Lecture Notes

Smart Contract Development in Ethereum

Ganache

In this session, you learnt about the following:

- How to deploy smart contracts using Ganache.

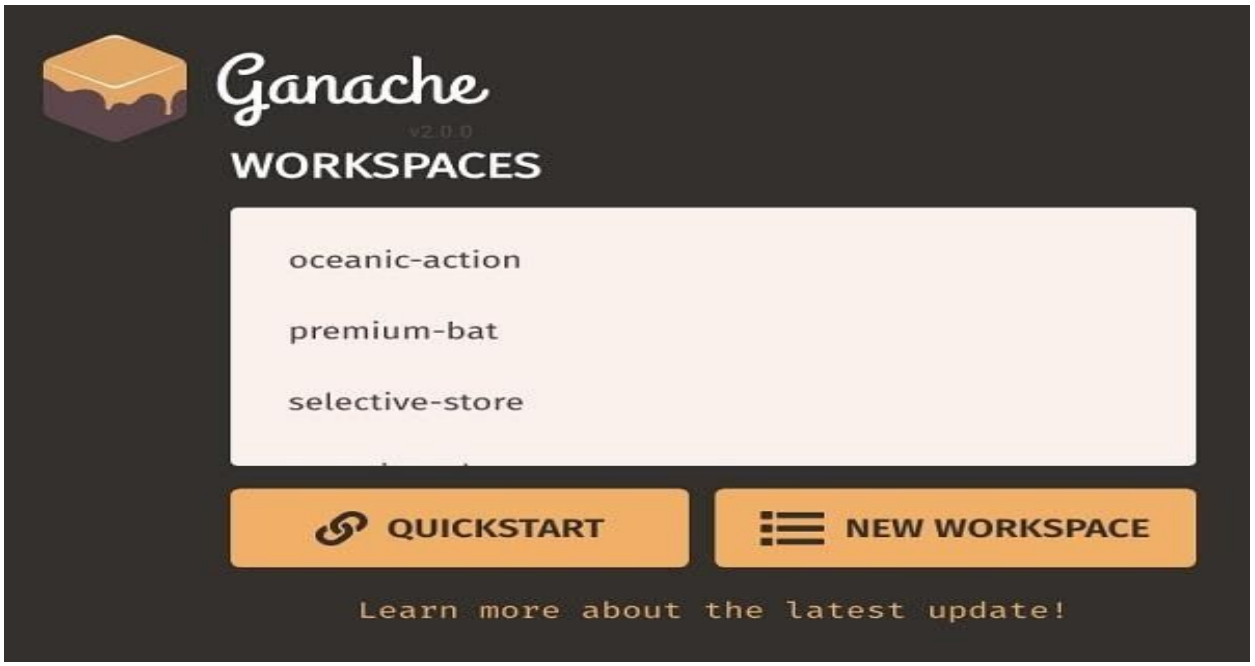
Introduction to Ganache

The deployment process using Truffle is a little complicated. Ganache provides a simplified way to deploy a smart contract on a network. The best thing about Ganache is that it comes with a graphical user interface, or GUI. This makes Ganache much more convenient to use as compared with Truffle's CLI options.

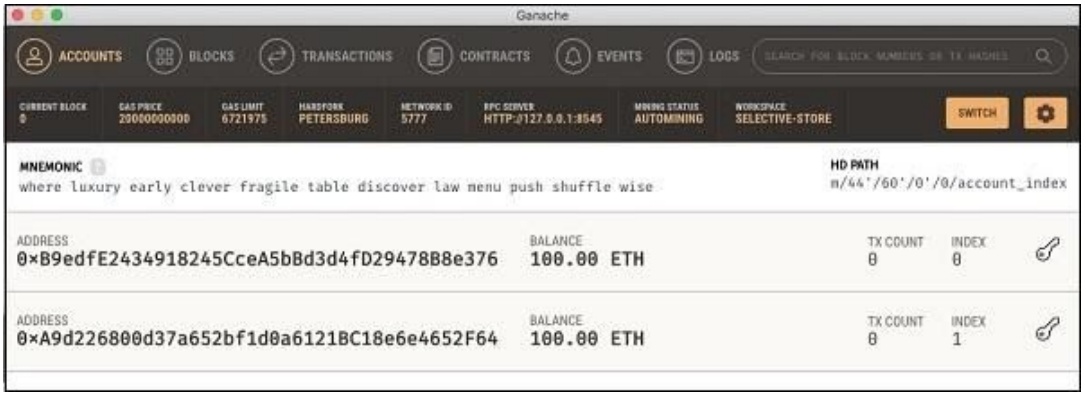
Ganache is basically a test blockchain. It is like Remix IDE where there are five sample accounts and you can easily deploy the smart contract on the blockchain. Ganache comes with GUI, which makes the debugging easier.

