ORACLES IN ETHEREUMS VIRTUAL MACHINE

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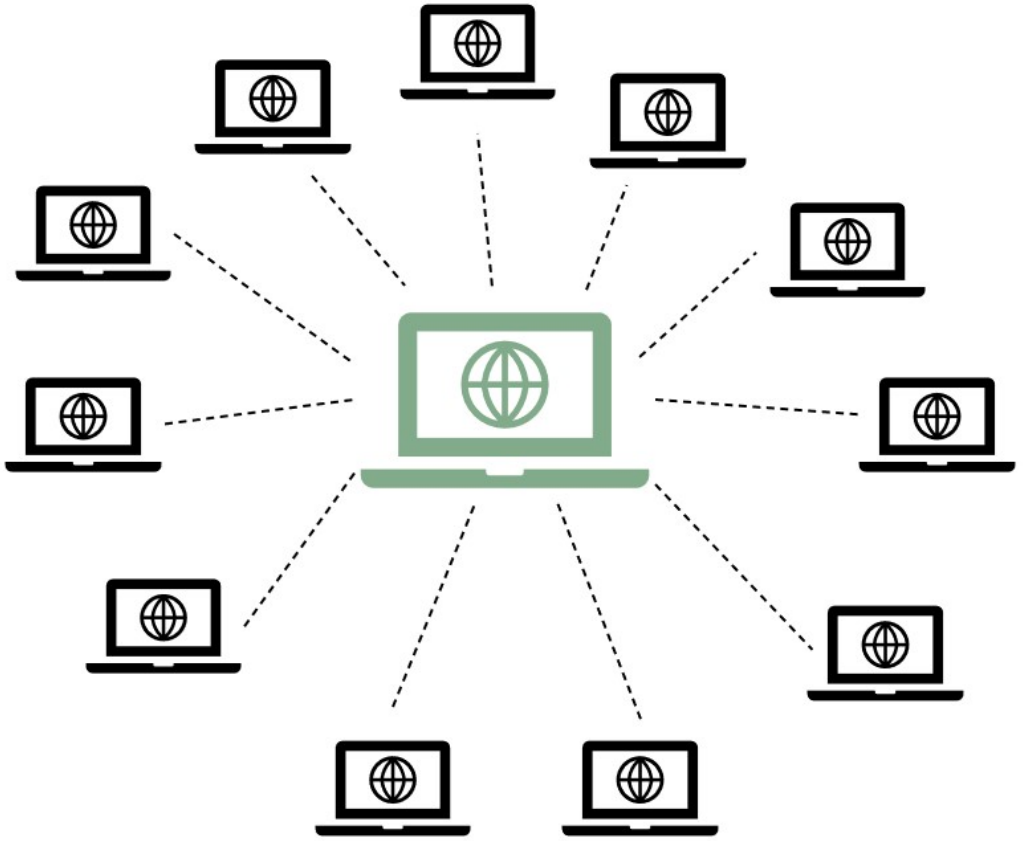
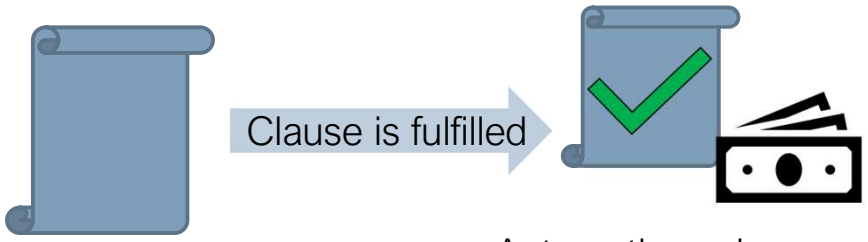
REMINDER EVM

- One single instance
- Each Node has a copy
- All Smart Contracts are on it
- Immutable



INTRODUCTION SMART CONTRACTS

- Contract written in Code (Solidity)
- Deployed to EVM -> Each has an Address
- User interacts by sending transactions
- Define rules which are automatically enforced
- Can't be deleted or reversed
- https://remix.ethereum.org/
- Example: cupcake.sol

