Blockchain Application Development Workshop

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About me

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- 5 years of experience as "Full stack" developer
- Currently working as Research Associate in Blockchain + Location



Intro

- The workshop will run from 10am to 5pm
- We will have lunch break at 1pm
- Feel free to interrupt for questions at any time (specially if you don't understand me)
- I will say "it depends" so much
- Github repository (slides, code and resources)
- Slack channel https://goo.gl/Zoxu5L

Our Goal

Develop distributed applications from idea to release

Why is important?

- Materialise our ideas
- Create MVPs
- Win a hackathon
- Land a job
- Earn money



\$12 million USD in sales in its first month after launch

What to expect?

- Practical workshop
- Demos
- Recommendations
- Extra material (articles, books, notes, videos)



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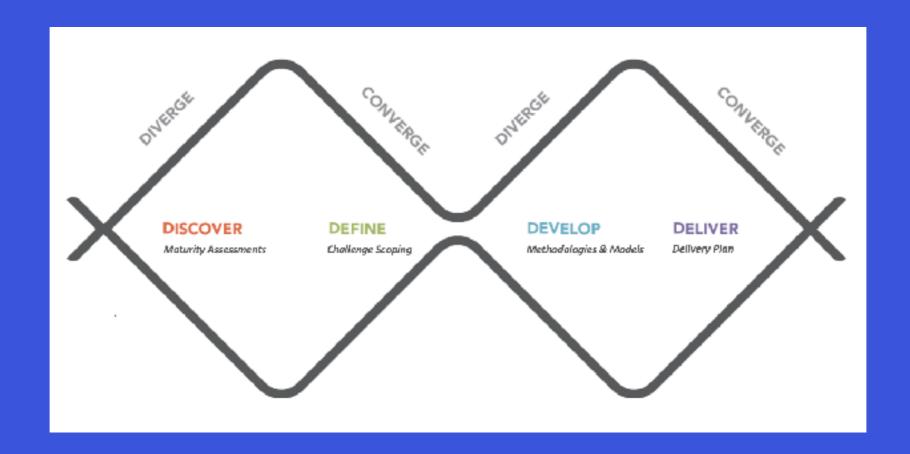
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We will cover

- Design
- Front end
- Backend
- DevOps
- Smart contracts

The design process



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Basic Concepts

- What is a DAO
- A DAO in the Blockchain
- Introduction to self sovereign identity
- uPort demo

DAO

- Organisation whose decisions are made electronically through the vote of its members.
- Rules are explicitly written in code that define which actions an organisation will take.

DAO

Token holders

Holders of tokens (e.g. obtained via an ICO) can influence the actions of the DAO, draw profits from it, etc.

Coders

The authors of the DAO's code know its construction best but need not be involved in implementing the DAO.

Regulators

Public institutions, particularly in regulated industries, as well as tax authorities, may take an interest in the DAO's activity. event Voted(uint ind proposalID, bool position, address indexed voter); event Proposal Tallied(uint indexed proposalID, result, uint quorum); event NewCurator(add indexed _newCurator);

Contractors

Contractors are people cooperating with the DAO, e.g. providing certain services.

Oracles

Oracles provide various types of data and information from the outside world (beyond the blockchain).

Others

The platform (e.g. Ethereum) and its creators; curators (people who perform certain tasks for the DAO).

Examples: MakerDao

MKR is a utility token, governance token and recapitalisation resource of the Maker system.



"As a governance token, MKR is used by MKR holders to vote for the risk management and business logic of the Maker system"

"As a utility token, MKR is required for paying the fees in the Maker system"

A DAO in the Blockchain

```
contract Congress is owned, tokenRecipient {
    // Contract Variables and events
    uint public minimumQuorum;
    uint public debatingPeriodInMinutes;
    int public majorityMargin;
    Proposal[] public proposals;
    uint public numProposals;
    mapping (address => uint) public memberId;
    Member[] public members;
    event ProposalAdded(uint proposalID, address recipient, uint amount, string description);
    event Voted(uint proposalID, bool position, address voter, string justification);
    event ProposalTallied(uint proposalID, int result, uint quorum, bool active);
    event MembershipChanged(address member, bool isMember);
    event ChangeOfRules(uint newMinimumQuorum, uint newDebatingPeriodInMinutes, int newMajorityMargin);
    struct Proposal {
        address recipient;
       uint amount;
        string description;
       uint votingDeadline;
        bool executed;
        bool proposalPassed;
       uint numberOfVotes;
       int currentResult;
        bytes32 proposalHash;
       Vote[] votes;
        mapping (address => bool) voted;
```

A DAO in the Blockchain

```
/**
 * Add member
 * Make `targetMember` a member named `memberName`
 * @param targetMember ethereum address to be added
 * @param memberName public name for that member
 */
function addMember(address targetMember, string memberName) onlyOwner public {
    uint id = memberId[targetMember];
   if (id == 0) {
        memberId[targetMember] = members.length;
        id = members.length++;
   members[id] = Member({member: targetMember, memberSince: now, name: memberName});
    MembershipChanged(targetMember, true);
```

