

A Complete Guide to Solana Development for Ethereum Developers

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In this article, we dive into the key differences between developing on Ethereum and Solana, guiding you through how to build on Solana. Coming from Ethereum, Solana will look and feel much different and have a diverse toolset to use as you develop. This article will arm you with all the tools necessary to build on Solana from an Ethereum background.

What makes Solana different from Ethereum?

Account Model

When developing on Solana, the most significant difference you will run into is the account model design. It is helpful to understand why Solana's account model was designed differently. Unlike Ethereum, Solana is designed to take advantage of the multiple cores in high-end machines. There is a trend in computing resources where the amount of available cores increases over time and becomes cheaper for people to purchase. Considering this, the account model is designed to leverage multiple cores, creating a system that parallelizes the transactions with each other. This parallelization creates further optimizations, such as local fee markets and faster throughput, which we will explore later.

So what is meant by the “account model”? On Solana, accounts are like objects containing some arbitrary data and specific rules for modification. Everything is an account on Solana, including smart contracts. Like Ethereum, each account has an address identifier to help locate an account. However, unlike Ethereum, where each smart contract is an account with the execution logic and storage tied together, Solana's smart contracts are entirely stateless.

Smart contracts on Solana carry no state of their own and must have the state passed to them to execute or illustrate this, let's take a look at two smart contracts for a counter, one in Solidity on Ethereum and one using Rust on Solana.

Ethereum Counter Smart Contract

```
solidity
contract Counter {
    int private count = 0;
    function incrementCounter() public
    { count += 1;
    }
    function getCount() public constant returns (int) {
        return count;
    }
}
```

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```
    }  
}
```

Solana Counter Program

```
#[program]  
  
pub mod counter_anchor {  
    use super::*;

    pub fn initialize_counter(_ctx: Context<InitializeCounter>) -> Result<()> {  
        Ok(())  
    }

    pub fn increment(ctx: Context<Increment>) -> Result<()> {  
        ctx.accounts.counter.count = ctx.accounts.counter.count.checked_add(1).unwrap();  
        Ok(())  
    }
}

#[derive(Accounts)]  
  
pub struct InitializeCounter<'info> {  
    #[account(mut)]  
    pub payer: Signer<'info>,  
    #[account(  
        init,  
        space = 8 + Counter::INIT_SPACE,  
        payer = payer  
    )]  
    pub counter: Account<'info, Counter>,  
    pub system_program: Program<'info, System>,  
}  
  
#[derive(Accounts)]  
  
pub struct Increment<'info> {  
    #[account(mut)]  
    pub counter: Account<'info, Counter>,  
}

