

AI, Crypto, Blockchain and Cybersecurity A Whirlwind Introduction!

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Itinerary

- 1. Artificial intelligence 101
- 2. The quest for digital currency (including a blockchain explanation)
- 3. Cybersecurity essentials

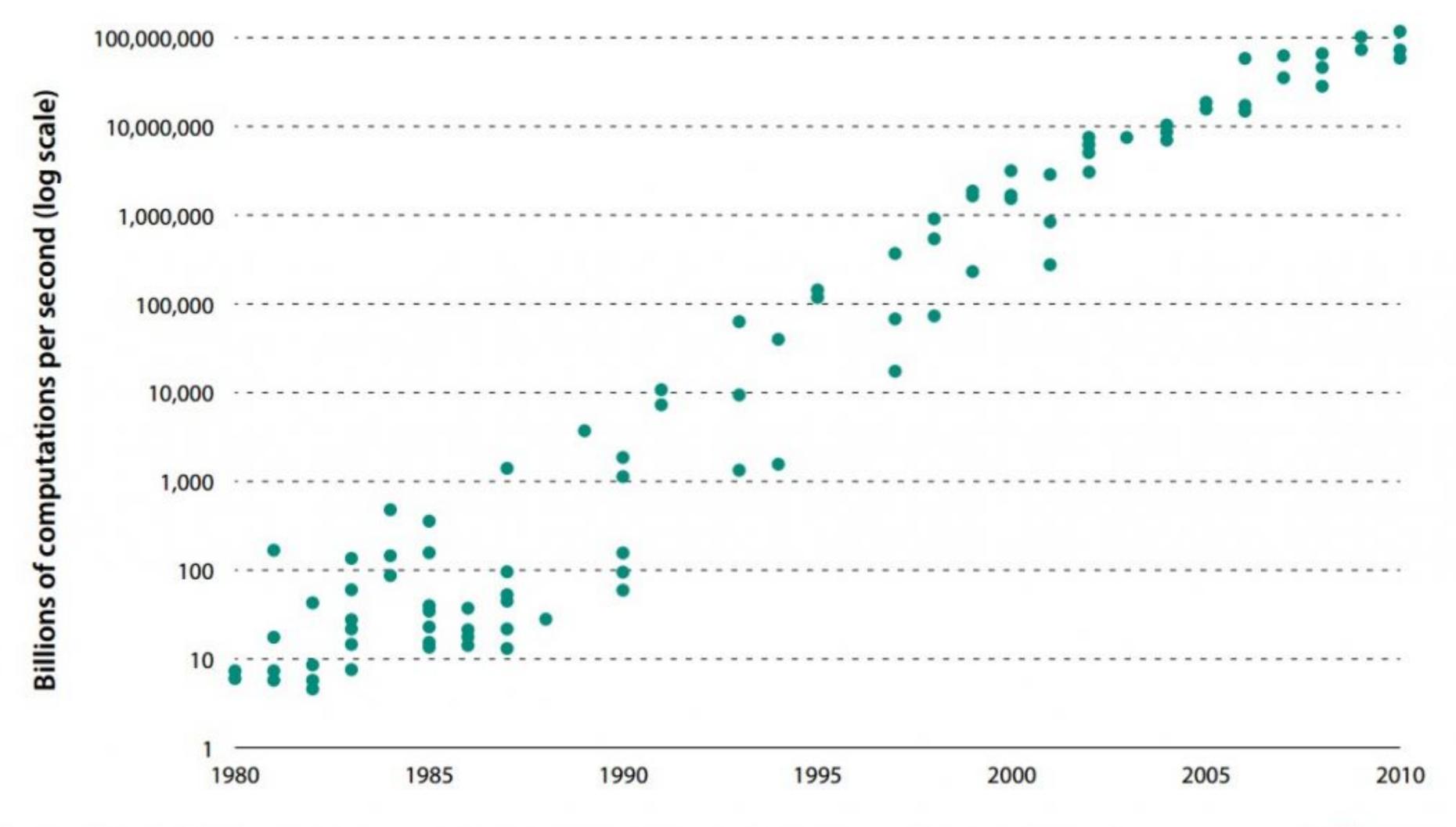
Part 1: Artificial Intelligence 101

What is Al?

A computer based system which can do things which we traditionally attribute to the exercise of human intelligence:

planning, learning, reasoning, problem solving, knowledge representation, (spatial) perception, pruposive motion and physical manipulation, language communication, social intelligence and creativity.

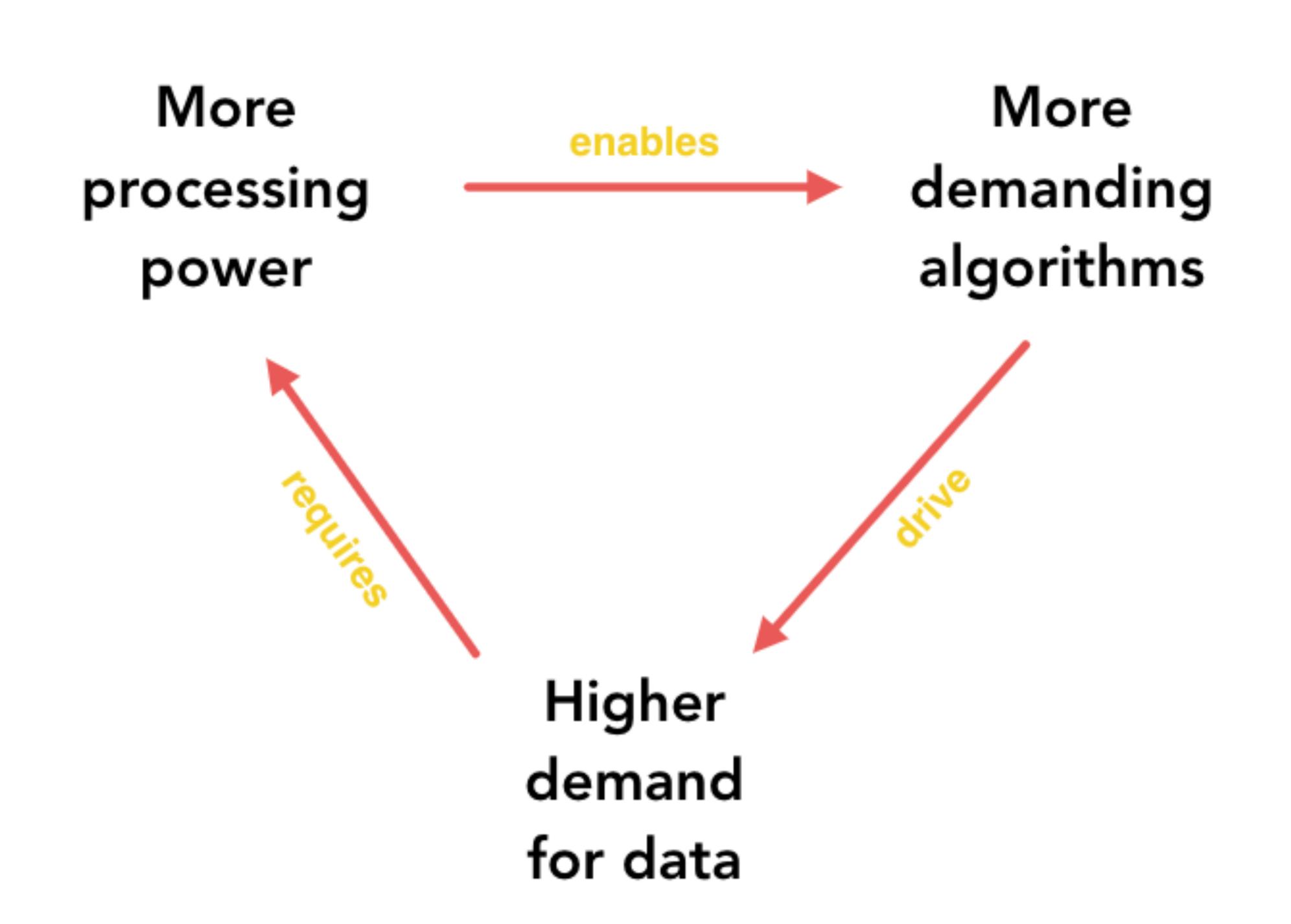
One Dollar's Worth of Computer Power, 1980–2010



Source: Nordhaus (2007); updated data through 2010 from Nordhaus, personal website, http://www.econ.yale.edu/~nordhaus/homepage/, "Two Centuries of Productivity Growth in Computing."; authors' calculations.

Note: Nordhaus (2007) defines computer power as the rate at which computers and calculators can execute certain standard mathematical tasks, measured in computations per second. The data have been adjusted for purchasing power to year 2006 dollars.

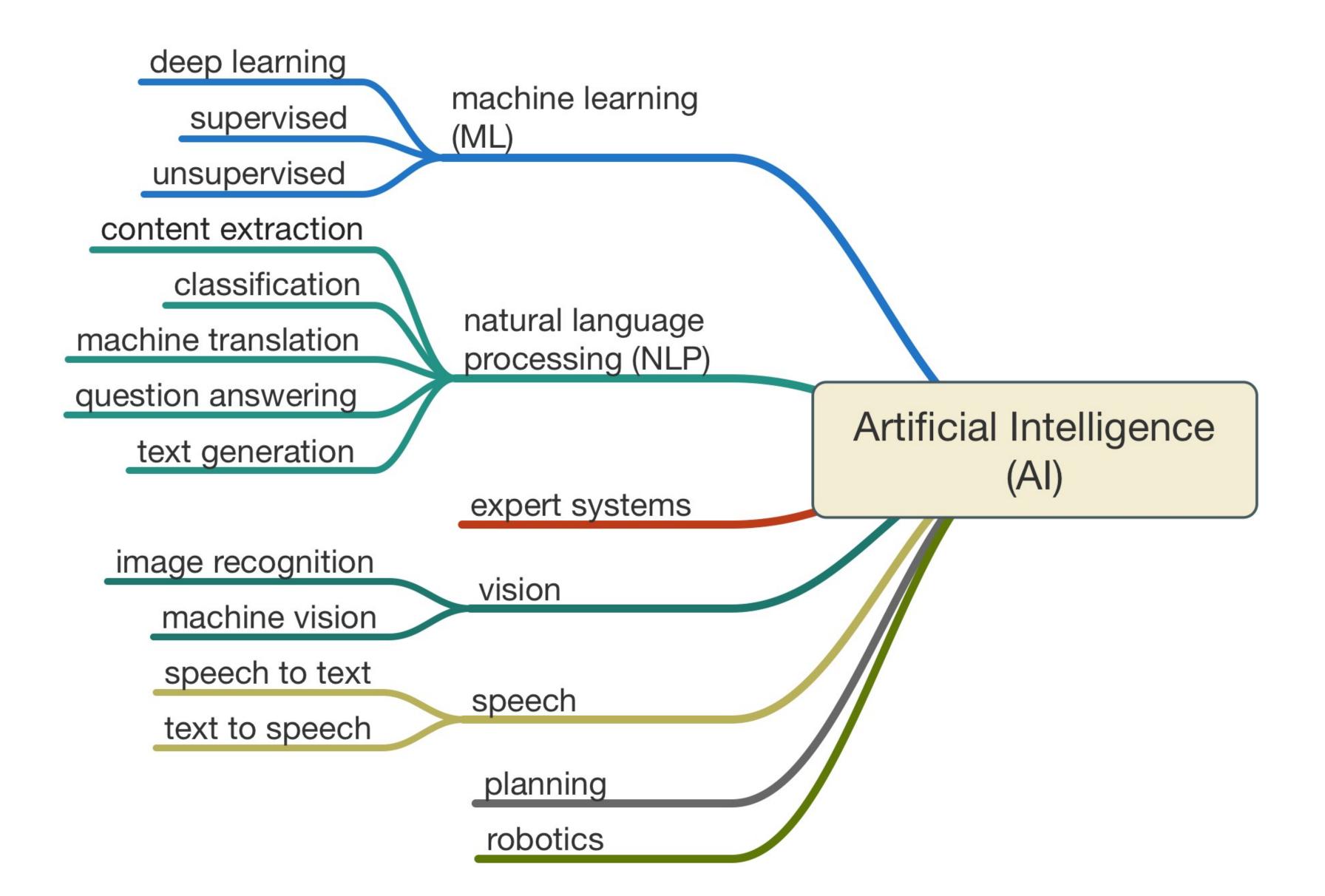




Types of Al

- Narrow AI: one task (e.g. voice recognition, self driving cars)
- General AI: independent learning from any experience (e.g. Skynet)

Narrow Al implementations



"Consumer" Al

- Siri
- Automated driving
- Automated wealth management
- OCR
- Advertising

An example: machine learning / deep learning

- Machine learning algorithms use computational methods to "learn" information directly from data without relying on a predetermined equation.
- Think "learning from experience" or "developing intuition"

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• 4 turns into 16

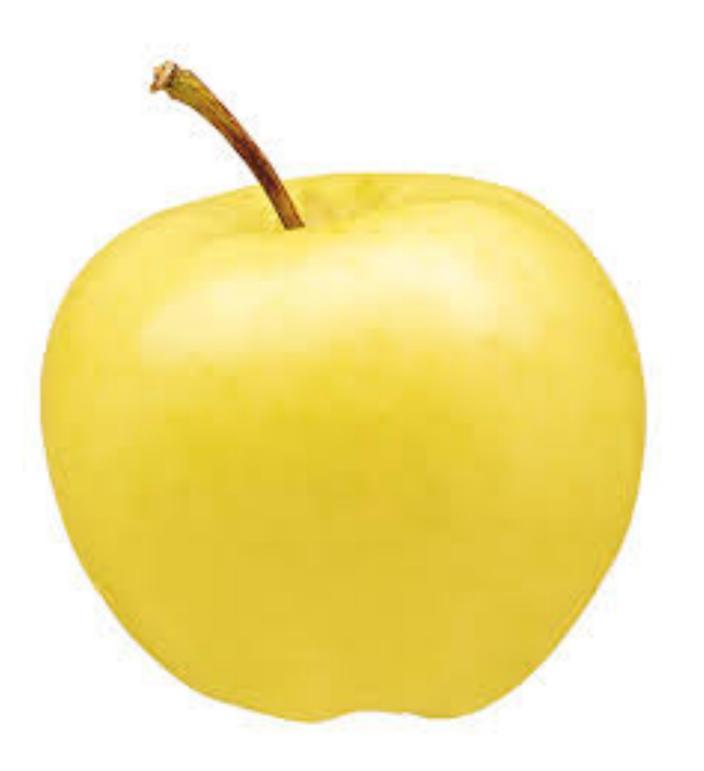
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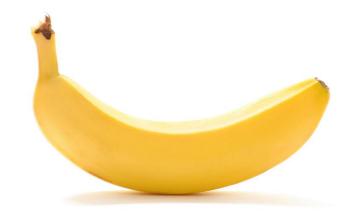
"Globe-ness"

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Label many of them





Make a training data table

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1	-45	-20	44	Apple
2	-23	-33	41	Apple
3	2	36	-33	Banana
4	14	33	-31	Banana

Training

- Pick a learning algorithm suitable for the type of question you want to answer
- The algorithm goes through the table and tries to find the weight to give to each feature in order to correctly identify all the fruit in the table



Prediction

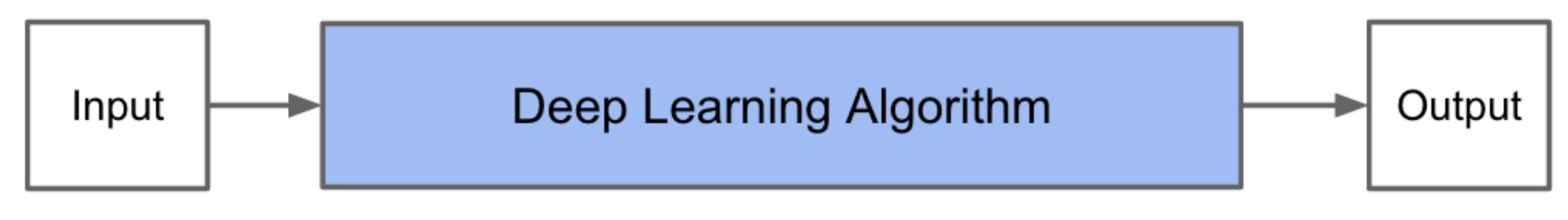


- Show a new fruit to the "machine"
- The machine measures its features and calculates the weights based on the model
- Makes a prediction

