

Blockchain Platforms & Consensus in Blockchain

Public

Private

Hybrid

Consortium

- Permissionless
- Permissioned
- Permissioned & Permissionless.
- Permissioned

- No control by central authority

- Control by a central authority

- Control by a central authority

- Control by multiple authorities

Adv

- Independence
- Transparency

- Performance

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- Scalability

- Low Cost

- Security

Disadv

- Performance
- Scalability issues

- Security

- Transparency

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- Trust

- Upgrading

example →

Bitcoin
Litecoin

Hyperledger
Fabric

XRP token

Corda
Quorum

* Hyperledger

- open source project to support development of blockchain based distributed ledgers
- collaborative effort to create needed framework → standard tools of ledgers
- libraries to build blockchain & related application
- hosts no. of enterprise grade blockchain software projects.

Central components →

- 1) distributed ledger for all data recorded
- 2) multiple peers (or nodes) absent transaction
- 3) smart contracts that maintain transⁿ logic

- Many enterprises have embraced hyperledger tech to build blockchain solⁿ.

* Hyperledger Fabric -

- foundation for building blockchain applⁿ, product or solutions.
- Fabric is private & permissioned system.
- smart contract in fabric is known as chaincode.
- chaincode holds business logic.
- Features of fabric platform -
 - 1) Channels
 - 2) Visibility
 - 3) Data Encryption
 - 4) JoEspassing Protection
 - 5) File Encryption

POS (Stake)

- Block creators → validators
- Participant must own coins & tokens to become validators
- energy efficient
- security → community control
- validators → transⁿ fees ↓ rewards.

POW (work)

- Block creators → miners.
- may buy equipment & energy to become miner.
- not energy efficient
- security → expensive upfront deposit
- Miners → Block rewards.

* IOTA (Internet of things angles).

- open source, decentralized, highly scalable distributed Ledger Technology (DLT), designed to support data transfer across network.
- we build IoT soln using IOTA framework.
- Is a blockless blockchain that provides blockchain for IoT products.
- It connects devices using DAG.
- features → • Scalable • Quantum • Fee less • Proof Security • flexible • No miners

Merits →

- Free transⁿ
- Unlimited scaling
- can process any data.
- achieve instant transⁿ
- ~~No~~ No IOTA mining
- quantum resistance.

Demerits →

- No finished product yet
- Unclear when project will be ready
- currently needing to use a centralized coord
- has experienced lot of technical flaws & bugs
- Many (including MIT) think it has bad security

Bitcoin

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- first appn of BT & first cryptocurrency
- 2009 → Satoshi Nakamoto
- digital wallet
- key → public & private key for user
- by from Bitcoin Exchange
- bitcoin exchange → wallet address
- Miners verify transn → add to blockchain ledger
- Miners → find has value → first → awarded with bitcoins → block reward.
- Block data + nonce = Hash value.
- value of Bitcoin -

$$\frac{S}{D} = \frac{T}{P}$$

S = supply of bitcoin

D → Duration BTC needed by trans

T → Total bitcoin transn / second

P → Price of bitcoin.

Ethereum -

- Open source blockchain platform → develop & deploy BTC based appn.
- Protocol → inter network communication → www
- DApp → acc address → contract accs.
- Users → transn → with Externally owned accs (EOA) as well as contract accs.



Consensus Algo -

- decision process for a group
- new block added \rightarrow network \rightarrow only version of truth.
- establish agreement on a single data \rightarrow distributed process.
- ensures single, consistent & honest ledgers.
- work better in public while some is private.

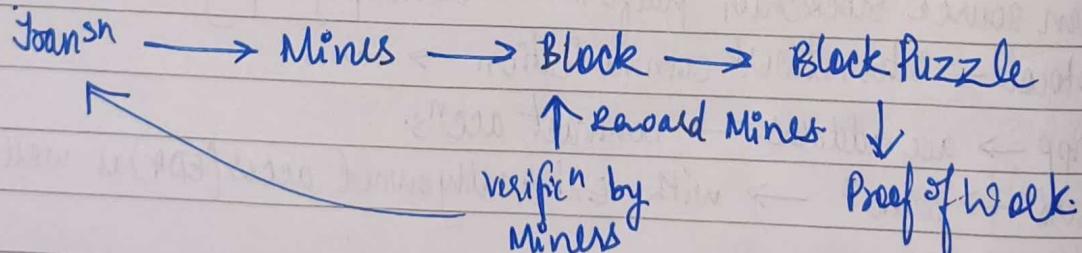
Objectives \rightarrow

- Fair & Equitable
- Avoid double spending
- unified agreement
- Fault tolerance
- economic incentive.



