

Ethereum: a Secure Decentralised Generalised Transaction Ledger

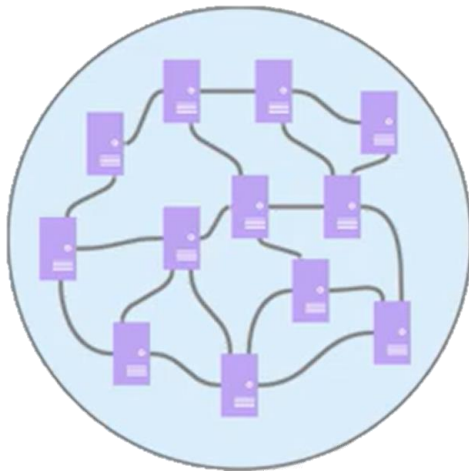
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What is Ethereum?

- ▶ A new way to create and transfer values
- ▶ Decentralized computer network
- ▶ Using smart contract



Smart Contract





Motivation

Facilitate transactions between consenting individuals who would otherwise have no means to trust one another.

- ▶ Geographical separation
- ▶ Interfacing difficulty
- ▶ Expense
- ▶ Uncertainty
- ▶ Corruption of existing legal systems



Goal

Provide a system such that users can be guaranteed that no matter with which other individuals, systems or organizations they interact, they can do so with absolute confidence in the possible outcomes and how those outcomes might come about.



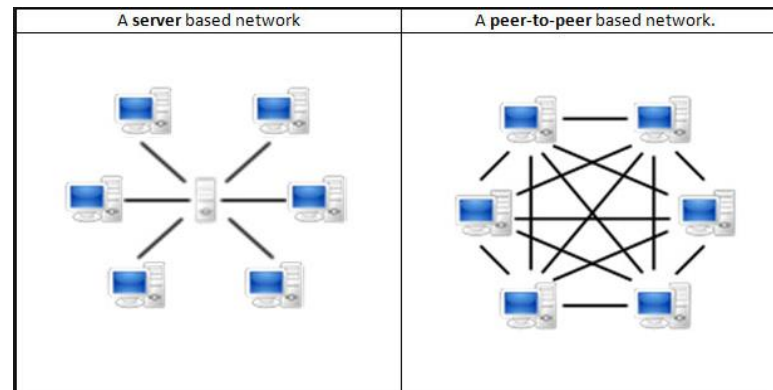


Decentralized System

- ▶ The network is decentralized.



- ▶ Blockchains are peer-to-peer networks.





Value

Ethereum has an intrinsic currency, Ether, known also as ETH and sometimes referred to by the Old English *ƒ*.

Ether



Multiplier	Name
10^0	Wei
10^{12}	Szabo
10^{15}	Finney
10^{18}	Ether



Value

Ethereum Converter

Ether ▾

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Built using the [BigNumber](#) library

Ether

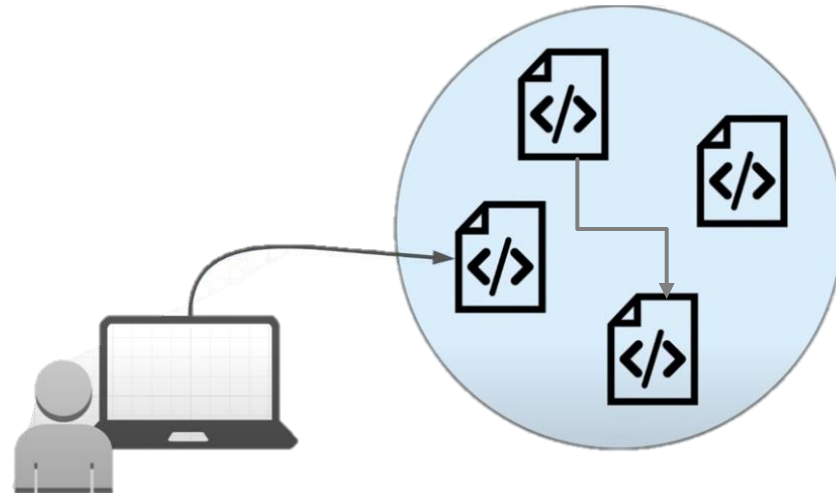
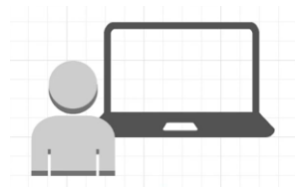




Account

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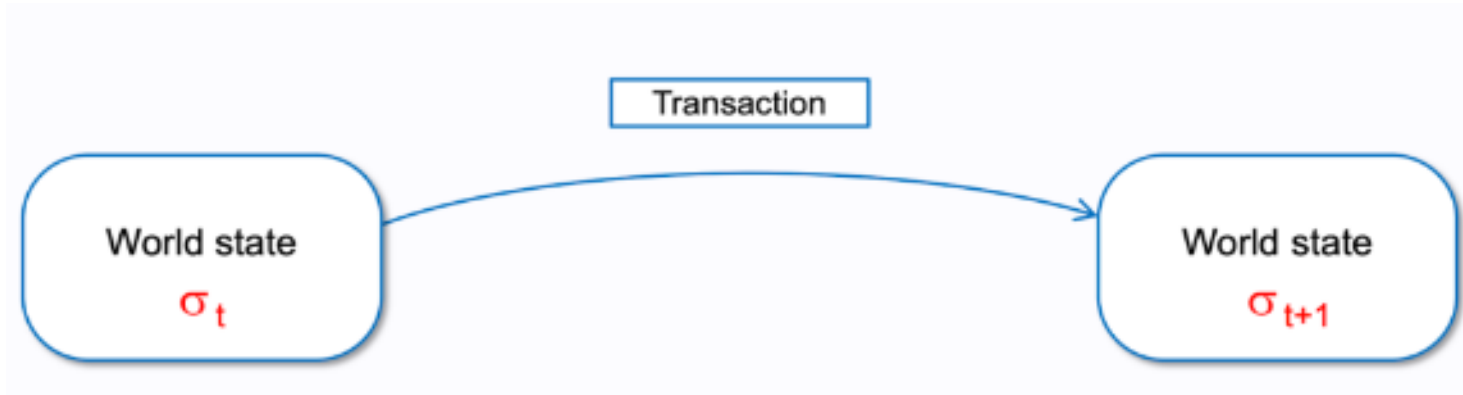
- ▶ Externally Owned Accounts (EOAs)
- ▶ Contract accounts





