

“Blockchain Fundamentals”

Module 1: Blockchain Intuition

Module 1: Create a Blockchain

Module 2A: Cryptocurrency Intuition
Module 2B: Cryptocurrency Transactions

Module 2: Create a Cryptocurrency

Module 3: Smart Contract Intuition

Module 3: Create a Smart Contract

What is a Blockchain



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What is a Blockchain

A blockchain is a continuously growing list of records, called blocks, which are linked and secured using cryptography.

- Wikipedia

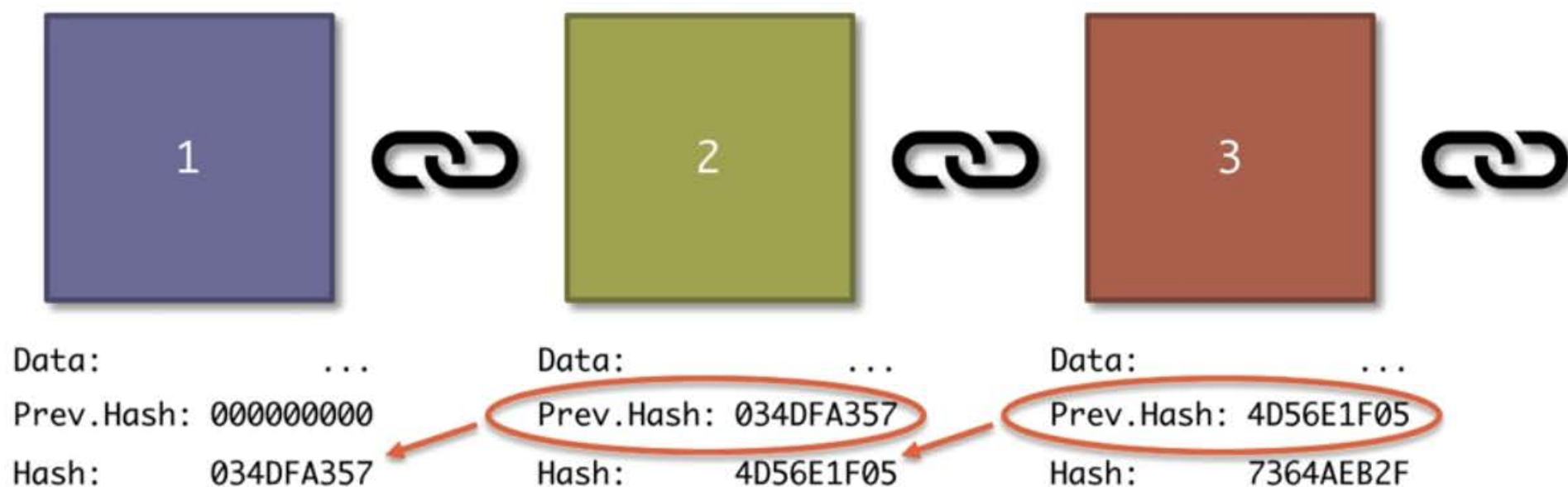
What is a Blockchain



1. Data: "Hello World!"
2. Prev. Hash: 034DFA357
3. Hash: 4D56E1F05

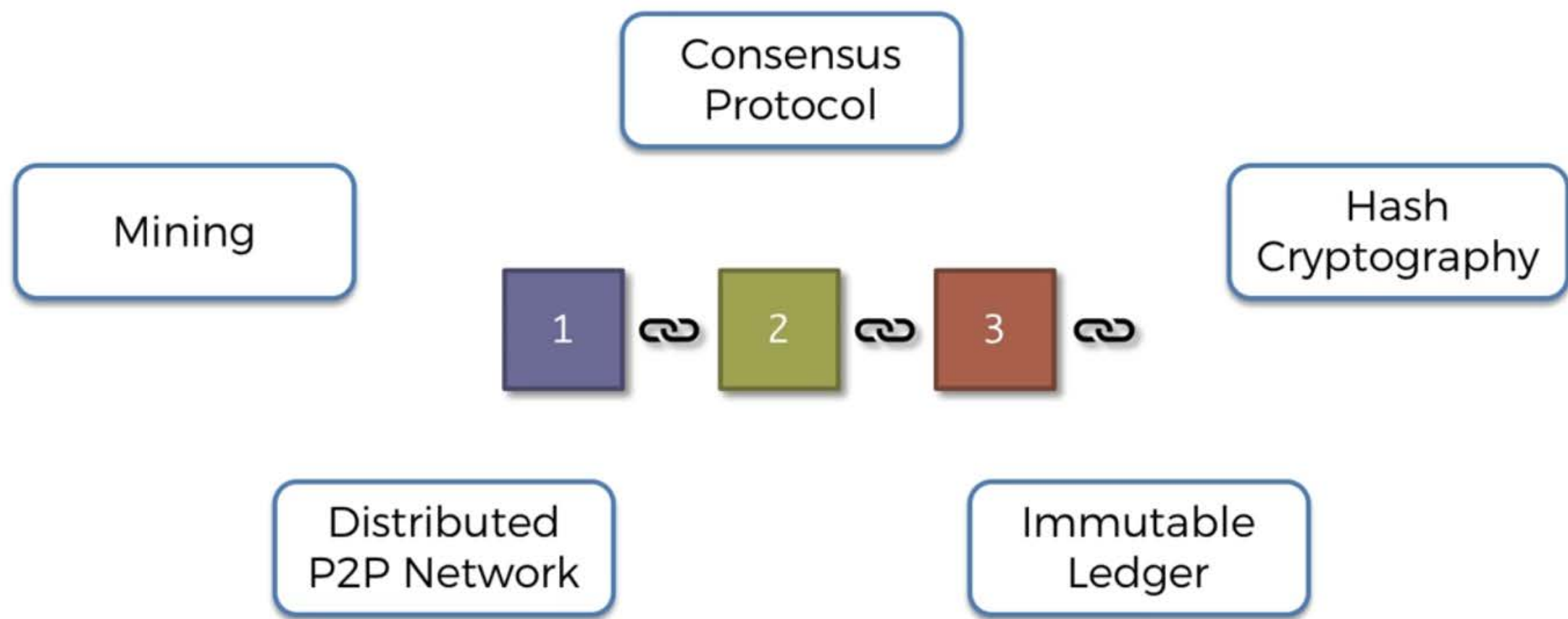
What is a Blockchain

GENESIS BLOCK



“Blocks are cryptographically linked together”

What is a Blockchain



Understanding SHA256 Hash



0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F

2a89bf1700a91
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b4443921bbeef
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NSA
'SHA256'
64 characters

Understanding SHA256 Hash

The 5 requirements for Hash algorithms:

1. One-Way
2. Deterministic



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3. Fast Computation



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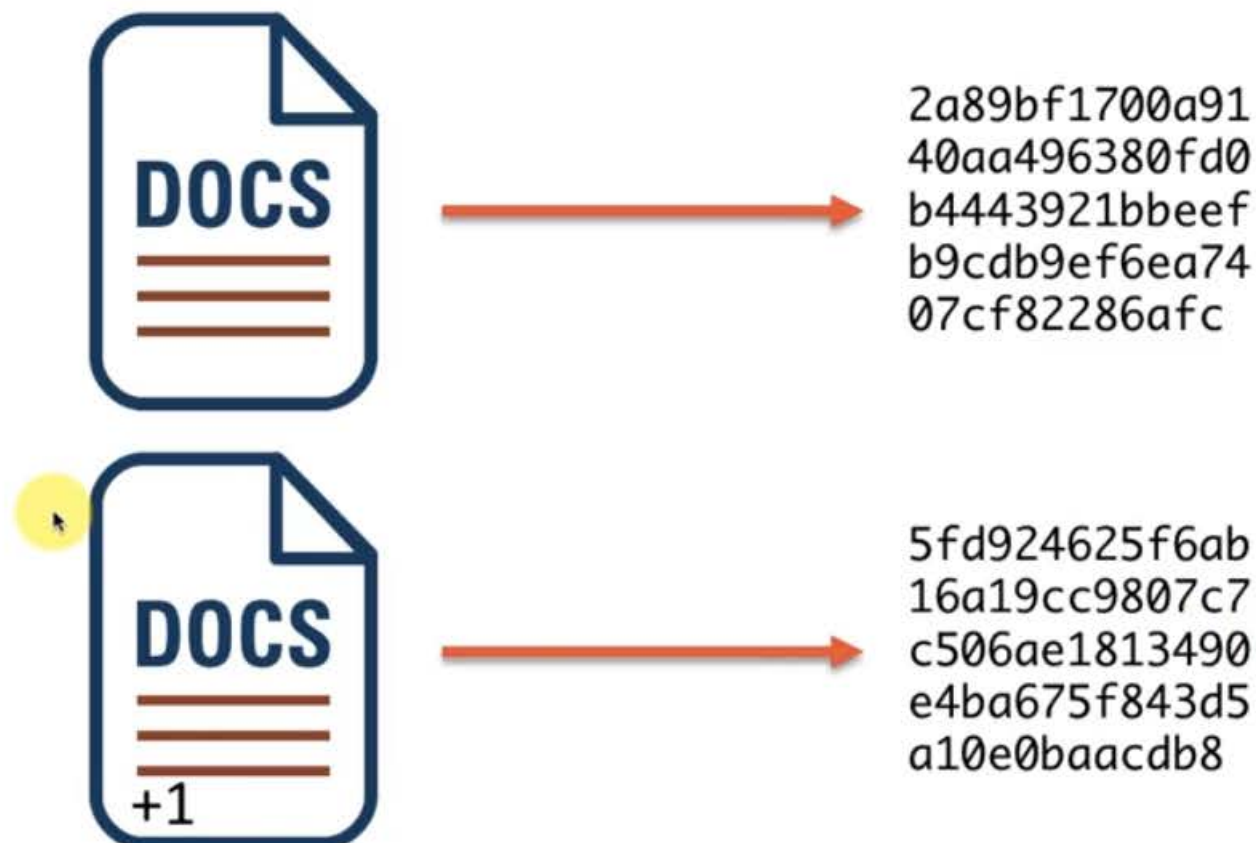
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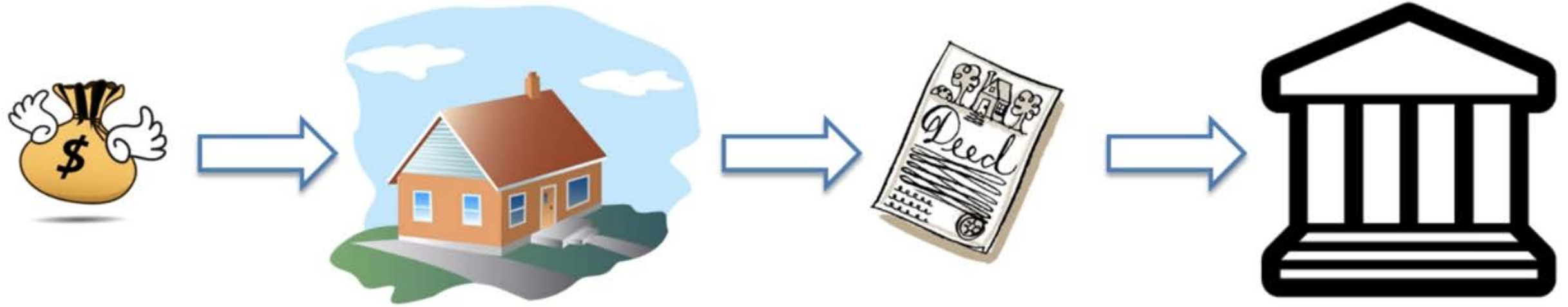
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5. Must withstand collisions



