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# DECENTRALIZED FUTURES: BLOCKCHAIN, CRYPTO, AND WEB3

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# Objectives

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- **Have a clear understanding on how Blockchain technology works**  
→ **Evolution from Traditional – Centralized – Decentralized Structures.**
- **Explore blockchain applications in various fields**  
→ **Finance**  
→ **Energy, Climate, Supply Chain, Identity...**
- **Imagine real DECENTRALIZED FUTURES**

# Plan

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**Session 1: Introduction to Blockchains**

**Session 2: Bitcoin, Ethereum & beyond**

**Session 3: Decentralized Finance (DeFi)**

**Session 4: Energy, Climate and Supply Chains**

**Session 5: Blockchain and Identity**

**Session 6: Final Examination**

# Notation

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- **Individual or collective work on a blockchain technology or project (30%)**
- **Active in-class participation, and MCQ (20%)**
- **Final exam (50%)**
  - **use case or**
  - **essay**

# Let's get to know each other

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**1/ Quick survey**

**2/ Create a wordpress account here:**

**[www.blockchain-x.eu](http://www.blockchain-x.eu)**

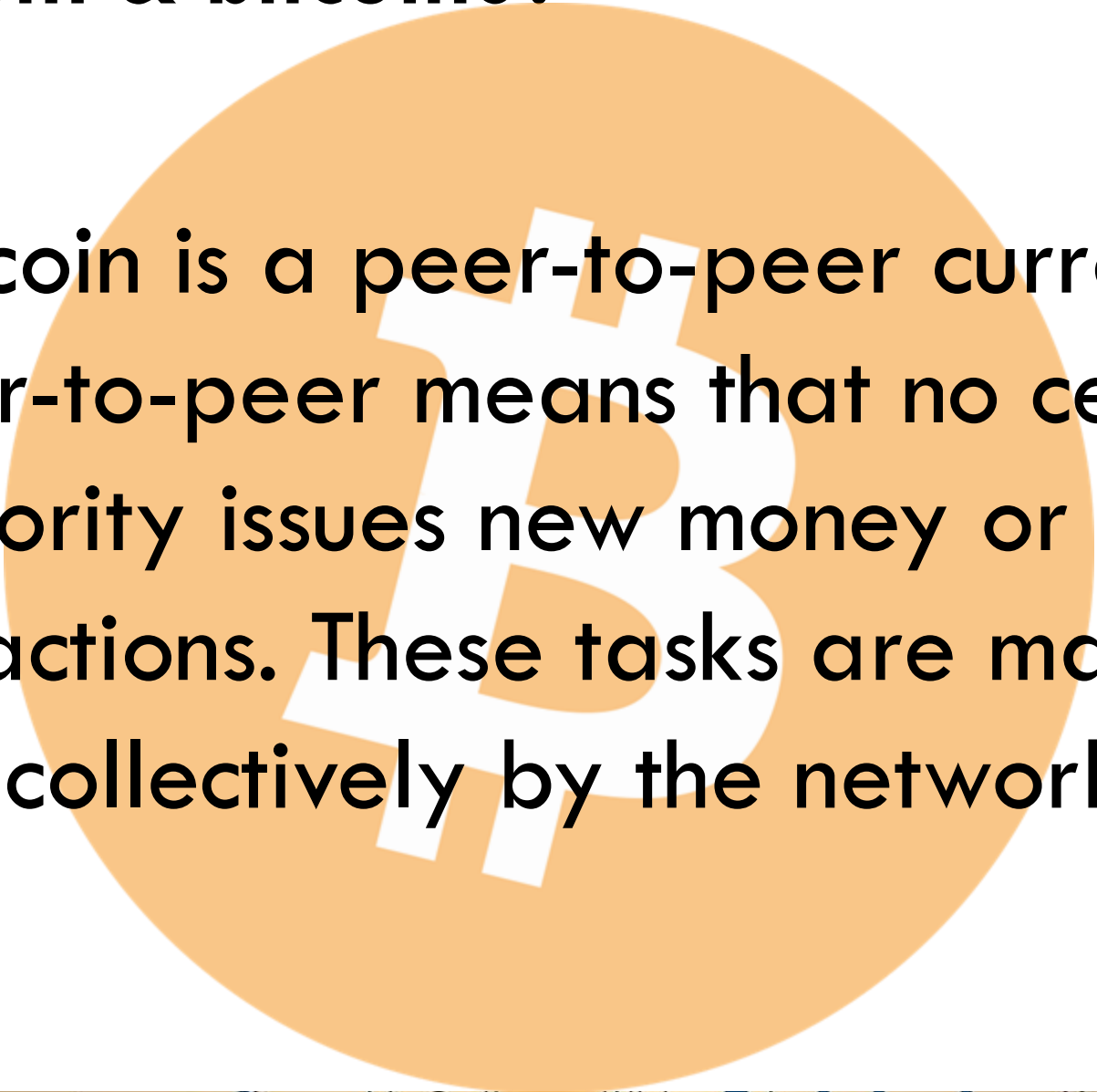


# Session 1: Introduction to Blockchains

1. Required Viewing and Reading
2. History of digital cash
3. How does Blockchain work?
4. Public or private, permissioned or permissionless?
5. What type of token?
6. Custodial and non custodial wallet?



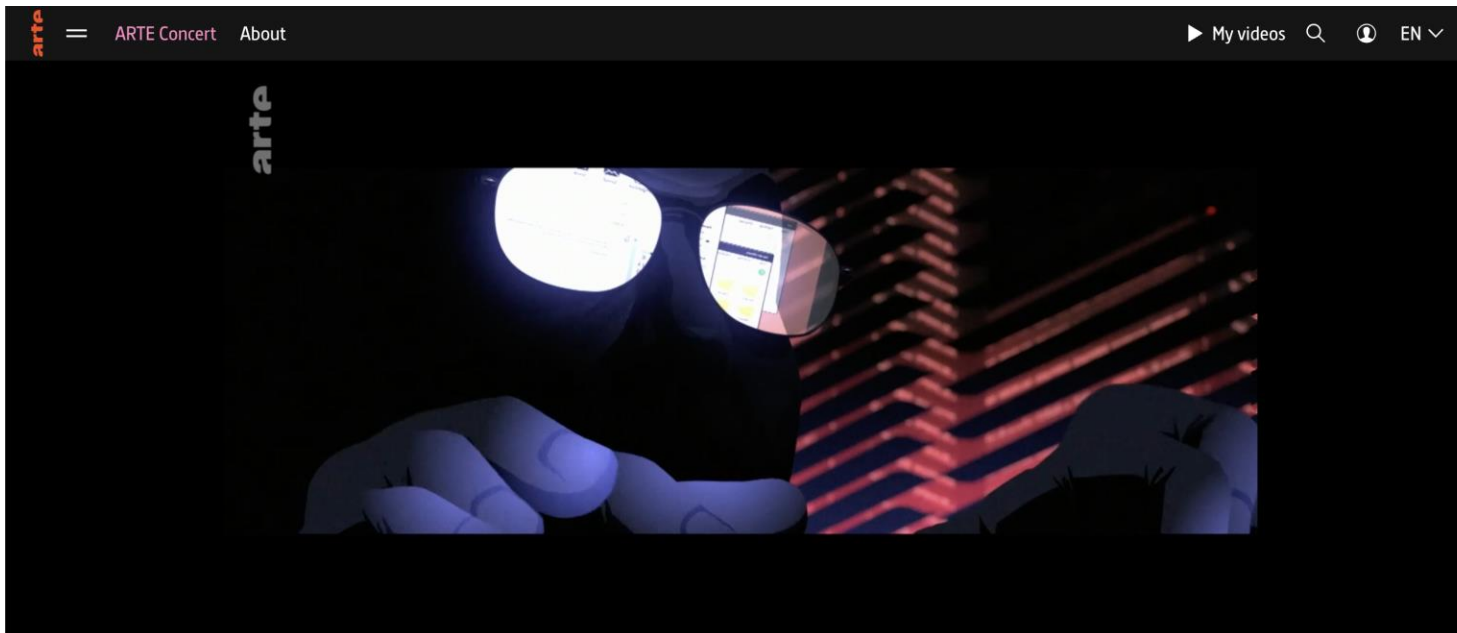
# What is Bitcoin & bitcoins?



Bitcoin is a peer-to-peer currency  
Peer-to-peer means that no central  
authority issues new money or tracks  
transactions. These tasks are managed  
collectively by the network.

# The Satoshi Mystery - The Story of Bitcoin

Required viewing



<https://www.arte.tv/en/videos/097372-001-A/the-satoshi-mystery-the-story-of-bitcoin/>

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In the age of the Internet, "cypherpunks" tried to create an anonymous, autonomous, free and direct digital currency that worked without intermediaries. Many failed - but not Satoshi Nakamoto. In the middle of the subprime mortgage crisis, he was the first to publish the code for Bitcoin.



# The genesis White Paper

Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System,

<https://bitcoin.org/bitcoin.pdf>, 2008

What did you read ?

What did you understand ?

## Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System

Satoshi Nakamoto  
satoshin@gmx.com  
www.bitcoin.org

**Abstract.** A purely peer-to-peer version of electronic cash would allow online payments to be sent directly from one party to another without going through a financial institution. Digital signatures provide part of the solution, but the main benefits are lost if a trusted third party is still required to prevent double-spending. We propose a solution to the double-spending problem using a peer-to-peer network. The network timestamps transactions by hashing them into an ongoing chain of hash-based proof-of-work, forming a record that cannot be changed without redoing the proof-of-work. The longest chain not only serves as proof of the sequence of events witnessed, but proof that it came from the largest pool of CPU power. As long as a majority of CPU power is controlled by nodes that are not cooperating to attack the network, they'll generate the longest chain and outpace attackers. The network itself requires minimal structure. Messages are broadcast on a best effort basis, and nodes can leave and rejoin the network at will, accepting the longest proof-of-work chain as proof of what happened while they were gone.

### 1. Introduction

Commerce on the Internet has come to rely almost exclusively on financial institutions serving as trusted third parties to process electronic payments. While the system works well enough for most transactions, it still suffers from the inherent weaknesses of the trust based model. Completely non-reversible transactions are not really possible, since financial institutions cannot avoid mediating disputes. The cost of mediation increases transaction costs, limiting the minimum practical transaction size and cutting off the possibility for small casual transactions, and there is a broader cost in the loss of ability to make non-reversible payments for non-reversible services. With the possibility of reversal, the need for trust spreads. Merchants must be wary of their customers, hassling them for more information than they would otherwise need. A certain percentage of fraud is accepted as unavoidable. These costs and payment uncertainties can be avoided in person by using physical currency, but no mechanism exists to make payments over a communications channel without a trusted party.

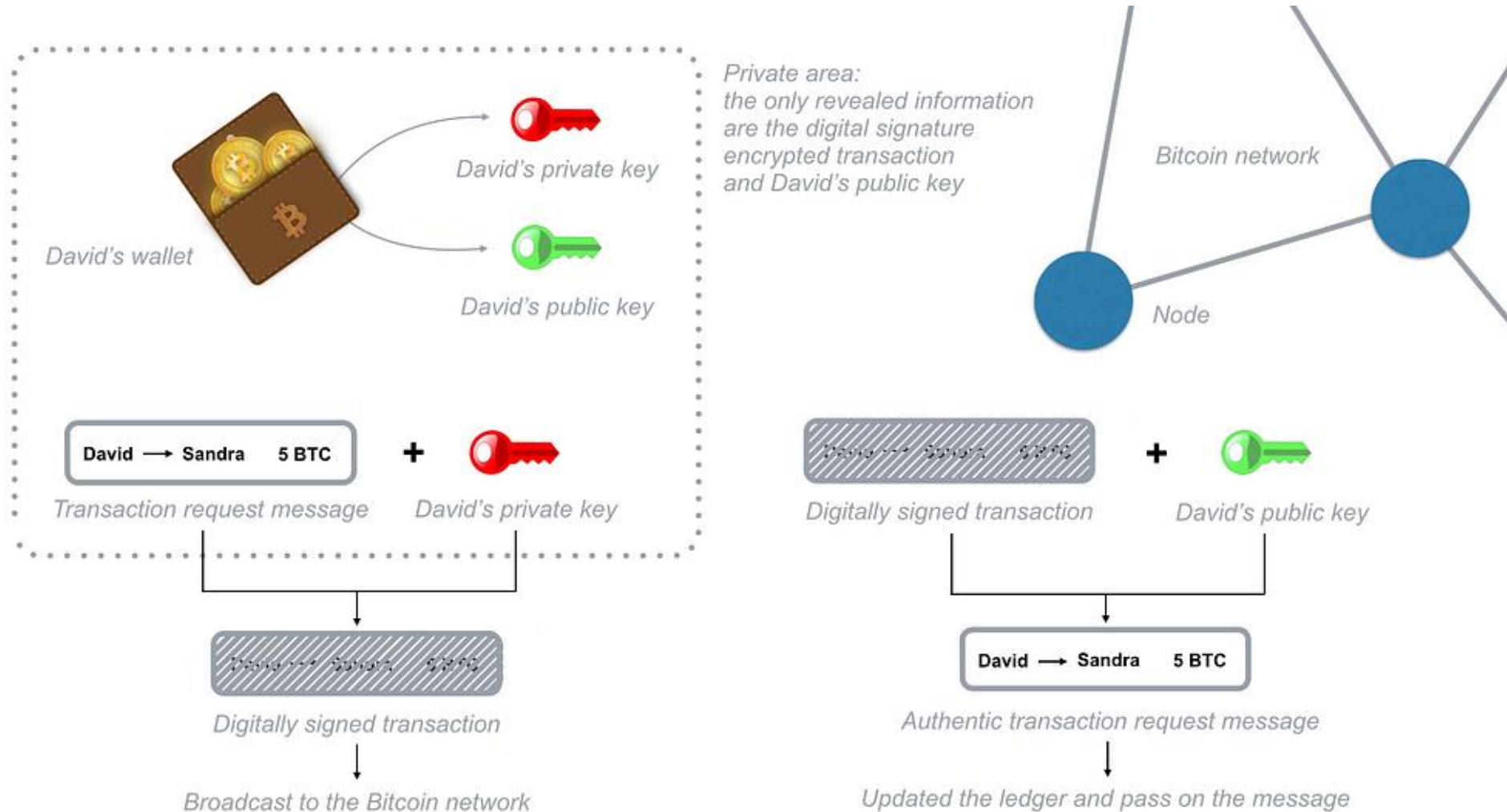
What is needed is an electronic payment system based on cryptographic proof instead of trust, allowing any two willing parties to transact directly with each other without the need for a trusted third party. Transactions that are computationally impractical to reverse would protect sellers

