

AN INTRODUCTION TO BLOCKCHAIN

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- BLOCKCHAIN EXPERT CONSULTING
 - TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN
 - BUSINESS IMPACT ANALYSIS
 - PROOF-OF-CONCEPT & PILOT PROJECT MGMT
 - EDUCATION & TRAINING
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3 QUESTIONS TO GET STARTED ...

1

What are some business operations that rely on trusted 3rd parties?

Some examples?

- Banking & payments ... banks
 - Securities trading ... brokerages
 - Real estate ... title companies
 - Voting, taxes ... governments
 - Royalties ... publishing houses
 - Healthcare claims ... benefits administrators

3 QUESTIONS TO GET STARTED ...

2

What are some issues with these business scenarios that rely on intermediaries?

Some examples?

- Slow ... e.g., 1-3 days to settle transactions
- Costly ... transaction fees can be significant
- Disputes ... due to lack of transparency & tracking
- Security ... open to hacking & unauthorized access
- Fraud ... open to identity theft, forged transactions

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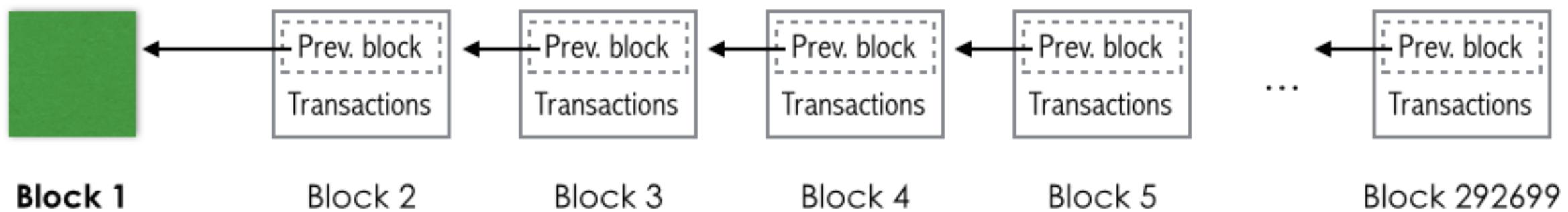
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**What if there was "a better way" that relied
on technology vs. trusted 3rd parties?**

*Blockchain technology was invented to
replace the need for trusted 3rd parties.*

WHAT IS A BLOCKCHAIN?

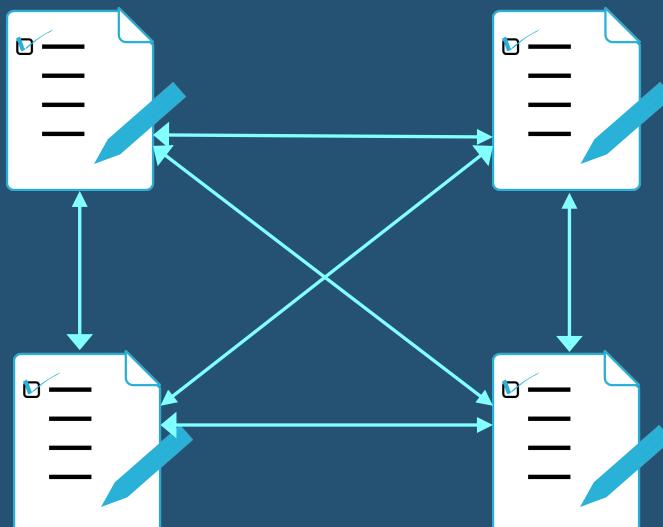
Transaction Log



Distributed



Replicated



Very Secure



WHAT IS A BLOCKCHAIN?

A very secure, distributed, replicated transaction log:

- digital ledger of asset ownership & exchanges
- openly-shared, append-only “single version of the truth”
- not owned & managed by a “trusted 3rd party”
- nearly “hack proof” using cryptographic technology

COURSE OUTLINE

DAY 1

Blockchain Basics

- What is a Blockchain?
- Origins
- State of Blockchain Today
- Concepts – User Point of View
- Concepts – System Point of View
- Example Use Cases
- Live Demos
- Q&A

DAY 2

Deeper Dive

- Cryptographic Signing
- Consensus Protocols
- Scaling / Performance
- Smart Contracts
- Off-chain Work / Assets
- Oracles / Cryptlets
- Platform Comparison
- Q&A

DAY 3

Hands-On Lab

- Blockchain-as-a-Service on Azure
- How to set up the network
- Dashboard / controls
- How to code smart contracts
- Executing transactions
- Examining results
- Q&A

BLOCKCHAIN BACKGROUND

ORIGINS IN BITCOIN



“What is needed is an electronic payment system based **on cryptographic proof instead of trust**, allowing any two willing parties to transact directly with each other without the need for a trusted third party.”

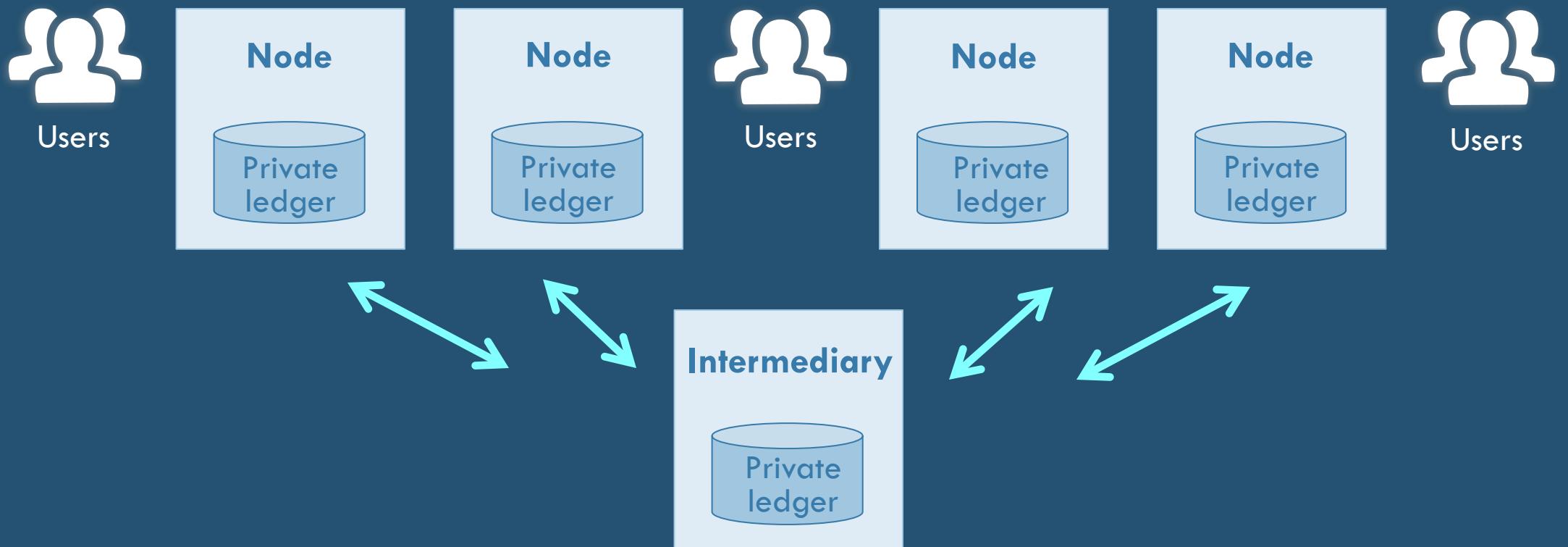
- Satoshi Nakamoto, 2008

"Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System."

<https://bitcoin.org/bitcoin.pdf>

THE WORLD BEFORE BLOCKCHAIN

Multiple parties transacting business on a network ...

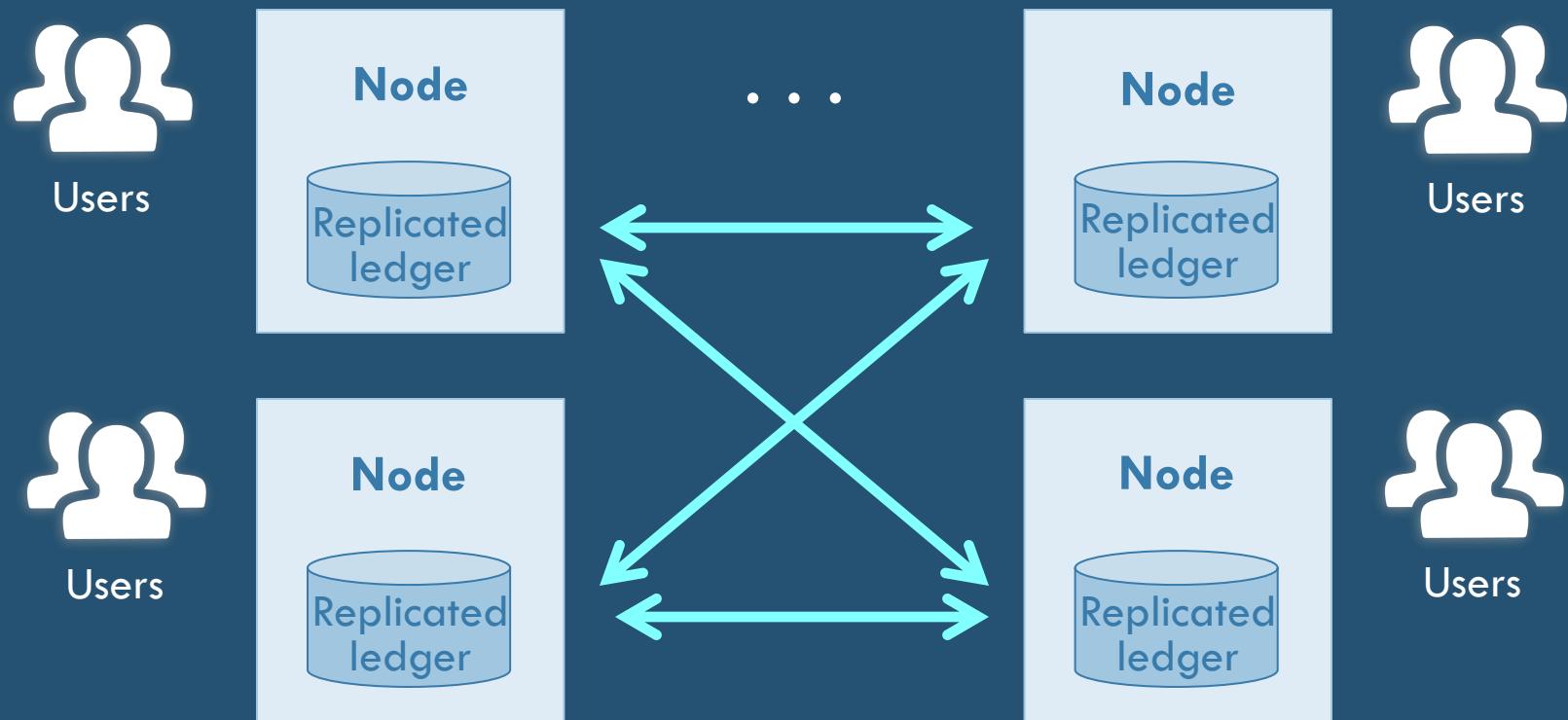


**Inefficiencies / Delays
Extra Transaction Costs
Security Exposures**

... through 3rd-party intermediaries
(banks, brokerages, clearinghouses, etc.)

