





Blockchain / DLT:

- ERP integration
- Control frameworks
- Use cases

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Introduction



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How it all started back in 2008



Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System



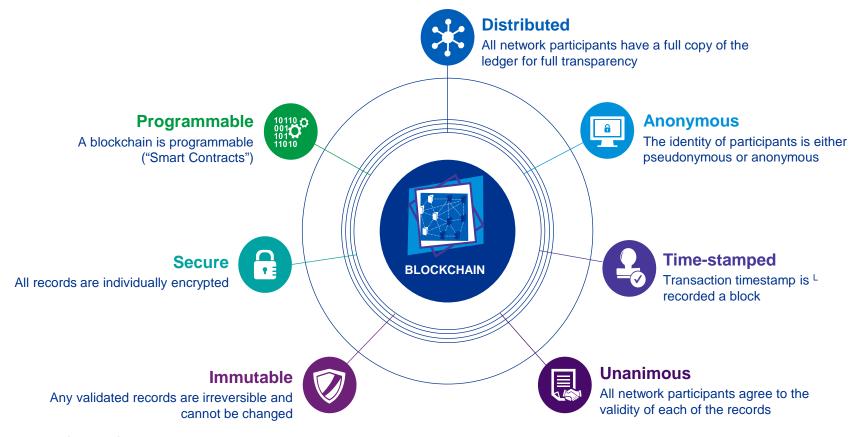
Satoshi Nakamoto satoshin@gmx.com www.bitcoin.org

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.





Properties of Digital Ledger Technology (DLT)







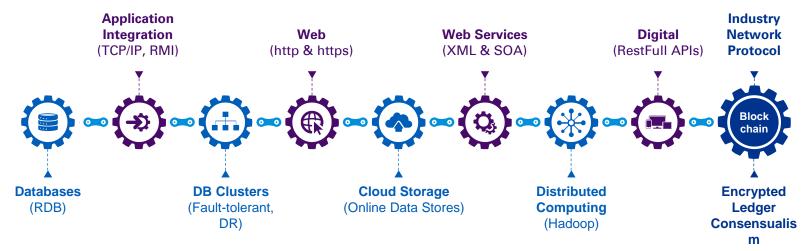




The concept of a Distributed Ledger (DLT) was synthesized in 1990. Blockchain was introduced as a distributed ledger platform for the Bitcoin application as the ultimate incarnation of a decentralized ledger by anonymous consensus.

The spectrum of available distributed ledger technology aims to solve the problems of data redundancy and costly reconciliation processes with unique organizational models and consensus procedures.



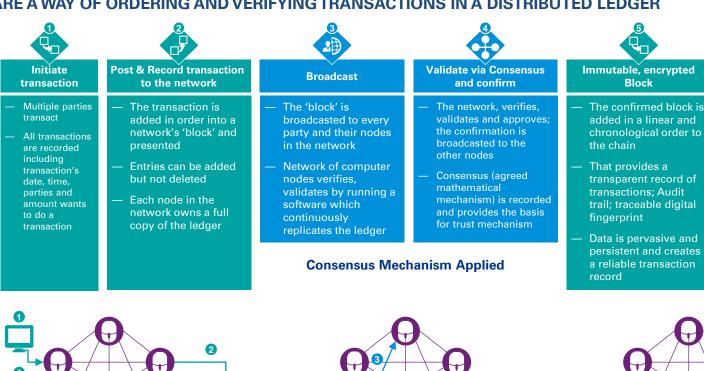


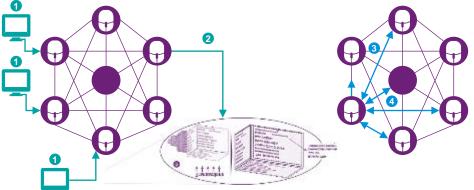


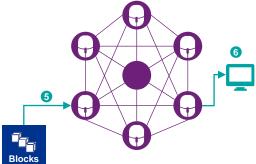




DLTS ARE A WAY OF ORDERING AND VERIFYING TRANSACTIONS IN A DISTRIBUTED LEDGER







Transaction

completed

Nodes have

access to a

shared

single

truth

source of

completed

block gives

way to the

next block

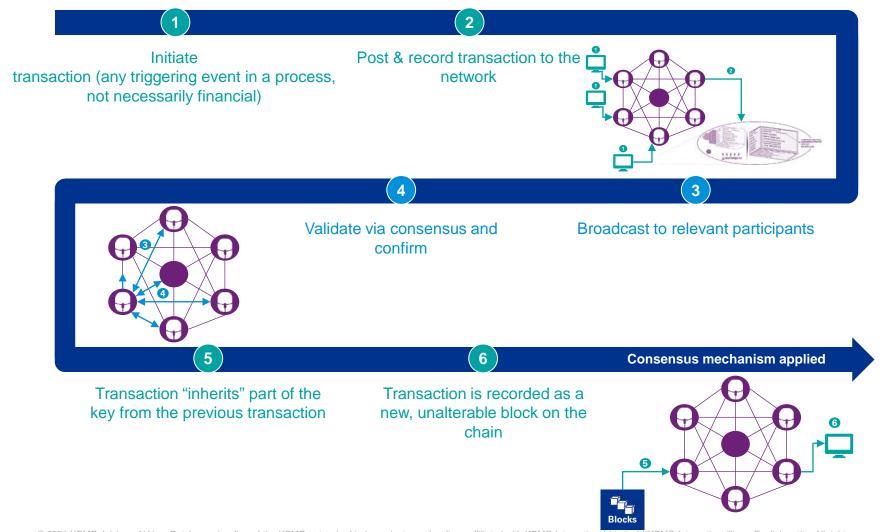
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How does it work?