# **1. How does Blockchain work?**

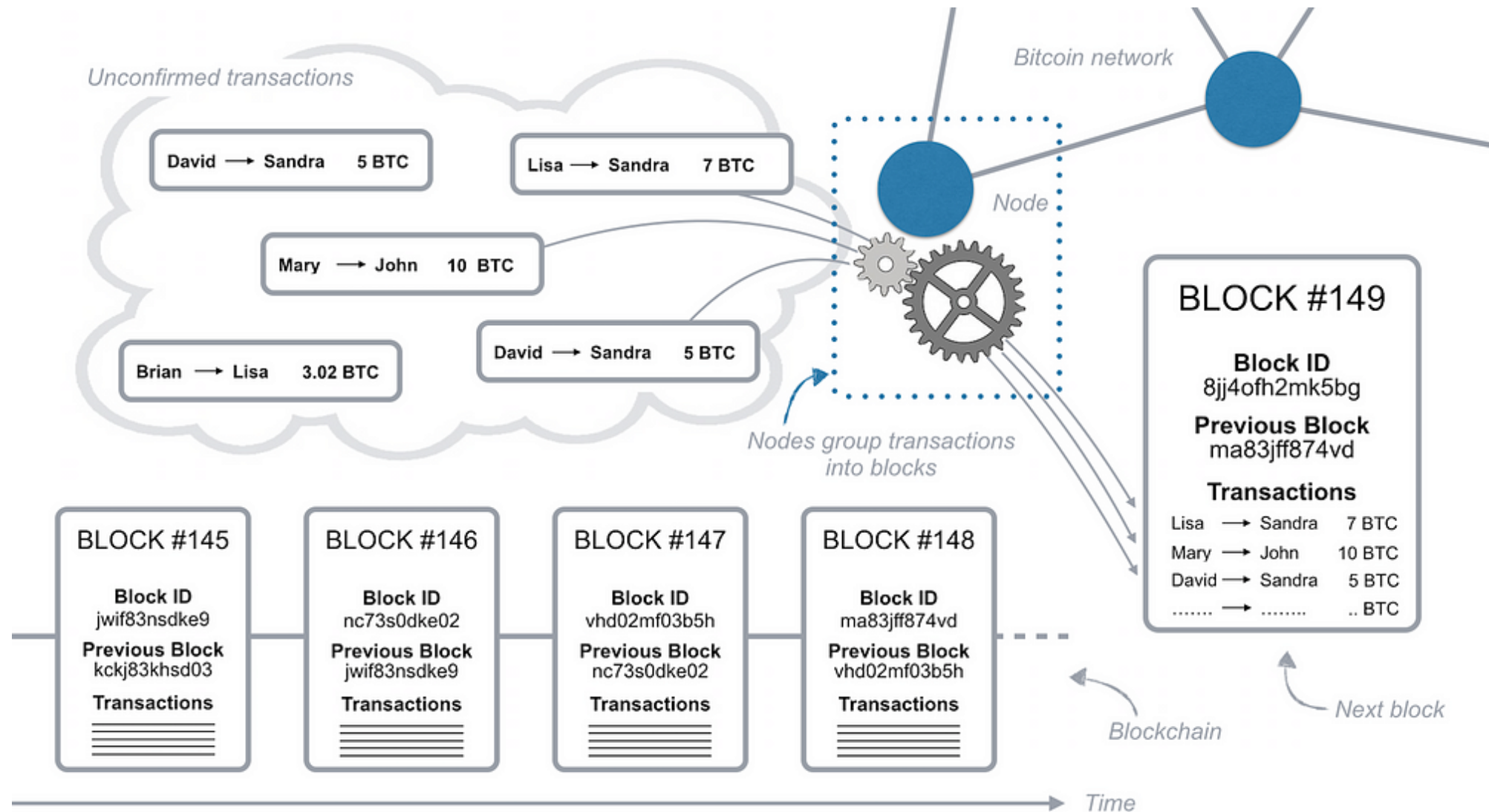




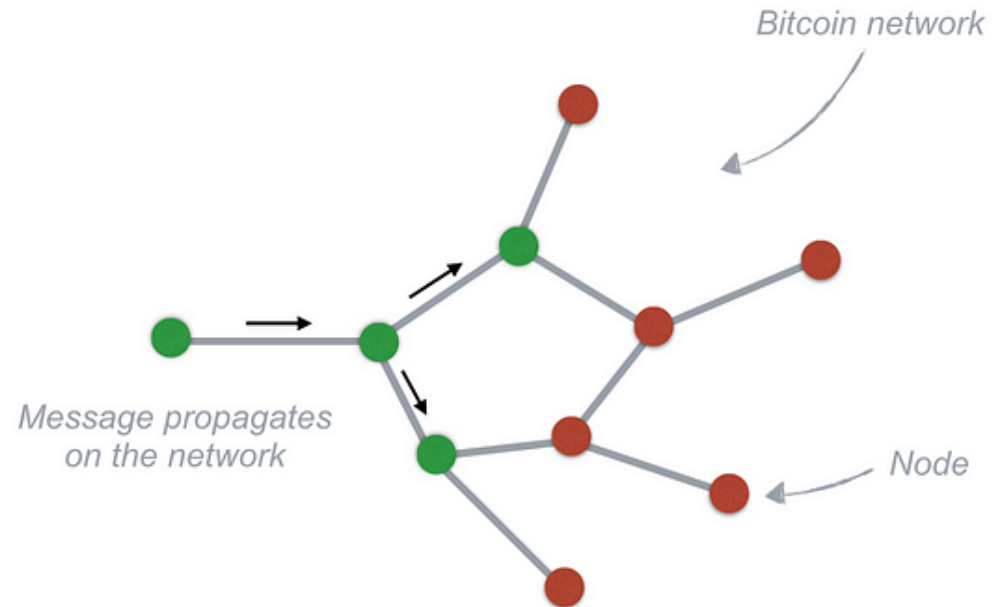
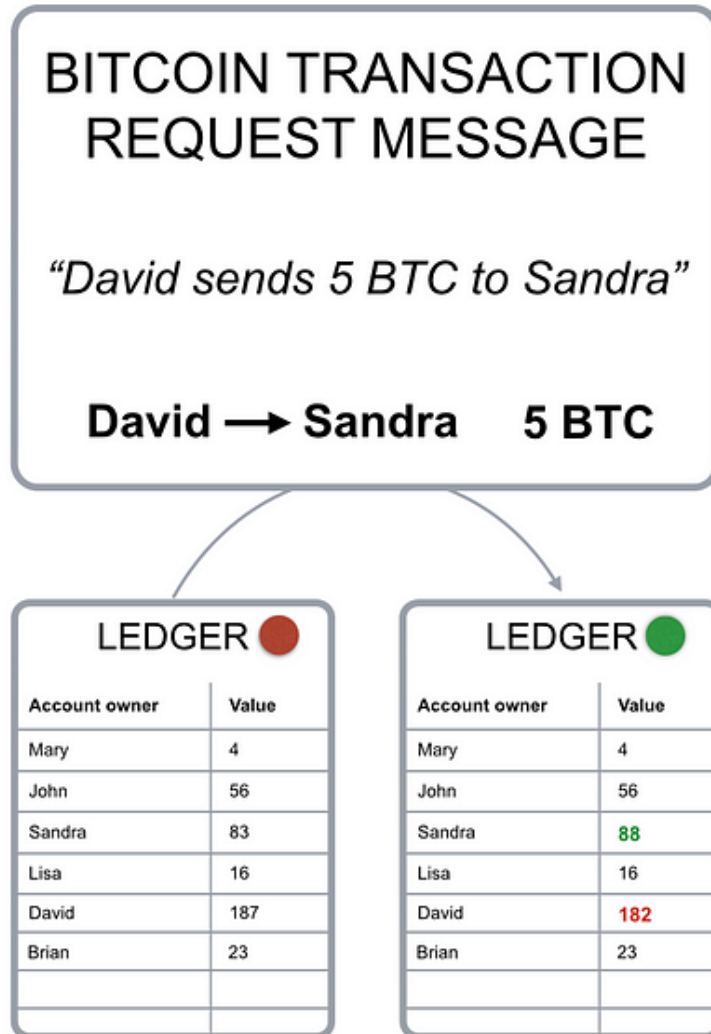
# 1. Someone Wants to Send Bitcoin



# The transaction is not yet confirmed

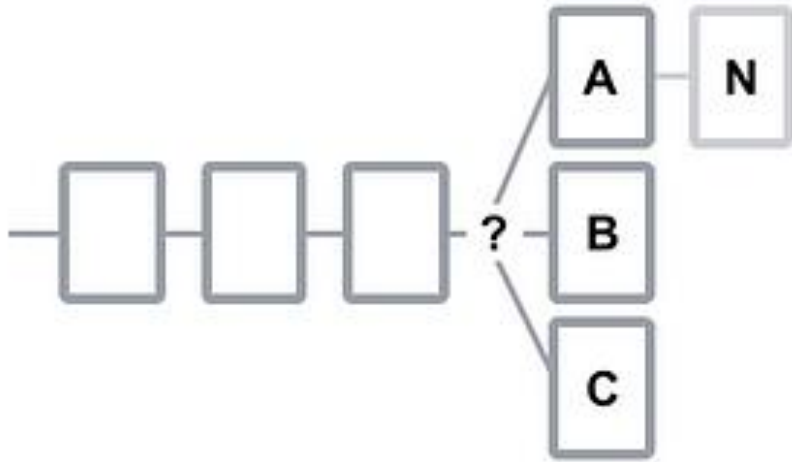


## 2. The Transaction is Broadcast to the Network

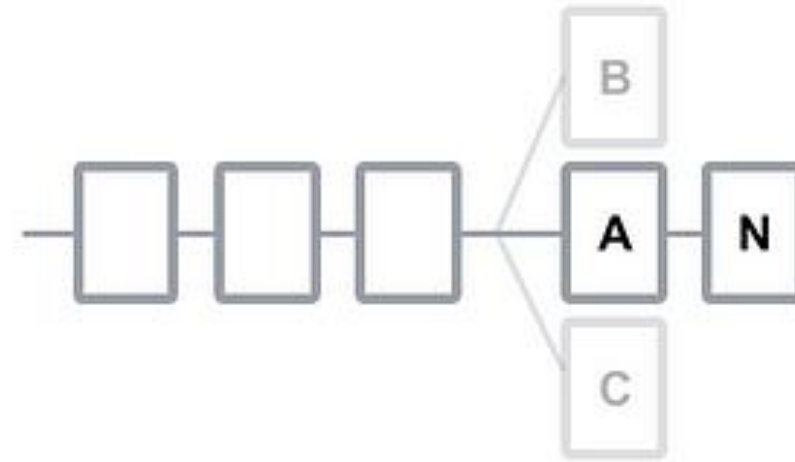


Each *node* receives the transaction request message,  
updates its own copy of the *ledger*  
and passes on the message to the nearby *nodes*.

### 3. Miners Get to Work (Mining Process)



*Each node then tries to add the new block (N) to the block they received first from the other nodes*

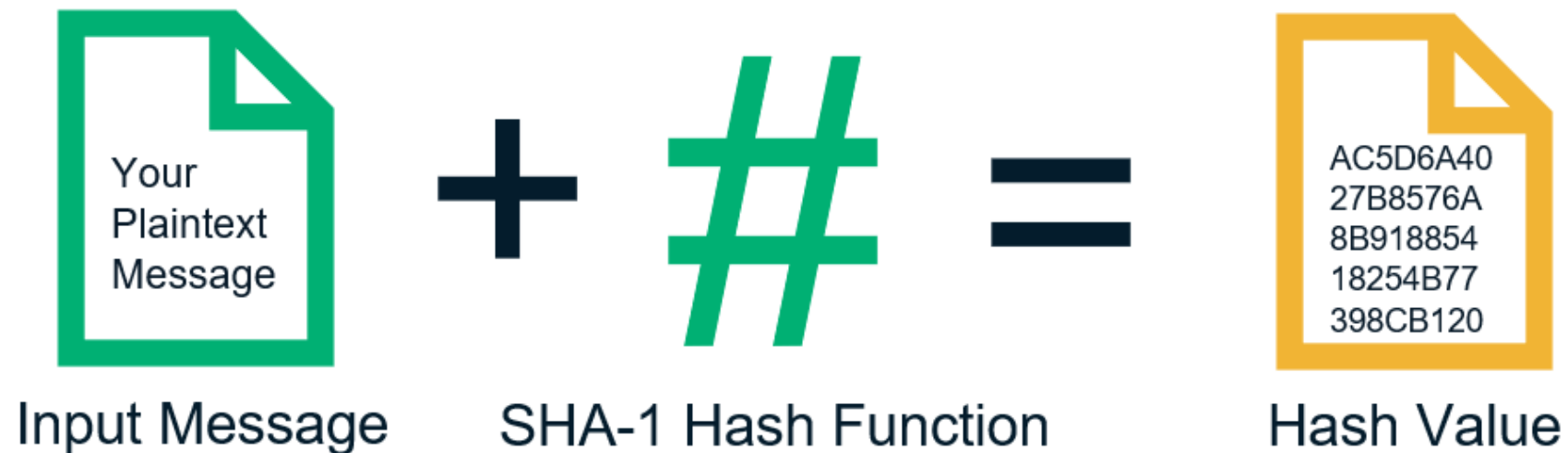


*As soon as the new block (N) is added all the network adopt the longest chain possible (A+N) stabilising the whole network*