A BLOCKCHAIN IS A NEW KIND OF TRANSACTION LEDGER

Multiple parties transacting business on a network ...



**No Intermediaries
No Delays
Secure by Consensus**

... sharing & co-validating a replicated,
cryptographically-secure ledger

BLOCKCHAIN EVOLUTION

*“Distributed Ledger
Technology (DLT)”*

- **Blockchain 1.0**

- Bitcoin – system for digital cash exchange



- **Blockchain 2.0**

- Platforms for “Distributed Apps” – Ethereum, Quorum, ...
- Smart Contracts – programmable business logic for transactions
- Configurable consensus algorithms



- **Blockchain Enterprise**

- Enterprise application platforms – Hyperledger & Sawtooth, Microsoft Coco, EOS.IO, Corda ...
- Scaling, Performance, Interoperability, Integrations
- Specialized hardware and cloud-computing environments



GOOD QUESTION TO ASK ...
“DO YOU *REALLY* NEED A BLOCKCHAIN?”

WHAT USE CASES ARE WELL-SUITED FOR BLOCKCHAIN?

- Exchange of data / assets between multiple parties across value-chain network
- Siloed systems-of-record across value-chain
- Lack of transparency of exchange / ownership
- Reconciliation of exchanges may be performed by trusted third-party authorities
- Processing today is “manual”, error-prone, time-consuming

Digital Currency & Payments

WHAT DOES A BLOCKCHAIN LOOK LIKE?

The screenshot displays the homepage of the Blockchain.info website, a Bitcoin Block Explorer. The interface is clean with a dark header and light-colored sections for content.

LATEST BLOCKS

Height	Age	Transactions	Total Sent	Relayed By	Size (kB)	Weight (kWU)
490237	2 minutes	2417	48,128.47 BTC	Bixin	1,052.45	3,993.01
490236	12 minutes	2717	66,125.82 BTC	SlushPool	1,027.38	3,992.63
490235	43 minutes	853	18,630.44 BTC	SlushPool	410.77	1,560.15
490234	48 minutes	2233	27,869.73 BTC	BTC.TOP	1,062.16	3,996.99

NEW TO DIGITAL CURRENCIES?

Like paper money and gold before it, bitcoin and ether allow parties to exchange value. Unlike their predecessors, they are digital and decentralized. For the first time in history, people can exchange value without intermediaries which translates to greater control of funds and lower fees.

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SEARCH

You may enter a block height, address, block hash, transaction hash, hash160, or ipv4 address...

Address / ip / SHA hash [Search](#)

TRANSACTIONS PER DAY

The number of bitcoin transactions in the last 24 hours.

3 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 4

Transactions since Sun Oct 15 2017 9:43:14 PM.

MARKET CAP: \$93,889,733,071.00

HASH RATE: 11,601,113.06 TH/s

1 BTC = \$5629.12

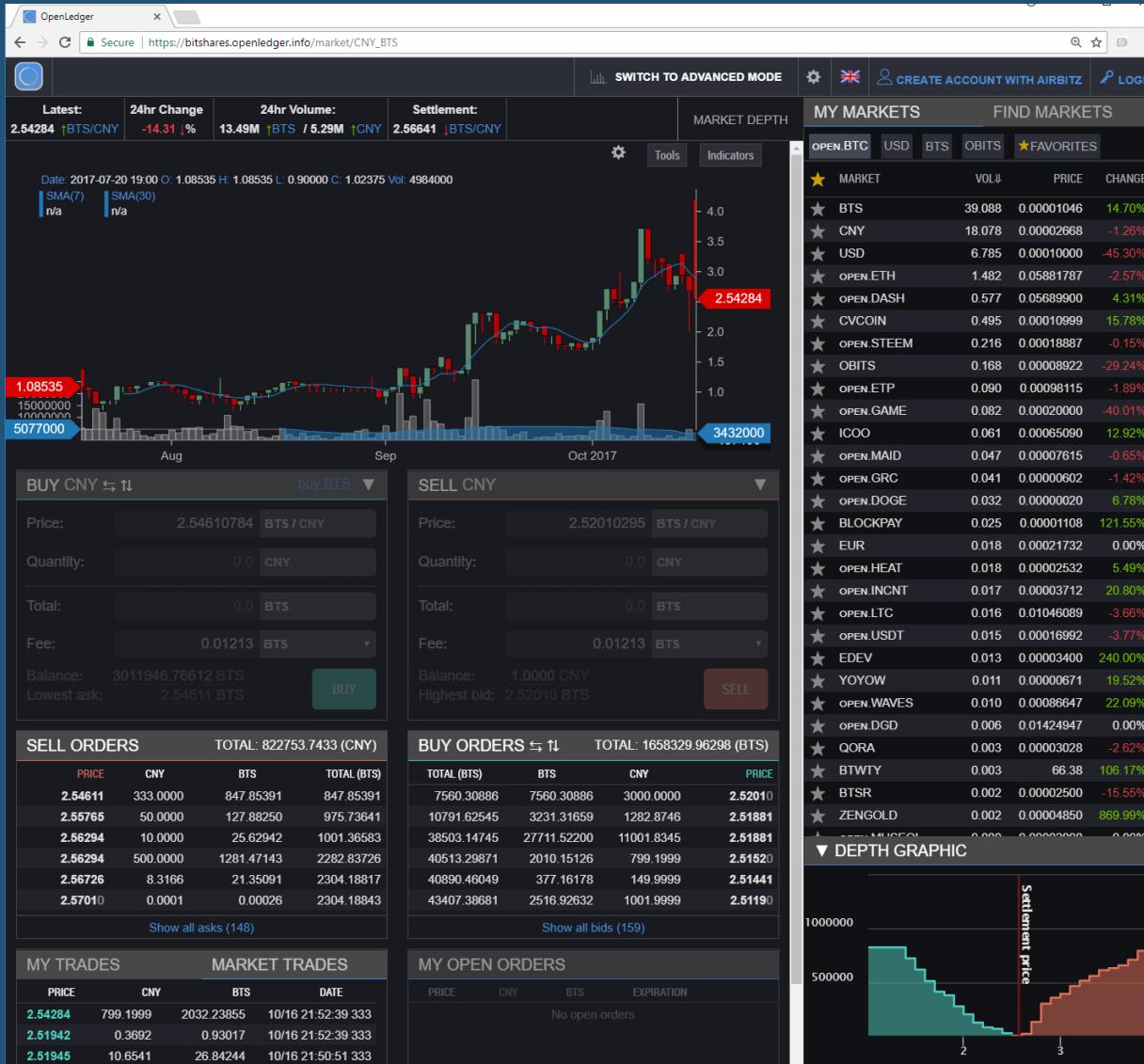
[Interactive Chart →](#)

A line chart showing the price of 1 BTC in US dollars from July to October 2017. The y-axis ranges from 1k to 6k. The price starts around 2.5k, dips slightly, then trends upwards with some volatility, reaching approximately 5.5k by October.

Date	Price (\$)
Jul '17	~2.5k
Aug '17	~3.0k
Sep '17	~4.5k
Oct '17	~5.5k

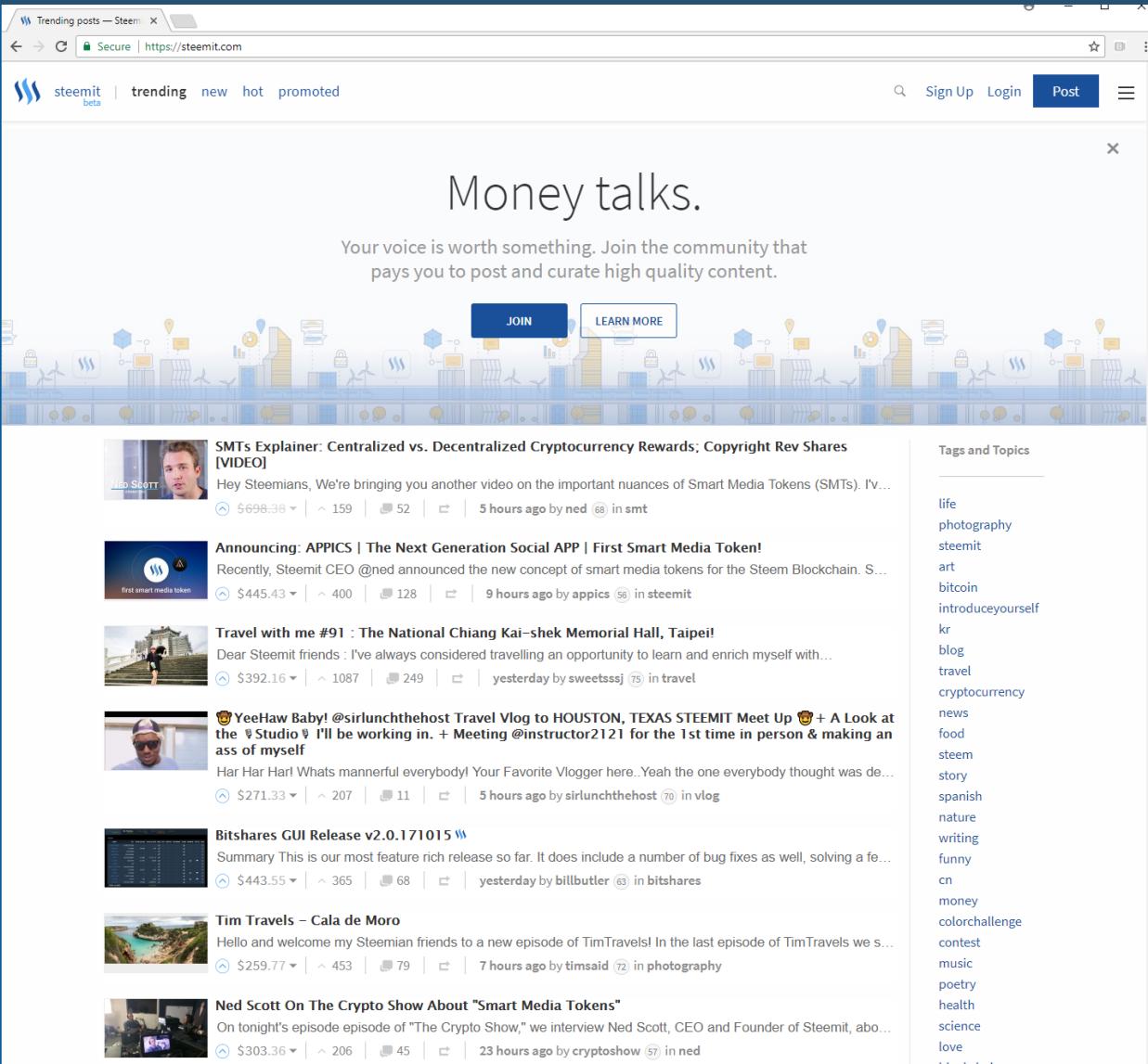
WHAT DOES A BLOCKCHAIN LOOK LIKE?