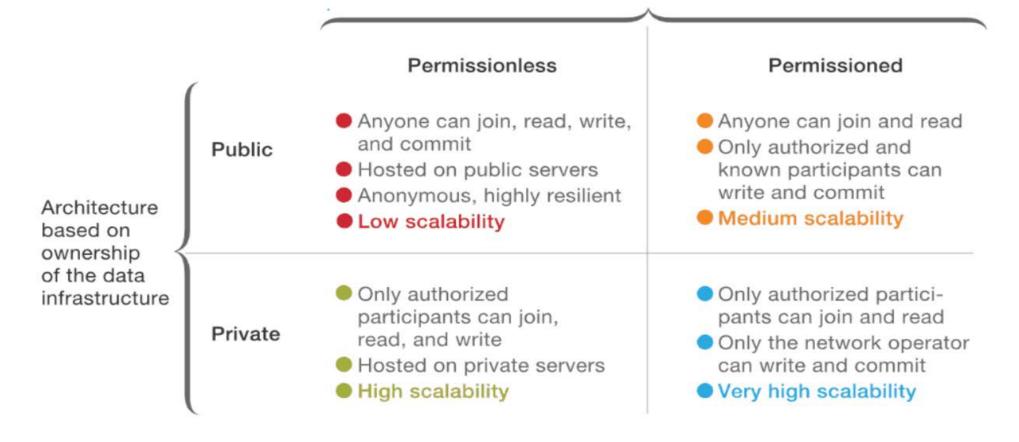






Permissioned vs. permissionless

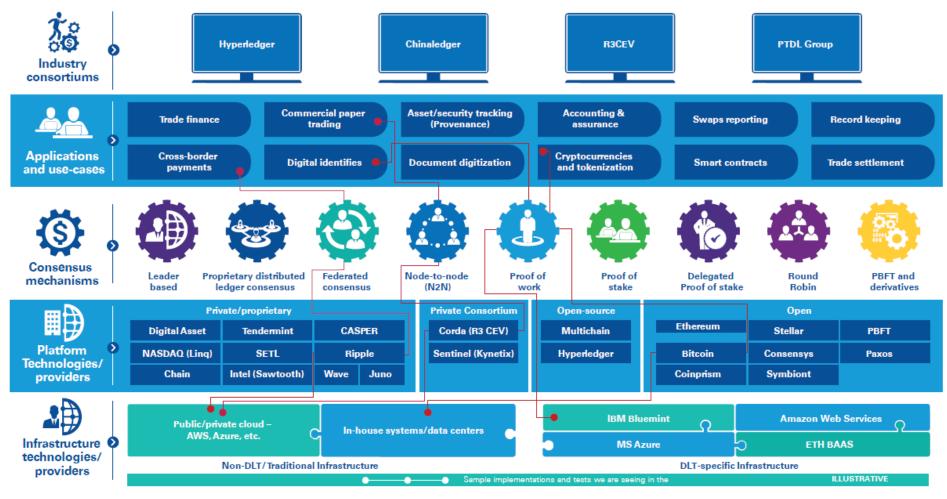
Blockchainarchitecture options Architecure based on read, write, or commit permissions granted to the participants













What are the main benefits?







Enable trust

No need for a intermediary to store and transfer value or guarantee data integrity.



Streamlined data reconciliation

Consensus mechanism to validate transactions.



Immutability

Validated records are irreversible and cannot be changed.



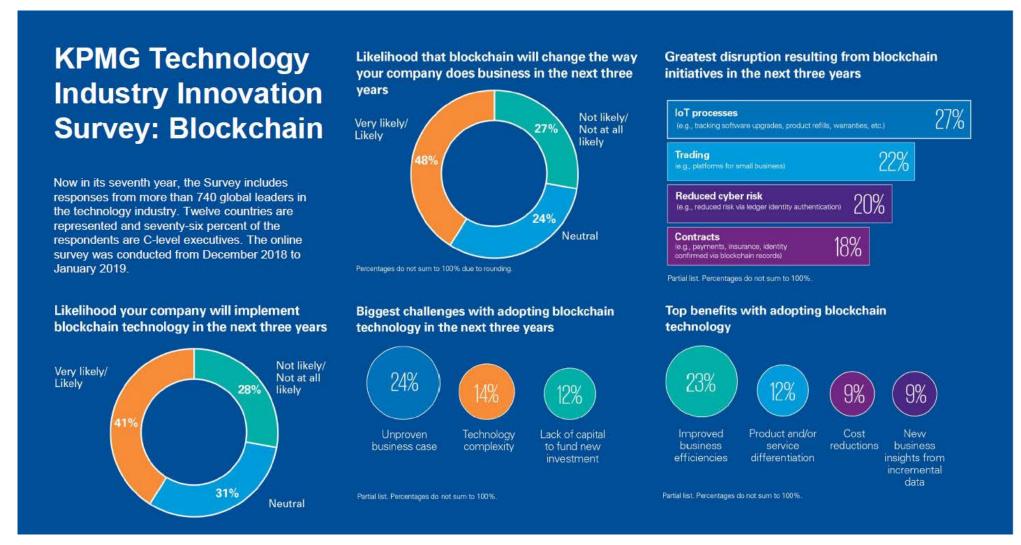
Transparency

All network participants have a full copy of the ledger for full transparency.





