# Ethereum2.0 Overview November 2020

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## Self-introduction

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Former student of National Institute of Technology (KOSEN), Maizuru College. Dropped out after one and a half years; became Chief Engineer at Gene A.I.dols Incorporation. Engaged in development of Smart Contracts (ERC721), etc. Freelance from July 2020. Member of ICOVO (Ethereum2.0 node-related research, etc.). Grew up in Japan.



#### What is Ethereum?

- Public blockchain
- A platform for developing Decentralized Applications (DApps) and Smart Contracts



## What is Ethereum2.0?

- A major upgrade of Ethereum
- Adoption of new technologies to solve issues (scalability, burden on the infrastructure, etc.)



## Why?

To solve the following issues and to enhance resistance

- Scalability
- Security
- Sustainability



## Changes and technologies adopted in Ethereum2.0

- Proof of work (mining) → Proof of stake
- Sharding

## Proof of stake

## From "Proof of work" to "Proof of stake"

#### Proof of work

- Obtain consensus on the basis of mining capability
- Malicious behavior results in a waste of the power consumed
  - → Incentive to engage in proper behavior

#### Proof of stake

- Obtain consensus on the basis of amount of coins held
- Malicious behavior results in a loss of coins
  - → Incentive to engage in proper behavior



## Proof of stake: What is staking?

- Deposit a minimum of 32 ETH
- Validate chain to obtain reward (about 1% 25%)
- Failure to behave according to protocol results in confiscation of stake



## **Economics of staking**

- The fewer the ETH staked, the higher the return per validator
- The more the ETH staked, the greater the overall amount issued and the lower the return per validator

Total Network Stake	Validator Interest	Network Issuance
1,000,000	8.02%	0.08%
2,000,000	5.67%	0.11%
3,000,000	4.63%	0.13%
5,000,000	3.59%	0.17%
10,000,000	2.54%	0.24%



## Eth2 Launch Pad

https://launchpad.ethereum.org/



## Staking pool

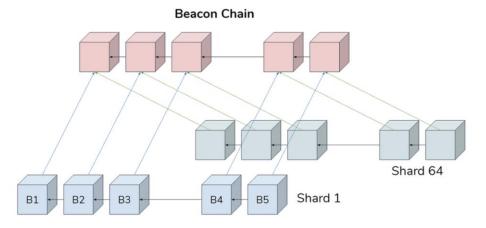
- Abstraction of technical aspects
- Staking from 32 or fewer ETH is possible
- Low cost of entry

# Sharding



## Sharding

- What is Sharding? → Dividing the chain
- Improvement of processing capability

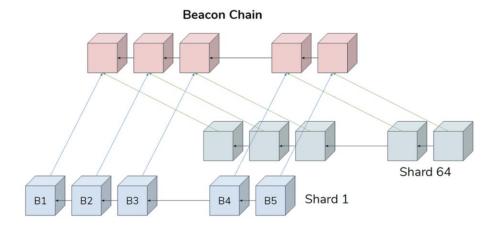


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## **Beacon Chain**

Proof of stake system and Sharding control



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# Beacon Chain Explorer

https://beaconscan.com/



#### **Phases**

Phase 0: Start of Beacon Chain (scheduled for December 1, 2020)

Phase 1: Implementation of Sharding (scheduled for 2021)

Phase 1.5: Docking of Ethereum with Ethereum 2.0 (2021/2022)

Phase 2: TBD (Further improvement of Sharding?)



# ETH2 technical deep dive

## Sharding

#### Issues facing Ethereum

All nodes must execute all transactions

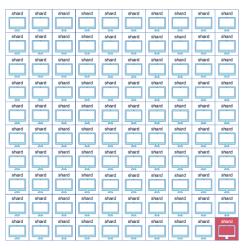
#### Requirements for scaling:

- 1. Elevating the processing capability of nodes, and other vertical scaling
- 2. Parallel processing and other horizontal scaling ← avoid being centralized



## Sharding

 In a Beacon Chain, validators are divided into 64 subsets and assigned to each shards→ Is security also distributed?



#### 1% Attack

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In 100 shards system, it takes only 1% of network hash rate to dominate the shard.