Ganache Desktop

When Ganache starts, the screen will appear as shown in the following image.



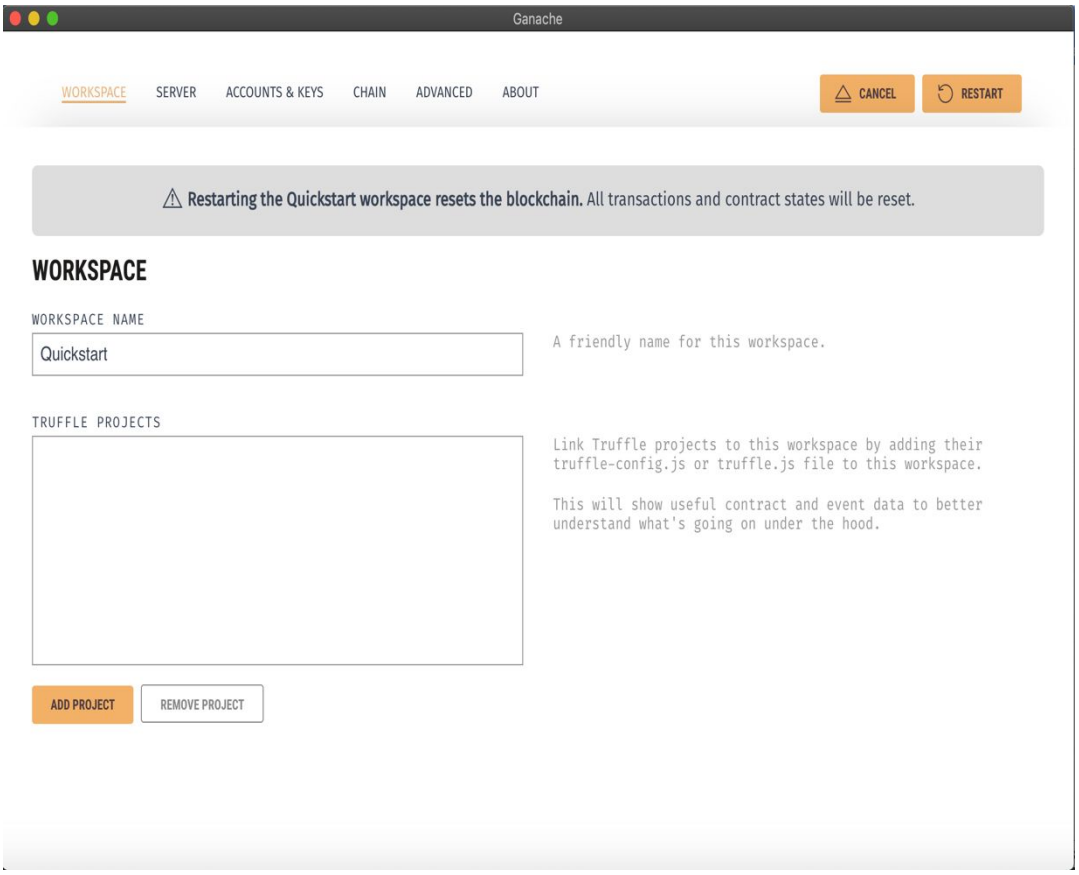
Click ‘QUICKSTART’ to start Ganache. You will see the Ganache console as shown in the following image.



The console in the screenshot shows user accounts with a balance of 100 ETH each. It also shows a transaction count of zero for each account. As the user has not performed any transactions so far, this count is obviously zero.

