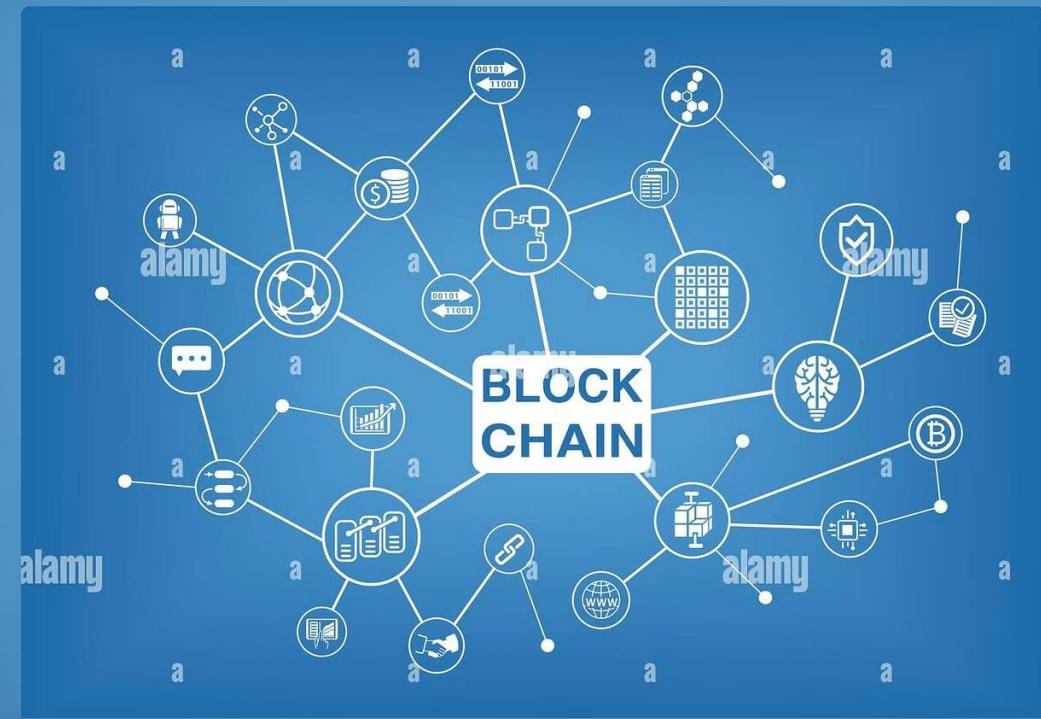


# Blockchain's Role in Finance Beyond Cryptocurrency

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# Abstract

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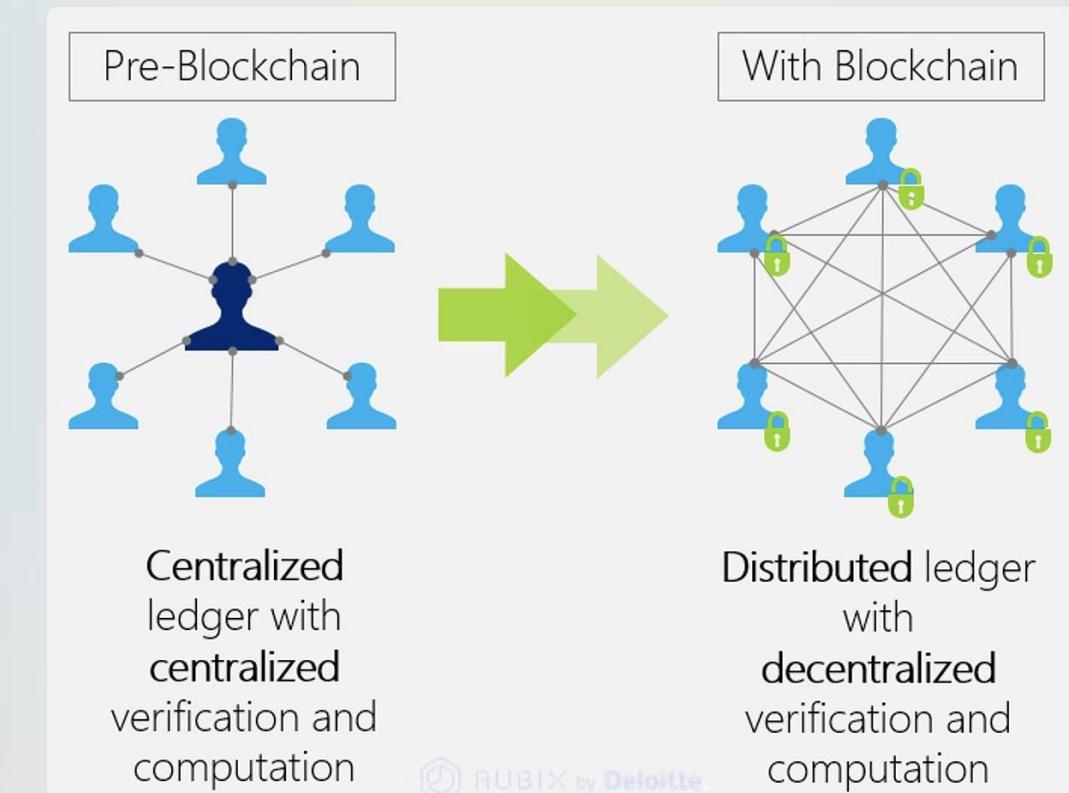
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## 2 Focus Areas

