# How Web3, Blockchain and NFTs Can Benefit Your Organization

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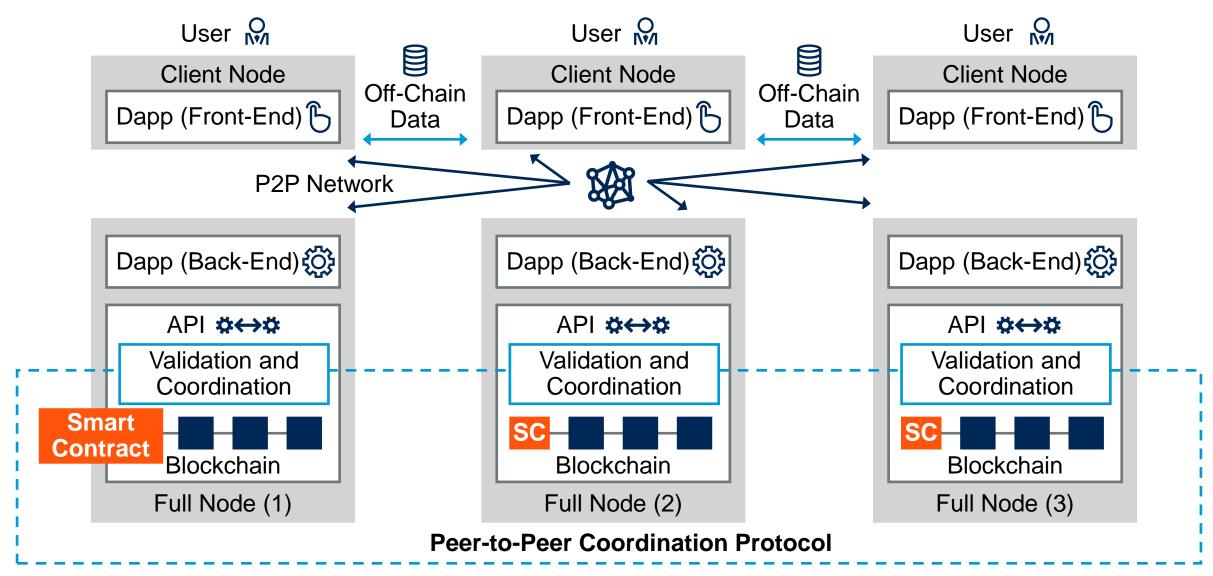
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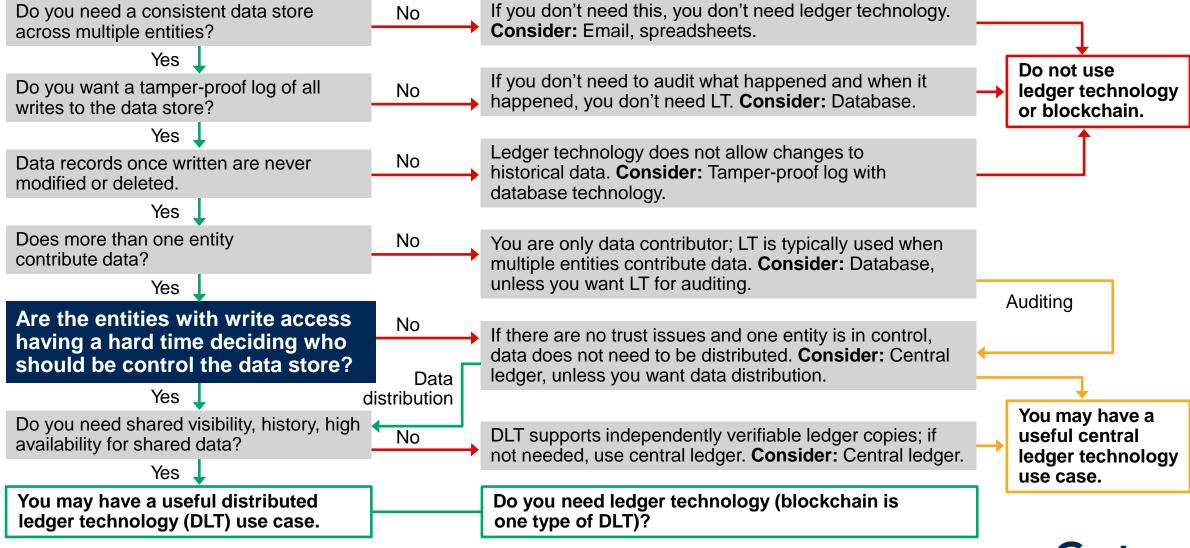