Deep learning



Traditional Machine Learning Flow



Deep Learning Flow

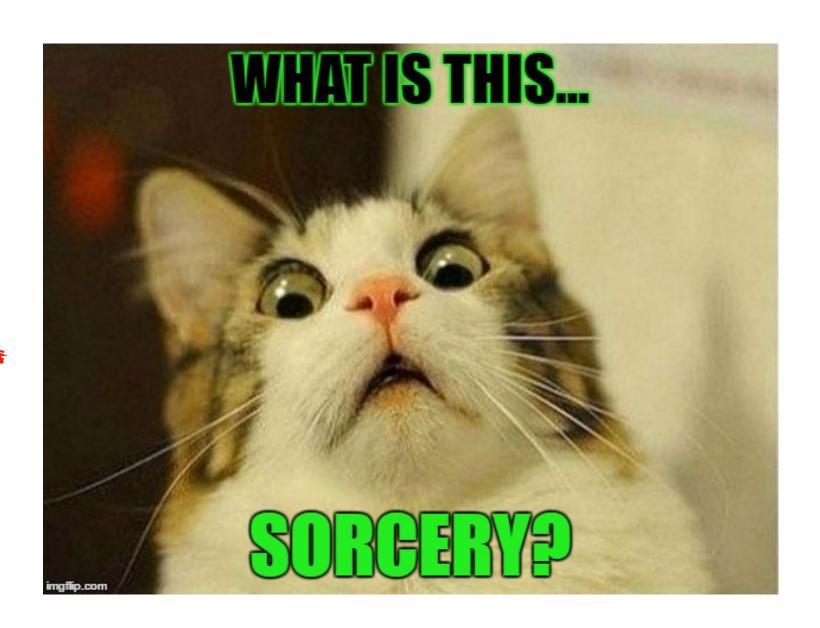


Types of deep learning

• Supervised: the cats and dogs are labeled before learning

Unsupervised: the cats and dogs are NOT labeled before

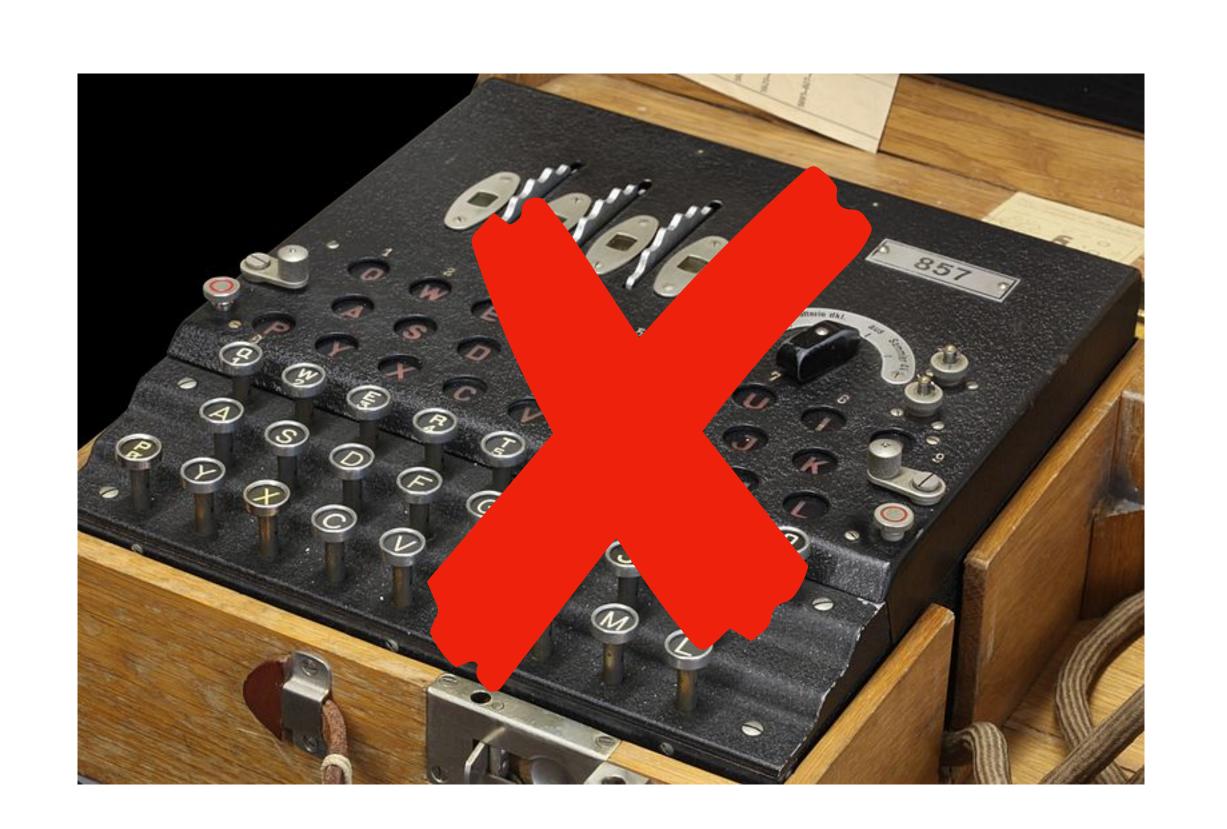
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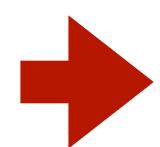


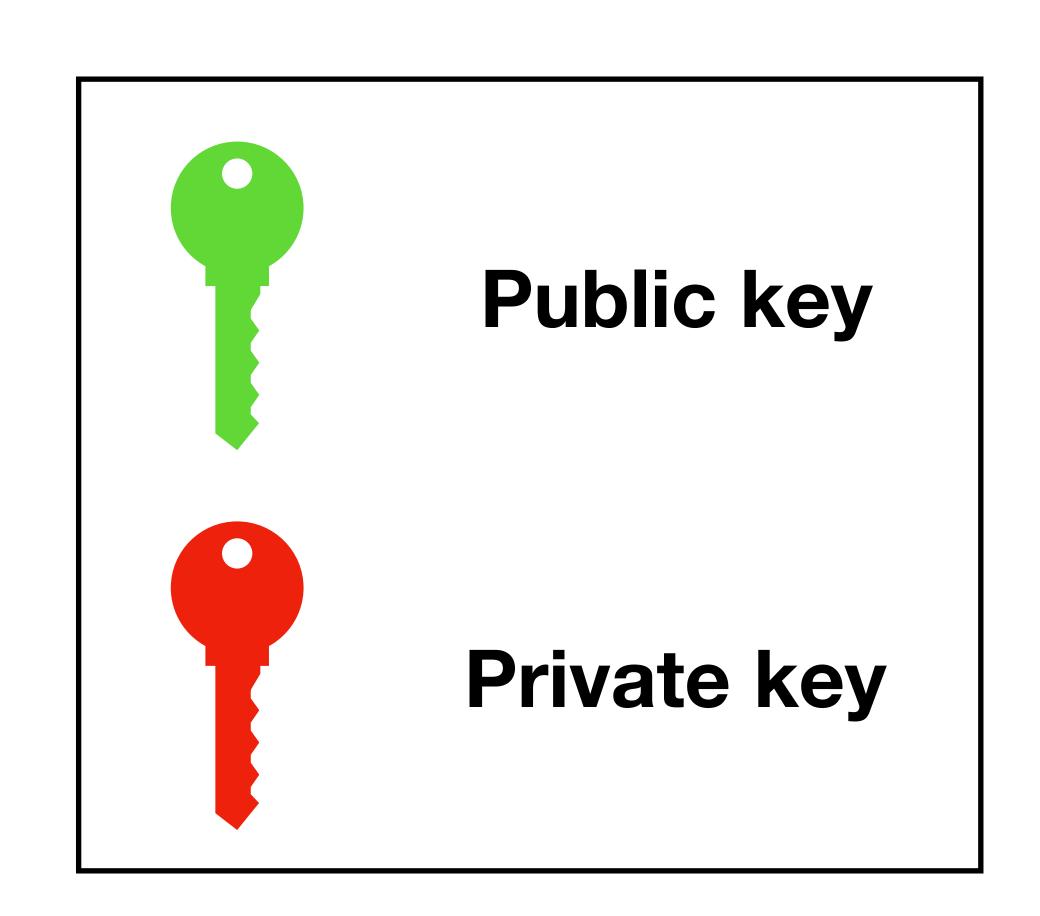
Deep learning applications

- Price and cost forecasting / optimization
- Fraud detection
- Insurance risk analysis / lifetime prediction / claims prediction and processing
- Personalized and automated marketing in all consumer areas
- Voice recognition and command / Augmented reality / Autonomous agents (cars for example)

Part 2: The quest for digital currency









BLIND SIGNATURES FOR UNTRACEABLE PAYMENTS

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INTRODUCTION

Automation of the way we pay for goods and services is already underway, as can be seen by the variety and growth of electronic banking services available to consumers. The ultimate structure of the new electronic payments system may have a substantial impact on personal privacy as well as on the nature and extent of criminal use of payments. Ideally a new payments system should address both of these seemingly conflicting sets of concerns.

On the one hand, knowledge by a third party of the payee,

From: tcmay@netcom.com (Timothy C. May) Subject: The Crypto Anarchist Manifesto Date: Sun, 22 Nov 92 12:11:24 PST

Cypherpunks of the World,

Several of you at the "physical Cypherpunks" gathering yesterday in Silicon Valley requested that more of the material passed out in meetings be available electronically to the entire readership of the Cypherpunks list, spooks, eavesdroppers, and all.

Here's the "Crypto Anarchist Manifesto" I read at the September 1992 founding meeting. It dates back to mid-1988 and was distributed to some like-minded techno-anarchists at the "Crypto '88" conference and then again at the "Hackers Conference" that year. I later gave talks at Hackers on this in 1989 and 1990.

activism.net/cypherpunk/crypto-anarchy.html

There are a few things I'd change, but for historical reasons I'll just leave it as is. Some of the terms may be unfamiliar to you...I hope the Crypto Glossary I just distributed will help.

(This should explain all those cryptic terms in my .signature!)

--Tim May

The Crypto Anarchist Manifesto

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A specter is haunting the modern world, the specter of crypto anarchy.

Computer technology is on the verge of providing the ability for individuals and groups to communicate and interact with each other in a totally anonymous manner. Two persons may exchange messages, conduct business, and negotiate electronic contracts without ever knowing the True Name, or legal identity, of the other. Interactions over networks will be untraceable, via extensive re-routing of encrypted packets and tamper-proof boxes which implement cryptographic protocols with nearly perfect assurance against any tampering. Reputations will be of central importance, far more important in dealings than even the credit ratings of today. These developments will alter completely the nature of government regulation, the ability to tax and control economic interactions, the ability to keep information secret, and will even alter the nature of trust and reputation.

The technology for this revolution--and it surely will be both a social and economic revolution--has existed in theory for the past decade. The methods are based upon public-key encryption, zero-knowledge interactive proof systems, and various software protocols for interaction, authentication, and verification. The focus has until now been on academic conferences in Europe and the U.S., conferences monitored closely by the National Security Agency. But only recently have computer networks and personal computers attained sufficient speed to make the ideas practically realizable. And the next ten years will bring enough additional speed to make the ideas economically feasible and essentially unstoppable. High-speed networks, ISDN, tamper-proof boxes, smart cards, satellites, Ku-band transmitters, multi-MIPS personal computers, and encryption chips now under development will be some of the enabling technologies.

The State will of course try to slow or halt the spread of this technology, citing national security concerns, use of the technology by drug dealers and tax evaders, and fears of societal disintegration. Many of these concerns will be valid; crypto anarchy will allow national secrets to be trade freely and will allow illicit and stolen materials to be traded. An anonymous computerized market will even make possible abhorrent markets for assassinations and extortion. Various criminal and foreign elements will be active users of CryptoNet. But this will not halt the spread of crypto anarchy.

Just as the technology of printing altered and reduced the power of medieval guilds and the social power structure, so too will cryptologic methods fundamentally alter the nature of corporations and of government interference in economic transactions. Combined with emerging information markets, crypto anarchy will create a liquid market for any and all material which can be put into words and pictures. And just as a seemingly minor invention like barbed wire made possible the fencing-off of vast ranches and farms, thus altering forever the concepts of land and property rights in the frontier West, so too will the seemingly minor discovery out of an arcane branch of mathematics come to be the wire clippers which dismantle the barbed wire around intellectual property.

Arise, you have nothing to lose but your barbed wire fences!

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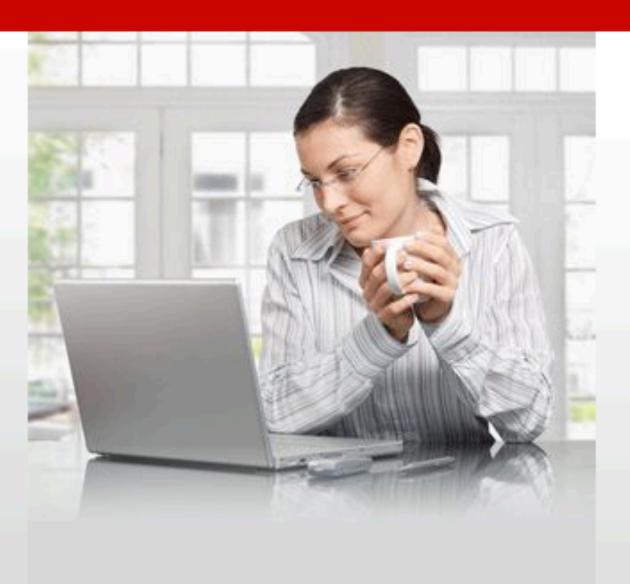
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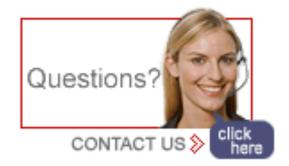
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Active Security



Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System

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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

From: Satoshi Nakamoto <satoshi < at > vistomail.com>

Subject: Bitcoin P2P e-cash paper

Newsgroups: gmane.comp.encryption.general

Date: 2008-10-31 18:10:00 GMT

I've been working on a new electronic cash system that's fully peer-to-peer, with no trusted third party.

The paper is available at: http://www.bitcoin.org/bitcoin.pdf

The main properties:

Double-spending is prevented with a peer-to-peer network.

No mint or other trusted parties.

Participants can be anonymous.

New coins are made from Hashcash style proof-of-work.

The proof-of-work for new coin generation also powers the network to prevent double-spending.

Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System

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Satoshi Nakamoto

The Cryptography Mailing List



Blockchain





CHEQUING ACCOUNT STATEMENT

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JOHN JONES 1643 DUNDAS ST W APT 27 TORONTO ON M6K 1V2

Statement period	Account No.
2003-10-09 to 2003-11-08	00005-
	123-456-7

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2003-10-08	Previous balance				0.55
2003-10-14	Payroll Deposit - HOTEL			694.81	695.36
2003-10-14	Web Bill Payment - MASTERCARD	9685	200.00		495.36
2003-10-16	ATM Withdrawal - INTERAC	3990	21.25		474.11
2003-10-16	Fees - Interac		1.50		472.61
2003-10-20	Interac Purchase - ELECTRONICS	1975	2.99		469.62
2003-10-21	Web Bill Payment - AMEX	3314	300.00		169.62
2003-10-22	ATM Withdrawal - FIRST BANK	0064	100.00		69.62
2003-10-23	Interac Purchase - SUPERMARKET	1559	29.08		40.54
2003-10-24	Interac Refund - ELECTRONICS	1975		2.99	43.53
2003-10-27	Telephone Bill Payment - VISA	2475	6.77		36.76
2003-10-28	Payroll Deposit - HOTEL			694.81	731.57
2003-10-30	Web Funds Transfer - From SAVINGS	2620		50.00	781.57
2003-11-03	Pre-Auth. Payment - INSURANCE		33.55		748.02
2003-11-03	Cheque No 409		100.00		648.02
2003-11-06	Mortgage Payment		710.49		-62.47
2003-11-07	Fees - Overdraft		5.00		-67.47
2003-11-08	Fees - Monthly		5.00		-72.47
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Address keys, not names