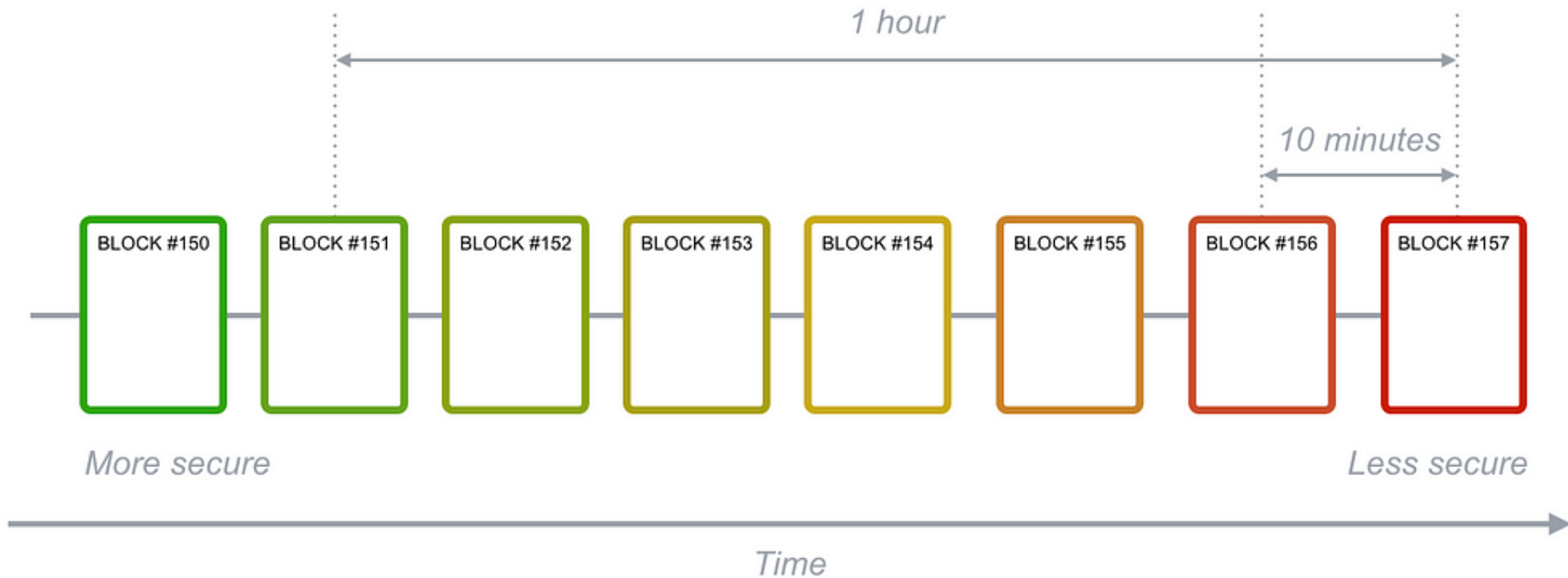


## 4. The Hash Function: The Secret Behind Mining

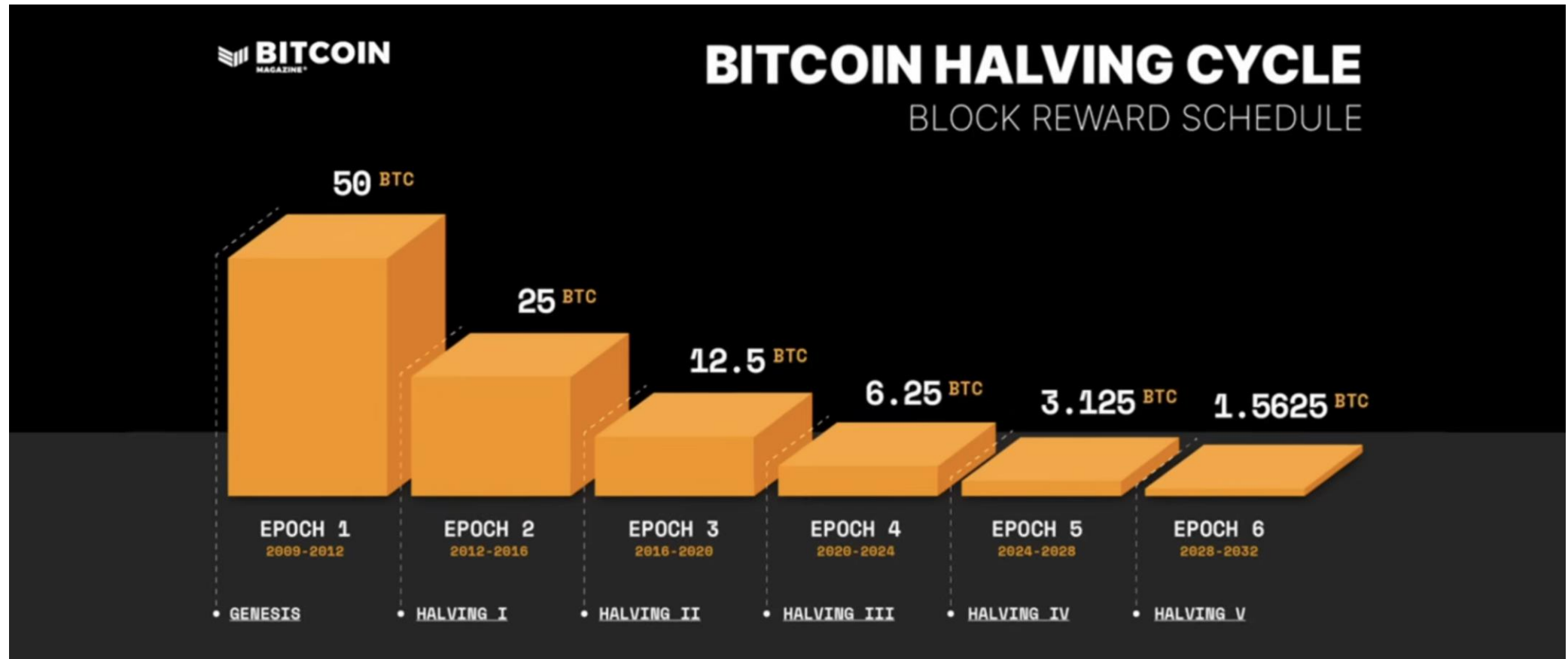
### An Example of a Hash Function



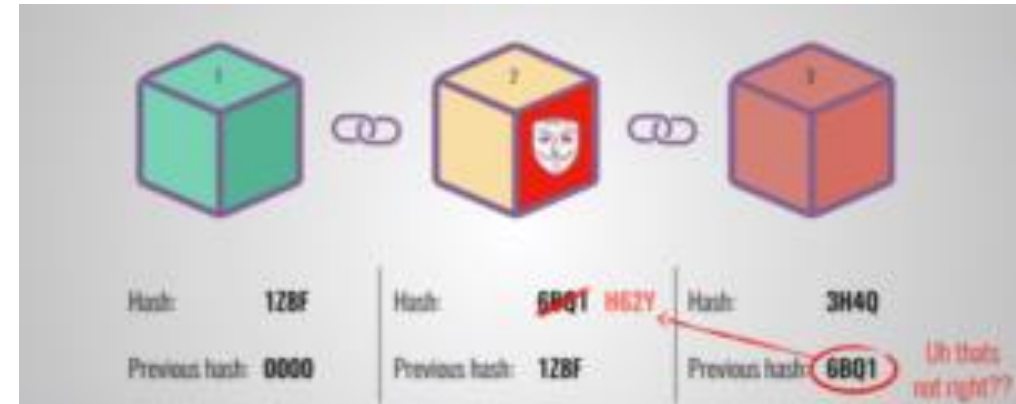
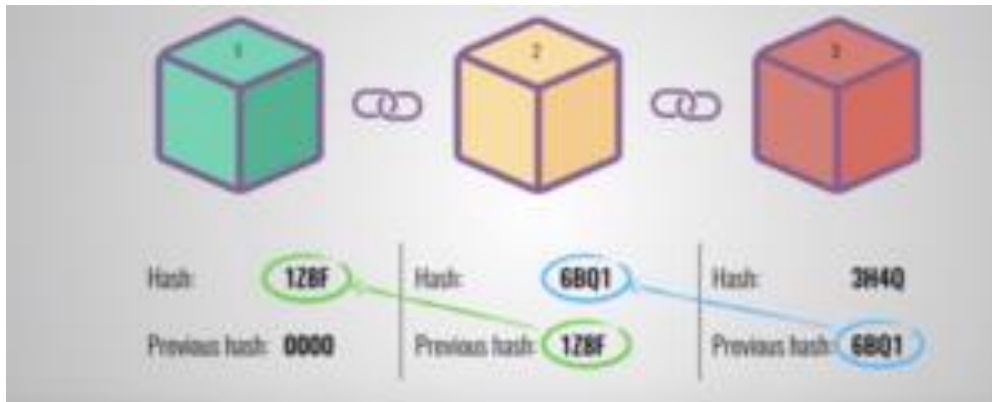
## 5. Adding a Block to the Blockchain



## 6. Miners Get Rewards



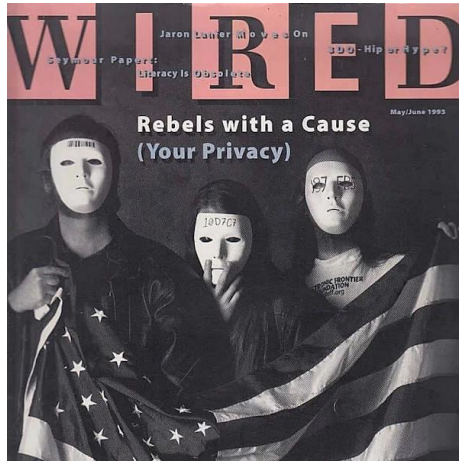
# 7. The Blockchain Keeps Growing



# History

1990

## Cypherpunk



A cypherpunk is one who advocates the widespread use of strong cryptography and privacy-enhancing technologies as a means of effecting social and political change.

1993

## A Cypherpunk's Manifesto



David Chaum  
and DigiCash  
(1990s)



Adam Back  
and Hashcash  
(1997)



Wei Dai  
and B-Money  
(1998)



Nick Szabo  
and Bit Gold  
(1998-2005)



Hal Finney  
and Reusable POW  
(2004)

# History



2009



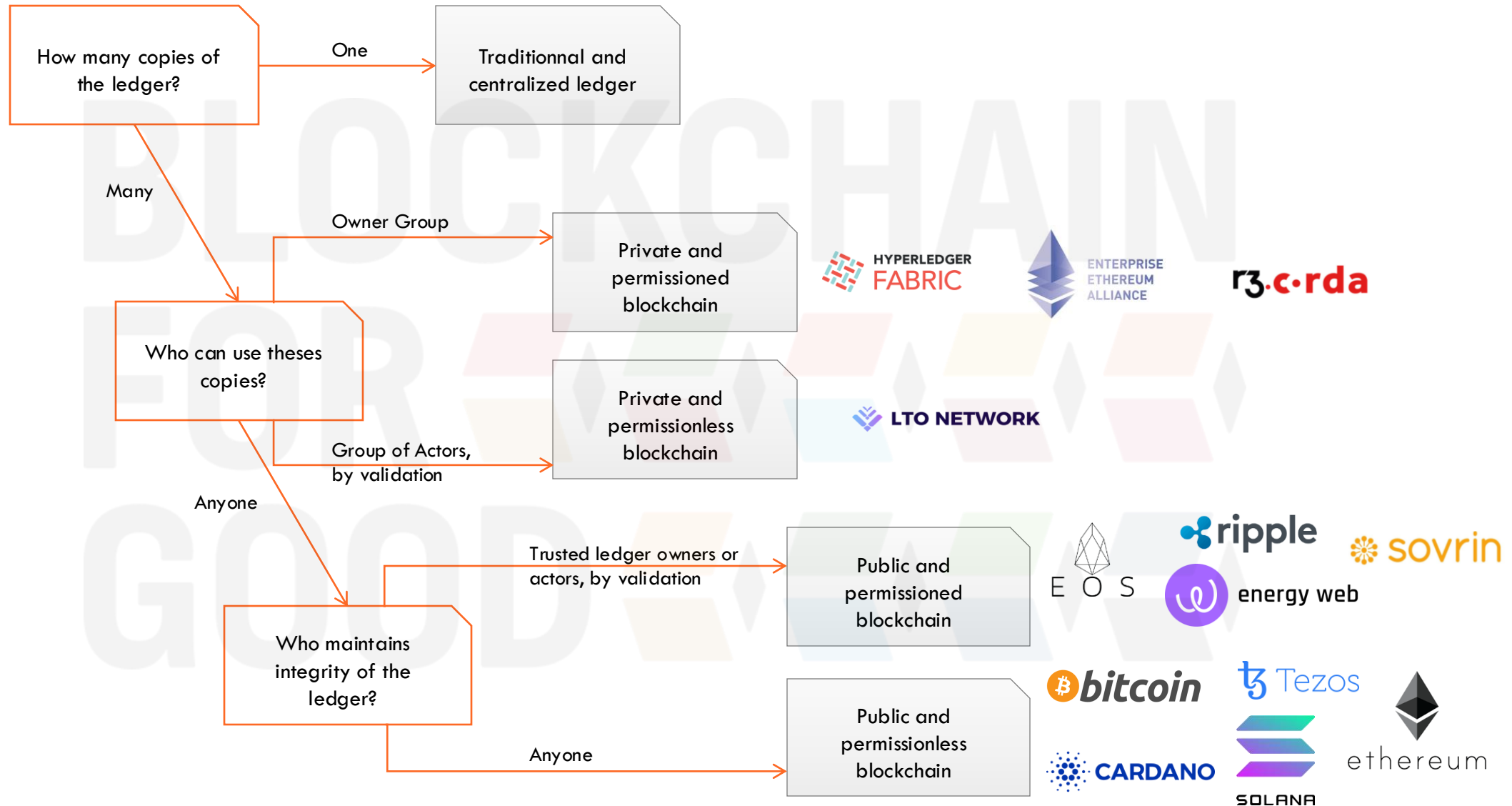
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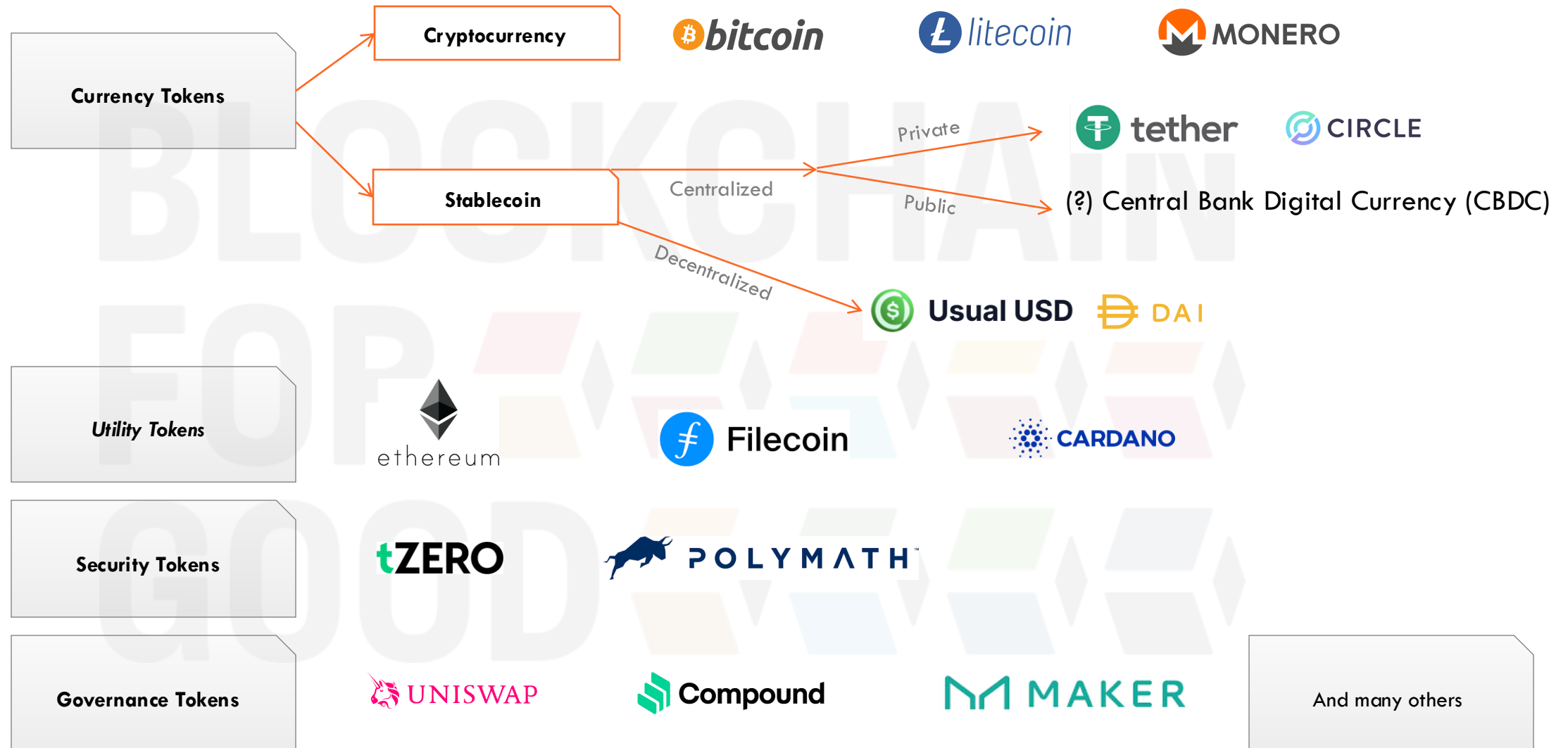
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# Public or private, permissioned or permissionless?















# What type of token (legal dimension)?



A token can serve multiple functions and, for example, be simultaneously a utility, security, and governance token

# What type of token (per dimension)?

Technical Layer	Purpose	Underlying Value	Utility	Legal Status*
<b>Blockchain-Native Tokens</b>  <p><b>Description:</b> A token that is implemented on the protocol-level of a blockchain</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Critical to operate the blockchain</li> <li>▪ Integral component of the blockchain's consensus mechanism</li> <li>▪ Part of the blockchain's incentive mechanism for block validators/other nodes</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> BTC (Bitcoin, Bitcoin); ETH (Ether, Ethereum), STEEM (Steem, Steem)</p>	<b>Cryptocurrencies</b>  <p><b>Description:</b> A token that is intended to be a "pure" cryptocurrency</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Intended as a global medium of exchange</li> <li>▪ Functions as a store of value</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> BTC (Bitcoin), ZEC (Zcash), KIN (Kin, Kik)</p>	<b>Asset-backed Tokens</b>  <p><b>Description:</b> A token that functions as a claim on an underlying asset</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Allows trading via IOUs without actually having to move the underlying asset</li> <li>▪ The issuer is responsible to hold the underlying asset</li> <li>▪ Introduces counterparty risk</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> USDT (Tether USD, Tether), GOLD (GOLD, GoldMint), Ripple IOUs (Ripple)</p>	<b>Usage Tokens</b>  <p><b>Description:</b> A token that provides access to a digital service, similar to a paid API key</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grants holders access to exclusive functionality of the service</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> BTC (Bitcoin), STX (Stacks, Blockstack)</p>	<b>Utility Tokens</b>  <p><b>Description:</b> A token offering owners clearly defined utility within a network or (decentralized) application</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Closely tied to the functionality of the issuing network or application</li> <li>▪ Internal network/app currency but not necessarily attempting to be a currency</li> <li>▪ Grants owners the right to actively contribute to the system vs. passive investor role</li> <li>▪ Avoids security-like features</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> GNO (Gnosis), STEEM (Steem)</p>
<b>Non-native Protocol Tokens</b>  <p><b>Description:</b> A token that is implemented in a cryptoeconomic protocol on top of a blockchain</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Integral component of the protocol's consensus mechanism</li> <li>▪ Part of the protocol's incentive mechanism for nodes</li> <li>▪ Tracked on an underlying blockchain to which it is not integral (e.g. ERC20 Tokens on Ethereum)</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> REP (Decentralized Oracle Protocol, Augur)</p>	<b>Network Tokens</b>  <p><b>Description:</b> A token that is primarily intended to be used within a specific system (e.g. network, application)</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Token has functionality within the issuers system</li> <li>▪ Not intended as a general cryptocurrency</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> GNO (Gnosis), STX (Stacks, Blockstack)</p>	<b>Network Value Tokens</b>  <p><b>Description:</b> A token that is tied to the value and development of a network</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tied to the value generated and exchanged on the network (e.g. transaction fee volume)</li> <li>▪ Closely intertwined with key interactions of network participants</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> ETH (Ether, Ethereum) STEEM (Steem)</p>	<b>Work Tokens</b> <p><b>Description:</b> A token that provides the right to contribute to a system</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Owning Tokens is the precondition for contributing to the system</li> <li>▪ Contributions are either incentivized with a rewards system or holders get utility from the system/decentralized organization</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> REP (Reputation, Augur), MKR (Maker, Maker DAO)</p>	<b>Security Tokens</b>  <p><b>Description:</b> A token that behaves like a security</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Showcases security-like features, e.g. voting on decisions regarding the issuing entity, dividends, or profit shares</li> <li>▪ Holders are regarded as owners</li> <li>▪ Little or insufficient utility</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> SPICE (SPiCE VC), Bitwala (tba)</p>
<b>(d)App Tokens</b>  <p><b>Description:</b> A token that is implemented on the application-level on top of a blockchain (and potentially protocol)</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Integrated within the application</li> <li>▪ Part of the app's incentive mechanism for nodes and/or users</li> <li>▪ Tracked on an underlying blockchain to which it is not integral (e.g. ERC20 Tokens on Ethereum)</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> WIZ (Wisdom, Gnosis), SAFE (Safecoin, SAFE Network)</p>	<b>Investment Tokens</b>  <p><b>Description:</b> A token that is primarily intended as a way to passively invest in the issuing entity or underlying asset</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promises owners a share of asset value or in (future) success of the issuing entity</li> <li>▪ No or little significant functionality</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> Neufund Equity Tokens (Neufund), DGX (Digix Gold, DigixDAO)</p>	<b>Share-like Tokens</b> <p><b>Description:</b> A token with share-like properties</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The issuer promises token owners a share in the success of the issuing entity (e.g. dividends, profit-shares)</li> <li>▪ May or may not come with voting-rights</li> <li>▪ Mostly on no/weak legal basis</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> DGD (DigixDAO), LKK (Lykke) <i>Likely to be classified as a security token</i></p>	<b>Hybrid Tokens</b> <p><b>Description:</b> A token featuring traits of both usage and work tokens</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grants access to system functionalities</li> <li>▪ Allows owners to contribute to the system</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> ETH (Ether, Ethereum, after Casper), DASH (Dash)</p>	<b>Cryptocurrencies</b>  <p><b>Description:</b> A token that is a pure cryptocurrency</p> <p><b>Characteristics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Acts as a store of value and medium of exchange</li> <li>▪ Not emitted by a central authority against which owners have claims</li> </ul> <p>In Germany (according to BaFin):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ currently not regarded as lawful, functional currency</li> <li>▪ not regulated by e-money laws</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples:</b> BTC (Bitcoin), ZEC (Zcash), LTC (Litecoin)</p>

