Aleo | Workshop

Compliant Private Tokens

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What You'll Need

Leo Playground: https://**play.leo-lang.org/**

Workshop: https://github.com/**alex-aleo/private-token-workshop**

Leo Docs: https://**docs.leo-lang.org**

Discord: https://discord.gg/**aleo**

Devs Telegram:

What is a Token?

- Digital assets representing value or utility onchain
- **Fungible Tokens**:
  - Units are interchangeable with each other
  - **Stablecoins**, ERC-20 tokens, Bitcoin
- **Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs)**:
  - Units are unique and possess distinct characteristics or value
  - Digital art, collectibles, virtual real estate, event tickets

What is a Token?

- **Tokenomics:**
  - The economics of a token, governing its creation, distribution, and usage
  - **Minting:**
    - Process of creating new tokens
  - **Burning:**
    - Removing tokens from circulation, often to reduce supply
  - **Transferring:**
    - Sending a token to another user or service

Privacy

- **Major problem:**
  - Blockchains are fully public ledgers
  - All holdings and transactions are publicly visible
    - Surveillance in **perpetuity**
- Example:
  - Etherscan

Privacy

- **Why is privacy important?**
  - Blockchain gives true ownership and control over assets but it does not guarantee privacy
  - **Private ≠ Illegal**
    - Provides stronger security and efficiency
    - Reduces need to store data all in one place
      - Lowers risk of single point of failure

Privacy

- **Payments with stablecoins necessitate privacy**
  - Users shouldn’t have to share everything they pay for
  - Business shouldn’t be able to see their competitors’ expenditures
- **Compliance is mandatory for payment infrastructures**

Compliance

- **Compliance ≠ Surveillance**
  - Set of regulations designed to prevent illicit activities
    - Fraud, money laundering, terrorist financing, etc.
- **KYC / AML**
  - Businesses must verify the identity of their clients

Compliance

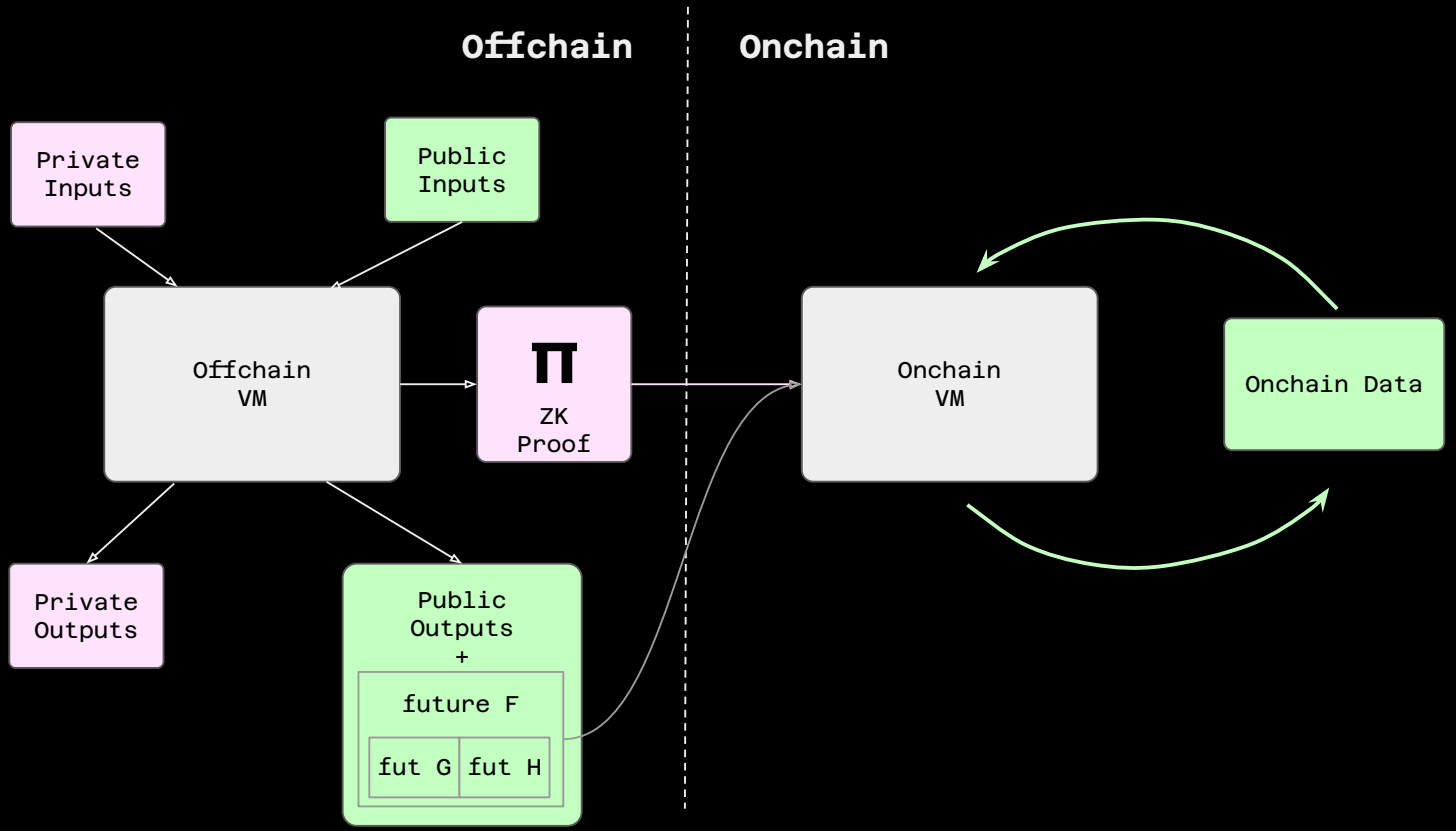
- **Sanctioned Address List**
  - Maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)
    - U.S. Treasury Department
  - List of cryptocurrency addresses associated with sanctioned entities