A DAO in the Blockchain

```
* Add Proposal
 * Propose to send `weiAmount / 1e18` ether to `beneficiary` for `jobDescription`.
 * @param beneficiary who to send the ether to
* @param weiAmount amount of ether to send, in wei
* @param jobDescription Description of job
* @param transactionBytecode bytecode of transaction
 */
function newProposal(
    address beneficiary,
    uint weiAmount,
    string jobDescription,
    bytes transactionBytecode
    onlyMembers public
    returns (uint proposalID)
    proposalID = proposals.length++;
    Proposal storage p = proposals[proposalID];
    p.recipient = beneficiary;
    p.amount = weiAmount;
    p.description = jobDescription;
    p.proposalHash = keccak256(beneficiary, weiAmount, transactionBytecode);
    p.votingDeadline = now + debatingPeriodInMinutes * 1 minutes;
    p.executed = false;
    p.proposalPassed = false;
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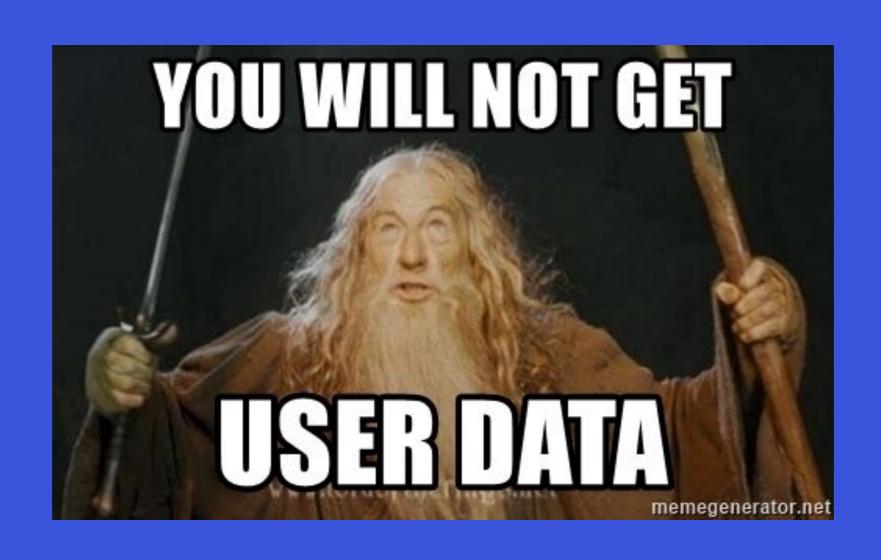
Self sovereign identity

- Users own their own data
- Users have control over their personal data and how, when, and to whom that personal data is revealed

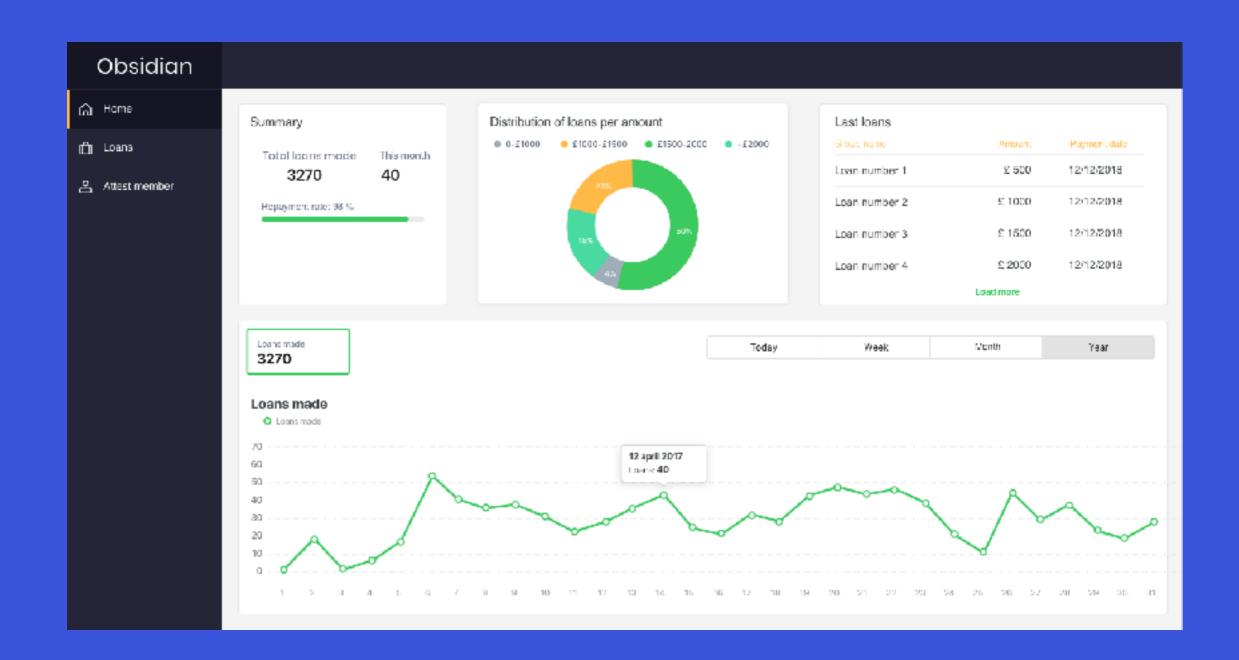
Self sovereign identity

How could businesses work without people's information?

Do your need user's data?



Sample



Self sovereign identity solutions

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<u>uPort</u>

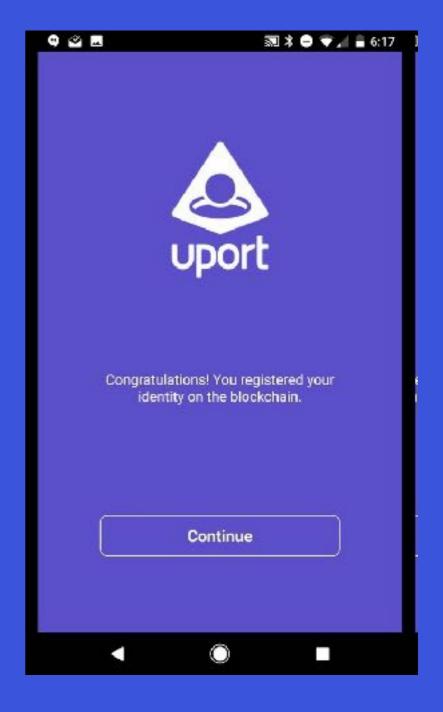






uPort

It doesn't remove the need for trust in 3rd parties but users can choose the 3rd parties they want to trust.



