

# AN INTRODUCTION TO BLOCKCHAIN

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- BLOCKCHAIN EXPERT CONSULTING
  - TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN
  - BUSINESS IMPACT ANALYSIS
  - PROOF-OF-CONCEPT & PILOT PROJECT MGMT
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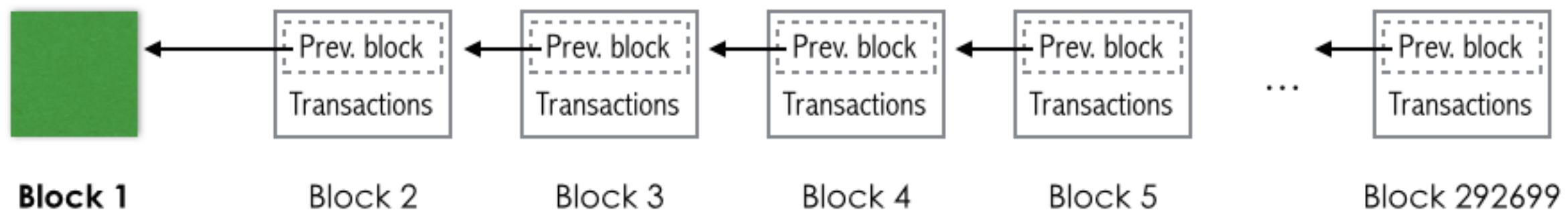


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# WHAT IS A BLOCKCHAIN?

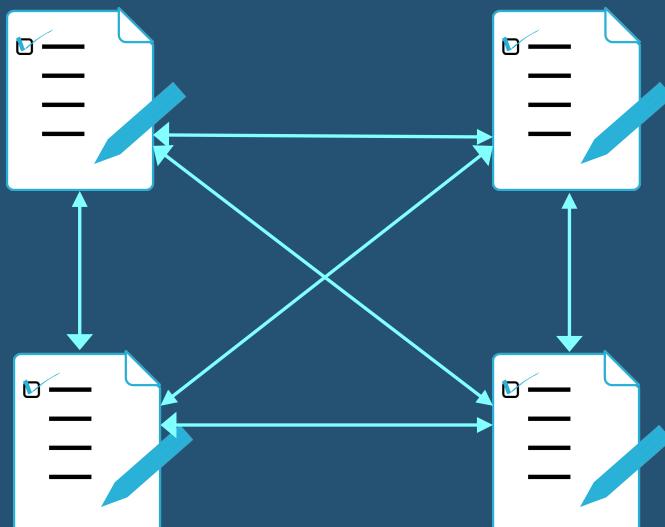
## Transaction Log



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.”

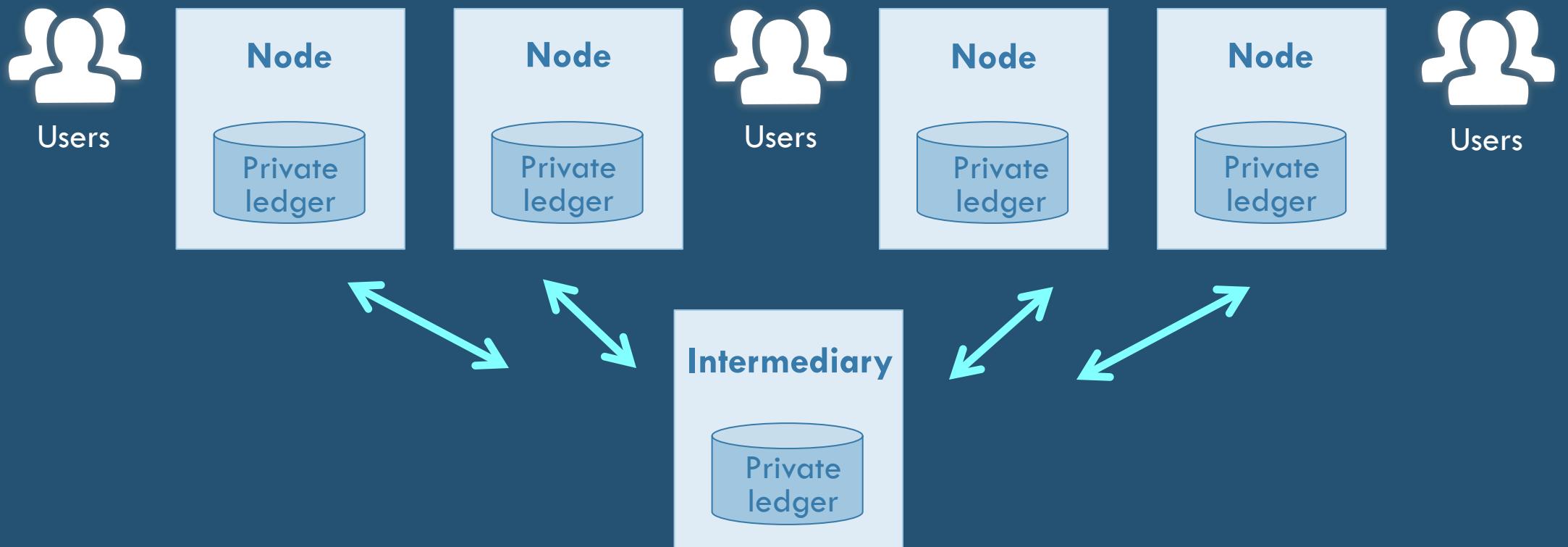
- Satoshi Nakamoto, 2008

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

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

# THE WORLD BEFORE BLOCKCHAIN

Multiple parties transacting business on a network ...

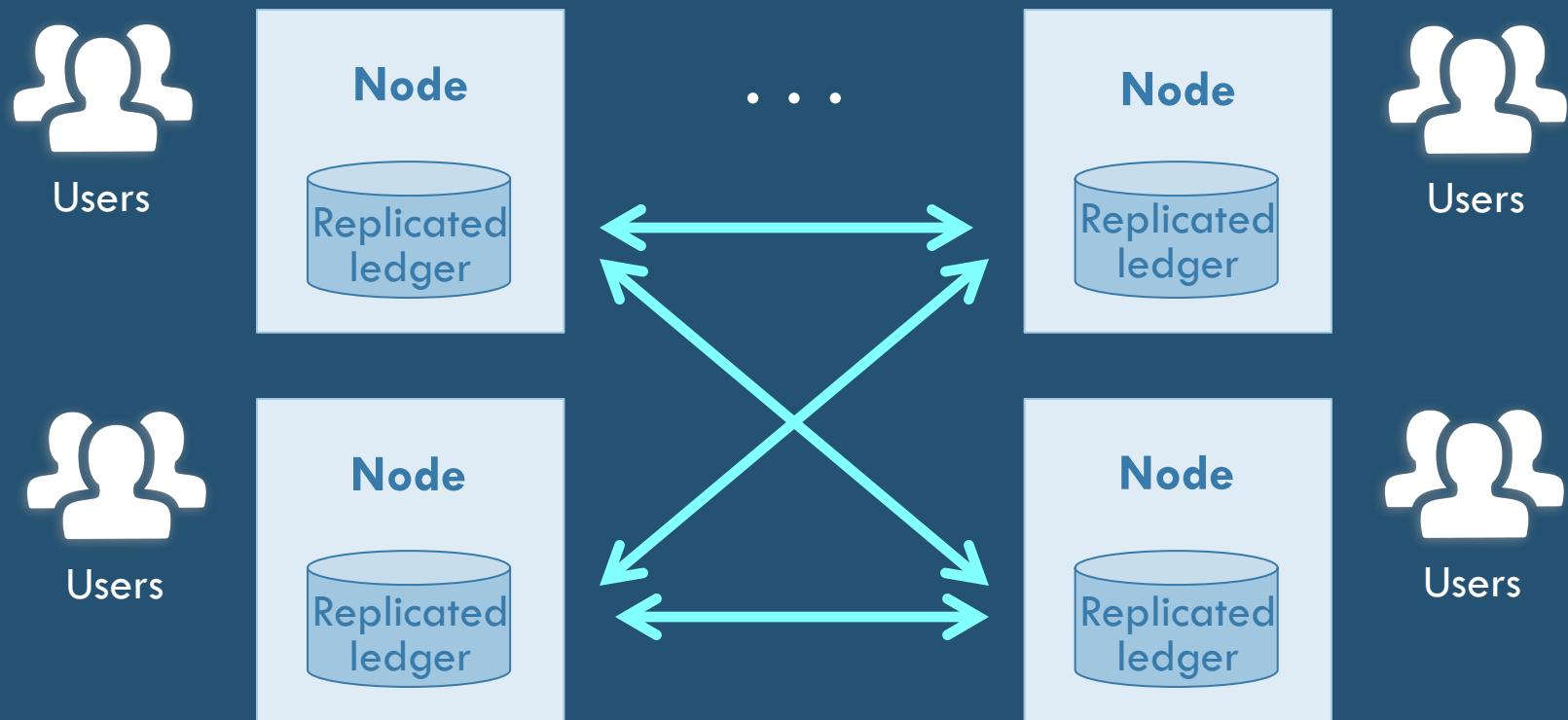


Inefficiencies / Delays  
Extra Transaction Costs  
Security Exposures

... through 3<sup>rd</sup>-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.

