

Blockchain Analytics

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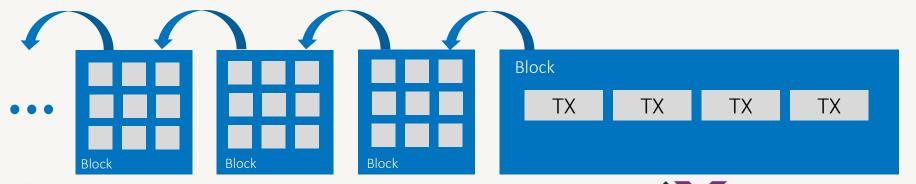
- What are they?
- Types of Blockchain
- Format
- SAS Perspective
- Recent Blockchain Activities





What are blockchains?

- Immutable ledger/data store that maintains anything of value
- Link list of blocks that contain a link list of transactions
- Secured by asymmetric cryptography and hashing
- Many variants of blockchains
- Two key types Public and Private/permissioned







Types of Blockchain

- Public Blockchains
 - Cryptocurrencies (Bitcoin, Ethereum, Ripple, Litecoin)
 - Distributed on WWW
 - No single point of failure
 - Anonymous/Pseudonymous Identity
- Permissioned/Private/Shared Blockchains (Hyperledger, Chain, R3 Corda)
 - Implemented inside of company firewalls
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Structure/Format

- Variety of Blockchain Technologies
 - Hyperledger, R3 Corda, BigchainDB, Bitcoin, Chain, etc.
- Challenges
 - All blockchain technologies are different for the most part
 - Smart contracts?
 - Various levels of encryption
 - Customers implement IP on top of open source blockchains
 - Analytics and performance measurements are limited





What's the big deal?

Regulatory

- 866+ cryptocurrencies, Market Cap 147B+, BTC 48%
- China and Japan pushing KYC and AML requirements for cryptocurrencies
- 27 states in US working on regulation
- Fraud detection





What's the big deal?

- Blockchain projects
 - Consortiums
 - Hyperledger Equities, Bonds, Securities lending, foreign exchange, credit derivatives, supply chain
 - R3 Corda Bonds, Syndicated loans, government
- DLT Investments
 - Microsoft, IBM, PWC, AWS, Deloitte, Accenture, Ernest Young, Intel





SAS Perspective

- Blockchain Access
 - Two blockchain perspectives
 - SAS Viya access and analytics to static immutable data
 - SAS ESP Stream based blockchain analytics
- Different then SQL data store
- Permissioned Blockchains typically using NoSQL key/value data stores
- IoT into blockchain will require a streaming based solution
- Focusing on regulatory requirements and Analytics





Blockchain Approach

How do we integrate analytics into the various blockchain technologies?

- Reviewed various blockchain technologies
 - White papers
 - Downloaded and compiled Hyperledger, Ethereum, R3 Corda, Bitcoin, Litecoin, BigchainDB
- Focused on "permissioned" blockchains
- At the end of the day
 - Which blockchain technology?
 - Limited/No inherent analytic capabilities
 - IoT support?
- Need non-intrusive form of analytics that tracks activity events from clients, miners and consensus as well as selected blockchain content reporting





Approach

How about a stream based blockchain?

- High throughput real time
- Pluggable topologies for clients/miners
- 100% cluster based
- Analytics by design
- Smart contracts?
- Protocol defined by streaming engine
- SAS/ESP
 - Streaming data quality and analytics
 - Complete multiphase analytics
 - In-stream learning models Train, Score, Calculate...





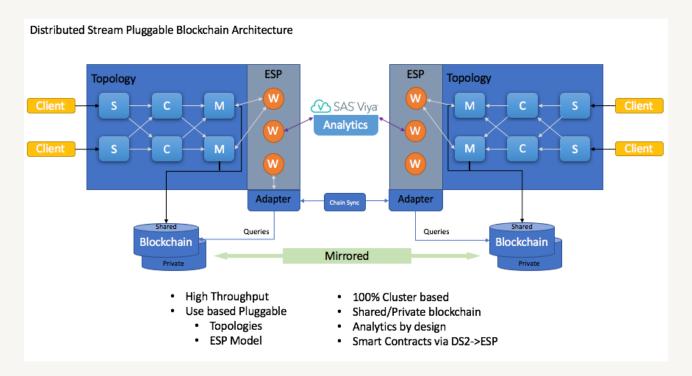
Blockchain Goals

- Implement a pluggable blockchain using SAS/ESP
 - Clients/Miners/Consensus pub/sub to SAS/ESP
 - Develop a SAS/ESP analytics model that handles consensus and analytics from conception
 - Use a similar approach by adding stream events in clients/consensus of other blockchain technologies
 - Use open source technologies





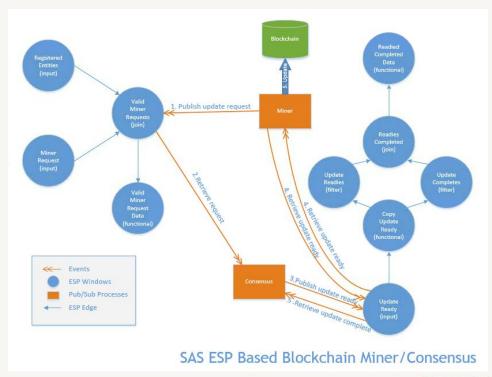
Stream Based Blockchain Architecture







SAS/ESP Model







Blockchain Activities

- Bitcoin/Litecoin
 - Read the blockchain into SAS
 - Basic analytics
 - Imported into SAS Visual Investigator
- Hyperledger, Ethereum, R3 Corda, BigchainDB, Chain
 - Downloaded, compiled and analyzing
- SAS ESP Consensus Simulator
 - Build streaming based analytics for blockchain activities





Summary

- Demo...
- Continue to view and analyze blockchain technologies
 - Regulatory updates
 - Analytics support
- Update Streaming SAS/ESP blockchain model
 - AI/Machine Learning
 - Text Analytics
- Thank-you for listening





Questions?

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