

Workshop 1 - What is Blockchain?

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- 1. Intro and Basic Concepts
- 2. Understanding Bitcoin and Consensus
- 3. Blockchain Types and Platforms
- 4. DOA Energy Example
- 5. Conclusion



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# Intro and Basic Concepts



# Terminology

Bitcoin is the technology that started it all

Bitcoin is a cryptocurrency

Blockchain is the technology underlying Bitcoin

Enables distributed consensus

Community terminology

- "crypto", "cryptocurrency" Bitcoin, Ethereum, more technical
- "private blockchains", "permissioned ledgers", or just "blockchain"
- "distributed tech" or "decentralized tech" umbrella term





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# Understanding Bitcoin and Consensus



# A Bitcoin Transaction - Basic Version

- Bitcoin exists as software
  - Transactions are conducted through wallet software
  - Wallet creation generates a Bitcoin address
- To receive money, you share your address
  - Sender specifies address and amount
- The transaction is broadcast to the network, where "miners" verify it and add it to the transaction history

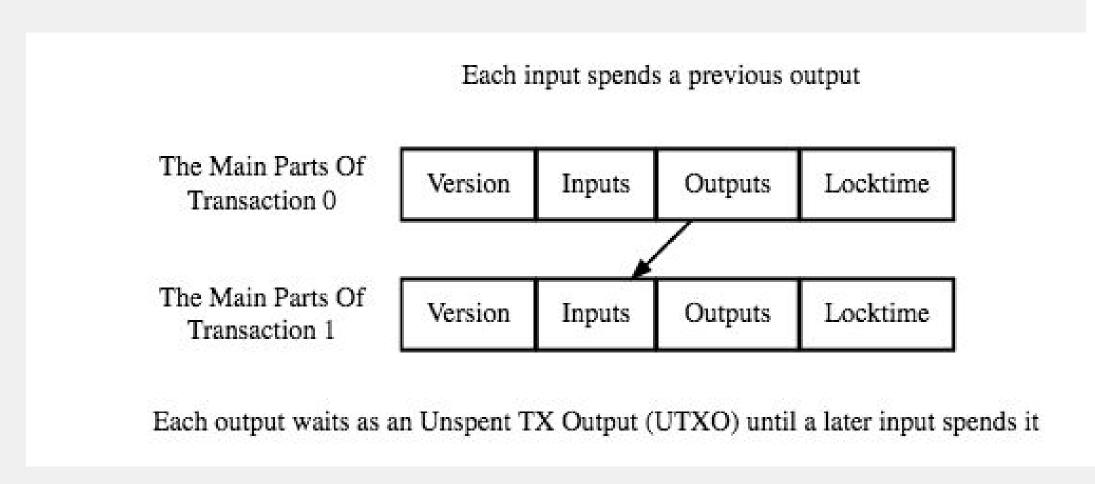


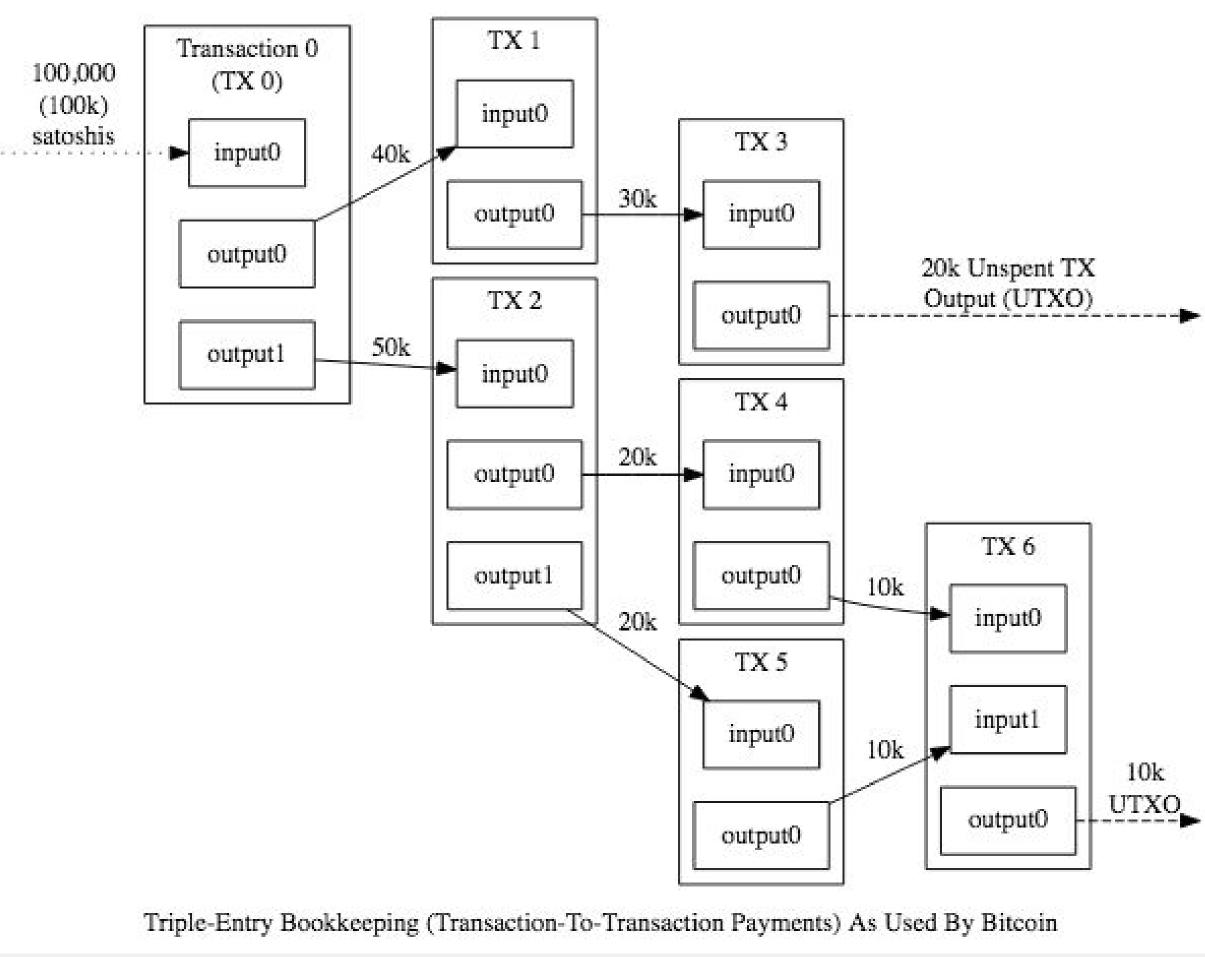
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|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Email or b       | itcoin address |                  |
| mount            |                |                  |
| 0.00             |                | BTC ▼            |
| My Wallet        |                | 0.8635703 BTC \$ |
| lote             |                |                  |
| Write an optiona | al message     |                  |



## Basic Concepts - Transaction

- Maps inputs addresses to output addresses
- Typical tx: one input, two outputs
- Contains signature of owner of funds





Source: Bitcoin Developer Guide



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### Transaction View information about a bitcoin transaction

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3Nxwenay9Z8Lc9JBiywExpnEFiLp6Afp8v (44,000 BTC - Output)



3LrLWTSdd69oZVVQ6dtWaAAaBLn7N3rRjz - (Spent) 3QkXtcSWJA9w77eCujnMBKDWFe7F7zwxTg - (Spent) 3Qd7hXZoZ1iyXZznrbdUwUQBxHMmujdqhJ - (Spent) 3ECJwvx9VgfotcUuEJMVNvmWnTGVMk179L - (Spent) 3BuQmbmdce3e31GEovq5SgowLdfMgJzLDE - (Spent) 3NwKLjJjzXSnBFQWokXRgBG3JeuF3bsnfE - (Spent) 3GEaT8ZRXELcjMSFvGro6eZcC5S1LSLZuN - (Spent) 35DVAzDtZDKAU94kFT9sxoscnuLCTxgwYc - (Spent) 3Nxwenay9Z8Lc9JBiywExpnEFiLp6Afp8v - (Unspent) 35mwqShnStDro6uEB4bmsgbyBo8en6Byfm - (Spent) 39pvSqfNcUosc8RGVWxyzKM3ny96a3uSkW - (Spent) 39QNJSgQg5JnBXAtbF8ezkDn72VqWdPZPJ - (Spent) 3L9qAGBQLbXkFAB2GpijnJXPScSVjuiJio - (Spent) 37WSkANPVUQ8uuktf8hv671CejRtBtQ4tJ - (Spent) 3EEwPZZ6pYRJSotCz9RBoVYPRnoWyGWEka - (Spent) 3C4ABC7iPcAAKBh6SJXfvUSDBew3abCtw3 - (Spent) 3HpQozfTzoXAsHf87m2mwJXUQ14LVtLgK4 - (Spent) 337RfngTLRTpU7RT9sKWQWDdmfcdmWnugi - (Spent) 3P2eoKr3vAeZhJcTzon3VFkv5r7DqSXW9G - (Spent)

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43,999.9992 BTC

| Summary            |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Size               | 1055 (bytes)                               |
| Received Time      | 2016-08-30 11:45:03                        |
| Included In Blocks | 427512 ( 2016-08-30 11:51:09 + 6 minutes ) |
| Confirmations      | 854 Confirmations                          |
| Relayed by IP      | 5.39.93.85 (whois)                         |
| Visualize          | View Tree Chart                            |

| nputs and Outputs        |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total Input              | 44,000 BTC              |
| Total Output             | 43,999.9992 BTC         |
| Fees                     | 0.0008 BTC              |
| Estimated BTC Transacted | 333.33328887 BTC        |
| Scripts                  | Hide scripts & coinbase |

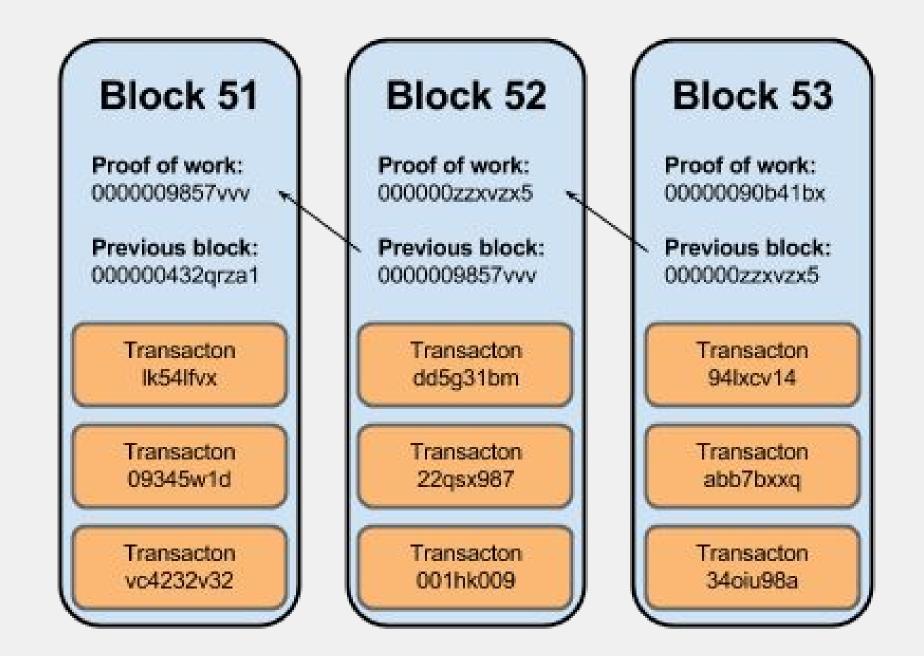
## Basic Concepts - Blocks + Blockchain

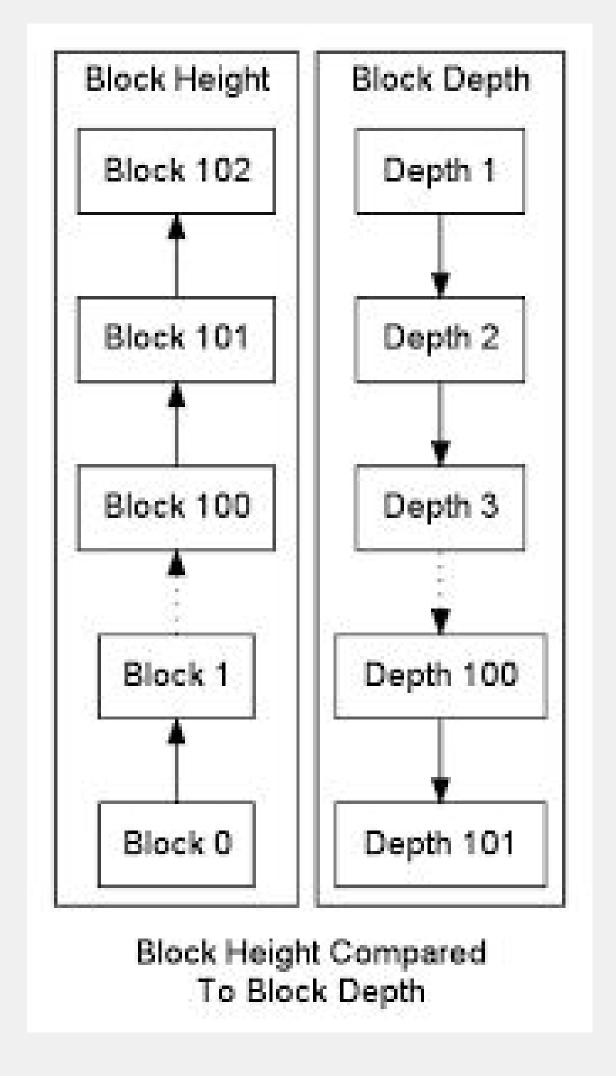
#### Blocks

- Contains an ordered bunch of transactions
  - Timestamps the transactions, are immutable
- Each block References a previous block