uPort installation

- Only supported by iPhone and Android
- Go to https://www.uport.me (scroll down and look for your platform link)
- Or simply search in your App store for Mac or Google store for Android

Voting system

- Requirements
- The agile way
- Architecture
- Technology selection
- UI Design
- Proof of concepts
- Work planning
- Development

Requirements



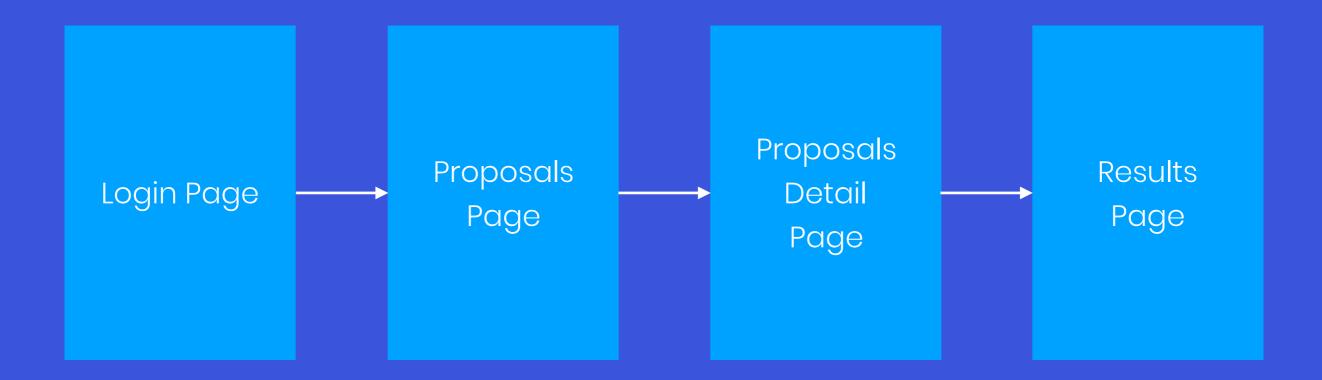
"Agile" way

"As a member of a DAO

I need to have a platform that allow me to vote for proposals

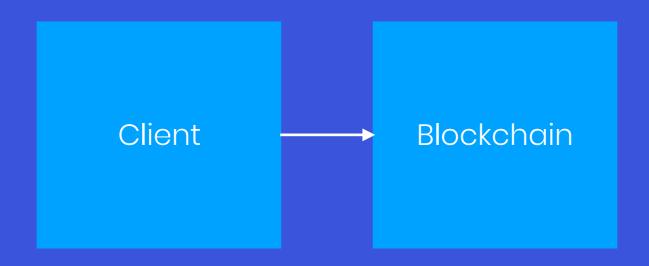
So that I can decide the actions of the organisation"

Our vision



- 1. Members of the DAO login to the platform by using uPort
- 2. Logged in members must be able to see the current proposals
- 3. Members should be able to vote for their favourite one (max 1 time)
- 4. Members can post their proposal.
- 5. Members should be able to see the winner proposal

Our started architecture



Technologies

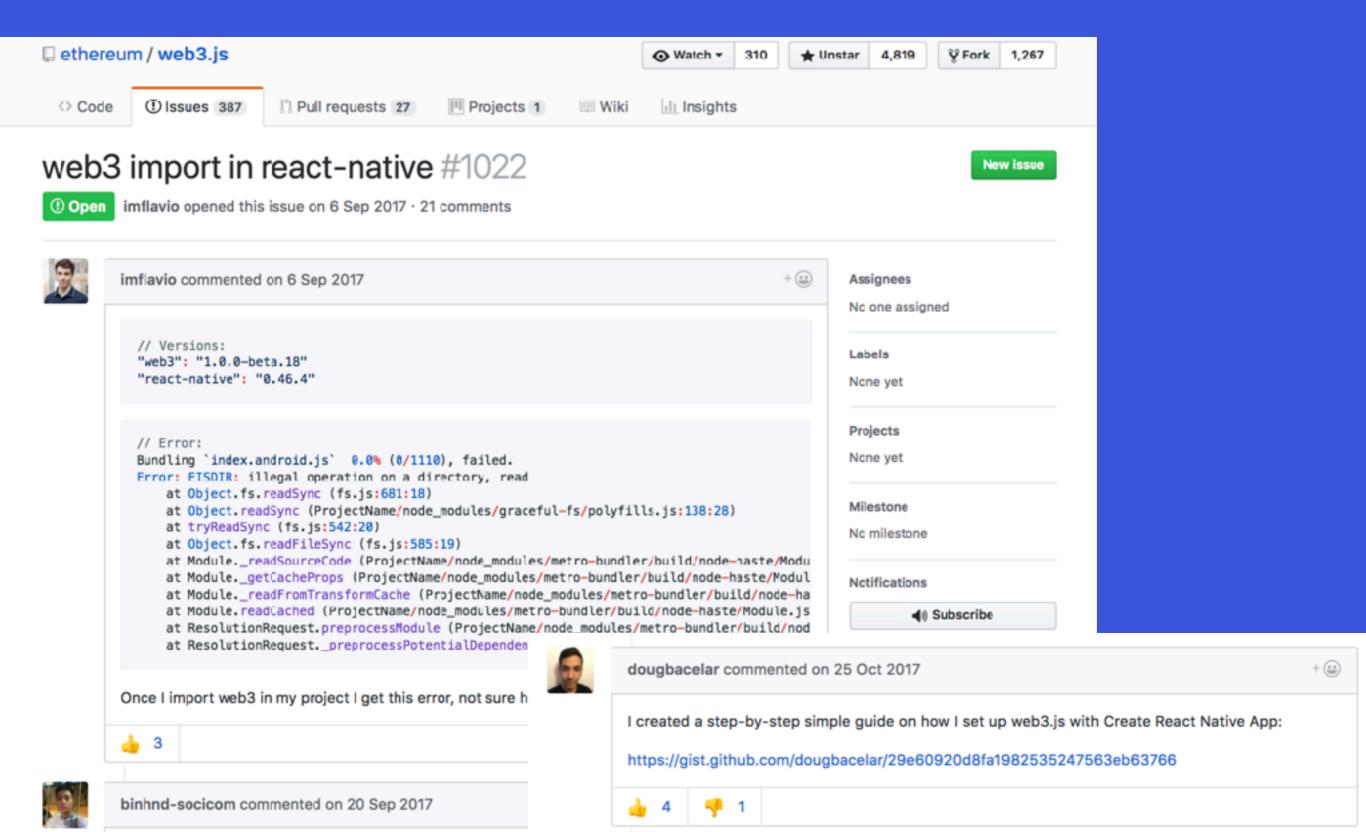
- Web?
 - React, Angular, Vue, Knockout
- Mobile?
 - Xamarin, Ionic, React native
- Blockchain?
 - Private vs public
 - Ethereum?

Recommendations

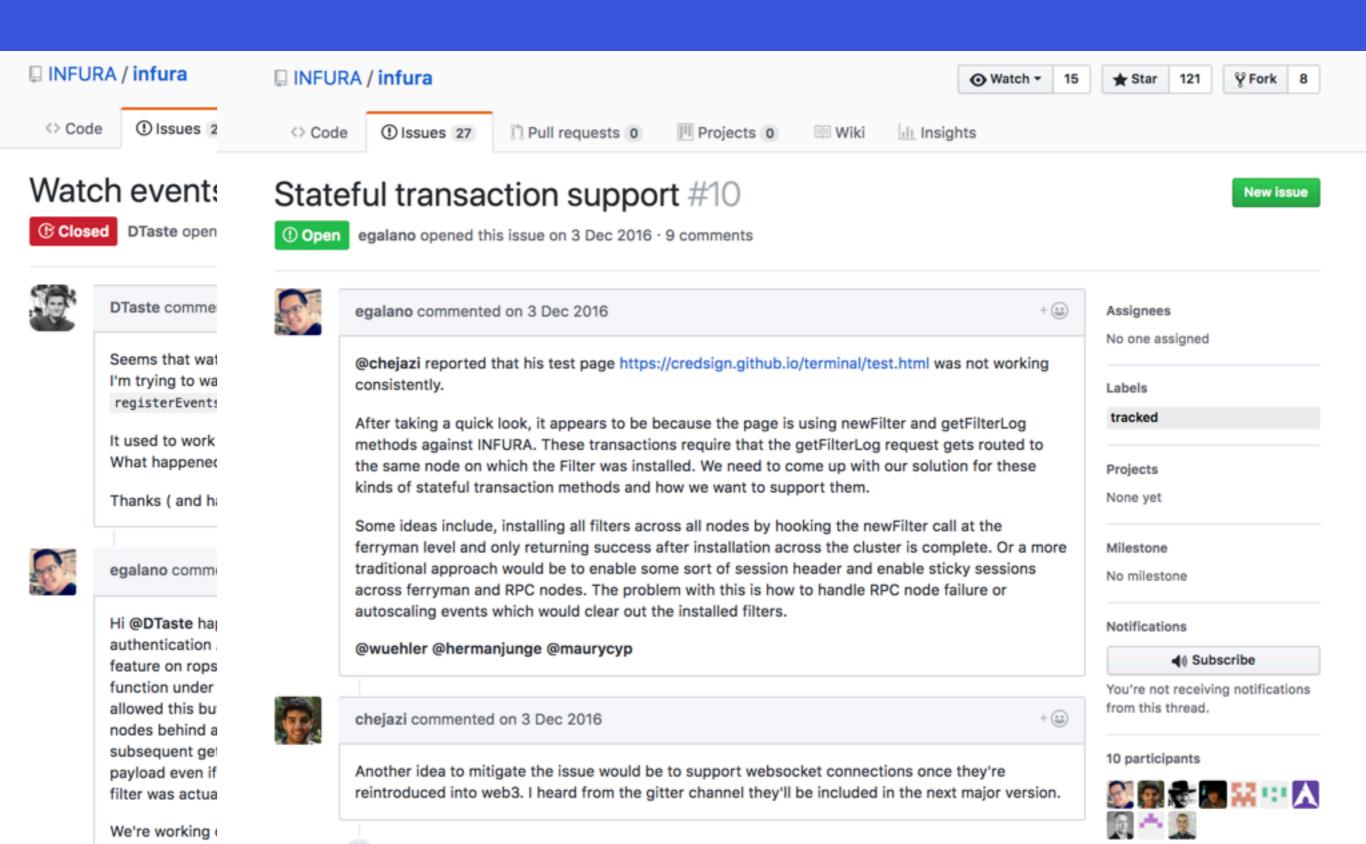
- Do Proof of concepts
- Check the state of the dependencies and libraries
- Try to abstract which functionalities would be critical

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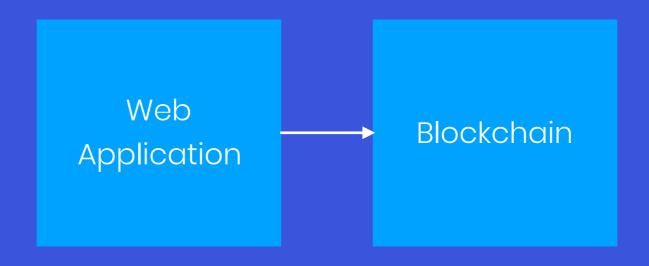
React native limitations



Infura limitations



Technologies selected



- React
- Ethereum
