# Teaching the Fundamentals of Blockchains and Smart Contracts

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# Bitcoin

Currency

Bitcoin is a cryptocurrency. It is a decentralized digital currency without a central bank or single administrator that can be sent from user to user on the peer-to-peer bitcoin network without the need for intermediaries. Wikipedia

#### Symbol: B

Ledger start: 3 January 2009 (10 years ago)

Supply limit: B21,000,000

Latest release: 0.18.1 / 9 August 2019 (51 days ago)

#### Founder: Satoshi Nakamoto

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## What is Bitcoin

The digital asset, bitcoin, is used



# Blockchain

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A blockchain, originally block chain, is a growing list of records, called blocks, that are linked using cryptography. Each block contains a cryptographic hash of the previous block, a timestamp, and transaction data. By design, a blockchain is resistant to modification of the data. Wikipedia

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Original authors: Vitalik Buterin, Gavin Wood, Joseph Lubin

Written in: C++, Go, Rust, Solidity

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# Separating the hype from the technology

- •Crypto currencies are becoming popular with banks, consumers and various industries.
- •Blockchains are in the news for supply chain, finance transactions, distributed ledger etc.
- •There is a need for consumers and students to understand the basic underlying technology behind these crypto currencies.

# Sample Course Topics Outline

- 1. Introduction to Bitcoin
- 2. Mining
- 3. Consensus
- 4. Cryptocurrency Security
- 5. Ethereum Basics
- 6. Cryptography
- 7. Wallets
- 8. Transactions
- 9. Smart Contracts Programming
- 10. Smart Contracts Security
- 11. Tokens
- 12. Oracles
- 13. Distributed Apps
- 14. Web3 The Decentralized Web

# Sample Course on Block Chain Technology

- Sample Course Description ICS 2xx: Intro to Blockchain Technology
  - Provides an introduction to cryptocurrencies, blockchain technology, smart contracts and distributed applications (DApps). Topics include the origins of the Bitcoin cryptocurrency and its evolution over the past decade, the rise of the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM) and Blockchain, the proliferation of Smart Contracts using Solidity, and the emergence of DApps that use Blockchain for a variety of applications.
- Prerequisites Basic understanding of JavaScript or Python
- Recommended Textbooks
  - Mastering Bitcoin 2 nd Ed., Andreas Antonopoulos, O'Rielly Media, ISBN-13: 978-1491954386, Available on Amazon
  - 2. Mastering Ethereum: Building Smart Contracts and DApps, O'Rielly Media, ISBN-13: 978-1491954386, Available on Amazon
- Course Objectives
  - Students will learn the underlying technology behind crypto currencies, blockchains, smart contracts and distributed applications using hands-on labs
  - Students will experience real-world case studies and applications of crypto currencies, blockchains, smart contracts and distributed applications

Embed Content and Labs within Traditional Programs/Courses

- Accounting
- Finance
- Business
- Computer Science
- Information Technology
- Cybersecurity
- Administration of Justice
- Law
- Etc...

# Examples from CompSci and Business

# • Computer Science

- Proof of Work Protocol
- Economic measure to deter DDOS or Spam
- Extend understanding to create transaction block in a chain
- Mining computers, hash rate
- Electricity consumption
- Business: Accounting, Finance, Supply Chain, Security
  - Tax and government regulations
  - Distributed ledger for private/public supply chain
  - Cryptocurrencies for payments
  - Initial Coin Offering (ICO) for startups
  - Security of Wallets and Exchanges

# Bitcoin



- A distributed, decentralized digital currency system
- Released by Satoshi Nakamoto 2008
- Effectively a bank run by an ad hoc network
  - Digital checks
  - A distributed transaction log

# Size of the BitCoin Economy

- Number of BitCoins in circulation ~18 million (October 19, 2019)
- Total number of BitCoins generated cannot exceed 21 million.
  - Around 3 million left to be mined!
- Average price of a Bitcoin:
  - \$7,913 on October 19, 2019
  - \$4,110 on February 23, 2019
  - \$3729 on Dec 29, 2018
  - \$8,522 on May 15, 2018
  - \$7,149 on April 8, 2018
  - \$18,000 on December, 2017
  - \$3,867 on September 25, 2017;
  - \$2,350 on June 27, 2017
  - Price has been very unstable and speculative.
- Currently, 244,157 tx/day or ~170 tx/minute. (In contrast, Visa transaction 200,000 per minute!)



# **Blockchain Process... Decentralization**

The blockchain network is a peer-to-peer network of independent nodes communicating together by message broadcasting.



# Blockchain Demo: Interactive: https://anders.com/blockchain/blockchain.html

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Estimated Transaction Volume	97.49559812 BTC
Transaction Fees	0.04989164 BTC
Height	600173 (Main Chain)
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Received Time	2019-10-20 06:10:58
Relayed By	Unknown
Difficulty	13,008,091,666,971.9
Bits	387294044
Size	225.869 kB
Weight	733.58 kWU
Version	0x20C00000
Nonce	3013413449

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# What is Ethereum?

Ethereum is a blockchain that allows you to run programs in its trusted environment. This contrasts with the Bitcoin blockchain, which only allows you to manage cryptocurrency.

To this end, Ethereum has a virtual machine, called the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM). The EVM allows code to be verified and executed on the blockchain, providing guarantees it will be run the same way on everyone's machine. This code is contained in "smart contracts" (more on these below).

Beyond just tracking account balances, Ethereum maintains the state of the EVM on the blockchain. All nodes process smart contracts to verify the integrity of the contracts and their outputs.

# What is a smart contract?

A smart contract is code that runs on the EVM. Smart contracts can accept and store ether, data, or a combination of both. Then, using the logic programmed into the contract, it can distribute that ether to other accounts or even other smart contracts.

Here's a smart contract example with Bob and Alice again. Alice wants to hire Bob to build her a patio, and they are using an escrow contract (a place to store money until a condition is fulfilled) to store their ether before the final transaction.



1. Alice agrees to store her payment for the patio within the escrow contract, and Bob agrees to deposit an equal amount 2. Bob completes the patio project and Alice gives the smart contract permission to release the funds *3. Bob receives Alice's payment along with his collateral* 

(Provisions could be written into the contract code releasing Bob's collateral to Alice if Bob were to fail to build the patio or if he were to perform a poor job.)  $\leftarrow \rightarrow C$  remix.ethereum.org/#optimize=false&evmVersion=null&version=soljson-v0.5.11+commit.c082d0b4.js

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