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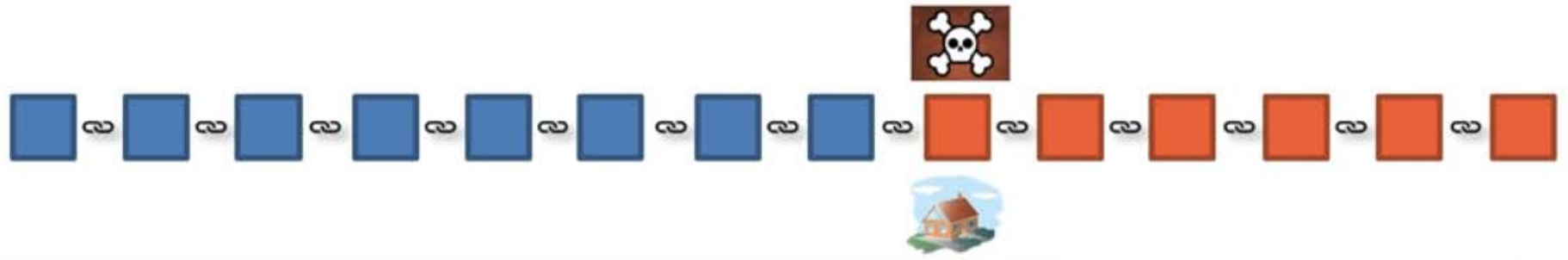
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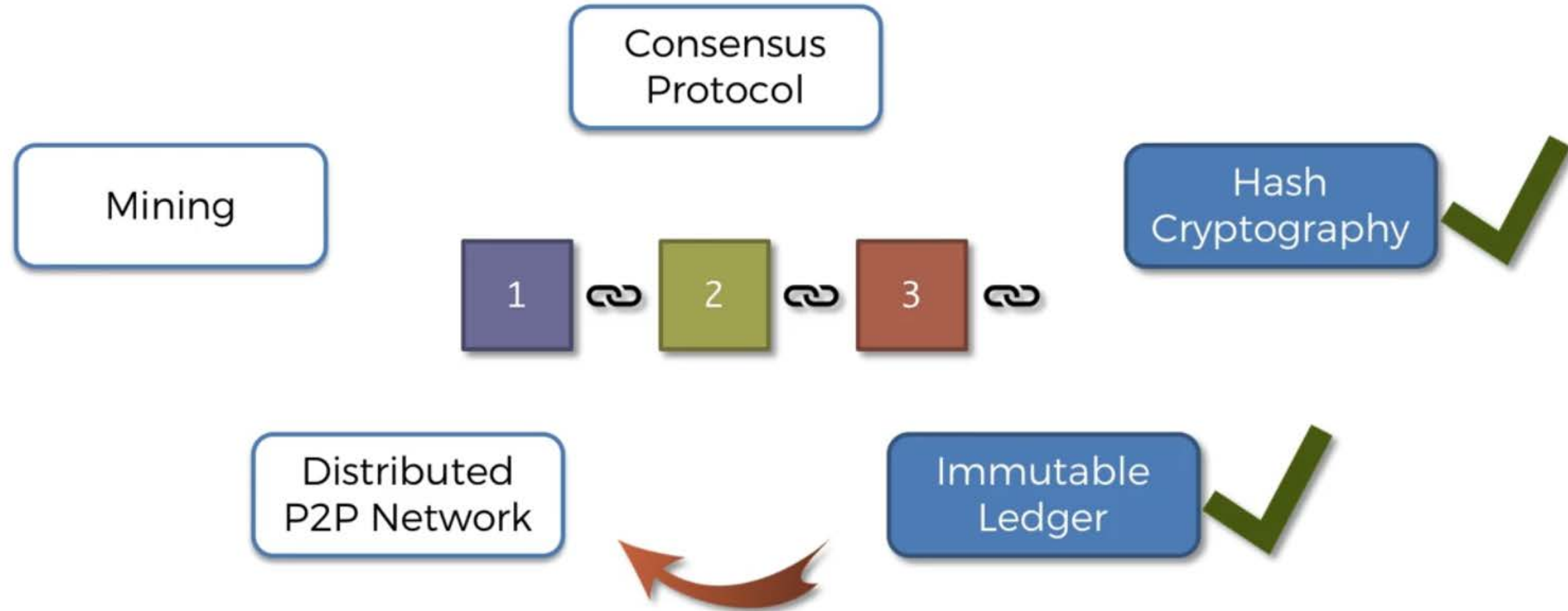
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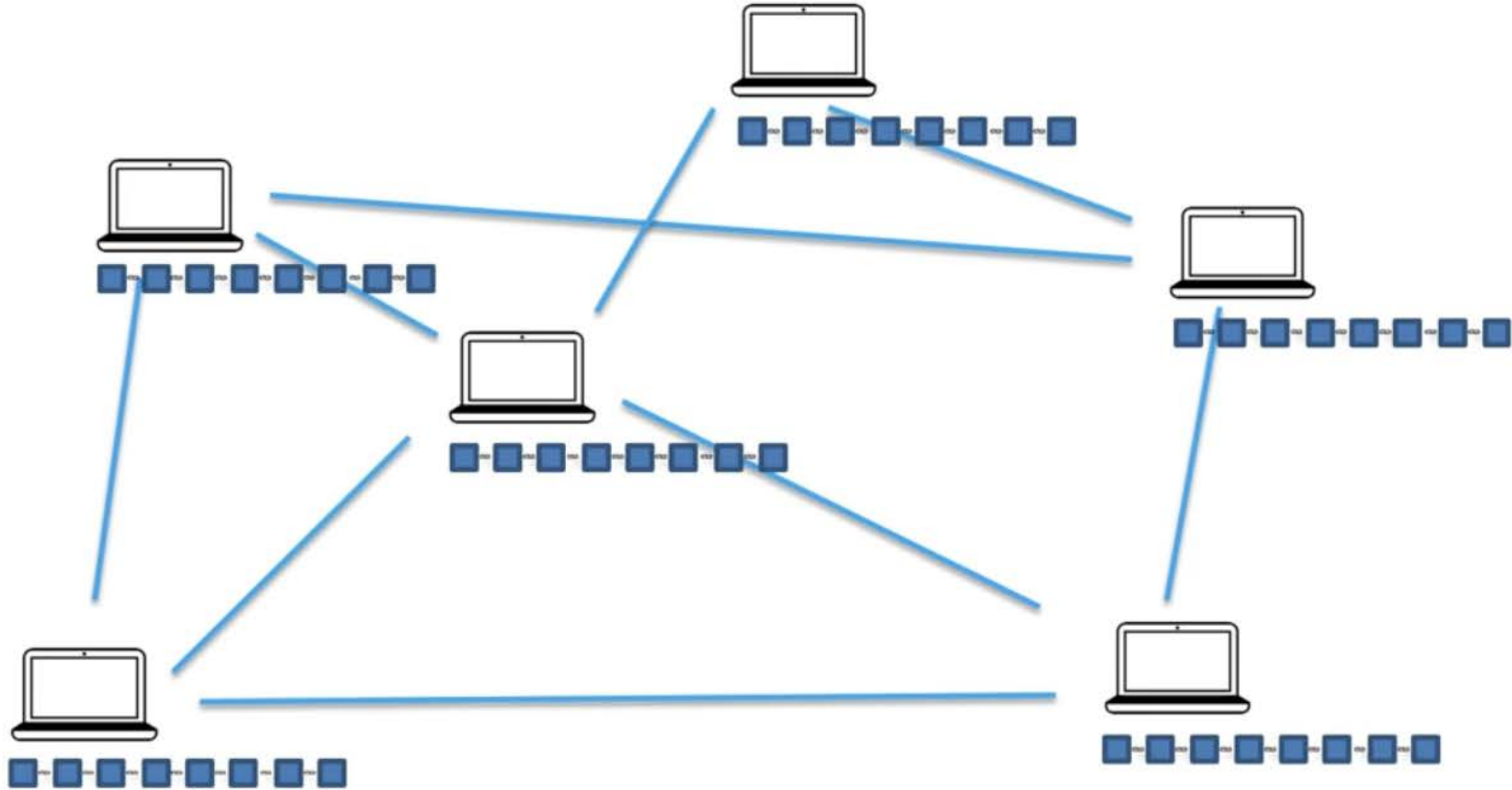
Blockchain



