# **Distributed Ledgers**

- A digital ledger is a digital record of who owns what
- A distributed digital ledger is a ledger that is replicated among many nodes
  - The main innovation is the underlying distributed consensus mechanism



sent \$2 to Bob	
sent \$5 to Bob	
30b sent \$3 to me	

Alice	Bob
-2	+2
-5	+5
+3	-3

I owe Bob \$4



Alice sent \$2 to me
Alice sent \$5 to me
I sent \$3 to Alice

Alice	Bob
-2	+2
-5	+5
+3	-3

Alice owes me \$4

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- There have been other good algorithms that have been used for distributed consensus
  - Paxos, PBFT
- However, besides distributed consensus, blockchains also:
  - Scale relatively better than existing consensus algorithms
  - Compensate for the costs of verifying and generating consensus
  - Disincentivise attacks

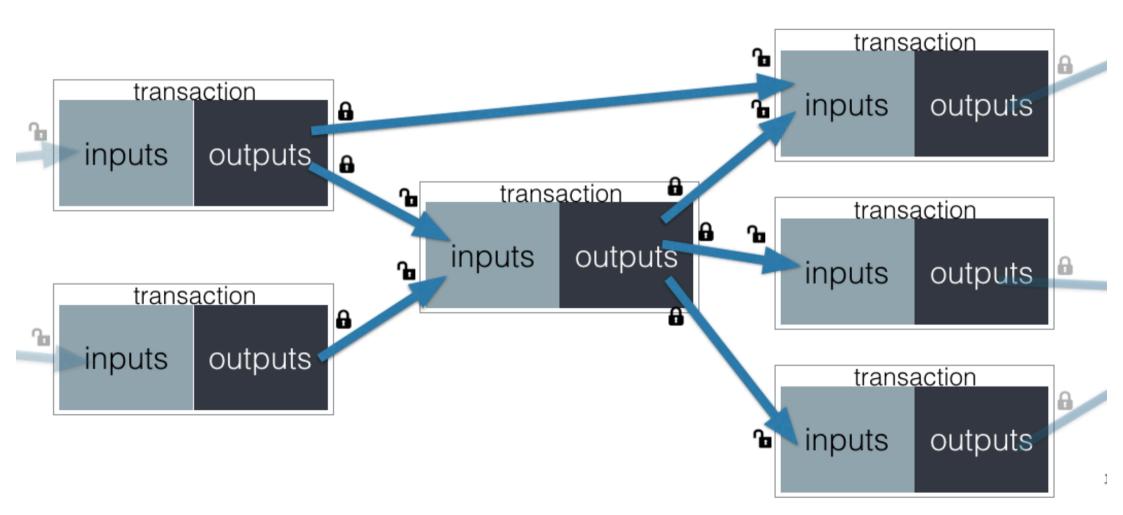
Blockchains work in practice, not theory.

### **Transaction structure**

- A transaction is a record that contains inputs and outputs
  - An input has to reference a <u>previous transaction's output</u>
    - In order to do this successfully, the correct key has to be provided

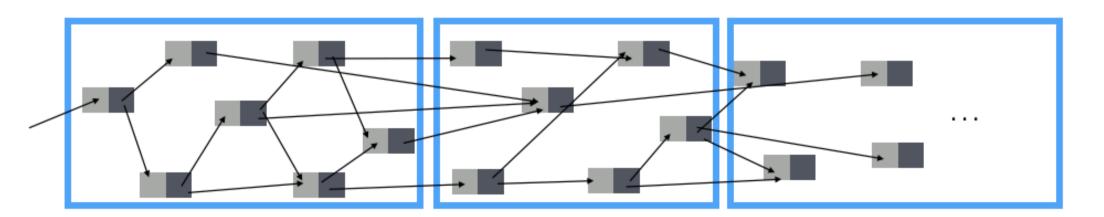
 Exception: the very first transaction in a block has no inputs and simply generates a set number of bitcoins for the miner (i.e. miner's reward)

## **Transaction structure**



## **Blockchain structure**

- Blocks exist on top of the complex network of transactions
  - They ensure that:
    - transactions are formatted and ordered correctly
    - transactions do not try to double spend



### **Ethereum Name Service**



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- Distributed lookup service
  - Resistant to DDoS attacks
  - Transparent transactions
  - Upgradeable

### **ENS Architecture**

### **ENS** Registry

#### eth

owner: 0x1234...

#### inigomontoya.eth

owner: 0x34567...

resolver: 0x45678...