\*Details dependent on respective jurisdiction

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








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The global crypto market cap is \$2.65T, a ▼ 0.29% decrease over the last day. [Read More](#)

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1		NEI	\$0.008262		▲ 14.85%
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3		PEPE	\$0.056707		▲ 1.53%
4		SNAI	\$0.024		▲ 1.21%
5		BNB	\$581.6		▲ 4.44%

## Trending on DexScan >

1		MERY/WCRO	\$0.00002122		▼ 11.23%
2		STAR10/WBNB	\$0.01469		▲ 31.85%
3		MATEZ/USDT	\$17.78		▲ 7.47%
4		oGPU/WETH	\$0.4149		▼ 1.76%
5		WEPE/WETH	\$0.00005477		▲ 8.19%

## Market Cap >

\$2.65T

▼ 0.29%



## CMC100 >

\$159.79

▼ 0.80%



## Fear & Greed >



## Altcoin Season >

15/100



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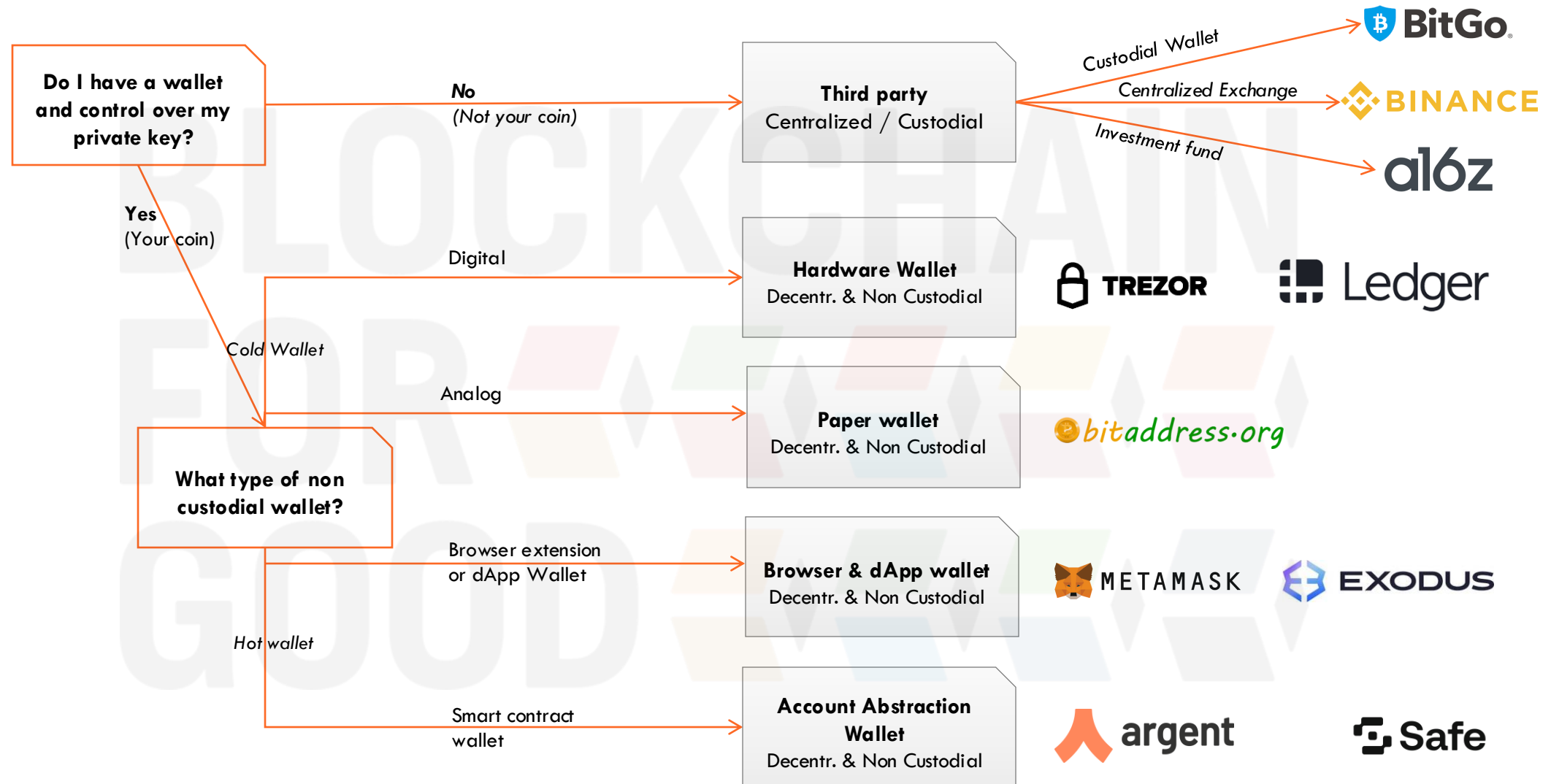
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# Custodial or non-custodial wallet?





# What is a non-custodial wallet?

To share



**Adresse Bitcoin:**

13feMFheEzwPcBJpqcpKaoBWJc9pqR6wb3

**Clé Privée:**

KxHjQp4jXDGSujcfvP9xH5dgVkk68nyyE1ME92NZf6pbReUuch4B



To keep  
secret



# Session 2: Bitcoin, Ethereum & beyond

Previous session: ARTE, White paper, What type of token?

## 1. Bitcoin: What are the Environmental Concerns of Bitcoin?

Collective discussion

## 2. What is Ethereum and who's behind? What is Proof-of-Stake? A Smart Contract? EVM? What are gas fees? What is an ERC-20 token? What is a NFT? What are decentralized applications? What is a DAO? What is an Oracle?

## 3. What is the blockchain trilemma?

## 4. What is a layer 1, a layer 2? A native and non-native token?

## 5. Individual work: Analyze the 23 first tokens of...

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# What is Ethereum?

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# What is a smart contract?

Imagine a vending machine. You put in **\$1**, press the button for a soda:

- If the machine **has soda**, it gives you one. 
- If the machine **is empty**, it gives you your \$1 back. 

A smart contract works the **same way**, but for crypto trades!\*

\* Ethereum

# What can Ethereum do?



## Banking for everyone

Not everyone has access to financial services. An internet connection is all you need to access Ethereum and the lending, borrowing and savings products built on it.



## An open internet

Anyone can interact with Ethereum network or build applications on it. This allows you to control your own assets and identity, instead of them being controlled by a few mega-corporations.



## A peer-to-peer network

Ethereum allows you to coordinate, make agreements or transfer digital assets directly with other people. You don't need to rely on intermediaries.



## Censorship-resistant

No government or company has control over Ethereum. Decentralization makes it nearly impossible for anyone to stop you from receiving payments or using services on Ethereum.



## Commerce guarantees

Customers have a secure, built-in guarantee that funds will only change hands if you provide what was agreed. Likewise, developers can have certainty that the rules won't change on them.



## Composable products

All apps are built on the same blockchain with a shared global state, meaning they can build off each other (like Lego bricks). This allows for better products and experiences and assurances that no-one can remove any tools apps rely upon.



# A few numbers

## Ethereum in numbers

**4K+**

Projects build on Ethereum ⓘ

**96M+**

Accounts (wallets) with an  
ETH balance ⓘ

**53.3M+**

Smart contracts on  
Ethereum ⓘ

**\$410B**

Value secured on Ethereum ⓘ

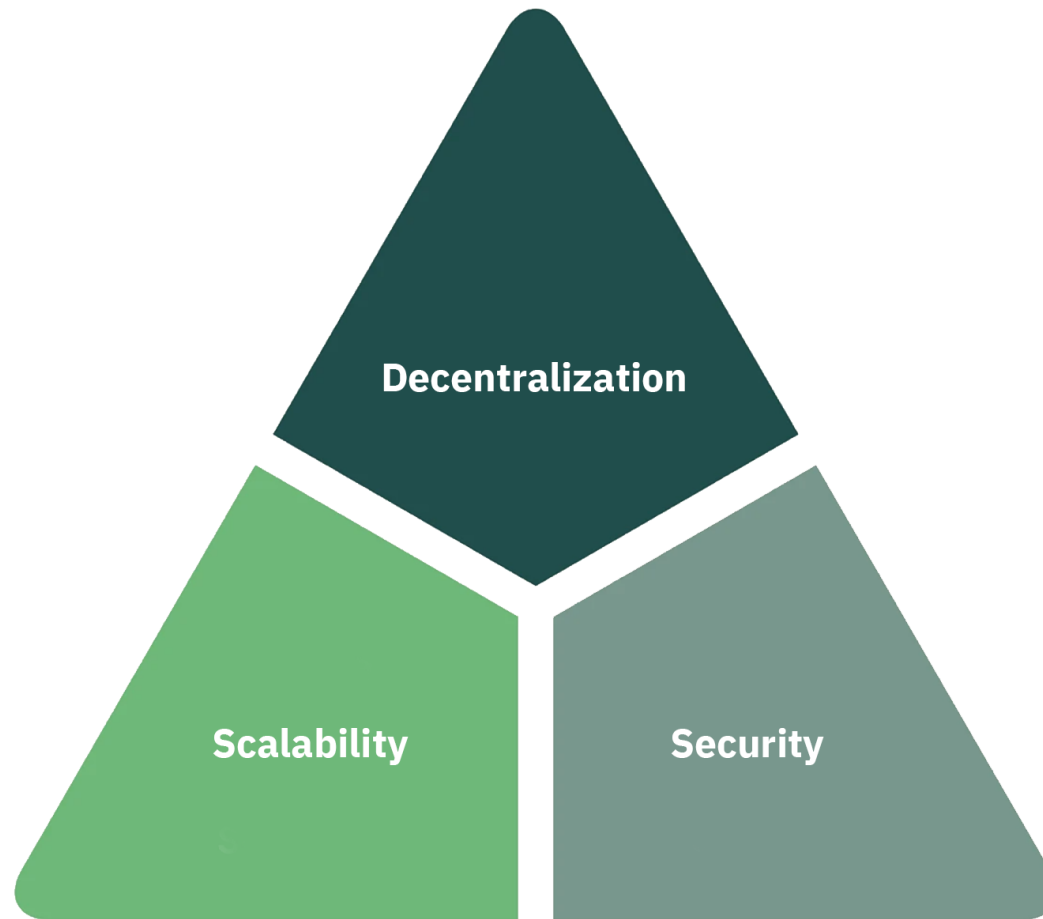
**\$3.5B**

Creator earnings on  
Ethereum in 2021 ⓘ

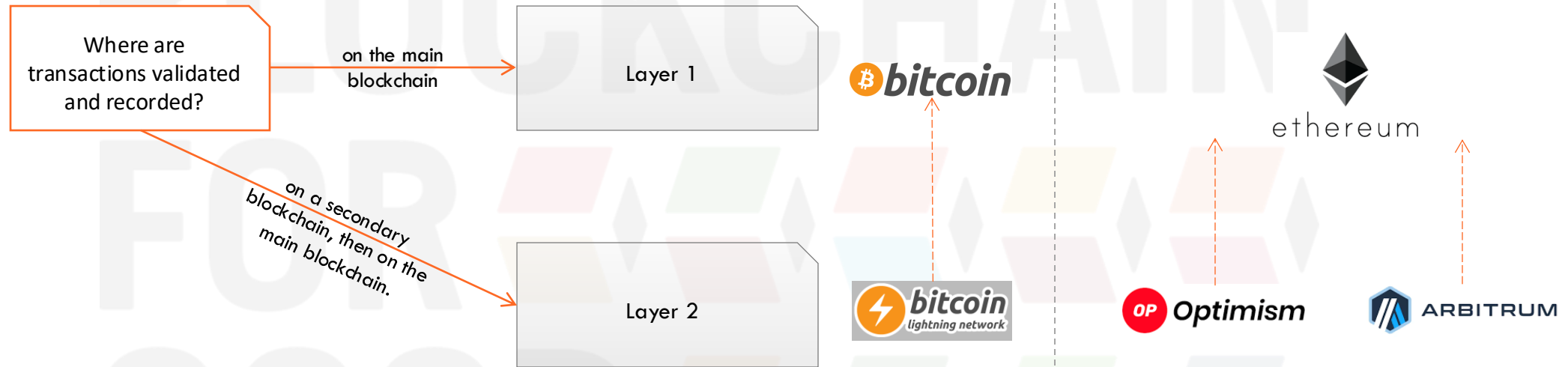
**14.56M**

Number of transactions  
today ⓘ

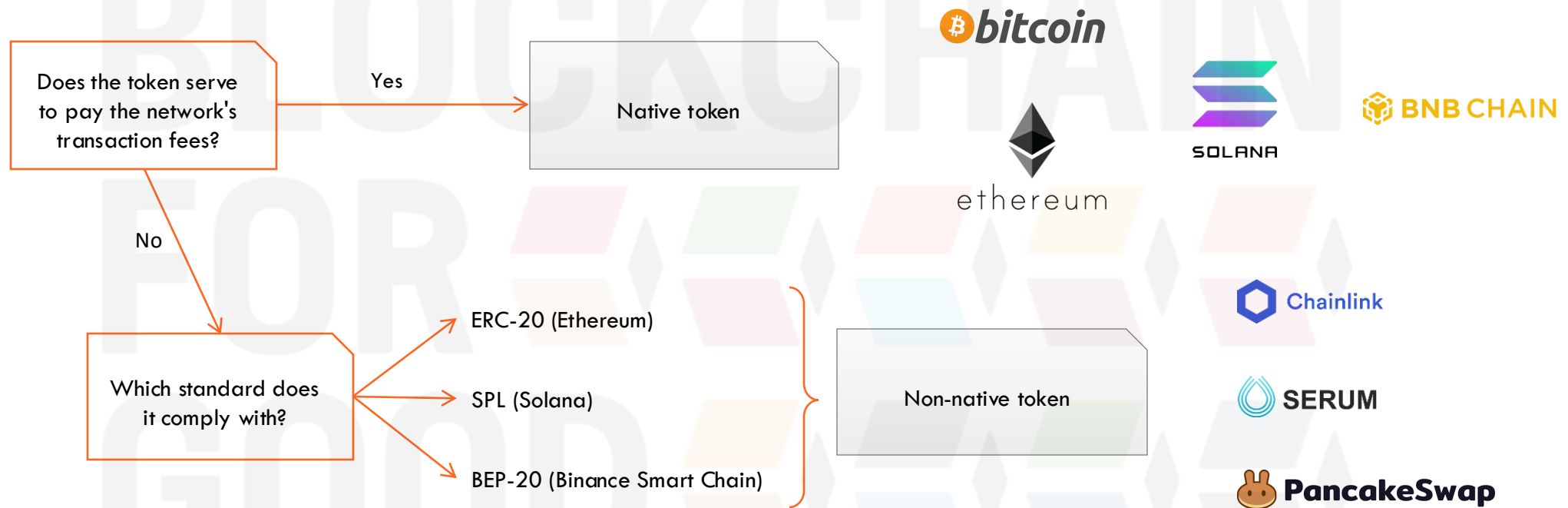
# The Blockchain trilemma



# Main blockchain - Layer 1 or secondary - Layer 2?



# Native or not native token?



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\* Replace Bitcoin with Lightning Network and skip Ethereum



