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**Logistics**



- ❖ Class time: Approx. 6 hours
- ❖ 6 modules organized into
  - ❖ 45-minute sessions
  - ❖ 5 min Q&A (flexible)
  - ❖ 10-minute break
  - ❖ Start at top of the hour
  - ❖ Instructor available for additional Q&A at end of call

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**Course Objectives**



- ❖ Modules covered:
  - ❖ What is Blockchain – The Basics
  - ❖ Blockchain and Cryptocurrency
  - ❖ Why Use Blockchain
  - ❖ Decentralized Networks and Ledgers
  - ❖ Types of Blockchain
  - ❖ How Blocks are Created
  - ❖ Cryptography and Hashing
  - ❖ Mining a Block
  - ❖ Types of Consensus
  - ❖ Blockchain 2.0 and Ethereum
  - ❖ Blockchain Use Cases
  - ❖ Blockchain Adoption
  - ❖ Web 3.0
  - ❖ Blockchain Implementation

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**What is Blockchain?**  
The Basics

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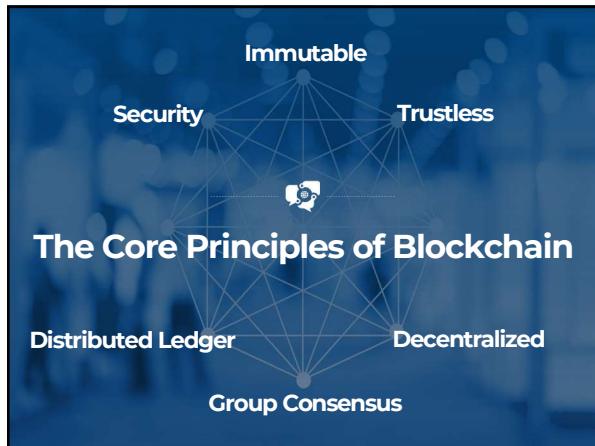
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### Introduction Blockchain Defined

- ❖ In its simplest form, Blockchain is a distributed database, an unchangeable record (or Ledger) of asset ownership.
- ❖ Blockchain is primarily defined as a shared immutable ledger, or just an “unchangeable record of who owns what”
- ❖ Global, peer to peer, and distributed immutable record of transactions.
- ❖ Used to transfer and permanently record any change of assets between two or more parties without intermediaries.
- ❖ **Assets are defined as anything of value that requires accountability of ownership**, i.e. money, cryptocurrency, real estate, records of any kind, identities, personal property, etc.

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### Blockchain Defined

Blockchains are basically a network of computers (i.e. nodes) that have Blockchain software (applications) running on them to accomplish specific business functions. It's important to remember that not all Blockchain networks are the same. The example below is a private, permissioned Blockchain which will be discussed later.

**ALL Nodes however have (and share) the same exact copy of the transaction ledger**

Participants have multiple shared ledgers  
NOTE: Participants same as before

Consensus, Provenance, Immutability, Finality

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## Assets Further Defined

The diagram illustrates the classification of assets. A central box labeled "Assets" has two arrows pointing to two main categories: "Tangible" and "Intangible". The "Tangible" category is represented by icons of a red car and a house. The "Intangible" category is represented by icons of a document with a magnifying glass and a stack of coins labeled "REWARDS POINTS".

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## Blockchain Uses Old Technology

- ❖ Blockchain is a combined use of existing older technology.
- ❖ **Accounting Ledger** – 1000's of years old, now triple-entry ledger with the internet and Blockchain S/W
- ❖ **Cryptography** – “coding messages” has been used for thousands of years, and still used in complex S/W algorithms for military and business applications like Blockchain
- ❖ **Business Computer Network Technologies** – Blockchain makes extensive use of P2P networking architectures

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## Blockchain Rules

- ❖ Once something has happened, and we create a record of that, the fact that it happened never changes
- ❖ Data written into a blockchain is a historical record and is immutable
- ❖ Blockchains have to prove that they haven't been tampered with
- ❖ All the nodes (computers) running on a blockchain must agree (i.e. have consensus) on ALL the data stored on it (aka – The World State of the Blockchain)

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## Blockchain Basics

The diagram illustrates a blockchain chain composed of three blue 3D cube blocks. Each block is labeled with one of the three pillars of blockchain: Cryptography, Code, or Networks. The blocks are connected by horizontal chains, symbolizing the immutable and distributed nature of the ledger.

Cryptography      Code      Networks

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## Blockchain is:

The icon shows a laptop computer with its screen open, displaying a 3D rendering of a filing cabinet. A red folder is visible on top of the cabinet, symbolizing the storage and management of records or documents.

- ❖ A record keeping system – of Money
  - ❖ to record the transfer of “tokens” or “coins” representing wealth (Monetary/currency)
  - ❖ Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies such as Ether, LiteCoin, Monero, etc.

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## Blockchain is:

The icon depicts a medical chart or a document with various fields and a red stamp, symbolizing a specific type of asset or record being tracked on the blockchain.

- ❖ A record keeping system – of Any Asset
  - ❖ to record the transactions of importance (Non-Monetary)
    - ❖ Update to a medical record
    - ❖ Transfer of ownership
    - ❖ Training certification on Blockchain
    - ❖ Recording important single-party announcements

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## Transferring Assets, Building Value



- ❖ Anything that is capable of being owned or controlled to produce value, is an asset
- ❖ Two fundamental types of asset
  - ❖ Tangible, e.g. a house
  - ❖ Intangible e.g. a mortgage
- ❖ Intangible assets subdivide
  - ❖ Financial, e.g. bond
  - ❖ Intellectual e.g. patents
  - ❖ Digital e.g. music
- ❖ Cash is also an asset
- ❖ Has property of anonymity



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## Blockchain is:



- ❖ Blockchain is:
  - ❖ An event tracking system
    - ❖ Announcements mark events
  - ❖ Events are actionable
  - ❖ Smart Contracts running on the Blockchain allow actions to be taken on events/transactions
  - ❖ Blockchain is a workflow platform
    - ❖ Now being implemented in financial contracts, manufacturing supply chains, quality tracking, shipping and international transactions, international currency exchange/transfers.
    - Unlimited Possibilities!

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## Blockchain is Immutable?



- ❖ Cannot change the data once it's committed to the ledger
- ❖ Data is auditable
- ❖ Change by issuing offsetting transaction
- ❖ Smart contract code

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## Blockchain Provides Identity



- ❖ To use the network, you need a Cryptographic Identity
  - ❖ (similar to an email address)
- ❖ If you want to access your email, you need the password, which functions similarly to a private key and your public key is like your address (more complicated)
- ❖ Authentication: peers sign transactions with their cryptographic identity, this enables account "ownership"

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## Consensus in Distributed Networks



- ❖ In order to update the ledger, the network needs to come to consensus using an algorithm
- ❖ Consensus: what does it mean to come to consensus on a distributed network?
  - ❖ It means that everyone agrees on the current state (e.g. how much money does each account have) and making sure that no one is double-spending money (easy in Bitcoin, more complex in Ethereum, business networks)
- ❖ Consensus methodologies will be discussed a little later.

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## Blockchain is based on Ledgers



**Ledgers are important**

- ❖ Ledger [1] is THE system of record for a business
- ❖ records asset transfer between participants.
- ❖ Business will have multiple ledgers for multiple business networks in which they participate.

[1]The primary book (or computer file) for recording and updating financial transactions by account type with debits and credits in separate columns and a beginning monetary balance and ending monetary balance for each account.




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## What is a Ledger?



- ❖ A ledger is like a database, a Google or Excel spreadsheet
- ❖ Add new records by appending rows
- ❖ Each row contains information
  - ❖ Account balances, who owns certain assets
  - ❖ Memory and execution state of a computer program

Ledger	
Alice	\$500
Bob	\$10
Charlie	\$1,000

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## The History of Ledgers



Sidebar - A Brief History of Accounting

- ❖ Ledgers appear around 5,000 BC
  - ❖ Single entry only
- ❖ 300 BC – Chanakya
  - ❖ First documented accounting standards
- ❖ Double-entry ledger appears in 1340 A.D.
  - ❖ Track debits and credits
  - ❖ Tell the story of a transaction from both / all sides
- ❖ Triple-entry ledger appears in 2009
  - ❖ aka Blockchain!
  - ❖ Debits, credits, and an immutable link to all past debits and credits

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## Blockchain Beginnings



In 2008 Satoshi Nakamoto created the first Blockchain and used in Bitcoin in 2009

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## Interesting Blockchain Dates



- ❖ 2009 first block created
- ❖ Satoshi Nakamoto was the person accredited with creating BC
- ❖ Early days, it was just him (and a few others)
- ❖ Then crypto-geeks, then early technology adopters
- ❖ Satoshi disappears December 2010 - date of last post
- ❖ Recent years have seen 'professionalism' of the ecosystem

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## Blockchain and Cryptocurrency



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## Blockchain's Relationship to Bitcoin



Bitcoin is a **digital**, **decentralized**, **disintermediated**, **trustless** currency

 Digital Currency	 Decentralized	 No Intermediary	 Trust-less
Bitcoin is completely digital in nature and operates like any independent currency.	Bitcoin is open source peer to peer money with data stored on multiple 'nodes' simultaneously	Bitcoin enables participants to transact between themselves without the need of an intermediary	Transactions are anonymous, thus ensuring a higher level of privacy

Blockchain is the underlying security software that manages and controls the WW Bitcoin Network, allowing for safe, trustless, and secure P2P transfer of Bitcoin, or any other cryptocurrency.

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**Bitcoin/Cryptocurrencies have some similar characteristics as a fiat currency**



- ❖ **Durability** - Safe for long term storage  
(crypto - susceptible to individual coin market volatility)
- ❖ **Portability** - Easy to move around and spend  
(crypto - can be exchanged P2P with small transaction fee)
- ❖ **Divisibility** - So you can spend small amounts  
(crypto - used in fractional amounts generally based on Bitcoin)
- ❖ **Uniformity** - Each unit of value is equal  
(crypto - based on market value fluctuations - BTC/U.S.\$ based)
- ❖ **Limited supply** - To preserve value  
(crypto - based on market capitalization at time of ICO)
- ❖ **Acceptability** - So you can actually spend it  
(crypto - solely based on country monetary policy and merchant acceptability, plus transaction fees)

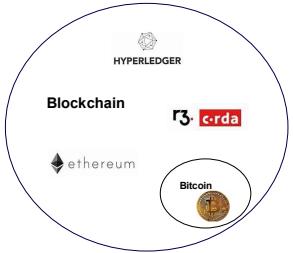
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**Bitcoin is a Blockchain Application**



### Bitcoin was the First Blockchain



Bitcoin is an application that runs on the Blockchain. Blockchains can be either public or private but share the same technology. There are roughly 10,000 active nodes on the Bitcoin Blockchain WW (11/2018)  
<https://bitnodes.earn.com/dashboard>

Similar to Facebook, where Facebook is simply an application that runs on the Internet.

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**You Control Access to Bitcoin**



- ❖ Nobody actually 'has' bitcoins - you can't download them, or store them on your computer
- ❖ Remember that the Blockchain is a ledger - it records the transfer of bitcoin or other assets between people or other entities i.e. companies, groups, etc.
- ❖ The records stay on the Blockchain - what is actually transferred is the 'control' of the bitcoin or asset.
- ❖ An example would be if 'Alice gives Bob 2btc' i.e. 'Alice transfers control of 2 of her bitcoins to Bob'
- ❖ Control is enabled through cryptography

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## Control via Cryptography



- ❖ When someone sends you coins they publicly place them under the control of your public key (in the form of an Address)
- ❖ If you can prove that you have the matching public key, and the matching private key, the network lets you control the coins
- ❖ This gets a bit technical, quite quickly. Don't panic if you don't get all of this in your first pass

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## Control via Cryptography



- ❖ Because blockchain transactions are anonymous, there needs to be a way of enforcing control over the coins
- ❖ Transactions are programmable
- ❖ Each transaction contains a program that specifies conditions that must be met in order to spend i.e. transfer the coins

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## Transaction “BLOCKS” of Blockchains



- ❖ A standard Blockchain Block has roughly 25 transactions (1 MB limit)
- ❖ Each record is complete with time, data, all transaction details.
- ❖ When a Block has 25 complete transactions, the Nodes “validate” the transactions on the current page and post it on the Blockchain.

Alice pays Bob \$150.00
Joe plays 75 songs on your album
You cast 100 votes for Candidate A
Bob gives Mary \$1,500.00
Apples are treated w/ pesticide
Comments are posted online
Landlord is paid rent on time
Student A earns blockchain cert
Mary buys a new car for \$25k
Ralph sells his home to Louise
Sue votes 75 for Candidate C
Alice buys a new iPhone in CS
Tony has complete Hot Wheels
Venice is sold to a real estate agent
Parmalat gets insurance payout
Harrison sells horse for \$28,000.00
Judy buys 64 ETH

- ❖ By comparison, the Bitcoin Blockchain can have up to ~ 2000 Bitcoin transactions per Block. (~ 500 data bytes per transaction)

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## WORLDS MOST EXPENSIVE PIZZA?



