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- Private key management

3. Libraries and Frameworks

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Deploying a Smart Contract



It would help if you understand how the Ethereum network, transactions, and smart contracts work before deploying your own contracts.

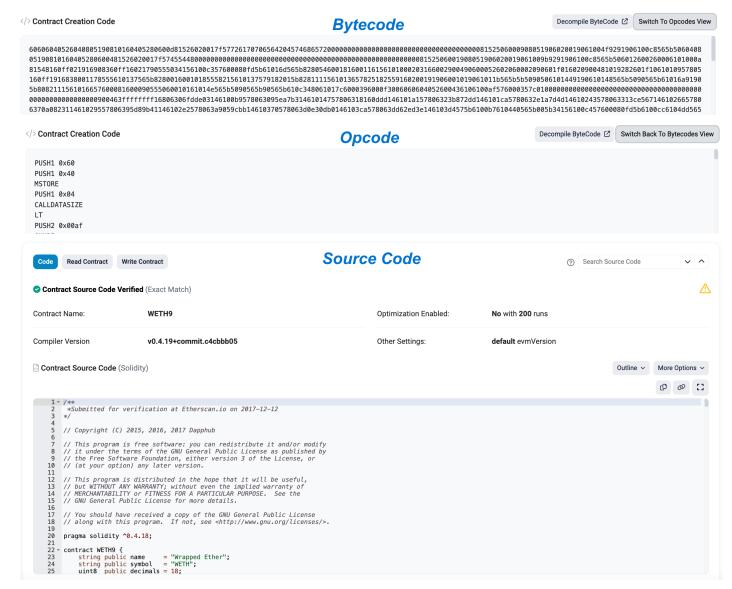
Requirements

- Bytecode of the smart contract (i.e., output from the compiler)
- A script to handle deployment steps
- A wallet with sufficient funds
- Access to an Ethereum node
 - Run your own node
 - Use a node service like <u>Infura</u> or <u>Alchemy</u> that provides instant access over HTTPS and WebSockets to the Ethereum network

Recap: Source Code

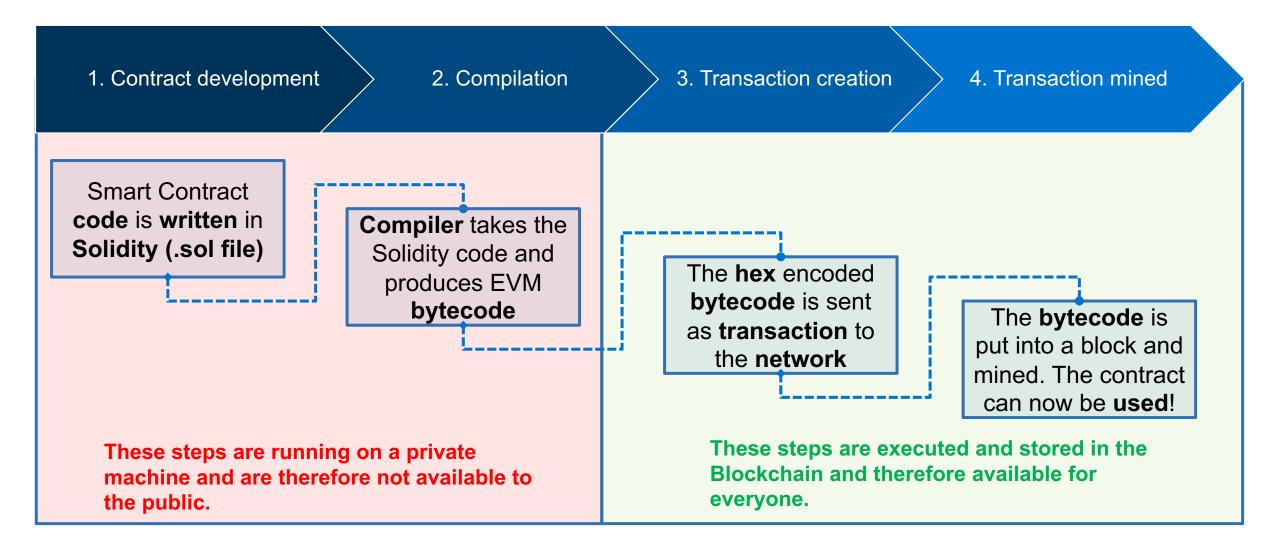


- A smart contract source code is typically not stored on the blockchain, only the bytecode gets stored.
 - Remember that bytecode represents a series of EVM opcodes to be executed.
- Without further analysis, the purpose of a smart contract bytecode is unclear.
- Source code can be made publicly available.
- Etherscan.io is the most popular Ethereum block explorer, and a service which verifies source codes and the respective bytecode.



Recap: From Solidity Source Code to a Deployed Smart Contract





Motivation



- Direct interaction with smart contracts is complicated
- Smart contracts don't provide a graphical user interface on their own
- Programming knowledge or special tools are required to make function calls

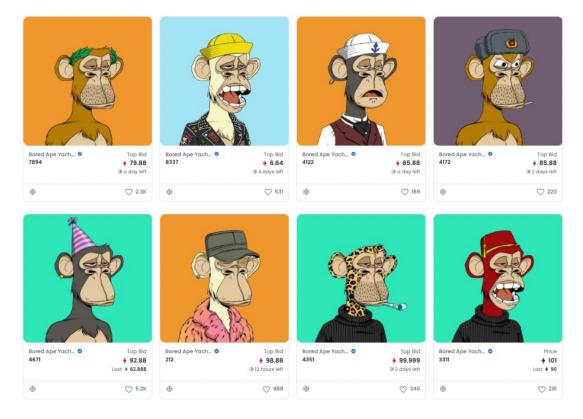


Screenshot from a popular Ethereum wallet: MyEtherWallet.com

Motivation



- Building Uls on top of smart contracts to make them accessible to average users.
- The UI abstracts the complicated function calls and allows a user to interact with them
 just like with a regular (web) application.



