NFTs

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Overview

- ► INTRO
- ► PROVENANCE
- WHAT IS AN NFT
- ► A LITTLE BACK STORY
- ► HOW TO SETUP AN ACCOUNT
- MINTING AN NFT
- FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS



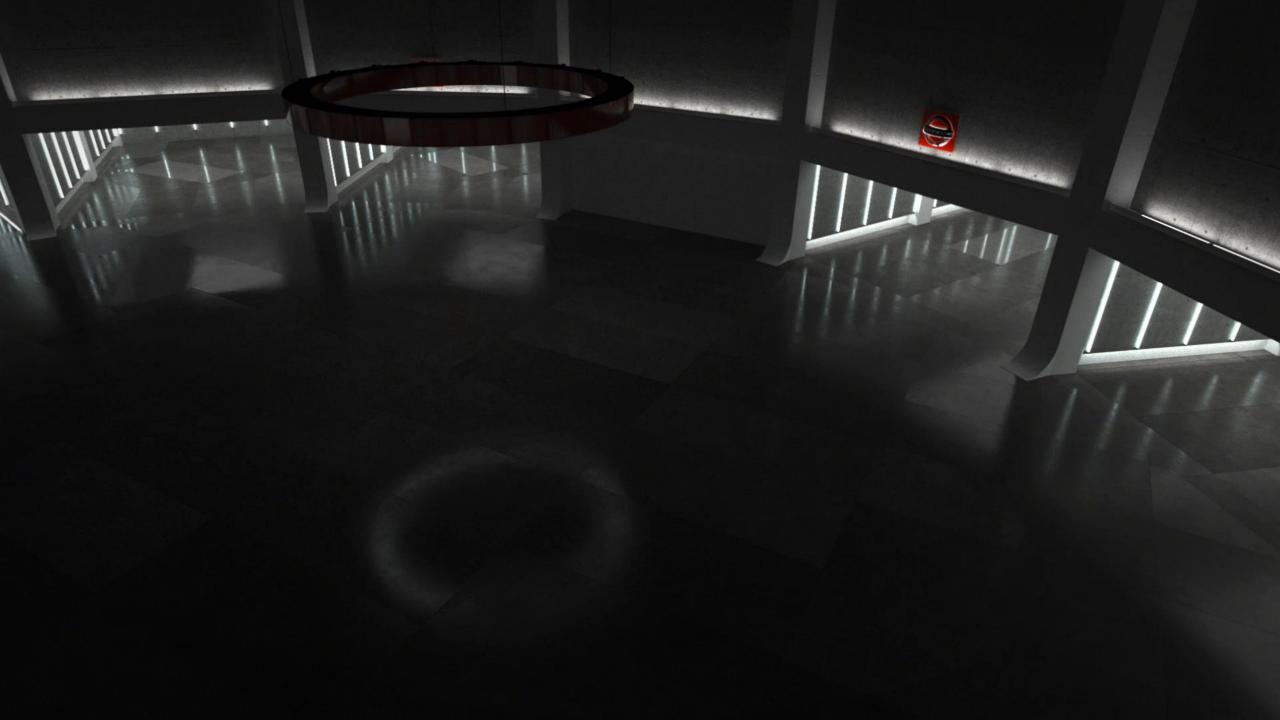




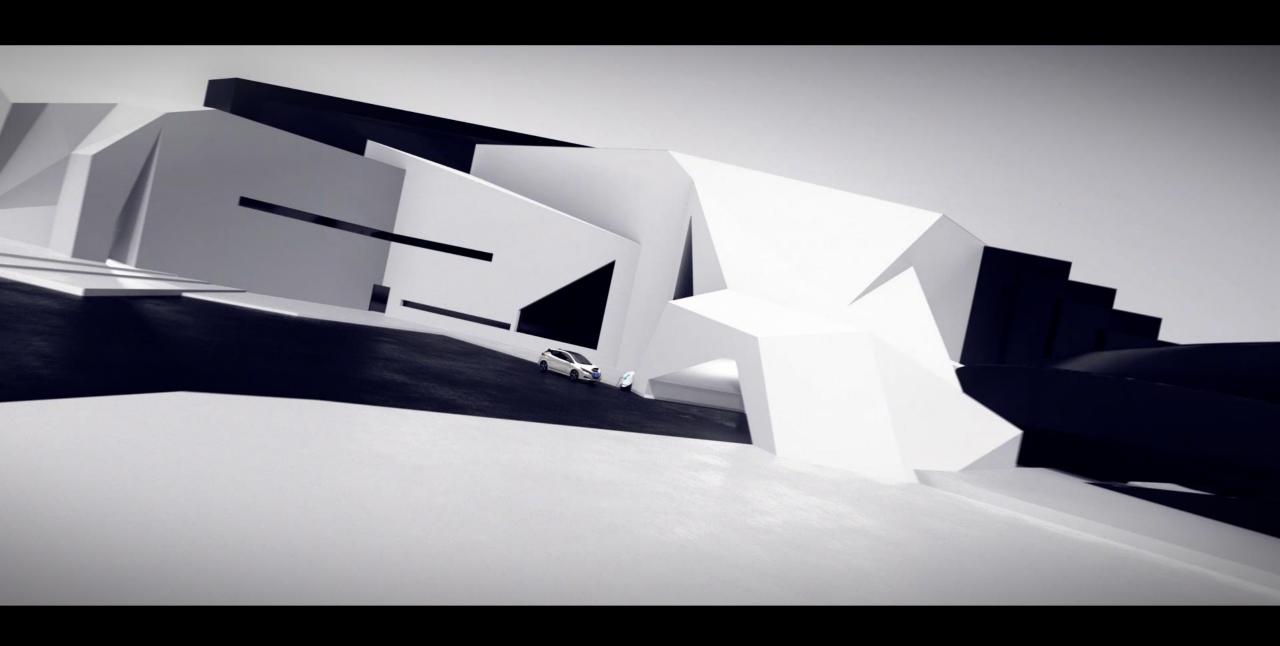


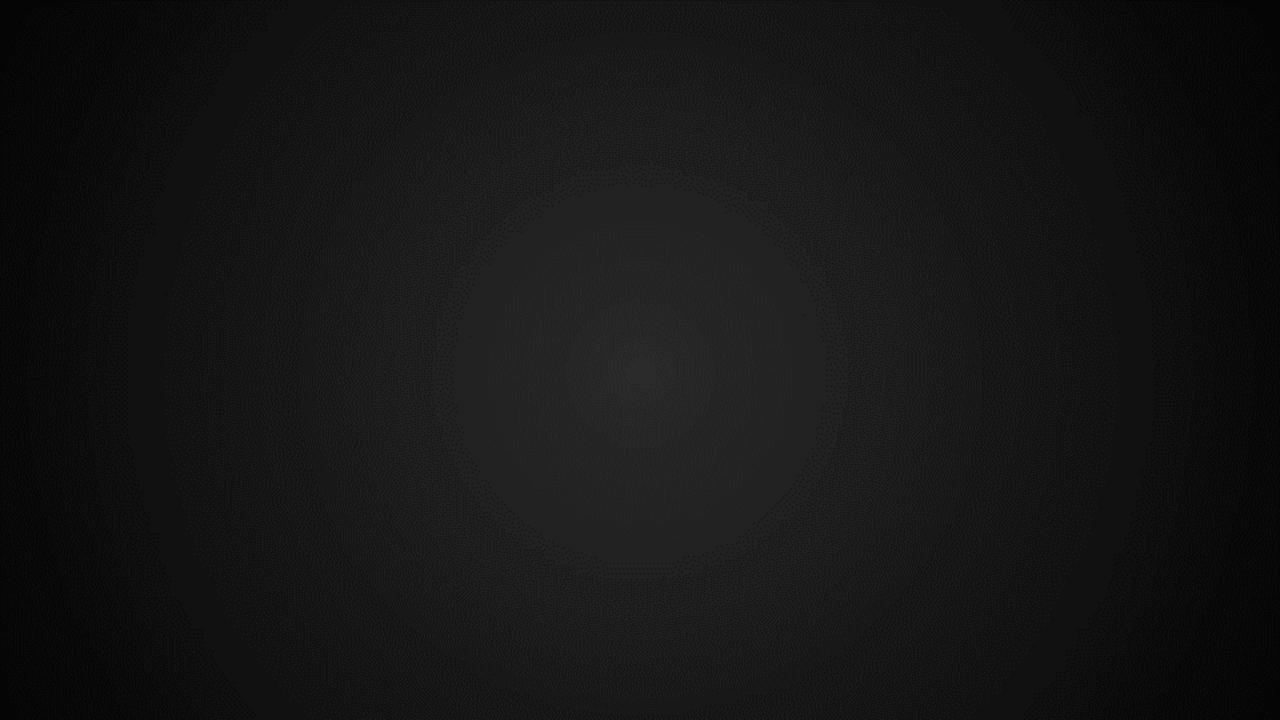






















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NFTS PROVENANCE?

