

Blockchain

What, How, and Why

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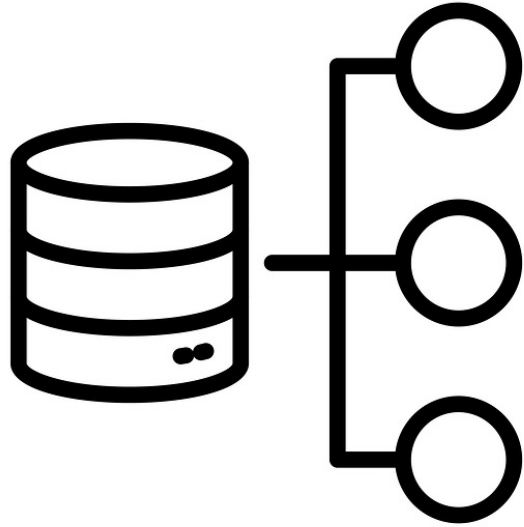
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Previous models of computing

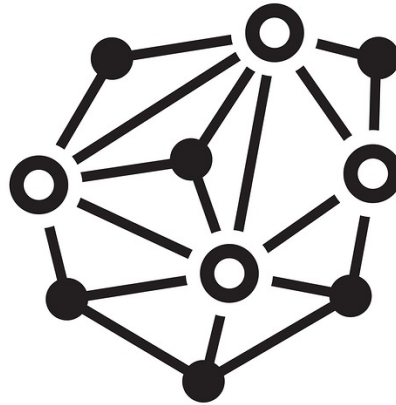


Data Storage:
Database



Program Execution:
Local

Blockchain



Data Storage:

Blockchain or Network

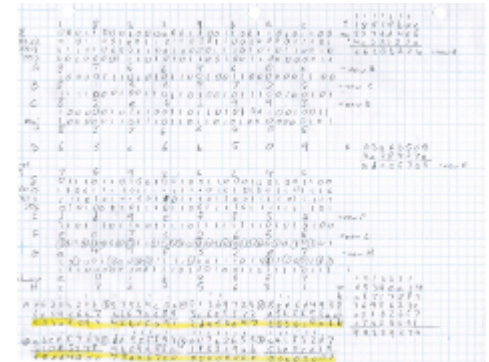
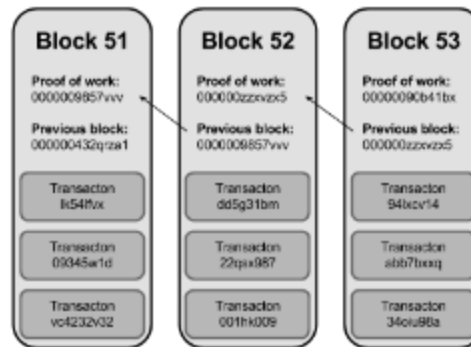
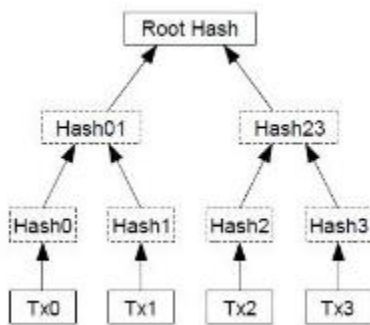
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Network

Bitcoin: Currency in a Blockchain

Three fundamental elements:

1. Transaction tree (state changes)
2. Blockchain (timeline for 1)
3. “Mining” protocol



<http://www.imponderablethings.com/2013/07/how-bitcoin-works-under-hood.html>

Bitcoin: Transactions



Messages

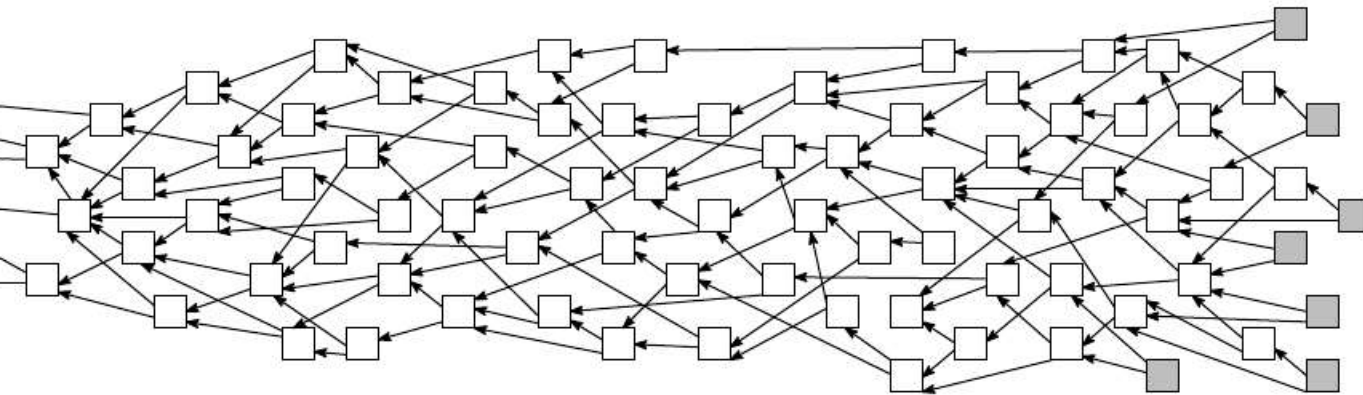
		<u>Signature</u>
Alice → Bob	0.44 BTC	387152...
Alice → Charlie	21.3 BTC	876401...
Alice → Dave	0.06 BTC	746122...
Charlie → Emily	1.80 BTC	076865...
⋮		

