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## **ABSTRACT**

Crowd funding is an online money-raising approach that began as a way for people to donate a little amount of money to help inventive people fund their ventures. People may invest in pioneering by using crowdfunding. Businesses can use an intermediate medium or platform to connect with each other. The problem with the present method of crowd financing is through a third-party channel. Don't guarantee the money given by the investor. The project and the investor have no control over the money contributed. This paper offers a blockchain-based crowdfunding infrastructure that can provide a private, secure, and decentralized crowdfunding path. The major goal of this paper is to allow investors to successfully contribute to any project by establishing smart contracts that allow contributors to have control over their money and project creators and investors to effectively make and reserve funds for the project.

Investors can contribute to any project they are interested in, and if the initiative is successful, they can profit. Many crowdfunding sites exist these days, and they accept large sums of money from investors and contributors and then leave them with unfulfilled promises. The traditional manner of dealing with company finance is being disrupted by blockchain-based crowdfunding. In general, when people require money to start a firm, they must first create a strategy, statistical surveys, and models, and then offer their ideas to people or organizations.

Banks, angel capitalists, and venture capital firms were among the subsidized sources. The current crowdfunding concept is based on three types of on-screen characters: the task initiator who offers the idea or venture to be financed, individuals or investors who invest in the idea, and a platform that connects these two characters to make the venture a success. It is used to fund a wide range of start-ups and unique concepts, such as new activities, medical breakthroughs, travel, and social entrepreneurship initiatives

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## INTRODUCTION

A blockchain is a growing list of records, called blocks that are linked together using cryptography. It's also described as a "trustless and fully decentralized peer-to-peer immutable data storage" that is spread over a network of participants often referred to as nodes. Each block contains a cryptographic hash of the previous block, a timestamp, and transaction data (generally represented as a Merkle tree). The timestamp proves that the transaction data existed when the block was published in order to get into its hash. As blocks each contain information about the block previous to it, they form a chain, with each additional block reinforcing the ones before it. Therefore, blockchains are resistant to modification of their data because once recorded, the data in any given block cannot be altered retroactively without altering all subsequent blocks.

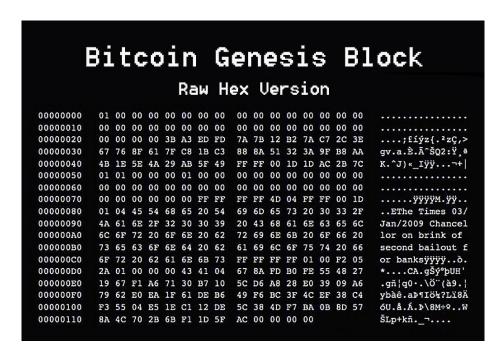
Blockchains are typically managed by a peer-to-peer network for use as a publicly distributed ledger, where nodes collectively adhere to a protocol to communicate and validate new blocks. Although blockchain records are not unalterable as forks are possible, blockchains may be considered secure by design and exemplify a distributed computing system with high Byzantine fault tolerance.

## History

Cryptographer David Chaum first proposed a blockchain-like protocol in his 1982 dissertation "Computer Systems Established, Maintained, and Trusted by Mutually Suspicious Groups." Further work on a cryptographically secured chain of blocks was described in 1991 by Stuart Haber and W. Scott Stornetta. They wanted to implement a system wherein document timestamps could not be tampered with. In 1992, Haber, Stornetta, and Dave Bayer incorporated Merkle trees to the design, which improved its efficiency by allowing several document certificates to be collected into one block.

The first blockchain was conceptualized by a person (or group of people) known as Satoshi Nakamoto in 2008. Nakamoto improved the design in an important way using a Hashcash-like method to timestamp blocks without requiring them to be signed by a trusted party and introducing a difficulty parameter to stabilize rate with which blocks are added to the chain. The design was implemented the following year by Nakamoto as a core component of the cryptocurrency bitcoin, where it serves as the public ledger for all transactions on the network.

In August 2014, the bitcoin blockchain file size, containing records of all transactions that have occurred on the network, reached 20 GB (gigabytes). In January 2015, the size had grown to almost 30 GB, and from January 2016 to January 2017, the bitcoin blockchain grew from 50 GB to 100 GB in size. The ledger size had exceeded 200 GB by early 2020.



Satoshi Nakamoto message embedded in the coinbase of the first block

# The Myth of Satoshi Nakamoto

Satoshi Nakamoto is the name used by the presumed pseudonymous person or persons who developed bitcoin, authored the bitcoin white paper, and created and deployed bitcoin's original reference implementation. As part of the implementation, Nakamoto also devised the first blockchain database. Nakamoto was active in the development of bitcoin up until December 2010. Many people have claimed, or have been claimed, to be Nakamoto.

Nakamoto stated that work on the writing of the code for bitcoin began in 2007. On 18 August 2008, he or a colleague registered the domain name bitcoin.org, and created a web site at that address. On 31 October, Nakamoto published a white paper on the cryptography mailing list at metzdowd.com describing a digital cryptocurrency, titled "Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System".

On 9 January 2009, Nakamoto released version 0.1 of the bitcoin software on SourceForge, and launched the network by defining the genesis block of bitcoin (block number 0), which had a reward of 50 bitcoins. Embedded in the coinbase transaction of this block is the text: "The Times 03/Jan/2009 Chancellor on brink of second bailout for banks", citing a headline in the UK newspaper The Times published on that date. This note has been interpreted as both a timestamp and a derisive comment on the instability caused by fractional-reserve banking.

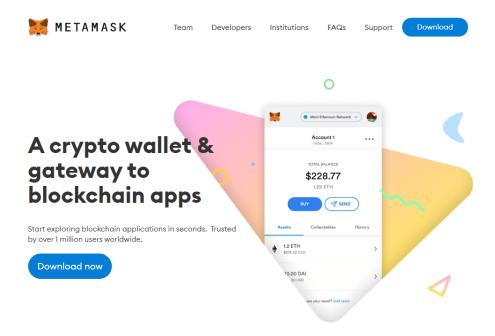
Nakamoto continued to collaborate with other developers on the bitcoin software until mid-2010, making all modifications to the source code himself. He then gave control of the source code repository and network alert key to Gavin Andresen, transferred several related domains to various prominent members of the bitcoin community, and stopped his recognized involvement in the project.

