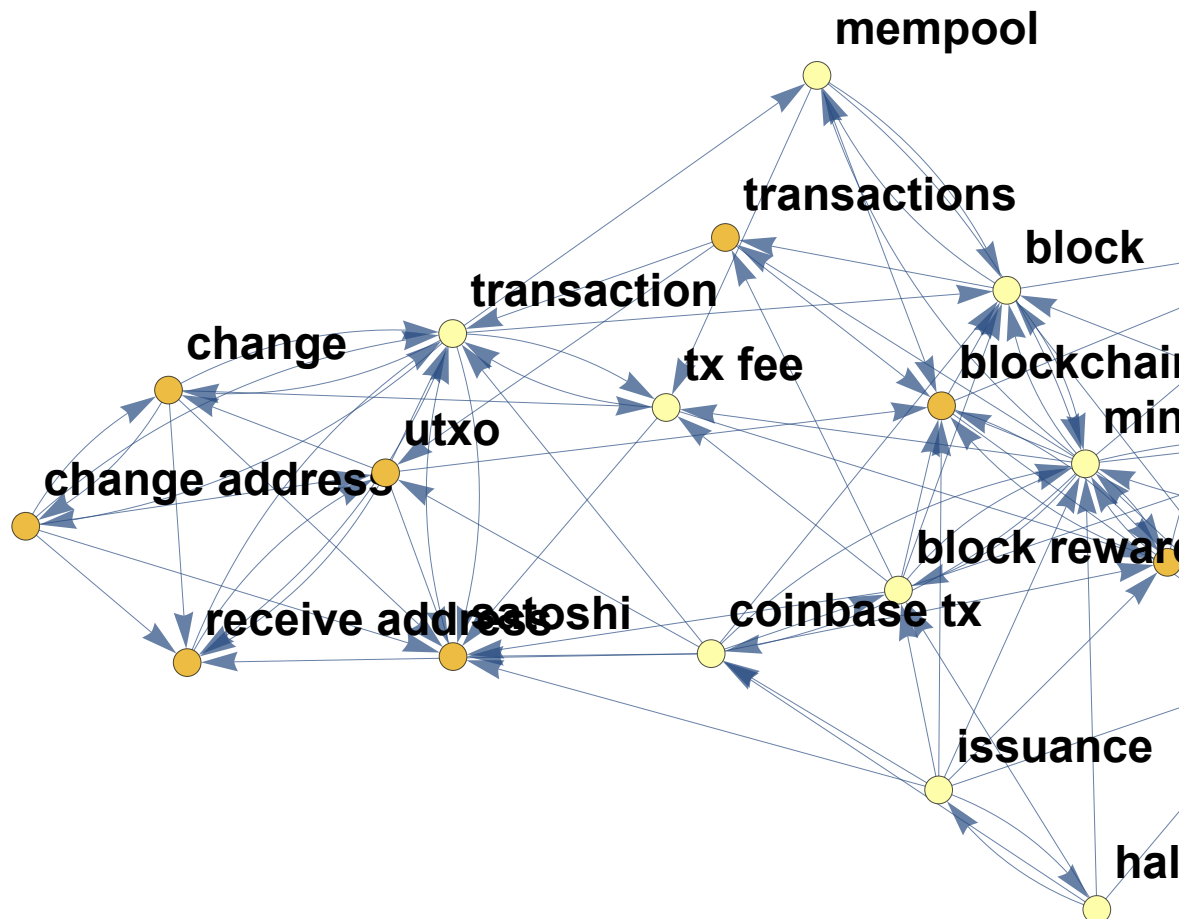



```
In[54]:= literals // Length
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Out[54]=  
100
```

```
In[55]:= ve = Table[VertexEccentricity[literals, v], {v, vertices}];  
HighlightGraph[literals, Table[  
  Style[v, ColorData["TemperatureMap", ve[[VertexIndex[literals, v]] / Max[ve]]],  
  {v, vertices}], VertexLabels -> "Name",  
  VertexLabelStyle -> Directive[Black, 24, Bold]]
```

