## **Introduction to Blockchain**

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# **Blockchain Concepts**





## Just being digital isn't the ultimate destination

You have to be willing to be disruptive...

Digital businesses are disrupting industries and professions.

72% are vulnerable to disruption within *three* years

Source: FROM DATA TO DISRUPTION: INNOVATION THROUGH DIGITAL INTELLIGENCE IBM-sponsored report by Harvard Business Review Analytic Services, 2016 Harvard Business Review

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## Applying technology to change the game

Blockchain's early adopters – the Explorers – are turning uncertainty that comes with digital disruption into their unique advantage.



**One in five** Explorers intends to disrupt a new market or industry by completely changing the rules of the game.

**66%** of Explorers are experimenting with a radically different business model — the platform model — to create entirely new forms of value.

Source: Forward Together: Three ways Blockchain Explorers chart a new direction, May 2017, Global C-suite Study, IBM Institute for Business Value



Blockchain is creating extraordinary opportunities for businesses to come together in new ways

#### **Create New Value**

Exploit new business models and eliminate inefficiencies

#### **Optimize Ecosystems**

Streamline business processes and the exchange of value along your ecosystem

#### **Reduce Risk**

Replace uncertainty with transparency and a trusted decentralized ledger



## A shared, replicated, permissioned ledger ...





### records

The Problem ....

... Inefficient, expensive, vulnerable

### The Solution ...



## ...Collaboration, immutability, trust



## Blockchain needs a different perspective

**Blockchain** ... Is a digital shared distributed ledger. It establishes trust, accountability and transparency while streamlining business processes.



#### Blockhain enables a business network....

- Businesses cannot operate in isolation; they benefit from connectivity
- Participants are customers, suppliers, banks, partners & regulatory bodies



#### ... underpinned by:

- **Assets** ownership passes across the network in return for payments, can be tangible and intangible (Product or Letter of Credit etc.)
- Transaction an asset transfer onto or off the ledger
- Contract Conditions for the contract to occur
- Ledger the system that records the transaction

## Blockchain underpins Bitcoin

# **bitcoin** is:

- An unregulated shadow-currency
- The first Blockchain application
- Resource intensive

Blockchain for business differs in key areas:

- Identity over anonymity
- Selective endorsement over proof of work
- Assets over cryptocurrency



## **Blockchain for business**

Append-only distributed system of record shared across business network





Business terms embedded in transaction database & executed with transactions

Ensuring appropriate visibility; transactions are secure, authenticated & verifiable





Transactions are endorsed by relevant participants



# **Blockchain Technology**





## **Blockchain – Common Questions**

#### What is it?

The Blockchain is a cryptographically secured distributed ledger system that allows for the transferring or sharing of assets

#### How is it stored?

The Blockchain data can be stored as a flat file, or in a database

#### How can it be accessed?

One can connect to the Blockchain account through web interface, mobile apps and desktop clients

#### How is it structured?

- The Blockchain data structure is an ordered, back-linked list of blocks of transactions
- A block is a container data structure that aggregates transactions. The block is made of a header, followed by a long list of transactions that make up the bulk of its size
- Blocks are linked "back," each referring to the previous block in the chain
- Each block within the Blockchain is identified by a hash generated using cryptographic hash algorithm, which will also have references to a previous block, known as the parent block

#### **Blockchain Structure**



## How Transactions are updated in Blockchain



## The Architecture







The Stack



## Under the covers of a Blockchain



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## Fabric is the foundation

	Hyperledger	Ethereum	Ripple	Bitcoin
Description	General purpose Blockchain	General purpose Blockchain	Payments Blockchain	Payments Blockchain
Governance	Linux Foundation	Ethereum Developers	Ripple Labs	Bitcoin Developers
Currency	None	Ether	XRP	BTC
Mining Reward	N/A	Yes	No	Yes
State	Key-value database	Account data	None	Transaction data
Consensus Network	Pluggable : PBFT	Mining	Ripple Protocol	Mining
Network	Private or Public	Public or Private	Public	Public
Privacy	Open to Private	Open	Open	Open
Smart Contracts	Multiple programming languages	'Solidity' programming language	None	Possible, but not obvious

Blockchain Fabrics are rapidly evolving. Please check to ensure the most current information.

