

Blockchain: CE

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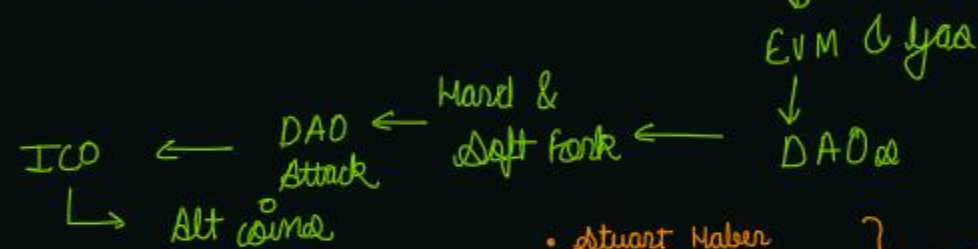
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① Blockchain → Hashing → Immutable Ledger → Distributed P2P → Mining

② Cryptocurrency → Bitcoin → Monetary Policy → Mining → Nonce → Machines

③ Smart contract

↳ Ethereum → Smart contracts → Dapps



• Stuart Haber
• W. Scott Stornetta } #1991 paper



Blockchain is a disruptive technology

* Internet → Communication

* Blockchain → Trust

Blockchain is a distributable immutable ledger, which is completely transparent.

Applications

① Product Tracking

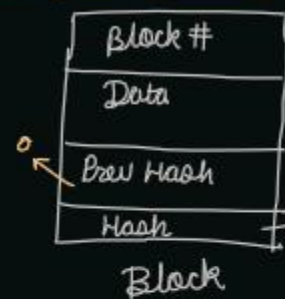
② Smart Contract

Sender Bank → Correspondent Bank → Receiver Bank

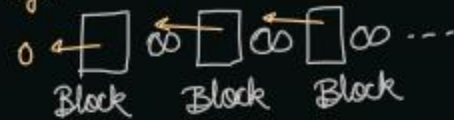
③ International Wire Transfer

④ Healthcare system

Hashing Algorithm



Genesis Block



Fingerprint of the Block → SHA256

Requirements of Hashing Algorithm

① One way

② Deterministic

③ Fast Computation

④ Withstand collisions

⑤ Avalanche Effect

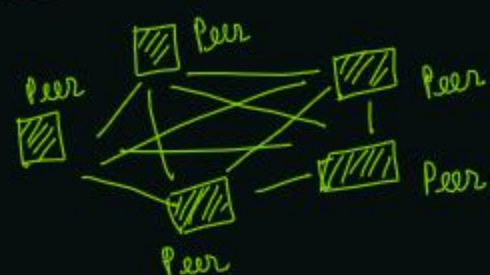
Immutable Ledger

Suppose buying a house

you → Money → Sales Deed → Institution → House

government → centralized database
↓
Not transparent

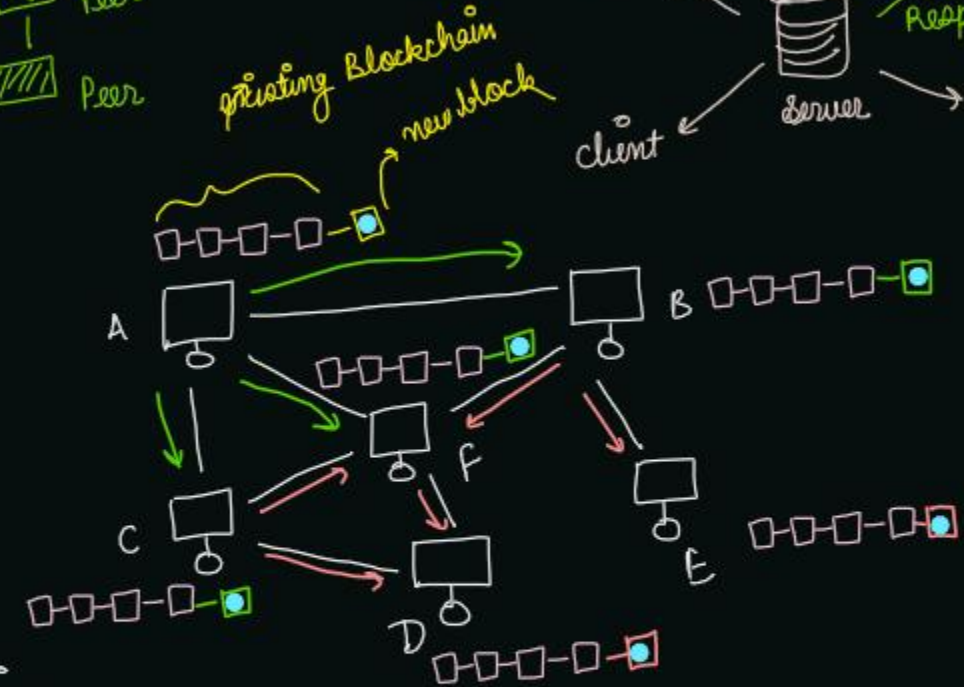
P2P Network (Distributed Peer 2 Peer)