22nd May 2010 is Bitcoin Pizza day – Bitcoins first real-world transaction

- ❖ Laszlo Hanyecz offered 10,000 BTC for 2 pizzas
- ❖ Someone in the UK phoned through the order using their credit card
- ❖ Then worth US ~\$24
- ❖ Currently worth (12/2018) U.S. ~\$35.0m (varies hourly)

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## Addresses



```
graph TD; A[Private key] --> B[Public key]; B --> C[Hash]; C --> D[Encode]; D --> E[Address]
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## Addresses



- ❖ Hides your public key (because of the hashing), but you still have both the public and private key
- ❖ This is your bitcoin 'Address' – must be shared with those who need to send coins to your address
- ❖ You will (can) have many Addresses
- ❖ Your digital wallet software keeps track of all payments made 'to' your Address

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## Why Use Blockchain

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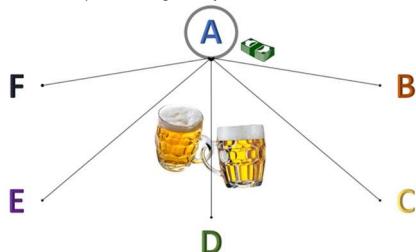
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### What problem does Blockchain solve?

- ❖ Trip to the Bar (whose ledger do you believe when the tab is paid?)



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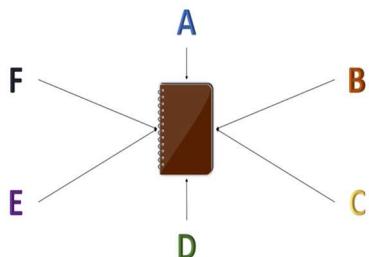
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### What is Blockchain

- ❖ Common Ledger (i.e. everyone has the same record)



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## What is Blockchain

- ❖ A More Common Ledger (consensus is reached by majority!)

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## Benefits of Blockchain

- ❖ What are the benefits of Blockchain?
  - ❖ Publicly verifiable
    - ❖ Accountability to customers and end-users
    - ❖ (permission-less)
  - ❖ Secure
    - ❖ Control who sees what data when (permissioned)
  - ❖ Quality assurance
    - ❖ Track origin of all supply chain components
    - ❖ Example – Food origin and/or safety recalls
    - ❖ Smart Contracts as a replacement for middlemen operators
  - ❖ Lower transactions costs
    - ❖ Removing middlemen reduces cost

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## Benefits of Blockchain

Pre-Blockchain	With Blockchain
<b>Centralized network</b> 	<b>Distributed network</b> 

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## Benefits of Blockchain

- ❖ What are the benefits of Blockchain?
  - ❖ Tokenization
    - ❖ Create trade-able tokens backed by real-world value
    - ❖ Fractional ownership
      - ❖ Example - Own 1 car in 1 city, or 100 cars in 100 cities
  - ❖ Trade, commerce, and business process automation
    - ❖ Smart Contracts as a replacement for middlemen operators

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## Conventional System Problem

Problem - Difficult to monitor asset ownership and transfers in a trusted business network

Inefficient, expensive, vulnerable

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## Drawbacks of Blockchain

- ❖ What are the drawbacks of Blockchain?
  - ❖ Slow adoption to newer technology
    - ❖ Quickly evolving making it difficult for companies to commit
    - ❖ BaaS (Blockchain as a Service) is expensive to use
    - ❖ High cost for trained developers to develop your own Blockchain
  - ❖ Best Blockchain solutions for industries is still evolving
  - ❖ Scalability, transaction speed / cost are still adoption concerns

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## Drawbacks of Blockchain



- ❖ What are the drawbacks of Blockchain?
  - ❖ Application Use Case adoption is slow. Fear of not working?
  - ❖ Stigma and history of Blockchain
    - ❖ Cryptocurrency Hacks and principal losses
    - ❖ ICO/ITO scams
  - ❖ Anonymity of origin – Satoshi Nakamoto
  - ❖ Data in the blocks
  - ❖ No Regulatory Agencies Governing International Blockchains

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## Drawbacks of Blockchain



Because All global nodes must validate all transactions, speed, scalability and cumulative power consumption are critical issues facing Blockchain.

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## Why Not a Database



- ❖ Blockchains solve specific problems:
  - ❖ Fully distributed - highly fault tolerant
  - ❖ No centralized authority
  - ❖ 3rd party trust without trust (Relationship)
  - ❖ Low barrier to entry - computer + internet = win
  - ❖ Instant, Global transactional capability
  - ❖ No double spending
  - ❖ Very low transaction costs
- ❖ Traditional Databases have centralized control and do not perform these functions.

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## Conventional System Problem

**Problem - Difficult to monitor asset ownership and transfers in a trusted business network**

**Inefficient, Expensive, Vulnerable, Difficult Problem Resolution**

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## Decentralization

- ❖ **KEY CONCEPT: Decentralization**
- ❖ Decentralized - Peer-to-Peer data sharing, hosting hardware owned by many not few, fault tolerant, secure, lower performance
- ❖ Distributed - Solution components spread across hardware assets, solution components and data maintained and controlled by central authorities
- ❖ Centralized - Solution components, data, and control all maintained by a central authority

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## Blockchain Shared Ledger Solution

**Solution – a permissioned, replicated, shared ledger**

**ALL Nodes have (and share) the same exact copy of the ledger**

**Consensus, Provenance, Immutability, Finality**

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## Trustless Environment



- ❖ KEY CONCEPT: Trustless environment
  - ❖ Traditional systems assume trust at the beginning, then provide safety measures to block the actions of bad actors
  - ❖ Blockchain assumes a trustless environment from the beginning, so requires no additional hardening\*\*\*  
**\*\*\* - However, All developed Blockchain code should be reviewed for vulnerabilities by a cybersecurity professional !!**

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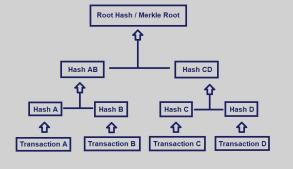
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## Trustless Environment



- ❖ KEY CONCEPT: Merkle Tree  
In common Blockchain design, Merkle trees are used to create a **lightweight digital fingerprint** of the state of all the transactions within a block.
  - ❖ Provides an 'index' of all transactions on the Blockchain.
  - ❖ Collectively, the "state" of ALL BC Blocks make up the "World State" of the Blockchain.



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## Four elements characterize Blockchain



<b>Replicated ledger</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• History of all transactions</li><li>• Append-only with immutable past</li><li>• ALL nodes have the same ledger</li></ul>	<b>Cryptography</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integrity of ledger</li><li>• Authenticity of transactions</li><li>• Privacy of transactions</li><li>• Identity of participants</li></ul>
<b>Consensus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Decentralized protocol</li><li>• Shared control tolerating disruption</li><li>• Transactions validated</li><li>• ALL Nodes Agree on ledger content</li></ul>	<b>Business logic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Logic embedded in the ledger</li><li>• Executed together with transactions</li><li>• From simple "coins" to self-enforcing "smart contracts"</li></ul>

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## Shared Ledger Attributes



**LEDGER**

- ❖ Records all transactions across business network
- ❖ Shared between participants
- ❖ Participants have own copy through replication
- ❖ Permissioned, so participants see only appropriate transactions
- ❖ THE shared system of record
- ❖ Eliminates the Double Spend Problem
- ❖ The Ledger is APPEND ONLY

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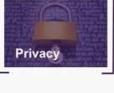
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## WHY Blockchain for Business



Requirements of blockchain for business

Append-only distributed system of record shared across business network 	Smart contract 
Ensuring appropriate visibility; transactions are secure, authenticated & verifiable 	Business terms are embedded in transaction database & executed with transactions 
Privacy	Trust

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## Decentralized Networks and Ledgers



Decentralized Networks and Ledgers

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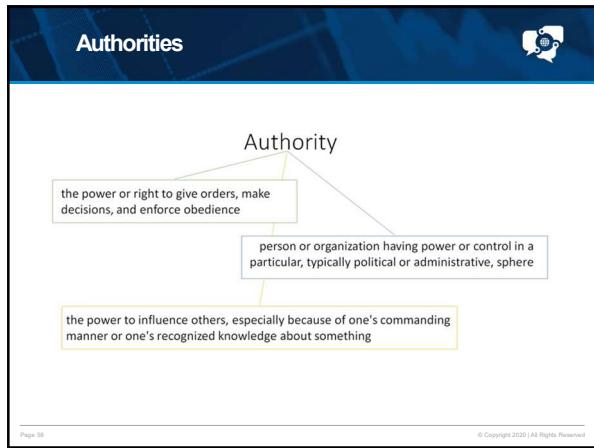
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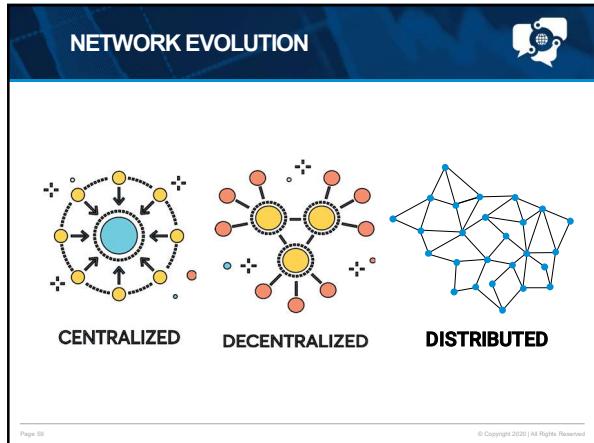
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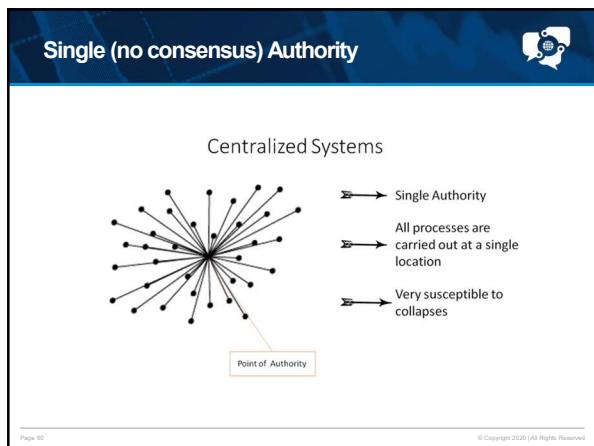
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### Single (no consensus) Authority



Benefits	Drawbacks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easy to implement and co-ordinate</li> <li>Economies of scale</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The system can collapse if the central authority fails</li> <li>No transparency</li> </ul>

 Banking System

 Food Franchise

 Server CPU

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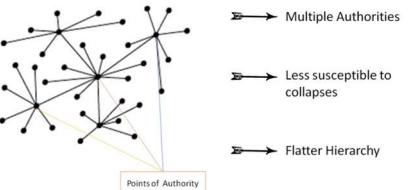


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### Multiple (Flatter) Authorities



De-centralized Systems



Multiple Authorities  
Less susceptible to collapses  
Flatter Hierarchy  
Points of Authority

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### Multiple (Flatter) Authorities



Benefits	Drawbacks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decisions made closer to the customer</li> <li>Not susceptible to collapses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diseconomies of scale</li> <li>Not completely secure</li> </ul>

 Johnson & Johnson Supply chain

 Governments

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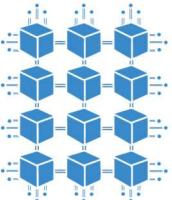


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## Blockchain Basics



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## Blockchain Basics



- Automatic Trust
- Tamper Proof
- Shared Data
- Transparent
- Resilient

