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# Solidity Development Tools



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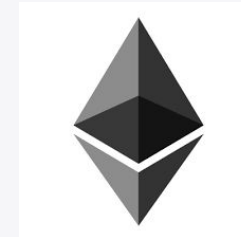
Lots of components:

- The programming language.. Solidity
- Compiler versions
- Blockchain tools
  - wallet?
  - how to call functions?
  - how to deploy?
  - how to see results?
  - debugger?
- Test network
- Unit tests

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## The parts

1. Prerequisite: node.js and npm
2. Solidity
  - a. solc compiler
  - b. truffle framework
3. Ethereum network
  - a. local test node
  - b. test network
  - c. main net
4. Metamask
5. IDE & GUI tools





# Solidity Compiler

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## Solidity compiler: solc



- There are two main versions - solc and solc-js
  - The arguments are not compatible
- Documentation on solc:  
<http://solidity.readthedocs.io/en/v0.4.24/installing-solidity.html>
- Documentation on solc-js: <https://www.npmjs.com/package/solc>
  - Confusingly solc-js is known as solc in npm

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## Solidity compiler: Truffle framework



- The most popular way to develop smart contracts
- Command-line driven development environment
- Install via npm:
  - `npm install -g truffle`
- Automatically installs **solc-js** internally
- Since different versions of Solidity may not be compatible it is a good idea to specify a version when installing truffle:
  - `npm install -g truffle@4.1.13`
- Can connect to local test network, public test network and main net
- Also works with other Ethereum-like blockchains such as Quorum, Ellaism, Expanse, Qtum etc.

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## Solidity compiler: Truffle framework

Let's create a Truffle project

```
#install truffle
npm install -g truffle@4.1.13

#create our project directory
mkdir mySmartContract
cd mySmartContract

#initialize a truffle project
truffle init

#also, make this a proper npm project
npm init

#as long as we're at it, put this all under git
git init
```

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## Solidity compiler: Truffle framework

Create a file called .gitignore in the project directory (note the dot!)

```
node_modules  
build
```



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## Solidity compiler: Truffle framework

Commit the code!

```
git add .  
git commit -m "Initial Commit"
```



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## Solidity compiler: Truffle framework

Notice that Truffle creates a project structure for us.

Name	^	Date Modified
▼ contracts		Today at 1:47 AM
Migrations.sol		Today at 1:47 AM
▼ migrations		Today at 1:47 AM
1_initial_migration.js		Today at 1:47 AM
package.json		Today at 1:47 AM
▼ test		Today at 1:47 AM
truffle-config.js		Today at 1:47 AM
truffle.js		Today at 1:47 AM

Note: truffle.js and truffle-config.js serve the same purpose but there is a compatibility issue with truffle.js for some Windows users - so delete truffle.js.

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## Solidity compiler: Truffle framework

Now let's try to compile the Migrations.sol smart contract

```
truffle compile
```

Truffle will generate some messages on screen that ends with:

```
Writing artifacts to ./build/contracts
```

If you look at your project folder you will see a new directory called build.

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## A word on migrations

Truffle uses a migration system to keep track of which contracts are deployed and to order smart contract deployments.

The migration system is itself a smart contract - so all data about migrations are stored on the blockchain itself.

Truffle actually has no built in mechanism to upgrade smart contracts - contracts are immutable

More on migrations:

[https://truffleframework.com/docs/getting\\_started/migrations](https://truffleframework.com/docs/getting_started/migrations)

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## Solidity compiler: Truffle framework

Further reading :-

Truffle documentation: <https://truffleframework.com/docs>

Tutorials: <https://truffleframework.com/tutorials>



# Ethereum Network

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## Ethereum: testrpc/ganache-cli



ganache-cli (previously testrpc) is the simplest test environment for Ethereum

- Is part of the Truffle project
- Is a fake Ethereum node - not connected to any network
- Automatically creates 10 temporary wallets pre-loaded with Ether
- Does not fully test gas limits
- Install via npm:
  - `npm install -g ganache-cli`

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## Ethereum: Ganache



Ganache uses the exact same back-end as ganache-cli but has a really nice GUI.