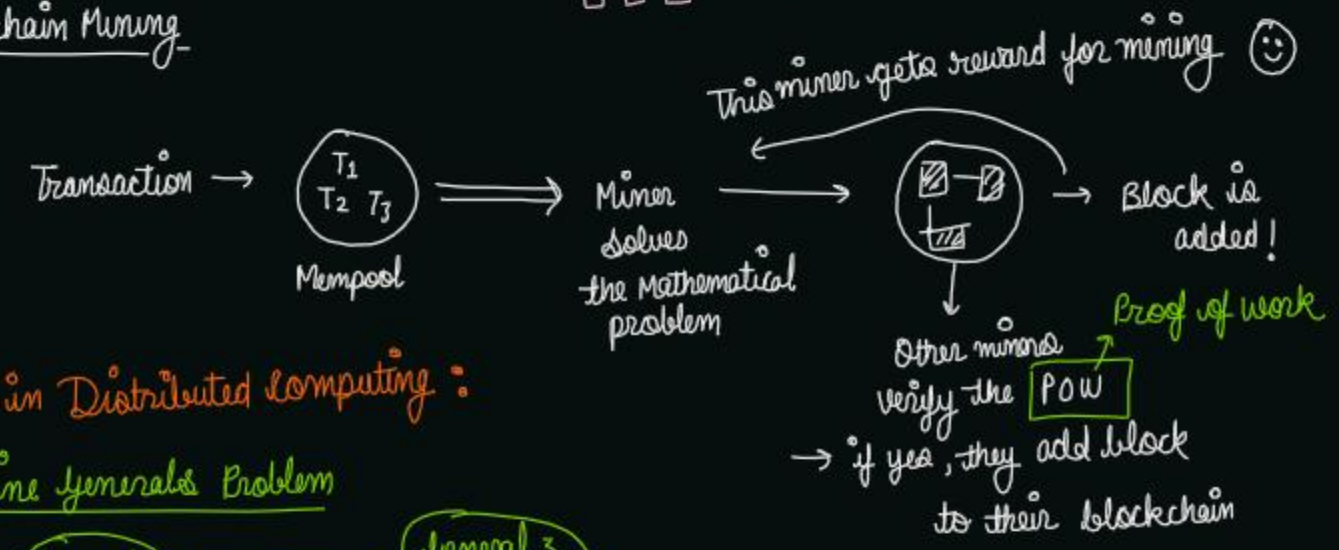
Centralized Network



Blockchain :-



Blockchain Mining



Problem in Distributed Computing :

Byzantine Generals Problem



Practical Byzantine fault Tolerance

→ Miguel Castro
if 1/3 nodes support vulnerability, follow majority (2/3 nodes)

Consensus Protocol

→ Prevent attacks → competing chain problem

Types of consensus protocol :

① Proof of Work (POW)

→ Two nodes mined new blocks at same time, conflict in Network and block F



"Network will only accept the longer Blockchain, other mined block will be discarded"

New longer chain is "ABCDFO" ← network will accept it!!

- Byzantine Fault Tolerance needs approx 66% majority.
- Consensus Protocol only needs 51% majority 😊
- Orphan Block gets dropped, & miner don't get any reward for it.
- Wait for 6 confirmations before assuming payment is successful.
→ addition of 5 more blocks

Bitcoin

- ① Technology → Blockchain
- ② Protocol/Coin → Bitcoin, Waves, Ethereum
- ③ Token →

WGB	BI
INTL	WGR

Waves

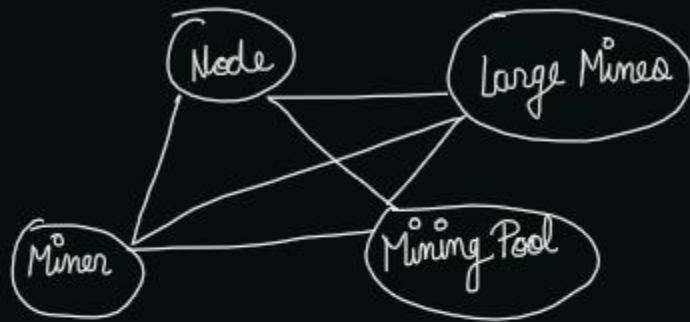
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Ethereum

coinmarketcap.com

Founder of Bitcoin → Satoshi Nakamoto

Bitcoin Ecosystem →



Bitcoin's Monetary Policy

- ① The Halving
halving in every 4 years

Year	# Block	Reward
2009	0	50 new XBT
2012	210,000	25 new XBT

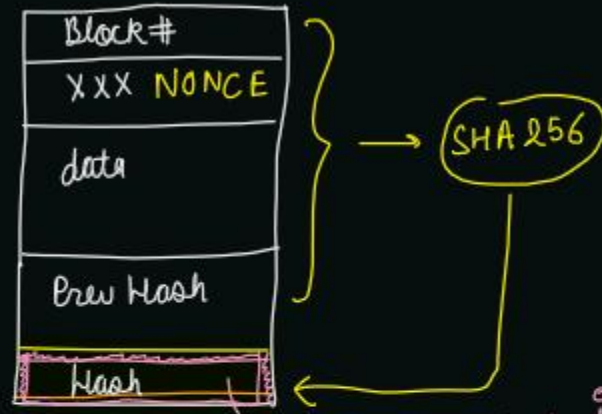
- ② Block Frequency
This states that on an average it will take 10 minutes to create a new block
Blockchain.com

Supply cap of Bitcoin is 21 million
(Hyperinflation)

The Nonce

- Solving the mathematical problem.
- generate hash by altering the values of NONCE until target value is reached.

(demoblockchain.org)



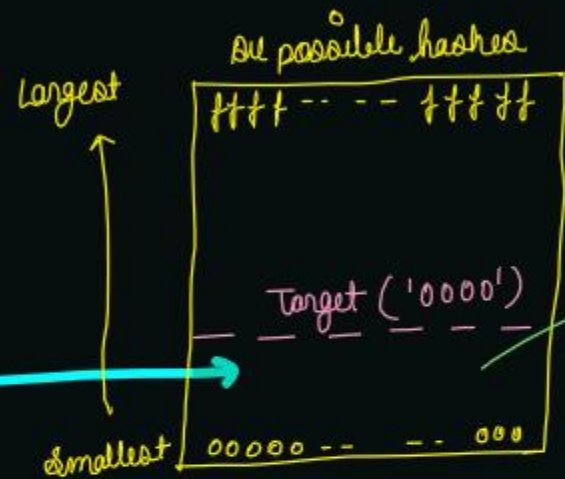
generate hash for different values of nonce

Nonce: Nonce is the number that blockchain miners are solving for.

