

Blockchain and Ransomware - Friend or Foe ?

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1 - Introduction: Me



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Previous Chaucer Syndicates Ltd, Trafigura Ltd, E. & J. Gallo Winery Europe

Education ISEB Diploma in Business Analysis



25 years of solid commercial experience in a variety of IT roles in the CPG/FMCG, Commodities Trading, Pharmaceuticals, Retailing and Insurance industries. Established profile in the adoption of Distributed Ledger technologies ("Blockchain") in Financial Services.

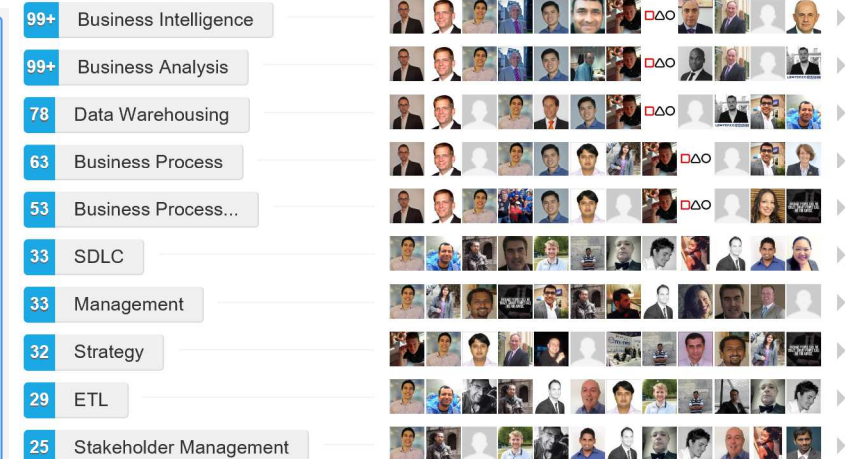
Demonstrable competence in all stages of the product and project life cycle from project initiation, scoping, requirements, design, development, testing, implementation, training and support.

Technical knowledge includes design, development and deployment of Business Intelligence solutions using RDBMS, Data Warehousing and OLAP.

Specialties: Project Management, Data Warehousing and Business Intelligence. Analytics. Blockchain.

Skills & Endorsements

Top Skills



Caveat: Please read the small print...

*This presentation reflects my personal views and **is not** intended to reflect the views of past, current and prospective employers, clients or other agents.*

"Prediction is very difficult, especially if it's about the future."

Nils Bohr, Nobel laureate in Physics

1 - Introduction: You

What do you know about Blockchain ?

Are you a Developer, Designer, Manager,
Techie, CTO, CISO, Underwriter, Broker,
“Business/User” ?

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How to buy CryptoWall decrypter?



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All your personal files on this computer are locked and encrypted by Locker v1.7. The encrypting has been done by professional software and your files such as; photo's, video's and cryptocurrency wallets are not damaged but just not readable for now. You can find the complete list with all your encrypted files in the files tab.


The encrypted files can only be unlocked by a unique 2048-bit RSA private key that is safely stored on our server till 5/28/2015 12:01:41 AM. If the key is not obtained before that moment it will be destroyed and you will not be able to open your files ever again.

Obtaining your unique private key is easy and can be done by clicking on the payment tab and pay a small amount of 0.1 BTC to the wallet address that was created for you. If the payment is confirmed the decryption key will be send to your computer and the Locker software will automatically start the decrypting process. We have absolutely no interest in keeping your files encrypted forever.

You can still safely use your computer, no new files will be encrypted and no malware will be installed. When the files are encrypted Locker v1.7 will automatically uninstall itself.

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Danish police first to use bitcoin to jail drug traffickers



The headquarters of the Danish police's cyber crime unit NC3. Photo: Danish Police

Danish police have become the first in the world to hunt down internet drug traffickers by analysing their bitcoin transactions.

Kim Aarenstrup, the head of the Danish police's cyber crime unit NC3, told [Berlingske](#) that police had built a system to analyse Bitcoin transactions which has already helped them bring two drug trafficking convictions

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About Elliptic

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Protect your business from fraud and fines.

We deliver enterprise-scale Bitcoin transaction monitoring to the largest Bitcoin companies.

Our clients have trusted us to assess risk on more than \$2BN in Bitcoin transactions.

We have helped compliance departments identify fraudulent client accounts, links to dark web marketplaces and proceeds of thefts.

Our proprietary database links millions of Bitcoin addresses to thousands of clear and dark web entities, and every assertion is backed up by documented evidence.