#### What Is Blockchain? The Architecture

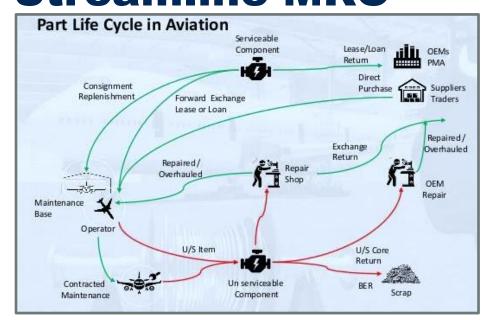




## **Decision Tree for Blockchain Ledger Technology**



## **Airlines Use NFT Smart Contracts to Streamline MRO**



#### **Air Transportation Industry:**

25,000 commercial aircrafts25B parts + 3B new parts per year

#### **Challenge:**

Fragmented point-to-point processes => siloed data and trust issues.

#### **Blockchain Components Solve Multiple Issues**

#### **Use tokens/smart contracts to manage parts:**

- Ensure provenance and completeness of part records back to birth:
  - Parts can lose up to 60% value due to incomplete records.

#### Accelerate change of ownership:

- Before: Three to six months of manual work for engine lease return.
- After: +10% of annual revenue potential for lessor.
- · Certify part availability to eliminate "ghost inventories:"
  - Airlines purchase up to seven times a part in AOG situations to ensure they will get the part they need.

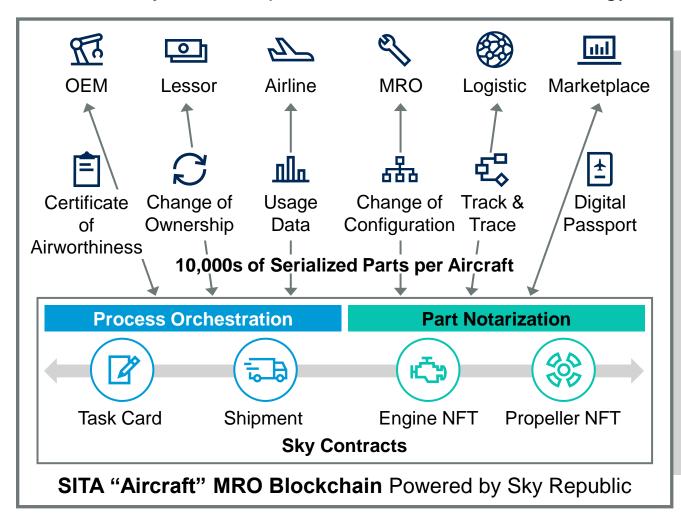
### Orchestrate multiparty MRO processes for higher returns and lower costs:

- Shorten "aircraft on ground" situations:
  - Up to \$150K revenue loss per hour.
- Streamline maintenance activity:
  - Costs up to \$5M a year per aircraft.
- **Reduce** part inventories:
  - \$1.5B to \$2B average for a major airline.
- Eliminate friction:
  - Repair penalties for MROs up to 15% of part value per day.
  - Lease return penalties up to \$1M for airlines.



## Solution: SITA Aircraft MRO Enterprise Blockchain

Co-Owned by 400 Companies, SITA Provides Technology Solutions for the Air Transport Industry



#### **Aerospace Smart Contracts and NFTs:**

- Permissioned Access and Visibility
- Participants Keep Data Ownership
- Confidentiality Up to Record/ Transaction Level
- Compliance and Legal Protection (PKI)
- Support of EDI and Record Standards
- No ERP Disruption (Integration as Is)
- Automated Reconciliation
- Governed, Community-Based and Open Platform for the Industry

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## **Key Issue Take-Away:**

- Blockchain supports key unique innovations and digital capabilities that transform digital business.
- Make sure your use case needs blockchain so you do not waste resources.



