

prize-worthy

an Ethereum Python hackathon guide

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intro + goals

- intros



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~~github.com/ethereum/py-trie~~
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~~github.com/ethereum/eth-abi~~
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felipe, fselmo



stu, reedsa



intro + goals

- intros
- team “north star” goals
 - *aid in EIP implementation and testing*
 - *reduce UX friction*
 - ***educate and inspire builders***
- a hypothesis
- my goal for you



why hackathons?

- prizes, obviously
- mentorship
- meet potential employers and/or investors
- meet teammates, make friends, have fun
- grow your personal brand and credibility
- level up skills, learn new tech
- practice presenting your ideas
- find out if your idea has legs
- ...all within a week!
- ...in low risk environment!

tl;dr: career or company launchpad ✨🚀



game plan



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They call it a hackathon because you are literally hacking your way around a dark forest of deprecated code, unreleased features and out of date docs.

And honestly, I wouldn't have it any other way ❤️

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game plan

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OPTIMISM

The Optimism Collective is redistributing power to humanity through a low-cost, lightning-fast Ethereum-equivalent L2 blockchain.

Just [improve] it

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SchemaCraft

\$2,000
Reach Billion Users

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popupfaucet

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chapter 0. **idea**

pro-tip: sign up before you're “ready”

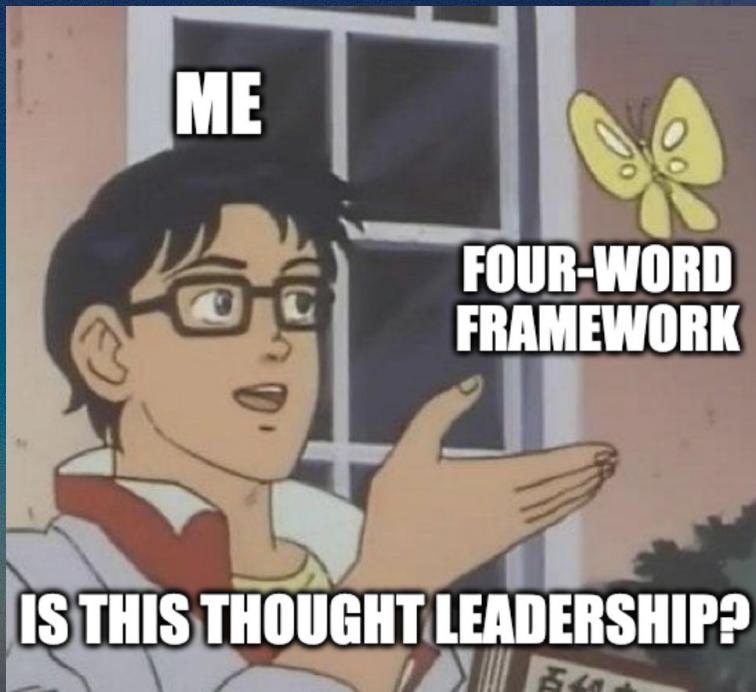
- tons of participants start without an idea nailed down
- tl;dr: you'll figure one out or join someone else's team

Q: how do i find an idea?

- categories: devtools, consumer apps, data projects
- mindset - be on the lookout for:
 - apps/tools you wish existed
 - pain points in your workflows
 - complaints you see on social media
- reference past winners, e.g., ETHGlobal project showcase
- join idea brainstorming/team formation events
- bounty lists from hackathon sponsors
- <what else?>

Q: how do i evaluate an idea?

1. **who** is it for?
 2. **what** is their goal?
 3. **how** do current options fall short?
 4. **now**... (what solution can you offer?)
- *does the story you're telling make sense?*
 - *does the user exist?*
 - *does the problem exist?*
 - *is your solution any better than existing options?*



pro-tip: share your idea

- execution is everything
- feedback sharpens your idea
- rally support and/or team members

pro-tip: share your idea



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Ideate and validate right away. Get the idea in front of the judge and gauge their reaction.

If they're not loving it, there's no amount of love you can give this project to win.

Get the judges onboard so they are excited to see your project.