World State

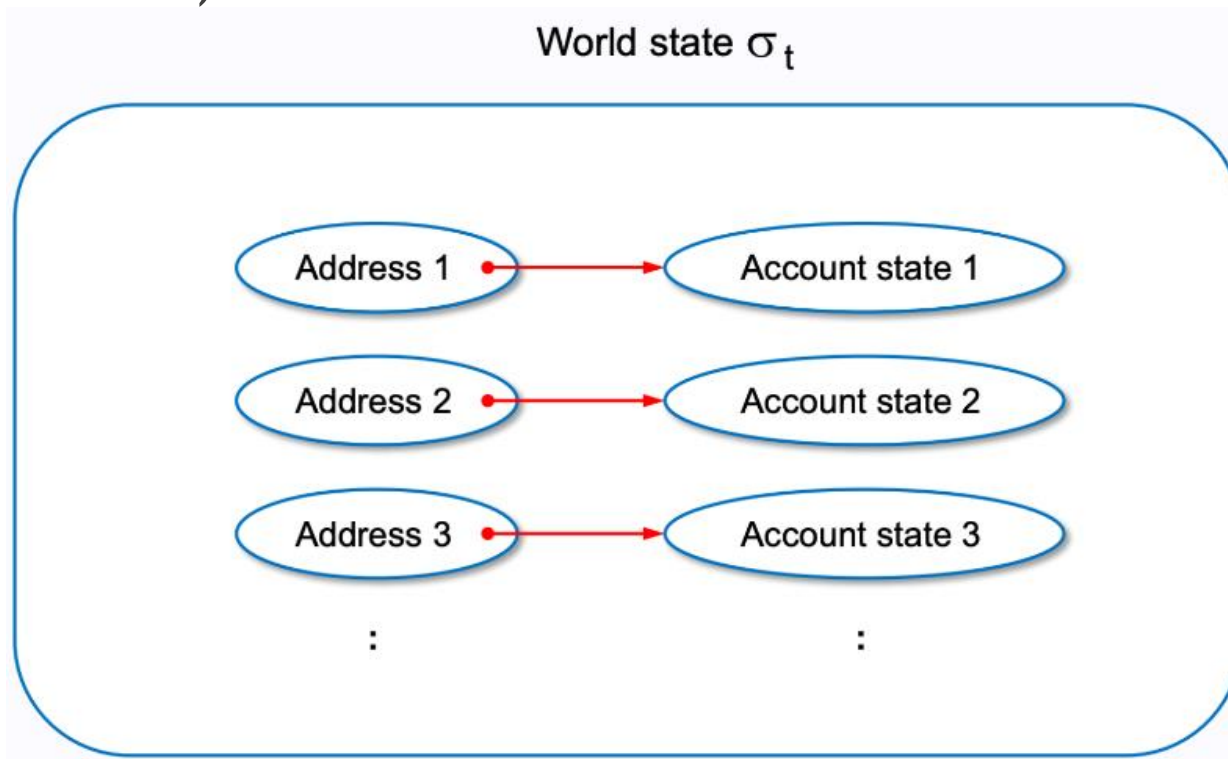
- ▶ Transaction-based state machine: $\sigma_{t+1} \equiv \Upsilon(\sigma_t, T)$





World State

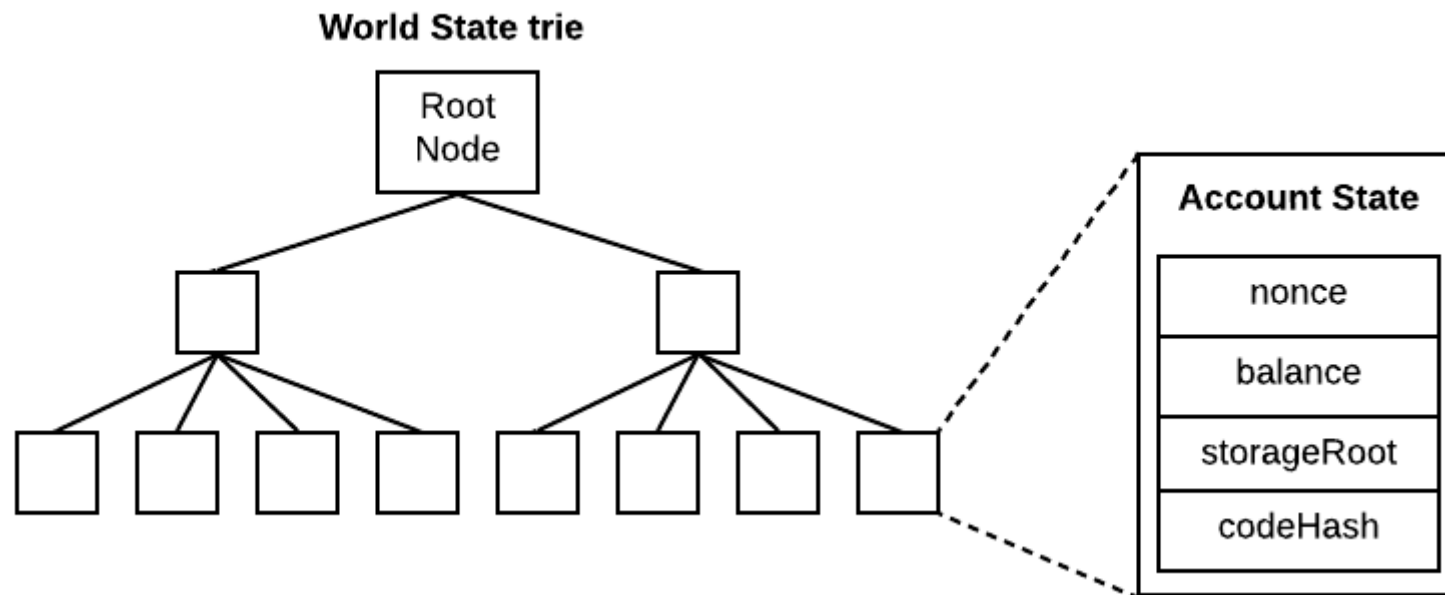
- ▶ The world state is a mapping between addresses (accounts) and account states.





