



# Intro to Blockchain/Decentralized App Development

*A primer on Ethereum*

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<http://bit.ly/2CKK5x3>

or find by date:

<https://github.com/marclijour/presentations>



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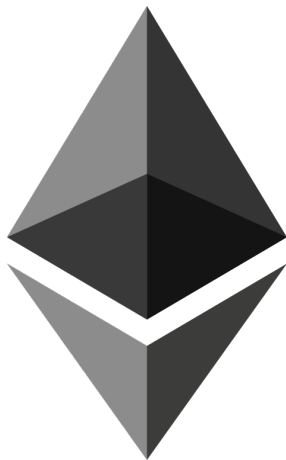
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# Ethereum

Ethereum is a **decentralized platform that runs smart contracts**: applications that run exactly as programmed without any possibility of downtime, censorship, fraud or third party interference.  
— <https://ethereum.org>



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- (2017) ETH goes from \$7 to more than \$700 (100x increase)

Check the *nice infographic (Invezz, 2017)*.

## More information:

- a “prehistory” of the Ethereum protocol (Buterin, 2017).
- the official *Ethereum White Paper*.



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# Store of value

## Ethereum (ETH) Price



Figure: ETH price (Coindesk, 2017)

# Decentralization

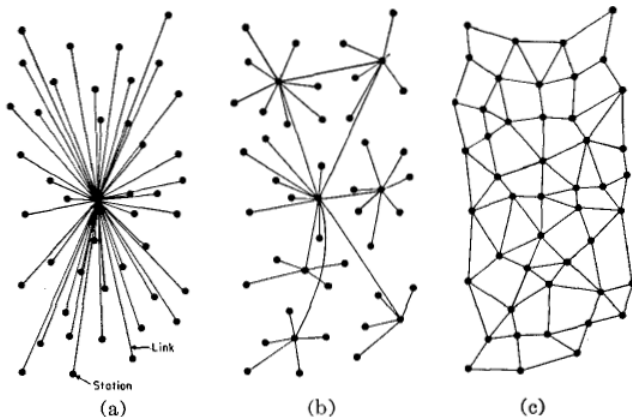


Fig. 1—(a) Centralized. (b) Decentralized. (c) Distributed networks.

# Client Types

- Full node



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- Something in between (e.g. “fast” for geth)



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# Disk Space

## Full Archive Ethereum node

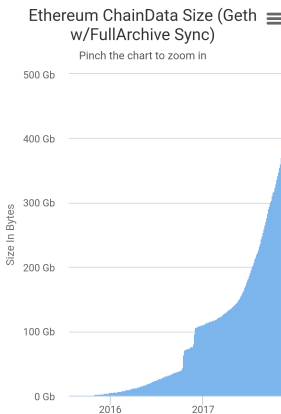


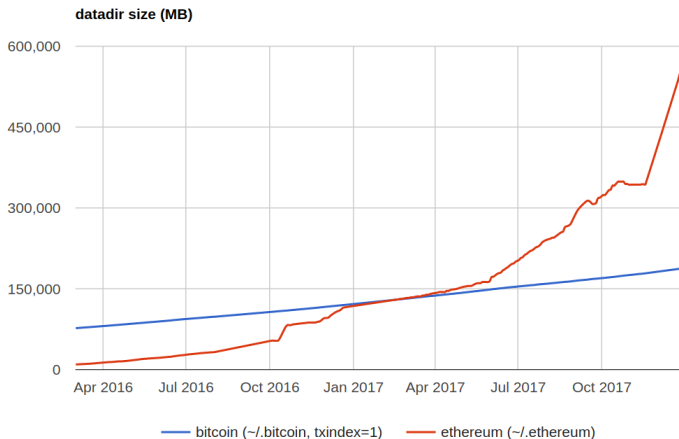
Figure: Miners need a lot of space (Reddit, 2017)



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# Disk Space

## Ethereum vs. Bitcoin



**Figure:** Disk space used by Geth (fast) vs. Bitcoin (Daniel, 2017)



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# Disk Space

With Geth `--syncmode fast` (default mode)

This mode initializes a  $\sim 20$  GB database, then turns in full node.