Bitcoin: Transaction Tree

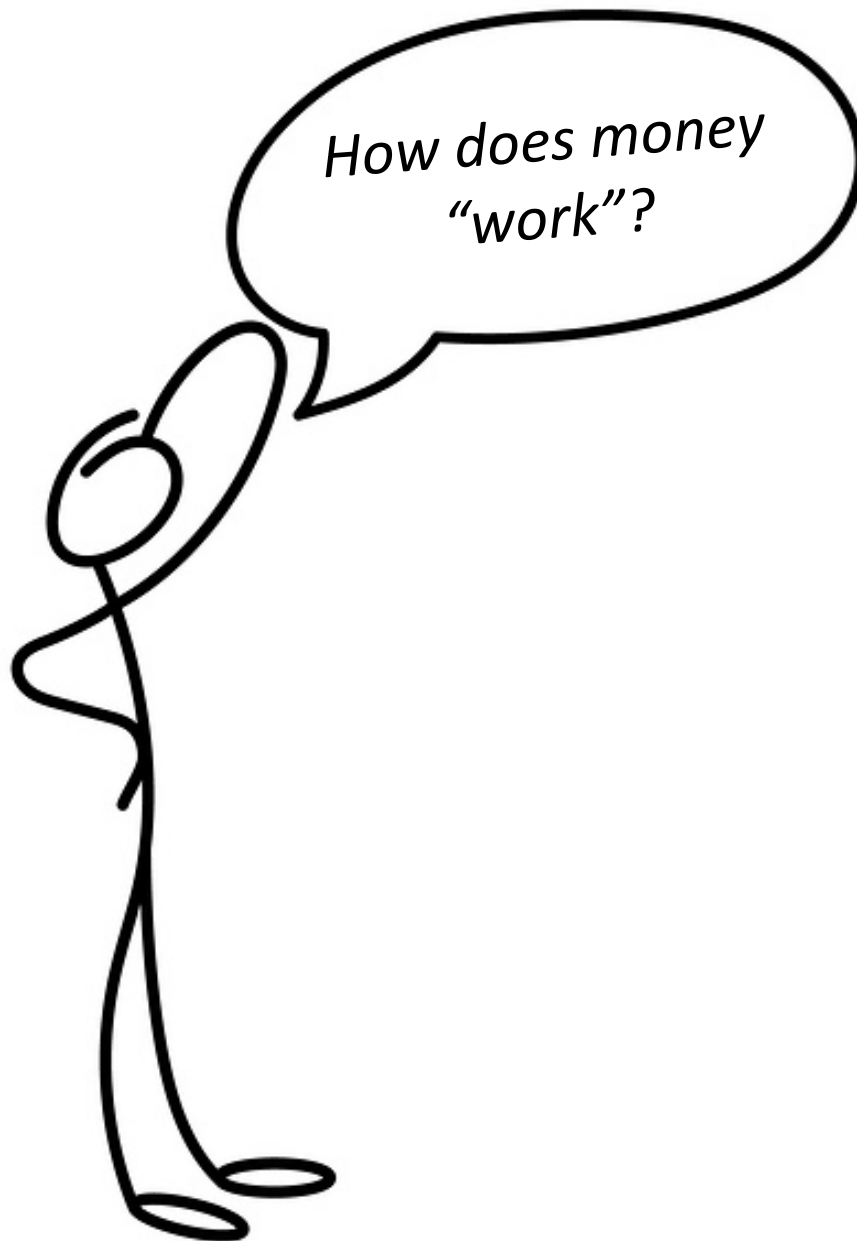
New transactions come from old ones

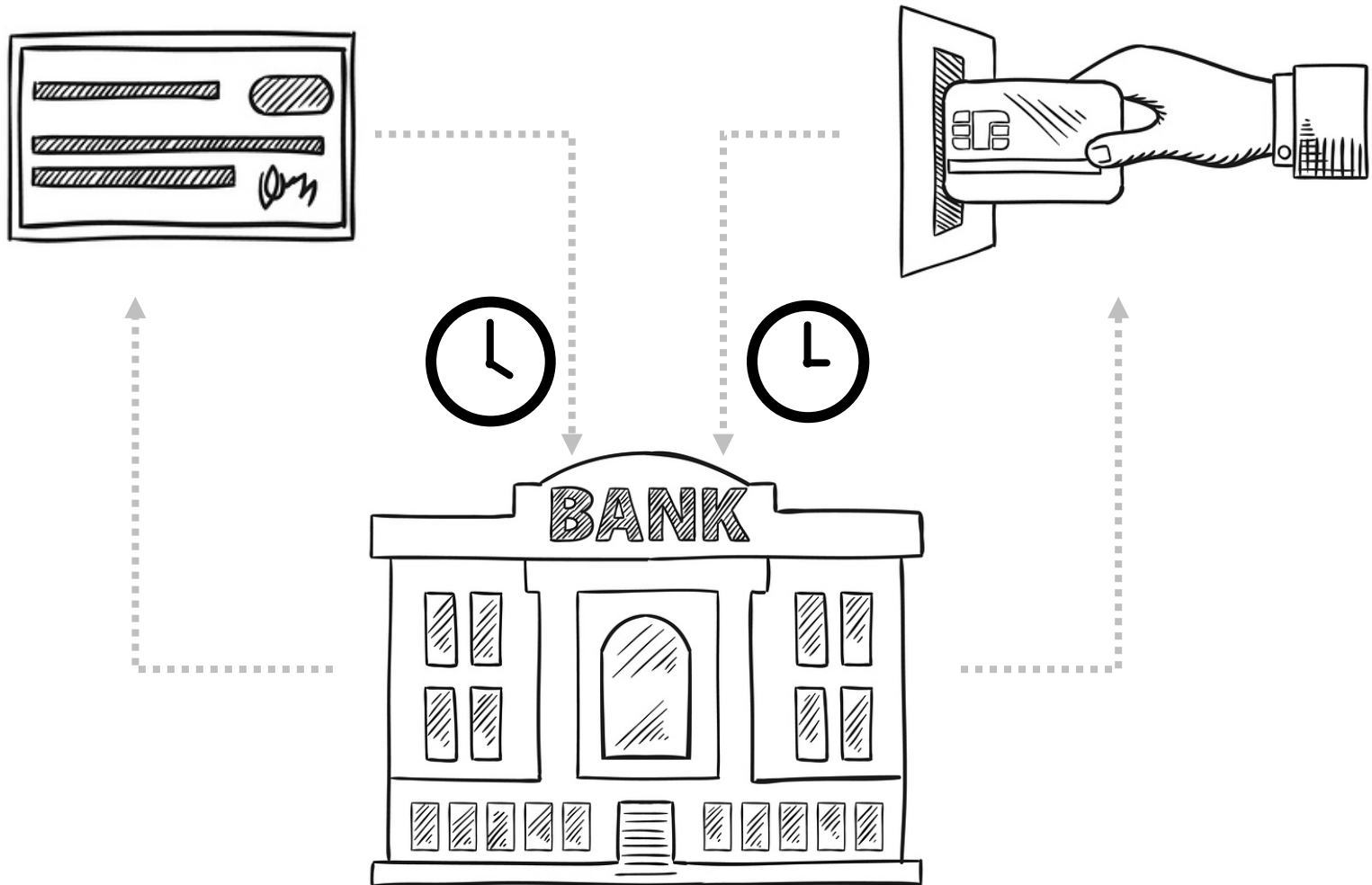
Balance = sum up incoming transactions

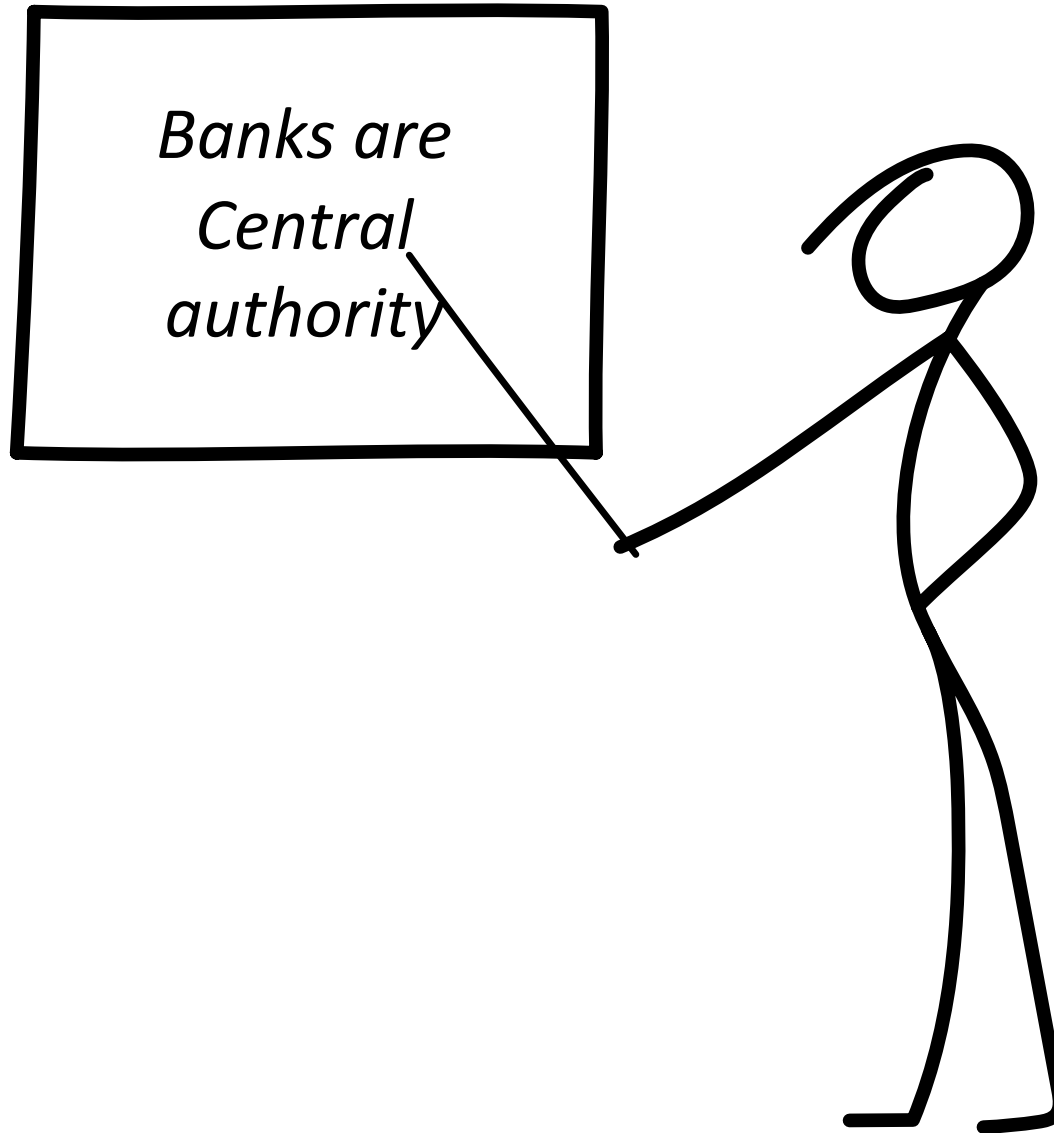
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Bitcoin's challenge:

Timing

Bitcoin's solution:

Mining

Bitcoin: Mining

Input

- Previous block signature
- Bunch of transactions
- Random number



60C89EA...

Signature	Transactions	Random #	Output
482AA...	txn 1, 17, 88, 452	1	854A3...
482AA...	txn 1, 17, 88, 452	2	B4221...
482AA...	txn 1, 17, 88, 452	3	0249F...
⋮			
482AA...	txn 1, 17, 88, 452	98,401	0000A...

Demo

Access demo online at <https://anders.com/blockchain/hash.html>

Play with the **Hash**, **Block**, and **Blockchain** sections (links in top-right of page)

Block #509169

Summary

Number Of Transactions	1915
Output Total	10,289.28130284 BTC
Estimated Transaction Volume	1,818.68925455 BTC
Transaction Fees	0.4893378 BTC
Height	509169 (Main Chain)
Timestamp	2018-02-14 15:16:59
Received Time	2018-02-14 15:16:59
Relayed By	58COIN
Difficulty	2,874,674,234,415.94
Bits	392292856
Size	1132.416 kB
Weight	3992.574 kWU
Version	0x20000000
Nonce	1858980081
Block Reward	12.5 BTC

Hashes

Hash	00000000000000000002c4b94355945eea353bc720c58a73c2b8593f489550cb3
Previous Block	00000000000000000001d620a2e3ad126ec5038bf42343c419eb6fcd7240e471
Next Block(s)	
Merkle Root	3ad680735c45cc62b1ea6b7efeb34f82a2660c5e8280354c45f7ffa03c9137e2

Transactions

ab0da64ea834fd2acb81eb081d8103c9e31fd14a7d055f2ce2718c59dd4fa5df		2018-02-14 15:16:59
No Inputs (Newly Generated Coins)	➔ 14DjTuAUh87cwRabU1z6W8hZY6FnEkpLS Unable to decode output address	12.9893378 BTC 0 BTC 12.9893378 BTC
4feb8981da942b10a2a384003fba1c1d78c8f192cd2747e43ae552ed237f267d		2018-02-14 15:16:59
1H6ZzpRmMnrw8ytepV3BYwMjYnEkWDqVP	➔ 12PaHiRJbMwJYmTpZ32Pswf8eYbKcAE131 1GpqR4vsdvEfgtNyiUrDrDLTBjvnsentX 1H6ZzpRmMnrw8ytepV3BYwMjYnEkWDqVP	0.4983 BTC 0.1495 BTC 5.01651602 BTC 5.66431602 BTC

Consensus alternatives

Algorithm	Properties
Proof of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Probabilistic solution• Lottery by computational power
Proof of Stake	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Probabilistic solution• Lottery by total number of shares• “Nothing at stake”
BFT-based POS (“ Tendermint ”)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-round voting process, removes possibility of forking• May stall out if 1/3 voters offline• Favors Consistency
Proof-by-bet POS (“ Casper ”)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Validators must place deposits on their “preferred” fork• Favors Availability