#### Blockchain

The entire series of blocks 'chained' together



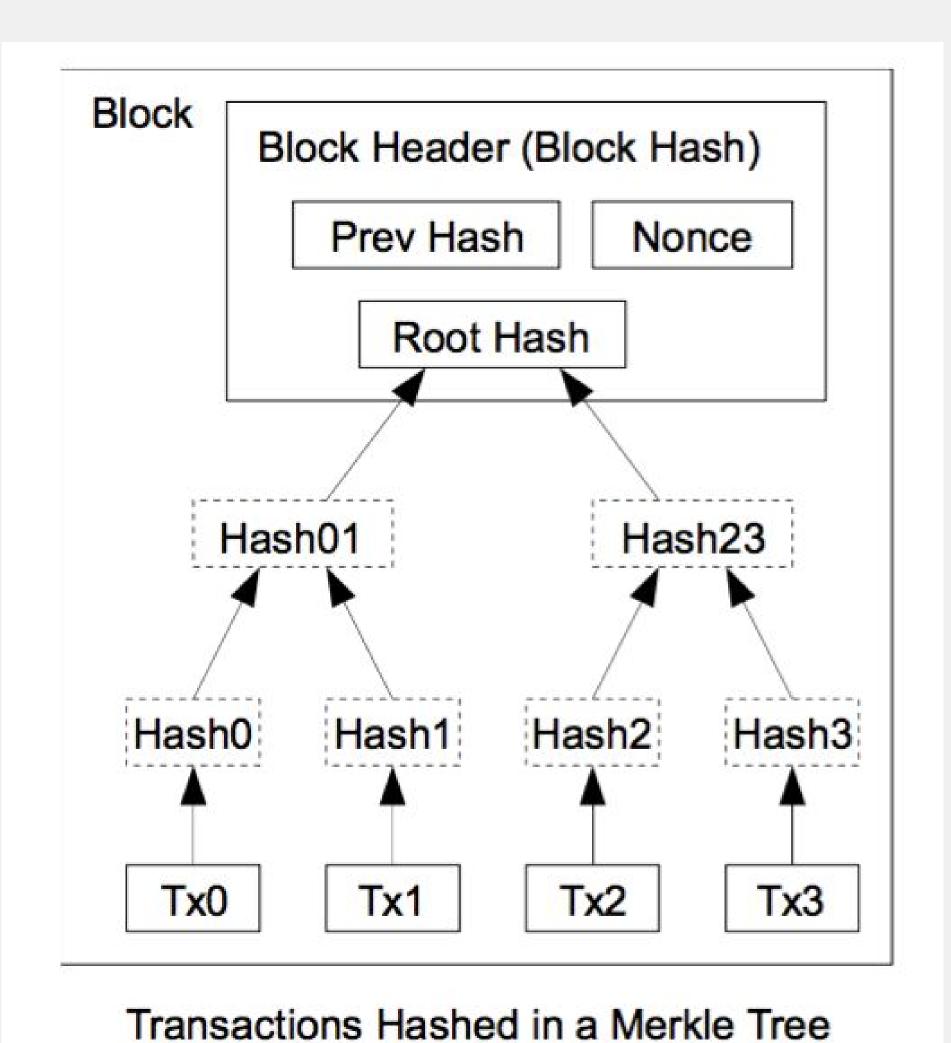


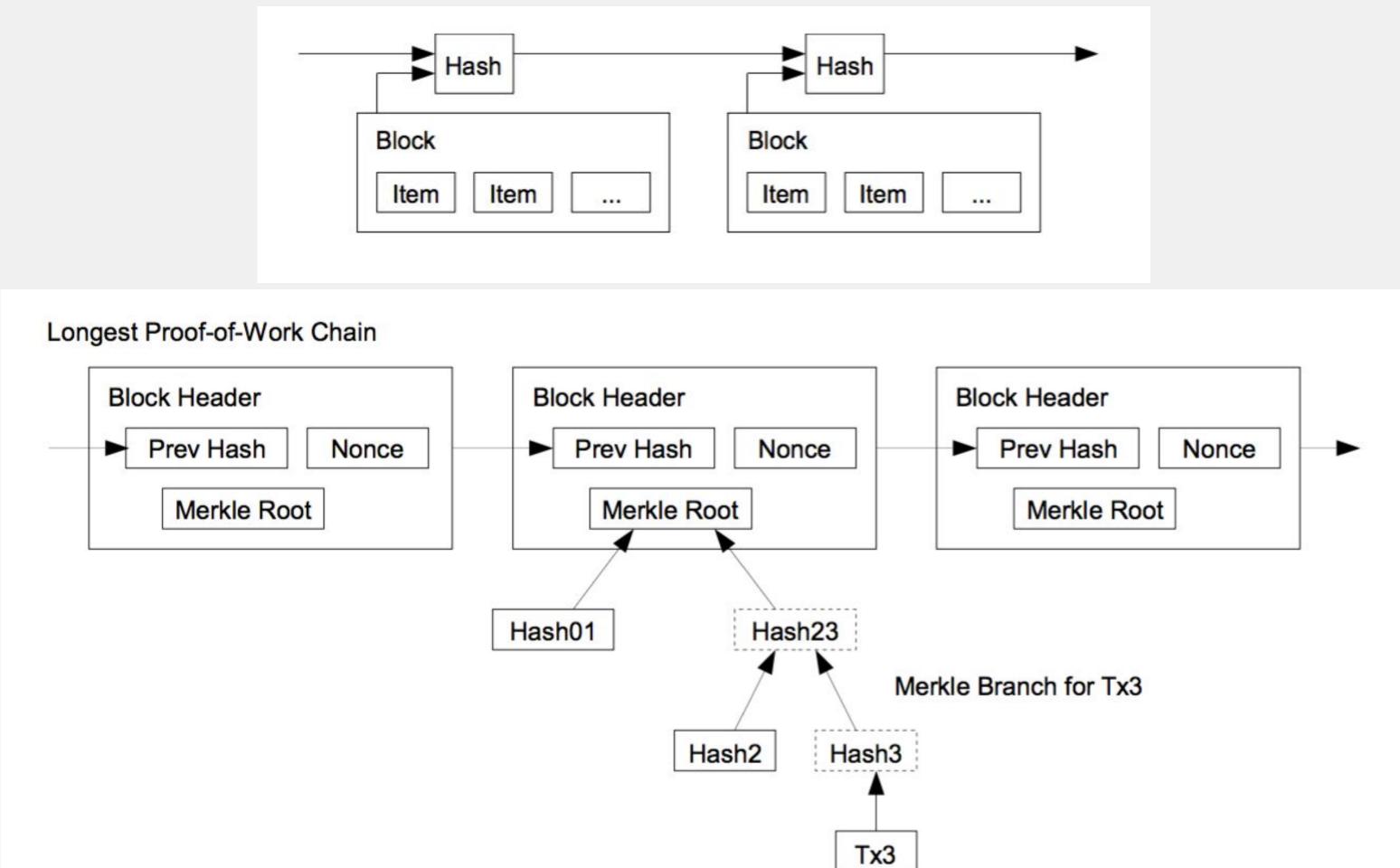
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### Merkle Trees





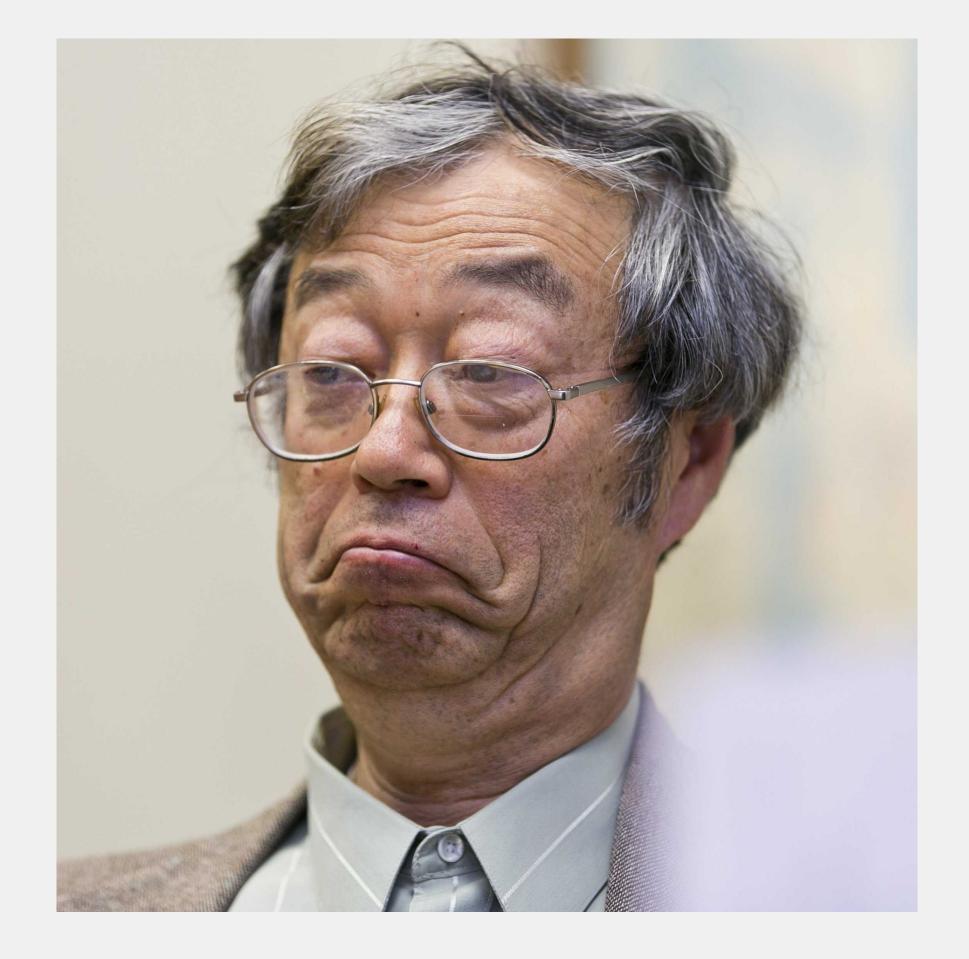
- Makes transaction history immutable
- PoW to add chains

Source: Nakamoto 2009

### The Innovation of Satoshi Nakamoto

### Bitcoin was created by Satoshi Nakamoto in 2009

- First ever decentralized, trustless system for transactions
  - A low cost financial system that only requires an internet connection
- Nakamoto solved the Double Spending problem
  - Prevent someone from spending the same asset twice
  - Solution? The blockchain + Proof-of-Work



