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Cryptocurrencies and Smart Contracts

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Introduction

- ▶ Wer ist das und warum steht der da vorne?
- ▶ Warum gibt es diesen Talk?
- ▶ Was erwartet mich?
- ▶ Wer kennt CCs? Wer besitzt welche?
- ▶ Disclaimer
 - ▶ Besitz von Cryptowährungen, ua. Bitcoin
 - ▶ Keinerlei formale Qualifikation

What I think I look like explaining
crypto VS what I actually look like

Blockchain

Overview

- ▶ Replizierte Datenbank (weltweit, viele 1000 Nodes)
- ▶ Append only
- ▶ Trustless
- ▶ CIA: Vertraulichkeit, Integrität und Verfügbarkeit
- ▶ Keine Verschlüsselung!
- ▶ BTC Whitepaper 31.10.2008
- ▶ BTC Netzwerk 03.01.2009

Blockchain

Bitcoin Whitepaper

WHITEPAPER

MESH NETWORK

Blockchain

Chaining and Orphans

BLOCK CHAIN

Blockchain

Bitcoin as mining example

- ▶ PoW: Proof of Work
- ▶ As of 24.04.2018: More energy consumption than Switzerland
0,3% of the world, 66TWh/a, 900kW or 270€/TX
- ▶ 30 EH/s as of 15.05.18, 10^{18} = Trillionen
- ▶ 50 BTC / 10 min, aktuell 12,5 BTC, Ende ~2130
- ▶ 1 BTC = ~7191 EUR Stand 11.05.18 -> 100k\$ / Block
- ▶ ~18/21 Mio Coins bisher
- ▶ CPU, single user mining
- ▶ GPU, pooled mining
- ▶ FPGAs then ASICs and all pooled
- ▶ mostly in China (cheap energy)
- ▶ GPU shortage in 2016/17

MINING FARM 1

MINING FARM 2

Bitcoin

Overview

- ▶ Währungssystem
- ▶ Kleinste Einheit Satoshi, 8 Nachkommastellen
- ▶ Eigenschaften
 - ▶ Fälschungssicher
 - ▶ Keine trusted 3rd party
 - ▶ Dezentralisiert
 - ▶ Irreversibel
 - ▶ Zensurfrei
 - ▶ Pseudonym

DE 9556 0320 8002 0000 0000 → Max Musterman
1QFKsjKMz4tVR3NP19Hc1f6axxxxxxxxxx → ???

Bitcoin

Supply

BITCOIN SUPPLY

Bitcoin

Blockchain Size

BITCOIN BLOCKCHAIN SIZE

Bitcoin

Notable Events

- ▶ 03.01.2009: Here it all began
- ▶ 22.03.2010: 2 Pizzas for 10.000 BTCs
- ▶ 17.07.2010: Mt. Gox established
- ▶ 18.07.2010: GPU Mining
- ▶ 2011: Start of DMNs
- ▶ *09.02.2011: \$ Parity*
- ▶ 28.11.2012: 1st Halving (25 BTC)
- ▶ 28.02.2014: Mt. Gox bankruptcy, 800k BTC stolen, 450M\$
- ▶ 09.07.2016: 2nd Halving (12.5 BTC)
- ▶ 01.08.2017: Bitcoin Cash Hardfork

Bitcoin

Altcoins

- ▶ Open Source -> Copycoins or "Shitcoins"
- ▶ <https://coinmarketcap.com/> lists about 1600 Coins
- ▶ Marketcap bei 400Mrd\$, davon 150 Mrd BTC
- ▶ First Gen: Digital Money
 - ▶ Classic: Bitcoin, Bitcoin Cash, Litecoin
 - ▶ Privacy: Zerocash, Monero
 - ▶ Other: Counterparty
- ▶ Second Gen: Smart Contract Platforms
 - ▶ Main Player: Ethereum
 - ▶ "Identity" Platforms
 - ▶ Stablecoins, "Metacoins" as CombiCoin, Triaconta
- ▶ Third Gen: *Upcoming* New Concepts
 - ▶ lightweight (browser / phone) but secure as POW
 - ▶ IOT, Micropayments
 - ▶ fast and DAG based?