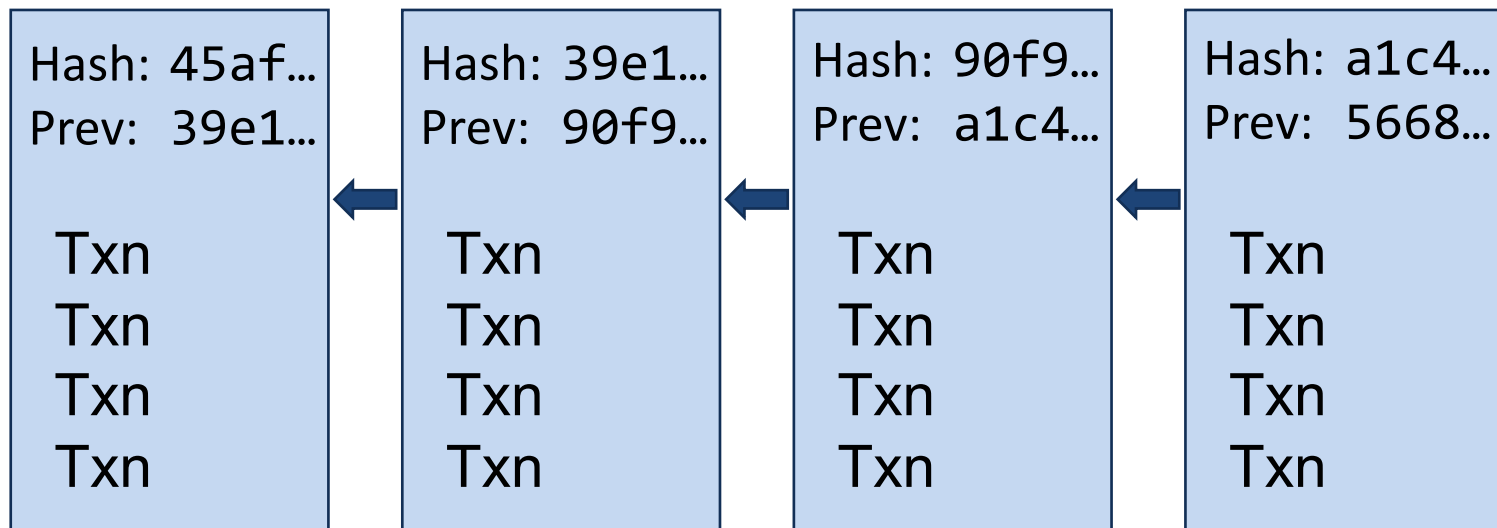


Blockchains – General Purpose

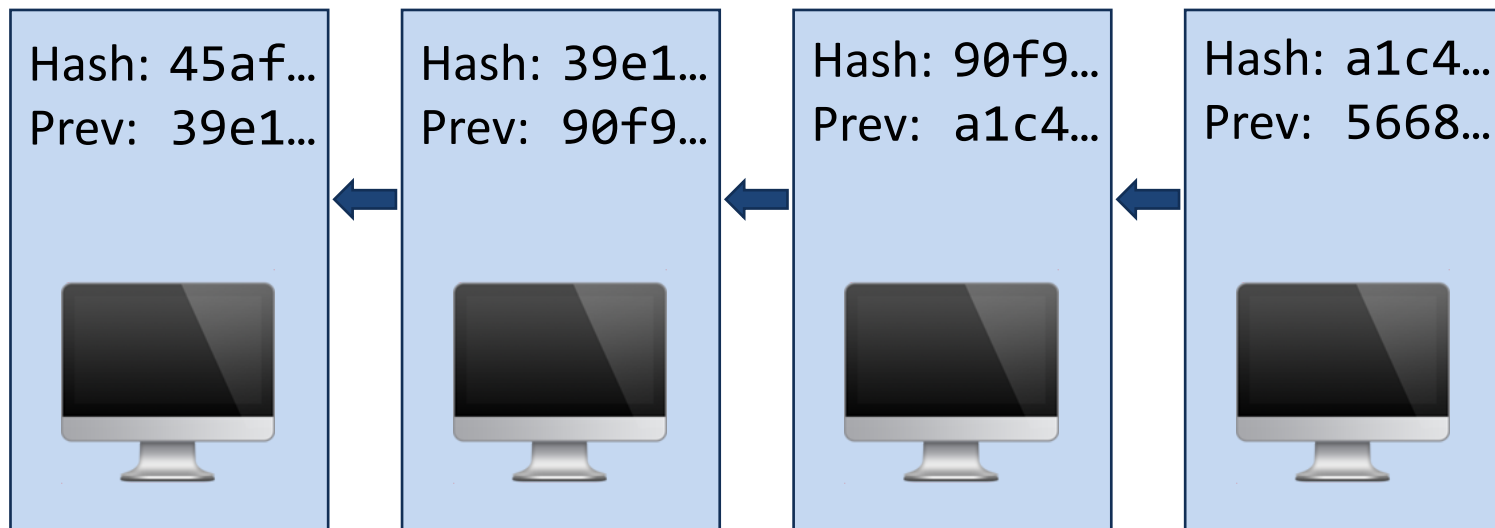
More than just a currency:

1. Transfer more than just cash
2. General purpose programming

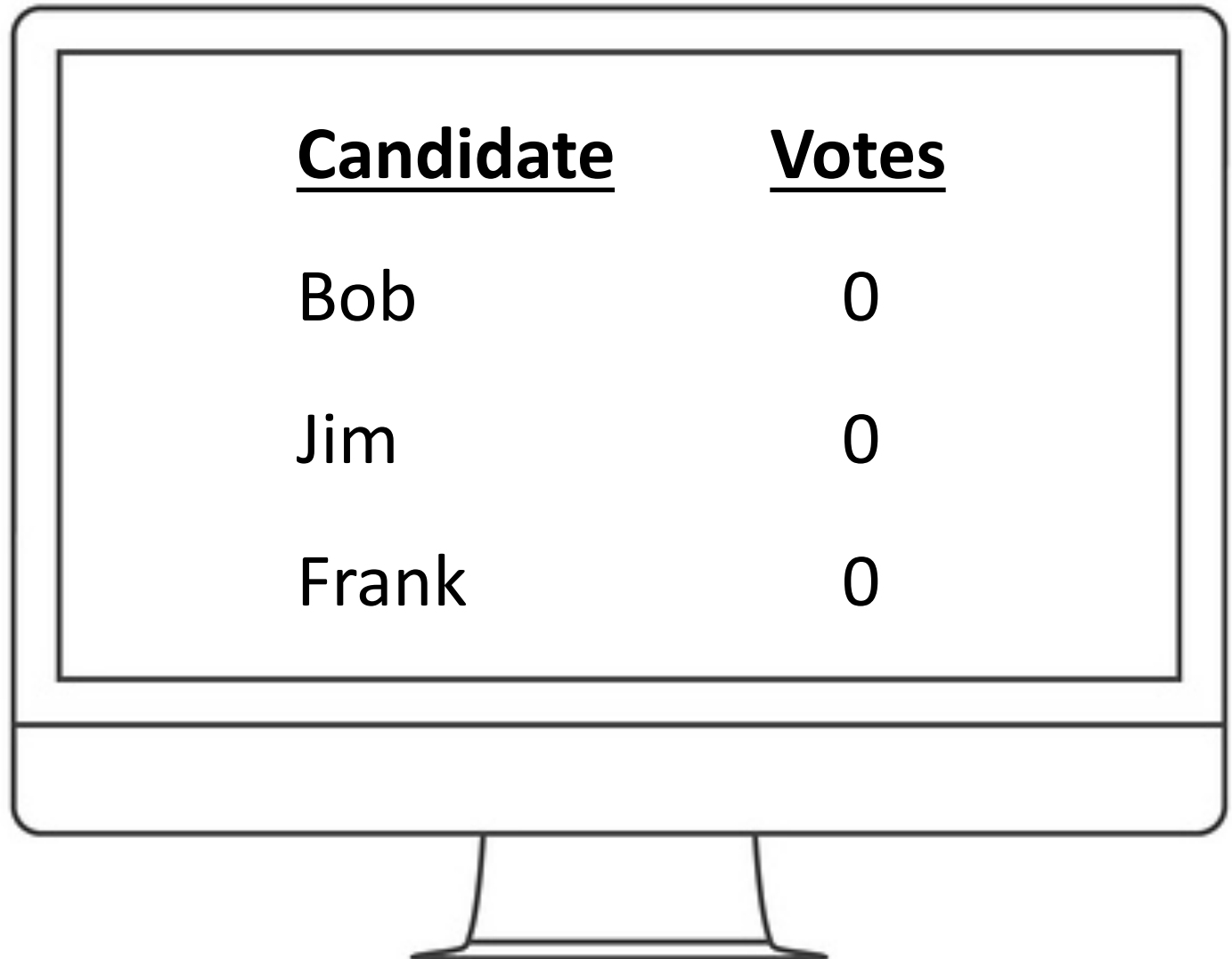




Time

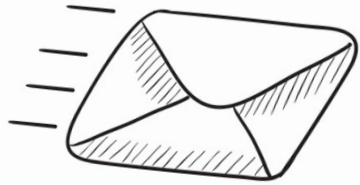


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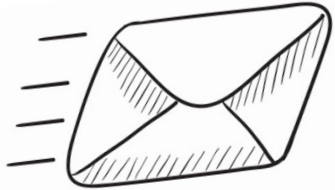


A computer monitor is shown, displaying a table of election results. The table has two columns: 'Candidate' and 'Votes'. The candidates listed are Bob, Jim, and Frank, each with 0 votes.

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Bob	0
Jim	0
Frank	0

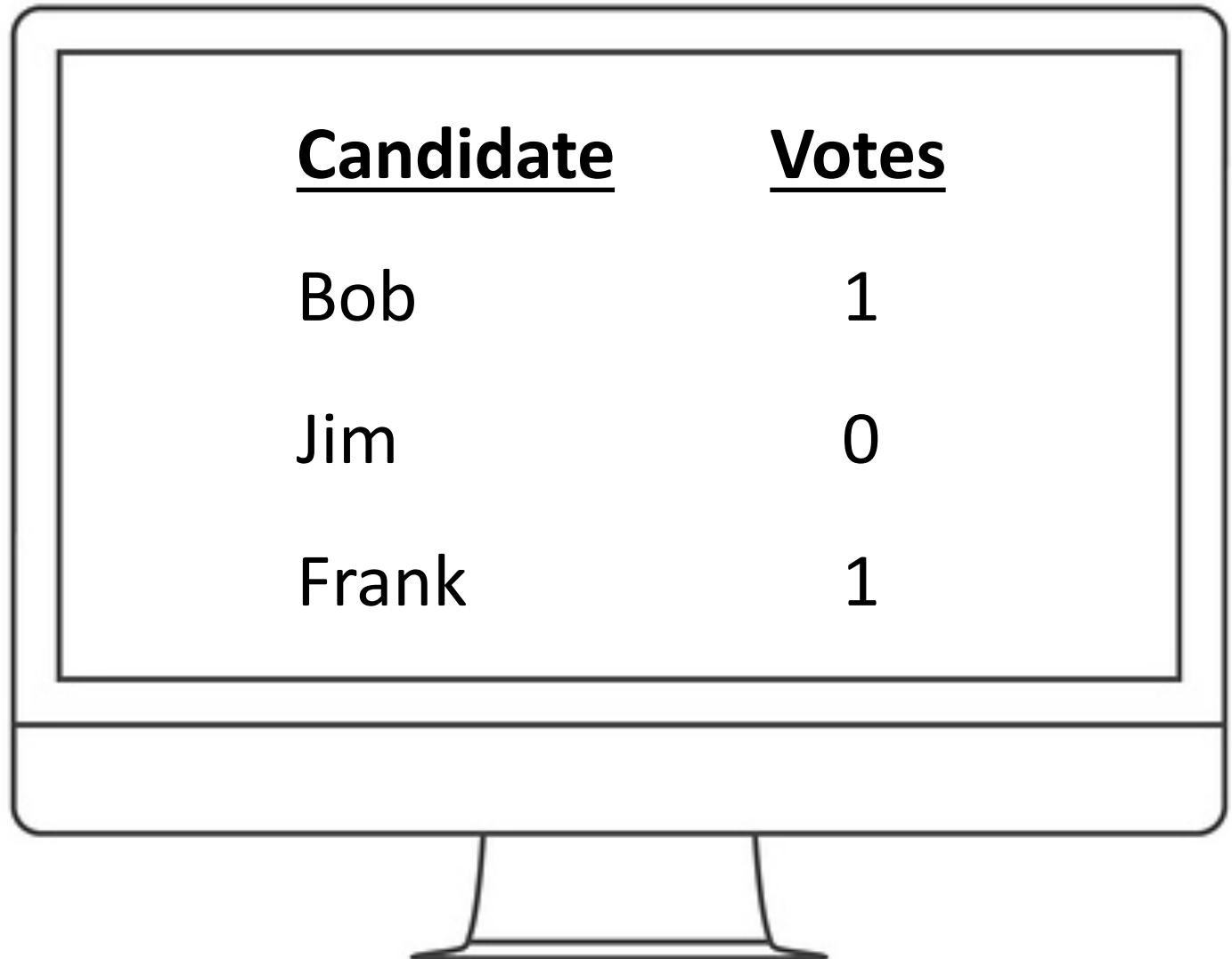


Bob: 1 vote



Frank: 1 vote

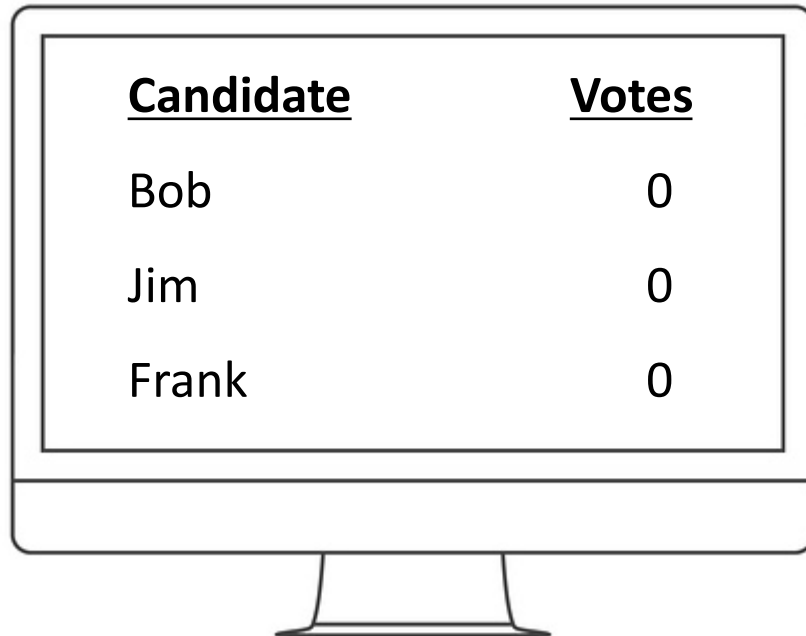
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Bob	0
Jim	0
Frank	0