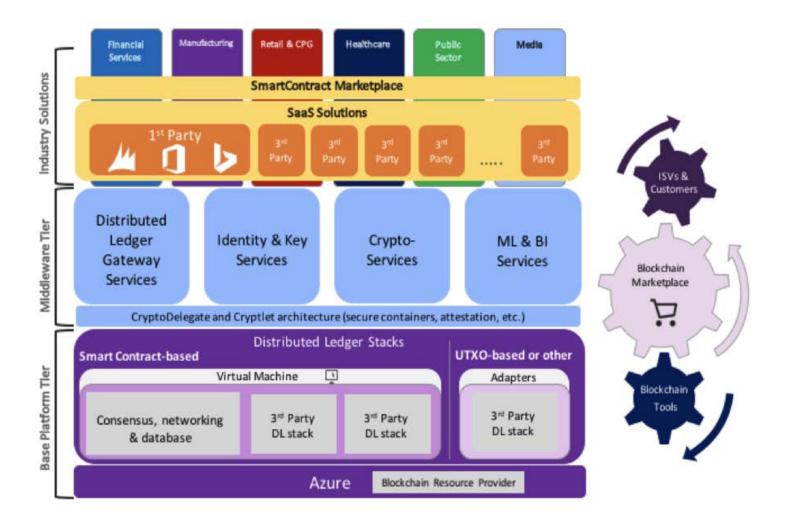








Sample Cloud-based Blockchain Stack (MS Azure)





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Potential Blockchain risks





API risks with legacy and enterprise systems



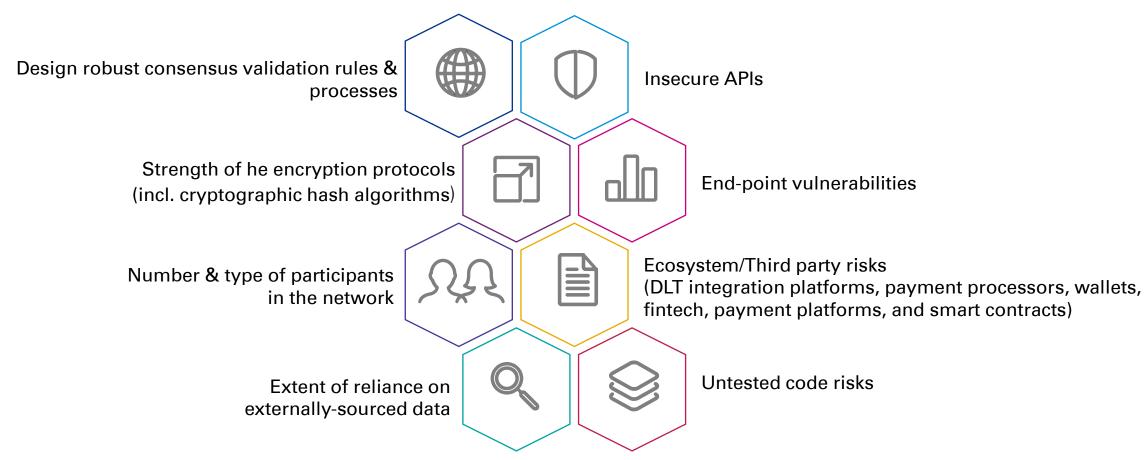
keys

network operations to

restrict transactions



Key considerations for protecting from cyber attacks (in case of permissioned DLTs)







Illustrative control areas for protecting from cyber attacks





Why need a Blockchain Control Framework?

- Complete coverage of all key risks / areas
- Structured set of 'good practices'
- Embedding in PDCA cycle
- Standardized trust levels & achieving Interoperability
- Providing auditing & certification criteria

And why not apply a framework?

- Strait-jacket & substantial effort to implement fully
- Absence of data (entry) integrity & 'soft controls'
- Frameworks do not provide answers to all key questions, such as:
 - Which protocol to select?
 - How to develop secure smart contracts?
 - How to integrate Blockchain with ERP systems?





Blockchain Platforms/protocols

	Exonum	Hyperledger	Openchain	Graphene	Corda	MultiChain
Code type	Open-source	Open-source	Open-source	Open-source	Open-source	Open-source
Community	Regular updates	Regular updates	Not very active	Not very active	Regular updates	Regular updates
Industry focus	FinTech, GovTech LegalTech	Cross-industry	Cross-industry	Cross-industry	Financial services	Financial services
Governance	The Bitfury Group	The Linux Foundation	Coinprism	Cryptonomex	R3 consortium	Coin Science
Ledger type	Private and permissioned	Private and public	Private	Private and public	Permissioned	Private
Cryptocurrency	None	None	Aircoin	Bitshares	None	None
Language	Rust	Python	JavaScript	C++	Kotlin, Java	C++
Smart contract functionality	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Best projects	Land registry and land cadastre systems for Georgia and Ukraine	Banking app for Postal Savings Bank of China, DLT.sg Singapore blockchain apps	Used in projects for Adobe, Arm, Cisco, Comcast, GitHub, Harman, Hitachi, HPE, Qualcomm, Siemens, Sony, Toyota, Western Digital, and Wind River	Steemit, BitShares, Peerplay	Banking systems for Bangkok Bank, BBVA, BNP Paribas, HSBC, ING	Wolfram Resear
	Exonum	Hyperledger	Openchain	Graphene	Corda	MultiChain



