Making Blockchain Real for Business

Explained

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What is Blockchain?

Why is it relevant for our business?

How can IBM help us apply Blockchain?

Business networks, wealth & markets

– **Business Networks** benefit from connectivity
  - Participants are customers, suppliers, banks, partners
  - Cross geography & regulatory boundary

– **Wealth** is generated by the flow of goods & services across business network in transactions and contracts

– **Markets** are central to this process:
  - Public (fruit market, car auction), or
  - Private (supply chain financing, bonds)
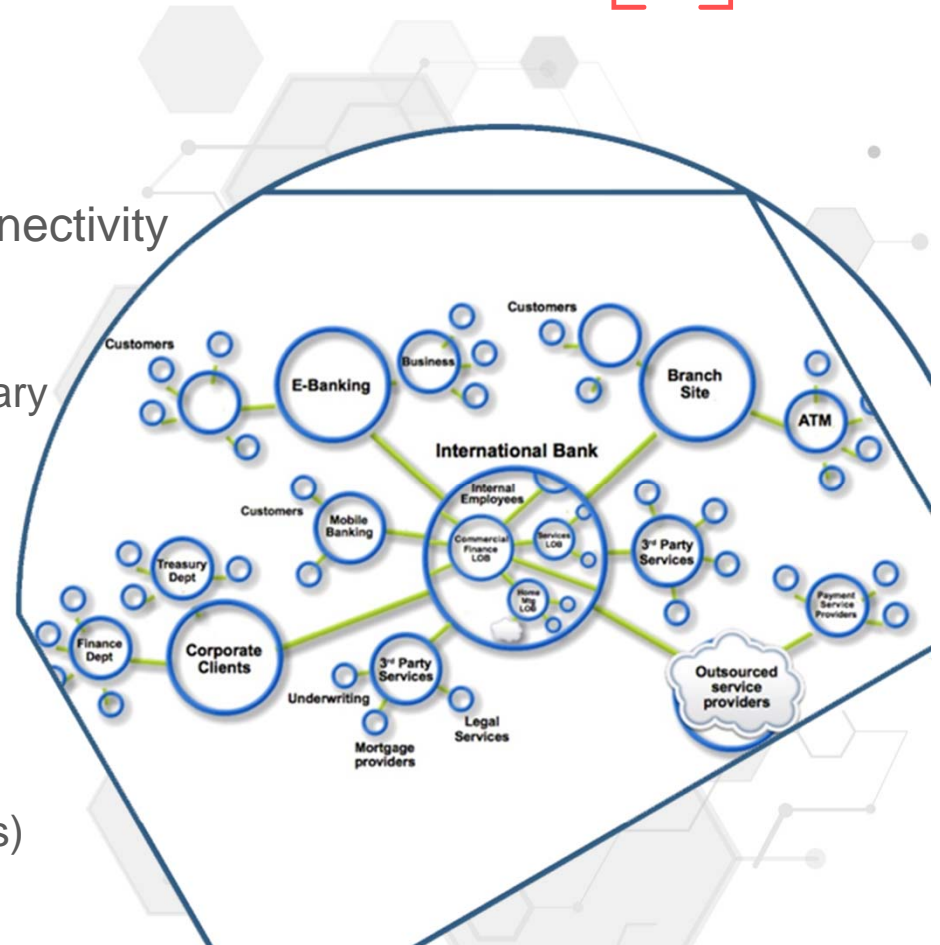
Transferring assets, building value

Anything that is capable of being owned or controlled to produce value, is an asset

Two fundamental types of asset

– Tangible, e.g. a house
– Intangible, e.g. a mortgage

Intangible assets subdivide

– Financial, e.g. bond
– Intellectual, e.g. patents
– Digital, e.g. music

Cash is also an asset

– Has property of anonymity

Ledgers are key ...

Ledger is THE system of record for a business. Business will have multiple ledgers for multiple business networks in which they participate.

