# **Tribler-lab**

# 14 years of "ledger" experience

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#### Tribler-lab

Why: monopolisation of the digital economy

How: craft public critical digital infrastructure

What: blockchain-based self re-enforcing trust

Lesson for today: Blockchain Engineering is being 95% less productive (or cheat with central servers)

#### Outline

- Centralisation of economy and Big Tech
- Blockchain 1.0 (Cryptocurrency)
- Blockchain 2.0 (Smart contracts)
- Blockchain 3.0 (TrustChain) ? ? ?
  - TUDelft 2007 distributed ledger
  - Trustchain



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# Key example for today

## What is the 2<sup>nd</sup> music platform?

#### Music streaming subscribers 2020

Арр	Subscribers
Spotify	165 million
Apple Music	88 million
Amazon Music	70 million
YouTube Premium	50 million
Deezer	7 million
Pandora	6 million
Tidal	3 million

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"Monopoly and Competition in Twenty-First Century Capitalism", https://monthlyreview.org/2011/04/01/monopoly-and-competition-in-twenty-first-centurycapitalism/

#### **GLOBAL MARKET SHARE BY COMPANY (2017)**



Sources: Synergy Research, CNBC, Statista (Bloomberg, Gartner, StatCounter, eMarketer.)

https://mitsloan.mit.edu/ideas-made-to-matter/will-regulating-big-tech-stifle-innovation

#### **REVENUE SPENT ON R&D BY COMPANY (2017)**



Source: Statista

# TUDelft blockchain research dream: re-decentralise our economy



TECH · Published February 10, 2012 · Last Update November 4, 2015

# Forget Megaupload! Researchers call new file-sharing network 'invincible'

By | News Corp Australian Papers

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# TUDelft early work

- 1999: "Musicbrainz.org",
  - 2 years pre-Wikipedia.org
  - "a single code base for different distributed public writable databases"

https://www.usenix.org/conference/2000-usenix-annual-technical-conference/ presentation/open-information-pools

- 2007: "Creating and Maintaining Relationships in Social Peer-to-Peer Networks"
- 2007: "bandwidth as a currency", BBC News
- 2008: widgets / Distributed Apps / Smart contracts

# 2008: P2P Widgets

#### Distribute Python code

#### Share with strangers

Votes by strangers

Trust that?

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# 2007: TUDelft & Harvard: bandwidth-as-a-currency



is becoming less of a question.

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#### **Blockchain-lab.org**





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Professor of Computational Social Science

## Three generations ?

- Blockchain 1.0 (Cryptocurrency)
- Blockchain 2.0 (Smart contracts)
- Blockchain 3.0 (TrustChain) ? ? ?



#### Blockchain 1.0: Bitcoin

- Proposed in 2007 by Satoshi Nakamoto (pseudonym)
- Your public key is your wallet address
- With the private key, you can sign transactions

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#### Blockchain 2.0: Ethereum

- Founded in 2014
- Nodes in the network execute smart contracts
  - Executed within the Ethereum Virtual Machine
  - Written in the Solidity scripting language
- Ether, the "fuel" of the network
  - Every computing step that transforms the state consumes some ether eth

#### Example of a smart contract

```
contract MyToken {
    /* This creates an array with all balances */
    mapping (address => uint256) public balanceOf;
    /* Initializes contract with initial supply tokens to the creator of the contract */
    function MyToken(
        uint256 initialSupply
        ) {
                                                            // Give the creator all initial tokens
       balanceOf[msg.sender] = initialSupply;
    }
    /* Send coins */
    function transfer(address to, uint256 value) {
        if (balanceOf[msg.sender] < value) throw;</pre>
                                                             // Check if the sender has enough
        if (balanceOf[_to] + _value < balanceOf[_to]) throw; // Check for overflows
        balanceOf[msg.sender] -= value;
                                                             // Subtract from the sender
       balanceOf[ to] += value;
                                                              // Add the same to the recipient
    }
```

}

#### Bloomberg View

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# Smart Contracts Are Still Way Too Dumb

They've proven good mainly at helping people lose money.

#### By Elaine Ou

2 November 16, 2017, 8:00 AM GMT+1



#### Blockchain 3.0





#### Gossip of ledger updates

# No mining No double spending prevention

# Tribler

- Science: trustworthy public critical infrastructure prevent monopolisation of our digital economy
- European "Youtube", based on Bittorrent
- Ledger-based cooperative system
  - Internet-Deployed since Feb 2006
  - 2.1M Tribler installs, 28k MAU
- Github.com/Tribler/tribler

"Researchers have created invincible file sharing software", Fox News, Feb 10 2012





#### 🔵 🐵 The Tribler Open Source Project on Open Hub - Chromium The Tribler Open So × Q 🕁 📑 📬 😘 🗄 ← → C ① https://www.openhub.net/p/trible **BLACK**DUCK | Open HUB ♥ Follow @ OH ProflohanPouwelse • Search .... Projects -PEOPLE ORGANIZATIONS TOOLS BLOG PROJECTS 5 Tribler 🎎 Settings | 🍽 Report Duplicate **High Activity** tribler • Analyzed 8 days ago. based on code collected 10 days ago. **Project Summary** In a Nutshell, Tribler... **Ouick Reference** Tribler is a social community that facilitates ... has had 17,810 commits made by 114 Project Links: C Homepage filesharing and a/v streaming through a peer-to-peer C Download contributors (p2p) network. representing 191,295 lines of code (7 Locations) Code Locations: Tags ... is mostly written in Python LGPL Licenses: with an average number of source code streaming p2p bittorrent python social comments

... has a well established, mature codebase maintained by a very large development team with decreasing Y-O-Y commits