#### metamask.eth

owner: 0x56789...

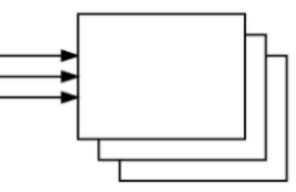
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#### alice.metamask.eth

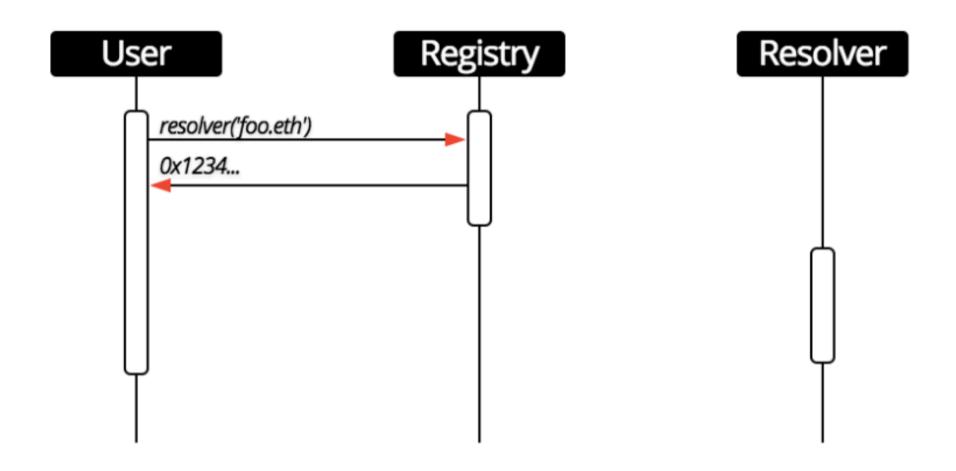
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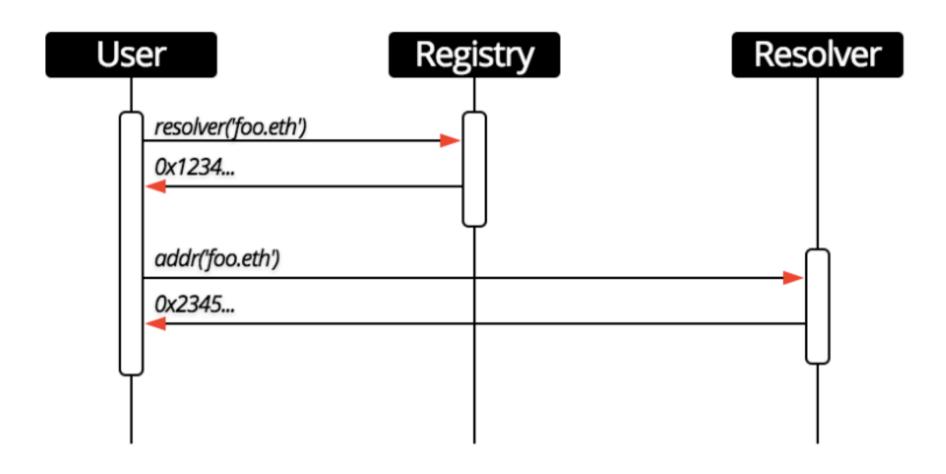
#### Resolvers



