# The Digital Pink Slip:

## A Blockchain Use Case for Automobile Registration



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# It all began.....June 29, 2007



## Audit of the Future

"It's important for today's auditors to be at the forefront of disruptions, such as blockchain, and to identify ways to innovate to advance audit quality and to align auditing capabilities with the changes occurring in the marketplace."

Frank Casal, vice chair of audit KPMG



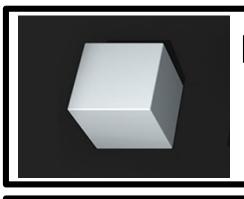
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# Agenda



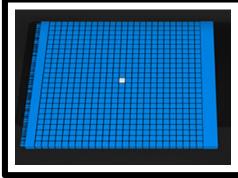
- What is Blockchain?
- How Does it work?
- Use Case
- Proof of Concept
- Conclusion
- What's Next....

## What is a Record? Block?? Blockchain???



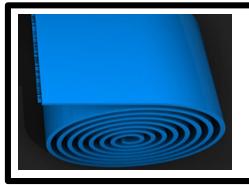
#### Records

- ☐ Can be any information
- All the information about the asset



#### **Blocks**

- ☐ Collection of records
- ☐ Blocks are a snapshot of each of state
- ☐ Track an asset whose state changes



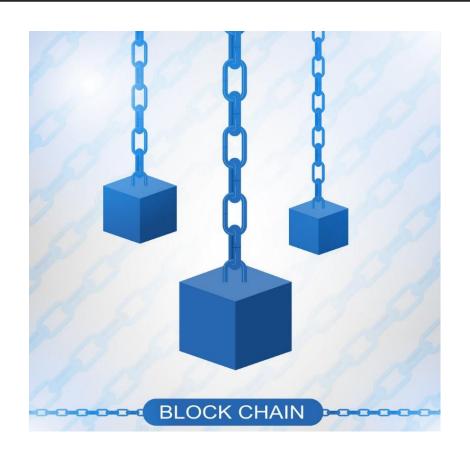
#### Blockchain is the ledger

- ☐ Continuously updated record of who holds what
- ☐ Representation of the continuous "change of state"

## What is Blockchain?

Self-sustaining, peer-to-peer database for managing and recording transactions with no central bank or clearinghouse involvement

"Blockchain" is named after how transactions are stored—blocks of data, encrypted by altering (or hashing) part of the previous block



Blockchain is the representation of the continuous "change of state"

## How Does it Work? No Central Authority

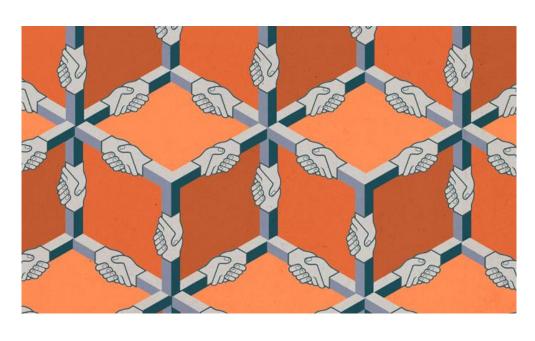
Historically, we have had to rely on third party institutions (e.g. government, financial institutions, large corporations) to manage the integrity, trust, and transaction itself. In a way, we have shifted that protocol to the underlying technology of Blockchain.

Bill Briggs, managing director, US and Global Chief Technology Officer, Deliotte Consulting LLP



### **How Does It Work?**

- System is presumed immune to tampering, fraud, or political control
- Handled through algorithms and consensus among multiple computers
- Designed to protect against domination of the network by any single computer
- Every transaction is processed just once, in an electronic ledger



A Strategist's Guide to Blockchain **strategy+business** 



## What is Blockchain used for?

## Asset, Participant, Transaction

Blockchain is a technology used for managing the exchange of assets.

#### **Asset**

- An asset can be anything of value.
- Include physical or non-physical asset.
- e.g.) currency, real estate, inventory, EMR

#### **Participant**

- Organization or people who take part in the digital business network
- who exchange these assets

#### **Transaction**

- Submitted by a participant to affect the assets
- Exchange itself during which there is a change of state (a new block is created)

Wherever there is "change of state", there is new block

## Why do we need Blockchain?

The problem with traditional transactions....

- ☐ The seller doesn't trust the buyer
- ☐ The buyer doesn't trust the seller
- ☐ Buyer and seller must rely on the third party

Can we have a system where trust exists on the transaction and not the central authority?







## How can to build Trust

## What obstacles inhibit Trust?

- Tampering
- Lack of Transparency
- Confirmation
- Double spending problem



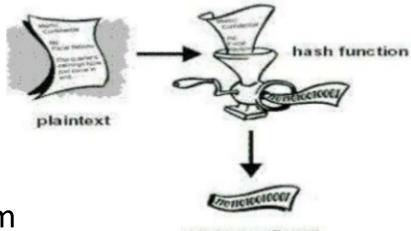
# Immutability for "Trust"



Problem: Tampering



Solution: Immutability



Hash is mathematical algorithm

- ✓ that allows one way encryption
- ✓ "easy" to compute & "difficult" to reverse.