#[account]
```

```
#[derive(InitSpace)]  
pub struct Counter {  
    count: u64,  
}
```

rust

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```
#[program]  
  
pub mod counter_anchor {  
  
    use super::*;

    pub fn initialize_counter(_ctx: Context<InitializeCounter>) -> Result<()> {
        Ok(())
    }

    pub fn increment(ctx: Context<Increment>) -> Result<()> {
        ctx.accounts.counter.count = ctx.accounts.counter.count.checked_add(1).unwrap();
        Ok(())
    }
}  
  
#[derive(Accounts)]  
  
pub struct InitializeCounter<'info> {  
  
    #[account(mut)]  
  
    pub payer: Signer<'info>,  
  
    #[account(  
        init,  
  
        space = 8 + Counter::INIT_SPACE,  
    )]
```

```
payer = payer

)]

pub counter: Account<'info, Counter>,

pub system_program: Program<'info, System>,

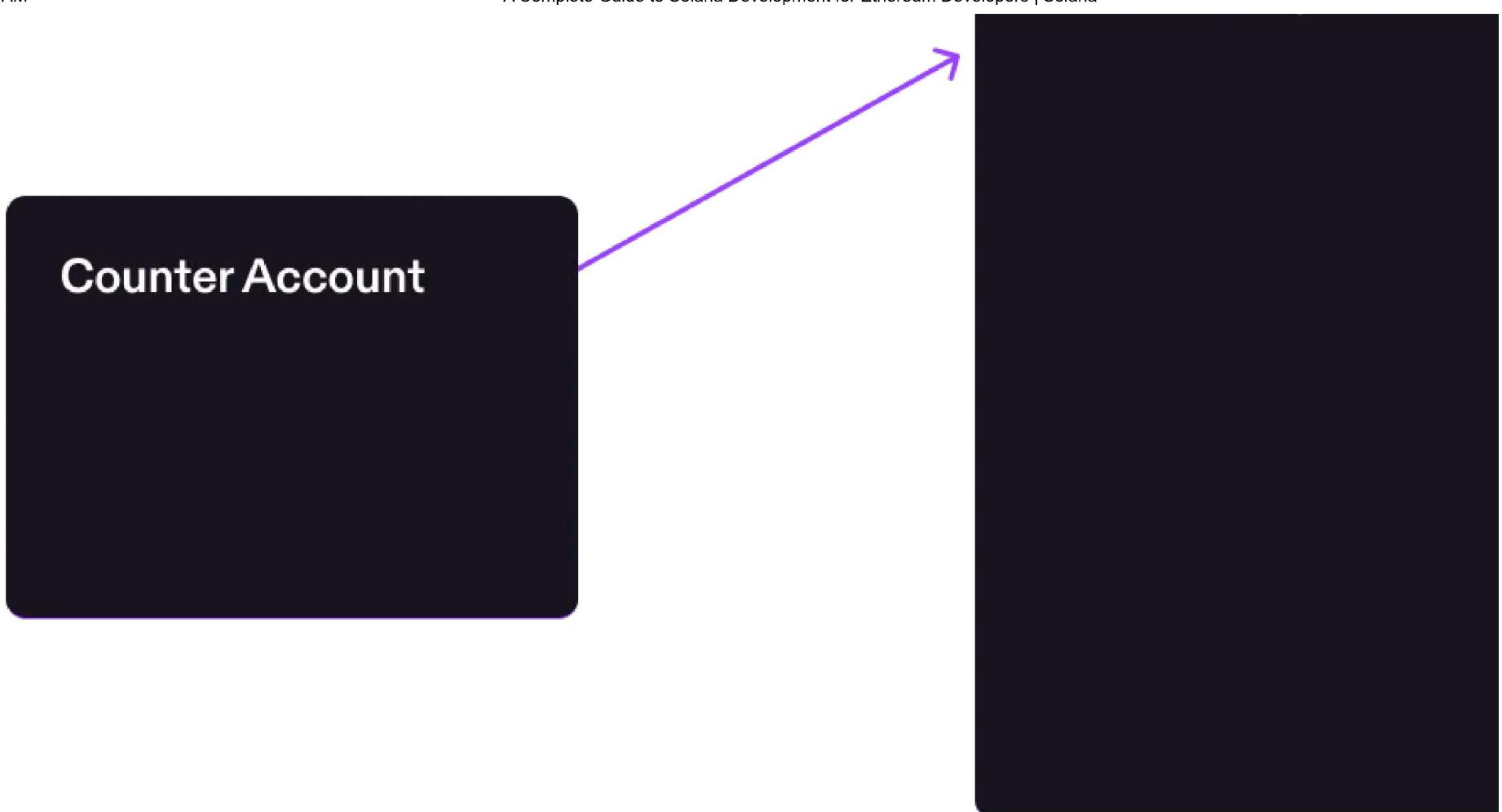
}

#[derive(Accounts)]  
  
pub struct Increment<'info> {  
  
    #[account(mut)]  
  
    pub counter: Account<'info, Counter>,  
  
}  
  
#[account]  
  
#[derive(InitSpace)]  
  
pub struct Counter {  
  
    count: u64,  
  
}
```

While in Solidity, you have `int private count = 0;`, you have a function within the Rust smart contract called `initialize_counter`. This initial counter creates an account with a `count` of 0, which you then can pass this account to `increment` to add to the `count`. This is not to have state within the smart contract itself.

There are separate accounts that store the data outside of the program. To execute the logic in a program, you would pass the account you want to perform on. In the case of this `counter` program, you pass a `counter` account to the program when calling the `increment` function, and the program will increment the value in the `counter` account.