In 2021 a monument was announced in honor of Nakamoto in Budapest, Hungary for his work on Bitcoin and cryptocurrencies.

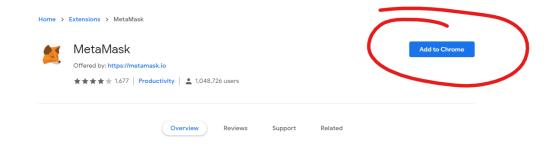
## **TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY USED**

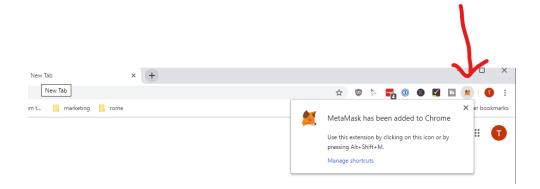
# **Installing MetaMask**

MetaMask is a browser plugin which can securely store private keys and connect to different blockchains.



Open https://metamask.io and download the plugin for your browser





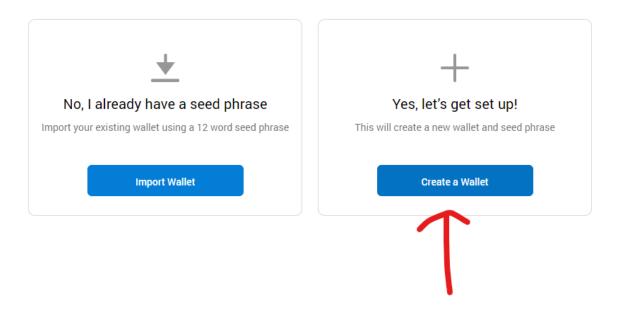
# Setup MetaMask

When you install MetaMask, then it will automatically open up a "setup" page.

Hit "Begin" and walk through the setup-wizard. Let's create a new Wallet!



# New to MetaMask?

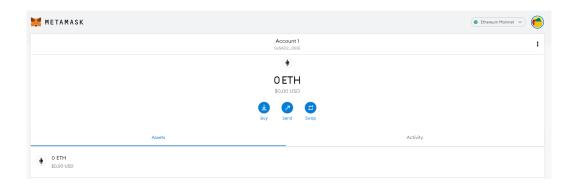


Create a new strong password. This password is used to encrypt your private keys. What private keys are exactly is discussed in a later section of the course, suffice to say though, they give access to all your Ether. So, better have a strong password here:

METAMASK			
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Create Password			
New Password (min 8 chars)			
Confirm Password			
I have read and agree to the Terms of Use			

Backup Phrase: It would be better to safely store the secret phrase

Final Screen

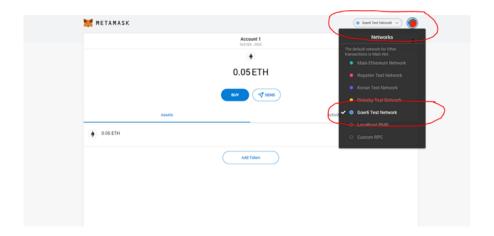


### **Get Free Ether**

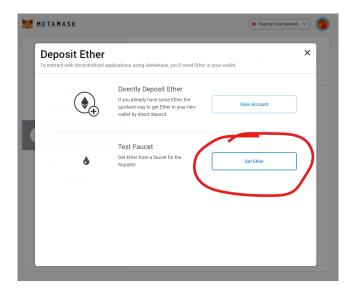
If you have never worked with blockchains before, then the first confusion that you will encounter is: There is not one blockchain, but many different blockchains. I am talking about Ethereum Blockchains. It's like having different databases. But only one is considered the "Main" Database, or "Mainnet". There are also other blockchains, for testing different aspects. Each of those usually have a name and a specific network and chain id. There is no central list of them, because everyone can open their own blockchain.

In this, we will use either Ropsten or Görli to get Test-Ether and start a transaction.

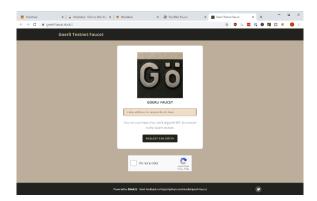
Get Görli Test-Ether. Switch the network to Goerli.



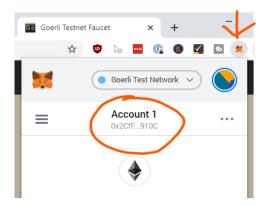
Hit "BUY". Click on "Get Ether"



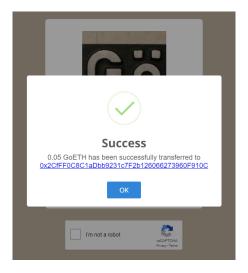
A new website should open up. That's the faucet to get Ether. A Faucet is like a "get free Ether" – site. The Ethers are having no value, they are running under a "test" Blockchain, but they are great for getting your feet wet with transactions and how Wallets work.



Copy your Address from MetaMask by clicking directly on the address:



Paste the address and click on get ether, wait for a while and this window should pop up



# **Solidity**

Solidity is an object-oriented, high-level language for implementing smart contracts. Smart contracts are programs which govern the behaviour of accounts within the Ethereum state.

Solidity is a curly-bracket language. It is influenced by C++, Python and JavaScript, and is designed to target the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM). Solidity is statically typed, supports inheritance, libraries and complex user-defined types among other features.

With Solidity you can create contracts for uses such as voting, crowdfunding, blind auctions, and multi-signature wallets.

When deploying contracts, you should use the latest released version of Solidity. This is because breaking changes as well as new features and bug fixes are introduced regularly. We currently use a 0.x version number to indicate this fast pace of change.

## **Data Types**

Solidity value types include boolean, integers, fixed point numbers, addresses, contract types, fixed-size byte arrays, rational and integer literals, and enums. Reference types such as arrays and structs can be stored in these options: memory, storage, and calldata.

**Booleans** of the Solidity value types can be either true or false. The boolean is defined with the bool keyword.

**Integers:** There are two main Solidity types of integers of differing sizes:

- int signed integers.
- uint unsigned integers.

Speaking of size, to specify it, you have keywords such as uint8 up to uint256, that is, of 8 to 256 bits. The simple uint and int are similar to uint256 and int256, respectively.