World State

- ▶ The implementation will maintain this mapping in a modified Merkle Patricia tree.





Account State

- ▶ **nonce** - Number of transactions sent from this address.
- ▶ **balance** - Total Ether (in Wei) owned by this account.
- ▶ **storageRoot** - Hash of the root node of the account storage trie.
- ▶ **codeHash** - For contract accounts, the hash of the EVM code of this account. For EOAs, this will be empty.

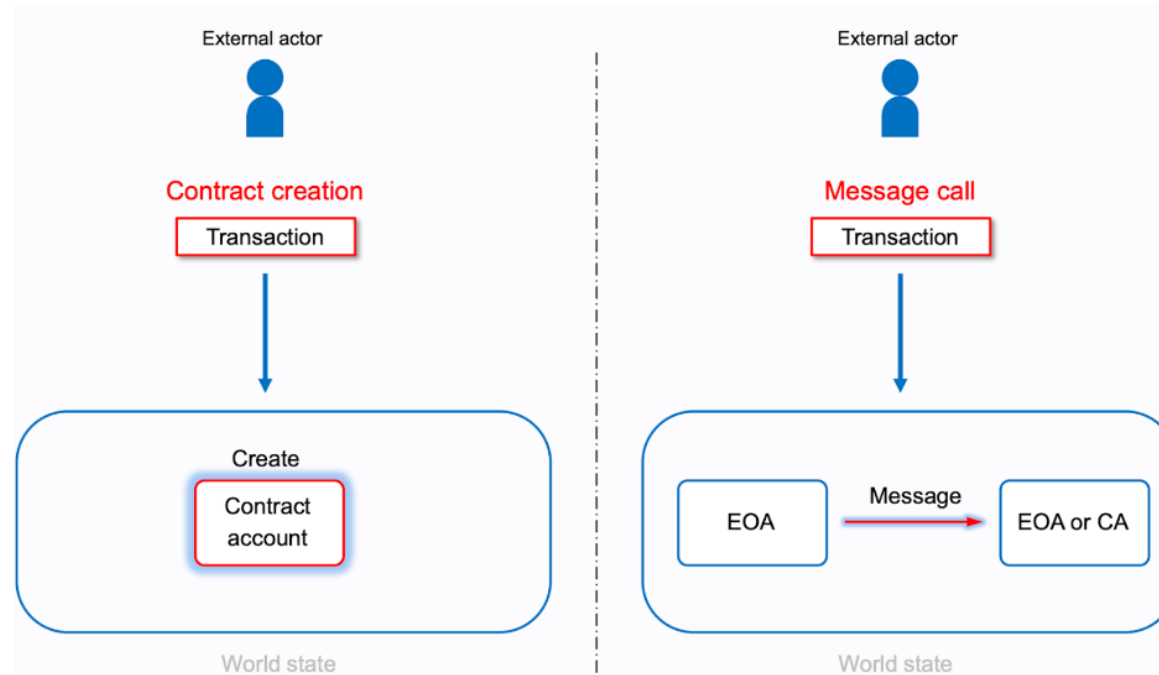
Account State
nonce
balance
storageRoot
codeHash



Transaction

A single cryptographically signed instruction constructed to transfer value.

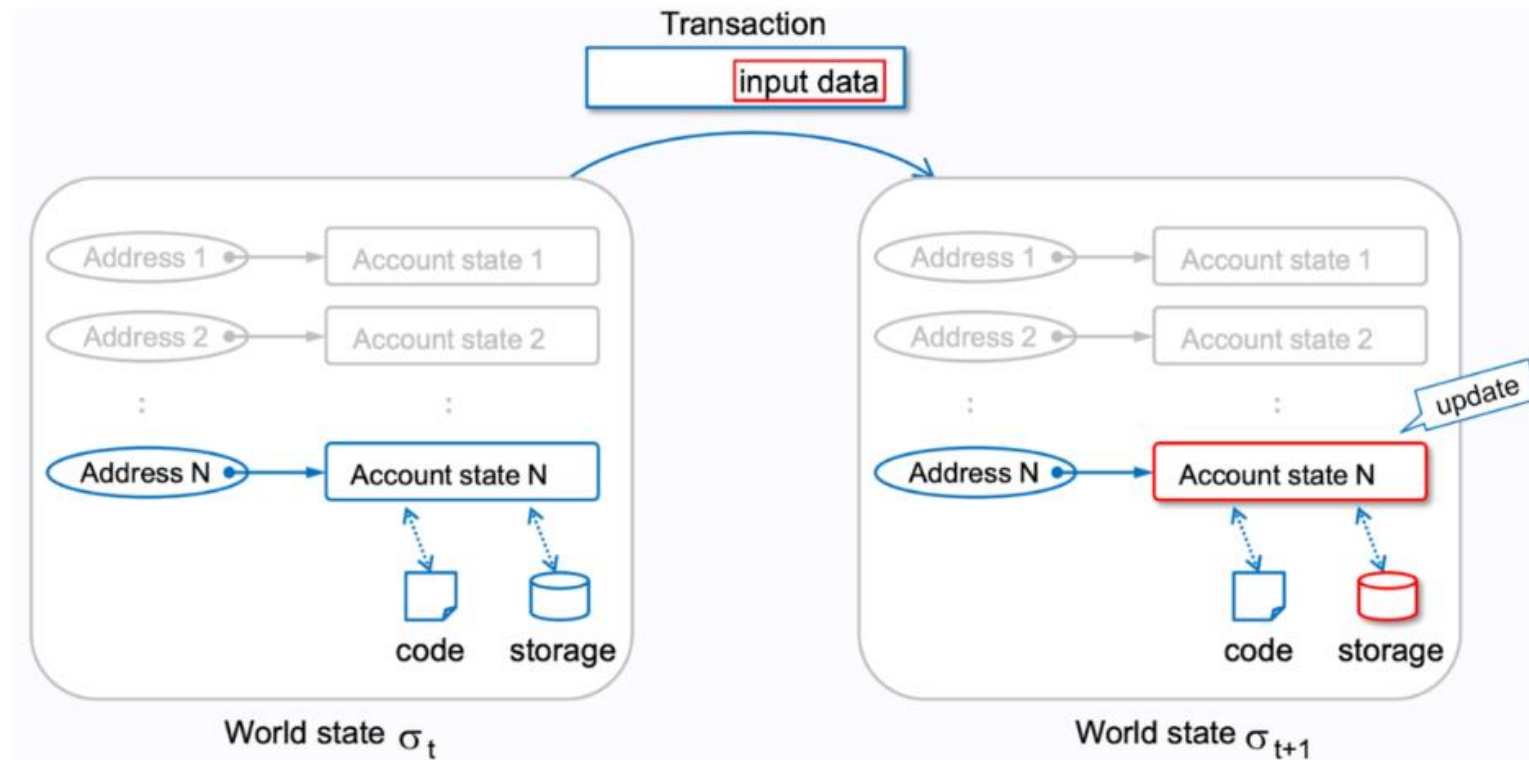
- ▶ **Message call**
- ▶ **Contract creation**