Immutability → Crypto-technology

## Crypto-technology



How much money would you have if you doubled one cent every day for one month?



\$10,737,418.24

 $2^{30} = 1,073,741,824$ 

How does that translate to 256 bit electronic signature?

# Public and Private Keys

Private Key: Sign (Message,sk) = Signature

Public Key: Verify (Message, 256 bit Signature, pk) = T/F



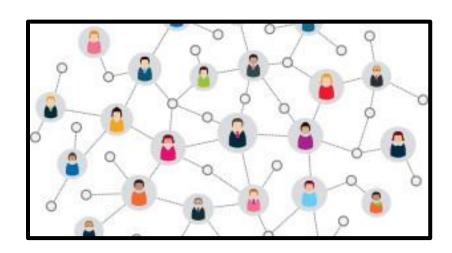
## Provenance for "Trust"



Problem: Transparency

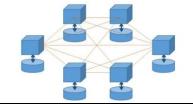


Solution: Distributed Ledger



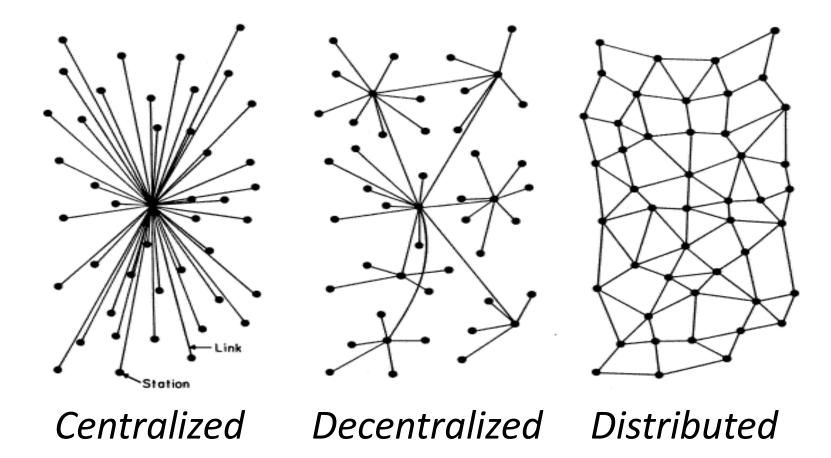
The chain is the ledger.

- ✓ Clear picture of the history of the chain itself
- ✓ Gives you confidence and helps create trust



Provenance → Distributed Ledger

## What are Distributed Ledgers





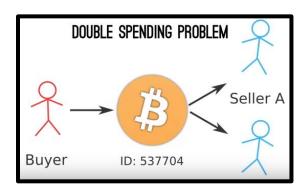
# Finality for "Trust"



Problem: Double Spending



Solution: Finality (new block)



Block is only added after validation.

- ✓ Crypto has network of miners (validators)
- ✓ Algorithm to auto-validate the authenticity of prior blocks



Finality → Verification e.g.) Proof of Work

## Consensus for "Trust"



Problem: No Central Authority



Solution: Verification/Acceptance *e.g.) mining* 



- ✓ Validation of each transaction.
- ✓ Participants in the chain can raise red flags

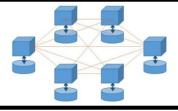


Consensus → No Central Authority

## Build Trust in a "Trustless" System



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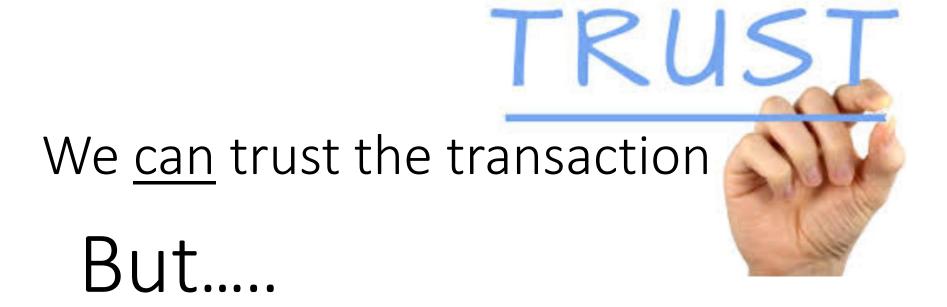
# Adding Value through Blockchain

- ✓ Recordation—track ownership of the physical asset
  - e.g.) Stocks, bonds, money, artwork, votes, and digital identity
- √ Value Exchange—transfer of ownership
  - e.g.) Everyone on systems knows when an asset is sold
- √ Smart Contracts—imbedded ledger is immutable
  - e.g.) Buying a car in minutes not days





# Build Trust in a "Trustless" System



Can we add conditions and/or constraints to our transaction??