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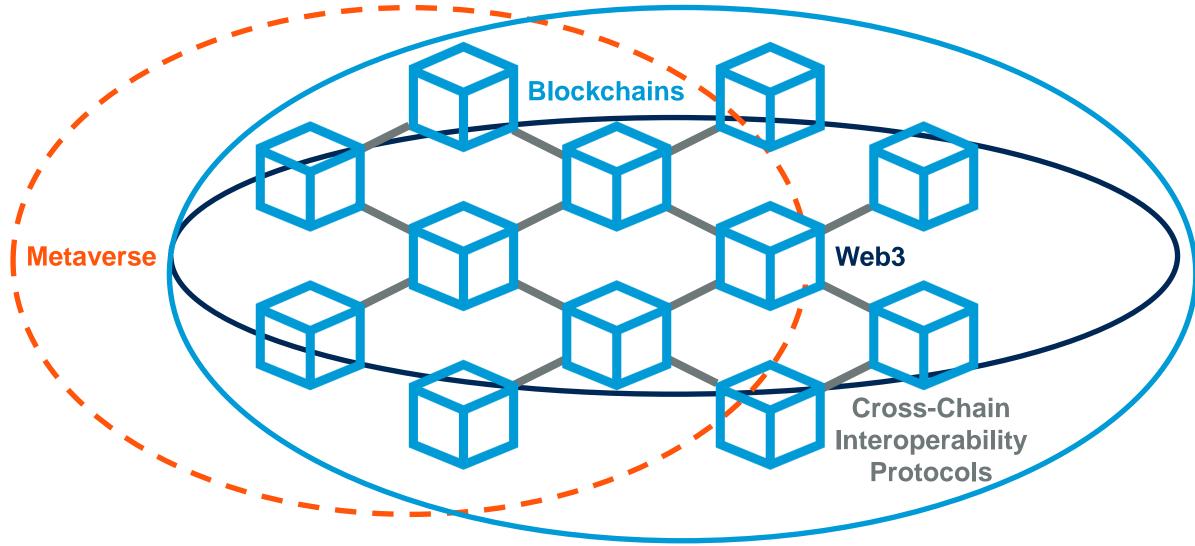
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## **Web3 Sits Atop Multiple Blockchains**



## Web3 in Action; Two Types of Tokens

#### **Fungible Tokens**

**Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs)** 













Digital Money Built Into the Blockchain Protocol Creator-Owned Content, Data and Objects (No Longer Belongs to **Hosting Service**)

#### **Token Programmability via Smart Contracts**



## Types of Fungible Tokens and Digital Currencies



#### **Cryptocurrency**

#### **Fungible Tokens:**

Decentralized control, lives on public transparent blockchain; Bitcoin and Ethereum are the top two in market cap.



#### **Stablecoin**

#### **Fungible Tokens:**

Cryptocurrencies designed for stability; pegged to a specific value. Most popular stablecoins are fully reserved and pegged to USD.



## Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)

#### **Fungible Currencies:**

Fiat currencies issued by central banks in digital form.
Central banks maintain reserves to back it.

CBDCs don't require blockchains and tokens, and generally don't use them.



## **How Is Corporate Mainstream Adopting Crypto?**

**Hiring Experts and Building Infrastructure** 













JPMorgan CHASE & CO.