Transaction

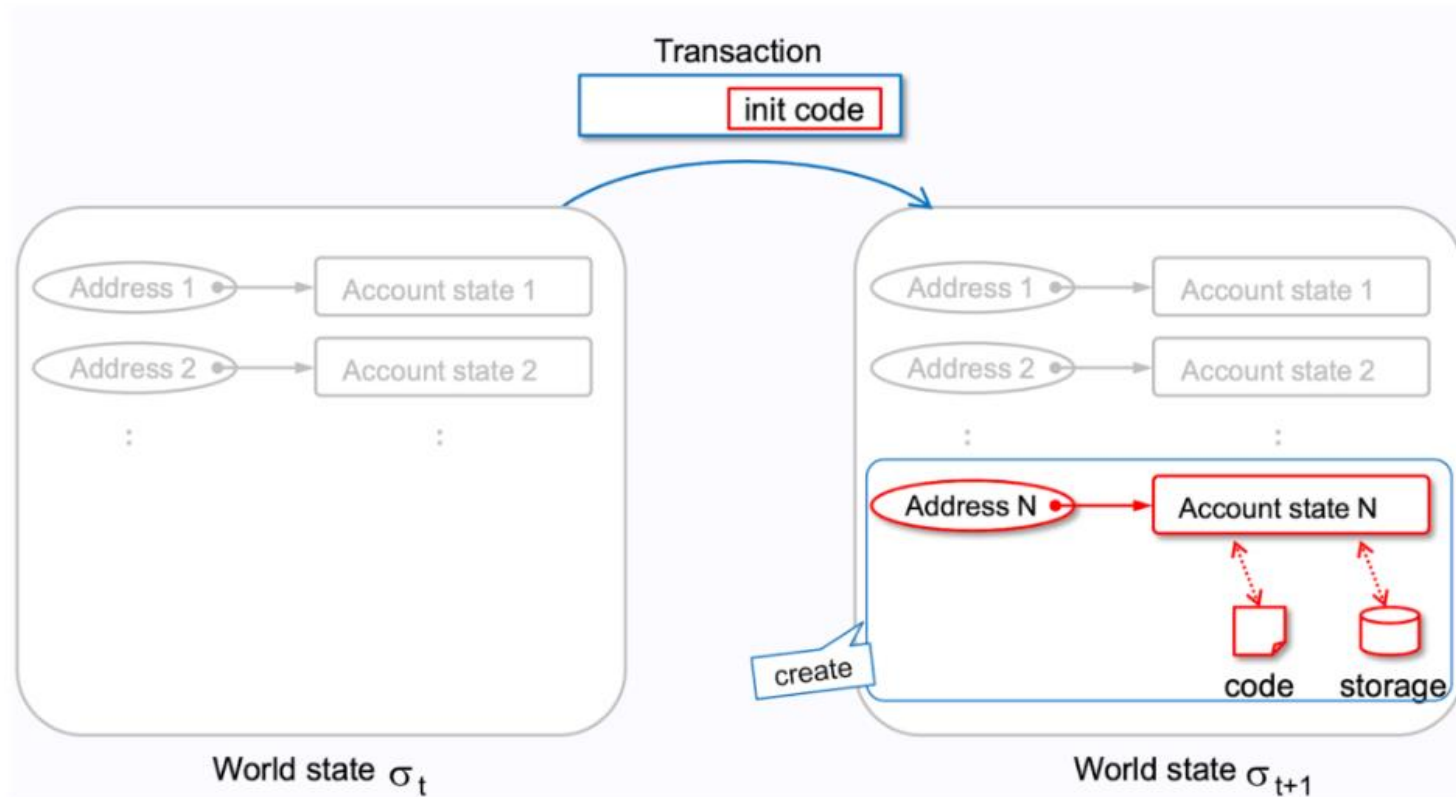
Message call - *updates* an existing entry in the Ethereum world state.