**Fixed Point Numbers:** There are two types of fixed point numbers:

- fixed signed fixed point number.
- ufixed unsigned fixed point number.

This value type also can be declared with keywords such as ufixedMxN and fixedMxN. The M represents the amount of bits that the type takes, with N representing the number of decimal points that are available. M has to be divisible by 8, and a number from 8 to 256. N has to be a value between 0 and 80, also being inclusive.

**Addresses:** The address Solidity value type has two similar kinds:

- Address holds a 20-byte value (size of an Ethereum address).
- Address payable is the same as address, but has transfer and send members.

**Implicit conversions** of addresses:

- From address payable to address: allowed.
- From address to address payable: not allowed. This type of conversion is only possible with intermediate conversion to uint160.
- Address literals can be converted to address payable.

**Explicit conversions** to and from address are permitted for integers, integer literals, contact types and bytes 20. However, Solidity prevents the conversions of address payable(x). The address(x) can be converted to address payable in cases when x is of integer, fixed bytes type, or a literal or a contract that has a payable fallback function. When x is a contract without the payable fallback function, the address(x) is of type address.

#### **Members of Address**

The balance property queries the balance of an address, while Ether can be sent to addresses with the transfer function.mThe transfer function queries the balance of an address by applying the property balance and sending Ether (in units of wei) to a payable address:

When the balance of current contracts is not sufficient enough or when the receiver rejects the transfer, the transfer function fails. It reverts on failure.

Gain more direct control over encoding or interface with contracts (not adhere to the ABI) with call, delegated and statical functions.

They accept one bytes memory parameter, deliver the success condition as a oolean and the returned data. For encoding of structured data, use abi.encode, abi.encodePacked, abi.encodeWithSelector and abi.encodeWithSignature:

## **Solidity Operators**

# **Arithmetic Operator**

Operator	Meaning	Example
+	Add two operands or unary plus	x+y+2

-	Subtract right operand from the left or unary minus	x-y-2
*	Multiply two operands	x*y
1	Divide left operand by the right one (always result into float	x/y
0/0	Modulus- remainder of the division of left operand by the right	x%y (remainder of x/y)
//	Floor division- division that results into whole number adjusted to the left in the number line	x//y
**	Exponent- left operand raised to the power of right	x**y(x to the power y)

Table 2.1

**Comparison Operator** 

Comparison Operator				
>	Greater that – True if left operand is greater than the right	x > y		
<	Less that – True if left operand is less than the right	x < y		
==	Equal to – True if both operands are equal	x === y		
!=	Not equal to – True if operands are not equal	x != y		
>=	Greater than or equal to – True if left operand is greater than or equal to the right	x >= y		
<=	Less than or equal to – True if left operand is less than or equal to the right	x <= y		

Table 2.2

**Logical Operator** 

Operator	Meaning	Example
And	True if both the operands are True	X and Y
Or	True if either of the operands are True	X or Y
Not	True if operand is False (complements the operand)	Not x

Table 2.3

# **Contract Types**

All contracts define their type. It is possible to implicitly convert contracts to the contracts they inherit from. Contracts can be changed from and to address with explicit conversion.

The explicit conversion from and to address payable is permitted only when the contract type contains the payable fallback function.

## **Fixed-size Byte Arrays**

The value types bytes1, bytes2, bytes3, ..., bytes32 contain a sequence of bytes (from 1 to 32).

## **Dynamically-Sized Byte Array**

- bytes are dynamically-sized byte array and is not one of the Solidity value types.
- string is a dynamically-sized UTF-8-encoded string and is not a value type.

### **Enums**

Enums generate user-defined Solidity types. The explicit conversion is possible to and from all integer types, but the implicit conversion is not.

Since enum types are not part of the ABI, the signature of getChoice will automatically be modified to getChoice() returns (uint8) for all matters external to Solidity.

The integer type used is just large enough to hold all enum values, i.e., if you have more than 256 values, uint16 will be used and so on.

# **Function Types**

Solidity function types represent types of functions. Function type variables can be assigned from functions. To designate functions to and return functions from function calls, use function parameters.

Members that the public and external functions can have:

- .selector: retrieves the ABI function selector.
- .gas(uint): retrieves a callable function object. After that function is called, it sends the indicated amount of gas to the target function.
- value(uint): retrieves a callable function object. After that function is called, it sends the specified amount of wei to the target function.

Call internal functions only on the current contract since they cannot be completed outside the context of the current contract. External functions contain signatures of functions and addresses: such functions can be passed and returned from external function calls.

Function types are internal by default. Therefore, it is possible to remove the internal keyword. Remember that this is only applicable for function types.

# **Reference Types**

Solidity reference types have to be handled with more caution than value types. It is crucial to clearly indicate the data area where the reference type is stored: memory, storage or calldata. Reference type values are manipulated via more than one different name.

## **Data Location and Assignment Behaviour**

Every reference type contains information on where it is stored. There are three possible options: memory, storage, and calldata. The set location is important for semantics of assignments, not only for the persistence of data:

- Assignments between storage and memory (or from calldata) always generate an independent copy.
- Assignments from memory to memory only create references. This means that changes to one memory variable are also visible in all other memory variables that refer to the same data.

- Assignments from storage to a local storage variable also only assign a reference.
- All other assignments to storage always copy. Examples for this case are assignments to state variables or to members of local variables of storage struct type, even if the local variable itself is just a reference.

## Arrays

Arrays can have fixed or dynamic sizes for the compiling process. The array with fixed size k and element type T is combined as T[k]. The dynamically-sized array is T[]. An array consisting of 6 dynamic arrays of uint looks like this: uint[] [6]. By default in Solidity, x[3] array consists of three elements of type despite the fact that it can be an array.

Allocating Memory Arrays: The keyword creates arrays with a runtime-dependent length in memory.

## **Array Literals**

A list of one or multiple expressions, separated by commas and placed in square brackets ([...]) is an array literal. It is a statically-sized memory array. The following example shows that the type of [1, 2, 3] is uint8[3] memory. Since every constant is of uint8 type, the first element must be converted to uint before it can be uint[3] memory.

# **Array Members**

Arrays have these members:

- length indicates the number of elements. For memory arrays, the length is fixed after they are generated. However, it can be dynamic and can rely on runtime parameters. The length is set to dynamically-sized arrays to change their size.
- push attaches an element at the end of the dynamic storage arrays and bytes (not string). The newly-added element is zero-initialized.
- pop removes an element at the end of the dynamic storage arrays and bytes (not string).

