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# FTEC5520— Applied Blockchain & Cryptocurrency

#### **Lab1** Exercise

Ethereum Infrastructure Setup & Practice – Part2

# Task 6 A simple Smart Contract demo

Smart Contract usually need to use transaction of blockchain to realize the contract which means the account should have some ethers at least. However, mining in blockchain network usually cost a long time, to make sure everyone can take this step even without finishing the previous, we recommend you use an Ethereum development tool working as blockchain simulator named Gnache. Here we will use the CLI version.

To initialize a new blockchain network, we have to create a new folder to hold it instead of using the ~/blockchain again.

```
cd && mkdir voting_dapp
cd voting_dapp
```

Install nodejs in this directory:

```
curl -fsL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_12.x | sudo -E bash -
sudo apt-get install -y nodejs
```

Use node -v and npm -v to verfiv the installation:

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-21-150:~$ node -v v12.11.1 ubuntu@ip-172-31-21-150:~$ npm -v 6.11.3 ubuntu@ip-172-31-21-150:~$
```

```
npm init -f
```

npm install formidable --save

Download the ganache-cli in ~/voting dapp in current directory:

```
npm install ganache-cli
```

Run the ganache-cli command to start a blockchain automatically even without genesis:

```
node modules/.bin/ganache-cli
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-21-150:~/voting_dapp$ node_modules/.bin/ganache-cli
Ganache CLI v6.7.0 (ganache-core: 2.8.0)
Available Accounts
(0) 0x5eC7798B39BdB46627CCC8fdE761d513F5151442 (100 ETH)
(1) 0xBFe1aA2cBE59512Eb23D281F1a78345110506800 (100 ETH)
(2) 0x2BD66b2b40F2E35BEa786D423Bd6F11E7a3D1F58 (100 ETH)
(3) 0x08949Db9d53875Cf74D5a7F581b88357ca46c0b3 (100 ETH)
(4) 0x23882F49952c237A597B990b4A94506015dc5D9a (100 ETH)
(5) 0x0E707edd67B8D7a55c3eaa1c99EcB55eA36628C2 (100 ETH)
(6) 0xCC79e8e85163789aD928b01211367E5040611223 (100 ETH)
(7) 0xD0B9Ea0268ce7b71C1649a53e06EFbdd499A484B (100 ETH)
(8) 0xFdB4c4C9ef3Cd1E1FD13bC1898d3145e42609fb1 (100 ETH)
(9) 0xE8E283Ea08a7E76Dbf76d20A39A36f6eB1EF42bc (100 ETH)
Private Keys
(0) 0x5059a02b78fd0ae5d933de7ce980dd4dab9e2bb8a7e3b81d4cdde6c0c24c1540
(1) 0x16cbce729f936556d90b0a39c4a56cfbbb46ba787abe99c5f5f0adc935731295
(2) 0x5c82c46637c00579cd0350e5eb2e3e9114237bcbc544793a05ab5049a230ea77
(3) 0x4e5a187940aee61d2bda4249bdcc41a1c70d55a8f514871a7edbbaf8776cf047
(4) 0xb1a52b845635596da9e965f3e828dbe798b9538d711a4a0ccb372b5cdc8d31b4
(5) 0x2aae2fd6ab39cb7a30e181de7591353ae9660623aa904588c6dfd65b7f56d0e2
(6) 0x1ba2a5d7488b7e7263999e63a6e640706966aa56447106627e8c4dbe7b3cbcaa

    (7) 0xad0e471a24b4d6f0e0f8911e83eee1b875ff668c3c09db99885f93b8a49f6c53
    (8) 0x4125e16902bd51fd16df0139cf4d92ecb55f807170d7f49355dadb0a4d975522