Blockchain / DLT Control Frameworks



- > ISACA
- > NOREA
- > ISO
- > Others (see next)



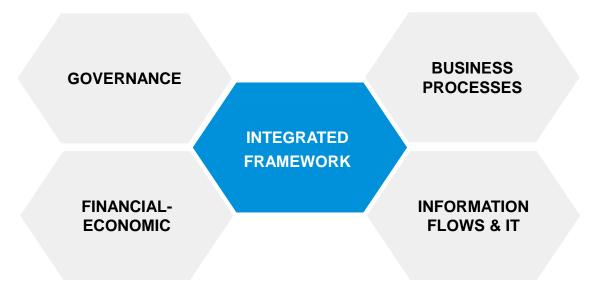




	ISACA	NOREA	coso	ISO	Maltese government	Cloud Security Alliance	Others frameworks
Publication(s)	 Blockchain Frame- work & Guidance Blockchain Audit Preparation Guide 	Blockchain Control Framework (i.o.)	Blockchain & Internal Control	Blockchain/DLT Security, Governance & Interoperability (i.o.)	System Auditor Control Objectives (part C)	DLT Security Framework for Financial Services	CPA CanadaUniversity of CambridgeKPMG
Version/ date(s)	1. 2020 2. 2019	2021 (Q3/4)	2019	2022 – 2023	2018	2021 – 2022 (i.o.)	Various
Origin	ISACA HQ (International / US)	Netherlands	US	International	Malta Digital Innovation Authority	International	idem
Language	English	Dutch	English	English	English	English	English
Nature framework	 Controls & Security Audit 	Control & Audit (limited Security)	Control	Security, Governance & use cases	Audit	Security	Audit & Control
DLT components addressed	GovernanceInfrastructureDataKey managementSmart contracts	See next page	NodesProtocolsPrivate keysSmart contracts	See next section	Virtual Financial AssetsDLT PlatformsSmart contracts	More security- oriented domains than DLT domains	Various, incl. cryptocurrencies
Focus areas (with criteria/ requirements)	 Pre-implement. Governance Development Security Transactions Consensus 	See next page	 Control Environm. Risk Assessment Control Activities Information & Communication Monitoring Activit. 	See next section	 Functionality & Compliance with Regulatory Reqs System Ops Organiz. & Mgt. Communication Risk Mgt & ToD ITGC / SOC areas Privacy 	 Governance & Compliance IAM & key mgt. Secure coding Network/Consensus Metrics Data integrity Vendor Mgt Transactions Ops & systems Maintenance 	Various
Other aspects	Separate Excel for specifying adjusted/ additional controls	Addresses DLT case studies		Part of broader set of Blockchain/DLT standards	Partly based on local legislation	Based on work by The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation	Maturity Model (KPMG)







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Financieel domein					
Processen domein					
IV-IT domein					

Governance domain

- Strategic objectives
- Governance & management
- Legislation & regulation
- Organisational setup

Financial domain

Financial-economic objectives

Process domain

- Business processes
- Social-organisational processes
- Marketing & Communication

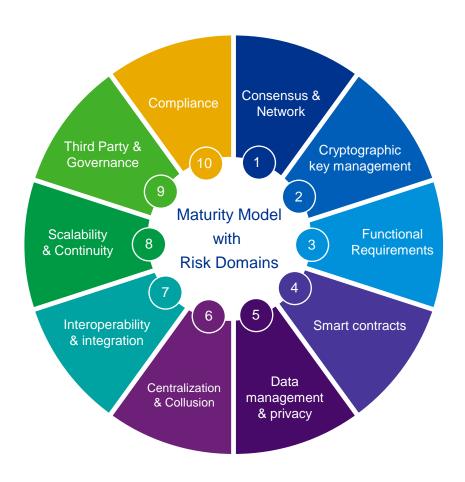
IV-IT domain

- Data Management & data architecture
- Interconnectivity
- Data Privacy & Security
- Cryptographic key management
- Smart contracts
- Centralization & Collusion
- Interoperability & Integration
- Scalability & Continuity
- Platform standardisation & Migration

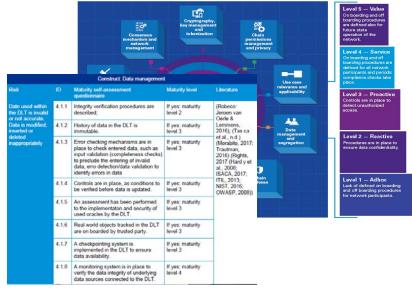








KPMG blockchain technology risk assessment example output







KPMG Blockchain/DLT building blocks & focus areas

1. Consensus mechanism & network management

- Leased Proof of Importance
- Private chain's reliance on public blockchain consensus
- Live contracts
- Network uptime
- Conflict resolution

2. Cryptography& tokenization

- Appropriate implementation of ED25519 function
- Computation & management of cryptographic keys
- Hash-linking

3. Chain permissions management & privacy

- Data structures
- The 'right to be forgotten'
- GDPR
- Identity management

4. Use case relevance& applicability

- Assessment of use case relevance
- Selection of blockchain framework
- Blockchain knowledge availability