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## Blockchains as Distributed Databases

- ❖ In Blockchain, everyone has a copy of the Ledger (assets).
- ❖ Everyone running a Blockchain node is part of the network
- ❖ New (transaction) blocks are broadcast to the network
- ❖ Everyone updates their local copy of the blockchain
- ❖ If you're behind the current height of the chain, you can ask other nodes for copies of the Blocks needed to catch-up
- ❖ If everyone has a copy of the blockchain, when queried, everyone gets the same answer
- ❖ Blockchains are a bit like read-only distributed databases

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## Centralized vs Decentralized Ledger



If the single copy of the ledger were changed by any means, wealth would be lost unfairly

With a decentralized ledger, nobody has to trust anyone else

- ❖ Trustless environment is assumed from the beginning

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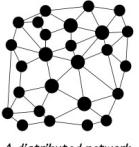
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## Why Distributed?



- ❖ Distributed network
- ❖ Many nodes or peers that are connected in a network with no single point of failure or centralized control
- ❖ Security and resiliency: design the network so that if some peers crash or attack the network maliciously, the network can still operate (Byzantine Fault Tolerance)



A distributed network.

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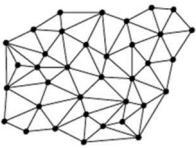
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## Distributed System Authorities



Distributed systems



- No Authority OR Everyone is an authority
- Virtually unsusceptible to collapses
- Completely flat Hierarchy

Every point has equal authority

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## Types of Blockchain

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### Blockchain as History



- ❖ Blockchain as History
  - ❖ Immutable, cannot be changed
    - ❖ Remember, each block contains the hash of the previous block
  - ❖ Append-only
    - ❖ Data on the Blockchain cannot be deleted or edited, only additions can be made
    - ❖ This provides a detailed history of ALL events, not just a snapshot of the current state!

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### Types of Blockchains



- ❖ Who are the participants in the Blockchain?
  - ❖ ANYONE with an important announcement to make can be a Blockchain participant
    - ❖ Personal data
  - ❖ Groups of people can use the Blockchain to capture announcements that are important to them
    - ❖ Supply chain participants
  - ❖ Large groups of people can use Blockchain to capture important data which support critical social and economic functions
    - ❖ Voting records, land titles

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## Types of Blockchains



- ❖ Public vs Private
  - ❖ Who can **write** data to the Blockchain?
  - ❖ Public – everyone can add a record
  - ❖ Private – only certain participants can write data
- ❖ Open vs Closed
  - ❖ Who can **read** data from the Blockchain?
  - ❖ Open – everyone can read Blockchain data
  - ❖ Closed – only certain participants can read data

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## Public or Private Blockchain



- ❖ Should the solution be a permissioned or permission-less Blockchain
  - ❖ Are all participants considered equal, or should some have abilities that others do not?
  - ❖ Election chairperson can add candidates to an election = permissioned
  - ❖ A digital currency which can exchanged and traded by all = permissionless
- ❖ Do customers understand the tech well enough to trust it with their data?
  - ❖ Great solutions may not be accepted until they have been socially normalized
  - ❖ Credit cards and early e-commerce

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## Public or Private Blockchain



- ❖ Hyperledger vs Ethereum
  - ❖ These are discussion points, NOT absolutes
- ❖ Ethereum
  - ❖ Music and content distribution
  - ❖ Digital currency or asset-backed token
  - ❖ Blockchain-enabled mobile data service
  - ❖ Gambling and on-line gaming
  - ❖ Authoring, editing, and amending a piece of legislation
  - ❖ Group consensus is needed/required

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**Public vs. Private Blockchains**

'Public' (Open) vs 'Private' (Closed) Blockchains:  
Generalized Features Comparison

	Public	Private
<b>Access</b>	Open read/write access to database	Permissioned read and/or write access to database
<b>Speed</b>	Slower	Faster
<b>Security</b>	Proof-of-Work/ Proof-of-Stake	Pre-approved participants
<b>Identity</b>	Anonymous/ pseudonymous	Known identities
<b>Asset</b>	Native assets	Any asset

Note: some features can vary from platform to platform.  
Source: Chain, [Chris Steinbar's blog](#)

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**Public or Private Blockchain**

- ❖ Hyperledger vs Ethereum
  - ❖ These are discussion points, NOT absolutes
- ❖ Hyperledger
  - ❖ Supply Chain
  - ❖ Supplier / Manufacturer inventory management
  - ❖ Managing internal business processes across geographically distributed locations
  - ❖ Allowing elected officials to vote on initiatives without being present

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**Blockchain Decision Worksheet**

Public	Public & Closed	Public & Open
Private	Public & Closed • : :	Public & Open • : :
Closed	Private & Closed • : :	Private & Open • : :
		Open

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**Blockchain Decision Lab**

The interface includes a sidebar with a list of blockchain applications:

- Currency
- Securities exchange
- Betting
- Video game
- Voting records
- Supply chain data
- Government financial records
- Corporate earnings statements
- Construction tracking
- Defense programs
- Law enforcement agencies
- Others?

A 2x2 matrix diagram is displayed:

Public Closed	Public & Closed • Voting • Voting records • Whistleblowers	Public & Open • Currencies • Betting • Video games
Private Closed	Private & Closed • Construction • National defense • Law enforcement • Military • Tax Returns	Private & Open • Supply Chain • Government financial records • Corporate earning statements

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**Blockchain Decision Matrix**

A detailed 2x2 matrix diagram is displayed:

Public Closed	Public & Closed • Voting • Voting records • Whistleblowers	Public & Open • Currencies • Betting • Video games
Private Closed	Private & Closed • Construction • National defense • Law enforcement • Military • Tax Returns	Private & Open • Supply Chain • Government financial records • Corporate earning statements

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## How Blocks are Created

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## Blockchain Basics

The diagram illustrates the three core components of blockchain:

- Blocks:** Represented by a 3D cube icon.
- Mining:** Represented by a hammer icon breaking through a block, with Bitcoin symbols (₿) floating around it.
- Consensus:** Represented by a network of nodes connected by lines, with a central node labeled 'B'.

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## The “BLOCKS” of a Blockchain

The diagram shows a rectangular frame representing a "block" containing 25 transaction records:

- Alice pays Bob \$150.00
- Joe pinned a song on your album
- You cast 100 votes for Candidate A
- Bob pays Mary \$1,500.00
- Apple has updated its pesticide
- Concert tickets go on sale
- Landlord is paid next on time
- Owner of the chain cert
- Mary pays Sally \$242.97
- Ralph sells his home to Louise
- Bob wins the lottery ticket
- Alice earns Master's Degree in CS
- Tony has complete Hot Wheels
- Vehicle is serviced under recall
- Pamela sells her doghouse about
- Harrison sells house for \$38,000.00
- Judy buys 64 ETH

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## The “Blocks” of a Blockchain

The diagram states: "Transactions are grouped together into a Block" and "25 Transactions per Block".

Below this text, there is a visual representation of six gray rectangular boxes, each containing a number from 0 to 5, representing the sequence of transactions within a block:

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

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## Blockchain Blocks

- Blocks are numbered in ascending order, 0 is first/oldest
- The number is the 'height' of the block
- Arrows only go from newer to older blocks - a block only directly links to the one immediately before it
- Once a block is stored, it's read-only (which is why it doesn't link to the ones after it - that would require you to update it)

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## Blockchain Blocks

- Blocks store data, in Bitcoin, it's the transactions, but it could be any digital data
- Blocks are created periodically (on average, 10mins for Bitcoin) by a process called 'mining'
- A block represents a set of events that have occurred over a particular time frame (usually, since the previous block)

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## Blockchain Blocks

- Blocks aren't identified by their height, but by their id
  - 0=00000000019b6689c085ab165831e934ff763ab46a03c0172b3f1b6018ce26f
  - 1=00000000539ab6886ab5951d76e411475428afC90947EE320161BBF18EB6048
  - 2=000000006a625f06636b8bb6ac7b960a8d03705d1ace08b1a19da3fdcc99ddbd
- Block id is a digital fingerprint of that block

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## What is in a Block?

- ❖ A 'magic number' (0xD9B4BEF9) to show it's a Bitcoin block
- ❖ A size number to specify how much data is coming next
- ❖ Some metadata:
  - A version number of the block format
  - A link to the previous block that came immediately before it
  - Merkle root of all the transactions in the block
  - Timestamp of when the block was created
  - Mining difficulty (more about this later)
  - Nonce for proof-of-work (more about this later)
  - All the data of the 25 transactions recorded in this block

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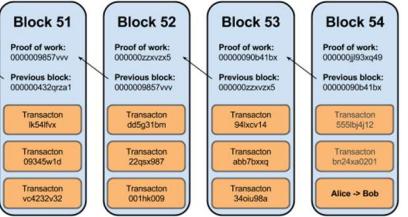
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## What is in a Block?