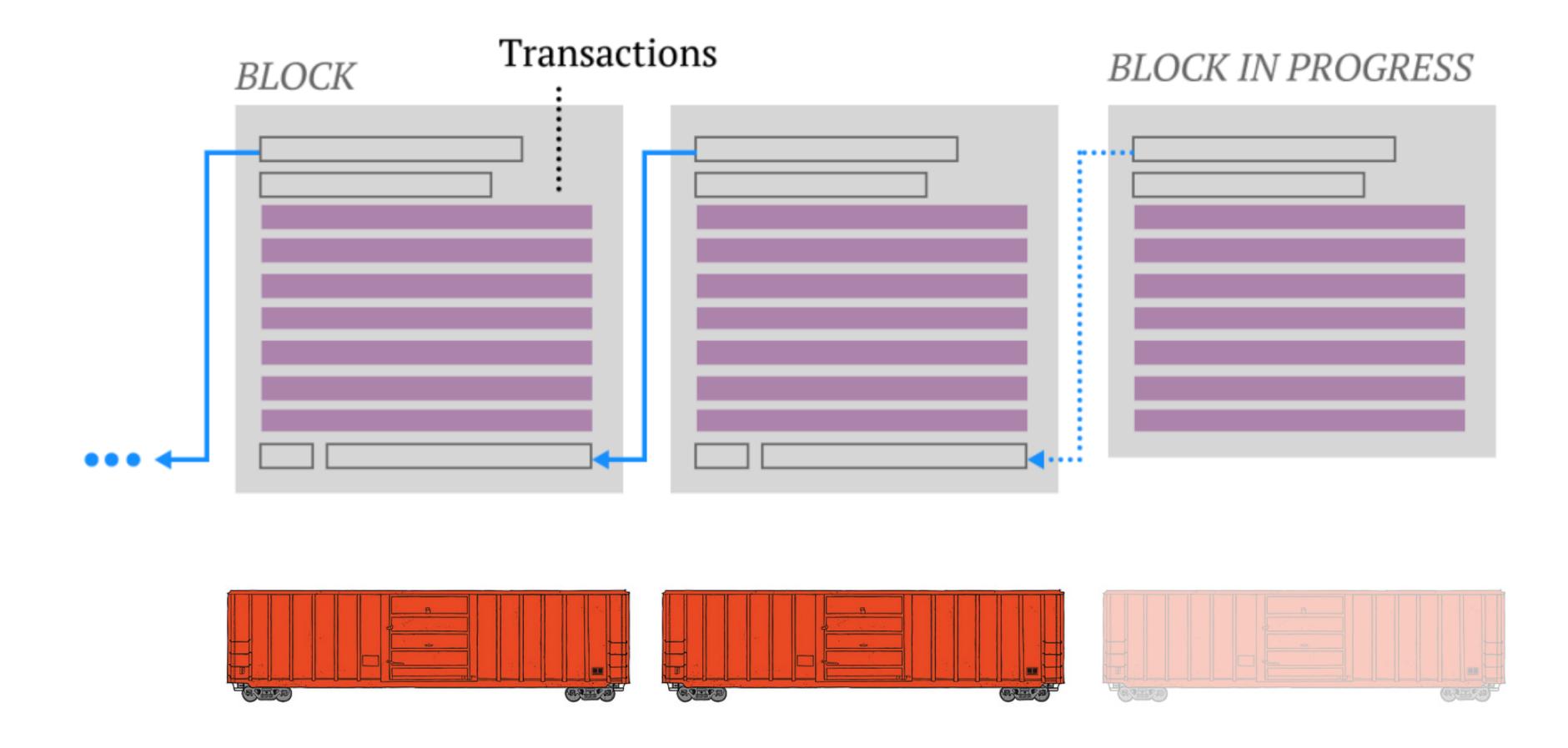
- Transactions are authorized by the owner's private key (can be stored in a digital wallet)
- Ownership on the blockchain is tracked by the owner's public key address

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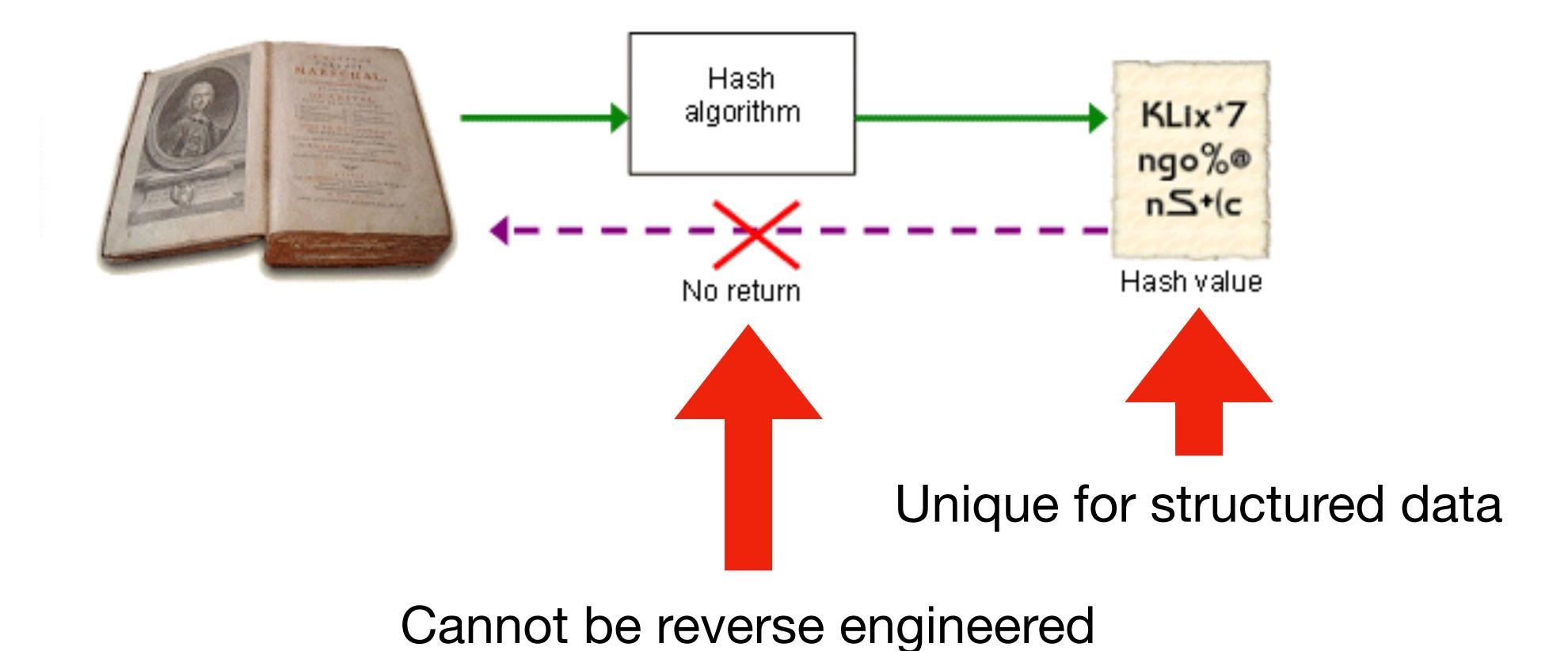




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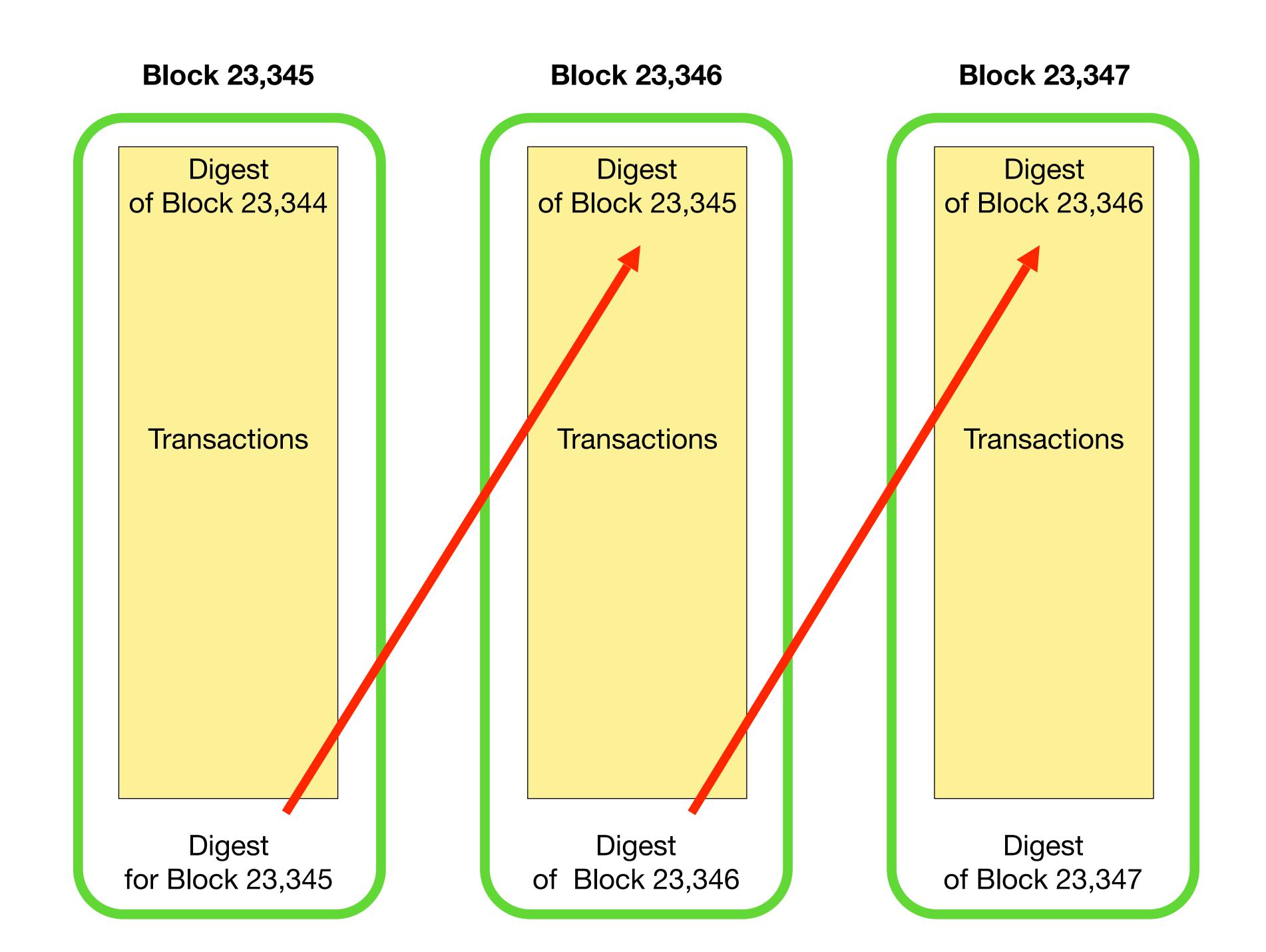
Cryptographic hash function



Input

Digest

Rhino	cryptographic hash function	0BD2 6C7D 2CDB FE3D 79A9 FD8E EE82 90B1 FB99 BB41
The white rhino runs into the hungry hippo	cryptographic hash function	7D1B 91C0 F8BA CC25 8FCB CBA3 9D42 4FB4 1B67 C696
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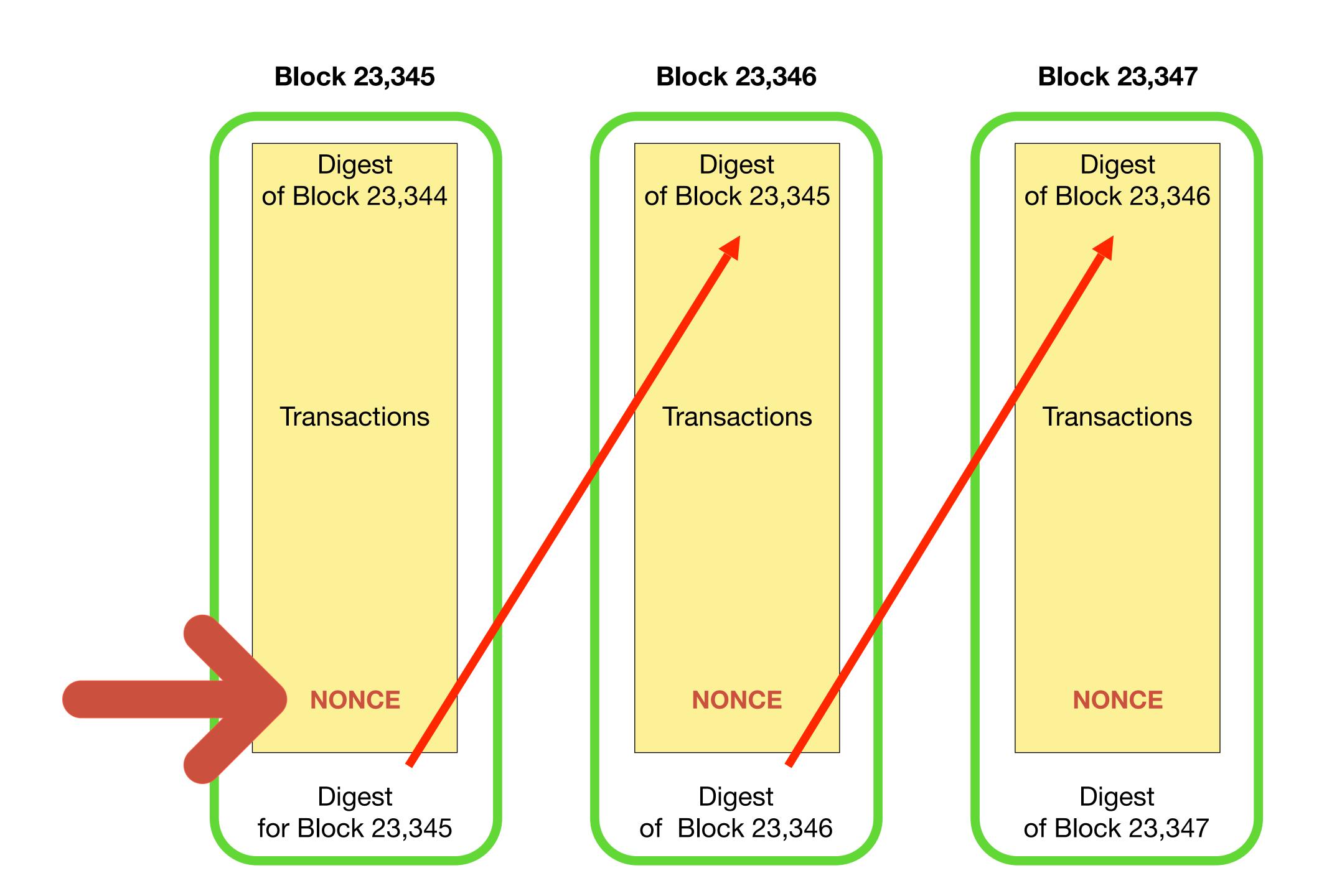


A bitcoin block hash digest:

1312af178c253f84028d480a6adc1e25e81caa44c749ec81976192e2ec934c64

This is really a number between 1 and 2^256 (in hexadecimal format)

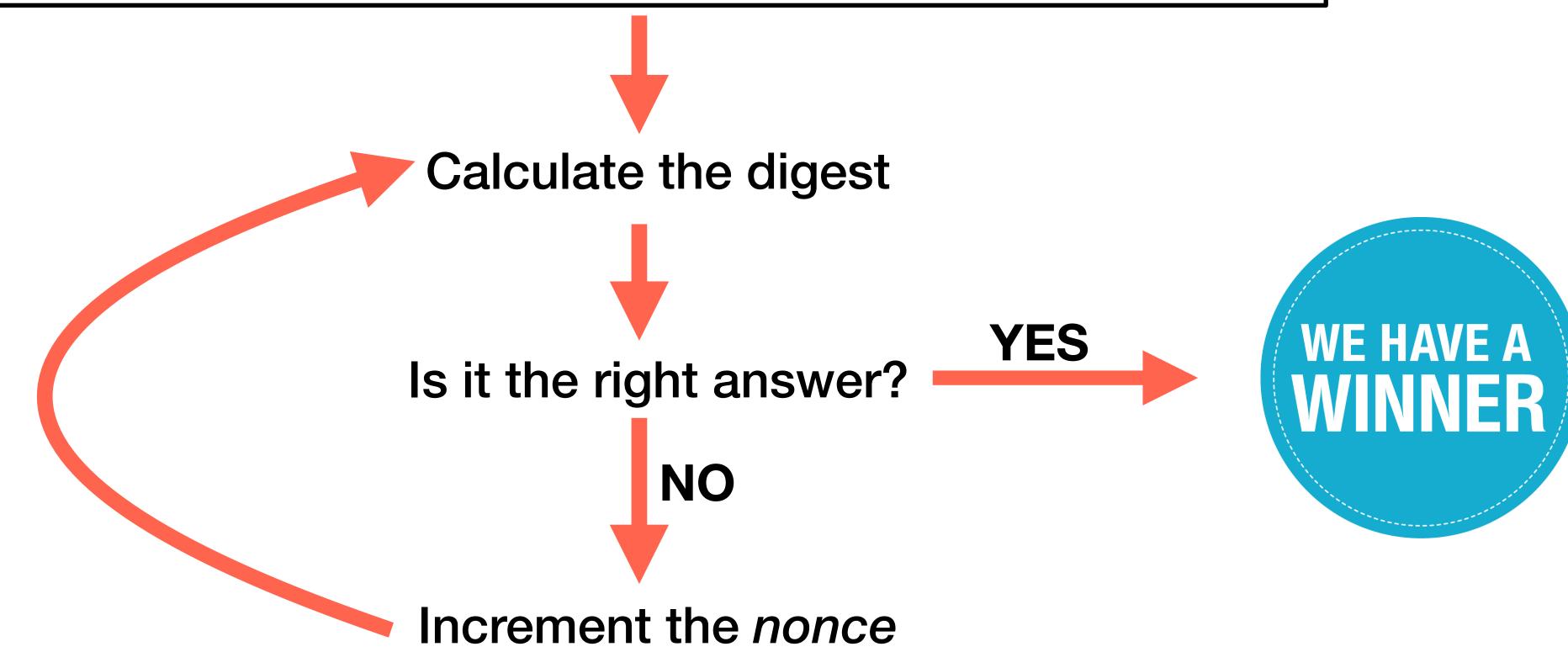
Adding a cost for each block: "proof of work"