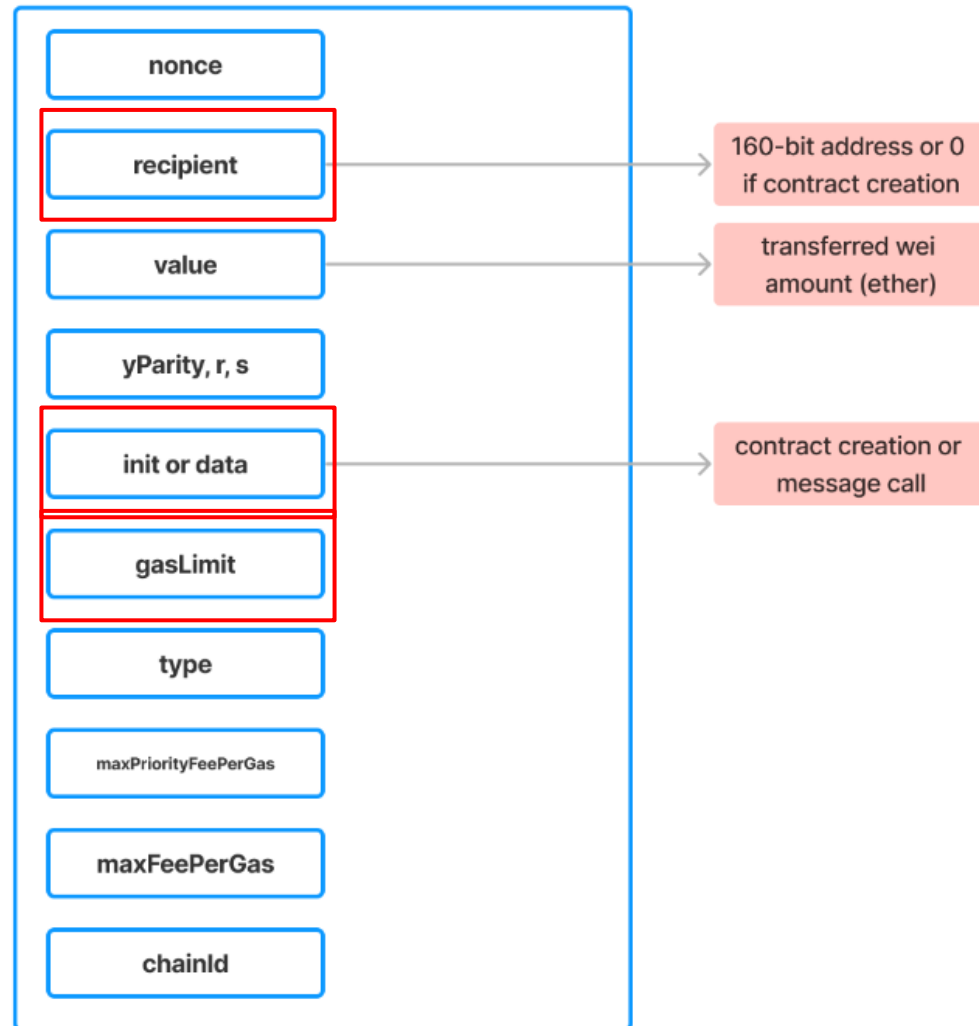
Transaction

Contract creation - *deploys* a new smart contract





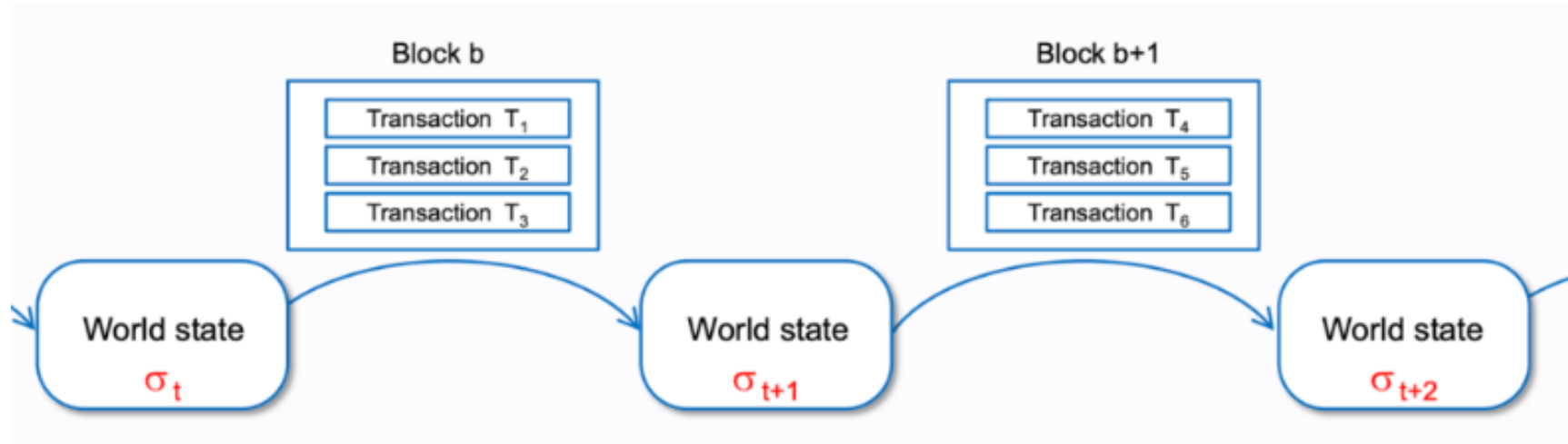
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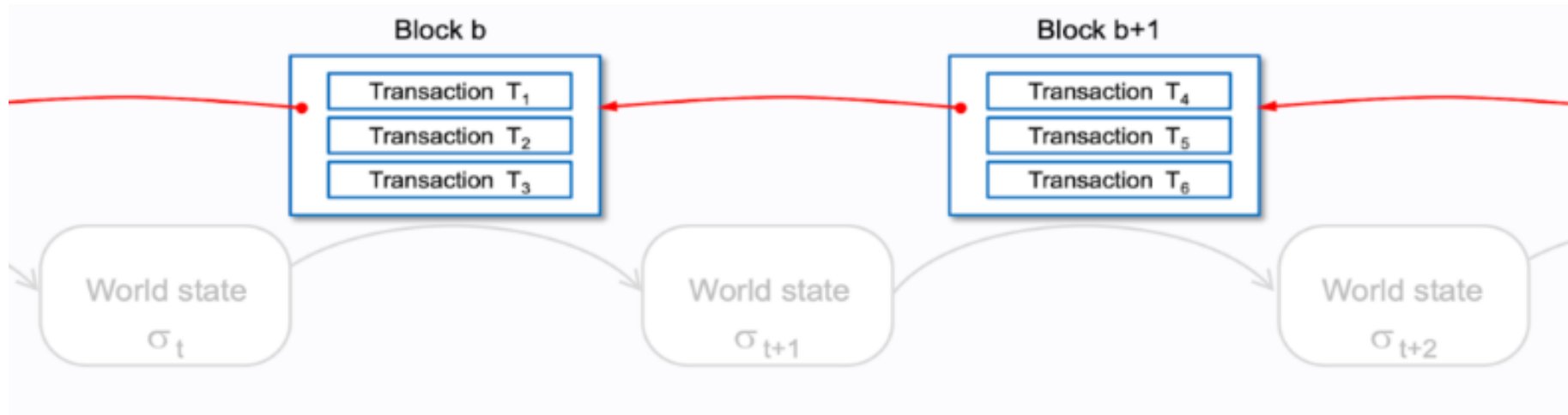
Transactions