Target: Target is a number used in mining. It is a number that a block hash must be below for the block to be added on to the blockchain. The target adjusts every 2016 blocks (roughly 2 weeks) to try and ensure that blocks are mined once every 10 minutes on average.

data → SHA-256 → 64 hexadecimal character
 ↳ each character = 4 bits
 $64 \times 4 = 256$ bits fixed output

Block #
Nonce 512
Data:
Ram → Shyam 500 coins
Prev Hash: 0000AB23
Hash: 0000 16aa

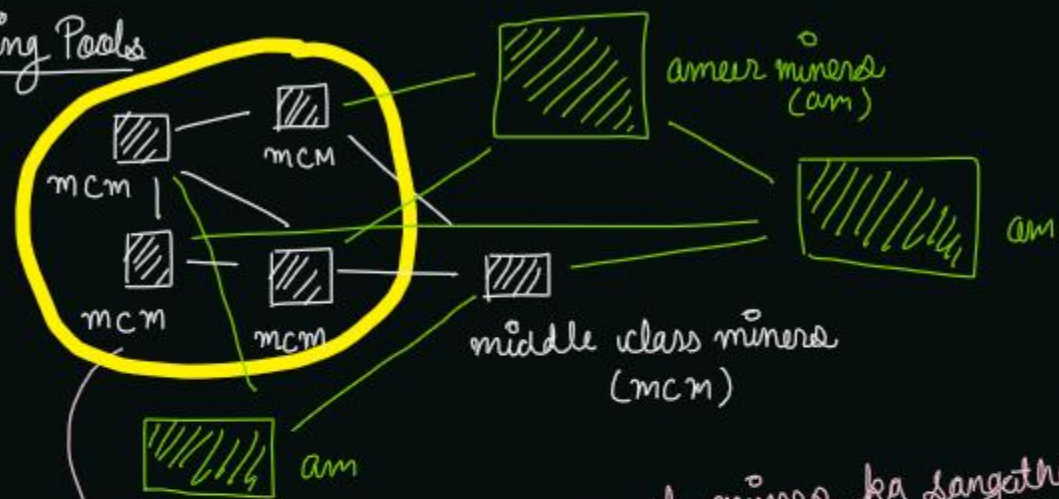


Pick Nonce such that generated hash is in this region below the target hash

Target History

↳ to maintain the average of 1 block/10 minutes target is maintained by another algorithm.

Mining Pools



mining pool \rightarrow group of miners ka sangathan,
to compete with ameer miners
 \rightarrow Basically group of miners, which later distribute the prize

Nonce Range

Block #
Nonce
Data
Prev Hash
Hash

Nonce is 32 bit number

Range of Nonce = 0 to $2^{32} \approx 4 * 10^9 \approx 4$ billion

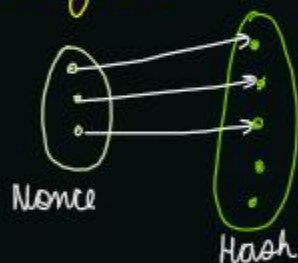
Total possible hashes = **SHA-256** \Rightarrow 256 bits
 $\rightarrow 2^{256} = 16^{64} \approx 10^{77}$ hashes

Total valid hashes $\approx 10^{77}$

Total Nonce we can generate $\approx 4 * 10^9$

$10^{77} \gg \gg 4 * 10^9$

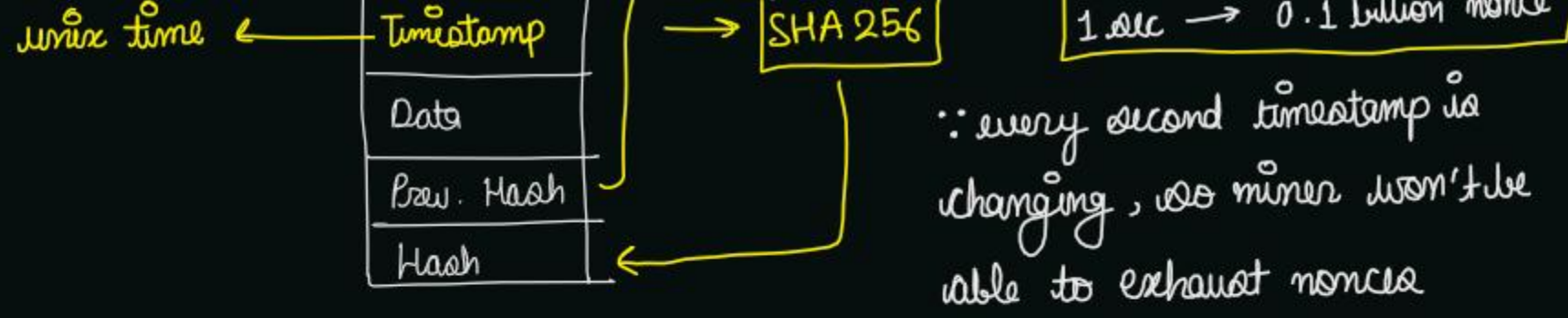
There are not enough nonce to generate the valid hash



- A modest mine does 10^8 hashes/sec
- $4 * 10^9$ nonces will be covered in

$$\frac{4 * 10^9}{10^8} = 40 \text{ sec}$$

So what will the miners do when all the nonce is exhausted & target not hit yet?



current hashing rate \approx 180 million trillion hashes/sec.