– **Transaction** – an asset transfer onto or off the ledger

- John gives a car to Anthony (simple)

– **Contract** – conditions for transaction to occur

- If Anthony pays John money, then car passes from John to Anthony (simple)
- If car won't start, funds do not pass to John (as decided by third party arbitrator) (more complex)
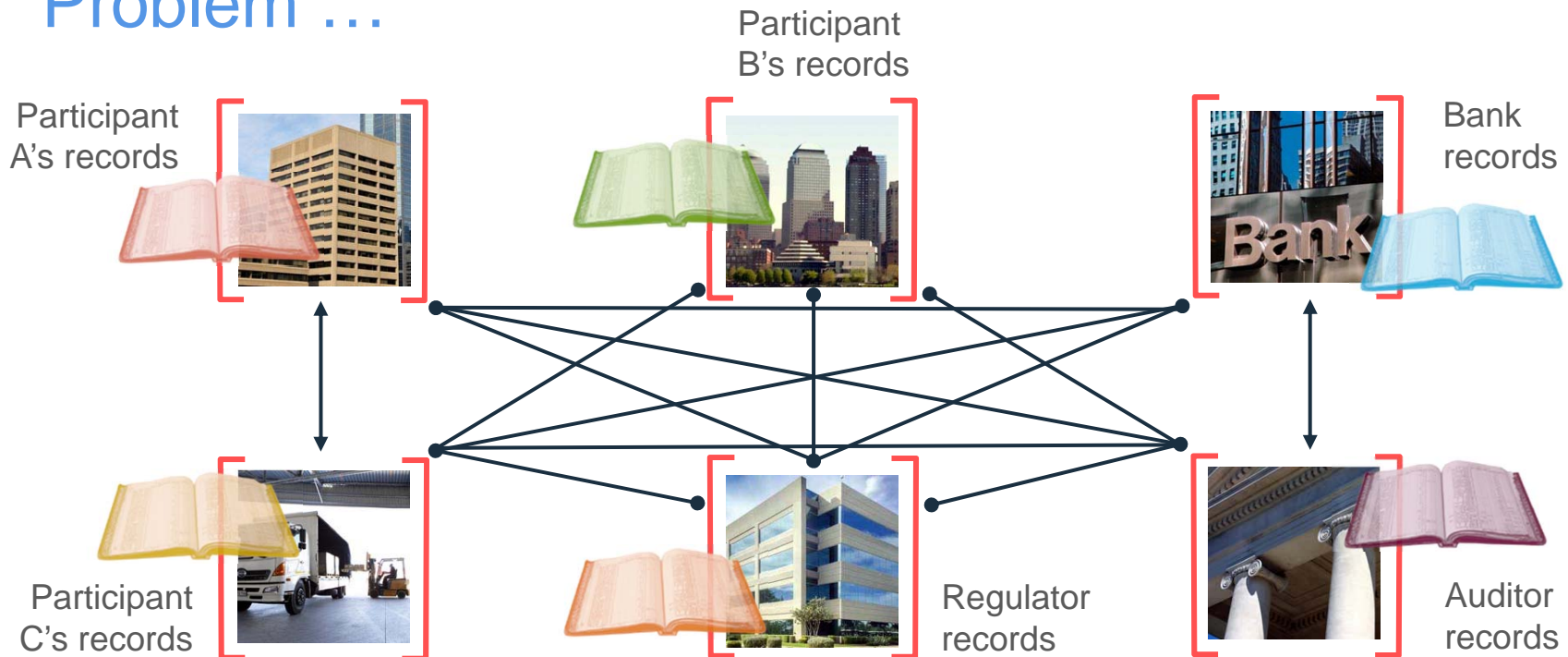
Introducing Blockchain