The connection between blocks means that the Blockchain is much more *tamper-proof* than standard database structures. Since Blockchain is a ledger of records, this tamper-proof record of assets is known as an "Immutable Ledger".

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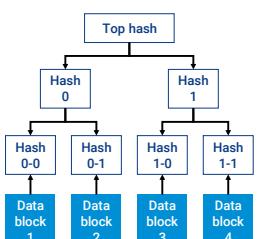
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## MERKLE TREE - HASH OF HASHES



- ❖ Multiple blocks of data, in a certain order, into a single hash
- ❖ Allows you to work out which block has changed

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## Tamper Evident



- ❖ Blocks are identified by their ID (hash of the metadata)
- ❖ Metadata in turn, contains Merkle Root of Transaction data
- ❖ Change the metadata, block id will change - broken chain
- ❖ Change the details of a transaction, the Merkle root will change, which in turn changes the metadata hash, which will change the block id
- ❖ Hashing data once is really quick, so easy to check the validity of each block as you go along

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## The “chain” of Blockchain



- ❖ What creates the chain?
- ❖ Block header
  - ❖ Contains information about the block
    - ❖ Platform version, timestamp, difficulty level, nonce, etc.
    - ❖ Also contains the hash output of the previous block data
  - ❖ All data from the current block, including its header is hashed
  - ❖ The hash output for the current block will be stored in the header of the next block
  - ❖ All data from that block, including the header, will be hashed

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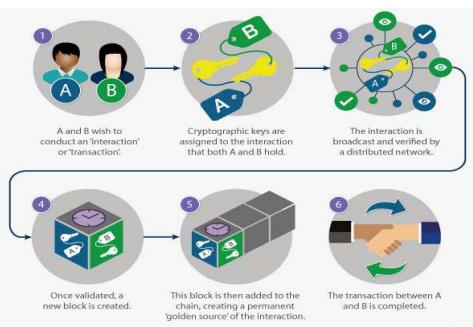
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## The Lifecycle of a Blockchain

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## Cryptography and Hashing

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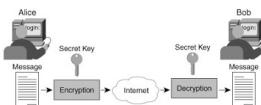
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## Cryptography

- ❖ Cryptography can be used to address the issue of privacy
- ❖ What is cryptography?
  - ❖ The study of how to send information back and forth securely in the presence of adversaries



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## Cryptographic Function

- ❖ What is a cryptographic function?
  - ❖ A function for encoding or encrypting data to protect the contents from adversaries
- ❖ Simple example function:
  - ❖ The Secret - "Blockchain Training Alliance"
  - ❖ The Function – Swap each letter in the secret with a new letter according to the Key
  - ❖ The Key - "+2"
  - ❖ The Cipher = "Dnqemejckp Vtckpcpi Cnnkcpeg"

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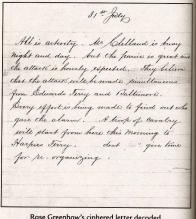
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## Cryptographic Function

- Real World Example: Rose Greenhow
  - Renowned confederate spy during US Civil War
  - Socialite in Washington D.C.
  - Used cryptography to communicate


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Rose Greenhow's sealed ciphered letter. © Copyright 2020 | All Rights Reserved

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## Cryptographic Function

- Public Key Cryptography
  - Provides identity & transaction approval
  - Public Key
    - Verify the digital signature of a given key pair
  - Private Key
    - Sign/approve any transaction/action that might be made by the holder of the key pair

Digital Signatures



Alice signs a message  
Bob verifies Alice's signature. © Copyright 2020 | All Rights Reserved

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## PUBLIC/PRIVATE KEY CRYPTO

- 2 uniquely related cryptographic keys
- Data encrypted with the public key can only be decrypted with the private one (and vice versa)
- The mathematical computation behind it is complex
- Main aim is confidentiality (in messaging)
- Also used for digital signatures (the bit we're interested in)

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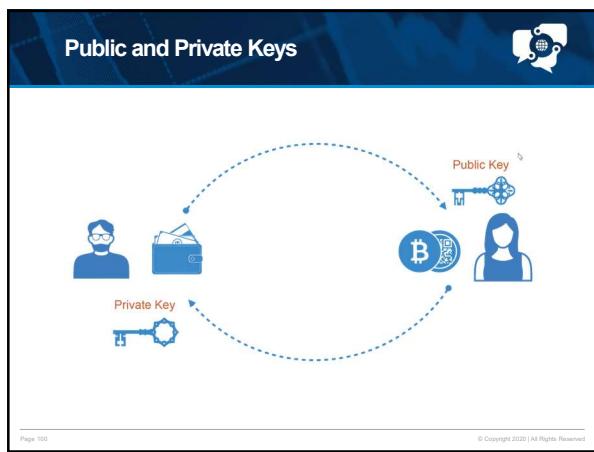
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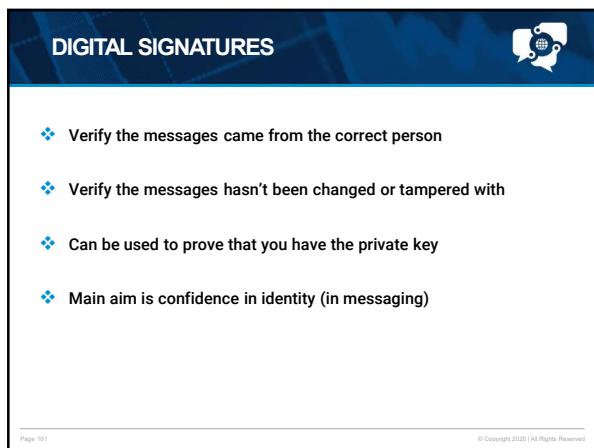
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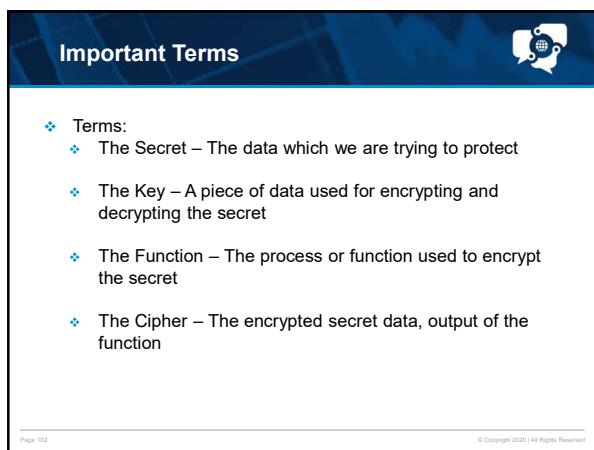
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## Cipher

- The Secret and the Key are passed into the Function to create the Cipher

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## Cryptographic Hash

- What is a cryptographic hash function?
  - A hash is a one-way function, encrypted information CANNOT be decrypted
  - Each unique input generates a unique output

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## Cryptographic Hash

- Why would I want to use a hash?
  - Address privacy concerns by making net worth private with a "digital thumbprint"
  - This would NOT be acceptable:
    - Sally - \$418,013.45
    - John - \$93,247.89
    - Mary - \$9,423.11
  - This WOULD be acceptable:
    - 0376189a740845f75bde8260416b3812ab6d4377 - \$418,013.45
    - 5753A498f025464d72e088a9d5d6e872592d5f91 - \$93,247.89
    - 94F85995c7492eec546c321821aa4beca9a3e2b1 - \$9,423.11
  - Nobody knows Sally's net worth, but Sally can always prove which account is hers

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## Cryptography Example

- ❖ Cryptographic Hashing example
  - ❖ Try it out (using SHA256)
  - ❖ Go to: [www.anders.com/blockchain/hash.html](http://www.anders.com/blockchain/hash.html) (or: [bit.ly/2HnJS6O](http://bit.ly/2HnJS6O))
  - ❖ Demo:
    - ❖ Let's eat, Grandma
      - ❖ 45b09eea07b7896d836308e89d01986ea92227ea41  
d5239dc42650c66393cc01
      - ❖ Let's eat Grandma
        - ❖ aab9185e406446c4700be80ae8c274778a15e9f2914  
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## Cryptographic Hash

- ❖ Why would I want to use a hash?
  - ❖ Landlord and tenant can compare lease documents
  - ❖ Verification of software
    - ❖ If there's ANY difference between what should be and what is, it's easy to identify
      - ❖ Malware which makes slight changes to the original codebase can be easily detected
      - ❖ Important for self-driving cars, automation, IoT, etc..
  - ❖ Instantly compare two or more LARGE volumes of data to ensure they're the same
    - ❖ Has 1 bit been flipped in a 100TB file?

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## Blockchain Basics

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## The “chain” of Blockchain

The “chain” of Blockchain

- If I hash the data of any block, and the output matches the hash value from the header of the next block, I can trust the data has not been tampered with

Simplified Bitcoin Block Chain

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## Using Multisignatures

- Digital signatures are heavily used in the blockchain
- Some transactions may need to be authorized by multiple parties
  - High value transactions, signing contracts, etc.
- Algorithms exist that require multiple secret keys to generate a digital signature
  - Based on Shamir Secret Sharing
  - At least K of a set of N users need to participate to create a valid signature
- Security Assumptions:
  - Secret keys are appropriately protected

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## Multisignatures: Shamir Secret Sharing

- Shamir Secret Sharing requires K of a set of N parties to generate a valid signature
- It's based on the number of points you need to define a line or curve
  - The shared secret is where the curve crosses the Y-axis
- Each person is given the X,Y coordinates of a point on the curve
- A shared signature can be pieced together from each individual signature

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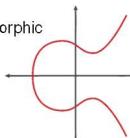
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## Confidential Transactions: Elliptic Curve Crypto

- ❖ Elliptic Curve Cryptography is a form of public key cryptography
- ❖ Uses points on an elliptic curve
- ❖ Public key, P, is the product of a private key, x, and a point on the curve, G
  - ❖ It's impossible to derive x from P and G
- ❖ Elliptic curve cryptography is additively homomorphic
  - ❖  $P_1 + P_2 = (x_1 + x_2 \pmod n) * G$



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## Putting a BLOCK on the Blockchain

- ❖ Once the page has been validated, it is added to a stack of previously validated sheets
  - ❖ Each sheet on the stack can be assumed to be trustworthy
- ❖ Once a sheet is validated it can't be changed, because of group consensus. i.e. Immutability!



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## Data Blocks of Blockchain

- ❖ How are blocks "chained" together?
  - ❖ Use of computers & cryptography
  - ❖ All data in a block is run through a cryptographic hash
    - ❖ We'll dive into the details later
  - ❖ Hashes create a unique output for a specific input
    - ❖ Can always recreate if use same inputs
    - ❖ Think Black Box
  - ❖ Chain is established by embedding the last block's data into the header of the current block

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## Mechanics of Blockchain



- ❖ Changing the data on any block will result in a different hash
- ❖ The new hash will not match the hash in the next block header
- ❖ If you try to change the next block header, it will change the hash of that block

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## The “chain” of Blockchain

- ❖ To summarize
- ❖ The hash output will be stored in the header of the next block, etc....
- ❖ Changing the data in any block will result in the hash of that block not matching the hash value stored in the header of the next block
- ❖ The next block will need to be changed too...
  - ❖ ...and the block after that, and the block after that, and the block after that...

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## Blockchain Basics - recap

### Block 1 Header Hash

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Hash of Previous Block Header

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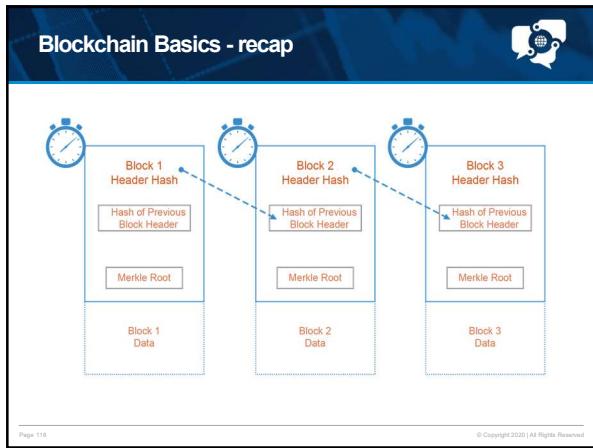
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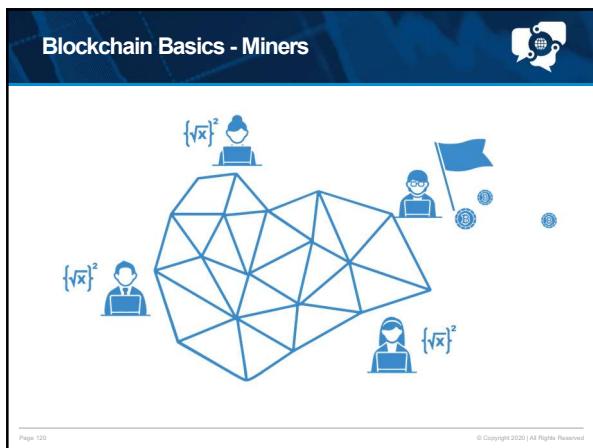
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## Mining Demo



- ❖ Mining demo
  - ❖ Block Data = "ThisIsMySampleBlockData"
  - ❖Nonce = "24725"
  - ❖ Network difficulty: 0000
