



An introduction to bitcoin,  
blockchain, and cryptocurrency



# Overview

- About myself
- Why you should care
- Terminology
- Blockchain Story Hour
- Signed Transactions
- Demo

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# Blockchain Strategy

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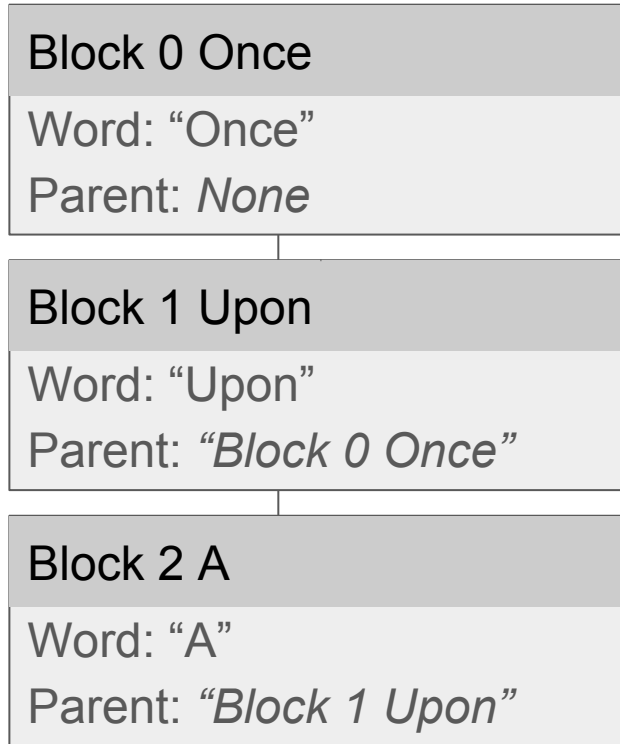
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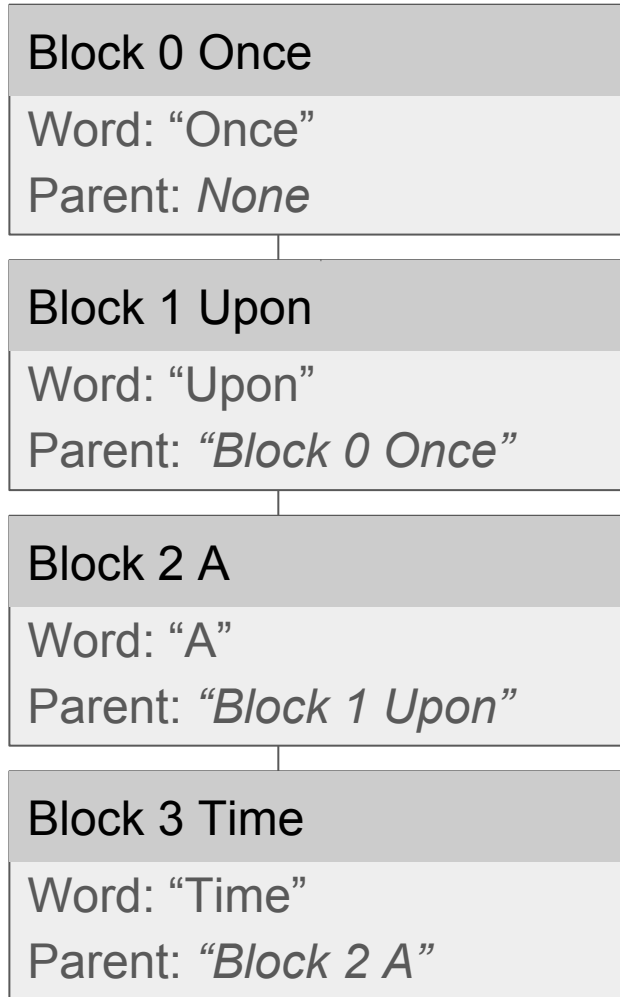
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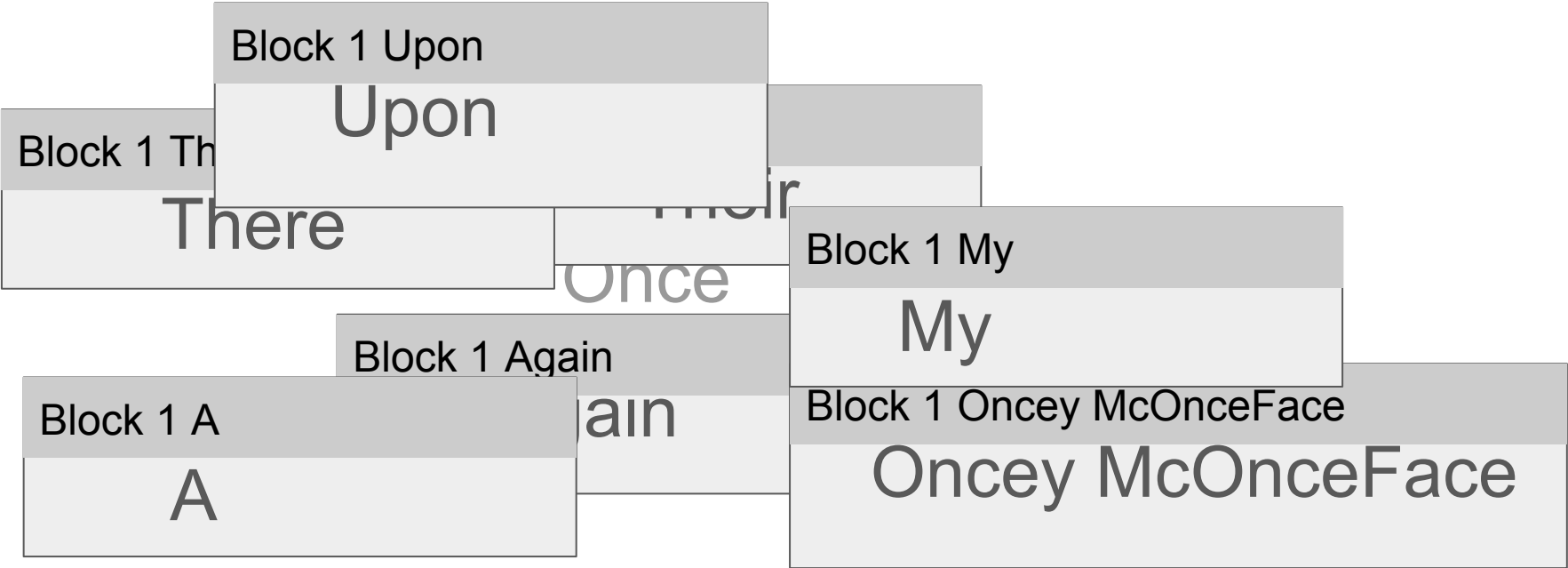