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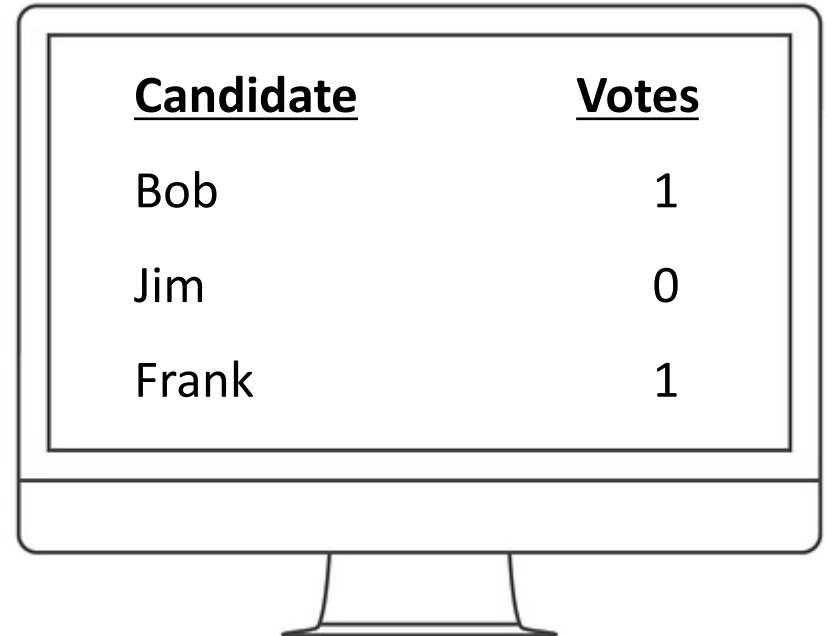
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Bob	1
Jim	0
Frank	1

State: 1



<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Bob	0
Jim	0
Frank	0

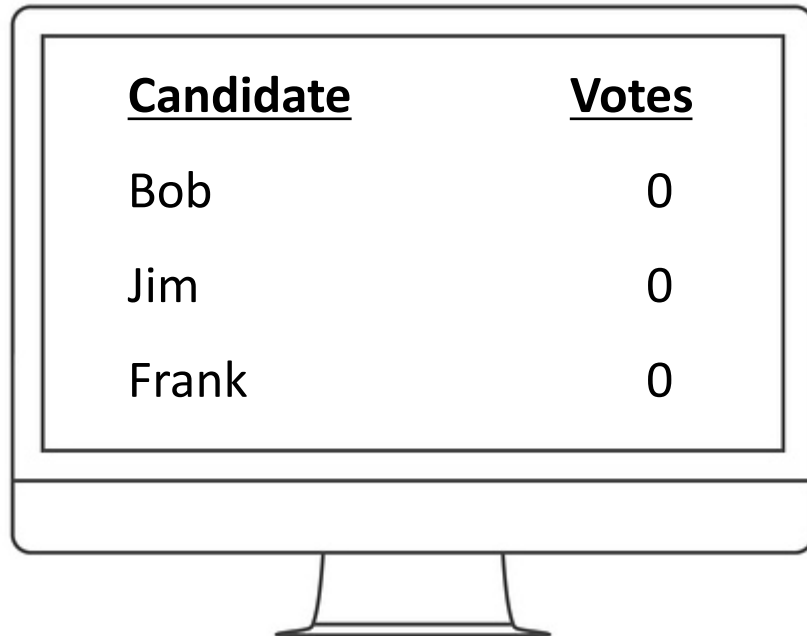
State: 2



<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Bob	1
Jim	0
Frank	1

Equivalent to:

State: 1



<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Bob	0
Jim	0
Frank	0

State: 2

State 1 plus...



Bob: 1 vote



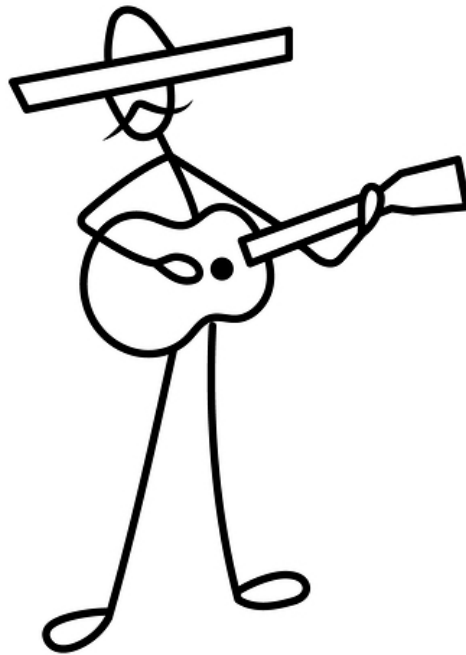
Frank: 1 vote

General purpose blockchains

Messages are... anything!

Each block is the system state at that time

$$\textit{Current State} = \textit{Original state} + \textit{All Changes}$$



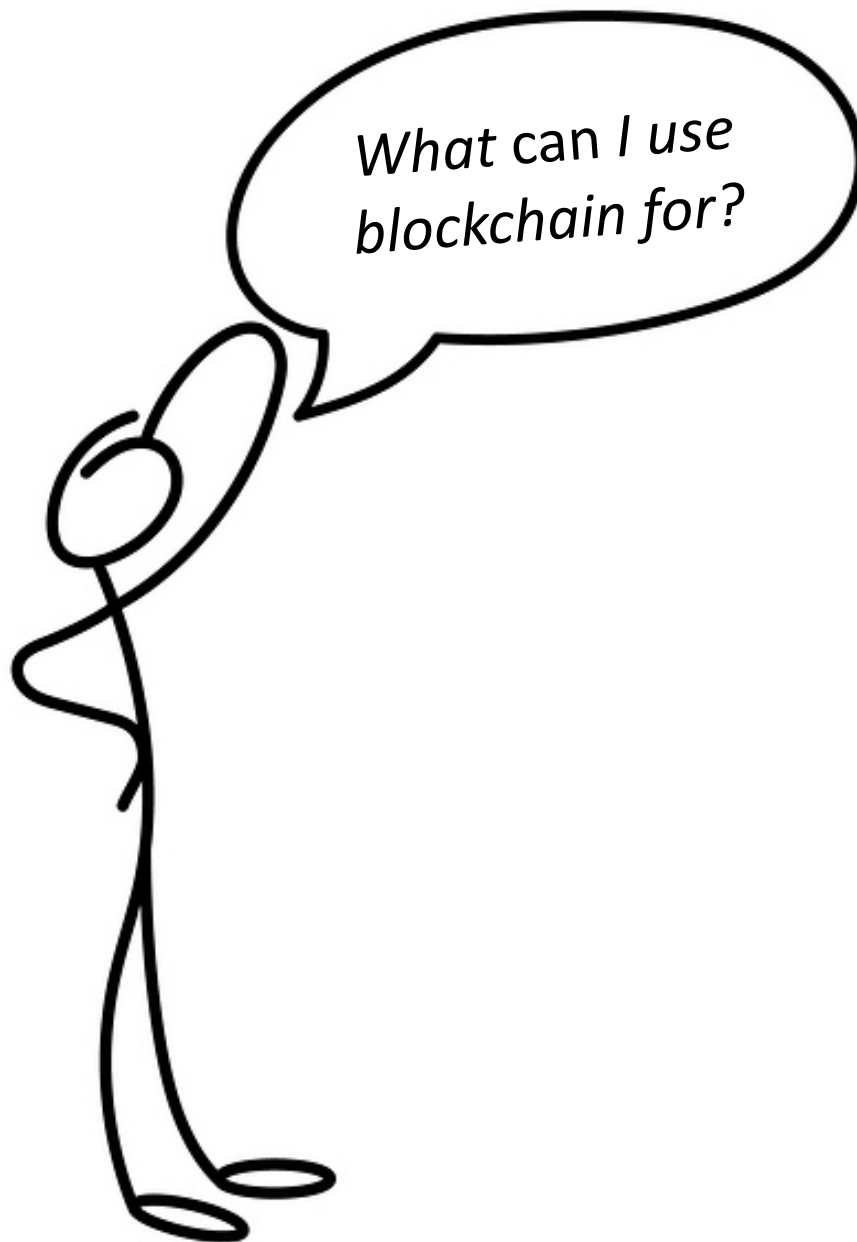
Recap

You now know:

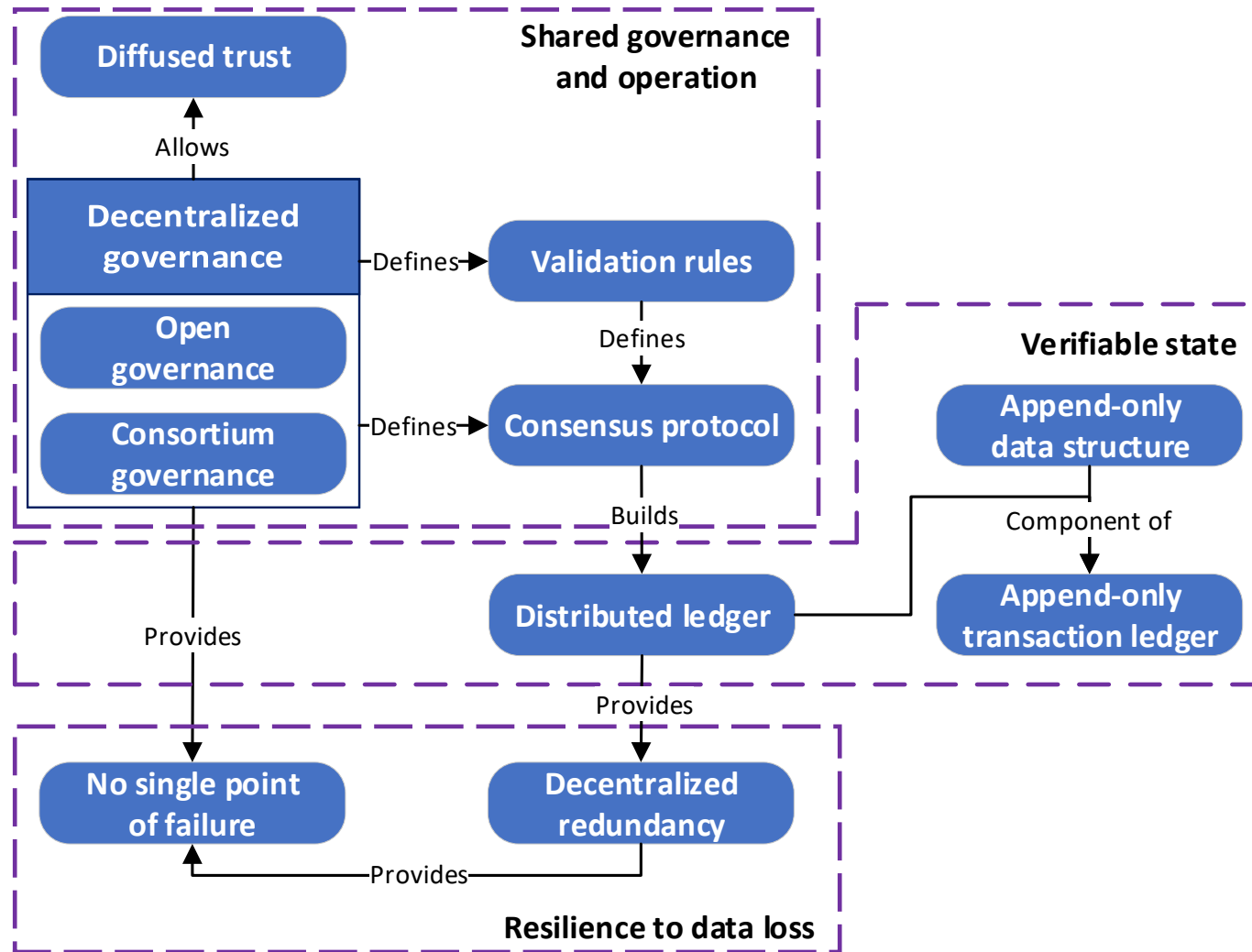
- What blockchains are (linked, signed transactions)
- How & why we “mine”
- Blockchain for cryptocurrency
- Blockchain for applications

Things you probably still wonder:

- What can I use it for?
- How do I use blockchain?
- Who's used it? Did it prove useful for them?
- What's for lunch?

