

BIT-ECC: Generate Genesis Block

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Purpose: The aim of this document is to instruct the readers how to generate BIT-ECC genesis block of at local machine.

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1. Change values of genesis block

We will modify some parameters values that are related to genesis block. 'chainparams.cpp' file is used to modify values at '~/bitcoin_ECC/src' folder. In the 'chainparams.cpp', there are two override functions and three classes for each network. The override function is 'CreateGenesisBlock' and the classes of networks are mainnet, testnet(v3) and regression test.

1.1 Modify the 'CreateGenesisBlock' function:

Modify the value of 'txNew.vout[0].nValue' parameter as 50. It means that the reward point for generating a new block will be 50 BTC.

```
static CBlock CreateGenesisBlock(const char* pszTimestamp, const CScript& genesisOutputScript, uint32_t nTime, uint32_t nNonce, uint32_t nBits, int32_t nVersion, const CAmount& genesisReward)
{
    CMutableTransaction txNew;
    txNew.nVersion = 1;
    txNew.vin.resize(1);
    txNew.vout.resize(1);
    txNew.vin[0].scriptSig = CScript() << 486604799 << CScriptNum(4) << std::vector<unsigned char>((const unsigned char*)pszTimestamp, (const unsigned char*)pszTimestamp + strlen(pszTimestamp)));
    txNew.vout[0].nValue = 50;
    txNew.vout[0].scriptPubKey = genesisOutputScript;

    CBlock genesis;
    genesis.nTime = nTime;
    genesis.nBits = nBits;
    genesis.nNonce = nNonce;
    genesis.nVersion = nVersion;
    genesis.vtx.push_back(MakeTransactionRef(std::move(txNew)));
    genesis.hashPrevBlock.SetNull();
    genesis.hashMerkleRoot = BlockMerkleRoot(genesis);
    return genesis;
}
```

Modify the value of 'pszTimestamp' parameter. Write any sentence you want or just modify the date as current date.

```
static CBlock CreateGenesisBlock(uint32_t nTime, uint32_t nNonce, uint32_t nBits, int32_t nVersion, const CAmount& genesisReward)
{
    const char* pszTimestamp = "The Times 08/Jan/2021 New hope for Covid patients";
    const CScript genesisOutputScript = CScript() <<
    ParseHex("04678afdb0fe5548271967f1a67130b7105cd6a828e03909a67962e0ea1f61deb49f6bc3f4cef38c4f35504e51ec112de5c384df7ba0b8d578a4c702b6bf11d5f") <<
    OP_CHECKSIG;
    return CreateGenesisBlock(pszTimestamp, genesisOutputScript, nTime, nNonce, nBits, nVersion, genesisReward);
}
```

1.2 Modify the parameters of 'CreateGenesisBlock' function:

Each class has 5 parameters- 'nTime', 'nNonce', 'nBits', 'nVersion' and 'genesisReward'. Change the first and the second one ['nTime', 'nNonce']. For UNIX time please follow the mentioned link [<https://www.unixtimestamp.com/>] and put any random integer number for the 'nNonce' value.

```
int init_level = 1;
genesis = CreateGenesisBlock(1558627231, 399, init_level, 1, 50 * COIN);
```

```
int init_level = 1;
genesis = CreateGenesisBlock(1610072113, 1012, init_level, 1, 50 * COIN);
//printf("\nmainnet with level = %d\n",init_level);
//printf("set is constructed from %d to %d with step 2\n",ldpc_level_table[init_level].from, ldpc_level_table[init_level].to);
//printf("n : %d\t wc : %d\t wr : %d\n", ldpc_level_table[init_level].n, ldpc_level_table[init_level].wc, ldpc_level_table[init_level].wr);
```

Repeat this process for other networks. If 'init_level' is different with mainnet, change it same as mainnet.