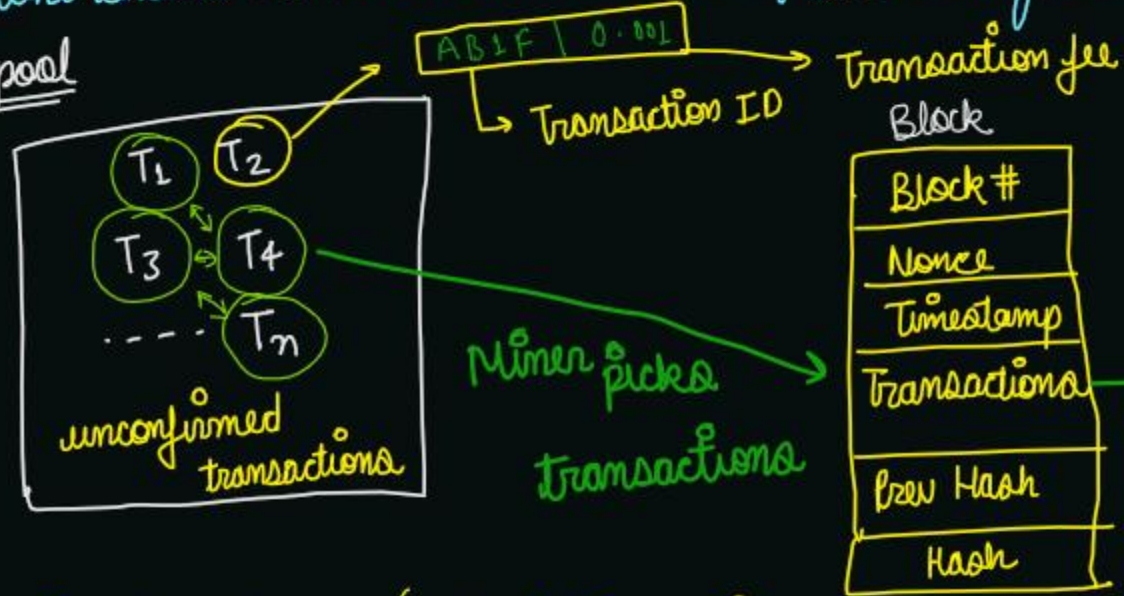
$\therefore 4 \times 10^9$ nonces will exhaust in 4×10^{-9} sec

$$\frac{4 \times 10^9}{10^6 \times 10^{12}} = 4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ sec} \llll 1 \text{ sec}$$

timestamp change hone se phle hi

Q: What should miners do in idle time? Should they wait for timestamp to change?

Mempool



change transactions if Nonce is exhausted & timestamp hasn't changed

Transactions & UTXOs \rightarrow (unspent Transaction Output)

UTXO \rightarrow amount of cryptocurrency left with someone after transaction.

Purchase item for 0.5 BTC

UTXO of owner

Aryam \rightarrow Me	0.4 BTC
Raj \rightarrow Me	0.3 BTC
Alice \rightarrow Me	0.7 BTC
Bob \rightarrow Me	0.1 BTC
Me \rightarrow Me 0.102 BTC	

UTXOs

Transaction:

0.7 BTC from Alice

(Input)

(Output)