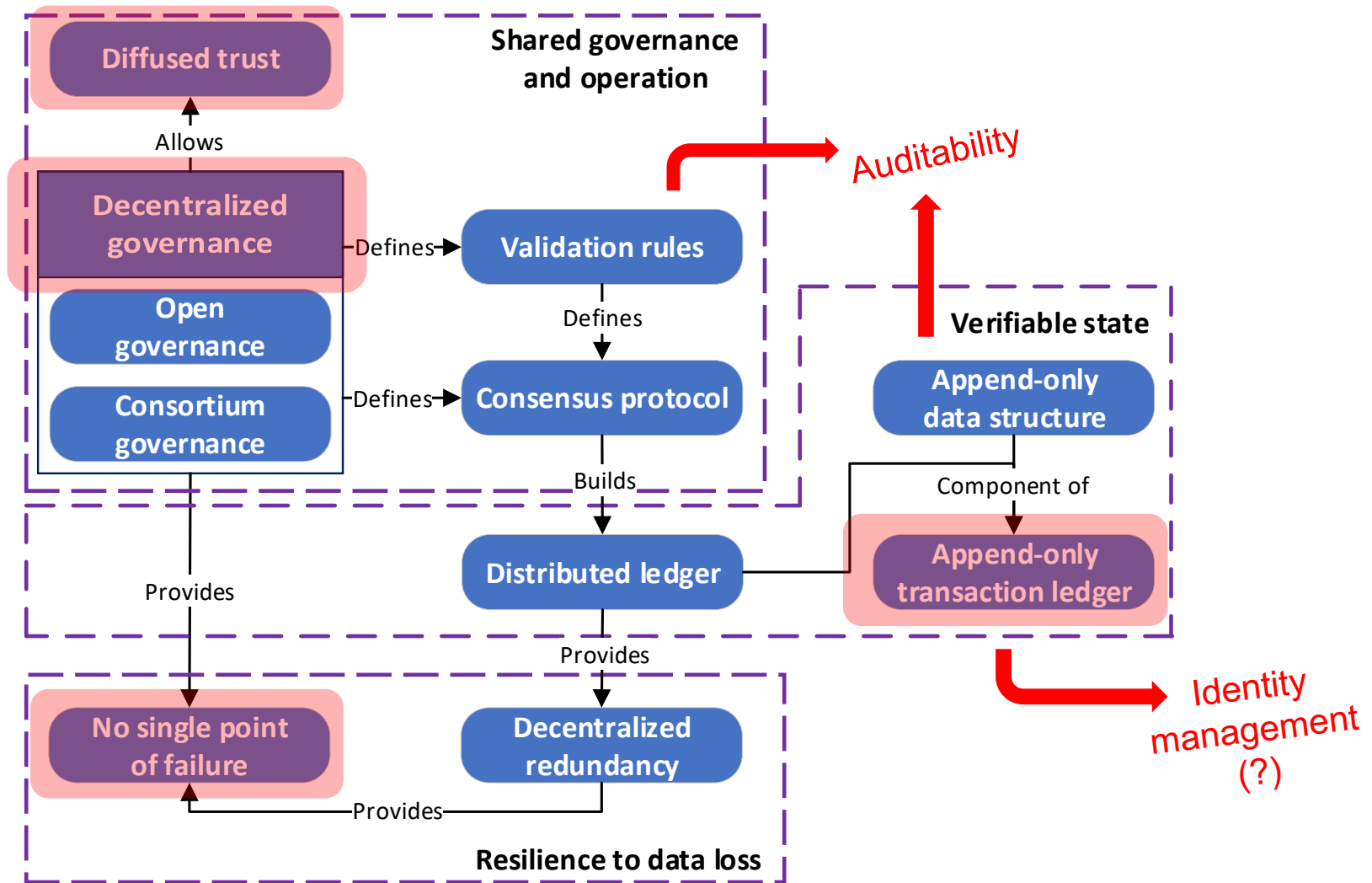


Blockchain – What can I use it for?



Ruoti, S; et al. "SoK: Blockchain Technology and Its Potential Use Cases." In submission, 2019.

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1. Financial Instruments, Records and Models

1. Currency
2. Private equities
3. Public equities
4. Bonds
5. Derivatives (futures, forwards, swaps, options and more complex variations)
6. Voting rights associated with any of the above
7. Commodities
8. Spending records
9. Trading records
10. Mortgage / loan records
11. Servicing records
12. Crowd-funding
13. Micro-finance
14. Micro-charity

2. Public Records

1. Land titles
2. Vehicle registries
3. Business license
4. Business incorporation / dissolution records
5. Business ownership records
6. Regulatory records
7. Criminal records

8. Passports
9. Birth certificates
10. Death certificates
11. Voter IDs
12. Voting
13. Health / Safety Inspections
14. Building permits
15. Gun permits
16. Forensic evidence
17. Court records
18. Voting records
19. Non-profit records
20. Government/non-profit accounting/transparency

3. Private Records

1. Contracts
2. Signatures
3. Wills
4. Trusts
5. Escrows
6. GPS trails (personal)

4. Other Semi-Public Records

4. Degree
5. Certifications
6. Learning Outcomes
7. Grades
8. HR records (salary,

performance reviews, accomplishment)

9. Medical records
10. Accounting records
11. Business transaction records
12. Genome data
13. GPS trails (institutional)
14. Delivery records
15. Arbitration

5. Physical Asset Keys

1. Home / apartment keys
2. Vacation home / timeshare keys
3. Hotel room keys
4. Car keys
5. Rental car keys
6. Leased cars keys
7. Locker keys
8. Safety deposit box keys
9. Package delivery (split key between delivery firm and receiver)
10. Betting records
11. Fantasy sports records (!)

6. Intangibles (?)

1. Coupons
2. Vouchers
3. Reservations (restaurants,

hotels, queues, etc)

4. Movie tickets
5. Patents
6. Copyrights
7. Trademarks
8. Software licenses
9. Videogame licenses
10. Music/movie/book licenses (DRM)
11. Domain names
12. Online identities
13. Proof of authorship / Proof of prior art

7. Other

1. Documentary records (photos, audio, video)
2. Data records (sports scores, temperature, etc)
3. Sim Cards
4. GPS network identity
5. Gun unlock codes
6. Weapons unlock codes
7. Nuclear launch codes (!)
8. Spam control (micro-payments for posting)

Major relevant use cases – Medical

Use case	Properties
Supply chain management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical supplies & equipment• Pharmaceuticals	Auditability, Immutability, Shared governance
Records management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EMR/EHR• Insurance• Research documentation	Auditability, Immutability, Shared governance
Asset management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Device tracking• Drug delivery	Auditability, Immutability, Identity management
Data sharing	Auditability, Decentralized governance, Redundancy

Proposed use cases – Medical

Use Case	Notes
Chain of custody for... <ul style="list-style-type: none">inspection or imports data exchangelabs information	Track data, monitor activity, prevent tampering, audit
State data exchange – authorization and authentication	
HHS Accelerate – Procurement	Press coverage , Demo
CDC/IBM blockchain use case <ul style="list-style-type: none">Information data exchange (CDC: EHR, FDA: Oncology)Supply chain	
Leidos Health Group document <ul style="list-style-type: none">Opioid chain of custodyInformed Consent	





TAX ADMINISTRATOR

General Statement of Duties

Performs complex professional and administrative work supervising, planning and directing the listing, assessing, billing and collecting of taxable property, overseeing the collection of various fees and revenues, ensuring compliance with statutory requirements, maintaining records and files and preparing reports.

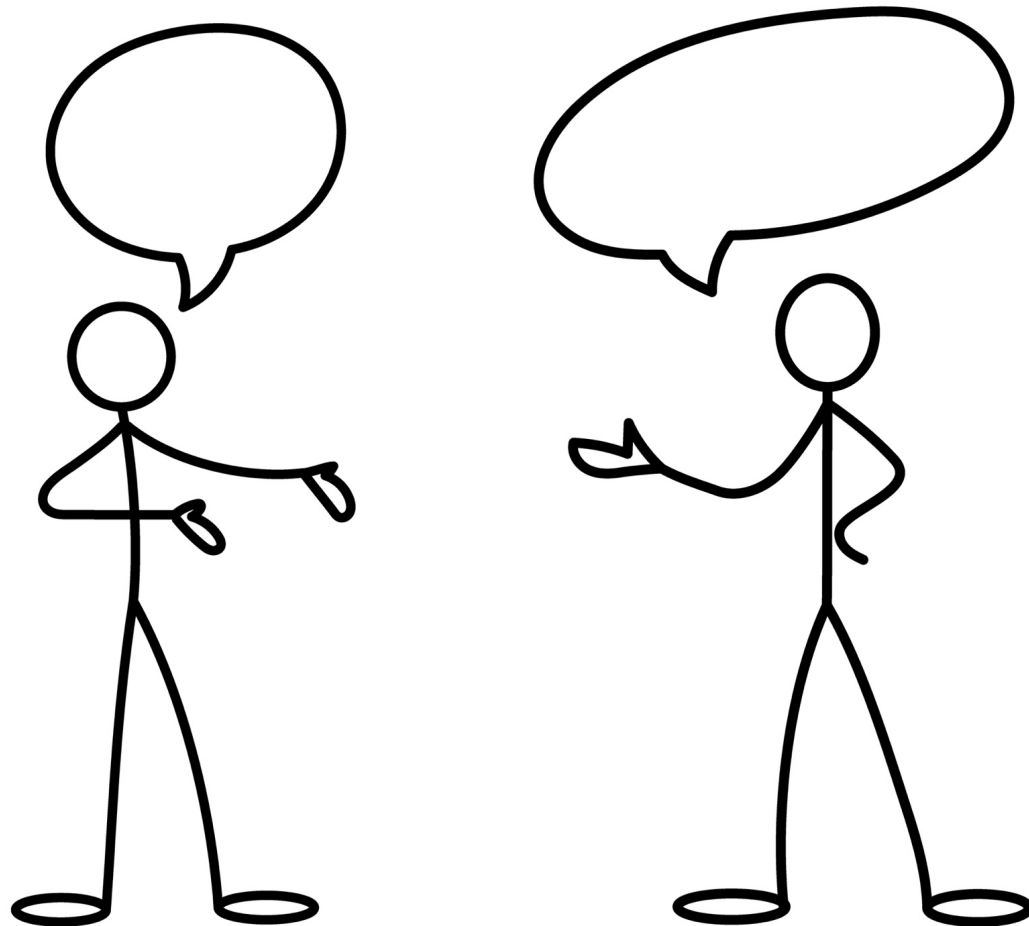
Distinguishing Features of the Class

An employee in this class plans, organizes and directs the work of a staff responsible for appraising property, listing taxes, reevaluating property, maintaining property records, maps, and other files, collecting taxes, GIS system, collecting and billing utility bills, and handling appeals and public contacts on tax assessments. The employee is also responsible for the periodic revaluation of property involving in-house and/or contracted work. Work involves developing policies, procedures, and methods for program operations; handling budget and personnel matters; and working with sensitive and controversial issues in the tax assessment, collection and garnishment program. Independent judgment and initiative are required. Work is performed in accordance with state statutes and local ordinance. Work is performed under the general supervision of the County Commissioners and County Manager and evaluated through periodic conferences, quality of work, review of annual audit of records, review of reports and feedback from the public.

