# Bitcoin Mechanics

**Transactions** 

## Recap: Bitcoin Script

```
<sig>
<pub/>
<pub/>
y
OP_DUP
OP_HASH160
<pub/>
<pub/>
y
OP_EQUALVERIFY
OP_CHECKSIG
```

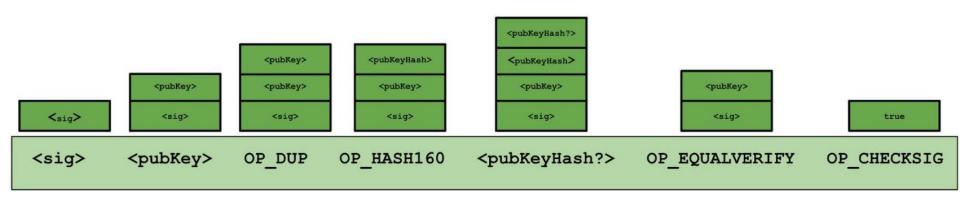
#### Recap: a P2PKH script

```
<sig> <pk> DUP HASH256 <pkhash> EQVERIFY CHECKSIG
```

```
stack: empty
                                           init
       <sig> <pk>
                                           push values
       <sig> <pk> <pk>
                                           DUP
       <sig> <pk> <hash>
                                           HASH256
       <sig> <pk> <hash> <pkhash>
                                           push value
       <sig> <pk>
                                           EQVERIFY
                                           CHECKSIG
                                               verify(pk, Tx, sig)
   ⇒ successful termination
```

#### Recap: stack operation

The validation



#### Recap: P2PKH

Alice specifies recipient's pk in UTXO<sub>B</sub>

Recipient's pk is not revealed until UTXO is spent (the 1<sup>st</sup> usage) (some security against attacks on pk)

 Miner cannot change <Addr<sub>B</sub>> and steal funds: invalidates the signature that created the UTXO<sub>B</sub>

#### **Practice**

- Before P2PKH, there used to be P2PK
  - That is, pay-to-public-key
  - What would the scriptpk and scriptsig be like in such transaction?

'transaction malleability' caused the system to be subject to theft, and that something needed to be done by the core devs to fix it.

Gox's own workaround solution was criticized, and eventually a fix was provided by Blockchain.info. The truth, it turns out, is that the damage had already been done. At this point 744,408 BTC are missing due to malleability-related theft which went unnoticed for several years.

"For several weeks MtGox customers have been affected by bitcoin withdrawal

issues that compounded on themselves. Publicly, MtGox declared that

The cold storage has been wiped out due to a leak in the hot wallet. The reality is that MtGox can go bankrupt at any moment, and certainly deserves to as a company."

#### **ECDSA** malleability:

- given (m, sig) anyone can create (m, sig') with sig ≠ sig'
- $\Rightarrow$  miner can change sig in Tx and change TxID = SHA256(Tx)
- ⇒ Tx issuer cannot tell what TxID is, until Tx is posted
- ⇒ leads to problems and attacks

**Segregated witness:** signature is moved to witness field in Tx TxID = Hash(Tx without witnesses)

- Malleability
  - A gold coin got hammered, so it is not round any more; will this gold coin be used later?
- Transaction Malleability
  - The signature of the transaction is modified a little; however, it is still a valid signature
  - Without accessing private key
  - Due to many reasons:
    - One example, OpenSSL verifies the signature not strictly
- The consequence
  - Txid will be changed

- mtgox attack:
  - An attacker applies an account in an exchange center; and deposit bitcoins in it
  - The attacker then apply a withdraw; the exchange center will initiate a transaction
  - The transaction will be broadcast to the network; but before the transaction is confirmed in the network, the attacker received the transaction and slightly modifies the scriptsig, generate a new transaction(still valid); and broadcast to the network

- After the hacker's new transaction is in the blockchain (the hacker can use the bitcoin now and the original transaction will be regarded as a double-spending), he would file a complain to the exchange center, saying he hasn't received the bitcoin yet
- The exchange center will check the blockchain with the original txid, which indeed is not included, so the exchange center will repay the hacker