How can we maximize privacy while maintaining regulatory compliance?

Aleo

- Layer 1 blockchain with privacy as a first-class citizen
  - Powered by zero-knowledge proofs
- Privacy is **programmable**, so developers can choose what gets revealed
  - Bake-in compliance without sacrificing user privacy

Aleo Model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Tokens on Aleo

- Offchain State

record

```
L1  record Token {
L2      owner: address,
L3      balance: u64,
L4  }
```

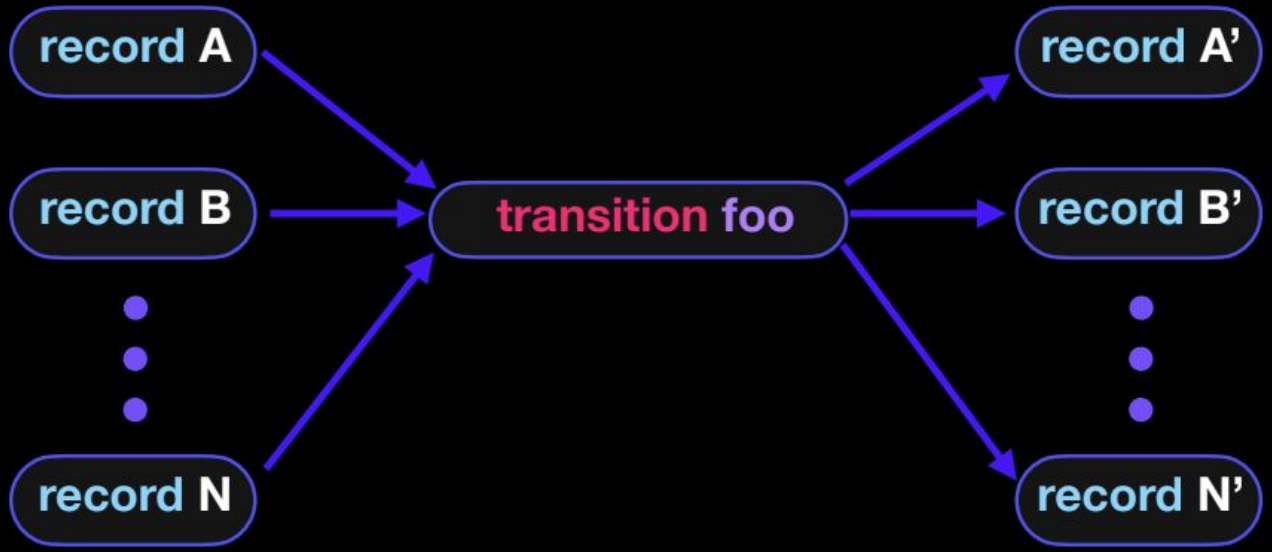
Application state is encoded in records

Users exclusively own their records

records enable concurrency and privacy

Tokens on Aleo

- Using records



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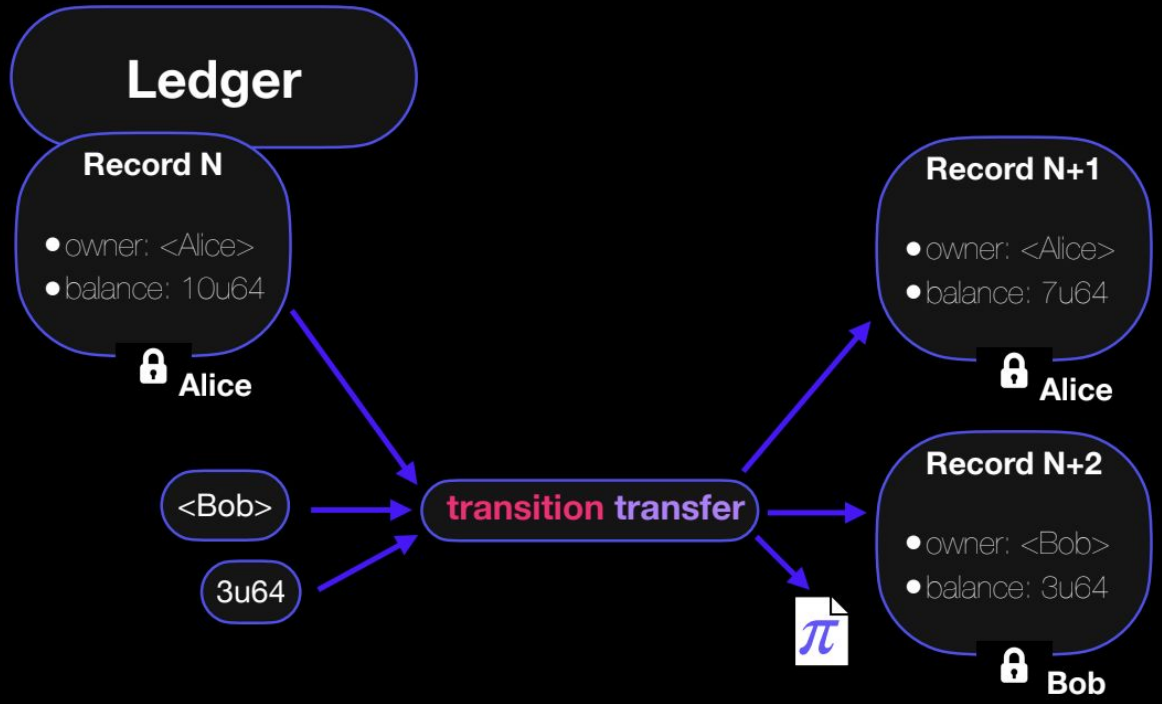