[BUY BITCOIN →](#) [LEARN MORE →](#) [GET A FREE WALLET →](#)

**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**

**SEARCH**

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

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

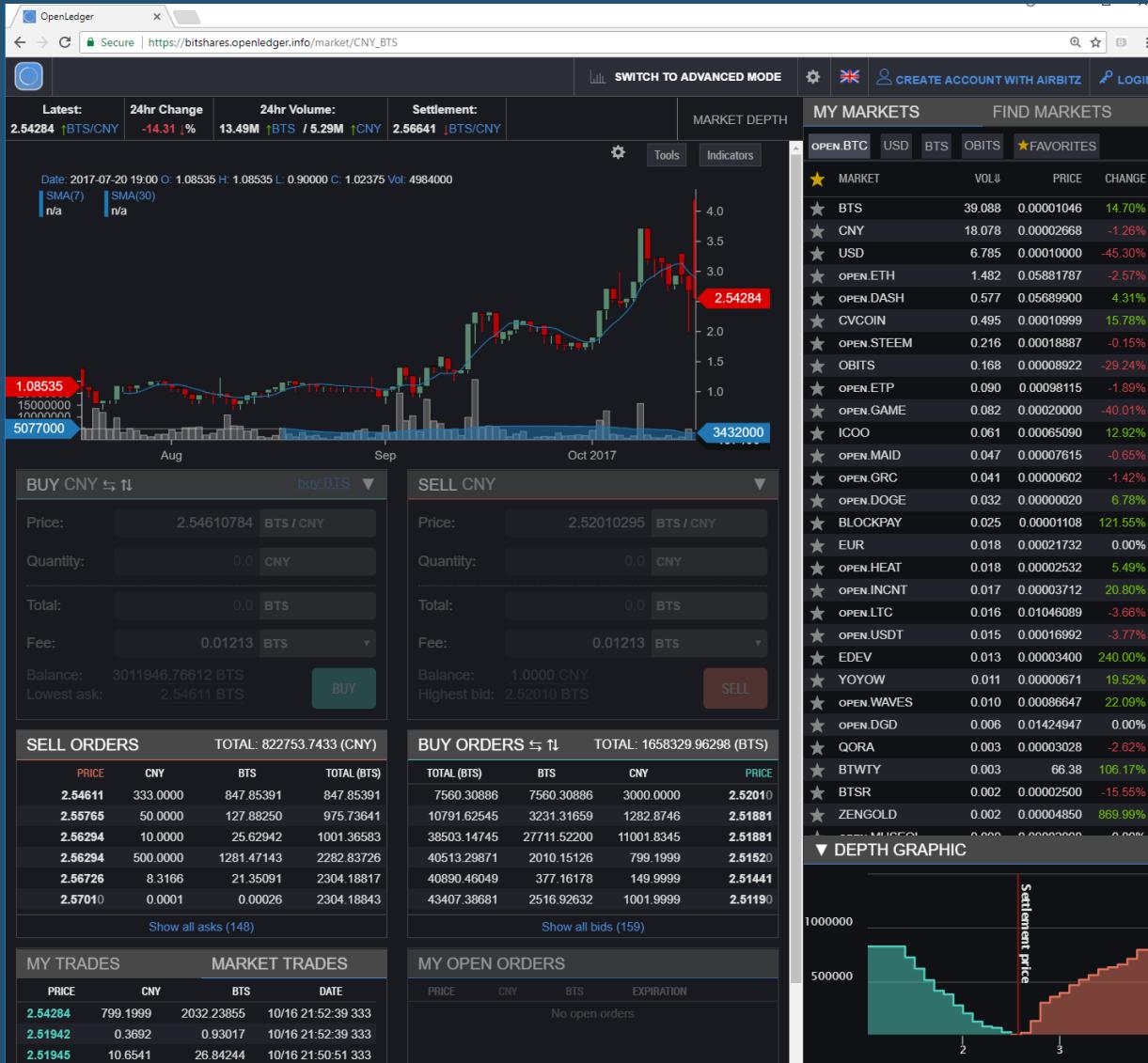
**1 BTC = \$5629.12**

[Interactive Chart →](#)

A line chart showing the price of Bitcoin over time. The Y-axis represents price in US dollars, ranging from 1k to 6k. The X-axis shows dates from July 2017 to October 2017. The price starts around \$2000 in July, rises to about \$3000 by August, dips slightly, then trends upwards to approximately \$5629.12 by October.

# WHAT DOES A BLOCKCHAIN LOOK LIKE?

Digital  
Exchange  
Marketplace



# Digital Content Distribution

# WHAT DOES A BLOCKCHAIN LOOK LIKE?

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the Steemit website. The header reads "Trending posts — Steemit" and "steemit | trending new hot promoted". The main heading is "Money talks." with the subtext "Your voice is worth something. Join the community that pays you to post and curate high quality content." Below this is a decorative banner featuring various icons related to blockchain and digital media. The main content area displays several trending posts:

- SMTs Explainer: Centralized vs. Decentralized Cryptocurrency Rewards; Copyright Rev Shares [VIDEO]**  
Hey Steemians, We're bringing you another video on the important nuances of Smart Media Tokens (SMTs). I've...  
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- Announcing: APPICS | The Next Generation Social APP | First Smart Media Token!**  
Recently, Steemit CEO @ned announced the new concept of smart media tokens for the Steem Blockchain. S...  
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- Travel with me #91 : The National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, Taipei!**  
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- YeeHaw Baby! @sirlunchthehost Travel Vlog to HOUSTON, TEXAS STEEMIT Meet Up + A Look at the Studio I'll be working in. + Meeting @instructor2121 for the 1st time in person & making an ass of myself**  
Har Har Har! Whats mannerful everybody! Your Favorite Vlogger here..Yeah the one everybody thought was de...  
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- Bitshares GUI Release v2.0.171015**  
Summary This is our most feature rich release so far. It does include a number of bug fixes as well, solving a fe...  
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- Tim Travels – Cala de Moro**  
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- Ned Scott On The Crypto Show About "Smart Media Tokens"**  
On tonight's episode of "The Crypto Show," we interview Ned Scott, CEO and Founder of Steemit, abo...  
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**Tags and Topics**

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- story
- spanish
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- writing
- funny
- cn
- money
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- music
- poetry
- health
- science
- love
- travel

# BENEFITS OF BLOCKCHAIN

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

# “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  
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**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

# “STATE OF BLOCKCHAIN” (CONSENSUS 2017)

**Blockchain is  
Taking Off**

**Blockchain is  
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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ADVANTUS | CAPITAL  
MANAGEMENT

Medtronic

LAND O'LAKES, INC.

bluestem  
brands, inc.

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# BLOCKCHAIN CONCEPTS – USER POINT-OF-VIEW



