

# Unraveling Bitcoin [Core]

Andrew Pantyukhin

# Aspects of Bitcoin

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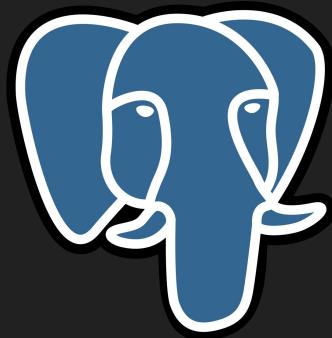
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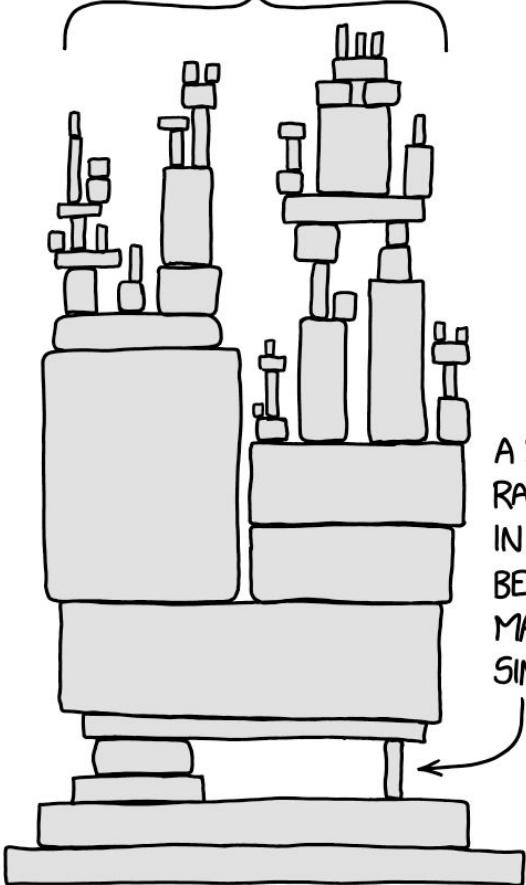
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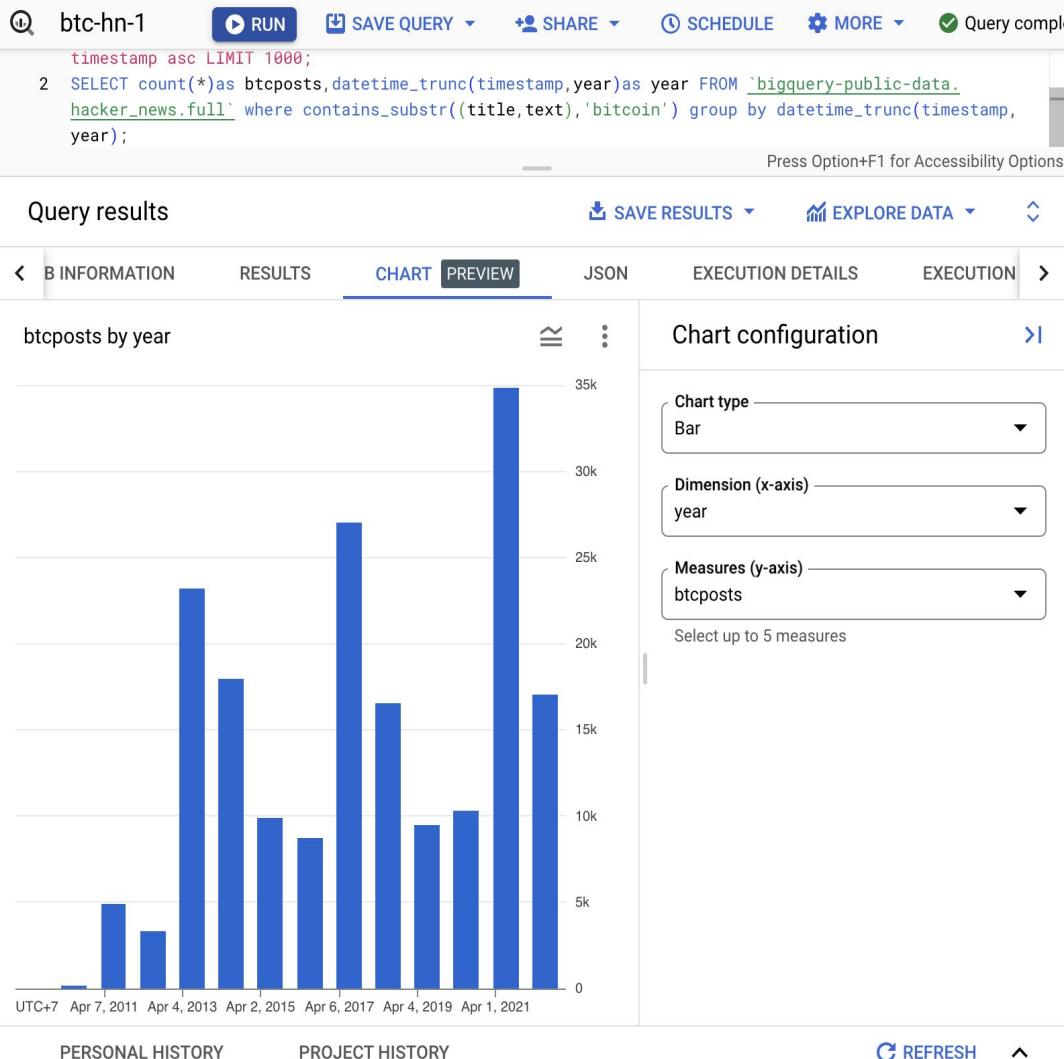
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## Bitcoin's Future Depends on a Handful of Mysterious Coders

Developers with power to change the cryptocurrency's software hold an unorthodox role, are elusive—and have been known to head off disaster for the coin



# [bitcoin-dev] Full Disclosure: CVE-2023-40231 / CVE-2023-40232 / CVE-2023-40233 / CVE-2023-40234 "All your mempool are belong to us"

Antoine Riard [antoine.riard@gmail.com](mailto:antoine.riard@gmail.com)

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Hi,

As I've been shown offline Twitter posts misrepresenting my previous mail, I think it's good to correct them. The security flaws are not "intentional backdoor" or whatever misrepresentation that would question the competence and know-how of the Bitcoin and Lightning development community.

The replacement cycling issue discovered has been known by a small circle of Bitcoin developers since December 2022. As it appears to some experts and it has been commented publicly, changes at the bitcoin base-layer might be the most substantial fixes. Those changes take time and here this is akin to how the linux kernel, bsds and OS vendors are working [0].

All I can say is that we had recently had internal discussion on how to improve coordinated security fixes and patching processes for the coming

# Content

not a code dive

how do similar projects work

how Bitcoin [Core] differs

# Core in Oct '23

25600 commits, up 2200 YoY

13500 merges, up 1100 YoY

300 open PRs, 19500 closed

330 open issues, 7300 closed

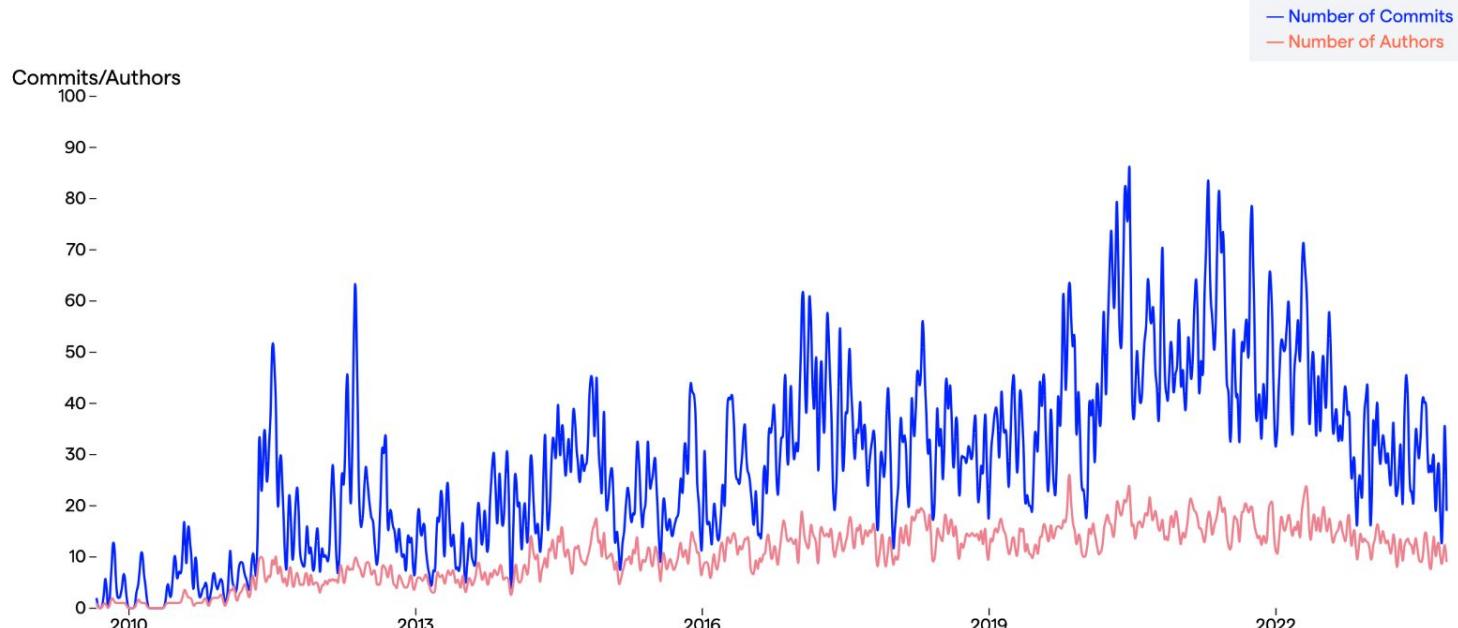
1200 authors, 120 in last year

25 maintainers, 7 in last year, **5 now**

# System Trends

[By Date](#) [By Task](#) [System Complexity](#) [Component Trends](#) [Code Age Trends](#) [Change Frequency Distribution](#)