### **Structs**

Solidity allows us to define new types in the form of structs.

## **Mapping Types**

Syntax of (\_KeyType =>\_ValueType) defines the mapping types.

- The \_KeyType can be any elementary type (plus bytes and string). However, contract types, enums, mappings, structs, and any array type apart are not permitted.
- \_\_ValueType accepts any type, mappings as well.
- It is possible to set state variables of mapping Solidity type as public and the language generates a getter. Then, the KeyType is a parameter for the getter.
- In cases when \_ValueType is a value type or a struct, the getter returns \_ValueType. When it is an array or mapping, the getter has one parameter for every \_KeyType, recursively.

## **Operators Involving Lvalues**

The a is an Lvalue (for instance, a variable or something that can be assigned to). It has operators as shorthands:

- a += e is the same as a = a + e. The operators -=, \*=, /=, %=, |=, &= and ^= are defined accordingly.
- a++ and a-is the same as a+=1/a-=1 but the expression still has the previous a value.
- --a and ++a work the same on a but return the value after the change.

### **Delete**

- The delete a sets the initial value for the type to a. I.e. for integers it is equivalent to a = 0.
- It is possible to apply it on arrays. It will set a dynamic array of length zero or static array of the same length with all elements assigned their initial value.
- delete a[x] will remove an element at the specified array index (won't change other items and length). This results in a gap in an array.

• It sets a struct with all members reset. The a value after delete a is the same as delete does not influence mappings. By deleting a struct, you reset all members that are not related to mappings.

# **Code in Solidity**

Fig 2.6

### TOOLS

## **Remix- Ethereum IDE**



## Introduction

Remix IDE is an open source web and desktop application. It fosters a fast development cycle and has a rich set of plugins with intuitive GUIs. Remix is used for the entire journey of contract development as well as being a playground for learning and teaching Ethereum.

Remix IDE is part of the Remix Project which is a platform for development tools that use a plugin architecture. It encompasses sub-projects including Remix Plugin Engine, Remix Libs, and of course Remix-IDE. Remix IDE is a powerful open source tool that helps you write Solidity contracts straight from the browser. It is written in JavaScript and supports both usage in the browser, in the browser but runs locally and in a desktop version.

Remix IDE has modules for testing, debugging and deploying of smart contracts and much more.

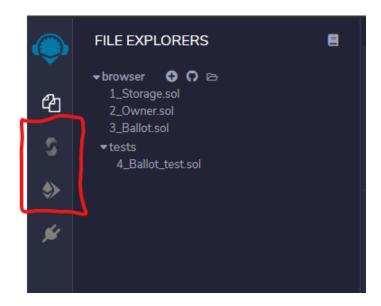
Remix-IDE is available at remix.ethereum.org and more information can be found in these docs. Our IDE tool is available at our GitHub repository.

### **PLUGINS**

Remix is built with a pluggable architecture. All functions are done via plugins. The Compiler is a plugin, the blockchain connection is a plugin, the debugging functionality is a plugin and there are a lot of other plugins that might be useful.

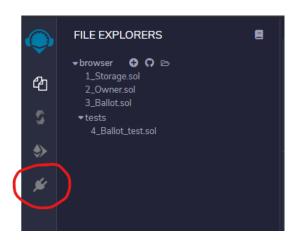
What you need in the next few chapters are

- The Solidity compiler
- The "Deploy & Run Transactions" Plugin'

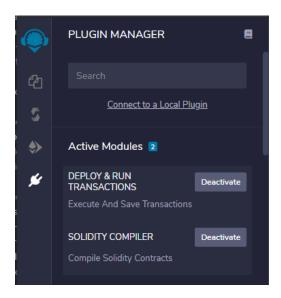


# **Enable Plugin**

If the plugins are not showing up yet, then click on the plugin symbol and enable them:

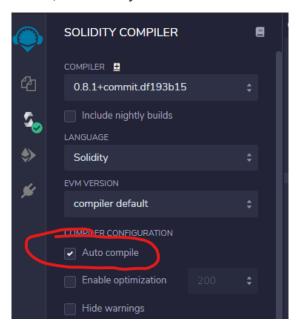


And find the two plugins and activate them:



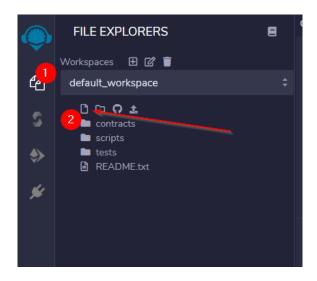
# **Configure the Compiler**

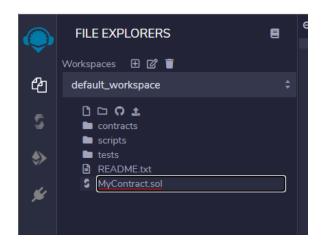
The compiler will normally switch automatically based on the pragma line in your solidity files. But you can set a specific version, if necessary.

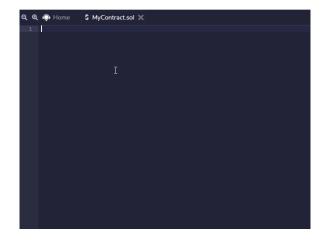


## Create a New File

Click on the plus icon in the code-editor and create a new file, name it "MyContract.sol". The sol-extension stands for Solidity.







## **Add Code to the File**

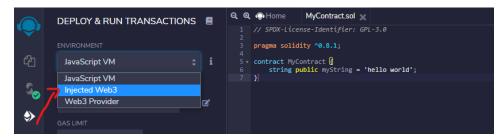
```
MyContract.sol 
// SPDX-License-Identifier: GPL-3.0
pragma solidity ^0.8.1;
contract MyContract {
    string public myString = 'hello world';
}
```

# **Deploy Contract**

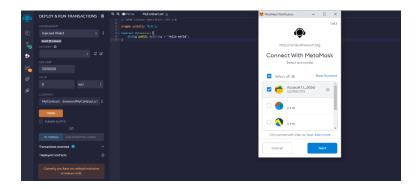
Now it's time to deploy our Smart Contract. We will do this to a real blockchain.