- Visual effects/Cg artists generally produce "fine art" for a company
- Traditionally Cg work has been provided as a service or a product
- Our personal work is usually shared freely via social media
- ► To turn our digital work to "fine art" we usually have to turn our digital work to physical.
- ▶ By doing so, provenance can be established.

Provenance

"The history of ownership of a valued object or work of art or literature"

PHYSICAL ART

Verified Proof of ownership

► COA (Certificate of Authenticity)

► Ledger (record of sale)

Can be traced back to origin.



DIGITAL ART

Provenance

- Posted on social media, shared and re-shared.
- Hard to verify Proof ownership
- No digital Certificate of Authenticity (COA)
- ▶ No traceable ledger



DIGITAL ART

Provenance

- ▶ If turned into a <u>physical version</u>
 - Can be curated by art gallery
 - Can have a Certificate of Authenticity (COA)
 - ▶ If sold or auctioned. It becomes part of a "Ledger" that can be traced back.



CRYPTO-ART NFT

Provenance

- ► If turned into <u>Crypto-art</u>
 - Unique digital contract
 Certificate of authenticity (COA)
 - Can be traced back to the artist. provenance
 - Can be one-of-a-kind or part of a series scarcity
 - Can be sold or auctioned value
 - Can include Royalties back to the artist desirable
 - Includes a verifiable trackable ledger record of sale/transfer provenance



IN SHORT

Digital Art



No (COA)

Crypto-Art



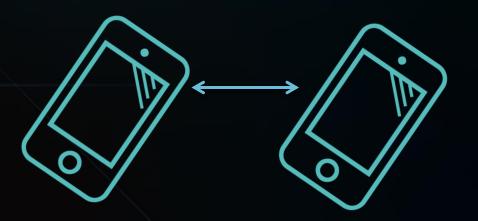
Yes (COA)



- Non Fungible token
 - ▶ Fungibility

Something Fungible is something that can be replaced with something else of the same.





- ▶ Non Fungible token
 - ▶ Fungibility

Something NON FUNGIBLE is something <u>unique</u>, <u>one-of-a-kind</u>, no two like it.



- ▶ What makes an NFT Unique?
 - ▶ Smart contract
 - ▶ Unique ID
 - Only one in the world
 - ▶ No two IDs alike
 - ▶ Its like a digital signature of authenticity

THE ARTWORK BECOMES PART OF THE ID

AND

THE ID BECOMES PART OF THE ARTWORK

"THEY ARE ONE IN THE SAME"



How do you get that unique ID?

► Through the Blockchain!

Cryptocurrency

:any form of currency that only exists digitally, that usually has no central issuing or regulating authority but instead uses a decentralized system to record transactions and manage the issuance of new units, and that relies on <u>cryptography</u> to prevent counterfeiting and fraudulent transactions.

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► Through the Blockchain!





How do you get that unique ID?

▶ Block-chain!

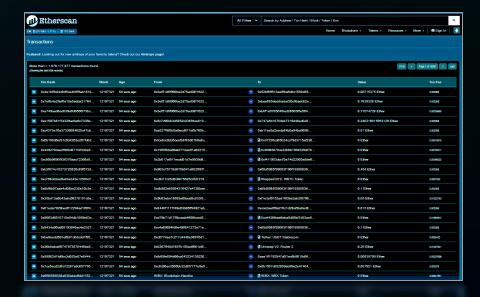
Tons of transactions everyday



Each transaction has a unique ID

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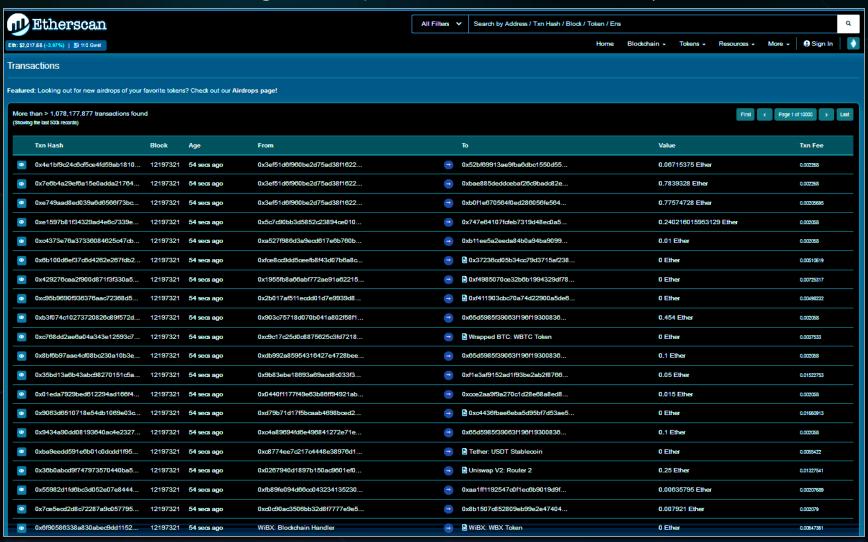
Each transaction is verified to be unique, and once verified. It becomes part of a "public ledger"



How do you get that unique ID?