- uPort -> Rinkeby network

UI Design



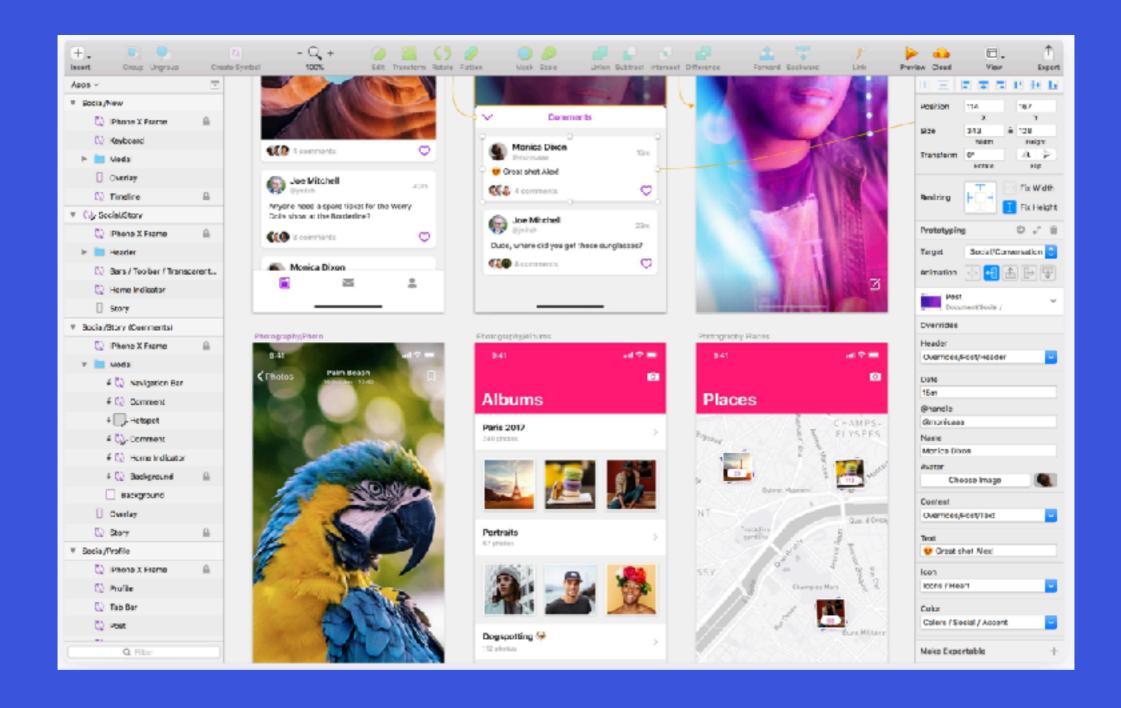
Ul Design

- Get inspiration
 - Pinterest
 - Create a board
 - Search
 - Pin and repeat

Sketch

- Paper and pen first
- Sketch App
- Sketch App Resources

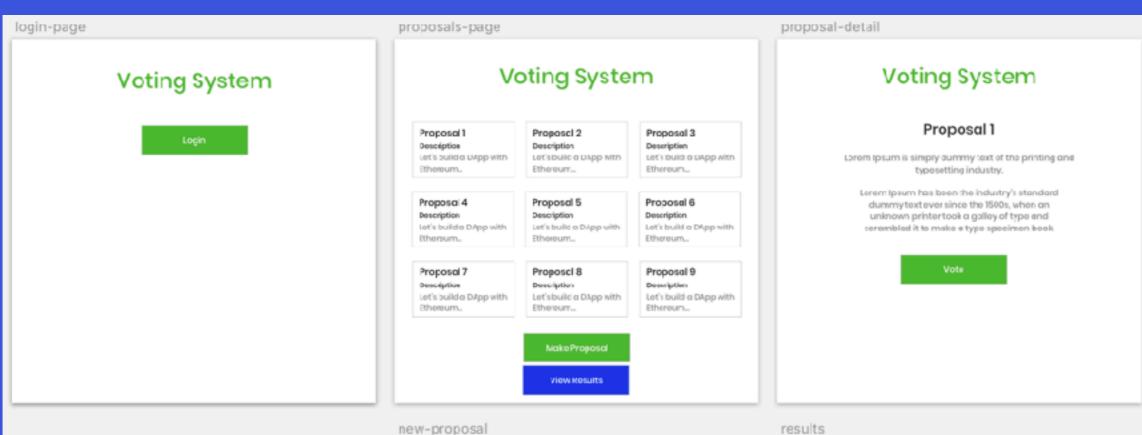
Sketch App



Recommendation

- Think in tasks, what do users want to accomplish?
- What is important for your users?

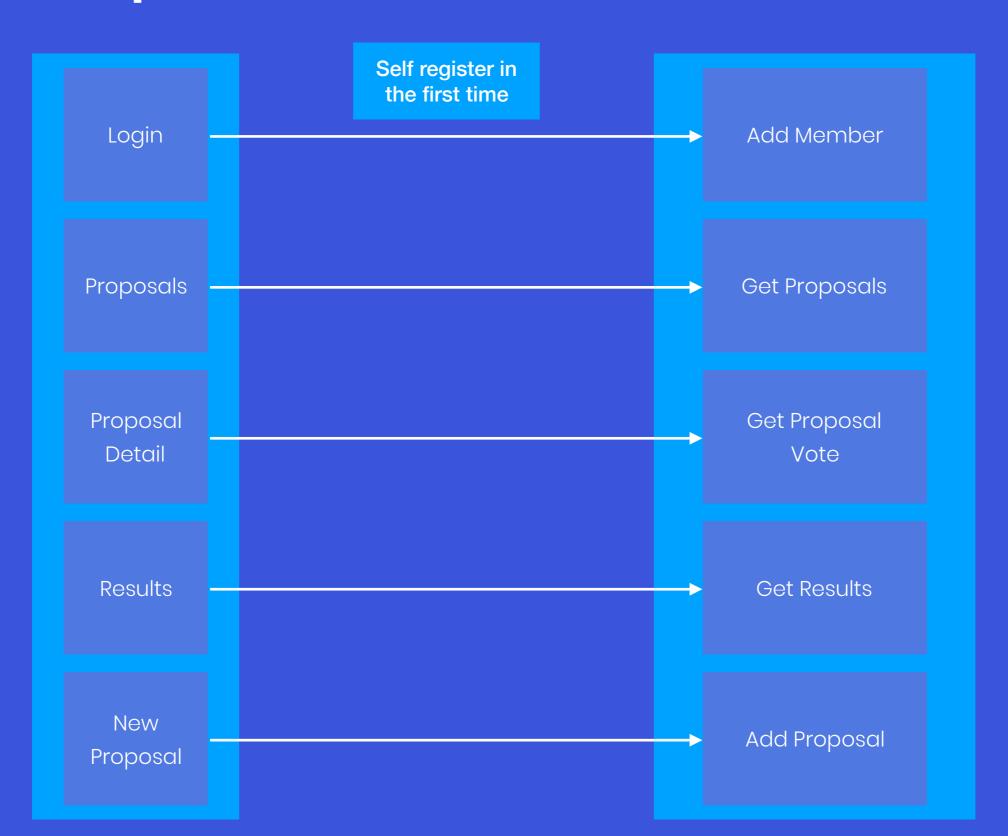
Voting System UI



Voting System New Proposal Title Description Submit Proposal

Voting System The proposal winner is Proposal 1 Lorem Ipsum is simply dummy text of the printing and typusetting industry. Lorem Ipsum has been the industry's standard dummytextover since the 1500c, when an unknown printertook a galley of type end scrambled it to make a type specimen book.

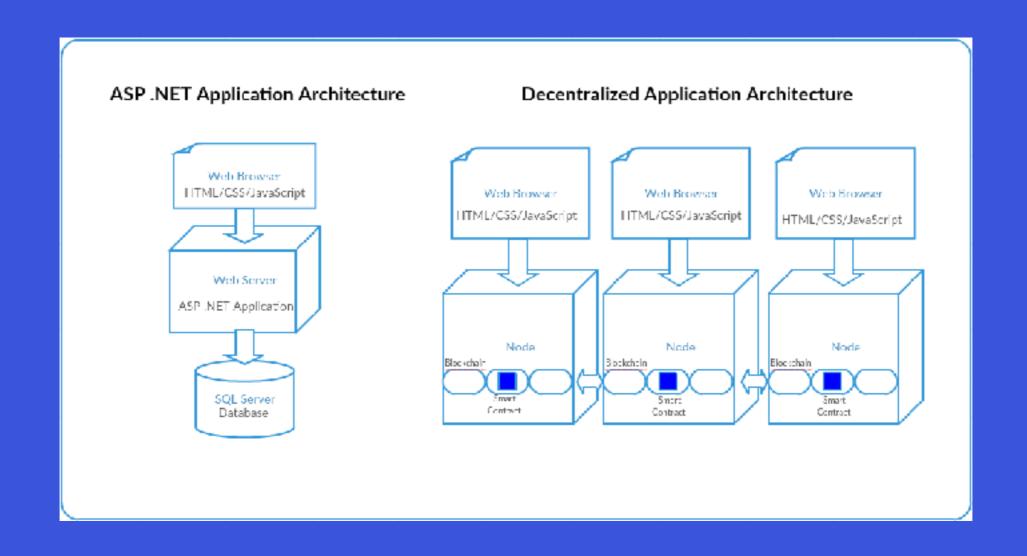
Components interaction



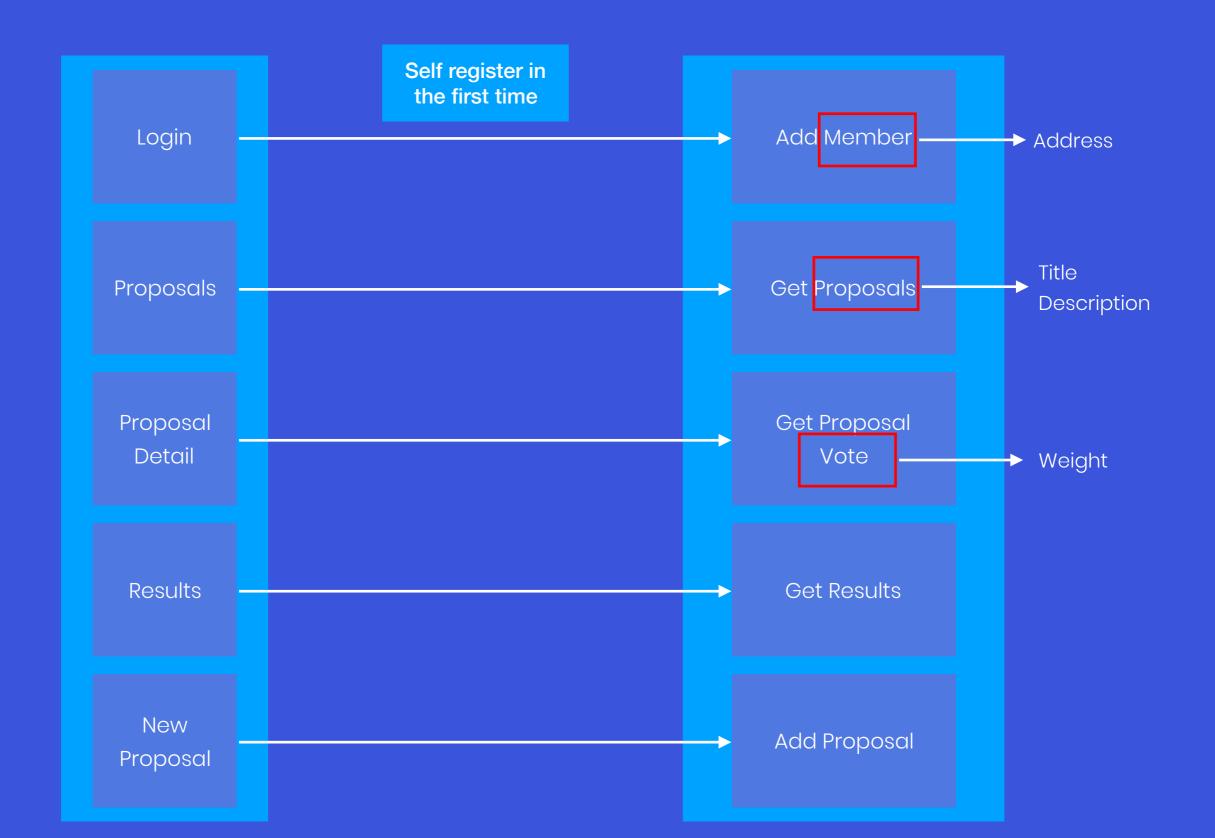
Smart contracts as services

 a smart contract is a unit of functionality, the public functions exposed by their Solidity contracts is the API, and their public address is the identifier"

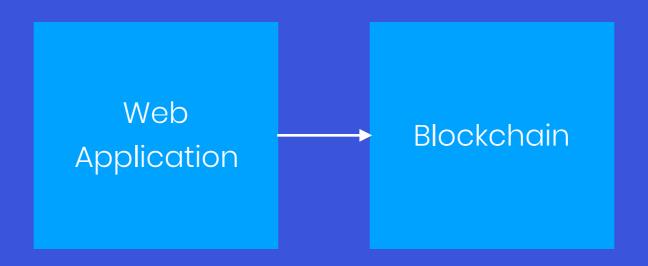
Apps vs DApps



A little abstraction



Components to develop



Add functionality

User interface

Test smart contract

Design our smart contract

Setup Blockchain

Setup Blockchain

- Ganache
- Create VM
- Docker
- Infura

Development setup

- Create a special folder in your equipment
- Open a terminal and move to that folder

Node.js Installation

- Go to https://nodejs.org/en/download/