Click on the settings icon at the top right hand side of the screen to configure Ganache:

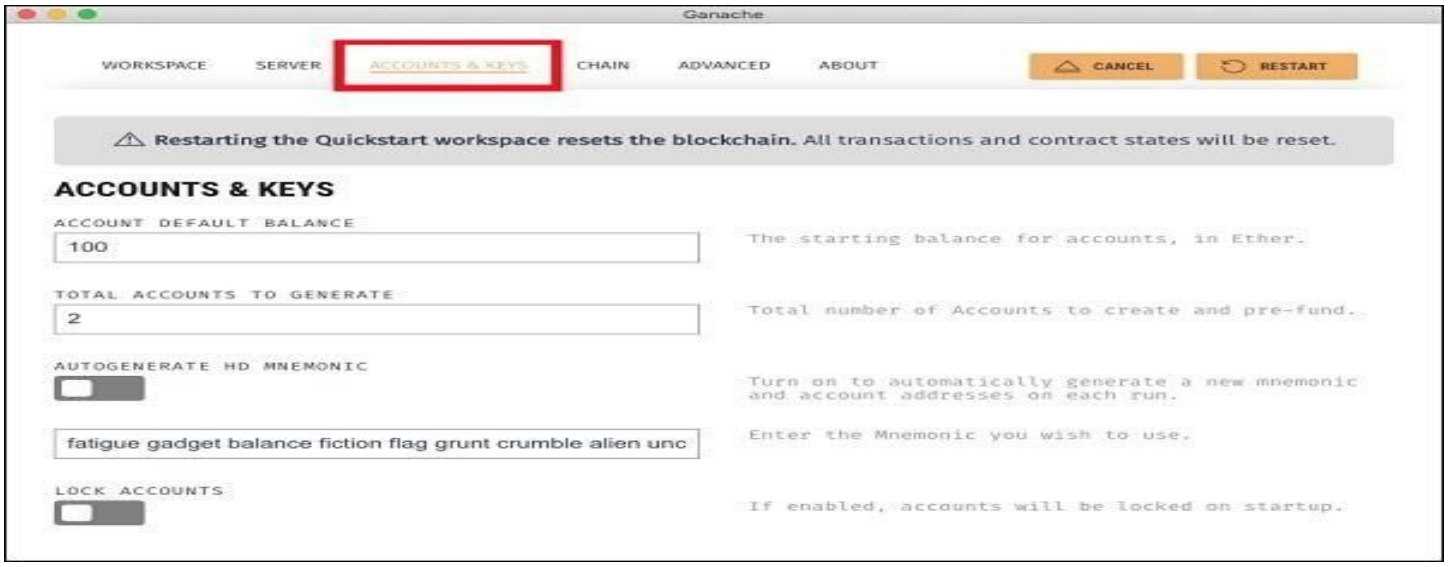
1. **Workspace tab**
   Here, you can name the project or link truffle projects. (To link truffle project, you need to provide a **truffle-config.js** file).



2. **Server tab**

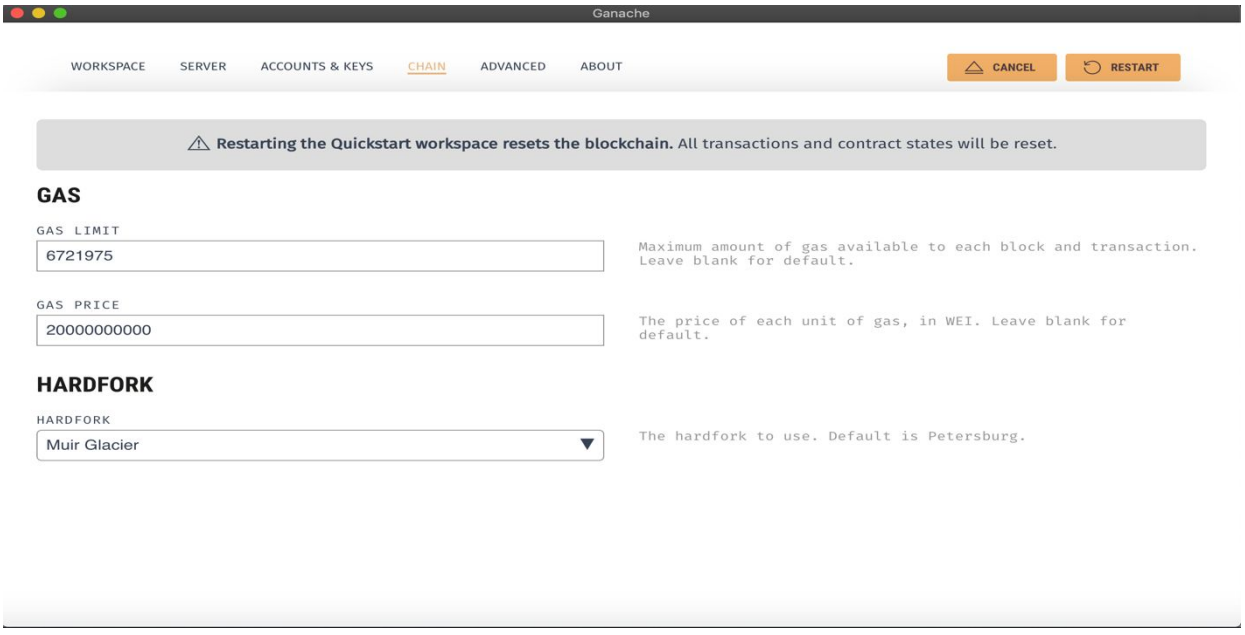
Here, you will be able to set the values of the server address and the port number for your Ganache server. For the time being, leave these to their default values. The network id is an internal blockchain identifier of Ganache server. Leave this to its default value.
The **Automine** button is in the ON state, indicating that the transactions would be processed instantly. If you switched this off, it would ask you to enter the time in seconds after which the blocks would be mined.