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Out[56]=
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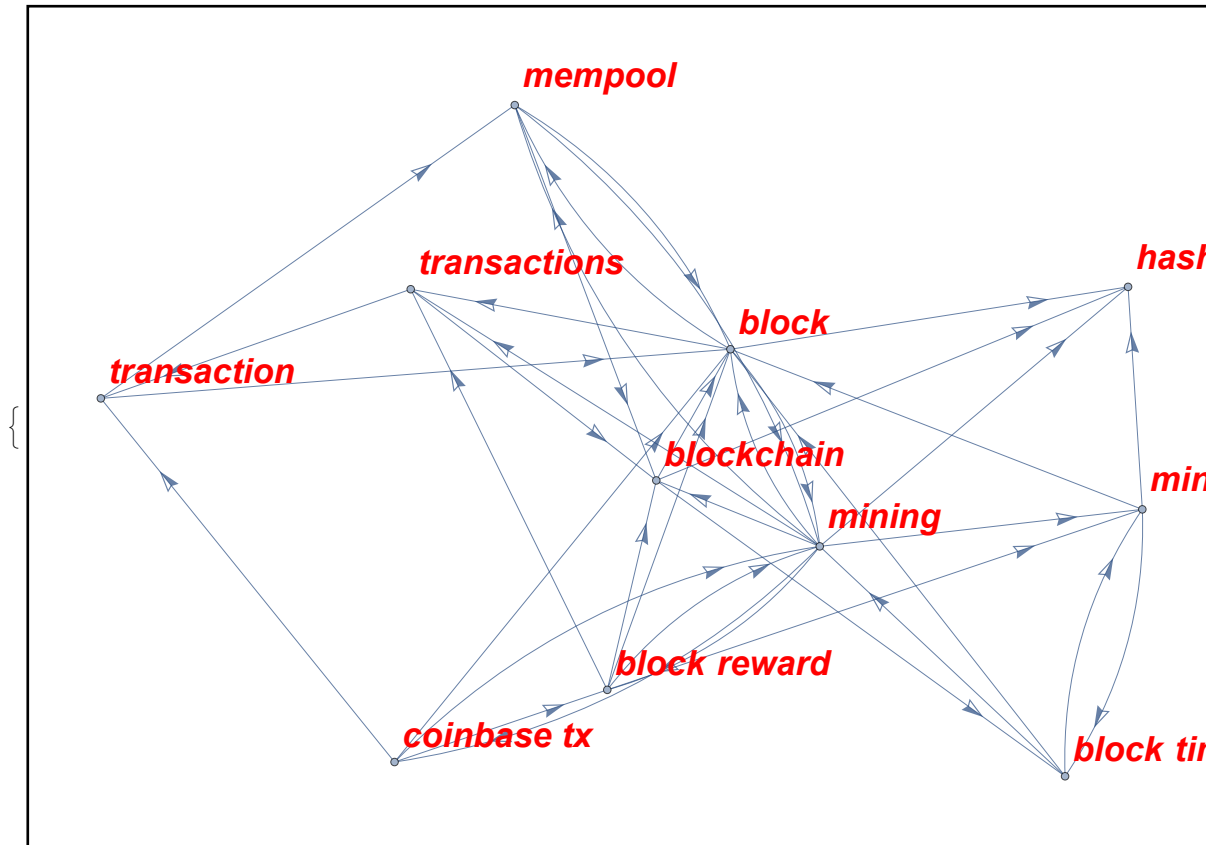
```

In[57]:= Table[
  Labeled[
    Framed[
      NeighborhoodGraph[
        literals
      , x
      , ImageSize → 700
      , ImageMargins → 20
      , VertexSize → 0.05
      , VertexLabels → "Name"
      , VertexLabelStyle → Directive[Red, Italic, Bold, 18]
      , EdgeShapeFunction → {"CarvedArrow", "ArrowSize" → .02}
    ]
  ]
  , StringJoin[x, " neighborhood"]
  , Top
  , LabelStyle → "Section"
]
, {x, vertices // Sort}
]

```

Out[57]=

block neighborhood



```
In[58]:= AssociationThread[VertexList[literals], VertexDegree[literals]] // ReverseSort
Out[58]=
{>| mining → 20, transaction → 15, proof of work → 12,
  block → 12, coinbase tx → 11, block reward → 11, blockchain → 11,
  mining difficulty → 10, issuance → 9, utxo → 9, satoshi → 9, change → 8,
  tx fee → 8, block time → 8, mining diff adj → 7, receive address → 7,
  change address → 7, mempool → 7, hashing → 7, halving → 6, transactions → 6|>
```

```

In[33]:= LayeredGraphPlot[
  literals
  , Bottom
  , ImageSize → 900
  , ImageMargins → 20
  , VertexSize → {2.75, .5}
  , AspectRatio → 0.75
  , VertexLabelStyle → Directive[Bold, 15]
  (*,VertexSize→0.05
  , VertexLabels→"Name"
  ,EdgeShapeFunction→{"CarvedArrow","ArrowSize"→.02}}
  *)
  , PlotTheme → "ClassicDiagram"
]

```

Out[33]=