Screenshot of a popular NFT Collection on OpenSea NFT Marketplace

Definition



- In this lecture, we consider a dApp as a decentralized application that is based on (or interacting with) one or more smart contract(s) and accessible via a dedicated web-based user interface.
- In particular, the following properties must hold:
 - The core data records of the application must be stored on the blockchain
 - The functions that change the core data records must be executed on the blockchain, i.e., via a smart contract

Benefits



The goal of implementing a distributed application is dependent on the concrete use case and/or the problem that is being solved.

Some general properties of Ethereum-based dApps:

Trust

Anyone can check the source code of any verified smart contract.

Payment

Payment is implemented by default since anyone can send/receive Ether.

Accounts

dApps can be built on top of Ethereum's account system, so there is no need to implement an additional user account management system.

Storage

dApps can leverage the Blockchain as common (expensive) data storage.

Drawbacks



Decentralized applications also have some intrinsic disadvantages:

Costs

Any state change and computation costs money. For that reason, only mission-critical data and functionality should leverage the Blockchain.

Time

The current block time of Ethereum is 12 seconds, i.e., it takes at least 12 seconds from the function call to the definite result of it (excluding finality, which takes two epochs – 12.8 minutes after the merge).

Availability

In theory, availability is one of the key advantages of dApps. However, in high transaction scenarios (e.g., the release of Bored Ape NFTs) it is possible that the network throttles and is not able to process function calls anymore.

Transparency

Without third-party services, it is impossible to access and verify a Smart Contract source code.

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Web-based dApps - 2022



Currently available decentralized applications are usually web-based and run in the browser.

State of the ĐApps is a curated and community-driven directory of Ethereum-based decentralized applications. The directory is one of the largest and most relevant of its kind and in some talks referenced by Vitalik Buterin himself.

As of April 2022, the directory contains 3974 dApps (2021: 3040, 2020: 2825 dApss, 2019: 2667 dApps).

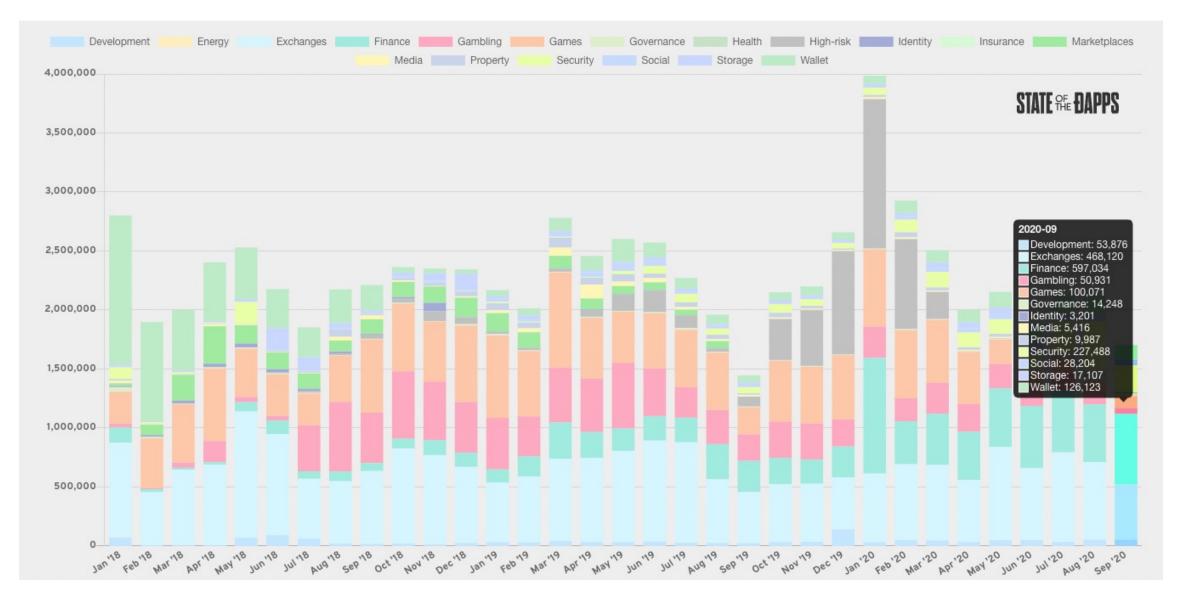
Total DApps Daily active users ? 24h transactions ? 24h volume USD ? Smart contracts 7,974 126.86k 650.02k 418.1m 7.13k

Examples of current dApps

- ICOs Token systems that can be used to sell securities for Ether
- Games Usually collectibles are issued and exchanged for Ether
- Gambling Betting and lottery application
- Exchanges Decentralized token and ether exchanges

