



# Solving the Data at Rest Problem

Blockchain Confidentiality and Privacy for Cloud Infrastructure

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### Agenda

- What is blockchain?
- Blockchain and disruption?
- Confidentiality versus privacy
- Can blockchain solve the confidentiality and privacy problem?
- How do you implement it?
- Where to start?



#### What is blockchain?

- Data ledgers
  - Traditional
  - Distributed
- How blockchain works
- What does blockchain mean?
- How can we enforce rules?
  - Or is this the wild west?





# Traditional ledger – what we do today

#### **Digital Transaction: Ledger**



# Decentralized ledger – where we're headed



# Quick Survey Questionnaire

Q1: Are you currently using blockchain?

Q2: Are you using: Private, Public, Hybrid?

Q3: What problems do you see with distributing your data?

Q4: What business drivers led you to blockchain?



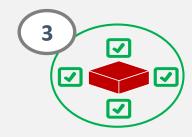
#### How blockchain works



Someone requests a transaction



The requested transaction is broadcast to P2P network nodes



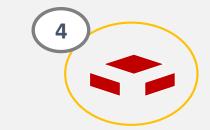
The nodes validate the transaction using cryptography



The transaction is complete



The new block is added to the existing blockchain

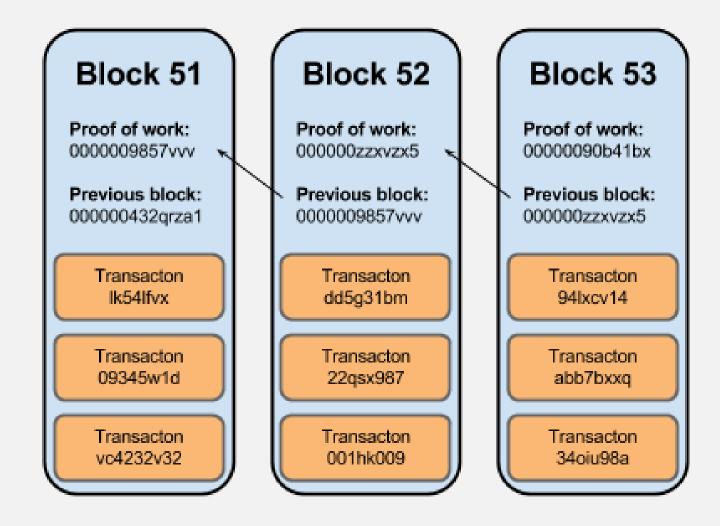


Once verified, this transaction is added to a new block



#### What does blockchain mean?

A chain of blocks





# Another Quick Survey Questionnaire

Q1: What rules should govern P2P sales? (i.e. cars)

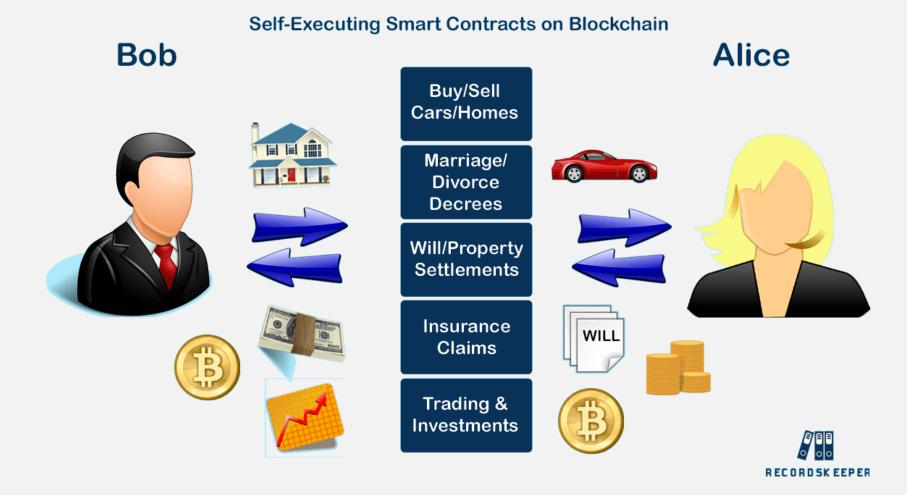
Q2: Can you think of any middlemen that blockchain can eliminate?

Q3: What are some of the risks of putting rules on a blockchain?

Q4: What are some advantages of putting rules on a blockchain?



#### Smart contracts – the "rules"







### Blockchain is disruptive

- Disruptive doesn't mean everything changes
  - It means *some* things change (and maybe a lot)
  - It's all about balance

"The basic premise of organizational ambidexterity theory is that to maintain long-term adaptability and viability, organizations must balance the tension between the need to *innovate* and the need to *produce*"

(Duncan, 1976; Tushman and O'Reilly, 1996).