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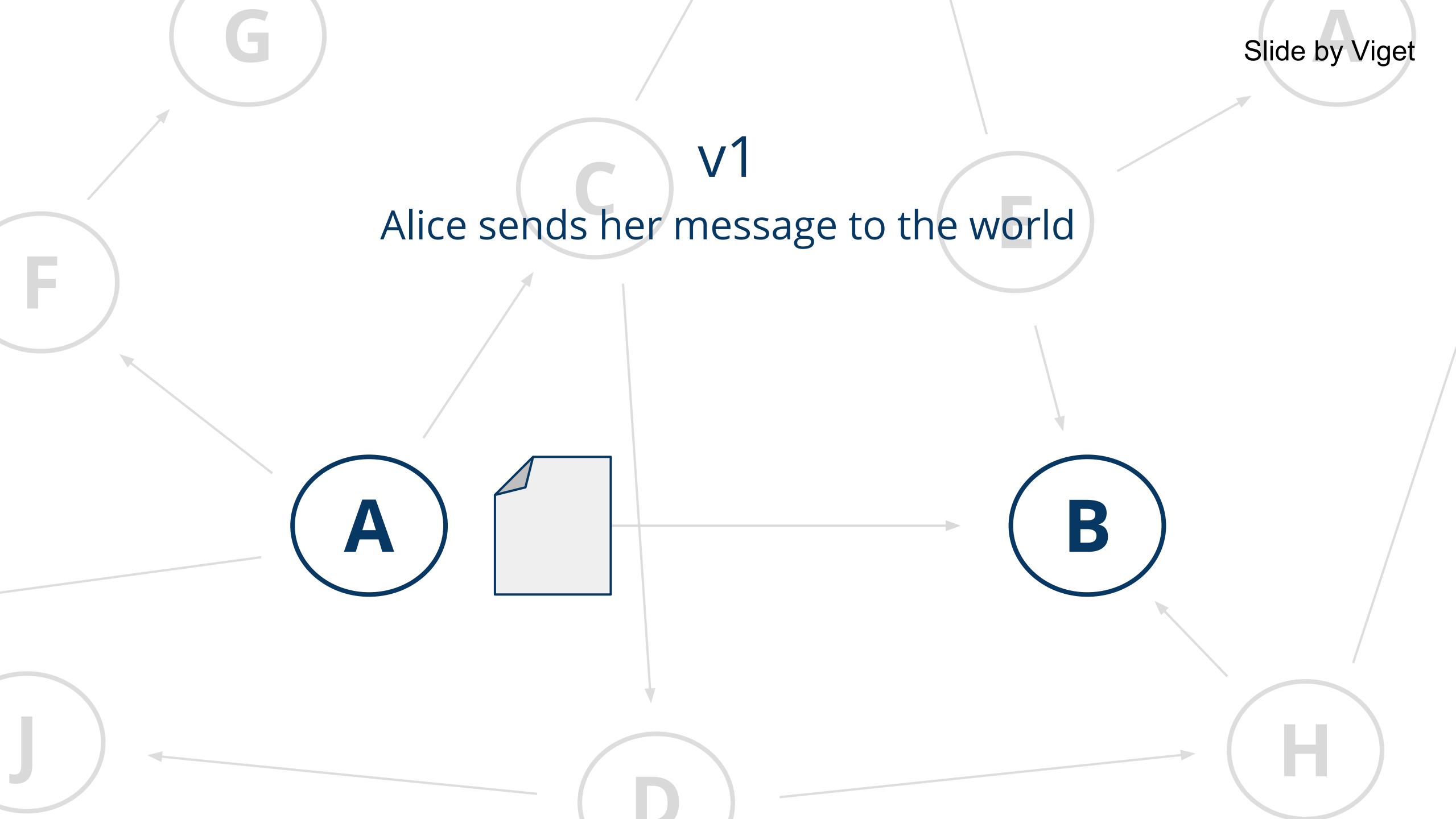
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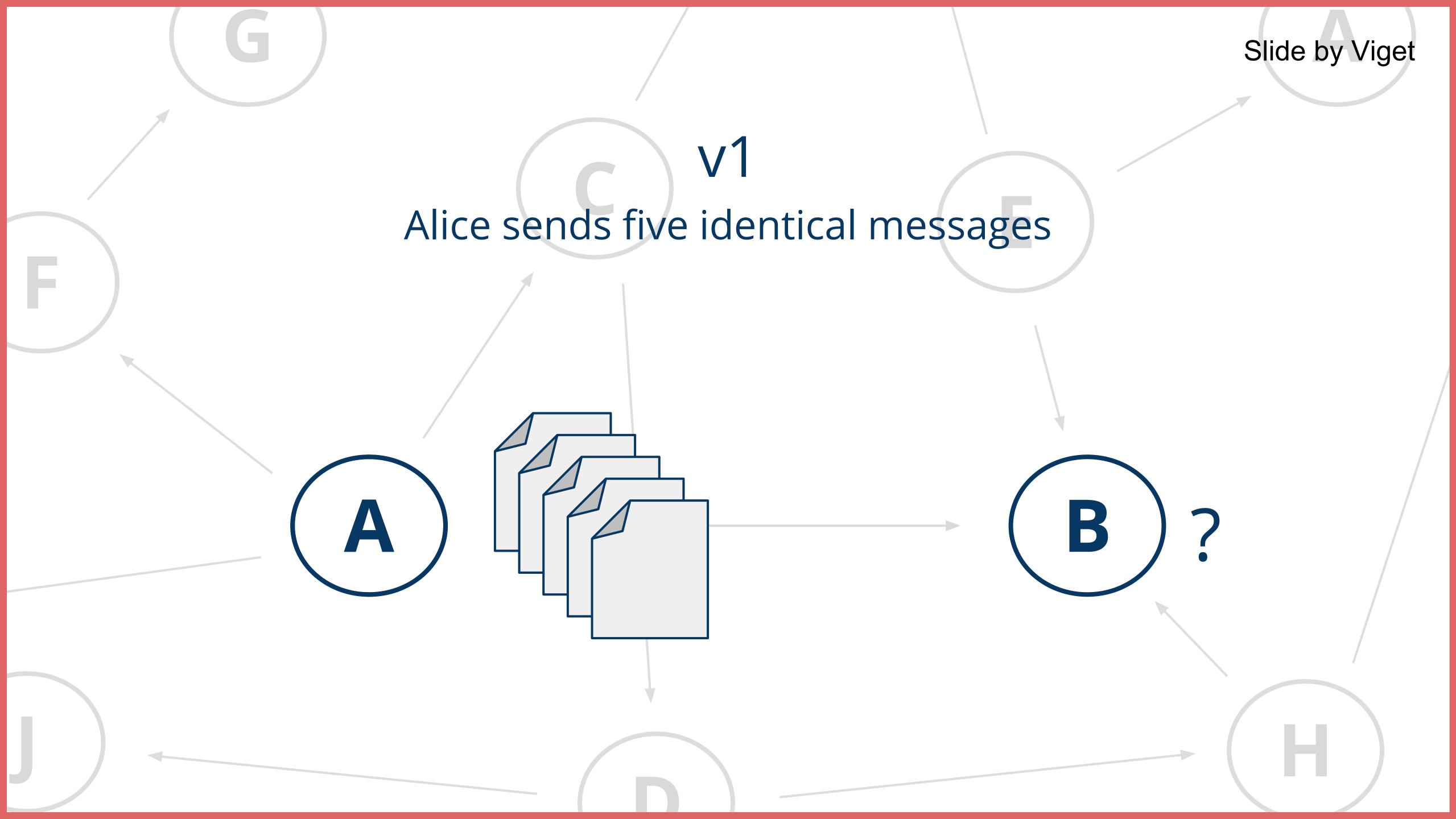
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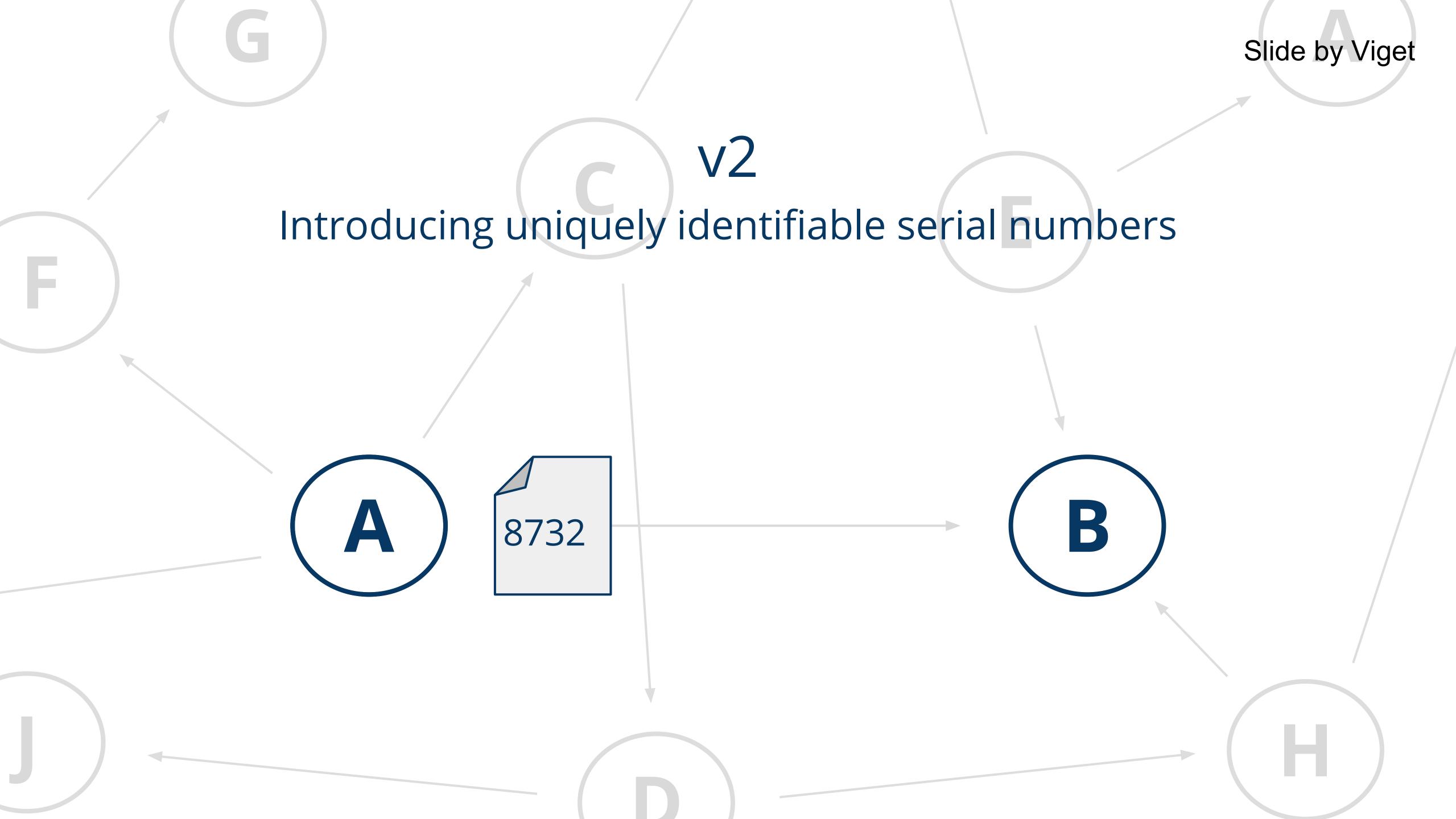


Alice writes and signs a message describing her transaction







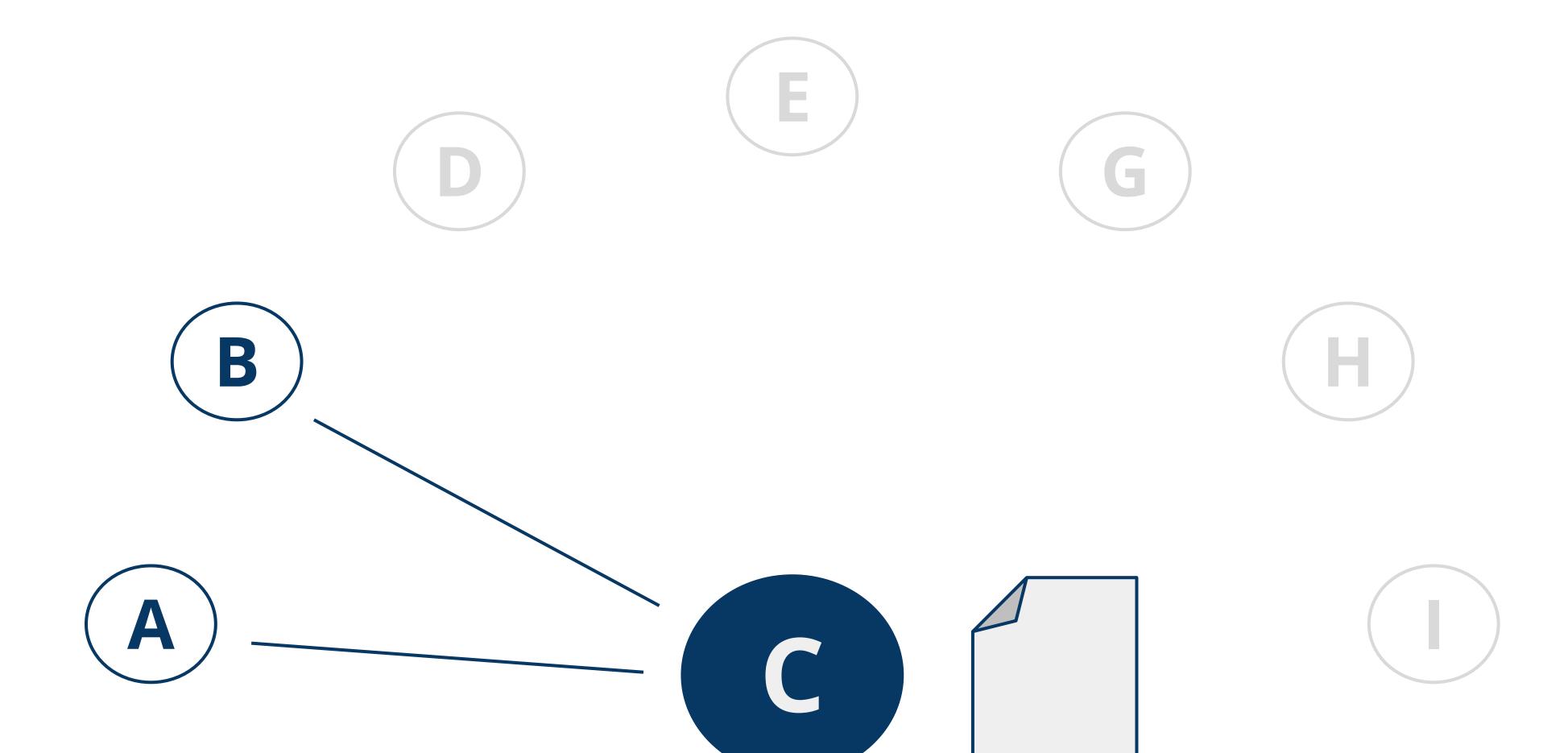


v2

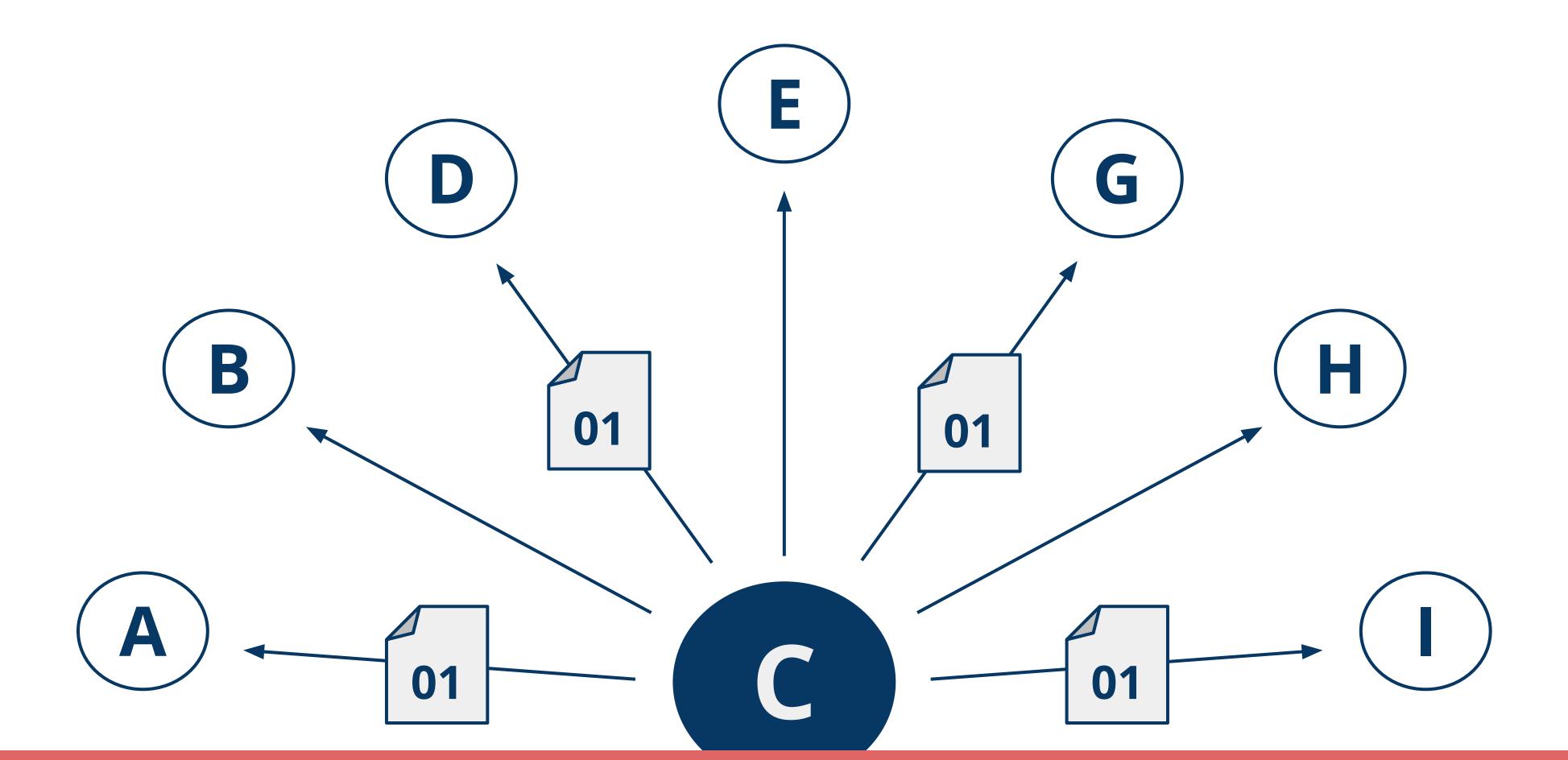
Where do serial numbers come from?