Q: how do i evaluate an idea? (example)

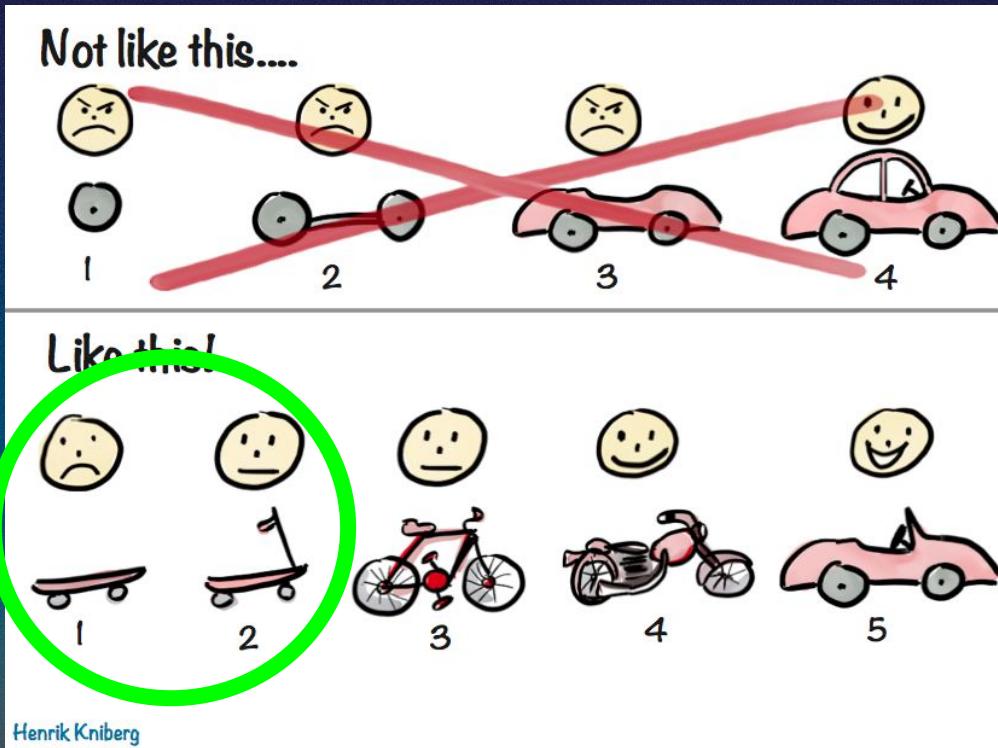
1. **who** is it for?
2. **what** is their goal?
3. **how** do current options fall short?
4. **now...** (what solution can you offer?)

Q: how do i evaluate an idea? (popupfaucet)

1. **who** is it for?
 - a. workshop hosts
 - b. workshop attendees
2. **what** is their goal?
 - a. efficiently distribute testnet ether to attendees to enable participation
3. **how** do current options fall short?
 - a. create and pre-seed accounts, print out and distribute QR codes
 - i. cons: physical/in-person, manual process, doesn't scale well
 - b. send attendees to 3rd-party faucets
 - i. cons: external point of failure, sales pitches, account creation, daily limits
 - c. collect addresses then use a script to distribute funds
 - i. cons: manual process, late-arrival headaches
4. **now...** (what solution can you offer?)

chapter 1. dapp architecture

pro-tip: think mvp



(obligatory, sorry)