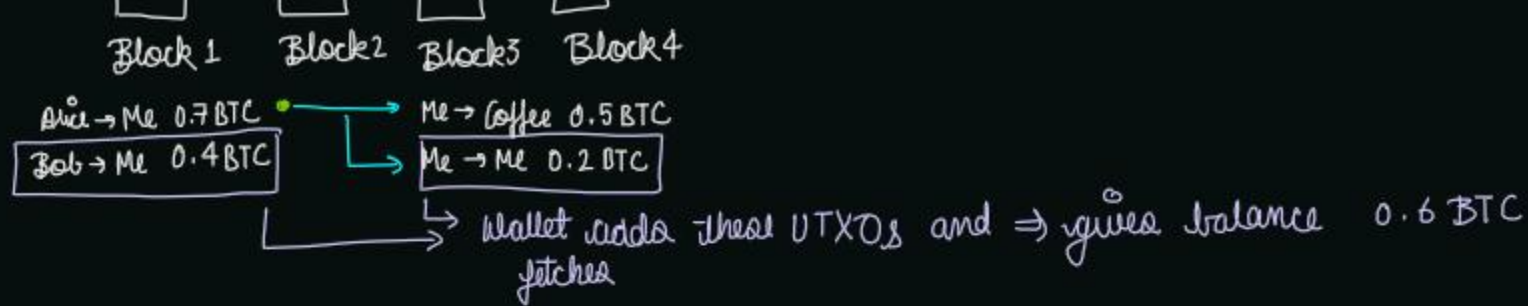
0.5 BTC to owner of item

0.2 BTC back to me

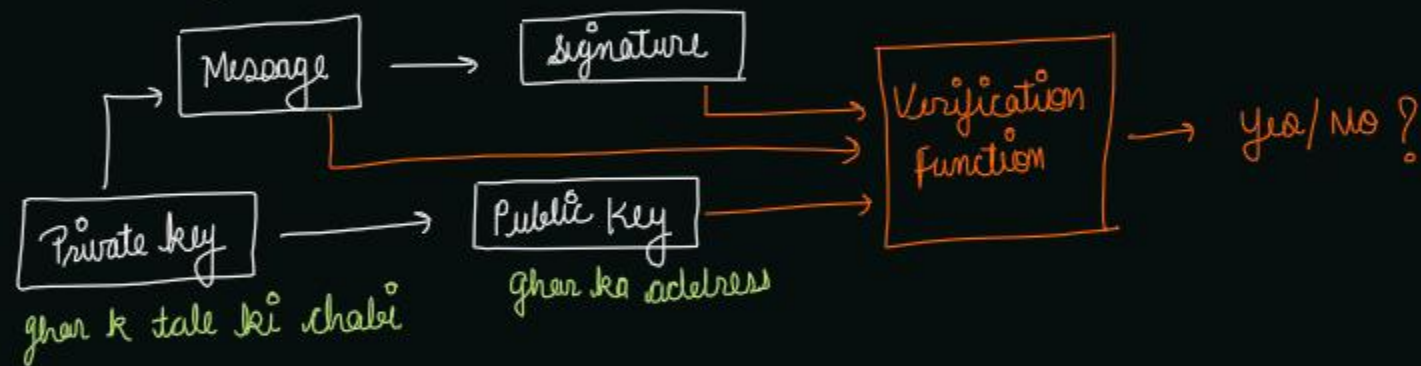
Transaction fee

\rightarrow sent to miner

0.1 Transaction fee



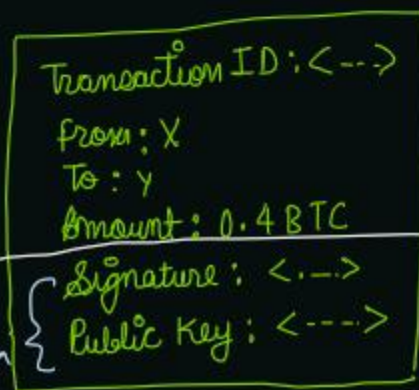
Public key & Private key - (tools: superdata science)



Segregated witness → Seg wit

Block#
Nonce
Transactions T1 T2 T3
Prev Hash
Hash

1 MB



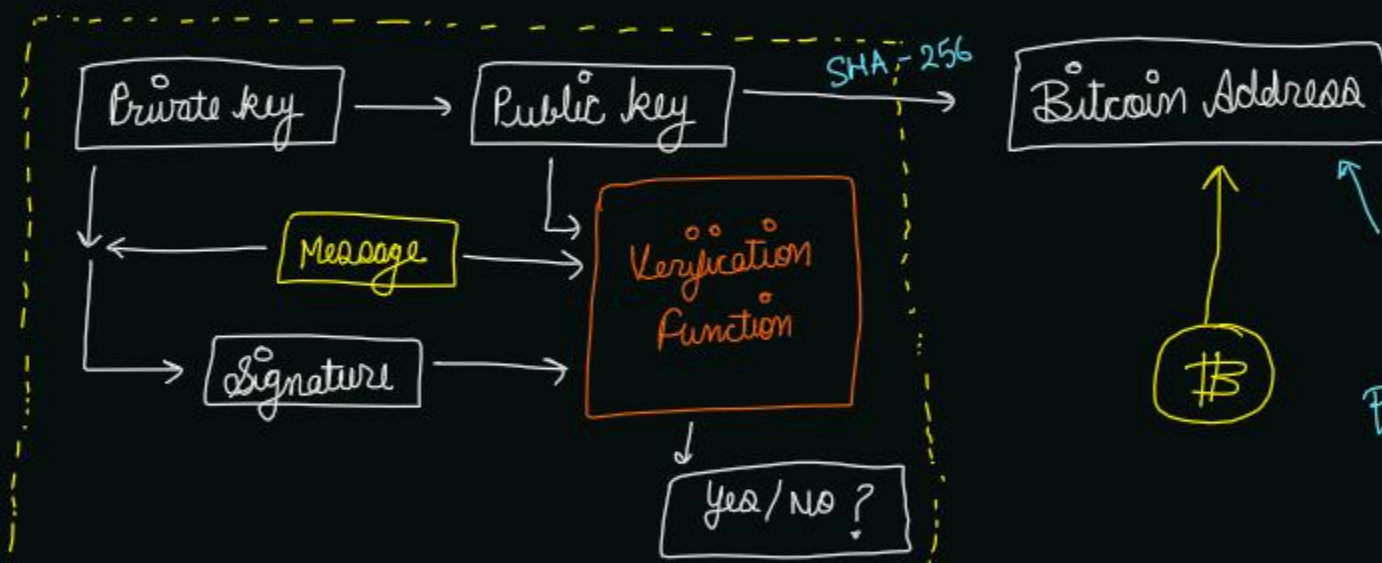
60-65% space
Script Sig

Now this is send
separately
to increase
throughput of
Network

more # transactions
So this is called
Segregated witness.

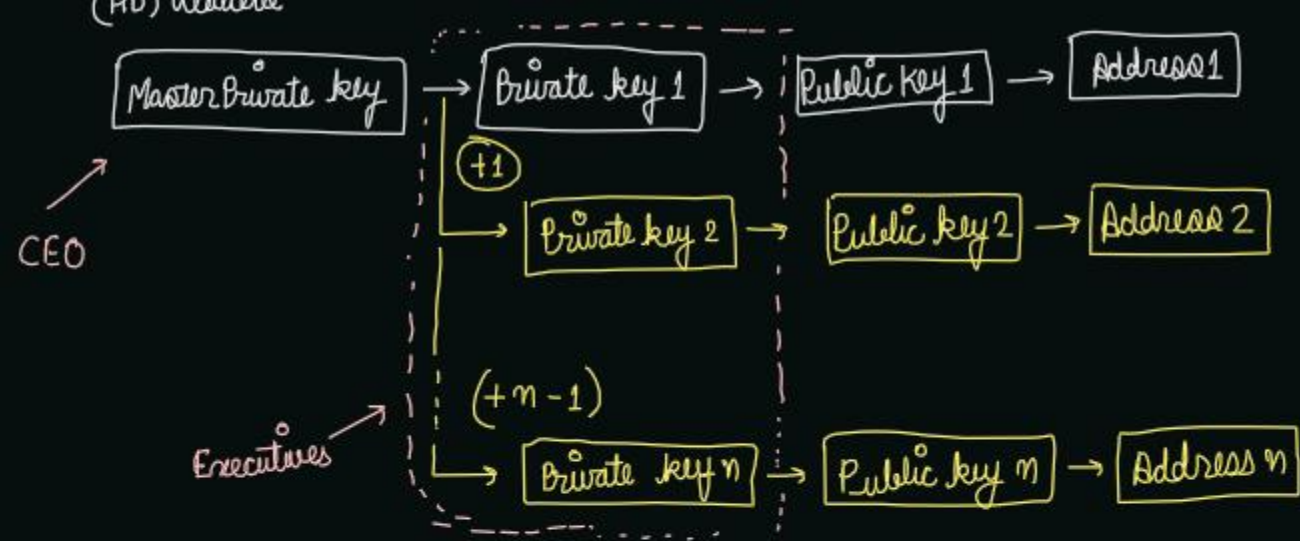
Public key v/s Bitcoin Address


to send transaction to receive transaction



#

Just in case
No one is able
to derive your
private key in
reverse



Ethereum  → Ethereum is an opensource blockchain-based platform.
→ distributed immutable ledger