### **Connect MetaMask to Remix**

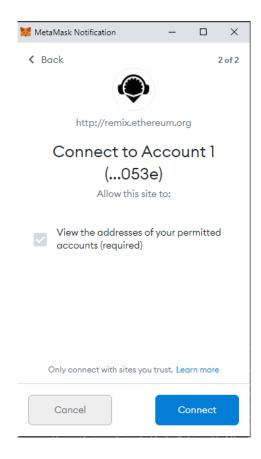
Switch over to the "Deploy & Run Transactions" Plugin. We need to configure it, so it uses our MetaMask Wallet to access the Blockchain.



As soon as you do this, MetaMask should pop up and ask you to connect your account to Remix.

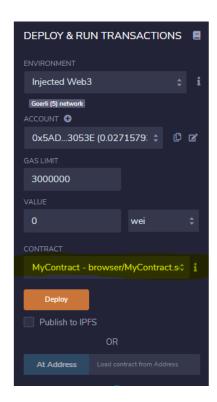


Click "Next" and the "Connect":

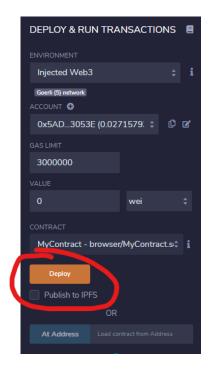


Now your account should pop-up in the dropdown under the Environment Selection:

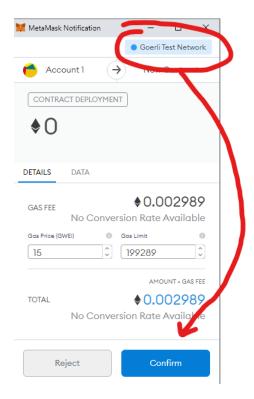
Deploy the Smart Contract. Let's deploy the Smart Contract now. First, make sure the correct Smart Contract is selected in the Dropdown:



Then simply hit "Deploy":



This should trigger MetaMask to ask you if you really want to send this transaction. Make sure the Görli Test-Network is selected and then simply hit "Confirm". If you selected the wrong network, then cancel the transaction, switch the network in MetaMask and hit "Deploy" again.



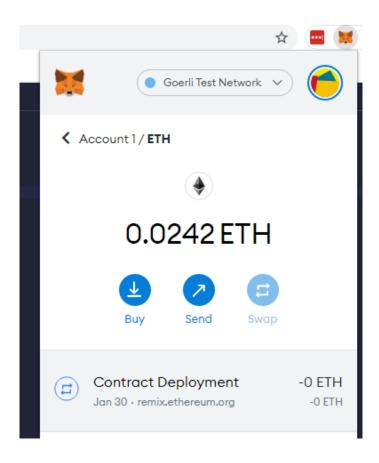
## **Interact with the Smart Contract**

Now let's see if we can interact with the smart contract. Of course, at this point you have no idea what interaction actually means, so, let's just follow along.

#### **Wait For Contract Readiness**

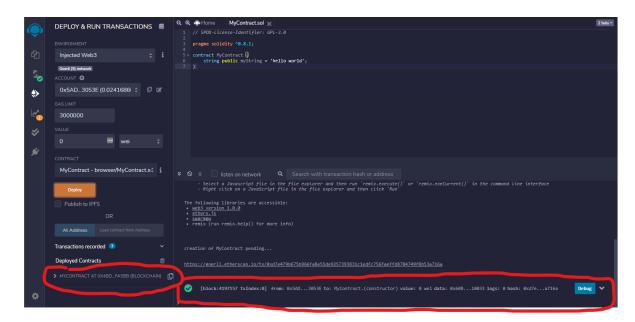
First, we need to wait until the transaction is mined. We sent a transaction to the network, but before it's mined the contract won't be ready for any interaction. This can sometimes take a while, and sometimes it's really fast.

Wait until MetaMask says the Contract Deployment is complete. Open the MetaMask plugin in the top-right corner of Chrome, then check if the Smart Contract was already deployed:



Wait until it says "Contract Deployment" without a pending flag.

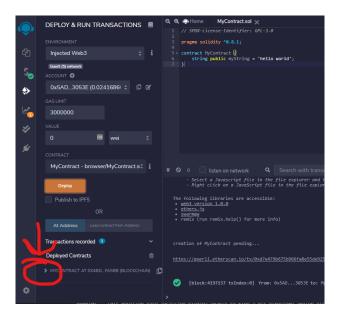
You will also see in Remix that the Contract is now ready:



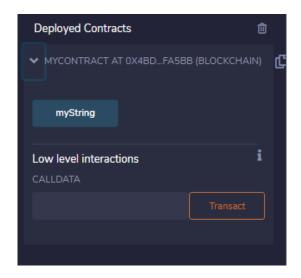
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Now it's time to start our first interaction. In Remix we don't have to do any low-level things, it conveniently shows us buttons and input fields. You will later see how that works under the hood. We are covering it in the videos about the ABI Array.

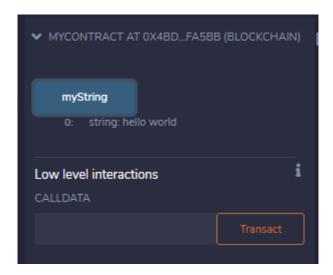
Open the Dropdown on the left side:



So that you can interact with the newly deployed Smart Contract:



Hit the "myString" Button and you will hopefully see that it returns "hello world" correctly.



## Ganache

Ganache is a personal blockchain for rapid Ethereum and Corda distributed application development. You can use Ganache across the entire development cycle; enabling you to develop, deploy, and test your dApps in a safe and deterministic environment.

Ganache comes in two flavors: a UI and CLI. Ganache UI is a desktop application supporting both Ethereum and Corda technology. The command-line tool, ganache-cli (formerly known as the TestRPC), is available for Ethereum development



## Why use Ganache?

Connecting using a Web3 Provider actually establishes a connection to a software outside of the browser. Like you'd connect to a database. Or to any other API. It's either a RESTful interface or

a WebSocket interface. And behind that interface sits a blockchain. This can be Go-Ethereum, Hyperledger Besu, Nethereum – or – Ganache for Development.

### How to Download Ganache?

Go to https://nodejs.org/en/ and download and install the latest version.