Decentralized Finance (DeFi), Asset Tokenization, and Cross-border Payments are key areas where blockchain is making a significant impact.

## 3 Security & Transparency

Blockchain's inherent cryptographic security and distributed ledger offer more transparent financial operations.





# Introduction

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## Background

Blockchain was introduced in 2008 with Bitcoin, marking the start of decentralized, peer-to-peer financial systems.

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## Key Attributes

Decentralization, transparency, and security are key attributes of blockchain technology.

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## Beyond Bitcoin

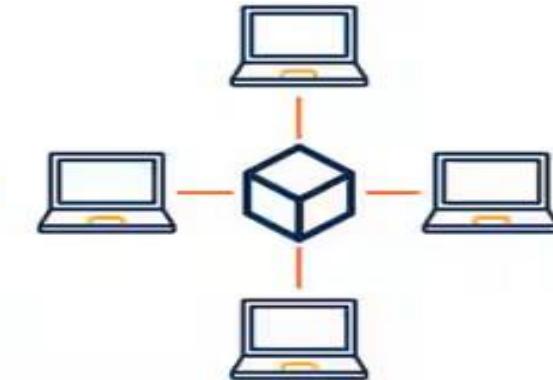
Applications have expanded into other areas like DeFi, enabling automated financial services through smart contracts and distributed networks.



**A** wants to transfer  
money to **B**



Transaction is represented  
as a Block.



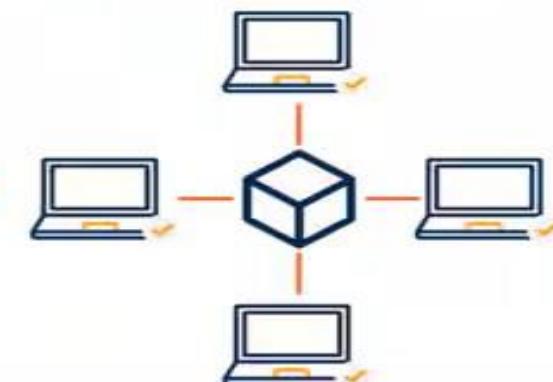
Block is broadcasted to  
everyone in the network



**B** receives  
money from **A**



Block is then added to the  
chain, providing an indelible and  
transparent record of transaction.



