# Ethereum

Demo, Transactions

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#### What is Ethereum?

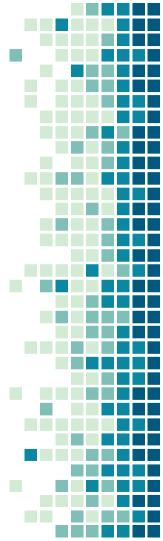
Conceived by Vitalik Buterin in 2013, live in 2015

It is a public blockchain

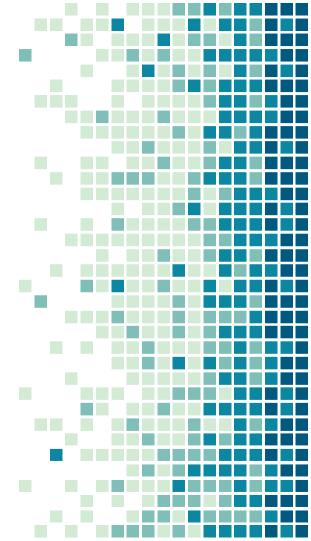
It is a cryptocurrency: it is used by its users to record the exchange of digital "tokens", denominated ETH

It has smart contracts, so...

The ETH balance of nodes is only a part of the Ethereum state



# Ethereum Demo



### What do we need?

The Goerli Ethereum Test Network

A few accounts on the Goerli network

Some (fake) ETH for each account

A wallet

A smart contract (BC4C-CGM >> BC4C-goETH)



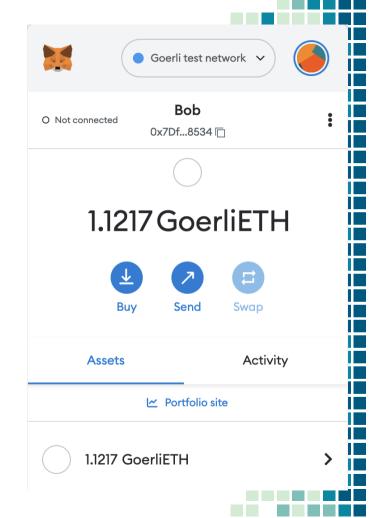
#### The "Metamask" wallet

Runs as a plugin of any browser

Can handle multiple accounts

Can connect to Ethereum main and test networks

Integrated with "Remix" smart contract IDE



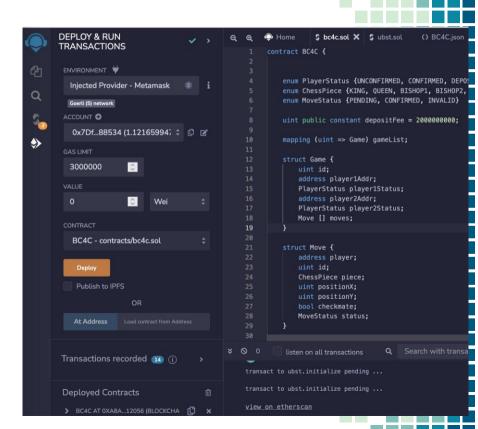
## The "Remix" Smart Contract IDE

Runs in the browser (remix.ethereum.org)

Used to compile, deploy and call Ethereum smart contracts

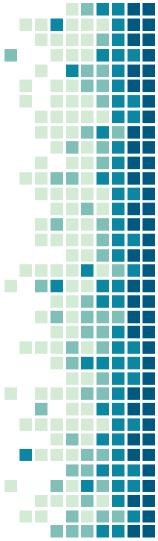
Smart contract: BC4C-ETH

BC4C smart contract, with deposits paid in (fake) ETH



# Where do we get the fake ETH in Goerli?

https://goerli-faucet.pk910.de/



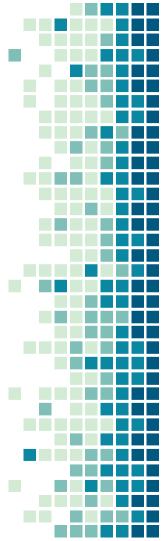
#### What did we do?