pro-tip: think mvp



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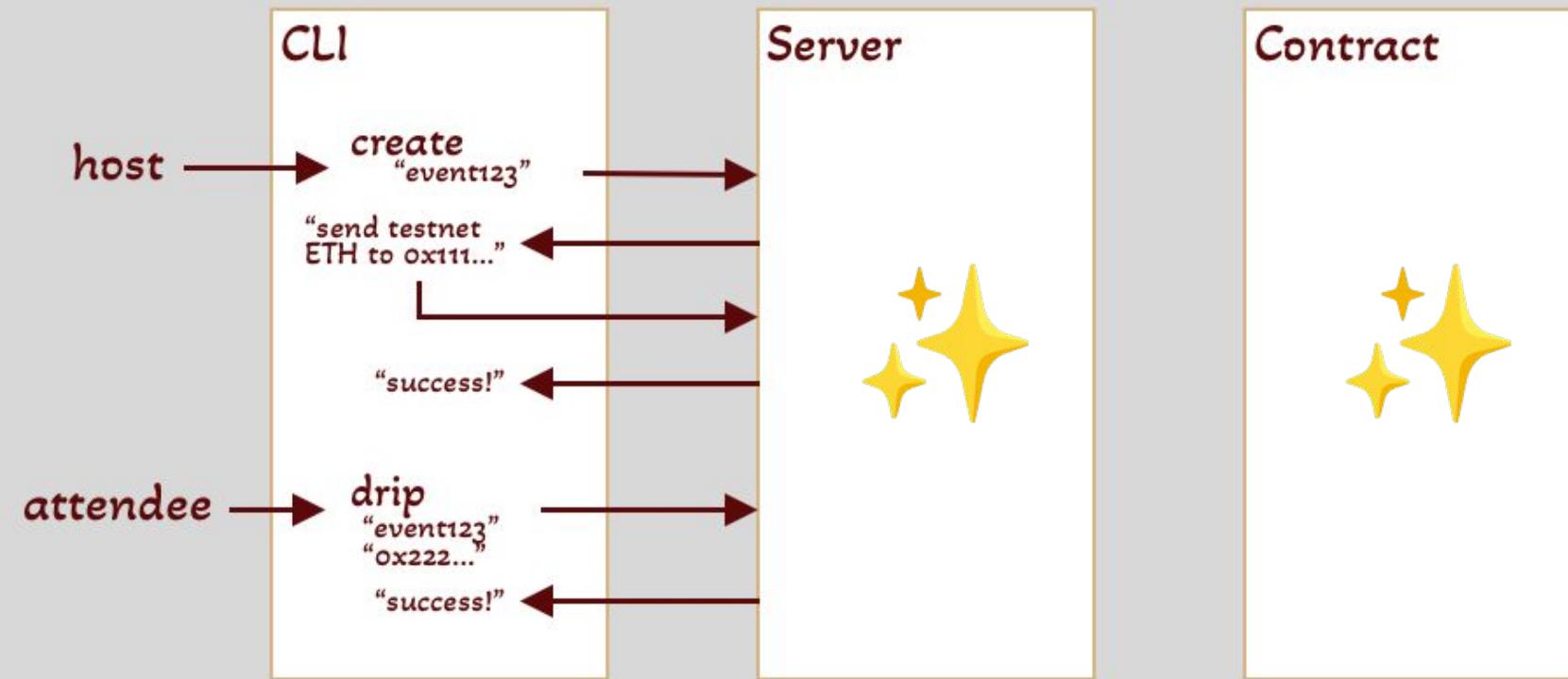
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follow the rule of kiss - (keep it simple stupid). get a solid mvp or happy path for your app working before you hook in random bounties