Approved as valid from  
everyone in the network



**DeFi**

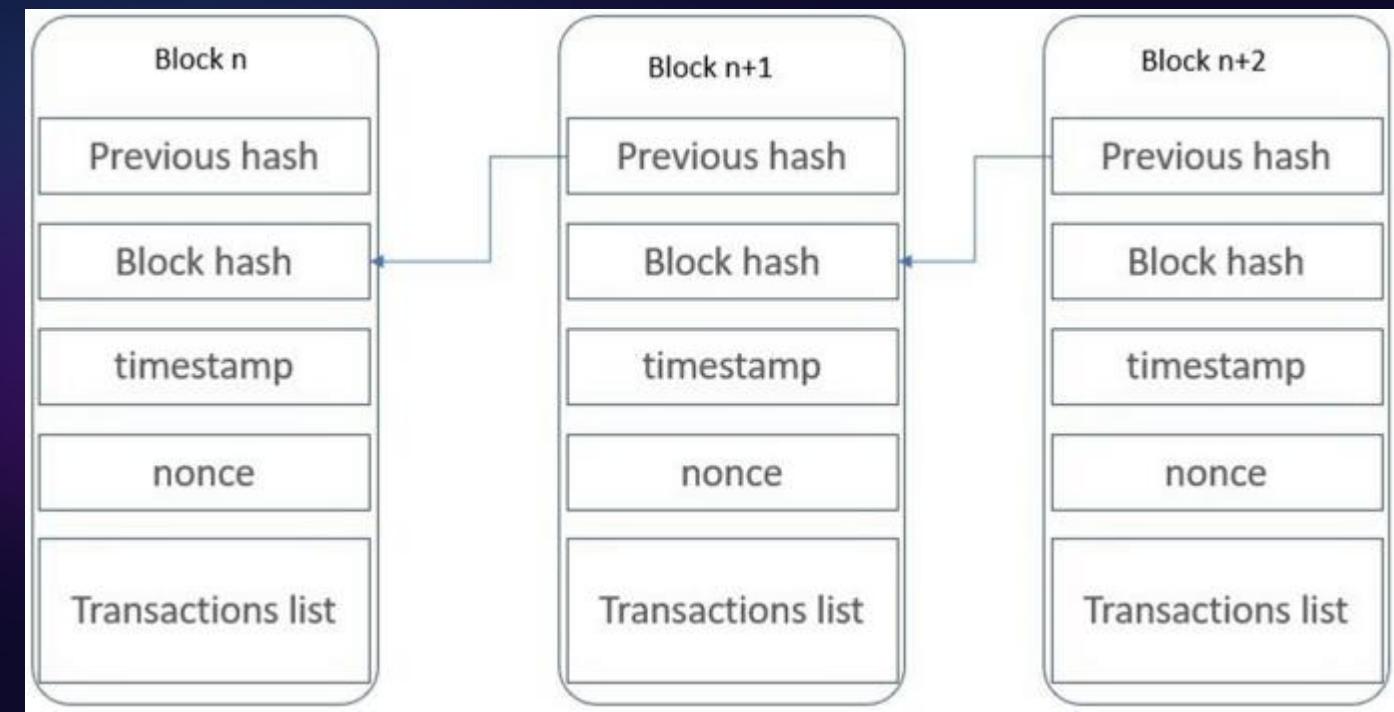
Decentralized Finance



**CeFi**

Centralized Finance

## DeFi VS CeFi



Block structure

# Decentralized Finance (DeFi) & Financial Transformation

## DeFi Explained

An ecosystem of financial applications built on blockchain networks (mainly Ethereum) that operate without centralized intermediaries.

## Smart Contracts

Self-executing contracts with predefined rules coded into the blockchain, enabling automated loans, yield farming, and insurance without a middleman.

## Advantages

Accessibility, transparency, and reduced costs are key advantages of DeFi.



# Blockchain Applications Beyond DeFi

## Cross-border Payments

Blockchain eliminates intermediaries, enabling near-instant payments with lower transaction costs.