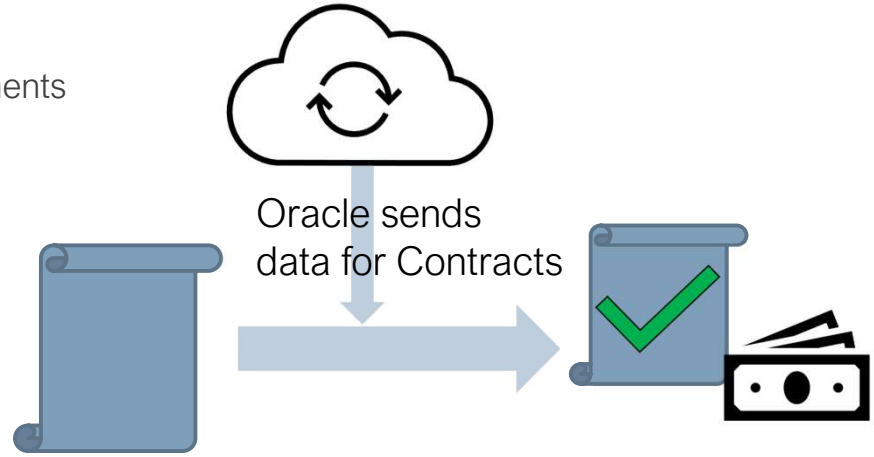


Contract with Clause

Automatic exchange of Goods and Services as defined

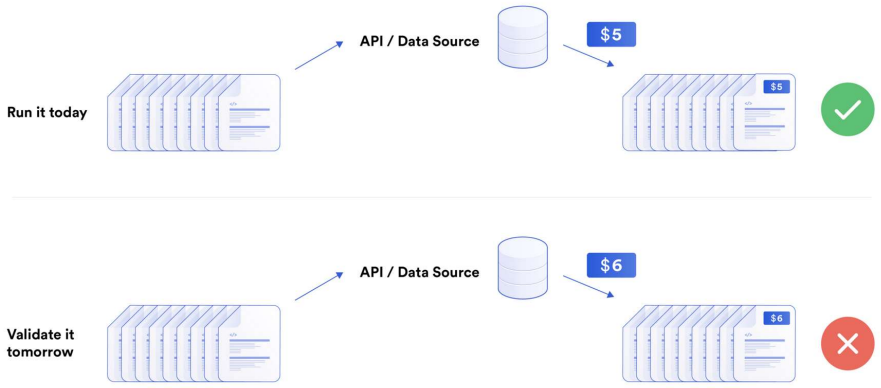
GOAL OF ORACLES: INTRODUCE REAL DATA INTO SMART CONTRACTS

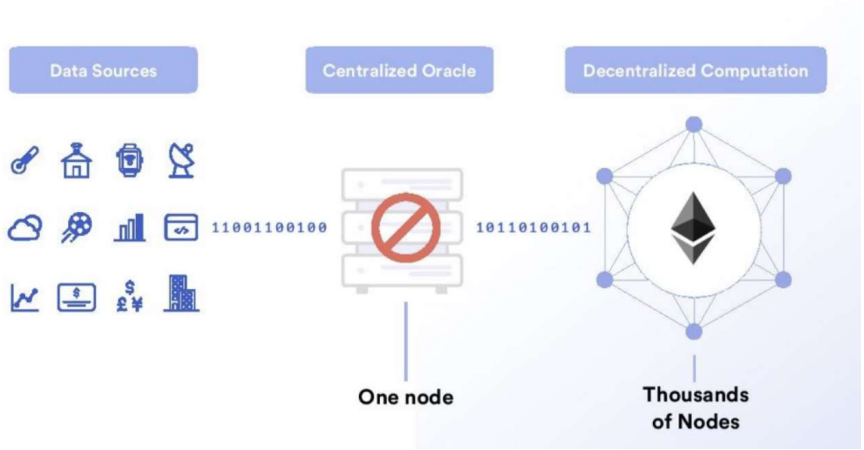
- Contracts usually refer to real-world situations/elements
  - Exchange Rates (e.g., USD to CHF or ETH)
  - Production/Delivery Updates
  - Service Fulfillment
  - Weather
  - Event outcomes (i.e., Sport results)
  - …