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### **ENS Soft Launch**

As of 2017-07-31

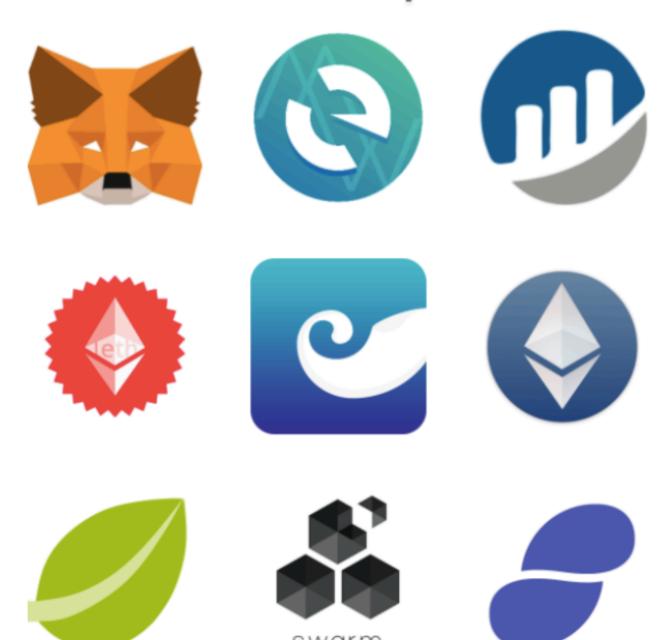
180,822
Names auctioned

- Auctions started - Auctions finalised - Bids

Ether deposited



# Client Adoption



## First ENS Workshop

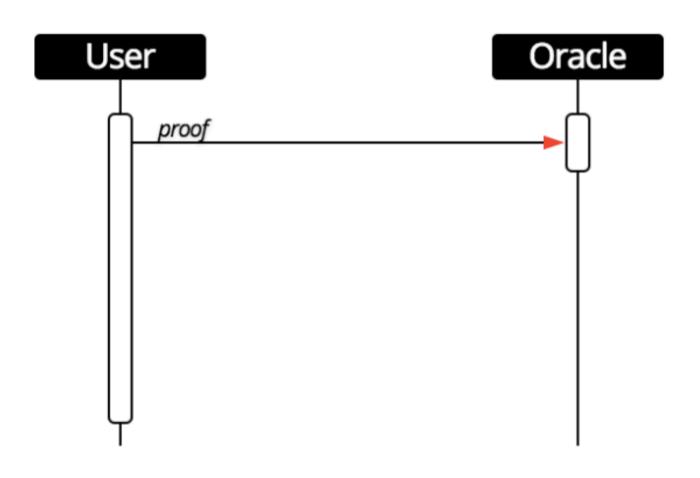
August 2017

- 27 participants
- 3 days of discussion, covering:
  - Dispute resolution
  - Permanent registrar design
  - Securing subdomains
  - DNS integration

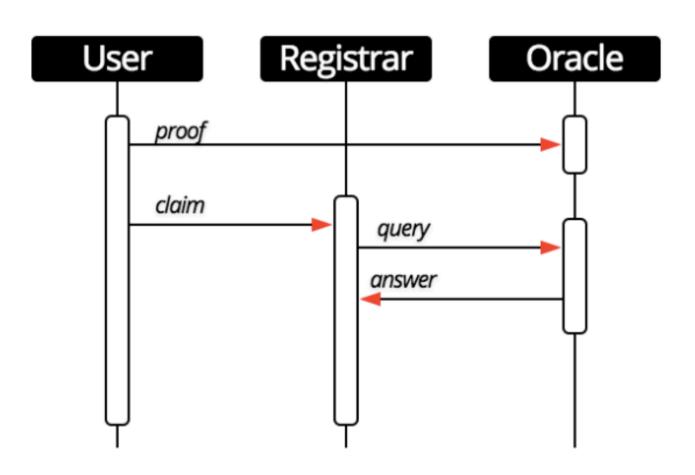
## DNS integration via DNSSEC

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         # xyz. DS SHA256
              , <sup>∞</sup>xyz. DNSKEY RSA
                  # ethlab.xyz. DS SHA256
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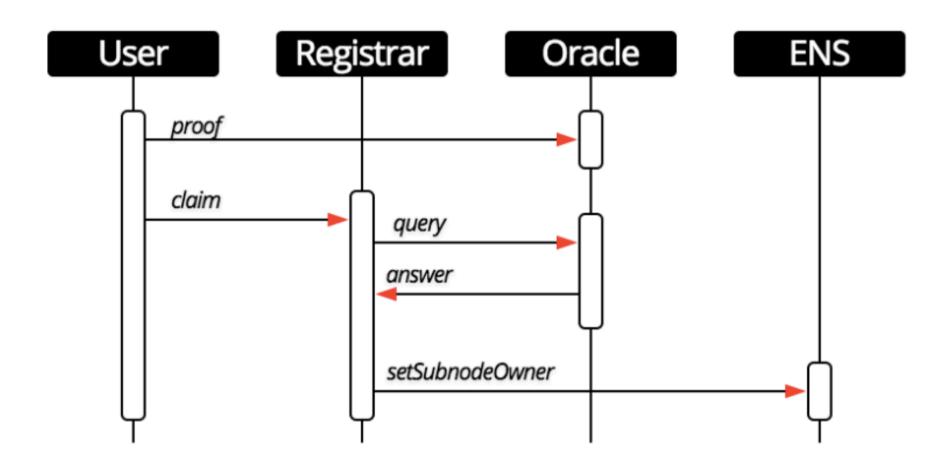
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