Usage of dApps - 2020



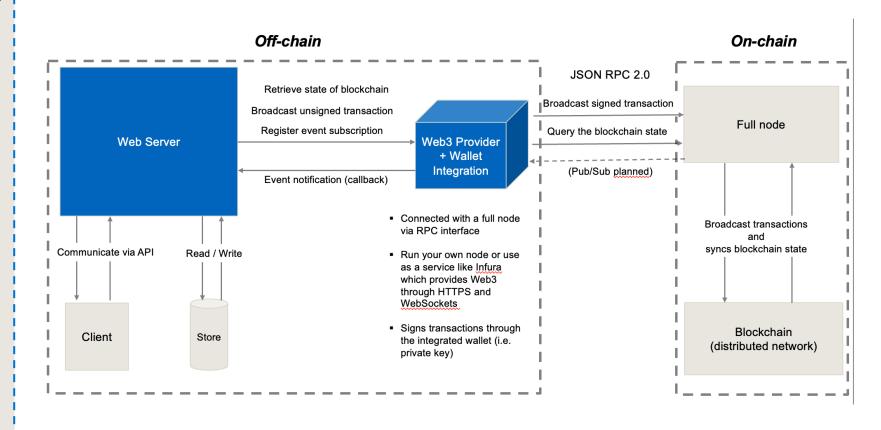


Architecture of a Web-based Ethereum dApp: Server-side Blockchain Interaction



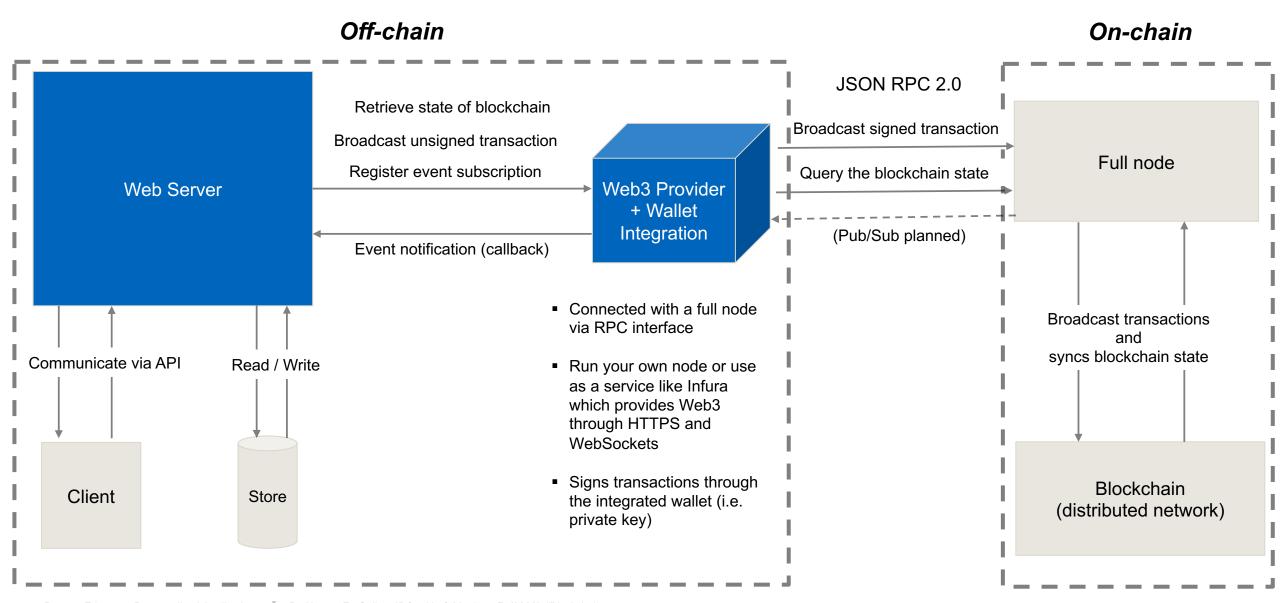
Example Use Case

- A dashboard to display statistics about the state of the Ethereum blockchain (e.g., a blockchain explorer)
 - Last block number
 - Proposer of the last block
 - Transaction included in the block
 - ..
- User does not directly interact with the blockchain (e.g., doesn't sign a transaction); thus user wallet info is not needed
- The website interacts with the blockchain on the server-side
 - Either runs a full node or uses a node service like Infura