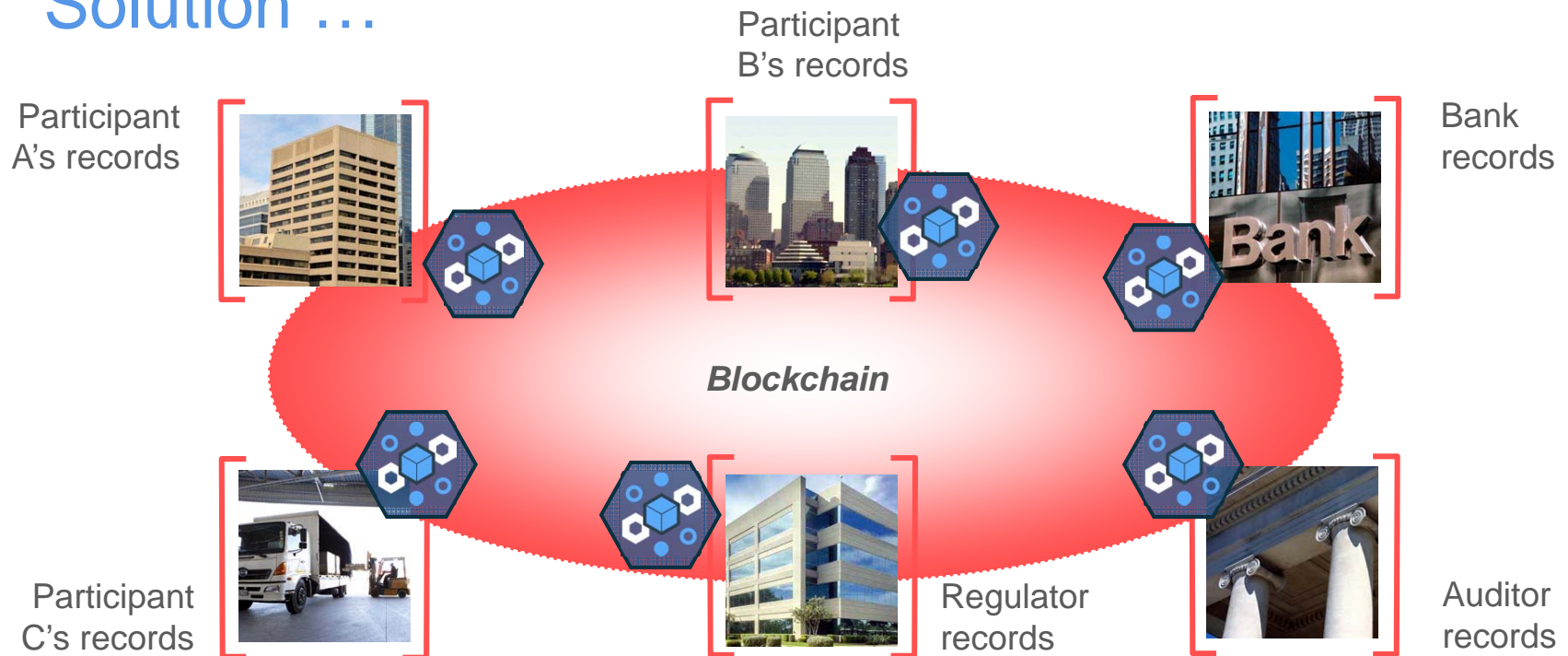A trusted, distributed ledger with shared business process

Problem …

Participant A's records

Participant B's records

Bank records

Participant C's records

Regulator records

Auditor records

… inefficient, expensive, vulnerable

What

Blockchain underpins Bitcoin ...

bitcoin is:

- An unregulated shadow-currency
- The first blockchain application
- Resource intensive

- **Blockchain for business** differs in key areas:
  - *Identity* over anonymity
  - *Selective endorsement* over proof of work
  - *Assets* over cryptocurrency

Blockchain for business …
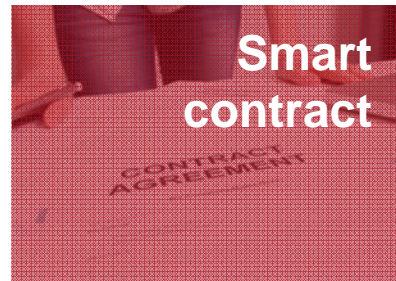
Append-only distributed system of record shared across business network

Shared ledger
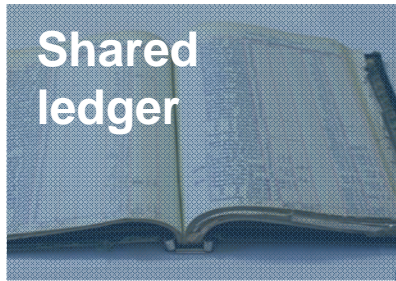
Smart contract

Shared business rules apply to transactions

Ensuring appropriate visibility; transactions are secure, authenticated & verifiable

Privacy

Trust

Participants are able to trust the contents of the ledger

… Broader participation, lower cost, increased efficiency

Shared ledger

Records all transactions across business network

- Shared between participants

- Participants have own copy through replication

- Permissioned, so participants see only appropriate transactions

- THE shared system of record

Smart contract

Business rules implied by the contract … embedded in the Blockchain and executed with the transaction

- Verifiable, signed

- Encoded in programming language

- Example:
  - Defines contractual conditions under which corporate Bond transfer occurs

Privacy

The ledger is shared, but participants require privacy

- Participants need:
  - Appropriate confidentiality between subsets of participants
  - Identity not linked to a transaction
- Transactions need to be authenticated
- Cryptography central to these processes