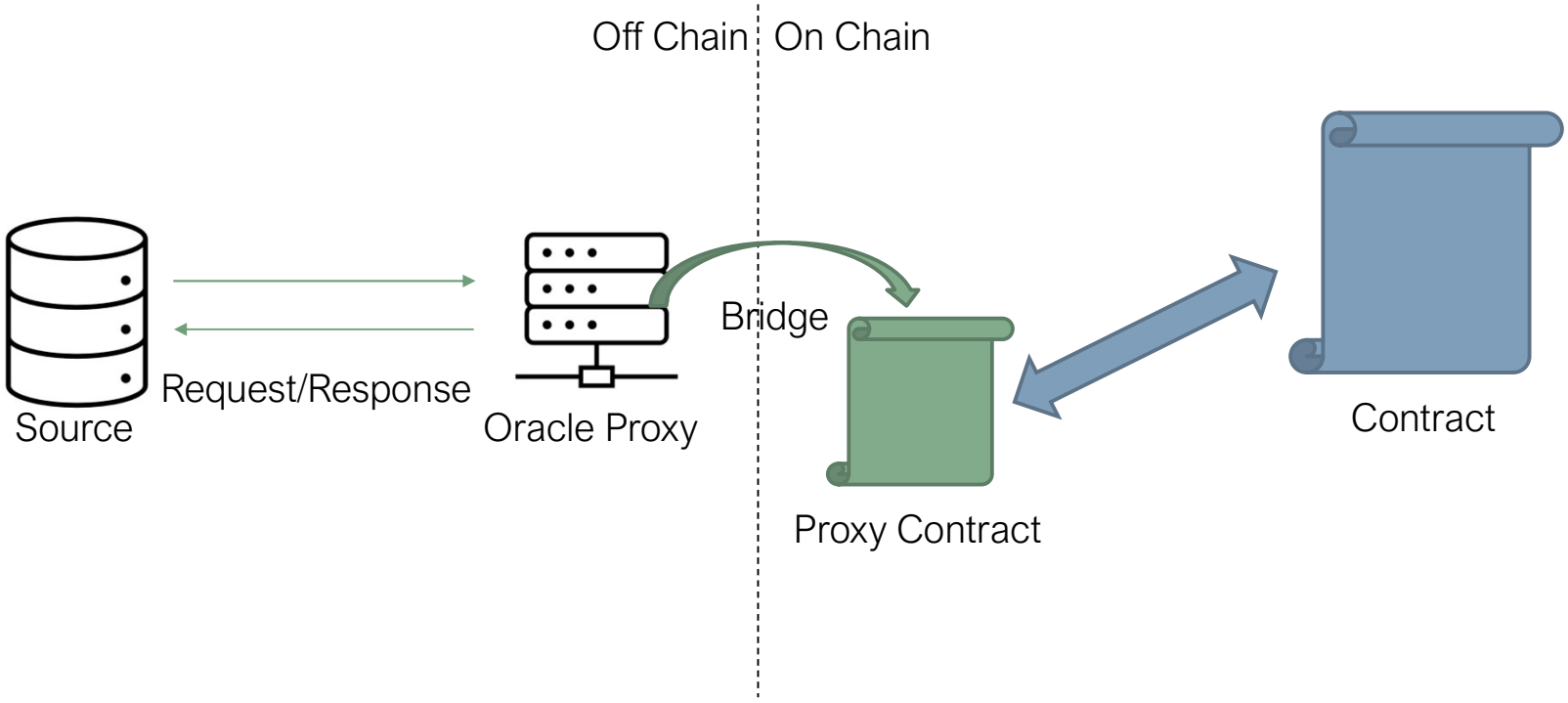
THE ORACLE PROBLEM

- Deterministic Blockchain
  - Each node must get the same result for the same input
  - Consensus can't be reached when the source is non-deterministic/changes its output depending on the time
- Using centralized Oracles nullifies the advantage of blockchain