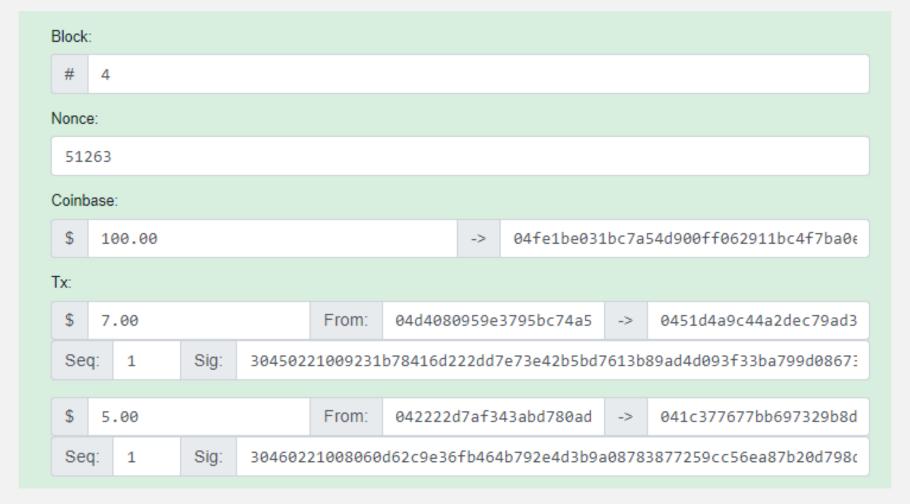


### Yet Another Quick Survey Questionnaire

Q1: Is disruption a risk?



#### Who are Bob and Alice?





#### Confidentiality and privacy – what's the difference?

- Confidentiality is about the data
  - Intention is to keep data secret
  - Allow access only to authorized users

- Privacy is about the individual
  - Access to the person (or organization)
  - Appropriate use of information
  - Being free from public attention
  - Ability to be left alone





# Compliance Laws That Impact "Privacy"

**HIPAA Privacy Rule** 

**State Privacy Laws** 

COPPA- Kids < 13

FACTA — Identity

**EU GDPR Privacy** 

**DFARS CUI Data** 

FERPA - Students

FISMA – Moderate



# Anonymization is not a solution

- In 2000, Latanya Sweeney reported a disturbing finding
- 87 percent of all Americans can be uniquely identified by only THREE pieces of information
  - ZIP code
  - Birthdate
  - Gender



















#### A growing privacy problem

#### Individuals

- Personal info = \$\$\$
- PHI, PII, behavior ← most concerning
- Anonymity = Unicorns
- This isn't 1984
- Organizations
  - Intellectual property
  - Customer behavior
- Big Data
  - Analytics (Data Science) we used to call that creeping
  - Sanctioned profiling





# Can blockchain provide confidentiality?

- Public / Permissionless (i.e. Bitcoin, Ethereum) not so much
  - All data is out there (encryption can help)
  - Some research in this area (Attribute-Based Encryption)
- Private / Permissioned (i.e. Hyperledger Fabric, Ethereum Enterprise) yes
  - Attribute-Based Access Control
  - Encryption (regulator role maintains key)
  - Private channel data (RBAC w/"need to know")
  - Private transactions
  - Zero-knowledge proof (ZKP)



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  - Central control of smart contracts
  - Can enforce privacy filters (for statistical queries)
    - Differential privacy
    - K-anonymity / l-diversity / t-closeness



#### Privacy Impact Assessment - Scope



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- Identify WHO is Accountable for Privacy
- Confirm a Data Classification Policy, Standard,
   & Procedure Definition Exists
- Verify who has access to "Sensitive" data (HR Roster), enable audit trails & logs
- Assess organizational use of access, storage,
   & transmission of "Sensitive" data
- Confirm use of encryption as rest and in transit for all "Sensitive" data use, storage, and transmission
- Document "Sensitive" data work-flows and traffic flows throughout
- Is your CSP ISO27001, ISO27018
   "Certified"?



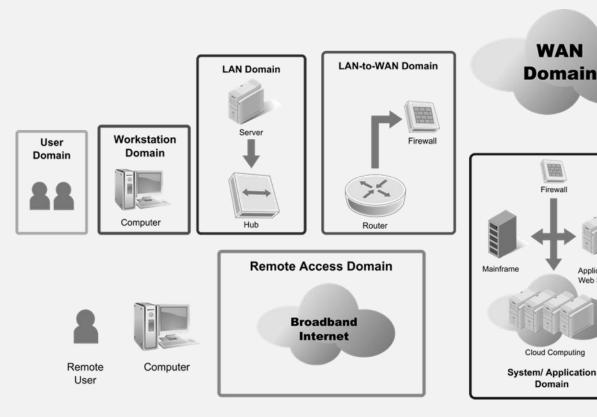
### Privacy Impact Assessment - Approach