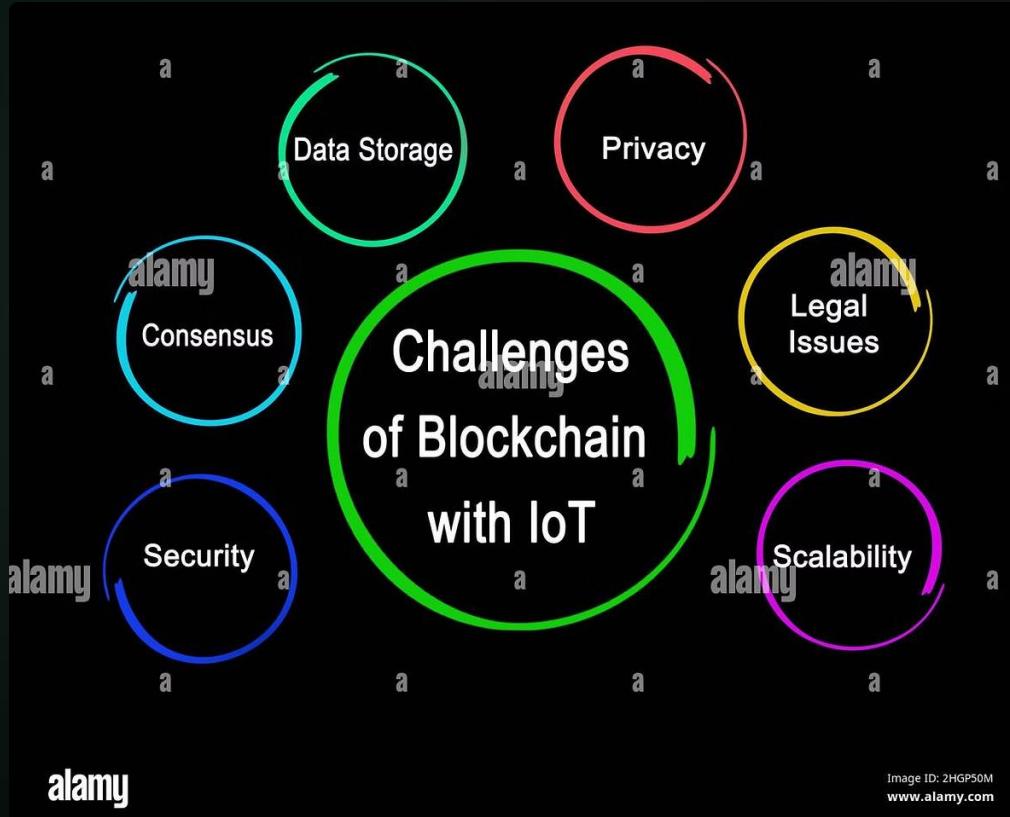
## Supply Chain Finance

Blockchain enables real-time tracking of goods and assets across borders, reducing fraud and ensuring integrity.

## Asset Tokenization

Converting physical assets into digital tokens on a blockchain enhances liquidity, fractional ownership, and global investment opportunities.

# Key Challenges



## Scalability

High transaction fees and slower processing times during peak periods.

## Regulatory Issues

Blockchain's anonymity conflicts with Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Know Your Customer (KYC) regulations.

## Security Concerns

Poorly coded smart contracts can be exploited, and networks are vulnerable to 51% attacks.

# Algorithms

## 1. Cryptographic Hash Functions

- **Definition:** Converts input data into a fixed-length string, ensuring uniqueness.

- **Formula:**  $H(x)H(x)H(x) \rightarrow$  unique hash for input xxx

- **Key Properties:**

- **Deterministic:** Same input = same output.
- **Pre-image Resistance:** Hard to reverse to find the original input.
- **Collision Resistance:** Hard to find two different inputs with the same hash.

## 2. Public-Key Cryptography

- **Definition:** Uses a public key (shared) and a private key (kept secret).

- **Formula:** Public Key: PKPKPK, Private Key: SKSKSK

- **Key Properties:**

- **Secure Communication:** Only the intended recipient can decrypt.
- **Digital Signatures:** Ensures authenticity and integrity.



# Integration with Emerging Technologies

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## AI in Blockchain

AI can analyze blockchain data in real-time to detect suspicious activity and power smart contracts.

2

## IoT and Blockchain

Blockchain can automate machine-to-machine payments or ensure the authenticity of products in the supply chain.

3

## Future Integration

Expect blockchain, AI, and IoT to converge, leading to automated, secure financial and business operations.

# Conclusion

Blockchain is transforming finance beyond just cryptocurrency, from DeFi to cross-border payments and asset tokenization. Scalability, security, and regulatory frameworks remain barriers to mainstream adoption. AI, IoT, and quantum-resistant cryptography will shape the future of blockchain, ensuring its long-term viability in the financial world.