"mining"

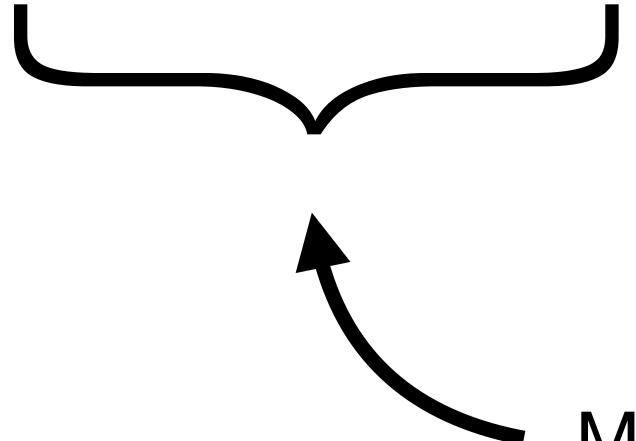


- The digest from the last block
- A bunch of transactions from the memory pool
- A nonce (a number we increment)



Example of a winning hash:

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Make this shorter to increase the difficulty of "winning"

When a winner is found:

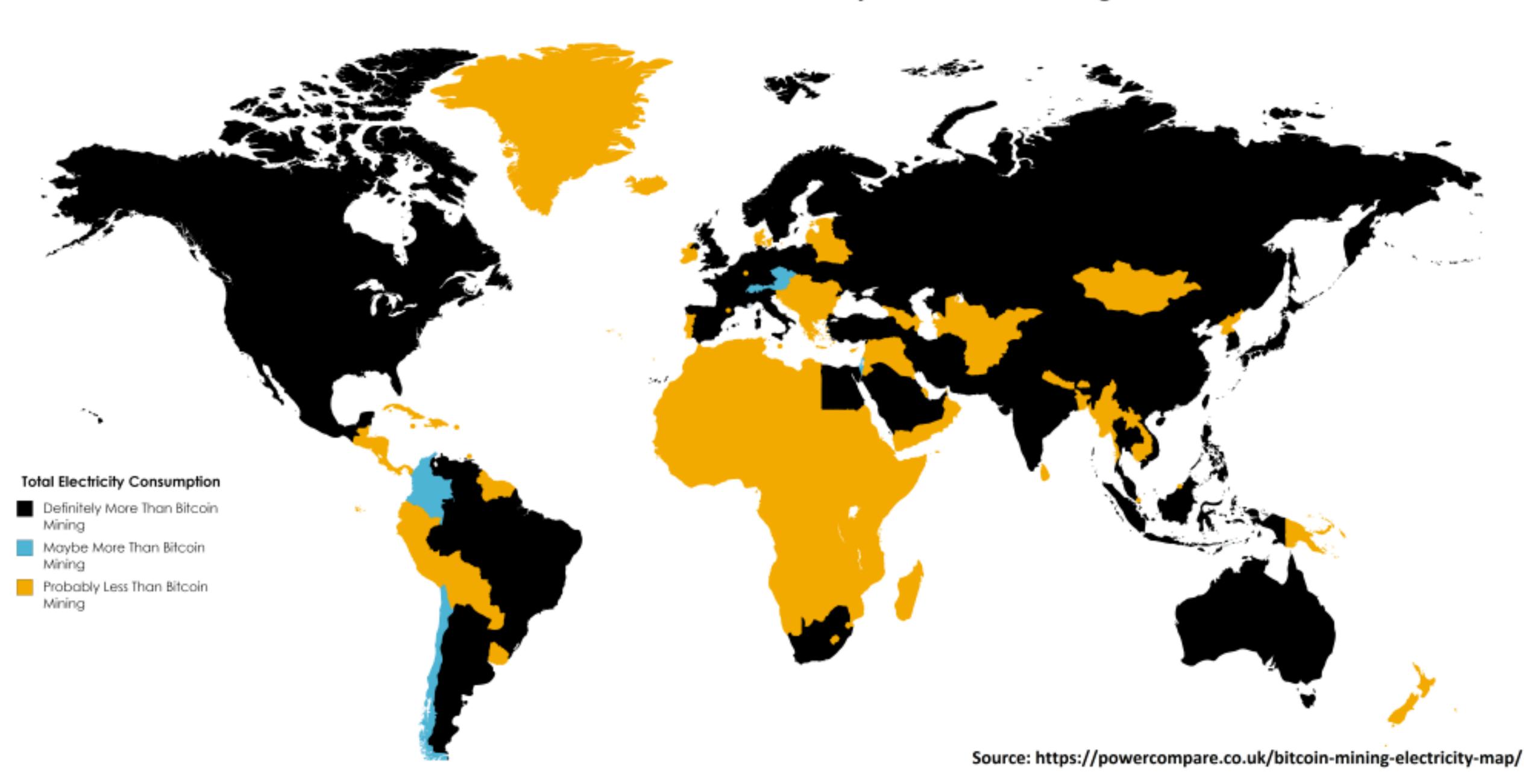
- 1. The winning node messages all other nodes: winner!
- 2. Other nodes verify and if OK accept the block
- 3. Once 51% of nodes have accepted the block, the block is "confirmed"
- 4. The winning node gets 12.5 bitcoin (plus any fees added by users)
- ... and we start all over again

So ...

a blockchain is really nothing more than an "append only" transaction log with useless work added to make it unchangeable?

Yes.

Countries That Consume More Or Less Electricity Than Bitcoin Mining In Late 2018

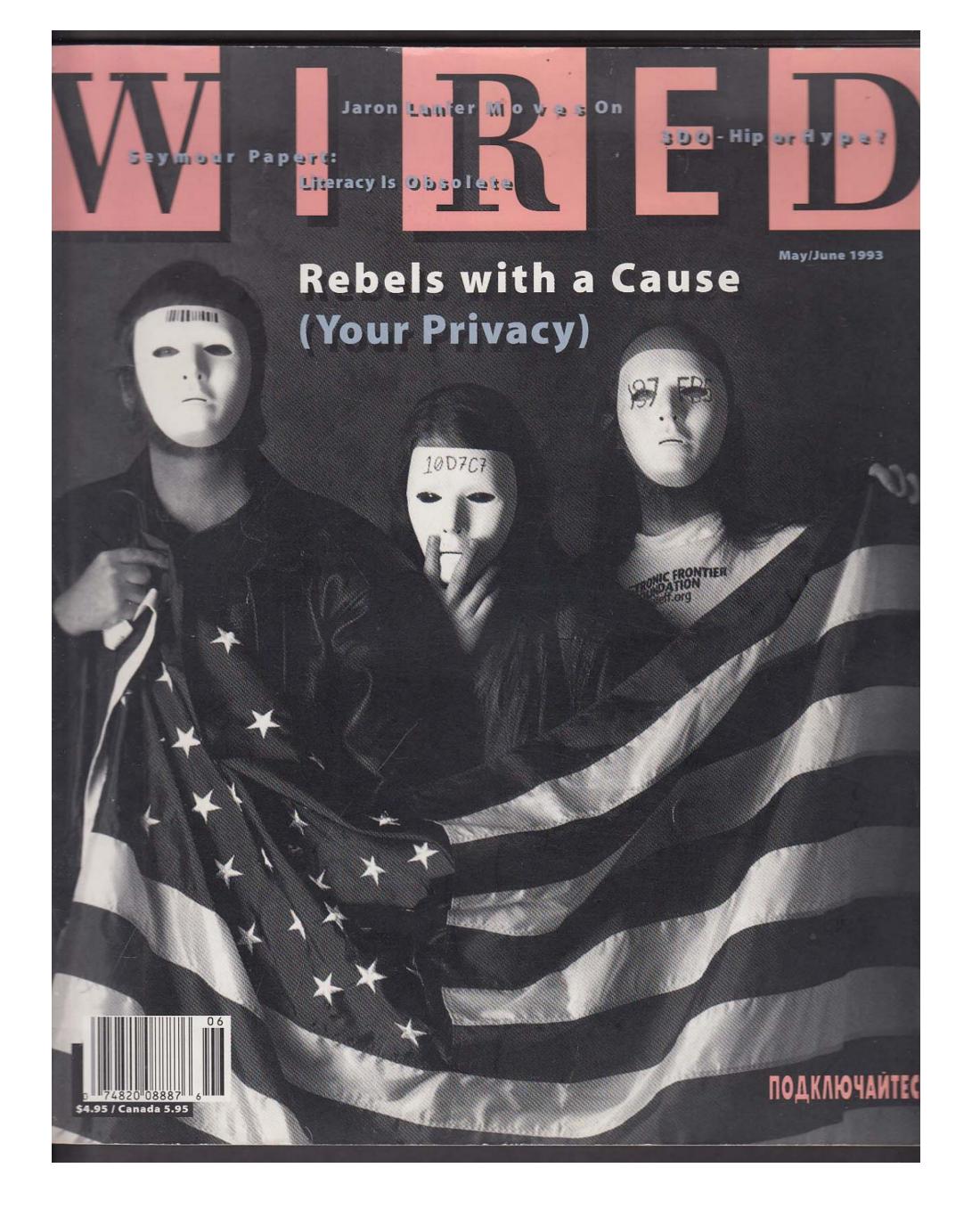


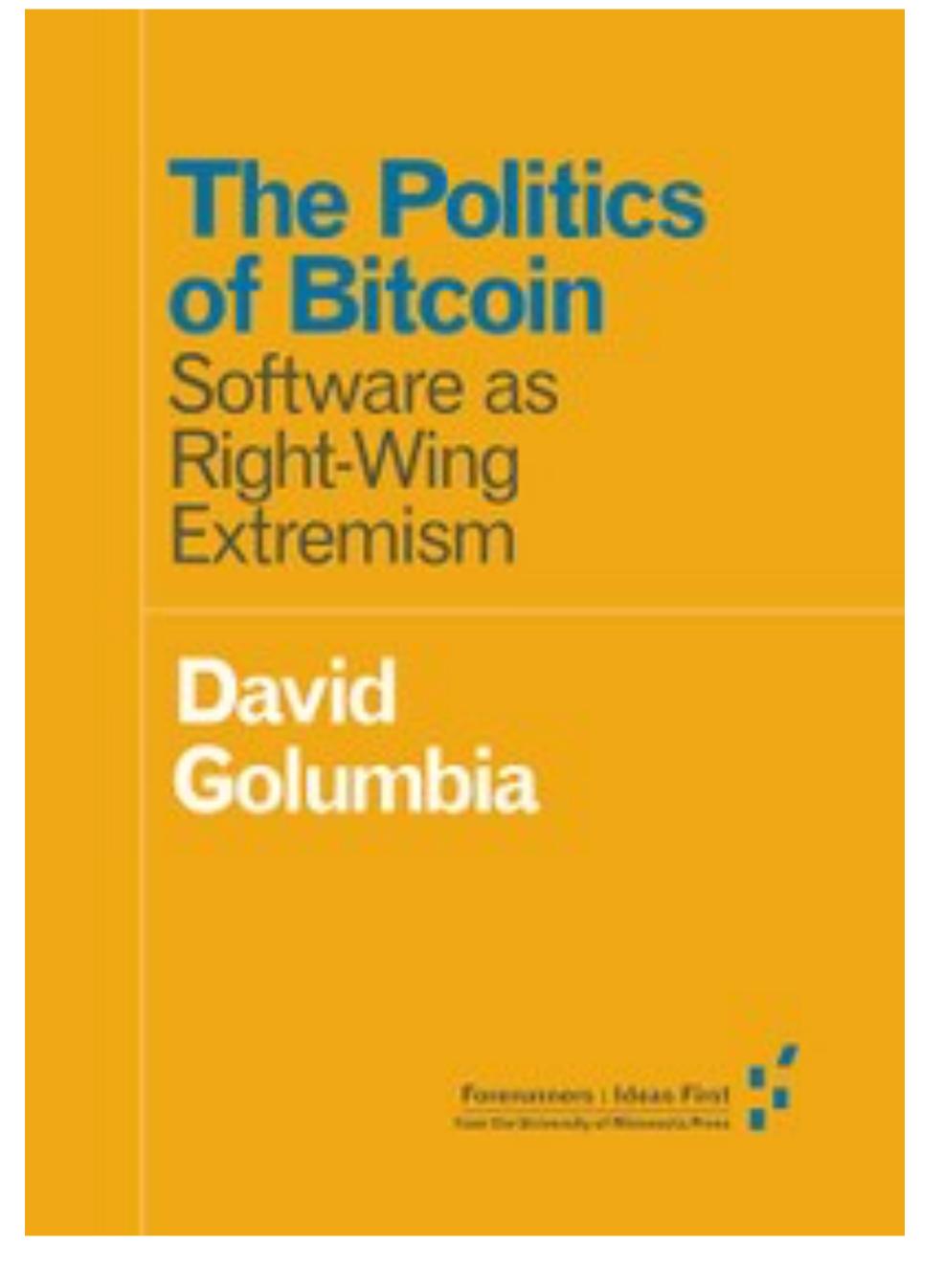
Other consensus mechanisms

- Proof of Stake and Delegated Proof of Stake
- Proof of Authority
- Proof of Weight
- Byzantine Fault Tolerance approaches
- Directed Acyclic Graph approaches



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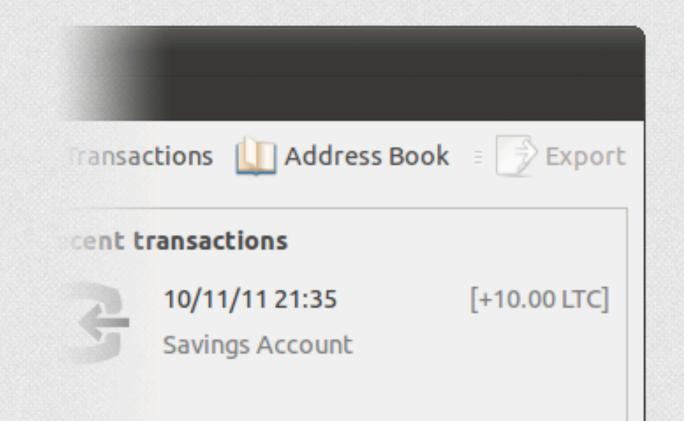












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What is Litecoin?

Litecoin is the result of some of us who joined together on IRC in an effort to create a real alternative currency similar to Bitcoin. We wanted to make a coin that is silver to Bitcoin's gold.

Litecoin manages to maintain the unique traits and attributes of Bitcoin, while adding to the mixture CPU-specific mining and a 2.5 minute block rate. This means that Litecoin doesn't have to compete for the used up computational cycles of your graphics card if you're already mining Bitcoins, but can work independently on your processor.

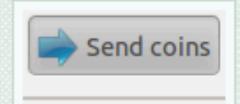
We'd like everyone to get their chance at being an "early adopter", so we've preannounced Litecoin several days ahead of launch day for you to be able to prepare your mining setup on our Testnet. There have also been no more than two blocks mined ahead of release; the genesis block followed by a block to verify it.

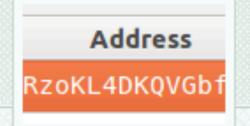
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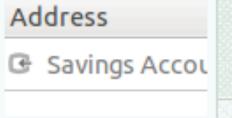
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WHAT IS ETHEREUM?

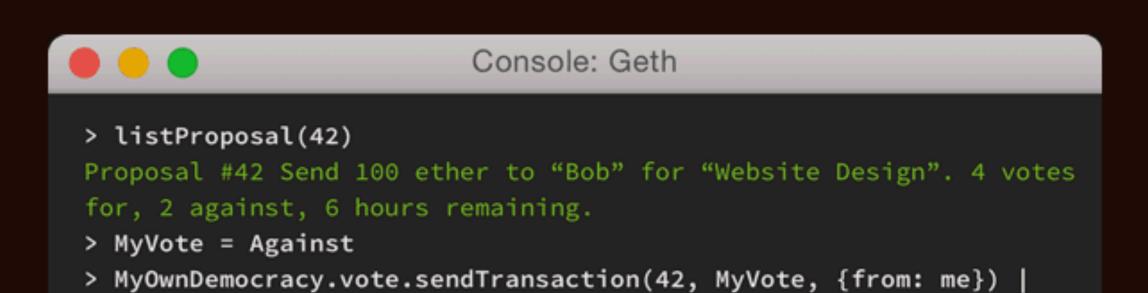
Ethereum is a decentralized platform that runs smart contracts: applications that run exactly as programmed without any possibility of downtime, censorship, fraud or third party interference.