(9) 0x1d5c0614fbc888048bfcc1f3f7e222c585246fd484edd36b75c166e8fff8f02b
HD Wallet
Mnemonic: census observe rich must mother work fog possible goose flag envelope simple
Base HD Path: m/44'/60'/0'/0/{account index}
Gas Price
 istening on 127.0.0.1:8545
```

If you get the return, that means you have got 10 accounts with 100 ether each generated automatically and a blockchain initialized. The accounts are equally to these you created in the previous steps.

Please leave the ganache-cli running and **open a new terminal** connected to these Linux VM and do below steps.

## Task 6.1 Development of Smart Contract

We are going to use the **Solidity** programming language especially designed for Ethereum to write a simple sample contract. If you are familiar with Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) such as C++, Java or Python, learning to write solidity contracts should be a breeze.

We have given you the source code of the simple contract (think of contract as a class in your favorite OOP language) called **Voting** with a constructor which initializes an array of candidates. It includes 2 methods: one to return the total votes a candidate has received and another method to increment vote count for a candidate.

**Note**: The constructor is invoked once and only once when you deploy the contract to the blockchain. Unlike in the web world where every deployment of your code overwrites the old code, deployed code in the blockchain is immutable, i.e. if you update your contract and deploy again, the old contract will still be in the blockchain untouched along with all the data stored in it, the new deployment will create a new instance of the contract.

### 1. Write Solidity source code:

To simplify the procedure, we don't introduce any details about Solidity grmamer here, but only give you a sample code for fast demo. For more details about solidity please refer to <u>Solidity doc</u>, a popular Solidity IDE <u>Remix</u>, more <u>tutroials on</u> YouTube

Below is the Voting contract code with comment explanation. Please create a .sol file named **Voting.sol** using these commands and copy the contract code to the Voting.sol file in your Linux blockchain directory

```
touch Voting.sol
vim Voting.sol
```

Press "i" to enter the editor mode and copy the source code above to Voting.sol

Then press ":wq" to exit.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-21-150:~/voting_dapp$ ls
Voting.sol node_modules package-lock.json
ubuntu@ip-172-31-21-150:~/voting_dapp$
```

```
pragma solidity >=0.4.0 <0.6.0;
/ we nave to specity what version of compiler this code will compile with
contract Voting {
 /* mapping field below is equivalent to an associative array or hash.
 The key of the mapping is candidate name stored as type bytes32 and value is
 an unsigned integer to store the vote count
 mapping (bytes32 => uint256) public votesReceived;
 /* Solidity doesn't let you pass in an array of strings in the constructor (yet).
 We will use an array of bytes32 instead to store the list of candidates
 bytes32[] public candidateList;
  /* This is the constructor which will be called once when you
 deploy the contract to the blockchain. When we deploy the contract,
 we will pass an array of candidates who will be contesting in the election
 constructor(bytes32[] memory candidateNames) public {
   candidateList = candidateNames;
 // This function returns the total votes a candidate has received so far
 function totalVotesFor(bytes32 candidate) view public returns (uint256) {
   require(validCandidate(candidate));
   return votesReceived[candidate];
 // This function increments the vote count for the specified candidate. This
 // is equivalent to casting a vote
 function voteForCandidate(bytes32 candidate) public {
   require(validCandidate(candidate));
   votesReceived[candidate] += 1;
 function validCandidate(bytes32 candidate) view public returns (bool) {
   for(uint i = 0; i < candidateList.length; i++) {</pre>
     if (candidateList[i] == candidate) {
        return true;
   return false;
```

#### 2. Compile the source code:

To deploy the Voting contract, we need to compile the source code firstly.

Install the CLI solidity compiler called **solc** 

```
npm install solc
```

Install the web3 for further interaction.

```
npm install web3
```

Run the solc to compile Voting.sol from source code to .bin file and .abi file.

```
node modules/.bin/solcjs --bin --abi Voting.sol
```

Show the compiled results of Voting.sol using Is and your will see two new files:

ls

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-21-150:~/voting_dapp$ ls
Voting.sol node_modules package-lock.json
ubuntu@ip-172-31-21-150:~/voting_dapp$ node_modules/.bin/solcjs --bin --abi Voting.sol
ubuntu@ip-172-31-21-150:~/voting_dapp$ ls
Voting.sol Voting sol Voting.abi Voting sol Voting.bin node_modules package-lock.json
ubuntu@ip-172-31-21-150:~/voting_dapp$
```

When you compile the code successfully using the command above, the compiler outputs 2 files that are important to understand:

- Voting\_sol\_Voting.bin: This is the bytecode you get when the source code in Voting.sol is compiled. This is the code which will be deployed to the blockchain.
- Voting\_sol\_Voting.abi: This is an interface or template of the contract (called abi) which tells the contract user what methods are available in the contract.
   Whenever you interact with the contract in the future, you will need this abi definition. You can read more details about ABI here

### Task 6.2 Deployment of Smart Contract

**web3js** is a library which lets you interact with the blockchain through **RPC**. We will use that library to deploy our application and interact with it.

First, run the commands below in your terminal to get into the node console.

#### node

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-21-150:~/voting_dapp$ node

Welcome to Node.js v12.11.1.

Type ".help" for more information.
>
```

**Note:** All the code snippets below need to be typed in the node console.

Initialize the web3 object.

### Web3 = require('web3')

...

```
modules: {
   Eth: [Function: Eth] { givenProvider: null, providers: [Object] },
   Net: [Function: Net] { givenProvider: null, providers: [Object] },
   Personal: [Function: Personal] { givenProvider: null, providers: [Object] },
   Shh: [Function: Shh] { givenProvider: null, providers: [Object] },
   Bzz: [Function: Bzz] { givenProvider: null }
},
   givenProvider: null,
   providers: {
    WebsocketProvider: [Function: WebsocketProvider],
    HttpProvider: [Function: HttpProvider],
    IpcProvider: [Function: IpcProvider]
}
}
```

web3 = new Web3("http://localhost:8545")

```
> web3 = new Web3("http://localhost:8545")
 currentProvider: [Getter/Setter],
  _requestManager: RequestManager {
   provider: HttpProvider {
      httpAgent: [Agent],
     timeout: 0,
headers: undefined,
     connected: false
    providers: {
      WebsocketProvider: [Function: WebsocketProvider],
      HttpProvider: [Function: HttpProvider],
      IpcProvider: [Function: IpcProvider]
    subscriptions: {}
  givenProvider: null,
  providers: {
    WebsocketProvider: [Function: WebsocketProvider],
    HttpProvider: [Function: HttpProvider],
    IpcProvider: [Function: IpcProvider]
  _provider: HttpProvider {
```

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```
unsubscribe: [Function: send] {
    method: [Method],
    request: [Function: bound ],
    call: 'shh_unsubscribe'
    }
},
bzz: Bzz {
    givenProvider: null,
    currentProvider: null,
    isAvailable: [Function],
    upload: [Function],
    download: [Function]
}
```

To make sure web3 object is initialized and can communicate with the blockchain, let's query all the accounts in the blockchain. You should see a result with many accounts like below:

```
web3.eth.getAccounts(console.log)
```

To load the bytecode(bin) and Application Binary Interface (abi) from the file system into a string like below:

```
bytecode = fs.readFileSync('Voting_sol_Voting.bin').toString()
```

```
abi=JSON.parse(fs.readFileSync('Voting_sol_Voting.abi').toString
())
```

```
abi = JSON.parse(fs.readFileSync('Voting_sol_Voting.abi').toString())
  inputs: [ [Object] ],
  payable: false,
  type: 'constructor'
  inputs: [ [Object] ],
  outputs: [[Object]],
payable: false,
  stateMutability: 'view',
  type: 'function
  constant: true,
inputs: [ [Object] ],
  name: 'totalVotesFor
  outputs: [ [Object] ],
payable: false,
  stateMutability: 'view',
  type: 'function'
  constant: true,
inputs: [ [Object] ],
name: 'validCandidate',
  outputs: [ [Object] ],
payable: false,
  stateMutability: 'view',
  type: 'function
  inputs: [ [Object] ],
name: 'voteForCandidate',
  outputs: [],
payable: false,
  stateMutability: 'nonpayable',
  type: 'function
  constant: true,
  inputs: [ [Object] ],
  outputs: [[Object]],
payable: false,
stateMutability: 'view',
  type: 'function'
```

Now, let's deploy the Voting contract.

1. Create a contract object name **deployedContract** which is used to deploy and ini tiate contracts in blockchain

```
deployedContract = new web3.eth.Contract(abi)
```

```
> deployedContract = new web3.eth.Contract(abi)
Contract {
    currentProvider: [Getter/Setter],
    _requestManager: RequestManager {
        provider: HttpProvider {
            host: 'http://localhost:8545',
            httpAgent: [Agent],
            timeout: 0,
            headers: undefined,
            connected: true
        },
        providers: {
            WebsocketProvider: [Function: WebsocketProvider],
            HttpProvider: [Function: HttpProvider],
            IpcProvider: [Function: IpcProvider]
        },
        subscriptions: {}
    },
    givenProvider: null,
```

.....