Architecture of a Web-based Ethereum dApp: Server-side Blockchain Interaction



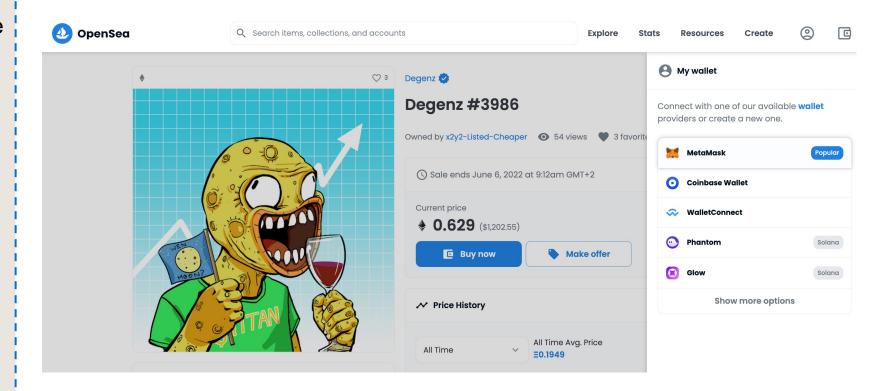


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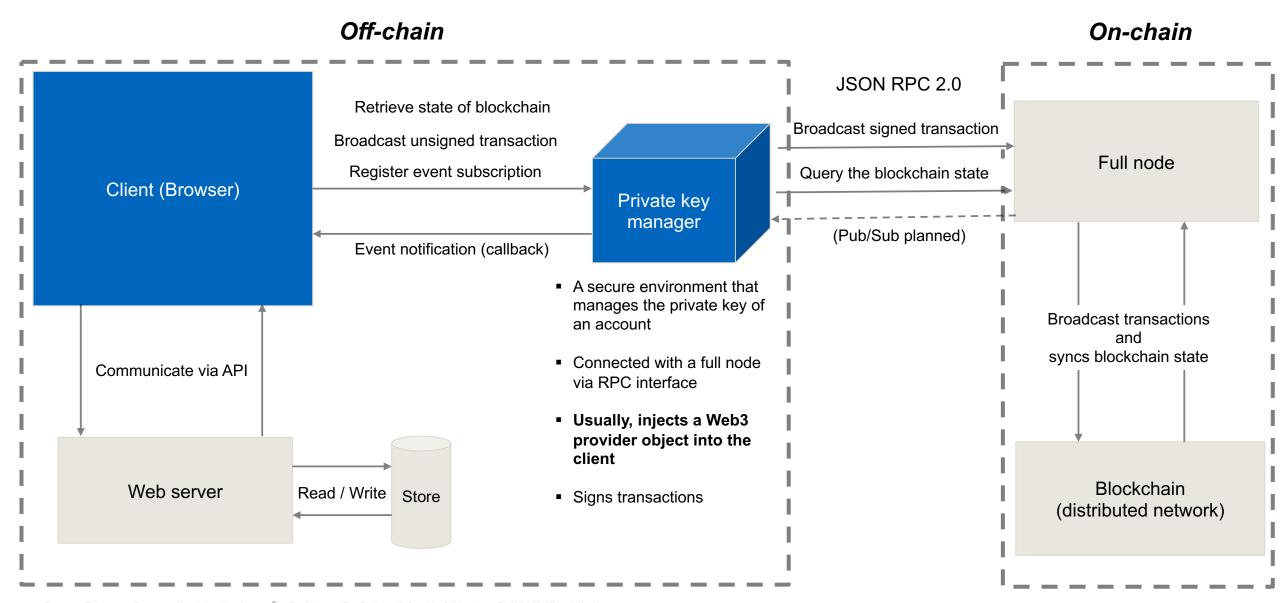
Example Use Case

- To complete a purchase of an NFT, the user has first to connect her/his wallet
 - A wallet connection is required to sign a transaction
- The website interacts with the blockchain on the client-side (i.e., through the browser)
 - Web3 must be injected into the client browser by a browser wallet like MetaMask



Architecture of a Web-based Ethereum dApp: Client-side Blockchain Interaction





MetaMask – A Popular Private Key Manager and Even More

Browser Plugin



Browser

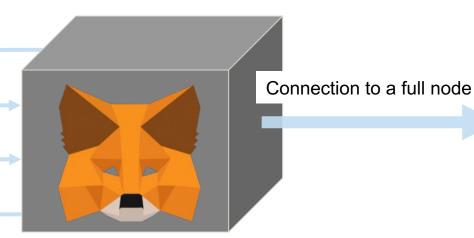


Inject web3 provider object

Broadcast unsigned transaction

Query blockchain state

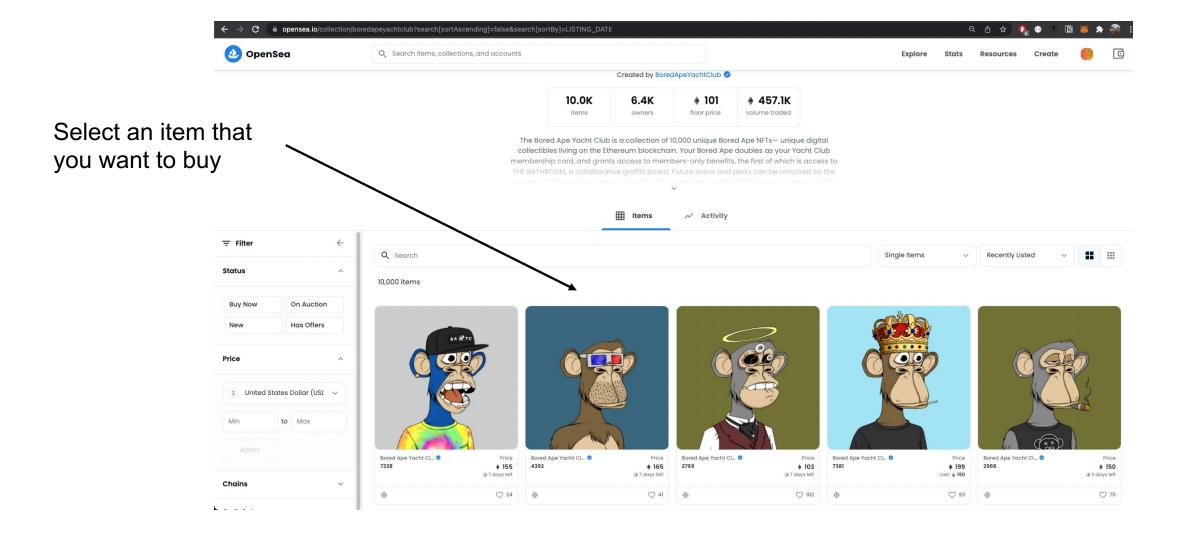
Event notification (callback)