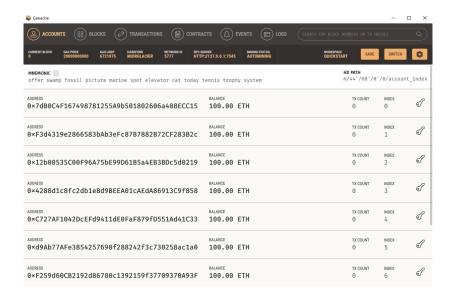
Next, we need git. Download and install git from https://gitforwindows.org and install it.

### **Start Ganache**

If you start ganache, it will ask you if you want to do a quick-start or actually start with a workspace.



This will create 10 accounts and assign each 100 ether. The accounts are unlocked. All is ready!



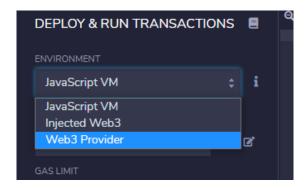
Ganache is now a Blockchain and a Wallet. Two in one. Anyone can connect to it using a Web3 Provider Method either via http RPC or WebSockets.

Pay attention to the RPC Endpoint:

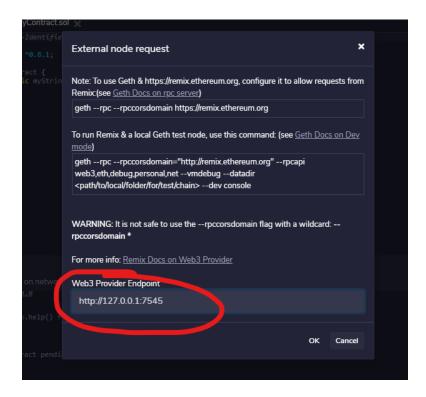


### **Connect Remix**

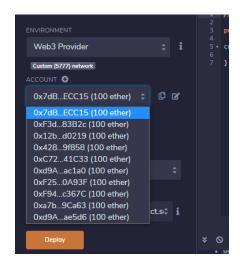
From the Environment Dropdown select now "Web3 Provider":



A new Popup will appear, and enter the RPC Server URL from Ganache. Pay attention to the Port number:



Your Accounts from Ganache should popup in the Accounts-Dropdown:



## **Deploy to Ganache**

Now let's see what happens if we hit the Deploy Button:



# **OpenZeppelin**

OpenZeppelin Contracts helps you minimize risk by using battle-tested libraries of smart contracts for Ethereum and other blockchains. It includes the most used implementations of ERC standards.

# How does OpenZeppelin work?

OpenZeppelin is a "battle-tested" open source framework comprised of reusable Ethereum smart contracts. The framework helps smart contract developers reduce the risk of vulnerabilities in their distributed applications (dapps) by using standard, tested, community-reviewed code.



Library used to import OpenZeppelin in a smart contract:

### import

"https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelincontracts/blob/master/contracts/access/Ownable.sol";

## **Truffle**

Truffle is a world-class development environment, testing framework and asset pipeline for blockchains using the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM), aiming to make life as a developer easier. Truffle is widely considered the most popular tool for blockchain application development with over 1.5 million lifetime downloads.

In simple words, Truffle is a development environment, testing framework, and asset pipeline all rolled into one. It is based on Ethereum Blockchain and is designed to facilitate the smooth and seamless development of Dapps (Distributed Applications).



### **Install Truffle**

To install truffle open a terminal (Mac/Linux) or a PowerShell (Windows 10)

Type in:

npm install -g truffle

Hint: I am working here with version 5.1.8 of Truffle. If you want to follow the exact same version then type in npm install –g truffle@5.1.8

Then create an empty folder, in this case I am creating "s06-eventtrigger"

mkdir s06-eventtrigger

cd s06-eventtrigger

ls

And unbox the react box:

truffle unbox react

this should download a repository and install all dependencies in the current folder:

```
S06-eventtrigger> truffle unbox react
Preparing to download box
Downloading
cleaning up temporary files
Setting up box
s06-eventtrigger> ls

Directory: C:\101Tmp\ebd\s06-eventtrigger

Mode LastWriteTime Length Name
---
d---- 1/11/2020 10:41 AM client
d---- 1/11/2020 10:41 AM migrations
d---- 1/11/2020 10:41 AM test
-a--- 1/11/2020 10:41 AM 1075 LICENSE
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```

## **METHODOLOGY**

Blockchain technology is one solution that can be used to reduce the problems that occur in crowdfunding. The contract is written in a way that all money will be added to the pool. When the request meets the specified condition then all the money will be transferred to the recipient. Ethereum is an open-source, public, blockchain based distributed platform operating to feature smart contract functionality. It is the modified version of Bitcoin via transaction-based state transitions. Ether is a cryptocurrency which is generated and used by the Ethereum platform. Ethereum provides a decentralized operating, the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM), which can execute an application on the public nodes using:

**Peer to Peer System**: The very important part of how blockchain works is based on the Peer to Peer (P2P) system. The whole blockchain is connected to all the nodes in the network.

*Consensus Protocol:* Consensus protocol is the most important one in blockchain technology. The Blockchain consensus protocol is what keeps the blocks on all the nodes synchronized with each other.

**Proof of work** (abbreviated to PoW) is a consensus protocol used widely by many cryptocurrencies. This process is known as mining and the nodes on the network are called miners. The Proof of Work is a mathematical problem one that requires considerable work to achieve the solution.

## **RESULTS & DISCUSSIONS**

**Blockchain Introduction:** The training covers almost every basic aspect of Blockchain. Blockchain is a widely used decentralized, general-purpose, interpreted, ledger technology. Its design philosophy emphasizes Immutability, and it allows safety and security to digital currency, making the world a safer place and less prone to scams.

Founder of Blockchain: Satoshi Nakamoto (late 2008s)

Solidity is an object-oriented, high-level language for implementing smart contracts. Smart contracts are programs which govern the behaviour of accounts within the Ethereum state.

Solidity is a curly-bracket language. It is influenced by C++, Python and JavaScript, and is designed to target the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM).

Solidity is statically typed, supports inheritance, libraries and complex user-defined types among other features.

With Solidity you can create contracts for uses such as voting, crowdfunding, blind auctions, and multi-signature wallets.

When deploying contracts, you should use the latest released version of Solidity. This is because breaking changes as well as new features and bug fixes are introduced regularly. We currently use a 0.x version number to indicate this fast pace of change.

## Who Uses Blockchain Today?

Blockchain isn't exactly a new technology anymore, considering it is over a decade old. However, aside from the financially speculative hype surrounding Bitcoin, blockchain seems to be still trying to establish itself as a mainstream revolution.

- According to Statista, 33% of global organizations say that their companies are working on creating a digital currency using the technology.
- Global enterprise companies including IBM, Walmart and Shell currently have tangible use cases for blockchain technology and continue to research and develop new applications. The

IBM blockchain is presently being used to provide transparency and data integrity within healthcare systems.

- Shell is working with blockchain technology and finance partners to create a platform for the trade and settlement of crude oil. Also, Walmart uses blockchain to deploy a food traceability system.
- Pharmaceutical companies can use blockchain technology to improve supply chains and track things such as vaccine distributions or tracing units of food. Information such as this could be valuable for both vendors and consumers.

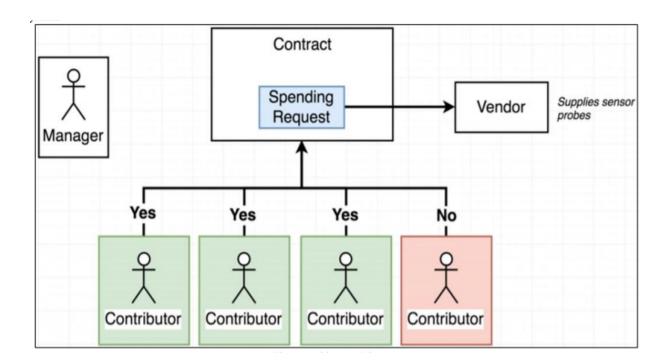
### Why Do People Use Blockchain?

Blockchain is certainly exciting and has the potential to transform how many businesses operate, but that doesn't mean it's the right solution for every scenario. Here's why you might choose blockchain over, say, a standard database:

- When you want to manage and secure digital relationships or keep a decentralised, shared system of record. 'Smart contracts', in particular, are great for facilitating digital relationships and transactions. With a smart contract, automated payments can be released when parties in a transaction agree that their conditions have been met.
- Anywhere a middleman or gatekeeper functions is expensive or time-consuming.
- When you want to record secure transactions, especially between multiple partners.
- Where the data is in constant flux, but you want to keep a record of past actions. Blockchain is a better, safer way to record activity and keep data fresh, while maintaining a record of its history. The data can't be corrupted by anyone or accidentally deleted, and you benefit from both a historical trail of data, plus an instantly up-to-date record.

# **ARCHITECTURE**

All the contract code is written in solidity which is used to deploy contracts in the blockchain platform. The Campaign Factory is built which contains all the source code to deploy new campaigns in the network. With the use of a campaign factory, the new campaigns can be created. Whenever a campaign factory is deployed a one-time gas fee is needed and it is a very small amount. Initially, the new Campaign is created by giving the Idea of the project, Minimum Contribution to the project and detailed description of the project. When a new campaign is created a block will be created and added to the blockchain. Fig.1 shows the architecture of the system.



The proposed system is implemented using the solidity programming language. Solc is the solidity compiler used to compile the Campaign Factory and Campaign file into bytecode and abi. The Bytecode will be deployed in the blockchain where the abi is in JSON format and is used to interact with the front-end. The front-end is designed using the React Js, Next Js, and Semantic-UI. The user interactive form will be used to contribute easily. The creator or manager of the project is to request money for buying some accessories. He will create a request using the request form. This will be recorded and stored in the blockchain. All the investors need to

approve the request if it is necessary. If not they can reject the request. Once all the investors all voted then the request will be finalized, there should be a minimum of 1/2th of the investor should approve the request. If it meets the requirement then the money will be transferred to the vendor.

# A. Project creation

A project manager starts a new project in the first step by specifying the project's name, description, and minimum commitment to that project. Contributors may then go through all of the available projects on the crowdfunding site and choose which one they wish to give to. To be recognised as contributors, they must make the minimal contribution to the project that the project manager specified when the project was founded. This money is then deposited in the wallet, which the project managers can use, as shown in Fig. 1.

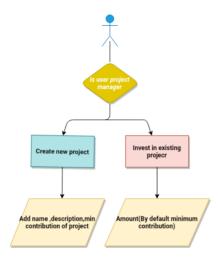


Fig. 1. Creating or contributing to project

# **B.** Spending request

If a project manager wants to spend the money contributed by investors at this stage, they must create a spending request that includes a description of where they intend to spend the money, the total amount they intend to spend, and the address of the vendor who will supply the items

## required by the project manager

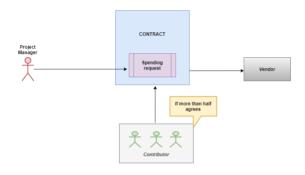


Fig. 2. Voting system ensures money spent is in control of contributors

# C. Voting system

The voting system is designed so that only contributors who have invested in that specific project can accept or reject the project managers' expenditure proposals. The voting method also assures that once a contributor votes in favour of a spending request, he or she cannot vote in favour of it again. So, if more than half of the project's contributors agree to the spending request, the funds are delivered to the vendor so that the user can provide the utilities requested by the project manager, and there will be a mechanism in place to protect the project manager's interests if contributors are inactive, the spending request will be processed based on the number of votes cast by all active contributors.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

A smart contract written in Solidity language is required to construct the crowdfunding platform. The code is then built and distributed on the Ethereum network using the solidity compiler. To complete all transactions, Metamask, a Chrome browser plugin, is utilized. The following is the procedure for creating a crowd fundraising platform:

Step 1: Make a smart contract.

Step 2: Compile the smart contract in order to receive the bytecode and application binary interface (ABI).

Step 3: Upload bytecode to the Ethereum blockchain.

### A. Smart contract creation

It is a software created in the Solidity programming language that handles all transactions automatically.

As illustrated in Fig. 3, the project manager must first construct the project by mentioning its name, description, and the minimal contribution. The user can then create a spending request to spend the money provided by the investors. For this project, authors must include a description of where they intend to spend money, the amount of money they intend to spend, and the address of the vendor who will give some service. If more than half of the investors agree to the expenditure request, the project manager has the authority to transmit the funds to the vendor's address. The vendor will then offer the service required by the project manager.

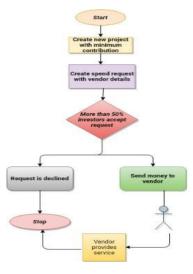


Fig. 3. Flow chart of project manager

If the investor is interested, it is displayed in Fig. 4.

If a project is mentioned on a crowdfunding site, They may participate in the initiative by making a little contribution which the project manager has set while creating the project. Then this money is added to the wallet assigned for the specific project. After that the contributor can either accept the spending request sent by the project manager or decline.

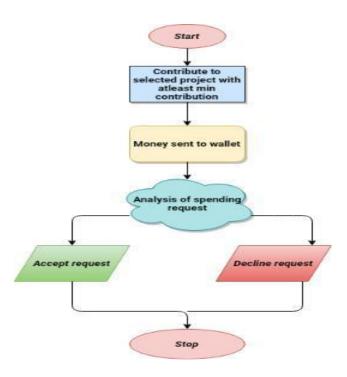


Fig. 4. Flow chart of investor

### B. Compilation and Deployment

The smart contract is compiled using the solidity compiler. This gives bytecode and application binary interface as out-put. Bytecode is then deployed to ethereum blockchain and application binary interface is used to interact with smart con-tract. Bytecode is a hexadecimal representation of the compiled contract which can only be understood by Ethereum Virtual Machine(EVM). The bytecode obtained from the compilation can be deployed to either rinkeby test network, robsten test network or ethereum live network. After deploying they return the address where the

smart contract is deployed using which the user can make the transactions.

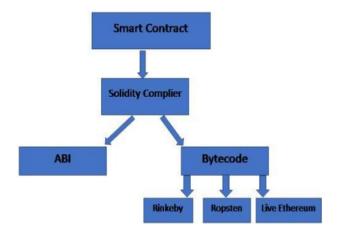


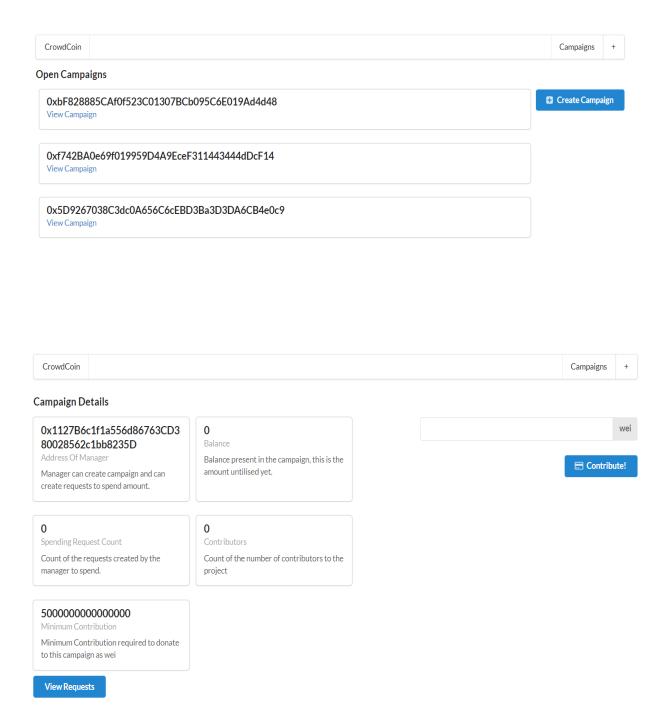
Fig. 5. Compilation and deployment of smart contract

### **CODE SNIPPETS**