Alice



Bob



Charlie



Mallory

# WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET

- Drivers License
- SSN Card
- Checkbook
- Bank Card

- Paper Currency
- Coin Currency
- Loyalty Card
- Stock Certificate



Identity

Transferability

Validity

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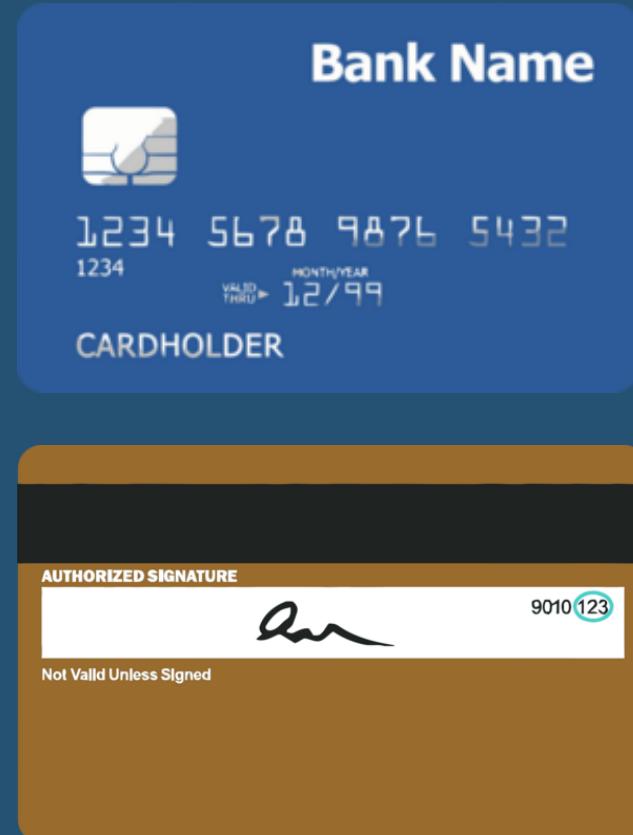
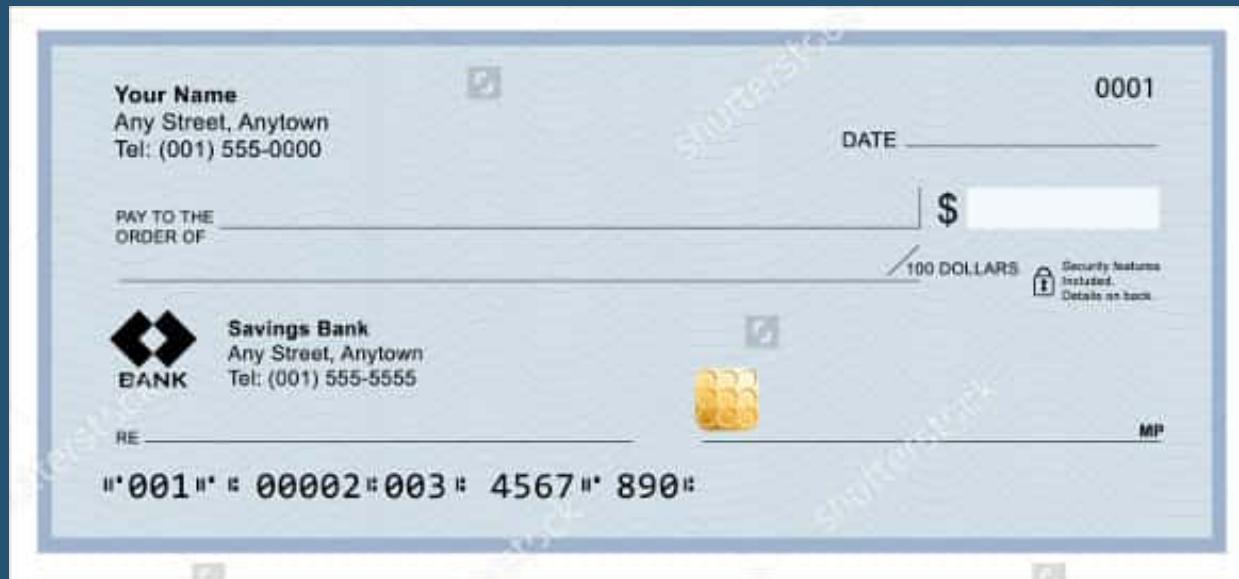
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AP	3/3/17	Verizon - Phone Bill	70 05			410 02
AD	3/3/17	ABC Company - Paycheck			1,025 57	1,435 59
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2116, TD	3/5/17	Red Cross Donation	50 00			1,285 59

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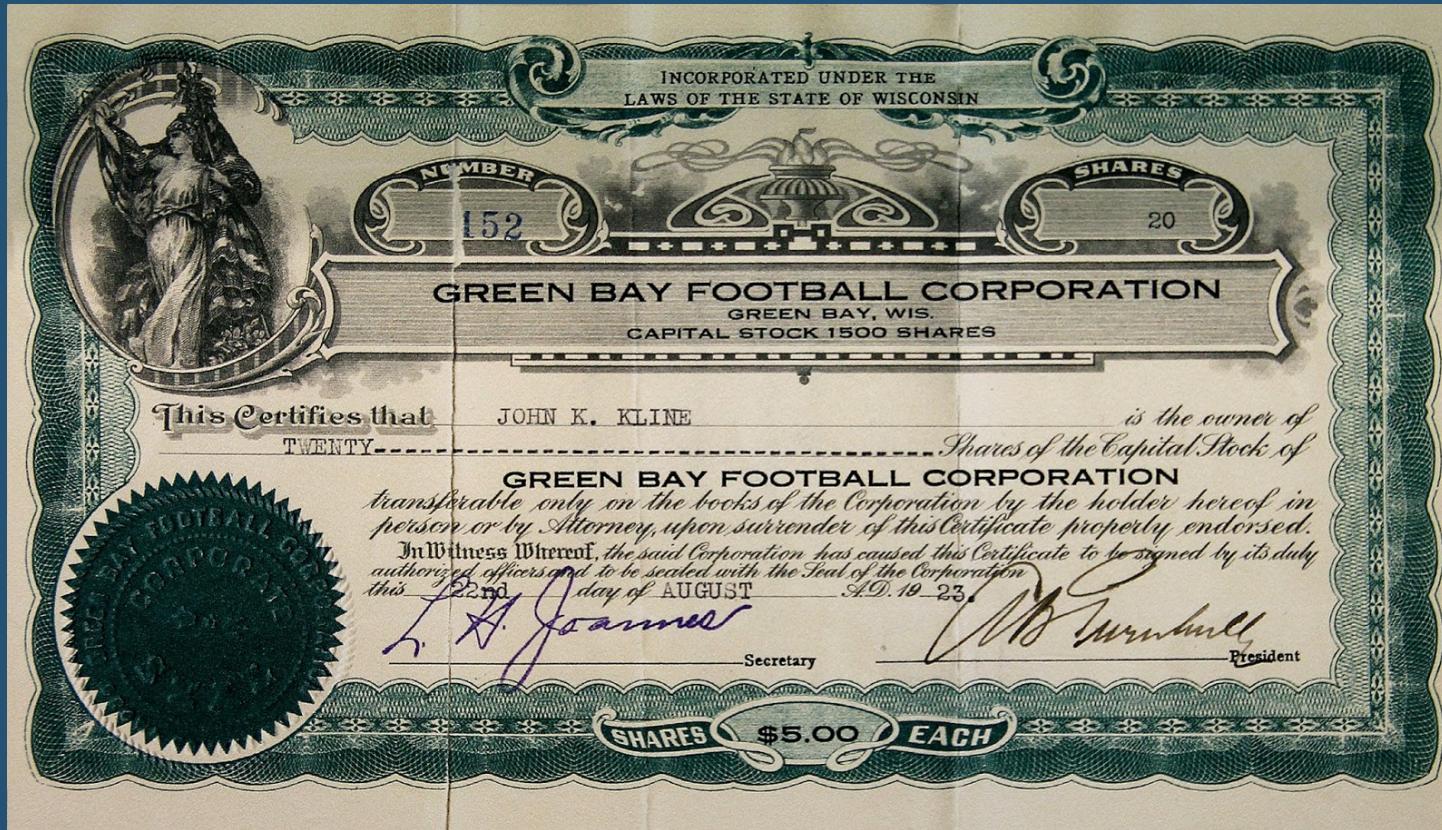


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Identity

Exchange Method

Asset

Contract

# EXCHANGE METHODS

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

TRUST



# SHORTCOMINGS OF EXISTING EXCHANGE METHODS

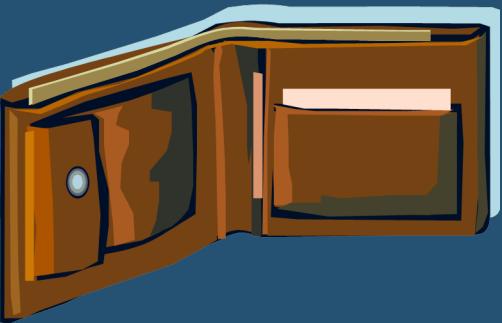
- Cash
- Bank Card
- Loyalty Card
- Foreign Exchange
- Market
- Slow, costly settlement
- Centralized
  - Silos
  - Opaque
  - Trusted intermediaries
- Error, fraud prone



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



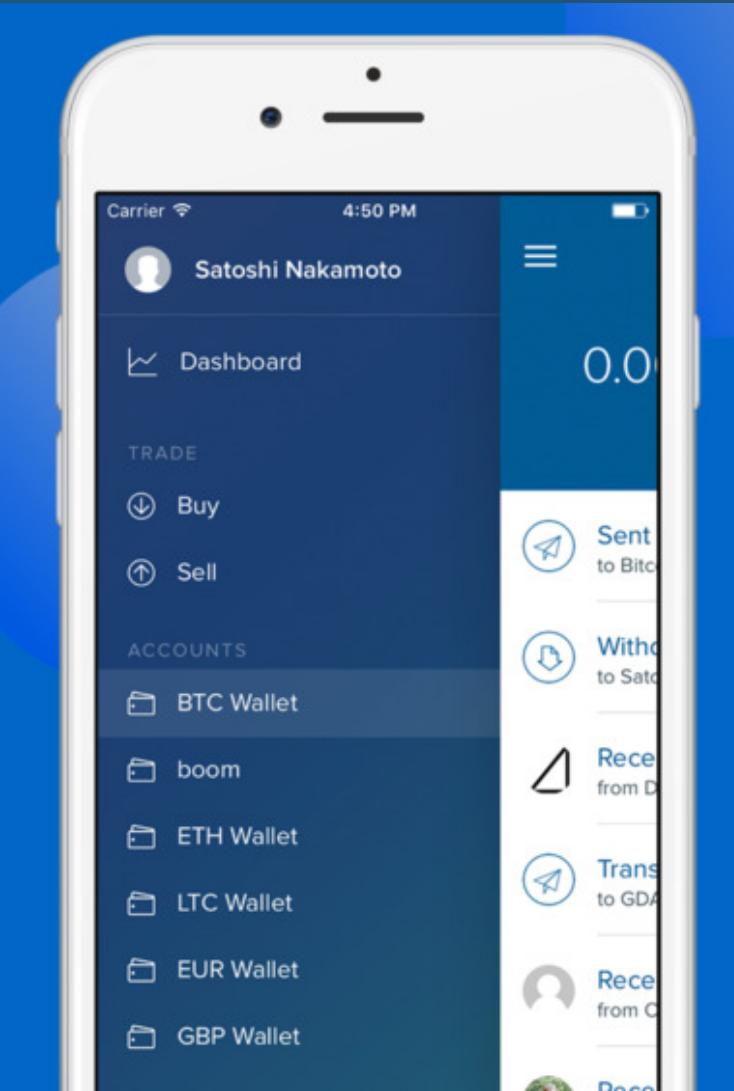
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Public Address