Digital
Exchange
Marketplace



Digital Content Distribution

WHAT DOES A BLOCKCHAIN LOOK LIKE?



BENEFITS OF BLOCKCHAIN

Better Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nearly "hack-proof" value transfer using public key encryption & consensus validation
Better Transparency & Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete history of transactions, validated and replicated to all participants
Better Efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce settlement from days → hours/minutes/seconds: No centralized, 3rd-party "middlemen"
Better Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoids missing or duplicate actions ... no “double spend”
Better Fault Tolerance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many full replicas of ledger across peer-to-peer network

“STATE OF BLOCKCHAIN” (CONSENSUS 2017)

**Blockchain is
Taking Off**

Lots of investment

- Big-name users
 - Citi, Nasdaq, Fidelity, MetLife, Govt, ...
- Investors, large & small
 - VCs, individuals, ...
- Software vendors, large & small
 - IBM, MSFT, startups, ...
- Consultants, large & small
 - PwC, KPMG, Cognizant, ...

“STATE OF BLOCKCHAIN” (CONSENSUS 2017)

**Blockchain is
Taking Off**

**Blockchain is
Still Complex**

Lots of new Blockchain concepts & lingo

- Need to learn a new “mental model”

Lots of different Blockchain / DLT variations

- Not just one thing to learn

Sophisticated technology – for developers

- Lots of coding
- Few if any business-friendly tools

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Still Complex**

**Blockchain is
Still Emerging**

- Outside of the Bitcoin universe, many people still haven't heard of / don't understand Blockchain
- The industry is still in the “creative thinking” phase vs. “convergent thinking”
 - New inventions, startups, announcements, investors, ...
- Performance / scalability / cost is a big concern
- Usability / manageability is a big concern
- Lots of experimentation vs. real production systems

→ 2017: “Year of the Trailblazers”
2018 – 2020: “Real” Adoption Ramp Up
2020 – 2022: “Mass” Adoption
202x: Latecomers / Followers

Now is the time to get ahead of the wave ...

BLOCKCHAIN AT LOCAL COMPANIES

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 LAND O'LAKES, INC.

bluestem
brands, inc.

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QUESTIONS?

BLOCKCHAIN CONCEPTS – USER POINT-OF-VIEW



Alice



Bob



Charlie



Mallory

WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET

- Drivers License
- SSN Card
- Checkbook



Identity

Transferability

Validity

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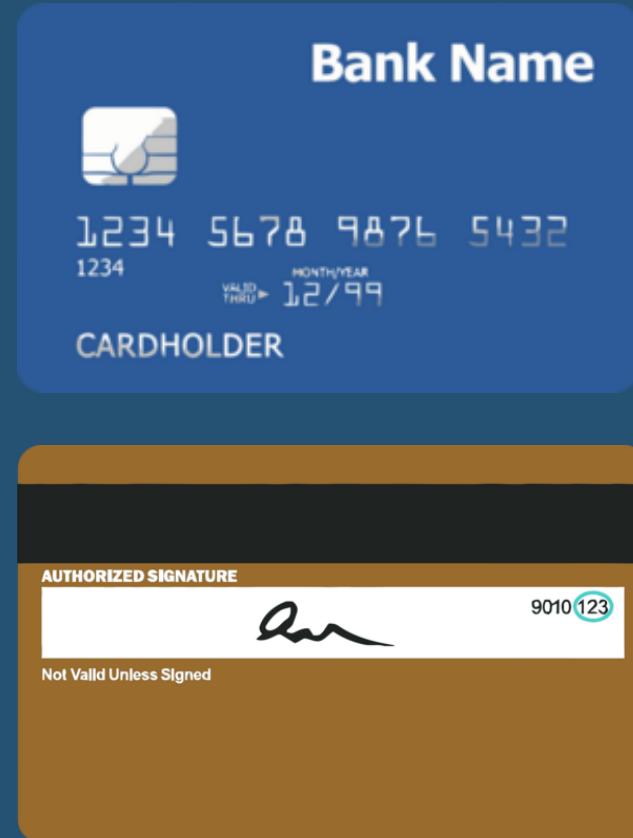
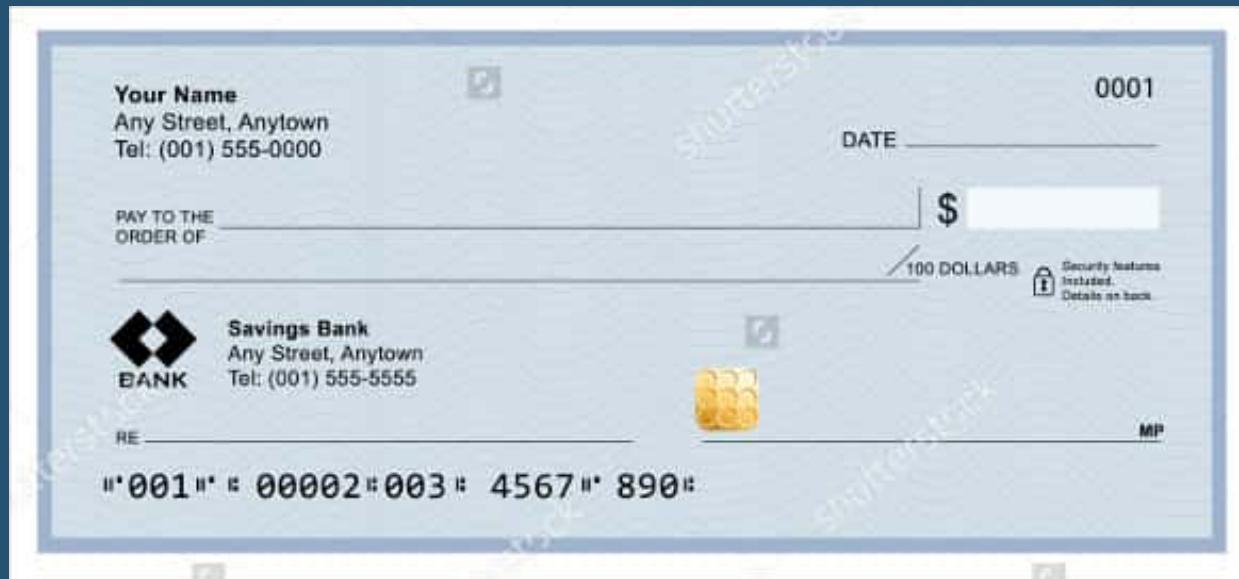
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DC	3/2/17	McDonald's	8 75			540 07
ATM	3/2/17	Cash Withdrawal	60 00			480 07
AP	3/3/17	Verizon - Phone Bill	70 05			410 02
AD	3/3/17	ABC Company - Paycheck			1,025 57	1,435 59
FT	3/4/17	Transfer to Savings	100 00			1,335 59
2116, TD	3/5/17	Red Cross Donation	50 00			1,285 59

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- Bank Card

- Paper Currency



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- Coin Currency
- Loyalty Card
- Stock Certificate