3. **Account and keys tab**



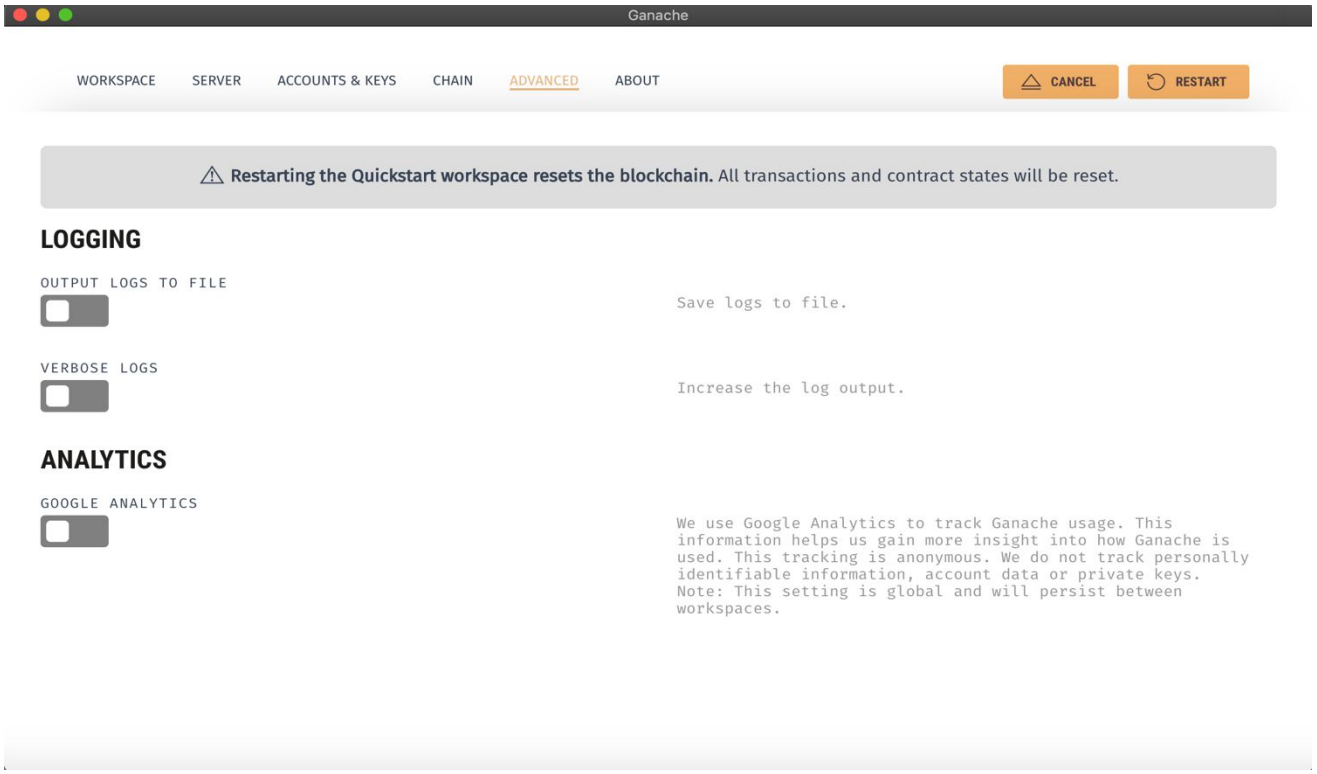
Here, you would be able to **set** the default balance for each account. The default value is 100. This now explains why you saw 100 ETH displayed for each account in the desktop screenshot. You can also set the number of accounts on this screen; the default value is 10. The value displayed in this screenshot is 2 and that is why the desktop showed only two accounts.