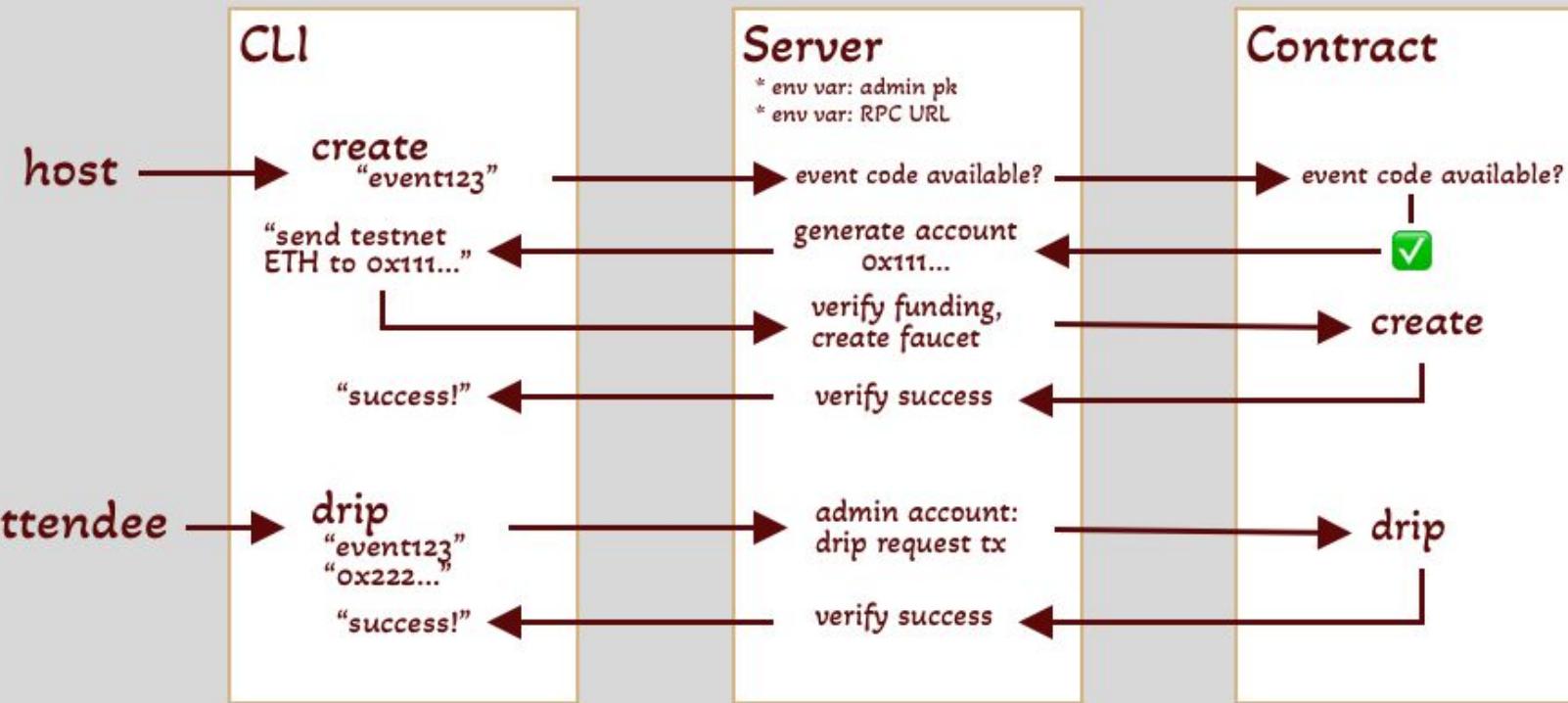
dapp architecture: mvp definition

- UI
 - least possible friction?
 - **host**: choose an event code + send funds to an address
 - **attendee**: specify event code + address you want funds sent to
 - mode: CLI; distribution: PyPI
 - *not included*: duration, rate limiting, drip amount
- Contract
 - one contract, arbitrary number of faucets
 - functions: create, drip
 - state: event codes and their available funds
 - *not included*: security or gas efficiency audits
- Server
 - contract interaction has to happen somewhere
 - secrets: admin private key, RPC URL
 - *note: anyone can still use the contract without this server!

dapp architecture: mvp definition



dapp architecture: mvp definition



chapter 2. **contract**

pro-tip: don't overthink stack choices

- (in the context of a hackathon)
- for consumer apps, most judges don't care *
- tl;dr – be clear about your goals

pro-tip: don't overthink stack choices



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Number one thing I've learned about hackathons is presentation matters. When judges are scrolling through quite a few submissions, the front end and the pitch is what makes the impression. Very few actually check the technical back end workings and take the project at face value.

pro-tip: take shortcuts, use building blocks

- Solidity
 - OpenZeppelin contract wizard: <https://wizard.openzeppelin.com/>
 - Solady <https://github.com/Vectorized/solady>
 - Solmate <https://github.com/transmissions11/solmate>
 - <https://solidity-by-example.org/>
- Vyper
 - Snekmate <https://github.com/pcaversaccio/snekmate>
 - <https://vyper-by-example.org/>
- reference material
 - <https://www.cookbook.dev/>
 - <https://github.com/marcelc63/popular-contract-templates>
- prototyping editors
 - Remix: <https://remix.ethereum.org/>
 - sneko: <https://github.com/wolovim/sneko> 

~ demo ~

- prerequisite: solidity or vyper fundamentals
- intro **sneko**, prototyping framework
 - textual
 - popupfaucet contract
 - local testnet
- intro **ape**, smart contract development framework
 - config
 - testing
 - scripting, e.g., deploying

~ demo ~

chapter 3. **contract interaction**

ch 3. game plan

1. brief tour of web3.py
2. highlight a few intermediate features
3. put the relevant concepts into practice

1. web3.py speedrun

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- provider config
- read
- write