Transfer ETH among accounts

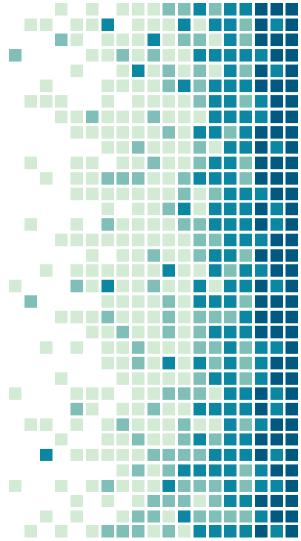
Create a new game

Confirm game creation

Pay deposits for a game to the smart contract



Ethereum network and transactions



#### Ethereum network

A public network, like Bitcoin

Anybody can download a client at <a href="https://Ethereum.org">https://Ethereum.org</a> and run a node



#### Ethereum state

ETH balance of nodes, State variables of smart contracts

#### Bitcoin state

<address, BTC balance>

<Alice, 267>

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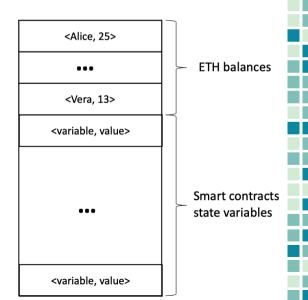
<Bob, 120>

<Chris, 289>

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<Vera, 80>

#### Ethereum state



#### Ethereum accounts

Each node (account) is associated with a unique address, like in Bitcoin

Two types of accounts:

#### EOA – Externally Owned Accounts

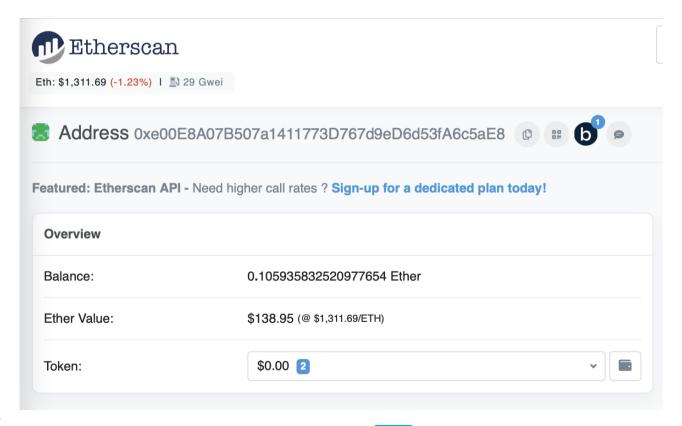
The "normal" accounts, they issue digitally signed transactions

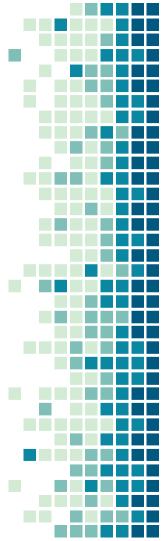
#### Smart Contract Accounts (SCA)

Identify uniquely a smart contract in the Ethereum network Can only be the recipient of a tx, not the originator