↳ Vitalik Buterin (19 years) → 2013
↳ Smart contracts → DAOs
↳ Ether (cryptocurrency)

Ethereum Nodes



Types of Nodes

Miners →

- ① Full Node → verifies & validates all the block
→ locally stores a copy of entire blockchain
- ② Light Node → stores only block header. Depends on full Node
↳ for low capacity devices which can't afford to store gigabytes of data
- ③ Archive Node → stores everything in the full node and built an archive of historical data.
↳ requires terabytes of disk space.

Accounts in Ethereum

An ethereum account is an entity with an ether (ETH) balance that can send or receive transactions on Ethereum.

Types of Ethereum Accounts

① Externally Owned Account (EOA)

② Contract Account (CA)

↳ controlled by the contract code

private key + wallet → send / receive transaction
→ smart contract
→ check balance

- No Gas is associated
- Has a unique address
- Holds ETH balance

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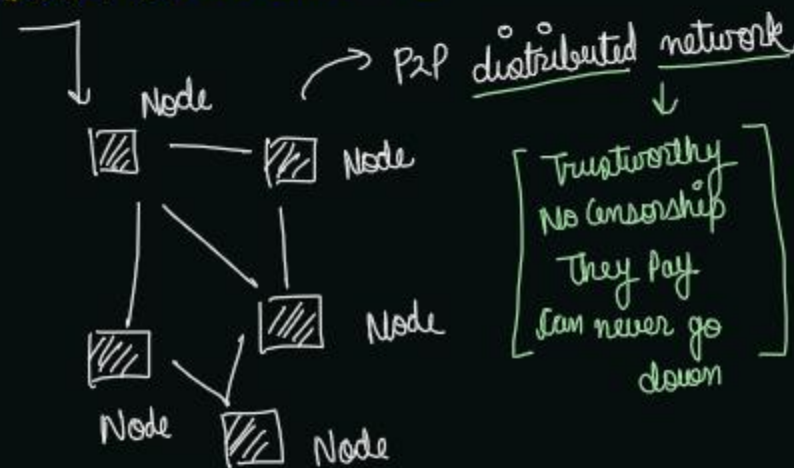
Smart contract

Bitcoin → Bitcoin script (Not Turing complete) loops X
 Ethereum → Solidity (Turing complete) loops ✓
 ↳ fully qualified like programming language
 ↳ more execution → more gas fee → reduce execution time

Each node has the following:

- ① Current state of all smart contracts
- ② History of both transaction and smart contract.

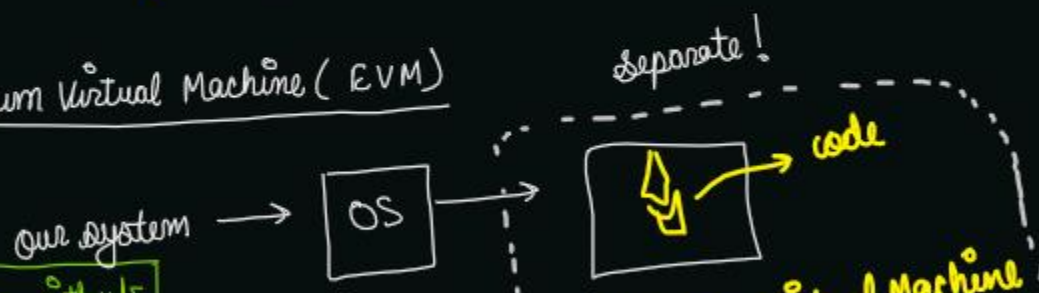
Decentralized Applications (Dapps) → Front End + Smart Contract (Backend)



Trustworthy
No censorship
They pay
can never go down

	centralized Apps	Decentralized Apps
Search Engine	Google	Presearch
Social Media	Facebook	LBRY
Video Platform	YouTube	DTube

Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM)



- ① Any transaction that modifies the blockchain costs gas.
 ② The user that generated the transaction pays for the gas.

Gas Price → It is the amount the sender wants to pay per unit of gas to get the transaction mined.

- Gas price is set by the sender.
- Gas prices are denoted in gwei ($1 \text{ gwei} = 10^{-9} \text{ ETH}$)

$1 \text{ gas} = 100 \text{ gwei}$ ← set by the sender

The higher the gas price, the faster the transaction will be mined.

Ethereum Gas Limit →

Gas Limit → maximum gas a transaction can consume

→ set by the sender

A → B, what will be the total fee?
 (2 ETH)

A sets gas price/unit = 100 gwei
 Transaction gas limit = 21,000 units

$\text{Total fee} = \text{gas units (limit)} * \text{gas price per unit}$

$21,000 * 100 = 2,100,000 \text{ gwei}$
 $= 0.0021 \text{ ETH}$

If A sets transaction gas limit < 21,000
 for example 20,000

Transaction failed

→ this is gone too!