## Protocol comparison

MUST HAVE	Hyperledger Fabric		Ethereum		Quorum		Corda		Chain ''
Maturity	<ul> <li>First Hyperledger project to graduate to General availability with multiple production networks</li> </ul>	×	Limited POC implementation of mainnet forks for enterprise	×	Developer sandbox only	×	Limited to R3 Consortium and Financial Services	×	i Limited enterprise adoption
Confidentiality	<ul> <li>Partitioned execution, channels, and permissioned membership</li> </ul>	×	Only possible through forks of the mainnet	×	All nodes are aware of the existence of transactions	~	Supported through "flow" logic structure	×	Limited confidentiality built in
Security	<ul> <li>✓ Internal and external security review</li> <li>✓ FIPS 4+ and HSMs</li> <li>✓ SSC protect entire Blockchain stack</li> </ul>	×	No data encryption or channel partition	~	Private transactions, limited confidentiality	×	Intel SGX chips only protect verification portion of Blockchain	×	Permissioned model with limited data encryption
Modularity	<ul> <li>Pluggable consensus, database, and membership</li> </ul>	×	None	~	Pluggable, supports QuorumChain and RAFT- based consensus	×	Modular data store and some programmable modularity through flows	~	Designed to be extensible
Interoperability	<ul> <li>✓ Designed to integrate with external Blockchain fabrics</li> <li>✓ Backwards compatible</li> </ul>	×	Interoperability dependent on third-party extensions	×	Unclear	~	Supports interoperability	×	None
Governance	✓ Linux Foundation's Hyperledger Project	×	Ethereum Foundation drives development	×	Developed internally at JPMC	×	Developed internally at R3, no governance structure for open-source code	×	Unclear
Licensing	✓ Apache 2 or MIT licensing	×	Numerous licenses for different parts of the code	×	GPL/LGPL	1	Apache 2	×	Unclear
Developer tools	✓ Hyperledger Composer free to use for developers	×	Only available through third parties	~	Cakeshop	×	None – written in Kotlin, a very limited programming language	~	Desktop application supporting developer exploration
Scalability	✓ Designed for consortium deployment with high throughput	×	Designed for public network, limited by proof of work consensus	~	Design for consortium deployment, expected to reach high throughput	×	Potential for nodes to get out of sync at scale as a result of non-deterministic execution	~	Design for consortium deployment, expected to reach high throughput
Industry BM <b>Blockchain</b>	✓ Cross-industry	~	Cross-industry	×	Financial Services, aiming to become multi-purpose	×	Financial Services	×	None IBN

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# Typical Usecases





# Blockchain can help solve core issues in the Distribution industry



## Food Safety Provenance



- What
   Providing consumers, suppliers, manufacturers carriers, retailers, and regulators greater transparency on their goods
  - Increasing ability for key participants to meet new regulatory pressures
- **How** Digitize the existing food safety process and product information on Blockchain creating a single historical record
- Vendors create new levels of trust through information sharing
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## Benefits

- Improved track & trace capabilities for the consumer & industry result in decreased response time to product recalls
- 2. Enhanced food flow has material impact on shelf life management
- 3. Lower compliance costs



## Supply Chain Visibility



- What
   Participants have complete visibility rather than point to point messaging that is often delayed and incomplete
  - Visibility granted only to participants involved in the transaction
- **How** Each participant sends their purchase order information to the Blockchain
  - Real-time view into status of load based on immutable and verifiable information

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## **Benefits**

- Trusted & holistic view into goods arriving allowing for more effective & faster order fulfillment
- 2. Decrease in dispute resolution time
- Proof of delivery to meet delivery requirements by vendors

## Resolving Disputes thru consensus and trust

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Immutability / Non-repudiability of Blockchain ledger

Comprehensive view of all operational data

Less disputes, faster settlement Free flow of capital between parties

Distributed & Replicated Less Outages, Highly extensible



# Digitizing the Global Trade



An open, extensible platform for sharing shipping events, messages, and documents across all the actors and systems in the supply chain ecosystem.

Important principles

- Detailed information remains under the control of the owner
- Neutral
- Fault Tolerant
- Everyone can work in their own systems





- What Everledger develops and deploys technological solutions to markets where evidence is critical
  - Starting with diamonds, 980k+ encrypted to date, but plans to expand into other industries, e.g. art, wine
- **How** Using Blockchain & smart contracts, Everledger provides ecosystem participants (e.g., B2B traders, consumers, etc.) immutable historical context
  - Create a digital DNA signature of all diamonds written to the Blockchain (e.g. 4Cs: cut, color, carat, clarity

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#### Benefits

- Minimize fraud 65% of fraudulent crimes go undetected
- 2. Address problems of double financing
- Reduce amount of conflict stones through improving identifiability

## There are multiple ways to architect the network



Interoperability of chains allow seamless integration and scalability IBM **Blockchain** 

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# How To Get Started





## Key Considerations in defining a use case



revenue streams?

## The End to End Life Cycle



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