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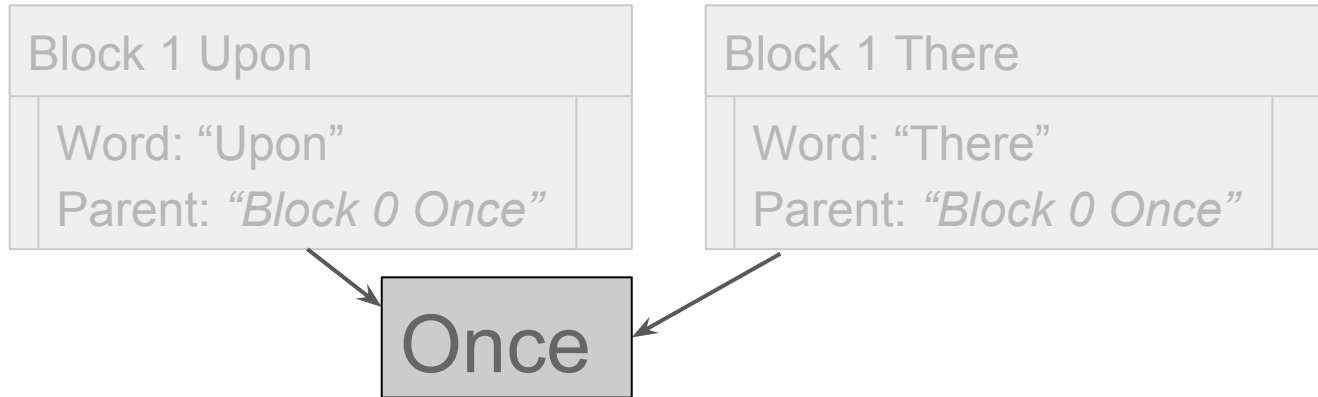
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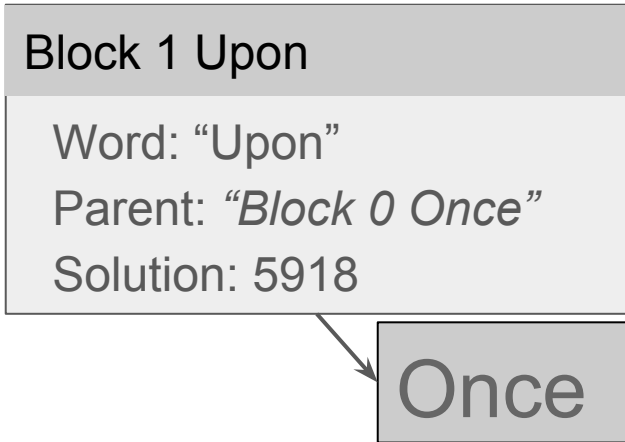