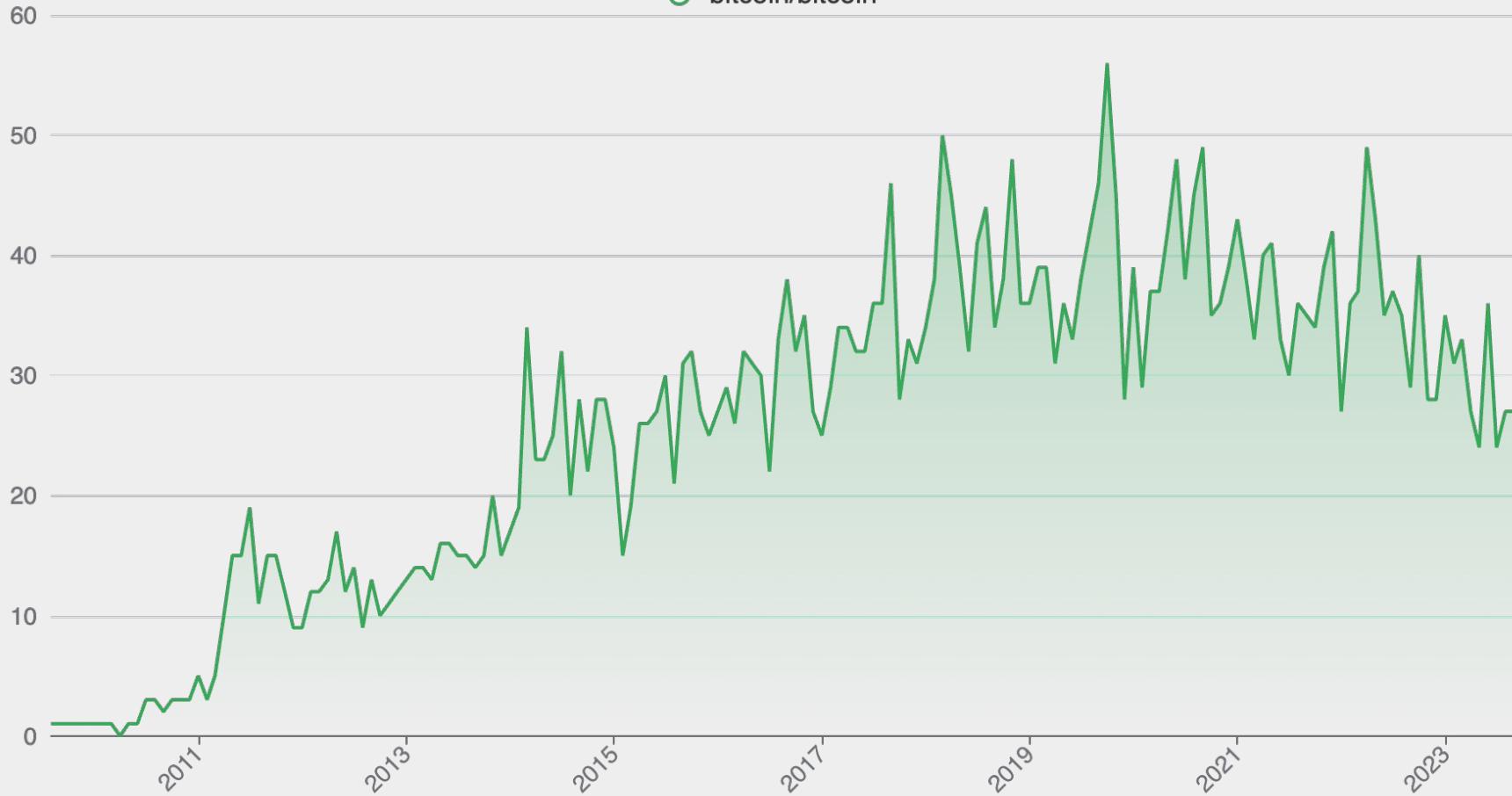
## Commit Activity Trend



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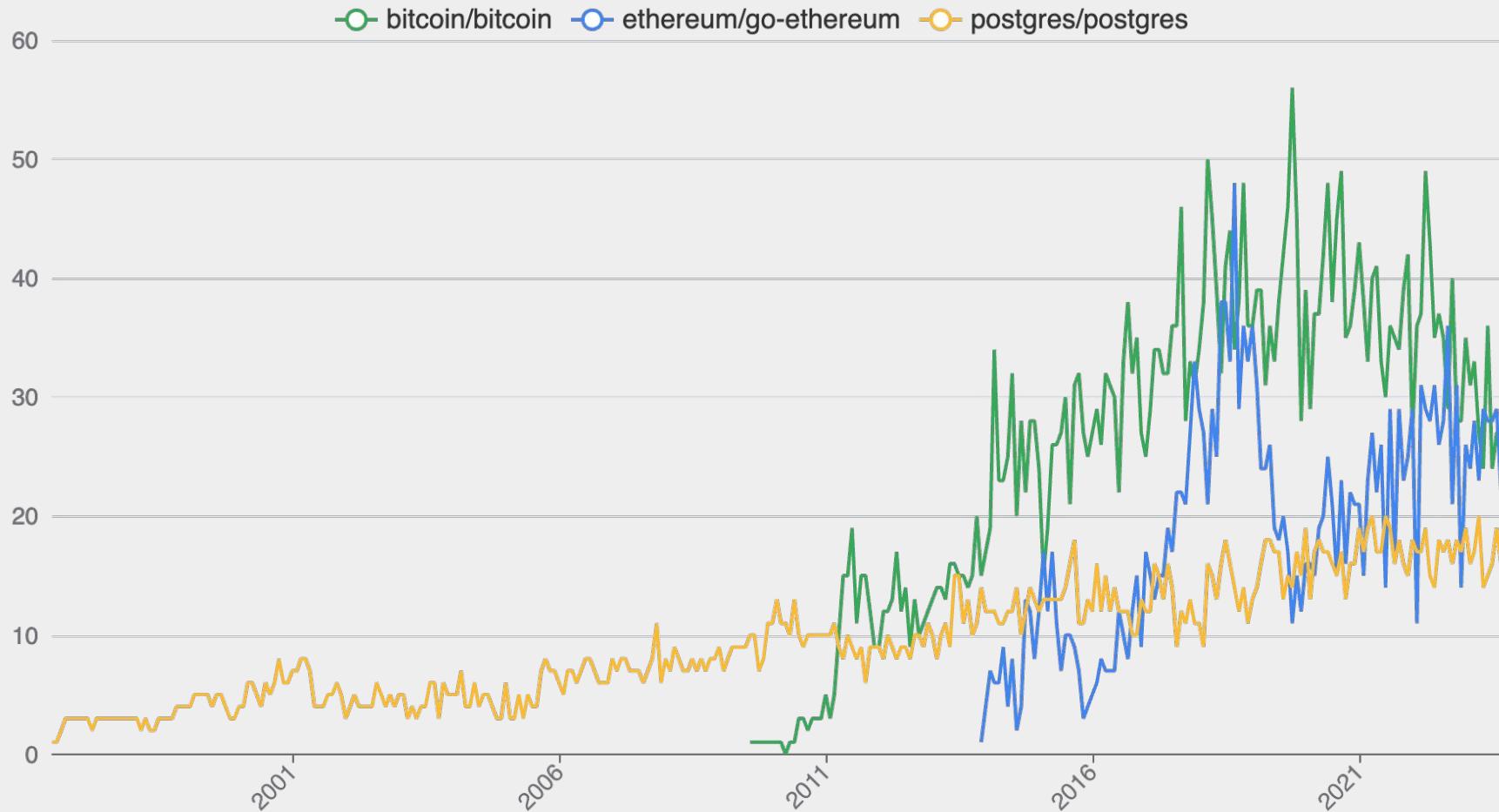
The number of contributors who committed to main branch in each month

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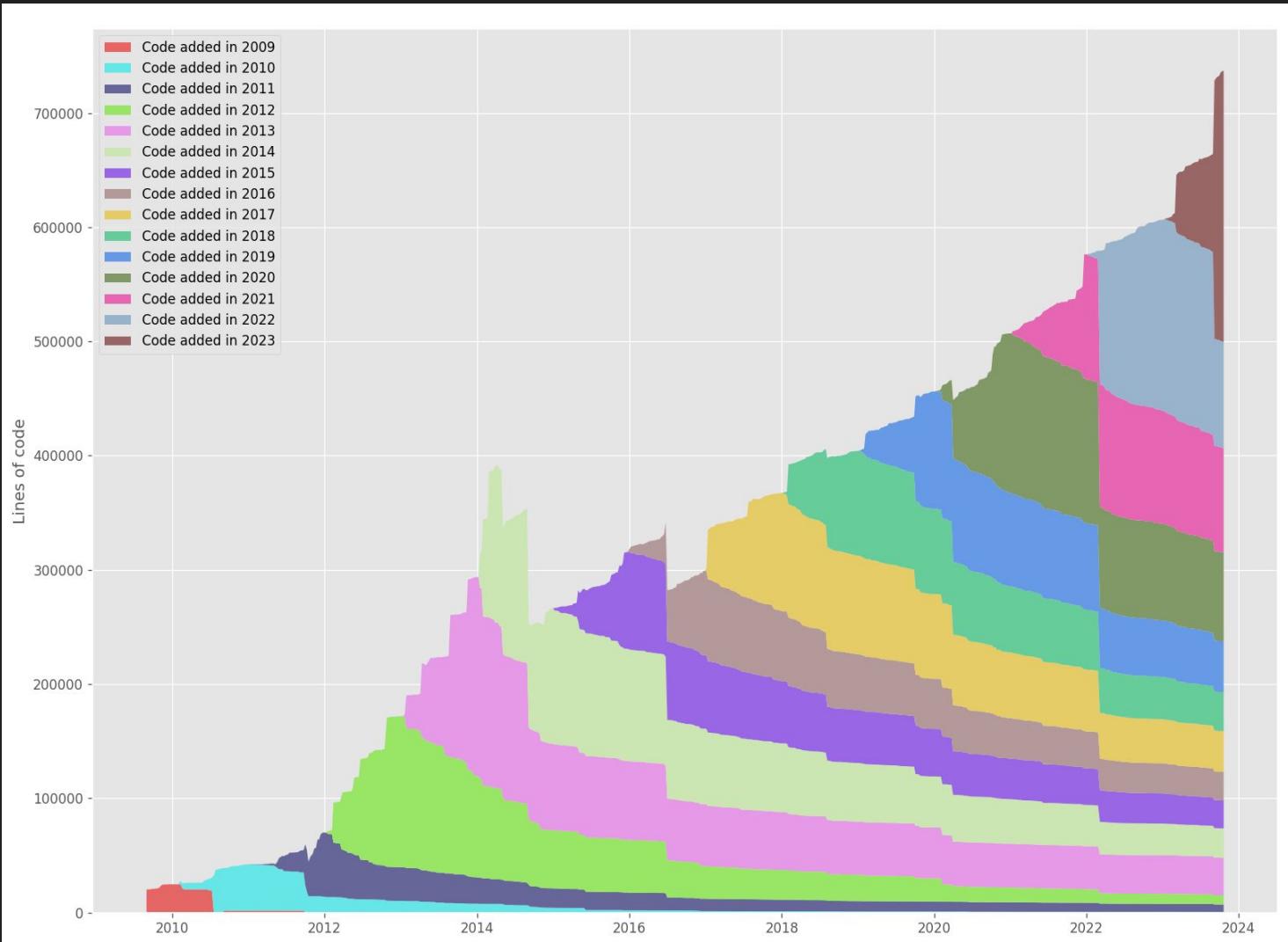
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Qt	19	2	0	8276
XML	22	31	0	6423
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YAML	16	89	85	1252
CMake	14	172	138	1183
Text	5	14	0	1113
Bourne Again Shell	11	295	478	1070
diff	35	203	672	887
Assembly	1	84	105	726
SVG	20	8	15	697
Scheme	1	29	34	555
HTML	2	39	0	460
Fish Shell	6	50	48	209
Windows Resource File	6	19	0	184
Visual Studio Solution	1	0	1	161
Objective-C++	3	32	20	134
Dockerfile	3	14	17	52
Gradle	1	10	0	42
INI	1	5	0	21
Java	1	5	0	18
CSV	1	0	0	16
Qt Project	2	6	1	15
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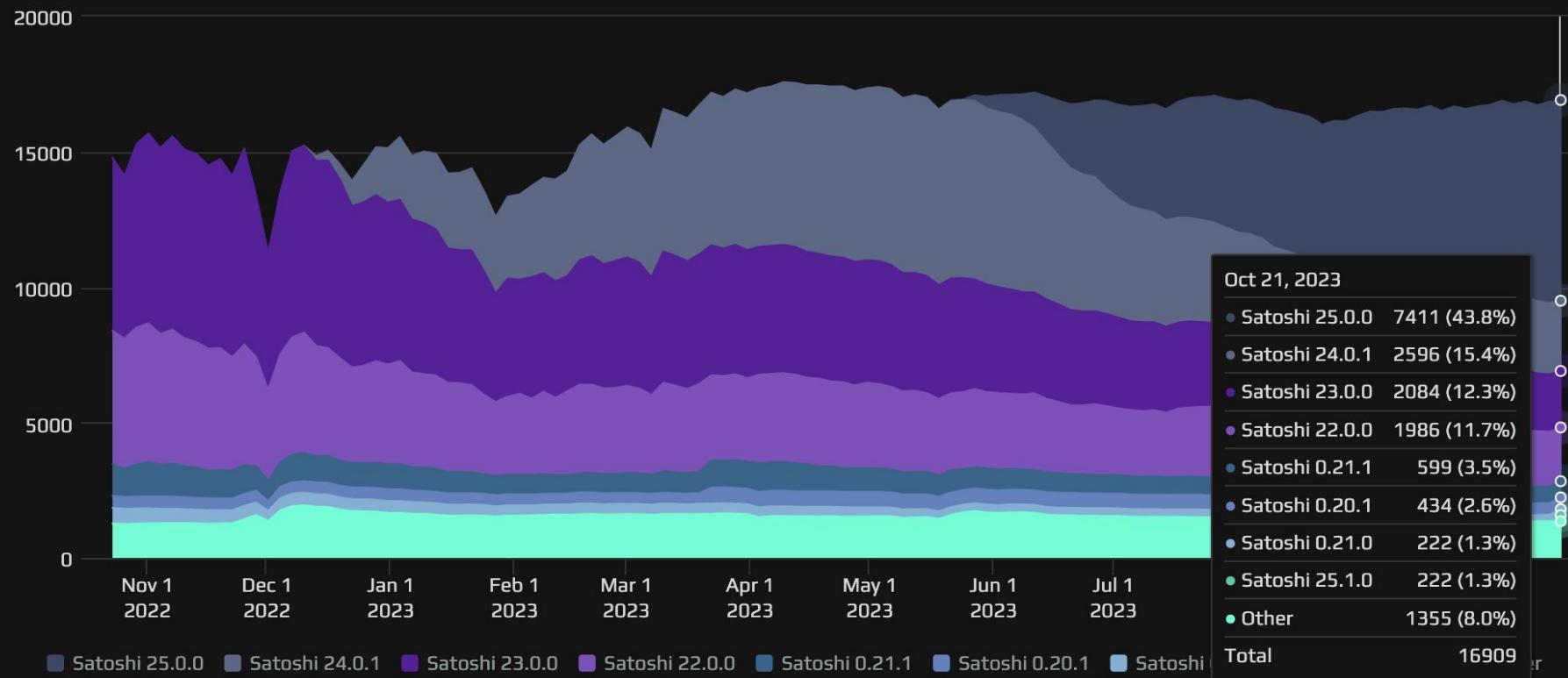
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## USER AGENTS