- Download and install it
- Once it has finished test by running
- > node -v
- > npm -v
- In both cases we should see the version installed

Ganache-cli installation

- > npm install -g ganache-cli
- Now, let's validate if our installation was correct by running in our terminal
- > ganache-cli

Testing Ganache with Remix

- > Open <u>Remix</u>
- Try this <u>contract</u>
- Change environment to http://localhost:8545
- Create contract
- Test the function "say"

Docker installation

- https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-mac/install/
- Now, let's validate if our installation was correct by running in our terminal
- > docker
- > docker-machine

- Go to your Azure account
- Get Azure subscription id
- > docker-machine create --driver azure --azuresubscription-id <subscription_id> <anyname>
- Example
- docker-machine create --driver azure --azuresubscription-id 82d36beb-b4d4-4b3c-bc5e-473b0197328a vmazure-test

- Check your Azure account
- Check docker-machine by running
- > docker-machine Is
- We can ssh to our machine by simply:
- > docker-machine ssh name-you-assigned-before
- Example:
- > docker-machine ssh vmazure-test

- Now, let's start ganache in the cloud
- > docker run -it -p 8545:8545 trufflesuite/ganache-cli:latest
- Configure DNS in Azure
- Open port 8545 (In network security group, use priority 1001)
- Change the environment address in Remix for the address of your machine, followed by the port :8545

- Test from your terminal with Curl
- > curl -X POST --data
 '{"jsonrpc":"2.0","method":"web3_clientVersion","para