  - ❖ SHA256 hash result of:
- ❖ 00002b1b5e98e4257a504ab55a937ef678de4547fe884d19488927c1e69b173b

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## Mining Demo



- ❖ Mining demo
  - ❖ Let's try to cheat...
    - ❖ Block Data = "ThisIsMyHackedSampleBlockData"
    - ❖Nonce = "24725"
  - ❖ SHA256 hash of:
- ❖ eae8ad1ce120fb96c790765efa500f81ae633873d3f4069acc9f2957fe3b6a13

Nonce: 24725  
Data: ThisIsMyHackedSampleBlockData  
Hash: eae8ad1ce120fb96c790765efa500f81ae633873d3f4069acc9f2957fe3b6a13

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## What is Bitcoin mining?



- ❖ Mining is the accounting function to record transactions, a fee-based incentivized system for paying miners to validate a Blockchain transaction
- ❖ aka "Proof of Work" Consensus function
- ❖ Mining ASICs "discover new blocks"
  - ❖ Mining software makes nonce guesses to win the right to record a new block ("discover a block")
    - ❖ At the rate of  $2^{32}$  (4 billion) hashes (guesses)/second
  - ❖ One machine at random guesses the 32-bit nonce
- ❖ Winning machine confirms and records the transactions, and collects the rewards
  - ❖ All nodes confirm the transactions and append the new block to their copy of the distributed ledger
- ❖ "Wasteful" effort deters malicious players



Fast because ASICs represent the hashing algorithm as hardware

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## Simultaneously Broadcasting Blocks



Since the Blockchain miners are distributed, who gets to make the block?

- ❖ Miners are distributed and are in competition with each other
- ❖ First to publish/broadcast a block wins
- ❖ At the top of the chain multiple miners could create a block at roughly the same time
- ❖ Blocks take time to propagate their way round the network
- ❖ Different nodes receive blocks at different times
- ❖ The network needs a way to decide which block it will use as its official record of what happened
- ❖ Mining doesn't stop while all this is figured out

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## Sequence of Mining Block Mathematical Problem




❖ Example: the green block is at height 0  
 ❖ All miners try to solve the next one...  
 ❖ A miner solves one at height 1

**\*\*The height of a block is the number of blocks in the chain between it and the genesis block.** (Genesis block has height 0) The height of the block chain is usually taken to be the height of the highest block, in the chain with greatest total difficulty; i.e. **the length of the chain minus one**.

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## Sequence of Mining Block Mathematical Problem




❖ But so does another miner. We don't know which is official.  
 ❖ Block 1a may contain different transactions from 1b.  
 ❖ We don't know which is the accepted block yet  
 ❖ So, mining continues, with half the network working on 2a, half on 2b  
 ❖ Good idea not to treat any transactions as final yet

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**Sequence of Mining Block Mathematical Problem**

- ❖ A miner finds 2b
- ❖ All miners working on 2a stop work, they must work at the highest height
- ❖ All miners work on finding a block at height 3
- ❖ Transactions that were only in 1a, are now back to not-being-in-a-block

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**Sequence of Mining Block Mathematical Problem**

- ❖ A miner solves one and broadcasts to the network
- ❖ Other miners abandon their work and start trying to solve a block at height 4

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**Sequence of Mining Block Mathematical Problem**

- ❖ A miner solves one at height 4, all is well with the world
- ❖ All miners try to solve a block at height 5

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**Sequence of Mining Block Mathematical Problem**

But, while this is sorting itself out, another miner solves a block at height 4  
We now have a fork at height 4.  
Half the miners will try to solve 5a, half will try 5b

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**Sequence of Mining Block Mathematical Problem**

We have a race condition, lets pretend that both forks of the chain solve another block at the same time

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**Sequence of Mining Block Mathematical Problem**

The miners working on 5b solve a block first. All miners stop what they're working on, and try to solve for height 7  
Blocks 4a and 5a are now accepted as the longest chain

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## Sequence of Mining Block Mathematical Problem

Smooth sailing from here on out

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## Transaction Implications

- ❖ Transactions take time to 'confirm'
- ❖ Each transaction, once it's in an accepted block has a height  
-The height of a block is the number of blocks in the chain between it and the genesis block.
- ❖ Each increase in blockchain height is called a confirmation
- ❖ A transaction 5 blocks below the top of the chain is said to have '6 confirmations'
- ❖ Wait for 6 confirmations for anything of value

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## Blockchain Forks

- ❖ Upgrades to the protocol can cause problems – but can be managed
- ❖ Blocks that are created have a version number
- ❖ New blocks using the new protocol use a different version number
- ❖ If the upgrade is backwardly compatible, it's a soft fork
- ❖ If the upgrade isn't backwardly compatible, it's a hard fork
- ❖ Hard forks are much harder and we try to avoid them

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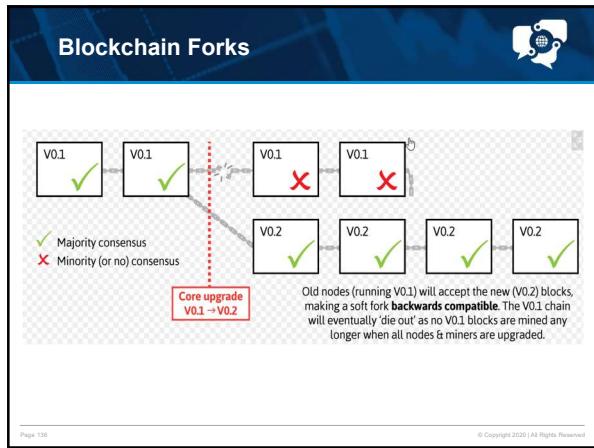
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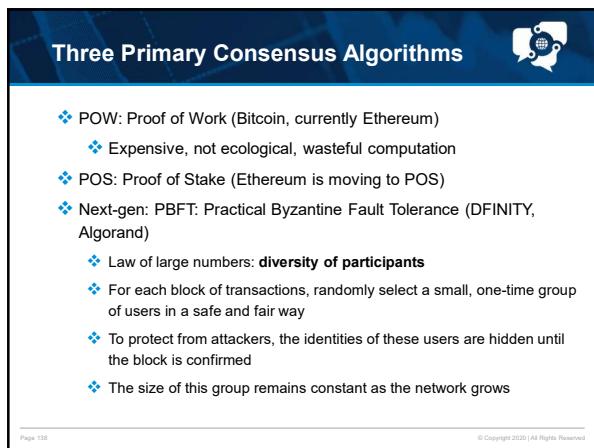
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## Consensus



- ❖ Proof of Work Consensus
  - ❖ When a block is full, each node competes to solve a guessing game problem
    - ❖ This problem requires computational resources to quickly guess the "Nonce" of the transaction block
    - ❖ Miners try to guess the "nonce"
    - ❖ All block data plus the current guess (nonce) are run through a cryptographic hash
  - ❖ If the result matches the current level of "difficulty", the miner has guessed the right answer
  - ❖ The miner with the answer shares it with all other miners. Miners will confirm the answer is correct by using the nonce with their block data to try and get the correct result. When 51% of the miners confirm the nonce is correct, the transaction is added to the Blockchain
  - ❖ The result is Proof of Work Consensus

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## Proof of Work Security Issue – 51% Attack



The diagram illustrates a network of nodes, each represented by a circular icon containing a stylized human figure. These nodes are interconnected by a web of lines, forming a complex web-like structure that represents the decentralized nature of a blockchain or a peer-to-peer network.

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## Summary Proof of Work (PoW)



- ❖ Proof of Work Consensus
  - ❖ When a block is full, each node competes to solve a guessing game problem
    - ❖ This problem is non-computational, random guesses are most efficient
    - ❖ Miners try to guess the "nonce"
    - ❖ All block data plus the current guess (nonce) are run through a cryptographic hash
  - ❖ If the result matches the current level of "difficulty", the miner has guessed the right answer
  - ❖ The miner with the answer shares it with all other miners. Miners will confirm the answer is correct by using the nonce with their block data to try and get the correct result

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## Proof of Stake (PoS)



- ❖ Proof of Stake Consensus
  - ❖ Proposed as an alternative to Proof of Work
  - ❖ Attempt to overcome scalability concerns imposed by PoW consensus
  - ❖ Removes the guessing game from consensus
  - ❖ Mining no longer requires specialized and powerful hardware
    - ❖ Many feel that specialized hardware requirements lead to centralization
      - ❖ Blockchain is about de-centralization
    - ❖ Less energy intensive form of consensus
      - ❖ Addresses concerns about "green" mining

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## Proof of Stake (PoS)



- ❖ Proof of Stake Consensus
  - ❖ How does it work?
    - ❖ Let's pretend there's a new casino game – Honesty
      - ❖ Each hand of Honesty costs \$10,000 to join (stake)
      - ❖ Every honest player will always win \$25 each hand (net gain \$25)
      - ❖ A winning player keeps their earnings and gets their stake returned
      - ❖ Every dishonest player will not only miss out on the \$25 winnings, they also loose their stake (net loss of \$10,025)
      - ❖ Small upside for being honest, large downside for being dishonest

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## Proof of Stake (PoS)



- ❖ Proof of Stake Consensus
  - ❖ Ok, but how does it really work?
    - ❖ Block of transactions created
    - ❖ When it's time for group consensus, all who wish to participate lock up funds in a stake
    - ❖ A random 'player' is selected
    - ❖ That player's block data is shown to all other participants
    - ❖ Other players stake on the validity of the block transactions

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## Proof of Stake (PoS)

- ❖ Proof of Stake Consensus
  - ❖ Ok, but how does it really work?
    - ❖ If the majority agree with the proposed block, the random player is rewarded, as are all who staked on that player
    - ❖ If the majority disagree, the random player gets no reward AND loses their stake!
    - ❖ Then a new player is randomly selected to share their block data

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## Proof of Stake (PoS)

- ❖ Proof of Stake Consensus
  - ❖ No "computing" is ever performed during consensus, only staking/wagering
  - ❖ Any kind of device can stake, regardless of computing power
  - ❖ Some argue that this also leads to centralization as only players who can afford to stake are able to participate in consensus

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## PoW vs PoS

- ❖ PoW vs PoS
  - ❖ Work for a reward vs make a safe bet for a reward
  - ❖ Security vs Speed