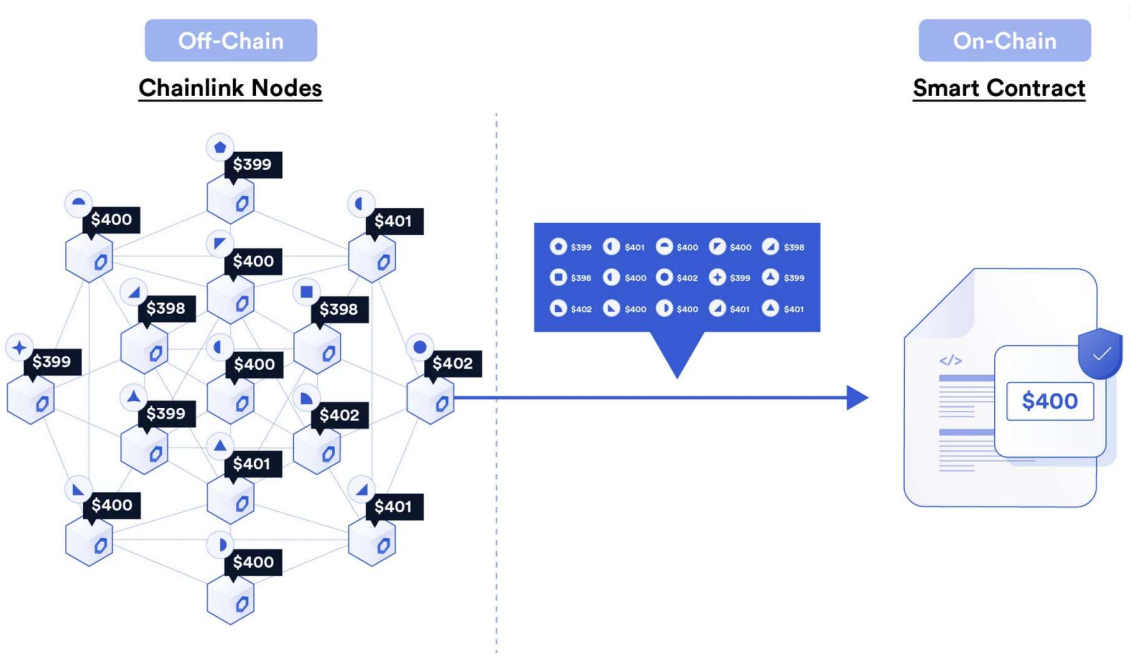


BASIC CONCEPT FOR ORACLES



SOLUTION TO THE ORACLE PROBLEM (CHAINLINK)

- Off-Chain Reporting
  - Chainlink Nodes off-chain (blockchain agnostic)
  - Elect a temporary leader
  - Leader requests signed data updates from each node
  - On request:
    - Leader sends result
    - If leader fails round robin kicks in until one node can send result to smart contract
- Incentive for Hosts: LINK Coins



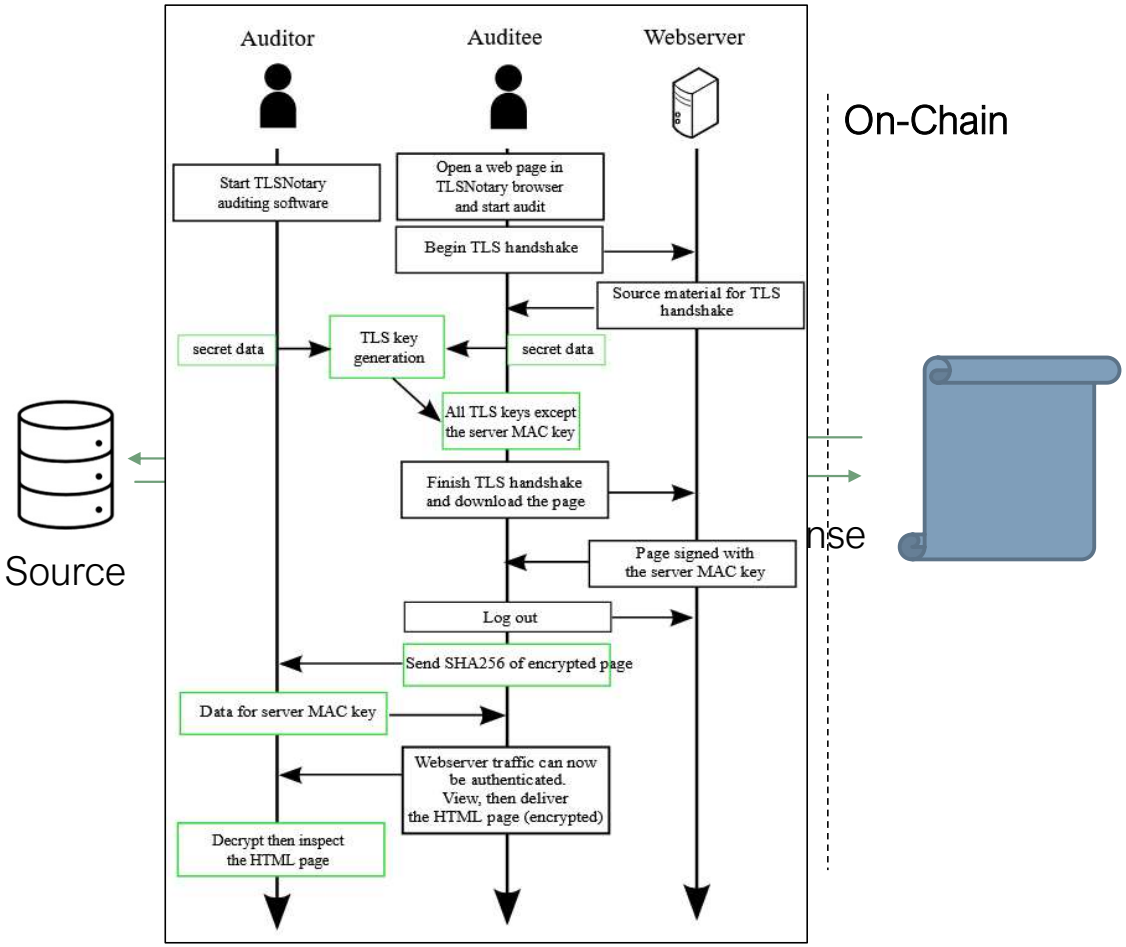
EXAMPLE SMART CONTRACT WITH CHAINLINK ORACLE