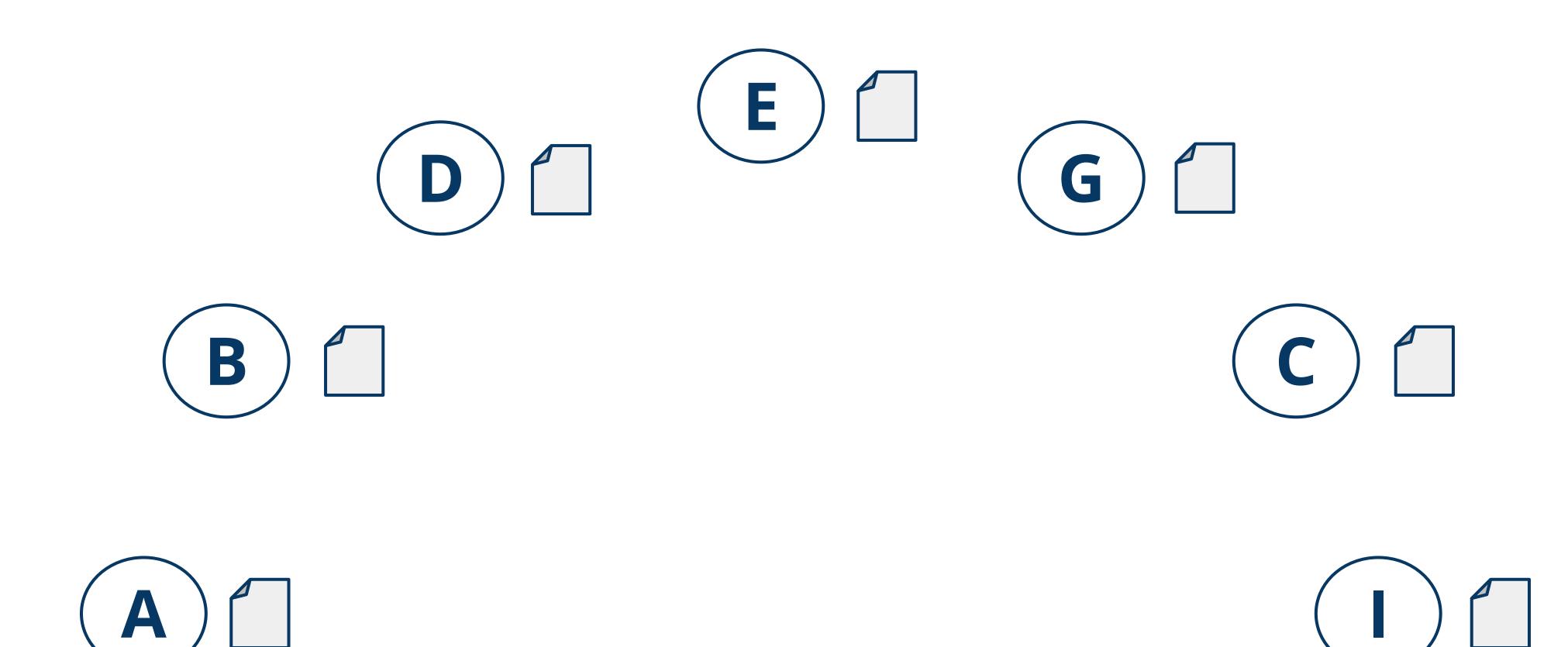
V2
A central bank manages transactions and balances



V2 Centralization



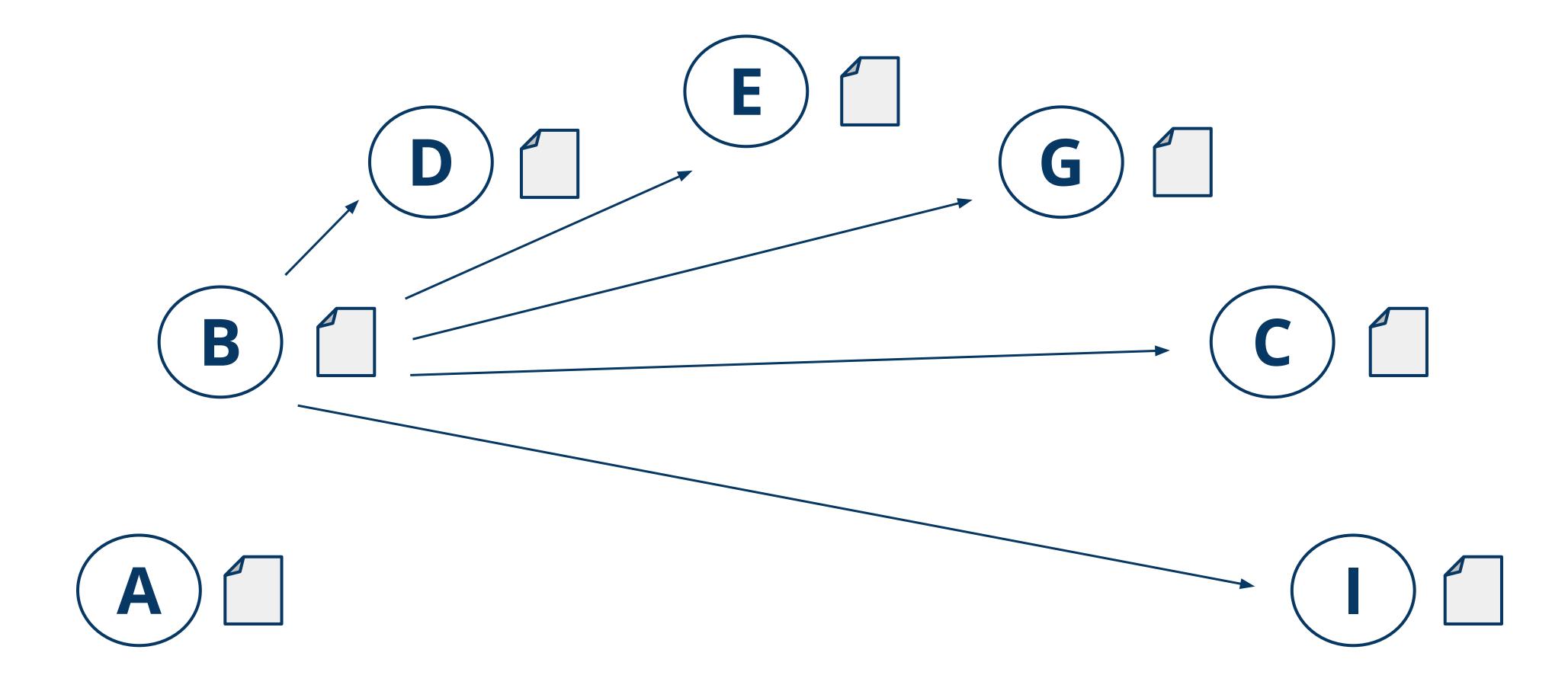
# V3 Making everyone the bank



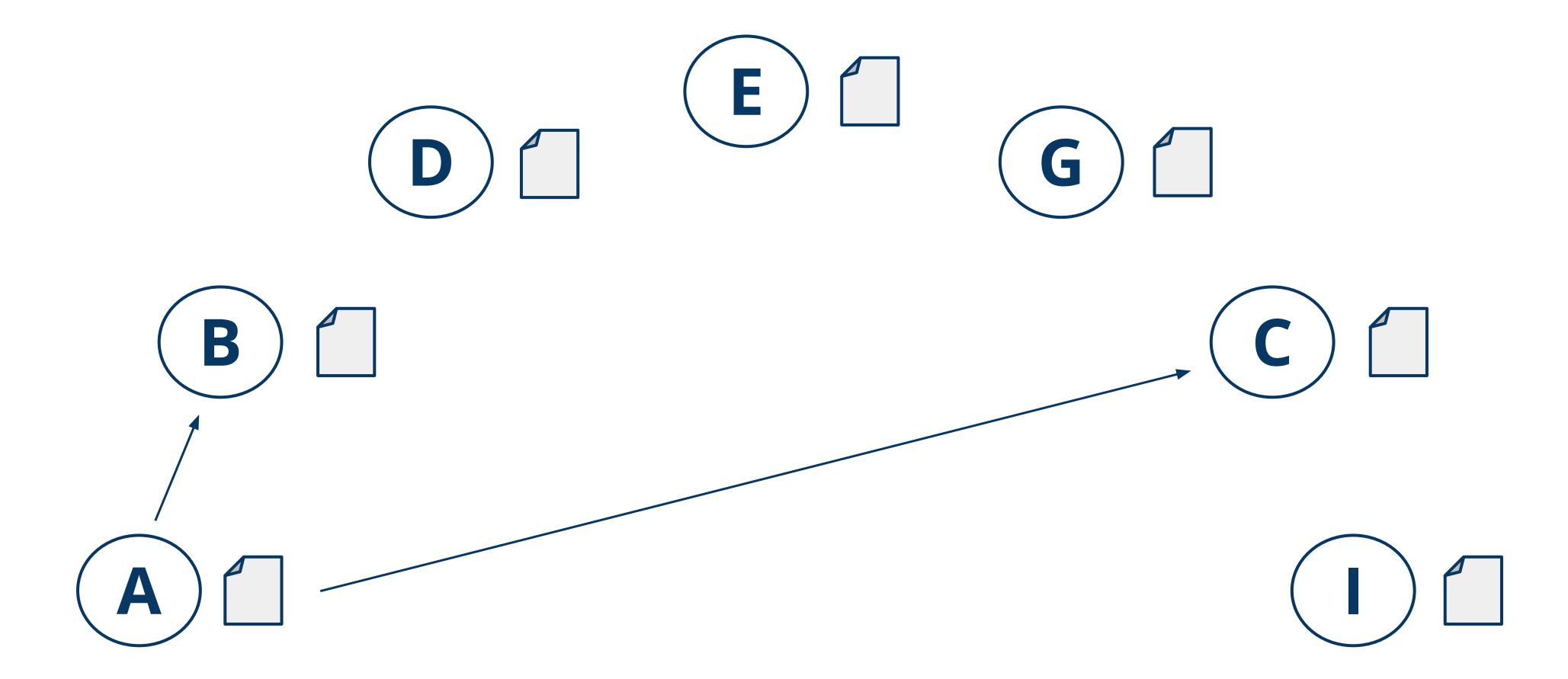
# V3 Alice sends her transaction to Bob



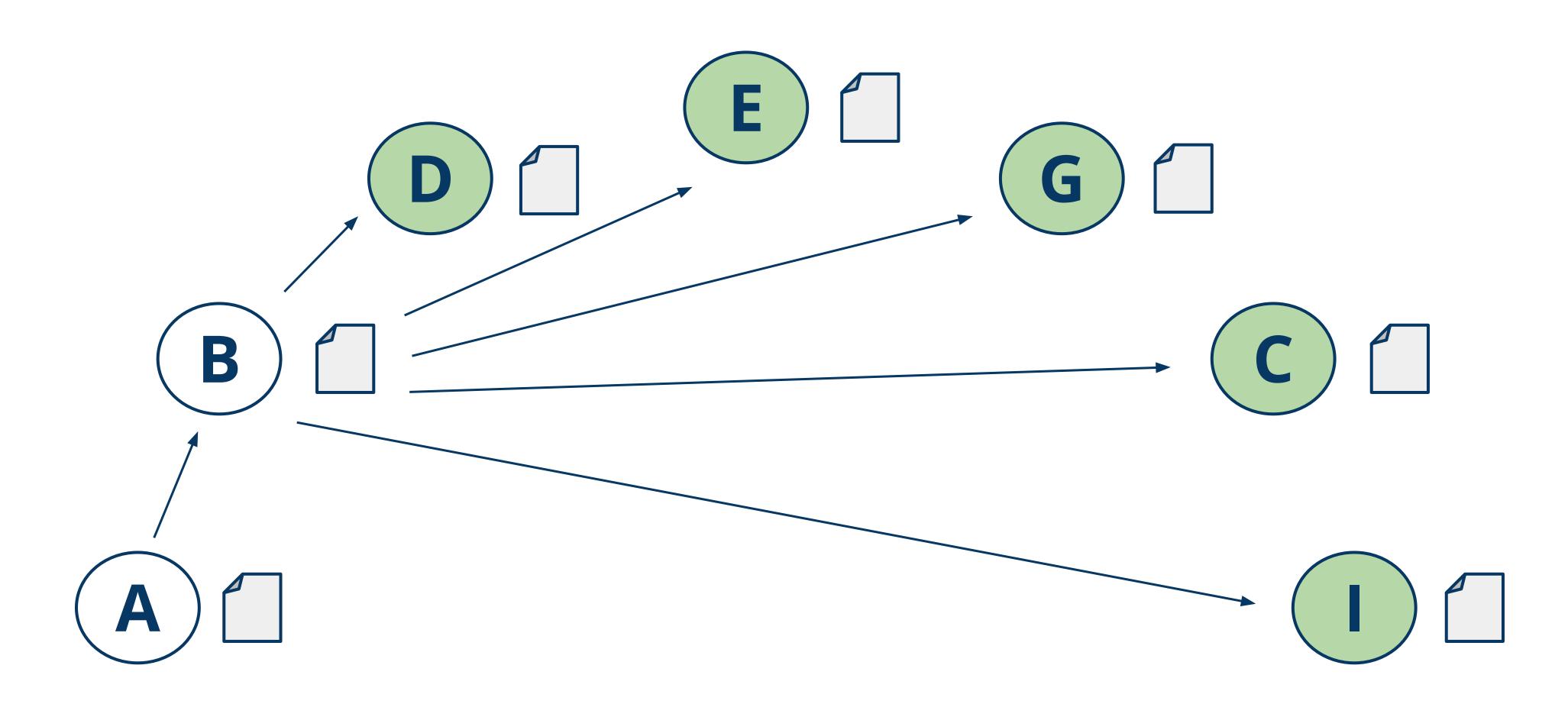
V3
Bob announces the transaction to the world



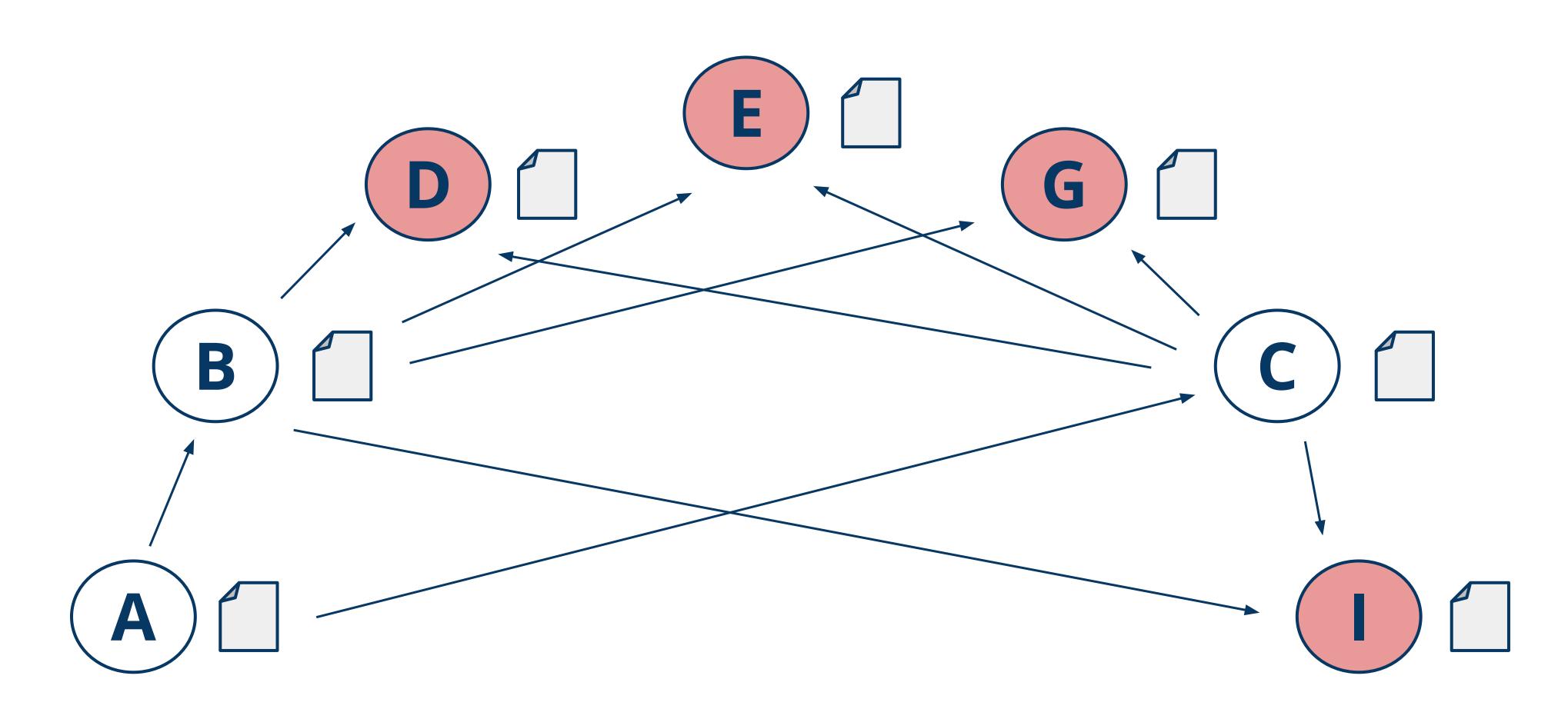
V3
Alice double spends on Bob and Charlie