- A browser with MetaMask (M) plugin installed
- The plugin is required to manage the private keys of an Ethereum account
- It signs transactions and establishes a connection to a full node

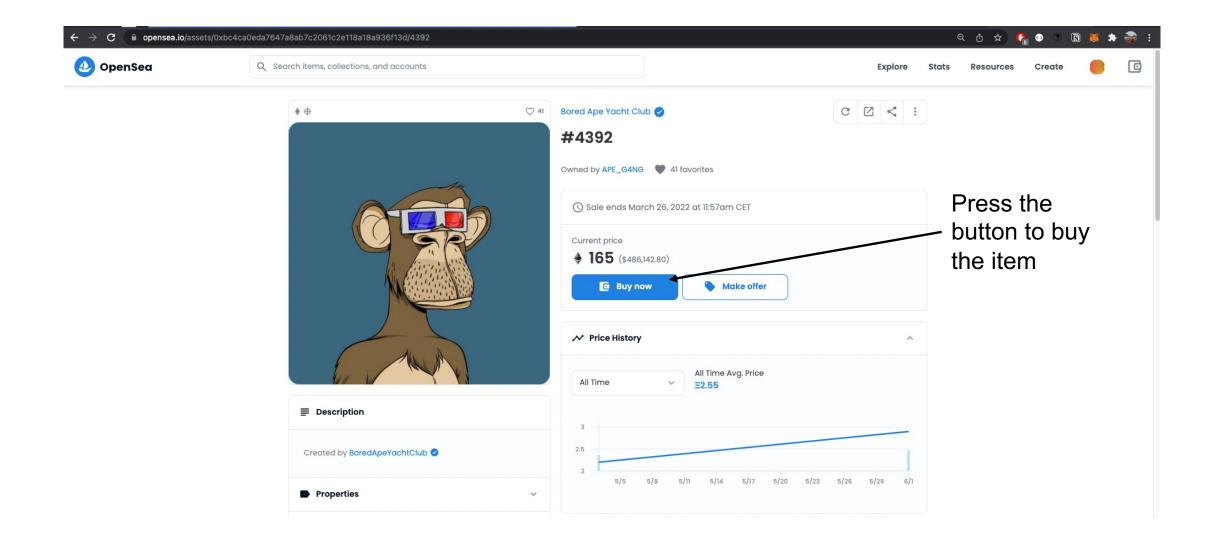
Example: OpenSea





Example: OpenSea (cont.)

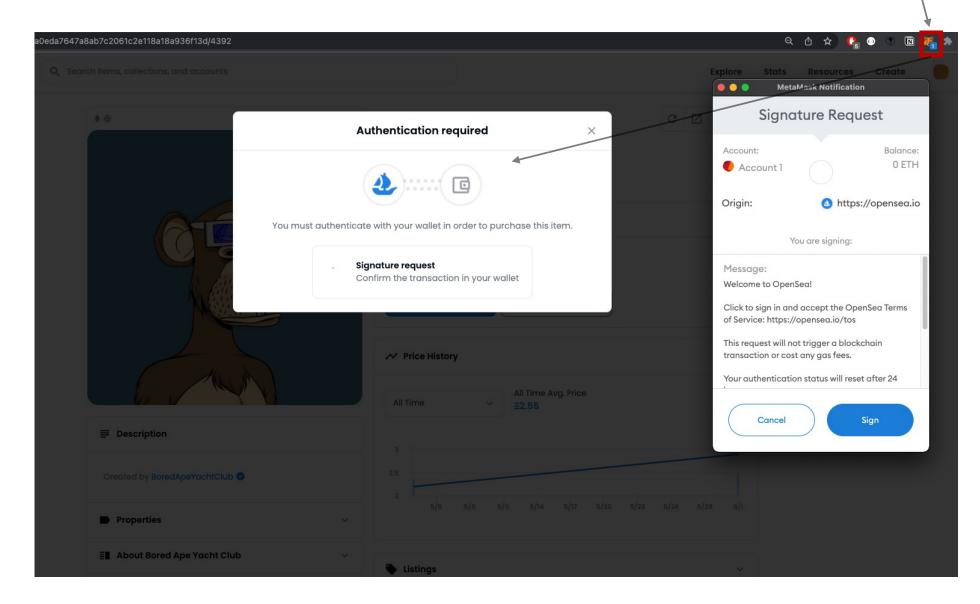




Example: OpenSea (cont.)