Chart shows the distribution of reachable Bitcoin nodes across leading user agents. Series can be enabled or disabled from the legend to view the chart for specific user agents.

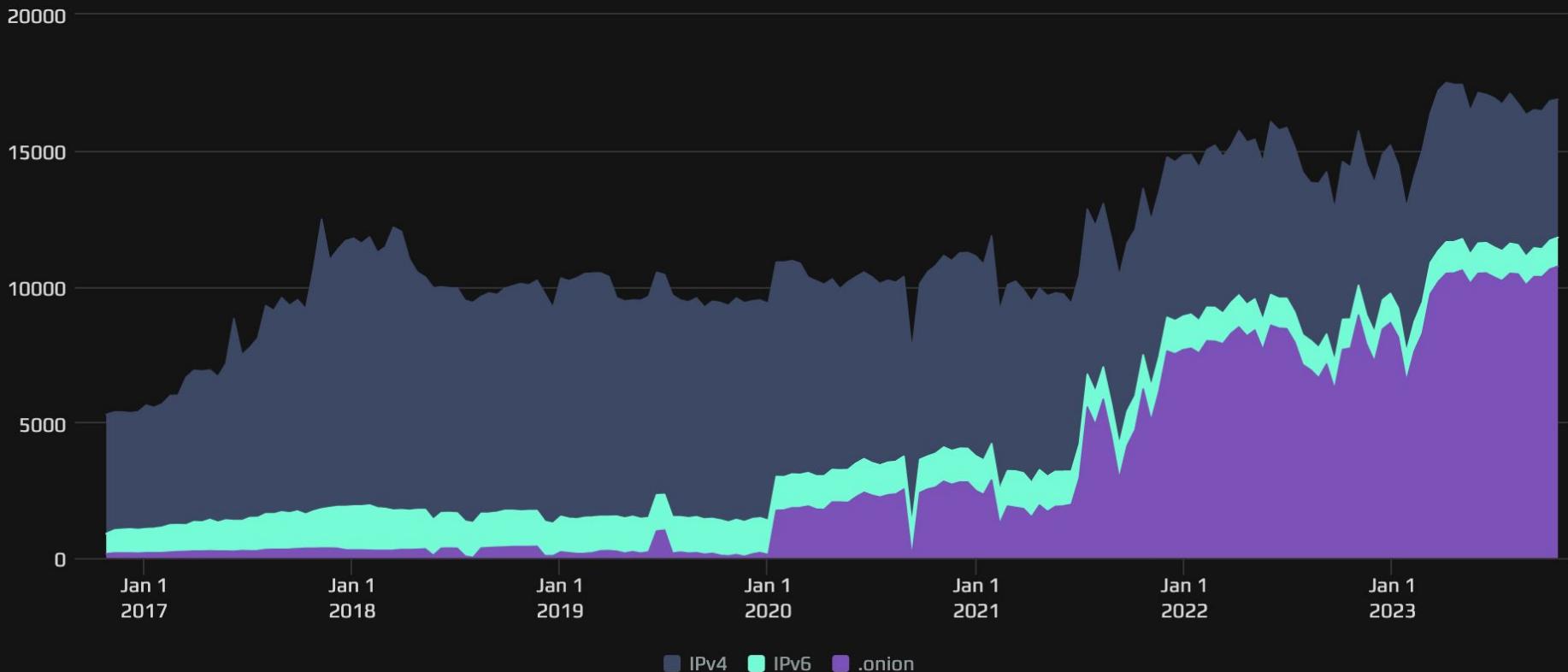


## NODES

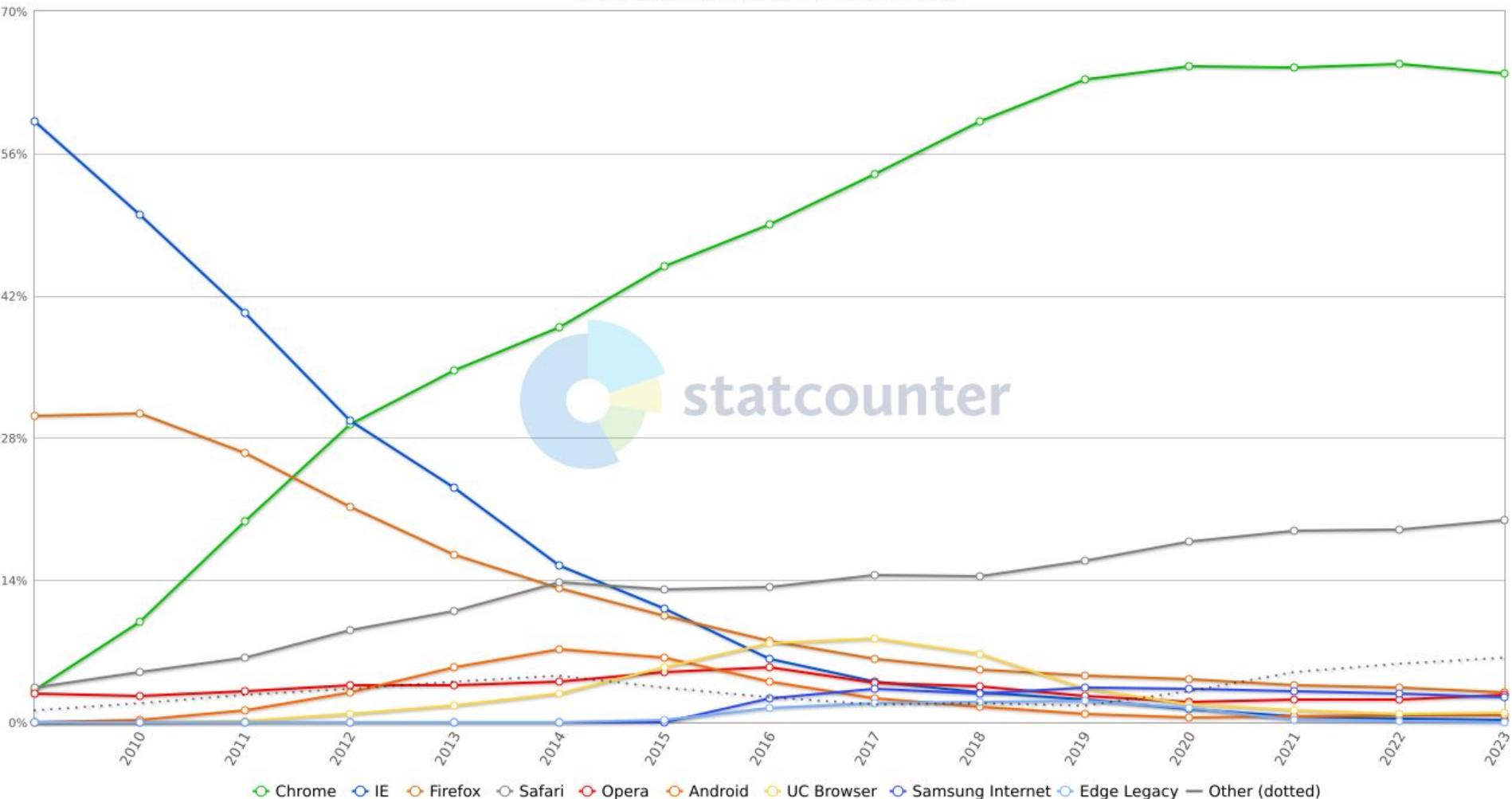
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Chart shows the number of reachable Bitcoin nodes during the last 7 years. Series can be enabled or disabled from the legend to view the chart for specific networks.

Lo 5277 Hi 17494 Avg 11331 Last 16878 nodes



StatCounter Global Stats  
Browser Market Share Worldwide from 2009 - 2023





Hugo Nguyen  
@hugohanoi

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I'm a Bitcoin Core maximalist, because I don't trust any persons or groups to be able to replicate Core software 100% correctly. It doesn't matter how good you are as a dev.

Maybe in 20 years AI will be advanced enough to change this. But until then, Core all the way.



Hugo Nguyen @hugohanoi · Nov 2, 2022

Replies to @hugohanoi

Another reason to stick to Bitcoin Core for consensus: consensus is so hard (and 10x more critical for a monetary base protocol), even Core must honor its past selves!

[twitter.com/hugohanoi/stat...](https://twitter.com/hugohanoi/stat/155880000000000000)

12:37 PM · Nov 2, 2022



Hugo Nguyen

@hugohanoi

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That's because unlike most other software and protocols we know, in Bitcoin the implementation is the spec.