Counter Program

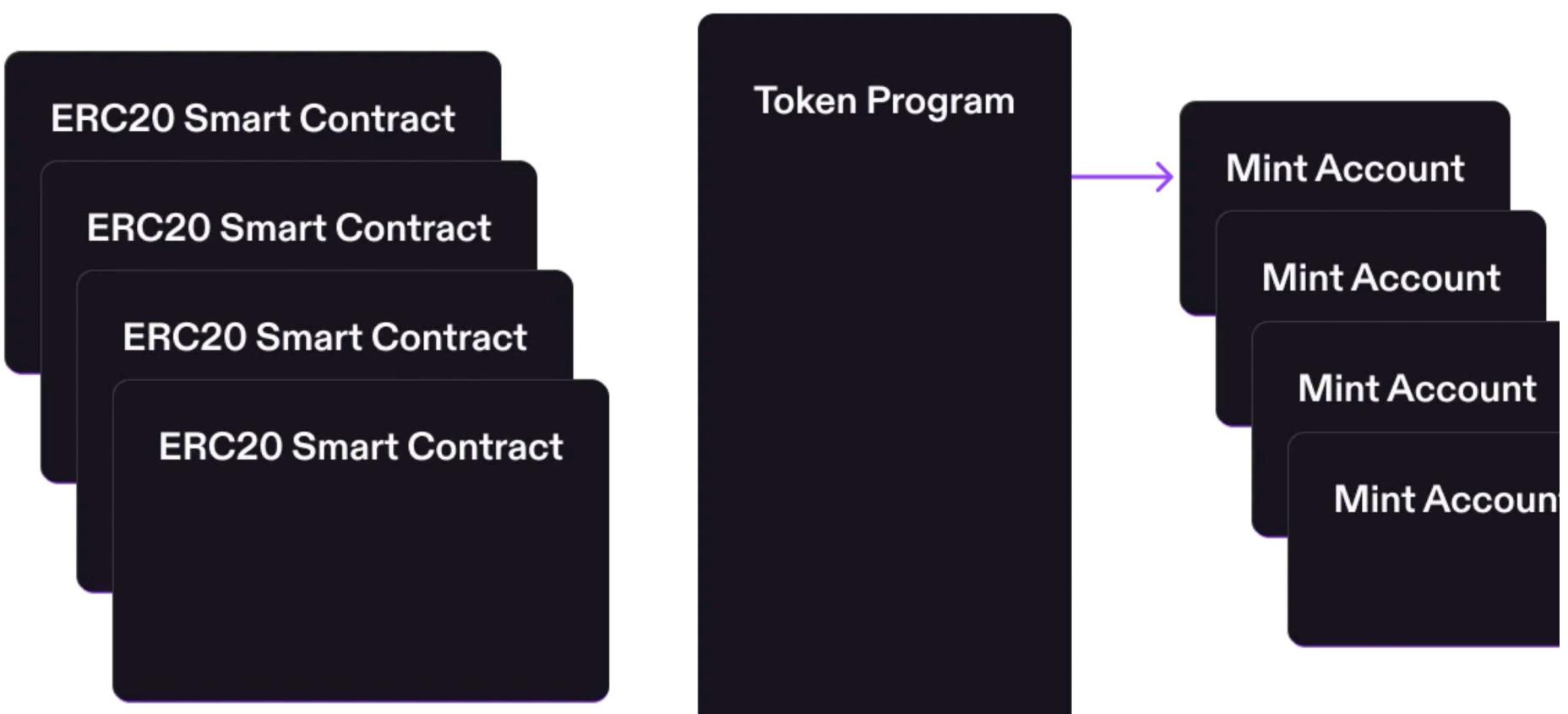


What are the benefits of the Solana Account Model?

One of the most significant benefits of the Solana Account Model is program reusability.

Take ERC20 for example. ERC20 defines an interface specification on Ethereum for tokens. Every time someone wants to make a new token, the developer will have to redeploy the ERC20 smart contract onto Ethereum with specified values, incurring the high cost of the redeployment.

Solana is different. You do not have to redeploy another smart contract onto the blockchain when creating new tokens. Instead, you create a new account, known as the mint account, off of the Solana Token Program, where the account defines a set of values to give the number of tokens in circulation, decimal points, who can mint more tokens, and who can freeze tokens.



You do not need to write any Rust or smart contracts to deploy a new token on Solana. Send a transaction to Token Program to create a new token in your language of choice, and the token will then appear in your wallet. With the Solana Program Library CLI, you can do this in a single command:

```
$ spl-token create-token
```

Local Fee Markets

Another fortunate side effect of having the Solana account model is the ability to model fees based on state contention. As mentioned earlier, transactions can be executed in parallel. However, they are only executed in parallel based on what accounts are being written to. For example, let's say there is a popular NFT mint going on Solana. Typically, this popularity would increase the prices for everyone using the chain, but instead, everyone participating in the NFT mint is unaffected.

As the name suggests, fee markets are local per account. If you're sending a transfer of USDC to someone while everyone else is minting the hottest new NFT, you will be unaffected and continue paying the low fee you're used to on Solana. This works with any application in Solana, avoiding the common global fee market you're used to.



How do fees work on Solana?

Fees on Solana are broken up into a few categories: Base Fee, Priority Fee, and Rent.

The Base Fee can be calculated based on the number of signatures in a transaction. Each signature costs 5 lamports ($0.000000001 \text{ sol} = 1 \text{ lamport}$). If your transaction requires 5 signatures, the base fee would be 25C lamports. This base fee adds economic backpressure to the cluster's signature verification, which is one of the more compute-intensive actions. Half of the base fees are burnt, and half are rewarded to the validators.