# Session 3: Decentralized Finance

1. What is Decentralized Finance?
2. What is the difference between TradFi, CeFi and DeFi?
3. What is a Dex and a Cex?
4. What is a stablecoin? A centralized or decentralized one?
5. What does tokenization mean and what is Real World Assets?
6. Individual work



# What is DeFi?

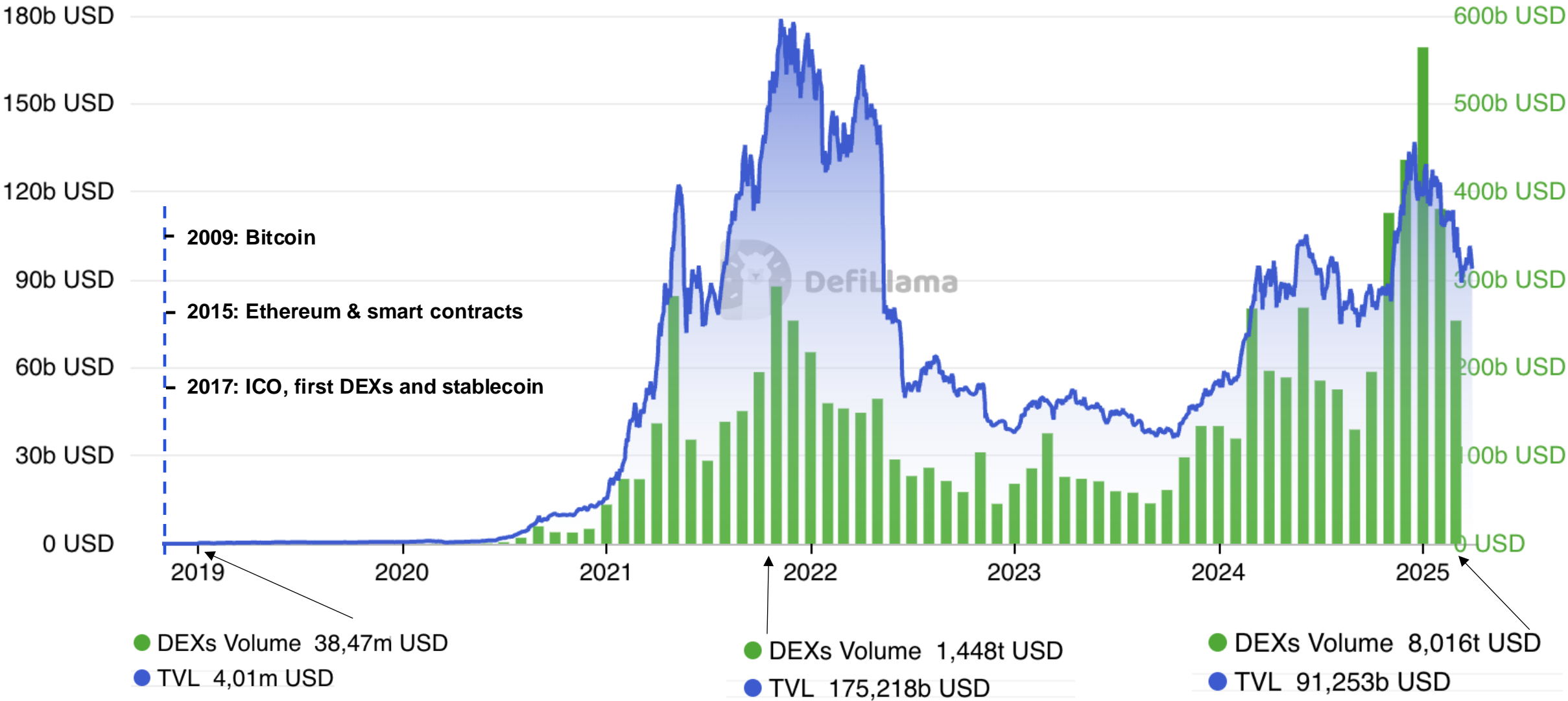
Decentralized finance refers to the blockchain-based ecosystem of permissionless and transparent financial services.



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# History of DeFi?

Total value locked (TVL) in DeFi protocols



# Why is DeFi so revolutionary?

Financial Inclusion

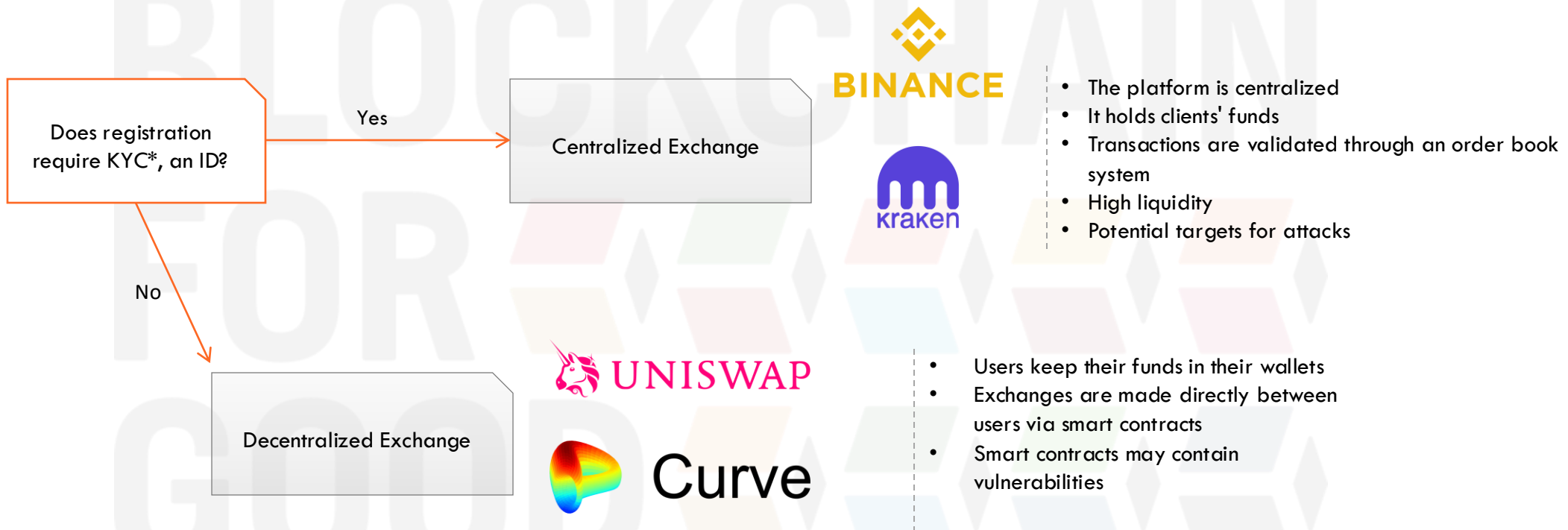
Censorship Resistance

Transparency and Security

Lower Costs

Innovation and Flexibility

# Centralized or decentralized Exchange?



\*Know your customer, or KYC, is the process of verifying the identity of a company's clients



# How a DEX Trade Uses Smart Contracts?

Let's say you have 1 Ethereum (ETH),  
and you want to swap it for USDC

## Step-by-Step Explanation

p. 24 - a wallet  
p. 29 - Smart contract



# **So, DeFi works with**

Smart Contracts

On a public and permissionless Blockchain

With Tokens (often non native)

Governed in a decentralized way

And with Oracles



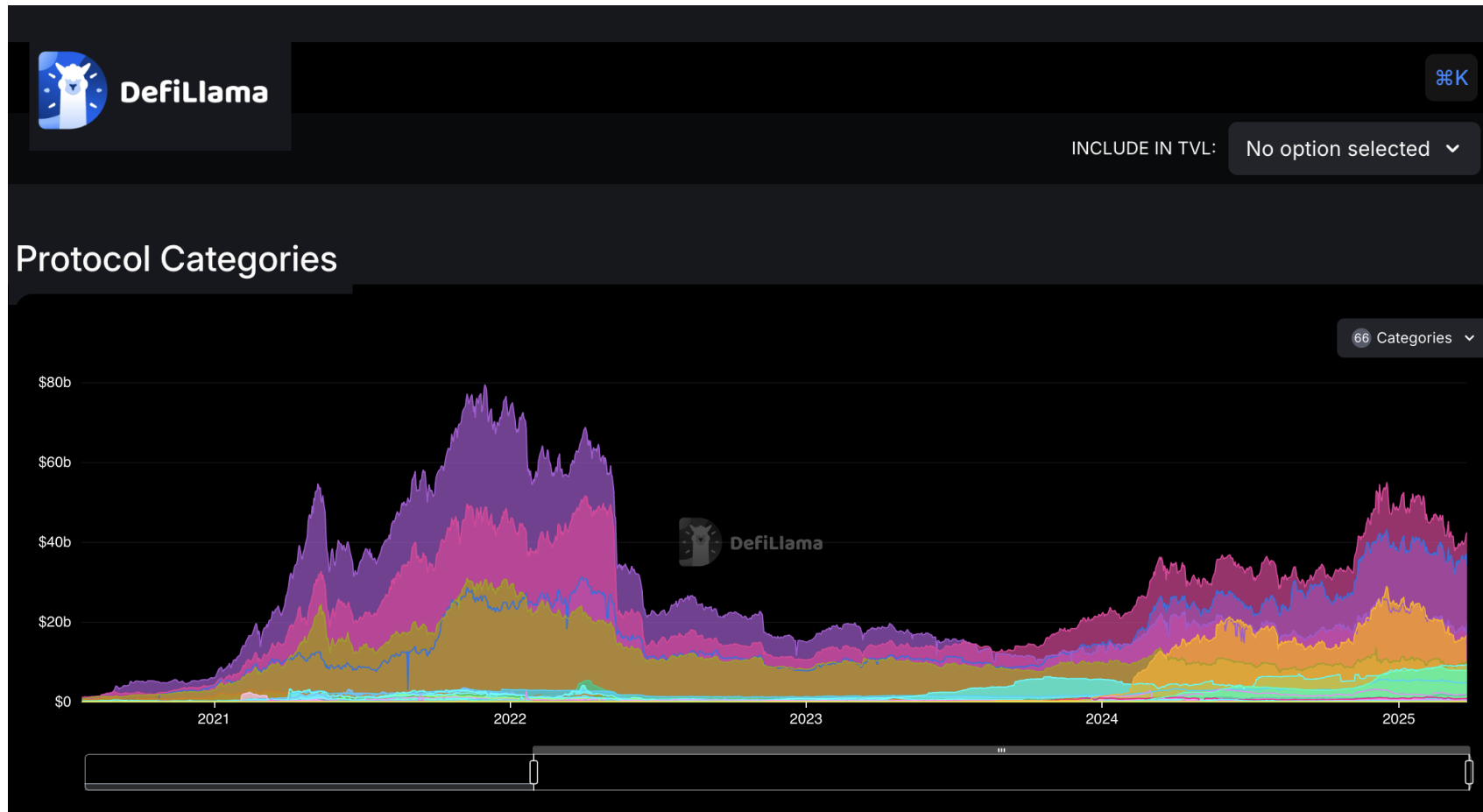
# TradFi – CeFi – DeFi?



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Services	Cryptocurrencies and blockchains		Traditional Finance (TradFi)
	Decentralized Finance (DeFi)	Centralized Finance (CeFi)	
Exchange (Trading)	Decentralized Stablecoins <i>Ex : DAI, Usual</i> Decentralized Exchange (DEX) <i>Ex : Uniswap</i>	Centralized Stablecoins <i>Ex : USDC</i> Centralized Exchange (CEX) <i>Ex : Binance</i>	Fiat Money <i>Ex : Euro, dollar</i> Exchanges and brokers <i>Ex : Paris stock exchange</i>
Loans and borrowings	Decentralized Exchange <i>Ex : Compound</i>	Crypto bank <i>Ex : BlockFi</i>	Commercial Bank Professional lenders <i>Ex : Crédit Agricole</i>
Investments	Decentralized Funds, DAO <i>Ex : MolochDAO</i>	Crypto Investment Funds <i>Ex : A16Z</i>	Investment Funds, ETP (Exchange Traded Product) <i>Ex : BlackRock</i>

# What type of decentralized financial services?



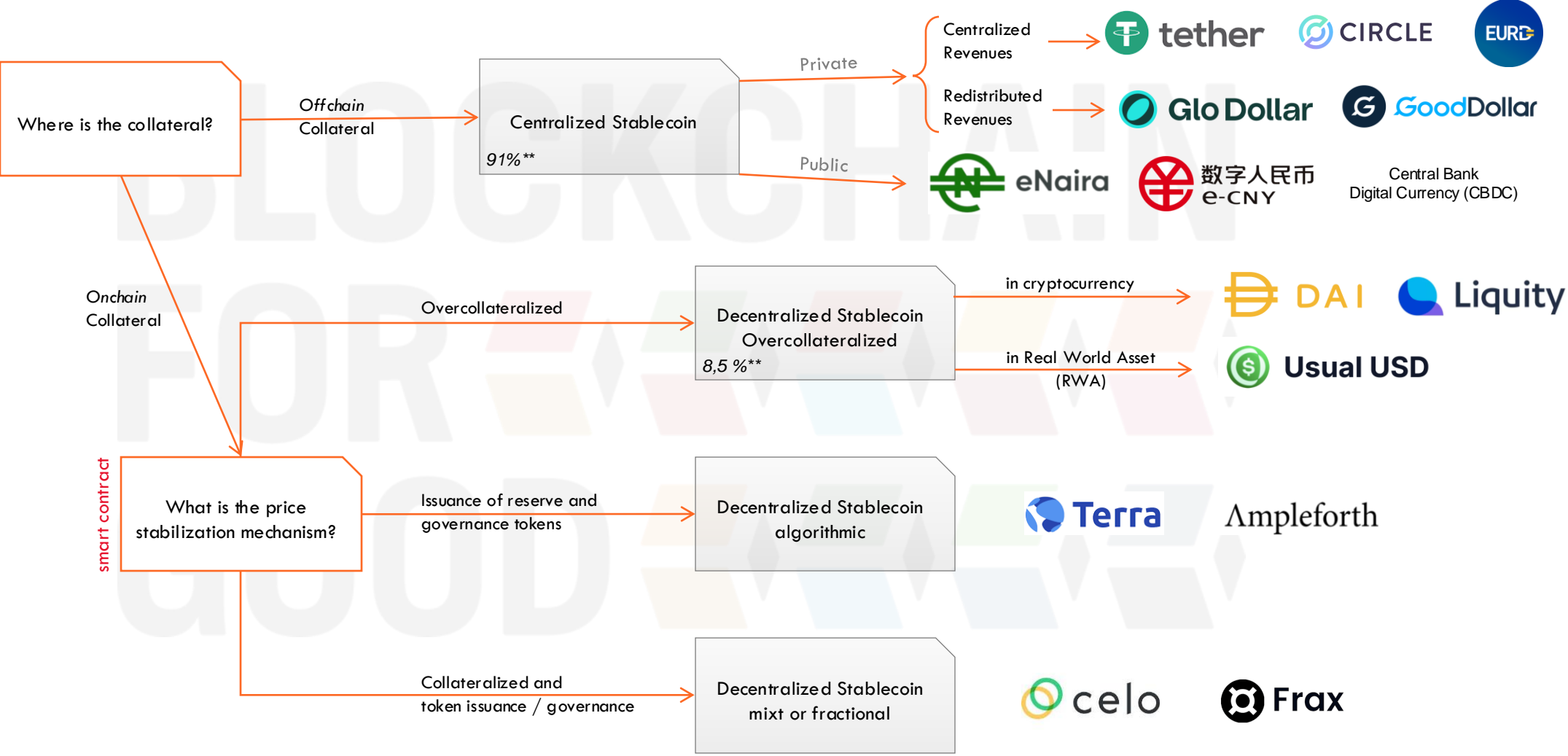
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- Lending \$41,737b
- Dexs \$19,678b
- Restaking \$16,414b
- CDP \$9,886b
- Derivatives \$4,848b
- Bridge \$3,215b
- Cross Chain Bridge \$1,775b
- Farm \$1,729b
- Indexes \$511,37m
- Payments \$508,73m
- Others \$2,9b



# Centralized or decentralized stablecoin\*?

\*also called *Collateralized Debt Position*




\*\*...of the total Stablecoin Supply, 225 billion \$ in March 2025. Dune & Artemis Stablecoin\_Report, March 2025.