The GETH client has 3 Blockchain sync modes (fast, full or light). The FAST sync was used to produce the data chart below using Geth v1.6.7 stable.

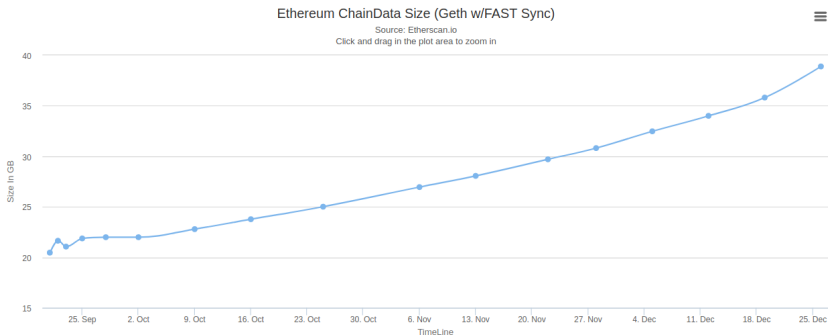


Figure: Disk space used by Geth (in fast mode) (Etherscan, 2017)



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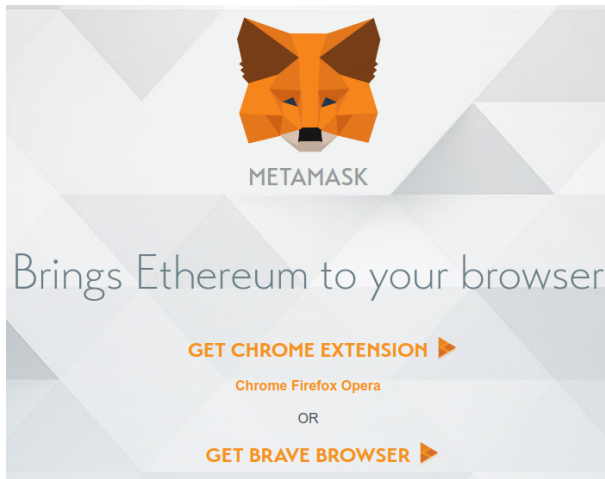
Parity allows for continuous state trie pruning

In green, the configuration running as *full node*.  
A light client can fit in ~5 MB.

ID	Pruning Mode	Database Configuration	Block Verification	Available Blocks	Available States	Chaindata Size	Parity CLI Flags to use this configuration
0	Archive	+Fat +Trace	Full	All	All	385.000 GB	--pruning archive --tracing on --fat-db on
1	Archive	+Trace	Full	All	All	334.000 GB	--pruning archive --tracing on
2	Archive		Full	All	All	326.000 GB	--pruning archive
3	Fast	+Fat +Trace	Full	All	Recent	37.000 GB	--tracing on --fat-db on
4	Fast	+Trace	Full	All	Recent	34.000 GB	--tracing on
5	Fast		Full	All	Recent	26.000 GB	--no-warp
6	Fast	+Warp	Ancient-PoW-Only	All	Recent	25.000 GB	
7	Fast	+Warp -Ancient	No-Ancient	Recent	Recent	5.300 GB	--no-ancient-blocks
8	Light		Headers-Only	None	None	0.005 GB	--light

Figure: Disk space used by Parity (Afri, 2017)