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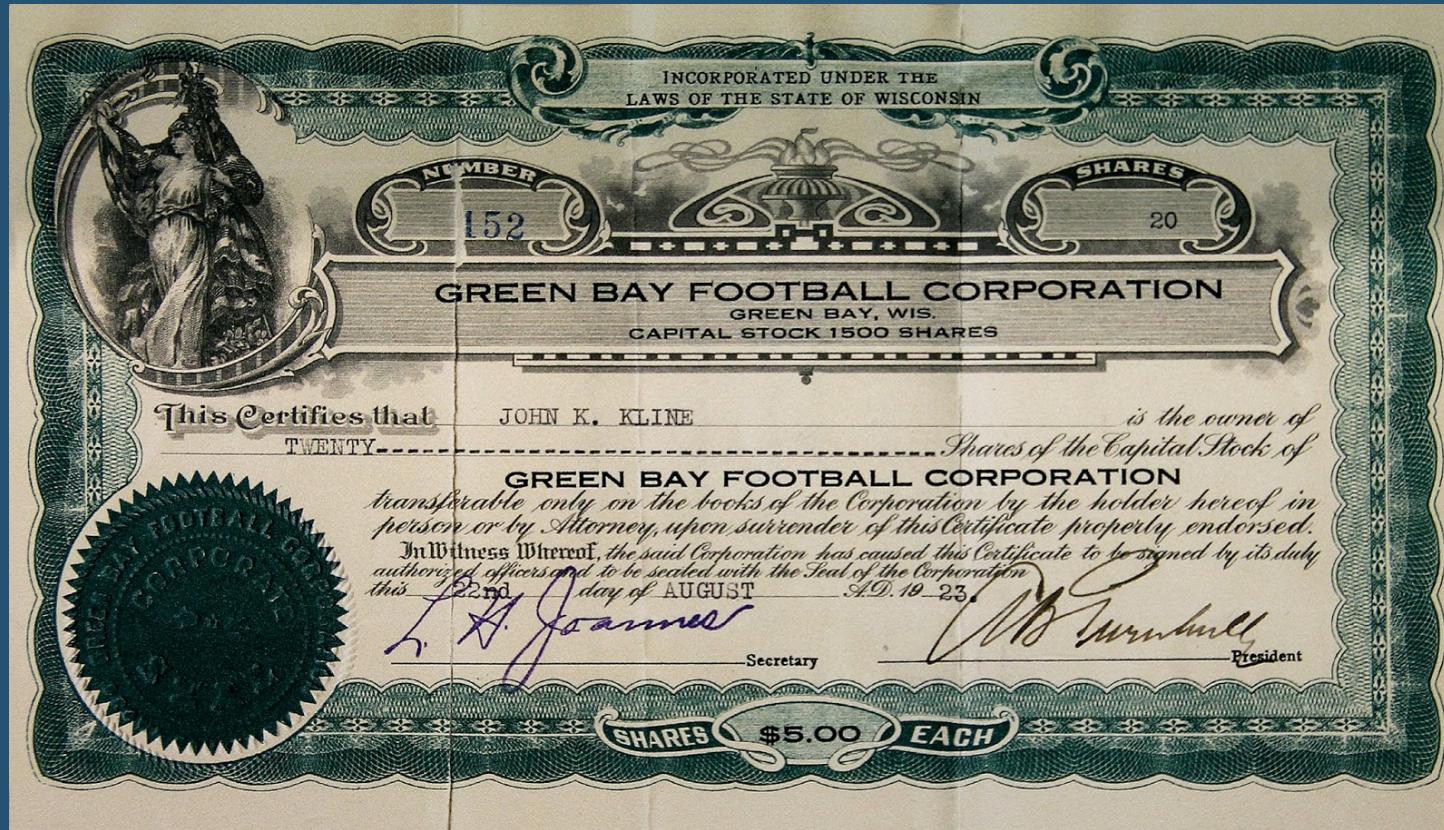


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Identity

Exchange Method

Asset

Contract

EXCHANGE METHODS

- Cash
- Bank Card
- Loyalty Card
- Foreign Exchange
- Market

TRUST



SHORTCOMINGS OF EXISTING EXCHANGE METHODS

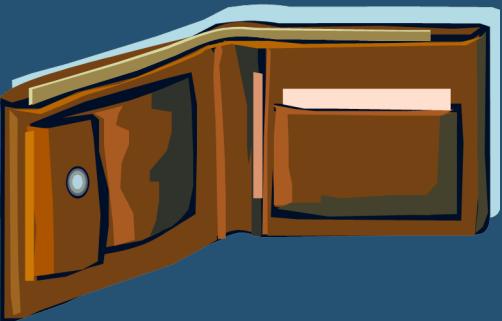
- Cash
- Bank Card
- Loyalty Card
- Foreign Exchange
- Market
- Slow, costly settlement
- Centralized
 - Silos
 - Opaque
 - Trusted intermediaries
- Error, fraud prone



Is there a better way?

COMPARING PHYSICAL WORLD TO BLOCKCHAIN

- Physical Wallet
 - Exchange Methods
 - Identities
- Assets
- Contracts



- Digital Wallet
 - Exchange Methods
 - Key pairs
 - Private key
 - Public key
 - Digital Assets, Tokens, Coins
 - Smart Contracts



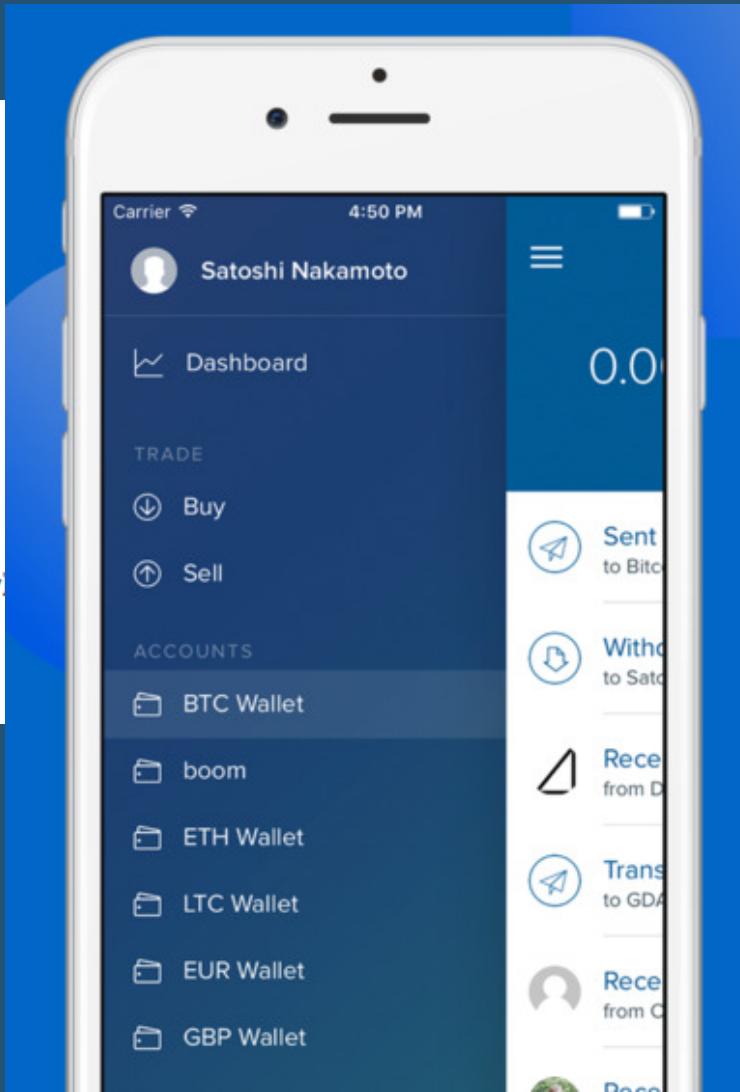
COMPARING PHYSICAL WORLD TO BLOCKCHAIN

Public Address



SHARE

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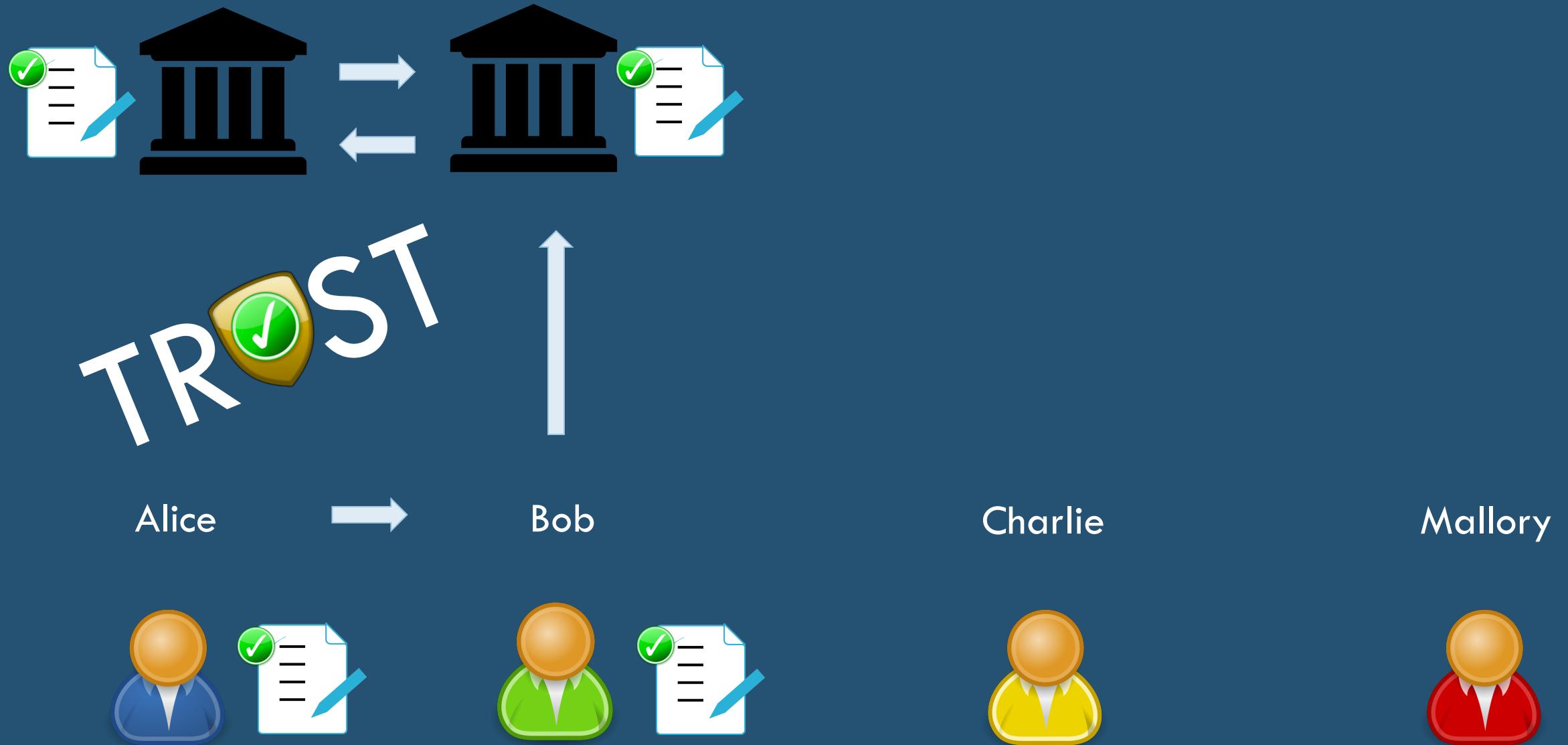
Private Key (Wallet Import Format)