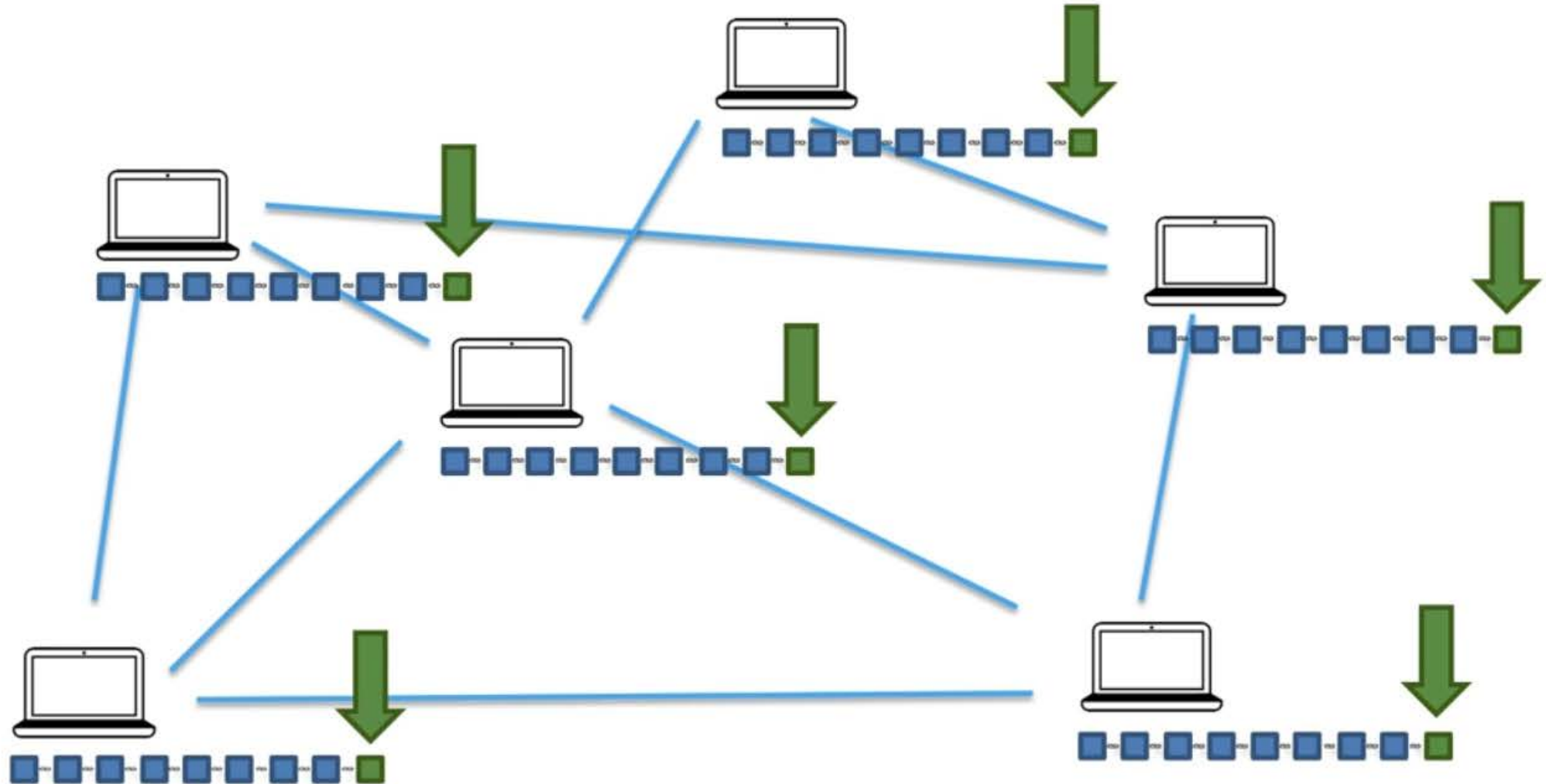
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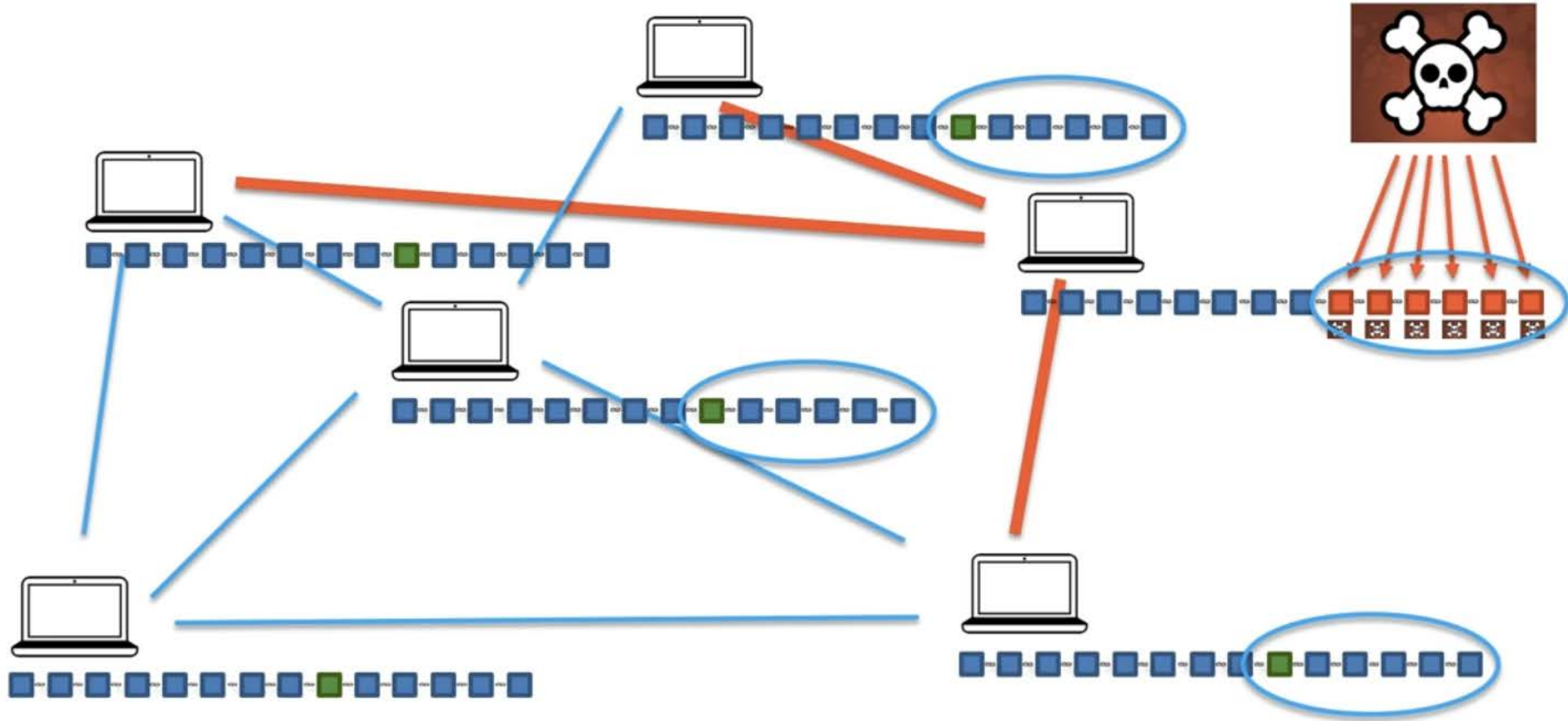
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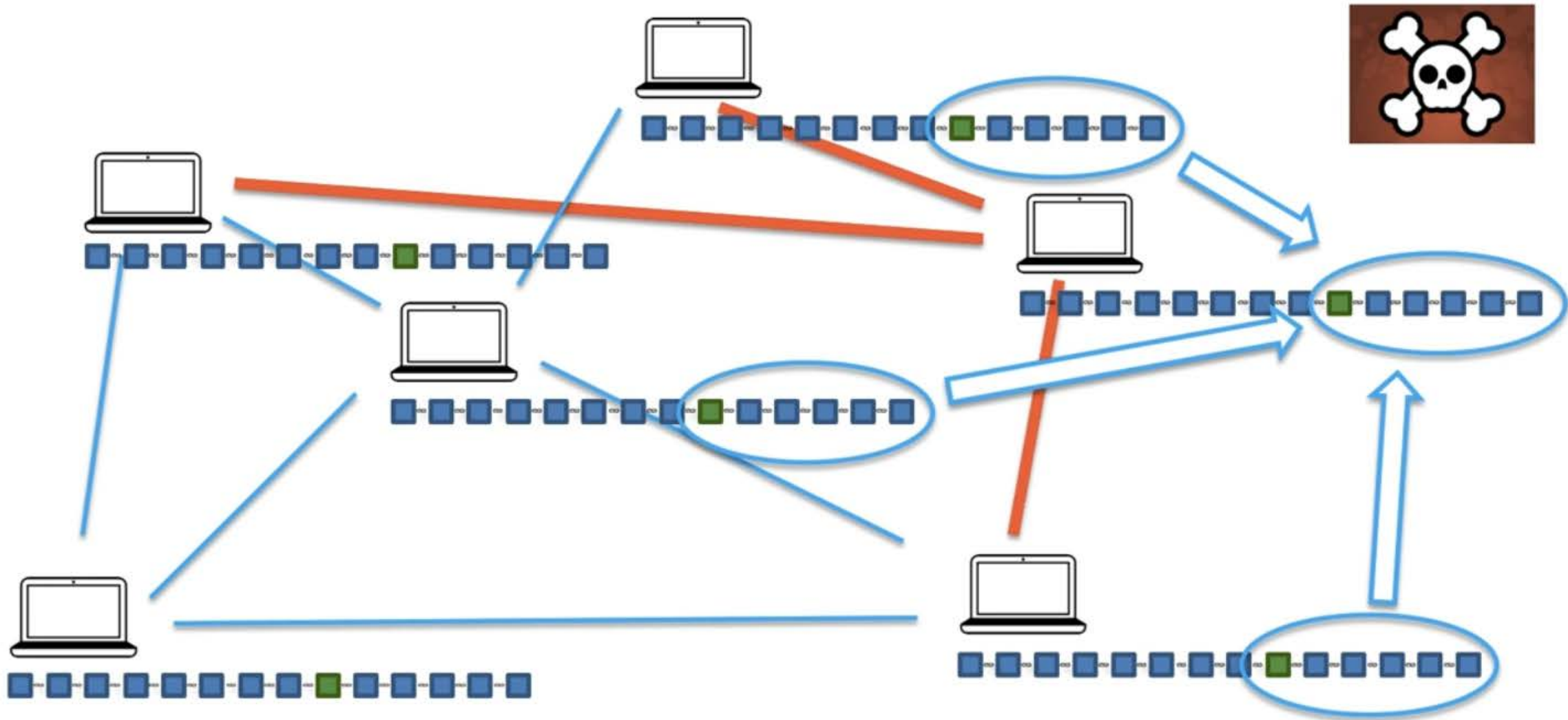
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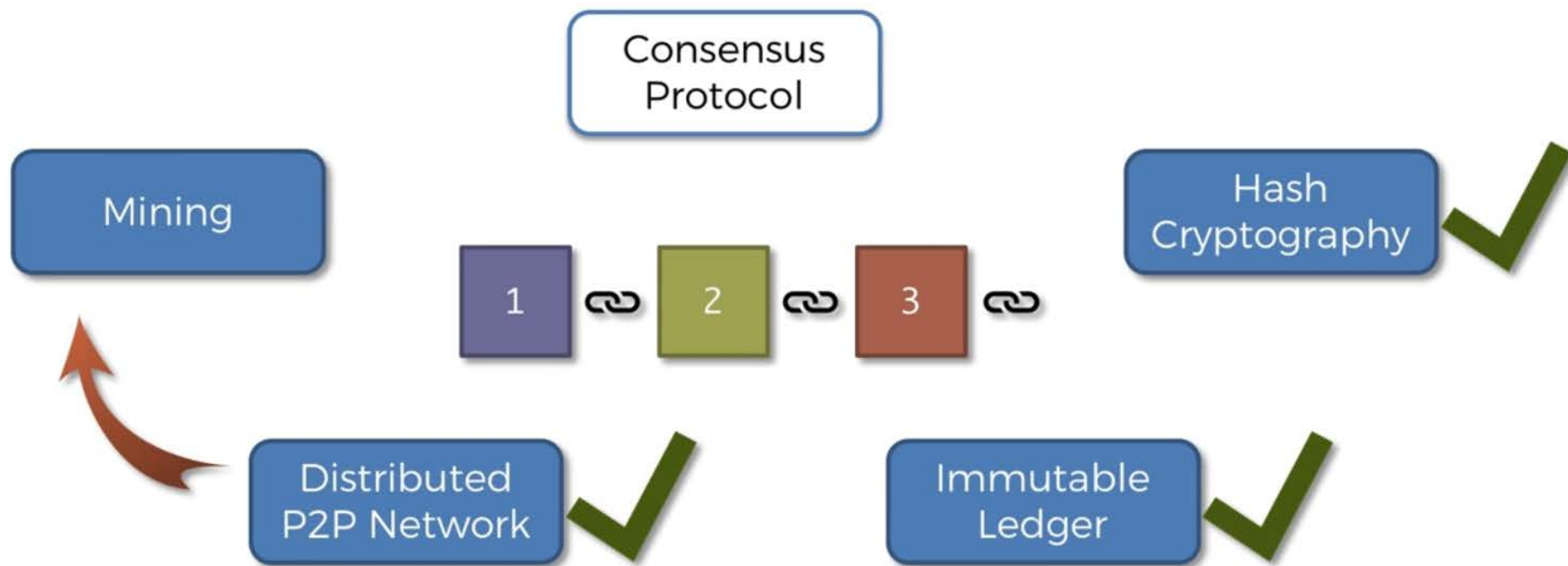
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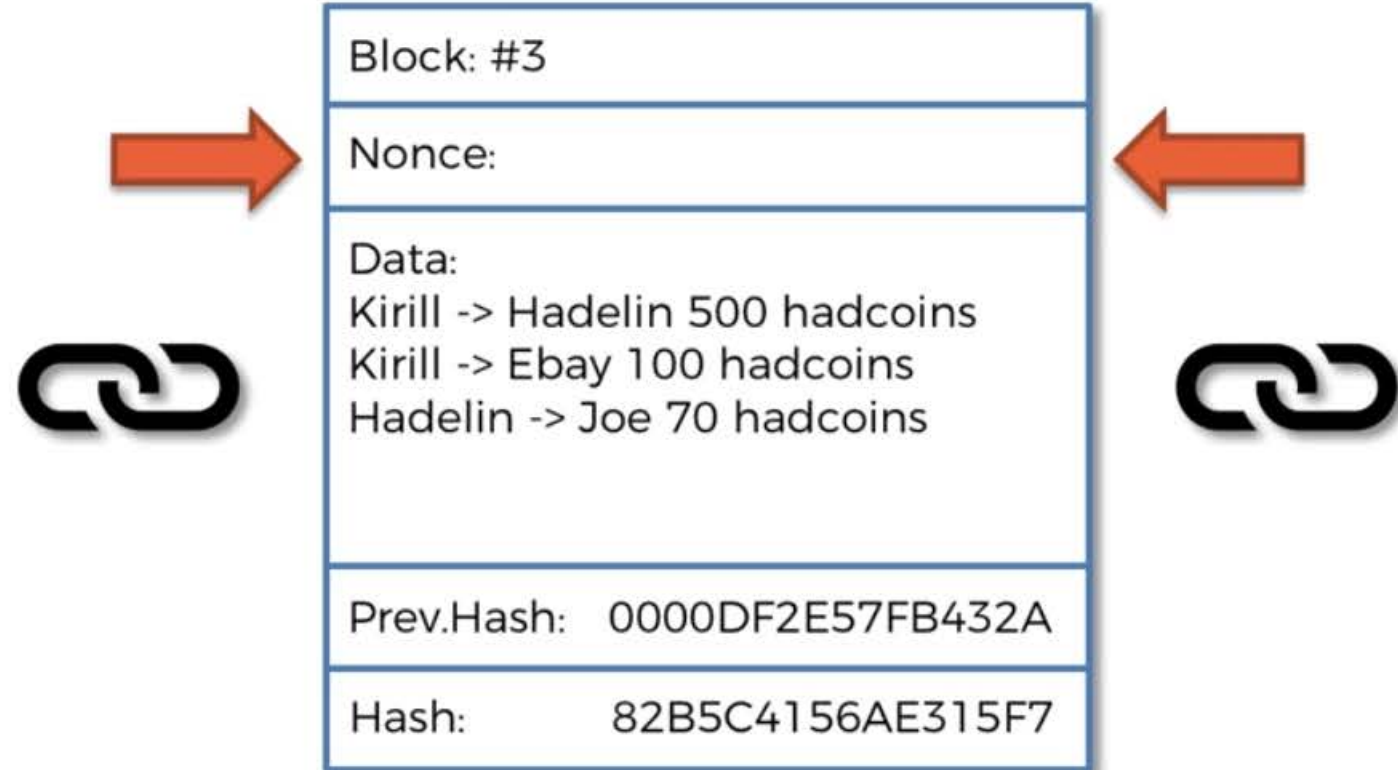