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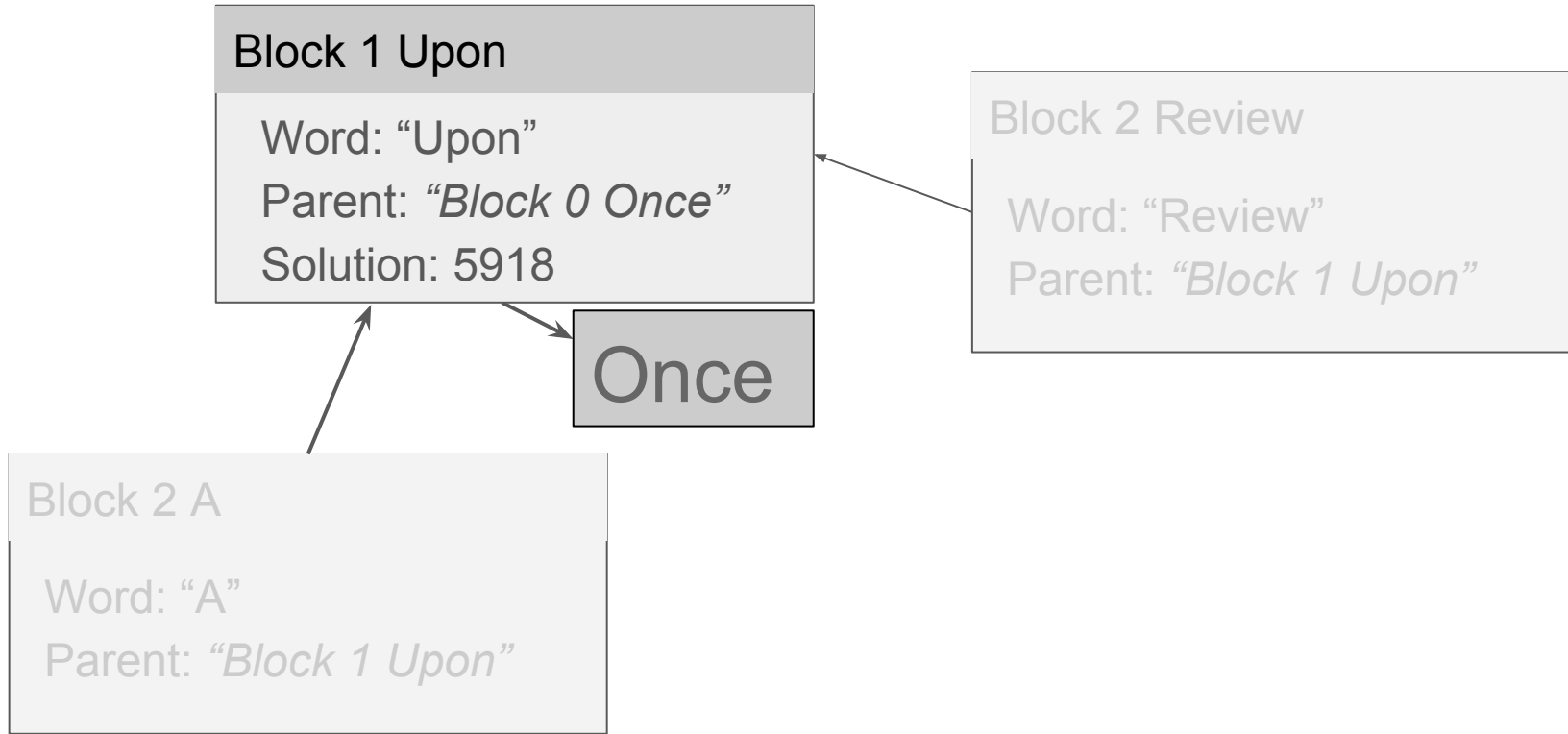
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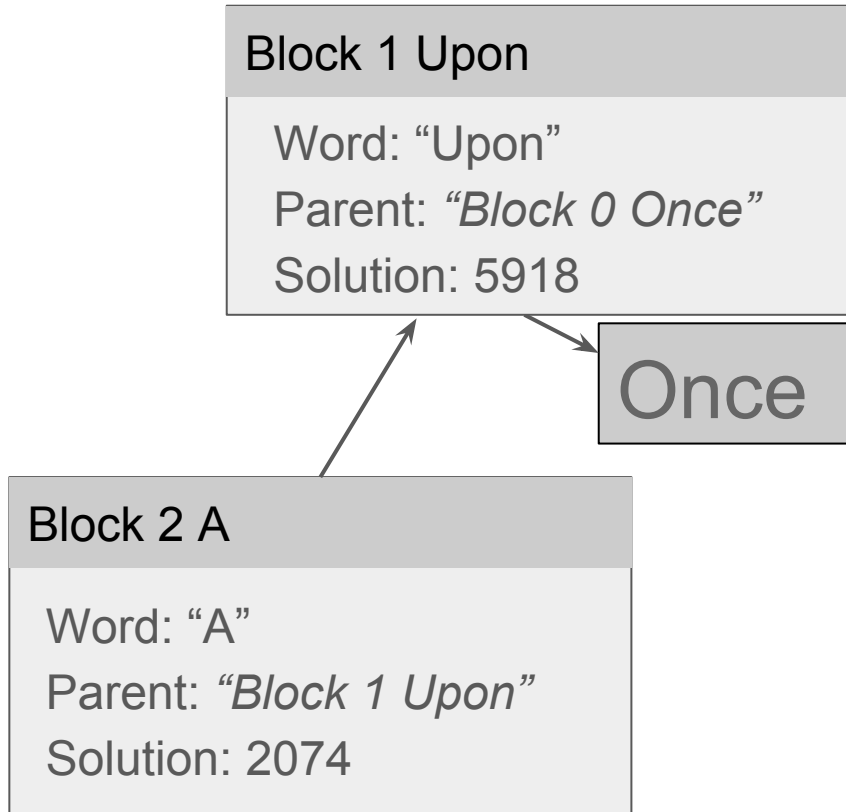
