Ethereum is a blockchain that allows a broad network of participants to keep track of things, like its native cryptocurrency, Ether (ETH).

It is, however, quite a bit smarter. Ethereum can keep track of (or, run) complete computer programs. In that sense, it is not merely a distributed database, it is a distributed computer.

By writing these programs (called smart contracts), developers can create all sorts of applications (called decentralized applications, or dapps). These applications can be financial, social, or of course, games.

Ethereum is a technology, a community, and a digital economy.

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