Web3j and Blockchain

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About Us

- I am Sebastian Raba. I joined crypto space in 2017.
- Bachelors in Computer Science with Management in King's College London.
- Joined Web3 Labs a year and a half ago.
- Started off developing web3j and web3js support for Quorum interactions. Currently working on Epirus's backend.

About Us

- I'm Joshua Richardson. I entered the crypto space in late 2015, was later involved with some ICOs, and have been consulting since.
- Master's in Computing & Latin from Glasgow
- Joined Web3 Labs earlier this year
- Work from day to day on the Besu Ethereum client, and maintaining web3j

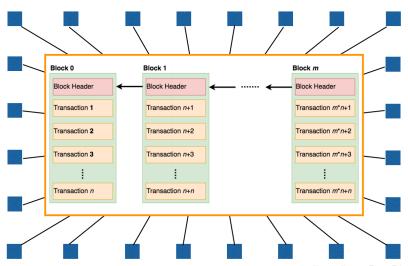
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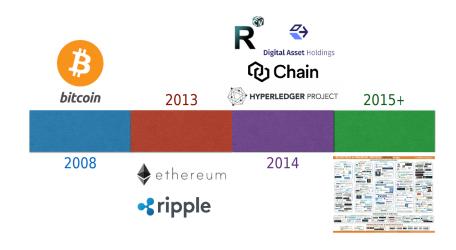
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Ethereum

- Very big distributed computer.
- Turing-complete virtual machine.
- Public blockchain (mainnet & testnet).

Ether

- Fuel of the blockchain.
- Massive market capitalization.
- Economic incentive to participate in consensus.
- Obtained buy mining/trading.
- Associated with an address 0x.... and a wallet file.

Smart Contract

- Computerized contract.
- Code + data that lives on the blockchain at an address.
- Transactions call functions => state transition.

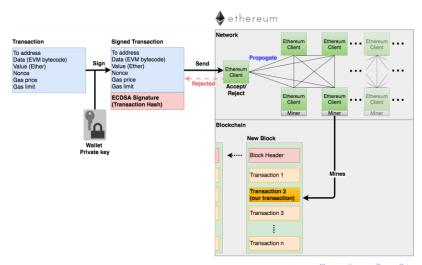
Greeter Contract

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.2;
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    contract mortal {
        /* Define variable owner of the type address*/
        address owner:
        /* this function is executed at initialization
           and sets the owner of the contract */
9
        function mortal() { owner = msg.sender: }
10
11
        /* Function to recover the funds on the contract */
12
        function kill() { if (msg.sender == owner) suicide(owner); }
13
    }
14
15
    contract greeter is mortal {
16
        /* define variable greeting of the type string */
17
        string greeting;
18
19
        /* this runs when the contract is executed */
20
        function greeter(string _greeting) public {
21
            greeting = _greeting;
22
23
24
25
        /* main function */
        function greet() constant returns (string) {
26
            return greeting:
27
28
    }
```

Transactions

- Transfer Ether.
- Deploy a smart contract.
- Call function of a smart contract.

Transaction



Integrating with Ethereum

- Smart contract application binary interface encoders/decoders
- 256 bit numeric types
- Multiple transaction types
- Wallet management
- ..

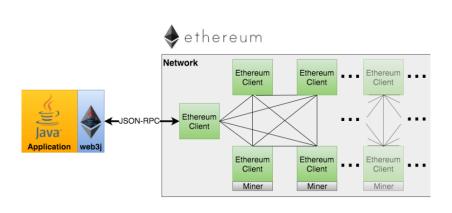
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Web3j



Web3j Features

- Complete Ethereum JSON-RPC implementation
- Ethereum wallet support
- Smart contract wrappers
- Command line tools
- Android compatible

Web3j v3.x

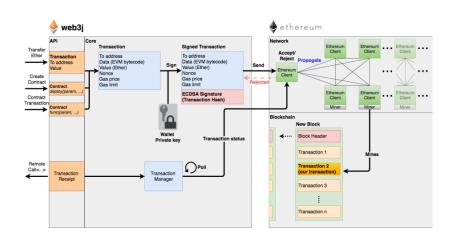
- Modular
- Sync/async & RX Observable API
- ENS support (new!)
- Truffle support (new!)

Modules

- utils
- rlp
- abi
- tuples
- core
- codegen

- console (command-line tools)
- geth
- parity
- infura

Web3j Transaction



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Workshop

- 1. Download Web3j
- 2. Clone workshop repository
- 3. Deploy smart contract
- 4. Register event listener on smart contract
- 5. Send transaction to a friend's smart contract

Summary

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- Recap on Ethereum.
- Introduction to Web3j.
- Feedback for workshop?

Further Reading

- Web3 Labs Web3j docs. https://web3j.readthedocs.io/en/latest/
- OpenZeppelin.
 OpenZeppelin Solidity library.
 https://openzeppelin.org/api/docs/open-zeppelin.html
- Web3 Labs
 Web3j Gitter.
 https://gitter.im/web3j/web3j