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An Introduction to Blockchain

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Here's Why Blockchains Will Change the World



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The Impact of the Blockchain Goes Beyond Financial Services

by Don Tapscott and Alex Tapscott

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Why Blockchains Could Transform How the Economy Works

Is Blockchain the Most Important IT Invention of Our Age?

By The Guardian

Skype Co-Founder Explores Blockchain's Role In Achieving Global Cooperation

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Dubai launches Blockchain strategy to become paperless by 2020

Blockchain by the numbers







Shared

Blockchain value is directly linked to the number of organizations or companies that participate in them. There is huge value to even the fiercest of competitors to participate with each other in these shared database implementations.

Secure

Uses cryptography to create transactions that are impervious to fraud and establishes a shared truth.

Ledger

The database is "write once" so it is an immutable record of every transaction that occurs.

Distributed

There are many replicas of the blockchain database. In fact, the more replicas there are the more authentic it becomes.





That decentralizes data in a trustless environment



- Traditional ledgers are centralized and use 3rd parties and middlemen to approve and record transactions
- Blockchain safely distributes ledgers across the entire network and does not require any middleman
- The technology maintains multiple replicas like p2p torrent file sharing





Blockchain uses a distributed ledger for tracking

- A ledger is a write only database most commonly used in accounting
- The digital distributed ledger creates the same copy of the data across all the participating nodes
- All new transactions are digitally signed and then broadcast across the blockchain network to be added to the system
- Participants in the blockchain verify the transaction is valid and then writes it to the ledger
- This is the technology originally designed to power the bitcoin currency

FROM	то	PROPERTY	VALUE
Alex	Katie	Payment	\$500
Jim	Sally	Payment	\$300
Alex	Garth	Asset	Car
Katie	Tony	Payment	\$100
Molly	Paula	Message	I love you

Example ledger





Blockchains create a transaction chain with history



- The ledger itself does not keep track of digital asset account balances, it simply records transactions
- Instead of balances, ownership of digital assets is verified by links to previous transactions, using the immutable history inherently available in a blockchain solution
- For example. For Alex to send \$500 to Katie, he must reference previous transactions where he has
 received \$500 or more to prove that he, indeed, has that much money to send. These reference transactions
 are called previous input transactions. The current transaction(s) is called output transaction(s)
- Validity of each transaction is based on the validity of previous transactions, which is shared.





Blockchain | Network Types



Public



- Many, unknown participants
- Writes by all participants
- Reads by all participants
- Consensus by Proof of Work



Private

- Known participants from one organization
- Write permissions centralized
- Reads may be public or restricted
- Multiple algorithms for consensus

Consortium



- Known participants from multiple organizations
- Writes require consensus of several participants
- Reads may be public restricted
- Multiple algorithms 2025

Source: Ethereum blog by Vitalik Buterin https://blog.ethereum.org/author/vitalik-buterin/

Decentralization: changing fundamental processes & models"



Simplify Operations

Allows industries to redefine or create new business models.



Reduces Fraud

Highly secure and transparent, making it nearly impossible to change historical records.



Increases Efficiency and Speed Simplifies transactions and enables T+

Simplifies transactions and enables T+Zero settlement time.



Reduces Risk and Improves Trust

Challenges the need to trust counterparties to fulfill obligations as agreements are codified and executed in a shared immutable network.

Regulatory Efficiency

Enables real-time monitoring of financial activity between regulators and regulated entities.









When is blockchain relevant?

Answering a few questions can determine if blockchain is appropriate

Is this a business process that crosses trust boundaries?

Do multiple parties manipulate the same data? Are there any intermediaries that control the single source of the truth? Does the process involve low-value, manual verification steps?





re complex example: Blockchain to track assets 🍙

- In this example, a smartphone and all of its components are captured in a blockchain system used to track products
- A unique identifier for the smartphone is created based on all the parts of the smartphone
- This unique identifier for the smartphone can be used to track that unique item within a blockchain