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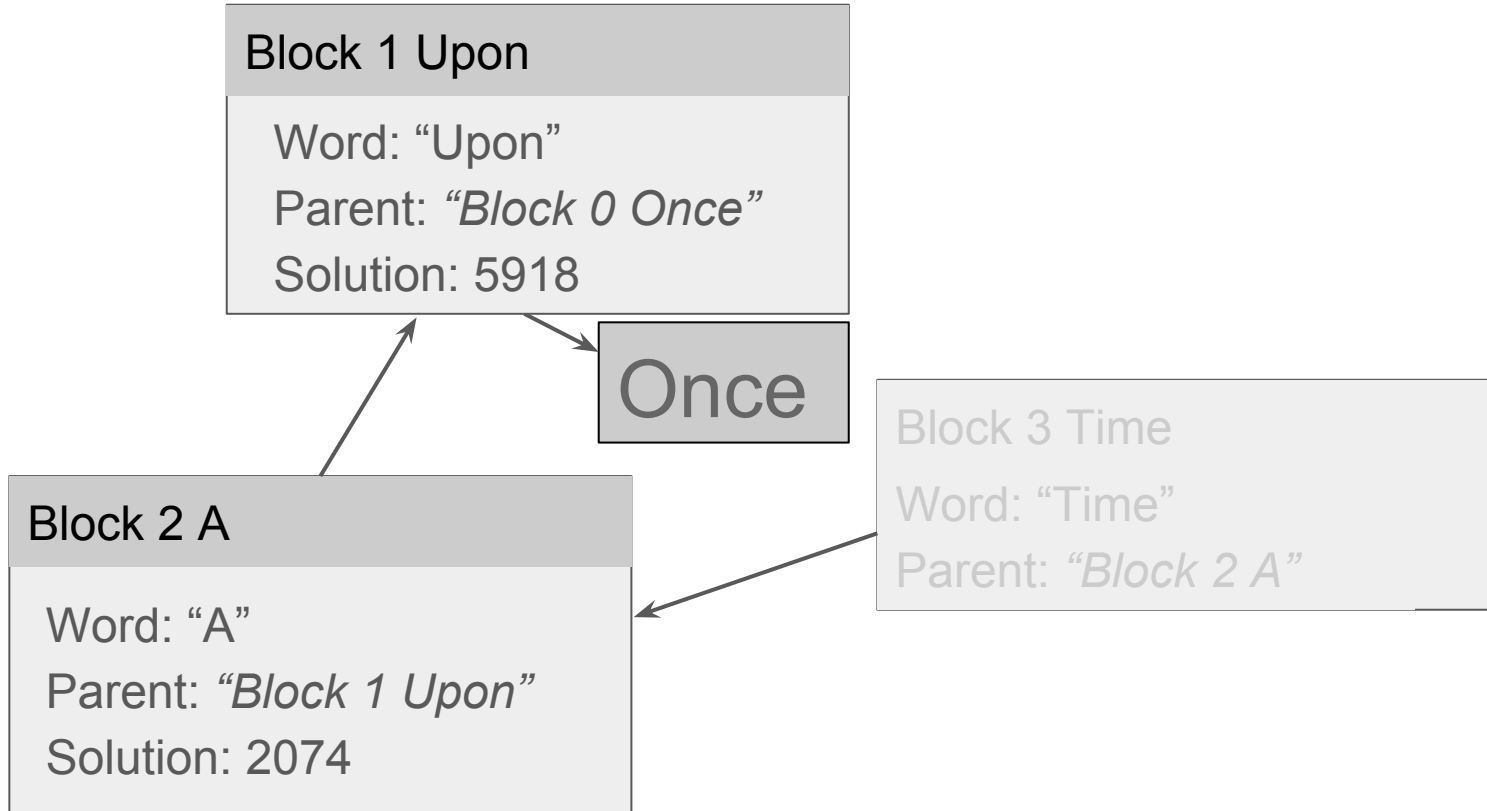
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## Block 0