# Metamask

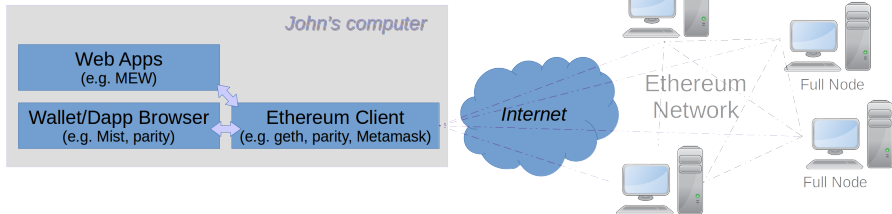


<https://metamask.io>



# Practical Applications

for personal or business use





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# Sizing up

- 1) Ethereum Node, Wallet, historical data, Smart Contracts, and Dapps:
  - Linux machine (Ubuntu 16.04 / Linux Mint 18.x –until April 2021)
  - Parity (or Geth)
  - A Solidity compiler
- 2) Developer light setup: (works on ChromeOS)
  - Chrome browser (or Chromium) –any OS
  - Metamask Extension
  - [Remix IDE](#)
- 3) Developer Pro setup:
  - truffle



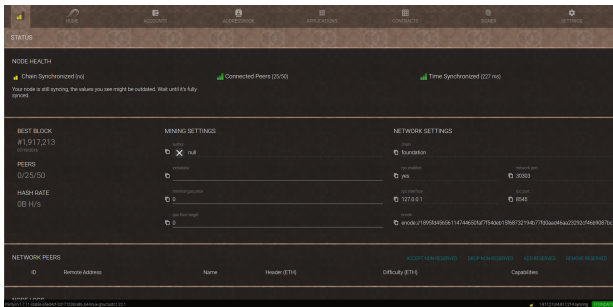


Figure: The Parity client syncing

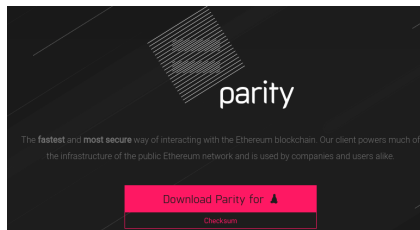
- Typical Account Management, multi-sig, hardware support
- Access Dapps directly (e.g. app to create an ERC-20 token)
- Code editor and Solidity compiler for smart contracts
- Fast and reliable (written in Rust)
- Most OS, Docker images; and compliant with JSON-RPC API

# Installing Parity



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNT2O6xyDmM> (Windows-based, 16 min)

- 1 Go to <https://www.parity.io>
- 2 Download the relevant binaries, e.g. on Linux:
- 3 Check the checksum: `$ md5sum parity_1.7.11_amd64.deb`
- 4 Install: `$ sudo dpkg -i parity_1.7.11_amd64.deb`
- 5 Check the version: `$ parity -v`



# Run Parity on the Kovan Testnet

```
$ parity --light --testnet
2017-12-28 23:38:25 Starting Parity/v1.7.11-stable-a5ed4cf-20171228/x86_64-linux-gnu/rustc1.22.1
2017-12-28 23:38:25 Keys path /home/marc/.local/share/io.parity.ethereum/keys/Kovan
2017-12-28 23:38:25 DB path /home/marc/.local/share/io.parity.ethereum/chains/kovan/db/9bf388941c25ea98
2017-12-28 23:38:25 Path to dapps /home/marc/.local/share/io.parity.ethereum/dapps
2017-12-28 23:38:25 Running in experimental Light Client mode.
...
```

Then go to <http://localhost:8180> (or <http://web3.site> if online), and follow the instructions.

- After reading the legal terms and conditions, you can create your first account.
- Click on the top left-most logo (yellow bars) to see the status of your node.
- **It may take days to sync!**



# Try running your first Dapp

Follow the tutorial at

<https://wiki.parity.io/Deploying-Dapps-to-Parity-Wallet> (using chevdr's dapp generator and yeoman)

On Linux Ubuntu, make sure you have npm, and make a soft link to node before running `init.sh`:

```
$ sudo apt install npm
$ sudo ln -s /usr/bin/nodejs /usr/bin/node
$ ./init.sh
```



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# Installing Geth



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Instructions (all OSes) at

<https://github.com/ethereum/go-ethereum/wiki/Building-Ethereum>.