 ms":[],"id":67}' <u>vmazure-</u>
 test.westus.cloudapp.azure.com:8545

Docker hub

- We just setup a docker host
- It means we can run any container on it
- Images are available in <u>docker-hub</u> to make deployments easy
- https://hub.docker.com/r/trufflesuite/ganache-cli/
- https://hub.docker.com/r/ethereum/client-go/

Infura

- Register in Infura
- How to connect
- https://infura.io/docs/gettingStarted/makeRequests

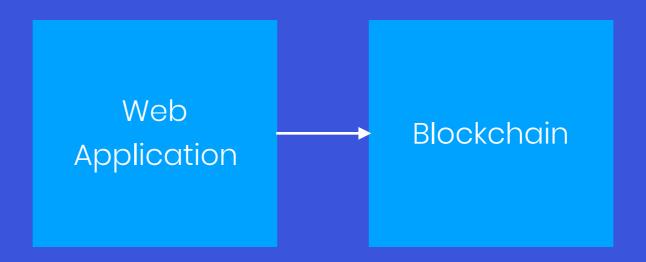
Install Metamask

- Get the <u>Metamask</u> extension
- Please save your seed words!

Setting up Rinkeby

- Change the network for Rinkeby
- Let's get Ether from a Faucet
- https://faucet.rinkeby.io/

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Truffle installation

- > npm install -g truffle
- Now, let's validate if our installation was correct by running in our terminal
- > truffle

Truffle

- Truffle makes easy to develop smart contracts and follow a TDD approach.
- It uses Mocha behind the scenes
- It can be integrated easy to any continuos integration process

TDD

- Why TDD?
- The importance of TDD

Our smart contract

• Check our <u>DAO contract</u>

Testing our contract

- Start a truffle project
- > truffle init
- Create a organisation contract in our truffle project
- Create a test file named as in the form:
- contractName.test.js
- Let's write our first test

Testing our contract

- Follow this boilerplate and the sample I use to test the method addMember.
- Do the same with:
 - getWinnerProposal
 - vote
 - addProposal