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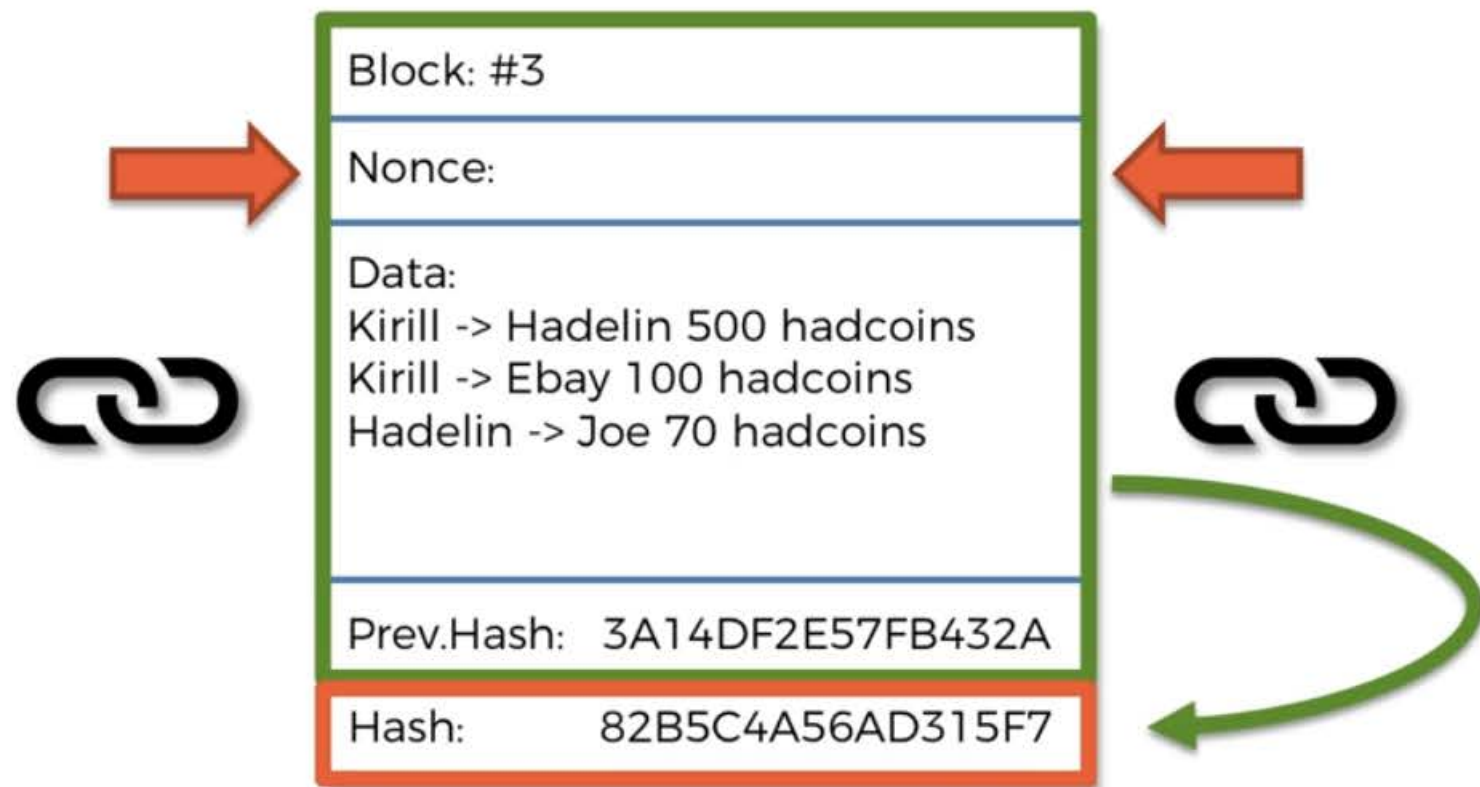
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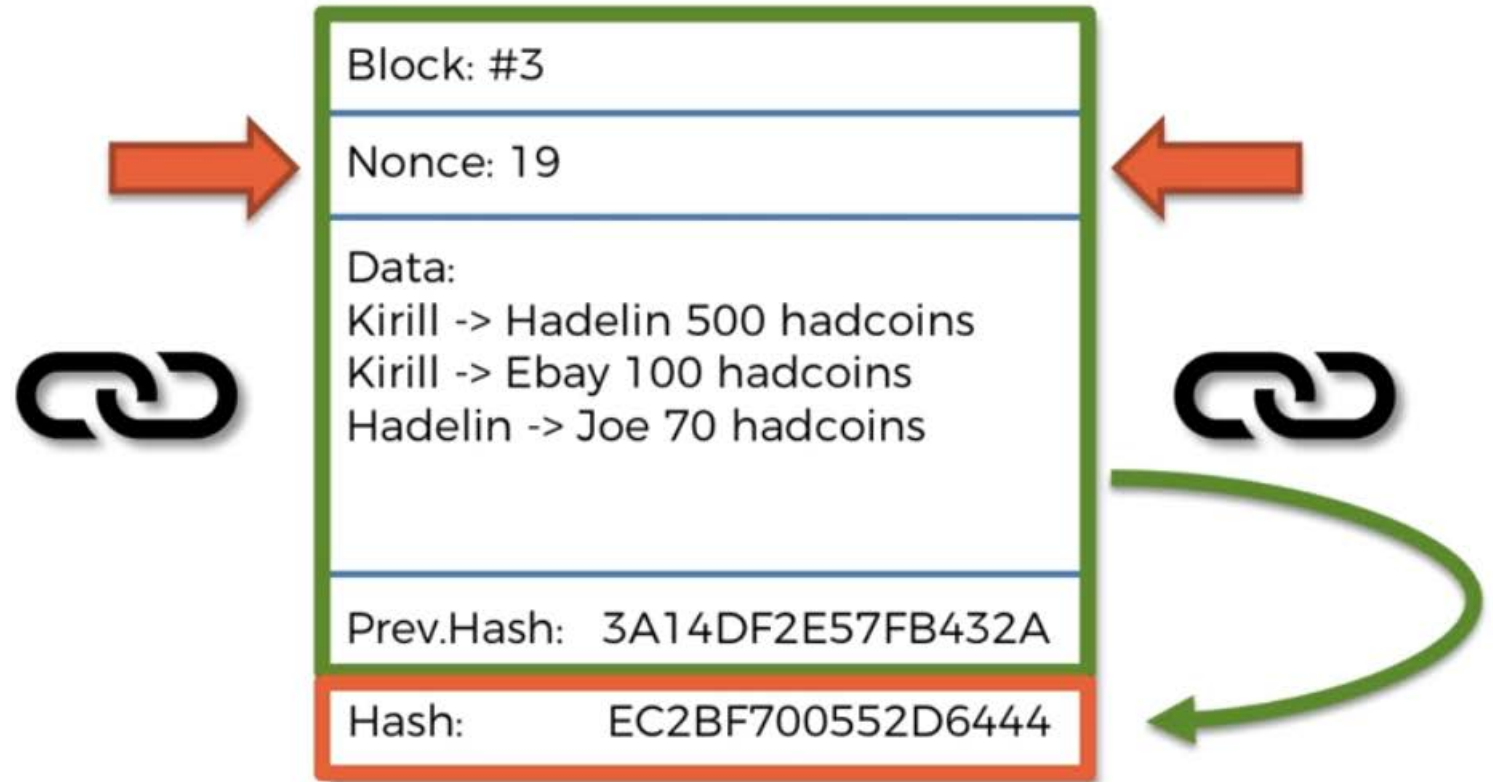
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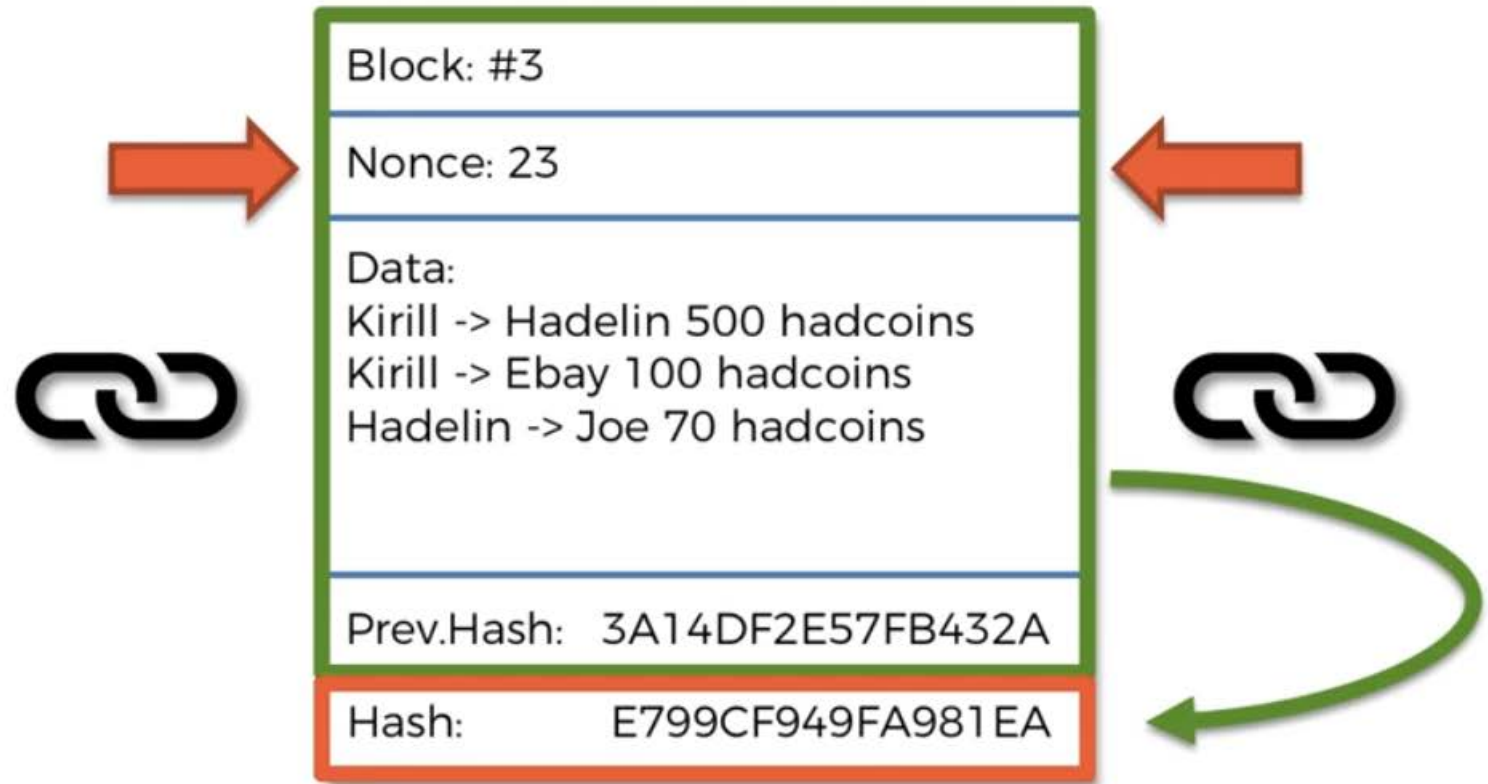
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A Hash is a Number

