Introduction to Truffle

Set up your gitpod environment

in your browser open

gitpod.io/#https://github.com/ExtropyIO/Academy (http://gitpod.io/#https://github.com/ExtropyIO/Academy)

Open the terminal and cd to TruffleIntroduction Run

```
npm i
npm i -g ganache-cli
npm i -g truffle
```

What is Truffle?

Truffle is an Ethereum development environment which has built-in compiling and migration, and testing frameworks.

Truffle is part of the Truffle Suite. The Suite contains a range of Ethereum development tools.

Guide to Truffle

1. The folder structure

```
contracts
|___ Migrations.sol
|__ VolcanoCoin.sol
|
migrations
|__ 1_initial_migration.js
|
node_modules
|__ @openzeppelin/contracts
|
test
|
package-lock.json
```

```
| package.json
|
| truffle-config.json
```

Understanding the folder structure

```
contracts
```

The location for all your contracts.

```
Migrations.sol
```

The contracts directory is set up with Migrations.sol. Migrations.sol keeps a track of the migrations to the network.

```
migrations
```

The location for all your deployment scripts.

```
1_initial_migration.js
```

The migrations directory is set up by default with 1_initial_migration.js. These deployment scripts are run when migrating the contracts to the network.

The file's number acts as a reference, that is then recorded in Migrations.sol on deployment.

For example, to create another migration, the file name would be

2_second_migration.js and this would be referenced as the 2nd migration inside the Migrations contract.

```
node_modules
```

Location for npm packages.

test

The location for test files. It's best practice to name your test files as

```
myContractsName.test.js
```

package.json

A JSON that holds metadata for your project.

```
truffle-config.js
```

The network configuration file (see below).

2. Setting up the network

truffle-config.js is your configuration file. It has been set up to enable configuration of different network settings.

In our file, we have set up a development network at local host port 8545. 8545 is the standard port for Ethereum.

The network settings must always be exported in an object.

3. Ganache CLI

Ganache CLI is also part of the Truffle suite. It simulates your own personal blockchain for Ethereum development.

Open the terminal and cd to TruffleIntroduction if you are in not already in that directory

In a terminal, run the command <code>ganache-cli</code> . You should see a list of 10 test accounts with their private keys, with 100 test Ether to play around with,

Ganache provides a mnemonic key if you want to import the wallet.

It is listening on 127.0.0.1:8545, which is standard for a local Ethereum blockchain network.

```
Available Accounts
(0) 0xeE093F79F43800A94A8732c9F81B3ae3C93eAEd3 (100 ETH)
(1) 0xB1501A9b99F7d99267741bE5975f0eff143163FA (100
(2) 0x1974A9b5c35B031405e8275D38f101e7339903cE (100
                                                    ETH)
(3) 0xD594155F44b07fdeBdCa2e9DdD00c1e15c879105 (100
                                                    ETH)
(4) 0xBdefDCfADaeFED3A71A246748373299e59D4a3C3 (100 ETH)
(5) 0x4eDA1d5baB7DaA46F184C4E2320A1b6a79a4DE48 (100 ETH)
(6) 0x8fE2aDD4B7EBd7EaAD15A7Dcef72528E8c7CF231 (100 ETH)
(7) 0x7399Ad93428113bf1bD826E6666A9395e7dE0086 (100 ETH)
(8) 0x1Bc7b99Ec844eB9F3BA4b52fB85A116AF4553e46 (100 ETH)
(9) 0x20768DD1561A00dc9cF9d3D3E64e51dEC93e8bB8 (100 ETH)
Private Keys
(0) 0xd294bc56e6faa1ccf0ec9df385d4dce56b2d2528c3a743deeded7bff9d2a4c81
(1) 0x17351595dde947b997d49ba0b1827d91c6711e9eed3053ff3a6b10a3c8f77b99
   0x57efafa3b0c26cc58eaa1c193184bc6ac4402b972a198f9f8fec653f9e504c7a
   0x25efa9b37898ffd5b6f6dae6590b5daf40912fe80299ab69e3b1f3f33ed87d00
(4) 0xdecd76e65213b7802ac74e88526ba184e4664268a3924df087cdb14ba8673a84
(5) 0xc76a8341609a12a0662b137c98f786d305c31fa5b440a0f98e916728fea4f594
(6) 0x847df3315969cfb7df11c9793812881c3d3ca8901ebae06023c36e6e577b1e08
(7) 0xbbfa57076cdbad7cb87d19c7819fbd4be1adcdc0e454e307a414fc18048a6c79
(8) 0xf75a11d0b597d4df35fc04f7e4e60f881f32203b72e777b88d3e986cc5fd9687
(9) 0xdfd81cda96335756e2e071c2cfe5f9e7200f291a02acf8272cd53ac7c4f2de82
HD Wallet
Mnemonic:
               since fever token stand there end forest chicken install embody segment fire
Base HD Path: m/44'/60'/0'/0/{account_index}
Gas Price
200000000000
Gas Limit
6721975
Call Gas Limit
9007199254740991
Listening on 127.0.0.1:8545
eth_blockNumber
```

4. Truffle console

Truffle console is an interactive console that connects you to any Ethereum client.

In another terminal, run the command truffle console which opens up a development console.

Some useful commands

accounts - return a list of available accounts.

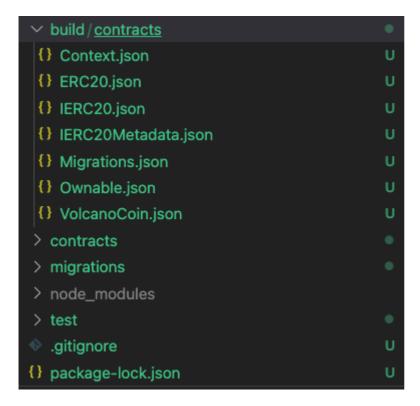
compile - compiles the contract and generates the ABI in JSON format.

migrate - migrates the contract to the blockchain.

migrate --reset - Resets and runs all your migrations from the start.