# What does tokenization mean?

**Tokenization** refers to the process of converting rights to an asset, a service, or a unit of value into a digital representation - a "token" - on a public blockchain.

Examples: dollar, electricity, carbon credit, energy certificate, gold, real estate, fine art...

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1. Fractional Ownership
  2. Liquidity
  3. Transparency and Trust
  4. Automation of Processes

# RWA Tokenization Ecosystem Map

## Custodians & Wallets



## Distributors



## Tokenization Platforms



## DeFi



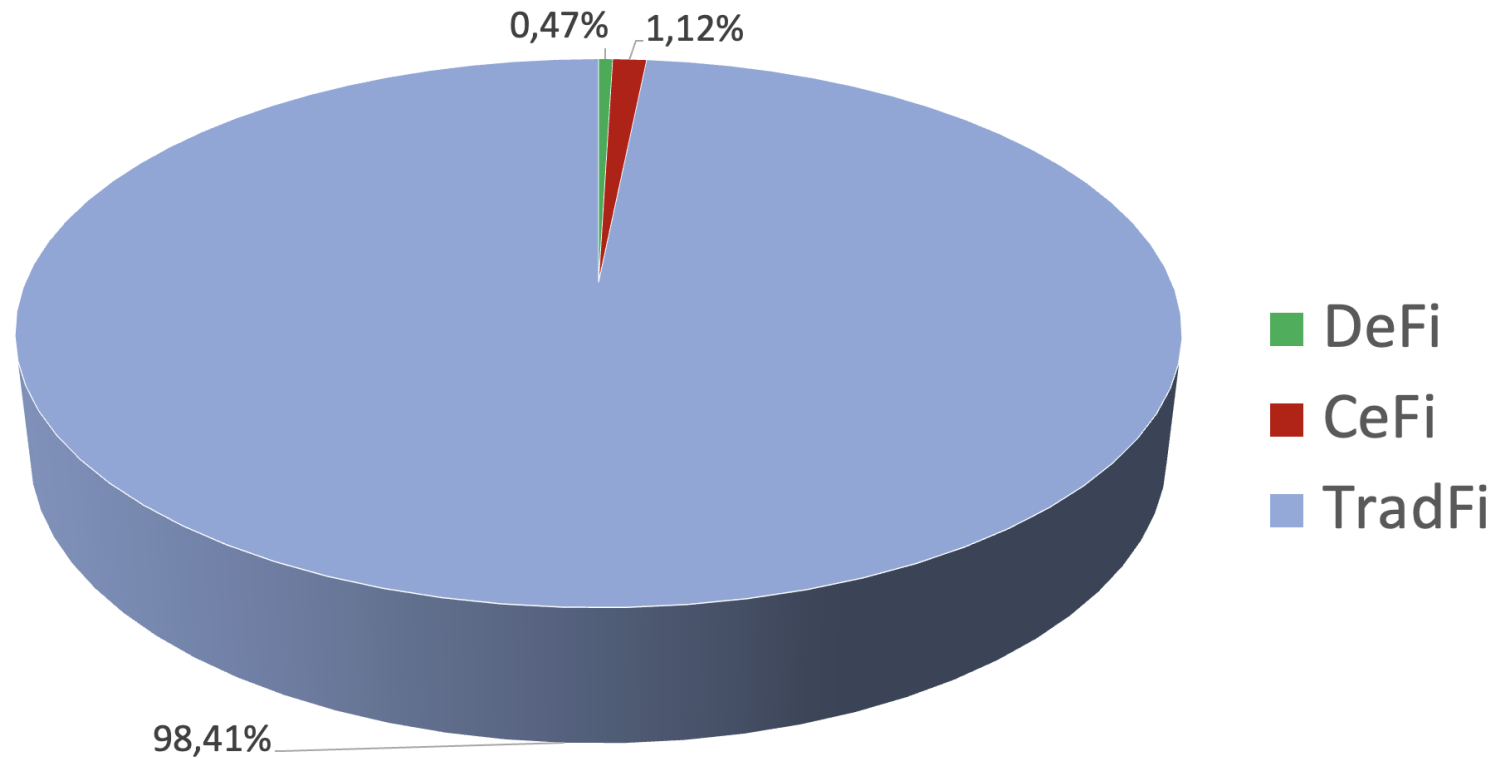
## Blockchain Networks & Protocols



## Data & Ecosystem



# Financial Capitalization of TradFi, CeFi & DeFi?







# Session 4: Energy, Climate and Supply Chains

**What does tokenomics mean?**

**→ Bitcoin, Ethereum, Lido, Filecoin**

**Working group on Decentralization &...:**

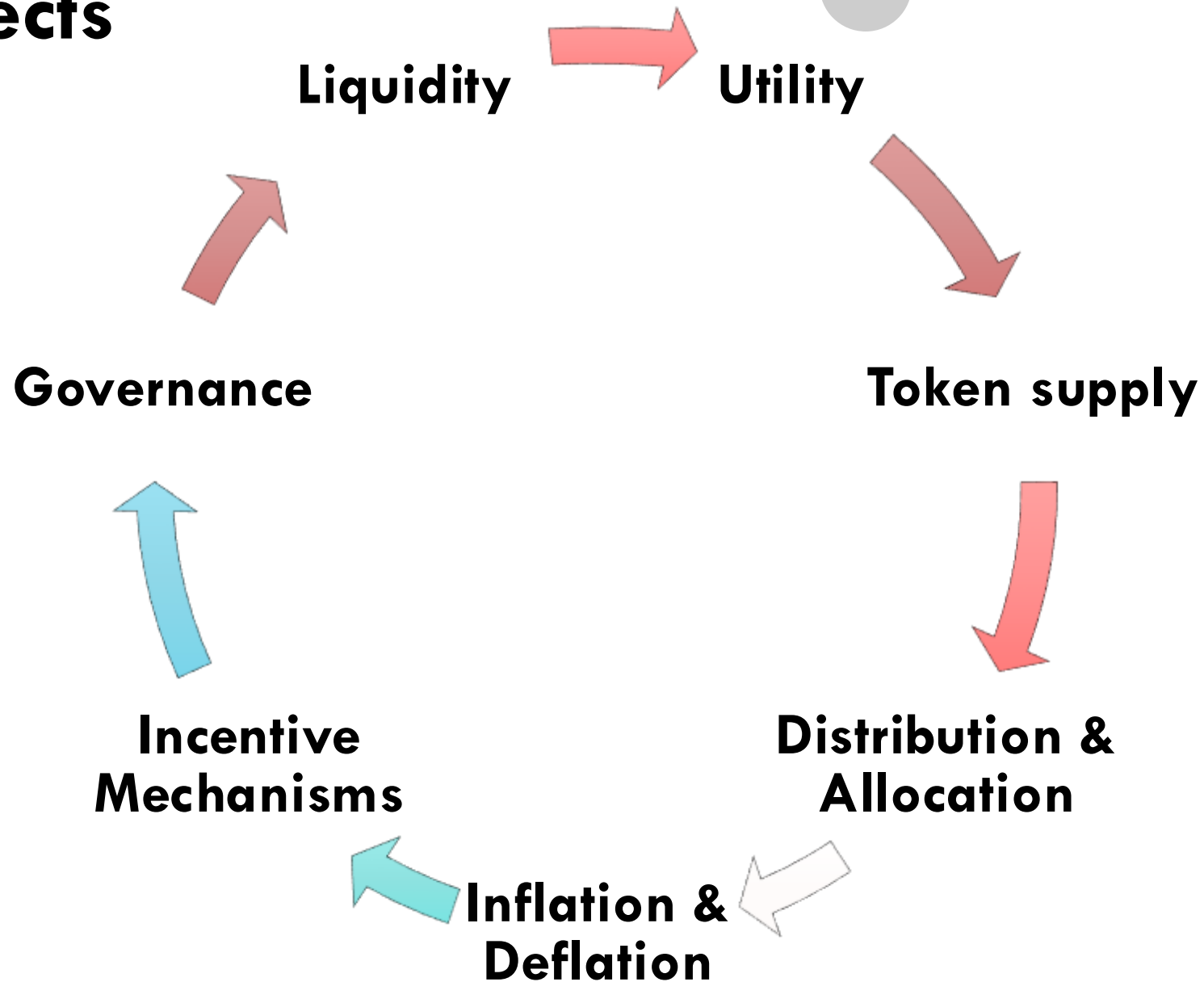
- A. ...Energy**
- B. ...Climate & environment**
- C. ...Supply Chain**



# Tokenomics?

**“Token” + “Economics” = Tokenomics**

# 7 key aspects



# Comparison of 4 Tokens



# 1. Utility

- What is the token used for? (e.g., payments, governance, staking, access to services)
- Does the token provide any special rights or benefits?
- Is the token essential for the ecosystem, or is it optional?

Question	Bitcoin (BTC)	Ethereum (ETH)	Lido (LDO)	Filecoin (FIL)
What is the token used for?	Digital store of value, payments	Smart contracts, gas fees, staking	Governance for Lido protocol	Paying for decentralized storage
Special rights/benefits?	Highly secure, widely accepted	Enables dApps, DeFi, NFTs	Voting on protocol decisions	Provides access to decentralized storage
Essential for the ecosystem?	Yes, Bitcoin network runs on BTC	Yes, ETH is needed for transactions & staking	Optional, only needed for governance	Yes, FIL is required for storage transactions



## 2. Token Supply

- What is the total supply of the token?
- How many tokens are currently in circulation?
- Is there a burn mechanism? If so, how does it work?

Question	Bitcoin (BTC)	Ethereum (ETH)	Lido (LDO)	Filecoin (FIL)
Total Supply	21 million BTC (fixed)	No fixed cap (inflationary)	1 billion LDO	2 billion FIL (max supply)
Circulating Supply	~19.7 million BTC	~120 million ETH	~890 million LDO	~600 million FIL
Burn Mechanisms	No burning mechanism	<b>EIP-1559</b> burns ETH in transactions	No burn mechanism	No burn mechanism

# 3. Distribution & Allocation

- How were the tokens initially distributed? (e.g., ICO, fair launch, pre-mined)
- What percentage of tokens is allocated to the team, investors, and the community?
- Are there any lock-up periods or vesting schedules?

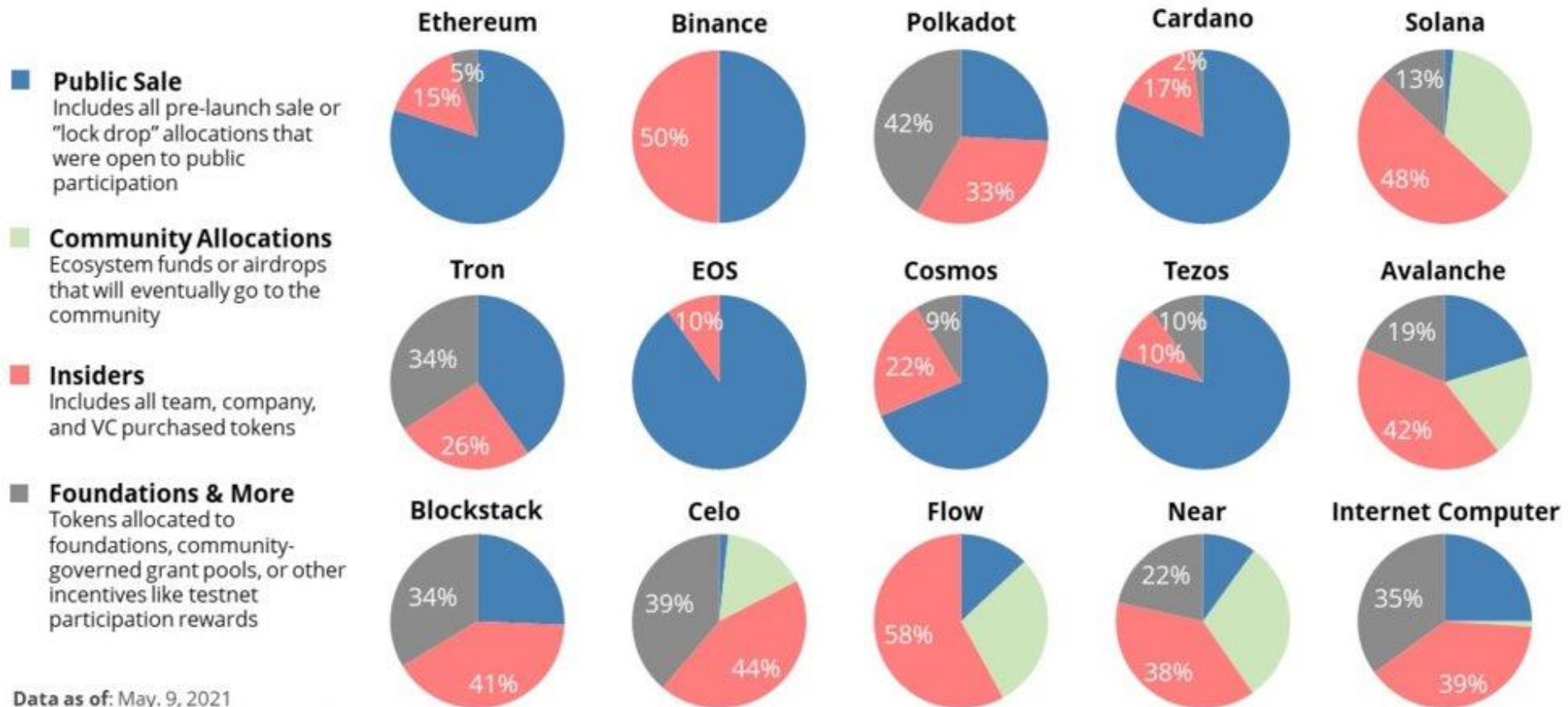
Question	Bitcoin (BTC)	Ethereum (ETH)	Lido (LDO)	Filecoin (FIL)
Initial Distribution?	Mined from genesis block	Pre-mined + ICO (2014)	Initial allocation to team, investors, community	ICO in 2017
Team, investors, community allocations?	No pre-mine, fully mined	Initial pre-mine to founders	36.3% to early investors, 6.5% to validators	~30% to investors & foundation
Lock-up/Vesting?	No lock-ups	Some ETH held in staking contracts	No vesting for most tokens	6-year vesting for some early investors

# Initial Token Allocation. What's wrong?



## Initial Token Allocations for Public Blockchains

Concentrated insider ownership may permanently impair blockchains' ability to become credibly neutral public infrastructure



Data as of: May. 9, 2021

Source: Messari, CoinList, Various Blogs

## 4. Inflation & Deflation

- Does the token have a fixed supply, or are new tokens issued over time?
- How is inflation or deflation controlled? (e.g., staking rewards, token burns)
- What impact does the supply mechanism have on price stability?