Ubuntu/Mint: <https://github.com/ethereum/go-ethereum/wiki/Installation-Instructions-for-Ubuntu>

```
$ sudo apt-get install software-properties-common
$ sudo add-apt-repository -y ppa:ethereum/ethereum
$ sudo apt-get update
```

Run the first line to install the full suite (geth, bootnode, evm, disasm, rlpdump, ethtest), or the second line for geth only:

```
$ sudo apt-get install ethereum
$ sudo apt-get install geth
```

Create a new account, and you should be ready to run geth:

```
$ geth account new
$ geth
```



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# Installing a Solidity Compiler

Provided the previous steps were completed:

```
$ sudo apt-get install solc  
$ which solc
```

And in geth, to let it know where solc can be found:

```
$ admin.setSolc("/usr/bin/solc")
```

Now test the code by following the instructions at

<https://github.com/ethereum/go-ethereum/wiki/Contract-Tutorial>



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# Code Editor



- Vim
- Vim Solidity
- Vim Syntastic

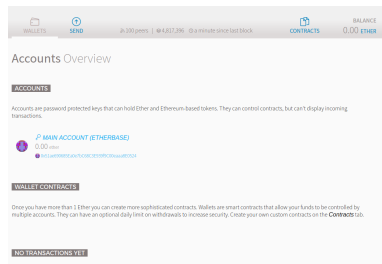


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# And you still need a wallet

## Options:

- Mist Browser (beta) (featured on the right, see also the [recent security warning re. Chromium](#))
- MyEtherWallet (MEW) supports advanced features including hardware wallets



Mist Browser (beta)  
<https://wallet.ethereum.org>  
*Try on Chrome vs Firefox*

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# Let's have some fun!

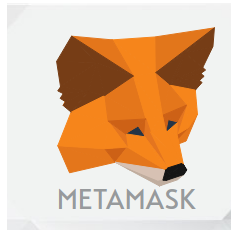


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# Install MetaMask

Follow step by step:

- 1 Install the [Chrome/Chromium](#) extension
- 2 Watch the [intro on Youtube](#)
- 3 Create an account
- 4 Switch to the Ropsten Testnet (top-left in MetaMask)
- 5 Fill your account with Ether from <https://faucet.metamask.io>



<https://metamask.io>

# Try sending ETH to yourself with Metamask

- 1 Make sure you're on Ropsten, with some ETH from the faucet
- 2 Click on "Send" and fill:
  - Account: paste your own address (same account)
  - Amount: 1 ETH
  - Transaction data: convert some text in HEX format with <https://www.asciitohex.com>, remove all spaces and write it with a 0x prefix (e.g. 0x497427732074696d6520746f2072756e)
- 3 Click on "Next"
- 4 Use a gas price  $> 30$  (the higher the faster)
- 5 Confirm the transaction



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# Check the transaction on Etherscan

Copy the transaction #

The screenshot shows the Etherscan interface for a wallet named 'Demo Acct' (address 0x51ae6...). The wallet balance is 2.807 ETH (2503.30 USD). There are 'BUY' and 'SEND' buttons. Below the balance, there are two tabs: 'SENT' and 'TOKENS'. The 'SENT' tab is active, showing a list of transactions. The first transaction is dated February 27, 2018, at 03:54, for 1.0 ETH, with a status of 'Failed' (indicated by a yellow warning icon and the text 'Failed'). The second transaction is dated February 27, 2018, at 03:46, for 1.0 ETH, with a status of 'Success' (indicated by a green checkmark icon). A red box highlights the transaction ID '0x51ae6906...0524' for the successful transaction, with a red arrow pointing to it.