... took an estimated 49 years of effort (COCOMO model) starting with its first commit in September, 2005 ending with its most recent commit 11 days ago



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#### Problem of trust and cooperation



Elinor Ostrom - 2009 nobel prize, "*The Struggle to Govern the Commons*", Science, Vol. 302, 2003

Why be a relay and help others be anonymous? Why be a seed and help other download? Why be a contributor in Wikipedia? Why be good and pay taxes? Solution: *credits* bandwidth-as-currency

Show that human trust can work at scale (a billion), prove that we can overcome freeriding, fraud and deception









1 GB private = 2 GB  $P_1$ + 2 GB  $P_2$ + 2 GB  $P_3$ + 2 GB  $P_4$ + ... + 1 GB provider = 13 GB

#### **Evolution of trust**



## Bartercast: early distributed ledger (2007)

- ledger for bandwidth exchanges
  - Uploaded and downloaded bytes
  - Unbounded scalability
  - Incentive compatible
  - Has no global consensus
  - Insecure: free to lie
- Solve freeriding, superior to T4T
- 2007: initial Bartercast deployment



Source: Seuken et al. "work accounting mechanisms: theory and practice", 2010, Harvard + Delft + Berkeley, www.ifi.uzh.ch/ce/publications/Accounting\_Mechanisms.pdf

#### Bartercast: Information Exchange



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#### Bartercast: Information Exchange



#### Bartercast: Internet-deployment



#### Trustchain (2012)



#### Transaction

- Consider a transaction between two users
- Both users sign the transaction
  - Using any secure signing algorithm





## **Transaction Chaining**

- We can chain these transactions together
- Each user keeps track of his own transaction history





### **Improving Security**

- We add an additional pointer to each block
  - Points towards a block in the chain of the transaction counterparty







#### Ledger counting



Tx + Tx + Tx = 10 + -35 + 25 = 0 units

**Entangled Chains** 

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https://github.com/Tribler/tribler/issues/

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#### Decentralized market (in Beta)

- Goal: design, deploy and evaluate a decentralized, blockchain-regulated market for general asset trading
  - Assets: Bitcoin, credits, stocks, euros etc.
- Ask/bid creation and dissemination
- Transactions on the blockchain (TradeChain)
- (Scalable) reputation mechanism

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#### **Decentralized market (in Beta)**

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### Self-replicating code

Goal: create code that looks alive

- Python code which can buy VPS servers
- Earn coins by working as Tor-like relay
- Sell Tribler bandwidth coins on market
- Each month clone children with mutation
- Thesis title "PlebNet: Botnet for good"

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# Critical infrastructure with self-governance

#### scientific challenge: foundations of trust

![](_page_52_Figure_2.jpeg)

Outcome: fully autonomous economic entities, independent of creator, only temporary leaders, no dependence on any single machine *New class of distributed systems: nobody owns them* 

*"Leveraging trust and distrust for sybil-tolerant voting in online social media", Privacy and Security in Online Social Media, 2012* 

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#### Load TrustChain overlay

First, we initialize IPv8 in a similar way as described in the overlay tutorial.

TrustChainCommunity.Factory requires two compulsory arguments: TrustChainSettings defining protocol parameters, and the persistence storage implementing TrustChainStore interface. The following snippet can be used to configure the overlay with the default settings and the SQLite store implementation:

```
val settings = TrustChainSettings()
val driver = AndroidSqliteDriver(Database.Schema, this, "trustchain.db")
val store = TrustChainSQLiteStore(Database(driver))
val randomWalk = RandomWalk.Factory()
val trustChainCommunity = OverlayConfiguration(
    TrustChainCommunity.Factory(settings, store),
    listOf(randomWalk)
)
```

#### Thesis: Artist Investment Token #6714

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synctext opened this issue on Jan 10 · 9 comments

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#### Thesis: replace music industry with open source code, including the investment part.

Wealth has accumulated with a select few: the investing class. The rest of the world belongs to the worker class. Digital technology is breaking the monopoly on investing. We prove the viability of our ideas with an Internet-deployment focused on an industry that operates purely digitally and has deep rooted monopolistic culture: the music industry.

Prior work: Tribler/trustchain-superapp#45

![](_page_54_Picture_9.jpeg)

#### https://github.com/Tribler/tribler/issues/6714

#### Blockchain Engineering - class of 2022 - Team FROST #6788

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Focus: multi-signature transactions using FROST algorithm

Re-use the existing source code, as inside this WIP PR. See work by Martijn. How functional is this Kotlin code? Missing parts? Could Trustchain+IPv8 help with overlay topology for 1+ million users scalability? We have Taproot somewhat integrated in Superapp. Taproot.tribler.org documentation const val REG\_TEST\_FAUCET\_IP = "131.180.27.224", the call itself and documentation here

Application: the Internet-deployed MusicDAO by Delft students enables music streaming and Bitcoin donations. Future step is to integrate FROST for enabling collective music investment decisions

Grading and outcome: a *merged* pull request on the Superapp, readme addition to the repo, and some operational code. We do not ask you to solve hard scientific problems within this course, but that you spend 5 x 5 ECTS wisely.

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Topic and open Github issue	Researcher
PageRank-like trust model with Sybil-attack resilience, math foundation	Pim Otte
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Fast anonymous streaming with Tor-like onion routing	Quinten Stokkink
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re-use our decentral market platform for real-world business case, crowdsourcing real-estate	4 bsc thesis students
Understanding the impact of latency from Tor-like tunnels on Libtorrent throughput	Van Den Heuvel and Van Deursen

# Reflection: 23 years of focus on building trust

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- 1999: "Open Information Pools"
- 2007: primitive distributed ledger
- 2017: blockchain-lab.org
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