A living programming environment for a living blockchain



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Disclaimer!

This is not a blockchain mechanisms talk! (Sorry disappoint you:))



General technology explanation



Starting by the fruit: Smart contracts

- Digital reification of contracts
 - Emulate the logic of contractual clauses
 - Self-executing
 - Self-enforcing
- Reduce transactional costs
- Minimise exceptions





Following by the branch: Ethereum

- Blockchain based technology
- Open source & public network
- Smart contracts
 - State stored in a blockchain
 - Byte-code executed in the turing complete EVM
 - Many development languages (solidity, serpent, etc)





Arriving to the trunk: Blockchain

- Open and distributed ledger
- Records a constantly-growing list of transactions in between two parties. (blocks)
- Resistant to modification by design
- Cryptocurrency: Paying to reinforce the social engagement with the security





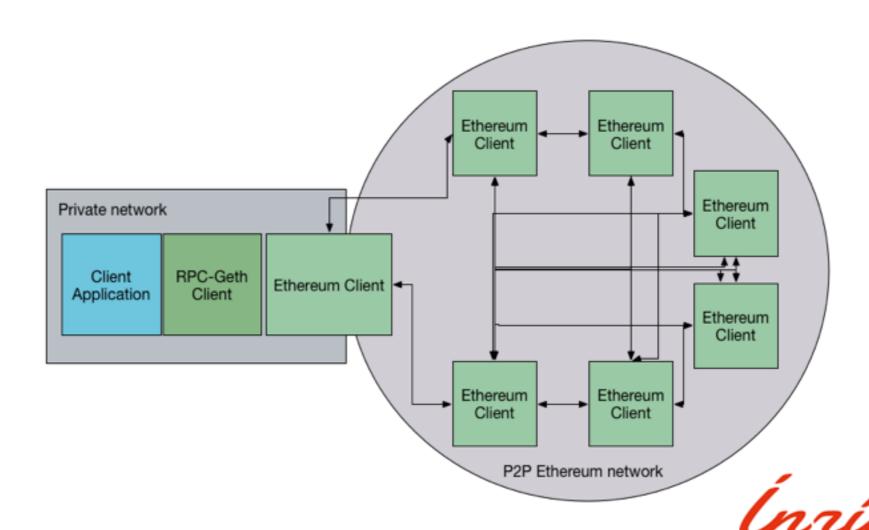
First-citizens in Blockchain

- Block: stamped batch of transactions
- Transaction: Representation of mutations of state
 - Movements of money
 - Method activation
- Account: Source and target of transactions (account in the accountancy meaning)
- Contracts (Specific in ethereum)





So what? Architecture of a proposed application



Pharo



Pharo: Why?

- Blockchain is a multiple actors always growing environment.
- Blockchain is a living environment
 - Transactions move money (ether bitcoin) from one place to other
 - Transactions execute smart contracts
- Ethereum is a distributed runtime. Nothing better than a live environment for a living distributed runtime.
- A lot of code analysis and inspection state-of-the-art tools





Fog

- Pharo client for the Ethereum client (GEth)
- github.com/sbragagnolo/Fog





Fog - features

- Connection, communication, marshalling, etc.
- Block fetching
- Query and create transactions
- Query and create contracts
- Remote method invocation





Fog - features

- Development support
 - First-class citizen navigation (GT-Tools)
 - Accounts
 - Blocks
 - Transactions
 - Contracts
 - Automatic contract mirror generation
 - Automatic contract proxy building



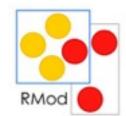


Fog - features

- Cache
 - General
 - Connection
 - Session



Some fancy slides:)