5. Data management& segregation

- Data immutability
- Data structures
- Private storage service
- Envelope purpose (verifying received data)
- Envelope hashing
- Block configuration

6. Chain defense

- Network fragmentation (node centralization)
- Network threat monitoring
- Source code analysis
- Network vulnerabilities as defined in Technical Paper

7. Input & integration

- Integration / interface with end user systems (API configuration)
- Data input
- Predefined transaction types on public blockchain

8. Scalability & performance

- Scalability
- System failure or downtime
- Adding extra nodes

9. Business continuity & disaster recovery

- Business continuity plans
- Key recovery implementations
- Identification of concentration risk scenarios

10. Governance, risk& compliance

- Definition of roles and responsibilities
- Hard fork governance
- Network governance





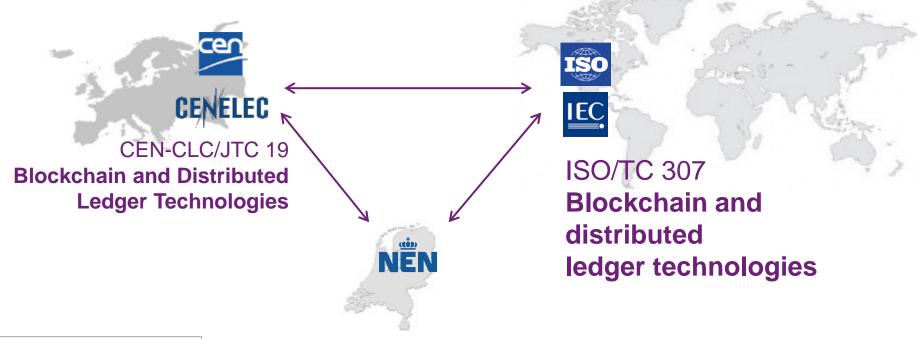


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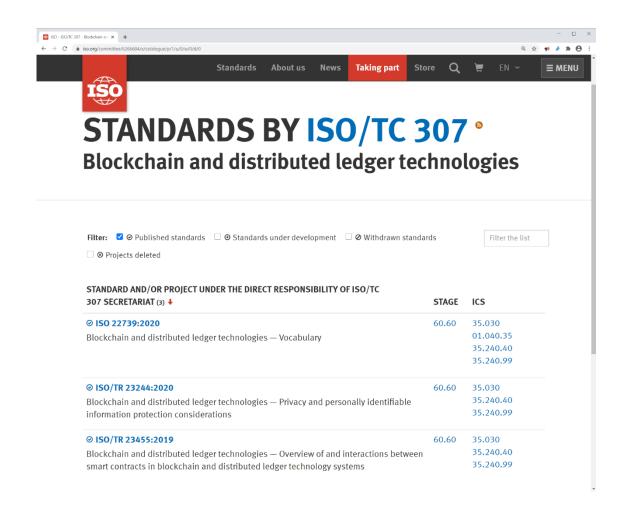


Contact your local standardization body for their activities on Blockchain and DLT via the ISO website NEN Standardization committee 380307 Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies





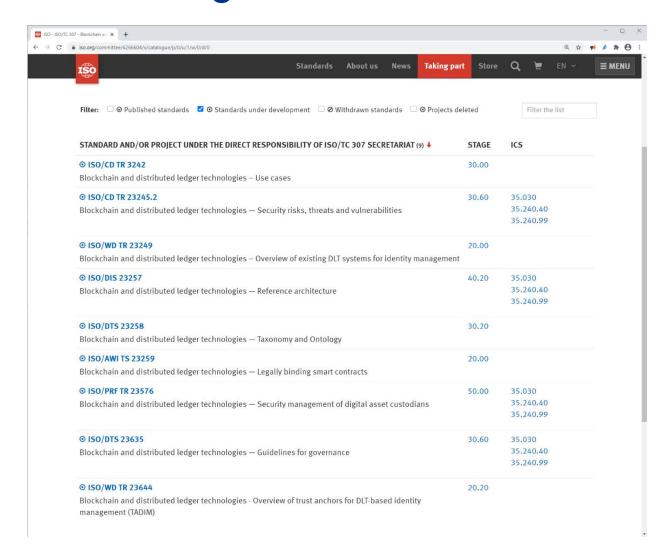








Influencing the contents of standards



Check out relevant

ISO standards under development





Influencing the contents of standards

- Participate in ISO working groups through a local standardization committee via your <u>national standardization body</u>
- Dutch organizations can participate via <u>NEN</u>.
- Influence standards under development.
 - Write parts of new standards
 - Comment
 - Vote
- Share knowledge with other committee members.





Focus Areas in DLT Systems Audit in other Global Forums

At a high level, the following areas remain the focal points for DLT Audit in global forums other than ISO

ITUT DLT Audit Focus Areas

- Providing assurance on the DLT technologies
- Audit of related off chain components
- Auditing transactions on DLT
- Providing assurance on the DLT technologies**
- Security Aspects
- Environmental Aspects



**Providing assurance on the DLT technologies (ITUT)

Roles are designed and enforced as required by regulation;

- An appropriate governance has been put in place, which defines how the DLT solution must operate, how to identify, monitor and react to risks and how to manage changes and corrections in a decentralized environment;
- Development, tests and deployments take into consideration the specific risk of the DLT technologies, in particular:
 - i) Direct technological risks: i.e., used keys properties, cryptographic techniques, data structures, sidechains, wallet, consensus mechanisms, etc.;
 - ii) Usage of technologies in the solution: i.e., handling keys/devices, granting and revoking key holders, key backups, wallet management, signing transactions, etc.;
 - iii) Design, approval, testing, and management of smart contracts; iv) Security of the network.

