

IoT and Blockchain

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Outline

What data are we transferring? Sustaining blockchains

Ledgers

Generating Blocks on RPIs

ClockChains

IoT and Properties of Blockchain

Autonomous nodes

Immutability

Verifiability

 \rightarrow Consensus based

Account numbers: public keys Anyone can send you a message securely Transfer resources Intractable to get your secret key

Signatures by private keys Verify signature using public key

Data

If Alan-T wants to send you digital money how do they do it?





Public block S(send \$100 to F) Public block P(S(send \$100 to F)) Send \$100 to F

Certification

Data

Alan-T

- 1. Determines the amount to send you
- 2. Takes to-public-key
- 3. Compute S(amount, to-public-key)

[S(amount, to-public-key), from-public-key]

Verification?

```
Pay yourself first
```

Each miner inserts a payment to themselves This self-pay is pre-agreed upon

```
xfers {
 [ S(amount, to-public-key), from-public-key ;
 ...
 ]
}
```

Also, can require a transaction fee!

Blockchain: public ledger

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Genesis} \\ \rightarrow \\ \text{Block} \end{array} \xrightarrow{} \text{Block 1} \xrightarrow{} \text{Block 2} \xrightarrow{} \\ \end{array} \xrightarrow{} \begin{array}{c} \circ \circ \circ \end{array} \xrightarrow{} \\ \end{array} \xrightarrow{} \begin{array}{c} \text{Block z} \xrightarrow{} \\ \end{array}$$

All transactions in blocks New block about every X seconds Can trade all money from the start

https://blockchain.info/

US Money Supply



First Unix-day

Bitcoin example

Max of about 21 million total Bitcoins by 2140

Geometric series 50 + 25 + 12.5 + 6.25 + 3.125 + 1.5625 + ...

Last term about $\frac{1}{100,000,000}$!

Last term takes about 33*4 = 132 years

New Bitcoins

About ever 10 minutes

Halve amount added ever 4 years 2009-2013: add 50 BTC every ~10 minutes 2014-2017: add 25 BTC every ~10 minutes 2018-2021: add 12.5 BTC every ~10 minutes 2022-2025: add 6.25 BTC every ~10 minutes

Last year for new BTC is 2140 Almost none added after 2030

Bitcoin Supply



Money Purpose & Properties

Purpose Medium of exchange Unit of account Store of value

Properties

Opportunities for earning & commerce Safety, stability, supply, storage Fungibility, divisibility, liquidity, exchange & transfer

Opportunity for investment

Money - Technology Dependent

5,000 BC – metal money

760 BC – coins

960 AD – paper money

2009 – operating digital currency Bitcoin Satoshi Nakamoto See also Chaum 1982

Blockchain Currencies

No central authority

Seignorage – difference in cost of making money and its value

Seignorage to miners not a central bank

- Bottom up rather than current top-down
- Transaction fees
- Legal tender issues
- Jurisdiction issue

Privacy model: Classic

The user & firms are responsible for the secret keys



Privacy model: Bitcoin

The user is responsible for the secret keys & security



Large-scale IoT Economics

Distributed ledger Autonomous

Paying nodes to support the network – mining

"Want weak currency now, strong currency in the future"

Synchronous Clockchains

Clockchains are not Blockchains

Mine on RPI_1

import paramiko

RPI_1 = paramiko.SSHClient()

RPI_1.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
RPI_1.connect(hostname='localhost',username='pi',port=5022)

```
stdout=RPI_1.exec_command('python3 testMine.py')
output = stdout.readlines()
for items in output:
    print("RPI_1:" + items)
```

```
RPI_1.close()
```

Two RPI synchronous test

RPI_1.connect(hostname='localhost',username='pi',port=5022,password= RPI_2.connect(hostname='localhost',username='pi',port=5023,password=

```
stdin,stdout,stderr=RPI_2.exec_command('python3 testMine.py ' + "3")
output = stdout.readlines()
for items in output:
    print("RPI_2:" + items)
```

```
stdin,stdout,stderr=RPI_1.exec_command('python3 testMine.py ' + "2")
output = stdout.readlines()
for items in output:
    print("RPI_1:" + items)
```

Two non-RPI Almost-Clock-Chain

```
class AlmostClockChain(threading.Thread):
    def __init__(self, name, difficulty):
        threading.Thread.__init__(self)
        self.name = name
        self.difficulty = difficulty
```

```
def run(self):
    print("Starting thread "+self.name+"\n")
    tm = TestMine(self.difficulty)
```

```
t1=AlmostClockChain("Non-RPI_1",5)
t2=AlmostClockChain("Non-RPI_2",3)
t1.start()
t2.start()
```

Two RPI ClockChains

See code ClockChain.py

Where to from here?