# Blockchain innovation - Approach

- Align your BIA and IRP with innovation targets
  - Start with non-critical data and processes
- Perform a "Sensitive" data treasure hunt
- Ensure data is encrypted or protected appropriately
- Migrate incrementally
  - Test
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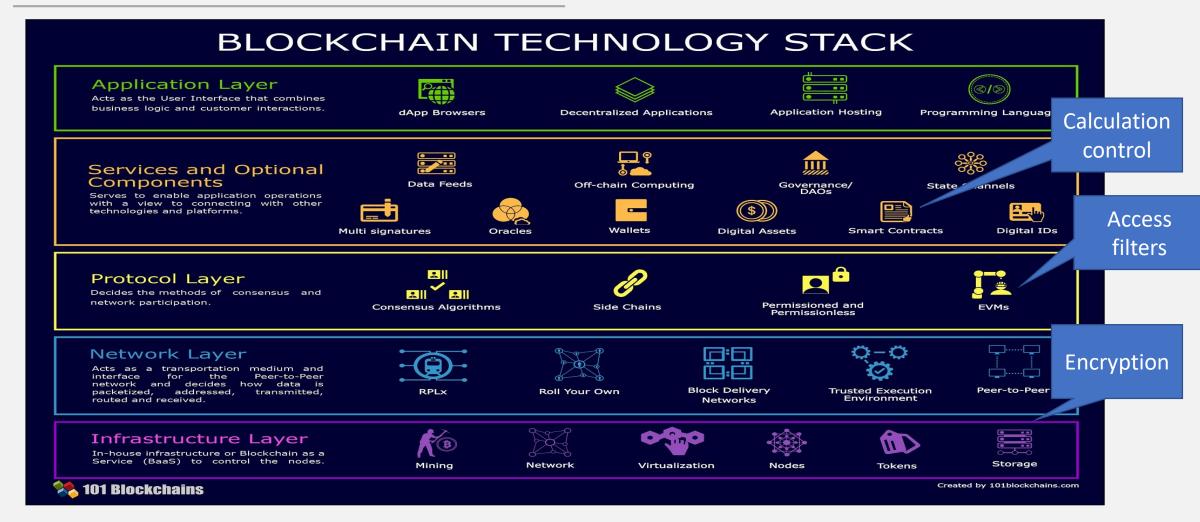






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#### A new technology stack





#### How do you implement this?

#### Select a blockchain

Ethereum for maximum transparency

Hyperledger Fabric for superior control over data

#### Select a scoping model

Public/Private

Tightly or loosely coupled nodes

Define access requirements

#### Migrate carefully

Only migrate data that needs to be on the blockchain

Assess each data item's sensitivity / control needs

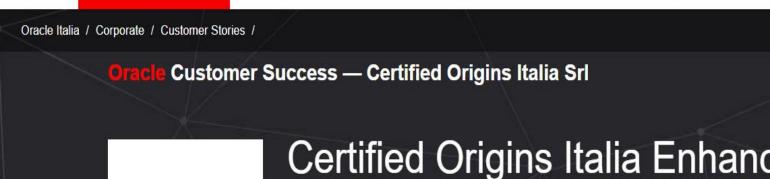
Always respect immutability



#### Where do we start?

- Learn about blockchain application (do this first)
  - Explore existing projects
  - Examine implementations
    - Public / general Ethereum
    - Industry / private Hyperledger Fabric
- Conduct a Business Impact Analysis (BIA)
- Identify innovation opportunities (don't force it!)
  - Align PoCs blockchain strengths and innovation opportunities
  - Stay away from business critical processes (at least at first)



