

Hyperledger Launches Blockchain Working Group for Healthcare

Michael del Castillo (@DelRayMan) | Published on October 3, 2016 at 17:42 BST

NEWS

 290





 65





Hyperledger today announced the formation of a new working group focused on blockchain applications in the healthcare space.

Unveiled at the Distributed: Health blockchain conference in Tennessee, the working group is composed of healthcare provider Kaiser Permanente; tech giant IBM; professional services firm Accenture; and startups Gem and Hashed Health.

As a starting point, according to Hyperledger executive director Brian Behlendorf, the group will turn to a collection of over 70 proposals submitted to the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a recent competition organized by the government agency.

Behlendorf told CoinDesk:

"The point of the working group is to take the list of use cases from the HHS essay contest, which is where we might usefully put a blockchain into the healthcare system, or use it to support healthcare use cases."

Specific applications up for discussion include decentralized registries, interoperable networks and associated identities, smart contracts and process automation, among others.

Ultimately, according to members of the new working group, the goal is to hone in on a single project on which Hyperledger can focus its software writing efforts.

Looking ahead

Gem will spearhead the group's recruiting efforts, according to Behlendorf, adding that companies wishing to join don't need to be a member of the Hyperledger project.

With the HHS entries as a basis, the working group will seek to identify a use case that will serve as the open-source organization’s minimum viable product for blockchain and healthcare.

Behlendorf calls what they’re looking for the “first delta” upon which other healthcare industry professionals can build.

DON'T MISS A SINGLE STORY

Subscribe to our free newsletter.

Email Address

SUBSCRIBE



consensus
2017

Registration Is Open!

Only 59 tickets available at \$899

REGISTER NOW

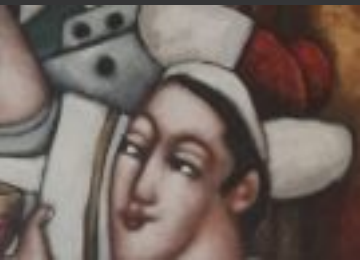
FEATURES



Scams or Not, Crypto Tokens Have History on Their Side



Why CGI Doubled Down on Ripple's Distributed Ledger Tech



Why Broadridge is Investing Millions in Blockchain Voting



Bitcoin Provisions in the North Carolina Money Transmitter Act

In addition to expanding its focus into the healthcare industry, Behlendorf says the working group reflects the overall project's push beyond finance.

Behlendorf concluded:

"It's always been a part of the vision of the Hyperledger project that we're building foundational technologies for blockchain that are never necessarily tied to financial use cases. This is as foundational as an operating system, a database, a programming language."

Correction: An earlier draft of this article based on information provided by Hyperledger mistakenly included Digital Asset as one of the founding members of the healthcare group.

Image via [Shutterstock](#)

[Gem](#) [Hyperledger](#) [Kaiser Permanente](#)

Join our free newsletter and stay ahead of the blockchain curve.

Email Address

SUBSCRIBE


Subscribe to our free newsletter.

Email Address

SUBSCRIBE



PREVIOUS ARTICLE

 **Adam Back Appointed Blockstream CEO in Leadership Shake-Up**

NEXT ARTICLE

 **EU Parliament Paper Explores Bitcoin-Powered Elections**

RELATED STORIES



Sep 29, 2016 at 20:00 | Michael del Castillo
UBS Unveils Blockchain for Trade Finance at Sibos
Nothing to see here, just reimagining international trade!

NEWS
Sep 27, 2016 at 18:06 | Michael del Castillo
Currency Settlement Service CLS Reveals Big Blockchain Ambitions
CLS is working with IBM to build a blockchain platform for payments netting.

NEWS
Sep 26, 2016 at 11:15 | Michael del Castillo
Hyperledger Adds to Blockchain Group in Time for Sibos
Blockchain consortium Hyperledger today revealed five new members today.