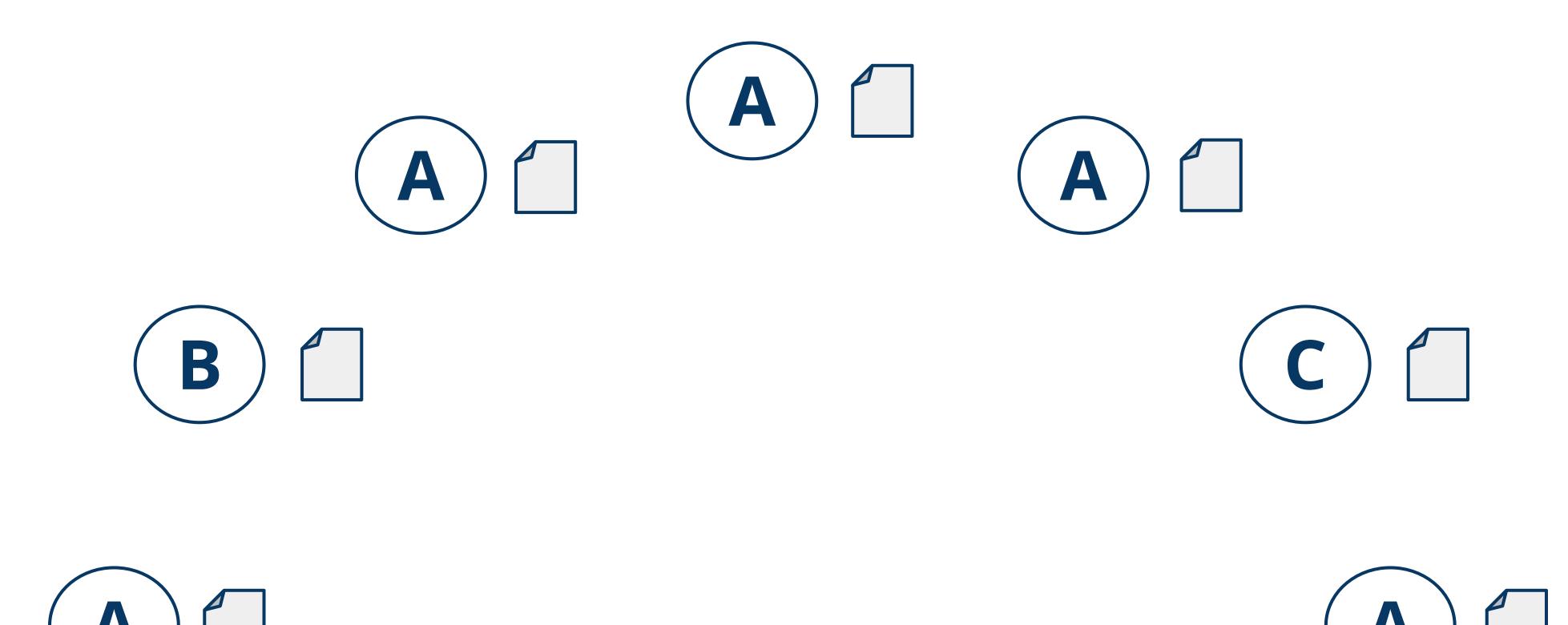
V4 Everyone verifies transactions



V4
Alice is prevented from double spending

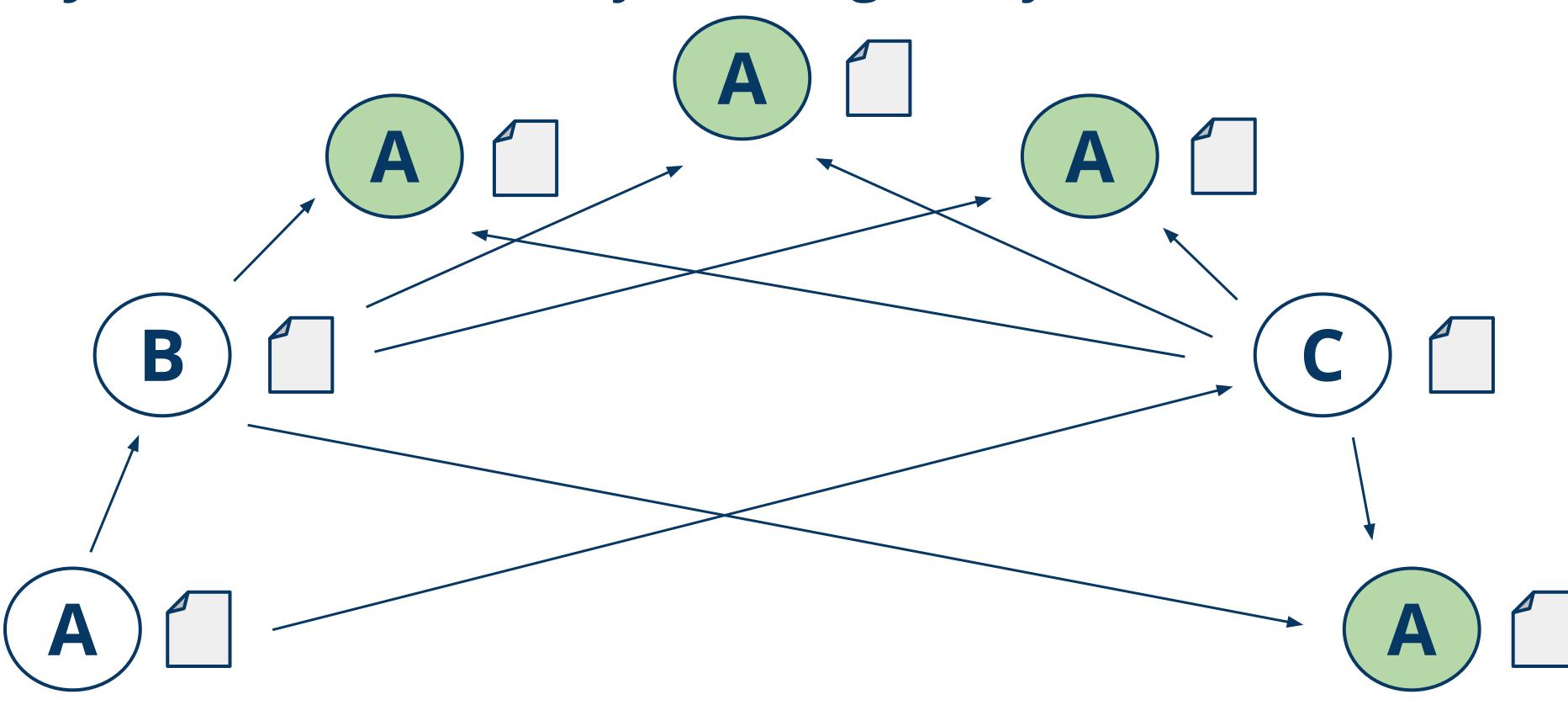


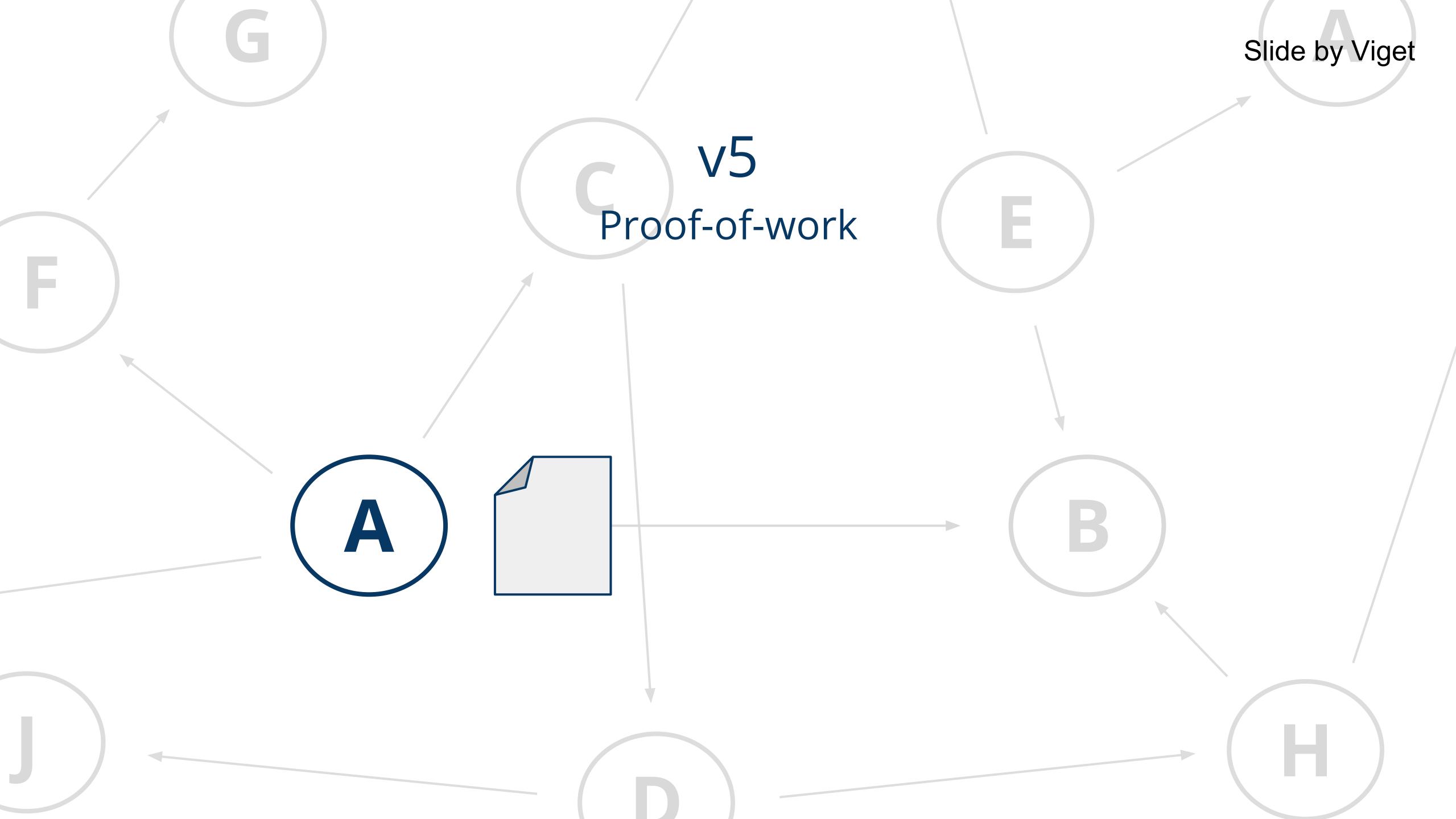
V4
Alice sets up multiple identities



# **V**4

Alice double spends with her multiple identities **Sybil Attack**: Done by creating many fake identities





# V5

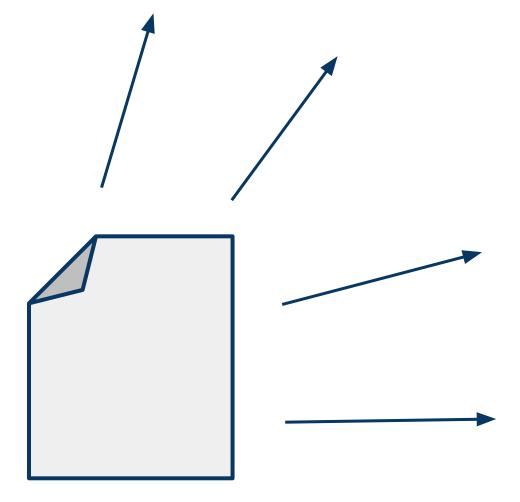
# Pending transactions

- 1. I, Tom, am giving Sue one bitcoin, with serial number 3920.
- 2. I, Sydney, am giving Cynthia one bitcoin, with serial number 1325.
- 3. I, Alice, am giving Bob one bitcoin, with serial number 1234.