18D5A1AEDCBF543BC630130BEF99CFAD55D1B7413EF05B9AF927432FDE808C68
=11232962686236154915841062771303455665105266333
445130312258268457057784990824

```
00000000000087EC6D4886046788DCB49E9897F03C0A063F1F0CB57EEE7F0923
      =000000000000000218420711603109937116824492054445
      852323869008912526075378993443
```

[illegible]

- ALL POSSIBLE HASHES -

LARGEST

SMALLEST

How Mining Works

- ALL POSSIBLE HASHES -

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TARGET

SMALLEST

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How Mining Works

- ALL POSSIBLE HASHES -

LARGEST

TARGET ('0000')

X

SMALLEST

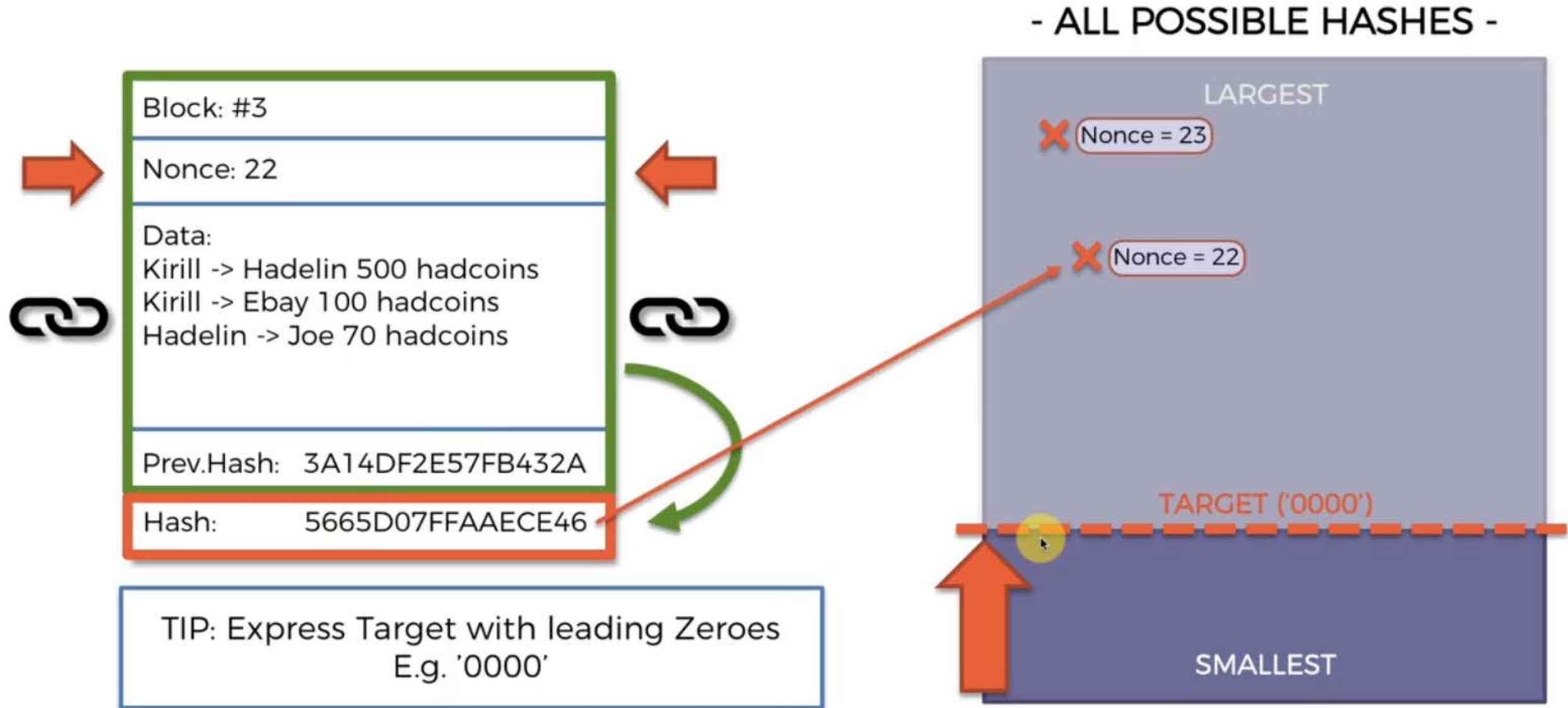
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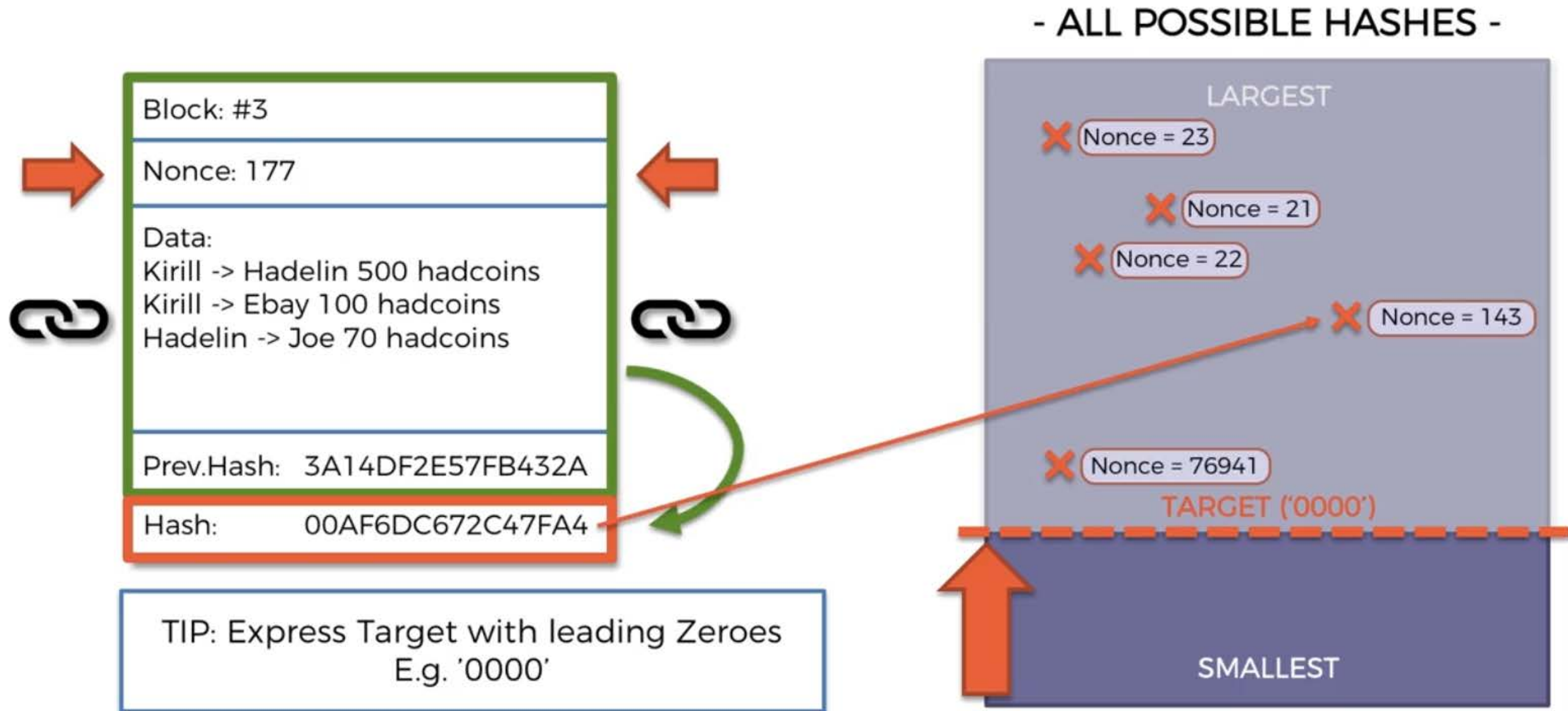
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TIP: Express Target with leading Zeroes
E.g. '0000'