The Priority Fee is an optional fee that anyone can add to a transaction to give priority over other transactions executing at the same time. Priority fee is measured based on the amount of compute units used in a transaction. Compute units are similar to Gas on Ethereum, a simple measurement of computing resources required for a transaction. Like Ethereum, the priority of your transaction is calculated based on the product of the compute unit price and the compute units used, or `priority fee = compute units * compute unit price`. Like base fees, half of priority fees are burnt, and half are rewarded to the validators.

The final fee, Rent, is more of a deposit than a fee. When you create accounts or allocate space on the network, you must deposit some SOL for the network to keep your account. Rent is calculated based on the number of bytes stored on the network, and an additional base fee is charged for allocating space. It is important to note that Rent fees are not lost; they can be collected if you close the account and allow the allocated space to be recollected by the cluster.

How do transactions work on Solana?

With each fee being paid when executing a transaction, it is good to understand how transactions work. A transaction consists of four parts:

- one or more instructions
- an array of accounts to read or write from

- one or more signatures
- recent blockhash or nonce

An **instruction** is the smallest execution logic on Solana. Instructions are a call to update the global Solana state. Instructions invoke programs that make calls to the Solana runtime to update the state (for example, calling the token program to transfer tokens from your account to another account). You can think of an instruction like a function call on an Ethereum smart contract.

A significant difference between Ethereum and Solana is the number of function calls in a single transaction versus the number of instructions. Having multiple instructions per transaction benefits developers as they do not have to create custom smart contracts to chain functions in a single transaction. Each instruction can be a separate function call, done in order in the transaction. Transactions are atomic, meaning if any of these instructions fails, the whole transaction will fail, and you will only pay the transaction fee. This is like failing a transaction due to not setting the correct slippage on Ethereum.

Another key difference to remember would be the use of a recent blockhash instead of an incremental nonce for transactions. When a wallet wants to make a transaction, a recent blockhash will be pulled from the cluster to create a valid transaction. This recent blockhash only makes the transaction valid for 150 blocks after the recent blockhash was retrieved. This prevents long-living transaction signatures from being executed at a much later date.

What are the limitations of transactions on Solana?

Like Ethereum gas limitations, there are specific compute unit limitations on transactions for Solana. Each limitation can be found below:

	Ethereum	Solana
Single Transaction Compute Cap	30,000,000	1,400,000 Compute Units
Block Compute Cap	30,000,000 Gas	48,000,000 Compute Units

Solana has a **few additional caps** placed on transactions. Each account referenced may be at most 12,000,000 compute units used per block. This cap prevents people from write-locking a single account too many times in a single block, further preventing the local fee markets from being overrun by one account.

Another limit on transactions is the depth of instruction calls you can make in a single instruction. This limit is currently set to 4, meaning you can only call instructions at a depth of 4 before the transaction would revert. This makes re-entrancy issues nonexistent on Solana compared to something you'd have to worry about on Ethereum.

Where is the Mempool?

Unlike Ethereum, Mempools don't exist on Solana. Solana validators forward transactions to up to the following four leaders on the leader schedule. While Solana doesn't have a mempool, it still has priority fees to help organize transactions. Not having a mempool forces the transactions to hop from leader to leader until blockhash expiration, but it reduces the overhead of gossip communicating the mempool across the cluster.

Where can I find smart contract code?

In the EVM world, most are familiar with finding smart contract code on Etherscan when viewing the smart contract address. However, viewing smart contract code on an explorer in the Solana ecosystem is relatively new and needs to be established compared to EVM standards. At the time of writing, [Solana.fm](#) is the only explorer that supports viewing smart contract code based on [verifiable builds](#).

You can find the smart contract code by visiting a smart contract address in the explorer. For example, going to the [Phoenix smart contract](#), you can find the smart contract's code [under the verification tab](#). From here, you can analyze the code and understand if the smart contract is something you want to interact with.

What are the differences in the developer environment?

Programming languages

Ethereum/EVM developers primarily use Solidity to write smart contracts, while Solana/SVM developers use Rust. There is a framework called the [Anchor framework](#) that allows you to build in Rust with many of the tools you are familiar with from EVM, but it is still Rust. If you want to stick with Solidity while building on Solana, a project named [Neon](#) enables using Solidity. Neon comes with many of the tools you are familiar with, such as using Foundry or Hardhat during development. Using Neon may get you up and running faster, building on Solana, but you would need more composability outside of the Neon ecosystem with other Solana projects.

Like Ethereum, on the client side, you can find comparable SDKs for all your favorite programming language on Solana.

Language	SDK
Javascript	solana/web3.js
Rust	solana_sdk
Python	solana-py
Java	solanaj
C++	solcpp
C#	Solnet
GoLang	solana-go

Where are the tools I'm familiar with from EVM?