# **Smart Contracts**

#### Contracts

#### A contract is:

 A promise or a set of promises for the breach of which the law gives a remedy or the performance of which the law in some way recognizes a duty.

#### Parties of a Contract:

- At least 2 parties
- Offeror
  - Makes an offer
  - To do or not do something
- Offeree
  - Person to whom offer is made
  - If accepted, then contract



### **Contracts**

#### Elements of a Contract:

- ✓ Agreement
  - Offer and acceptance; mutual assent
- ✓ Consideration
  - Money, property, services
- √ Contractual Capacity
- ✓ Lawful Object

Smart Contracts (1996) "a set of promises, specified in digital form, including protocols within which the parties perform on those promises"

"Smart Contracts" were formally proposed in 1996!
"Nick Szabo, Smart Contracts: Building Blocks for Digital Markets, EXTROPY, 1996.

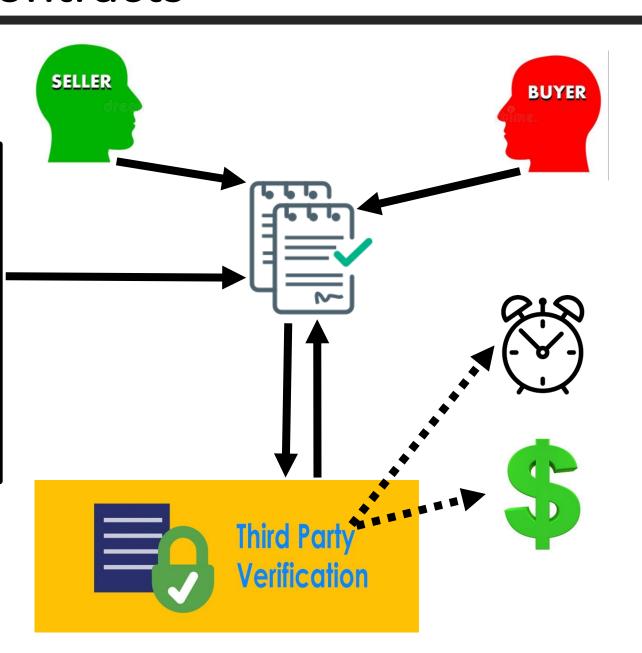
## **Traditional Contracts**

#### **Paper Contract**

Cory agrees to pay \$20K for the car. Once Claire gets the deposit, she will transfer the vehicle ownership to Cory by handling him over the car documents and the car.



Signature



## **Smart Contracts**



**Problem: Adding Conditions/Constraints** 



Solution: Smart Contracts







Smart contract as a script (rules)

- ✓ Executed before the new block will be created.
- ✓ Any failure = lack of finality and new block will not be created.



Add Conditions to transactions

→ Smart Contracts

## **Smart Contracts**

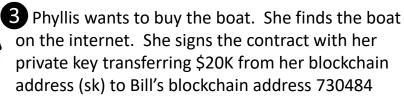


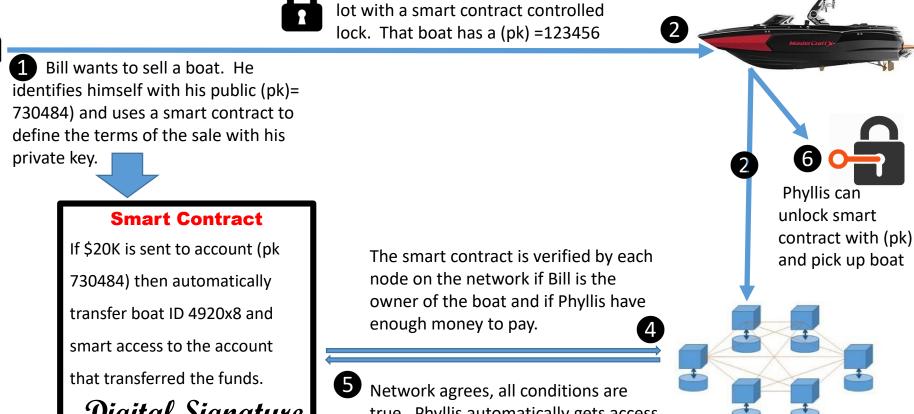
Bill leaves the boat and a key on the lot with a smart contract controlled lock. That boat has a (pk) = 123456



Digital Signature

Network agrees, all conditions are true. Phyllis automatically gets access to the smart garage lock. Money exchanges and a new block is created.



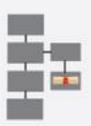




## **Smart Contracts**



Option contract written as code into a blockchain.



Contract is part of the public blockchain.



Parties involved in the contract are anonymous.



Contract executes itself when the conditions are met.



Regulators use blockchain to keep an eye on contracts.



https://codebrahma.com

No court cases in US providing direct guidance on the enforceability of smart contracts.

McKinney, S. A., Landy, R., & Wilka, R. (2018). Smart Contracts, Blockchain, and the Next Frontier of Transactional Law. *Wash. JL Tech. & Arts*, *13*, 313.

