

The Blockchain in Transport Revolution – Demystifying Blockchain Chris Burruss, BiTA President



The Blockchain in Transport Alliance



BiTA: A Community & Standards Organization



BiTA

- Core focus is on community aspects such as networking, education, marketing and commercialization
- Will serve as the voice of BiTA to external organizations and stakeholders
- Technology and platform agnostic

BiTA Standards Council

- Forum specific to developing industry standards & best practices
- Initial focus will be on data formats and interoperability of blockchain platforms.
- A separate 501(c)(6) industry association governed by a standards board

Membership Trends



- 2020 Membership Applications
- 450 Paid Member Companies
- Membership/Collaboration Demographics:
 - Industry Participants (Truck, Rail, Air, Ocean, 3 & 4PLs, etc)
 - Shippers
 - Technology Sector
 - International Blockchain Organizations
 - Academia (Georgia Tech, Georgetown University, Northwestern, University of Central Arkansas, etc)
 - Federal Government (DoD, FEMA, FMCSA, Congress)
 - Trade Associations (ATA, TCA, Chamber of Digital Commerce, State Trucking Associations, etc.)
- Headquarters in Chattanooga, TN with an office in Singapore

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Develop industry standards that:

- Improve trust and enable transparency in the field of transportation logistics
- Drive technological efficiency, ideally resulting in cost savings for those who adopt the approaches defined by BiTA
- While not defining a single technology solution, BiTA will seek interoperability and compatibility between solutions used across the industry
- BiTA standards will be open source, royalty free



What the Heck is Blockchain Anyway??















Let's Start What Blockchain Is NOT



Bitcoin is <u>NOT</u> Blockchain





Cryptocurrencies



- There are close to 3,000 cryptocurrencies
- To date, none are pegged to an established (fiat) currency - no way to settle transactions
- Considered by many to be the new Ponzi scheme



Cryptocurrency Failures 2017



- 902 crowdsale (ICO) based
- 46% failed
 - 142 not enough funding
 - 276 faded away or scams
- An additional 113 have stopped communicating or too few adopters



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Distributed & Decentralized





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Types of Blockchains







The Anatomy of a Block



Blockchain is the "DNA of data"

- Very difficult to alter or fake
- Lineage / History Tracking
- New info (children) retain a link to history
- Many copies make information resilient to single cell failures or attacks.
- Built-in code executes instructions across copies









For most transactions across industries, each participant currently records their own version of the truth. Blockchain creates a shared truth.



With multiple records of the same information across systems, the data is vulnerable to error, fraud and inefficiencies. Frequently, businesses rely on intermediaries and internal processes to mitigate these risks.



With blockchain, transactions agreed by consensus are added to a block, a unique cryptographic code is calculated of the block, and that code is added to the following block creating a unique chain of blocks containing all the transactions.

Why is Blockchain Difficult to Alter/Fake?



What the Numbers Mean





10 Possible Check-Digit Values 10% Chance of a Random Number Having Same Check Digit What is Blockchain Anyway?



Blockchain uses "hashes" to secure information (fancy nerd-word for a check digit)

| Block | | _ | Block | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Data | Hash | | Data | Hash | |
| Previous: NULL | | | Previous: NULL | | |
| Shipper: ACME Widgets | F42AFEE086053532A7 | | Shipper: ACME Widgets | A2F6E0F92981D1FA1205 | |
| Carrier: Drive-By Truckers | 99F1C5290D358CD48 | | Carrier: Drive-By Truckers | ED1A21DBCDEAFCF89C3 | |
| Origin: Chicago, IL | 9BB9D7B5CE442DE08 | | Origin: Chicago, IL | 6D9A58D431790197B45 | |
| Destination: Dallas, TX | 2E0663ED943D | | Destination: Dallas, TX | CF0C26 | |
| Rate: \$1.75 / mile | | | Rate: \$1.74 / mile | | |

2²⁵⁶ Possible Hash Values

 $2^{256} = 115792089237316195423570985008687907853269984665640564039457584007913129639936$



How Does Blockchain Secure & Track Lineage?

Each Block Contains the Hash of the Previous Block, Creating a Chain of Blocks

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| Previous: NULL | | |
| Shipper: ACME Widgets | F42AFEE086053532A7 | |
| Carrier: Drive-By Truckers | 99F1C5290D358CD48 | |
| Origin: Chicago, IL | 9BB9D7B5CE442DE08 | |
| Destination: Dallas, TX | 2E0663ED943D | |
| Rate: \$1.75 / mile | | |

| Data | Hash | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Previous Hash: F42AFEE08605 | | |
| Pickup Addr: 123 S Wacker Dr | 9EDFA561669FC0380B5 | |
| Chicago, IL | EFC4F86CAAADEA29742 | |
| Pickup Appt: 4/1/18 - 10am | 82954D3BCB9DAE23306 | |
| Driver ID: 8675309 | FD0A685 | |
| Detention: \$75 / hr after 90 min | | |

| Data | Hash |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Previous: NULL | |
| Shipper: ACME Widgets | A2F6E0F92981D1FA12 |
| Carrier: Drive-By Truckers | 05ED1A21DBCDEAFCF |
| Origin: Chicago, IL | 89C36D9A58D431790 |
| Destination: Dallas, TX | 197B45CF0C26 |
| Rate: \$1.74 / mile | |

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Changing Historical Records Breaks the Chain, and is Easily Detected



Smart Contracts



Evolution of Contracts





Agreements Enforced by Strongest Tribe

Evolution of Contracts





Agreements Enforced by Institutions

Evolution of Contracts





Agreements Enforced by Smart Contracts



Computer code, attached to a blockchain transaction, which is executed under predetermined conditions.