Ropsten Test Net

**Demo Acct**  
0x51ae6...

2.807 ETH  
2503.30 USD

BUY SEND

SENT TOKENS

**February 27 2018**  
03:54 1.0 ETH  
0x51ae6906...0524 (Failed)

**February 27 2018**  
03:46 1.0 ETH  
0x51ae6906...0524

# Check the transaction on Etherscan

and click on "Convert to Ascii"



ROPSTEN (Revival) TESTNET

0x023983a0a803e906879dab806d4ada22a777644526c8f671f92ead92415d65b

GO

HOME

BLOCKCHAIN

ACCOUNT

TOKEN

CHART

MISC

Transaction 0x023983a0a803e906879dab806d4ada22a777644526c8f671f92ead92415d65b

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Overview

Transaction Information

Tools & Utilities

TxHash: 0x023983a0a803e906879dab806d4ada22a777644526c8f671f92ead92415d65b

TxReceipt Status: Success

Block Height: 2735789 (76 block confirmations)

TimeStamp: 23 mins ago (Feb-27-2018 08:47:28 AM +UTC)

From: 0x51ae690685ea0e7bc68c3e939f9c00eaaa8e0524

To: 0x51ae690685ea0e7bc68c3e939f9c00eaaa8e0524

Value: 1 Ether (\$0.00)

Gas Limit: 51000

Gas Used By Txn: 22088

Gas Price: 0.00000004 Ether (40 Gwei)

Actual Tx Cost/Fee: 0.00088352 Ether (\$0.000000)

Cumulative Gas Used: 58002

Nonce: 13

Input Data: 0x497427732074696d6520746f2072756e

Convert To Ascii

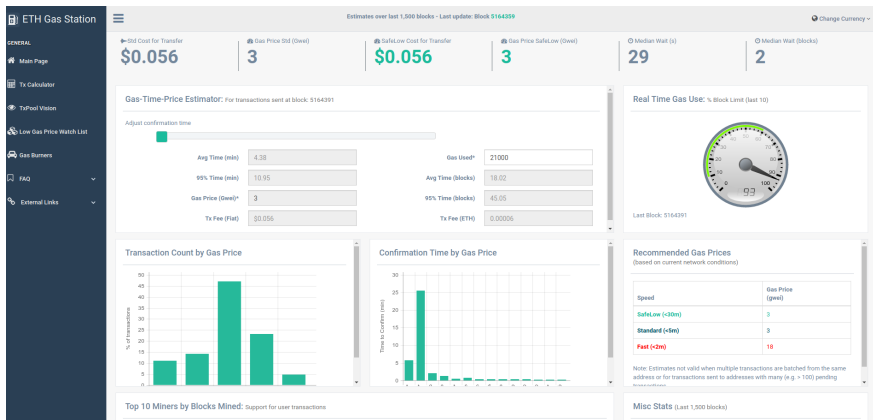


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# A note about gas price

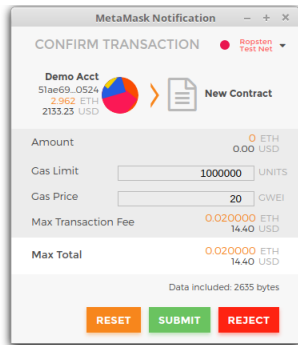
<https://ethgasstation.info>



# Create your own (ERC-20) token

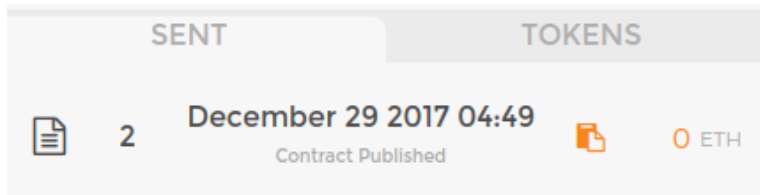
## Create Token

Create Token Contract with the following parameters.