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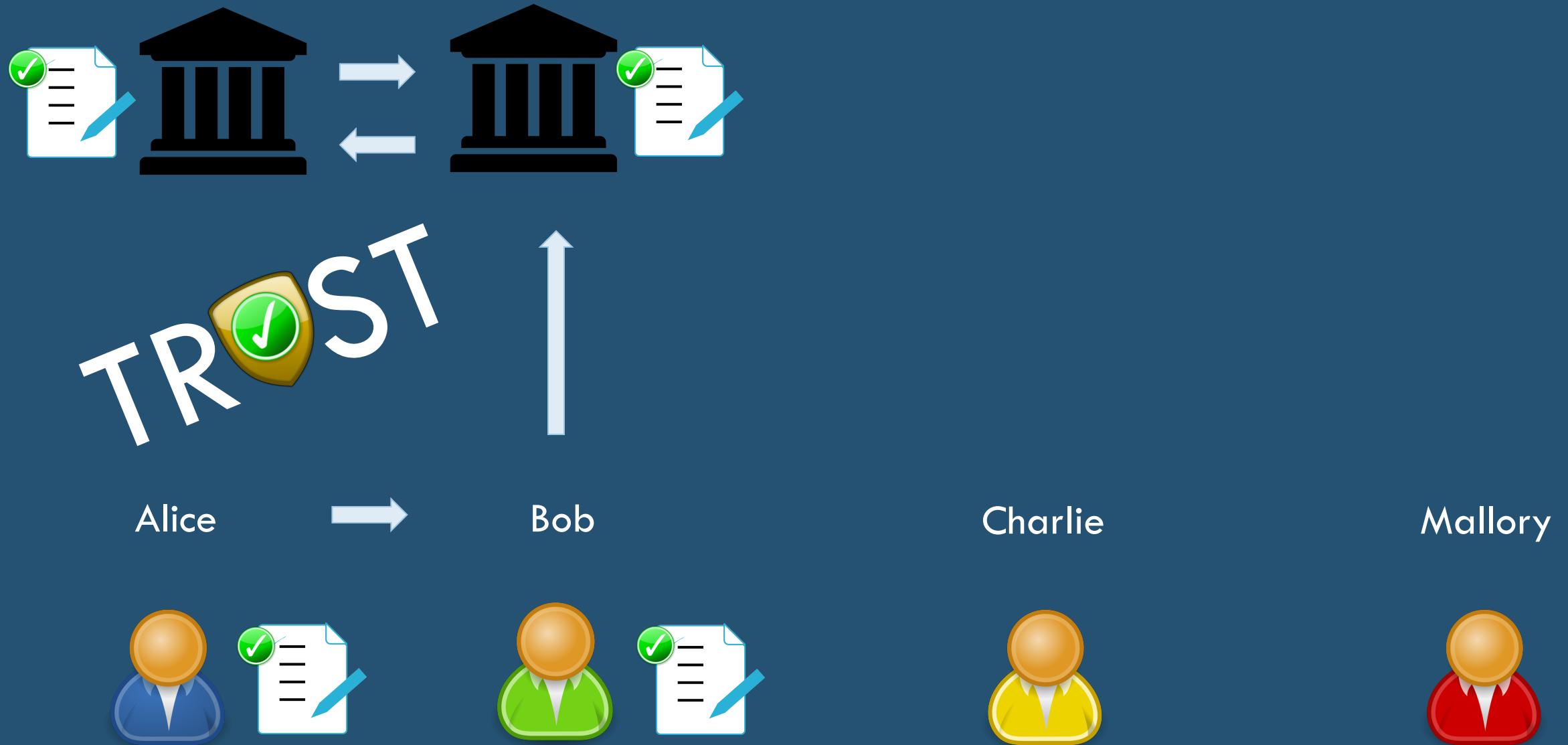
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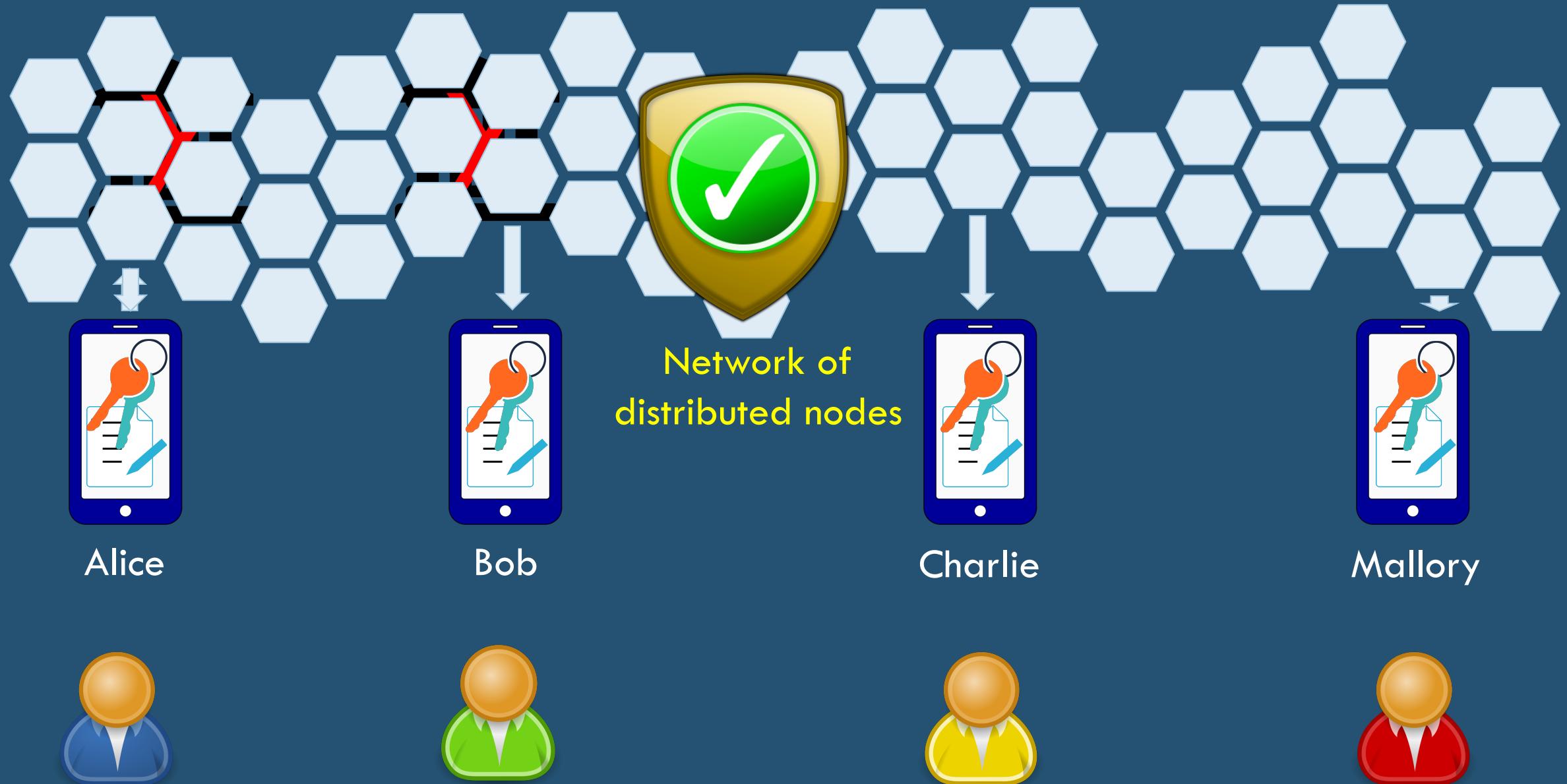