Intended to facilitate, verify, or enforce the negotiation or performance of a contract.





Opportunities & Challenges



Opportunities



- Free up capital
- Lower transaction costs
- Speed up processes
- Provide security and trust



Challenges



- Scalability
 - Public blockchains are currently limited to 3-20 transactions per second. Visa is capable of approx 56,000 tps.
- Data Privacy
 - By definition, all data is held by all participants, careful protocols have to be agreed to encrypt commercially sensitive data in any ecosystem.
- Collaboration
 - Many applications of blockchain require agreement of protocols within industries.
- Commercialization
 - Blockchain applications code are generally open source and can be utilised anonymously, so IP is difficult to protect.



Introduction to Use Cases





- Does my use case involve a database?
- Will there be numerous users updating my database?
- Do these users need to trust each other?
- Are there problems caused by the use of a central/third party entity?
- Do transactions depend on/interact with each other?

If the answers to these questions are yes, this might be a solid use case.



Performance History

Performance history through the blockchain framework can allow parties to see solid and definitive evidence of past performance in all the relevant metrics. This removes the "trust" aspect from all deals.

Vehicle Maintenance

Blockchain allows for item by item records of vehicle repairs. Instead of one person holding an extensive repair history, it is held within the blockchain. The history can now effectively move with the equipment for anyone to see.

Quality Assurance

Thanks to the distributed nature of blockchain, everyone involved in the transaction has access to all points. Taking photos and evaluating freight at pick-up and delivery locations reduces the likelihood of unsubstantiated disputes.





<u>Compliance</u>

Blockchain and ELDs are a natural pair. ELDs can send a near endless stream of data to the blockchain in real-time. Pairing this information with traffic data, weather data, etc. allows for up to the minute rerouting.

Capacity Monitoring

In trucking, available capacity can change throughout the day. The blockchain can provide the necessary transparency to know when and where capacity opens up, allowing participants to take advantage of shifts in demand.



Payments and Pricing

Payment processing and settlement is all secure on the blockchain, and transaction information is easily accessible. By keeping detailed historic payment records, people can use more data than ever to determine rates. Provides quicker, cheaper payments.

Fraud Detection

Every transaction that takes place on the blockchain is visible to everyone on the network, and nothing can be removed. This transparency removes many points where fraud occurs and eliminates double brokering.

Theft Prevention

The blockchain can contain detailed information and rules. These can even include ID pictures and rules for the pick-up and delivery of the freight, increasing security and reducing the possibility of theft.



Driver ID/Passport

Telematics data provides a wealth of information even the ability to track driver performance. This date could allow a driver with a solid history to command a premium in pay. Companies could be armed with data to make better hiring decisions and reduce recruitment & retention costs.

<u>loT</u>

IoT and blockchain are a great match. Examples could include odometer records, parts warranties, vehicle servicing, drive cameras, etc. Any connected data can be utilized.

Cold Chain

Blockchain would provide greater transparency by providing all participants the ability to provide proof of trailer/food temperature, food security, etc. This would help eliminate disputes and rejected loads.





RECORDING RFPs AND TRANSACTIONS Immutable record of agreed economics

INTERNET OF THINGS Odom eter recordings, parts warranties & vehicle servicing

FUEL PAYMENTS AND REPRICING WITHOUT THE NEED FOR A PROCESSOR

PAYMENT AND SETTLEMENT SOLUTIONS Quicker, cheaper payments

EDI COMMUNICATIONS

Use Cases II



Self executing Smart Load Contracts

Contracts executed and arbitrated using blockchain, lowering risk and costs for both carriers and shippers.

Proof of Provenance (chain of custody/bread crumbs)

Verifiable provenance with long supply chains.



End to End Implementation Snapshot







The Future of Blockchain



Blockchain Market Comparison





Rapid Industry Growth

In 2017, consulting firm Deloitte said that 10% of global GDP would be built on top of blockchain applications by 2025 -approximately \$12 trillion dollars.

It's estimated that Blockchain in Transportation is a \$750 billion dollar opportunity in the U.S. alone.



As blockchain digitizes, decentralizes, secures and incentivizes the validation of transactions, it will fundamentally change the industry.

- Eliminates need for intermediaries
- Expedites payments and settlements
- Automates proof of delivery
- Provides immutable record of agreed economics

Winners and Losers



| | Technology providers that enable the proliferation of | Asset-backed fleets (small and large) | OEMs and Tier-1 suppliers | |
|--------|--|--|--|--------|
| ERS | IOT | Attorneys that focus on smart contract concepts | Trailer leasing companies | ERS |
| MINN | Blockchain technology startups, specialists, and consultants | Data providers and | Sim chip manufacturers | WINN |
| | Engineers and Smart- Contract Analysts | End consumers | Large 3PLs and 4PLs with a quantitative business model | |
| LOSERS | Non-Compliant Shippers and Carriers | Factoring Companies Brokers Not Compliant or Transparent | Voice Freight Brokers Paralegals | LOSERS |



2018-2020 - Education, Case Studies, and Early Adoption

- Industry-wide education on use cases outside of crypto-currency
- Develop industry-wide standards and apply to case studies
- Early adoption within innovative startups and pilot programs at large corporations with extensive resources (ex: IBM, Daimler)
- Regulatory authorities develop auditing and compliance practices

2021-2025 - Growth

• Early adopters and standards activity provide greater clarity and minimize uncertainty, driving widespread adoption

2026 and beyond - Maturity

• Blockchain is widely adopted and considered an integral part of the supply chain ecosystem

Questions??

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