**Transacting and/or Using Crypto for Payments and Rewards** 





























#### Institutional **Adoption**

















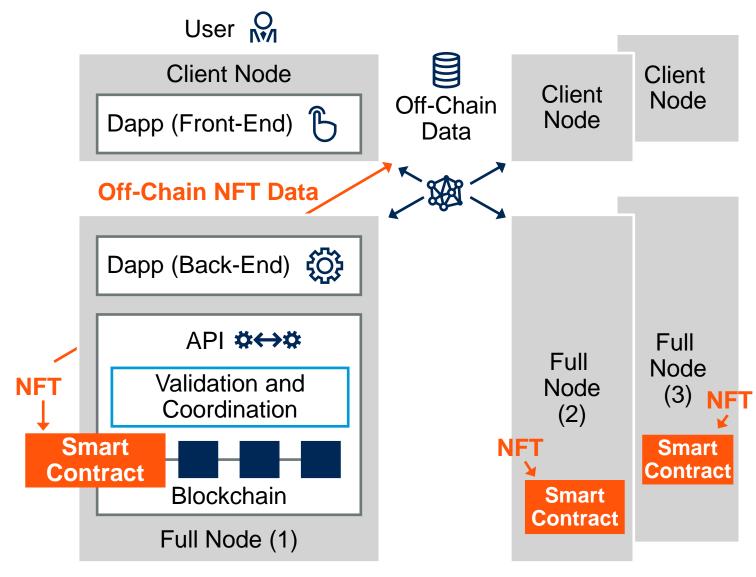
## What Can Organizations Do With **Digital Currencies?**

Digital Currency Role	Use Cases
Stored Value	<ul> <li>Buy and hold on balance sheet.</li> <li>Provide regulated digital asset custody for customers who want access to cryptocurrencies.</li> </ul>
Payments	<ul> <li>Integrate with stablecoins or cryptocurrencies for payments.</li> <li>Support one-time, recurring, B2B, B2C, B2B2C payments.</li> </ul>
Invest	<ul> <li>Compliant investing in cryptocurrencies or decentralized finance (DeFi) applications; lending to compliant exchanges.</li> <li>Staking for income; for your organization and for customers.</li> </ul>



#### What Are NFTs?

- NFTs are unique programmable digital items that can represent digital or physical entities.
- Ownership is public record.
- Smart contract controls scarcity, creator ownership rights and any other logic.
- NFT metadata and logic stored in smart contract.
- NFT data, objects usually linked and stored off-chain.



**Peer-to-Peer Coordination Protocol** 



## What Types of NFTs Do Enterprises Interact With?



#### Digital Art

- PFPs (Profile Pictures)
- Computer-Generated or Autogenerated Art
- One of a Kind



## Brand NFTs

For Sales, Marketing, Brand Expansion



## Gaming NFTs

i.e.,
 Decentraland,
 Axie Infinity,
 The Sandbox



## Digital Identity NFTs

- Users Will Set
   Up Their Own
   Identity Record
   as an NFT
- Smart Avatars



## Real-World Asset NFTs

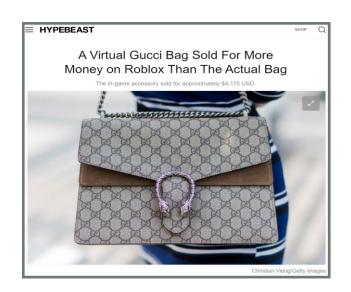
 Bonds, CDs, Real Estate, Documents, Ticketing, Textbooks, Software, Images, IP, Cars, etc.



### **Brands Use NFTs to Expand Revenue in Web3 Platforms**

#### **Increase Brand Equity by Acquiring Virtual NFT Gaming Space; Some Transact:**

- JPMorgan Chase buys land in Decentraland; sets up "Onyx by J.P. Morgan."
- HSBC acquires "land" in The Sandbox to engage and connect with sports and gaming enthusiasts.





#### Issue and Sell Exclusive Brand-Based NFTs:

 Gucci produces and sells 100 exclusive NFT bags for \$5,000 to \$10,000.



## Brands Use NFTs for Marketing as Consumers Establish Their Own NFT Identities

#### **NFTs for Marketing, Giveaways and Airdrops:**

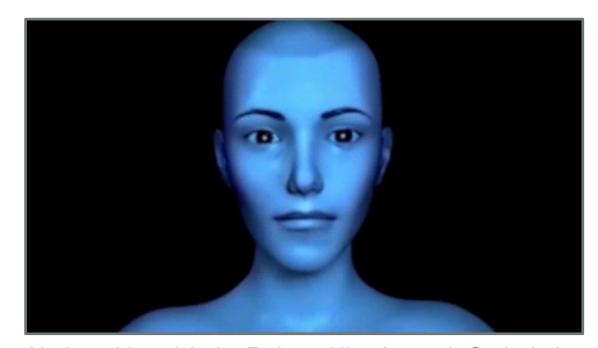
• NFL gives fans virtual NFT commemorative tickets for Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles.