- ▶ **Transactions** are collected into blocks





Chain of Blocks - A Blockchain

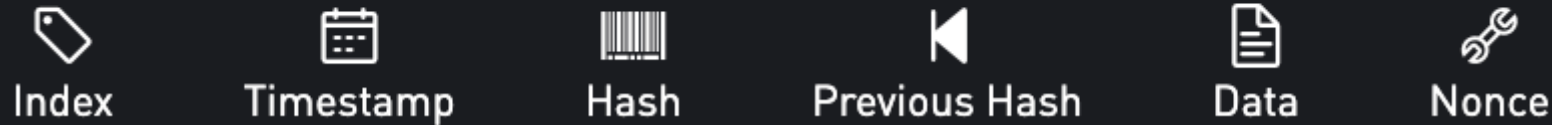




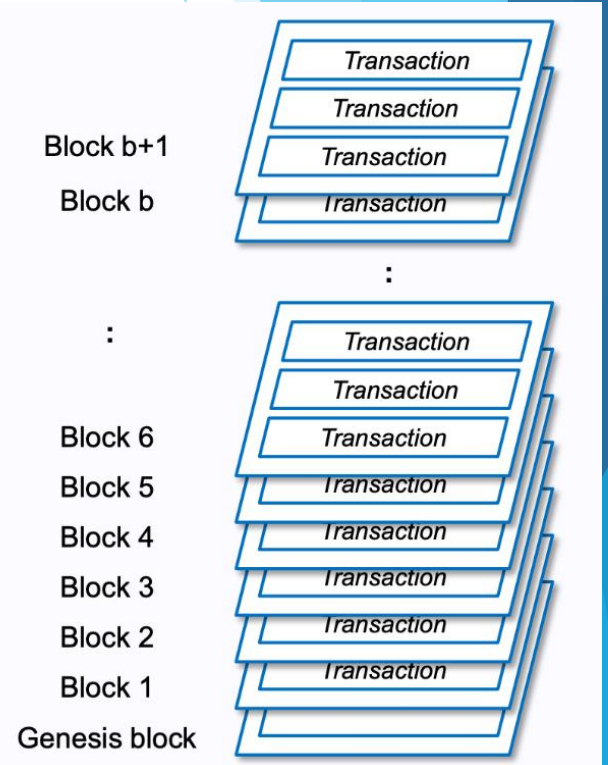
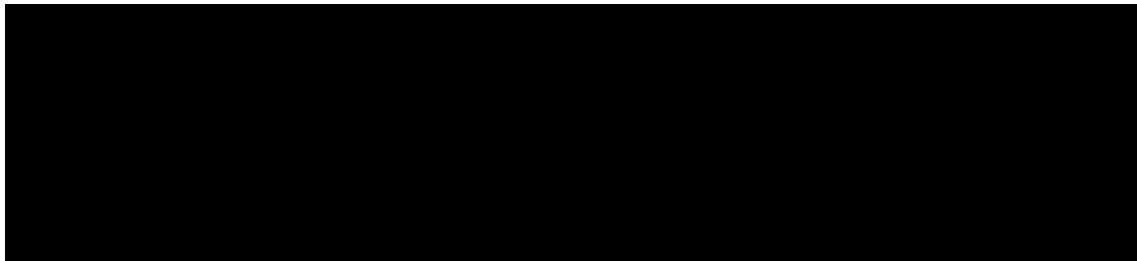
Blockchain demo

- ▶ A blockchain has a list of blocks. It starts with a single block, called the **genesis block**.

Each block stores the following information:



$$f(\text{index} + \text{previous hash} + \text{timestamp} + \text{data} + \text{nonce}) = \text{hash}$$



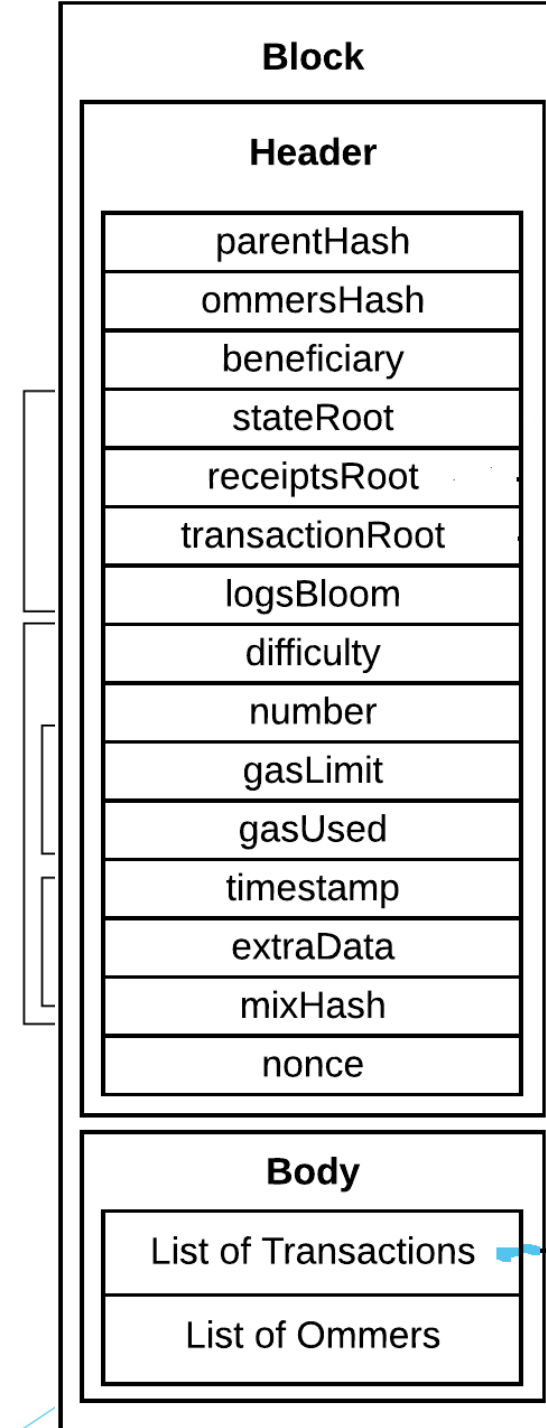


Block

The block is divided into two parts

- ▶ The **block header** is a collection of relevant pieces of information.
- ▶ the **block body** contains a list of transactions that have been included in this block, and a list of uncle (ommer) block headers