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- **provider config**

```
● ● ●  
from web3 import Web3, HTTPProvider  
  
w3 = Web3(HTTPProvider("https://..."))  
  
w3.is_connected()  
# True
```

```
● ● ●  
from web3 import AsyncWeb3, AsyncHTTPProvider  
  
w3 = AsyncWeb3(AsyncHTTPProvider("https://..."))  
  
await w3.is_connected  
# True
```

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- **provider config**



```
from web3 import Web3, HTTPProvider

RPC_URL = "https://<your-rpc>/mainnet"
RPC_URL = "https://<your-rpc>/sepolia"
RPC_URL = "https://<your-rpc>/arbitrum"
RPC_URL = "https://<your-rpc>/base-sepolia"

w3 = Web3(HTTPProvider(RPC_URL))

w3.is_connected()
# True
```

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- **provider config**



```
from web3 import Web3, EthereumTesterProvider

w3 = Web3(EthereumTesterProvider())

w3.is_connected()
# True

acct = w3.eth.accounts[0]
w3.eth.get_balance(acct)
# 100000000000000000000000000000000
```

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- provider config

```
from web3 import AsyncWeb3, WebSocketProvider

async with AsyncWeb3(WebSocketProvider("wss://...")) as w3:
    await w3.is_connected()

    # eth_subscribe to new blocks
    await w3.eth.subscribe("newHeads")

    # parse blocks as they're added
    async for message in w3.socket.process_subscriptions():
        block = message["result"]
        print(f"Block: {block['number']}")
        # Block: 21036998
```

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- provider config
- **read:**

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- provider config
- read:
 - **account balances**

```
w3.eth.get_balance('0x1a2b3c ... ')
# 266411854471702742
```

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- provider config
- read:
 - account balances
 - **block data**

```
w3.eth.get_block(15537393)
# AttributeDict({'baseFeePerGas': 48811794595, ...}

w3.eth.get_transaction("0xabc123...")
# AttributeDict({'blockHash': HexBytes('0x56a...'), ...})
```

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- provider config
- read:
 - account balances
 - block data
 - **transaction data**

```
w3.eth.get_block(15537393)
# AttributeDict({'baseFeePerGas': 48811794595, ...}

w3.eth.get_transaction("0xabc123...")
# AttributeDict({'blockHash': HexBytes('0x56a...'), ...})
```

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- provider config
- read:
 - account balances
 - block data
 - transaction data
 - **from contract**

```
example_contract = w3.eth.contract(  
    abi= ... ,  
    address= ...  
)  
example_contract.functions.mult(4,5).call()  
# 20
```

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- provider config
- read:
 - account balances
 - block data
 - transaction data
 - from contract
 - **event logs**



```
my_contract = w3.eth.contract(address=ADDRESS, abi=ABI)

my_contract.events.myEvent().get_logs(
    argument_filters={"eventArg1": [1, 2, 3]},
    from_block=1337,
    to_block=1437,
```

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- provider config
- read:
 - account balances
 - block data
 - transaction data
 - from contract
 - **event logs**



```
# build filter params:
transfer_event_topic = w3.keccak(
    text="Transfer(address,address,uint256)"
)
filter_params = {
    "address": WETH_ADDRESS,
    "topics": [transfer_event_topic],
}

# Start a subscription.
await w3.eth.subscribe("logs", filter_params)

# listen for events:
async for payload in w3.socket.process_subscriptions():
    print(payload["result"])
    # handle each new event
```

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- provider config
- read:
 - account balances
 - block data
 - transaction data
 - from contract
 - event logs
- **write:**

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- provider config
- read:
 - account balances
 - block data
 - transaction data
 - from contract
 - event logs
- write:
 - **transfer ether**

```
w3.eth.send_transaction({  
    'from': acct1,  
    'to': acct2,  
    'value': w3.to_wei(1, 'ether'),  
    ...  
})
```

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- provider config
- read:
 - account balances
 - block data
 - transaction data
 - from contract
 - event logs
- write:
 - transfer ether
 - **write to contract**

```
example_contract = w3.eth.contract(  
    abi=... ,  
    address= ...  
)  
example_contract.functions.updateThing().transact()
```

web3.py speedrun

core concepts:

- provider config
- read:
 - account balances
 - block data
 - transaction data
 - from contract
 - event logs
- write:
 - transfer ether
 - write to contract
 - **deploy**

```
ExampleContract = w3.eth.contract(  
    abi=... ,  
    bytecode= ...  
)  
ExampleContract.constructor().transact()
```

2. web3.py, bonus round

web3.py speedrun

web3.py fine-tuning:

- middleware
- custom methods
- custom modules
- custom providers
- caching, retries, etc.
- convenience config,
e.g., default signer account

web3.py speedrun

notable addons:

- **ENS support**
- eth-account
- eth-utils

```
● ● ●  
w3.ens.address('ethereum.eth')  
# '0xde0B295669a9FD93d5F28D9Ec85E40f4cb697BAe'  
  
w3.ens.name('0xd8dA6BF26964aF9D7eEd9e03E53415D37aA96045')  
# 'vitalik.eth'  
  
w3.ens.get_text('nick.eth', 'url')  
# 'https://ens.domains/'
```

web3.py speedrun

notable addons:

- ENS support
- **eth-account**
- eth-utils

```
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from eth_account import Account

# Account creation:
account = Account.create()

# Account management:
account = Account.from_key('0xabc...')
account = Account.from_mnemonic("abandon agent cactus...")
pk = Account.decrypt(keyfile_json, password)

# Transaction signing:
Account.sign_transaction(tx, pk)

# EIP-712 message signing:
signed_message = Account.sign_typed_data(
    pk,
    domain_data,
    message_types,
    message_data
)
```

Utilities

ABI Utilities

```
abi_to_signature()  
collapse_if_tuple()  
event_abi_to_log_topic()  
event_signature_to_log_topic()  
filter_abi_by_name()  
filter_abi_by_type()  
function_abi_to_4byte_selector()  
function_signature_to_4byte_selector()  
get_abi_input_names()  
get_abi_input_types()  
get_abi_output_names()  
get_abi_output_types()  
get_aligned_abi_inputs()  
get_all_event_abis()  
get_all_function_abis()  
get_normalized_abi_inputs()
```

notable addons:

- ENS support
- eth-account
- **eth-utils**

web3.py speedrun

web3.py speedrun

notable addons:

- ENS support
- eth-account
- **eth-utils**

humanize_wei(int) -> string

Returns a human-friendly form of units given an amount of wei.

```
>>> from eth_utils import humanize_wei
>>> humanize_wei(0)
'0 wei'
>>> humanize_wei(1000000000000000000000000000)
'1000 ether'
>>> humanize_wei(9876543)
'0.009876543 gwei'
```

3. apply the concepts

server

```
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from flask import Flask, request, jsonify

app = Flask(__name__)
load_dotenv( )

@app.route("/status", methods=[ "GET" ])
def status():
    ...

@app.route("/create", methods=[ "POST" ])
def create():
    ...

@app.route("/drip", methods=[ "POST" ])
def drip():
    ...
```

server: setup

```
# securely stored .env variables:  
ADMIN_PK = os.getenv("POPUPFAUCET_ADMIN_PK")  
RPC_URL = os.getenv("OP_SEPOLIA_URL"))
```

```
# load contract compilation artifacts:  
with open("artifacts.json") as f:  
    artifacts = json.load(f)
```

```
w3 = Web3(HTTPProvider(RPC_URL))  
contract = w3.eth.contract(  
    address=CONTRACT_ADDRESS,  
    abi=artifacts["abi"],  
)
```

server: multi-network support

```
# init Web3:  
w3_op_sepolia = Web3(HTTPProvider(os.getenv("OP_SEPOLIA_URL")))  
w3_base_sepolia = Web3(HTTPProvider(os.getenv("BASE_SEPOLIA_URL")))  
  
#  
  
o_contract = w3_op_sepolia.eth.contract(address=ADDRESS, abi=ABI)  
b_contract = w3_base_sepolia.eth.contract(address=ADDRESS, abi=ABI)  
s_contract = w3_sepolia.eth.contract(address=ADDRESS, abi=ABI)  
  
#  
  
"OP Sepolia": {"w3": w3_op_sepolia, "contract": o_contract},  
"Base Sepolia": {"w3": w3_base_sepolia, "contract": b_contract},  
"Sepolia": {"w3": w3_sepolia, "contract": s_contract},  
}  
  
# convenience function.  
def get_w3_and_contract(network):  
    return networks[network]["w3"], networks[network]["contract"]  
  
# usage:  
w3, contract = get_w3_and_contract("Sepolia")  
  
# w3.eth.get_block("latest")  
# contract.functions.codeAvailable("devcon").call()
```