4. **Chain tab**



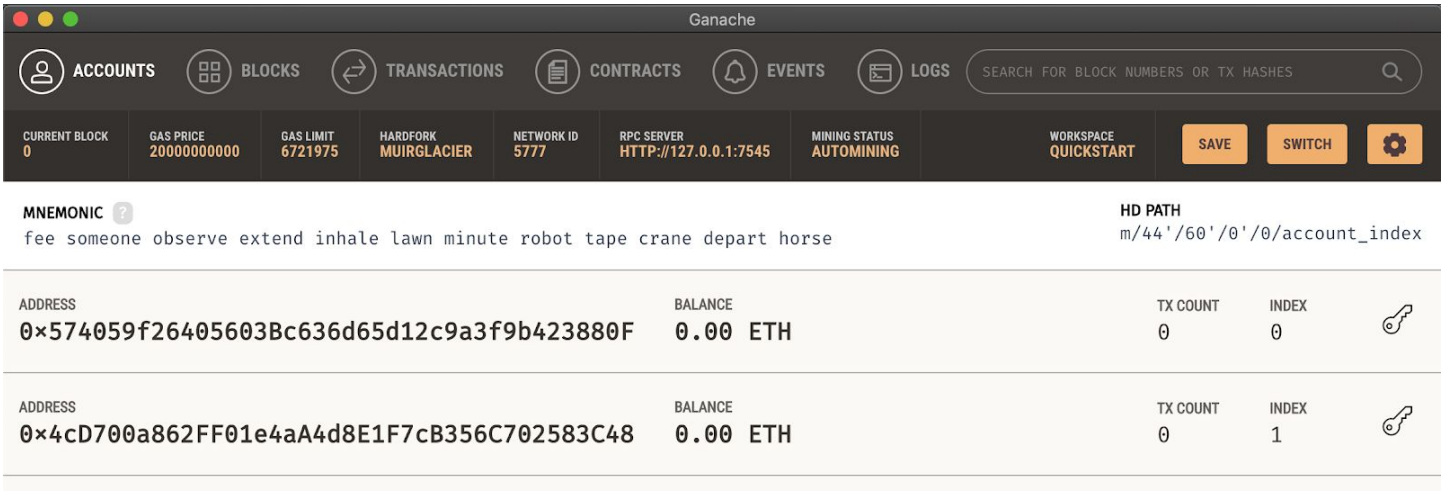
In the chain tab, you can define the gas limit and the gas price for your private network.

5. **Advanced tab**



In the Advanced tab, you can choose to output the log that Ganache creates.

Ganache dashboard



In the main dashboard window of Ganache, you can see six tabs:

1. **Accounts**
    - Here, you can see the details of user accounts.

2. **Blocks**
    - Here, you will see the details of the block that will be created.

3. **Transactions**
    - Here, you can see the transactions details.

4. **Contracts**
    - Here, you will see the list of contracts that you have created for this project.

5. **Events**
    - Here, you will see the list of the events triggered by the smart contract.

6. **Logs**
    - Here, you will see the logs of your entire project.

Smart Contract Deployment Using Ganache

Steps involved in deployment using Ganache:

- Create a workspace and link your Truffle project to this workspace.
- Configure your *truffle-config.js* file to connect to the *Ganache* network.
- Migrate your Truffle project to this network and create an instance of *Voting* smart contract.
- Run various functions inside this smart contract using this instance.

Refer to this document for detailed steps and commands used for each step.