# Smart Contracts as "Digital Constraints"

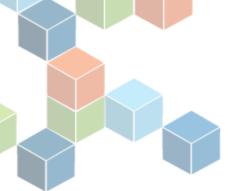
#### **Smart Contracts are:**

- ☐ Not "Smart" or a "Contract"
- ☐ Self-governing contracts
- ☐ Simplify and automate lengthy and inefficient business processes.
- ☐ Terms and conditions are recorded in the contract's code.
- ☐ Shared network automatically executes the contract and monitors compliance.
- ☐ Outcomes are validated instantly without a third party.
- ☐ Self-executing

#### **Examples of Smart Contracts:**

- ☐Only used in North America
- ☐ Cannot ship to California
- □ Validate age
  - e.g.) selling tobacco/liquor to minor
- Only physicians can validate EMR (HIPPA)
- ☐ Cannot sell prior to Jan 1, 2020 at 12:00pm
- ☐ If sold, then must pay royalty
- ☐ Interstate Commerce (Sherman Act)

Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (E-Sign Act) of 2000 gives the legal effect to electronic signatures e.g.) DocuSign



# Blockchain: Adding Trust to the Change of State



THE RECORD

All the information about an asset





THE CHAIN
All the blocks
linked together

#### **Blocks**

A block of data is simply a snapshot of the state of an asset.

#### Blockchain

A mechanism that registers the "change of state" adding trust to the transaction.

#### **Trust** is added through:

- 1.) Immutability. The "Hash" is a one way encryption to verify the transaction is authentic.
- 2.) Provenance. The distributed ledger is a historical record of who holds what.
- 3.) Finality. A block is only added after validation.
- 4.) Consensus. Participants in the blockchain network have the ability to raise red flags.

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# What are the possibilities?



Gartner research predicts there will be over 26 billion connected devices by 2020

# **Banking Applications**



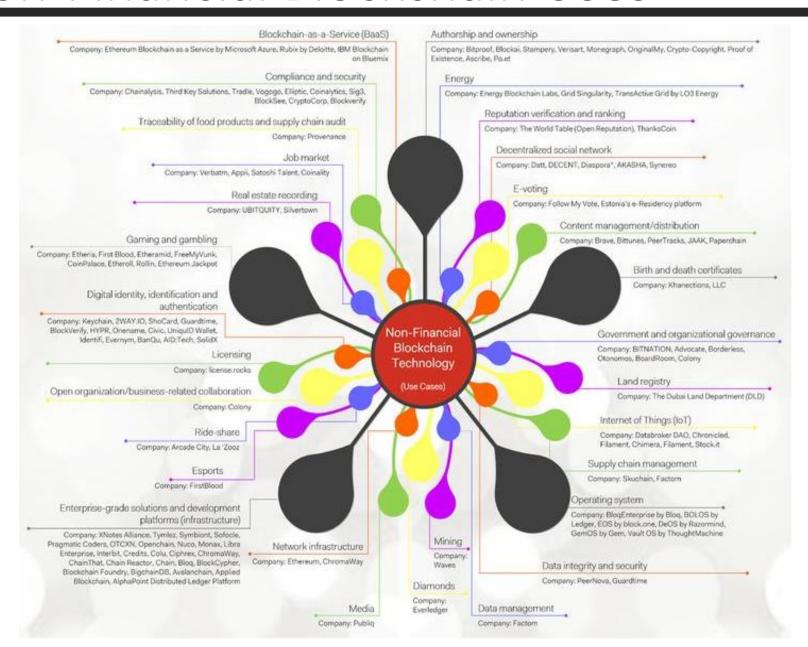
#### Blockchain technology is moving into the financial mainstream with IBM and seven European banks

- IBM is building a blockchain for seven of Europe's biggest banks in the area of trade finance.
- Deutsche Bank, HSBC, KBC, Natixis, Rabobank, Societe Generale and Unicredit
  are the banks that are part of the consortium.

Harvard Business Review The Blockchain Will Do to the Financial System What the Internet Did to Media

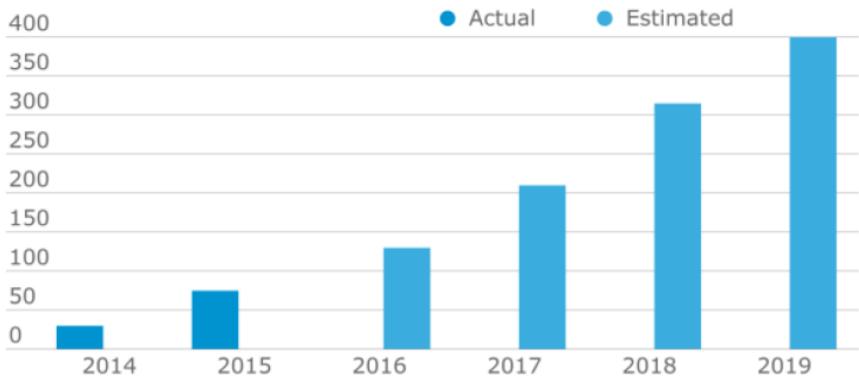
by Joichi Ito, Neha Narula, and Robleh Ali