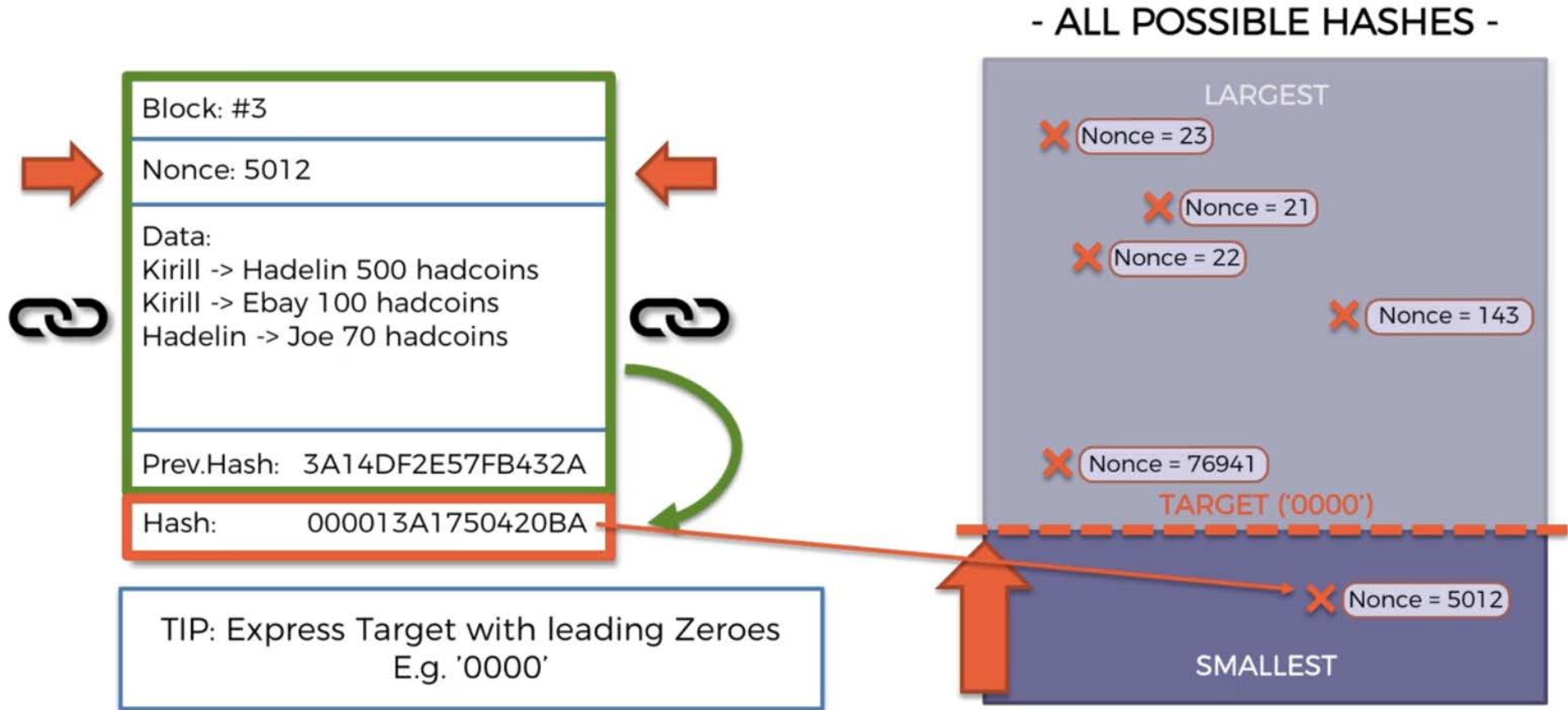
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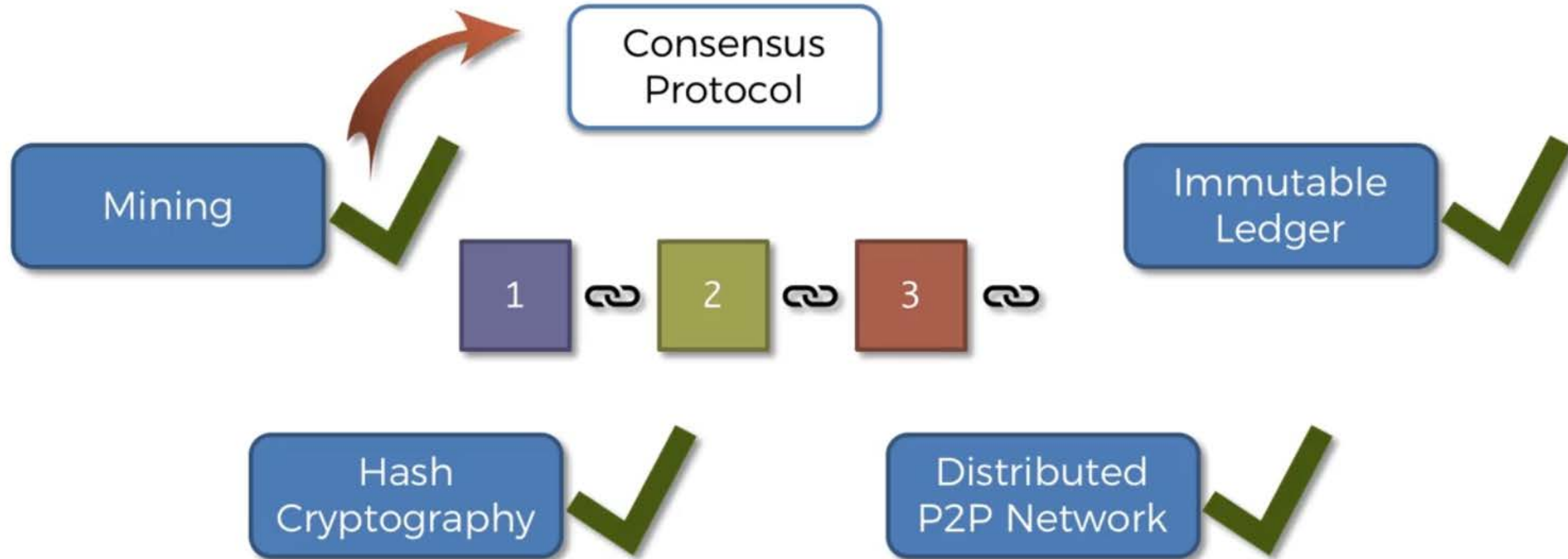
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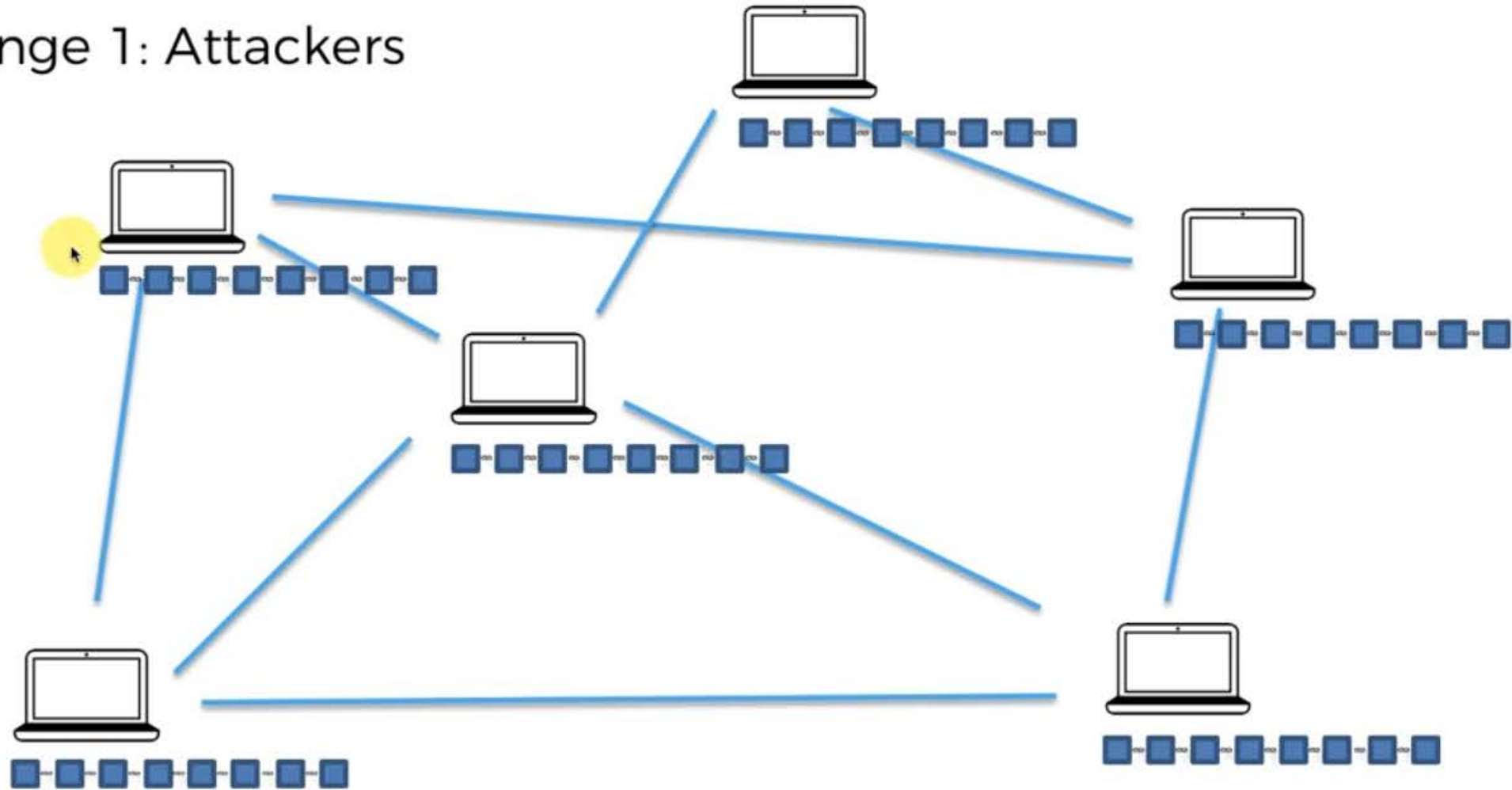