- https://remix.ethereum.org/#url=https://docs.chain.link/samples/PriceFeeds/PriceConsumerV3.sol

```sol
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity ^0.8.7;

import "@chainlink/contracts/src/v0.8/interfaces/AggregatorV3Interface.sol";

contract PriceConsumerV3 {

    AggregatorV3Interface internal priceFeed;

    /**
     * Network: Kovan
     * Aggregator: ETH/USD
     * Address: 0x9326BFA02ADD2366b30bacB125260Af641031331
     */
    constructor() {
        priceFeed = AggregatorV3Interface(0x9326BFA02ADD2366b30bacB125260Af641031331);
    }

    /**
     * Returns the latest price
     */
    function getLatestPrice() public view returns (int) {
        (
            uint80 roundID,
            int price,
            uint startedAt,
            uint timeStamp,
            uint80 answeredInRound
        ) = priceFeed.latestRoundData();
        return price;
    }
}
```

SOLUTION TO THE ORACLE PROBLEM (PROVABLE)

- Data is fetched by Provable from the original source
- Authenticity Proof shows that the data is correct and untampered



EXAMPLE SMART CONTRACT WITH PROVABLE ORACLE

- https://docs.provable.xyz/#ethereum-quick-start

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.22;
import "github.com/provable-things/ethereum-api/provableAPI_0.4.25.sol";

contract ExampleContract is usingProvable {

    string public ETHUSD;
    event LogConstructorInitiated(string nextStep);
    event LogPriceUpdated(string price);
    event LogNewProvableQuery(string description);

    mapping (bytes32 => bool) public pendingQueries;

    function ExampleContract() payable {
        LogConstructorInitiated("Constructor was initiated. Call 'updatePrice()' to send the Provable Query.");
    }

    function __callback(bytes32 myid, string result) {
        if (msg.sender != provable_cbAddress()) revert();
        require (pendingQueries[myid] == true);
        ETHUSD = result;
        LogPriceUpdated(result);
        delete pendingQueries[myid]; // This effectively marks the query id as processed.
    }

    function updatePrice() payable {
        if (provable_getPrice("URL") > this.balance) {
          LogNewProvableQuery("Provable query was NOT sent, please add some ETH to cover for the query fee");
        } else {
          LogNewProvableQuery("Provable query was sent, standing by for the answer..");
          bytes32 queryId = provable_query("URL", "json(https://api.pro.coinbase.com/products/ETH-USD/ticker).price
          pendingQueries[queryId] = true;
        }
    }
}
```

MY PROJECT

- Using Oracle to get current Temperature in Switzerland
- Simplified example on how Chainlink operates
- https://weatherswitzerland.herokuapp.com/