Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Lab 2

Batman's address (mgz7sshZaZ57A9tUmMs1yAc2ZdesBATMAN) Robin's address (mio1EsCc7tfHNZqqxDC4x826UTAE6RoBiN)

1. First we need some coins to be able to send to Batman and Commissioner Gordon. Used the faucet website from Lab 1 https://bitcoinfaucet.uo1.net/send.php and https://coinfaucet.eu/en/btc-testnet/ to get coins

Bitcoin testnet3 faucet

Donate?

We sent 0.0376542 bitcoins to address tb1qxlayzmn8lg7z8e9548e6xqtkfwsgxj7a325u73

tx: 002e0f169519ca4619f7c673b32788c8f636ab8a1b03166482c2a65e20da43aa

Send coins back, when you don't need them anymore to the address

mv4rnyY3Su5gjcDNzbMLKBQkBicCtHUtFB

Bitcoin Talk Thread

0.00005282 coins sent to tb1qxlayzmn8lg7z8e9548e6xqtkfwsgxj7a325u73. Don't forget to send the testnet coins back when you're done with them

tb1qxlayzmn8lg7z8e9548e6xqtkfwsgxj7a325u73

0.00001

Send testnet bitcoins

BTC Address

Send testnet coins back, when you don't need them anymore: tb1q4280xax2lt0u5a5s9hd4easuvzalm8v9ege9ge



Last Transactions

2. Next get the UTXOs for input using this command

3. Next we get the public key address information using this command, to verify my address ownership

4. Now we need to create raw transactions for Batman and Robin

5. Then I funded the raw transactions for Batman and Robin

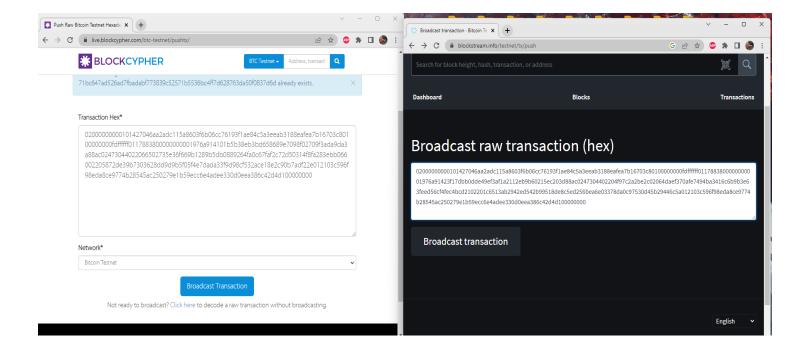
6. After verifying with my wallet passphrase, I signed both raw transactions for Batman and Robin

7. I verified my transactions with testmempoolaccept before broadcasting

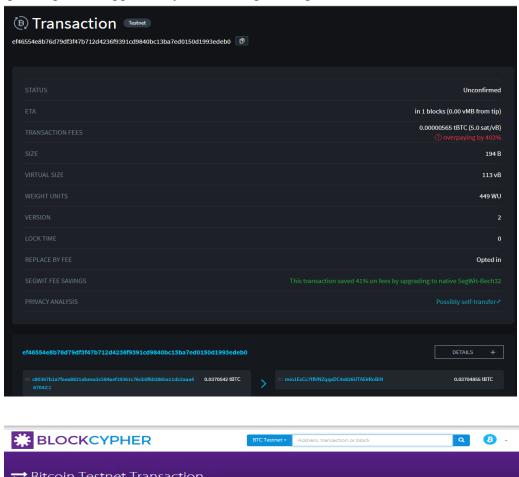
8. Now we need to send both raw transactions simultaneously. For both I used an online service to broadcast the transaction with the following websites,

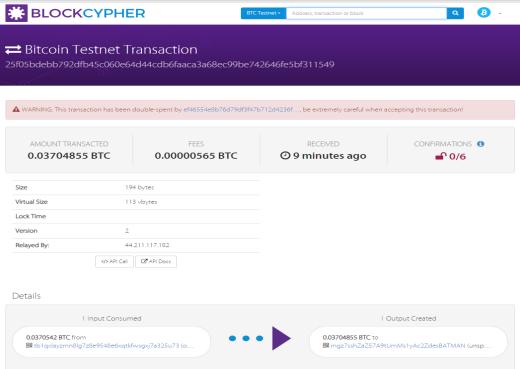
Batman: https://live.blockcypher.com/btc-testnet/pushtx/

Robin: https://blockstream.info/testnet/tx/push



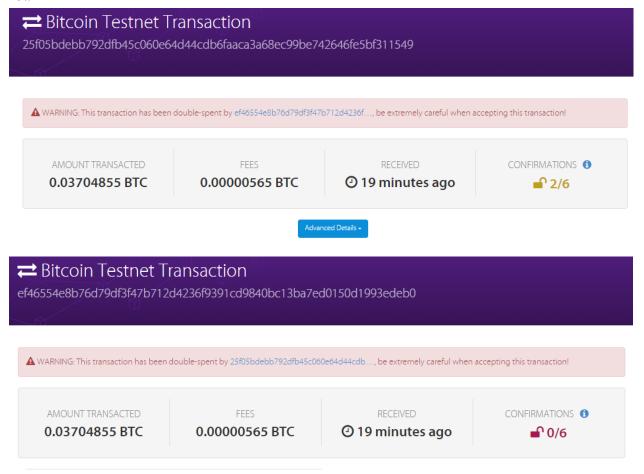
9. After Broadcasting we can observe both transactions. We can clearly see the double spending attack apparent by the warning message on Batman's transaction.





(zoom in)

While waiting, we can see that Batman's valid transaction is confirmed while Robin's is not.



(Unfortunately transactions didn't show on Blockchain.com)

Batman: https://live.blockcypher.com/btc-testnet/tx/25f05bdebb792dfb45c060e64d44cdb6faaca3a68ec99be742646fe5bf311549/

Robin:

https://live.blockcypher.com/btc-testnet/tx/ef46554e8b76d79df3f47b712d4236f9391cd9840bc13ba7ed0150d1993edeb0/

So to explain to Commissioner Gordon, double spend attacks are practically infeasible on the Bitcoin network because of the process of validating and confirming transactions. The first transaction to be included in a block and added to the blockchain is considered valid (e.g Batman's), while any subsequent attempt to spend the same bitcoin is rejected by the network (e.g Commissioner Gordon's). This is because nodes recognize that the bitcoin has already been spent and that the subsequent transaction is attempting to double spend. The process of verifying and confirming transactions ensures that double spend attacks are not successful on the Bitcoin network.