## Non-Financial Blockchain Uses

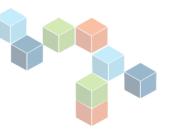


# Blockchain Technology on the rise

Capital market spending on blockchain technology in \$ billions



Source: Aite Group



# How to do you build Blockchain?

- Need to depend on Blockchain database
- What are the BlockChain databases that are out there?
  - Microsoft--Azure Blockchain Workbench
  - Oracle Autonomous Blockchain Cloud Service
  - Intel's Sawtooth
  - SAP HANA Blockchain
  - IBM Hyperledger Fabric
  - Apache Hyperledger (open source)

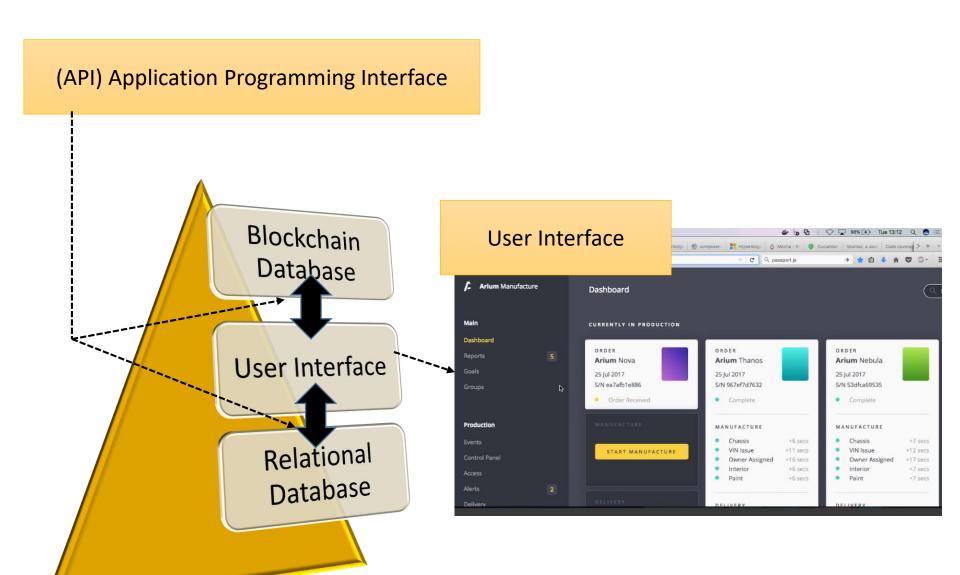
# Apache Software Foundation founder to lead blockchain Hyperledger Project

Well-known open-source developer and leader Brian Behlendorf is now the executive director of Hyperledger, a project for advancing enterprise open-source blockchain technology

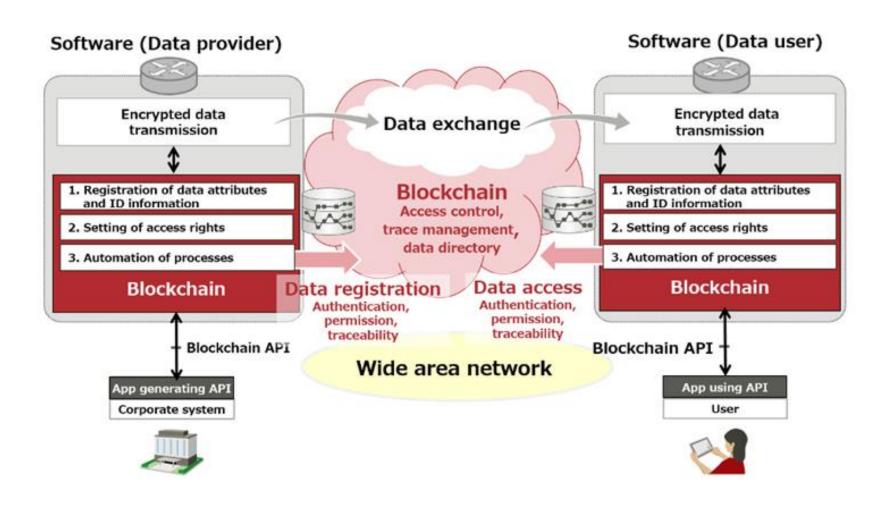


By Steven J. Vaughan-Nichols for Linux and Open Source | May 19, 2016 -- 20:00 GMT (13:00 PDT) | Topic: E-Commerce