A sets transaction gas limit > 21,000
 for example 22,000

$22,000 - 21,000 = 1000$

→ returned to A

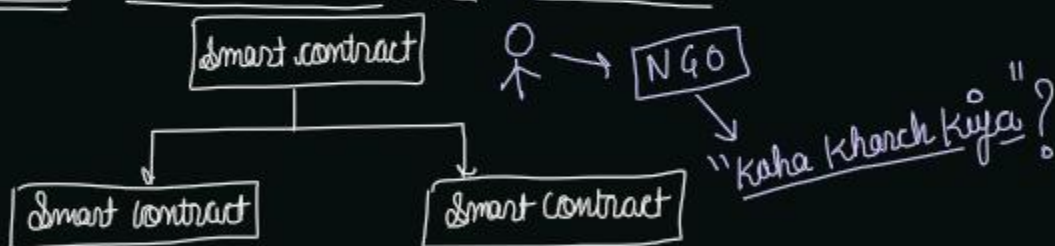
Use of Gas Limit?

→ hacker → started infinite loop() → Network is affected.

→ After gas limit reaches → stop execution of transaction

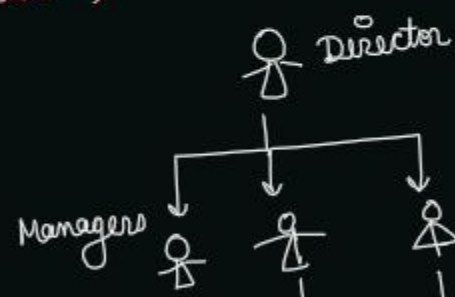
etherbase.io → demo of ethereum

Decentralized Autonomous Organization (DAO)



(Traditional)

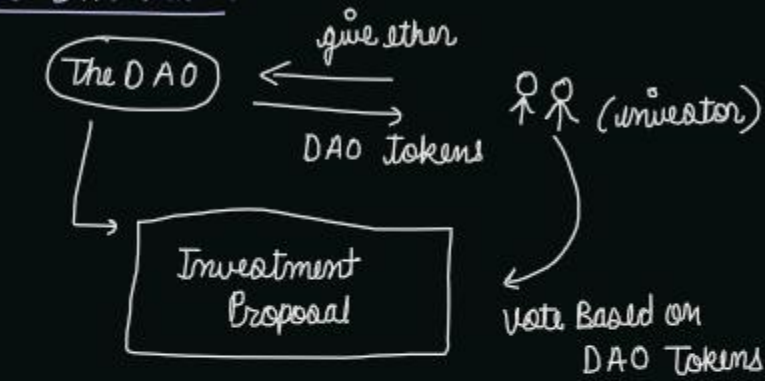
Normal organization



→ Services offered are handled automatically
 → All activities are transparent & fully public

→ Requires human handling / centrally controlled automation
 → Activity is typically private & limited to public

The DAO Attack



THE DAO

organization based on DAO principles
 → smart contract

ethereum classic

Two communities of ethereum

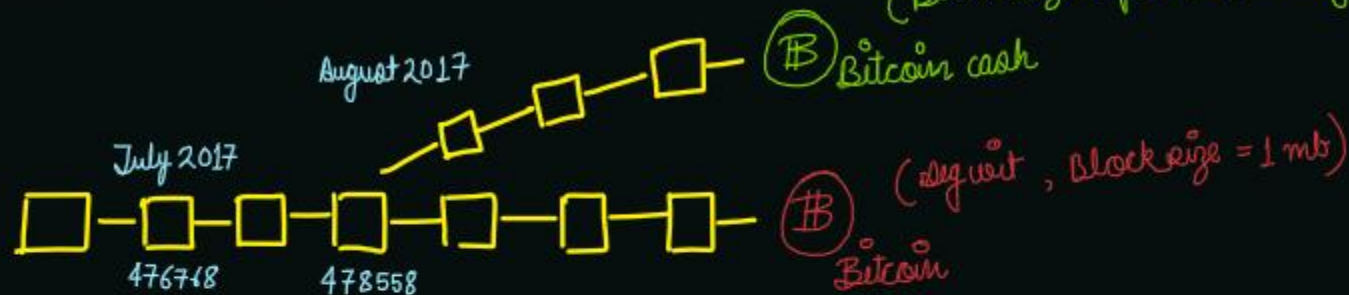
ethereum



Hard Fork

→ During a hard fork, software implementing a protocol and its mining procedures is upgraded.
 → Once a user upgrades their software, that version rejects all the transactions from older software, effectively creating a new branch of the blockchain.
 → However, those users who retain the old software continue to process transactions.
 (Block size of 8 mb, no segwit)

Bitcoin



Soft Fork

→ Soft forks are a change to the protocol, but the end product remain unchanged.
 → A soft fork is a backward-compatible upgrade
 → Old nodes can still validate blocks and transactions, but they just wouldn't understand them.
 → upgrading didn't break rules!!
 → not upgraded nodes
 → orphan block

(38% majority) time → t1 t2 t3 t4 t5 because more holding

Initial Coin Offering (ICO)