As you migrate from EVM to building on Solana, you may be looking for the tools you are familiar with. Currently the Solana ecosystem does not have tooling equal to Foundry but has a decent amount of other equivalents for the tools you are used to.

Tool	Solana Equivalent
HardHat	Solana Test Validator
Brownie	Program-test , BankRun.js
Ethers, Wagmi	@solana/web.js

Tool	Solana Equivalent
Remix	Solana Playground
ABI	Anchor Framework's IDL
Etherscan	SolanaFM , XRay
scaffold-eth	create-solana-dapp

What's different with smart contract development?

There are several things to take note of when you are building programs on Solana or migrating your Ethereum smart contract over.

For example, if you are looking for mapping like you are used to using on Ethereum smart contracts, this type does not directly exist on Solana. Instead, you use program-derived addresses, or PDA for short. Like mapping program-derived addresses can give you the ability to create a map from a key or account to a value stored on chain. The way you map is different from that of Ethereum.

Let's say you want to map user accounts to their balance on-chain. In Solidity, you do something like the following:

```
mapping(address => uint) public balances;
```

With program derived addresses, you instead have to do the following:

Client:

```
const [BALANCE_PDA] = await anchor.web3.PublicKey.findProgramAddress(
  [Buffer.from("BALANCE"), pg.wallet.publicKey.toBuffer()],
  pg.program.programId
);
```

Program:

```
#[derive(Accounts)]
#[instruction(restaurant: String)]
pub struct BalanceAccounts<'info> {
    #[account(
        init_if_needed,
        payer = signer,
        space = 500,
        seeds = [balance.as_bytes().as_ref(), signer.key().as_ref()],
        bump
    )]
    pub balance: Account<'info, BalanceAccount>,
```

```

#[account(mut)]
pub signer: Signer<'info>,
pub system_program: Program<'info, System>,
}

#[account]
pub struct BalanceAccount {
    pub balance: u8
}

```

The map's key is derived from the combination of the "balance" string and the signer's public key, while the program derived address provides the location to look up the map's value. Program derived addresses have functionality than just providing a map; we can [learn about that later](#).

In Solidity, the ability to upgrade your smart contracts using proxy contracts has become the norm. On Solar programs are default upgradable without any special work involved. Each smart contract can be upgraded by CLI command `solana program deploy <program_filepath>`. While programs are default upgradable, you can still demote their status to immutable with `solana program set-upgrade-authority <program_address> --final`. Once immutable, the program will be flagged as not upgradable on the explorers.

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A common thing you do when writing a solidity smart contract is check for either `msg.sender` or `tx.origin`. There isn't an equivalent on Solana because each transaction can have multiple signers. Also the person sending the transaction is not necessarily the one who signed the transaction because you have someone else pay for your transactions.

Let's take a look at this basic Solana Program:

```

#[program]
pub mod gettingSigners {
    use super::*;

    pub fn initialize(ctx: Context<Initialize>) -> Result<()> {
        let the_signer: &mut Signer = &mut ctx.accounts.the_signer;

        msg!("The signer: {:?}", *the_signer.key);

        Ok(())
    }
}

#[derive(Accounts)]
pub struct Initialize<'info> {

```

```
#[account(mut)]
pub the_signer: Signer<'info>,
}
```

This will output a signer of the transaction as part of your program logs. As mentioned before, you can have multiple signers:

```
#[program]
pub mod gettingSigners {
    use super::*;

    pub fn initialize(ctx: Context<Initialize>) -> Result<()> {
        let the_signer: &mut Signer = &mut ctx.accounts.first_signer;

        msg!("The signer: {:?}", *the_signer.key);

        Ok(())
    }
}

#[derive(Accounts)]
pub struct Initialize<'info> {
    #[account(mut)]
    pub first_signer: Signer<'info>,
    pub second_signer: Signer<'info>,
}
```

The above example shows that this specific program has multiple signers, `first_signer` and `second_signer`. You cannot necessarily tell which one is the payer, but we know both have signed the transaction. You can learn about [getting signers on Rareskills](#).

How do I build my EVM project on Solana?

Let's take a simple project built in Solidity and go through the process of building the same project on Solana. A common first project you run into is a voting project. The Solidity smart contract would look like this:

```
pragma solidity ^0.6.4;

contract Voting {
    mapping (bytes32 => uint256) public votesReceived;
    bytes32[] public candidateList;

    constructor(bytes32[] memory candidateNames) public {
```

```

candidateList = candidateNames;

}

function voteForCandidate(bytes32 candidate) public {
    require(validCandidate(candidate));
    votesReceived[candidate] += 1;
}

function totalVotesFor(bytes32 candidate) view public returns (uint256) {
    require(validCandidate(candidate));
    return votesReceived[candidate];
}

function validCandidate(bytes32 candidate) view public returns (bool) {
    for(uint i = 0; i < candidateList.length; i++) {
        if (candidateList[i] == candidate) {
            return true;
        }
    }
    return false;
}
}

```

We quickly noticed a few things that were not available in Solana programs. View functions and **mapping** need to be done differently. Let's start building this program on Solana!