# **Application Architecture**



# Data Exchange Built on Blockchain



Reference: Fujitsu.com

# **Proof of Concept**



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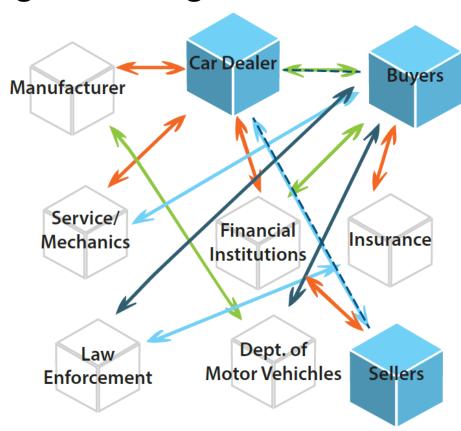


# The Digital Pink Slip:

## A Blockchain Use Case for Automobile Registration

- Assets = cars
- Transactions = buying and selling of cars
- Participants =

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Previous Hash: fec04740-d898-43ac-b45v-69b8304c917a		
Hash: 01ea7ld5-52ec-4c34-b853-1b315aa4052a		
Time stamp: September 1, 2018 11:49am UTC		
ΔIN	1L81SJX26SA003608	
Year	2018	
Make	Tesla	
Model		
Color		
Titleholder	Cory Campbell	
Insurance Coverage	[]	
Registration	[]	
Status	Complete	
Smart Contract	[]	



## Use Case: Block 101

#### **Block 101**

Previous Hash: fec04740-d898-43ac-b45v-69b8304c917a

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Time stamp: September 1, 2018 11:49am UTC

.VIN	1L81SJX26SA003608
.Year	2018
Make	Tesla
Model	Model X
Color	Blue
Titleholder	Dijo's Autohaus
Insurance Coverage	[]
Registration	[]
Status	Complete
Smart Contract	[]

The chain originates with the OEM manufacturer



#### **Blockchain Transaction:**

Dijo's Autohaus buys a car from the OEM Manufacturer.

- ✓ A new block (101) is created
- ✓ Title changes from Telsa (OEM) to Dijo



## Use Case: Block 102

# Block 102 Previous Hash: 01ea7ld5-52ec-4c34-b853-1b315aa4052a Hash: jKla781d-4358-cjao5848a3-89jlxlejb8s0ak Time stamp: September 2, 2018 7:32 pm UTC

-VIN	1L81SJX26SA003608
Year	. 2018
Make	Tesla
Model	Model X
Color	
Titleholder	Cory Campbell
Insurance Coverage	<u>[]</u>
Registration	[]
Status	Complete
Smart Contract	[]

#### **Blockchain Transaction:**

Dijo's Autohaus sells the car to Cory Campbell.

- ✓ A new block (102) is created
- ✓ Title changes from Dijo's Autohaus to Cory





## Use Case: Block 103

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Color Blue

**Smart Contract** 

Model Model X

Titleholder Kim Herb
Insurance Coverage [...]
Registration [...]
Status Complete

#### **Blockchain Transaction:**

Cory sells the car to Kim.

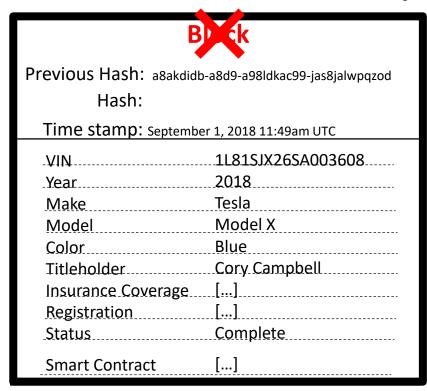
- ✓ A new block (103) is created
- ✓ Title changes from Cory to Kim

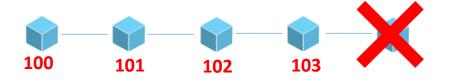


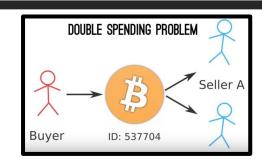


## Use Case: Can we sell to two people?

Double spending is trying to sell the same assets twice, to two different people.







#### **Blockchain Transaction:**

Cory sells the car to Claire

Cory owns Block 102—not the latest block in the chain

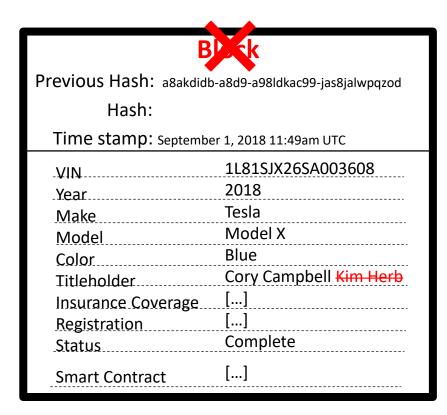
Why?

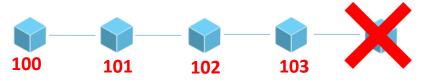
# Algorithm designed to ensure prior block is the longest

✓ No new Block Created

## Use Case: What if a Block is altered?

# Cory alters Block 103 by changing the Title holder to back to himself.







#### Blockchain Transaction:

- ✓ Title changes from Kim Herb back to Cory Campbell.
- ✓ Cory tries to sell the car to Steve Lamb.
- ✓ Transaction Why?