- In case you have problems with your configuration, use this truffle.js file https://gist.github.com/EdsonAlcala/
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Testing our contract

- We need to run
- > truffle test and see the results

Deploy the contract

 Deploy the contract to the Rinkeby network with Remix

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Front end application

- Install Create React App
- npm install -g create-react-app
- Then create an app
- > create-react-app <name-of-your-app>
- > npm start

User interface

- We will use <u>Semantic-UI</u>
- Framework to develop apps and easy setup front end

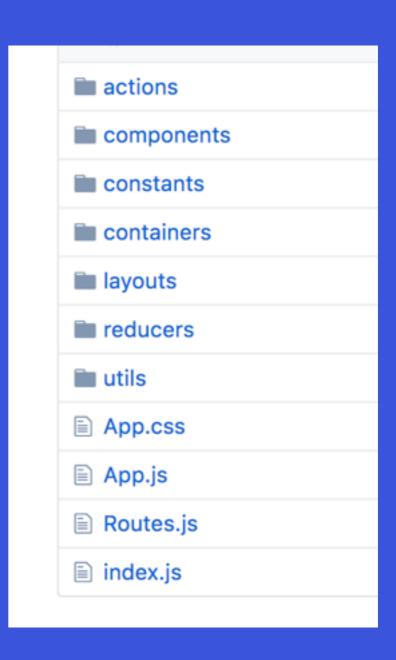
Activity

- Explore the Semantic framework
- And for every screen/page of our application.
 Identity which components can we use?

Front end architecture

Create folders

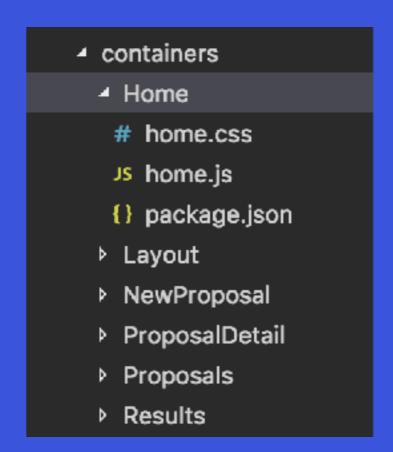
Delete unused files



- Install the following components
- npm install —save redux redux-thunk react-routerredux react-router

- Create containers
 - Home
 - Proposals
 - Proposal detail
 - Results
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- Set Routes
- Check the Routes.js file
- Index.js
- App.js

- - ▶ actions
 - build
 - components
 - constants
 - containers
 - reducers
 - ▶ utils
 - # App.css
 - JS App.js
 - Js index.js
 - Js Routes.js

Include semantic

- Install libraries
- npm install —save semantic-ui-css semantic-uireact
- In index.js
- import 'semantic-ui-css/semantic.min.css'

Create a Layout

- Create a Layout container