Not just any spec, but the soul of a live, 14-year running network that millions of people depend on. So we have to make do of what we have. Improvise.

11:54 PM · Nov 1, 2022



The total word count of the W3C specification catalogue is 114 million words at the time of writing. If you added the combined word counts of the C11, C++17, UEFI, USB 3.2, and POSIX specifications, all 8,754 published RFCs, and the combined word counts of everything on Wikipedia's [list of longest novels](#), you would be 12 million words short of the W3C specifications.<sup>2</sup>

I conclude that **it is impossible to build a new web browser**. The complexity of the web is *obscene*. The creation of a new web browser would be comparable in effort to the Apollo program or the Manhattan project.

It is impossible to:

- Implement the web correctly
- Implement the web securely
- Implement the web **at all**

if Bitcoin grows to be *defined*  
by a million words, we won't  
own Bitcoin anymore

# New Ideas in Tech

Proof of  
Concept

Protocol

Reference  
Implementation

Production Implementations (alpha, beta, 1.0, ...)

various competing vendors, mostly interoperable

# New Ideas in Tech

TCP/IP   DNS   WWW   SMTP

H264   GPT/LLM   BitTorrent

JS   OpenGL   SQL

# Bitcoin 2007–2010

Whitepaper + 0.1.0~0.3.19 = refined PoC,  
implied future ref and spec that never came

# Bitcoin [Core] 2011–now

Ongoing attempts to document and reimplement

**Open-Source Forks  
!= Bitcoin Forks**

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## Unix-like systems

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Unnamed PDP-7 operating system

Unix Version 1 to 4

Unix Version 5 to 6

BSD 1.0 to 2.0

Unix Version 7

BSD 3.0 to 4.1

BSD 4.2

Unix Version 8

BSD 4.3

BSD 4.3 Tahoe

BSD 4.3 Reno

BSD Net/2

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FreeBSD 1.0 to 2.2x

BSD 4.4-Lite &amp; Lite Release 2

NetBSD 0.8 to 1.0

NetBSD 1.1 to 1.2

OpenBSD 1.0 to 2.2

NetBSD 1.3

AIX 3.0 to 7.3

SCO UNIX 3.2.4

OpenServer 5.0 to 5.04

OpenServer 5.0.5 to 5.0.7

OpenServer 6.x

Solaris 2.1 to 9

UnixWare 1.x to 2.x (System V R4.2)

UnixWare 7.x (System V R5)

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Solaris 11.0 to 11.4

OpenSolaris &amp; derivatives (Illumos, etc.)

HP-UX 11i v1 to 11i v3

HP-UX 6 to 11.10

HP-UX 2.0 to 3.0

HP-UX 11.1 to 11.10

Minix 1.x

Linux 0.0.1 To 0.9

NextSTEP OpenSTEP 1.0 to 4.2

Mac OS X Server

Mac OS X, OS X, macOS 10.x to 13.x (Darwin 1.2.1 to 22)

FreeBSD 3.0 to 3.2

FreeBSD 3.3 to 4.x

DragonFly BSD 1.0 to 6.4

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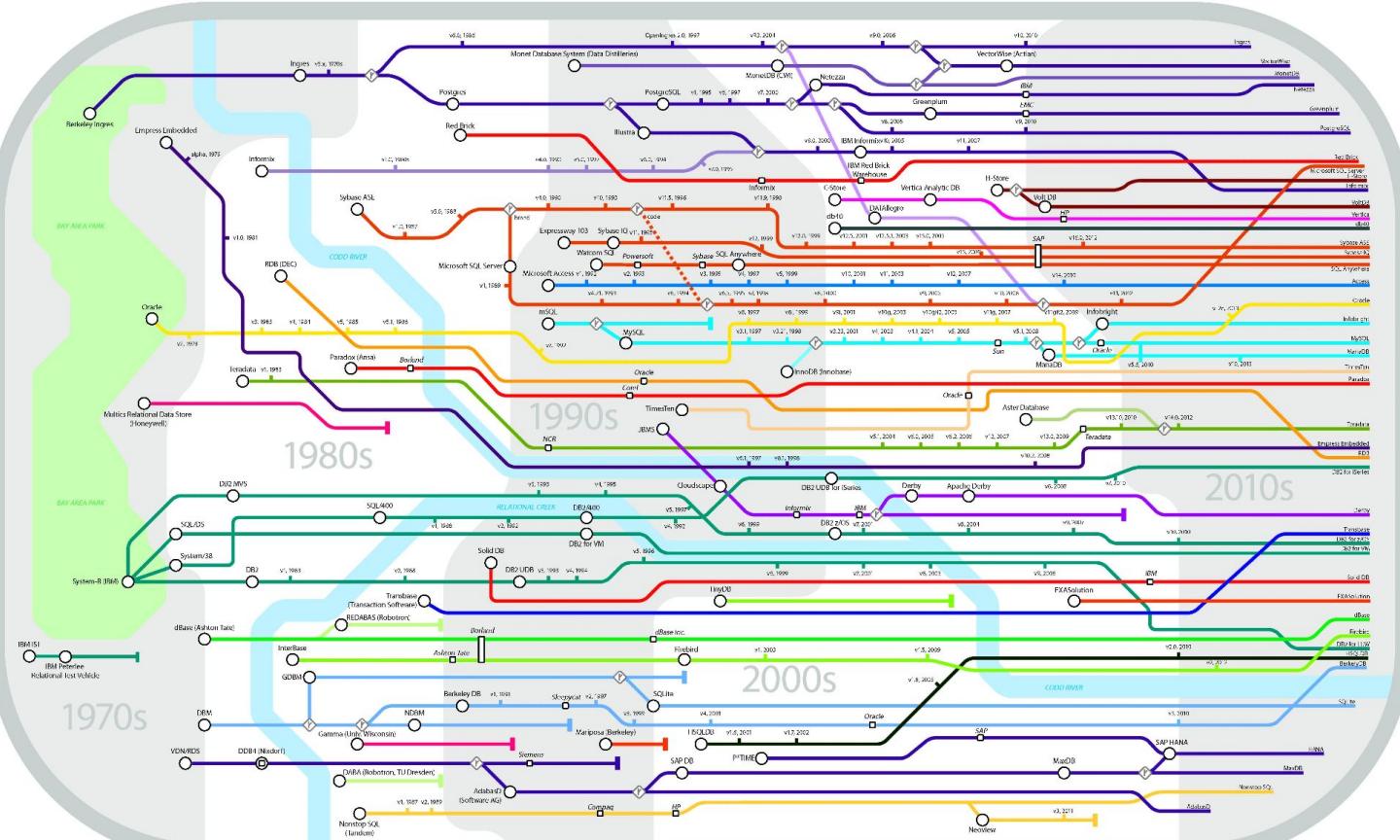
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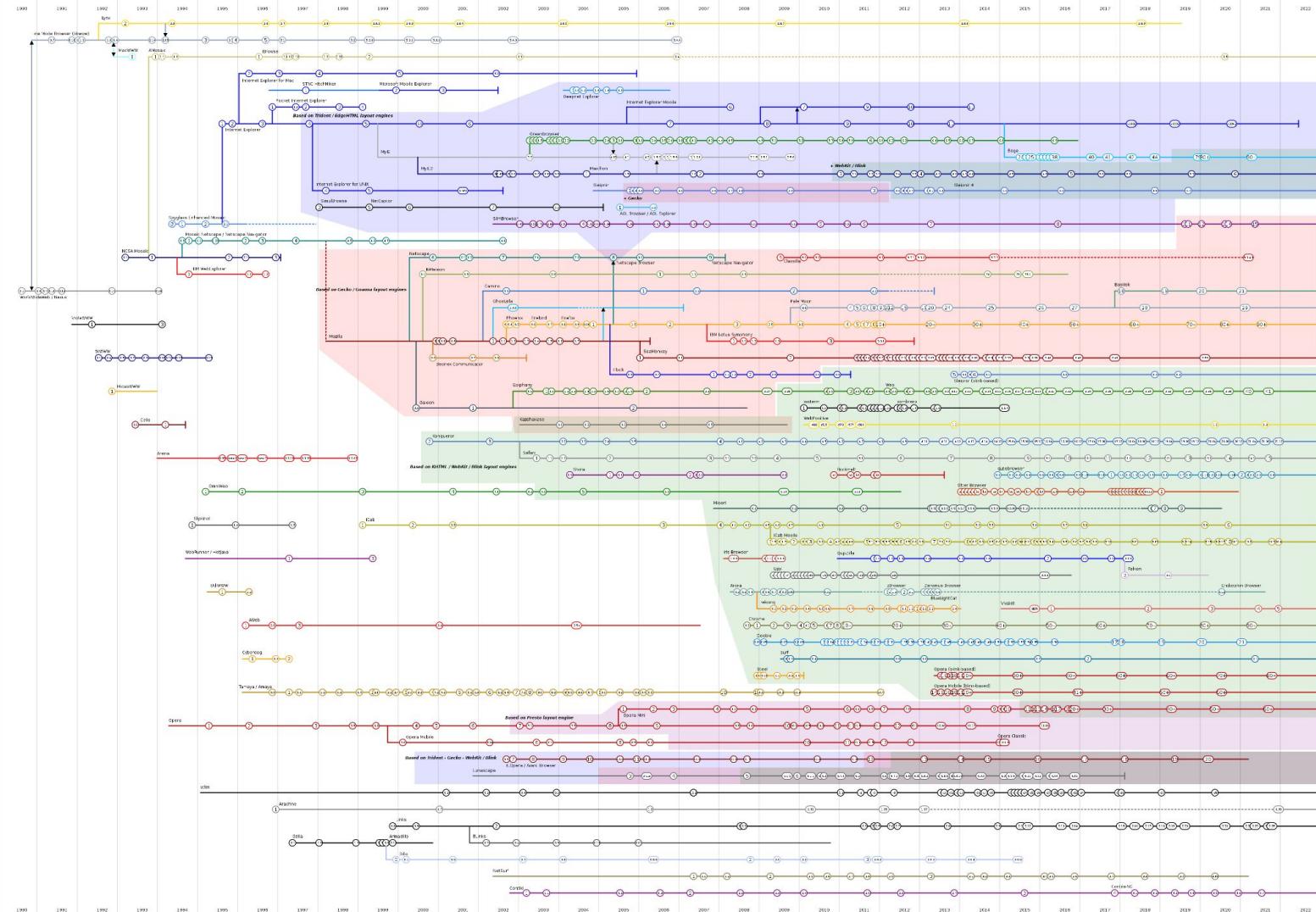
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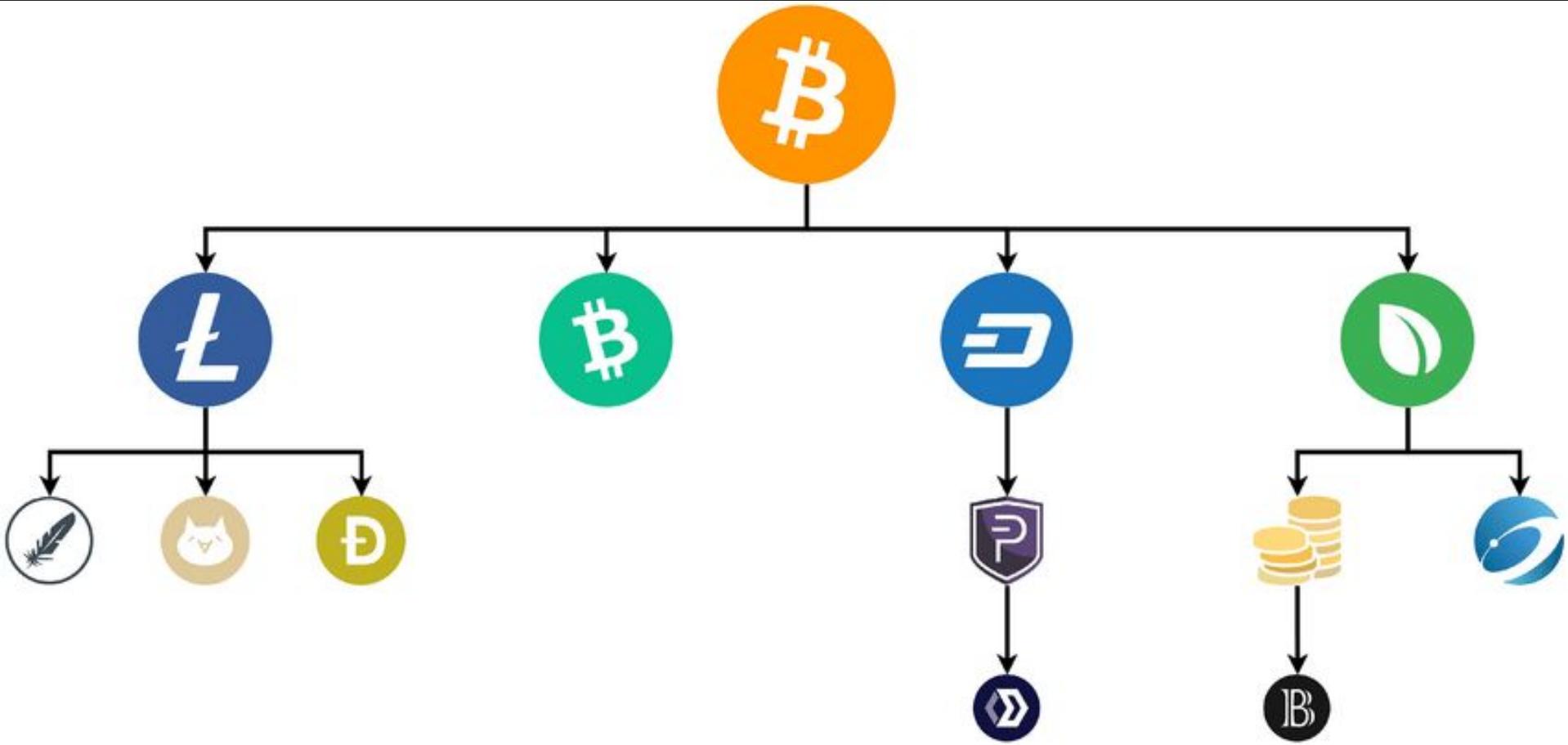
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# Genealogy of Relational Database Management Systems