Trust

The ledger is a trusted source of information

- Participants **endorse** transactions
  - Business network decides who will endorse transactions
  - Endorsed transactions are added to the ledger with appropriate confidentiality
- Assets have a verifiable audit trail
  - Transactions cannot be modified, inserted or deleted

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Blockchain benefits

Saves
time

Transaction time from days to near instantaneous

Removes
cost

Overheads and cost intermediaries

Reduces
risk

Tampering, fraud & cyber crime

Increases
trust

Through shared processes and recordkeeping

Example:
Shared reference data

What
- Competitors/collaborators in a business network need to share reference data, e.g. bank routing codes
- Each member maintains their own codes, and forwards changes to a central authority for collection and distribution
- An information subset can be owned by organizations

How
- Each participant maintains their own codes within a Blockchain network
- Blockchain creates single view of entire dataset

Benefits

1. Consolidated, consistent dataset reduces errors
2. Near real-time access to reference data
3. Naturally supports code editing and routing code transfers between participants

Example:
Supply chain

What
- Provenance of each component part in complex system hard to track
- Manufacturer, production date, batch and even the manufacturing machine program

How
- Blockchain holds complete provenance details of each component part
- Accessible by each manufacturer in the production process, the aircraft owners, maintainers and government regulators

Benefits

1. Trust increased, no authority "owns" provenance

2. Improvement in system utilization

3. Recalls "specific" rather than cross fleet

Example:
Audit and compliance

What
- Financial data in a large organization dispersed throughout many divisions and geographies
- Audit and Compliance needs indelible record of all key transactions over reporting period

How
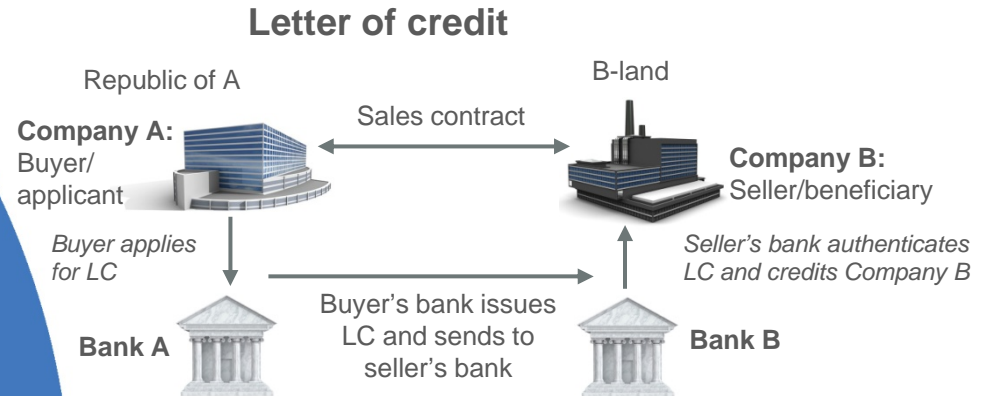- Blockchain collects transaction records from diverse set of financial systems
- Append-only and tamperproof qualities create high confidence financial audit trail
- Privacy features to ensure authorized user access

Benefits

1. Lowers cost of audit and regulatory compliance

2. Provides "seek and find" access to auditors and regulators

3. Changes nature of compliance from passive to active

Example: Letter of credit

Letter of credit

Republic of A — B-land

Company A: Buyer/applicant — *Sales contract* → **Company B:** Seller/beneficiary

Buyer applies for LC

Seller's bank authenticates LC and credits Company B

Bank A — Buyer's bank issues LC and sends to seller's bank → **Bank B**

What
- Bank handling letters of credit (LOC) wants to offer them to a wider range of clients including startups
- Currently constrained by costs & the time to execute

How
- Blockchain provides common ledger for letters of credit
- Allows all counter-parties to have the same validated record of transaction and fulfillment

Benefits

1. Increase speed of execution (less than 1 day)
2. Vastly reduced cost
3. Reduced risk, e.g. currency fluctuations
4. Value added services, e.g. incremental payment

Further examples by (selected) industry

Financial	Public Sector	Retail	Insurance	Manufacturing
Trade Finance	Asset Registration	Supply chain	Claims processing	Supply chain
Cross currency payments	Citizen Identity	Loyalty programs	Risk provenance	Product parts
Mortgages	Medical records	Information sharing (supplier – retailer)	Asset usage history	Maintenance tracking
	Medicine supply chain		Claims file	

Patterns for customer adoption

[?] Why

HIGH VALUE MARKET
- Transfer of high value financial assets
- Between many participants in a market
- Regulatory timeframes