  - ❖ Centralization vs Decentralization
  - ❖ Proven vs New
  - ❖ Capital spent on hardware vs capital spent on staking funds
- ❖ Ethereum – quickly moving to PoS
  - ❖ 0.1.0 Released May 2018

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## Other Consensus Mechanisms



- ❖ Other consensus mechanisms
  - ❖ Proof of Activity
    - ❖ Hybrid of PoW and PoS
    - ❖ Empty template blocks are mined (PoW), then filled with transactions which are validated via PoS
  - ❖ Proof of Burn
    - ❖ Coins are “burned” by sending them to an address where they cannot be retrieved
    - ❖ The more coins you burn, the better your chances of being selected to mine the next block
    - ❖ Eventually, you must stake more by burning more coins

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## Other Consensus Mechanisms



- ❖ Other consensus mechanisms
  - ❖ Proof of Capacity (aka. Space)
    - ❖ Pay to play with hard drive space or memory
    - ❖ The most space you ‘stake’ the better your odds of being selected to mine the next block
    - ❖ Consensus algorithm generates large data sets called ‘plots’ which consume storage
    - ❖ Major criticism – this method has no real deterrent for bad actors

Nonce

Scoop 0	Hash #0	Hash #1
Scoop 1	Hash #2	Hash #3
Scoop 3	Hash #4	Hash #5
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Scoop 4095	Hash #8190	Hash #8191

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## Other Consensus Mechanisms



- ❖ Other consensus mechanisms
  - ❖ Proof of Elapsed Time
    - ❖ Created by Intel to run on their trusted execution environment
    - ❖ Similar to PoW, far more energy efficient
    - ❖ Major criticism – requires trust in Intel, places power back in the hands of a central authority
  - ❖ Proof of Authority
    - ❖ Uses a set of “authorities” – nodes that are explicitly allowed to create new blocks and secure the blockchain
    - ❖ Replacement for PoW - Private blockchains only
    - ❖ Earn the right to become a validator/authority

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## Consensus Mechanisms



- ❖ Consensus protocols are the key to Blockchain!
  - ❖ Blockchain consensus mechanisms are the nuts and bolts of validation. TPS is directly linked to the consensus type.
  - ❖ Think Internet & TCP/IP – transmission of bytes of data across the Internet
  - ❖ PoW is the only tried and true (9+ years in use). PoS is coming, rolling out now.
  - ❖ The rest are concepts and development ideas that different developers are working on. Some are in a test trial phase.

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## Identity Implementations



### Specific Identity Implementations

- Ethereum: A user's identity is an address based on their public key
- Hyperledger: Identity is managed by X.509 certificates
- Corda: Identity is managed by X.509 certificates
  - Public: Certificates published on blockchain
  - Confidential: Certificates only shared with parties involved in transaction



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## Anonymity Implementations



### Specific Anonymity Implementations

- Ethereum
  - Ethereum currently does not have any advanced privacy options, but this is planned to change
- Hyperledger
  - Channels: Subsections of the blockchain that make transactions visible only to members
  - Private Transactions: Hashes of private data are stored to publicly verify it on the blockchain
  - Zero-Knowledge Technology: Provers can demonstrate knowledge of a secret without revealing the secret itself
- Corda
  - Parties on the Corda Network can be represented in one of two ways:
    - Party: A public key and name
    - Anonymous Party: Only a public key



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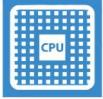
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## Blockchain Basics - Recap



Encryption & Hashing      Proof of Work      Network Consensus

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## Blockchain (review)



What is the Blockchain?

- The Blockchain is simply a distributed database.
- Technical definition: The Blockchain is a distributed peer 2 peer ledger
- Every participant has a complete version of the database
- Every Transaction is declared valid only after it has been cleared by a majority of participants in the network
- The Blockchain can transfer any item of value across participants
- The Blockchain is the underlying technology behind Bitcoin
- **The Blockchain is NOT Bitcoin**

➤ The Blockchain is NOT Bitcoin  
recording & managing currency

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## Recap: How To Build A Block



- ❖ Receive the transaction broadcast
- ❖ Verify the crypto in the transaction
- ❖ Add it to the unconfirmed pool
- ❖ Do some hard maths on all the transactions in the pool (i.e. Mining)
- ❖ Broadcast the Block to the network
- ❖ The Block is added to the blockchain

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## Key Blockchain Concepts



- ❖ Public-private networks
- ❖ Trustless vs trusted
- ❖ Distributed network
- ❖ Consensus algorithms
- ❖ Immutability
- ❖ Blockchain: trustless, distributed (peer-based), consensus-driven, immutable

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## Blockchain 2.0 and Ethereum



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## Ethereum Overview



### Ethereum?

- Open source public Blockchain network
- Value token - Ether
- De-centralized Turing-complete Virtual Machine
- Smart contracts platform
- Execution requires payment - gas

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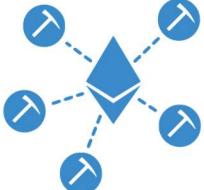
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## Blockchain - Ethereum



It provides a decentralized Turing-complete virtual machine, which can execute computer programs using a global network of nodes

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## Blockchain – Current Transactions per Second



Because of global validation (consensus), TPS rate for Blockchain is very slow. By comparison, Visa CC's can process ~ 24K TPS, and Facebook ~175K TPS !

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## Ethereum Smart Contract

### Smart Contract

Computer code, written in multiple languages

- Contract lives on the network
- Enforces rules
- Performs negotiated actions



1. Sends Ethers  
2. Widget received  
3. Widget shipped  
4. Holds Ethers in escrow  
5. Release funds to seller

Seller      Buyer

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## Ethereum Smart Contract

**How Does It Work?**

- Wallet for managing Ethers
- Smart contracts
- Decentralized Apps (DAPP)  
Interact with contracts on n/w  
Execution is not free

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## Ethereum Concepts

**Ethereum concepts**

Core Concepts

Ethereum?

Ethers (ETH)

Ethers Supply

EVM

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## Ethereum Overview

### Blocks and Chaining

Data added to the ledger CANNOT be updated or deleted

Index: 0  
Timestamp: ...  
Hash: Block 0  
PreviousHash: 0  
Data: ...

Index: 1  
Timestamp: ...  
Hash: hash\_1  
PreviousHash: hash\_0

Index: 2  
Timestamp: ...  
Hash: hash\_2  
PreviousHash: hash\_1

Block # 0      Block # 1      Block # 2

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## Ethers (ETH) Coin



### Ethers (ETH)

- Ethereum : Value token
- Denominations:

Unit	WeValue	Wei
wei	1 wei	1
Kwei(babbage)	1e3 wei	1,000
Mwei(lovellace)	1e6 wei	1,000,000
Gwei(shannon)	1e9 wei	1,000,000,000
microether (szabo)	1e12 wei	1,000,000,000,000
milliether (finney)	1e15 wei	1,000,000,000,000,000
ether	1e18 wei	1,000,000,000,000,000,000

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## ETH Valuations



Unit	WeValue	Wei
wei	1 wei	1
Kwei(babbage)	1e3 wei	1,000
Mwei(lovellace)	1e6 wei	1,000,000
Gwei(shannon)	1e9 wei	1,000,000,000
microether (szabo)	1e12 wei	1,000,000,000,000
milliether (finney)	1e15 wei	1,000,000,000,000,000
ether	1e18 wei	1,000,000,000,000,000,000

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## ETH Supply



### Ethers Supply

- Ether creation
  - Presale (2014): 60 Million
  - 12 Million created to fund the development
  - 5 Ethers created as reward for every block; roughly ~14 seconds
  - Sometimes 2-3 Ethers for non-winning miners (uncle rewards)
- Contract invocation – Users pay by Ethers
- Incentive for the miners

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## Ethereum EVM Software

### EVM

- An software that can execute Ethereum Bytecode
  - Follows the EVM specifications (Ethereum protocol)
  - Runs as a process on a computer/server

EVM implemented in multiple languages

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## Ethereum Gas

### Gas

- User invoking the transaction pays for the execution

Measures: kWh used  
Measures: Gallons of water used

Gas is the unit in which EVM resource usage is measured

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## Ethereum Gas

### Gas Calculation

Instructions: ADD, MUL, JMP, ...  
Execution  
Storage  
Fee paid by originator  
Type/Number of instructions  
Amount of storage

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## Ethereum Gas

### Opcodes & Gas

Gas cost	OPCODE	SLOWSTEP	FASTSTEP	EXTSTEP	MEMSTEP	BLOWSIZE	JUMPCOST	EXTCODESIZE	EXTCODECOPYBASE
	ADDRESS	2	4	4	4	4	8	10	20
	CREATE	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	CALLER	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	CALLDATACOPY	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	CALLDATASIZE	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	CALLDATASUB	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	CODECOPY	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	GASPRICE	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	CONBAND	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	TSLOAD	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	NUMBER	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	DIFFICULTY	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	GASLIMIT	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	OR	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	POP	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	PC	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	MSTORE	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	MSTORES	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	GAS	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	CALLDATACOPY	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	CODECOPY	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	NONE	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20