V5 Verifying transactions





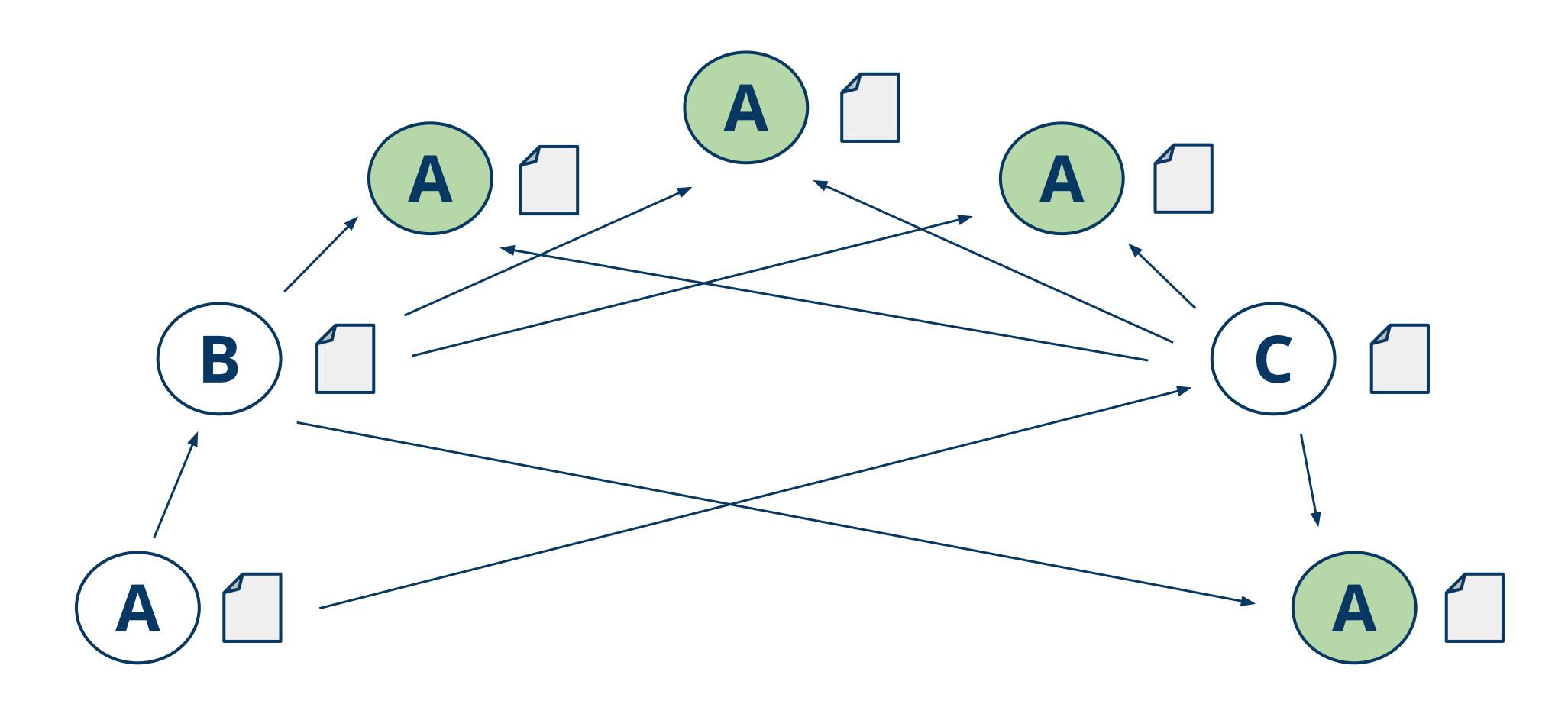


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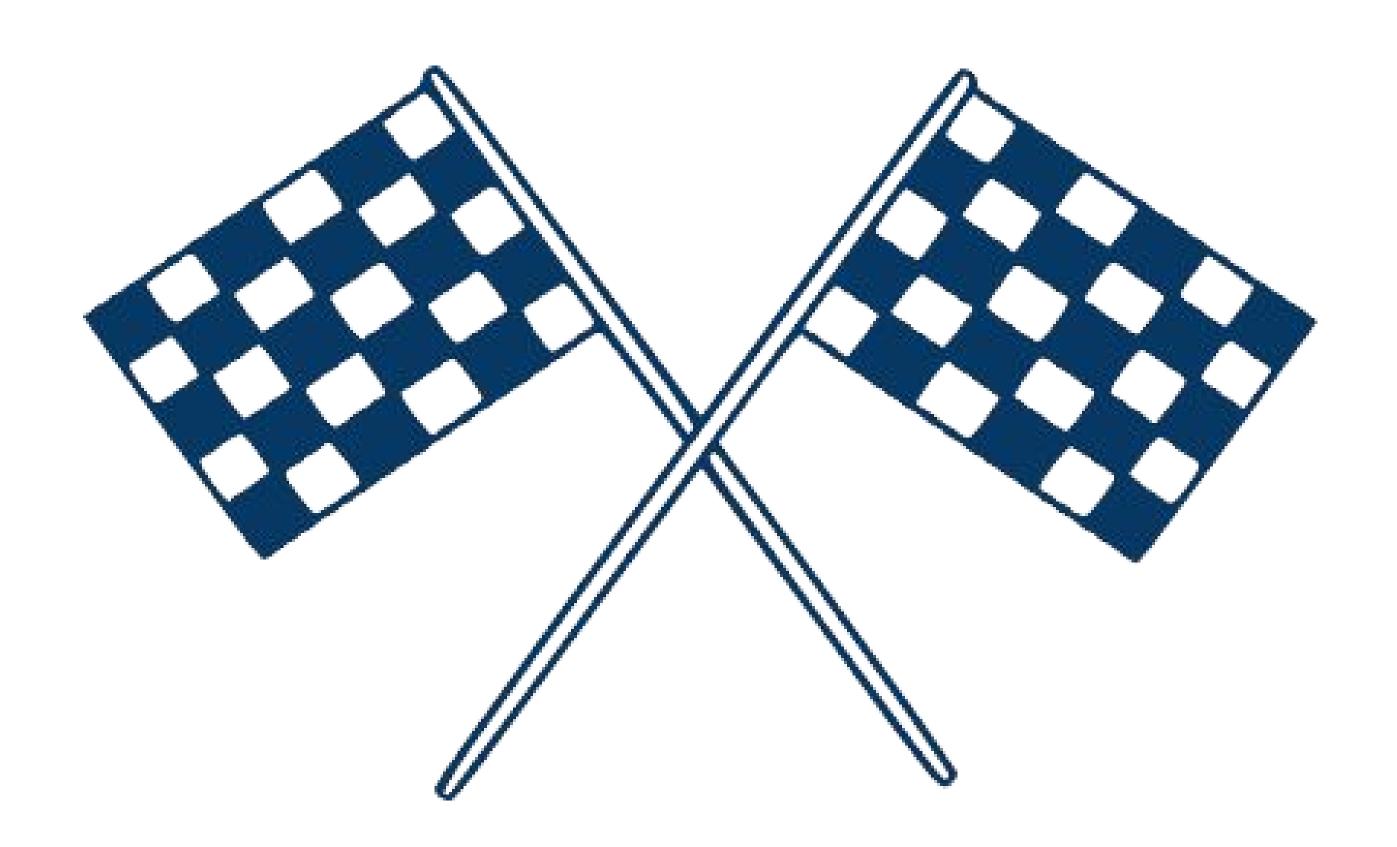
V5 Why the math?



V4
Alice double spends with her multiple identities



V5
Proof-of-work as a competition



# Summary

| Version | Major feature                            | Value added                        |
|---------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1       | Signed messages announced to the network | Basis of entire system             |
| 2       | Serial numbers                           | Uniquely identifiable transactions |
| 3       | The block chain                          | Shared record of transactions      |
| 4       | Everyone verifies transactions           | Increased security                 |
| 5       | Proof-of-work                            | Prevents double spending           |

## Bitcoin Mining

- Solution to Double Spending: Proof-of-work (PoW)
  - "Miners" continuously compete to solve a very computationally difficult problem
  - Proof of work is an example of a "Byzantine consensus algorithm"
  - Private blockchains tend to use alternative algorithms, but are not trustless

## Mining functions as:

- A mining mechanism that ensures coins are distributed in a fair way
- An incentive for people to help secure the network
- Key component that enables you reach consensus in a decentralized currency

Proof-of-work is one of a plethora of consensus algorithms

# Sketch of Bitcoin Mining - Finding blocks

- Finding the PoW => 'found' a block; can add block to blockchain
  - Miner who found block adds "coinbase transaction"
    - contains mining reward (currently 12.5 BTC)
  - Miner broadcasts block
  - Other nodes verify, then add to their own copy of the blockchain
- Timeline + stats
  - This happens roughly every 10 minutes
    - Difficulty of the problem adjusted every 2 weeks
  - Block reward halving every 4 years (recently halved on July 9th)
    - Bitcoin is in limited supply 21 million bitcoins by 2140
      - Deflationary
  - 15.2 million bitcoins currently in circulation today
  - ~\$9.6 billion market cap
  - Price is currently ~\$600 per bitcoin





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# Blockchain Types and Platforms

## Types of Blockchain

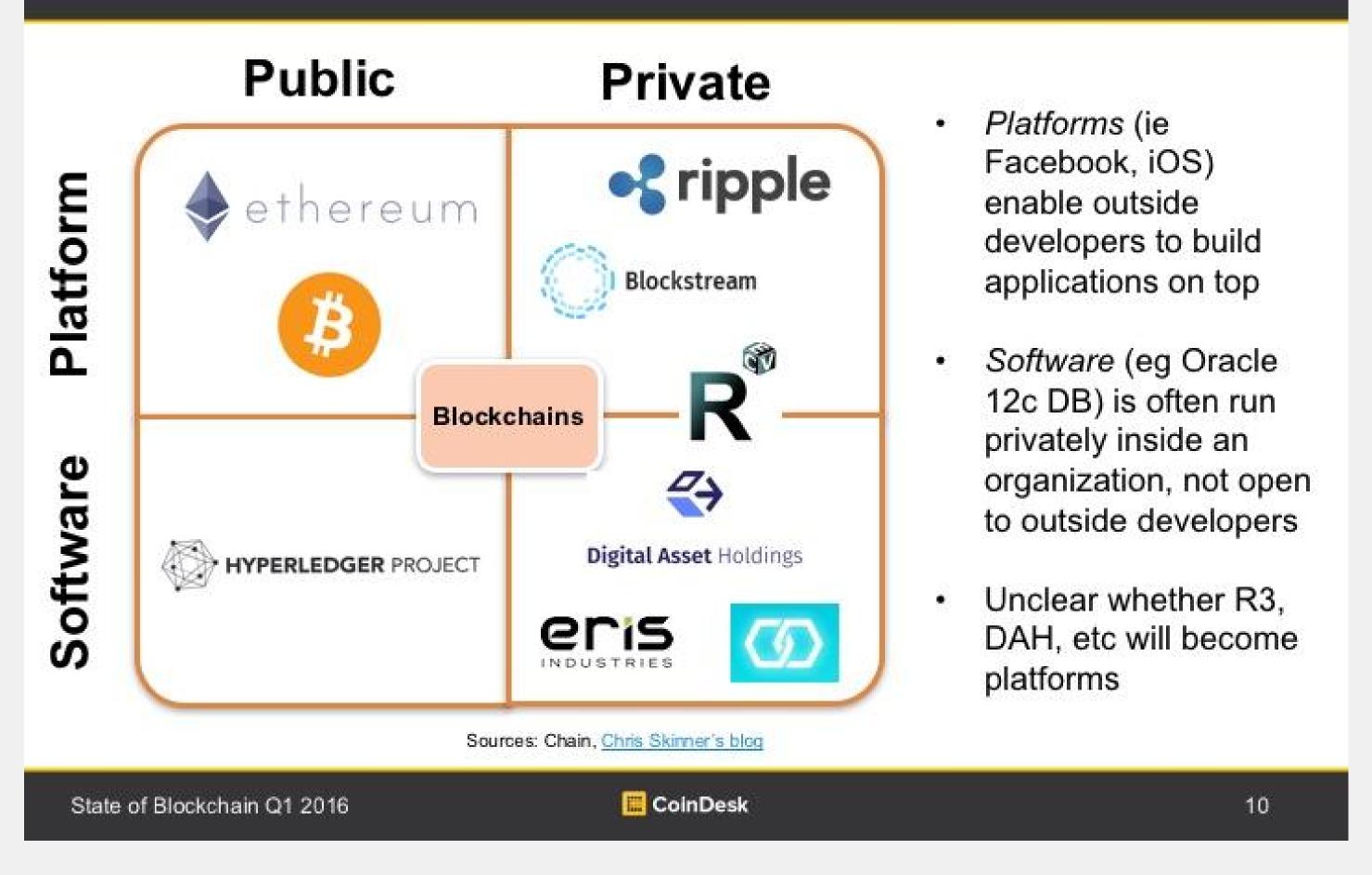
<u>Public Blockchain</u> - A public blockchain is a blockchain that everybody in the world can read, anyone in the world can send transactions to and expect to see them included if they are valid, and anyone in the world can participate in the consensus process.

Consortium Blockchain - A consortium blockchain is a blockchain where the consensus process is controlled by a preselected set of nodes; for example, one might imagine a consortium of 15 financial institutes, each of which operates a node and of which 10 must sign every block in order for the block to be valid.

<u>Fully Private Blockchain</u> - A fully private blockchain is a blockchain where **write permissions are kept centralized to one organization**. Read permissions may be public or restricted to an arbitrary extent.

#### Platforms - Open vs. Private

# Blockchains Can Be Further Distinguished Between 'Platform' and 'Software' Providers



# Public (open) vs. Private Blockchains (Closed)

|          | Public                             | Private                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|--|
| Access   | Open read/write access to database | Permissioned read/write access to database |
| Speed    | Slower                             | Faster                                     |
| Security | Proof-of-Work/<br>Proof-of-State   | Pre-approved participants                  |
| Identity | Anonymous/Pseudonymous             | Known identities                           |
| Asset    | Native Assets                      | Any asset                                  |
| Costs    | Expensive                          | Cheaper                                    |

#### Future of Blockchain

2017-2020: Shared Infrastructure Emerges 2016-2018: **Proof of Concept** 

2014-2016: Assess Blockchain's Value for **Financial Assets** 

#### 2014-2016: Assess Blockchain's Value for **Financial Assets**

- Banks and other financial infrastructure intermediaries (FIIs), including Central Depositories, Exchanges, & Technology Vendors, size potential efficiencies from permissioned, shared, secure distributed ledgers
- Banks and financial infrastructure intermediaries form industry groups to discuss opportunities - R3
- Linux Hyperledger Foundation

#### 2016-2018: Proof of Concept

- Banks and FIIs tee up specific assets as a test case for Blockchain
- CDS
- Repo settlement
- Corporate syndicated loan settlement
- Trade finance
- International currency transfer
- Exchanges for post trade settlement
- POC Goal: Assess if Blockchain can scale and reduce costs
- 1) Does Tech work and scale
- Does the asset transact between buyer and seller smoothly
- Does it offer benefits beyond existing technologies on a performance, cost, speed, scale analysis
- Fails are de minimis
- 2) Can buyer, seller, and their 3rd parties (i.e., lawyers, auditors, regulators) validate the transaction with few human touch points, replacing teams of people
- 3) Does it offer benefits beyond existing technologies on a performance, cost, speed, scale analysis
- POC Tiering: Segment into most to least important assets to address
- Focus resources on most important assets, most inefficient processes
- Engage regulators, lawyers, auditors

#### 2017-2020: Shared Infrastructure Emerges

- Proven assets adopted well beyond initial POC group
- Develop interface for external users
- Leverage APIs
- Reduce costs with fewer heads and increased mutualization of infrastructure costs