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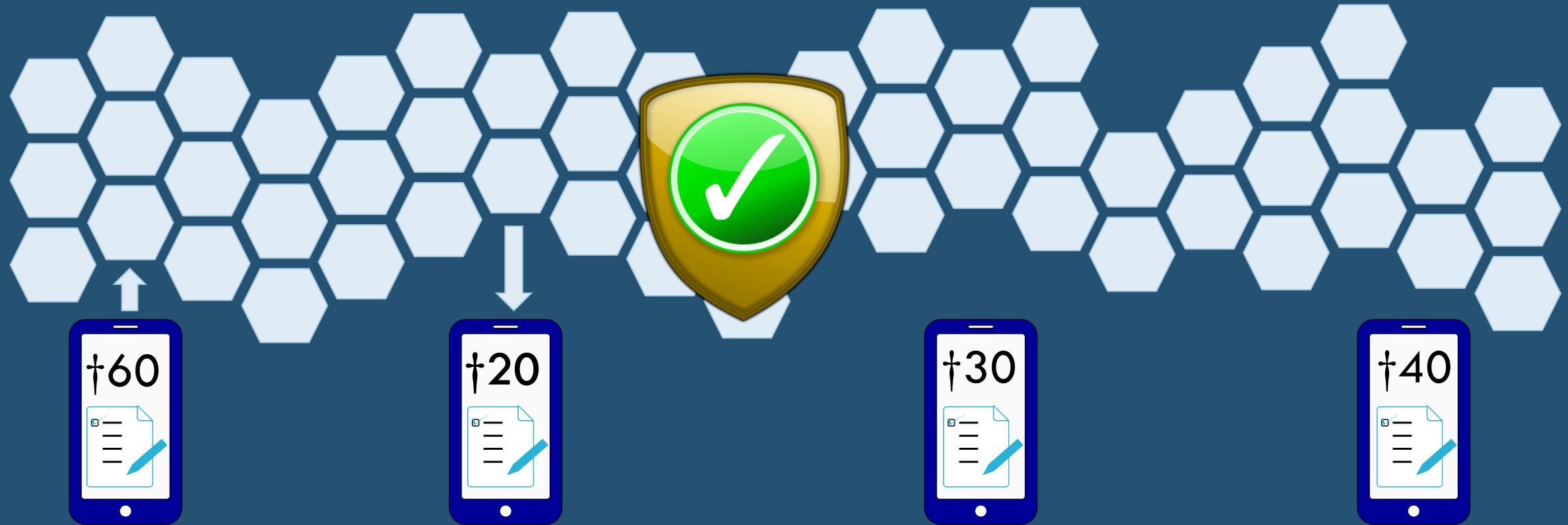
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# EXAMPLE: BLOCKCHAIN TRANSFER



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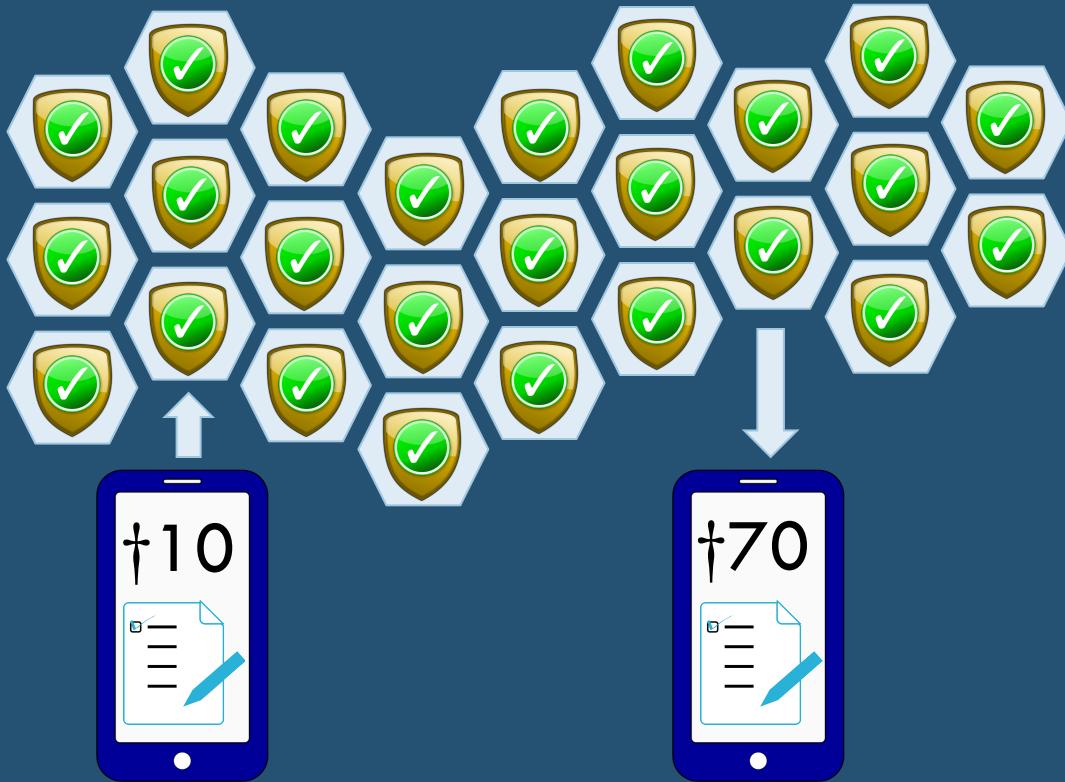
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# EXAMPLE: NETWORK VALIDATION