Question	Bitcoin (BTC)	Ethereum (ETH)	Lido (LDO)	Filecoin (FIL)
Fixed or new tokens issued?	Fixed, decreasing emissions (halving every 4 years)	New ETH issued for staking but offset by burns	No new issuance	Mining-based emission with declining rewards
Inflation/deflation control?	Halving reduces supply growth	EIP-1559 burns ETH, reducing inflation	No deflation mechanisms	Gradual reduction in new FIL issuance
Impact on price stability?	Supply shock every halving	Inflationary but burn reduces pressure	Price fluctuates based on governance demand	Supply inflation may affect price

# 5. Incentive Mechanisms

- How does the project encourage users to hold or use the token?
- Are there rewards for staking or participating in governance?
- Are there mechanisms to prevent hoarding or manipulation?

Question	Bitcoin (BTC)	Ethereum (ETH)	Lido (LDO)	Filecoin (FIL)
How does it encourage holding?	Scarcity & long-term store of value	Staking rewards for validators	Governance participation	Rewards for storage providers
Staking or participation rewards?	No staking	Staking ETH for rewards	LDO stakers influence protocol governance	FIL miners earn storage rewards
Anti-manipulation mechanisms?	Mining difficulty adjusts to secure network	Slashing penalties for bad validators	Governance voting prevents centralization	Storage providers must provide collateral



# 6. Governance

- Can token holders vote on decisions related to the project?
- What type of governance model does the project use? (e.g., DAO, centralized)
- How decentralized is the decision-making process?

Question	Bitcoin (BTC)	Ethereum (ETH)	Lido (LDO)	Filecoin (FIL)
Can token holders vote?	No governance token	No direct token governance	Yes, LDO holders vote on proposals	No direct governance, but community influences upgrades
Governance model?	Developer & miner-driven	Ethereum Improvement Proposals (EIPs)	DAO-based	Community-driven proposals
Decentralization?	Highly decentralized	Moderately decentralized, core developers lead	DAO structure but some concerns about centralization	Network is decentralized but Filecoin Foundation has influence

# 7. Liquidity & Market Dynamics

- On which exchanges can the token be traded?
- How liquid is the token? (Are there enough buyers and sellers?)
- Do lock-up periods or vesting schedules affect market availability?

Question	Bitcoin (BTC)	Ethereum (ETH)	Lido (LDO)	Filecoin (FIL)
Where can it be traded?	All major exchanges	All major exchanges	Most major exchanges	Many major exchanges but lower volume than BTC/ETH
How liquid is it?	Most liquid crypto asset	Highly liquid	Less liquid than ETH, BTC	Moderate liquidity
Market impact of lock-ups?	No lock-ups	Staked ETH is locked but gradually unlocked	No major lock-ups	Vesting schedules impact FIL's market availability

# Prompt for an IA tool

**Make the tokenomics of « chainlink » with this framework:**

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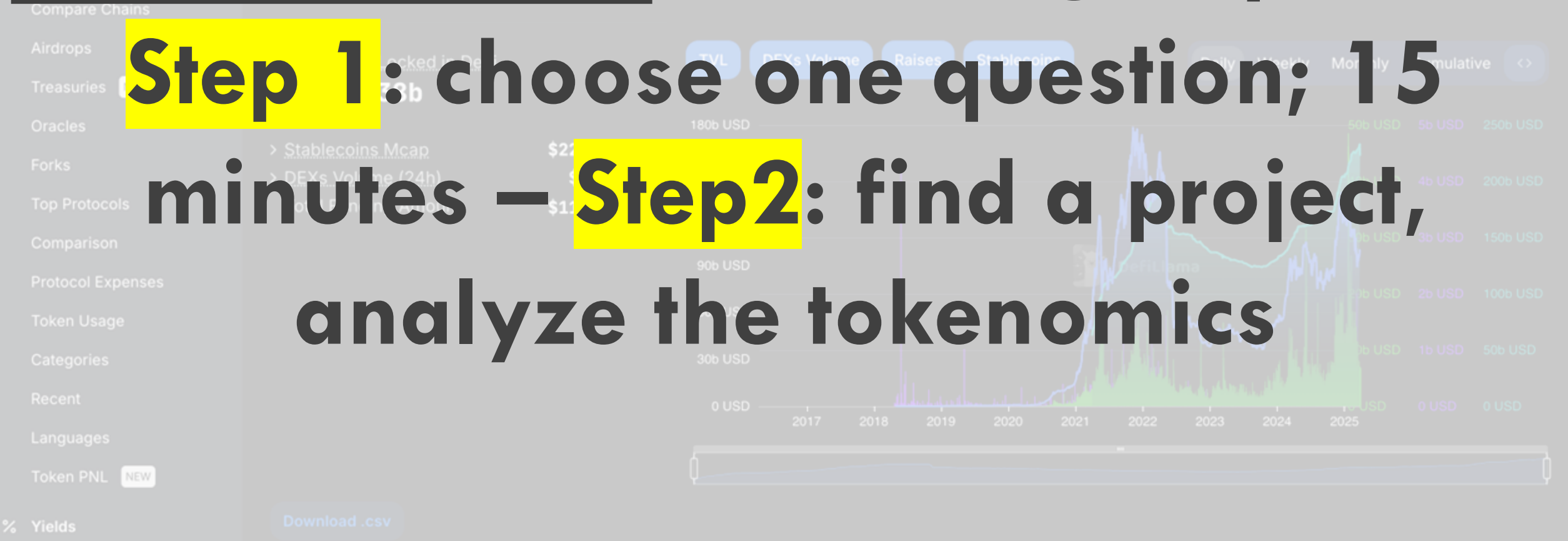
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**Collective work: work in groups of 3;**

**Step 1: choose one question; 15**

**minutes – Step 2: find a project, analyze the tokenomics**



# Collective work in group of 3 – STEP 1

## 1. Energy

1. How can blockchain ensure the traceability and certification of green energy?
2. What is a peer-to-peer (P2P) energy market and how does it work on a blockchain?
3. How can blockchain optimize the operation of smart grids?
4. How can tokenization and decentralized finance support the energy transition?

## 2. Climate & Environment

1. What are tokenized carbon credits and how do they work?
2. How can tokenization and decentralized finance support the energy transition?

## 3. Supply Chain

1. Can blockchain be used to tokenize and track an entire supply chain?
2. How can blockchain-based reward systems incentivize plastic waste collection?



# Collective work in group of 3 – STEP 2

## 1. Energy

1. Certification of green energy
2. P2P energy market
3. Optimizing smart grids
4. DeFi for the energy transition



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## 2. Climate & Environment

1. Tokenized carbon credits
2. DeFi for Climate



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## 3. Supply Chain

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2. A blockchain-based reward systems for waste collection

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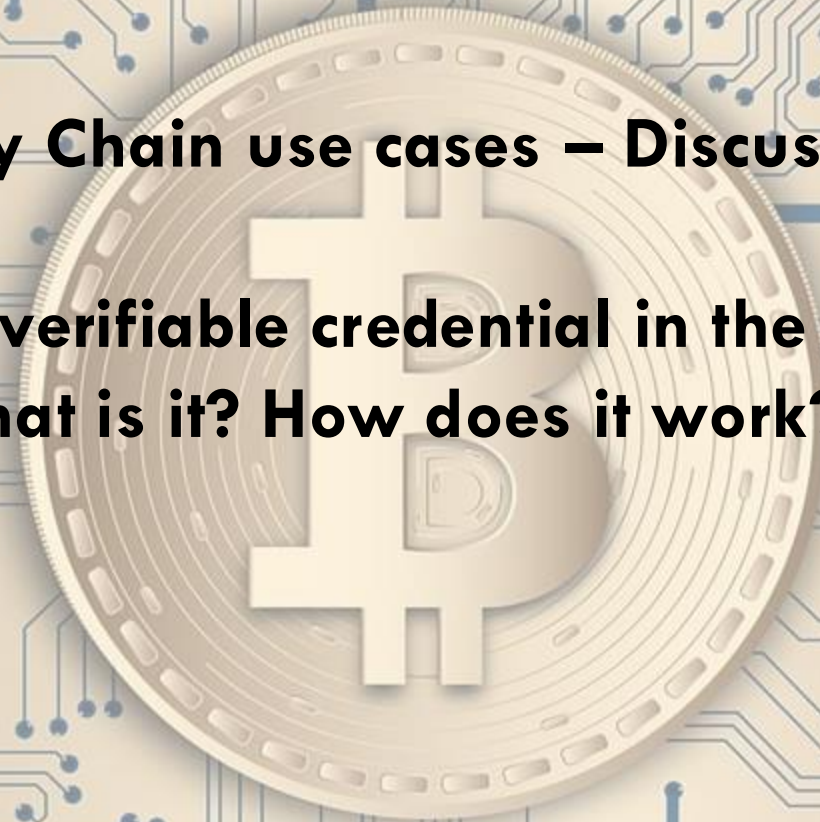


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# Session 5: Decentralization & Identity

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- 1. Energy, Climate and Supply Chain use cases – Discussion**
- 2. Decentralized identity and verifiable credential in the surveillance capitalism. What is it? How does it work?**
- 3. Final Discussion**



# Discussion

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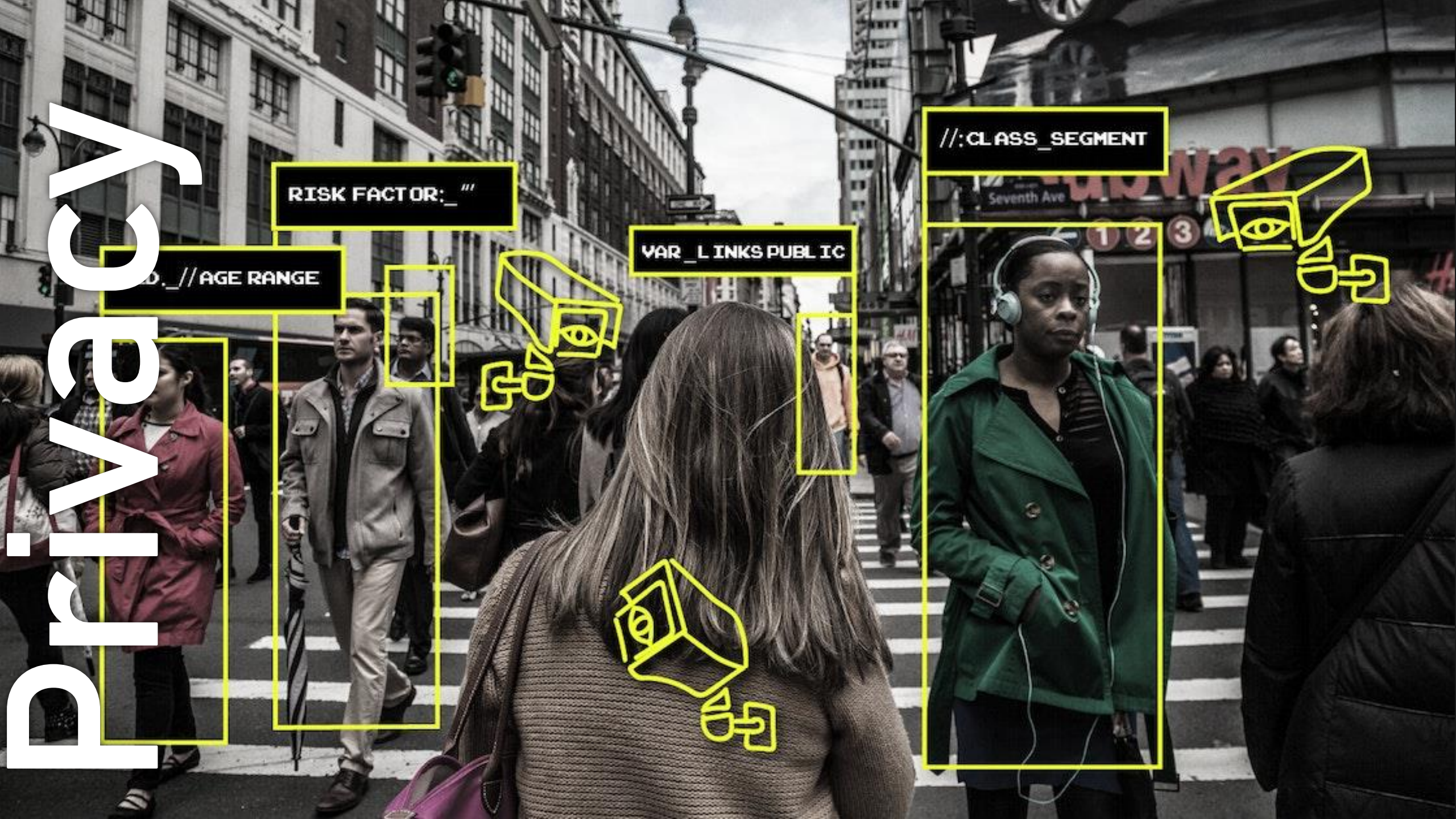
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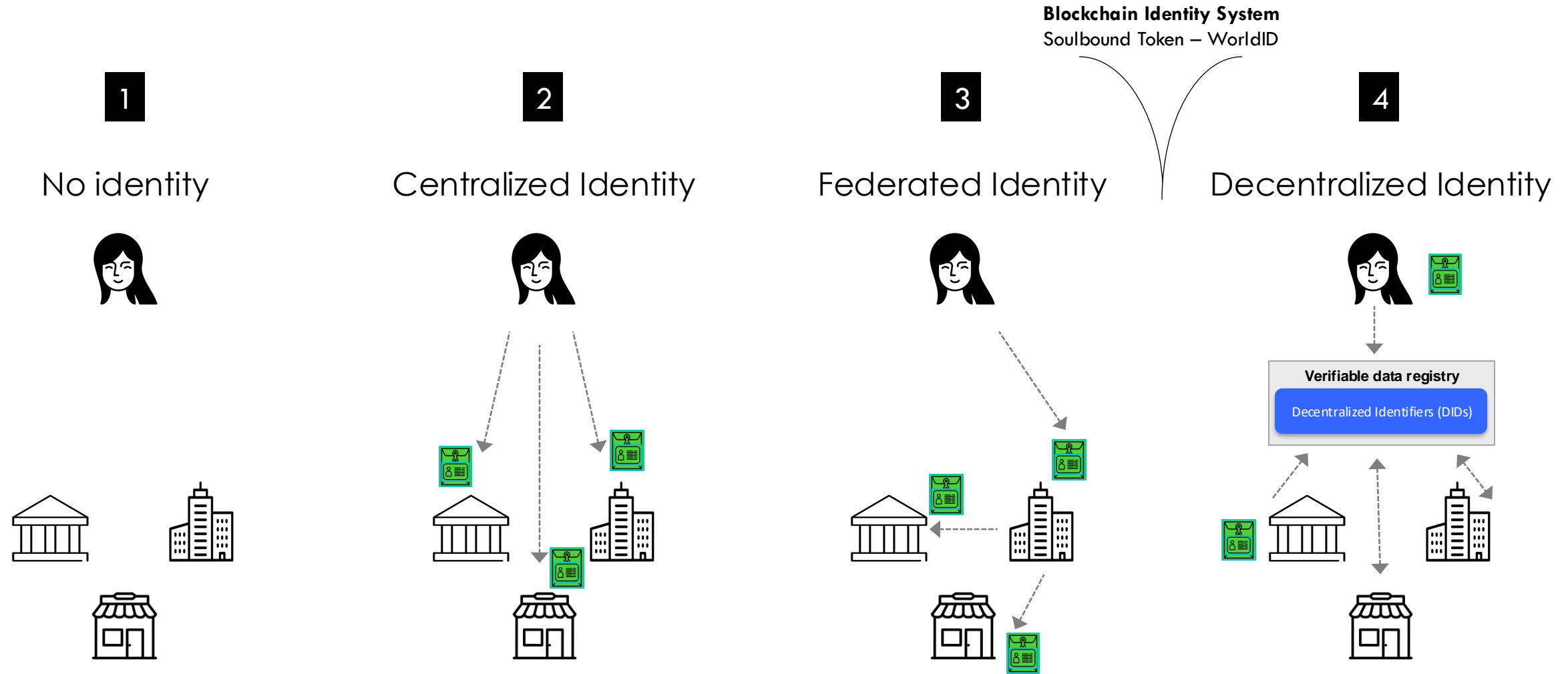
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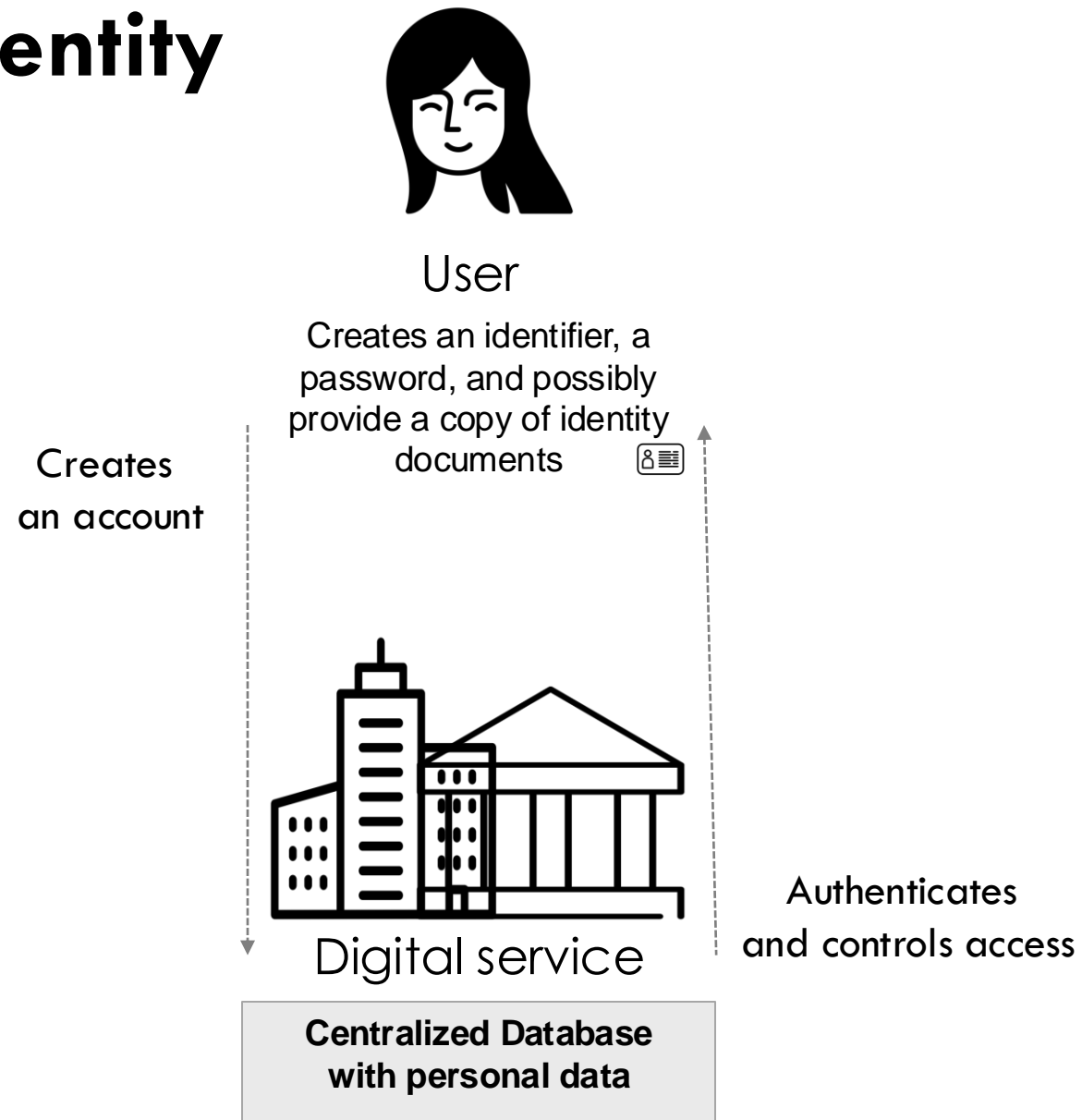
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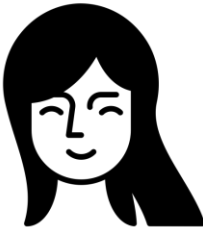