Consensus Protocol



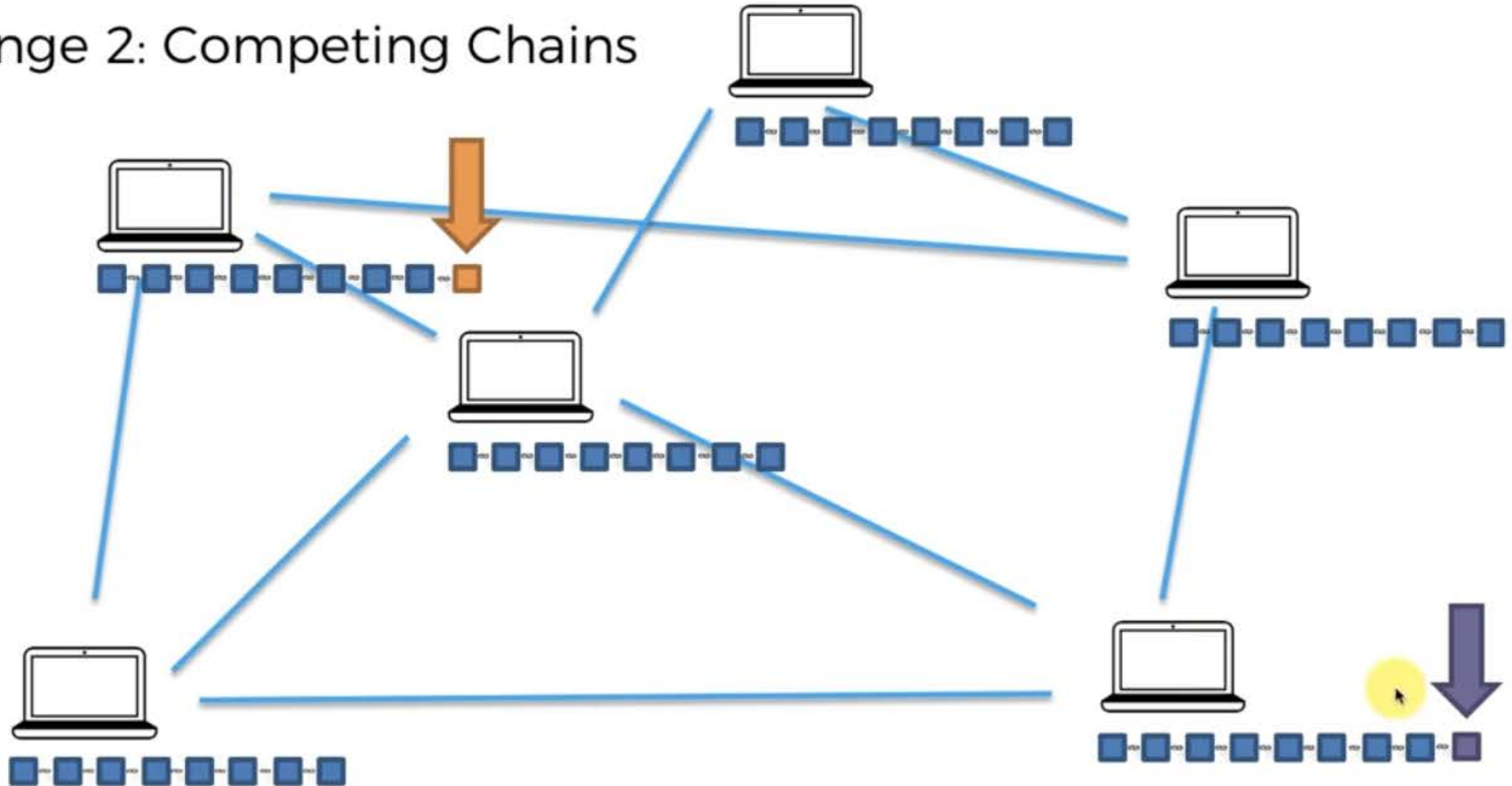
Consensus Protocol

Challenge 1: Attackers

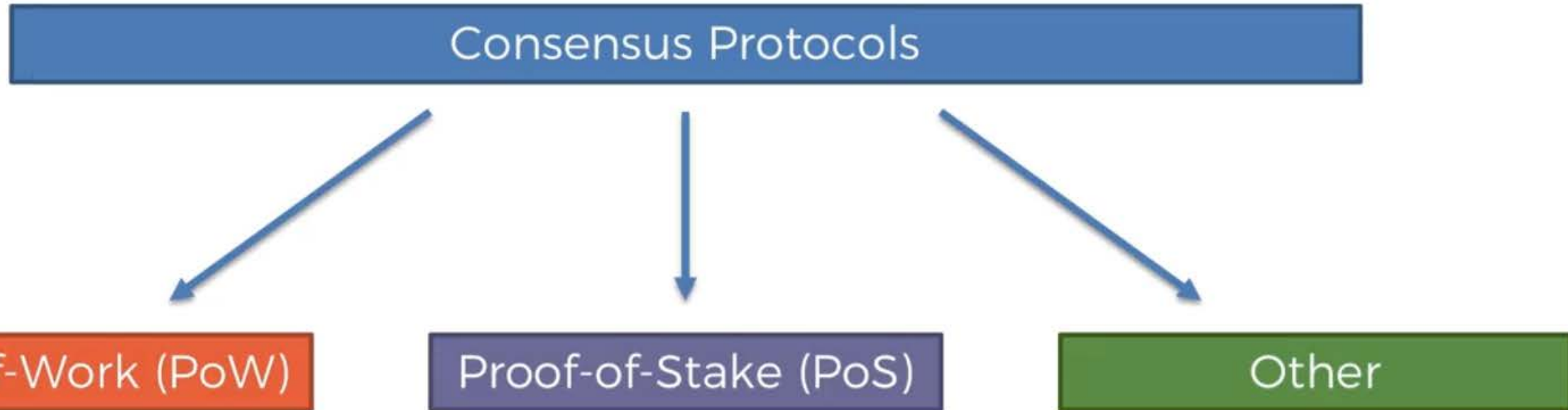


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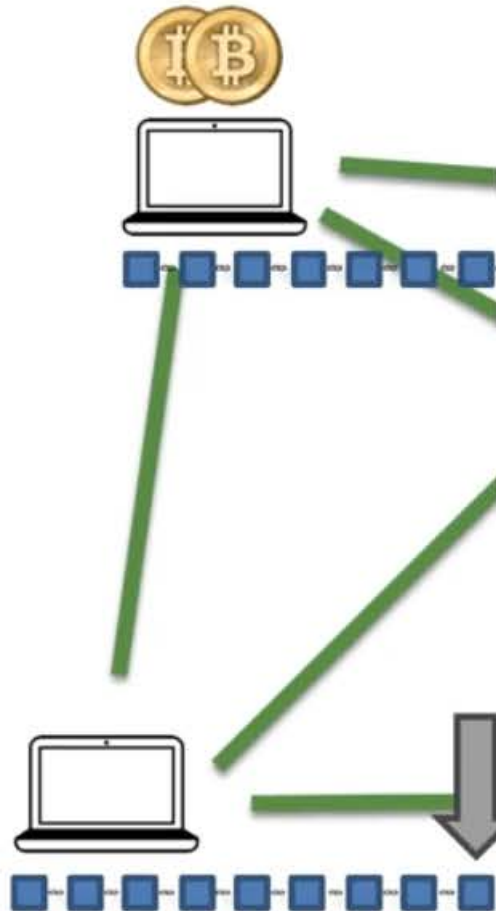
Challenge 2: Competing Chains



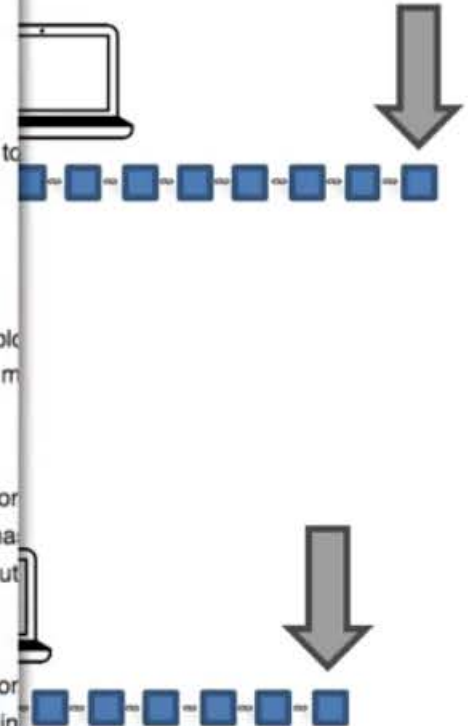
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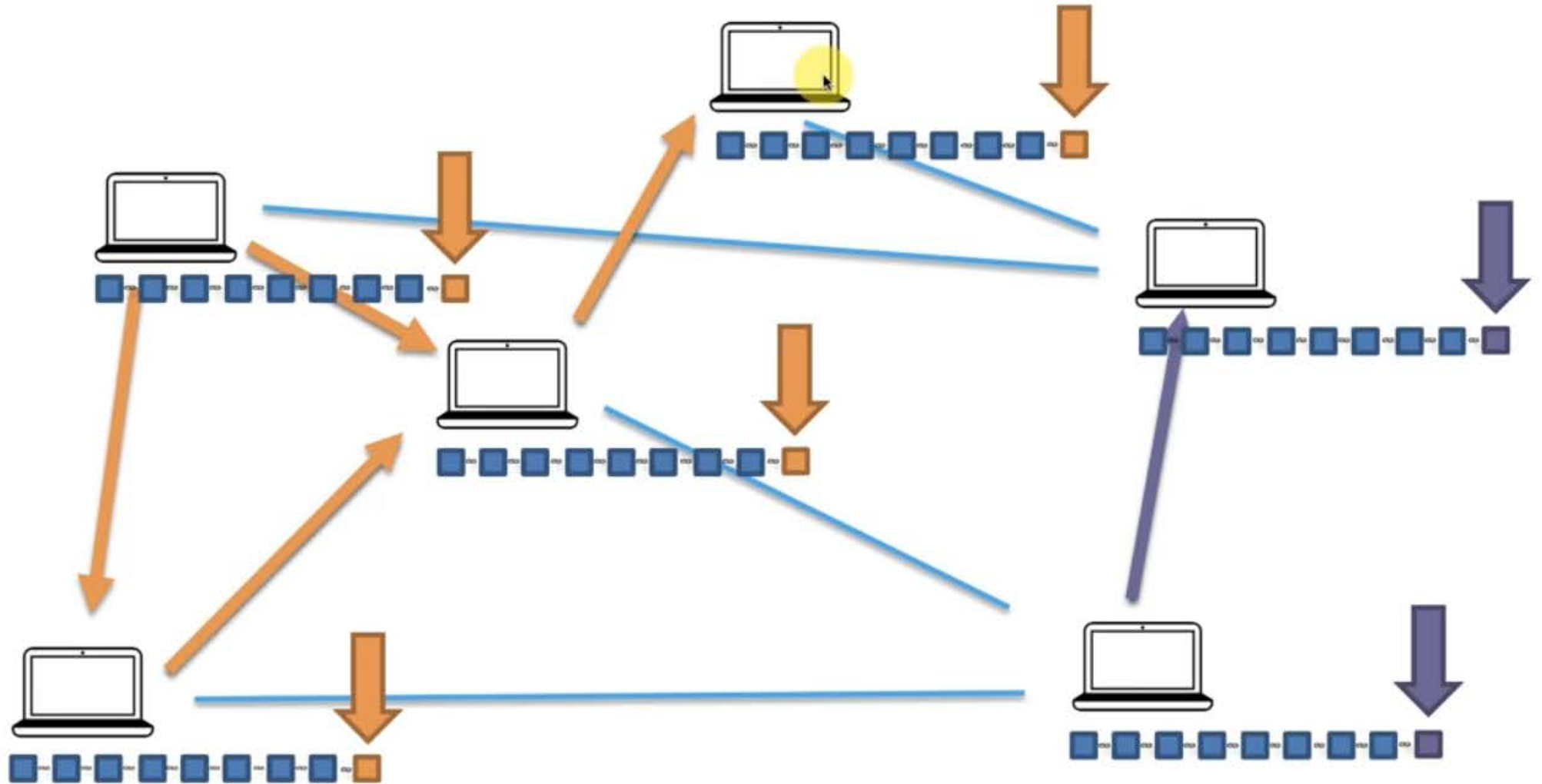
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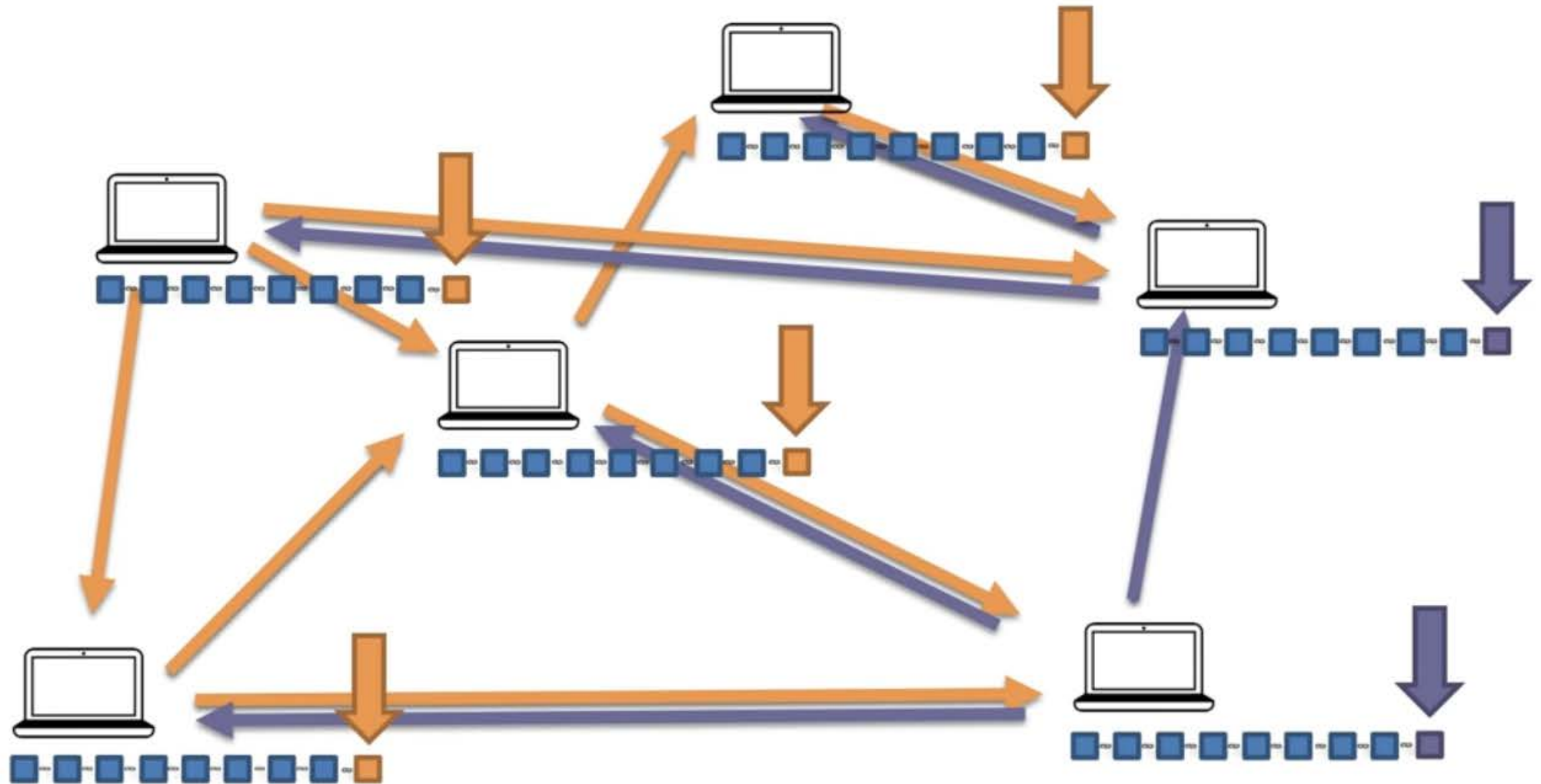
1. Check syntactic correctness
2. Reject if duplicate of block we have in any of the three categories
3. Transaction list must be non-empty
4. Block hash must satisfy claimed $nBits$ proof of work
5. Block timestamp must not be more than two hours in the future
6. First transaction must be coinbase (i.e. only 1 input, with hash=0, $n=-1$), the rest must not be
7. For each transaction, apply "tx" checks 2-4
8. For the coinbase (first) transaction, scriptSig length must be 2-100
9. Reject if sum of transaction sig opcounts > MAX_BLOCK_SIGOPS
10. Verify Merkle hash
11. Check if prev block (matching *prev* hash) is in main branch or side branches. If not, add this to orphan block in *prev* chain; done with block
12. Check that $nBits$ value matches the difficulty rules
13. Reject if timestamp is the median time of the last 11 blocks or before
14. For certain old blocks (i.e. on initial block download) check that hash matches known values
15. Add block into the tree. There are three cases: 1. block further extends the main branch; 2. block makes it become the new main branch; 3. block extends a side branch and makes it the new main branch
16. For case 1, adding to main branch:
 1. For all but the coinbase transaction, apply the following:
 1. For each input, look in the main branch to find the referenced output transaction
 2. For each input, if we are using the n th output of the earlier transaction, but it has already been spent, reject
 3. For each input, if the referenced output transaction is coinbase (i.e. only 1 input), it must have at least 100 confirmations; else reject.
 4. Verify crypto signatures for each input; reject if any are bad
 5. For each input, if the referenced output has already been spent by a transaction, reject
 6. Using the referenced output transactions to get input values, check that each input value is less than the output value
 7. Reject if the sum of input values < sum of output values
 2. Reject if coinbase value > sum of block creation fee and transaction fees