[testnet(v3)]

```
int init_level = 1;
genesis = CreateGenesisBlock(1610072113, 1012, init_level, 1, 50 * COIN);
//printf("\ntestnet with level = %d\n",init_level);
//printf("set is constructed from %d to %d with step 2\n",ldpc_level_table[init_level].from, ldpc_level_table[init_level].to);
//printf("n : %d\t wc : %d\t wr : %d\n", ldpc_level_table[init_level].n, ldpc_level_table[init_level].wc, ldpc_level_table[init_level].wr);
```

[regression test]

```
int init_level = 1;
genesis = CreateGenesisBlock(1610072113, 1012, init_level, 1, 50 * COIN);
//printf("\nregtest with level = %d\n",init_level);
//printf("set is constructed from %d to %d with step 2\n",ldpc_level_table[init_level].from, ldpc_level_table[init_level].to);
//printf("n : %d\t wc : %d\t wr : %d\n", ldpc_level_table[init_level].n, ldpc_level_table[init_level].wc, ldpc_level_table[init_level].wr);
```

2. Get hash values of a genesis block and Merkle-root

We will enter the 'bitcoin core' to get new hash values of a genesis block and Merkle-root.

2.1 Modify hash values to pass assert () function:

Replace the source code for each class with the new code as written inside the box below.

```
consensus.hashGenesisBlock = genesis.GetHash();
assert(consensus.hashGenesisBlock == uint256S("01a92cfc6a9949ae39ae5c58918138414beedad0e5a4f921612bc182bef280d2"));
assert(genesis.hashMerkleRoot == uint256S("0873377ff3078f39a4f1470e7e15d1234c4be9980b41724e714fa953ba04824b"));
```

```
consensus.hashGenesisBlock = genesis.GetHash();
assert(consensus.hashGenesisBlock == genesis.GetHash());
assert(genesis.hashMerkleRoot == BlockMerkleRoot(genesis));
```

Save 'chainparams.cpp' file, compile it and execute the bitcoin core using the following commands.

- ```
1) $ cd bitcoin_ECC
2) $./autogen.sh
3) $./configure
4) $ make
5) $ sudo make install
6) $ bitcoind -txindex -daemon
```

```
hisu@hisu-virtual-machine:~/bitcoin_ECC$ bitcoind -txindex -daemon
Bitcoin server starting
```

## 2.2 Get hash values:

Get hash value of the genesis block which block height would be 0.

- ```
1) $ bitcoin-cli getblockhash 0
```

Use the hash value of the genesis block to get Merkle-root hash value.

- ```
1) $ bitcoin-cli getblock
b71a7c0e8cfb0e11b14c8625ed65e4a60f270009a6114530fb9edb5718782
458
```

[illegible]

Save both the hash values [genesis block and Merkle-root].

### 2.3 Replace parts with hash values:

```
consensus.hashGenesisBlock = genesis.GetHash();
assert(consensus.hashGenesisBlock == genesis.GetHash());
assert(genesis.hashMerkleRoot == BlockMerkleRoot(genesis));
```

Replace the source code for each class with the new hash values as written inside the box.

```
consensus.hashGenesisBlock = genesis.GetHash();
assert(consensus.hashGenesisBlock ==
uint256S(
 '\b71a7c0e8cfb0e11b14c8625ed65e4a60f270009a6114530fb
 9edb5718782458'
));
assert(genesis.hashMerkleRoot ==
uint256S(
 '\2bb12aa4c91367fab71acfe5b763b7c2070944953d7c7b228
 a0ce541867a098'
));
```

### 3. Execute blockchain core

### 3.1 Compile and execute bitcoin server:

Compile the code again using same procedures as mentioned in 2.1

### 3.2 Check the number of blocks in the blockchain:

First command line returns the number of blocks and Second one returns the information of the blockchain we accessed.

- ```
1) $ bitcoin-cli getblockcount
2) $ bitcoin-cli getblockchaininfo
```

[illegible]