SECRET

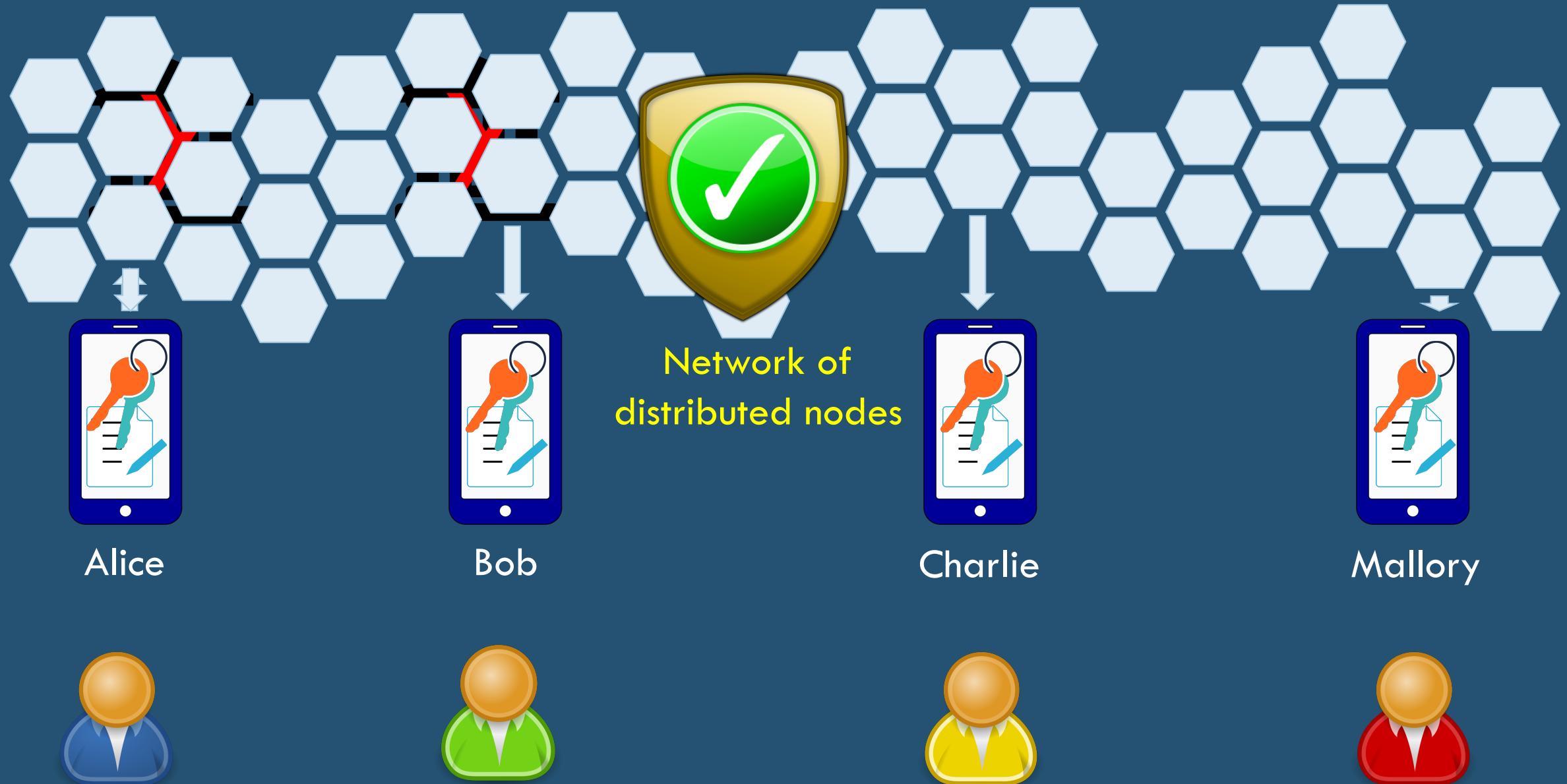


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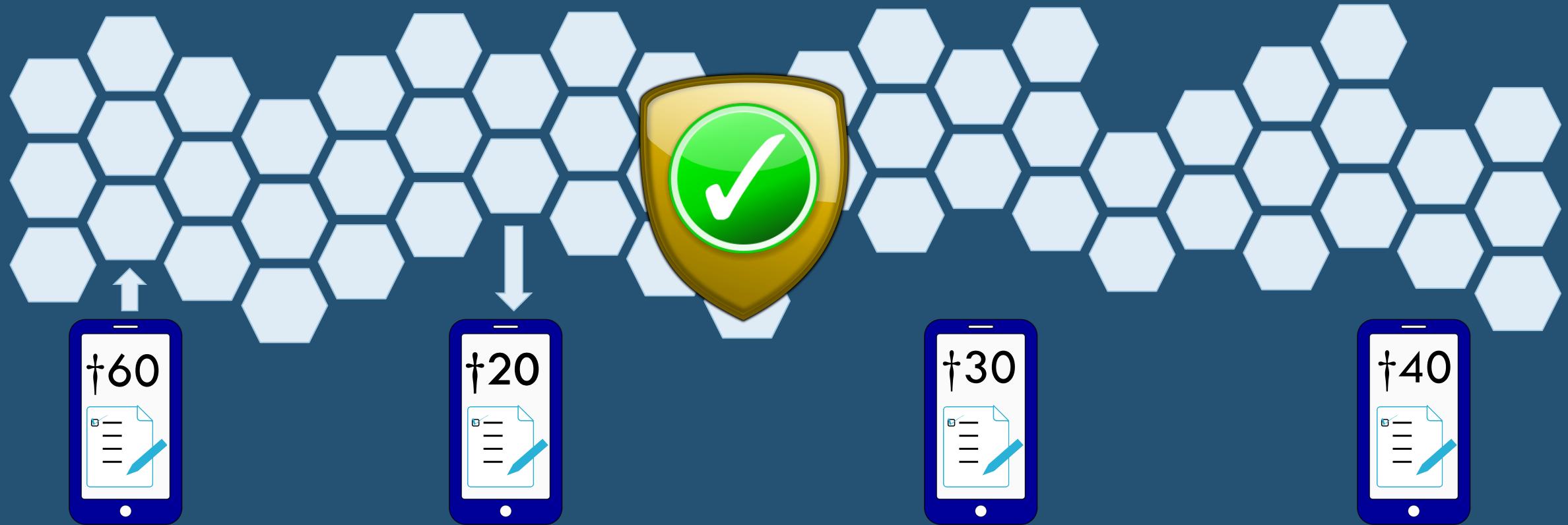
EXAMPLE: BANKING TRANSFER



EXAMPLE: BLOCKCHAIN TRANSFER



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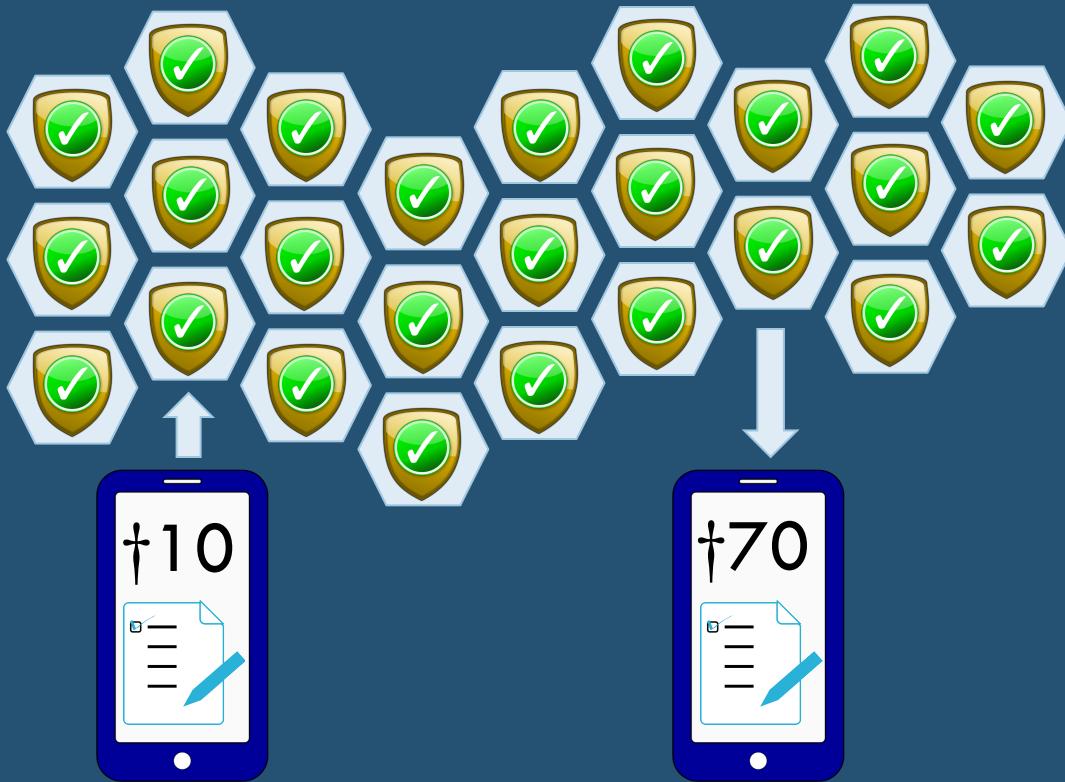
I ALICE, transfer 30 TOKEN to BOB, signed ALICE