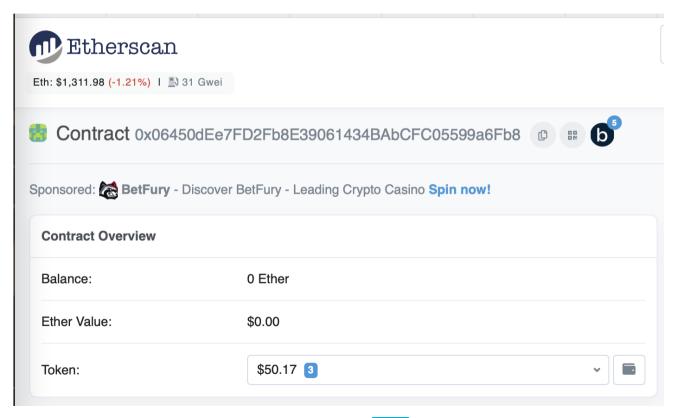


#### EOA





#### Smart Contract Account



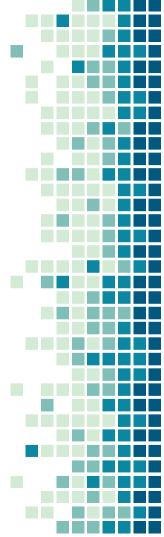


# Ethereum transactions: 3 types

1. Transactions that transfer ETH from one EOA (sender) to another EOA (Recipient)

2. Transactions that create and distribute a smart contract

3. Transactions that invoke an existing smart contract

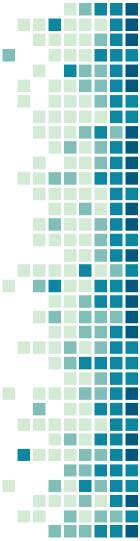


# Digital signatures of transactions

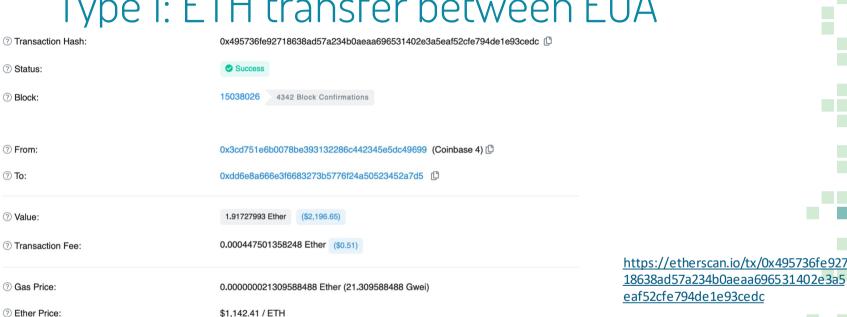
Easy

Each transaction is digitally signed by the originator (= the sender, the deployer of a contract, or the EOA invoking a smart contract)

No UTXOs or many-to-many transactions



## Type 1: ETH transfer between EOA





21,000 | 21,000 (100%)

Base: 19.309588488 Gwei | Max: 40 Gwei | Max Priority: 2 Gwei

? Gas Fees:

? Others: Txn Type: 2 (EIP-1559) Nonce: 8194637

? Input Data:

? Gas Limit & Usage by Txn:

0x

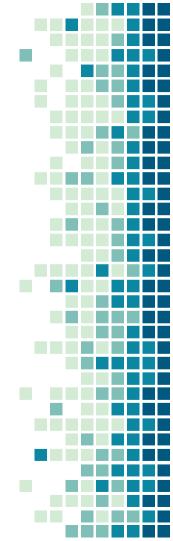
18638ad57a234b0aeaa696531402e3a5 eaf52cfe794de1e93cedc

#### (New) Elements of a transaction

Transaction nonce

Input data

Gas (limit, price, used)



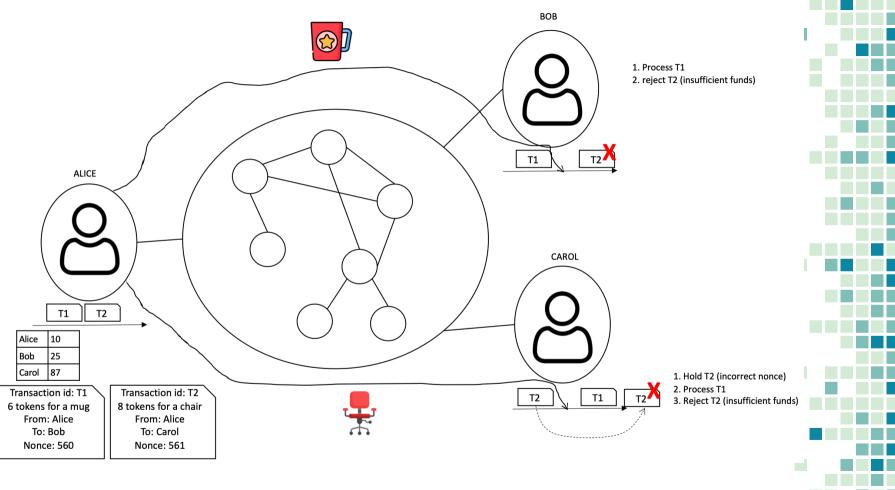
#### Transaction Nonce

No UTXOs in Ethereum, so how does Ethereum prevent double spending?

Include in each transaction a "nonce" equal to number of transactions issued by the originator until now

A transaction is valid only if its nonce is equal to: Nonce of the last transaction issued by each originator + 1





## Transaction Nonce : problems

Once T5 is submitted, T5, T2 and T3 will all be mined eventually

There is no way to "revoke" a transaction

Transactions T2, T3 (and any subsequent one submitted by EOA 0xe567) will never be mined!

They are not valid (wrong nonce)

T1 From: 0xe567 Nonce: 34

**T2** From: 0xe567 Nonce: 36

**T3** From: 0xe567 Nonce: 37

**T1** From: 0xe567 Nonce: 34

**T5** From: 0xe567 Nonce: 35

From: From: 0xe567 0xe567

Nonce: 36 Nonce: 37



**T3** 

#### How to set the transaction nonce?

If originator uses only client application, the client can do it

If multiple clients (wallets) are used, then some coordination is needed

In any case, the last valid transaction issued by an originator is somewhere in the Ethereum ledger



# Transaction input data

Type of Ethereum transaction	Content of input data field	
Transactions transferring ETH between EOAs	Ignored	
	E.g. payment reason/reference	
Transactions deploying a new smart contract	Byte code of the smart contract	
Transactions invoking an existing smart contract	Function to invoke and (if necessary) input parameters	



## Transaction Gas

? Transaction Fee:

0.000447501358248 Ether (\$0.51)

? Gas Price:

0.000000021309588488 Ether (21.309588488 Gwei)

? Ether Price:

\$1.142.41 / ETH

? Gas Limit & Usage by Txn:

21.000 21,000 (100%)

"Gas" is the mechanism in Ethereum used to implement transaction fees

The execution of transactions "consumes" gas

When issued, the transactions "fills" a transaction with some gas

Gas limit: the amount of gas (n. of units)

Gas price: the price (in ETH) that the originator wants to pay for 1 unit of gas consumed

Gas used: the actual gas used by a node to process the transaction Can be less then the gas limit

The "fee" is simply the value in ETH of the gas used (n. units X gas price)



# Transaction gas

Why a "variable" fee?

Why gas used may be less than the gas limit?



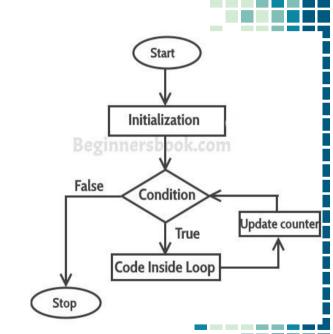
## Gas and Smart Contract executions 1/2

A transaction can start the execution of a smart contract

Smart contract are written in "Turing complete" languages (they can express any computation, e.g., if-then-else, loops)

Processing a transaction invoking a smart contract may take more or less, depending on the execution path

(Transactions transferring ETH are simpler, no variability when they are processed)



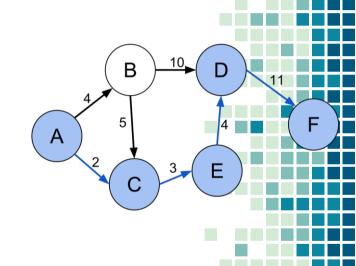
### Gas and Smart Contract executions 2/2

The gas mechanism allows variable fees, accounting for the **path** followed by the execution of a smart contract

The gas mechanism prevents that the smart contract execution gets stuck in "infinite" computation

When the gas limit is reached, the execution stops and an error is returned

Ethereum clients can estimate the gas needed Gas price can be improved to pay higher fees (and improve chance to be mined earlier)



# Type 2: Deploying smart contracts

? Transaction Hash: 0xe5af36d9162a89e2da2b99b5afb5fefe85569bc2b0945ed97a36b7333c2b4bfe

? Status: Success

? Block:

? Timestamp: © 572 days 12 hrs ago (Dec-03-2020 02:49:24 PM +UTC)

? From:

? Value: 0 Ether (\$0.00)

? Gas Price: 0.00000005 Ether (50 Gwei)

? Ether Price: \$616.55 / ETH

? Gas Limit & Usage by Txn: 597,645 | 597,645 (100%)

? Others: Nonce: 1570

? To:

? Transaction Fee:

? Input Data:

bc2b0945ed97a36b7333c2b4bfe 11380284 0x4b5057b2c87ec9e7c047fb00c0e406dff2fdacad [1]

3662636 Block Confirmations

[Contract 0xfbddadd80fe7bda00b901fbaf73803f2238ae655 Created] (StrongBlock; Service)

https://etherscan.io/tx/0xe5af36d9

162a89e2da2b99b5afb5fefe85569

0.02988225 Ether (\$34.35)

Position: 24

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# Transaction to deploy SCs

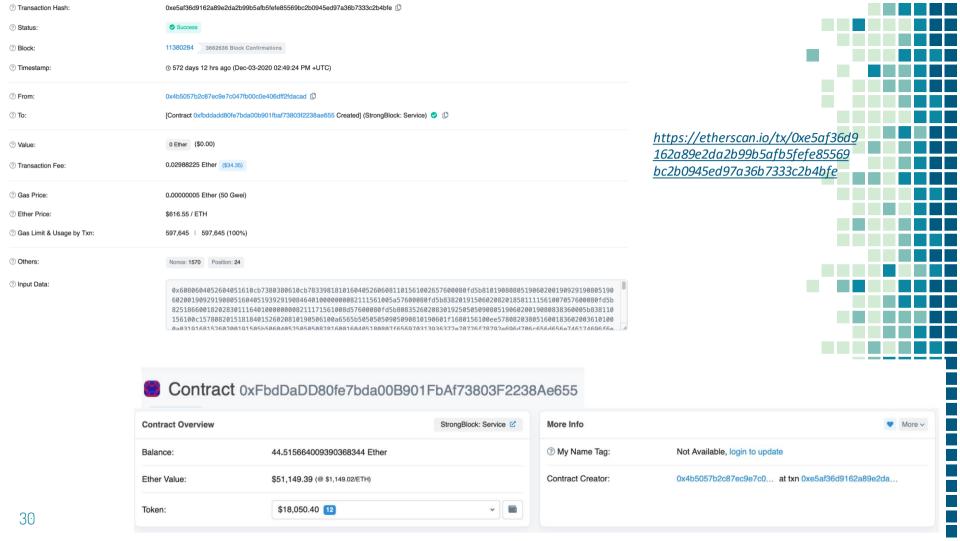
The recipient is the fictitious node "O"

