Decentralization: from the ground up Two thoughts about it, maybe a few more

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1. Blockchain: a road toward decentralization?

- "because it has no controller"
 - There is even no name
 - In software we trust
- Not really, if blockchain \approx Bitcoin
 - proof of work ⇒"show your muscle" ⇒ the rich gets richer
- Yes, if blockchain ≈ Hyperledger <u>https://www.hyperledger.org/</u>



"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."

The New Yorker, July 5 1993



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Case Study on Change Healthcare's use of Hyperledger Fabric

Change Healthcare turned to Hyperledger Fabric to begin blockchain-enabling its Intelligent Healthcare Network, which now processes 50 million transactions a day.

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"Where Hyperledger Fabric breaks from some other blockchain systems is that it is private and *permissioned*. Rather than an open permissionless system that allows unknown identities to participate in the network (requiring protocols like "proof of work" to validate transactions and secure the network), the members of a Hyperledger Fabric network enroll through a trusted Membership Service Provider (MSP)."

Can't the MSP become the new central controller

• It should not be able to

• Show by an(other) example

"DLedger: An Private Distributed Ledger System"

https://arxiv.org/pdf/1902.09031.pdf

DLedger is designed to facilitate security solution development through recording and interlocking *everything* in the system

- all entities, including the identity manager, together form a peer-to-peer (P2P) network.
- Each peer appends new records into the DLedger by making approvals to other peers' records after verifying their validity.
- Like all other members, the identity manager must append *all* its activities, e.g. new member additions, certificates issuance, certificate revocations, into the ledger.

"Security Through Publicity"

- "The key principle behind the PSKI is that every action should be made in a public space. This public space concept derives from similar principles to those in other areas of public knowledge.
- "Acting in public does not guarantee that actions will be correct, but it does provide users with a quantifiable set of information and semantics that enable applications to construct meaningful security mechanisms"

2. What do I mean by "from the ground up"

- I mean from the ground up
- Distributed ledgers by themselves will not be able to go very far as being *truly distributed*, when sitting on top of today's TCP/IP protocol stack
 - The consolidation of apps/services *inevitably* leads to the consolidation of the supporting substrate beneath them
- Decentralization from the ground up: DLedger is designed to run over a secure distribution network protocol

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http://named-data.net/

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2019 Community Meeting @NIST

September 5-6, 2019



Gaithersburg, MD 20899, USA CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND PARTICIPATION

Named Data Networking Community Meeting 2019 will be hosted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on **September 5 and 6, 2019**. The organizing committee cordially invites you to participate in and contribute to the event!

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