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Ethereum is how the Internet was supposed to work.

Ethereum was crowdfunded during August 2014 by fans all around the world. It is developed by ETHDEV with contributions from great minds across the globe.





WHAT IS THE FRONTIER RELEASE?

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Frontier is the first release of the Ethereum project, tailored specifically for developers. It's a command line only interface with a Javascript environment that allows building, testing, deploying and using decentralized applications on the Ethereum blockchain.

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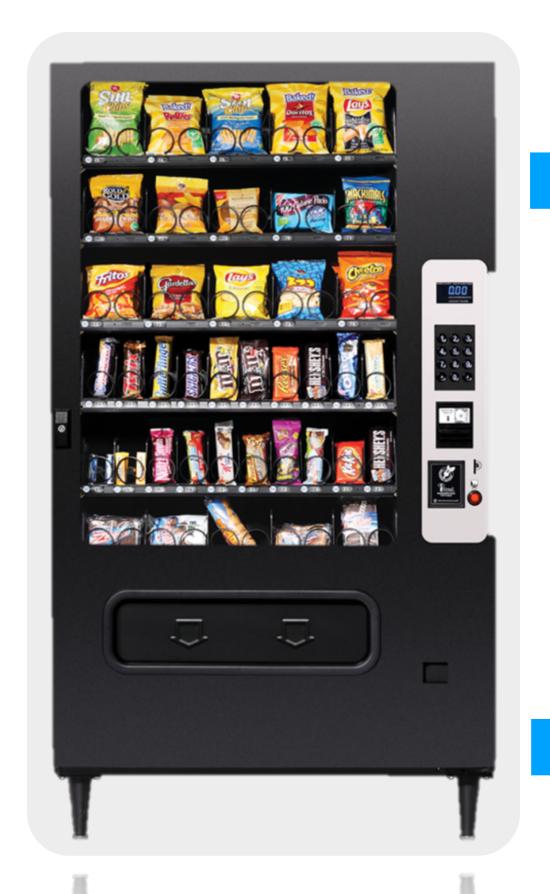
"Smart" contracts

- A computer program that "lives" on the (Ethereum) blockchain
- Anyone can add one, for a small fee
- Takes action based on inputs and conditions
- Running a smart contract costs "gas", which is a small bit of "ether"
- Has its own balance of funds and can send and receive money
- Can create and track "value" by the way of "tokens"
- Other users can send and receive messages from the smart contract

