Leveraging Blockchain technologies For the Internet of Things

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How the technology behind bitcoin could change the world



Bitcoin



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Satoshi Nakamoto, in the Bitcoin Paper published in 2008?

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In practice, it is a combination of many things :

- A P2P architecture like BitTorrent and Public Cryptography
- A "secure network" where transactions can be independently confirmed as unique and valid without a central authority : "The Blockchain"

Blockchain

- The open source, decentralized ledger of all transactions, which is the backbone of the bitcoin network.
- Built of blocks (batches of transactions) in a sequential log or ledger of all transactions.



Blockchain



A copy of the blockchain is stored on each user's computer.

Blockchain



Adding a transaction

1 - New Transactions are broadcasted

2 - Every node creates creates a block, with seen transactions from his chain.

3- A node is "randomly" picked, and this node broadcasts its block

4- The other nodes receive and validate this block, and if it's validated they add the block to their copy of the chain.



Block Height 277316 Header Hash: 00000000000001b6b9a13b095e96db 41c4a928b97ef2d944a9b31b2cc7bdc4



Merkle Tree

Allow for efficient summarizing, and verification of the integrity for large data sets. (Find them in distributed Databases like Cassandra), they contain cryptographic hashes.

In Bitcoin, they summarize all the transactions in a block, producing a digital fingerprint for a set of transactions, that is verifiable, and auditable.

It's built by hashing recursively hashing pairs of nodes until there's only one hash : the "merkle root".

The cryptohash used here is a SHA256, applied twice.



Blockchain Decentralized Consensus

- Bitcoin resolves consensus by "trying" to solve the famous "byzantine generals problem", through the process of "Mining"
- Through the Mining process, Miners creates new blocks
- It amounts to solve an ever increasing challenge, but easy to verify by the others.
- Proof of work : A new block roughly added every 10 minutes



Blockchain : Proof of work



Find H where H(_) < value

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while block_hash > difficulty
nonce = rand()
block_hash = hash( block_header :: nonce )
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Ethereum

- Bitcoin has sprung a lot of "altcoins" each with their Blockchain
- New type of blockchain that go beyond financial services
- Ethereum goes beyond most blockchains and aims at being versatile
- Contracts can be used to build currencies, voting systems, financial derivatives, decentralized applications, etc

Blockchain for All !



Ethereum can be used to codify, decentralize, secure and trade almost anything.

Ethereum : Smart Contract



Ether is required to call a contract, this is done to ensure that infinite execution does not occur as the execution stops the moment the ether amount sent along with the call is consumed





If a contract does not include any programmed instructions, it behaves as an account. It has an address and a balance. This account can receive/send ethers from/to other accounts/contracts.

When a contract is called, a small amount of ether is required to be sent along with the call. However, when

Ethereum : Smart Contract Example



- Address: 0xc0D801061070FB92622d1d58Fe27872F07F0ea6
- Balance : 0
- Fields
 - · Members (list of member)
 - nextMeetupDescription
 - nextMeetupDate
 - Votes
- Methods
 - Vote
 - AddMember
 - NewMeetupProposal
 - ExecuteProposal
- Events
 - Vote
 - AddMember
 - NewMeetupProposal
 - ExecuteProposal

Ethereum : Smart Contracts

LLL, Serpent, and **Solidity** all can be used to write contracts

struct MeetupProposal {
 string nextMeetupDescription;
 uint nextMeetupDate;
 uint votingDeadline;
 bool executed;
 bool proposalPassed;
 uint numberOfVotes;
 int currentResult;
 Vote[]votes;
 mapping(address => bool) voted;

Hashtable

struct TransferFundProposal {
 address recipient;
 uint amount;
 string description;
 uint votingDeadline;
 bool executed;
 bool proposalPassed;
 uint numberOfVotes;
 int currentResult;
 bytes32 proposalHash;
 Vote[]votes;
 mapping(address => bool)voted;

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struct Member {
  address member;
  bool canVote;
  string name;
  uint memberSince;
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struct Vote {
 bool inSupport;
 address voter;
 string justification;

Ethereum : Decentralized Apps (Dapps)

dApp Front-end Steps



A Contract Creation Transaction is shown in steps 1-5 at above.

An Ether Transfer or Function Call Transaction is assumed in step 6.

Ethereum Go

Official golang implementation of the Ethereum protocol







Secure

Transparent

Distributed Consensus

Blockchain

Connected Devices and IoT



Source: Mario Morales, IDC











Security gaps in IoT with serious physical effects

Refrigerator among devices hacked in Internet of things cyber attack







Why today's Internet of billions of Things won't scale to the Internet of bundreds of billions of Things



Source: Device democracy. Saving the future of the Internet of Things. IBM Institute for Business Value. http://www-935.ibm.com/services/us/gbs/thoughtleadership/internetofthings/ fig.2, p4



IBM and Samsung's ADEPT Project



ADEPT

IoT research project by IBM

ADEPT: IOT CHALLENGE FOCUS

√ cost trust $\sqrt{}$ monetisation $\sqrt{}$ interoperability $\sqrt{\text{discoverability}}$ $\sqrt{authentication}$ $\sqrt{\log \operatorname{term} \operatorname{service} \operatorname{expectation}}$ scale



ADEPTVISION

- highly efficient digital marketplaces
 $\sqrt{}$ real-time resource competition
- $\sqrt{}$ inter-device agreements
- $\sqrt{}$ direct payments between devices
- $\sqrt{}$ service and resource barter between devices
- inter-device reputation

$$\sqrt{}$$
 = demo'ed











Source: Device democracy. Saving the future of the Internet of Things. IBM Institute for Business Value. http://www-935.ibm.com/services/us/gbs/thoughtleadership/internetofthings/ fig.5, p11

IoT Communications Architectures











The main security focus is on:

- Data origin authenticity
- Securely sending data from logger to ledgers
- Maintaining that data securely
- Sharing/transacting that data thereafter securely

Additional outstanding questions:

- How does this compare to legacy solutions?
- How will that data be controlled by its owner?
- How will the node know that it is receiving data from an approved datalogger?
- What is the most likely or secure way for the data to be relayed from the datalogger to the node?
- How many data loggers report back to a single node?
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Getting Started, DIY IoT Blockchain







LITECOIN RASPNODE Build your own Raspberry Pi Litecoin node



ETHEREUM RASPNODE Build your own Raspberry PI Ethereum node



Raspi-Eth-Install

Welcome to Eth(Embedded)'s Raspbian based Ethereum Installer.

Click here for Raspbian Ethereum Installer on GitHub: https://github.com/EthEmbedded/Raspi-Eth-Install

- Raspberry Pi agnostic Wether you have a Pi 1B, 1B+, or Pi 2 it is the exact same process
- Utilizes Raspbian(Debian based) OS for those of you who prefer that flavour:)
- Unattended install of the OS
- - Consumes entire SD by default so no need to resize after install.
- Utilize default settings OR customize by editing installer-config.txt file prior to install (root password, IP settings, hostname, etc.)
- - Utilizes dphys-swapfile so end user does not have to set up swap.
- Choose your flavor of Ethereum by which script you run eth/cpp-ethereum OR geth/go-ethereum

Slock.it

Code Example