ASSET EXCHANGE
- Sharing of assets (voting, dividend notification)
- Assets are information, not financial
- Provenance & finality are key

CONSORTIUM SHARED LEDGER
- Created by a small set of participants
- Share key reference data
- Consolidated, consistent real-time view

COMPLIANCE LEDGER
- Real-time view of compliance, audit & risk data
- Provenance, immutability & finality are key
- Transparent access to auditor & regulator

Key players for Blockchain adoption

Regulator

- An organization who enforces the rules of play
- Regulators are keen to support Blockchain based innovations
- Concern is systemic risk – new technology, distributed data, security

Industry Group

- Often funded by members of a business network
- Provide technical advice on industry trends
- Encourages best practice by making recommendations to members

Market Maker

- In financial markets, takes buy-side and sell-side to provide liquidity
- More generally, the organization who innovates
  - Creates a new good or service, and business process (likely)
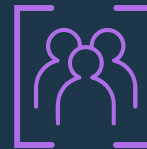 - Creates a new business process for an existing good or service

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How IBM can help

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Technology

Linux Foundation
Hyperledger Fabric

Fabric Composer

Hosting and Support

High Security
Business Network

IBM Bluemix

docker

**Making blockchain real
for clients**

Garages

Engagement

Linux Foundation Hyperledger

How

– A collaborative effort created to advance cross-industry blockchain technologies

– Announced December 2015, now over 120 members

– Open source, open standards, open governance

– One active framework ("Fabric") and four incubators

– IBM is a premier member of the Hyperledger Project

Brian Behlendorf
Executive Director

Blythe Masters
Board Chair

Chris Ferris
TSC Chair

www.hyperledger.org

Hyperledger Project Members

Premier

General

Associate

Engagement model overview

How

Let's Talk

1. Discuss Blockchain technology
2. Explore customer business model
3. Show Blockchain Application demo

Remote

Blockchain Hands-on

1. Understand Blockchain concepts & elements
2. Hands on with Blockchain on Bluemix
3. Standard demo customization

Digital

First Project

1. Design Thinking workshop to define business challenge
2. Agile iterations incrementally build project functionality
3. Enterprise integration

Face to face

Scale

1. Scale up pilot or Scale out to new projects
2. Business Process Re-engineering
3. Systems Integration

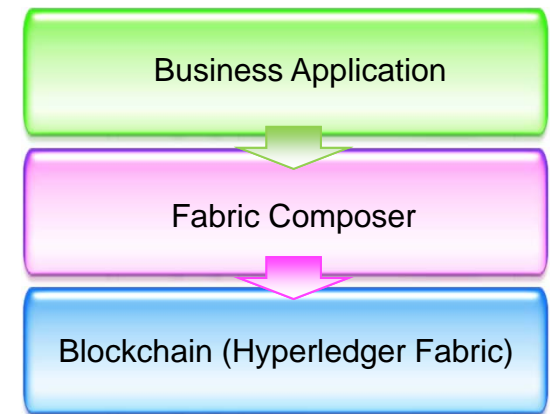*Face to face*

Fabric Composer: Accelerating time to value

- A suite of high level application abstractions for business networks
- Emphasis on business-centric vocabulary for quick solution creation
- Reduce risk and increase understanding and flexibility


```
asset Vehicle identified by vin {
    o String vin
    --> Member owner
}

participant Member identified by email {
    o String email
    o String firstName
    o String lastName
    o Double balance
}

transaction Offer identified by transactionId {
    o String transactionId
    o Double bidPrice
    --> VehicleListing listing
    --> Member member
}
```

- Features
    - Model your business networks, test and expose via APIs
    - Applications invoke APIs transactions to interact with business network
    - Integrate existing systems of record using loopback/REST

- **Open source** and freely available at http://fabric-composer.org

Selected References

FX Netting	Settlements through digital currency	Identity management
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Food Safety	Trade Finance	Channel Financing
Walmart	Bank of America Merrill Lynch / HSBC	IBM® IBM Global Financing

Low liquidity securities trading and settlement	Reward points management	Contract Management
JPX TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE	UnionPay 银联	MUFG

Getting started . . .

1 **Learn**
IBM Blockchain
Use cases by industry
Self paced education

2 **Build**
Blockchain on Bluemix
Blockchain in Docker
Blockchain garage

3 **Connect**
Blockchain ecosystem
Hyperledger community

Thank you!

Further Information – Use case Links

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