IPO

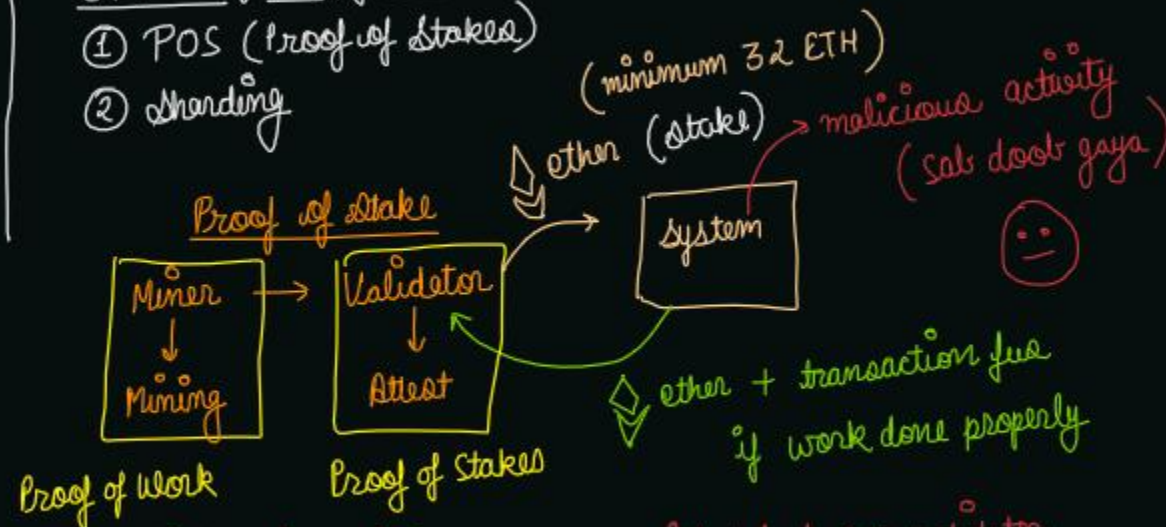


Ethereum 2.0 / Serenity

- ① Scalability
- ② Security
- ③ Sustainability

ETH 2 Major Upgrades

- ① POS (Proof of Stakes)
- ② Sharding



No competition like mining, system will select one validator
The more ethers you pay → more chance of getting randomly selected

Proof of Work (POW)

- Miners
- High performance hardware required
- Lots of electricity required
- More hashing power \Rightarrow more blocks
- 51% hashing power required to attack
- competition

Proof of Stake (POS)

- Validators
- mobile / laptops are sufficient
- not much electricity required
- more eth you put on stake \Rightarrow more blocks
- 51% stakes required for attack
- no competition, random selection

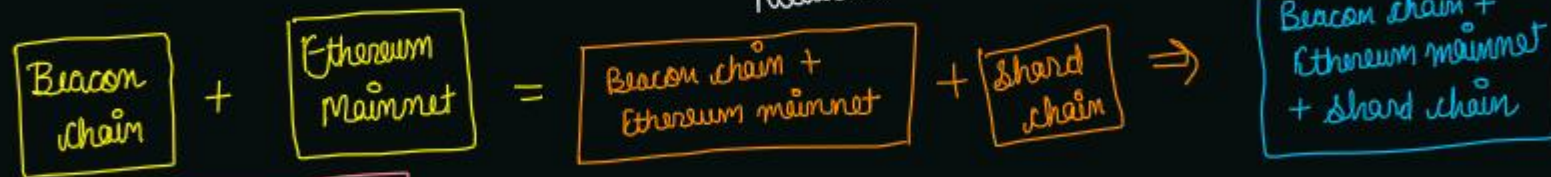
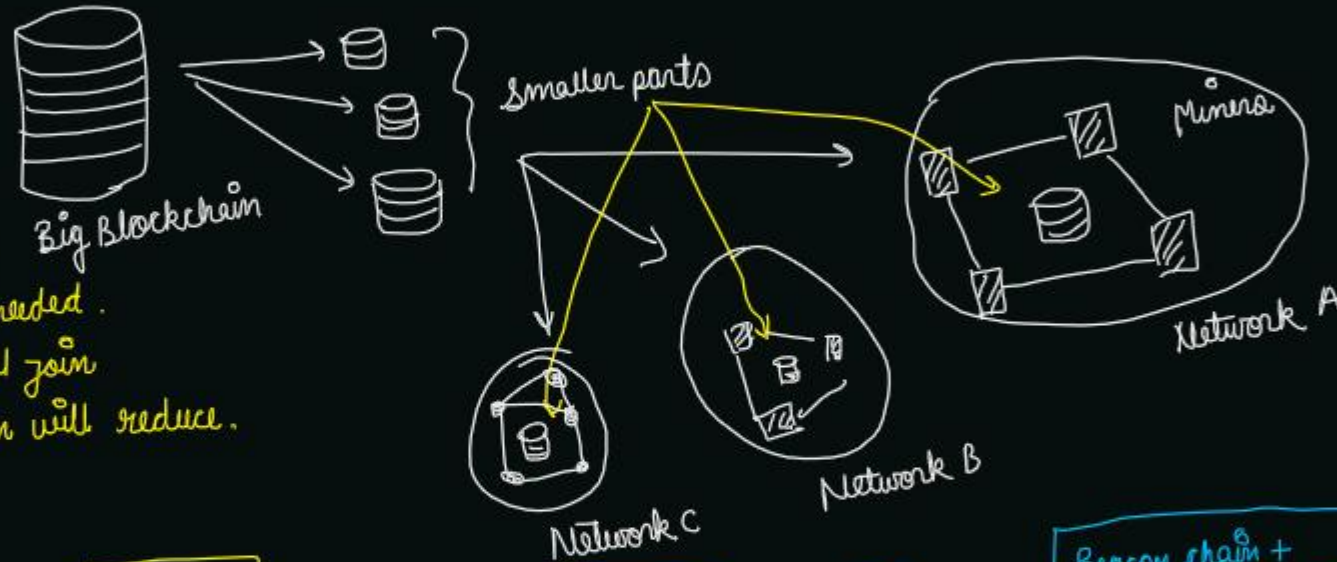
Sharding =

① Transaction/second increases

② Powerful & expensive computers aren't needed.

③ More validators will join

④ Energy consumption will reduce.



Investopedia

Altcoins \rightarrow {other than bitcoins}

- ① Litecoin (LTC)
- ② Theta (THETA)
- ③ Tether (USDT)
- ④ Cardano (ADA)
- ⑤ Chainlink (LINK)
- ⑥ Binance coin (BNB)

- \rightarrow New capabilities
- \rightarrow consensus protocol {different}
- \rightarrow 9000+ cryptocurrencies
- \rightarrow largest market cap \Rightarrow altcoins
Binance & Ethereum