Sep 23, 2016 at 02:00 | Michael del Castillo
IBM, China UnionPay Develop Blockchain Loyalty Points Exchange

INDUSTRY PRESS RELEASES

Sep 29 | 21:05 **OTC Exchange Network Closes Series A for Blockchain-Based P2P FX Trading Platform**


Sep 28 | 15:27 **The Competitive Edge BTC Trading Competition With Live Trading Account Prizes**

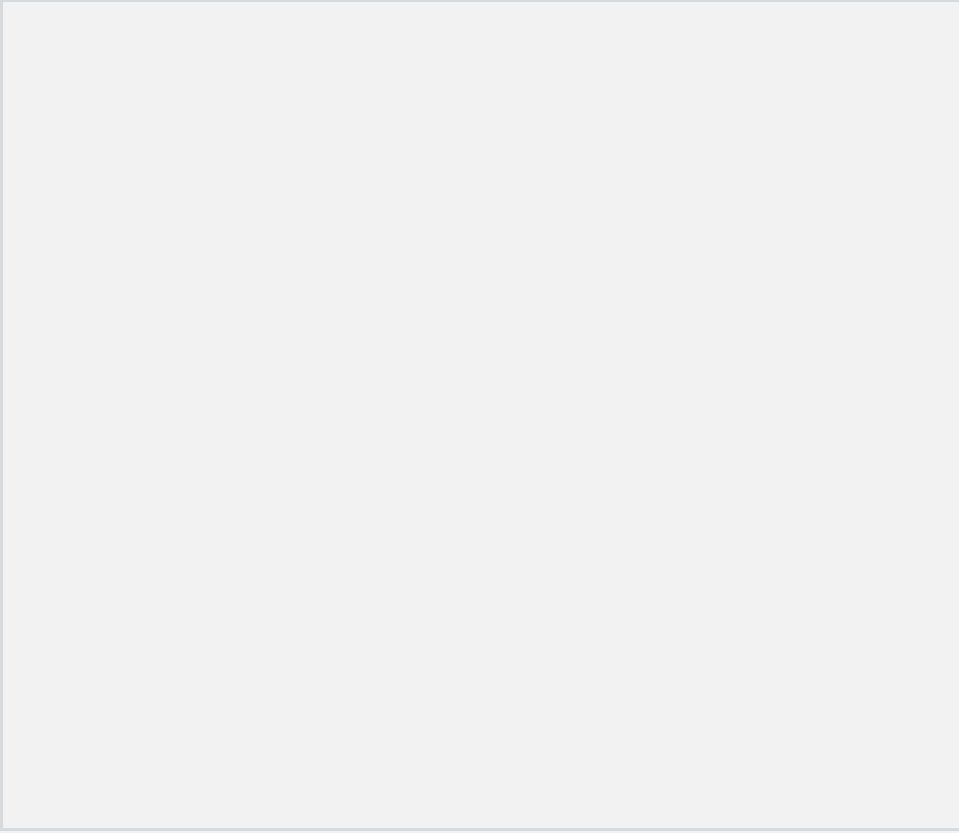
Sep 28 | 14:20 **Utocat raises 500,000€ to strengthen its API Blockchainiz**

Sep 22 | 20:59 **DIB Funding Inc. Has Created The First Cryptocurrency, "DIBCOIN", To Be Used By Sunshine Capital Inc. For Asset Acquisitions.**

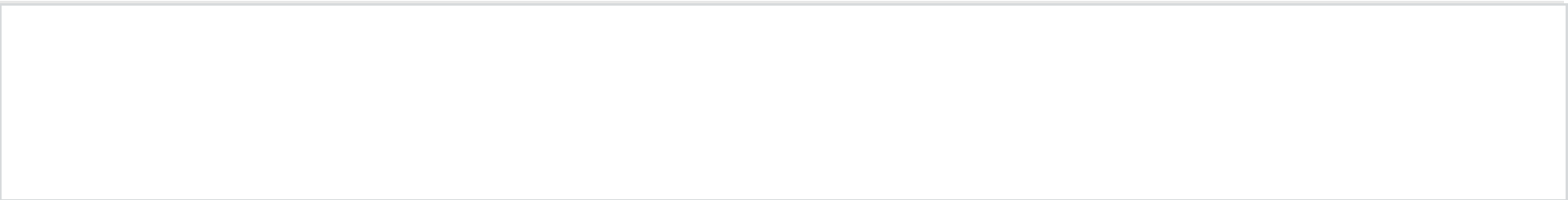
VIEW MORE

SUBMIT RELEASE

 Got a news tip or guest feature?



International Business Machines is working with a Chinese credit card company to to create a blockchain-based system for trading loyalty points.



Are Your Employee Wages Competitive? Check The 2017 Salary Guide.

Get current accounting & finance salaries and job descriptions for your local job market and around the US.

Learn More



Sponsored by **Accounting Principals**