Technical background

Bitcoin - Elements

- ▶ Asymetrische Crypto & Hashing: $sha256 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{256}$
- ▶ Public Keys as pseudonyms (their hashes)
- ▶ Hash Pointer (TX and Blocks)
- ▶ Coin creation by miners, difficulty adjustment \rightarrow 10 min
- ▶ Coin ownership allows spending
- ▶ Gossip protocol
- ▶ Blockchain as public, append only, database
- ▶ Fairness is rewarded by the system \rightarrow Greediness?
- ▶ Consensus emerges by itself
 - ▶ even in case of delays, mistrust, cheating users

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Bitcoin - Blocks

- ▶ Header contains information:
 - ▶ version
 - ▶ prevHash
 - ▶ merkleTreeRoot
 - ▶ timestamp
 - ▶ difficulty
 - ▶ *nonce*
- ▶ Miners collect, validate and arrange tx into a merkle tree
 - ▶ Fast verification of txs
 - ▶ Verification without knowing other tx
 - ▶ Part of the header → tx set proof for subsequent blocks

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Bitcoin - Block detail

MERKLE TREE

Technical background

Bitcoin - Genesis Block

GENESIS BLOCK

Technical background

Bitcoin - Transaction chaining

- ▶ Identity = pubkey: Anybody can create some
- ▶ Transactions are signed by the senders inputs (keys)
- ▶ Transactions (their outputs) deposit money to pubkeys

TX CHAINING

Technical background

Bitcoin - Transaction format

TX SOURCE

Technical background

Bitcoin - Transactions cont

TX BLOCkEXPLORER

Technical background

Bitcoin - Scripting System

Default Pay-to-pubkey-hash format:

```
1 scriptPubKey: OP_DUP OP_HASH160 <pubKeyHash> OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG
2 scriptSig: <sig> <pubKey>
```

Stack processing: (Source: https://en.bitcoin.it/wiki/Script#Script_examples)

| Stack | Script | Comment |
|--|--|--|
| | <sig> <pubKey> OP_DUP OP_HASH160 <pubKeyHash> OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG | scriptSig and scriptPubKey are combined. |
| <pubkey> <sig> | OP_DUP OP_HASH160 <pub- KeyHash> OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG | Constants are added to the stack. |
| <pubKey> <pubKey> <sig> | OP_HASH160 <pubKeyHash> OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG | Top stack item is duplicated. |
| <pubHashA> <pubKey> <sig> | <pubKeyHash> OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG | Top stack item is hashed. |
| <pubKeyHash> <pubHashA> <pubKey> <sig> | OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG | Constant added. |
| <pubkey> <sig> | OP_CHECKSIG | Equality is checked between the top two stack items. |
| TRUE | | Signature check successful, true returned |

Technical background

Smart Contracts

- ▶ First serious platform: Ethereum
- ▶ Contracts deployed on the blockchain
- ▶ Arbitrary Code, turing complete language
- ▶ 15sec blocktime
- ▶ Examples
 - ▶ Providing a deposit
 - ▶ Escrow (2 out of 3)
 - ▶ Kickstarter like funding
 - ▶ Inheritance
 - ▶ "The DAO" - decentralized & democratic investment fund
150 Mio\$, 14% of all ETH, was hacked shortly after

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Smart Contracts - Example

Source <https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-solidity/blob/master/contracts/examples/SimpleSavingsWallet.sol>

```
1  pragma solidity ^0.4.21;
2
3  import "../ownership/Heritable.sol";
4
5  contract SimpleSavingsWallet is Heritable {
6
7      event Sent(address indexed payee, uint256 amount, uint256 balance);
8      event Received(address indexed payer, uint256 amount, uint256 balance);
9
10     function SimpleSavingsWallet(uint256 _heartbeatTimeout) Heritable(_heartbeatTimeout) public {}
11
12     function () public payable {
13         emit Received(msg.sender, msg.value, address(this).balance);
14     }
15
16     function sendTo(address payee, uint256 amount) public onlyOwner {
17         require(payee != 0 && payee != address(this));
18         require(amount > 0);
19         payee.transfer(amount);
20         emit Sent(payee, amount, address(this).balance);
21     }
22 }
```