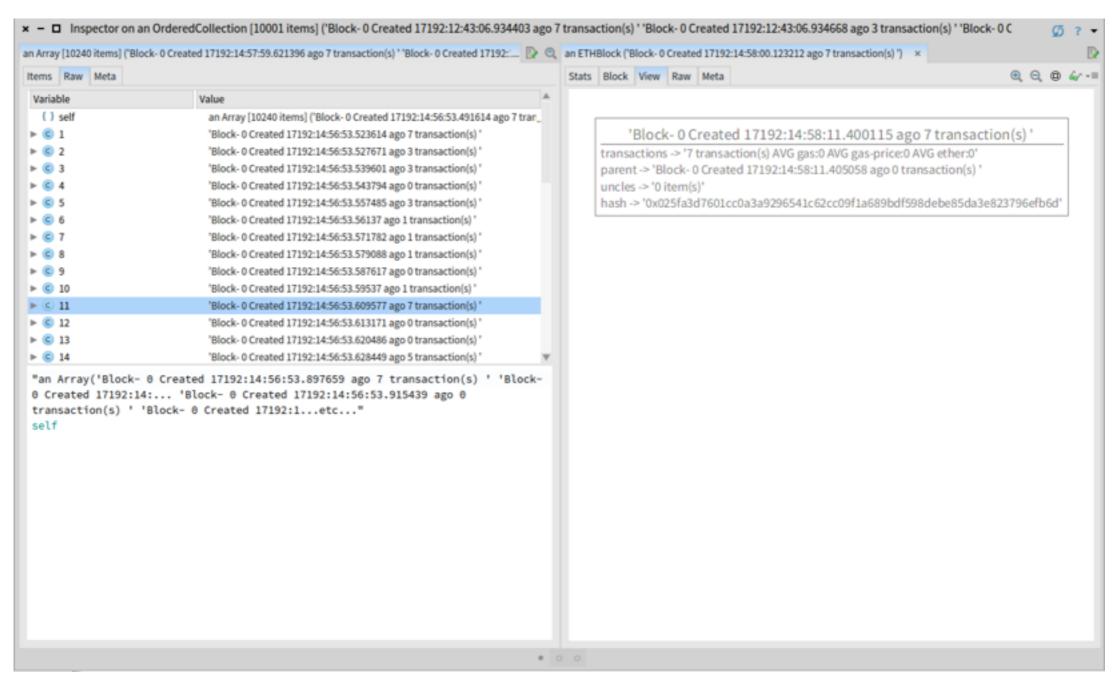
Block inspection

- Navigating blocks
- Inspecting blocks individually
- Overview of a collection of blocks through statistics
- Overview of the transactions of a collection of blocks