$$B \equiv (B_H, B_T, B_U)$$





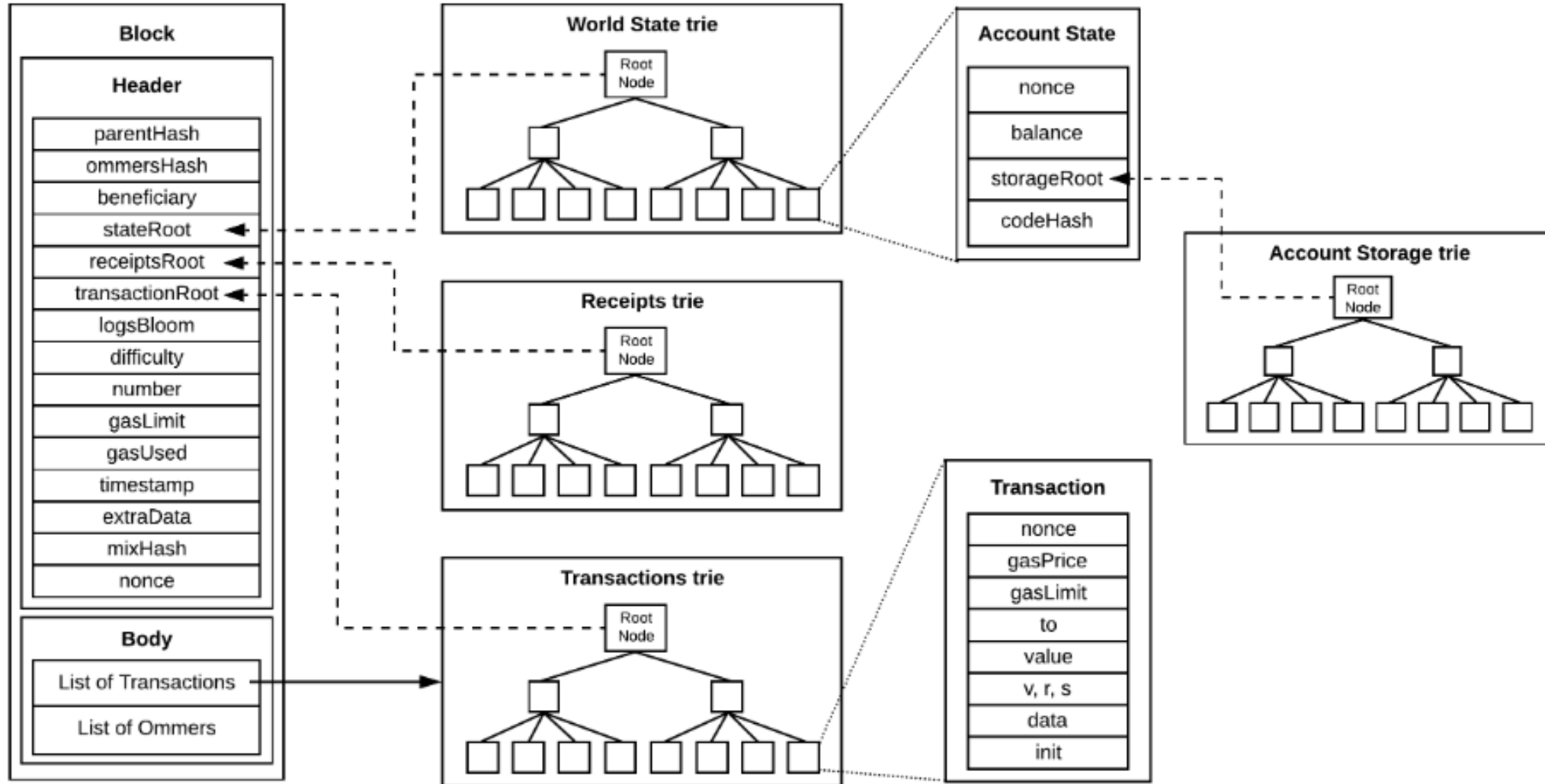
Transaction Receipt

Every time a transaction is executed, Ethereum generates a transaction receipt that contains information about the transaction execution.