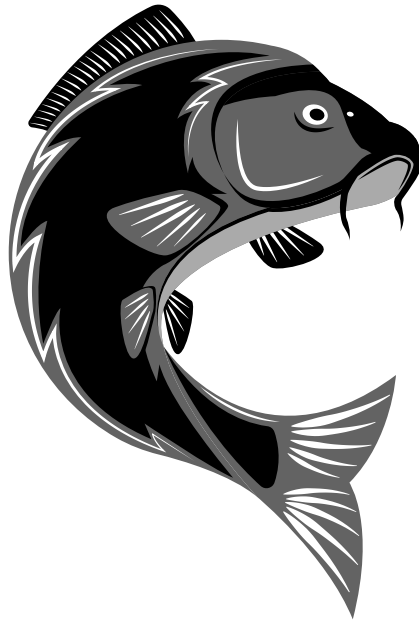
Duties and Responsibilities

Major relevant use cases – Tax *(proposed)*

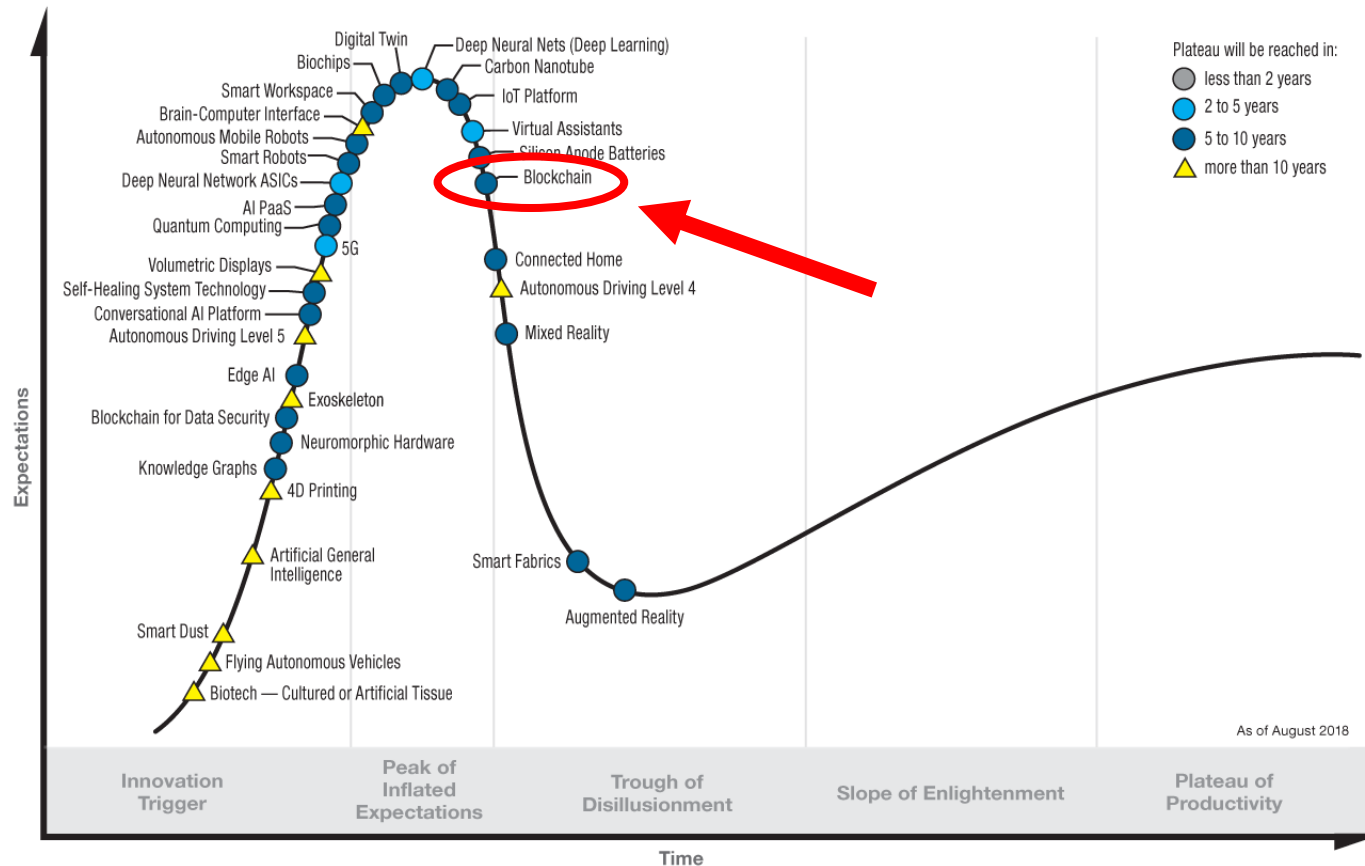
Use case	Properties
Records management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tax records• Official communications to individuals and companies	Auditability, Immutability, Shared governance, Identity management
Policy dissemination <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internal• Taxpayer• Corporation	Immutability, Identity management
Data sharing	Auditability, Decentralized governance, Redundancy



Who's used it?



Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies, 2018



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Gartner

Blockchain platforms – “don’t blink”

Early 2015

Ethereum

Hyperledger (vaporware)

Apr 12, 2017

BigChainDB

Chain Core

Credits

Domus Tower

Elements Eris:db

HydraChain

Hyperledger Iroha

Hyperledger Sawtooth

Multichain

Openchain

Stellar

Symbiont Assembly

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Cardano

Icon

Aion

Wanchain

Nebilo

Zilliqa

ArcBlock

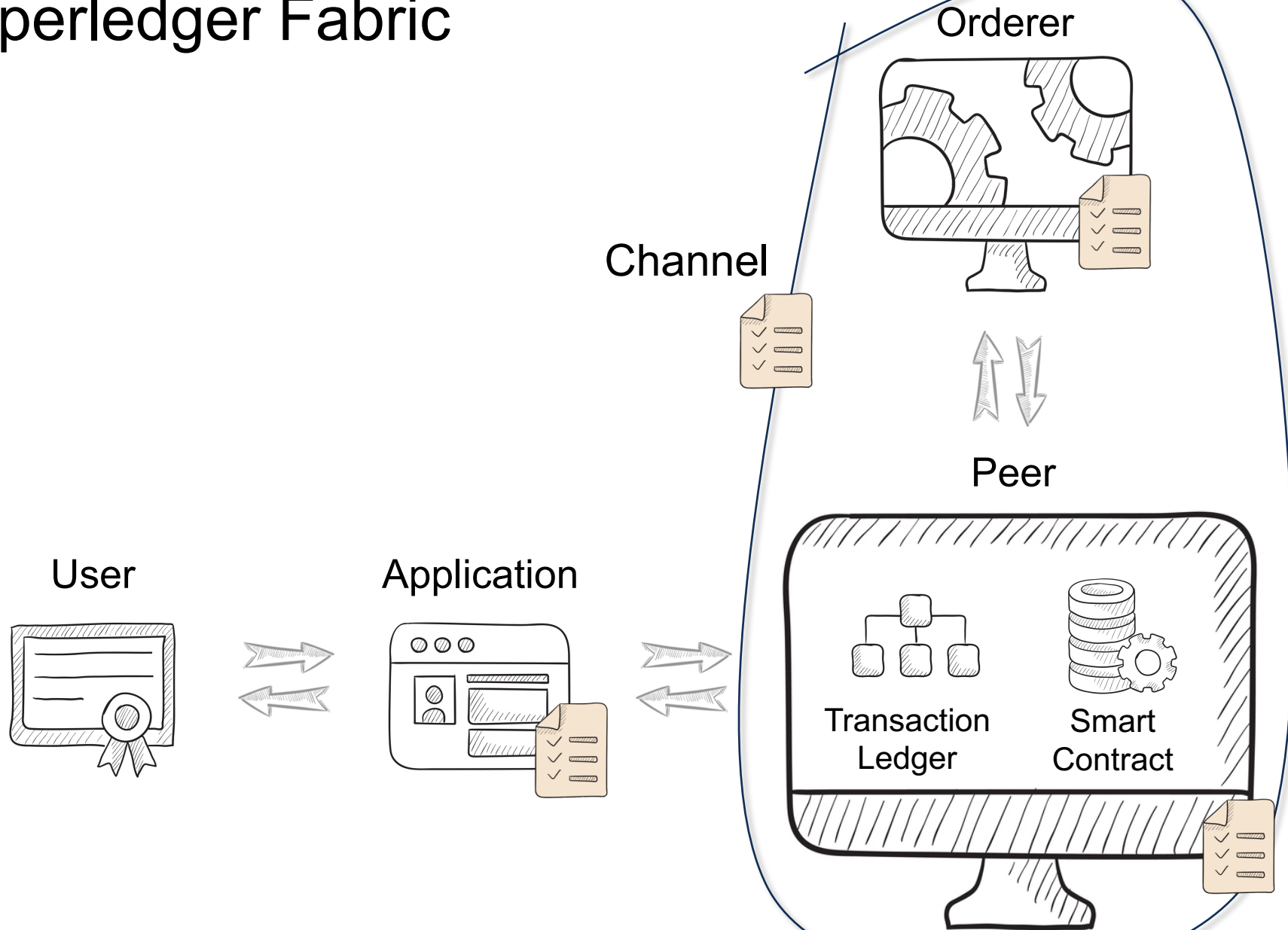
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How do I use a blockchain?

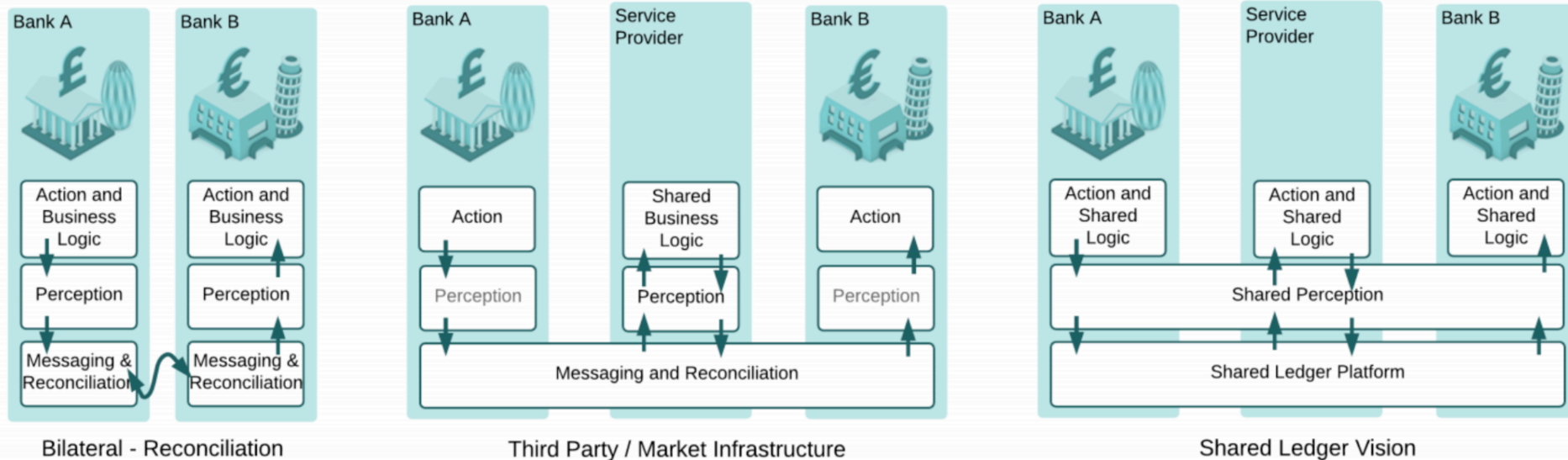


The same as any
other software!