Proof of Work -

- First Consensus Algo \rightarrow confirm transⁿ & add new block to ls
- Uses SHA - 256 algo.
- Protocol uses Proof of Work P2P network.



• It's a power consuming protocol.

• Also has negative impact on environment.

* Proof of Stake (POS) -

- Rather than Miners → there are validators/forgers.
- Miner choose → money to be transacted → network called stake
- Miner validate transaction.
- amt. of stake to be deposited > amt. of reward received after validn.
- eco friendly → no special hardware requirement.
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* Proof of Elapsed Time (POET) -

- lottery system followed for choosing miners
- used in permissioned blockchains
- certain random waiting time → miner can start mining again.
- blocks → validator → completed waiting time.
- protocol → FCFS & Intel based hardware
- sleep state → each node → awaits further instructions.

* Proof of Activity (POA) -

- combo of POW & POS.
- For mining POA uses POW & to validate it uses POS.

* Proof of Burns (POB) -

- used to avoid double spending attacks
- like POW without waste of energy.
- Miners get chance of mining by burning coins -
- Burned coins → can't be reclaimed.

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Cryptocurrency
Bitcoin & Token.

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* Bitcoin -

- peer to peer network
- can be purchased on several exchanges
- used as reward → miners in bitcoin mining.

* Features -

- Distributed
- Decentralized
- Transparent
- Peer to peer
- Public
- Permissionless.

* Working -

- user → bitcoin → bitcoin wallet
- private & public key → create account

* Buy Bitcoin -

- online exchange → exchange bit for normal currency

* Transactions -

- Done using wallet
- valid " → 10 mins.
- small trans " fee → speed up process

* Mining →

- Trans " → verified
- requires → dedicated mining hardware

* Cryptocurrency -

- digit asset → circulated without govt body of banks.
- virtual currency → cryptographic principles

adv →

- network operates on a user to user basis
- quick & straightforward process.

- cryptocurrencies → trans^n → record → public list → blockchain
- cut out intermediaries → bank & online marketplaces
- widely used → large organization

disadv →

- lack of regularization
- fear about hacking & scams due to digitalization
- vulnerable for scams
- security issues
- lot of ppl → less knowledge → huge loss
- fully digitalized → technically difficult.

Types →

- Bitcoin (BTC)

- Ethereum (ETH)

- Zcash (ZEC)

- Ethereum Classic (ETC)

- Bitcoin Cash (BCH)

- Ripple

Type of Wallet →

- software wallet
 - ↳ Desktop wallet
 - ↳ Mobile wallet
 - ↳ Online wallet

- Paper wallet

- Hardware wallet

- ↳ Ledger Model T & Ledger Nano X.

MetaMask

- 1) web browser extension allows run ethereum D-Apps without running a full node.
- 2) Full node installation of → disk space & time
- 3) added from chrome web store
- 4) Interface to interact with block chain
- 5) Provides a vault account
- 6) Provides credentials using group of 12 words using wallet-seeds.
- 7) Crypto wallet & gateway for blockchain apps for everyday use.
- 8) Online / Free version

Binance

- 1) crypto exchange platform that can sustain 1,400,000 orders per second.
- 2) users looking for binance wallet browser extension to easily receive tokens
- 3) Online / Free version

Pros -

- multiple cryptocurrencies supported
- very secure
- SegWit/Bach32 address support
- built-in exchange feature
- trustworthy name in need

Cons -

- mediocre customer support
- not ideal for beginners

Coinbase

- 1) Allows users to buy-sell transfer & store digital currencies securely online.
- 2) provides balance sheet payment tools using api interface.
- 3) You don't need to store all kind of digital assets with crypto wallet.
- 4) Online / Free version.

Features

- ability to earn interest on cash
- robust customer support
- built-in support for DApps
- digital marketplace

Pros -

- easy to use for beginners
- large no. of crypto assets
- access DApps across blockchains
- only charges network fees

Cons -

- has history of bad API
- not open source

Ethereum -

- decentralized blockchain platform
- peer-to-peer network.
- open source & distributed computer
- creation of smart contracts & decentralized appl'n → dapps.
- open source OS → deals with smart contract functionality.
- support second largest cryptocurrency → ether.
- transaction based state machine.