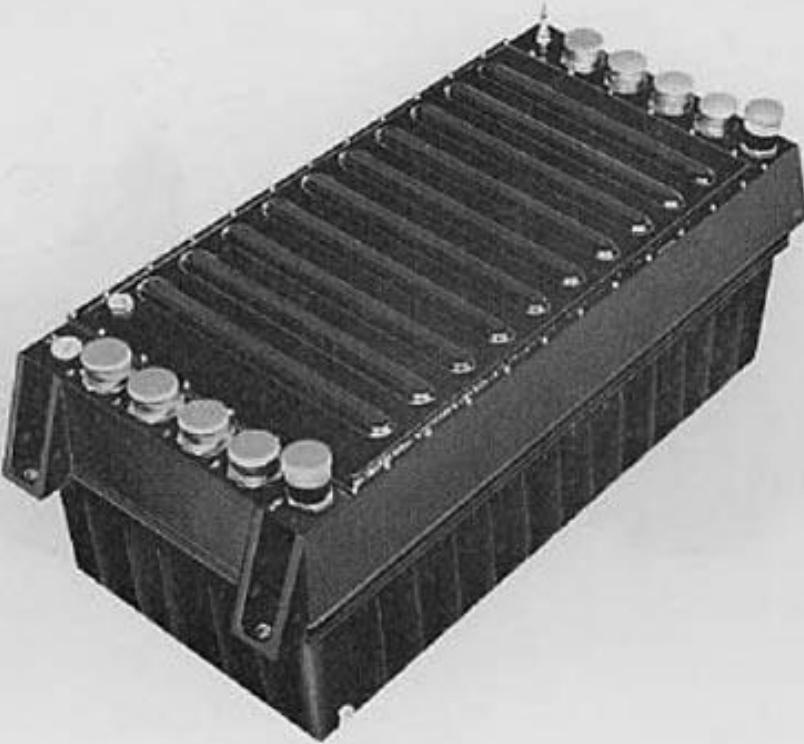




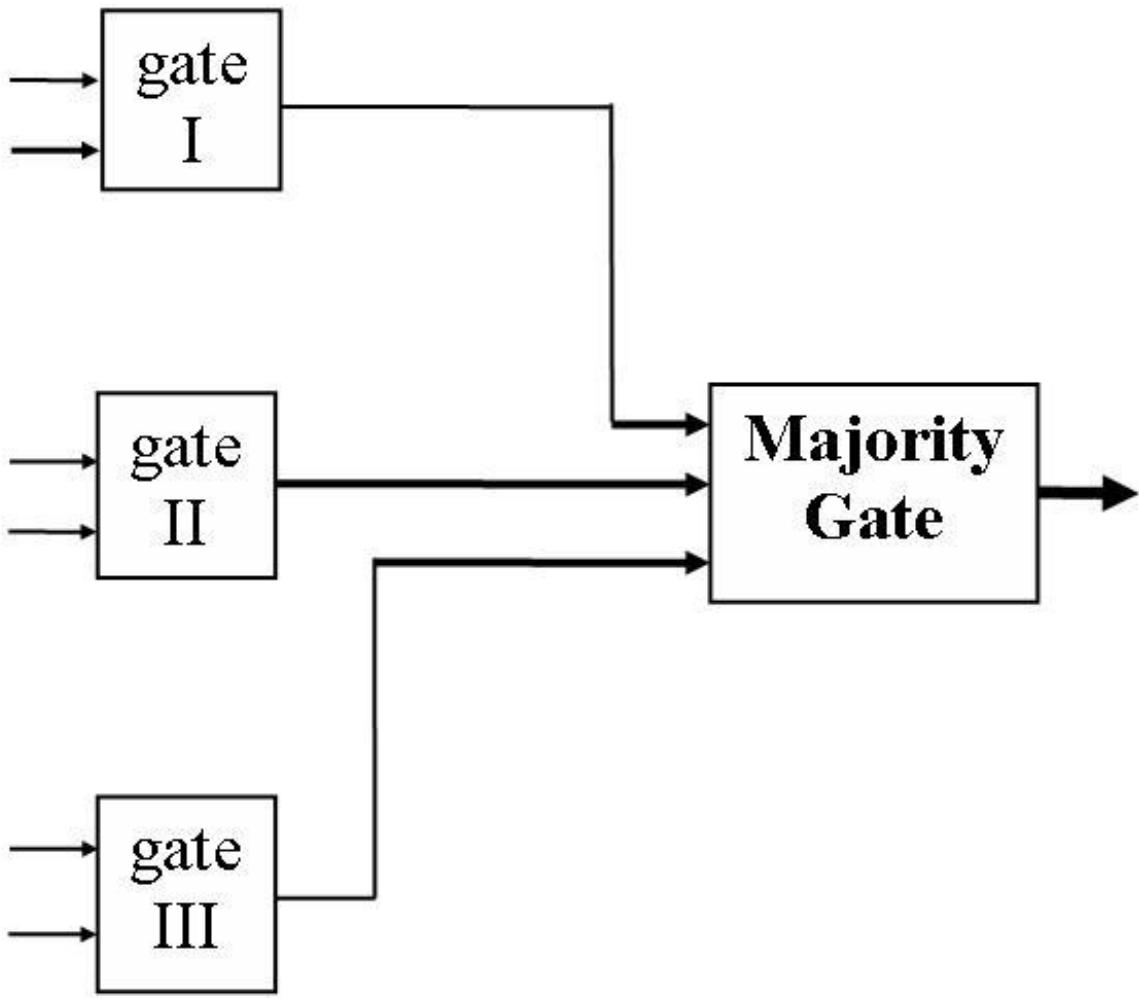
# Software Reliability

Launch Vehicle Digital Computer

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IBM N37



# An Attack Surface Metric Suitable for Heterogeneous Redundant System with the Voting Mechanism

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**Abstract.** With the development of cyberspace security “asymmetry in attack and defense”, heterogeneous redundancy design is gradually being widely used. Heterogeneous redundancy design can enhance the robustness and security of the system through the differentiation of heterogeneous components. But the complex structural design of the system makes it difficult to apply the existing attack surface metric to measure the security of heterogeneous redundant system. In this paper, based on the attack surface metric proposed by Manadhata, we provide a new attack surface metric suitable for heterogeneous redundant system with voting mechanism. In this new metric, we define a new notion named attack surface arbitration, and also propose a new method for quantifying result of arbitration. The experiment result shows that the new attack surface metric can properly describe the attack surface of a heterogeneous redundant system with voting mechanism, which changes with the adjustment of voting algorithm.

提訴

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## Computer Science &gt; Logic in Computer Science

*[Submitted on 5 Jul 2023]*

# Towards a Formal Verification of the Lightning Network with TLA+

**Matthias Grundmann, Hannes Hartenstein**

Payment channel networks are an approach to improve the scalability of blockchain-based cryptocurrencies. Because payment channel networks are used for transfer of financial value, their security in the presence of adversarial participants should be verified formally. We formalize the protocol of the Lightning Network, a payment channel network built for Bitcoin, and show that the protocol fulfills the expected security properties. As the state space of a specification consisting of multiple participants is too large for model checking, we formalize intermediate specifications and use a chain of refinements to validate the security properties where each refinement is justified either by model checking or by a pen-and-paper proof.