- 1 Use the Token Factory Dapp at <https://tokenfactory.surge.sh/#/factory>
- 2 MetaMask will pop up (see picture above)
- 3 Submit the transaction (on the Ropsten Testnet)
- 4 Check your transaction on <https://ropsten.etherscan.io>

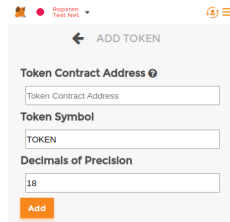
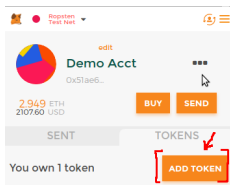
# Check your Smart Contract



- 1 Select the “Sent” tab
- 2 Check the orange Copy icon (Tx Hash)
- 3 Click on “Contract Published”
- 4 That should bring you to Etherscan (see next page)



# Watch your Token



- 1 Click on the “Add Token” button
- 2 Wait for the next window (picture on the right)
- 3 Copy your contract address (from Etherscan)
- 4 Go back to your Token Factory tab, which should show an UI to interact with your contract or go to the URL:  
<https://tokenfactory.surge.sh/#/token/0x...> (replace 0x... by your contract address)
- 5 Move coins around
- 6 In MetaMask, click on your token to check the tx on Etherscan

# Too easy?

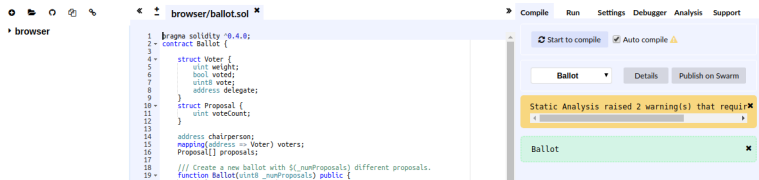
## Let's code it in Solidity like the pros!



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# Coding your first ERC-20 Smart Contract



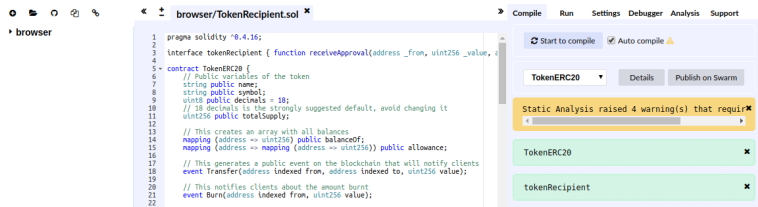
- 1 Open the Remix IDE at <https://remix.ethereum.org>
- 2 Close the ballot file
- 3 Create a new file named TokenRecipient.sol
- 4 Copy the code from <https://ethereum.org/token> (second white box, under “The Code”, starting with “pragma”)
- 5 Switch to the “Run” tab (top-right bar, after Compile)

Reference:

ERC-20 Token Standard



# Compiling Successfully



- 1 Two green boxes should show on the right
- 2 TokenERC20 is the name of the contract (class)
- 3 tokenRecipient is the name of the interface
- 4 Switch to the “Run” tab (top right)

# Submitting the Smart Contract

The screenshot shows the MetaMask interface with the 'TokenERC20' smart contract selected in the dropdown menu. The contract details are displayed, including the account '0x51a...e0524', gas limit '3000000', and value '0'. The 'Create' button is visible, indicating the contract is ready to be submitted. The left pane shows the Solidity code for the 'TokenERC20' contract, which includes a constructor function and a 'receiveApproval' function.

```
1 pragma solidity ^0.4.16;
2
3 interface tokenRecipient { function receiveApproval(address _from, uint256 _value, address _token, bytes _extraData); }
4
5 contract TokenERC20 {
6     // Public variables of the token
7     string public name;
8     string public symbol;
9     uint8 public decimals = 18;
10    // 18 decimals is the strongly suggested default, avoid changing it
11    uint256 public totalSupply;
12
13    // This creates an array with all balances
14    mapping(address => uint256) public balanceOf;
15    mapping(address => mapping(address => uint256)) public allowance;
16
17    // This generates a public event on the blockchain that will notify clients
18    event Transfer(address indexed from, address indexed to, uint256 value);
19
20    // This notifies clients about the amount burnt
21    event Burn(address indexed from, uint256 value);
22
23    /**
24     * Constructor function
25     *
26     * Initializes contract with initial supply tokens to the creator of the contract
27     */
28    function TokenERC20(
29        uint256 initialSupply,
30        string tokenName,
31        string tokenSymbol
32    ) public {
33        totalSupply = initialSupply * 10 ** uint256(decimals); // Update total supply
34        balanceOf[address(this)] = totalSupply; // Give the creator all
```