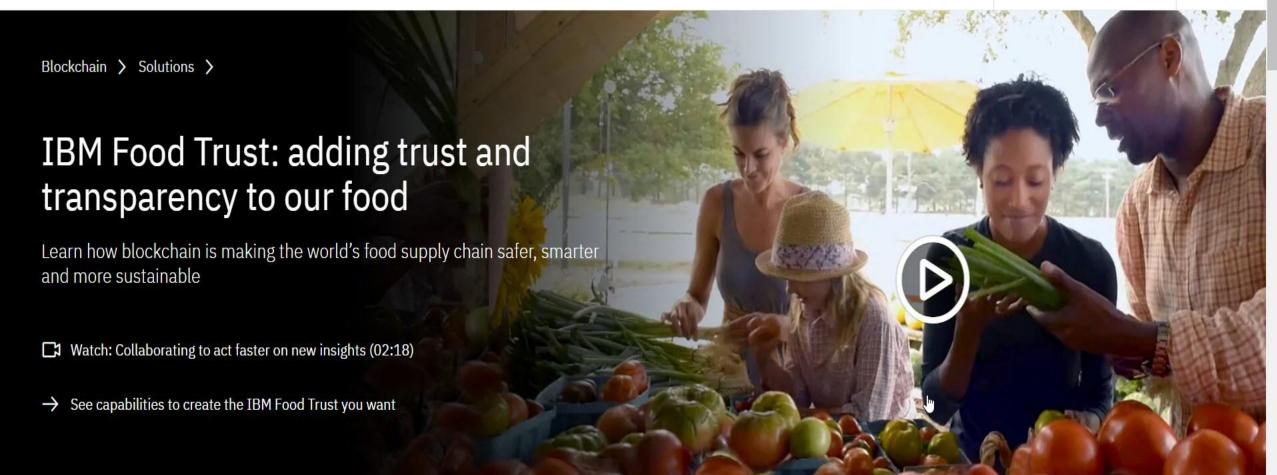


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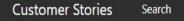
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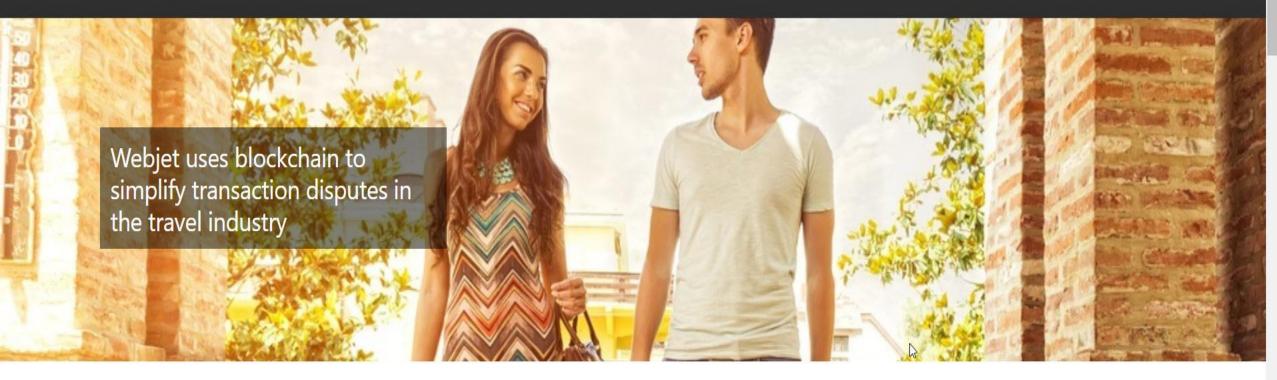


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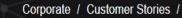




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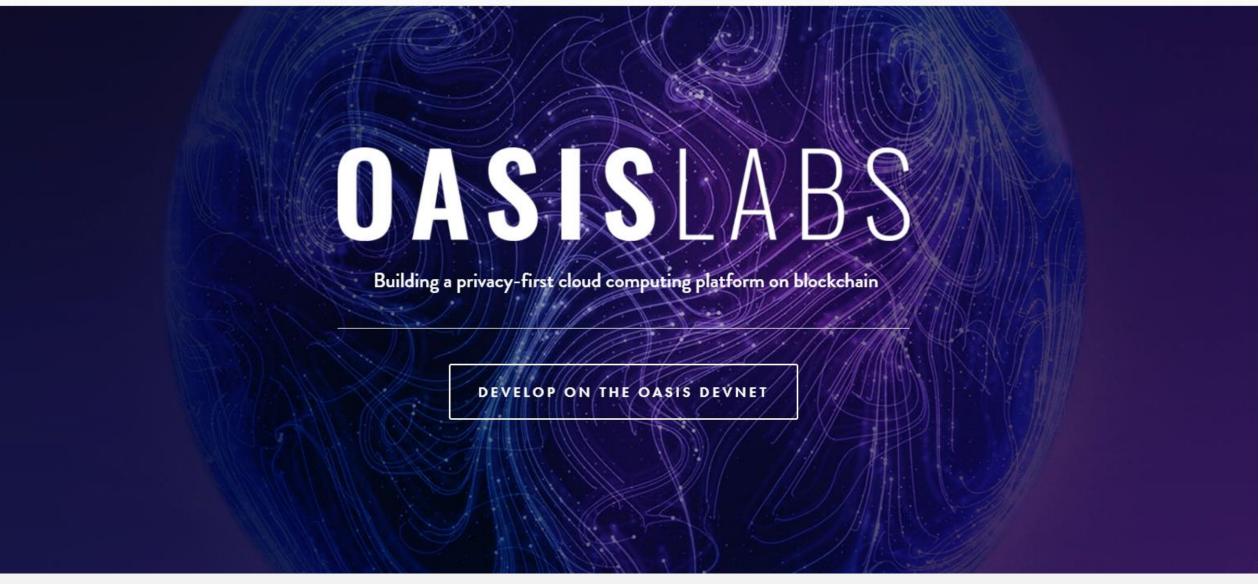
















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