Let's create our very basic Solana program shell:

```

use anchor_lang::prelude::*;

declare_id!("6voY4gV7kzuGr4hE2xjZnkdagFGNhEe8WonZ8UtdPWig");

#[program]
pub mod voting {
    use super::*;

    pub fn init_candidate(ctx: Context<InitializeCandidate>) -> Result<()> {
        Ok(())
    }

    pub fn vote_for_candidate(ctx: Context<VoteCandidate>) -> Result<()> {

```

```

    Ok(())
}

}

#[derive(Accounts)]
pub struct InitializeCandidate{}


#[derive(Accounts)]
pub struct VoteCandidate{}
```

We have two functions in our voting program, `init_candidate` and `vote_for_candidate`. The `init_candidate` function maps directly to our constructor in the Solidity smart contract, while `vote_for_candidate` maps one-one with `voteForCandidate` in Solidity.

One problem with `init_candidate` today is that it can be called by anyone permissionless, unlike the constructor in Solidity only being called by the contract deployer. To solve this, we will employ a similar feature to `onlyOwner` from Solidity. We set a specific address on the Solana program that is the only one that can execute the instruction.

Let's say our publicKey is `8os8PKYmeVjU1mmwHZZNTEv5hpBXi5VvEKGzykduZAik`. By adding a reference to this publicKey in the Solana program and requiring the signer to match, we effectively emulate both `onlyOwner` and the constructor.

```

use anchor_lang::prelude::*;

declare_id!("6voY4gV7kzuGr4hE2xjZnkdagFGNhEe8WonZ8UtdPWig");

const OWNER: &str = "8os8PKYmeVjU1mmwHZZNTEv5hpBXi5VvEKGzykduZAik";

#[program]
pub mod voting {
    use super::*;

    #[access_control(check(&ctx))]
    pub fn init_candidate(ctx: Context<InitializeCandidate>) -> Result<()> {
        Ok(())
    }

    pub fn vote_for_candidate(ctx: Context<VoteCandidate>) -> Result<()> {
        Ok(())
    }
}
```

```

#[derive(Accounts)]
pub struct InitializeCandidate<'info> {
    #[account(mut)]
    pub payer: Signer<'info>,
}

#[derive(Accounts)]
pub struct VoteCandidate {}

fn check(ctx: &Context<InitializeCandidate>) -> Result<()> {
    // Check if signer === owner
    require_keys_eq!(
        ctx.accounts.payer.key(),
        OWNER.parse::<Pubkey>().unwrap(),
        OnlyOwnerError::NotOwner
    );
    Ok(())
}

#[error_code]
pub enum OnlyOwnerError {
    #[msg("Only owner can call this function!")]
    NotOwner,
}

```

We added an access control function `check` that will check if the signer of `init_candidate` matches the address listed in the smart contract. If the signer does not match, the `OnlyOwnerError` will be thrown, and the transaction will fail.

Let's move on to the next bit in the Solidity smart contract, `candidateList` and `votesReceived`. While you can use a `Vec` in a Solana program similar to `bytes32[]`, managing the payments for changing the size can be a little hassle. Instead, we will utilize Program Derived Addresses given specific candidate name, with the value for that address being the `votesReceived` by the candidate.

To use Program Derived Accounts in a Solana Program, you use `seeds` and `bump` in the account. First, let's create the account to track `votesReceived`.

```

#[account]
#[derive(InitSpace)]
pub struct Candidate {
    pub votes_received: u8,
}

```

}

`#[account]` denotes the struct as a Solana account, while the `#[derive(InitSpace)]` is a useful macro for calculating the space required to allocate for `Candidate`. The `votes_received` can hold a count just like `votesReceived` in the Solidity smart contract.

Expanding the `InitializeCandidate` and `VoteCandidate`, we get the following:

```

#[derive(Accounts)]
#[instruction(_candidate_Name: String)]
pub struct InitializeCandidate<'info> {
    #[account(mut)]
    pub payer: Signer<'info>,
    #[account(
        init,
        space = 8 + Candidate::INIT_SPACE,
        payer = payer,
        seeds = [_candidate_Name.as_bytes().as_ref()],
        bump,
    )]
    pub candidate: Account<'info, Candidate>,
    pub system_program: Program<'info, System>,
}

#[derive(Accounts)]
#[instruction(_candidate_Name: String)]
pub struct VoteCandidate<'info> {
    #[account(
        mut,
        seeds = [_candidate_Name.as_bytes().as_ref()],
        bump,
    )]
    pub candidate: Account<'info, Candidate>,
}

```

Wow, that's a lot of new code in the accounts. Let's unpack it.