Features - • Ether → Ethereum's cryptocurrency

- smart contracts → imp. & distribution of contracts
- EVM → fundamental technology → structural design & software
- DApps → decentralized appl'n.
- DAOs → Decentralized Autonomous Organisations (D)

Appl'n - • Voting systems
• Banking Systems
• Shipping
• Agreements.

Types of Network -

- Mainnet
- Testnet.

Components → 1) Nodes

2) Ether

3) Gas

4) Ethereum accs → externally owned acc
→ contract acc.

5) Nonce

6) Storage Root

7) Ethash

* Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM).

- main of Ethereum protocol & its functionality
- provide runtime that can execute code written in smart contracts
- It is similar to JVM [Java Virtual Machine]
- executes smart contracts & compute state of Ethereum network.

(EVM Architecture (diagram in text))

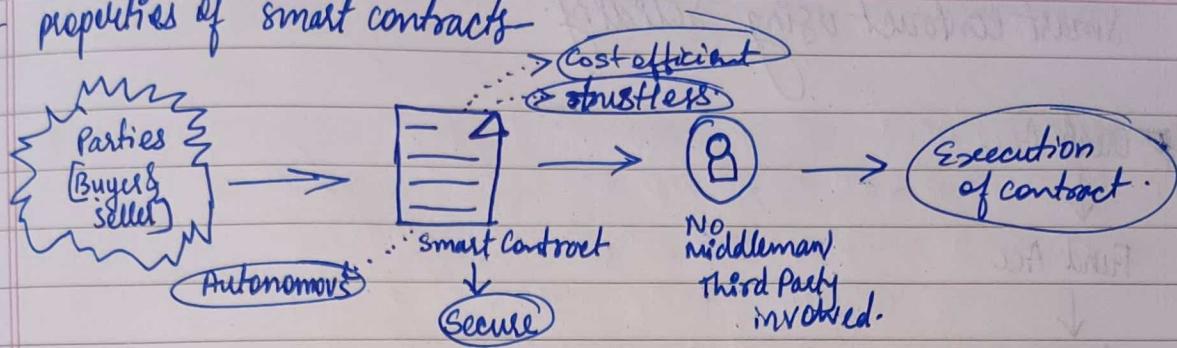
adv → • permits anyone to create their own DApp.

- infinite potential use cases for their type of software.
- isn't restricted to limited group of ppl.
- adv of smart contracts.
- latest example → Non fungible tokens (NFTs)
- easy access to art market in virtual way.
- everyone may create digital art & sell it.

* Smart Contract.

- program that runs on Ethereum blockchain
- computer immutable programs that run deterministically

* properties of smart contracts



- compute program → smart contracts are simple programs.
- immutable → smart contract code can't be changed once deployed.
- deterministic → outcome of execution of smart contract is same for user.
- EVM context → very limited context, recent blocks can be accessed.
- decentralize world computer → each Ethereum → node → local inst of EVM running.

Adv →

- speed & savings
- speed
- security & trust
- accuracy
- Autonomy
- Unreliable input