```
pragma solidity >=0.5.0 <0.9.0;</pre>
contract CampaignFactory {
    Campaign[] public deployedCampaigns;
    function createCampaign(uint256 minimum) public {
        Campaign newCampaign = new Campaign(minimum, msg.sender);
        deployedCampaigns.push(newCampaign);
    function getDeployedCampaigns() public view returns (Campaign[] memory) {
        return deployedCampaigns;
contract Campaign {
    struct Request {
       string description;
        uint256 value;
        address payable recipient;
        bool complete;
       uint256 approvalCount;
       mapping(address => bool) approvals;
```

```
function approveRequest(uint256 index) public {
   Request storage request = requests[index];
   require(
       approvers[msg.sender],
       "Only contributors can approve a specific payment request"
    );
    require(
       !request.approvals[msg.sender],
        "You have already voted to approve this request"
   request.approvals[msg.sender] = true;
    request.approvalCount++;
function finalizeRequest(uint256 index) public onlyManager {
   Request storage request = requests[index];
   require(
       request.approvalCount > (approversCount / 2),
        "This request needs more approvals before it can be finalized"
   require(!(request.complete), "This request has already been finalized");
    request.recipient.transfer(request.value);
    request.complete = true;
```

# **OUTPUTS**







Found requests: 0

# **Conclusion**

Blockchain in crowdfunding is a relatively new concept to the community. We have taken that into consideration and designed this app so that even a common man can use it with ease. But this is not the end. With the evolution of Blockchain and introduction of ICOs, our application has a bright future and a large scope for improvement and evolution. The world is still adjusting to Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies and it'll take a couple of years more for Ethereum based Dapps to become popular and to be recognized by the community. In such a situation Blockchain based crowdfunding application is a tough concept to be understood by everyone. We have taken that into consideration and designed this app so that even a common man can use it with ease. But this is not the end. With the evolution of Blockchain and introduction of ICOs, our application has a bright future and a large scope for improvement and evolution. In the future, we wish to provide an even easier and safer way for all ideas to get life through our crowdfunding application.

Finally, it is argued that blockchain-based crowdfunding is a relatively new notion in the ICT community. So far, the solidity code for the campaign contract has been successfully developed and built using the solidity compiler. The solidity compiler produces bytecode, and the interface was published onto the Ethereum network using metamask. Following the deployment of the project, a decentralised web app with a frontend for starting a new project, contributing to an existing project, generating a new request, accepting a request, and finishing a request is established. At the moment, the blockchain use in crowdfunding is still in its early stages, with several legal and specialist difficulties to be resolved.

With the advancement of blockchain technology, our suggested work has a bright future and plenty of room for progress and evolution. In the future, the planned research activity can move forward in a more straightforward and secure manner for all proposals.

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