```
constant: false,
  inputs: [Array],
  name: 'voteForCandidate',
  outputs: [],
  payable: false,
  stateMutability: 'nonpayable',
  type: 'function',
  signature: '0xcc9ab267'
},
{
  constant: true,
  inputs: [Array],
  name: 'votesReceived',
  outputs: [Array],
  payable: false,
  stateMutability: 'view',
  type: 'function',
  signature: '0x7021939f'
}
}
```

2. Create a list of three candidates:

```
listOfCandidates = ['Rama', 'Nick', 'Jose']
```

```
SyntaxError: Unexpected token '}'
> listOfCandidates = ['Rama', 'Nick', 'Jose']
[ 'Rama', 'Nick', 'Jose' ]
>
```

3. Use deploy method with many parameters to deploy smart contract:

```
deployedContract.deploy({
```

```
}).then((newContractInstance) => {
deployedContract.options.address = newContractInstanc
e.options.address
console.log(newContractInstance.options.address)
});
```

**Note**: Here go back to the terminal running ganache-cli and copy one account address Use this account address to replace the yellow highlight part in above code.

After a short time pending, you'll get a HASH value return which is also your contract address and means your smart contract has been deployed.

```
SyntaxError: Unexpected token '>'
> deployedContract.deploy({
...    data: bytecode,
...    arguments: [listOfCandidates.map(name => web3.utils.asciiToHex(name))]
...}).send({
...    from: '0x3005D19a6B84adbb53d10AE213310E863498B6a7',
...    gas: 1500000,
...    gasPrice: web3.utils.toWei('0.00003', 'ether')
...}).then((newContractInstance) => {
...    deployedContract.options.address = newContractInstance.options.address
...    console.log(newContractInstance.options.address)
...});
Promise { <pending> }
> 0xBe930E593d3dA19A7C00b11E78f8d6c888ca7bF8
```

4. To verify it again, use this command and you will the same HASH value:

deployedContract.options.address

We use the web3 deploy function along with send to deploy the contract to the blockch ain. Let's see what are all the arguments we pass to deploy and send functions:

- data: This is the compiled bytecode which we deploy to the blockchain.
- arguments: These are the arguments we pass to the constructor of the contract. In our case we pass an array of candidate names. Note that we have to explicitly convert string to bytes32, that's why we call web3.utils.asciiToHex on each candidate name (using map function).
- from: The blockchain keep track of who deployed the contract. In this case, we are just picking the first account we get back from calling web3.eth.getAccounts to be the owner of this contract (who will deploy it to the blockchain). Remember that web3.eth.getAccounts returns an array of 10 test accounts ganache created when we started the test blockchain. In the live blockchain, you can't just use any

account. You own that account and unlock it before transacting. You are asked for a passphrase while creating an account and that is what you use to prove your ownership of that account. Ganache by default unlocks all the 10 accounts for convenience.

- gas: It costs money to interact with the blockchain. This money goes to miners who do all the work to include your code in the blockchain. You specify how much money you are willing to pay to get your code included in the blockchain and you do that by setting the value of 'gas'. The ether balance in your 'from' account will be used to buy gas. The price of gas is set by the network.
- gasPrice: Each unit of gas has a price associated with it. That is set in the gasPrice field.

We have now deployed the contract and have an instance of the contract (variable **deployedContract** above) which we can use to interact with the contract. There are hundreds of thousands of contracts deployed on the blockchain.

## Task 6.3 Interact with the deployed contract in the NodeJS console:

1. To see the voting result of each candidate. Here we use "Rama" as example:

```
deployedContract.methods.totalVotesFor(web3.utils.asciiToHex('Ram
a')).call(console.log)
```

```
> deployedContract.methods.totalVotesFor(web3.utils.asciiToHex('Rama')).call(console.log)
Promise { <pending> }
> null 0
```

2. Vote for "Rama" using transaction:

```
deployedContract.methods.voteForCandidate(web3.utils.asciiToHex('
Rama')).send({from: 'YOUR ACCOUNT ADDRESS'})).then((f) =>
console.log(f))
```

After a short time pending, you will get transaction block with a unique transactionHash.

3. Check the voting result of "Rama" again.