Trading

Wallet

- ▶ Desktop: Bitcoin Core, *Electrum*
- ▶ Mobil: *Mycelium*
- ▶ Offline: Paperwallet, *Electrum + TAILS*
- ▶ **Webwallet: Don't to it!**
- ▶ Recommendation:
 - ▶ KISS
 - ▶ Cold Storage nutzen
 - ▶ **Backups, Backups, Backups!**
 - ▶ **if you dont own the keys you dont own the coin!**

Trading

Platforms

- ▶ Kraken, Coinbase, *Cubits*, Bitcoin.de
- ▶ Localbitcoins, *Mycelium Local Trader*
- ▶ Trading with SEPA, CC, Crypto, Cash
- ▶ Crypto -> Crypto at *Poloniex* and *Shapeshift*

Trading

Mycelium (Android)

MYCEZLIUM WALLET

Trading

Sag mir endlich wie ich reich werde!

- ▶ Get rich quick, FOMO
- ▶ Höchstspekulatives "Investment"
 - ▶ völlig neue Anlageklasse
 - ▶ Fremdwährungsrisiko
 - ▶ Liquiditätsrisiko
 - ▶ Keine zentrale Stelle
 - ▶ Keine Rechtssicherheit
 - ▶ Marktmacht & Manipulation
 - ▶ Volatilität
 - ▶ Malicious Software
 - ▶ Atomarität von TX
 - ▶ Past performance predicts future returns!
 - ▶ Steuern?
 - ▶ Sicherheit der darunter liegenden Kryptografie

Trading

Andererseits...

'Never invest in a business you cannot understand.'

Warren Buffett

- ▶ Facts
 - ▶ Egal wann -> Profit (3m)
 - ▶ Sehr hohes Risiko, sehr hoher Ertrag
 - ▶ Einfaches Investment, sehr knappes Gut
- ▶ Do's
 - ▶ Bewährte Strategien anwenden
 - ▶ Regelmäßig und kontinuierlich investieren - cost average
 - ▶ Feste Beträge investieren und diversifizieren (intern wie extern)
 - ▶ 1-2% des Portfolios / ein paar Hunderter?
 - ▶ "Spielgeld" investieren, Spaß haben!
- ▶ Dont's
 - ▶ Daytrading / timing the market
 - ▶ FOMO und "Catch the falling knife"
 - ▶ All eggs in one basket
 - ▶ Use case and application?

BITCOIN PRICE

Trading

Price history logarithmic

BITCOIN PRICE LOGARITHMIC

Further Information

Fazit / Meinung

- ▶ Völlig neue Technologie, "die Katze ist aus dem Sack"
- ▶ "Geld" mit bisher unmöglichen Eigenschaften
- ▶ Sehr viel Betrug & Verbrechen
→ DNMs, "Hacks", ICOs, wenig rechtliche Handhabe
- ▶ Geldfunktion → Smart Contracts
- ▶ Sehr viel Arbeit nötig für
 - ▶ Sicherheit (beweisbar!)
 - ▶ Alltagstauglichkeit
 - ▶ *Sinnvolle* Anwendungen
 - ▶ Regulierung / Rechtssicherheit

Further Information

Links

- ▶ Reddit: [/r/btc](#), [/r/bitcoin](#), [/r/cryptocurrency](#), etc
- ▶ [medium.com](#)
- ▶ <https://forum.bitcoin.com/>
- ▶ <https://coinmarketcap.com/>
- ▶ Sidebar of [/r/btc](#)
- ▶ Vorlesung System Security im SS
(Master, anrechenbar im WP Bachelor)

ZITAT LINDNER BITCOIN

Q&A