Change in Record changes the HASH.

Hash no longer links to the previous hash

✓ No new Block Created

**Cannot change a block--Immutability** 

#### **Smart Contracts**

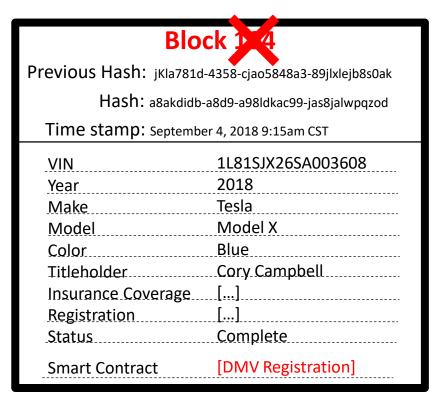
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A smart contract is added by \_\_\_\_ to require registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles before any sale is complete.



"Like a cryptographic box that contains value & only unlocks if certain conditions are met."



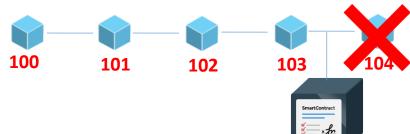
#### **Blockchain Transaction:**

Kim sells the car to Chloe, but the transaction fails.

✓ Transaction Why?

Kim did not register with the DMV

This Block Fail....Block 104 is NOT created

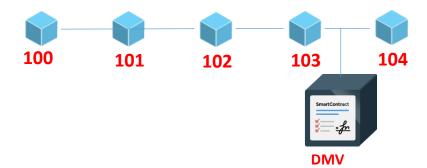


#### Block 104 Previous Hash: a8akidb-a8d9-a98ldkac99-jas8jalwpqzod Hash: a89d02k-kald9-bjao89e0d-z938akdho3jd Time stamp: September 5, 2018 3:47pm CST 1L81SJX26SA003608 VIN 2018 Year Tesla Make Model X Model Blue Color Chloe Titleholder... Insurance Coverage [YES] Registration Complete Status [DMV Registration] **Smart Contract**

#### **Blockchain Transaction:**

Kim sells the car to Chloe, but the transaction fails.

- √ Kim registers with DMV
- √ Smart contract executes
- ✓ Block 104 created

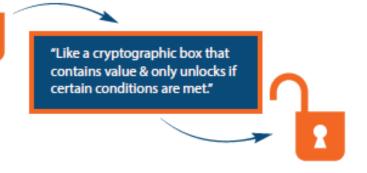


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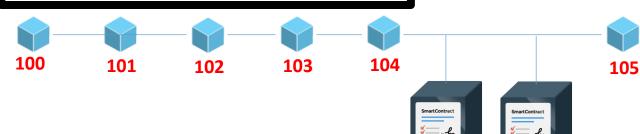


#### **Block 105** Previous Hash: 89d02k-kald9-bjao89e0d-z938akdho3jd Hash: 9adkaigh-d8ad-mazpd8dd3-1k90ziah89a4 Time stamp: September 6, 2018 1:23pm CST 1L81SJX26SA003608 2018 Year Tesla Make Model X Model Blue Color Chloe Titleholder... [...] Insurance Coverage [YES] Registration Complete Status [Insurance] [DMV] **Smart Contract**

#### **Blockchain Transaction:**

Regulatory body requires proof of insurance must be on file with the DMV.

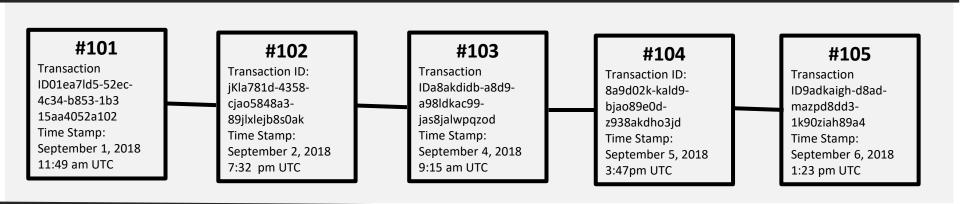
- ✓ Chloe submits her proof of insurance to the DMV
- √Smart contract executes
- ✓ Block 105 created
- √ Chloe retains Title



DMV

Insurance

# Review: What happened?



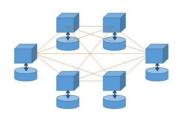
#### **Recent Transactions:**

Block	Time Stamp	Transaction ID	Transaction Submitter
101	September 1, 2018 11:49am UTC	01ea7ld5-52ec-4c34-b853-1b315aa4052a	Dijo's Autohaus
102	September 2, 2018 7:32 pm UTC	jKla781d-4358-cjao5848a3-89jlxlejb8s0ak	Cory Campbell
103	September 4, 2018 9:15am UTC	a8akdidb-a8d9-a98ldkac99-jas8jalwpqzod	Kim Herb
104	September 5, 2018 3:47pm UTC	8a9d02k-kald9-bjao89e0d-z938akdho3jd	Chloe Eleanor
105	September 6, 2018 1:23pm UTC	9adkaigh-d8ad-mazpd8dd3-1k90ziah89a4	Chloe Eleanor