Consensus Protocol

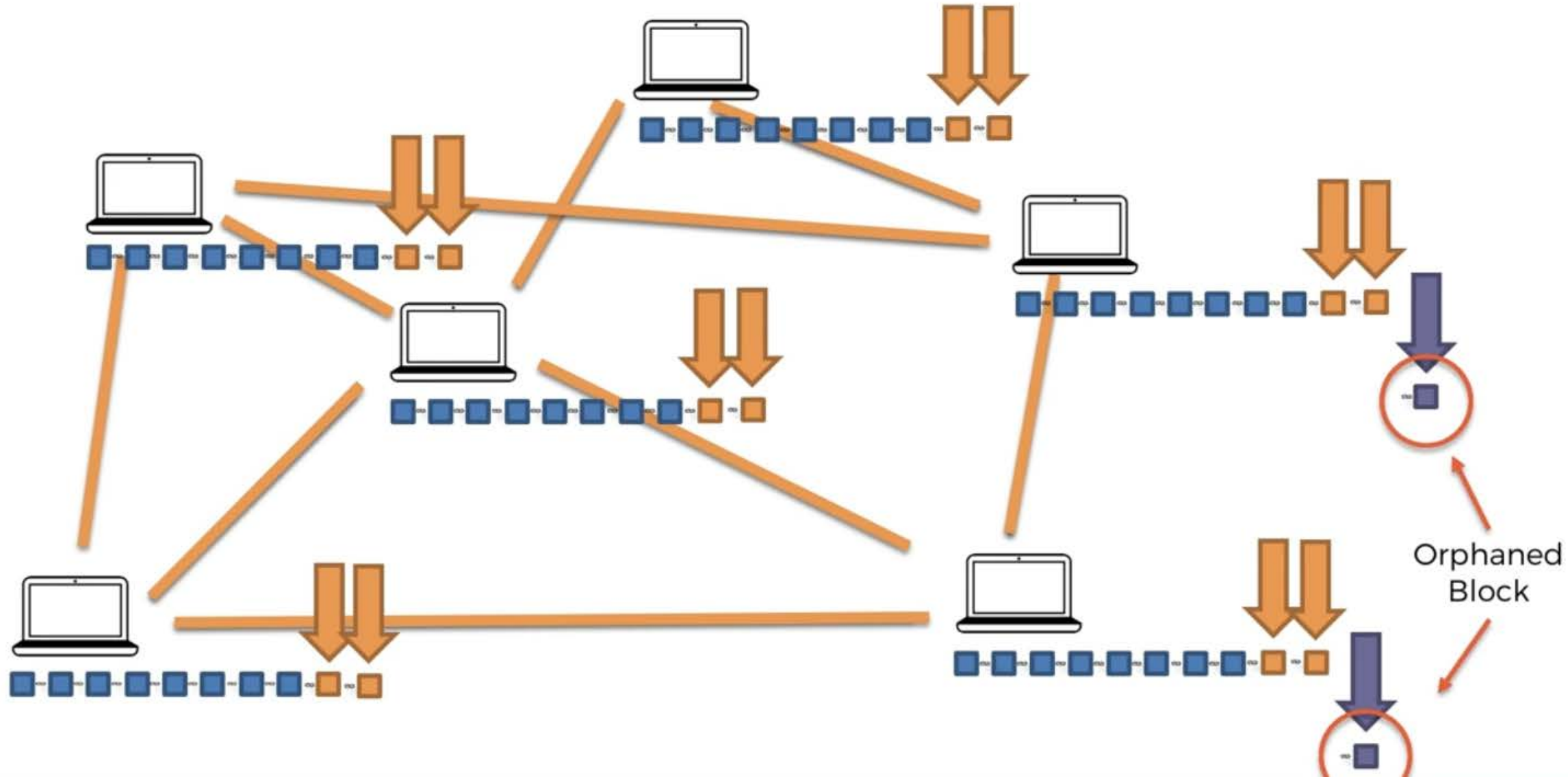


Consensus Protocol



So that's why we need bicentennial tolerance.

Consensus Protocol



Blockchain Copyright Notice

Block: # 1

Nonce: 11316

Data:

Prev: 00

Hash: 000015783b764259d382017d91a36d206d0600e2cbb356

Mine

Block: # 2

Nonce: 35230

Data:

Prev: 000015783b764259d382017d91a36d206d0600e2cbb356

Hash: 000012fa9b916eb9078f8d98a7864e697ae83ed54f5146b1

Mine

Block: # 3

Nonce: 12937

Data:

Prev: 000012fa9b916eb9078f8d98a7864e697ae83ed54f5146b1

Hash: 0000b9015ce2a08b61216ba5a077f

Mine



Python 3.6.3 |Anaconda, Inc.| (default, Oct 6 2017, 12:04:38)
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IPython 6.1.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.

In [1]: `import hashlib`

In [2]: `previous_proof = 2`

In [3]: `new_proof = 3`

In [4]: `new_proof**2 - previous_proof**2`

Out[4]: 5

In [5]: `str(new_proof**2 - previous_proof**2)`

Out[5]: '5'

In [6]: `str(new_proof**2 - previous_proof**2).encode()`

Out[6]: b'5'

In [7]: `hashlib.sha256(str(new_proof**2 - previous_proof**2).encode())`

Out[7]: <sha256 HASH object @ 0x181656df08>

In [8]: `hashlib.sha256(str(new_proof**2 - previous_proof**2).encode()).hexdigest()`

Out[8]: 'ef2d127de37b942baad06145e54b0c619a1f22327b2ebbcfbec78f5564afe39d'

In [9]:

http://127.0.0.1:5000/get_chain

Save

GET

http://127.0.0.1:5000/get_chain

Send

- Params
- Authorization
- Headers (6)
- Body
- Pre-request Script
- Tests
- Settings
- Cookies

Query Params

KEY	VALUE	DESCRIPTION		Bulk Edit
Key	Value	Description		

PrettyRawPreviewVisualizeJSON

```
1 {
2   "chain": [
3     {
4       "index": 1,
5       "previous_hash": "0",
6       "proof": 1,
7       "timestamp": "2022-01-09 04:00:04.012103"
8     }
9   ],
10  "length": 1
11 }
```

Overview

GET http://127.0.0.1:50...

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...

No Environment

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http://127.0.0.1:5000/mine_block

Save

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</>

GET

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http://127.0.0.1:5000/mine_block

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Query Params

	KEY	VALUE	DESCRIPTION	...	Bulk Edit
	Key	Value	Description		

Body

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Headers (4)

Test Results

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Status: 200 OK

Time: 122 ms

Size: 349 B

Save Response

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Pretty

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Preview

Visualize

JSON

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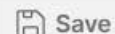
5

6

7

```
{
  "index": 4,
  "message": "Congratulations, you just mined a block!",
  "previous_hash": "34992017aeae0337f40d4acba667037ff7a8c8311c143c8519ac81ada10904da",
  "proof": 21391,
  "timestamp": "2022-01-09 04:08:36.839584"
}
```

http://127.0.0.1:5000/get_chain



Save



GET



http://127.0.0.1:5000/get_chain

Send



Params Authorization Headers (6) Body Pre-request Script Tests Settings

Cookies

Query Params

	KEY	VALUE	DESCRIPTION	...	Bulk Ed
	Key	Value	Description		

Body Cookies Headers (4) Test Results



Status: 200 OK

Time: 20 ms

Size: 700 B

Save Response

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```
1  [
2    "chain": [
3      {
4        "index": 1,
5        "previous_hash": "0",
6        "proof": 1,
7        "timestamp": "2022-01-09 04:00:04.012103"
8      },
9      {
10       "index": 2,
11       "previous_hash": "18d234b57088d8325a02c28f059249159e823684661f1abce0588bcb490c1a27",
12       "proof": 533,
13       "timestamp": "2022-01-09 04:07:07.583005"
14     },
15     {
16       "index": 3,
17       "previous_hash": "22cc157228b53d80c3c8d3e14eb8c28cc7d7c22c510321bb8b50c2b6140c0000"
```


Overview

GET http://127.0.0.1:50...

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http://127.0.0.1:5000/is_valid

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Headers (4)

Test Results

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Status: 200 OK

Time: 14 ms

Size: 181 B

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JSON ▼

1

2

3

{

"message": "Blockchain is valid !"

}