# EXAMPLE: NODE VALIDATION



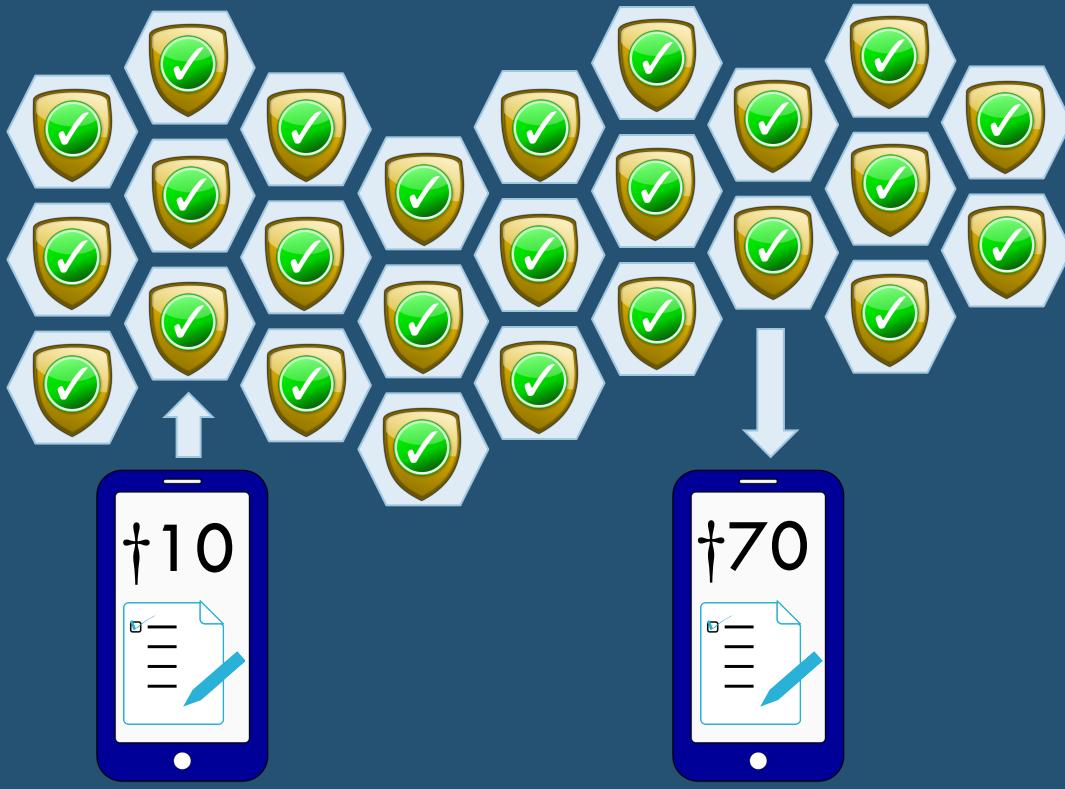
## Mining Node



Replicated Ledger

I ALICE, transfer 10 TOKEN to BOB, signed ALICE

# EXAMPLE: NODE VALIDATION



Received 10 TOKEN from ALICE

I ALICE, transfer 10 TOKEN to BOB, signed ALICE



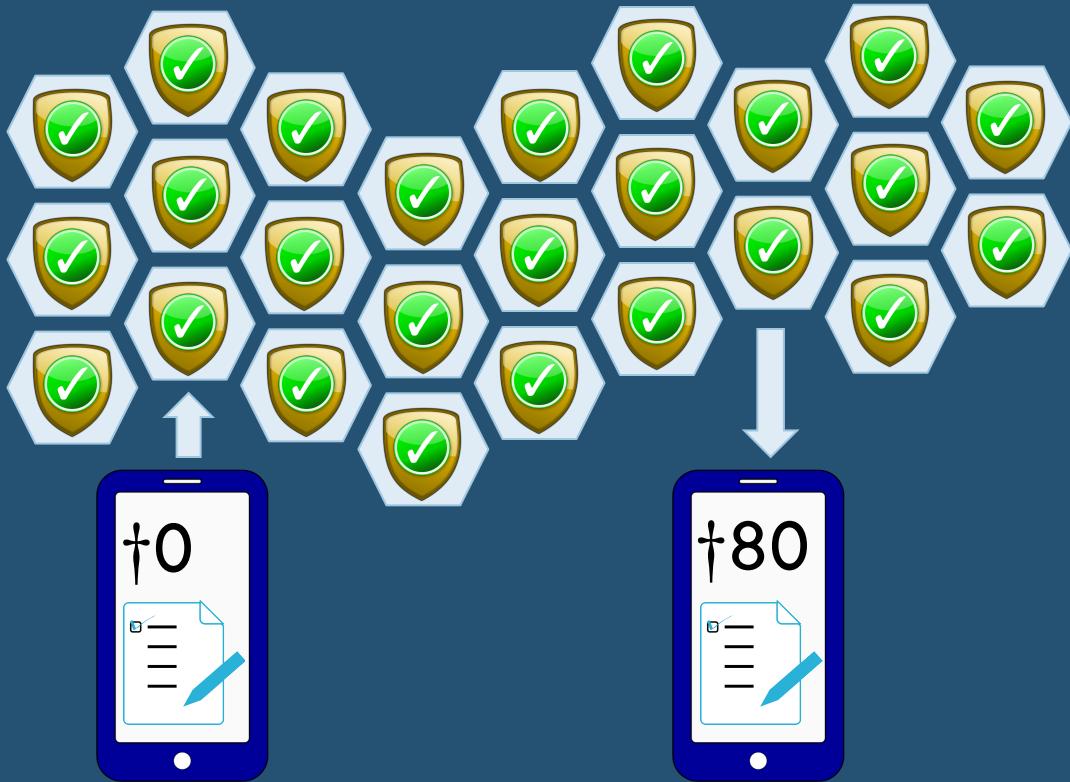
Competition to append  
valid transactions



Key Generation



# EXAMPLE: NODE VALIDATION



Received 10 TOKEN from ALICE

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## Mining Node



Winning node is rewarded  
for generating correct key

# AN IMMUTABLE LEDGER



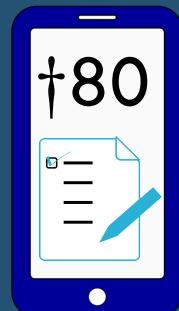
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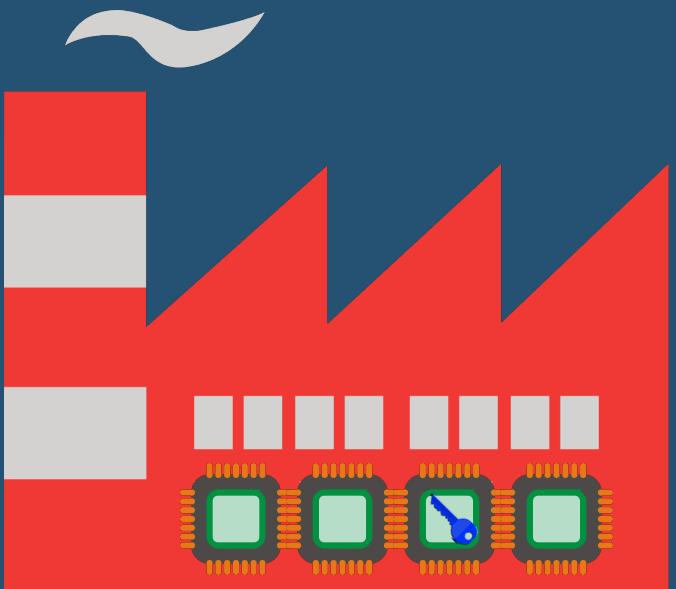


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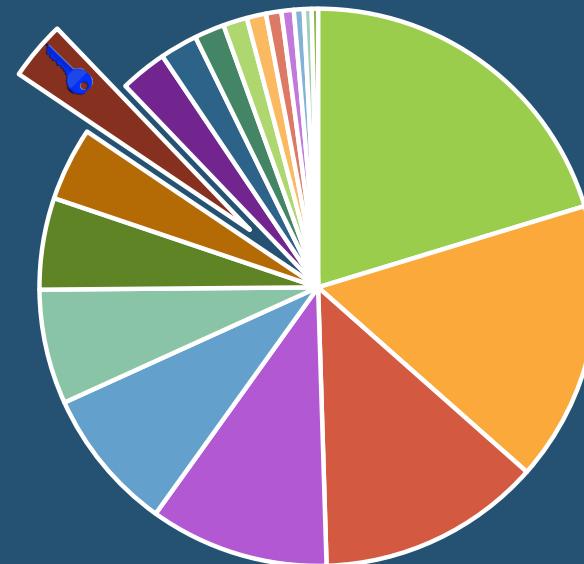
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## Proof of Work



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

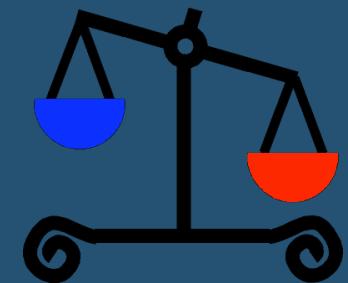
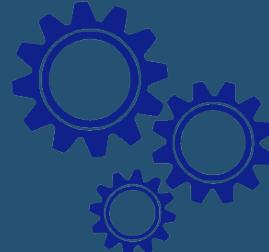
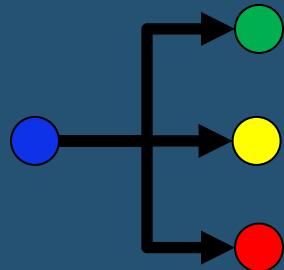
## Proof of Stake