Source "Technical Report FG DLT D5.1 Outlook on distributed ledger technologies"





Introduction to AHG02 – Guidelines for auditing DLT-based platforms (1/2)

This document provides frameworks and guidance on domains and areas which should be considered while performing audit procedures for DLT systems.

These guidelines are developed with the objectives of aiding auditors involved in the audit of DLT systems (both public and private) that describes in the series of ISO/TC 307 standards.

This guidance is applicable to an array of organizations and is not bound by type or size.

This document will cover the following types of audits (based on ISO 19011:2018):

- Internal Audit
- External Audit
- Third party Audits (Audit of vendors, third and fourth parties)

Establishing focus areas for securing DLT platforms

Keeping in mind risks associated with blockchain platforms and evolving attack vector with this emerging technology, we'll be reviewing in-place controls and DLTs across following domains:

- Pre-implementation: Suitability of DLT platform for the selected use case, architecture review
- Implementation & Development Security by design, vulnerable source code, weak endpoints
- Key ownership and management Secure storage, maintenance, review and governance of cryptographic private keys used for authentication and validation by nodes.
- Interoperability & Integration Consistent communication between multiple blockchain platforms and integration with organizations' enterprise and legacy systems.
- **Consensus Mechanism** Blocks in the chain are validated by nodes to maintain a single version of the truth to keep adversaries from derailing the system and forking the chain.
- **Heterogenous regulatory compliance -** Compliance with laws and regulations across various country and state legislations that will govern information and transactions processed.
- Access & permissions management Permissions configured for defined roles for access, validation and authorization of blockchain transactions by internal and external participants.





Introduction to AHG02 – Guidelines for auditing DLT-based platforms (2/2)

- Infrastructure & application management Secure software development practices and testing of blockchain applications, platform, infrastructure and communication interfaces.
- **Network & node governance** Monitoring of network for information compliance and node reputation checks to handle and resolve disputes.
- Smart contracts The enterprise supports secure coding practices for blockchain source code (e.g., smart contracts or chaincode) to mitigate information security risk proactively. Smart contracts automate the business logic execution over the DLT.
- **Network-Vulnerability Management** The enterprise effectively manages blockchain network vulnerabilities through monitoring, remediation actions and communication to relevant stakeholders.
- Endpoint Security End user devices using the blockchain solution are properly managed by the enterprise (i.e., the end users' devices are tracked, hardened and addressed if compromised).
- **Vendor Due Diligence** Due diligence for vendors/suppliers/contractors administrative and operational processes to ensure ongoing alignment between the enterprise's strategic objectives and DLT solutions.
- Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Private or permissioned DLT has both centralized and decentralized components, there needs to be a concrete understanding of what will happen, should these components be affected by any potential factors.
- Transactions Validate transactions and monitoring mechanism in place



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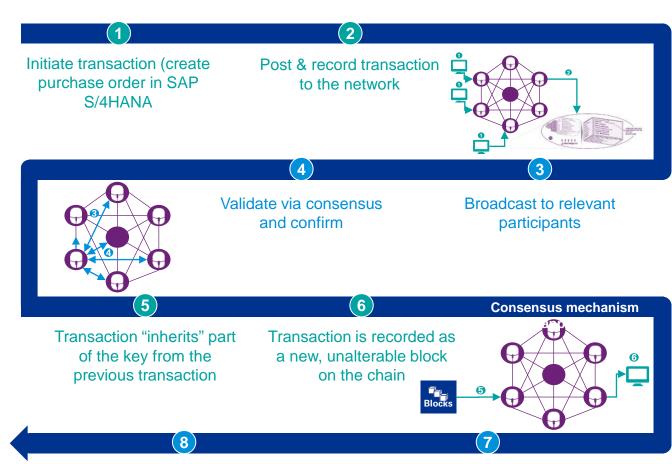




Companies need to integrate with ERP systems











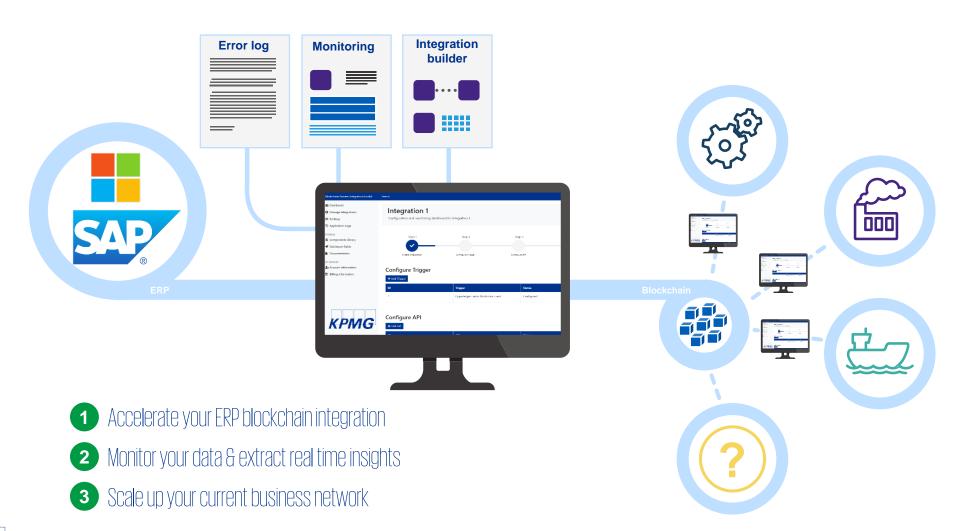
S/4HANA Sales Order API Service is triggered to create a sales order in the Supplier's ERP system.