#### **NFTs as Loyalty Rewards:**

 Starbucks issuing NFTs in 2022 for "special experiences, community and perks" (see <u>Starbucks blog</u>).

#### **Digital NFT Identities:**

- Users set up their identity record as NFT.
- Soulbound NFT nontransferrable.
- Opt-in personalized marketing offers to come.
- NFT identities integrate into your avatar:
  - NFTs get smart with AI training.
  - Smart avatar will represent you at meetings.



Alethea AI and Artist Robert Alice Launch Sotheby's Auction of the "First Intelligent NFT", VentureBeat.



## **NFTs Improve Real-World Asset Management**



#### **Real Estate:**

Four-bedroom home in Gulfport, Florida tokenized as an NFT and sold for \$650,000.



#### **Hotel Rooms Sold as NFTs:**

Casa De Campo in Dominican Republic selling room reservations as NFTs; buyer can resell on secondary market if unable to travel.\*\*



## **Tokenized Assets as Collateral for DeFi Loans:**

In March 2022, Tesla closes a \$7.8 million deal using MakerDAO to finance new repair and collision center.



#### Libraries:

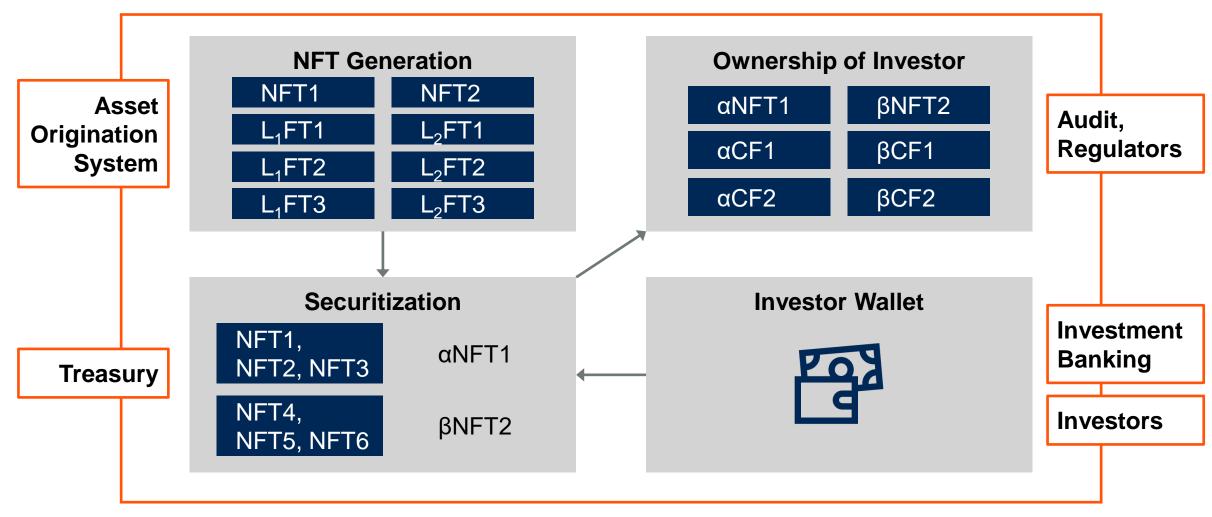
Vatican puts its archived documents online as NFT documents.\*



<sup>\*</sup>ShelterZoom technology supports this project.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Pinktada supports this project.