EXAMPLE: NETWORK VALIDATION



EXAMPLE: NODE VALIDATION



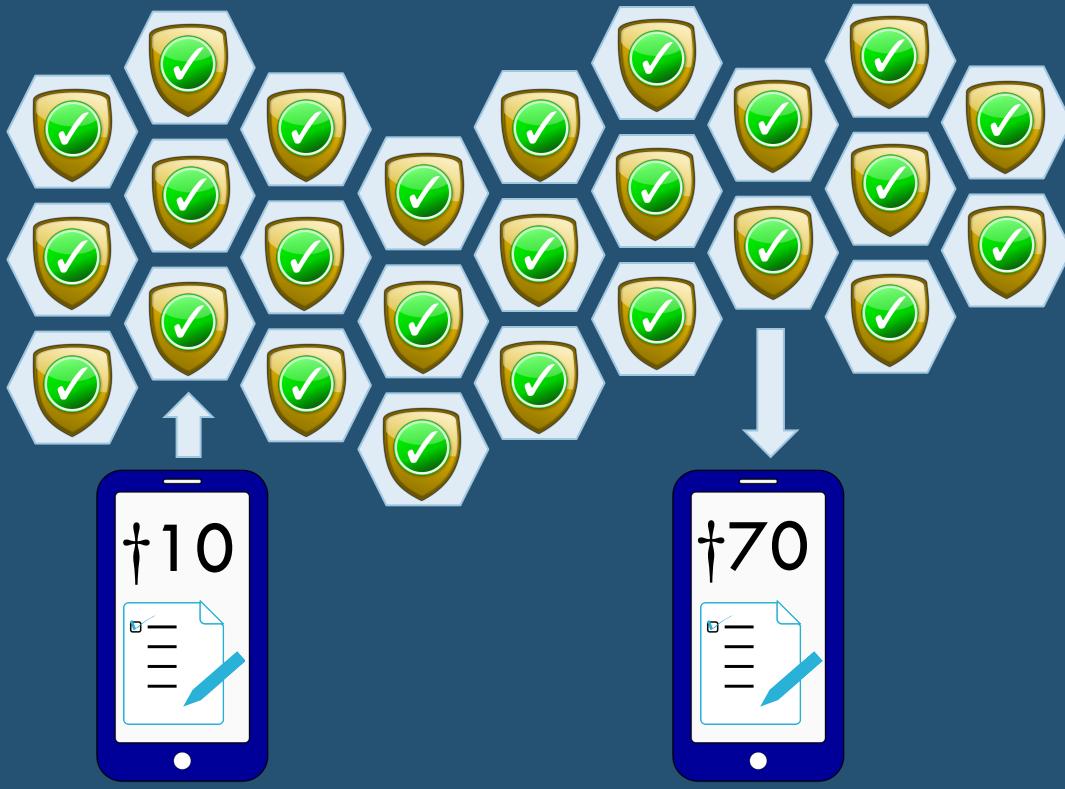
Mining Node



Replicated Ledger

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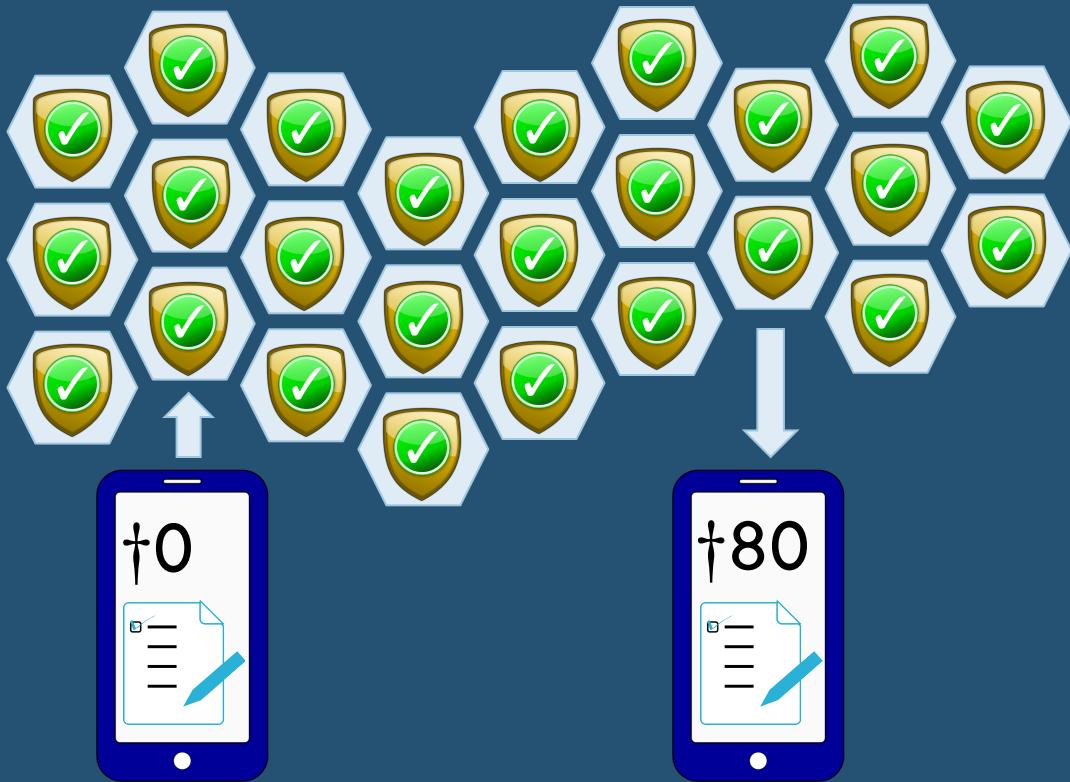
- [...]
- A → B 30 TOKEN
- A → B 20 TOKEN
- A → B 10 TOKEN ?

Key Generation



Competition to append
valid transactions

EXAMPLE: NODE VALIDATION



Received 10 TOKEN from ALICE

I ALICE, transfer 10 TOKEN to BOB, signed ALICE



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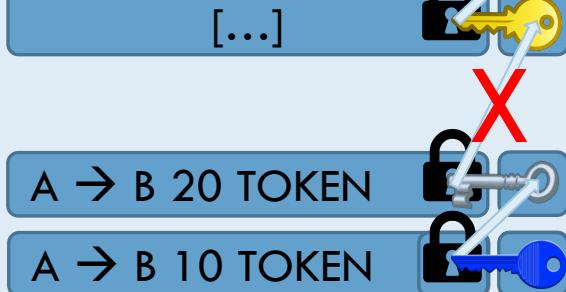


Winning node is rewarded
for generating correct key

AN IMMUTABLE LEDGER



Mining Node



Replicated Ledger



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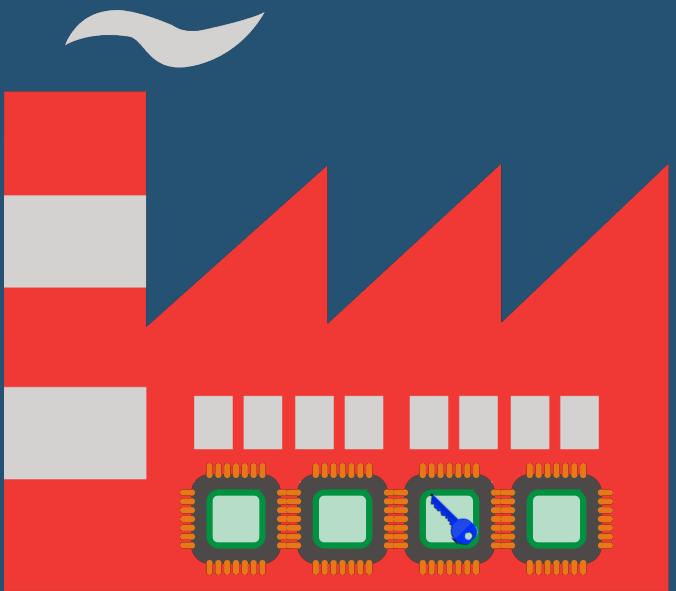


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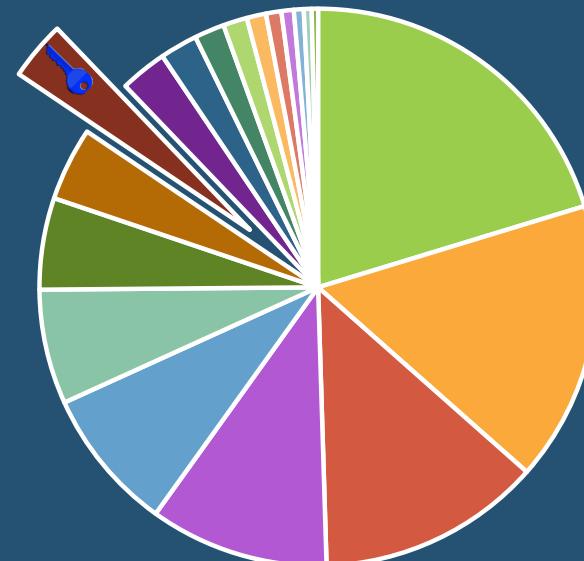
CONSENSUS METHODS

Proof of Work



- 1 chance per CPU cycle
- Difficult to compute
- Easy to verify

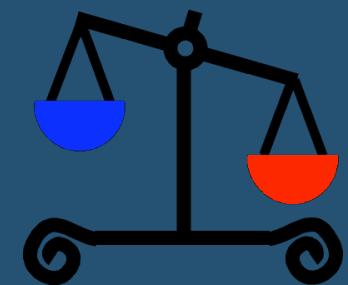
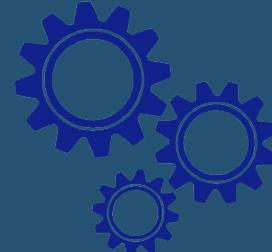
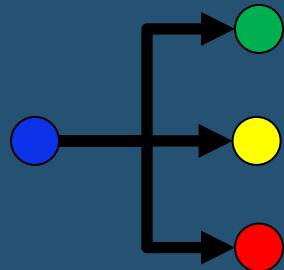
Proof of Stake