An event is created for each new purchase order which is recorded in a block.





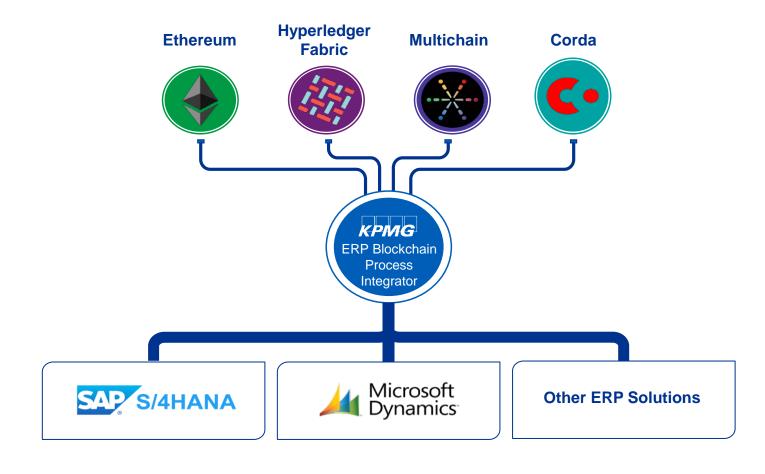
ERP Blockchain Process Integration (1/2)







ERP Blockchain Process Integration (2/2)





About the project



- This demo shows how SAP S/4HANA can be integrated with blockchain technology. The aim is to investigate the technical setup of a blockchain in an ERP scenario.
- Blockchain is used as a data interface layer between ERP systems. The program on the blockchain manages sales orders in the Supplier's system triggered by the creation of purchase orders in the Factory's system.

• This demo does not focus on creating a business case for applying blockchain to integrate P2P and O2C processes, but it shows how to integrate a blockchain platform with transactional data in SAP.



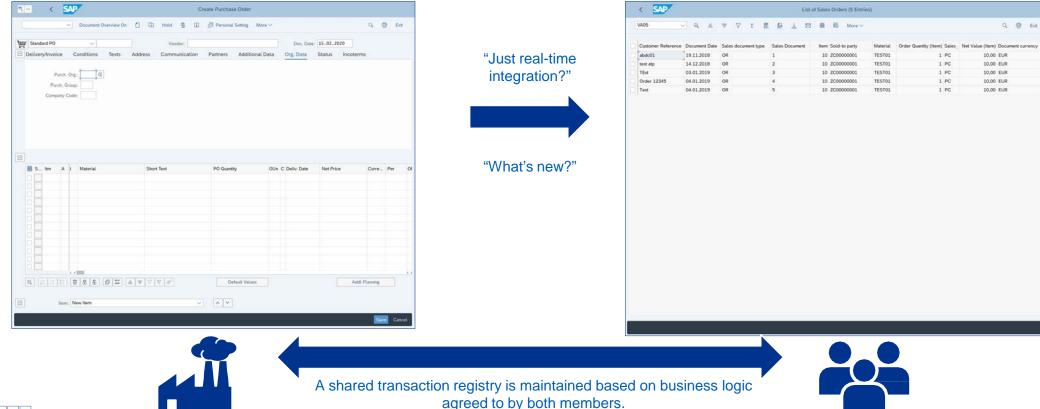


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ERP Blockchain Integration Demo

- The end user experience is a real-time connection with an external partner's system. The blockchain runs on the background and does not change the user experience compared to other real-time integration types.
- Before a sales order is created in the Supplier's system, both entities run the same business logic to update the blockchain with new purchase order data.
- More complex business logic can be programmed in the chaincode program to apply relevant validations for shared transactional data, e.g. contractual agreements, rebate calculations, compliancy checks.





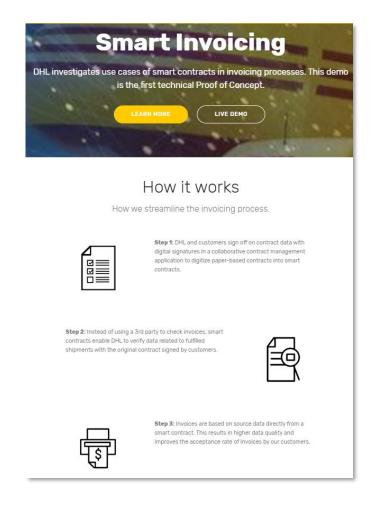




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Case Study #1: Projects beyond experimentation





2017 - Proof of Concept

2020 – A company of Deutsche Post DHL Group – <u>Link</u>





Case Study #2: Decentralized Digital Passport platform covering Industrial Equipment

Assistance Required for:

- Examining the risks and threats that are unique to blockchain implementation, and then design and implement key blockchain security controls, alongside business controls and conventional controls
- 2. Build a blockchain security reference framework that can be applied across blockchain projects and solutions for various industry use cases and deployments that span on-prem and Software as a Service (SaaS) environments.