### Segragated witness

- Segregated Witness, or SegWit, is the process by which the block size limit on a blockchain is increased by removing signature data from transactions that are included in each block.
  - Originally, there was no limit to the size of blocks.
     However, this allowed malicious actors to make up fake "block" data that was very long as a form of DoS attack
  - Block is constrained to a max size of one megabyte

#### Segragated witness

- Digital signature accounts for 65% of the space in a given transaction
- Segwit ignores the signature, therefore increase the one MB limit for block sizes to a little under four MB

### **Transaction Ops: multisig**

- Why OP\_CHECKMULSIG?
  - Added to bitcoin in 2011
  - requires specifying N public keys, and a parameter M, for a threshold, M-of-N multi-signature (2-of-3; 3-of-5)
  - M <Public Key 1> <Public Key 2> ... <Public Key N> N OP\_CHECKMULTISIG
  - Two-factor authentication wallet One private key is on your primary computer, the other on your smartphone — the funds cannot be spent without a signature from both devices

## multisig

- Why OP\_CHECKMULSIG?
  - 2-of-3: family expenditure, at least 2 of the family members agree on the expenditure
  - Escrow transaction:
    - Alice buys from bob; but they don't trust each other
    - They both trust Carol
    - Initiate a 2-of-3 transaction

### multisig

```
How does it work?

    To redeem: OP_0 ...signatures...

 • For example: 2-of-3

    Stack before OP checkmultisig

 3
 (pubKey3)
 (pubKey2)
 (pubKey1)
 (sig2)
 (sig1)
```

### Multi-sig

- 1. Pop n off of the stack (number of public keys)
- 2. Pop n public keys off of the stack.
- 3. Pop m off of the stack (number of required signatures)
- 4. Pop m signatures off of the stack.
- 5. Pop one more element off of the stack, and ignore it. (This is a bug, but it can't be fixed because this is consensus-critical code.)
- 6. Loop through all of the public keys, starting with the keys at the top of the stack.
  - 1 For each public key, check a single signature.
  - 2 For the first public key checked, start with the signature closest to the top of the stack.
  - 3 If it fails to verify, go to the next public key and check the same signature.
  - 4 If it succeeds, go to the next public key with the next signature.
  - 5 Note that the signatures need to be in the same order as the key's that they're signing for.
- 7. If all of the signatures succeeded with one of the keys, CHECKMULTISIG returns 1, otherwise 0.

#### Transaction types: P2SH: pay to script hash 2012

Let payer specify a redeem script (instead of just pkhash)

Usage: payee publishes hash(redeem script) ← Bitcoint addr. payer sends funds to that address

ScriptPK in UTXO: HASH160 <H(redeem script)> EQUAL

**ScriptSig** to spend:  $\langle sig_1 \rangle \langle sig_2 \rangle \dots \langle sig_n \rangle \langle redeem script \rangle$ 

payer can specify complex conditions for when UTXO can be spent

### Why P2SH?

- P2SH: pay-to-script-hash
  - P2SH means "pay to a script matching this hash, a script which will be presented later when this output is spent".

#### Table 5-4. Complex Script without P2SH

```
Locking Script 2 PubKey1 PubKey2 PubKey3 PubKey4 PubKey5 5 OP_CHECKMULTISIG
Unlocking Script Sig1 Sig2
```

#### Table 5-5. Complex Script as P2SH

```
Redeem Script 2 PubKey1 PubKey2 PubKey3 PubKey4 PubKey5 5 OP_CHECKMULTISIG

Locking Script 0P_HASH160 <20-byte hash of redeem script> OP_EQUAL

Unlocking Script Sig1 Sig2 redeem script
```

### Why P2SH?

- Complex scripts are replaced by shorter fingerprint in the transaction output, making the transaction smaller
- P2SH shifts the burden of constructing the script to the recipient not the sender
- P2SH shifts the burden in data storage for the long script from the output (which is in the UTXO set and therefore impacts memory) to the input (only stored on the blockchain)
- P2SH shifts the burden in data storage for the long script from the present time (payment) to a future time (when it is spent)
- P2SH shifts the transaction fee cost of a long script from the sender to the recipient who has to include the long redeem script to spend it

Miner verifies:

(1) <ScriptSig> ScriptPK = true ← payee gave correct script

(2) ScriptSig = true ← script is satisfied

# **Example P2SH:** multisig

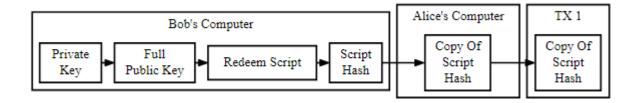
**Goal**: spending a UTXO requires t-out-of-n signatures

Redeem script for 2-out-of-3: (set by payer)

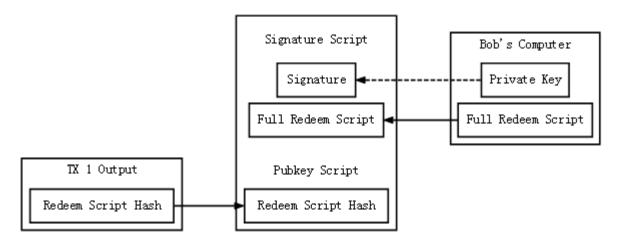
hash gives P2SH address

ScriptSig to spend: (by payee) <0> <sig1> <sig3> <redeem script>

- Alice pays to Bob in P2SH (pay to P2SH)
  - scriptPubkey:
  - OP\_HASH160 [20-byte-hash-value] OP\_EQUAL



- Spend P2SH
  - ...signatures... {serialized script}



Spending A P2SH Output

#### **P2SH** example

- The script is a 2-of-3 multisig script
  - go-bitcoin-multisig keys --count 3 --concise

```
KEY #1
Private kev:
5 TruagvxNLXTnkksvLMfgFgf3CagT3Ekxu5oGxpTm5mPfTAPez3
Public key hex:
04a882d414e478039cd5b52a92ffb13dd5e6bd4515497439dffd691a0f12af9575fa349b5694ed3155b136f09e63975a17
Public Bitcoin address:
1 JzVFZSN1kxGLTHG41EVvY5gHxLAX7o1Rh
KEY #2
Private kev:
5 IX3 aAwDEEaapvLXRfbXRMSivRgRSW9WigxevIQWwBugbudCwsk
Public kev hex:
046ce31db9bdd543e72fe3039a1f1c047dab87037c36a669ff90e28da1848f640de68c2fe913d363a51154a0c62d7adea1
Public Bitcoin address:
14JfSvgEq8A8S7qcvxeaSCxhn1u1L71vo4
KEY #3
Private kev:
```

### **P2SH Example**

 go-bitcoin-multisig address --m 2 --n 3 --public-keys 04a882d414e478039cd5b52a92ffb13dd5e6bd451549743 9dffd691a0f12af9575fa349b5694ed3155b136f09e63975 a1700c9f4d4df849323dac06cf3bd6458cd, 046ce31db9bdd543e72fe3039a1f1c047dab87037c36a66 9ff90e28da1848f640de68c2fe913d363a51154a0c62d7ad ea1b822d05035077418267b1a1379790187, 0411ffd36c70776538d079fbae117dc38effafb33304af83c e4894589747aee1ef992f63280567f52f5ba870678b4ab4f f6c8ea600bd217870a8b4f1f09f3a8e83

### P2SH example

• ------ Your \*P2SH ADDRESS\* is: 347N1Thc213QqfYCz3PZkjoJpNv5b14kBd Give this to sender funding multisig address with Bitcoin.

----- Your \*REDEEM SCRIPT\* is:

524104a882d414e478039cd5b52a92ffb13dd5e6bd4515497439dffd691a0 f12af9575fa349b5694ed3155b136f09e63975a1700c9f4d4df849323dac06 cf3bd6458cd41046ce31db9bdd543e72fe3039a1f1c047dab87037c36a669f f90e28da1848f640de68c2fe913d363a51154a0c62d7adea1b822d05035077418267b1a1379790187410411ffd36c70776538d079fbae117dc38effafb33304af83ce4894589747aee1ef992f63280567f52f5ba870678b4ab4ff6c8ea600bd217870a8b4f1f09f3a8e8353ae