Ganache

ACCOUNTS

BLOCKS

TRANSACTIONS

LOGS

SEARCH FOR BLOCK NUMBERS OR TX HASHES

CURRENT BLOCK

0

GAS PRICE

20000000000

GAS LIMIT

6712390

NETWORK ID

5777

RPC SERVER

HTTP://127.0.0.1:7545

MINING STATUS

AUTOMINING

MNEMONIC

candy maple cake sugar pudding cream honey rich smooth crumble sweet treat

HD PATH

m/44'/60'/0'/0/account\_index

ADDRESS

0x627306090abaB3A6e1400e9345bC60c78a8BEf57

BALANCE

100.00 ETH

TX COUNT

0

INDEX

0

ADDRESS

0xf17f52151EbEF6C7334FAD080c5704D77216b732

BALANCE

100.00 ETH

TX COUNT

0

INDEX

1

ADDRESS

0xC5fdf4076b8F3A5357c5E395ab970B5B54098Fef

BALANCE

100.00 ETH

TX COUNT

0

INDEX

2

ADDRESS

0x821aEa9a577a9b44299B9c15c88cf3087F3b5544

BALANCE

100.00 ETH

TX COUNT

0

INDEX

3

ADDRESS

0x3141595564E1F564E6F4F6504A45E6F7D248C66A5E3

BALANCE

100.00 ETH

TX COUNT

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INDEX

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## Ethereum: Ganache



Ganache uses the exact same back-end as ganache-cli but has a really nice GUI.

- Works exactly like ganache-cli
- Has built-in block explorer
- Download from the Truffle website:  
<https://truffleframework.com/ganache>

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## Ethereum: geth

geth is the short name for the go-ethereum project

- It is the official client from the Ethereum project (there is a c++ client but all new features are first tested in geth)
- "geth" is the name of the command-line executable
- There are several ways to install geth:  
<https://github.com/ethereum/go-ethereum/wiki/Installing-Geth>
- For the purpose of this lecture just download the executable:  
<https://ethereum.github.io/go-ethereum/downloads/>



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## Ethereum: geth



- geth can be used to:
  - Connect to Ethereum main net
  - Connect to Ropsten or Rinkeby test networks
  - Connect to a custom test network
  - Create your own private Ethereum network
  - Mine Ethereum
  - Act as a wallet
- Truffle does not include a node except for Ganache. If you use Truffle you need geth to connect to the real blockchain
- Documentation: <https://github.com/ethereum/go-ethereum/wiki>



# Metamask

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## Metamask

- Is a browser plugin allowing the browser to connect to Ethereum
- Is required by a lot of online tools
  - Online Solidity IDEs
  - Test network faucets
- Available on Chrome, Firefox, Opera and Brave
  - (sorry Safari & Edge users)