Client Challenges:

- Unique security risks introduced by blockchain technology
- 2. Regulatory and compliance requirements impacting blockchain activities
- 3. Minimize the risk exposure due to the services used by third parties
- 4. Client needed to ensure that the information security controls are designed adequately and implemented effectively for this solution.



KPMG Approach:

- Performed information risk assessment for this private permissioned blockchain solution, in an agile method, including detailed technology risk assessment, interface assessment, cloud assessment, code scanning, VAPT, etc.
- 2. Supported the team in designing the key blockchain controls and provided assurance on control implementation
- 3. Re-aligned the existing process and guidelines to include blockchain security aspects and build a reference architecture and security handrails for business use.





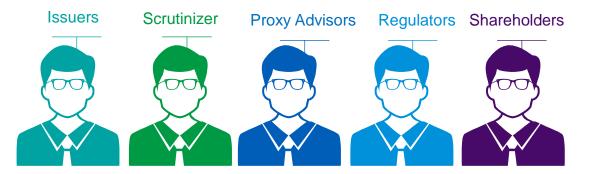
Case Study #3: e-Voting/Virtual AGM solution

Distributed Ledger Technology based e-voting solution

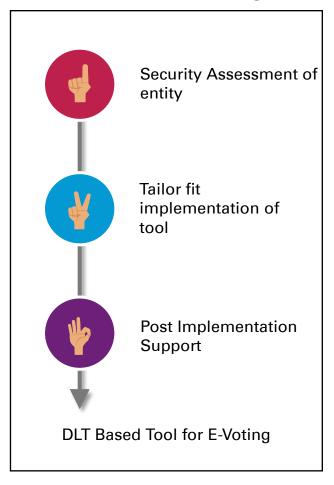
KPMG has developed an e-Voting Solution based on Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) to execute end-to-end functionalities with respect to corporate events and e-voting by shareholders (including minority shareholders) where all relevant stakeholders are onboarded to our platform. Some key functionalities are:

- Initiate events
- Notify all stakeholders regarding announcement of events
- Use the DLT based e-voting solution to cast votes
- Report the results to issuers and regulators onboarded to the platform.
- Dashboards customized to provide results of voting sessions

Stakeholders of the e-Voting Solution



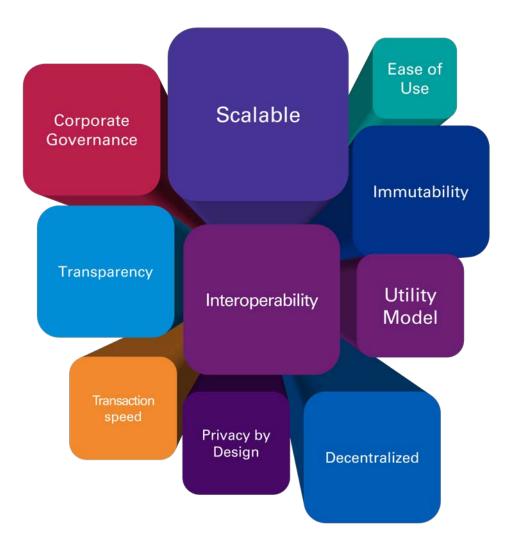
Implementation Strategy











Applicability to Organisations

- Track Internal Corporate Governance in organizations during Annual General Meetings (AGM) or any important board meetings
- Making unbiased decisions by the stakeholders of listed/ unlisted companies, trusts, HUFs, etc.

Features of Solution

- Solution is built on *Hyperledger Fabric*
- Nodes for issuers, intermediaries, shareholders, regulators and asset managers
- It provides interoperability with existing blockchain platforms
- Dynamic onboarding of nodes with built in Identity and Access Management
- Secure authentication and voting mechanism to track votes casted by shareholders
- Reporting and reconciliation of votes submitted by shareholders







Audio & Video Enablement with Q&A **Reporting and reconciliation** of votes section for conducting Virtual AGMs submitted by shareholders over the platform Interoperability: Our platform supports **Corporate Actions based on Smart** interoperability with existing blockchain **Contracts**: Real time transaction platforms processing Data & Analytics: Dashboard view of **E-Voting Services**: Enables relevant previous meetings and responses to parties to create, broadcast, execute and make data driven decisions in future report events with a voting session



Benefits to Stakeholders



Intermediaries

- Secure Election Method
- Inclusive Platforms For All Shareholders
- Fraud Prevention
- · Adapting To Changing Regulatory Requirements





BENEFITS

- · Saves Time And Cost
- · Cross Border Investors Voting
- · Improved Accessibility
- · Paperless Voting

Shareholders

· Robust Platforms As Virtual Boardrooms







Issuers

- · Maximize Shareholder Participation
- · Increases Efficiency
- · Single Platform For All Parties
- Substantial Reduction In Administration Costs
- · Paperless Voting
- · Virtual Boardroom, AGMs, Corporate Event Notification
- Auditability
- . Precision Accuracy In Counting Votes
- · Real Time Publication Of Results
- · Platform Is Robust And Eliminates Risk Associated With Manual Count

Regulators



Any questions?





Contact us for a demo or questions



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