- 1 chance per share
- Deterministic calculation
- Less energy cost

SMART CONTRACTS

Business Logic → Contract Code → Execution → Settlement



FLAVORS OF BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS

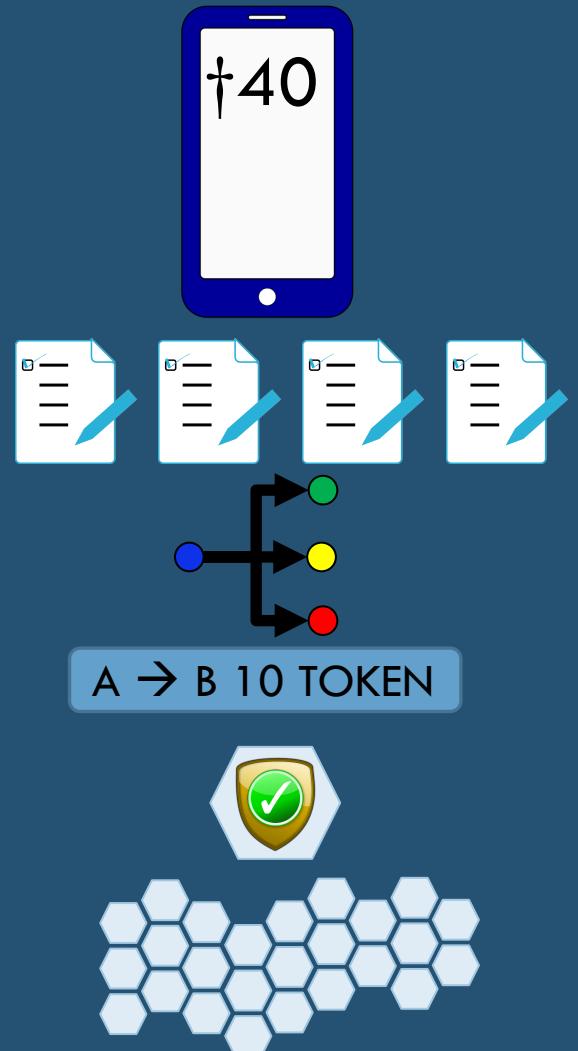
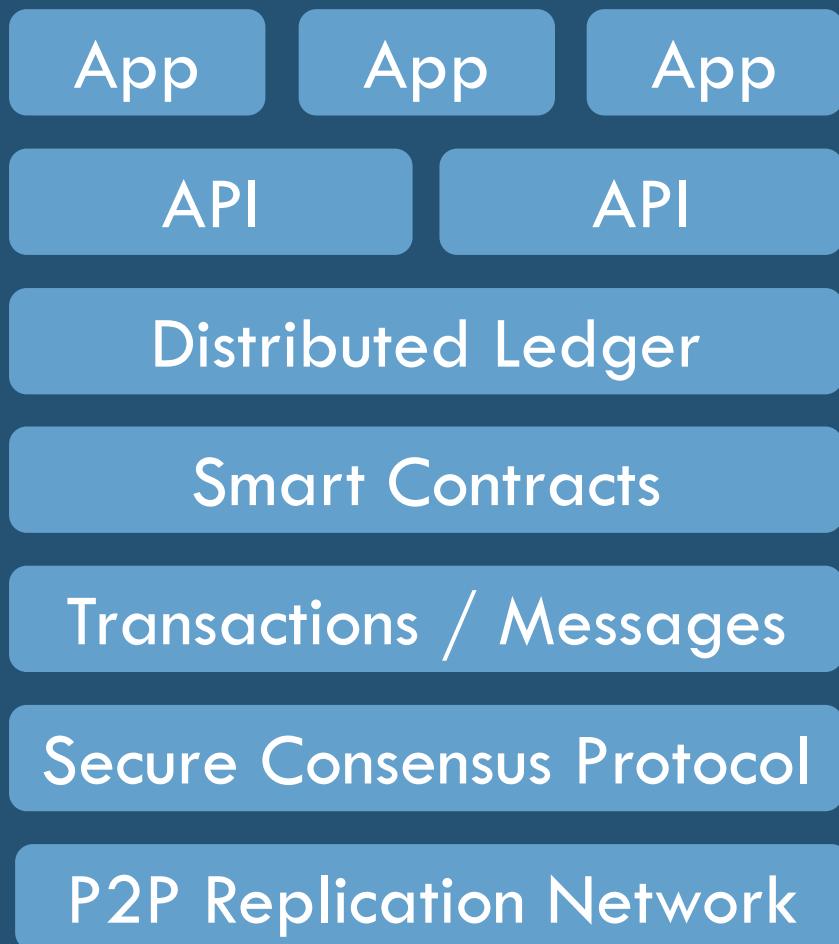
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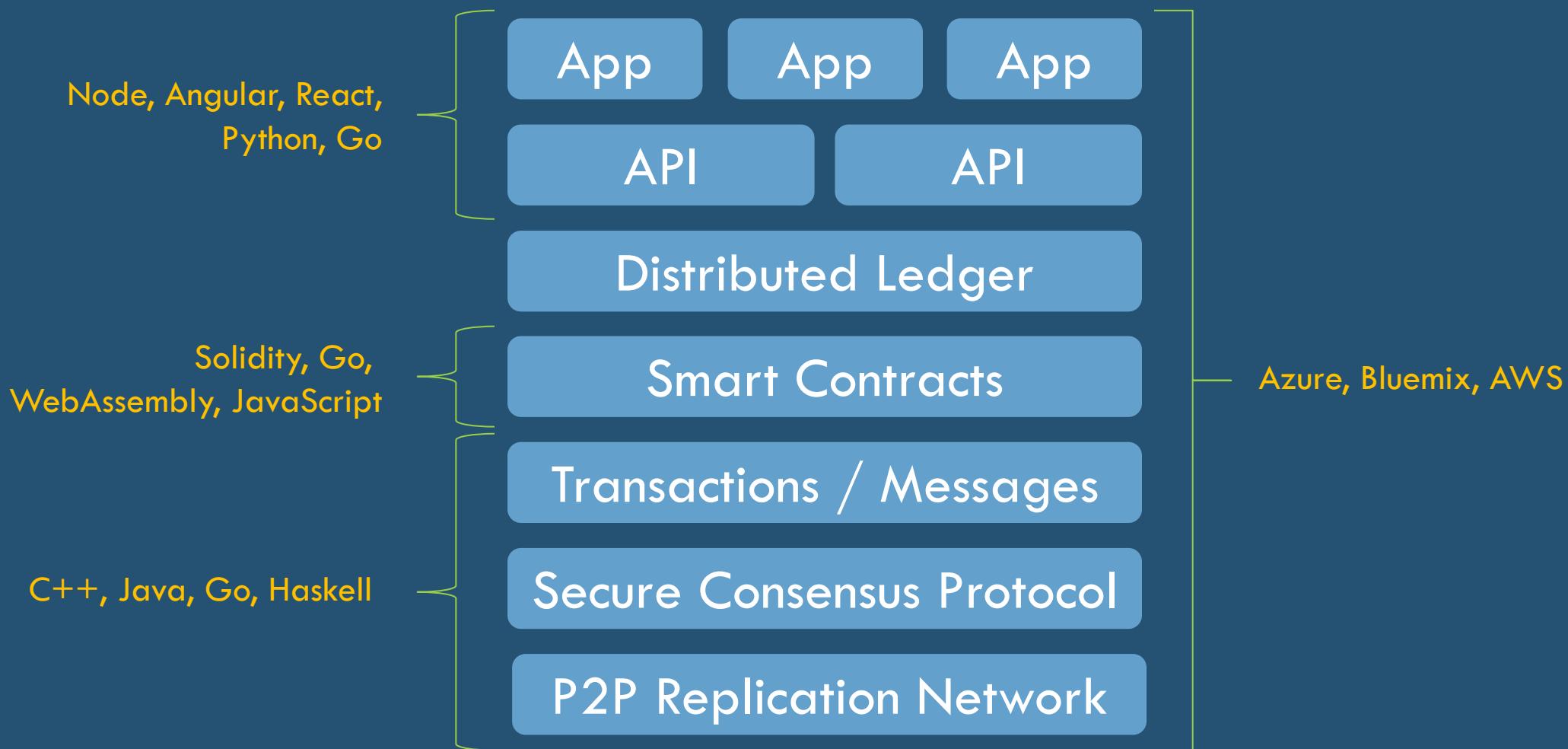
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BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY STACK



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Languages and Skill Used by Design Team



QUESTIONS?

BLOCKCHAIN USE CASES / DEMOS

SOME EXAMPLE BLOCKCHAIN USE CASES

Financial Services

- Trading platforms
- Repurchase agreements
- Foreign exchange
- Payment remittance
- Corporate debts & bonds
- Letters of credit
- Digital currencies

Healthcare

- Electronic medical records
- Virus banks
- Seed vault backup
- Doctor-vendor RFP services and assurance contracts
- Blockchain health research commons
- Blockchain health notaries

Insurance

- Peer-to-peer insurance
- Claims processing
- Ownership titles
- Sales and underwriting