MetaMask as private key manager

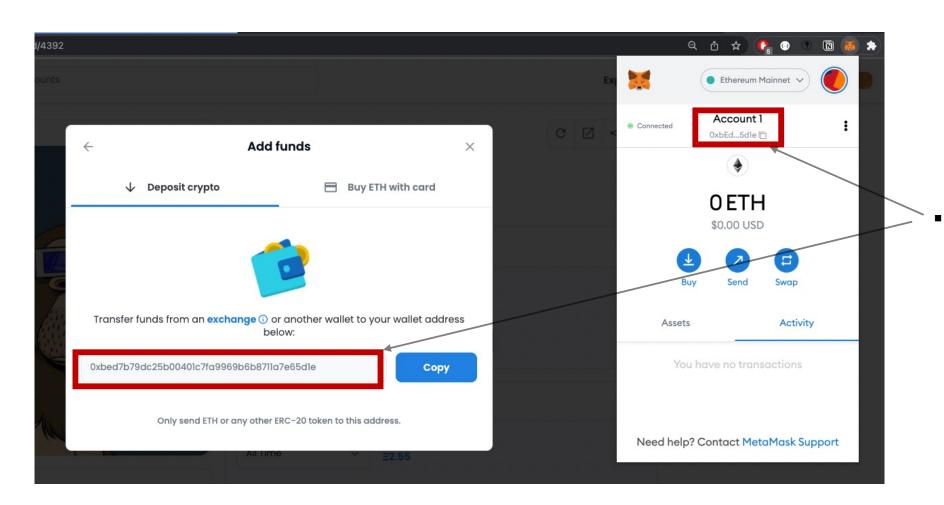




- MetaMask injects a Web3 provider into the OpenSea application
- OpenSea can access your account through the injected Web3 provider

Example: OpenSea (cont.)





Since there is no ETH available at the address, OpenSea asks you to transfer funds from an exchange to your address

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web3.js



web3.js is the **official Ethereum JavaScript API** that provides a **wrapper** for the **JSON RPC interface** to interact directly with the blockchain.

- Can be used on server-side and client-side
 - On server-side, Web3 is injected by a full node or a node service like Infura
 - On client-side, Web3 is injected by a private key manager like MetaMask
- The Framework is available as a npm module (npm install web3)
- Provides methods to deploy and interact with smart contracts
- Provides methods to sign and send transactions
- Uses callback functions and promises for asynchronous events
- Widely used framework to interact with the Ethereum Blockchain



Web3 in Other Languages



Web3 is available for other languages besides JavaScript, too. However, not all of those implementations are officially maintained by the Ethereum foundation.

Python (official)

Web3.py - https://github.com/ethereum/web3.py

Haskell

Hs-web3 - https://github.com/airalab/hs-web3

Java

Web3j - https://github.com/web3j/web3j

Scala

Web3-scala - https://github.com/mslinn/web3j-scala

Purescript

purescript-web3 - https://github.com/f-o-a-m/purescript-web3

Example: Getting the Balance of a Specific Account



```
Import the web3 library
Creating a wrapper function
                                                                              Full node location
to retrieve the ETH balance
of an account in wei
                  const Web3 = require("web3"); // npm
                  const web3 = new Web3(new Web3.providers.HttpProvider('http://localhost:8545'
                  async function getAccountBalance(address) {
                      let balance = await web3.eth.getBalance(address);
                      return balance:
                  getAccountBalance("0x281055afc982d96fab65b3a49cac8b878184cb16").then(balance => {
                      console.log(balance);
                                               Print the balance on the
                                               console
```



Example: Sending Ether to Another Account

```
var gasPrice = 2;//or get with web3.eth.gasPrice
var gasLimit = 3000000;
var rawTransaction = {
"from": addr,
"nonce": web3.toHex(nonce), //or use web3.eth.getTransactionCount(address, 'pending')
"gasPrice": web3.toHex(gasPrice * 1e9),
"gasLimit": web3.toHex(gasLimit),
"to": toAddress,
"value": amountToSend,
"chainId": 4 // Id of the blockchain (1=main net)
var privKey = new Buffer('0x....', 'hex');
var tx = new Tx(rawTransaction);
tx.sign(privKey);
var serializedTx = tx.serialize();
web3.eth.sendRawTransaction('0x' + serializedTx.toString('hex'), function(err, hash) {
       if (!err) {
                console.log('Txn Sent and hash is '+hash);
        else {
                console.error(err);
});
```

Deployment Lifecycle



- Compilation of the Solidity source code
- Generate an Application Binary Interface
 (ABI) in JSON that can be used by other applications (e.g., dApps) to interact with the contract

HelloWorld.sol

```
contract HelloWorld {
    function greet() public returns(bytes32) {
        return "Hello World!";
    }
}
```

```
Compile
```

Deployment Lifecycle (cont.)



dApp client or server via Web3

Uses ABI

Uses contract address

Bytecode



0xb480604052348015600f576

Recap: Solidity Events



```
contract ERC20 {
    // ...
    event Transfer(address indexed from, address indexed to, uint tokens);
    event Approval(address indexed tokenOwner, address indexed spender, uint tokens);
}
```

- Convenient way to listen for smart contract function calls and state changes without scanning the whole blockchain.
- Mostly used to trigger callback function in dApp event listeners.
- Fast way for third-party (Web3) applications to check what happened in a certain block.

Example: Subscribing to Future "Transfer" Events in JavaScript



Accessing contract events

- Events can be accessed via the global events object
- Each event emitter can emit 3 types of events:
 - data: Fires on each incoming event with the event object as argument.
 - changed: Fires on each event which was removed from the blockchain.¹
 - error: Fires when an error in the subscription occurs.

Working with Smart Contracts in JavaScript



Create contract object in JavaScript that references an existing contract on the blockchain.