• Keep private and provide this to redeem multisig balance later. ------

Description	redeemScript bytes	
OP_2	52	
Push 65 bytes to stack	41	
<pubkeya></pubkeya>	04a882d414e478039cd5b52a92ffb13dd5e6bd4515497439dffd691a0f12af9575fa349b5694ed3155b136f09e63975a1700c9f4 d4df849323dac06cf3bd6458cd	
Push 65 bytes to stack	41	
<pubkeyb></pubkeyb>	046ce31db9bdd543e72fe3039a1f1c047dab87037c36a669ff90e28da1848f640de68c2fe913d363a51154a0c62d7adea1b822d 05035077418267b1a1379790187	
Push 65 bytes to stack	41	
<pubkeyc></pubkeyc>	0411ffd36c70776538d079fbae117dc38effafb33304af83ce4894589747aee1ef992f63280567f52f5ba870678b4ab4ff6c8ea600 bd217870a8b4f1f09f3a8e83	
OP_3	53	
OP_CHECKMULTISIG	ae	

- P2SH address:
  - redeemScriptHash = RIPEMD160(SHA256(redeemScript))
  - P2SHAddress := base58check.Encode("05", redeemScriptHash)

	Description		Hex Bytes	
	Version byte		01000000	
	Input count		01	
	Previous tx hash (reverse	ed)	acc6fb9ec2c3884d3a12a89e7078c83853d9b7912281cefb14bac00a2737d33a	
	Output index		00000000	
<ul> <li>Alice's Transaction</li> </ul>	scriptSig length of 138 b	ytes	8a	
, mee a manaaction	scriptSig	Push 71 bytes to stack	47	
		<signature></signature>	304402204e63d034c6074f17e9c5f8766bc7b5468a0dce5b69578bd08554e8f21434c58e02 20763c6966f47c39068c8dcd3f3dbd8e2a4ea13ac9e9c899ca1fbc00e2558cbb8b01	
		Push 65 bytes to stack	41	
		<pub ey=""></pub>	0431393af9984375830971ab5d3094c6a7d02db3568b2b06212a7090094549701bbb9e84d 9477451acc42638963635899ce91bacb451a1bb6da73ddfbcf596bddf	
	Sequence  No. of outputs  Amount of 65600 in LittleEndian  scriptPubKey length of 23 bytes		mmm	
			01	10 14
			400001000000000	
			17	
	scriptPubKey	OP_HASH160	a9	
		Push 20 bytes to stack	14	
		redeemScriptHash	1a8b0026343166625c7475f01e48b5ede8c0252e	
		OP_EQUAL	87	
	locktime		00000000	

#### Bob's Transcation

scriptSig length of 349 bytes		fd5d01
scriptSig	OP_0	00
Push 71 bytes		47
	<sig a=""></sig>	30440220762ce7bca626942975bfd5b130ed3470b9f538eb2ac120c2043b445709369628022051d73c80328b543f744aa64b7e9ebefa7ade3e5c716eab4a09b408d2c307ccd701
	Push 72 bytes	48
	<sig c=""></sig>	3045022100abf740b58d79cab000f8b0d328c2fff7eb88933971d1b63f8b99e89ca3f2dae602203354770db3cc2623349c87dea7a50cee1f78753141a5052b2d58aeb592bcf50f01
	OP_PUSHDATA1	4c
	Push 201 bytes	с9
	<redeemscript></redeemscript>	524104a882d414e478039cd5b52a92ffb13dd5e6bd4515497439dffd691a0f12af9575fa349b5694ed3155b136f09e63975a1700c9f4d4df849323dac06cf3bd6458cd41046ce31db9bdd54

**Bob's Transaction** 

Amount of 55600 in LittleEndian

scriptPubKey length of 25 bytes

No. of outputs

scriptPubKey

OP\_DUP

OP\_HASH160

Push 20 bytes

<pub/>pubKeyHash>

OP\_CHECKSIG

OP\_EQUALVERIFY

01

569076ba39fc4ff6a2291d9ea9196d8c08f9c7ab

30d90000000000000

19

76

a9

14

88

ac

- Combining Alice's script pubkey & Bob Scirptsig
- <OP\_0> <sig A> <sig C> <redeemScript>
   <OP\_HASH160> <redeemScriptHash> <OP\_EQUAL>

