

DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGY

Distributed ledger technology (DLT) is a digital system for recording the transaction of assets in which the transactions and their details are recorded in multiple places at the same time

https://searchcio.techtarget.com/definition/distributed-ledger

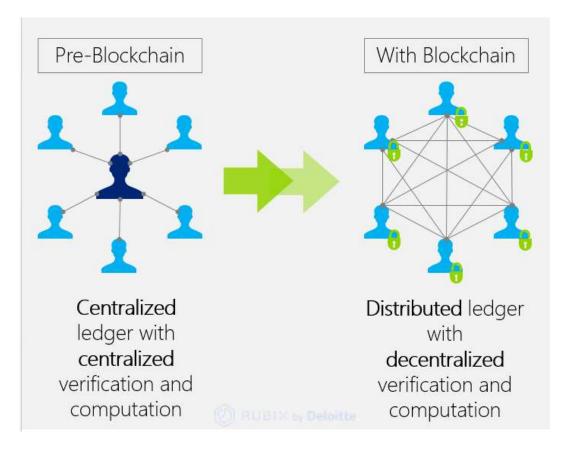


DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGY - BENEFITS

- 1. Censorship resistance decentralized
- 2. Trustless transactions shared ledger data with no trust
- 3. Verifiable history immutable and stored forever



DECENTRALIZATION



https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Centralized-and-decentralized-networks-3_fig1_325681952



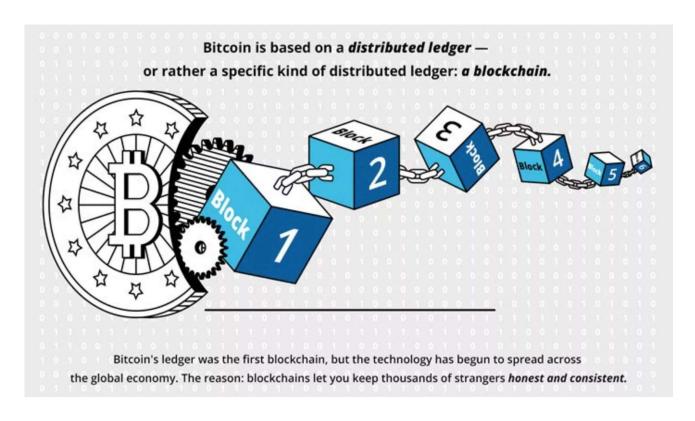
SHARED LEDGER



https://www.cbinsights.com/research/what-is-blockchain-technology/



VERIFIABLE HISTORY



https://www.investopedia.com/terms/b/blockchain.asp



PUBLIC LEDGER

- Open to all, Anonymous*
- Mining or (electrically/computationally)
 expensive compute operations required for
 validation and hashing (PoW)
- Standard set of protocols as set by chain developers
- Fees applicable for recording transactions/data on the blockchain
- Economic ecosystem alt currencies
- Useful for wide range of public applications including smart contracts, rule engines etc together with encryption
- Token/ currency interchange

PRIVATE/HYBRID LEDGER

- Private and Permissioned Ledger
- Controlled access to ledger/blockchain
- Expensive mining operations not required
- Consensus, identity protocol needs to be accepted by participating members
- Fees and economic control not required
- Very useful in enterprise applications



PUBLIC LEDGER

OPPORTUNITIES



- Crypto currency economy
- Currency exchange
- Crypto based instruments (hedge funds, ICO, STO etc)
- Fintech money transfers, insurance & lending



- Legal/ Government records
 - Land registry
 - Will/inheritance documents
 - Voting/ election records
- Legislation and Judiciary



- Asset registry
- Identity registry



- Utility metering and billing
 - Electricity generation and consumption – self governed
- Warranties and claims

HINDRANCES & ROADBLOCKS

- Anonymity leads to regulatory objections and workarounds
- Complex technologies and implications not user friendly enough for layman
- No recourse in a lot of cases
- Multiple false starts, unrealistic hype cycles and expectations
- High level of infrastructure required to actively participate in networks



PRIVATE/HYBRID LEDGER

OPPORTUNITIES



- Retail sales & distribution
- Freshness tracking, returns and refunds
- Location of manufacture and counterfeit tracking



- Logistics & shipping way bills, legal documents
- Currency interchange and local taxation
- Reconciliation



- Warehousing and storage bonded warehouses and cross border storage
- Temperature tracking



IOT device enumeration and tracking



- Place of Origin/ GI registry
- Organic and other produce certifications

HINDRANCES & ROADBLOCKS

- Blockchain is effective in a cooperative/consortium creating the consortium of vertical/industry group requires consensus and maturing of relations in the spirit of cooperation/sharing
- Enabling regulatory authority to use consortium ledger data as authority requires convincing and governance changes
- Standardization can/should be effected through industry consortium



DLT LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENTS

- Newer DLT initiatives and platforms increase scale, reduce transaction time and compute requirements
- Blockchain phones Much needed to reduce barrier of entry for layman and quicker integration into mainstream applications
- Regulatory changes supporting wider adoption of blockchain tech
- Wider mainstream acceptance post hype cycle



HOW TO GET IN – ENTERPRISE ADOPTION

Evaluate



Plan, Reach out



Pilot & Rollout

- Are there opportunities for collaboration in the industry group?
- Are there business processes that require reliable data record?
- Do you require high resilience of transactions

- Plan for processes and data for DLT adoption
- Reach out to competitors and collaborators
- Arrive at cooperation standards

- Pilot DLT consortium with small number of participants
- Roll out fully to enable wider audience participation
- Standardize approach



FOOD FOR THOUGHT?

Was the genome (human or otherwise), one of the oldest organic DLTs in the universe?