Objects covered





Gas & Payment

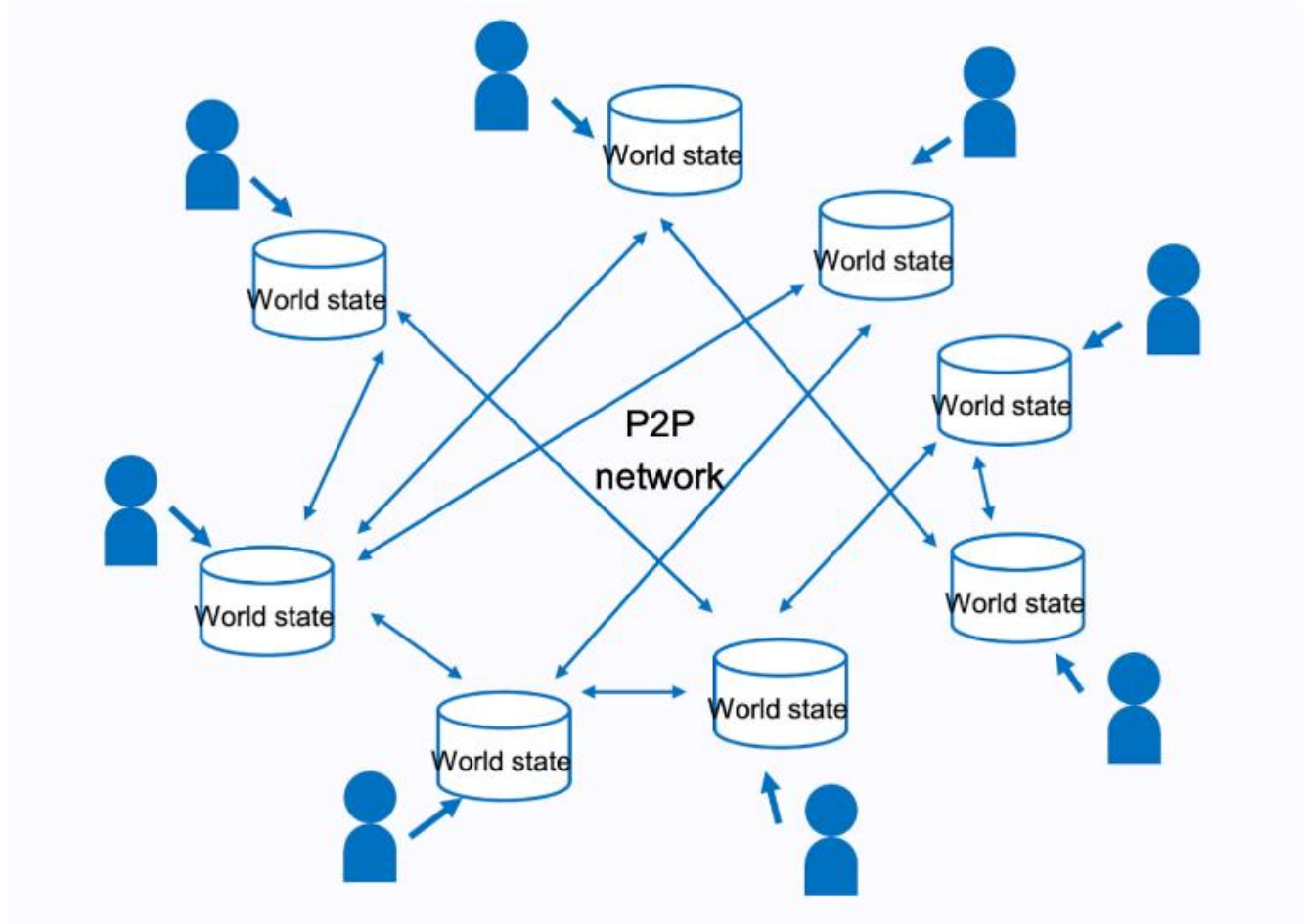
- ▶ All programmable computation in Ethereum is subject to fees
- ▶ The fee schedule is specified in units of *gas*.

Opcode	Name	Description	Extra Info	Gas
0x00	STOP	Halts execution	-	0
0x01	ADD	Addition operation	-	3
0x02	MUL	Multiplication operation	-	5
0x03	SUB	Subtraction operation	-	3
0x04	DIV	Integer division operation	-	5





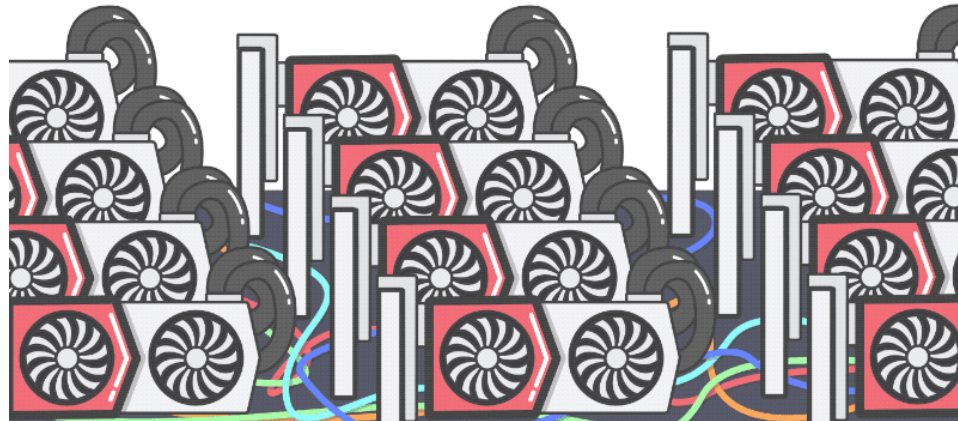
Fees





Proof of Work

- ▶ Proof-of-work is the consensus mechanism that allows decentralized networks like Ethereum to come to a consensus.
- ▶ The consensus mechanism ends up providing security to a blockchain network just because it demands that everyone follow the consensus rules if they want to participate!





Transaction Execution

- ▶ *Well-formed RLP*
- ▶ *Valid signature*
- ▶ *Valid nonce*
- ▶ *The gas price is above the base gas price*
- ▶ *The sender has enough ether to pay the gas cost required*

Upfront cost =

Gas Limit	X	Gas Price	+	Value
50,000		20 gwei		0.05 Ether

Intrinsic gas =

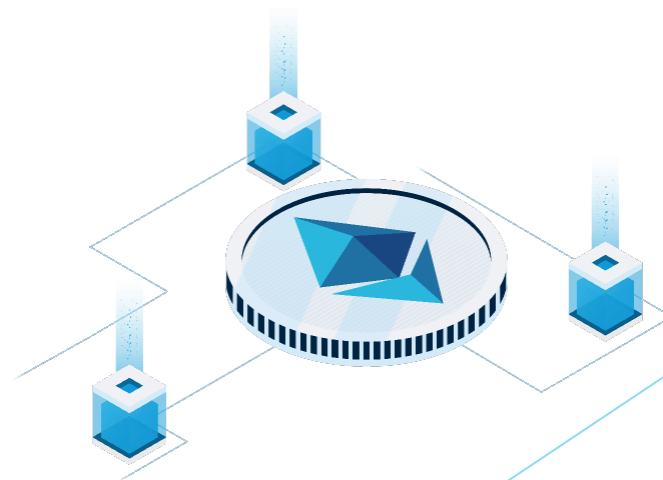
Predefined gas fee	+	Storage fee	+	Contract creation
21,000		4(X) + 68(Y)		32,000





Block Finalisation

- ▶ Validate ommers
- ▶ Validate transactions
- ▶ Apply rewards
- ▶ Verify state and nonce

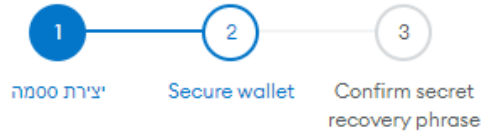




Conclusion

- ▶ Decentralized system
- ▶ Guarantee contract outcome
- ▶ Provide security to the network
- ▶ The system structure
- ▶ The way Ethereum work

Open METAMASK Account



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5. large

6. gather

7. ozone

8. second

9. noise

10. catch

11. borrow

12. carry

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