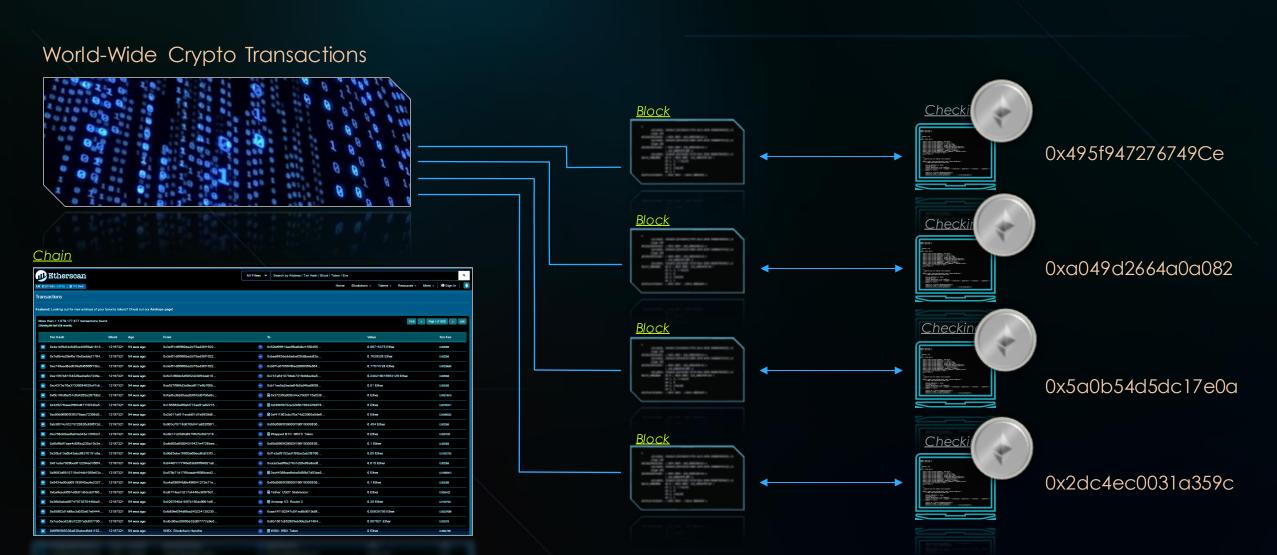
► Block-chain! Public Ledger Aka Spread sheet

https://etherscan.io/txs



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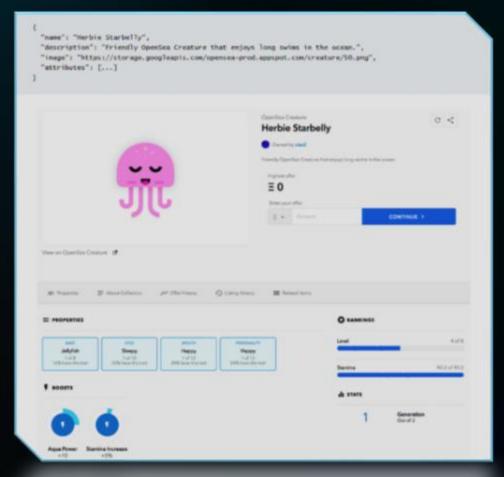
► Block-chain! - How its made





NFTs are created through Etherium Block-Chain

- Etherium's non-fungible token standard ERC721
 - ▶ Helps add additional information to the <u>smart contract "ID"</u>:
 - ▶ Title
 - Description
 - ► Etc.



NFTs are created through Etherium Block-Chain

- ► Crypto-Art!
 - By creating an NFT through the ETH block-chain, it gets a Unique, Traceable ID, that is linked to the artwork. (C.O.A.)
 - ▶ Unique ID
 - Only one in the world
 - No two IDs alike
 - Its like a digital Certificate Of Authenticity (C.O.A.)

NFTs are created through **Etherium Block-Chain**

Crypto-Art gets a unique ID thanks to the block chain

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Ok cool so it gets a unique ID.. so what?

- ► Extra perks!
 - ▶ Verifiable proof of ownership → Can be traced back through the ID
 - ▶ Uniqueness and scarcity (Only one in the world) → Makes it valuable
 - ▶ Linked to a Crypto Currency → Can get a monetary value attached to it
 - Can be sold or auctioned
 - ▶ Can give you royalties back
 - ► Can be anything digital → Or digital (+)

Important!