Navigating in blocks







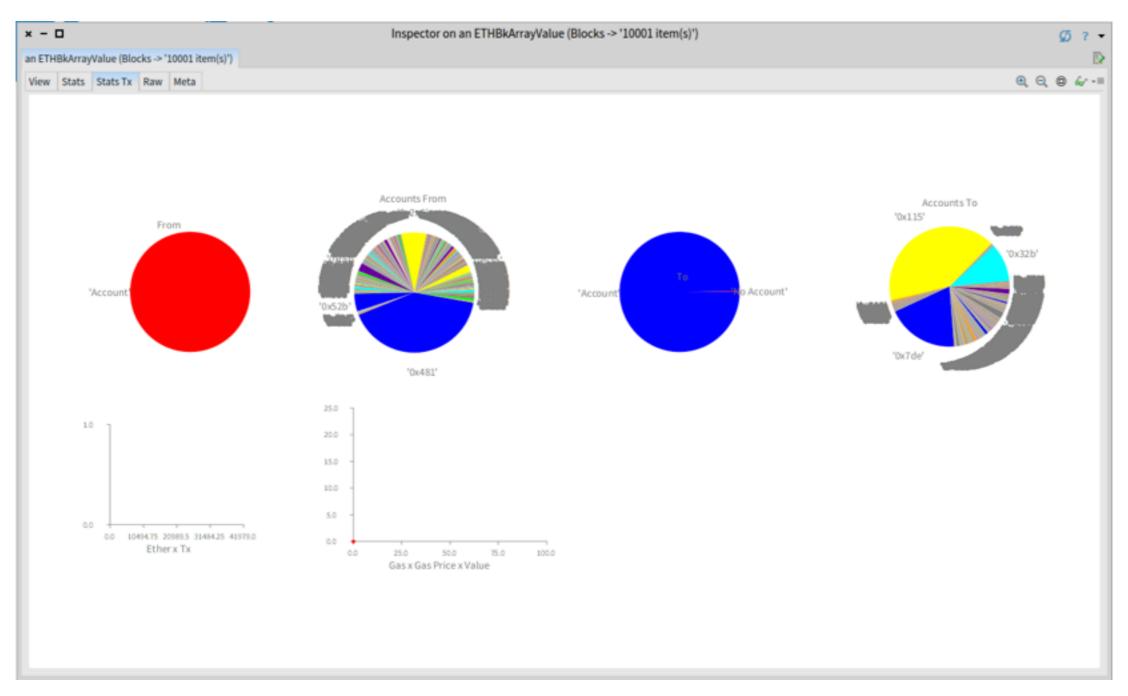
Blocks overview







Transactions overview







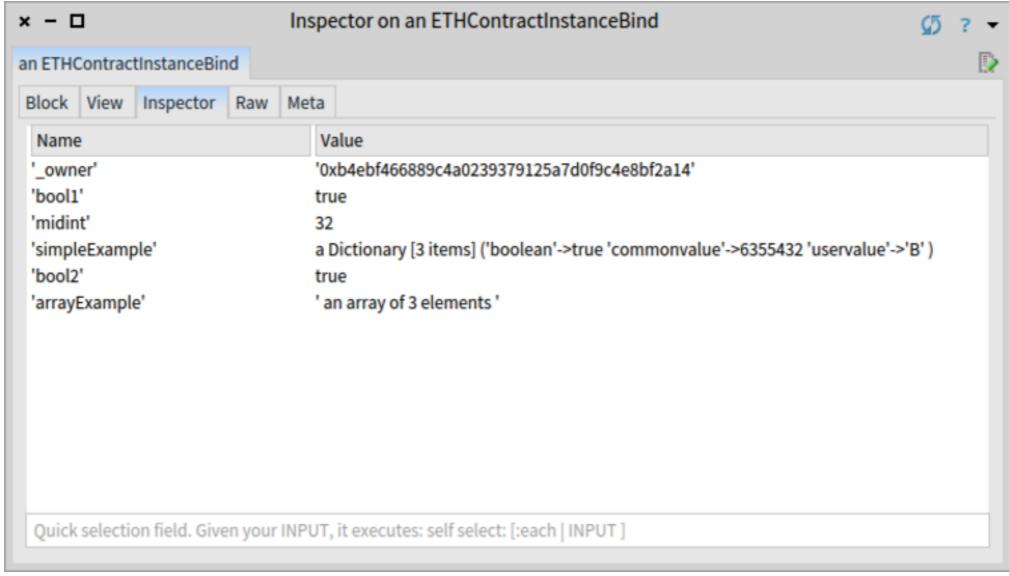
Contract source code

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.2;
contract StructTestContract {
  enum myenum { A, B, C }
  struct mystruct {
    bool boolean;
    myenum uservalue;
    uint32 commonvalue;
  address _owner;
  bool bool1;
  int16 midint;
  mystruct simpleExample;
  bool bool2;
  mystruct[] arrayExample;
  function StructTestContract (){
    _owner = msg.sender;
       bool1 = true;
       bool2 = true;
       midint = 32;
       simpleExample.boolean = true;