server: contract reads



```
@app.route("/availability", methods=[ "GET" ])
def check_availability():
    event_code = request.args.get("event_code")
    network = request.args.get("network")
    w3, contract = get_w3_and_contract(network)

    try:
        is_available = contract.functions.codeAvailable(event_code).call()
    except Exception as e:
        return jsonify({"error": str(e)}), 500
    else:
        return jsonify({"available": is_available}), 200
```

server: contract writes

```
@app.route("/drip", methods=[ "POST" ])
def drip():
    ...
    w3, contract = get_w3_and_contract(network)

    try:
        # build the transaction
        tx = contract.functions.drip(address, event_code).build_transaction(
            {"nonce": w3.eth.get_transaction_count(admin_account.address)})

        # sign the transaction
        signed_tx = w3.eth.account.sign_transaction(
            tx, private_key=admin_account.key)

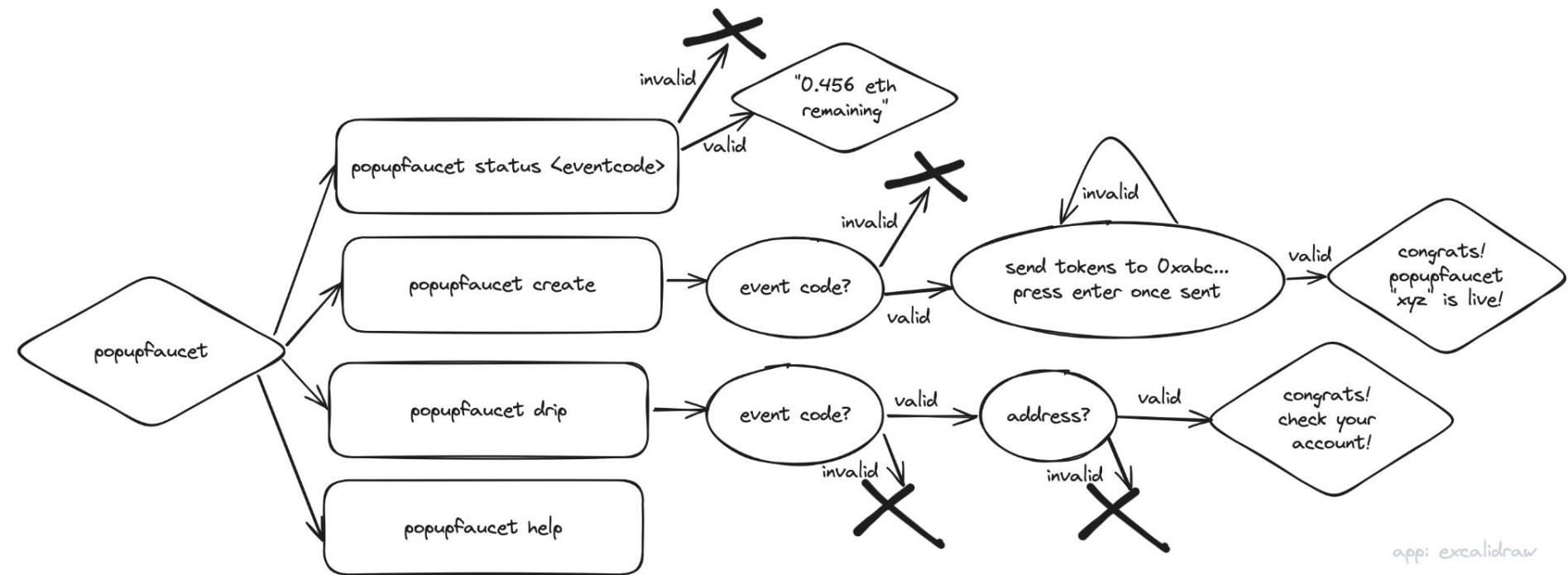
        # send the transaction & wait for receipt
        tx_hash = w3.eth.send_raw_transaction(signed_tx.raw_transaction)
        tx_receipt = w3.eth.wait_for_transaction_receipt(tx_hash)
        receipt_hash = tx_receipt["transactionHash"].to_0x_hex()
        return jsonify({"tx_hash": receipt_hash}), 200
    except Exception as e:
        return jsonify({"error": str(e)}), 500
```