Tokens on Aleo

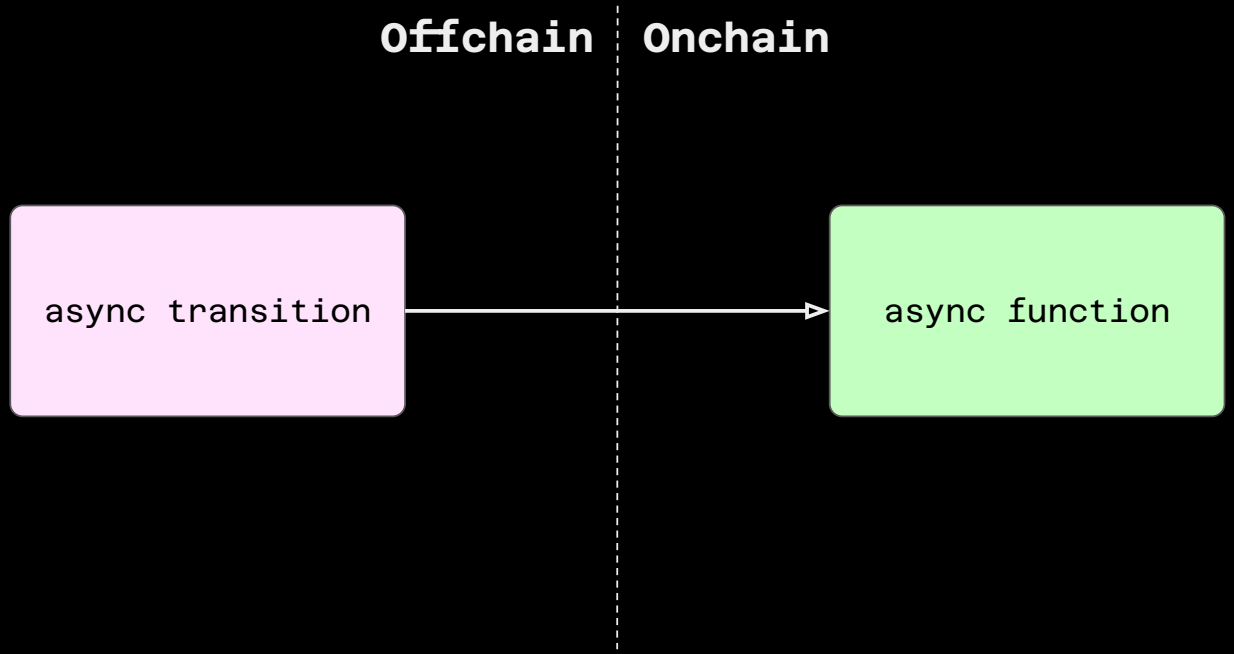
- Onchain State

mapping

```
L1 program token.aleo {
L2     mapping balances: address => u64;
L3     ...
L4 }
```

Tokens on Aleo

- Modifying Onchain State
  - The async model



Tokens on Aleo

- Modifying Onchain State
  - async transition
    - Offchain computation with ZK proof of execution
    - async keyword signals additional onchain computation to follow
      - Otherwise acts same as regular transition
    - Must return at least a Future
      - Call to an async function

Tokens on Aleo

- Modifying Onchain State
  - async function
    - Onchain computation
    - All inputs are public
    - Can only be called by async transition, not standalone

Tokens on Aleo

- Modifying Onchain State

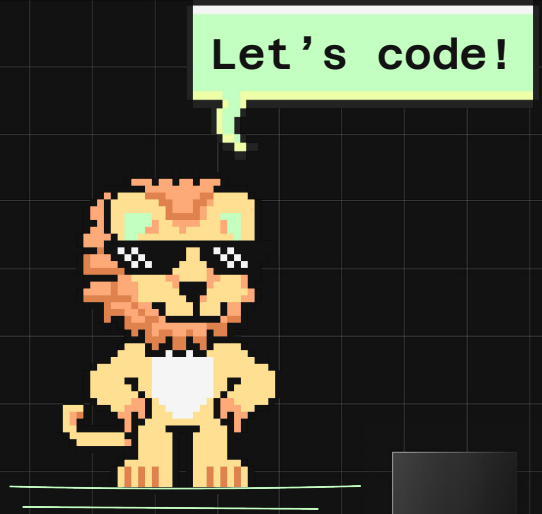
async

```
L1 async transition foo() -> Future {
L2     return bar();
L3 }
L4 async function bar() { // On-chain code }
```

Compliance on Aleo

- Maintain updated list of OFAC sanctioned addresses in a mapping onchain
- Add assertions in every function that querying this mapping with transaction sender/recipients
  - Prevent any transfers or swaps of tokens from or to sanctioned addresses

Questions?


Let’s code!

Your Mission:

1. Build a token program in Leo using the provided template code. Your program must include:
    i. `mint_public` & `mint_private` functions
    ii. `transfer_public` & `transfer_private` functions
    iii. Compliance checks against `ofac_check_demo.aleo` for all of the above
2. Deploy your program to Testnet.
3. Interact with your deployed program onchain:
    i. Publicly mint 100 tokens to your address
    ii. Publicly transfer those tokens to <WORKSHOP_ADDRESS>
    iii. Privately mint an additional 100 tokens to your address
    iv. Privately transfer those tokens to <WORKSHOP_ADDRESS>

Thank You!