The "input data" contain the byte code of the smart contract

The "value" of the transaction is the initial balance (in ETH) of the smart contract

The execution of this transaction creates a new Smart Contract Account

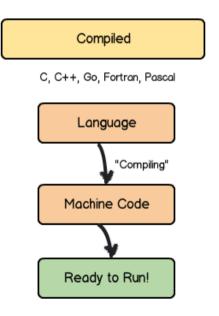


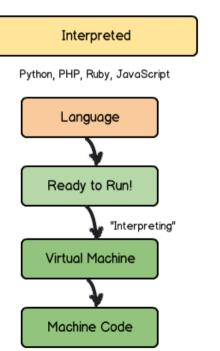


# What is the "byte code"?

Machine code is created for a specific execution environment (Macos or Windows)

Normally (much) faster than interpreted languages





The same code can run anywhere where there is an interpreter

(Syntax) errors may occur during execution

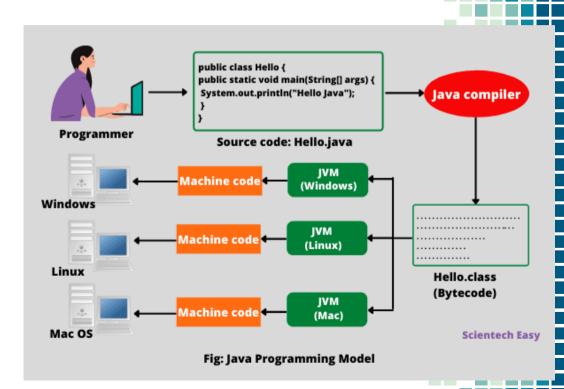
Slow

# What is the "byte code"?

Interpreted + compiled (Java)

Source compiled into bytecode

Bytecode can execute everywhere there is a "Virtual Machine"



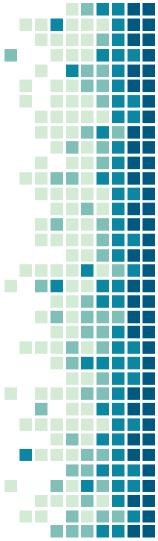
# What is the "byte code"?

Ethereum Smart Contract languages (Solidity, Vyper, ...)

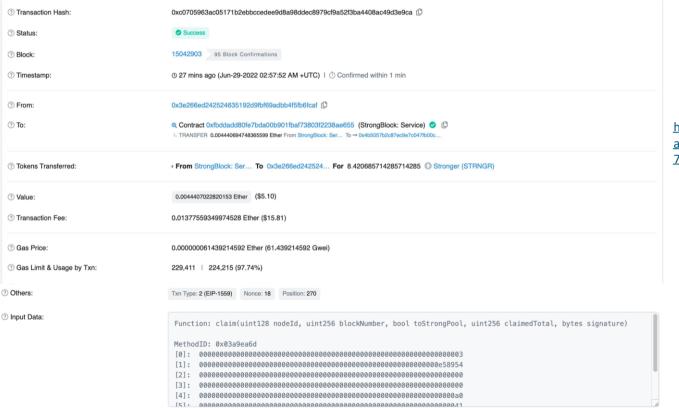
Compiled into Ethereum bytecode

Bytecode distributed via transactions (input data)

Bytecode can be executed by any node (using the EVM – Ethereum Virtual Machine)



# Type 3: Invoking smart contracts



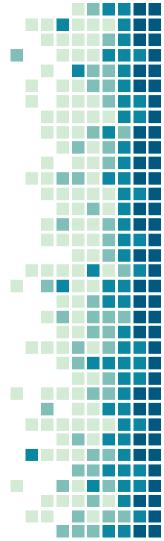
https://etherscan.io/tx/0xc0705963 ac05171b2ebbccedee9d8a98ddec89 79cf9a52f3ba4408ac49d3e9ca

# Transactions invoking smart contracts

The recipient is a smart contract account

The "input" data contain invocation parameters (function + parameters)

"Value" > 0 can be used to transfer ETH to the contract (when invoking a function "payable").



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