- Pass ABI object as first constructor parameter
- Pass contract address as second parameter

```
const MyContract = new web3.eth.Contract([
    "constant": false,
    "inputs": [],
    "name": "greet".
    "outputs": [
        "name": "",
        "type": "bytes32"
    "payable": false,
    "stateMutability": "nonpayable",
    "type": "function"
 "0xC04229E8Edd4402D030cf81efF3e25df0E84BAA1");
```

Call contract method

 Methods defined in the ABI can be accessed via the global methods object

```
MyContract.methods.greet().call({from:
'0xcc8d743....97278fe497ee90...'},
(error, txHash) => {
      if(err) {
      // Handle error here
      else {
      // No error occured
});
```

Dev Tools



Local environment

IDE / Code editor





Sublime

Artifacts

- Solidity source code files
- Test cases

Build management



Artifacts

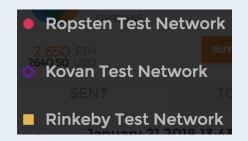
- Compiled .sol files / Bytecode
- Contract ABI / **JSON**

Network deployment

Local test network



Public test network



Main network



Artifacts

- Transaction for creating the contract
- An address for the contract if the creation was successful

Truffle – Development Framework for Smart Contracts



Truffle is a popular framework to facilitate the development of Ethereum smart contracts. The framework provides tools to compile, test and deploy Solidity contracts.



- Open source under the MIT license and hosted at Github: https://github.com/trufflesuite/truffle
- Built-in network management that allows a developer to deploy a smart contract on various networks, e.g. live and test
- Web-pack like automated re-compilation on code changes
- Testing based on Mocha and Chai
- Provides project scaffolding
- Truffle Quickstart

Ganache – Private Ethereum Test Network



Ganache is a local blockchain for Ethereum smart contract development. It can be used to deploy, simulate, and test smart contracts.

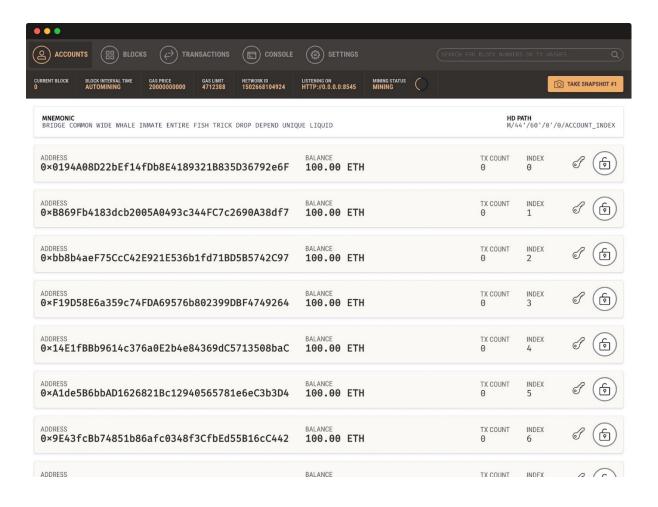


- Open source under the MIT license and hosted at Github: https://github.com/trufflesuite/ganache
- Integrates a custom block explorer interface with additional debugging features.
- Uses workspaces to provide multiple Ethereum blockchains with different settings (blocktime, etc.)
- Can be linked to Truffle projects to automate tests for smart contracts

Ganache – Private Ethereum Test Network (cont.)



Ganache ships with a ready-made and developer friendly block explorer



Dev Tools (cont.)



Cloud environment

IDE / Code editor + Build management



Artifacts

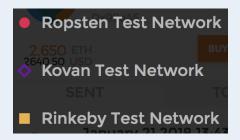
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- Contract ABIs / JSON