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contract MyToken {
   /* This creates an array with all balances */
   mapping (address => uint256) public balanceOf;
   /* Initializes contract with initial supply tokens to the creator of the contract */
   function MyToken(
      uint256 initialSupply
       ) {
                                                    // Give the creator all initial tokens
      balanceOf[msg.sender] = initialSupply;
   /* Send coins */
   function transfer(address _to, uint256 _value) {
       require(balanceOf[_to] + _value >= balanceOf[_to]); // Check for overflows
       balanceOf[msg.sender] -= _value;
                                                    // Subtract from the sender
       balanceOf[_to] += _value;
                                                    // Add the same to the recipient
```







Make a selection

- Machine keeps the coin
- You receive candy

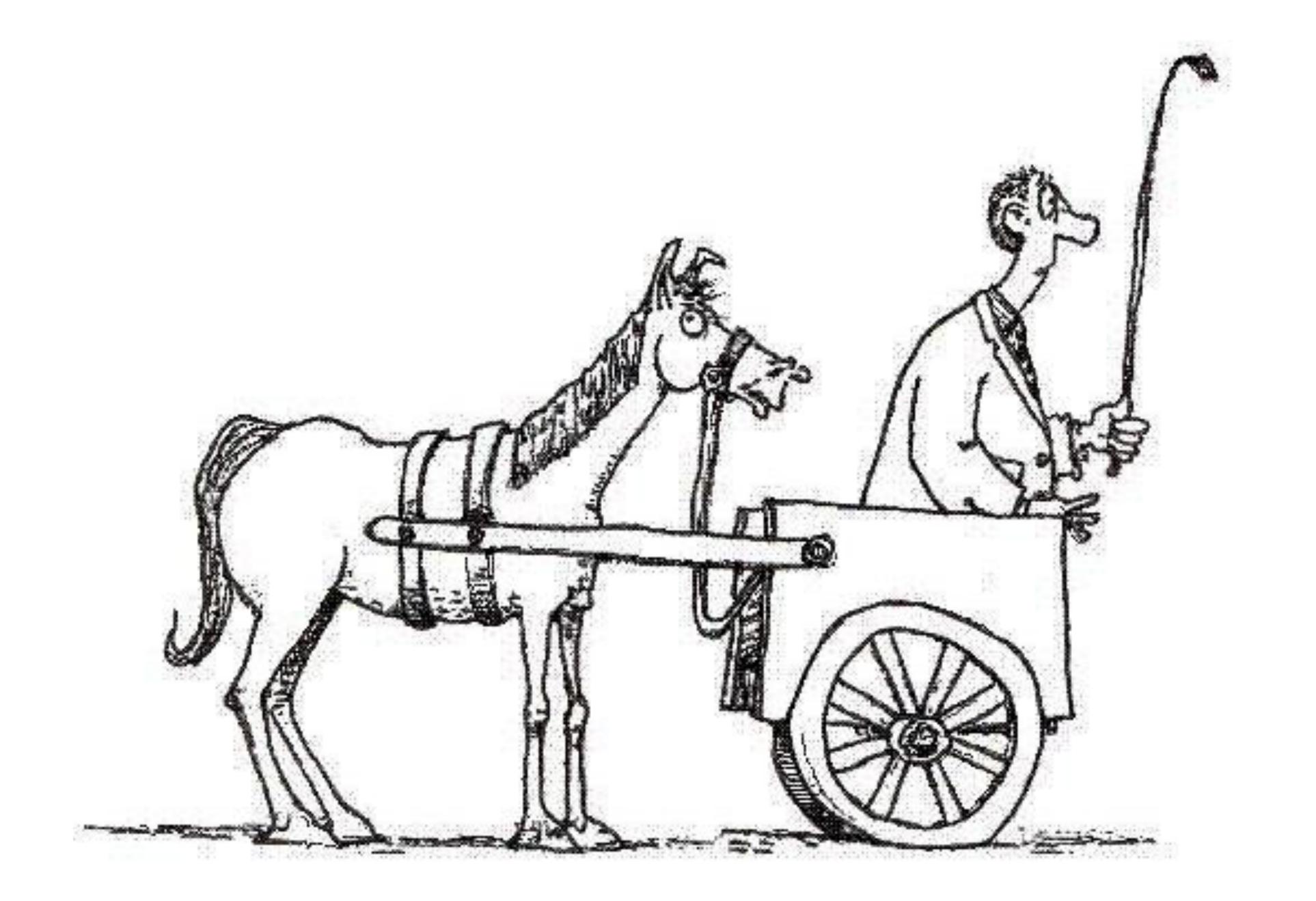
Don't make a selection

- Machine keeps the candy
- You receive the coin back

(Touted) applications

- Escrow services
- Transactional instruments (e.g. mortgage, deed, etc.)
- Supply chain management
- Securities transactions
- ICO's

The Initial Coin Offering



The three stages of an ICO

- 1. New project sells tokens in exchange for usually Bitcoin or Ether
- 2. Promoters then sell the Bitcoin or Ether for cash to fund their project
- 3. After the ICO, tokens can usually be traded on an exchange

Buying into an ICO is easy

Contract address:

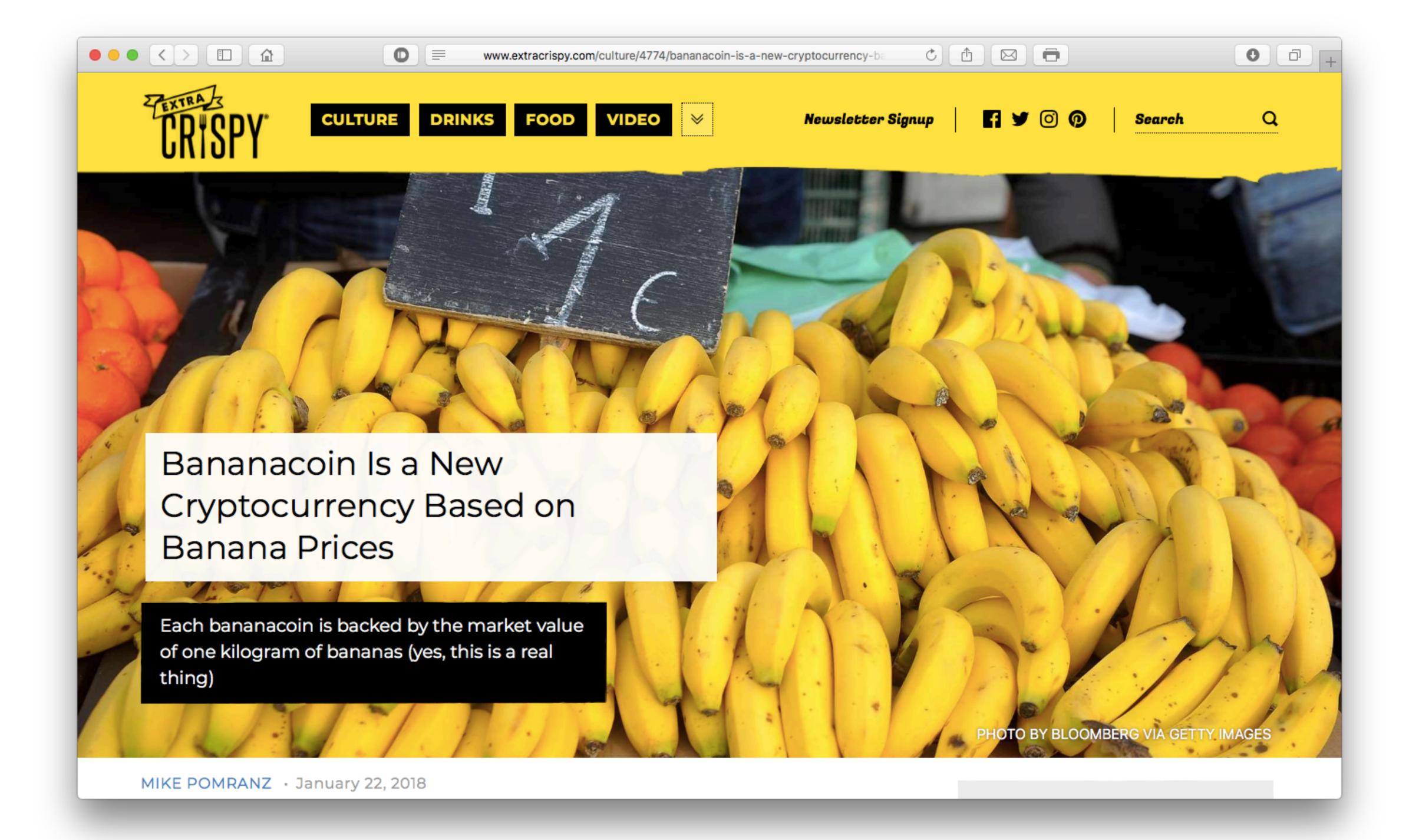
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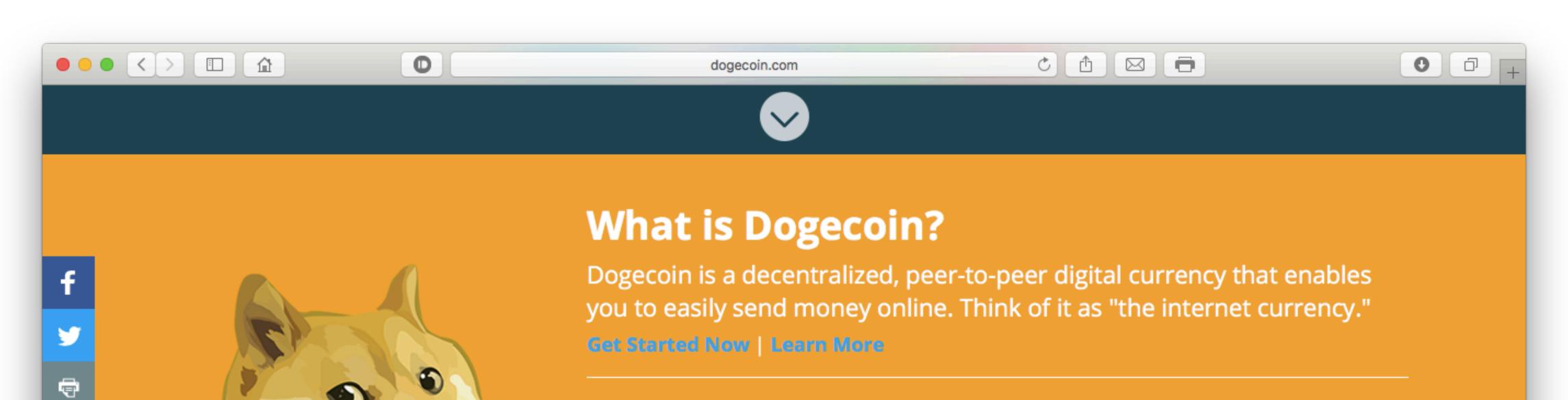
Check contract address on https://etherscan.io

Min contribution: 0.01 ETH

Gas limit: 120'000

Make sure to keep your private keys for the address used to send ether to the contract safe and secure, this will be the address that will hold your LC tokens. Please do not send ether to Lordmancer crowdfunding contract from wallets hosted by exchanges, make sure you always use your private key.





What's with Dogecoin and the dog?

"Doge" is our fun, friendly mascot! The Shiba Inu is a Japanese breed of dog that was popularized as an online meme and represents Dogecoin.

Learn more about Doge | Shiba Inu

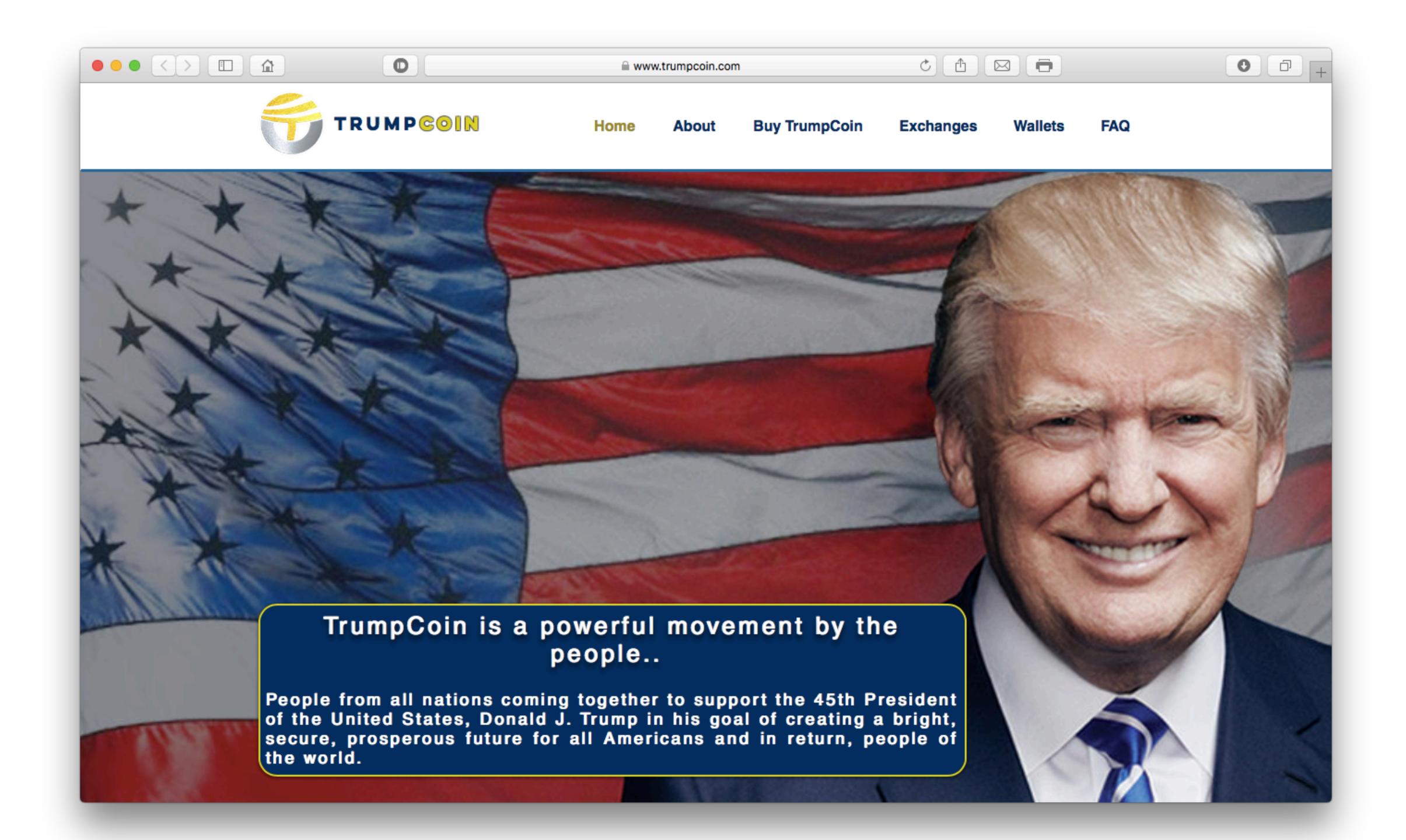
The fun and friendly internet currency.

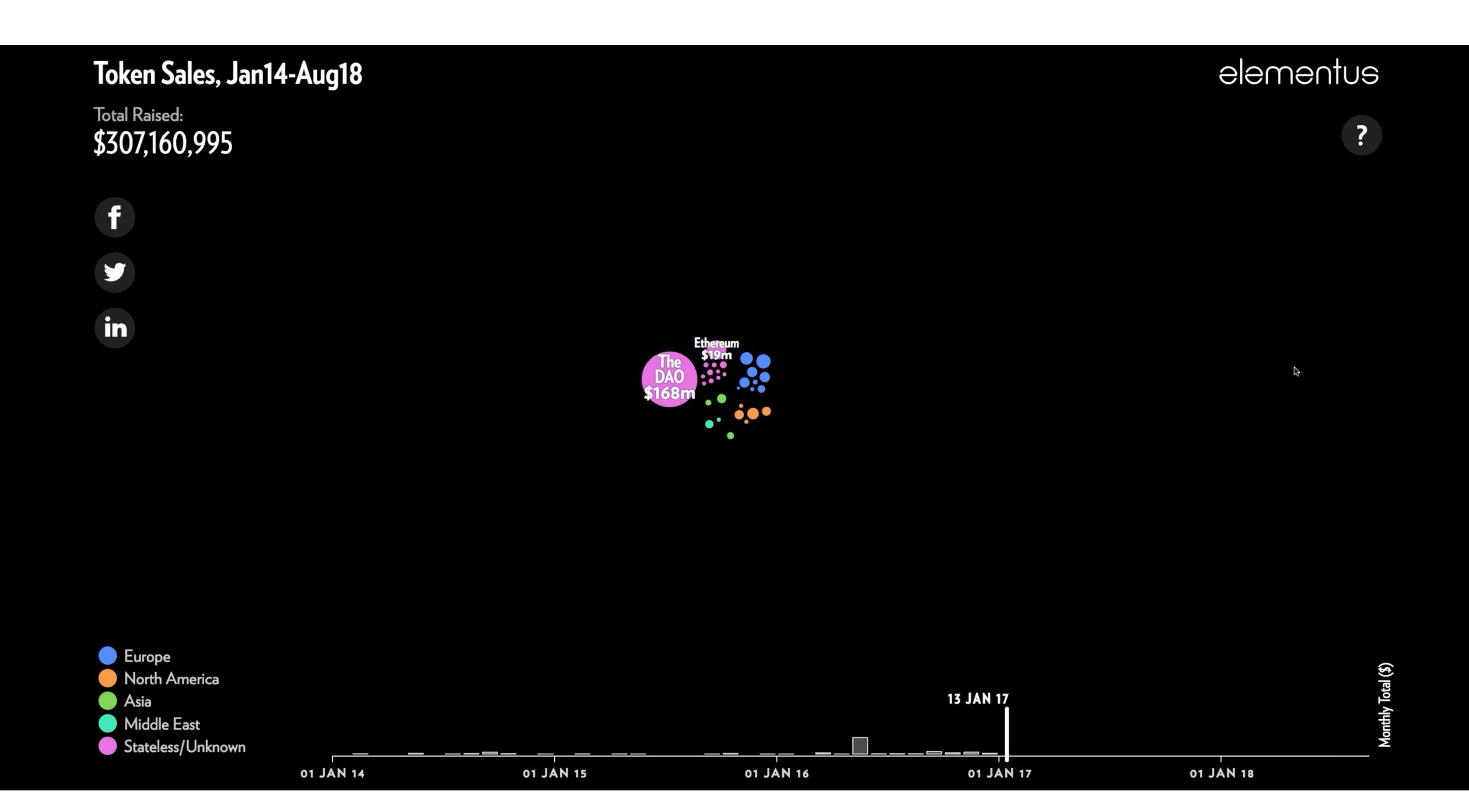
Dogecoin sets itself apart from other digital currencies with an amazing, vibrant community made up of friendly folks just like you.