	MAXREDSLOTS	5	5	5	5	5	8	10	20

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## Ethereum Gas

### Fee Calculation

gasUsed = 

- Instructions executed (summed up gas)

gasPrice = 

- User specified in the transaction
- Miners decides the minimal acceptable price

Transaction Fee = gasUsed \* gasPrice



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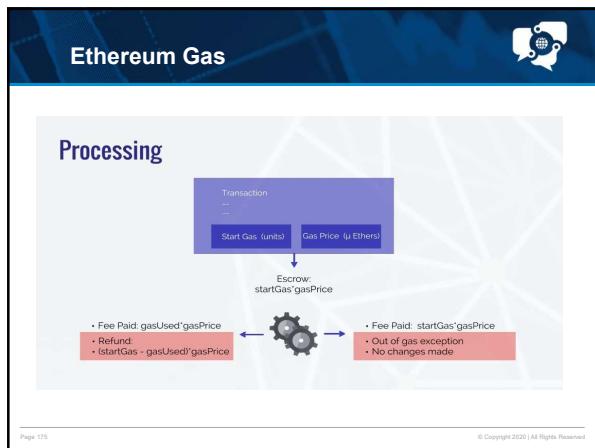
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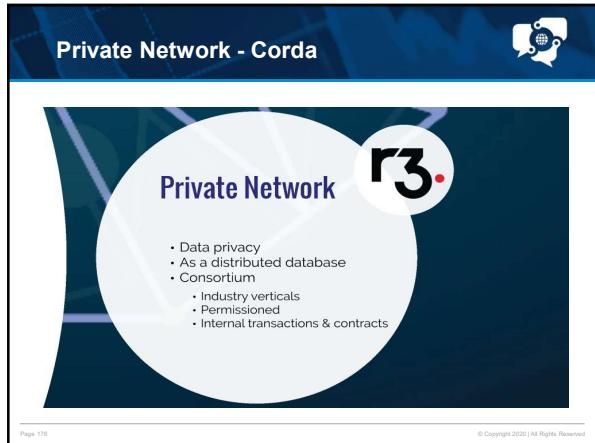
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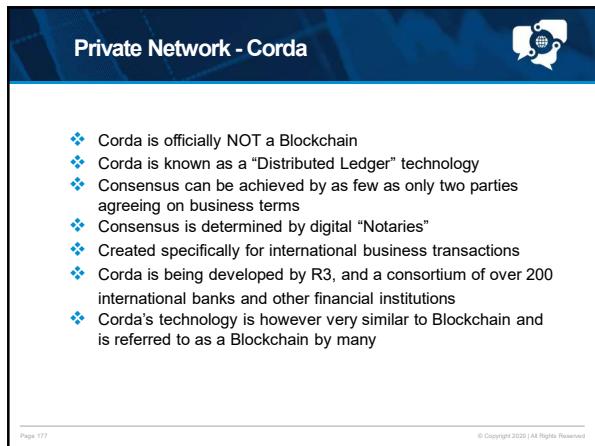
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## Blockchain Network Nodes

### The Nuts and Bolts of Blockchain

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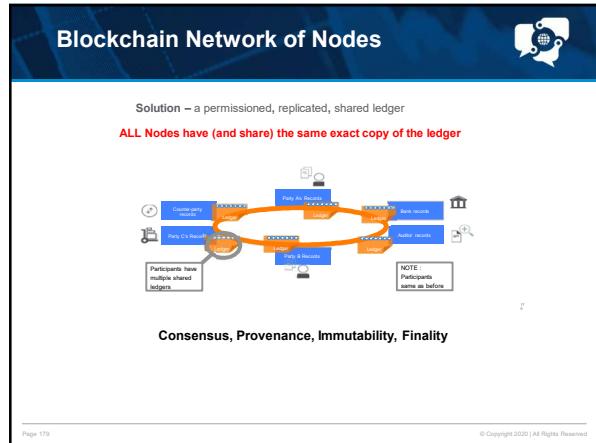
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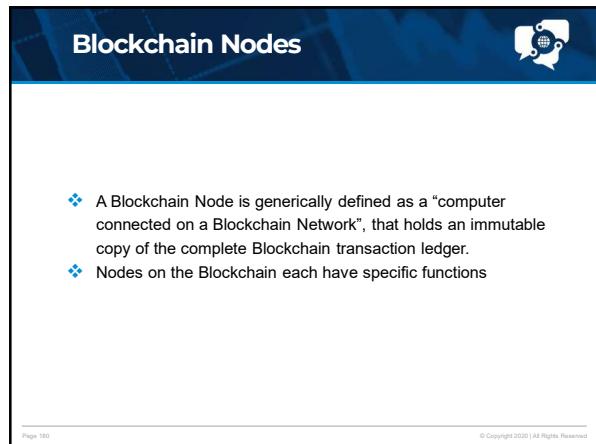
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## Blockchain Use Cases

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### Just a Few Use Cases



- ❖ Background checks: education credentials, criminal records
- ❖ Secure document storage: home deed, auto title
- ❖ Birth registries
- ❖ Land registries
- ❖ Financial services: securities clearing, syndicated loans
- ❖ Global supply chain: automotive recalls and counterfeit airbags
- ❖ Healthcare: EMRs, insurance claims, genome research
- ❖ Airlines: registration, re-booking, vouchers, loyalty
- ❖ Tokenized economy: Tech Coworking space 1 token = 1 seat
- ❖ Payment channels: Starbucks or for bandwidth consumption

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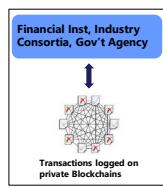
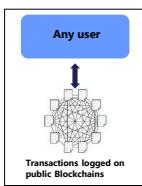
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### Public and Private Blockchains



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Public: open to anyone ("permissionless")<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Identity unknown, individuals<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Ex: Zcash zero-knowledge proofs</li></ul></li><li>❖ Open access</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Private: approved users ("permissioned")<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Identity known, enterprise<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Approved credentials</li></ul></li><li>❖ Controlled access</li></ul></li></ul> |
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**Blockchain Use Cases**

The Many Use Cases of Blockchain

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**Four General Classes of Applications**

Finance Trade and settle securities at a fraction of the time and cost.	Property Permanently record and access real-time property rights.	Contracts Self-enforcing contracts based on predefined conditions.	Identity Eliminate invasive identity practices via digital identities.
Money, Payments, Financial Clearing	Smart Property Cryptographic Asset Registries	Smart Contracts IP Registration	Identity Confirmation

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**Store Documents on the Blockchain**

- ❖ Store Auto Title, Home deed on the blockchain
- ❖ Storj (always-on, do not have login to Dropbox, Google Drive)
- ❖ Proof of Existence your Will
- ❖ Proof of Existence

**Submissions**  
Documents required for verification

Document Digest	Timestamp
0d6f11935372d8992a0ew=1el1c08k2i2507iu0ba2v57ef0d141b3c3d4	2017-12-21 01:29:02
2d1fc7edab75e02727cc0d2059fb4a4b4c2ca01f59a221bd077faaf7588	2017-12-20 22:48:32

**Certifications**  
Documents stored in the blockchain

Document Digest	Timestamp
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162a95e0551cb07f9866ac87976157a5-99965a2911a07ba3d6d93773a0e	2017-12-11 15:57:11

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## Background Checks

MIT Digital Certificates (diplomas); Criminal Records

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## Birth Registry

The Illinois Blockchain Initiative | evernym | ETHNews

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## Supply Chain Asset Tracking

- Controlled-use credentials issued to multiple parties in the value chain using single shared blockchain

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## Global Supply Chain

- ❖ Automotive Industry Recalls and Counterfeit Airbags
- ❖ Business case: 30% global airbags sold and installed are counterfeit
- ❖ Solution: Single shared process for airbag registration and lookup

Top 5 Causes of Q1 2015 Auto Recalls

Airbags 3.5MM units  
Electrical systems 2.5MM units  
Latches / Locks 2.0MM units  
Structure 9MM units  
Steering 4MM units

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## Automotive Gateway

Intelligent vehicle gateway  
Commercial driving

Mobile

Vehicle

Data Center

Data Storage and Processing

Data Services

Customer Access

Secured Zone

Legend: Secured Zone

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## Pharmaceuticals

- ❖ Consent
  - ❖ Smart Contracts in Managing E-Consent for Patient Privacy On and Off the Blockchain
- ❖ Clinical Trials
  - ❖ Patient "Life Ledger" Blockchain Platform for Clinical Trials
- ❖ Blockchain-based health data marketplaces
  - ❖ User-assembled, contributed, remunerated
  - ❖ Comprehensive data picture, data security and interoperability
- ❖ Regulation and Compliance
  - ❖ HL7 and CMS Meaningful Use : Health Level Seven International
  - ❖ 21st Century Cures Act (2016)
  - ❖ Any US service provider to share on-request electronically with patient CMS: meaningful use Stage 2: Jan 2019

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**Healthcare**

- ❖ Electronic Medical Records (EMRs)
  - ❖ Digital health wallet
    - ❖ Identity credentials + EMR + health insurance + payment information
- ❖ Health insurance claims
  - ❖ Automated claims billing, validation, payment, and settlement
  - ❖ Multi-party value chain: patient, service provider, billing agent, insurance company, payor, government, collections
- ❖ Genomic research
  - ❖ Files too large (20-40 Gb) for centralized research repositories
  - ❖ Need secure validated access



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**Financial Services**

- ❖ R3 Corda
- ❖ Ethereum Quorum
- ❖ IBM Hyperledger Fabric
- ❖ Ripple
- ❖ Symbiont

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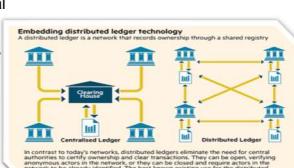
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**Financial Services**

- ❖ Clearing and Settlement
- ❖ Issuance, Ownership, and Transfer of Financial Instruments
- ❖ Servicing of Instruments
- ❖ Payments and Remittance
- ❖ KYC/AML Compliance
- ❖ Regulatory Reporting
- ❖ Audit and QA
- ❖ Back-office Reconciliation

**Embedding distributed ledger technology**

A distributed ledger is a network that records ownership through a shared registry.



In contrast to today's networks, distributed ledgers eliminate the need for central authorities to manage and verify the data. Instead, the data is stored across a network of nodes, which must agree on changes before they are made. This makes it more secure and efficient than traditional centralized systems.

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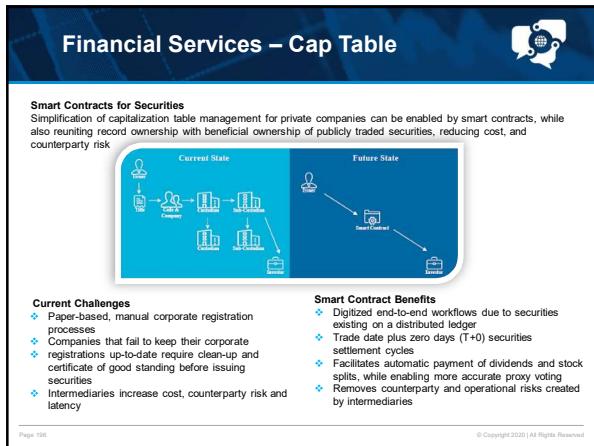
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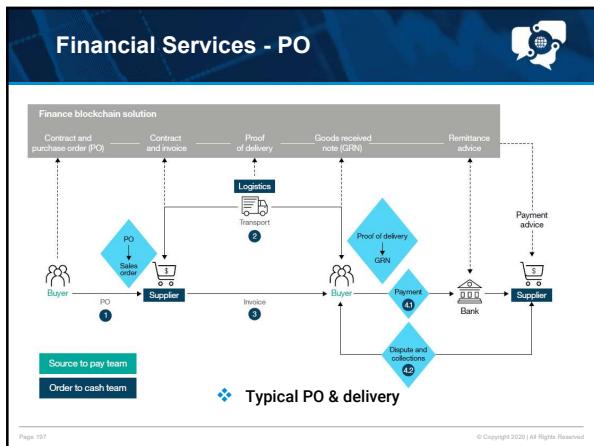
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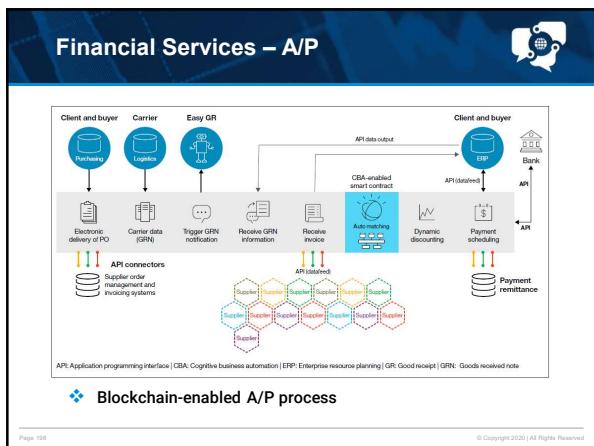
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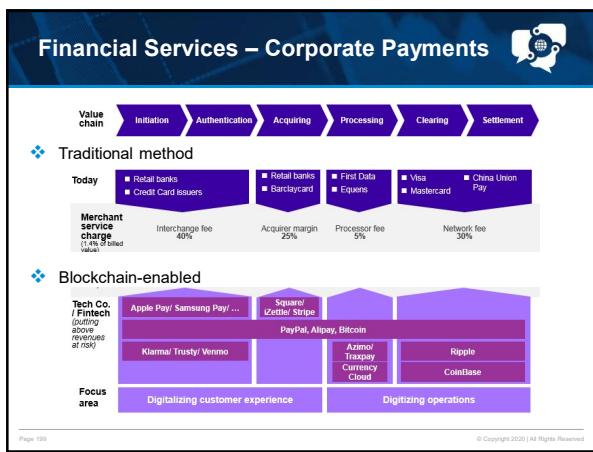
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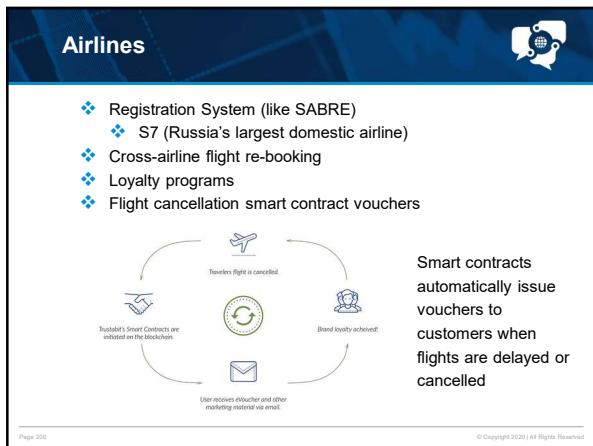
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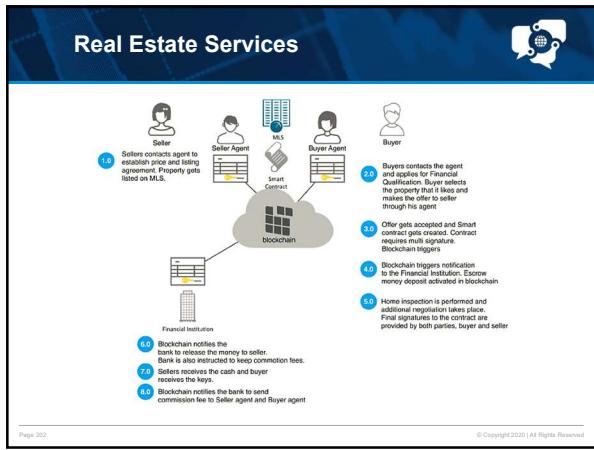
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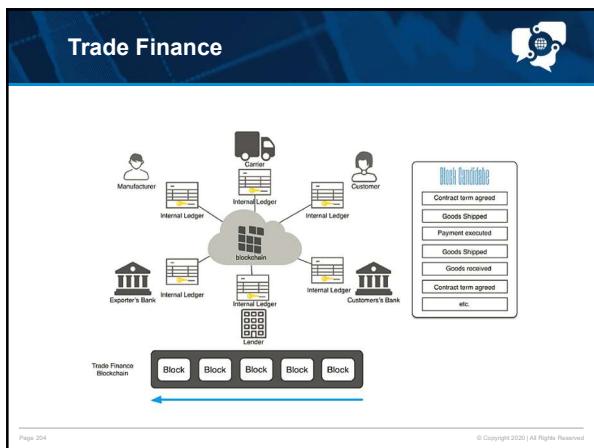
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## Trade Finance



- ❖ Transparency—improve credit rating, credit history and risk assessment procedure
- ❖ Immutability—No one can change the block (ledger entry) without consensus of participating parties
- ❖ Auditability—all history is maintained in the Blockchain
- ❖ Safety—as both buyer and seller are on the same infrastructure prevents fraudulent invoices and duplication of invoices.

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## Blockchain and Political Systems



- ❖ Elections and Voting
- ❖ Liquid Democracy / Delegative Democracy
  - ❖ Voters can transitively delegate their votes
- ❖ Futarchy and Voting Prediction Markets
  - ❖ 2-tier voting for project area and approach
- ❖ Participatory Budgeting
  - ❖ Residents collectively decide how to spend their local government's budget
- ❖ Self-directed Public Finance
  - ❖ \$500/\$1000 personal bond offerings (Neighbor.ly)
- ❖ Virtual Democracy
  - ❖ Instant elections among machine learning models of real voters to address the challenge of ethical decision making

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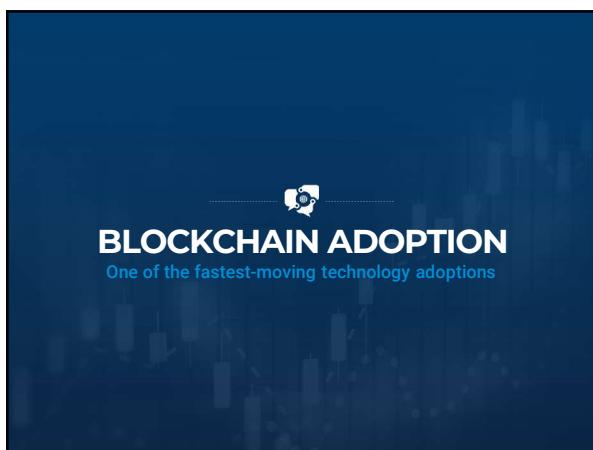
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**BLOCKCHAIN ADOPTION**  
One of the fastest-moving technology adoptions

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## Blockchain Adoption



- ❖ Blockchain (distributed ledger technology) is being considered by more than half of the world's big corporations, according to a Juniper market research survey released Jul 2017
- ❖ 57 percent of large corporations – defined as any company with more than 20,000 employees – were either actively considering or in the process of deploying blockchain
- ❖ Two-thirds of companies surveyed by Juniper said that they expected the technology to be integrated into their systems by the end of 2018
- ❖ IDC: \$2.1 billion estimated global blockchain spend 2018

Page 208 <https://www.cnbc.com/2017/07/31/blockchain-technology-considered-by-57-percent-of-big-corporations-study.html> © Copyright 2020 | All Rights Reserved