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

# SMART CONTRACTS

Business Logic → Contract Code → Execution → Settlement



# FLAVORS OF BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS

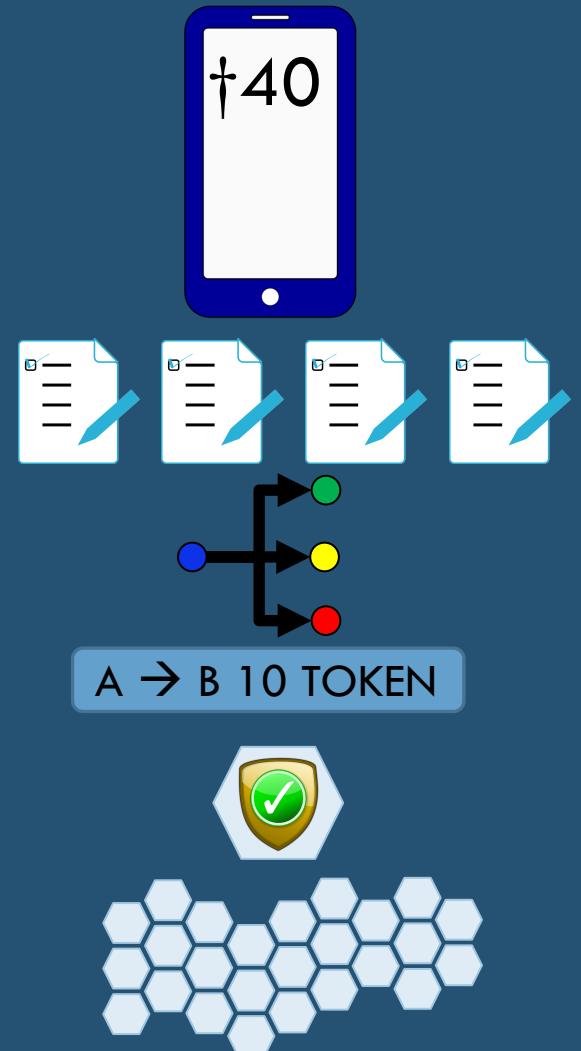
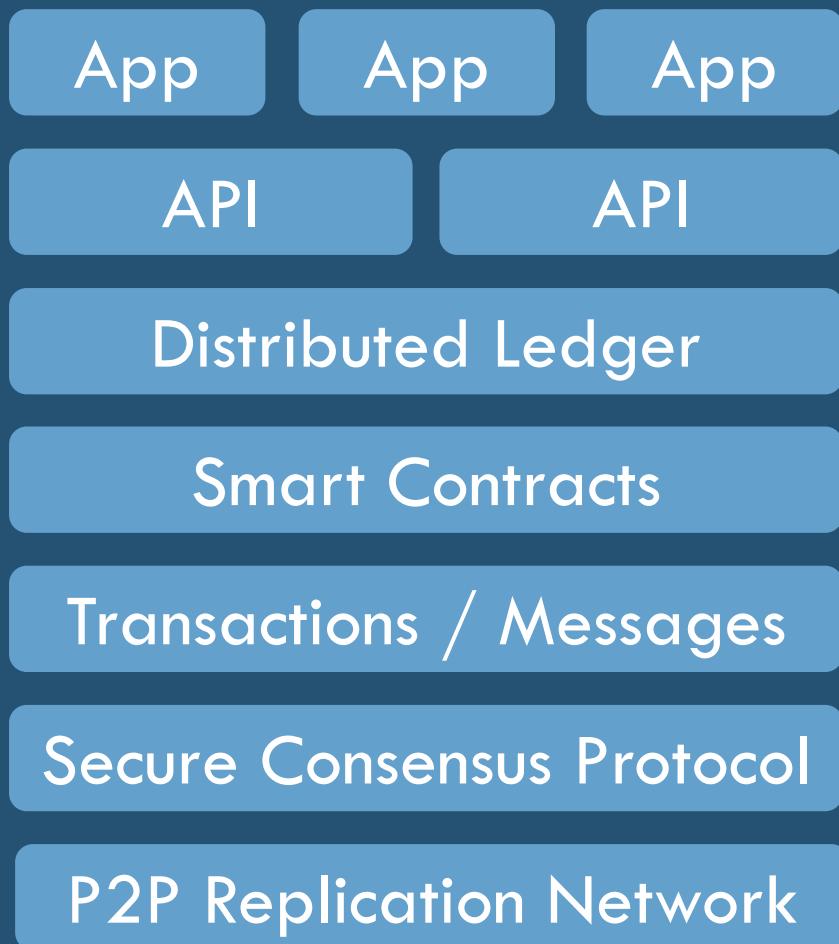
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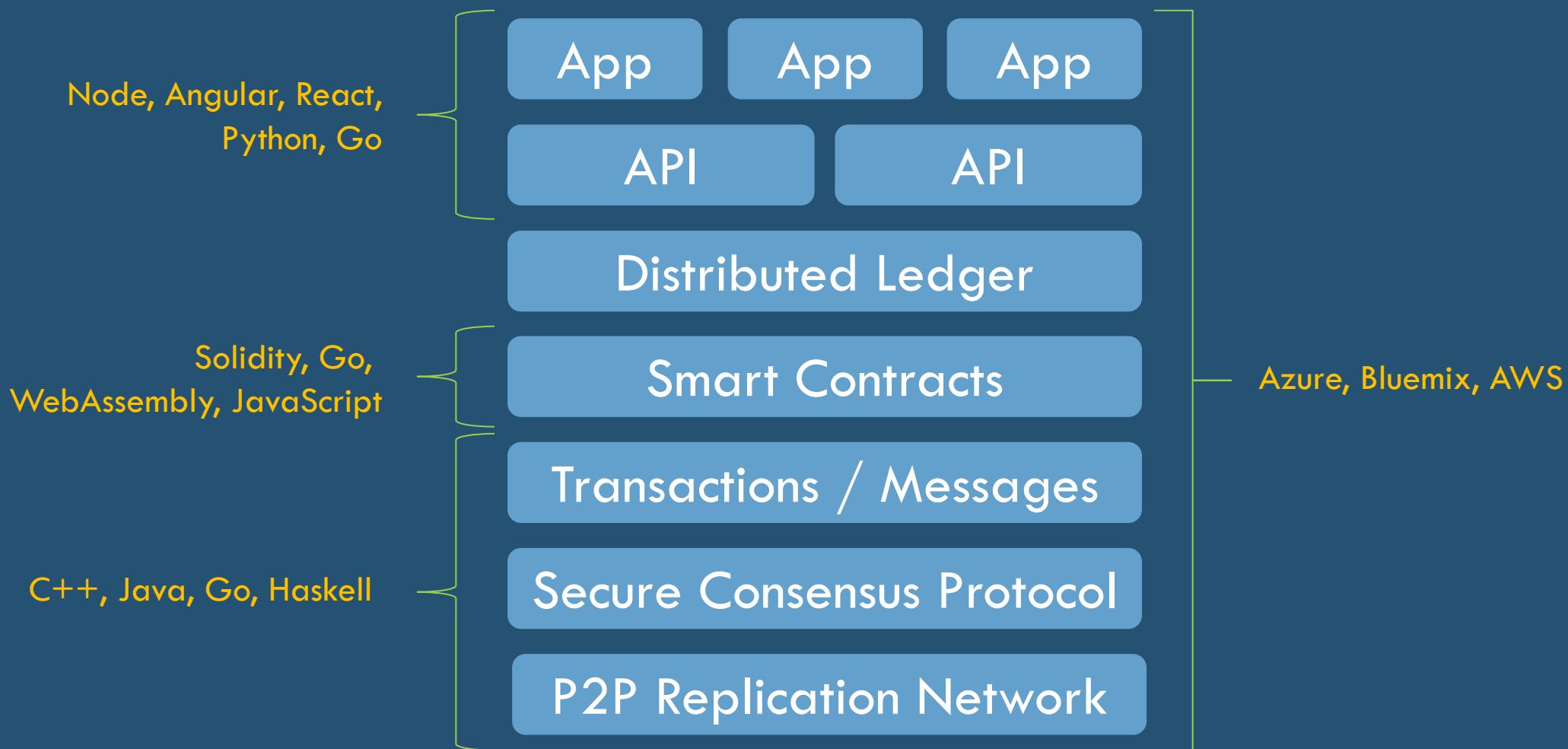
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# BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY STACK



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## Languages and Skill Used by Design Team