All parts get a hash (digest) based on product serial number + manufacturer

All digests of parts are combined into one unique digest for the phone







More complex example: Blockchain 2.0 & Smart Contracts

- Blockchain 1.0 is a simple ledger that records transactions in sequence. It represents the state of the network at any given moment. Blockchain 1.0 was focused on transacting payments. However, folks quickly realized that you could encrypt pretty much anything and put it on the blockchain. There are marriage proposals written to the blockchain, photographs stored, etc.
- What if you stored whole agreements on the blockchain, what would that look like?
- Blockchain 2.0 expands the power of the ledger to include additional logic (code) through Smart Contracts
 - Smart Contracts contain code and execute various terms written in that contract
 - Like normal contracts, these Smart Contracts are based on reaching agreed-upon conditions
 - Smart Contracts are now stored on and exist within Blockchain 2.0's distributed ledger
 - Think of Smart Contracts as the computer code representation of a legal contract
- Examples: Contracts can be as simple as recording a loan and making payments on that loan or as complex as swaps.







Blockchain 3.0, Project "Bletchley," "cryptlets" innovation

- Blockchain 2.0 introduced the power of Smart Contracts...
- ...but Smart Contracts are unable to access external data or events based on time or market conditions
 - Calling code or data outside of a Smart Contract or blockchain breaks the general trust barrier and authenticity of transactions
- Cryptlets will allow the blockchain to access external data securely, while maintaining the integrity of the blockchain
- Cryptlets are a Microsoft innovation and solve a significant hurdle to enterprise blockchain adoption







Popular scenarios where Blockchain adds value 🧑



Trading **Deal origination** POs for new securities Equities Fixed income Derivatives trading Total Return Swaps (TRS) 2nd generation derivatives The race to a zero middle office Collateral management Settlements Payments Transferring of value Know your client (KYC) Anti money laundering **Crowd Funding** Peer-to-peer lending Compliance reporting Trade reporting & risk visualizations **Betting & prediction markets**

Insurance

Claim filings MBS/Property payments Claims processing & admin Fraud detection/prediction Telematics & ratings Digital authentication Asset management Automated underwriting Self-administered insurance

Media

Digital rights mgmt Game monetization Art authentication Purchase & usage monitoring Ticket purchases Fan tracking Ad click fraud reduction Resell of authentic assets Real time auction & ad placements

Computer Science

Micronization of work (pay for algorithms, tweets, ad clicks, etc.) Expanse of marketplace Disbursement of work Direct to developer payments API platform plays Notarization & certification P2P storage & compute sharing DNS

Medical

Records sharing Prescription sharing Compliance Personalized medicine DNA sequencing

Asset Titles

Diamonds Designer brands Car leasing & sales Home Mortgages & payments Land title ownership Digital asset records

Government

Voting Vehicle registration WIC, Vet, SS, benefits, distribution Licensing & identification Copyrights

Identity

Personal Objects Families of objects Digital assets Multifactor Auth Refugee tracking Education & badging Purchase & review tracking Employer & Employee reviews

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Device to Device payments Device directories Operations (e.g. water flow) Grid monitoring Smart home & office management Cross-company maintenance markets

Payments

Micropayments (apps, 402) B2B international remittance Tax filing & collection Rethinking wallets & banks

Consumer

Digital rewards Uber, AirBNB, Apple Pay P2P selling, craigslist Cross company, brand, loyalty tracking

Supply Chain

Dynamic ag commodities pricing Real time auction for supply delivery Pharmaceutical tracking & purity Agricultural food authentication Shipping & logistics management



Build development environment consisting of blockchain protocol clients and network infrastructure

Build Blockchain Network on premises/cloud providers: 3 weeks

- 1. Review blockchain protocol specific network documentation
- 2. Determine topology for a consortium network
- 3. Map topology to IT resources
- 4. Manually deploy
- 5. Configure blockchain clients via Linux BASH scripts to support private network (peering, isolate mining nodes, etc.)
- 6. Configure other blockchain protocol properties (consensus algorithms, max peers, etc.)
- 7. Trial and error to make above steps work
- 8. Configure IT networks and firewall ports to permit blockchain protocol traffic
- 9. Test, debug, and repeat

Deploy Blockchain Network in Azure using BaaS Bletchley Framework: 15 minutes

- 1. Activate Azure subscription
- 2. Search Azure Marketplace for desired blockchain
- 3. Click on blockchain image of choice
- 4. Provide 10 user parameters (number of consortium members, number of blockchain VMs, admin usernames and passwords, etc.)
- Deploy and wait 15 minutes (+/- depending of nodes selected)













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