

Implications of Blockchain Technology

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Overall Trends

Decentralization

Transparency

Digitization

Specific Current Use Cases

- * Bitcoin
- * Brave
- * Augur
- * Cryptokitties
- * Golem

Bitcoin



- * An incredibly secure network for sound value transfer
- Limited to 21 million bitcoins
- Provides pseudonymous transactions

Brave



- * A browser/ecosystem that allows the author to be paid for content, and for the user to pay for content with BAT (Basic Attention Tokens)
- * Even works for websites that are not part of the Brave network

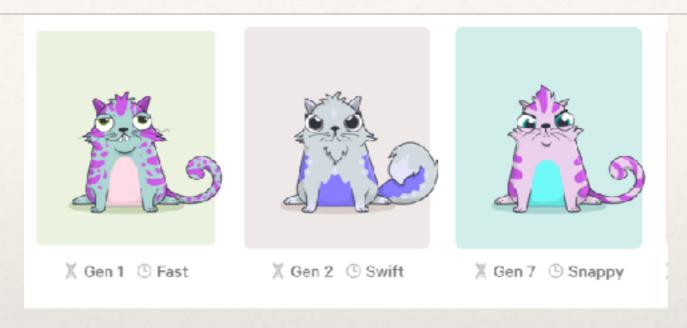
Augur



AUGUR

- * A decentralized prediction marketplace running on Ethereum
- * Allows you to bet not just on sports, but events
- * Can be used for insurance/options/etc.

Cryptokitties



- * A collectible game where you buy and breed "kitties"
- Rarity and ownership guaranteed by the blockchain imagine baseball cards with mathematically guaranteed rarity

Golem

golem

- * Seller: "Rents out" their computer when they are not using it
- * Buyer: Buys computing power from sellers
- * Get paid in GNT ("Golem Network Tokens")
- * Currently being used for Blender video rendering, but future versions will support arbitrary computation

Future Possible Use Cases

- * Fairer market-making (ride-sharing, stocks, bonds)
- * History storage (Employment history, commit schemes)
- * Identification (Social Security numbers)
- * Payments (Credit cards, Paypal)
- Education (Diplomas)
- * Real estate (Eliminate need for title insurance)
- Reducing corruption (transparent transactions)
- Elections (Prove validity without paper)