- Stepping through this script:
- *OP 0* and the two signatures are added to the stack, kept for later.
- The redeemScript is added to the stack.
- OP\_HASH160 hashes our redeemScript.
- redeemScriptHash is added to the stack.
- OP\_EQUAL will compare OP\_HASH160(redeemScript) and redeemScriptHash and check for equality. This confirms that our spending transaction is providing the correct redeemScript.
- Now the redeemScript can be evaluated:
- <OP\_2> <A pubkey> <B pubkey> <C pubkey> <OP\_3> <OP\_CHECKMULTISIG>
- OP\_CHECKMULTISIG will look at the 3 public keys and 2 signatures in the stack, and compare them one by one. As stated earlier, the order of signatures matters here and must match the order that the public keys were provided in.

#### Base58

- Discrepancy:
  - In command line:
    - --destination 347N1Thc213QqfYCz3PZkjoJpNv5b14kBd
  - In Alice's transaction:
    - 1a8b0026343166625c7475f01e48b5ede8c0252e
  - 1a... is the hashed the result of redeem script
  - 347.... is the base58 encoded version of 1a8....
  - Why should the hash resulted be encoded again?
  - What is Base58?

#### Base58

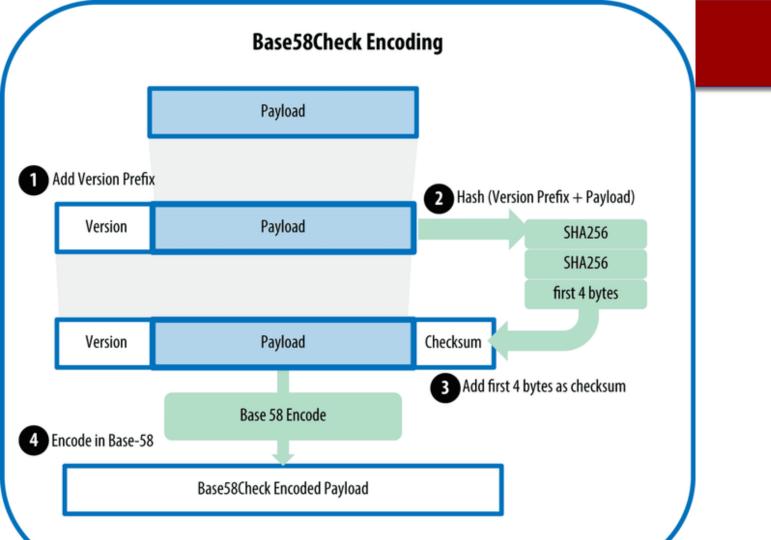
 With version 05, resulting in Base58Check encoded addresses that start with a "3"

```
@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ ./bx base58check-decode 347N1Thc213QqfYCz3PZkjoJpNv5b14kBd
wrapper
{
    checksum 2891525823
    payload 1a8b0026343166625c7475f01e48b5ede8c0252e
    version 5
}
@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ ./bx base58check-encode 1a8b0026343166625c7475f01e48b5ede8c0252e
13RM5vDAU6j2kVqmrwiyL7SNfrdMxSEegV
@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ ./bx base58check-encode 1a8b0026343166625c7475f01e48b5ede8c0252e --version 05
347N1Thc213QqfYCz3PZkjoJpNv5b14kBd
```

#### Base58

- Base58 alphabet consists of the following characters:
- 123456789ABCDEFGHJKLMNPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefg hijkmnopqrstuvwxyz

	Byte	Character	Byte	Character	Byte	Character	Byte	Character
	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4
	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	8
	8	9	9	Α	10	В	11	С
Base58	12	D	13	Е	14	F	15	G
N A	16	Н	17	J	18	K	19	L
Mapping table	20	М	21	N	22	Р	23	Q
table	24	R	25	S	26	Т	27	U
CONIC	28	V	29	W	30	X	31	Υ
	32	Z	33	a	34	b	35	С
	36	d	37	e	38	f	39	g
	40	h	41	i	42	j	43	k
	44	m	45	n	46	0	47	р
	48	q	49	r	50	s	51	t
	52	u	53	V	54	w	55	x
	56	у	57	Z				



## END OF LECTURE