#### 2021-2025: Assets Proliferate

- More assets move onto Blockchain as efficiencies prove out

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# Smart Contract Example



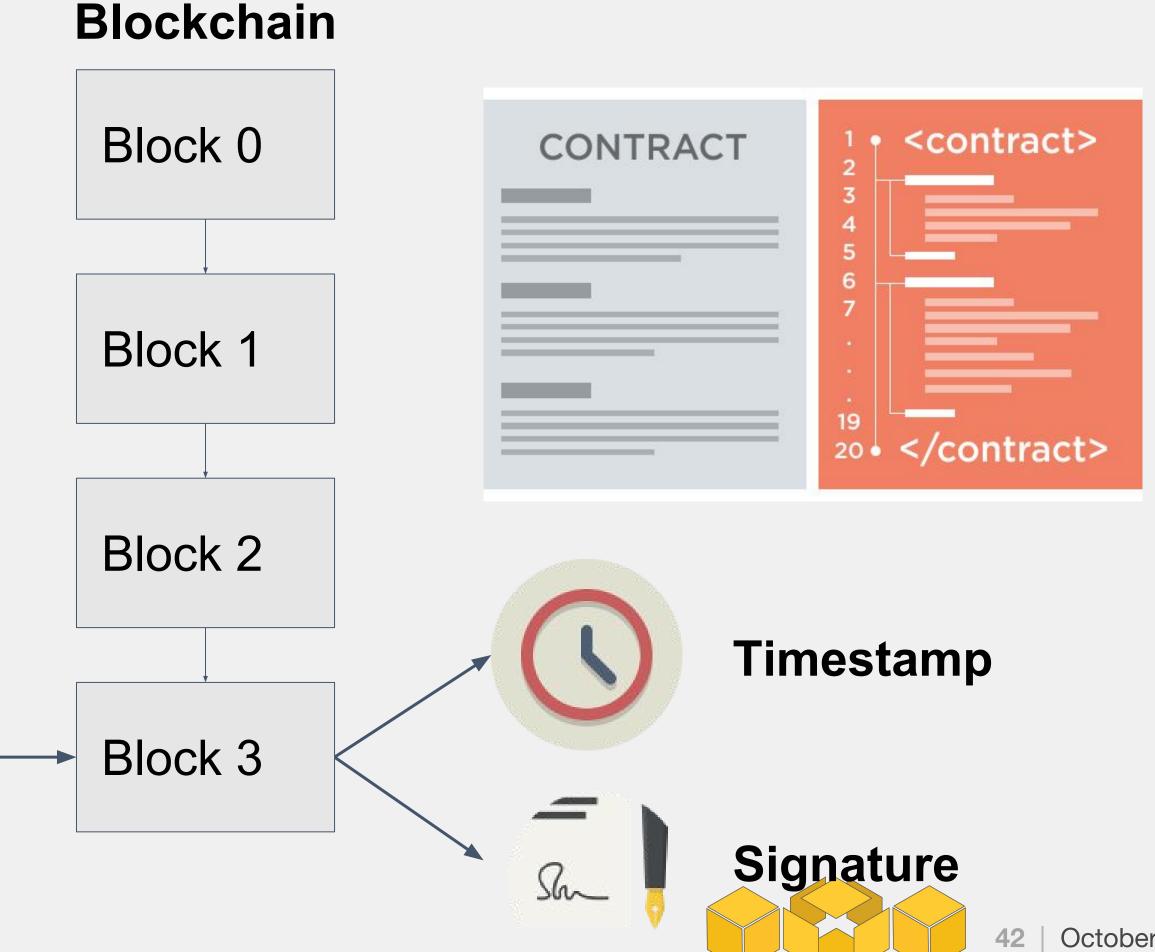
#### Smart Contracts & Property

"Smart contracts as **smart contract code**"

- (a) Expressing Business logic as a computer program
- (b) Representing the events which trigger that logic as message to program
- (c) Using digital signatures to prove who sent the message

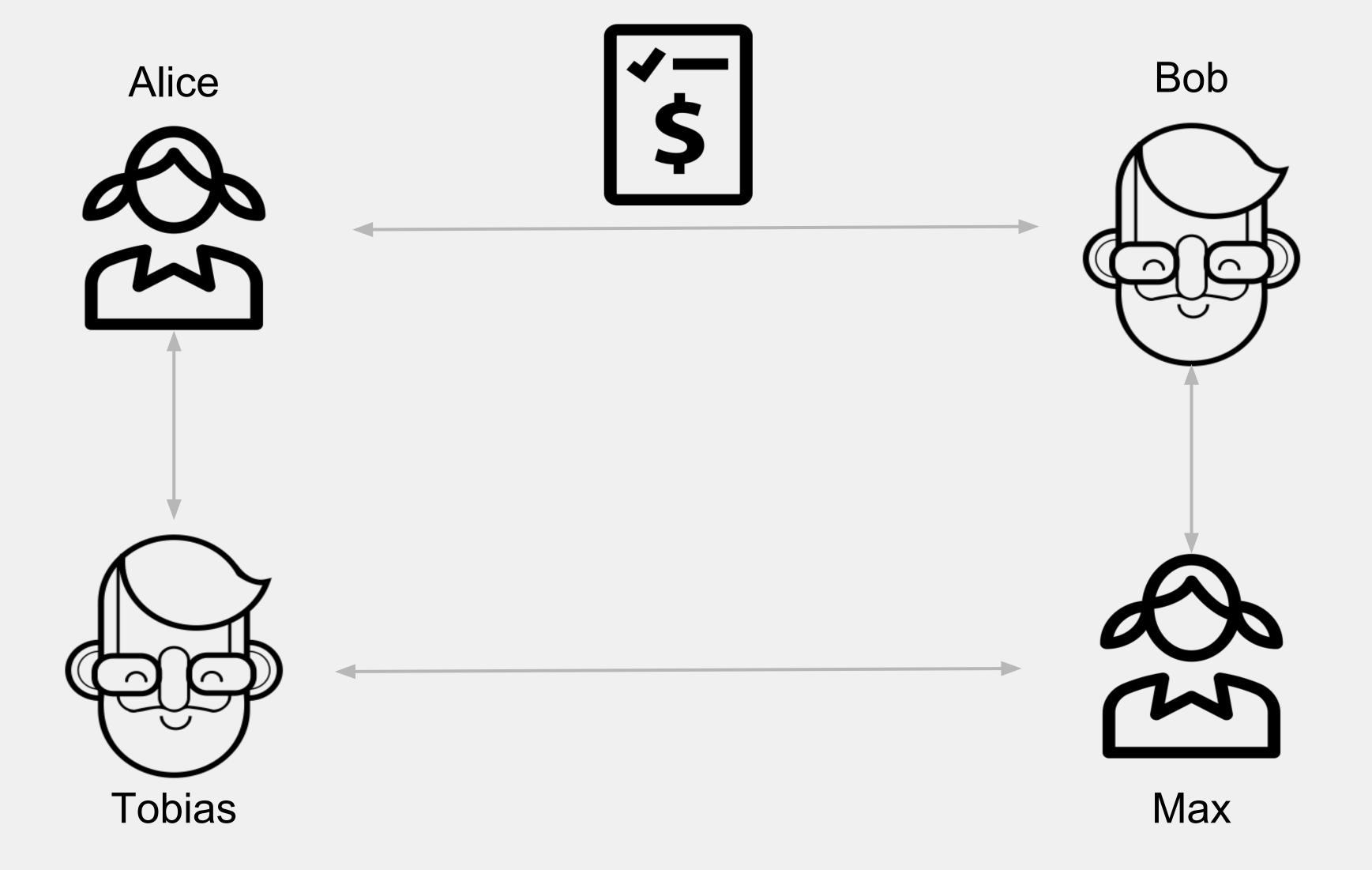
**Contract code** 

(d) putting all above on the Blockchain

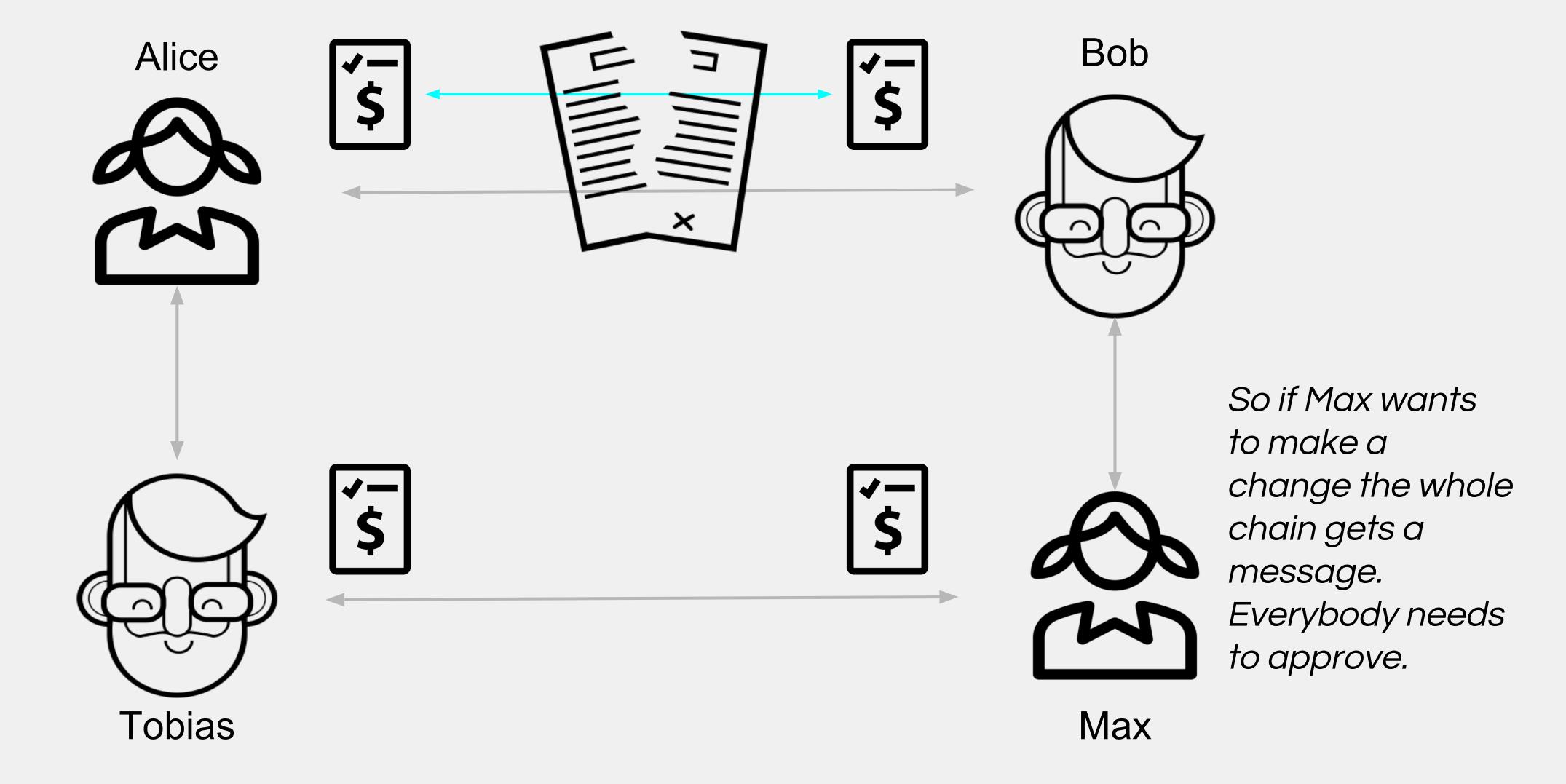


**Contract** 

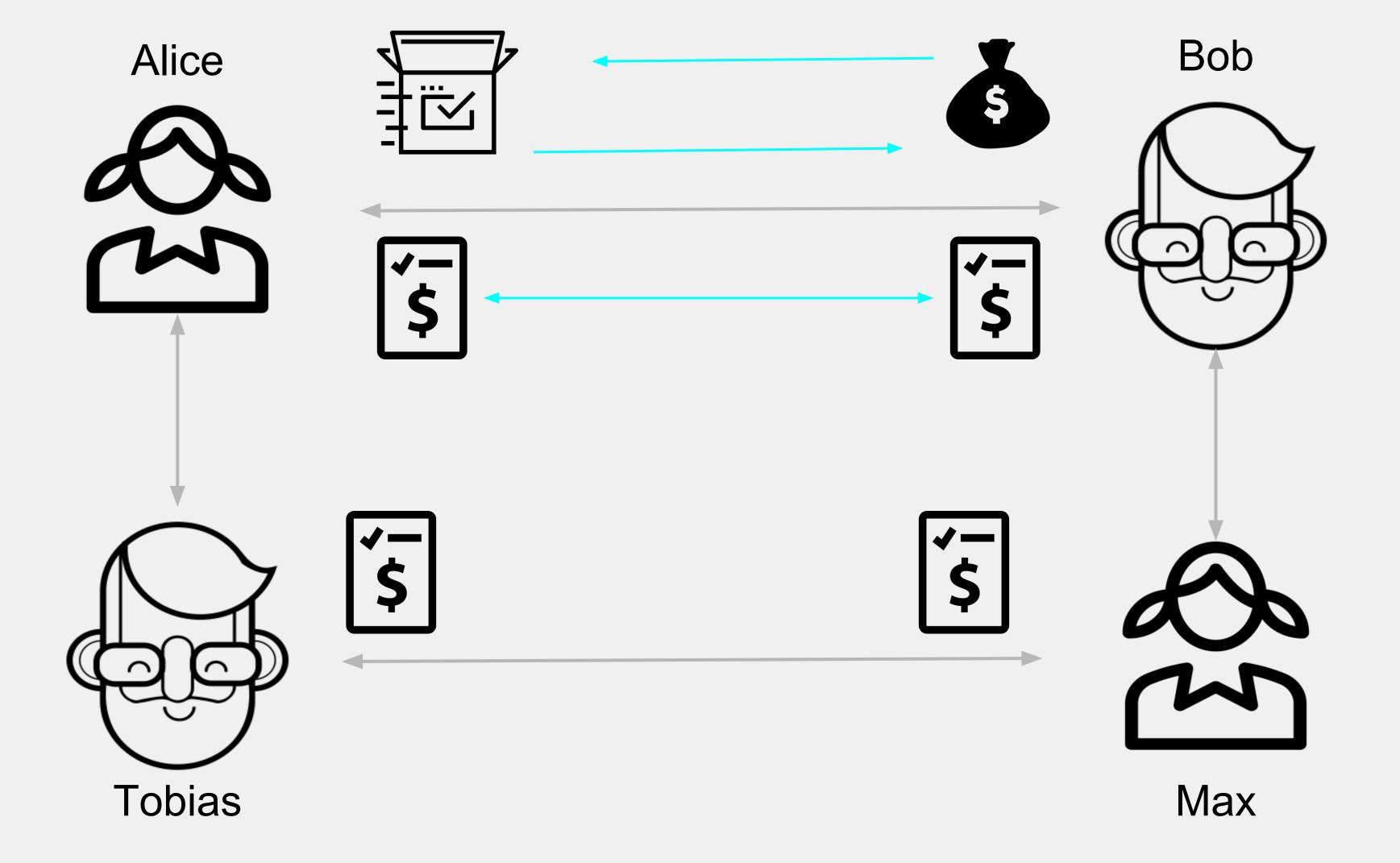
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#### Pro's / Con's

#### Pros:

- It is secure, if somebody wants to change a contract everybody gets a warning
- Self executing,
- Distributed/Decentralized
- M2M (Machine to Machine)

#### Cons:

- Scalability of the chain
- Difficult for legal contracts, which need human interpretation
- Computation power
- Difficult to update a smart contract



#### Dapps, DAOs, DACs, DASs

### Decentralized applications (Dapps)

- Is an application that runs on a network in a distributed fashion with participant information securely protected and operation execution decentralized across network nodes.