First you'll notice `#[instruction(_candidate_Name: String)]`. This means the context for `InitializeCandidate` expects a string `_candidate_name` to be passed into the instruction. We can see later this is later used in `seed[_candidate_name.as_bytes().as_ref()]`. This means that the seed of the PDA will be `_candidate_Name`, and the value stored at the PDA will be the candidate's `votes_received`.

Next you may have some questions on `space = 8 + Candidate::INIT_SPACE`. The `Candidate::INIT_SPACE` is how big the `Candidate` account is + 8, 8 being the bytes added at the beginning of Anchor framework account for security checks. `pub system_program: Program<'info, System>`, is required when you're creating an account, which is denoted by `init`. This means that any time an instruction using the `InitializeCandidate` context is called, the instruction will try to create a candidate account.

Now let's add the business logic found in `voteForCandidate` from the Solidity smart contract.

```
pub fn vote_for_candidate(ctx: Context<VoteCandidate>, _candidate_name: String) ->
    Result<()> {
    ctx.accounts.candidate.votes_received += 1;
    Ok(())
}
```

Here we take an additional parameter discussed earlier, `_candidate_name`. This will help match to the exact account we're referencing for the candidate. We then increment the votes by 1 for that candidate.

That's all we need to complete on the Solana program side, with the final Solana program looking like this:

```
use anchor_lang::prelude::*;

declare_id!("6voY4gV7kzuGr4hE2xjZnkdagFGNhEe8WonZ8UtdPWig");

const OWNER: &str = "8os8PKYmeVjU1mmwHZZNTEv5hpBXi5VvEKGzykduZAik";

#[program]
pub mod voting {
    use super::*;

    #[access_control(check(&ctx))]
    pub fn init_candidate(ctx: Context<InitializeCandidate>, _candidate_name: String) ->
        Result<()> {
        Ok(())
    }

    pub fn vote_for_candidate(ctx: Context<VoteCandidate>, _candidate_name: String) ->
        Result<()> {
```

```
ctx.accounts.candidate.votes_received += 1;
ok(())
}

#[derive(Accounts)]
#[instruction(_candidate_name: String)]
pub struct InitializeCandidate<'info> {
    #[account(mut)]
    pub payer: Signer<'info>,
    #[account(
        init,
        space = 8 + Candidate::INIT_SPACE,
        payer = payer,
        seeds = [_candidate_name.as_bytes().as_ref()],
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    )]
    pub candidate: Account<'info, Candidate>,
    pub system_program: Program<'info, System>,
}

#[derive(Accounts)]
#[instruction(_candidate_name: String)]
pub struct VoteCandidate<'info> {
    #[account(
        mut,
        seeds = [_candidate_name.as_bytes().as_ref()],
        bump,
    )]
    pub candidate: Account<'info, Candidate>,
}

#[account]
#[derive(InitSpace)]
pub struct Candidate {
    pub votes_received: u8,
}

fn check(ctx: &Context<InitializeCandidate>) -> Result<()> {
    // Check if signer === owner
```

```

require_keys_eq!(
    ctx.accounts.payer.key(),
    OWNER.parse::<Pubkey>().unwrap(),
    OnlyOwnerError::NotOwner
);

Ok(())

}

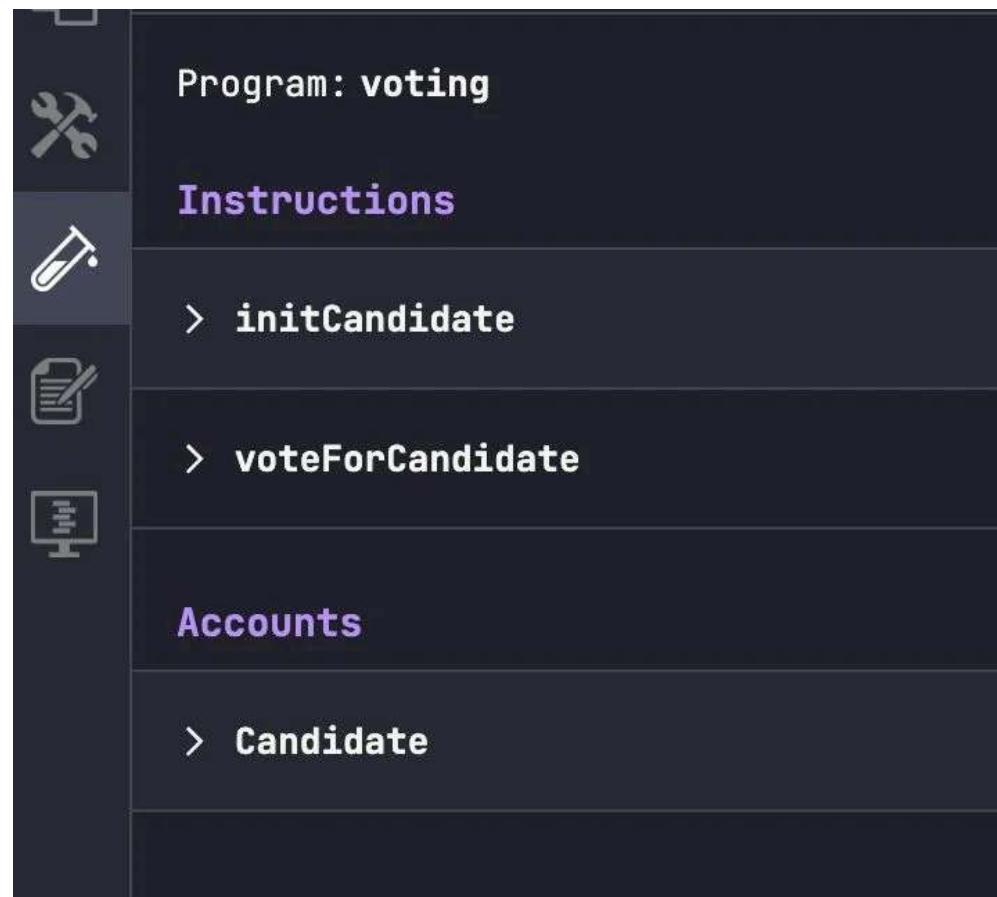
#[error_code]
pub enum OnlyOwnerError {
#[msg("Only owner can call this function!")]
    NotOwner,
}