Subjects: **Logic in Computer Science (cs.LO)**, Computing (cs.DC)



Cite as: arXiv:2307.02342 [cs.LO]

→ grep -li 'formal verification' \*

(or arXiv:2307.02342v1 [cs.LO])

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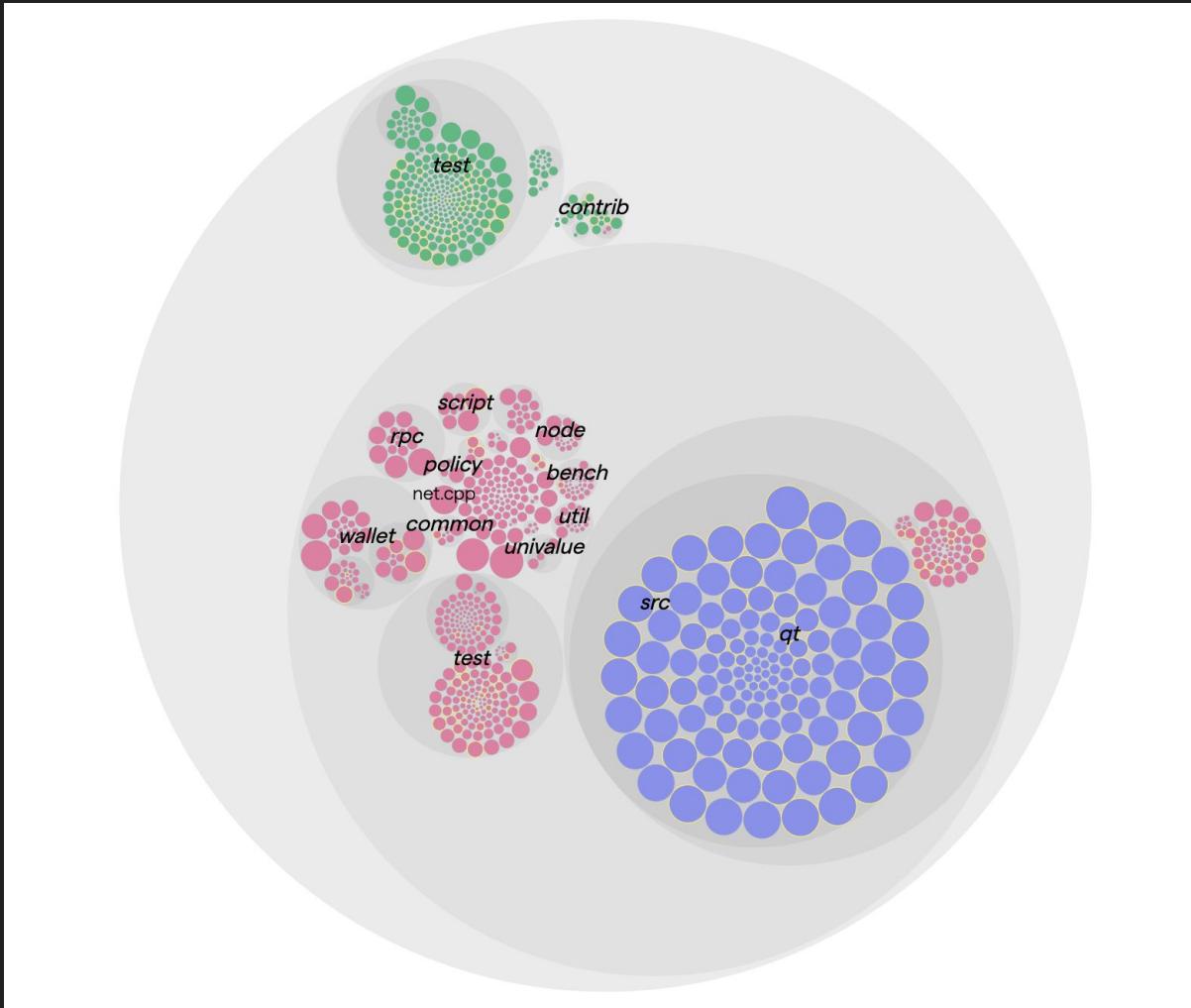
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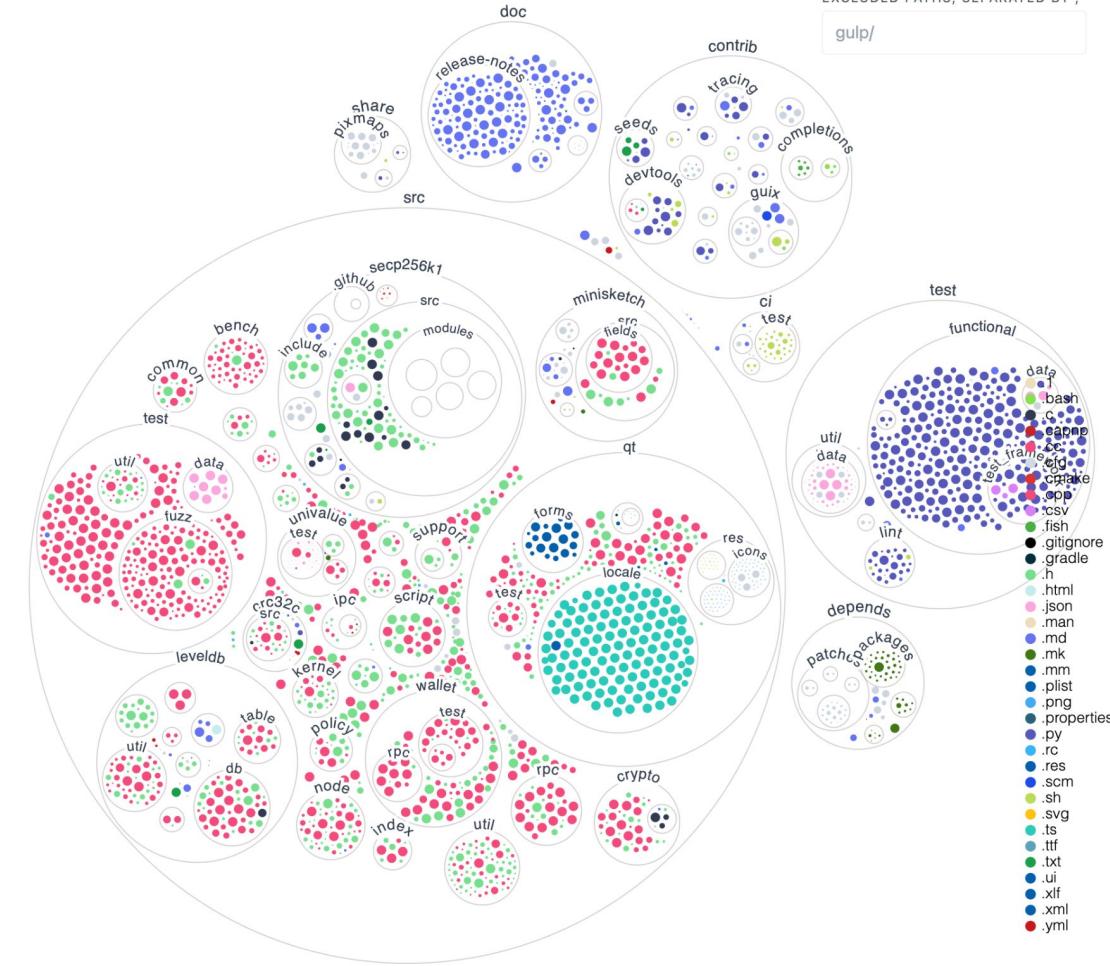
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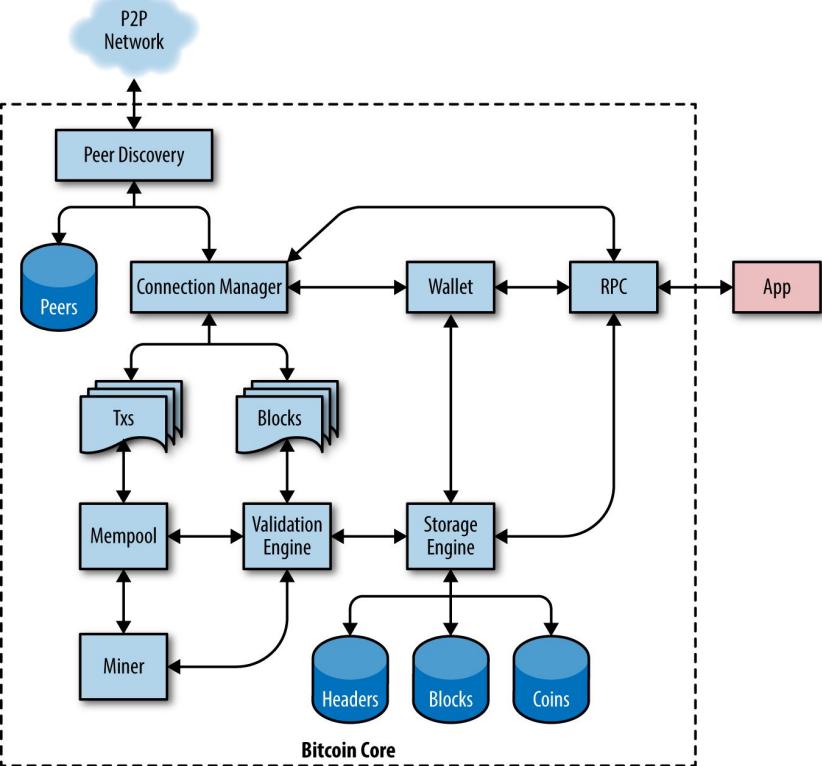
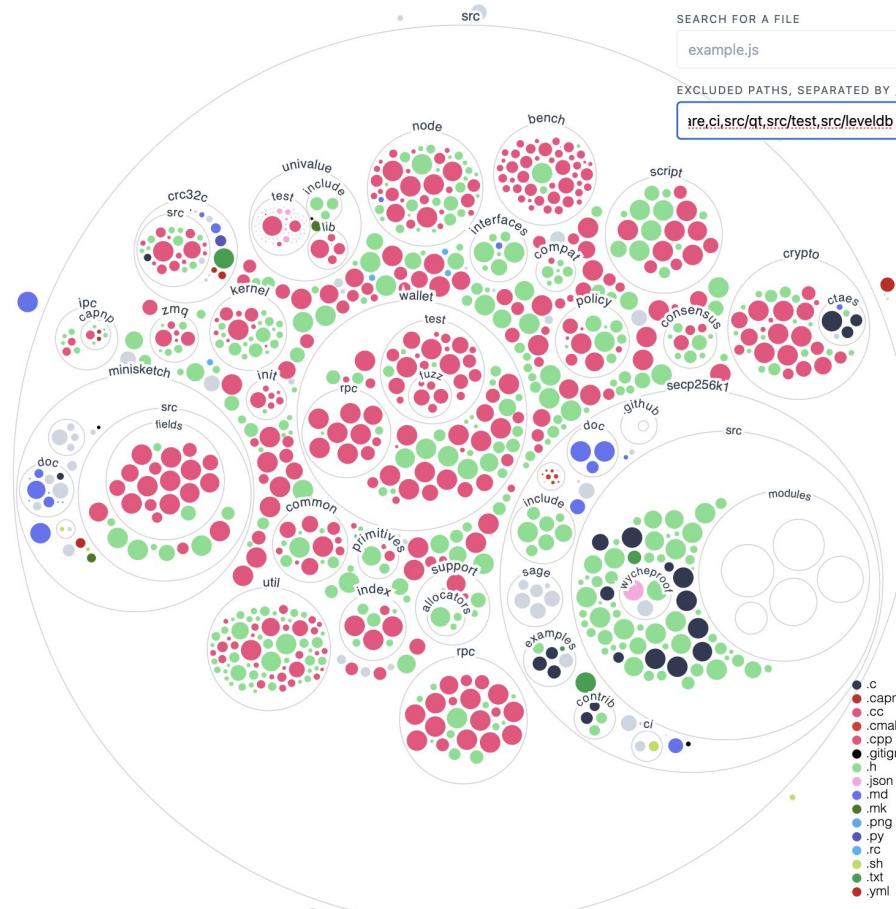


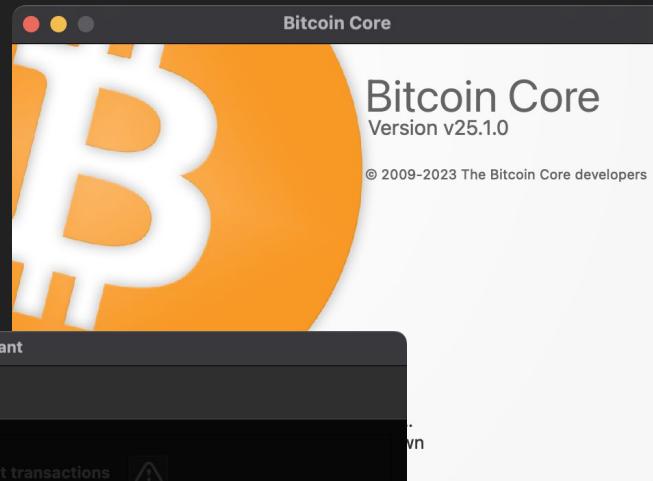
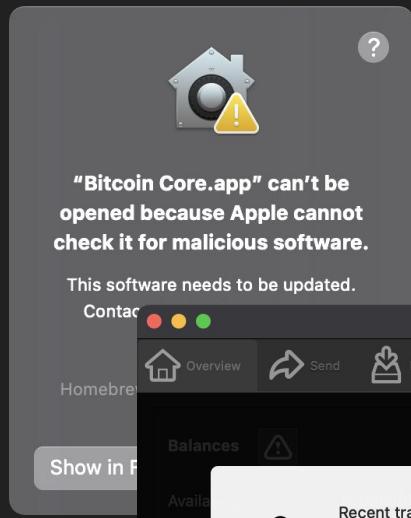
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# bitcoin/bitcoin





This software needs to be updated.  
Contact developer

Bitcoin Core - cormorant

Homebrew

Show in Finder

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Pending

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Recent transactions

Number of blocks left Unknown. Syncing Headers (791905, 97.4%)...