chapter 4. UI

Python UI options

- CLI: click, rich
- TUI: textual
- bot (Discord, Telegram, etc.)
- Jupyter notebooks
- data viz tools
- webapp (via Flask, Django, FastAPI, etc.)
- web3.py (via custom module)
- distribution:
 - web/mobile app
 - PyPI package
 - chat app
 - NYC billboard

pro-tip: sketch user experience



UI: faucet creation

```
> p -/projects
? S [popupfaucet create]
? E
? 0xb
A m
You
Pre
? 10a
htt
10a
Tes
`pi
popupfaucet drip`
```

UI: faucet status

```
> popupfaucet status
? Select the network: OP Sepolia
? Event code? lol
$ 0.057 eth remaining in lol faucet on OP Sepolia.

~/projects
```

UI: faucet drip

```
> popupfaucet drip
? Select the network: OP Sepolia
? Event code? lol
? Address to receive testnet ether? 0x99984be83bCD63c4d6d84936E9Cf2D68DcEE8
✓ Faucet has funds.
 Congrats! Check your account!  View the transaction:
https://optimism-sepolia.blockscout.com/tx/0x15e9a4b03af4da617a70792e2a8584400f0dd5ad2e2a353
```

UI: ephemeral accounts

```
from eth_account import Account

@popupfaucet.command()
def create():
    answers = prompt([...])
    network = answers["network"]
    event_code = answers["event_code"]

    # confirm event code available:
    with console.status("Checking availability...", spinner="moon"):
        response = session.get(f"{SERVER_URL}/availability", params={...})
        is_available = response.json().get("is_available")
        if not is_available:
            console.print("X ")
            return
        else:
            console.print("✓ ")

    # use an ephemeral account.
    acct = Account.create()
    console.print(f"Send {network} testnet ether to: {acct.address}")
    input()

# to be continued...
```

UI: ephemeral accounts

```
# every 5 seconds, check if ephemeral account was funded:  
with console.status("Waiting for confirmation...", spinner="moon"):  
    payload = {"network": network, "address": acct.address}  
    waiting_for_confirmation = True  
    while waiting_for_confirmation:  
        response = requests.post(f"{SERVER_URL}/seeder-funded", json=payload)  
        if response.status_code == 200:  
            console.print(f"✅ Account funded!")  
            waiting_for_confirmation = False  
        else:  
            console.print("❌ ")  
            sleep(5)  
  
    # initiate the contract write:  
    with console.status("Deploying faucet...", spinner="moon"):  
        payload = {"event_code": event_code, "network": network, "pk": acct.key.hex()}\br/>        response = requests.post(f"{SERVER_URL}/create-faucet", json=payload)  
        if response.status_code == 200:  
            console.print("🎉 Congrats! Your popupfaucet is live!")  
        else:  
            console.print("❌ ")
```

last code sample 😢

chapter 5. presentation

presentation

- ETHGlobal: 2-4 minute recorded video
- template: **who, what, how, now...**
 - “We’re solving a problem for workshop hosts that want to...”
- factor in: script-writing, slide creation, rehearsal, redos
- **pro-tip:** start max. 75% of the way through your timeline.

presentation



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Do the video and presentation first. Less is more, focus on the bounties that best line up with your skills. Talk to the product people on-site about what you're building before the deadline, they should be looking out for you when reviewing submissions. Have fun and experiment.



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Immediately after you settle on an MVP, use a mockup

chapter 6. **polish**

polish

once MVP is done, iterate:

- product
 - chase another bounty
 - styling, graphics, logo
 - context and usage instructions
 - loading experiences
 - error messages
 - testing edge cases
- presentation
 - polish script
 - improve the slides or demo
 - rehearse
 - re-record video



good luck at ETHGlobal Bangkok!

open forum

- share a hackathon pro-tip
- pitch an idea via the “*who, what, how, now*” framework
- intro yourself, looking for a team
- intro your team/idea, looking for members
- other questions?

thanks! ✨

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workshop resources:



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