- 1 Under the dropdown showing “TokenERC20”, add a number (total amount of tokens to issue) and two strings (the latter is the token symbol)
- 2 Add enough gas (top right, try 30)
- 3 Click Create and check whether MetaMask needs confirmation



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# Interacting with the contract

- 1 A new interface will pop up on the bottom right corner of the IDE

0 pending transactions   

▼ TokenERC20 at 0xca5...ee675 (blockchain) 

totalSupply	
symbol	
name	
decimals	
allowance	address , address
balanceOf	address
transferFrom	address _from, address _to,
burnFrom	address _from, uint256 _val
approve	address _spender, uint256 _
approveAndCall	address _spender, uint256 _
transfer	address _to, uint256 _value
burn	uint256 _value



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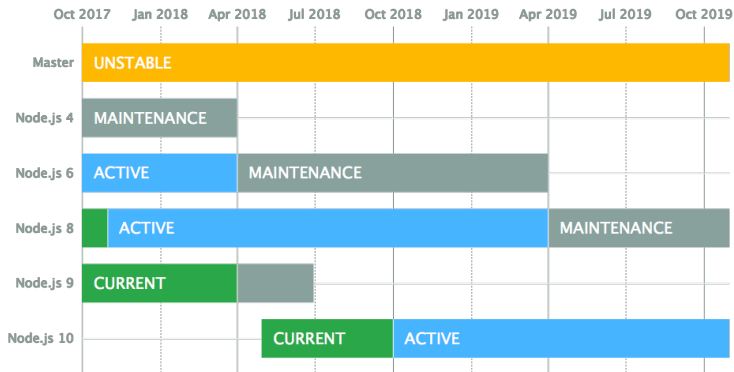


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# Required dependency: node.js > 5

Install version 8 –in LTS maintenance until December 2019.

Run a script from <https://nodejs.org/en/download/package-manager/>



# Installing Truffle

## YOUR ETHEREUM SWISS ARMY KNIFE

Truffle is the most popular development framework for Ethereum with a mission to make your life a whole lot easier.

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INSTALL VIA NPM

```
$ npm install -g truffle
```

*Requires NodeJS 5.0+. Works on Linux, macOS, or Windows.*

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Don't know where to start? Get yourself a [Truffle Box!](#)



# Let's build our first Dapp with Truffle

<http://truffleframework.com/tutorials/pet-shop>





# Let's build an ERC20 Token Contract with Truffle

[http://truffleframework.com/tutorials/  
robust-smart-contracts-with-openzeppelin](http://truffleframework.com/tutorials/robust-smart-contracts-with-openzeppelin)



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Let's create our own  
permission-based private  
Blockchain  
based on Ethereum!