       simpleExample.uservalue = myenum.B;
       simpleExample.commonvalue = 6355432;
       arrayExample.push(mystruct(true, myenum.A, 134));
       arrayExample.push(mystruct(false, myenum.B, 235));
       arrayExample.push(mystruct(true, myenum.C, 34));
  function kill() {
    suicide(_owner);
```





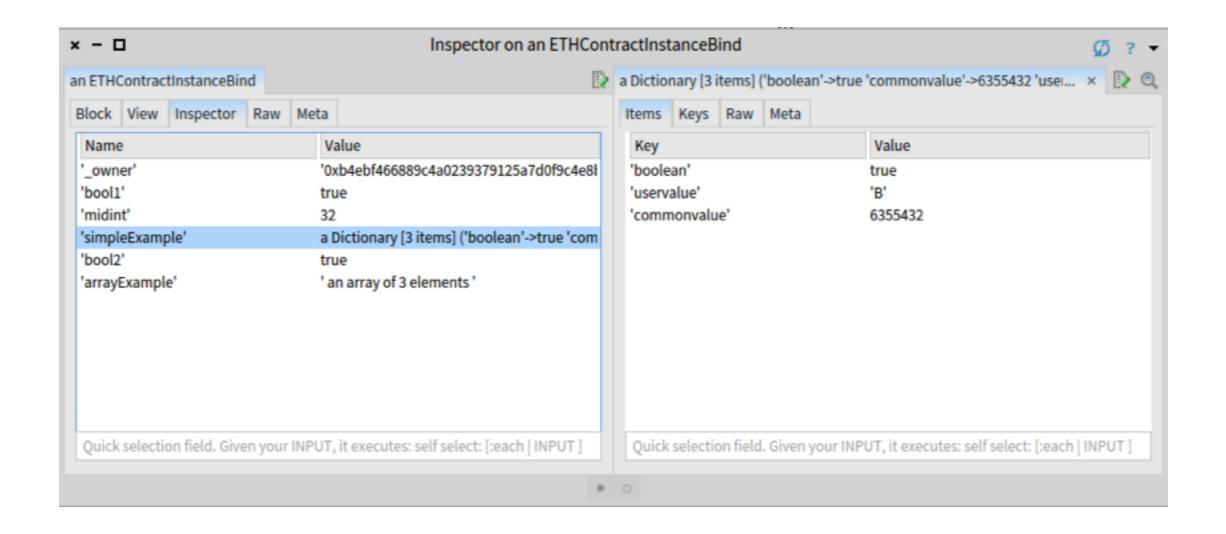
Inspecting contract







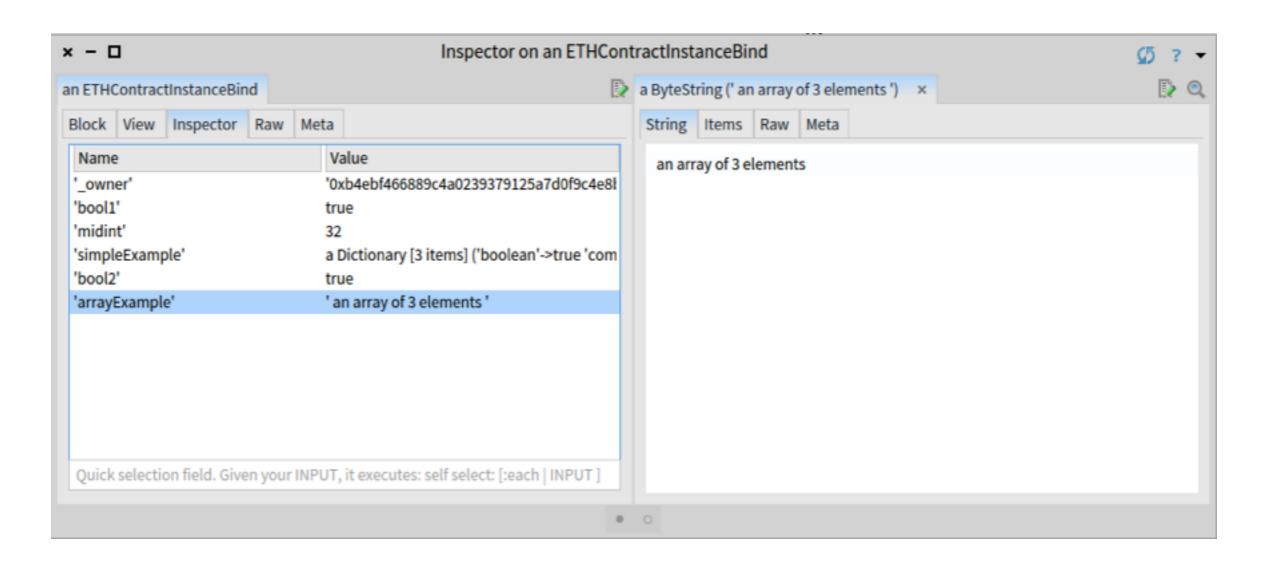
Inspecting structs







Yet to implement







Fog - Demo





Fog - future

- Finishing session management
- Events support
- Transactional message send recognition
- New AST Definition (Henrique Rocha)











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