▶ Downloading the "image", "gif", "wav", "pdf", etc... Is not the same as downloading the NFT.



Evolution

And some examples.

Bitcoin

- ► Colored Coins circa 2013.
 - Each coin could represent the cost of a physical Asset
 - ▶ House
 - Car
 - Air miles
 - Shares of a company

Through smartphone app

- Those assets "Colored coins" could be transferred /redeemed through the bitcoin blockchain
- Example: I go to a electronics smart vending machine, scan Qr with my smartphone, vending machine sees I have a colored coin that represents the cost of a pair of Beats headphones.
 Vending machine dispenses headphones.

Etherium

- ▶ Smart contract functionality circa 2015.
 - CryptoKitties circa 2017
 - Explore concept of digital scarcity
 - Programmable information inside the smart contract
 - Breeding (cattributes)
 - Associated value (\$) with each Kitty
 - Introduced concept of auctioning a digital contract
 - Basically an advanced Tamagotchi
 - ► Example: <u>www.cryptokitties.co/kitten-class/breeding/introduction</u>
 - ▶ Because your Kitty lives in the Blockchain, it has a value (\$) associated with it depending on the cost of ETH at the time.

For example, 1ETH was worth \$301 USD on Oct 1, 2017 1ETH was worth \$2.075 USD on Apr 9, 2020

- Practical Examples of NFTs
 - CryptoKitties by DapperLabs
 - Special edition
 - CryptoPunks by LarvaLabs
 - <u>List of punks</u>
 - Punk 7804
 - ▶ NBA TopShot by LarvaLabs
 - ▶ Trading cards through ETH

- Practical Examples of NFTs
 - MyCryptoHeroes by double jump.tokyo
 - ► <u>Block chain RPG</u>
 - Cryptovoxels by Nolan consulted Limited
 - Vr NFT gallery
 - Vr NFT gallery 1
 - Decentraland
 - Vr Metaverse (Like Secondlife)

Practical Examples of NFTs

► Laina (Overly attached Girlfriend) 200 ETH \$414.000

foundation.app/laina

► Chris Torres (NyanCat) 300 ETH \$621.000

foundation.app/NyanCat

▶ Beeple (Everydays: The First 5000 Days) 33.300 ETH \$69'000.000

- niftygateway.com/profile/beeple
- Christies Auction data
- Beeple's Opensea wallet address

- Practical Examples of NFTs
 - Gavin Shapiro (Flamingos)
 - niftygateway.com/collections/gavinshapiro2
 - ► Flamingos
 - Filip Hodas (Dead Memes)
 - niftygateway.com/collections/hoodass
 - collection
 - Rafael Grassetti (GodOfWar)
 - ▶ foundation.app/grassetti
 - Collection

Other possibilities

- ► Music
- Documents
- Social media profiles / tweets
- Video game stuff (accessories/drops/loot/character builds/etc)
- Executables/programs/apps
- ► Anything digital really...

Account setup

Setting yourself up to be able to collect or create NFTs

NFT Galleries

Requires a digital wallet

- Opensea.io
- SuperRare.co
- ▶ Mintable.app

- ► Foundation.app
- Niftygateway.com
- <u>cryptovoxels.com</u>

Digital Wallet

Chrome / Firefox / Edge / iOS / Android

2. Metamask To store Crypto ETH aka "Digital wallet"

 (Chrome / Firefox) extension https://metamask.io/

Wyre / Coinbase To transfer from fiat to crypto (Gas fees)

https://www.sendwyre.com https://www.coinbase.com



Metamask.io

Account setup how-to



Minting

Minting is the process of turning your artwork into an NFT, it requires a digital wallet. (Metamask)

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- ► SuperRare.co
- ▶ Mintable.app

- ► Foundation.app
- Niftygateway.com
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<u>iPulse NFT gallery</u>

https://opensea.io/collection/ipulse

Future considerations/ discussions.

- 1. Ethical / Legal implications.
 - Taking someone else's work and calling it yours and monetizing from it.
 - 2. Taking someone else's work A and work B and putting it together and calling it yours. Is it really yours? For example when electronic music "mixing" came along, same concept.
- 2. Environmental "Climate" implications
 - Minting NFT's take processing power and therefore energy consumption. So there is that. However, one can also say that those computers would other wise be processing something else.

Thank you!

Go create some digital Art!. Have a cup of Joe, some good music and "happy little trees"

Questions

Raise your hand and I'll send you a request to unmute yourself. Or use the chat to type.