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- Let's follow **Parity's Demo PoA tutorial**
- Simple Hands-on at <https://github.com/marclijour/parity-poa-tutorial>





# Parity's Demo PoA tutorial

## Objectives:

- 1 Setup two connected nodes on one machine (for demo)
- 2 Gain familiarity with Parity (UI and command line)
- 3 Gain a better understanding of diverse types of blockchain (public/private, permissionless/permission-based) and different types of consensus algorithms



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# Parity's Demo PoA tutorial

## Step 1: download the files

This [tutorial](#) assumes that you have installed Parity. Instructions are shown for a machine running Linux Ubuntu. The first step consists in cloning the GitHub repo in your machine. You'll run command from within that directory.

```
$ git clone https://github.com/marclijour/parity-poa-tutorial.git
```



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# Parity's Demo PoA tutorial

## Step 2: create nodes and accounts

From the “parity-poa-tutorial” directory, open two terminals and type one line in each:

```
$ parity --config node0.starthere  
$ parity --config node1.starthere
```

Open another console and run these scripts:

```
$ ./create_first_authority_address_on_node0.sh  
$ ./create_second_authority_address_on_node1.sh  
$ ./create_user__address_on_node0.sh
```



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## Step 3: start the chain on PoA

In two separate terminals, restart parity with this new configuration.

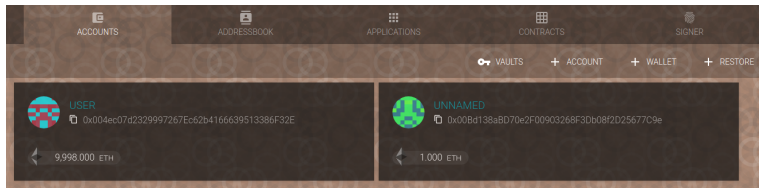
```
$ parity --config node0.toml  
$ parity --config node1.toml
```



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# Parity's Demo PoA tutorial – Step 4: setup the Parity UI

Open two different windows or tabs in your browser for node 0 (at <http://localhost:8181>) and node 1 (at <http://localhost:8182>).



Restore the accounts as above:

- on node 0: node0 (password = node0), and user (password = user)
- on node 1: node1 (password = node1)


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## Step 4: connect the nodes with each other

Check the console where you started node 0, and look for the Public Node URL. It should resemble something like this: `enode://<long hash>@<IP Address>:<Port Number>`

NETWORK PEERS				ACCEPT NON-RESERVED	DROP NON-RESERVED	ADD RESERVED	REMOVE RESERVED
ID	Remote Address	Name	Header (ETH)	Difficulty (ETH)	Capabilities		
1	75722705b1677fa9b7	192.168.0.16:30301	ParityV1.7.11-stable-sSeed0f2017122Bx8L64knugnuhustC1.22.1	en0995...6d0a1	2.075722482177246e+40	eth/52-eth/63-par/1-par/2-pp/1	

Go to the Status tab (the leftmost tab) in the Web UI for node 1, and look for the Network Peers section. Click on ADD RESERVED, and copy the URL (including `enode://`).

 Connected Peers (1/25)

You are connected to only one peer. Your node might not be reliable. Check your network connection.

Check the console output and the Web UI. Both should acknowledged another peer (1/25 Peers instead of 0/25 Peers).



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## Step 5: send transactions

Run the following scripts and watch the balance for each account in the Web UIs.

```
$ send_from_user_to_node0_account.sh  
$ send_from_user_to_node1_account.sh
```

You can also try in a separate console, where you can read the JSON-formatted response.

```
$check_balance_in_node0_account.sh  
$check_balance_in_node1_account.sh
```



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## Step 6: add nodes to the network

Run parity with the right chain specification and let other nodes know (by adding them by enode URL). You just need the demo-spec.json file to get started.

```
$ parity --chain demo-spec.json
```





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# Next Steps and Recommended Readings

- Starting on Blockchain: [key learning resources](#)
- Fairly exhaustive [references from Andreessen Horowitz](#)
- [Parity Wiki](#) (e.g. [Token Deployment](#))
- [Ethereum White Paper](#) and [Wiki](#)
- MOOCs: [Udemy \(Solidity\)](#), [edX \(Hyperledger\)](#)
- [Building Blockchain Projects: Building decentralized Blockchain applications with Ethereum and Solidity](#) by Narayan Prusty (2017)  
–*check the section on Proof of Authority (PoA)*



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