Last block time Mon May 29 14:59:28 2023

Progress 94.80%

Progress increase per hour calculating...

Estimated time left until synced Unknown...

Hide

Connecting to peers...

BTC

A modal dialog box displays a warning message: "Recent transactions may not yet be visible, and therefore your wallet's balance might be incorrect. This information will be correct once your wallet has finished synchronizing with the bitcoin network, as detailed below." Below this, a bold warning states: "Attempting to spend bitcoins that are affected by not-yet-displayed transactions will not be accepted by the network."

# Core Dev Comms

IRC: quiet, weekly meetings (50MB)

Mailing List: low volume (30MB)

Github: comments, PRs, issues (**2.5GB**)

# Core on Github

Centralized, proprietary, closed-source, vulnerable

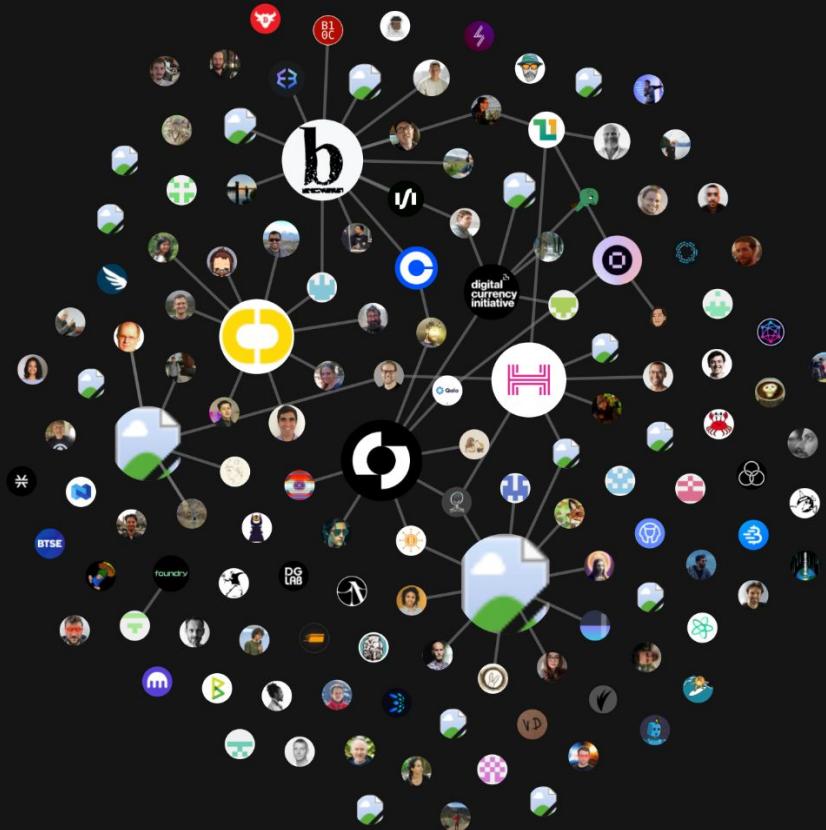
Active developers somewhat aware of the problem

Efforts to archive comms and set up a Gitlab mirror

# Developer Funding

# Who Funds Bitcoin Development

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# Who Funds Bitcoin Development



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Brink

Brink exists to strengthen the Bitcoin protocol and network through fundamental research and development, and to support the Bitcoin developer community through funding, education, and mentoring.

## Supports

Martin Zumsande BRINK FELLOWSHIP 2022

0xB10C GRANT 2022

Niklas Gögge GRANT 2022

Bruno Garcia GRANT 2022

Vincenzo Palazzo GRANT 2022

Michael Ford GRANT 2022

Tadge Dryja PART-TIME GRANT 2022

Sthphvlstk GRANT 2022

## Funding Sources

FTX GRANT \$450K 2021-2023

Silvergate Bank GRANT \$25K QTRLY since 2022

Exodus GRANT \$350K 2022

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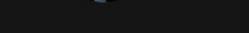
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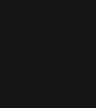
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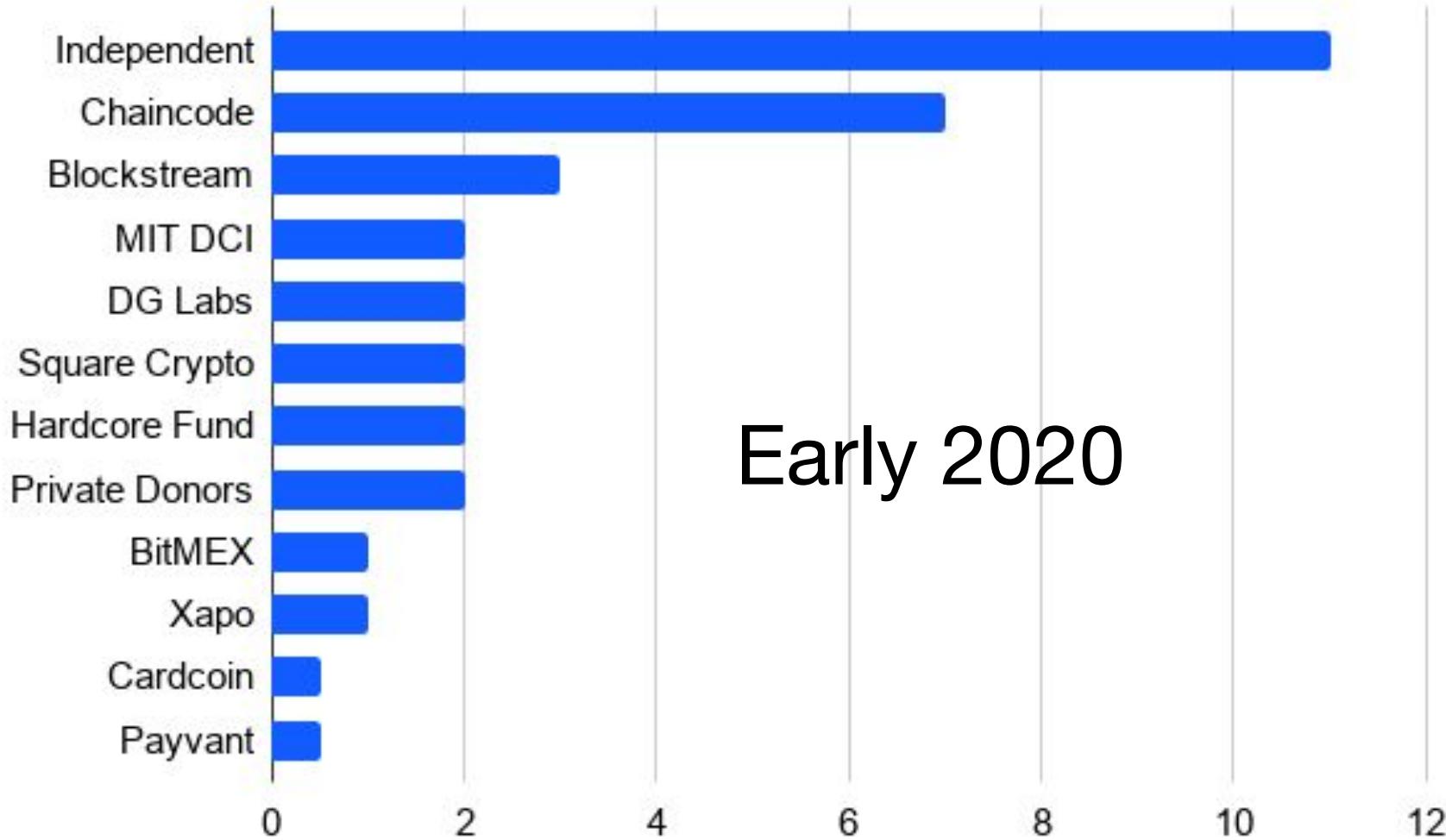
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# Bitcoin Grants

This page is an attempt to track all the Bitcoin grants. This is a work in progress. Please send me details if I am missing a grant.

## Grants

**Need to add Square Crypto grants from Jan-Mar 2021.**

Grant Date	Grantor	Grantee	Project Information	GitHub/Source Code	Contribution	Amount
<a href="#">2021/03</a>	<a href="#">OKCoin</a>	<a href="#">Antoine Riard</a>	<a href="#">Why we may fail lightning</a>	<a href="#">ariard</a>	Bitcoin and Lightning development	-
<a href="#">2021/03</a>	<a href="#">HRF</a>	<a href="#">Jesse Posner</a>	Discreet Log Contracts	-	DLC's and adapter signatures	\$25,000
<a href="#">2021/03</a>	<a href="#">HRF</a>	<a href="#">Muun Wallet</a>	<a href="#">Muun Wallet</a>	Bitcoin & Lightning wallet	making self-custody easier	\$25,000
<a href="#">2021/03</a>	<a href="#">HRF</a>	<a href="#">Janine</a>	<a href="#">This Month in Bitcoin Privacy</a>	<a href="#">Enegnai</a>	Bitcoin privacy newsletter	\$10,000

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1553 Pieter Wuille <pieter.wuille@gmail.com>  
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1260 Hennadii Stepanov <hebasto@gmail.com>  
896 Andrew Chow <github@achow101.com>  
790 John Newbery <john@johnnewbery.com>  
715 Thomas J <thomas.j.bitcoin@protonmail.com>  
671 Jon Atack <jon@atack.com>  
651 Cory Fields <cory-nospam@coryfields.com>  
649 Matt Corallo <git@bluematt.me>  
639 Philip Kaufmann <phil.kaufmann@t-online.de>  
529 Russell Yanofsky <russ@yanofsky.org>  
525 Jonas Schnelli <jonas.schnelli@include7.ch>  
497 Luke Dashjr <luke-jr+git@utopios.org>  
485 Gavin Andresen <gavinandresen@gmail.com>  
471 Carl Dong <contact@carldong.me>  
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253 Suhas Daftuar <sdaftuar@gmail.com>  
247 Vasil Dimov <vd@FreeBSD.org>  
247 Anthony Towns <aj@erisian.com.au>  
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# Dev Leadership

Satoshi (till 2011)

Gavin (till 2014)

LaanWJ (till 2023)

None (since February)

# Maintainers (Oct '23)

Michael Ford (since 2019)

Hennadii Stepanov (since 2021)

Andrew Chow (since 2021)

Gloria Zhao (since 2022)

Russell Yanofsky (since 2023)



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Code

Issues 338

Pull requests

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Actions

Projects 5

Security

Insights



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59ebee3 · 5 months ago

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Contributors

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add glozow to trusted-keys



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add ryanofsky to trusted-keys



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## List of people who have had commit access to Bitcoin Core

February 01, 2017, 10:19:06 PM

Merited by DdmrDdmr (3), Husna QA (1), nullius (1)

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I am creating this thread in response to the discussion occurring at <https://bitcointalk.org/index.php?topic=1773558.msg17697805#msg17697805>. This list will contain the names (or pseudonyms) of everyone who I can find evidence for ever having commit access to Bitcoin Core, the dates during which they had commit access, sources for all of this information, and reasoning for the access. Those who currently have commit access are in **bold**.