#### Decentralized Autonomous Organizations & Corporations (DAOs & DACs)

- In a DAO/DAC, there are smart contracts as agents running on Blockchains that execute ranges of prespecified or preapproved tasks based on events and changing condition.
- Storj, Smart Contracts operated, decentralized file storage

#### Decentralized Autonomous Societies (DASs)

- For in the future this can be a DAS where a fleet of smart contracts, or entire ecosystems of Dapps, DAOs, DACs operating autonomously

#### DAO - DASH



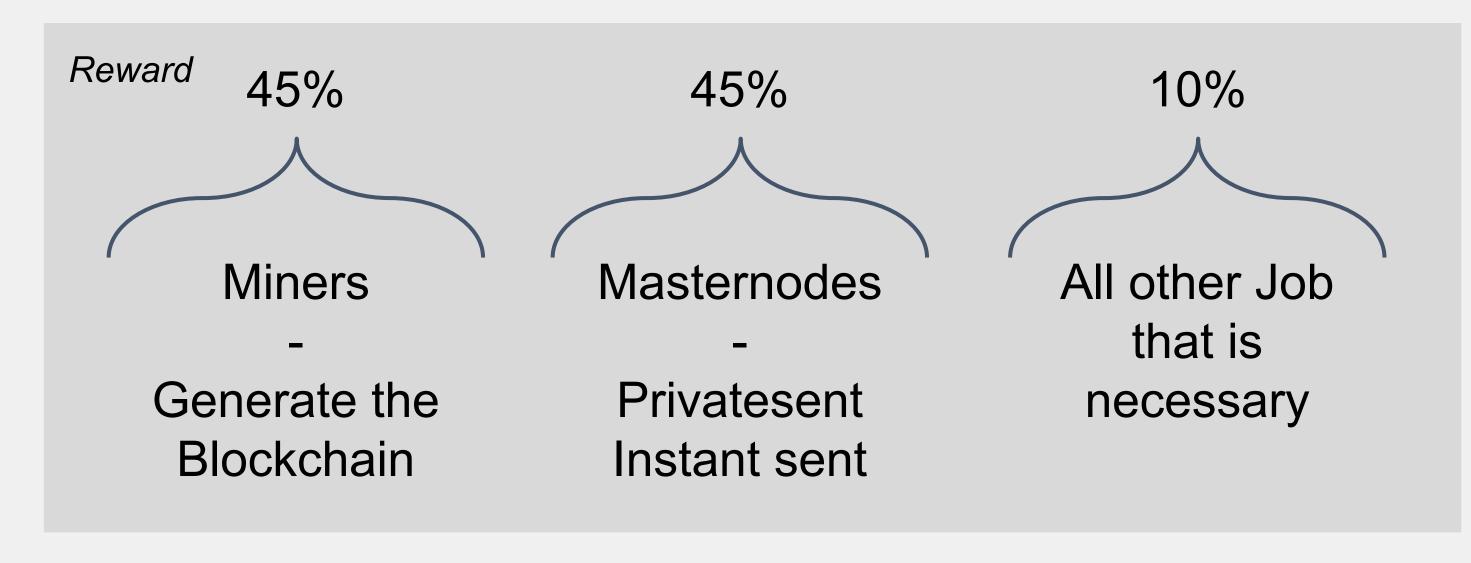
A decentralized autonomous organization (DAO), sometimes labeled a decentralized autonomous corporation (DAC), is an organization that is run through rules encoded as computer programs called smart contracts. A DAO's financial transaction record and program rules are maintained on a blockchain.

- Dash formerly known as Darkcoin and XCoin, rebranded in 2015
- People who communicate via a network protocol

#### Two principles:

- 1. Consensus
- 2. Execution

What makes it so special? →



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# DAO - Energy Example

## Hyperledger



- 1. Finance
  - i. community of more than 50+ of the biggest banks in the world
  - ii. Altoros Hyperledger Demo: Distributed Clearing Platform For Derivatives
  - iii. Altoros Hyperledger Demo: Bond Issuance and Trading
  - iv. HACERA: Accounts You Can Count On
  - v. IntellectEU Demo: Smart Correspondent Banking
- 2. Healthcare (in development)
- 3. Supply Chain (coming)



#### R3 - Project (Private)

- 1. Software/Platform
- 2. Consortium of 50 of the largest banks in the world
- 3. Corda Project the distributed ledger for all 50 banks Let's watch a video!



# R3 - Project (Private)



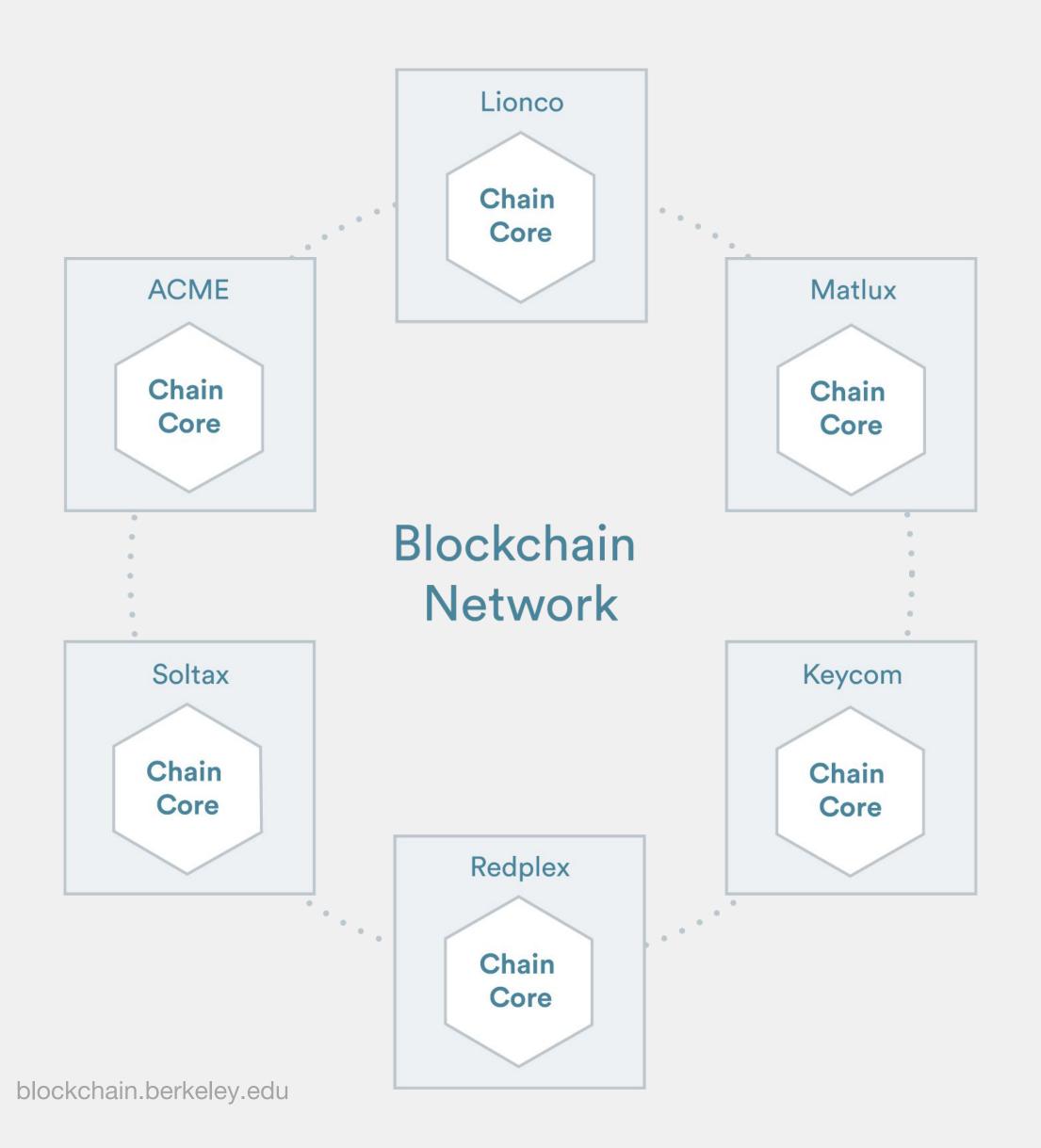
## Chain.com (Private)

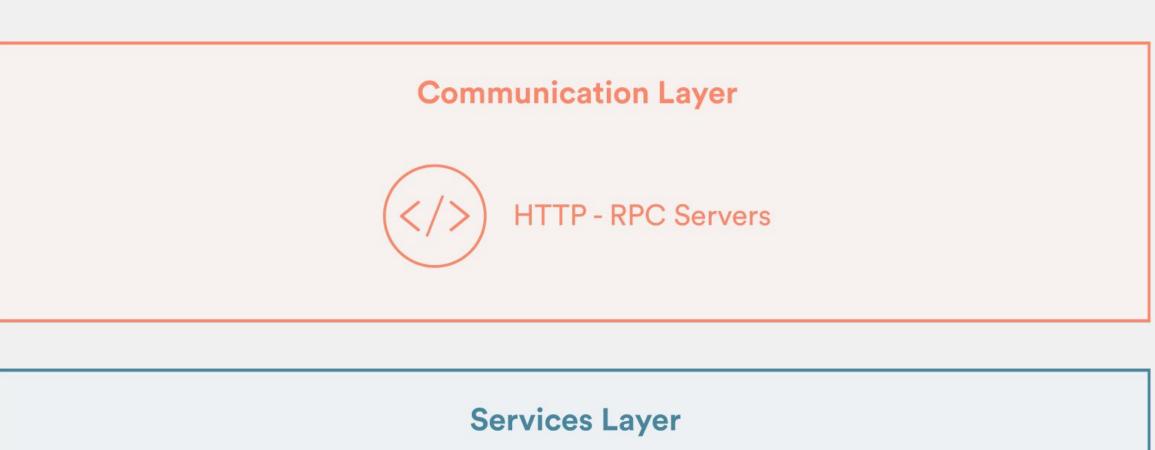
Delivers three different options for companies:

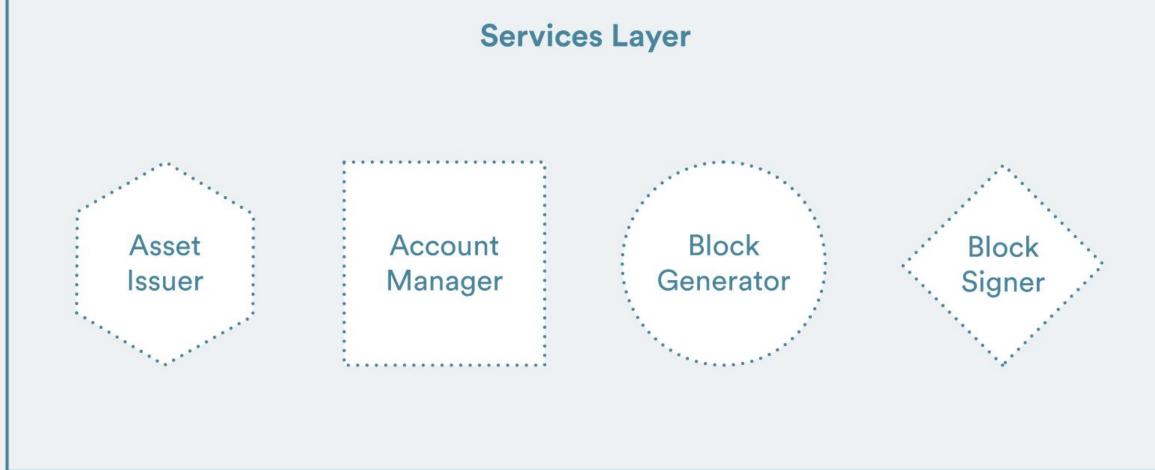


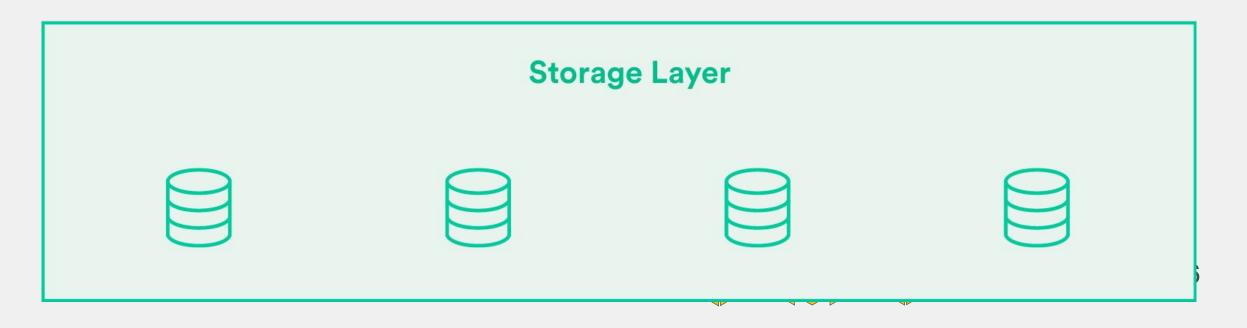
- 1. Open Standard Financial Asset registration
- 2. **Chain Core** An enterprise-grade distributed system that powers secure, scalable, and highly available blockchain networks.
- Enterprise software in the blockchain.
- 3. **Chain Sandbox** private blockchain network designed for rapid prototyping. It allows development teams to begin building blockchain applications in a hosted environment without deploying Chain Core on-premise.

## Chain.com (Private)









# Ripple





#### Next week

- Please fill in this check-in form: <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/project-bb">http://www.tinyurl.com/project-bb</a> DUE BY MIDNIGHT
- Expectations
- Team forming also in the form
  - Please fill in the form and give your preference
  - Start meeting with your team this week
  - Team leaders
  - Define work structure
  - Team leaders inform Tobias & Ronen about the (scrum) meeting
    - How did it go
    - Questions
    - Can we help you?
- Dev:
  - Make a Dev environment for Ethereum and start using solidity
- Con:
  - 5 min presentation
  - Central database vs. Blockchain
  - o 3 slides





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