Transactions: ""

Parent: *None*

## Block 1

Parent: *"Block 0"*

*Solution: 59285*

"A -> B 1 BTC

C -> D 0.04 BTC"

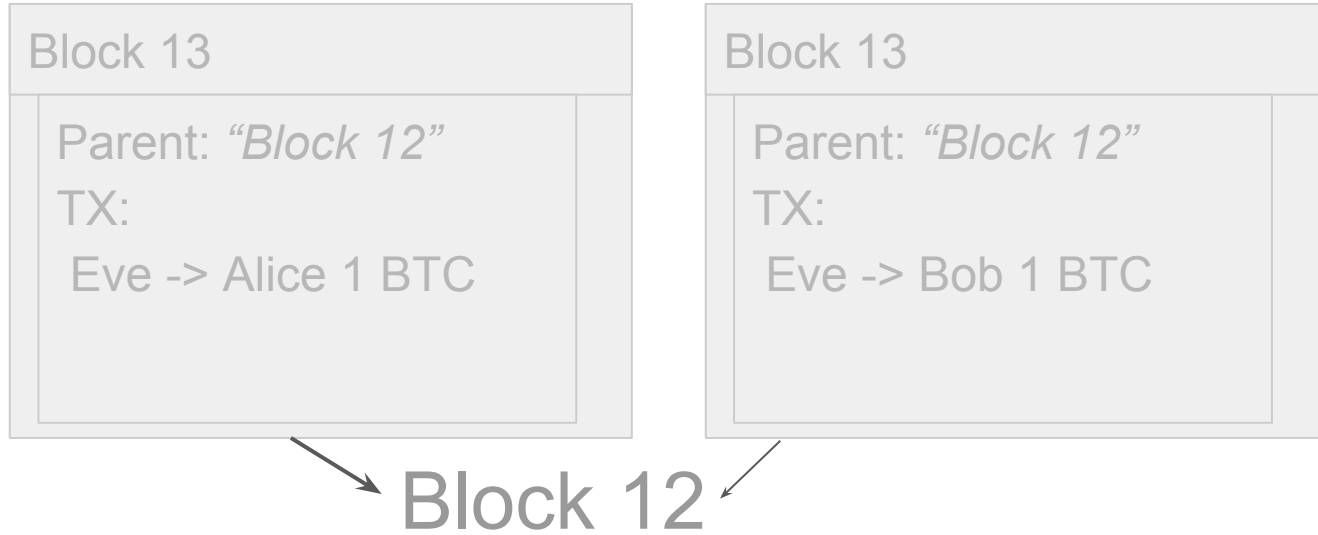
## Block 2

Parent: *"Block 1"*

Solution: 948144

"E -> F 24.1 BTC"

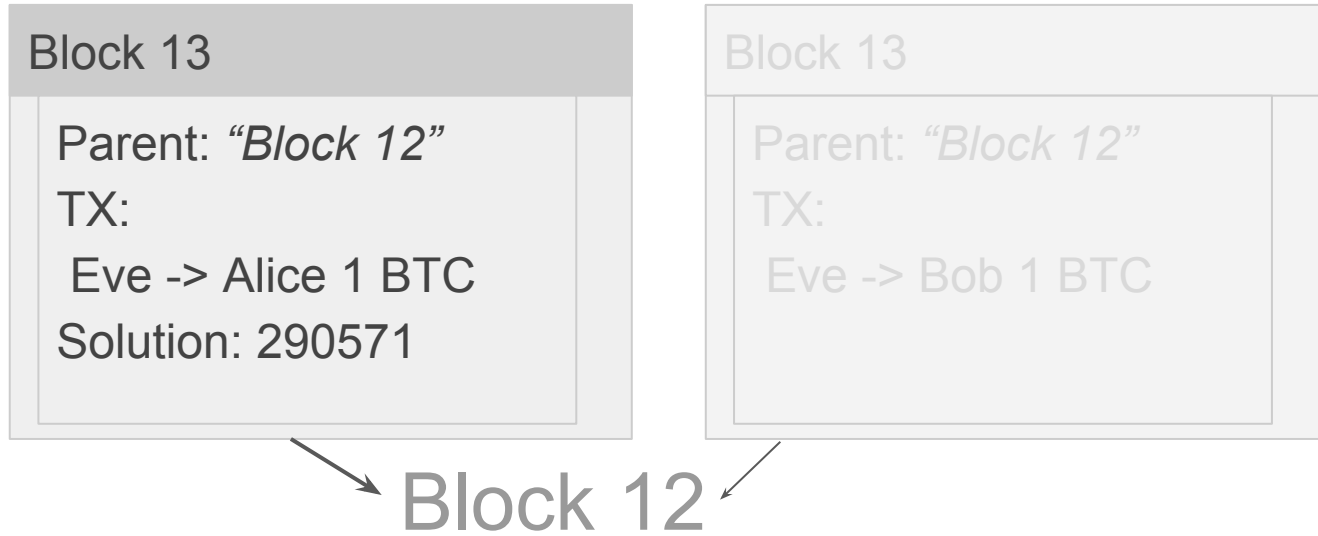
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## Balances:

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- Alice: 0 BTC
- Bob: 0 BTC

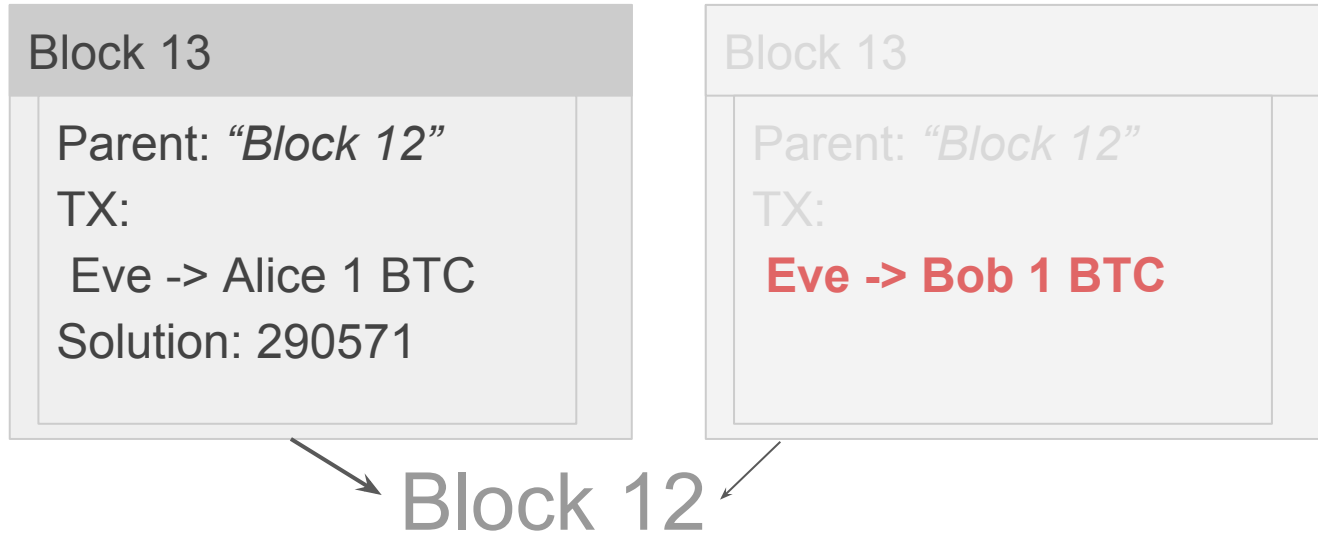
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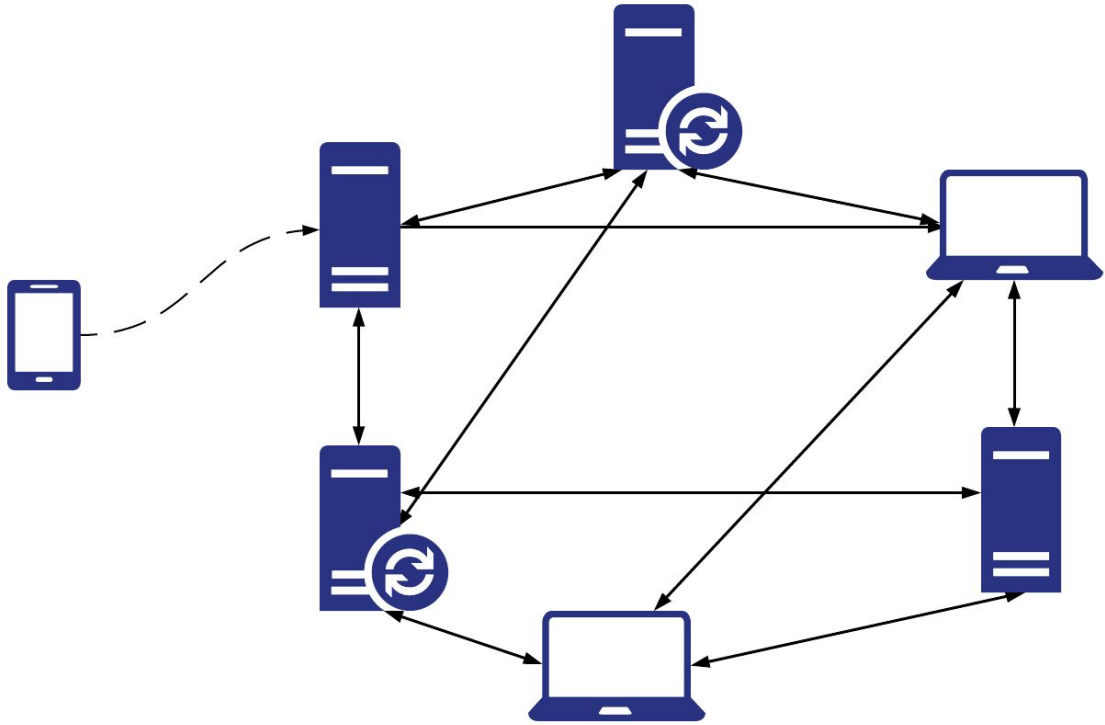
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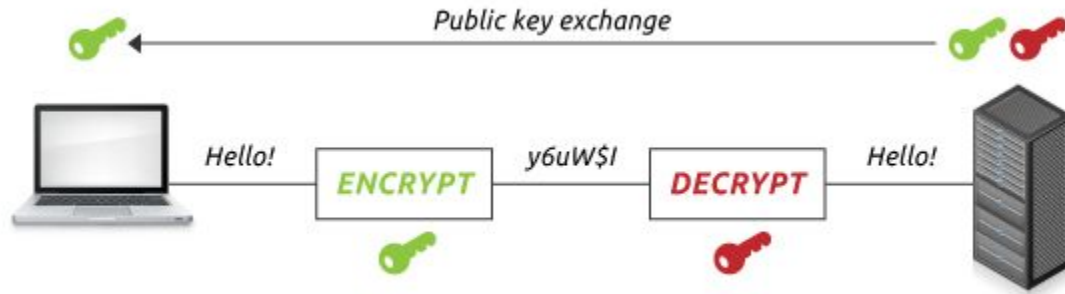
Blockchain

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- Bitcoin Explorer - <https://blockexplorer.com>
- Ethereum Explorer - <https://etherscan.io/>



# Signed Transactions

# Crypto[graphy] currency



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# Digital signatures

- Scheme for demonstrating the authenticity of digital messages or documents.
- A valid digital signature gives a recipient reason to believe that
  - the message was created by a known sender (authentication)
  - that the sender cannot deny having sent the message (non-repudiation)
  - and that the message was not altered in transit (integrity).

Scott's Public  
Key

1549d7cca121

Let's meet, 2/4/2018  
2:00 PM  
Coava Coffee

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Check  
Signature



Scott pays Alice  
1 Bitcoin

Signature:  
1abd38bacd1aeed3ee3



16K4FJiA0M4aX82xw2

pays

1Ajmb9A2boyor2ZvX4

1 Bitcoin

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# Digital Signature Functions

`createSignature(message, privateKey) => signature`

`checkSignature(message, signature, publicKey) =`  / 

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PROGRAMMING THE OPEN BLOCKCHAIN



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