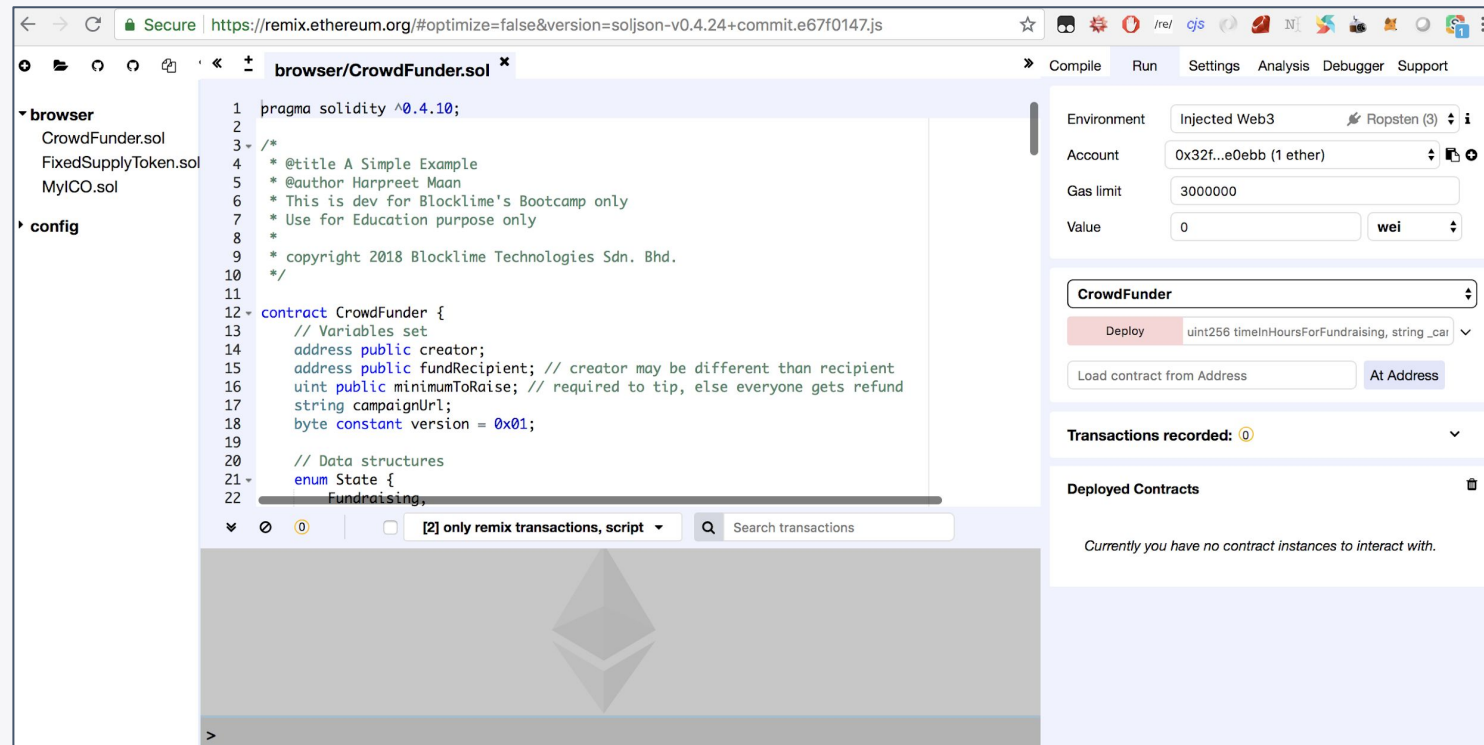


# Solidity IDE

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## IDE: Remix

<https://remix.ethereum.org/>



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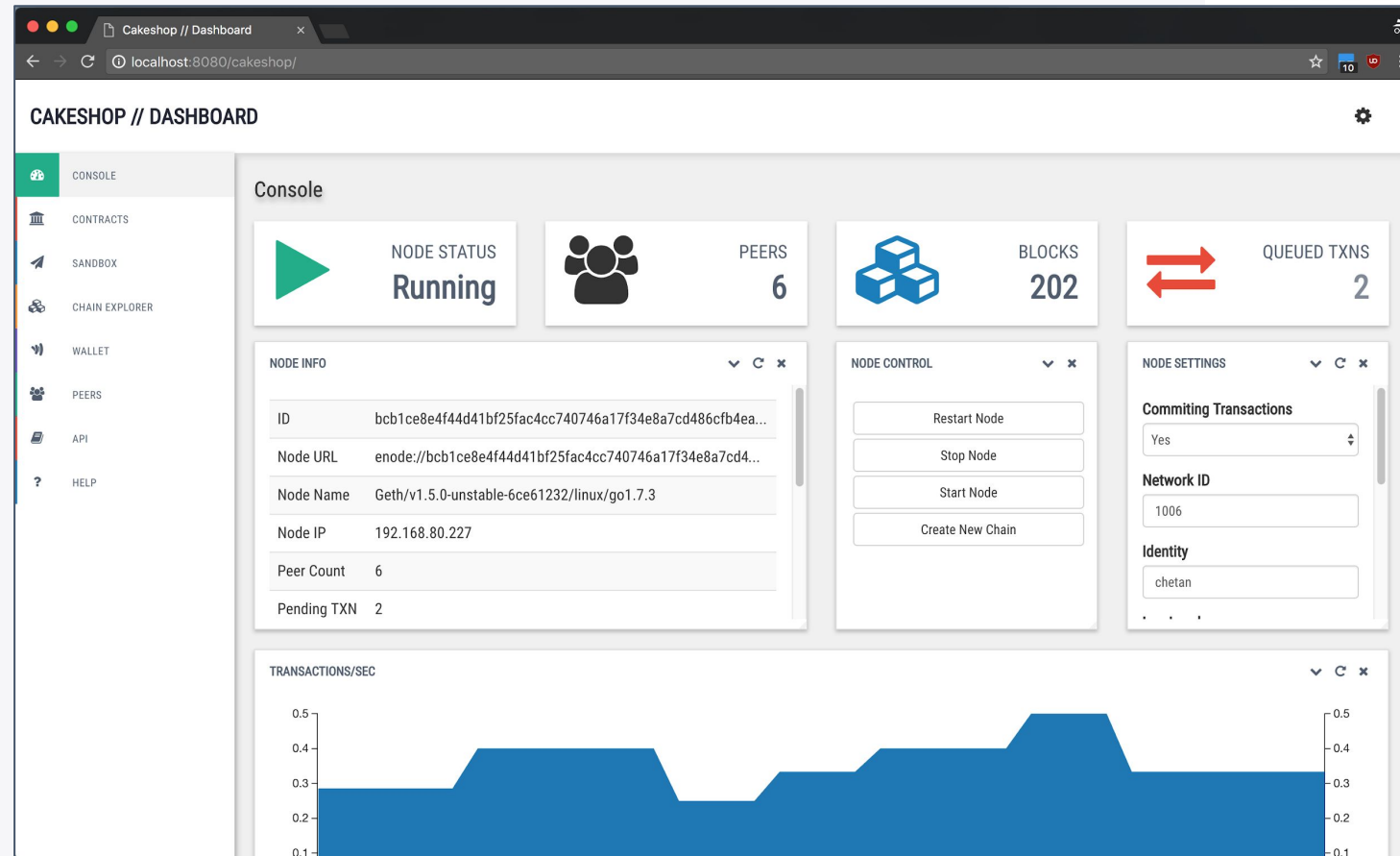
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- Is a browser based IDE
- Integrates with Metamask
- Can actually be used to deploy on main net
- Good for small test contracts
- Not so good for real work
- Includes built-in compiler and linter
- Highly configurable
- Debugging is a bit confusing



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# IDE: Cakeshop



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## IDE: Cakeshop

- Developed by JPMorganChase & Co.
- Java app
- For Quorum, not Ethereum
  - ..but Quorum also uses Solidity
  - can directly interface with Ethereum's version of geth
- All-in-one blockchain IDE
  - includes block explorer (chain explorer)
  - includes Solidity IDE
  - includes wallet
- Download from: <https://github.com/jpmorganchase/cakeshop/releases>
- Documentation: <https://github.com/jpmorganchase/cakeshop/wiki/Cakeshop-Overview>

# Honorable Mentions

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## Other useful things

### 1. Openzeppelin

<https://openzeppelin.org/>

- a. A really useful library of tested Solidity code
- b. Significantly reduce development time



### 2. Infura

<https://infura.io/>

- a. A cloud Ethereum node service
- b. Saves you the hassle of configuring your own server