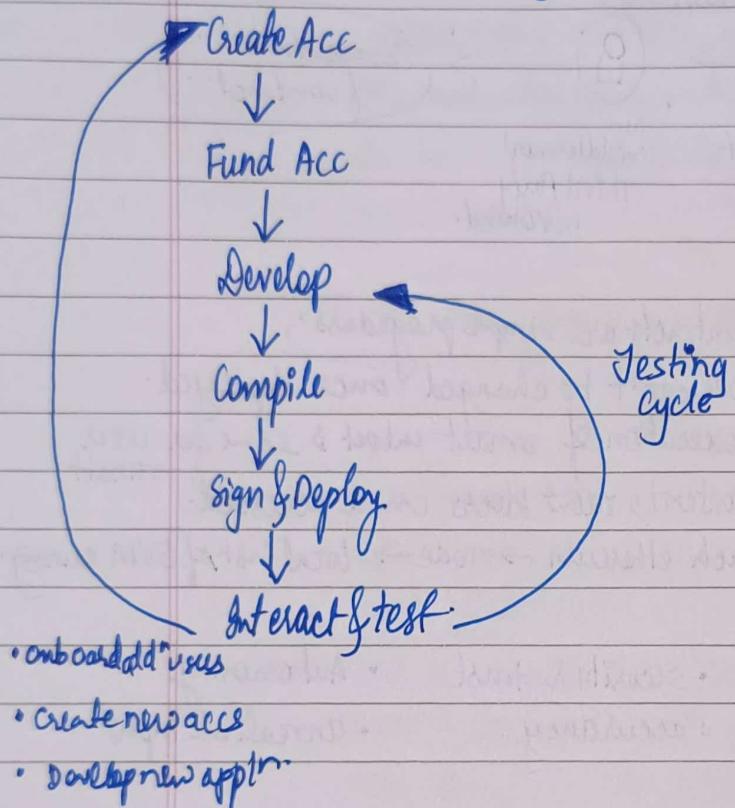
high level language (smart contracts →

- LLL
- Serpent
- Solidity
- Vyper
- Bamboo

Types →

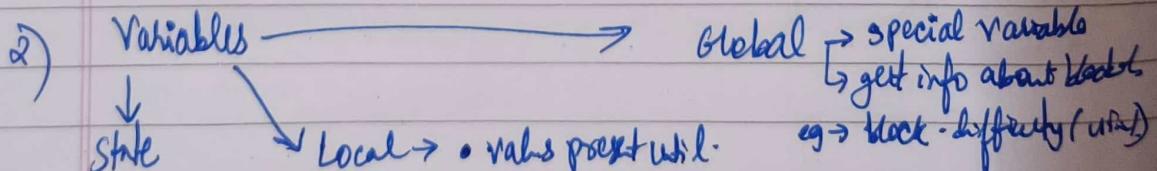
- smart legal contracts (Legal action taken)
- Decentralized Autonomous Organization (DAO) (self-enforcing code)
- Applⁿ Logic Contracts (ALC) (sync with other contracts)

* Smart contract using Solidity.



* Solidity -

- 1) Pragma → define solidity version (code was in) -
eg → pragma solidity ^0.4.0;



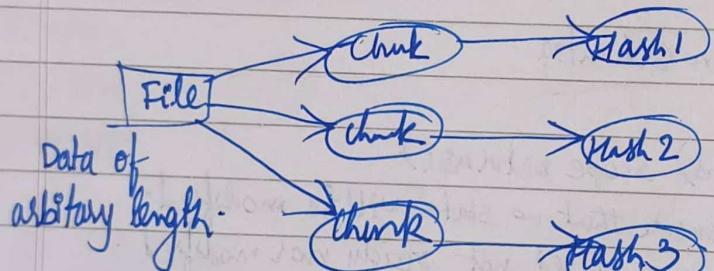
value permanently stored in contract storage -
eg → variable inside fun
eg → uint storedData; // state variable

- 3) Access modifiers - Public, Private, Internal & external.
- 4) Enums - way to create user defined types. Assign names to constants.
ex → enum Week { Mon, Tues, Wed }.
// Access using Week, Mon.
- 5) Arrays - type arrayName [size];
- 6) Structs - struct struct-name {
 type1 name1;
 type2 name2; };
- 7) Mapping - dictionary in solidity.
- 8) Function - funcname (params) scope returns()
 ↳ 1) View - ensure that no state will be modified.
 ↳ 2) Pure - ensure code not ready nor modified.
 ↳ 3) FallBack - when non-existent function is called on contract.
- 9) Events - declared event keyword. inheritable marker of contract.

Solidity → Adv → • allows complex data types & member variable.
 • provide Application Binary Interface → type safety
 • refers to Natural Language Specification → user specification
 into language
 not machine generated