- Satoshi Nakamoto (satoshi, s\_nakamoto): 2009-01-03 - **2011-09-13**<sup>[1]</sup> Creator, first Lead Maintainer
- Martti Malmi (Sirius, sirius\_m): 2009-08-30 - **2011-09-13**<sup>[1][2]</sup> Creator of first SVN repo
- Laszlo (laszloh) 2010-08-04 - **2011-09-13**<sup>[1]</sup> Original OSX Builds and support
- Gavin Andresen (gavinandresen): 2010-10-11 - **2016-05-02**<sup>[3]</sup> Frequent contributor; later Lead Maintainer
- Chris Moore (dooglus): 2011-01-21 - **2011-03-31** Frequent contributor for some time; Still occasionally contributes
- Pieter Wuille (sipa): 2011-05-01 - **2022-07-07** Frequent contributor
- Jeff Garzik (jgarzik): 2011-05-06 - July/Aug 2016<sup>[4]</sup> Frequent Contributor
- **Wladimir J. van der Laan (laanwj, wumpus): 2011-06-05 - present**<sup>[5]</sup> Frequent contributor; later Lead Maintainer
- Nils Schneider (tcatm): 2011-09-19 - **5/31/12** Frequent contributor for some time
- Greg Maxwell (gmaxwell): 2012-02-11 - **2015-12-17** Frequent contributor; Gave up commit access due to toxicity and drama from the community
- Jonas Schnelli (jonasschnelli): 2015-11-13 - **2021-10-21**<sup>[6]</sup> Frequent contributor; given access after becoming GUI Maintainer; Stepped down for personal reasons
- **Marco Falke (marcofalke): 2016-04-13 - present**<sup>[7]</sup> Frequent Contributor; given access after becoming QA/Testing Maintainer
- Samuel Dobson (MeshCollider): 2018-12-06 - **2021-09-12**<sup>[8]</sup> Frequent Contributor; given access after volunteering to be the wallet maintainer; Stepped down to focus on his PhD
- **Michael Ford (fanquake): 2019-06-08 - present**<sup>[9]</sup> Frequent Contributor; given access after being nominated by several other frequent contributors and maintainers to become a maintainer.
- **Hennadii Stepanov (hebasto): 2021-04-19 - present** Frequent Contributor; given access after volunteering to help maintain the GUI
- **Andrew Chow (achow101): 2021-12-20 - present**<sup>[10]</sup> Frequent Contributor; given access after volunteering to be the wallet maintainer.
- **Gloria Zhao (glozow): 2022-07-07 - present**<sup>[11]</sup> Frequent contributor, given access after being nominated by several frequent contributors and maintainers to become a maintainer.



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Royal Courts of Justice  
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Before :

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LORD JUSTICE POPPLEWELL

and  
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Between :

Tulip Trading Limited (a Seychelles company)

Appellant/  
Claimant

- and -

- (2) Vladimir Jasper van der Laan
- (3) Jonas Schnelli
- (4) Pieter Wuille
- (5) Marco Patrick Falke
- (6) Samuel Dobson
- (7) Michael Rohan Ford
- (8) Cory Fields
- (9) George Michael Dombrowski
- (10) Matthew Gregory Corallo
- (11) Peter Todd
- (12) Gregory Fulton Maxwell
- (14) Roger Ver
- (15) Amaury Séchet
- (16) Jason Bradley Cox

Respondents / Defendants

- (1) Bitcoin Association for BSV  
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- (13) Eric Lombrozo

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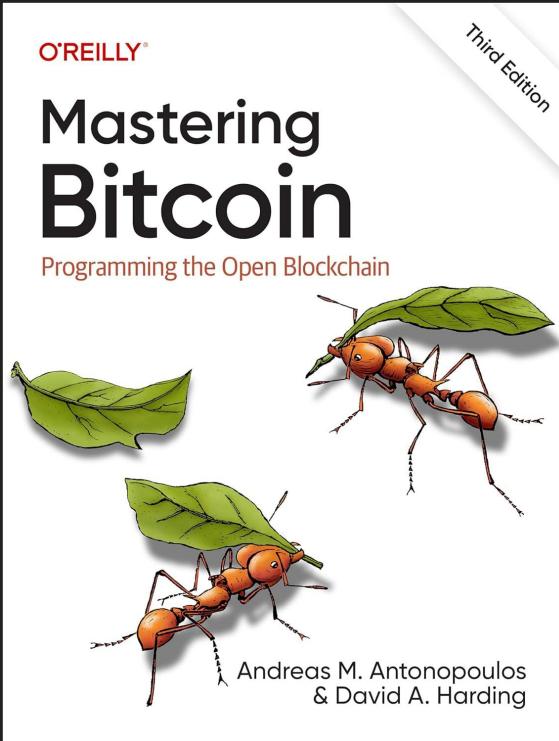
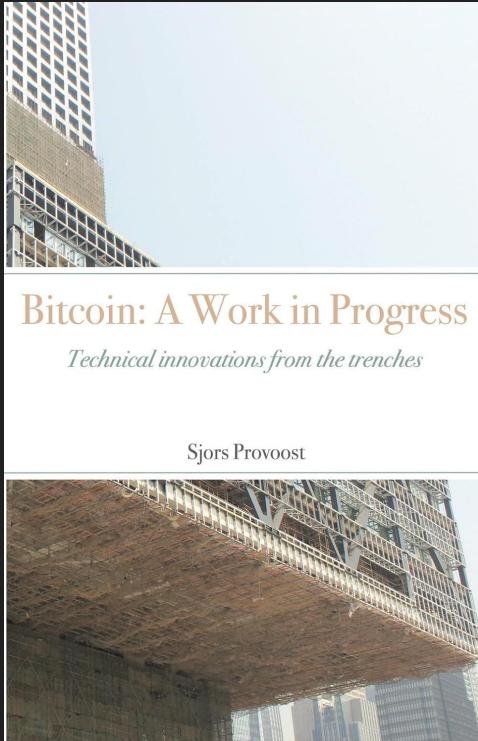
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bitcoin.org – original, stalled (Cøbra)

bitcoin.com – compromised

# Voices of Reason



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## The widening gyre

Recent events have made me reflect on a few things in my life I was already thinking about for a while. Also, responses on social media have made me realize that people have *strange* expectations from me, and what my role in the Bitcoin Core project is.

### **growth**

Bitcoin has grown a lot since I started contributing to it in 2011. Some arrangements that were acceptable for a small scale FOSS project are no longer so for one running a 600 billion dollar system. Market cap is famously deceptive, but my point is not about specific numbers here.

One thing is clear: this is a serious project now, and we need to start taking decentralization seriously.

# Takeaways

Bitcoin [Core] is still *really* a work in progress

Concept proven, need spec + ref + prod

Feature creep vs refinement

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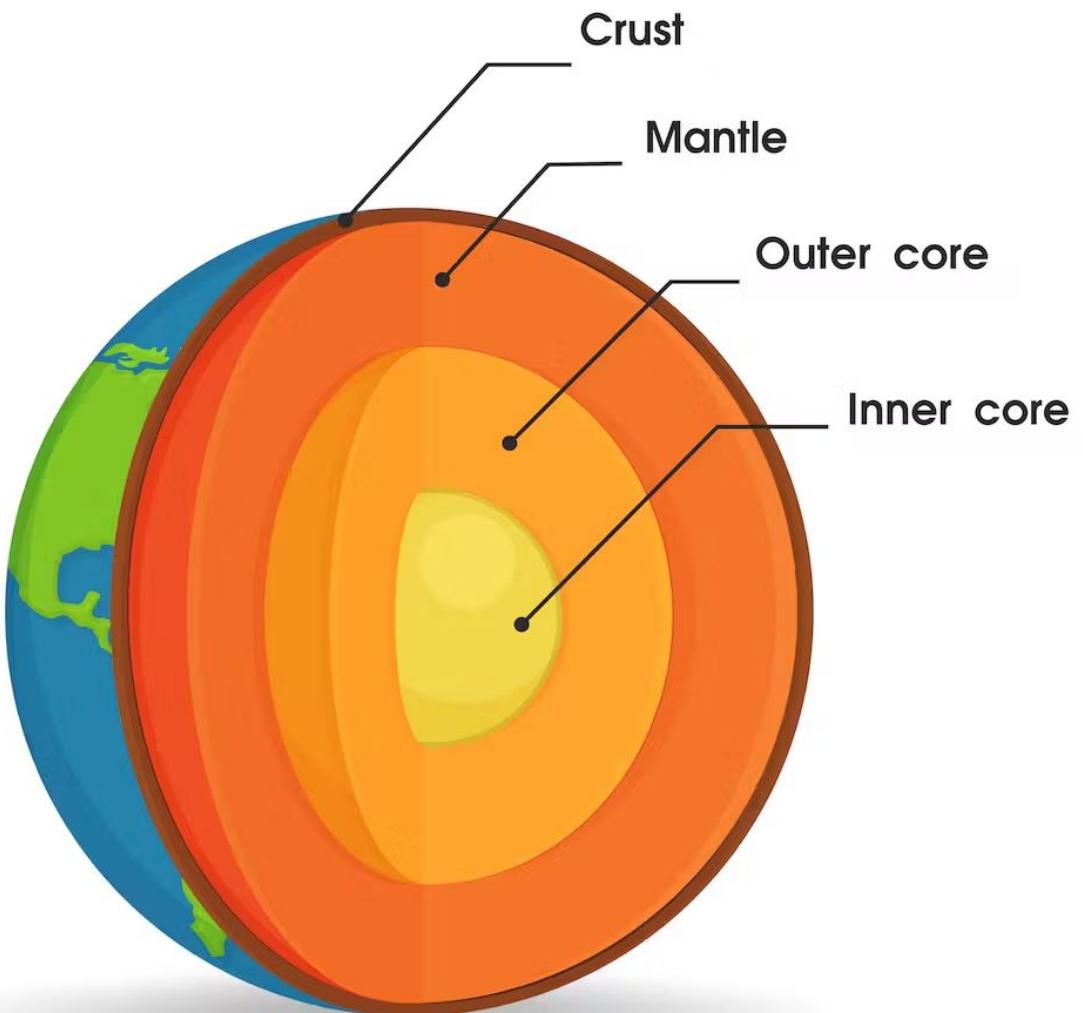


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