Hyperledger Fabric

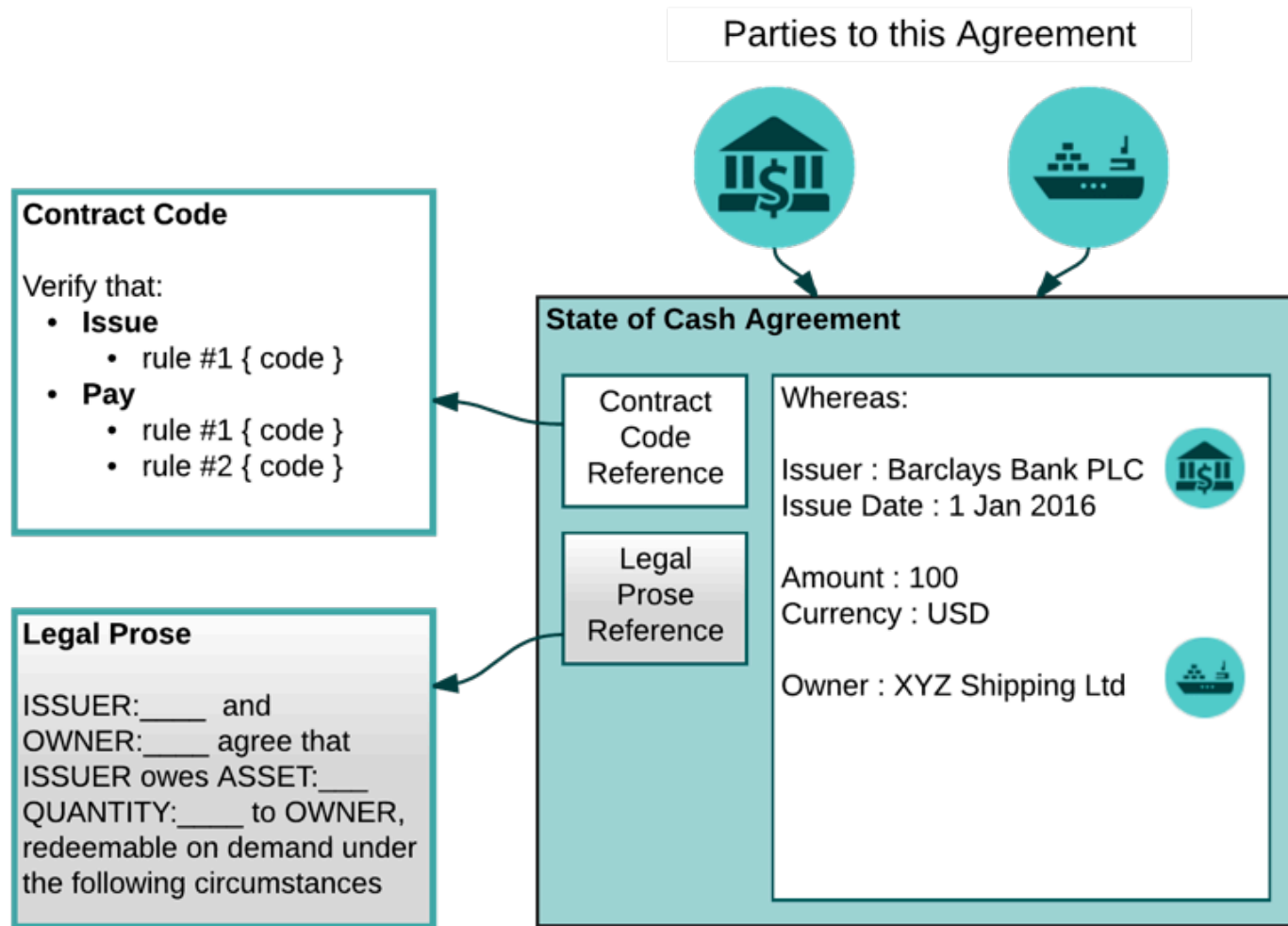


Corda – Blockchain platform



<https://www.corda.net/content/corda-platform-whitepaper.pdf>, Figure 1

Corda – Blockchain platform



Block: # 1

Nonce: 72608

Data:

Hash: 0000f727854b50bb95c054b39c1fe5c92e5ebcfa4bcb5dc279f56aa96a365e5a

Mine

Blockchain basics

State: 1

Candidate	Votes
Bob	0
Jim	0
Frank	0

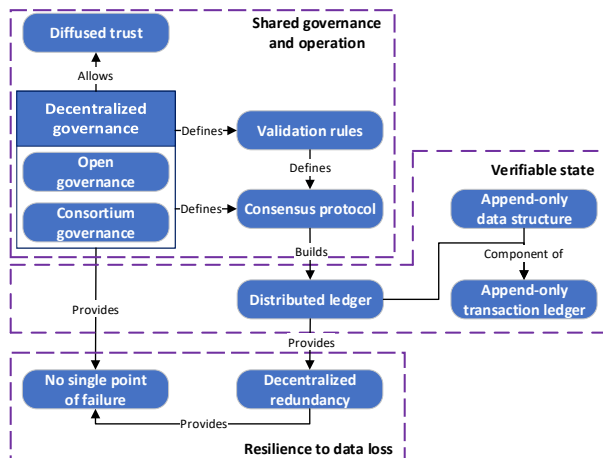
State: 2

State 1 plus...

Bob: 1 vote

Frank: 1 vote

Blockchain-based Applications



Blockchain Use Cases



Implementation Considerations



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Backup

Potential Blockchain uses identified in the papers

- Identity Management (Identity, authentication, authorization,)
- Access Control
- Auditing
- New and Improve Workflows
 - » IRB Clinical Trial approval
 - » Patient sharing of data
 - » Drug dispensing, monitoring
 - » Tracking and access to Internet of Healthy Thing
 - » Hospital Stays
 - » Medicaid Eligibility
- Off chain record location and viewing

Code-A-Thon Winners



1st Prize

- » Emrify Health Passport, a decentralized **personal health record**



2nd Prize

- » Health Genesis, a **identity management API**
- » Trust My Identity (Team TMI), a decentralized **provider directory**



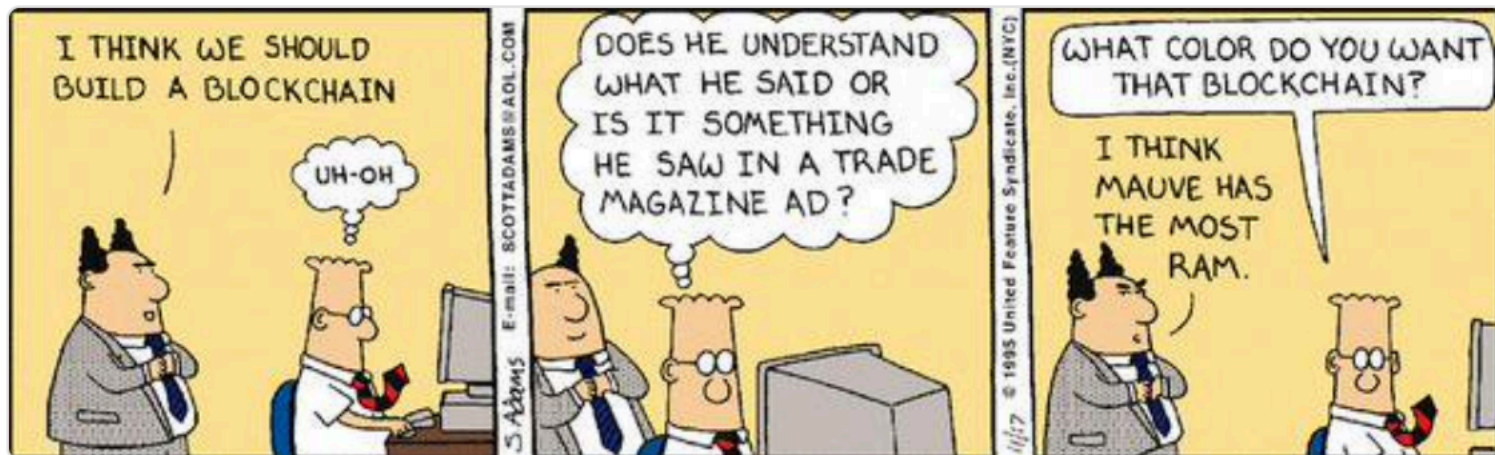
Pavel Kravchenko

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Clear sign of a hype - I am spending 70% of my time dissuading people from using [#blockchain](#) in their businesses



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S&T Mission

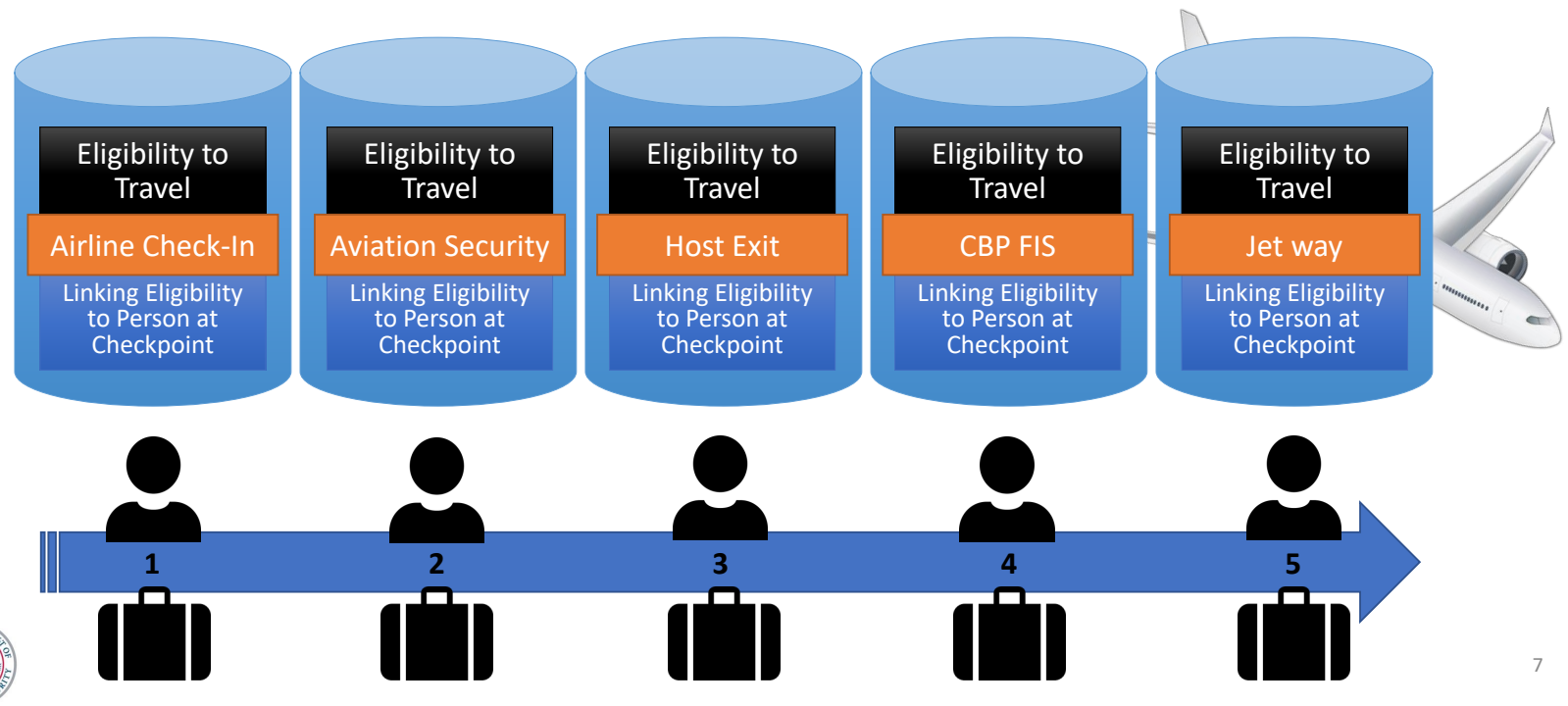
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Improving International Passenger Processing