# "Trusting" the Transactions



Immutability  $\rightarrow$  Altering block (e.g. changing titleholder) changed the hash



<u>Provenance</u> → participants can see where block originated as well as ownership



<u>Finality</u> → Single, trusted source of ownership and transaction history



<u>Consensus</u> → All the blocks in a chain must agree on the transactions validity

## What's Next?











## Regulation

- Emissions
- Insurance
- Registration

#### **Innovation**

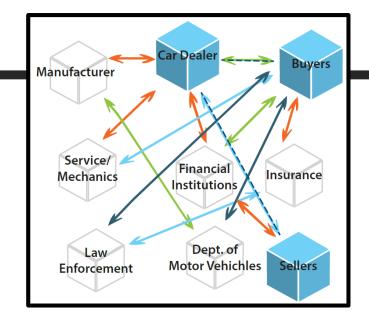
- Certified mechanics
- Certified parts

## Safety

- ☐ Valid licenses
- Proof of Insurance
- Registration

## Disruptive Innovation

☐ Future for CarFax and Kelley Blue Book?



# What's Next?





#### ENTERPRISE BLOCKCHAIN SURVEY

SAP has conducted a survey among its SAP Blockchain Community members. Our members are customers and partners, each sharing an interest and need to learn more about blockchain and its adoption as a technology to improve our lives. The highlights of the survey are shared in the infographic below, based on more than 200 responses, primarily from senior business leaders, supply chain managers, innovation & strategy officers and business analysts.



www.sap.com/blockchain

**EARLY ADOPTION** 



92% of survey respondents view blockchain as an opportunity

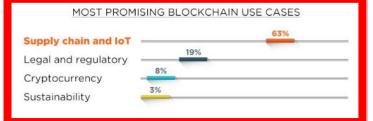


Only 3% of survey respondents are using blockchain in a production today



84% of survey respondents are currently engaged in blockchain related activities

LEADING USE CASES



MOST IMPORTANT BLOCKCHAIN ATTRIBUTES



Transparancy in the value chain



Trustworthy shared data



standardization

**FUTURE IMPACT** 



76% of survey respondents view that operational supply chain will be replaced by Smart Contracts in 5 - 10 years

83% of survey respondents assume that blockchain will become the system of trust

96% of survey respondents think that blockchain will improve the compliance of companies

SAP IMPORTANCE IN DRIVING BLOCKCHAIN



Of survey responders view SAP's involvement with blockchain as positively impacting their company's adoption of blockchain



Of survey responders would join an SAP led blockchain consortium



Of survey responders consider SAP's support of blockchain in standard products will accelerate adoption in the supply chain, manufacturing and ioT markets

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**BLOCK CHAIN** 

# Implications for the Accounting Profession

"A world where all transactions for a company occur on the blockchain would enable auditors to verify large amounts of routine data automatically, allowing them to focus instead on more complex transactions and controls"

Kimberly Ellison-Taylor, chairman of the AICPA ~ December 5, 2017

> "The accounting profession is built on confirmation and verification, and that's what blockchain is all about."

Barry Melancon, AICPA president and CEO ~ October 23, 2017

"Blockchain is one of the technologies that are 'shaping' the accounting industry."
Erik Asgeirsson, president and CEO of CPA.com ~ October 23, 2017

## What Do Accountants Need to Know?

#### Potential uses for blockchain in accounting and audit:

- Immutable records
- Traceable audit trails
- Automated audit processes
- Authentication of transactions
- Tracking ownership of assets
- Development of "smart contracts"
- Registry and inventory system for any asset, ranging from raw materials to intellectual property



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## What Does it Mean for Accountants?

### Impact on audit practices:

- blockchain in accounting & audit greatly reduces potential for errors when reconciling complex & disparate information from multiple sources
- accounting records <u>not alterable</u> once committed even by the owners of the accounting system
- every transaction is recorded & verified—the integrity of financial records is guaranteed
- potential to greatly reduce or even eliminate the need for auditing resources
- Increased need to audit controls and transaction anomalies
- potentially disrupting accounting profession as a whole



## Conclusion:

A "Block" is a snapshot of the "change of state" to the asset ☐ Blockchain has the potential to shift the nature of Accounting ☐ Blockchain has the potential to vastly automate the accounting process in compliance with regulatory requirements ■Blockchain will have a useful impact in every business ☐ The Accounting profession has a unique opportunity to define the blockchain agenda ☐ The future of Blockchains lies in smart contracts and supply chain ☐ Embrace the hype and before it's forced upon you!

# The Digital Pink Slip:

## A Blockchain Use Case for Automobile Registration



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