```

Now you might think, “But wait, what about `totalVotesFor` and `validCandidate` from the Solidity smart contract?” `validCandidate` is already accounted for because `vote_for_candidate` will fail if you pass an account that does not exist. `totalVotesFor` can be done client-side with Typescript and does not need to exist within the Solana program.

Now that we’ve built the Solana program, let’s interact with it.

Loading the program into [Solana Playground](#), I can build and deploy it to Devnet. Once you build and deploy the program, you’ll find that you can run tests with the instructions on the test tab.



This is akin to using Remix to test your Solidity smart contract. Opening up `initCandidate` and entering the name `John Smith` as the candidate name, we now have to generate the PDA for `John Smith`. Click on the candidate account finder and select `From seed`. Select the custom String and input `John Smith`, and finally click `generate`. Congratulations, you just found your PDA for `John Smith`! Now hit `Test` to execute the instruction.

If all is successful, you should see the following program logs on the test transaction.

Program Instruction Logs

```
#1 Unknown Program (HK8cc5W3jLCdXCbcDbssqBYDRH3aR1yaLCqDBY37DAkz) Instruction ▾
> Program logged: "Instruction: InitCandidate"
> Program invoked: System Program
> Program returned success
> Program consumed: 15937 of 200000 compute units
> Program returned success
```

Now let's vote for **John Smith**! Opening up the `voteForCandidate` instruction, type in **John Smith** and generate the same PDA again. Hit **Test** to vote for your first candidate!

Program Instruction Logs

```
#1 Unknown Program (HK8cc5W3jLCdXCbcDbssqBYDRH3aR1yaLCqDBY37DAkz) Instruction ▾
> Program logged: "Instruction: VoteForCandidate"
> Program consumed: 3380 of 200000 compute units
> Program returned success
```

Now that you've voted, how can you check how many votes the candidate has? Head on over to **Candidate Accounts** on the test tab and hit the button **Fetch All**. This will grab all valid candidates and their votes. From there you'll receive an array of the candidates, their account addresses, and their votes.

The screenshot shows the 'Accounts' page with the 'Candidate' section expanded. It includes a search bar and two buttons: 'Fetch' and 'Fetch All'. Below the buttons, the 'Result' section displays a JSON array representing the candidates:

```
[
  {
    "publicKey": "36mE148n6TTZMTPcDC",
    "account": {
      "votesReceived": 2
    }
  }
]
```

Congratulations! You just took the voting Solidity smart contract and translated into a Solana program. You can use a lot of the same techniques on other Solidity smart contracts to build what you have on EVM on Solana. If you're interested to learn more about Solana, [check out the documentation](#) and get started today.

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