Network deployment

Remix emulation



Public test network



Main network



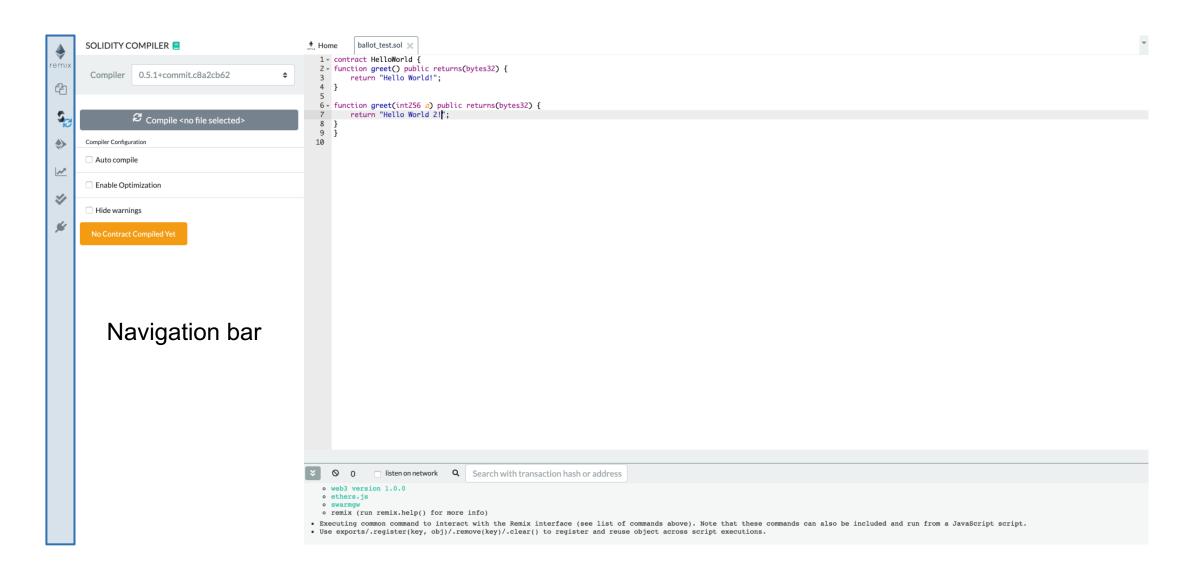
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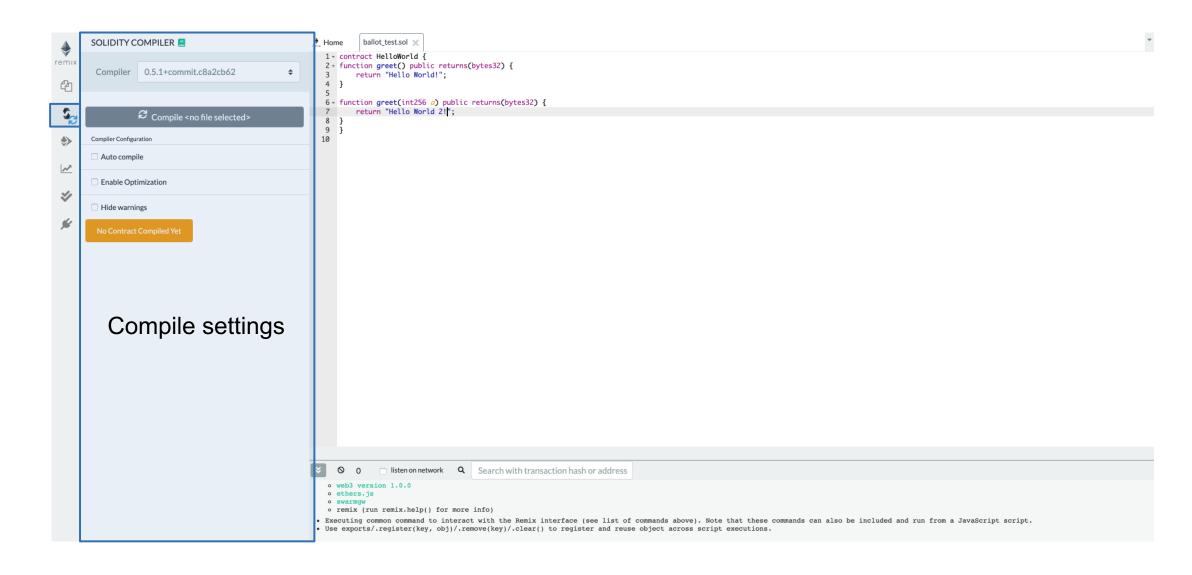




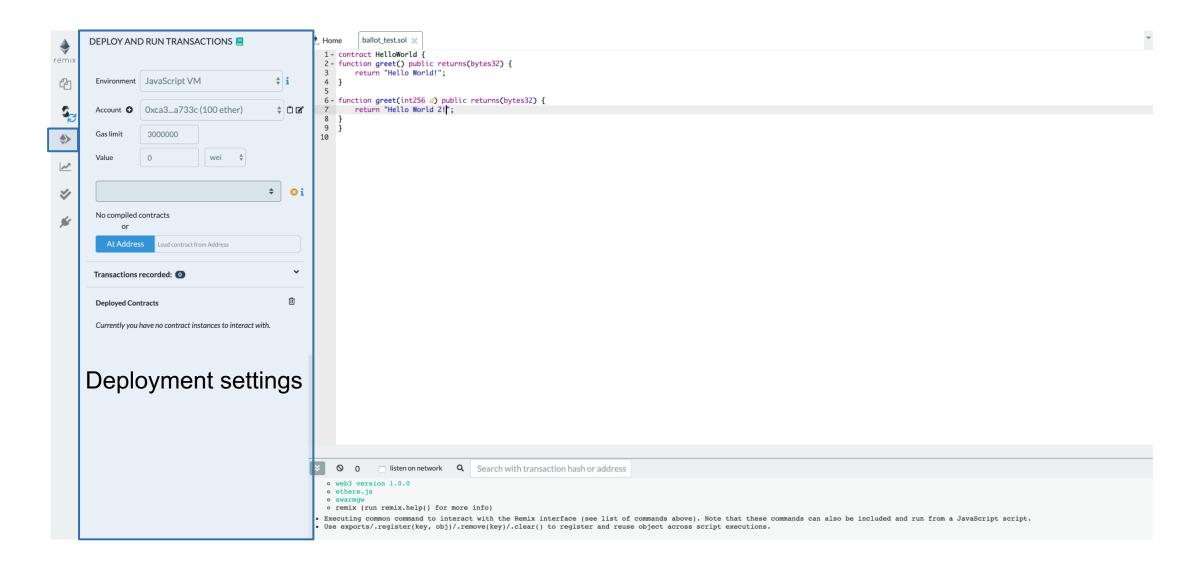












Test Networks



Test networks provide a convenient way to publicly deploy and test smart contracts in a realistic environment.

Sepolia

- Recommended default testnet for app development
- Permissioned validator set
- Quick to sync
- More on Sepolia



Screenshot taken from: https://sepolia.dev/

Goerli

- Used for testing validating and staking
- Useful for testing complex smart contract interactions
- Open validator set
- Large state, long to sync
- Soon will be deprecated and replaced
- More on Goerli



Screenshot taken from: https://goerli.net/