5. Compile

Run compile in the truffle console. Every contract and inherited contract is compiled and the ABI (Application Binary Interface) is generated. You will see a new build/contracts folder has been generated, and each compiled contract has json file containing the formatted ABI.



Recap: ABI (Application Binary Interface)

The ABI is the standard way to interact with smart contracts on the Ethereum network. It is a JSON which contains the names, inputs and outputs for the smart contract functions.

When a contract's function is called, the RPC node encodes the JSON data into Ethereum bytecode and broadcasts it to the network.

Warning!

When the Solidity code is altered, the contract must be **re-compiled** to reflect the latest changes in the contract, then **re-deployed**.

6. Migrations

Go to 1_initial_migration.js in the migrations folder. You would normally see this by default:

```
const Migrations = artifacts.require("Migrations");
module.exports = function (deployer) {
  deployer.deploy(Migrations);
};
```

We have imported the VolcanoCoin contract and staged the contract for deployment for you. You should see that the file has been changed to this:

```
const Migrations = artifacts.require("Migrations");
const VolcanoCoin = artifacts.require("VolcanoCoin");

module.exports = async function (deployer) {
   await deployer.deploy(Migrations);
   await deployer.deploy(VolcanoCoin);
};
```

Key explanations

artifacts

This is a JSON file that contains information regarding the contract such as the ABI, compiler version, contract bytecode.

Example:

```
1
       "contractName": "Migrations",
 2
       "abi": [],
 3
       "bytecode": "0x...",
 4
       "sourceMap": "",
 5
 6
       "deployedSourceMap": "",
 7
       "sourcePath": "/project/contracts/Migrations.sol",
 8
       "ast": {},
 9
       "legacyAST": {},
       "compiler": {
10
11
         "name": "solc",
         "version": "0.8.0+commit.1d4f565a.Emscripten.clang"
12
13
       },
       "networks": {
14
         "17": {
15
           "events": {},
16
17
           "links": {},
           "address": "0x42a8d8ba55faAA734Ee07eD3179047169be5419e",
18
           "transactionHash": "0x4e5fc578b9ea44401047fc010dd1ee20cd899b8091
19
20
         }
21
       },
22
       "schemaVersion": "3.0.0",
       "updatedAt": "2021-07-11T17:59:54.615Z",
23
       "devdoc": {},
24
       "userdoc": {}
25
     }
26
```

deployer and deploy

Built-in methods to deploy the contracts to the network.

7. Deploy

In the truffle development console, run migrate.

Starting migrations...

'development' > Network name: > Network id: 1625841450743

> Block gas limit: 6721975 (0x6691b7)

1_initial_migration.js

Deploying 'Migrations' _____

0x29145a69717660320f9d242a0a6c73e68ef2b94e24cf4611e3e > transaction hash:

> Blocks: 0 Seconds: 0

> contract address: 0x1E4DC90c851ee64edd5B2b0Cc00f94806d620304

> block number:

> block timestamp: 1626089841

> account: 0xeE093F79F43800A94A8732c9F81B3ae3C93eAEd3

> balance: 99.98927406 246892 (0x3c46c) 20 gwei > gas used:

> gas price: > value sent: 0 ETH

> total cost: 0.00493784 ETH

Deploying 'VolcanoCoin'

> transaction hash: 0xca291d3f8ac775cdd4df728b11045fe2dfd6d3ec317d2b8a38b

> Blocks: 0 Seconds: 0

 $> \verb|contract|| address: | 0x8B1357c98f1316C4ECF965E160F240EbcB1d7503| \\$

> block number:

> block timestamp: 1626089842

> account: 0xeE093F79F43800A94A8732c9F81B3ae3C93eAEd3

> balance: 99.95221212

1853097 (0x1c46a9) 20 gwei > gas used:

> gas price: 0 ETH > value sent:

> total cost: 0.03706194 ETH

> Saving migration to chain.

> Saving artifacts

> Total cost: 0.04199978 ETH

Summary

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> Total deployments:

> Final cost: 0.04199978 ETH

Common errors

- When the Solidity code is altered, the contract must be **re-compiled** to reflect the latest changes in the contract. If you need to re-compile your contract, you will also need to re-deploy it.
- Check that the URL in the configuration file is correct. For local host it is standard to be 127.0.0.1:8545 for the Ethereum network.
- If you have copied a contract from Remix to your Truffle project, ensure that you have the **exact** copy of the contract and the correct ABI. Even the smallest, insignificant difference (i.e additional line space, comments) can cause errors!
- In your migrations file, the name of the contract must be the **exact** same.
- Check the migrations contract does it include the pragma version you're using?
- Are you having migration issues? Try resetting the migrations by running migrate -- reset in the Truffle console, or truffle migrate -- reset if you're outside of the console.

Setting up locally

Before setting up, ensure that you have node and npm installed. Here's a useful guide - https://docs.npmjs.com/downloading-and-installing-node-js-and-npm (https://docs.npmjs.com/downloading-and-installing-node-js-and-npm)

- \$ mkdir myProject
- \$ cd myProject
- \$ npm init -y to initialise a new npm project. If this does not work, try npm init and manually input your project information when prompted.
- \$ npm install -g --save truffle

In truffle-config.js, uncomment your development network settings.

In Migrations.sol, change the pragma version to include the version you're using.

Resources

 $https://www.trufflesuite.com/docs/truffle/overview\ (https://www.trufflesuite.com/docs/truffle/overview)\\ https://github.com/trufflesuite/ganache-cli/blob/master/README.md\\$

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