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## The Future of Blockchain



### BLOCKCHAIN FOR EVERY INDUSTRY



- ❖ Transforming Society
- ❖ Blockchain technology is bringing us the Internet of value: a new platform to reshape the world of business
- ❖ It transcends all physical and geographical barriers and uses math and cryptography to enable transactions globally.
- ❖ The uniqueness of blockchain lies in its capacity to store and retain person-to-person transactional history, so that chances of fraud, hacking, and third-party interference are eliminated.

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## CASH IS PEER TO PEER



Observations:

- ❖ No middleman required
- ❖ DIY Fraud detection
- ❖ Sufficient trust for the value of the transaction
- ❖ Anonymous/Private
- ❖ Distributed

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## ELECTRONIC MIDDLEMEN

**Observations:**

- ❖ Requires 3rd party trust
- ❖ The more complex the flow, the more middlemen required
- ❖ Specialized equipment needed (e.g. POS terminal, connection to Txn networks)
- ❖ Fraud detection by 3rd parties
- ❖ Every step adds cost

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## MIDDLEMEN ADDING VALUE

- ❖ Provision of infrastructure (Terminals, network connections, etc.)
- ❖ Management of commercial relationships between parties (Lots of lawyers)
- ❖ Abstraction of complexity
- ❖ Fraud detection
- ❖ Customer service
- ❖ Regulatory compliance KYC, AML, Risk reporting
- ❖ Removal of bad-actors from the ecosystem

Until now, this is the best way we've been able to achieve the goal of person-to-person transactions at a distance.

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## BLOCKCHAIN PAYMENT NETWORKS

- ❖ **Now:**
- ❖ Online banking transaction growth
- ❖ SME's/Retail acceptance of electronic transactions
- ❖ Online purchases/Commerce
- ❖ In-App purchases
- ❖ Virtual currencies in games
- ❖ International Transaction growth (Commerce and Remittance)
- ❖ Value storage cards (loyalty cards, ERP, gift cards, etc., etc.)
- ❖ **Future:**
- ❖ Internet of Things
- ❖ Autonomous Objects
- ❖ Programmable money/Finance automation

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## Existing Limitations of Transactions



- ❖ Cash is king...but only useful locally and small amounts
- ❖ Electronic transactions require Credit/Debit card
  - ❖ Fees are high for merchants (Fixed Fee + 1-3%)
    - ❖ Settlement is slow (multiple days)
    - ❖ Chargebacks shift risk to merchant
    - ❖ Micro-transactions are cost prohibitive
- ❖ Walled garden/in-country solutions are piecemeal
- ❖ International Transfers ITT/Swift
  - ❖ Slow, costly, mistake prone
- ❖ High onboarding costs/bureaucracy

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## BLOCKCHAIN PAYMENT NETWORKS



- ❖ **Solved:**
  - ❖ Return to Peer-to-Peer
  - ❖ Speed
  - ❖ Trustless trust
  - ❖ No special equipment needed
  - ❖ Fraud
  - ❖ Minimal Cost
  - ❖ No chargebacks
  - ❖ No monthly fees
  - ❖ Transparency
- ❖ **Ignored:**
  - ❖ Policing bad-actors
  - ❖ KYC/AML
  - ❖ Insurance
  - ❖ Onboarding process
  - ❖ Customer service
  - ❖ Commercial Relationships
- ❖ **Challenges:**
  - ❖ Technical Complexity
  - ❖ Regulatory Uncertainty
  - ❖ Getting the currency in the first place

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**Many Blockchains/Crypto currencies**



- ❖ It's easy to create your own, and there are many.



- ❖ Each is separate and runs its own blockchain
- ❖ The value transferred in each blockchain is primarily in its own cryptocurrency

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**PARALLELS TO THE INTERNET**



Blockchains today have been likened to the Internet in 90s.

- ❖ Only faster growing WW investment occurring!
- ❖ Touching a larger scope of business and society
- ❖ Exploiting Web 3.0 with unlimited uses (IoT)
- ❖ History doesn't repeat, but it rhymes: We expect similar...but
  - ❖ Faster path to maturity – continued expansion
  - ❖ Wider – Faster Adoption curve
  - ❖ Evolution of protocol and applications touching the lives of people previously unreached by the Internet

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**PARALLELS TO THE INTERNET**



Just as the internet 1.0 revolutionized access to information, Blockchain is doing the same to multiple industrial verticals:

- ❖ Finance and Commerce first
  - ❖ It's what Blockchain's purpose is
  - ❖ It's where the money is
  - ❖ Greatest opportunity to reduce business cost
- ❖ Non finance uses
  - ❖ Specialist Blockchains dedicated to one task
    - Typically tied to a cryptocurrency
  - ❖ Generalist Blockchains to be used as a 'platform'

Blockchain Technology is moving very fast – still a lot to learn and new opportunities on many levels, industries, services, and trade!!

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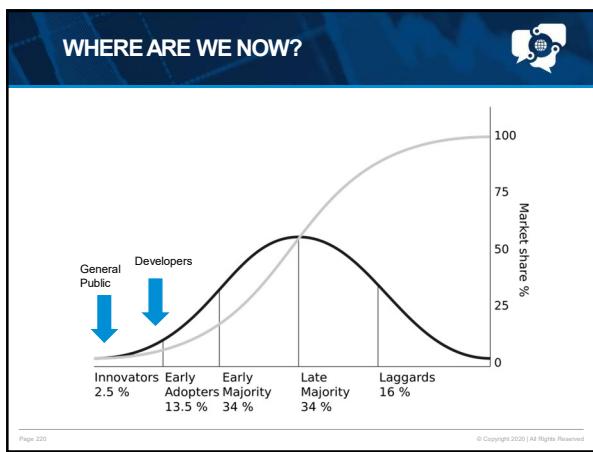
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- INVESTMENT INTO THE SECTOR**
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- ❖ Reid Hoffman (LinkedIn) Invested US\$20M in Blockstream Personally
  - ❖ Sir Richard Branson backed BitPay (Exchange) in a US\$30 Million Round
  - ❖ Circle (Exchange) raised US\$50 Million - led by Goldman Sachs
  - ❖ NYSE led a US\$75 Million Investment in Coinbase (Exchange)
  - ❖ Large BaaS (Blockchain as a Service) investments by IBM, SAP, Cisco, AWS (2017 -2018)
  - ❖ Billions more invested in 2017 & 2018 by Intl. Banks, corporations.
  - ❖ Blockchain investments are extending to the underdeveloped countries and underbanked areas of the world quickly, providing a way to do personal business, as well as commerce.
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- EVOLUTION OF THE NETWORKS**
- 
- Blockchain 2.0 is currently in a alpha-beta state but is evolving very rapidly and introducing turing-complete functionality
- ❖ Ethereum and Codius introduce autonomous applications (recently used by IBM at the core of their new IoT platform - ADEPT)
  - ❖ Curated blockchains, Private access/Hybrid blockchains, entry/exit points are known & regulated
    - ❖ Ripple
    - ❖ Tembusu
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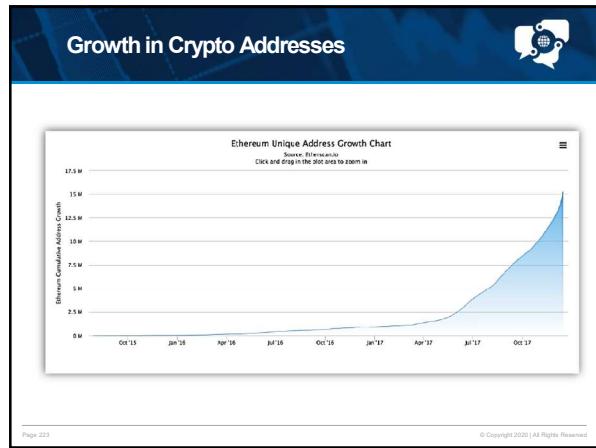
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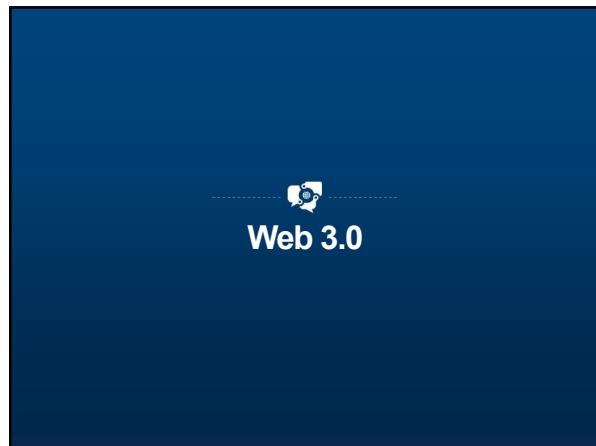
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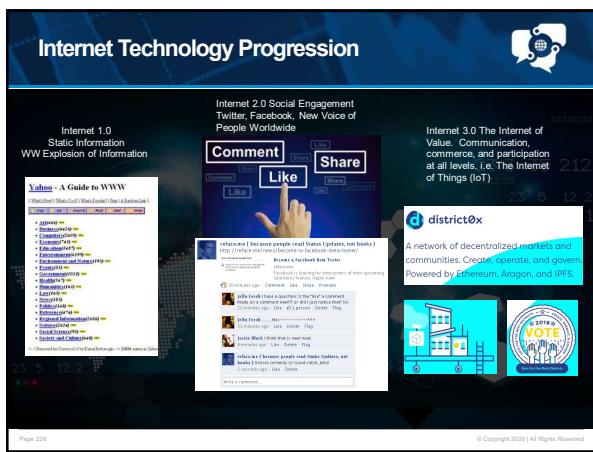
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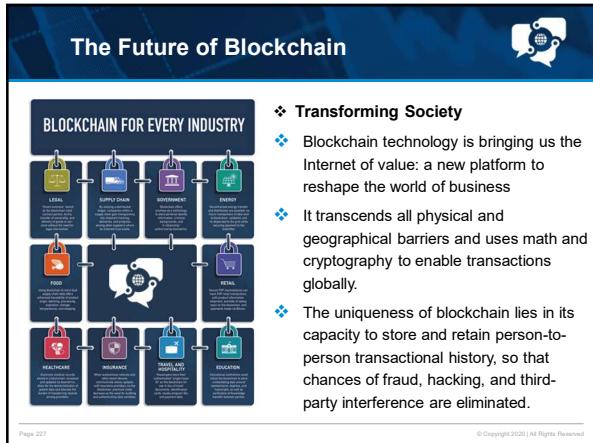
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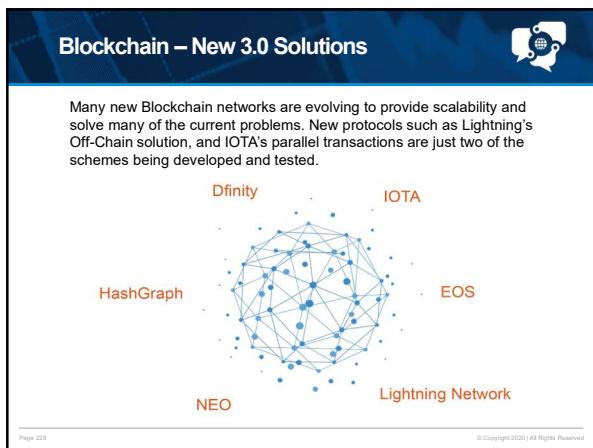
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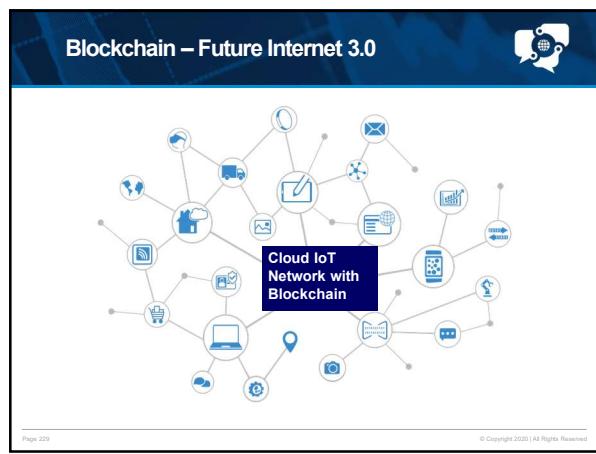
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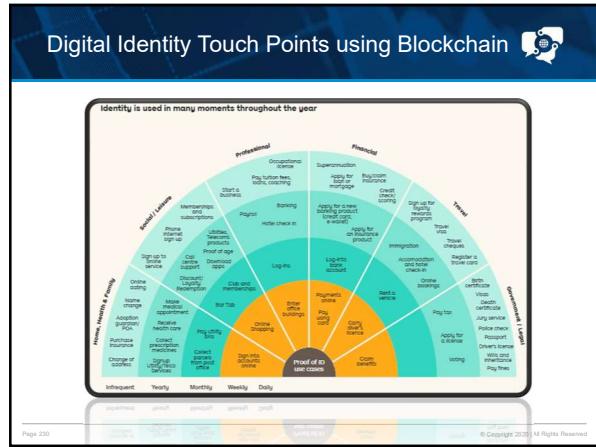
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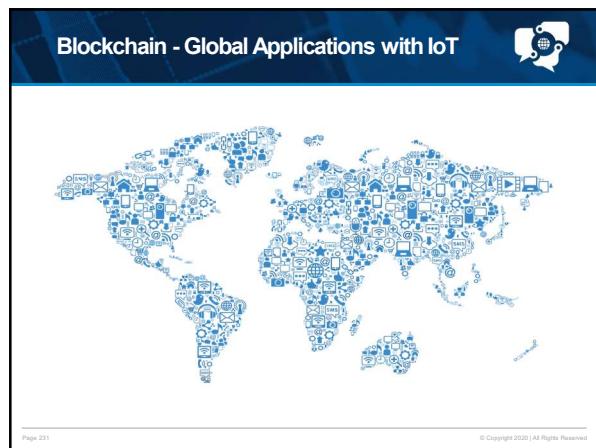
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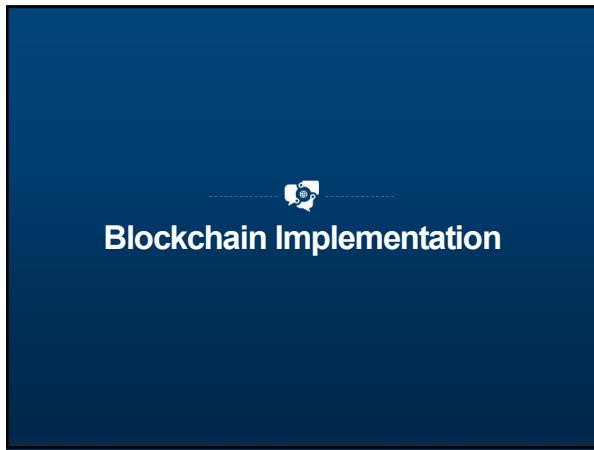
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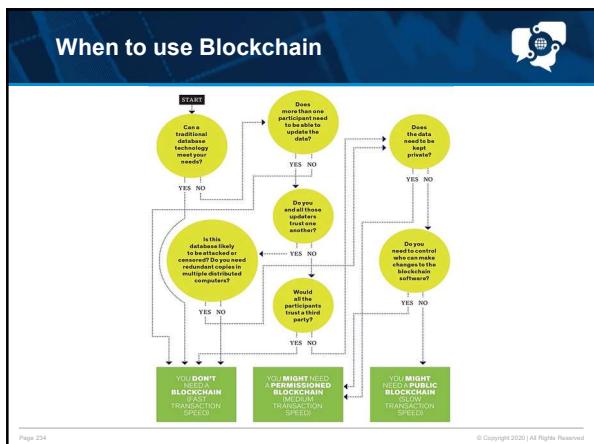
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Top 5 Blockchain Platform Features					
	Ethereum	Hyperledger Fabric	R3 Corda	Ripple	Quorum
Industry-focus	Cross-industry	Cross-industry	Financial Services	Financial Services	Cross-industry
Governance	Ethereum developers	Linux Foundation	R3 Consortium	Ripple Labs	Ethereum developers & JP Morgan Chase
Ledger type	Permissionless	Permissioned	Permissioned	Permissioned	Permissioned
Cryptocurrency	Ether (ETH)	None	None	Ripple (XRP)	None
% providers with experience <sup>1</sup>	93%	93%	60%	33%	27%
% share of engagements <sup>2</sup>	52%	12%	13%	4%	10%
Coin Market Cap <sup>3</sup>	\$91.5 B (18%)	Not applicable	Not Applicable	\$43.9 B (9%)	Not Applicable
Consensus algorithm	Proof of Work (PoW)	Pluggable framework	Pluggable framework	probabilistic voting	Majority voting
Smart contract functionality	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

1. Based on responses from 13 leading blockchain service providers.  
2. Based on a random sample of set of 50 enterprise blockchain engagements across multiple industries.  
3. Coinmarketcap.com as of Feb 20, 2018, 6:20 PM UTC

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## When to use Blockchain



- ❖ Database?
  - ❖ Centralized
  - ❖ Decentralized
- ❖ Secure network transfer?
  - ❖ # parties, frequency
  - ❖ Information
  - ❖ Money (value)
- ❖ Business process automation?
  - ❖ QA/Compliance/Audit
  - ❖ Always-available information
  - ❖ Data sovereignty

**Use Case Example: Factom: Health insurance claims billing**

- Automated claims billing, validation, payment, and settlement
- Multi-party value chain: patient, service provider, billing agent, insurance company, payor, government, collections

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## When to use Blockchain



- ❖ Key question: Why is using a blockchain better than a central database?
  - ❖ Still need to secure the endpoints (use cases break down)
- ❖ Next-gen EDI/VPM in multi-party business networks
  - ❖ Many network points of information and money exchange
  - ❖ Information where having a single shared set of trusted information would help in value chain ecosystem?
- ❖ Trade-offs and hybrid networks
  - ❖ Centralized systems: fast, scalable, adaptable, manage complexity; Blockchain: open-ended, whatever can be secured

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## Requirements Definition



- ❖ Where would having a single shared set of trusted information help in value chain ecosystem?
- ❖ Blockchain is a single shared database of information and transactions between parties in a value chain
- ❖ What are obvious ways to deliver customer value?
  - ❖ Financial: What is the cost of transactions/information transfer now? What is the business case for moving to a blockchain solution?
  - ❖ QA Regulation/Compliance: audit-log demonstrates compliance; assures chain of custody

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## Next Steps



- ❖ Identify 2-3 Blockchain use cases that would address your business requirements
- ❖ Design and Implement Pilot Project
- ❖ Deployment Strategy
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