# 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

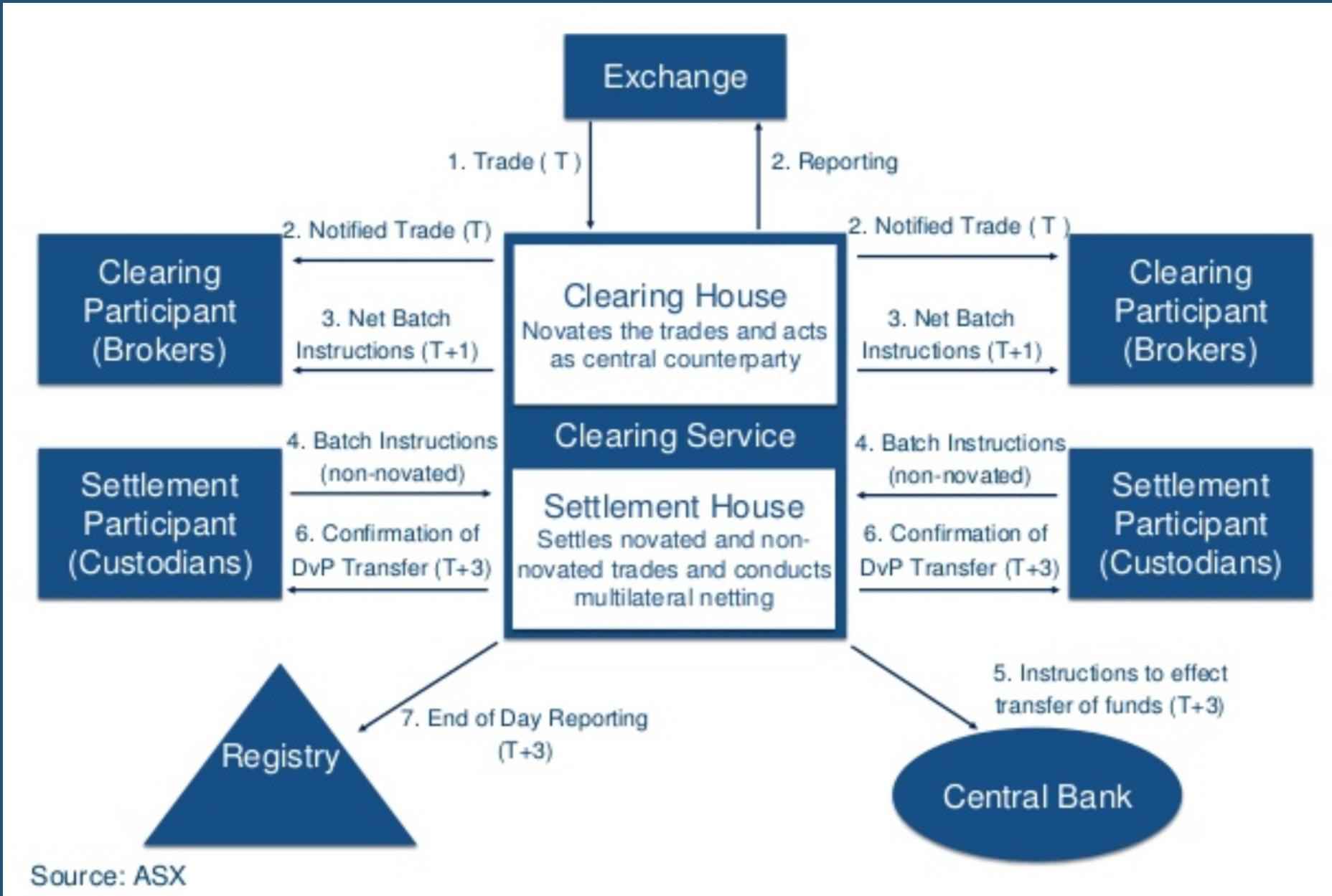
## Consumer Marketing

- Loyalty points management

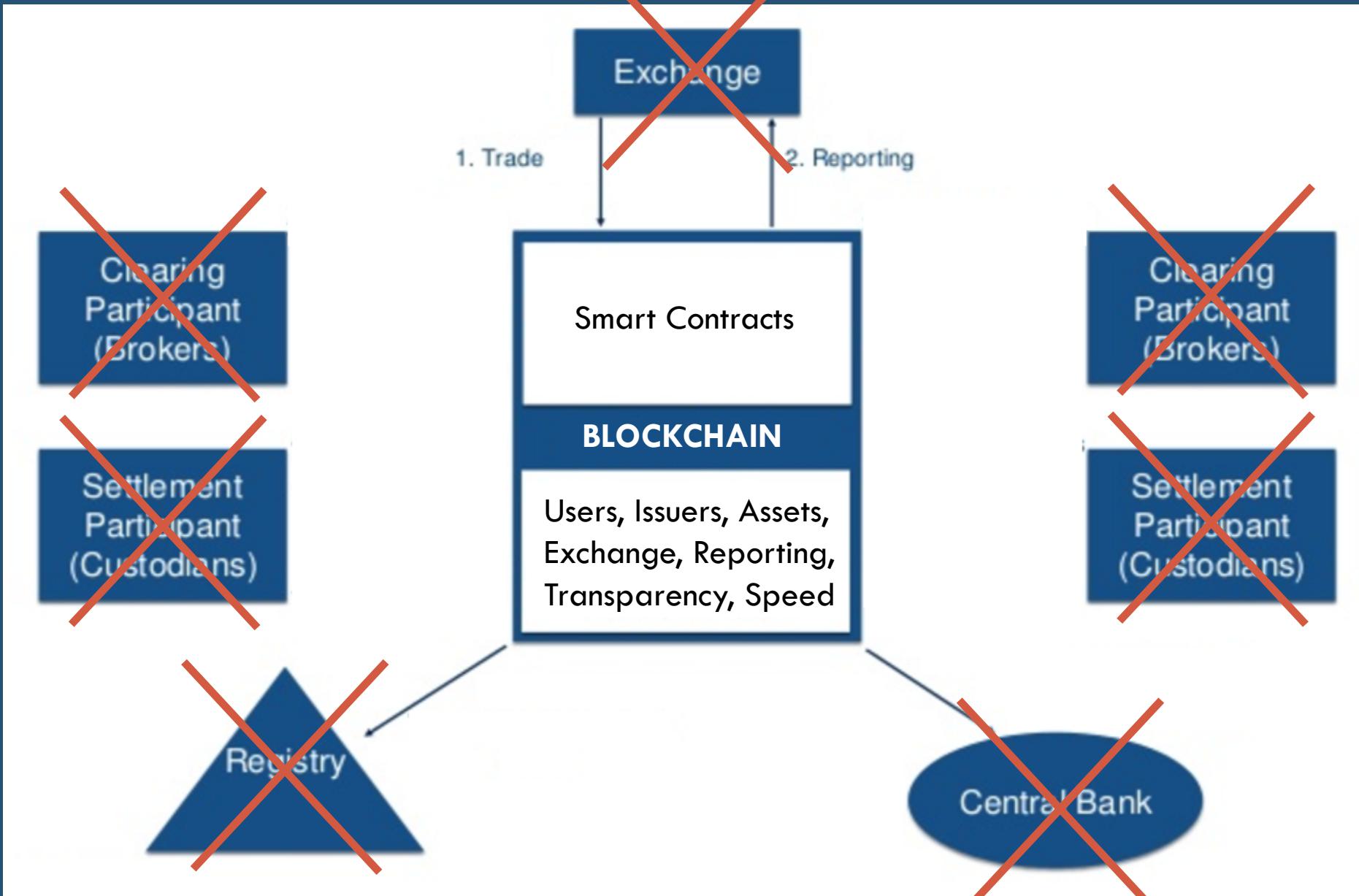
## Contracts

- Real estate
- Music
- Royalties

# EXAMPLE: TRADE SETTLEMENT (T+3)



# EXAMPLE: TRADE SETTLEMENT (BLOCKCHAIN)



# 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.

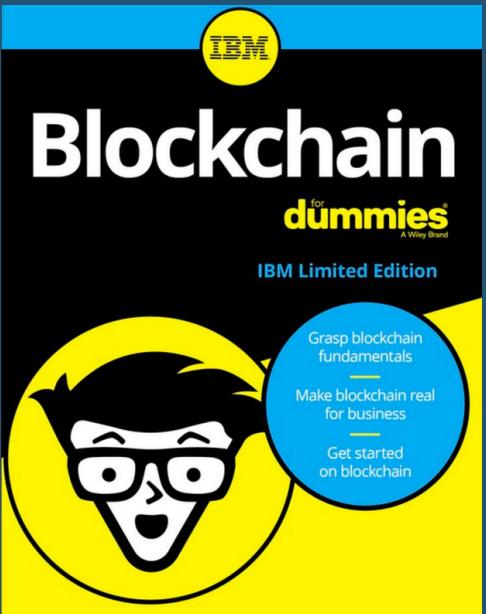
Blockchain uses cryptography and consensus to update the ledger and make it "hack-proof".

Blockchain can support many industry use cases beyond digital currencies.

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

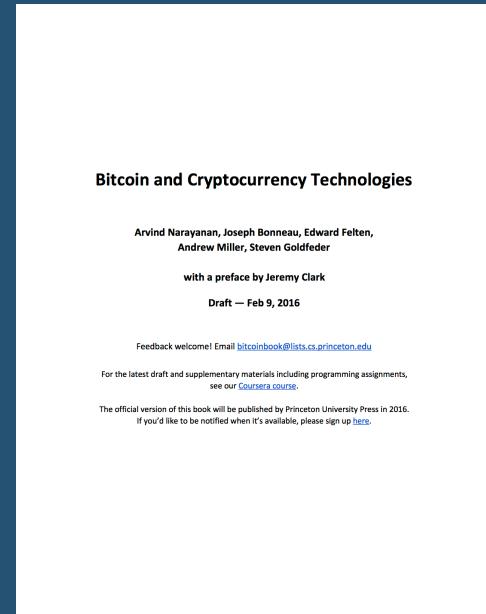
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[IBM Blockchain  
For Dummies](#)

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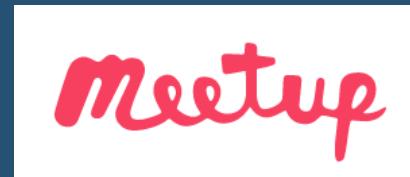
[Princeton Blockchain  
Textbook & Course](#)

videos



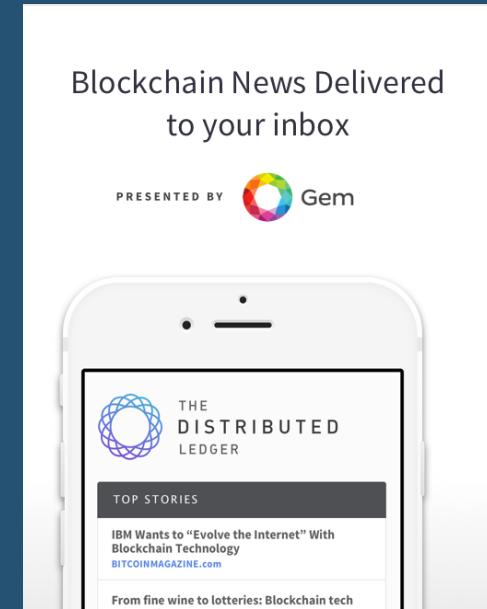
Khan Academy, ...

meetups



Women in Blockchain  
Enterprise Blockchain

online news



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# HELPFUL RESOURCES (LINKS)

<b>starter</b>	<b>IBM Blockchain for Dummies</b>	<a href="https://www.ibm.com/common/ssi/cgi-bin/ssialias?htmlfid=XIM12354USEN">https://www.ibm.com/common/ssi/cgi-bin/ssialias?htmlfid=XIM12354USEN</a>
<b>advanced</b>	<b>Princeton Blockchain Textbook</b>	<a href="https://d28rh4a8wq0iu5.cloudfront.net/bitcointech/readings/princeton_bitcoin_book.pdf">https://d28rh4a8wq0iu5.cloudfront.net/bitcointech/readings/princeton_bitcoin_book.pdf</a>
<b>videos</b>	<b>Khan Academy (Bitcoin)</b>	<a href="https://www.khanacademy.org/economics-finance-domain/core-finance/money-and-banking#bitcoin">https://www.khanacademy.org/economics-finance-domain/core-finance/money-and-banking#bitcoin</a>
<b>meetup</b>	<b>Women in Blockchain Meetup (@ Improving)</b>	Contact Barb Gurstelle @ Improving
<b>meetup</b>	<b>Enterprise Blockchain Meetup (@ downtown Minneapolis)</b>	<a href="https://www.meetup.com/Enterprise-BlockChain-Meetup/">https://www.meetup.com/Enterprise-BlockChain-Meetup/</a>
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