```
deployedContract.methods.totalVotesFor(web3.utils.asciiToHex('Ram
a')).call(console.log)

> deployedContract.methods.totalVotesFor(web3.utils.asciiToHex('Rama')).call(console.log)
Promise { <pending> }
> null 1
```

4. You can also see the transaction from the ganache-cli window:

```
Listening on 127.0.0.1:8545
eth sendTransaction
 Transaction: 0x9edb7b38f9ab7875cc527341acd79327fcaf7189bf44ae4d38a65b1a2f0225f6
 Contract created: 0xbe930e593d3da19a7c00b11e78f8d6c888ca7bf8
 Gas usage: 377737
 Block Number: 1
 Block Time: Sun Oct 13 2019 09:12:10 GMT+0000 (Coordinated Universal Time)
eth getTransactionReceipt
eth getCode
eth_gasPrice
eth sendTransaction
 Transaction: 0xf619c496ba87f928de08ad8b65cf76bcc60736666c2058558b503e7fcc870e29
 Gas usage: 43184
 Block Number: 2
 Block Time: Sun Oct 13 2019 09:14:33 GMT+0000 (Coordinated Universal Time)
eth_getTransactionReceipt
eth call
```

You can observe that when you deployed the contract, there was the first block created. Next, when you vote, there will be a new block counted as the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Question 3 – If you want to deploy the voting smart contract on the blockchain you crated in tast1 $^{\sim}$ 5, what should you do? If you want to deploy your smart contract on other types of Eth networks like main net, **Rinkeby**, **modern test net**, etc, what should you do? (1 mark)

If you can see the vote count of "Rama" increment from 0 to 1 and above result, you have successfully created your first smart contract. Congratulations!

**Summary:** Though the app we developed & deployed in this lab does looks simple and raw even without any GUI. If you want to explore more about how to build a GUI Web dApp and even with more nodes, please refer to this article: <a href="Two-Node Setup of a">Two-Node Setup of a</a></a>
<a href="Private Ethereum on AWS with Contract Deployment">Private Ethereum on AWS with Contract Deployment</a>, <a href="Full Stack Hello World Voting Ethereum Dapp Tutorial">Full Stack Hello World Voting Ethereum Dapp Tutorial</a>

Question 4 – Please list the main steps of multi-node Setup of a Private Ethereum on AWS with Contract Deployment by reading the below blogs.

- 1) How to setup a multi-node (more than two nodes) Ethereum blockchain network?
  - Reference: https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum/
- 2) How to deploy the sample Voting smart contract on it?

  Reference: <a href="https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum-on-aws-with-contract-deployment-part-2/">https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum-on-aws-with-contract-deployment-part-2/</a>

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- g) Setupting up the Go Ethereum geth version in Ubuntu Linux <a href="https://medium.com/@priyalwalpita/setting-up-the-go-ethereum-geth-environment-in-ubuntu-linux-67c09706b42">https://medium.com/@priyalwalpita/setting-up-the-go-ethereum-geth-environment-in-ubuntu-linux-67c09706b42</a>
- h) Two-nodes setup of private Ethereum on AWS with contract deployment <a href="https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum/">https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum/</a> <a href="https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum-on-aws-with-co">https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum-on-aws-with-co">https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum-on-aws-with-co</a> <a href="https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum-on-aws-with-co">https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum-on-aws-with-co</a> <a href="https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum-on-aws-with-co">https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum-on-aws-with-co">https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum-on-aws-with-co</a> <a href="https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum-on-aws-with-co">https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum-on-aws-with-co">https://blockgeeks.com/two-node-setup-of-a-private-ethereum-on-aws-with-co</a>
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