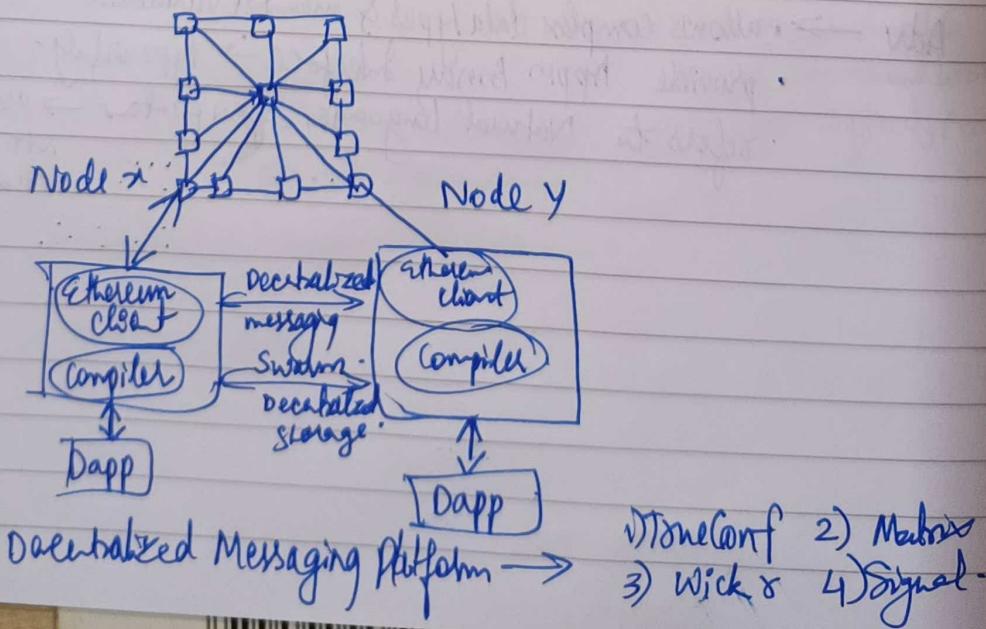
* Swarm -

- decentralized storage & commun' platform.
- deliver permissionless, censorship resistant by blockchain.
- provide a range of Web 3.0 services including messaging, music & video streaming & hosting database.
- base layer Influx for fully decentralized internet.
- Basically a giant distributed hashtable (DHT).
- decentralized protocols → IPFS, BitTorrent use DHT storage.
- Distributed storage chunks (DSC) underlying storage model for Swarm.
- Swarm cuts data in chunks → each chunk → max of 4 KB



* Whisper -

- Decentralized, peer-to-peer, censor resistant, messaging communication protocol that DApp uses to communicate with each other.



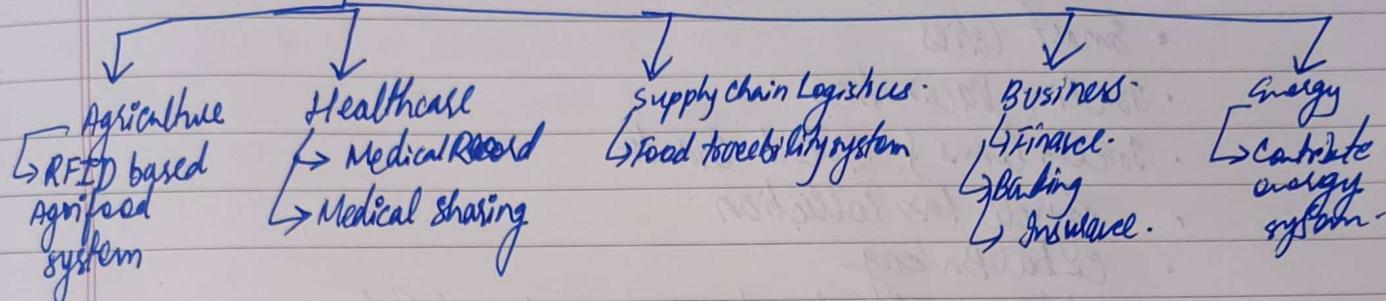
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Blockchain Case Studies -

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* Blockchain Appln



* Blockchain in Retail -

- 1) Supply chain/inventory oversight
- 2) Taxation [due to transparency of ledger]
- 3) Preventing fraud & counterfeits goods
- 4) Digital identity management for customers

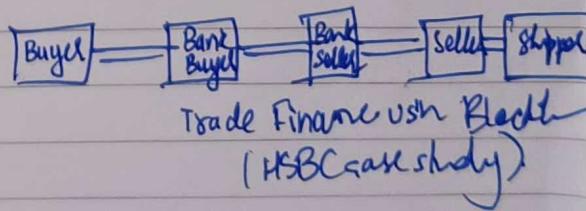
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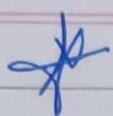
- Reducing streamline Tax
- Reducing cyber crime
- Proper Inventory Management
- use of crypto as payment method

* Banking & Finance -

- Trade Finance -
- 1) Letter of Credit [Bank does that once buyer will pay seller once items have been received.]
- 2) Bill of Lading [shipper to recipient].

Adv → 1) Trust Mechanism
2) Fraud & Authority
3) Reduced times
4) Traceability
5) Information transmission.





Govt Sector & Public Sector -

- Smart Cities
- Tracking Vaccinations
- Tracking loans & Student Grants
- Payroll tax collection
- Central Banking
- Validation of Education & Professional Qualifications.
- Voting



Healthcare -

- Supply chain transparency.
- Patient centric electronic health records.
- smart contracts for insurance & supply chain settlement
- medical staff credential verification
- IoT security for remote monitoring .



IOT use cases -

- Distribution
- Immutability
- Decentralization .