Reddit Community | Dogecoin Foundation

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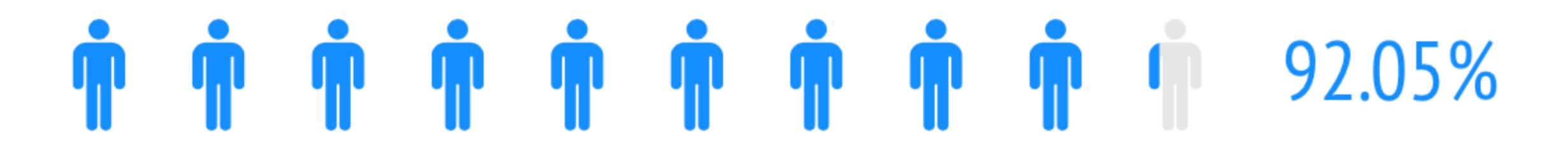


Today*

- 2,400+ different cryptocurrencies/tokens
- \$309 billion "market cap"
- \$62 billion daily trading volume
- ICO's now also called STO's, TGE's, IEO's, and ILP's

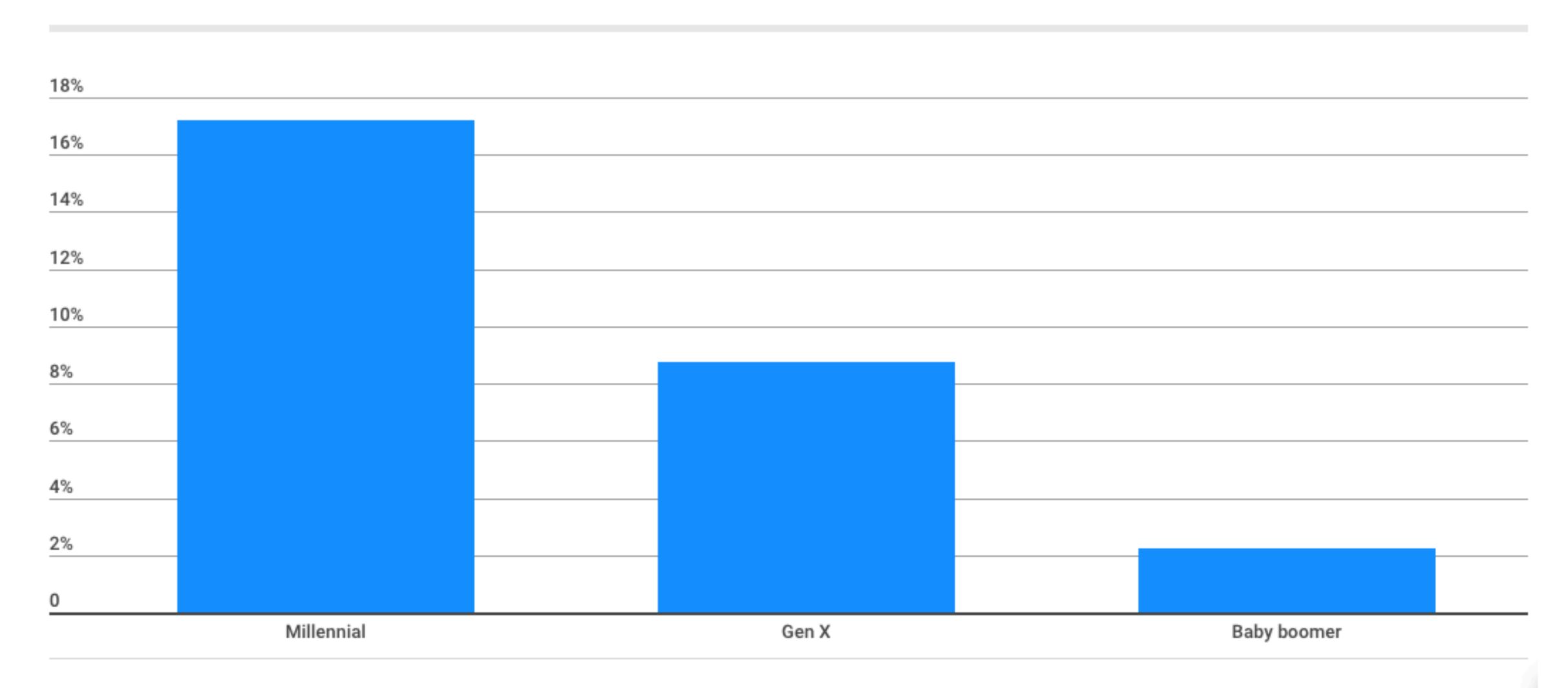
Who does not own crypto

The proportion of Americans who don't own cryptocurrency



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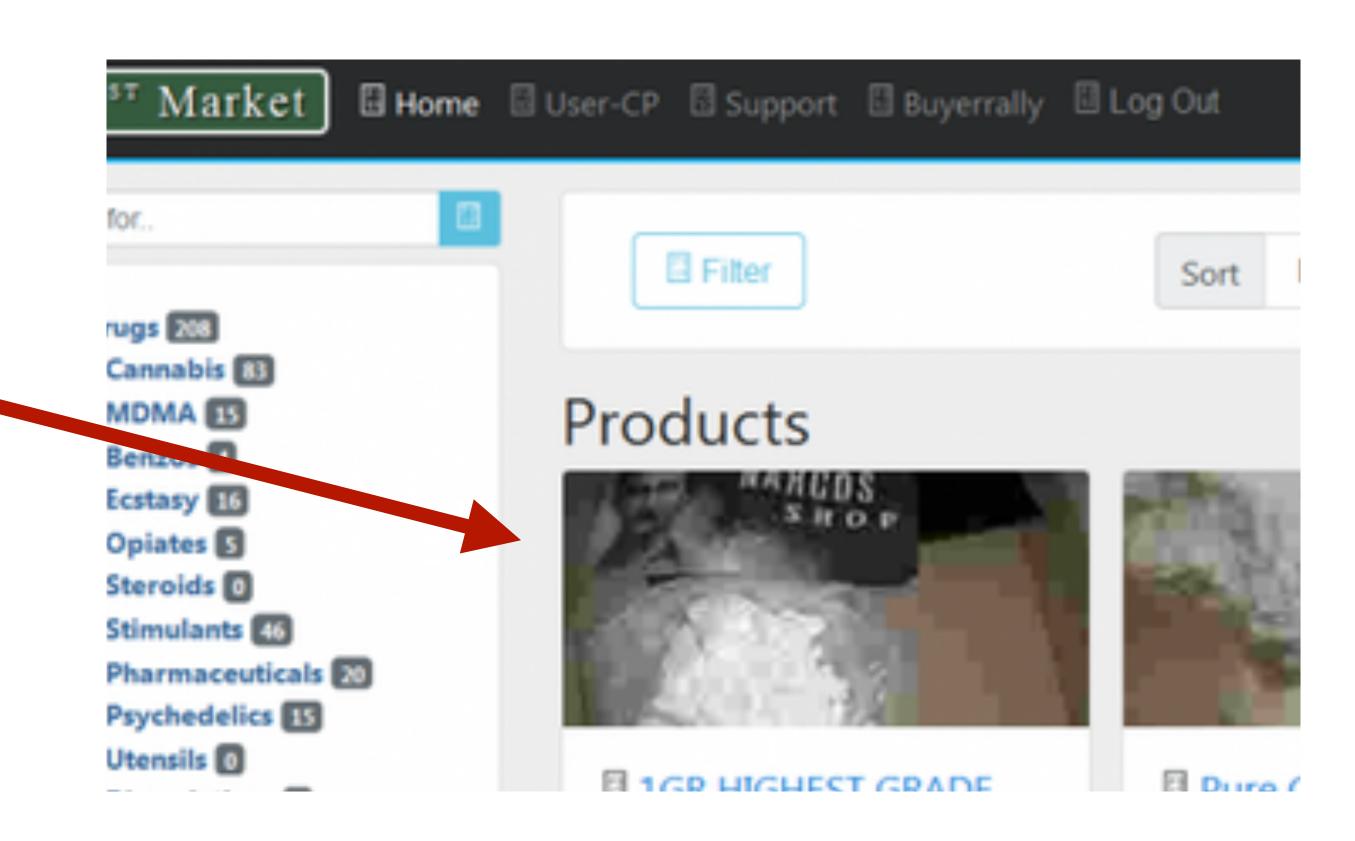
And those that do, by generation





Cryptocurrency uses (today)

- Speculation
- Illegal goods
- Ransomware
- Commercial adoption has failed to date

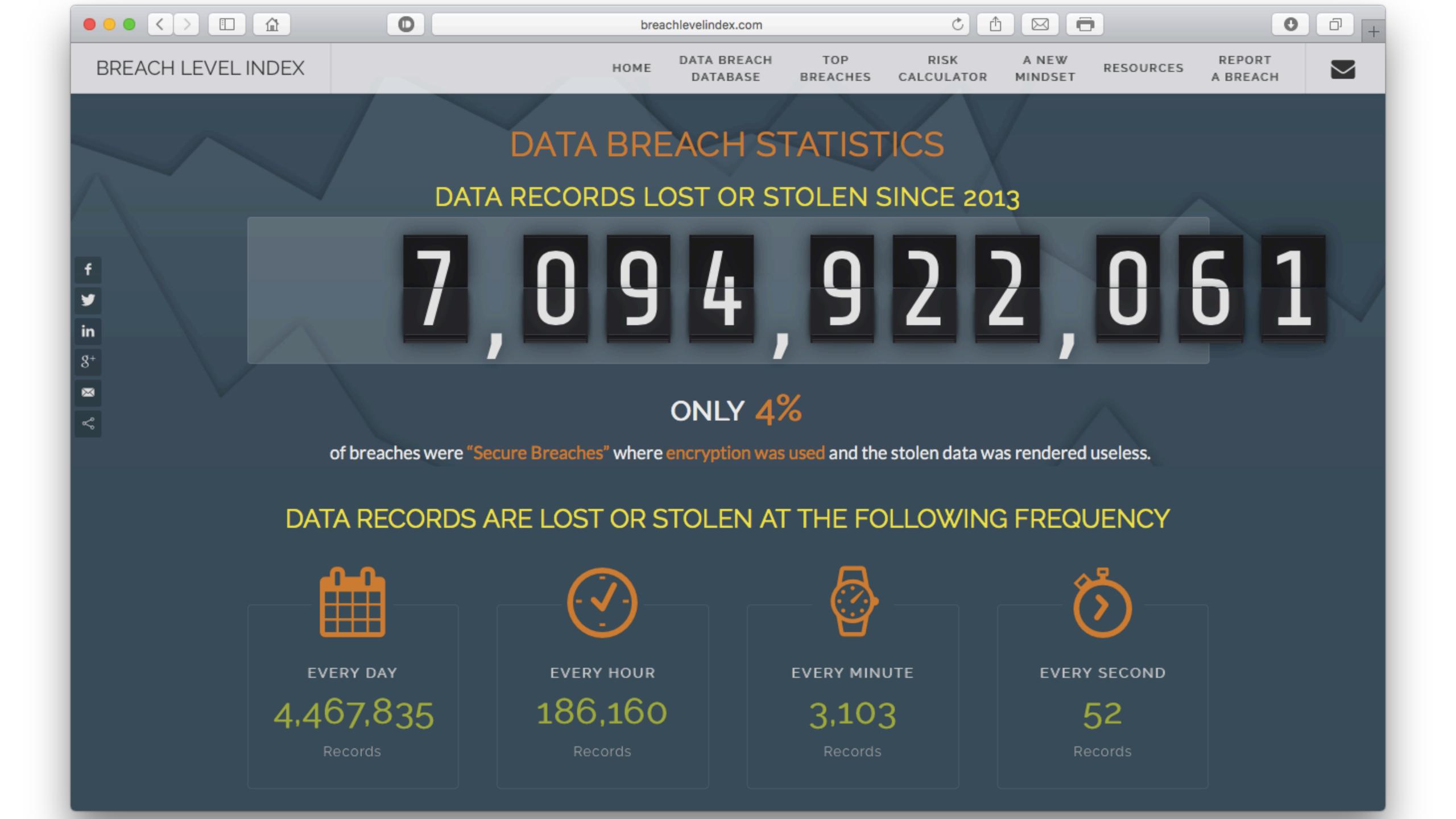


Part 3: Cybersecurity

Protect computers, networks, programs and data

from

unintended or unauthorized access, change or destruction.





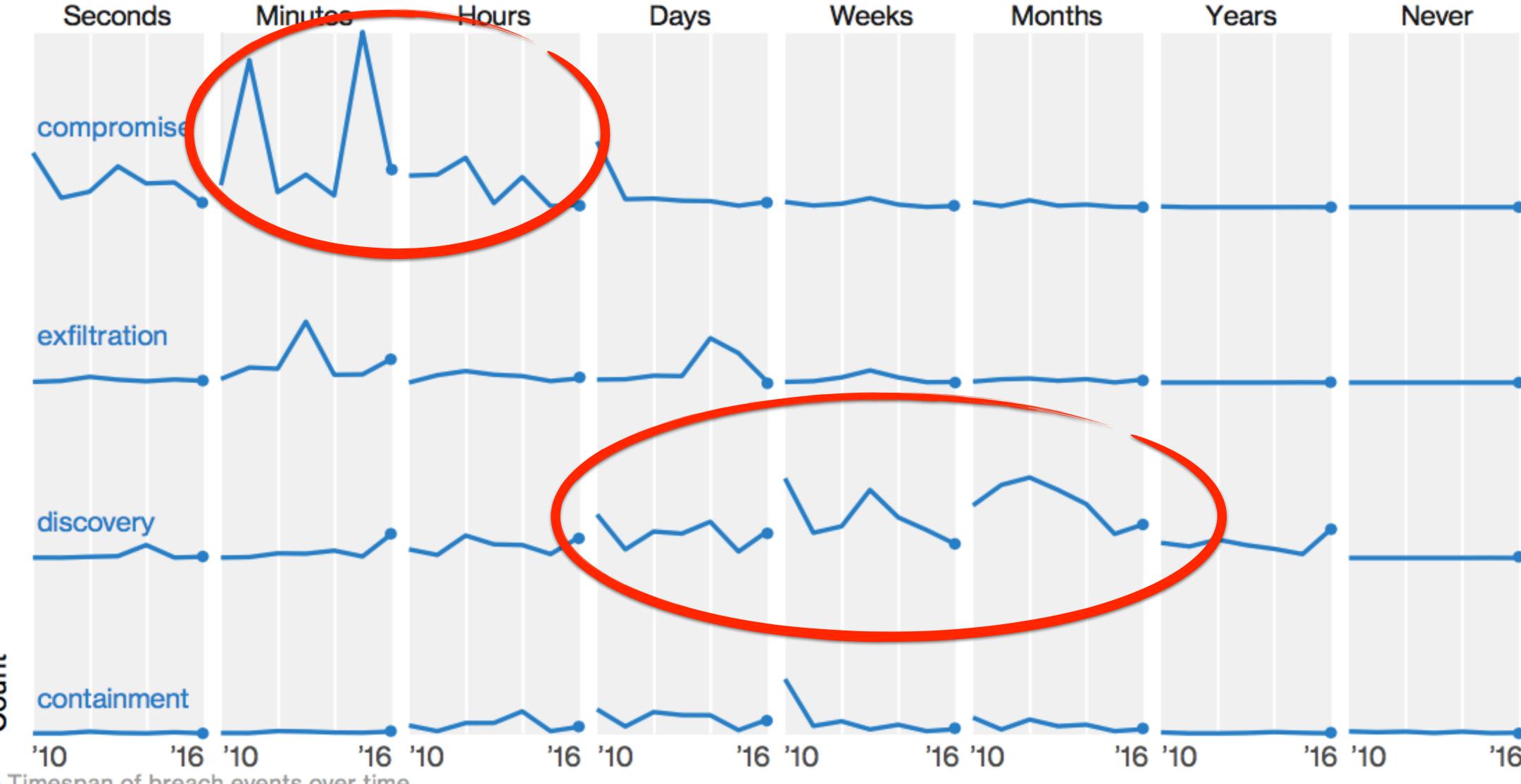


Figure 8: Timespan of breach events over time

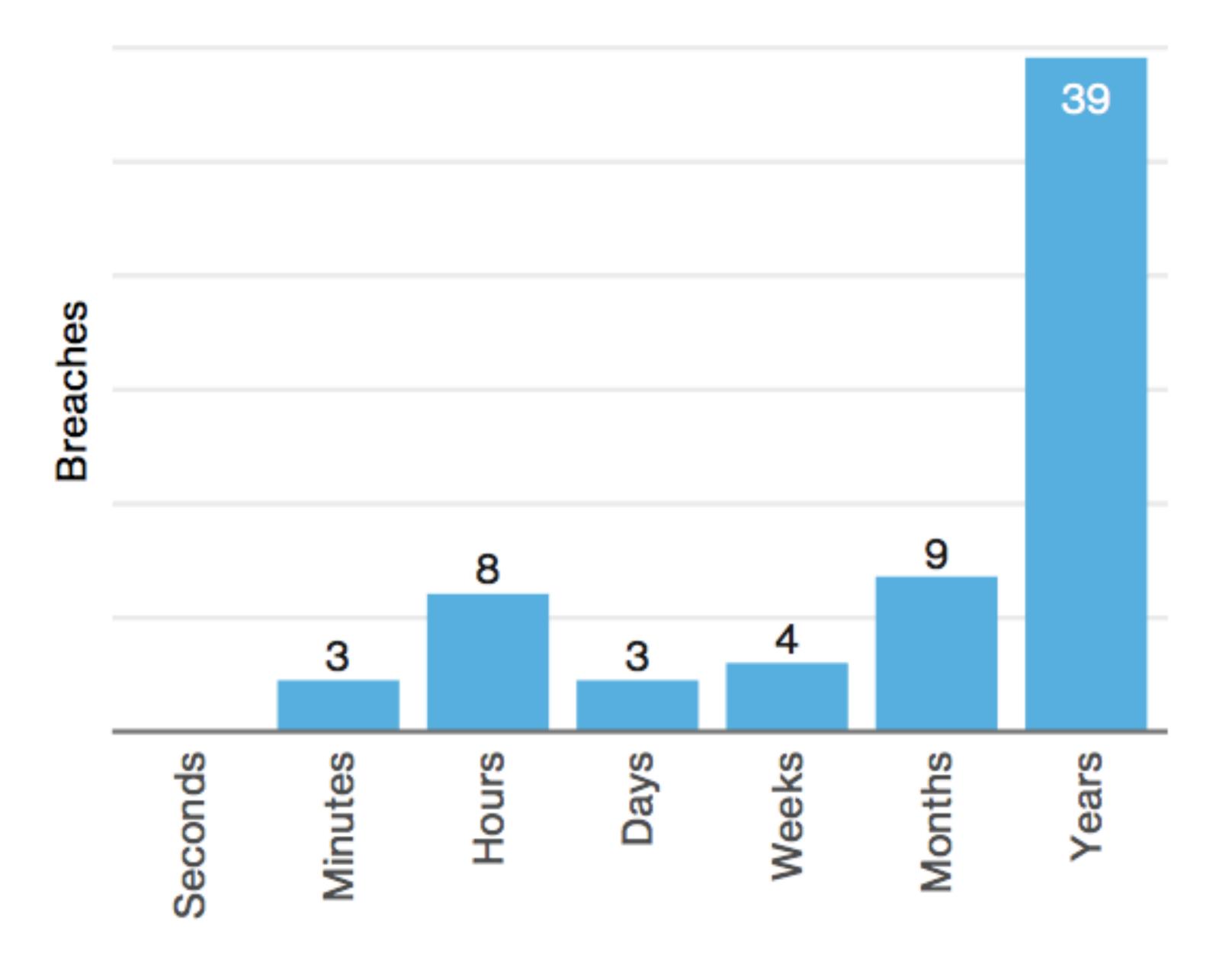
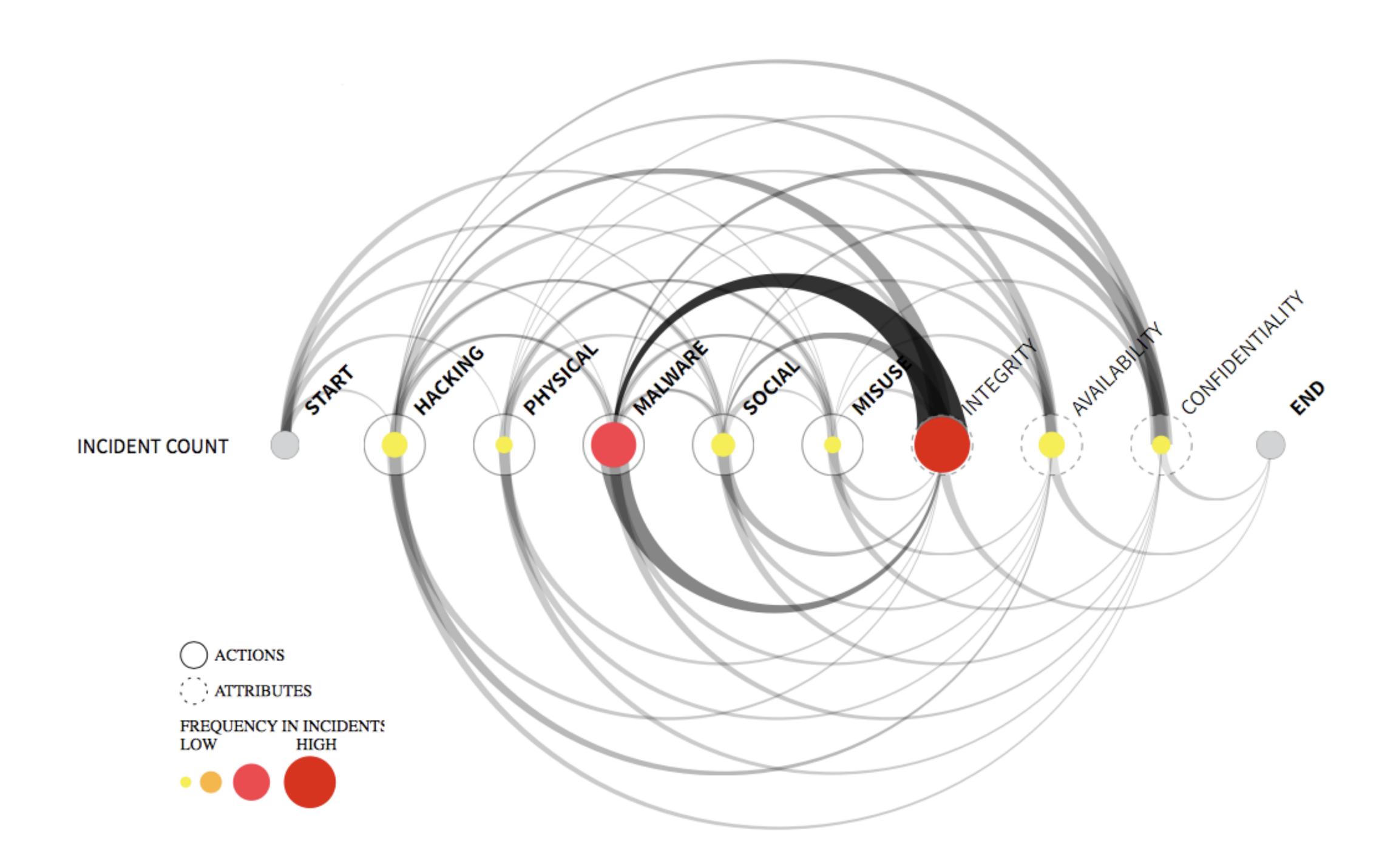


Figure 27: Time-to-discovery within Public breaches (n=66)





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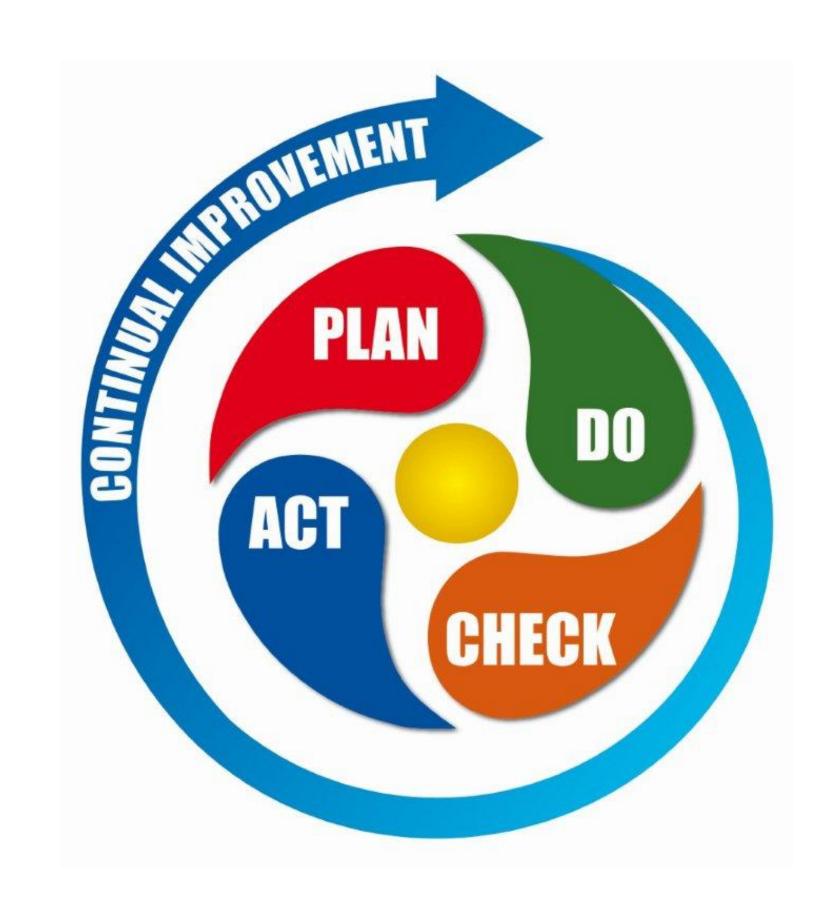


Observations

- It is impossible to be 100% safe.
- Change is the constant.
- It's not going to get any better, at least in the short term.
- Any part of a computing system whether it be hardware, software, storage media, data, and **people** can be an entry point for an attack and any system is most vulnerable at its weakest point.

Cybersecurity frameworks

- Identify assets and classify them
- Perform a risk assessment and identify necessary controls
- Formulate standards, procedures and behaviours to enable the **controls**
- Apply, review/test and improve



Framework	Focus	Sponsoring organization
COSO	Financial operations and risk management.	Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO)
ITIL	Best practices for managing and delivering IT services.	Information technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)
ISO	International member organization focusing on IT service management, information security management, corporate governance of IT security, IT risk management, and quality management.	International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
COBIT	International governance, assessment, and management of IT security and risk management process.	Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)