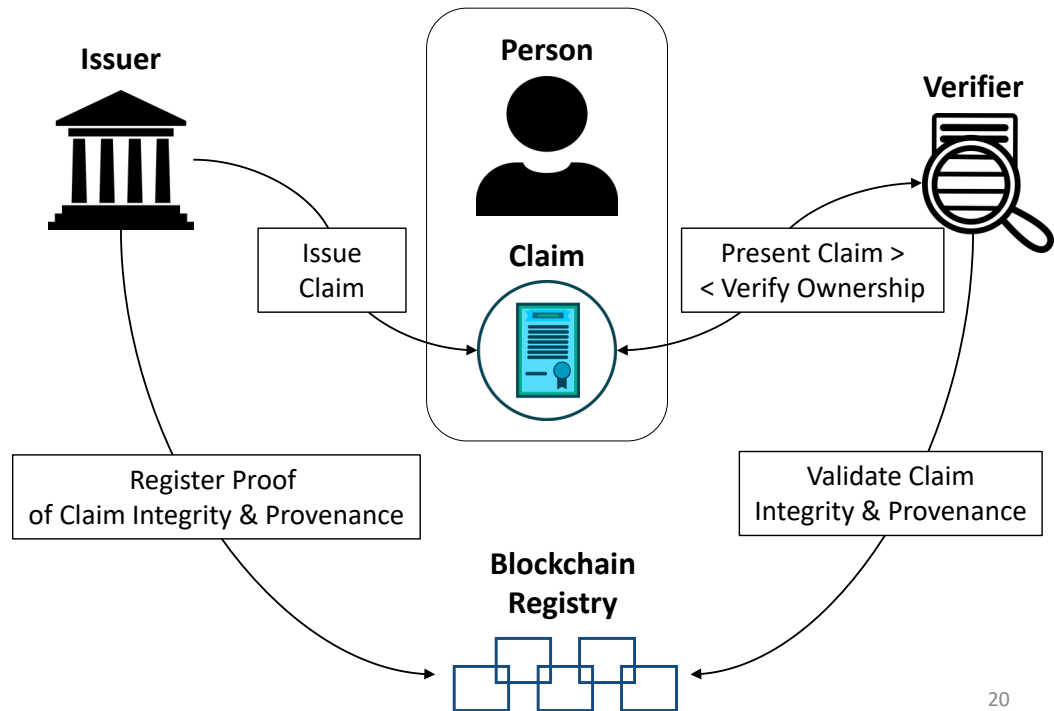
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Streamlining and Enhancing International Trade Facilitation



Digital Counter-Fraud Tactics and Technologies to Mitigate Forgery & Counterfeiting of Official Licenses & Certificates

- Person-ownership of verifiable claims and certificates
- Selective disclosure of claim information with the Person's consent
- Pluralism of operators and technologies
- Support for online and off-line presentation of claim
- Non-CRL based revocation methods (Issuer initiated, Person initiated and/or Multi-sig based) that removes issuer dependency
- Very high resistance to data deletion, modification, masking or tampering



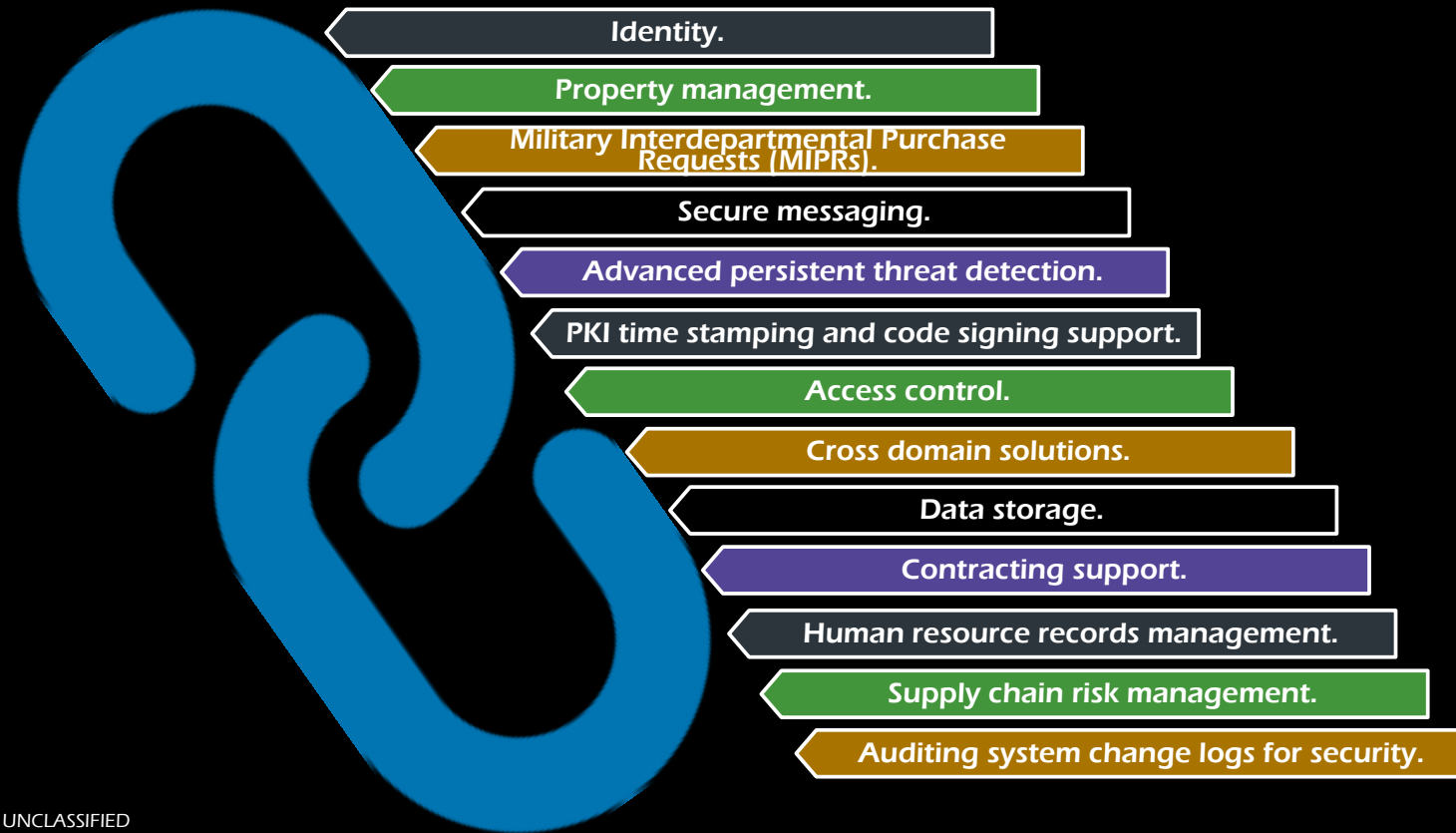
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LEVERAGING BLOCKCHAIN SOLUTIONS

DISA
JFHQ DODIN

Defense Information Systems Agency
Joint Force Headquarters – DOD Information Networks

Potential Use Cases



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DISA
JFHQ DODIN

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More Blockchain in Government

DoD	Secure data files for Additive Manufacturing (3D printing) of parts
CDC	Attributable, distributed information dissemination
FDA	EMR replacement
GSA	“...automate the FASt Lane process for IT Schedule 70 contracts.”
DHS	Exploratory (air travel, international trade, anti-money laundering)
Treasury	Asset management
Illinois Blockchain Initiative	“Give me some of that blockchain goodness”

[Unofficial and definitely incomplete list](#)

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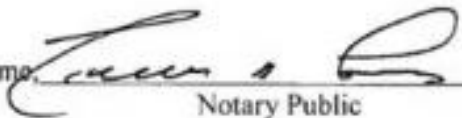
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties do hereby execute this Warranty Deed this 20th day of February, 2018.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Katherine M. Purcell", written over a horizontal line.

Katherine M. Purcell

STATE OF VERMONT
COUNTY OF CHITTENDEN, SS.

On this 20th day of February, 2018, personally **KATHERINE M. PURCELL**, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and she acknowledged this instrument, by her signed, to be her free act and deed.

Before me _____
Notary Public

Printed Name: Michelle N Farbas

Notary commission issued in Chittenden County
My commission expires: 2/10/19

Tools & Utilities

TxReceipt Status: Success

TimeStamp: 20 days 3 hrs ago (Feb-16-2018 01:15:24 PM +UTC)

To: [Contract 0xa188e5a3da203f8ebc72ec7578532926dc1d3bec Created] 

Gas Limit: 2284690

Gas Price: 0.000000001 Ether (1 Gwei)

Actual Tx Cost/Fee: 0.000472258 Ether (\$0.35)

Nonce: 65

[illegible]

Private Note: <To access the private Note feature, you must be [logged in](#)>

Still in infancy!

Understanding The DAO Attack

David Siegel

David Siegel is a blockchain strategist and speaker, founder of Kryptodesign.com and curator of DecentralStation.com, a place to learn about blockchain.

In this piece, Siegel attempts to help journalists understand what happened when The DAO collapsed and the story right.

The article will be updated
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Reentrancy Woes in Smart Contracts

Emin Gün Sirer

ethereum smart contracts

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Smart contracts are pretty difficult to get right.



Signs of Trouble

This should come as no surprise. We knew that programming in general is difficult, that most of the valley runs on cut&paste from stack overflow, directed by technological decisions made by reading hearsay carefully planted by marketing professionals masquerading as programmers on social media. We knew that there are wholesale industries (hello NoSQL, first

What's the "unchecked-send" bug?

To have a contract send Ether to some other address, the most straightforward way is to use the `send` keyword. This is a method that's defined for every "address" object. A fragment of code might be found in

```
} {  
  True;
```

il. If it fails, then the winner
t be set to True.

er. `send()` can fail. We'll care
post. The first case is if the
count), and the code for that
h gas). If this is the case, then
own fault anyway. The
achine has a limited resource
ed by other contract code
stack is already consumed
fail regardless of how the
yed through no fault of his
ect the winner from this

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