## Financial Institutions Use NFTs to Derisk Trades of Mortgage-Backed Securities



## **How Enterprises Interact With Web3**

**Enterprise** Web 2.0 Service Off-the-**Cross-Chain** Web3 Blockchain **Shelf Services Application Providers** Messaging Infrastructure Security, Fraud, Market Workflow Manipulation, Insurance and UI **Finance** Persistent Secure Institutions. Distributed Storage Crypto Back-End Exchanges **Payments Systems** Crypto <-> Fiat Terra **NFT** Cross-Chain Interoperability N HECO Input **Hybrid Identity Output** Acala Messaging Platforms. Polhadot Event **Event** and APIs SOLANA Marketplaces Digital Custody and Data Data **Figatiom** Wallet Providers **STARKWARD**  Logic Logic or Data Compliance, KYC, **Harmony** Governance AML, Analytics Multiparty OKEX (e.g., B2B) Tokenization of Data Platforms, Assets (NFT) Exchange Marketplaces\* Investing, Trading \*\*Stand-Alone Private NFTs/Crypto Chains Phase Out \*Now Mainly Access Running on Private B2B Apps (e.g., Finance, Controls **Blockchains Using** Supply Chain, Insurance) **Customized Apps** 



## **Key Issue Take-Away:**

- Consumers and organizations are adopting cryptocurrencies. Evaluate if and how you should participate in this adoption.
- Evaluate the use of NFTs for various use cases, including innovative ways to manage real-world assets.



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## **Strategic Planning Assumption**

By 2025, 25% of enterprises will use centrally controlled services wrapped around decentralized Web3 applications.

#### Why it will happen:

- Web3 provides unique capabilities that benefit enterprises who want to retain control.
- Consumers and businesses are already adopting Web3:
  - Enterprises must meet them in these new environments.
- Costs are decreasing and off-the-shelf services are increasing.

#### Why it will not happen:

- Web3 applications will fail to gain traction with a critical mass of users.
- Web3 fraud and security threats will loom large:
  - Successful hacks will make users fearful of using Web3.
- Regulators will stymie Web3 innovations with overregulation.



## **Blockchain and Web3 Risks and Challenges**

#### Centralization

Centralization
Takes Over
Investor or Other
Centralized
Party Control

## **Security Threats**

Smart Contracts Exploits, Disable Security Controls, Key Mgt.

#### **Overregulation**

Regulators Stifle Innovation

Immature Blockchain Technology

DeFi and Cross-Chain Especially

## Lack of Protections

for Consumers, Businesses, Unsecured Creditors

## Tax Clarity Lacking

Inconsistent
Treatment of
Crypto by Different
Regulators



#### **Scalability**

Network Latency
Performance
at Scale

## Regulatory Clarity Lacking

on Crypto and Digital Assets

#### **High Fees**

From Exchanges for Conversions, Withdrawals, Transactions and Public Networks Transaction Fees

#### **Financial Risks**

Stablecoin Pegs
Counterparty Risk,
NFT Gaming
Economies Crash

## Crypto Price Volatility

Large Price Swings Every Day

#### **Fraud Threats**

Account Takeover Fake NFTs, Copyright Infringe Deepfake NFTs



#### Recommendations

- Learn about the transparency and benefits afforded by:
  - Trackable, transparent and immutable blockchain transactions.
  - Fungible tokens (cryptocurrencies) and non-fungible tokens.
- Assess your organization's opportunities to engage with digital currency for various use cases such as stored value, payments and investments.
- Assess the business case, opportunities and risks involved with NFTs.
- Stay abreast of regulations impacting your digital currency and NFT applications.
- Outsource development of solutions by choosing among a wide range of service providers and off-the-shelf solutions available on the market.



#### Recommended Gartner Research

- **Quick Answer: What Is Blockchain?** Adrian Leow, Avivah Litan and Whit Andrews
- Hype Cycle for Blockchain and Web3, 2023 Adrian Leow, Avivah Litan, Homan Farahmand and Ray Valdes
- **Quick Answer: How Are Decentralized Applications Different From Regular Apps?** Adrian Leow and Ray Valdes
- FAQ for NFTs on Blockchains and Web3 Ecosystems Avivah Litan
- FAQ for Cryptocurrencies on Blockchains and Web3 Ecosystems Avivah Litan
- **Blockchain for the Board (Presentation Slides)** Whit Andrews, Avivah Litan and Adrian Leow