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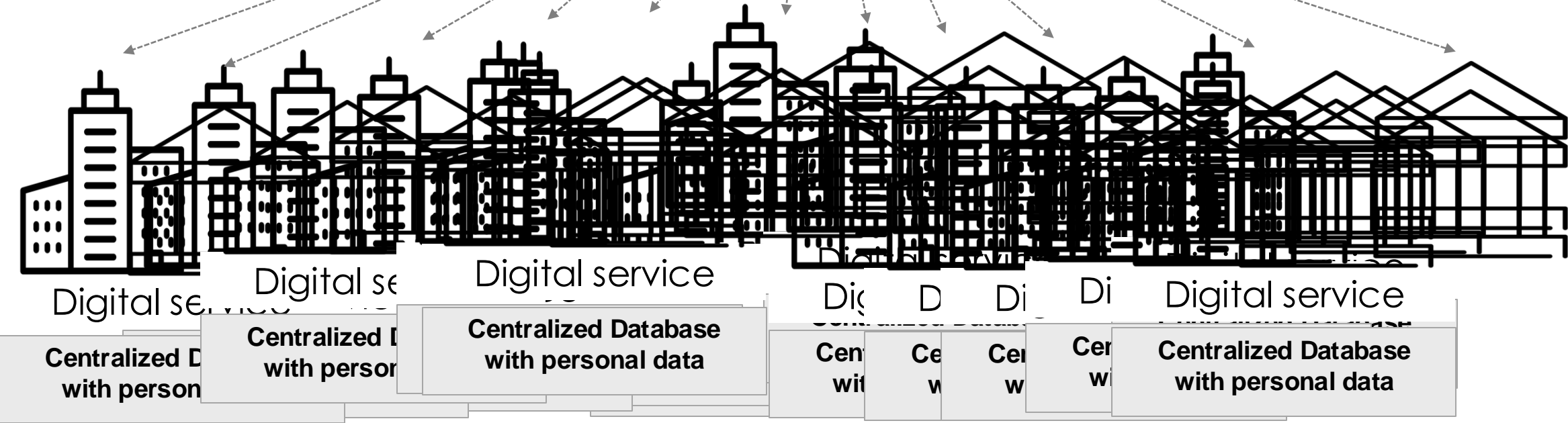


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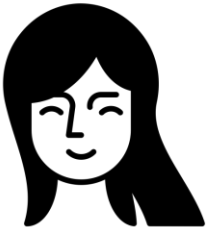


User


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# Federated Identity



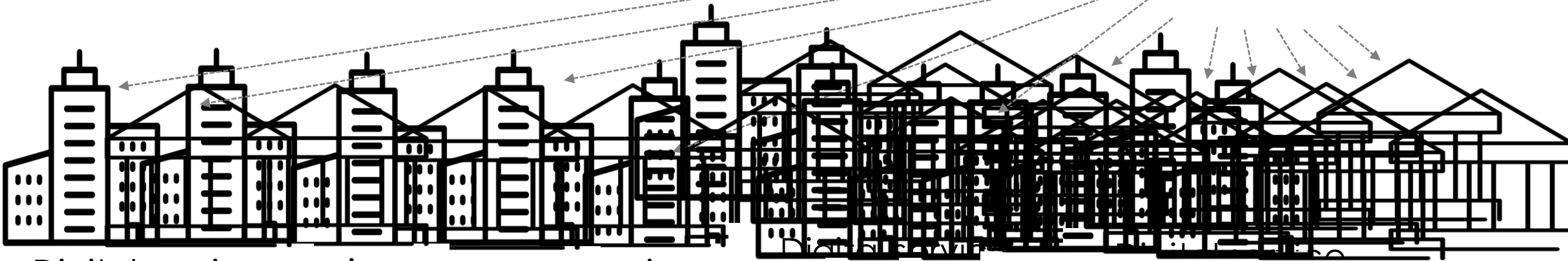
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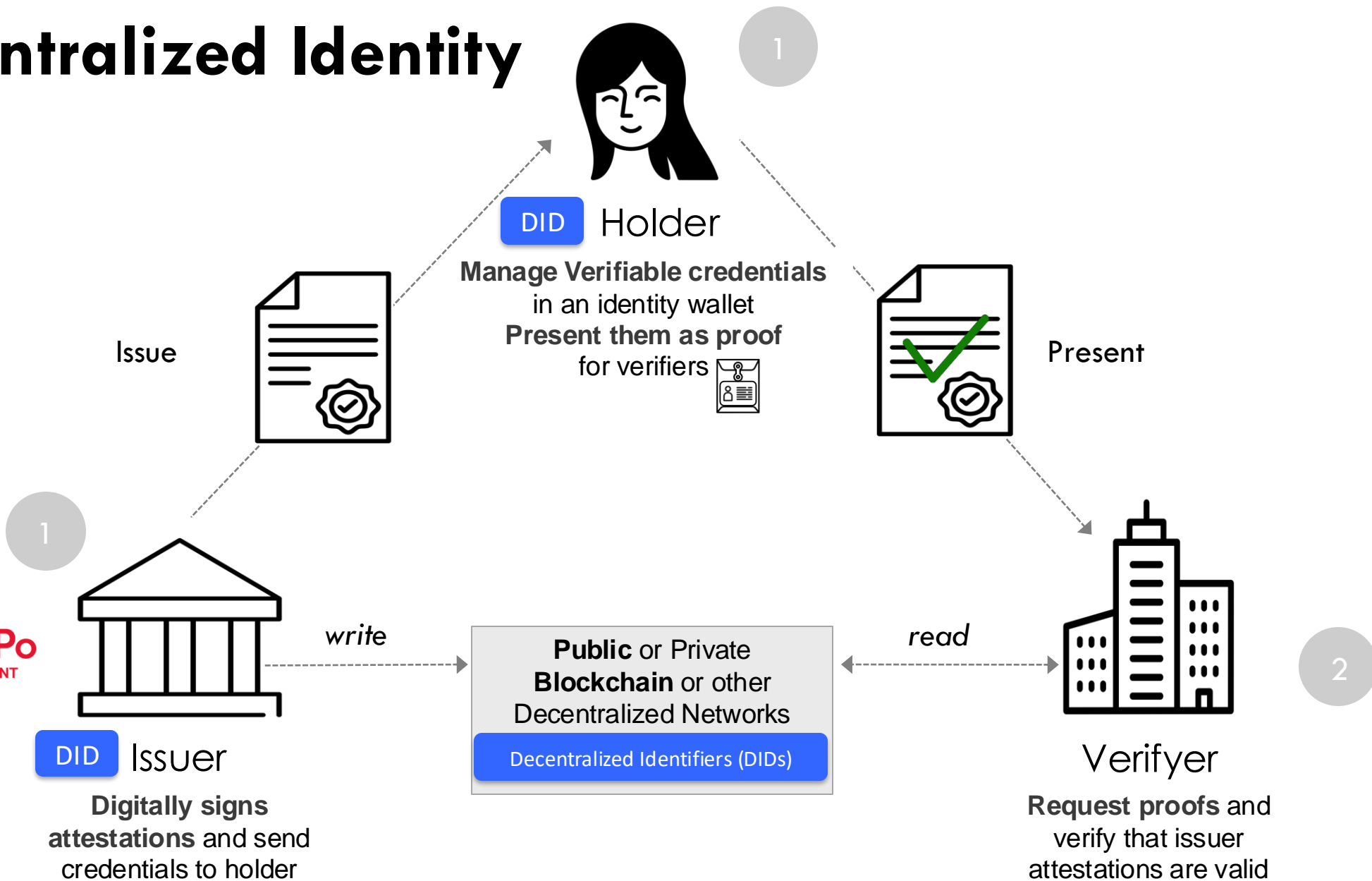
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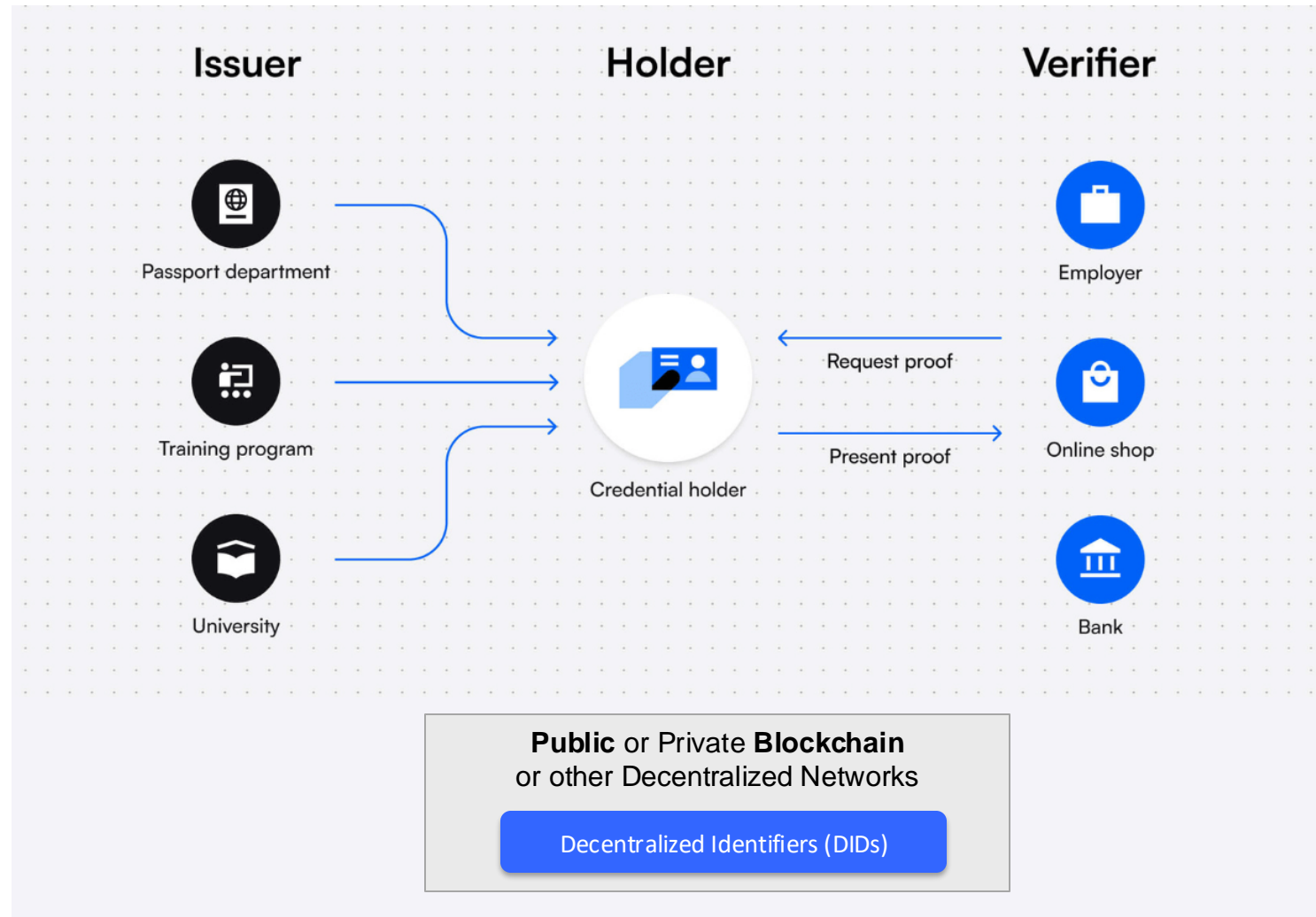
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# Decentralized Identity

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# Decentralized Identity (DID) Standards

## Self-Sovereign Identity

### Decentralized Identifiers (DIDs) v1.0

Core architecture, data model, and representations

[W3C Recommendation](#) 19 July 2022



### Decentralized Identifier Extensions

Known Extensions for the Decentralized Identifier Ecosystem

[W3C Group Note](#) 19 February 2025



### Verifiable Credentials Data Model v2.0

[W3C Proposed Recommendation](#) 20 March 2025



EU Digital Identity  
**Wallet**

# Final Exam, Monday, April 28

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- MCQ – 10 minutes
  - Use case or essay – 110 minutes max.
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