- Include this <u>code</u> in Layout.js
- Also <u>Layout.css</u>
- Modify Routes.js
- Add withLayout HOC

Login Page

- Define which components do we need
- Define your tasks
- Add static version

Proposals Page

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Proposal Detail Page

- Define which components do we need
- Define your tasks
- Add static version

Results Page

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New Proposal Page

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Setup uPort

- Go to developer.uport.me
- (Need the app installed)
- Sign in
- Set App Name
- Then, expand (click here for you App Code)
- Copy the code and save it securely

Integrate uPort

- Add <u>connector.js</u> to utils
- Install dependencies
- Npm install truffle-contract uport-connect —save
- Modify home.js (gist)
- Test (use console.log to see information)
- npm install —save mind

Add member

- Actions
- Reducers
- Types

Get Proposals

- Actions
- Reducers
- Types

Proposal Detail

- Actions
- Reducers
- Types

Results

- Actions
- Reducers
- Types

New Proposal

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Put all pieces together

We should have a voting system with uPort

Thanks



https://blockchain.topcoder.com/bsic-incubator

Extra resources

Testing tools

> espresso test/demo --verbose



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Hackathon list

- World virtual hack 450k in Prizes (December)
- BSIC Decentralised Impact Incubator 50k in Prizes (Running)
- Top coder
- DevPost