NIST	IT security standards for federal agencies mandated by the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA).	National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
CSF	Voluntary risk-based framework that focuses on IT security and risk management processes.	Presidential Executive Order 13636, Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity, dated 12 Feb 2013
ISF	International member organization focusing on IT security, governance, and managing information risk.	Information Security Forum (ISF)
PCI DSS	IT security standard for the protection of credit card account data security. Card companies include Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, and Japan Credit Bureau.	Payment Card Industry (PCI) Security Standards Council
SANS Institute	Although not a framework, the widely adopted top 20 critical security controls are based on the NIST SP 800-53 control standards.	SANS Institute

Risk Areas

- 1.Policy
- 2. Governance control
- 3. Personnel security
- 4. Physical security
- 5. Asset management
- 6.Access control
- 7. Security of operations
- 8. Network security

- 9. Computer security
- 10. Software development and maintenance security
- 11. Acquisition
- 12. Incident management
- 13. Compliance
- 14. Continuity
- 15. Elements of human factors such as training and education

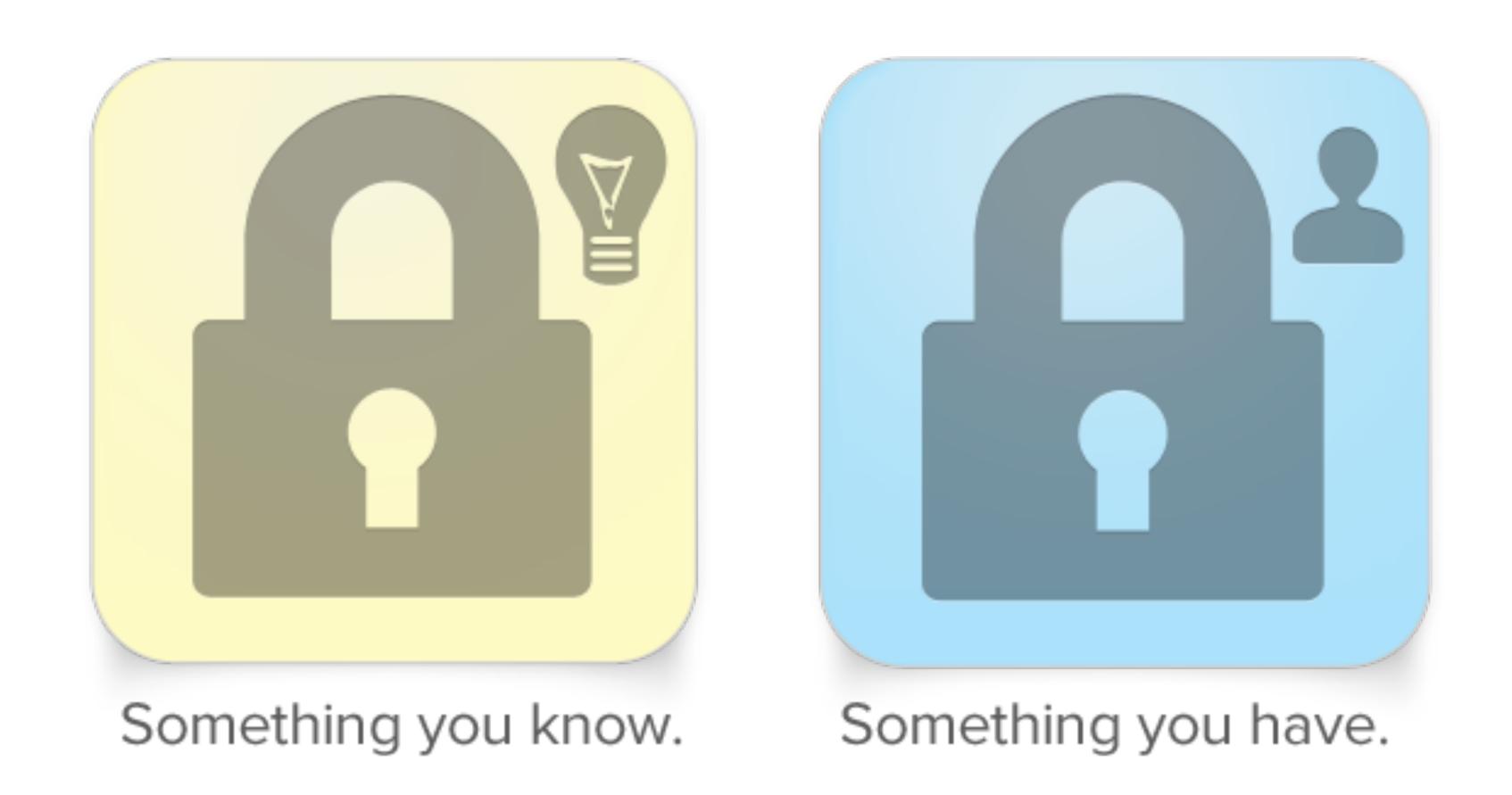
Seven things you can and should do now

1. Get good at spotting phishing.

(91% of cyberattacks begin with a spear phishing email)

https://www.techradar.com/best/best-free-cybersecurity-courses-online

2. Use 2 factor authentication



http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2456400,00.asp

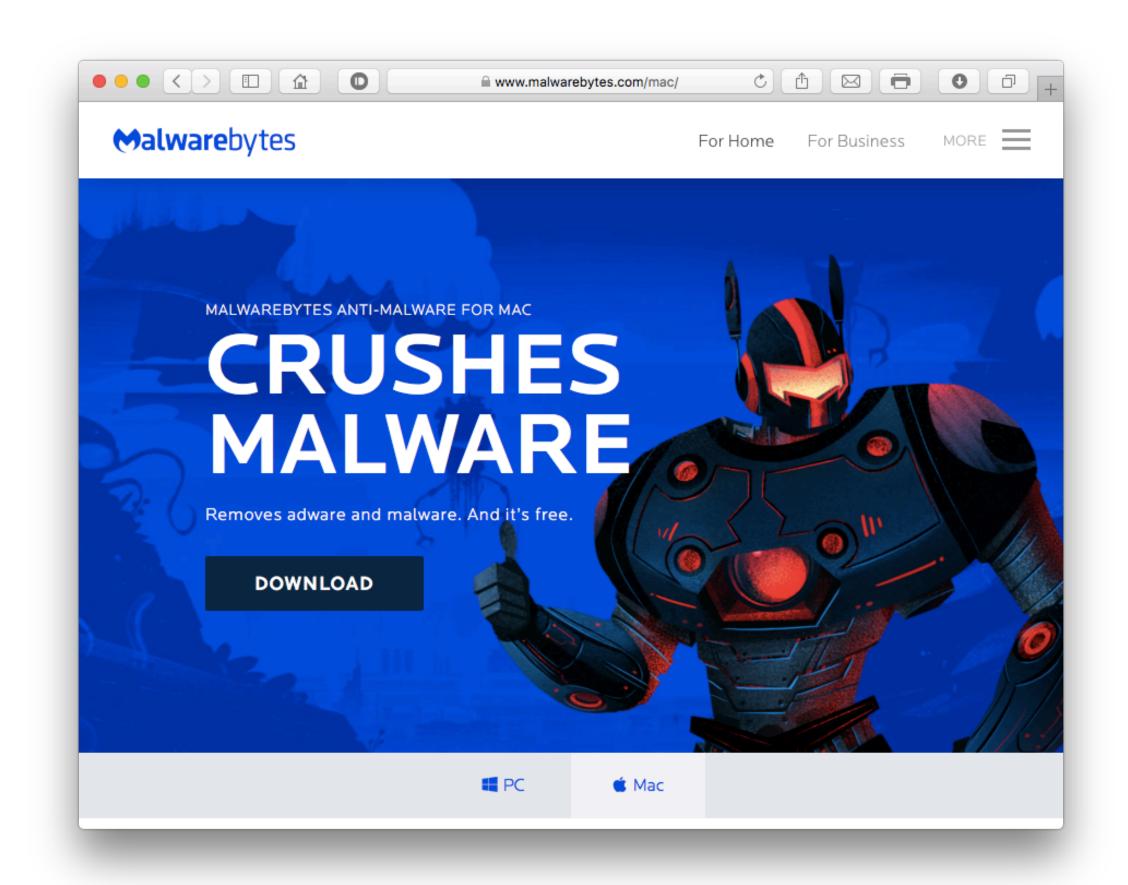
3. Do passwords right

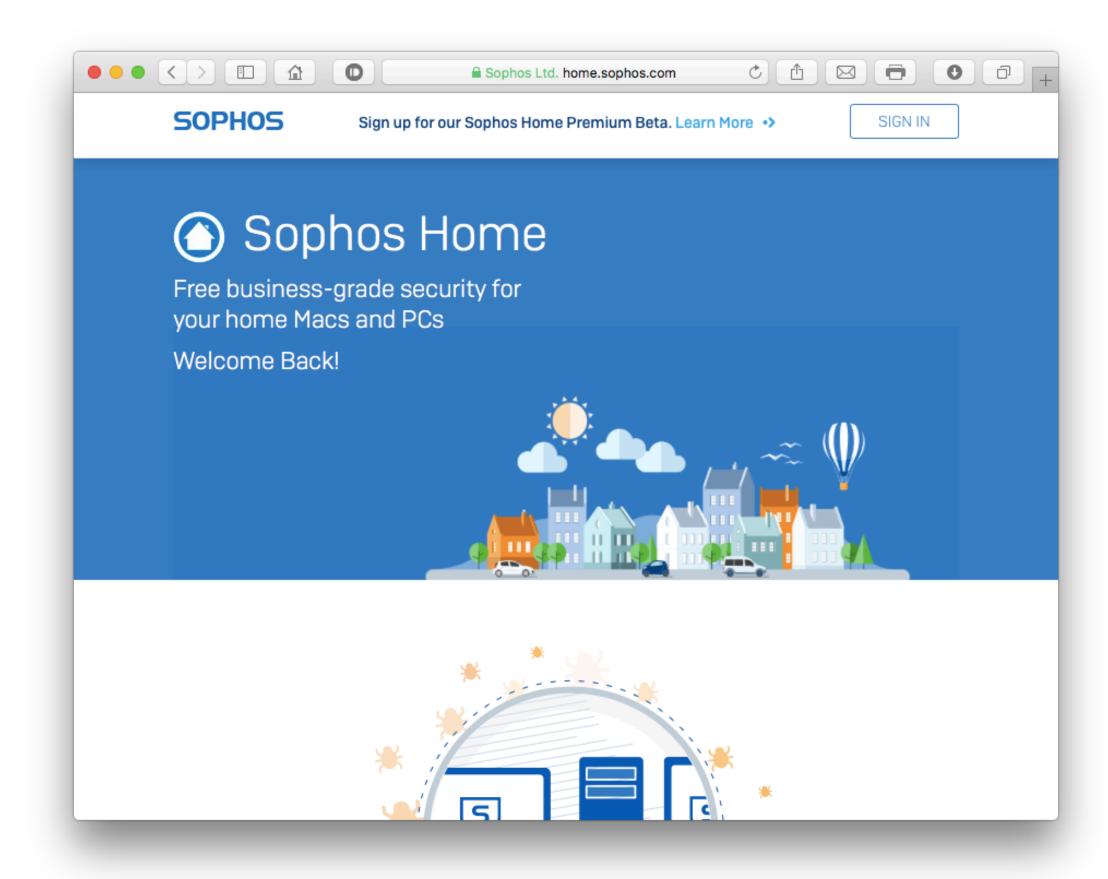
- Use different email addresses for account creation
- Long passwords (word-word-word-number-character)
- Don't re-use passwords
- Use a password manager (e.g. Apple Keychain)

4. Back it up



5. Install tools



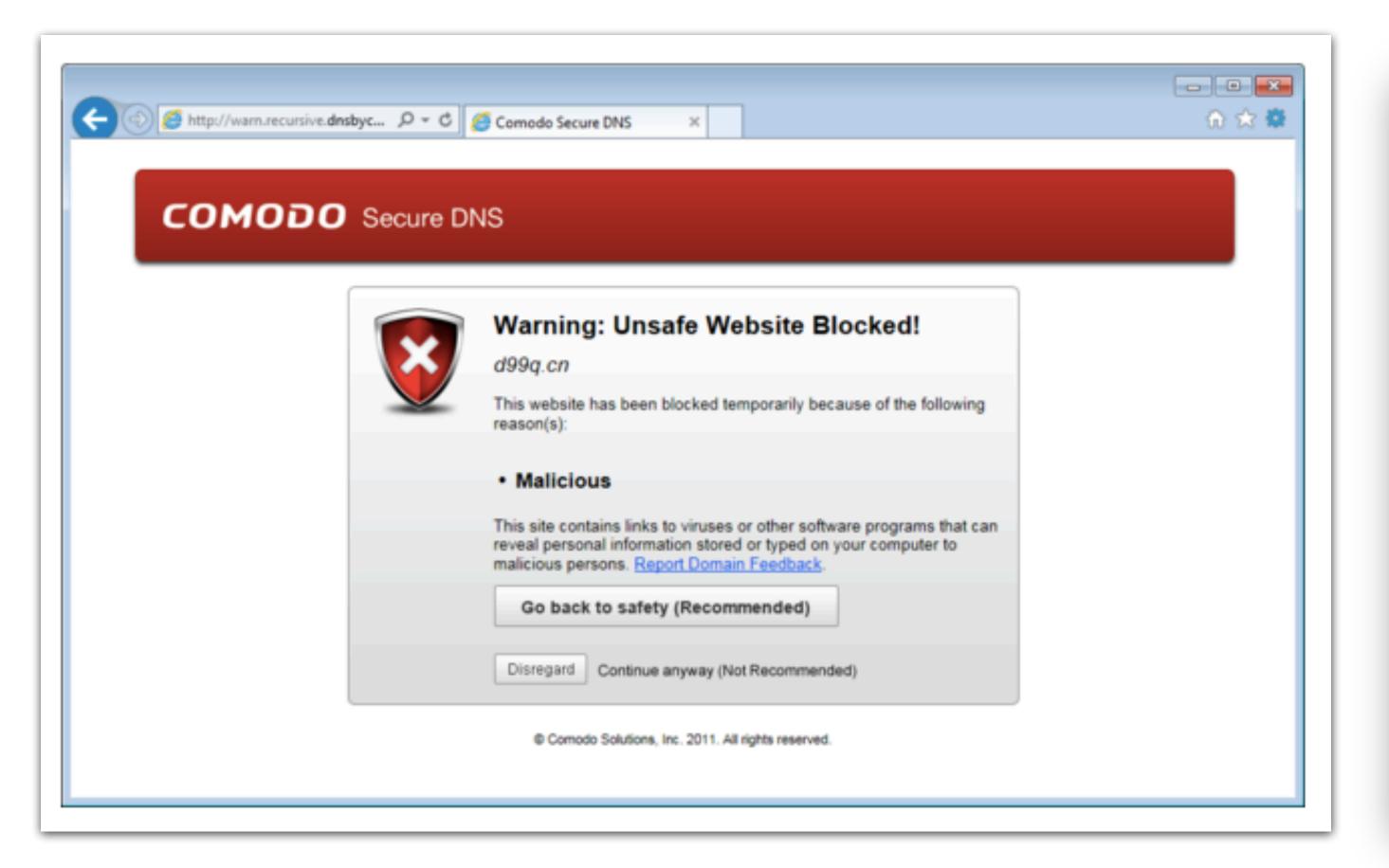


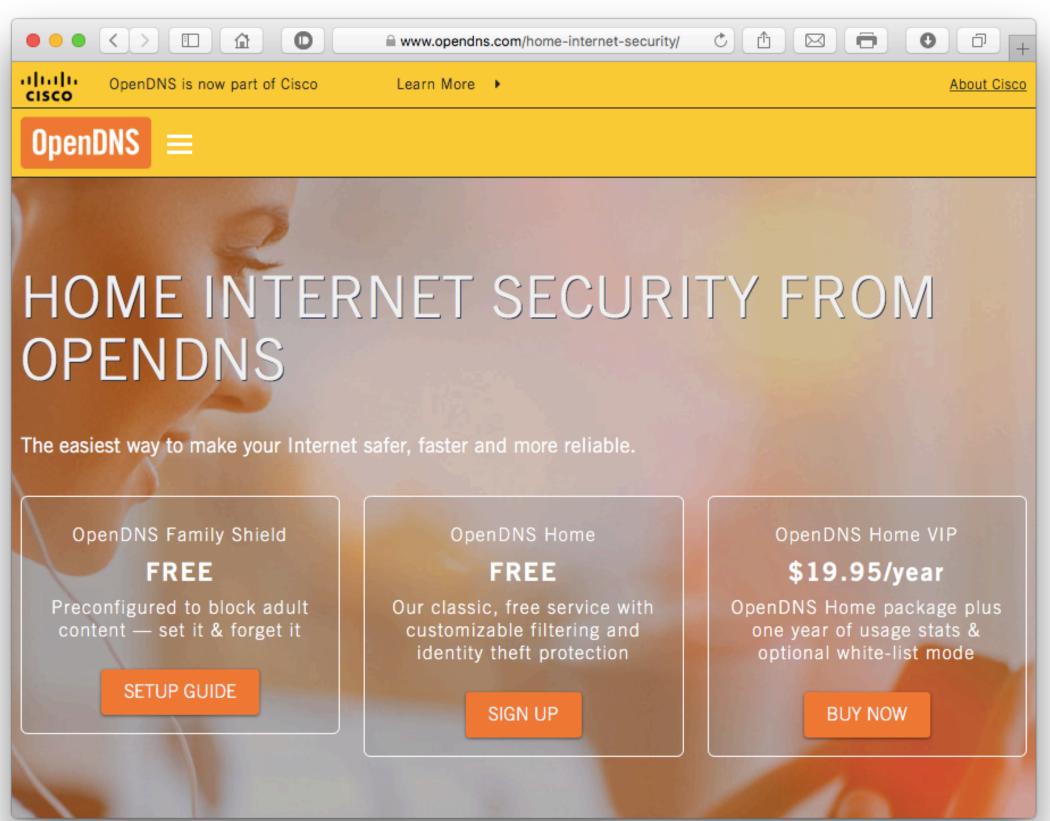
https://www.malwarebytes.com/

https://www.malwarebytes.com/mobile (for Android)

https://www.sophos.com/en-us/products/free-tools.aspx

6. Filter your traffic





7. Stay up to date

https://www.globalsign.com/en/blog/top-10-cybersecurity-blogs/

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/services-for-government/information-management-technology/information-security/security-news-digest



thank you

Questions?