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Credits Hsiao-Wei Wang



## Sharding: RANDAO

- Generate pseudorandom sequence
- Shuffle the validator set on a regular basis and reassign to shards

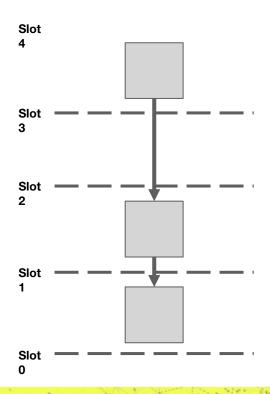
# Slots and Epochs

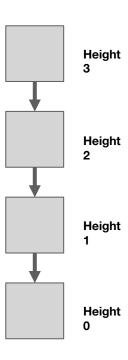


## **Slots**

- Blocks are generated to slots every 12 seconds
- The concept is applied to both Beacon Chain and shard chains

## Difference between slot and block height

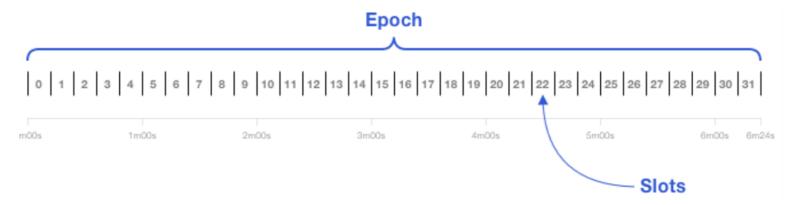






## **Epochs**

- 32 slots = 1 epoch
- 1 slot = 12 seconds
- 1 epoch = 6.4 minutes



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# Validators



#### **Validators**

Validators work as proposers or as attesters

#### Proposer

- Block generator
- Chosen (pseudo-) randomly

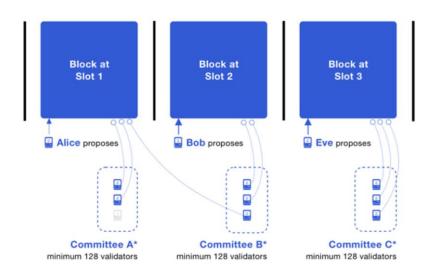
#### Attester

- Votes on block generated by proposer
- Chosen (pseudo-) randomly



#### Committees

- Aggregation of validators
- 1 committee is set up by a minimum of 128 validators
- A committee is assigned to one of the slots at the beginning of an epoch
- A validator can only belong to 1 committee within 1 epoch
- Validators in a committee vote for blocks "believed" to be the endpoint of the chain



Validators in the committees are supposed to attest to what they believe the head of the blockchain is

\*Note there can be more than one committee per slot.

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#### Case involving 4,096 validators

At the beginning of each epoch, 4,096 validators are divided among 32 slots.
 A committee of 128 validators can be created with the validators assigned to a slot.

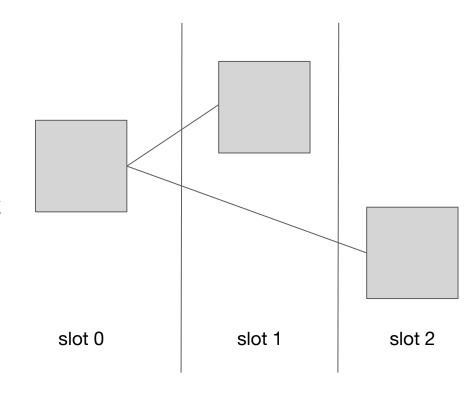
#### Case involving 12,288 validators

- At the beginning of each epoch, 12,288 validators are divided among 32 slots.
   For each slot, 3 committees of 128 validators can be created.
- Committee B in Slot 3 is in charge of Shard 30, and Committee A in Slot 12 is in charge of Shard 5.



## Voting (LMD GHOST)

- Attesters vote on the block that is the endpoint
- The attester in charge of Slot 2 wants to invalidate the block in Slot 1 / does not know of the existence of the block
   → Casts vote "Slot 0 is the endpoint"
- This method to determine the endpoint of the chain is called LMD GHOST





## Ethereum2.0 initiatives by ICOVO Japan

Offering an environment for safe and easy staking with Ethereum2.0