Government

- Passports / licenses
- Voting
- Taxes
- Government tender processes

Asset Management

- Device mgmt / IoT
- Capital asset mgmt

Supply Chain

- Manufacturing processes
- Quality assurance

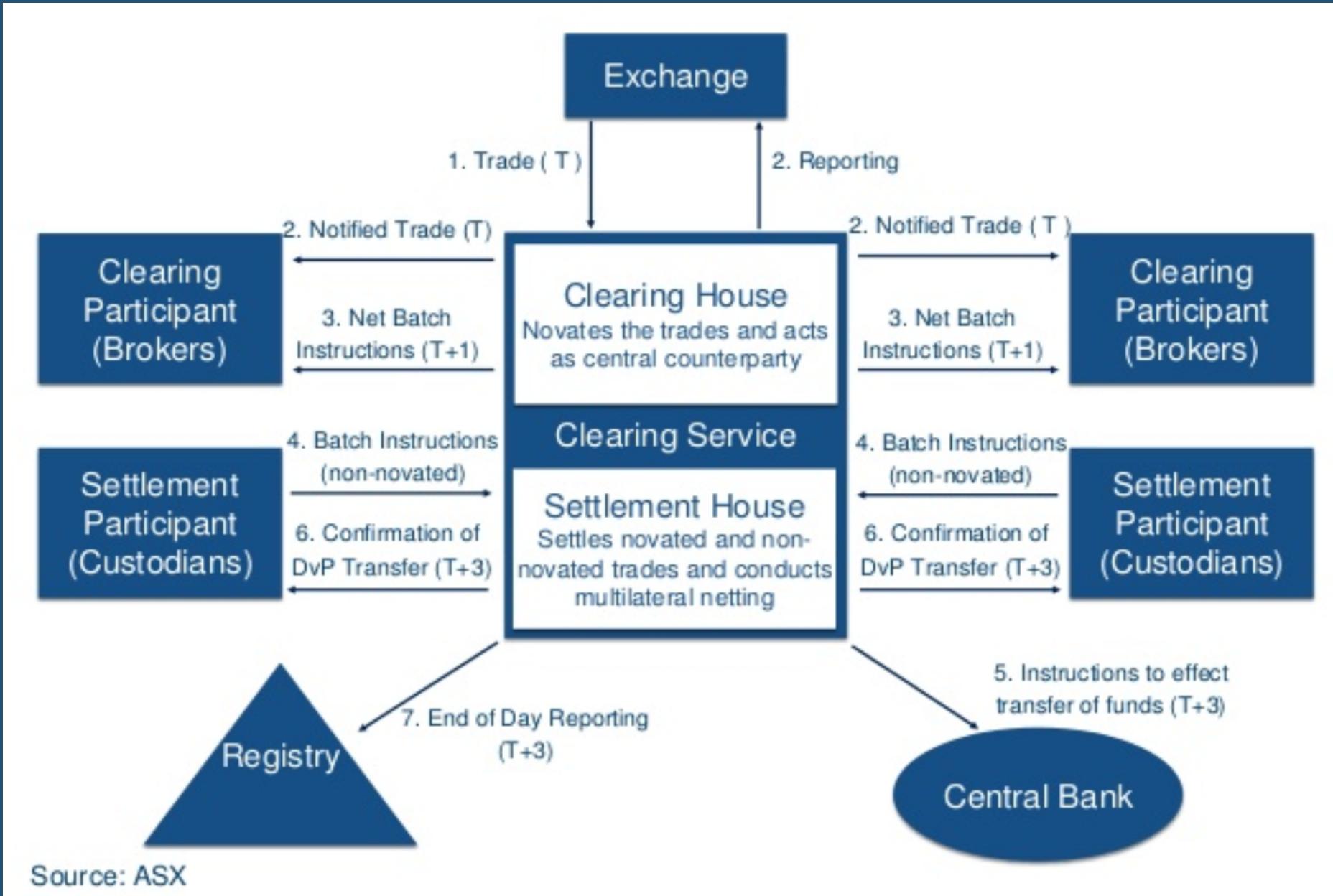
Consumer Marketing

- Loyalty points management

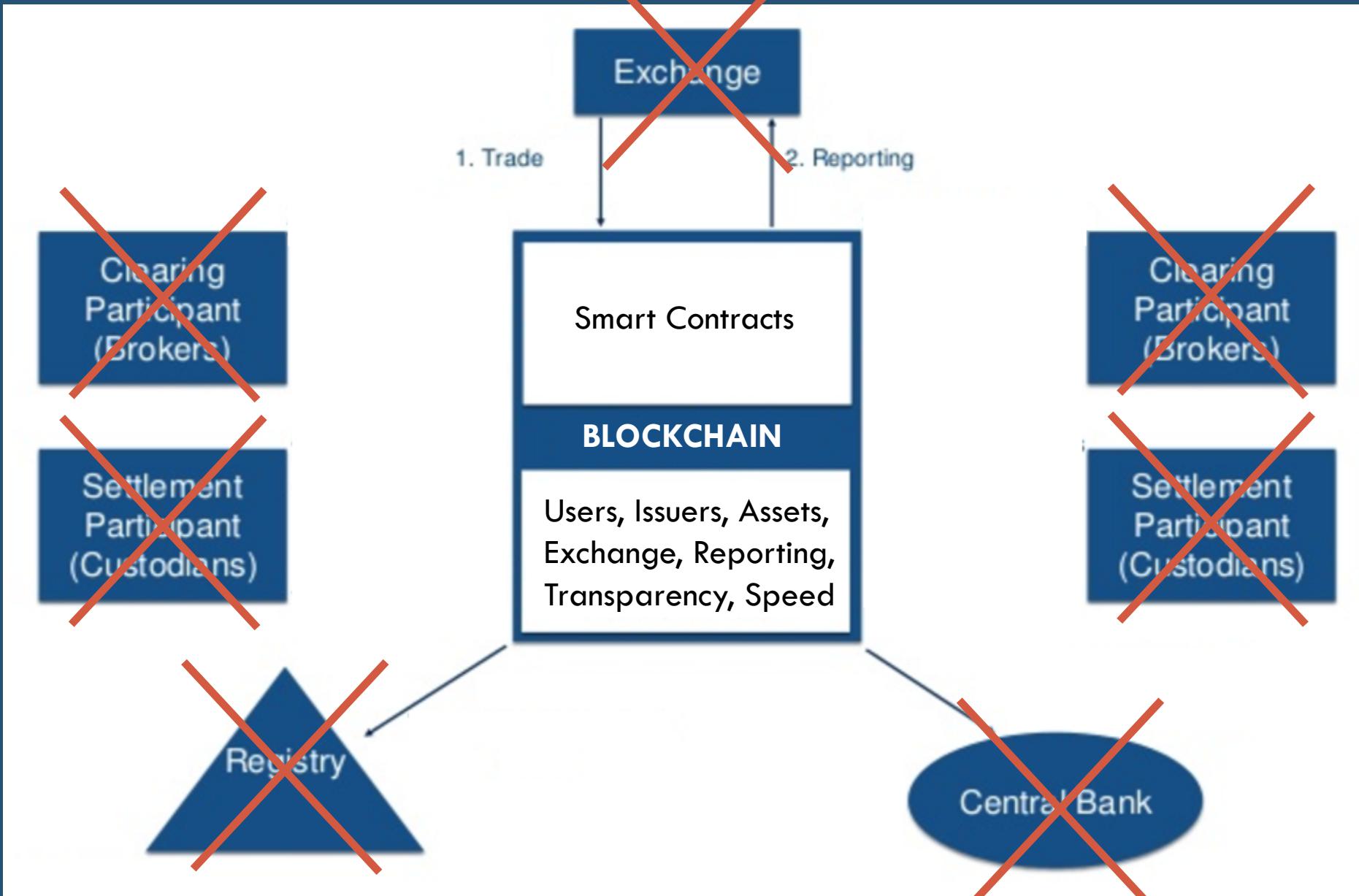
Contracts

- Real estate
- Music
- Royalties

EXAMPLE: TRADE SETTLEMENT (T+3)



EXAMPLE: TRADE SETTLEMENT (BLOCKCHAIN)



DEMOS

BLOCKCHAIN SUMMARY

REVIEW – WHAT WE’VE COVERED IN DAY 1

Blockchain is a very secure, distributed, replicated transaction ledger.

Blockchain / DLT technology is exciting, yet complex, and still evolving.

Blockchain allows a network of parties to track & exchange assets without intermediaries.

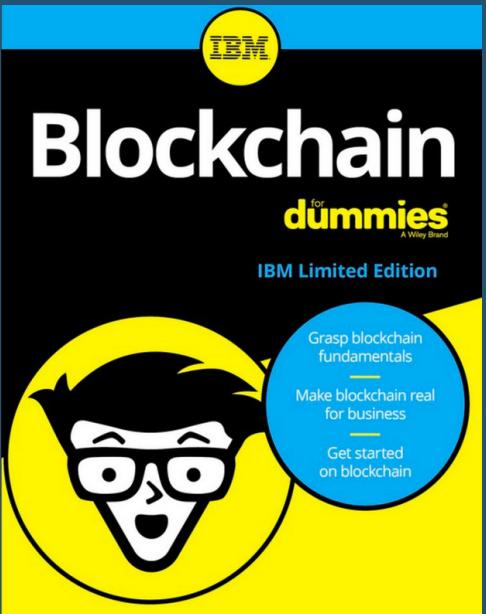
Blockchain uses cryptography and consensus to update the ledger and make it "hack-proof".

Blockchain can support many industry use cases beyond digital currencies.

Now is the time to get ahead of the wave ...

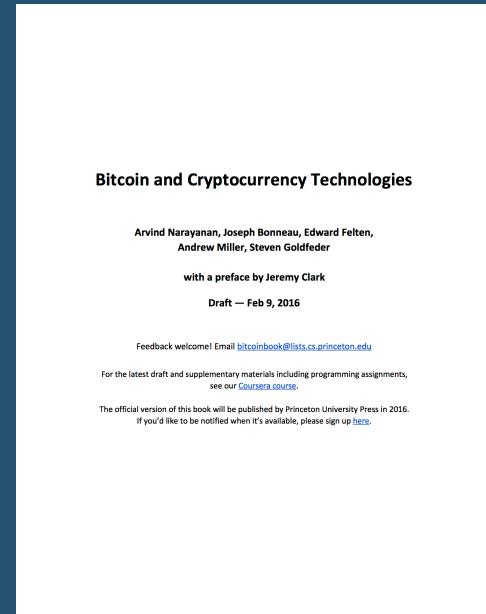
HELPFUL RESOURCES

starter



[IBM Blockchain
For Dummies](#)

advanced



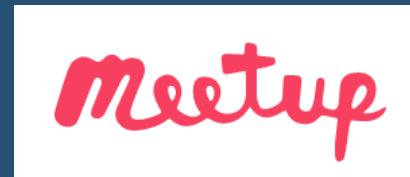
[Princeton Blockchain
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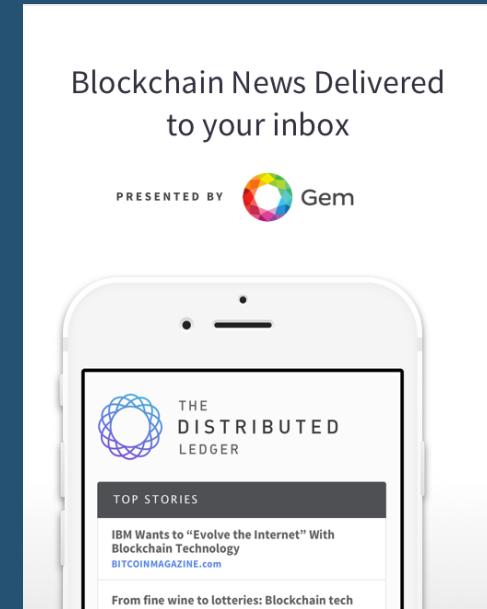
Khan Academy, ...

meetups



Women in Blockchain
Enterprise Blockchain

online news



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HELPFUL RESOURCES (LINKS)

starter	IBM Blockchain for Dummies	https://www.ibm.com/common/ssi/cgi-bin/ssialias?htmlfid=XIM12354USEN
advanced	Princeton Blockchain Textbook	https://d28rh4a8wq0iu5.cloudfront.net/bitcointech/readings/princeton_bitcoin_book.pdf
videos	Khan Academy (Bitcoin)	https://www.khanacademy.org/economics-finance-domain/core-finance/money-and-banking#bitcoin
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QUESTIONS?

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