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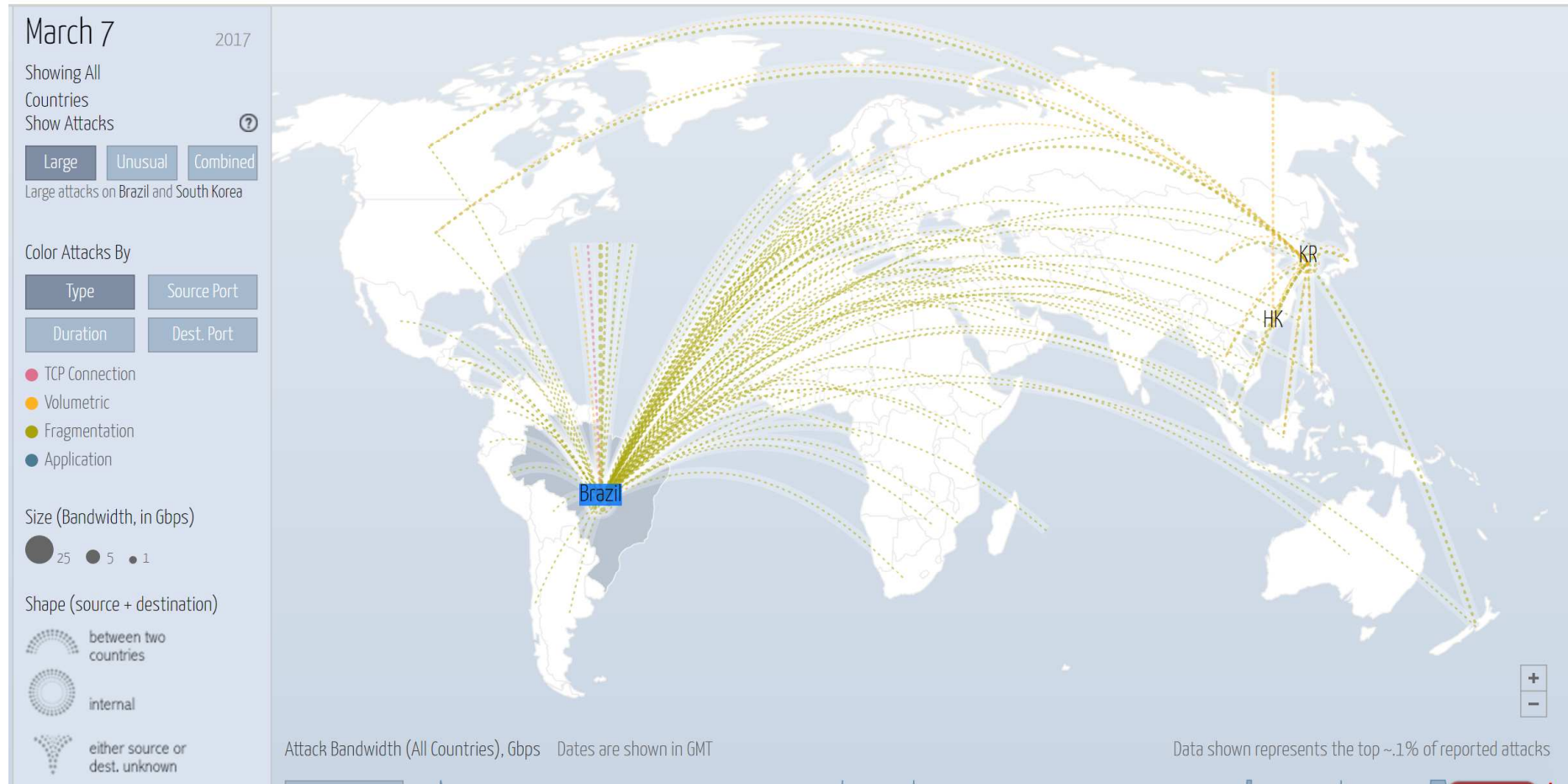
3 – Targets - DDoS

Sorry - System is unavailable
Please try again later

3 – Targets - DDoS


Digital Attack Map Top daily DDoS attacks worldwide

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3 – Targets – Data Encryption

Cryptographic Locker



[View encrypted files](#)

Time until costs raise

23:59:21

Costs: btc
Paid: btc

[Check payment and receive keys](#)

key: IV:

[Decrypt using keys](#)

[<< Previous Page](#) [Next Page >>](#)

Last check: 9/2/2014 3:01:06 PM

Send bitcoins to this bitcoin address: [Copy](#)

30gb of personal documents and files on this computer or device have just been encrypted. Encrypted means you will not be able to access your files anymore, until they are decrypted. Your original files have been deleted, these can be recovered as described below. Click on "View encrypted files" to see a list of files that got encrypted.

The encryption was done with a unique generated encryption key (using AES-128). The only way to decrypt your files, is to obtain your private key and IV.

The private key, which will allow you to decrypt and get your original files back, is stored on our server. Each time the timer hits zero, the total costs will raise with the starting price.

To receive your private key, you need to pay the amount of bitcoin displayed left of this window (costs). You need to send the amount of bitcoins to the bitcoin address at the bottom of this window.

After the purchase is made, please wait a few minutes for confirmation of the bitcoins. After the bitcoins are confirmed, click the 'check payment and receive keys' button. Your keys will appear in the textboxes. After that, you simply click 'decrypt using keys', your files will be decrypted and restored to their original location.

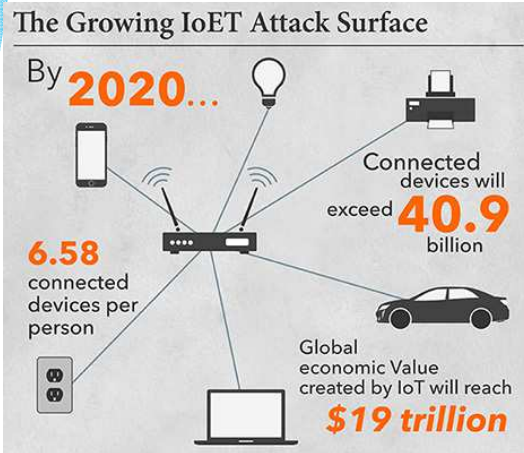
You can easily delete this software, but know that without it, you will never be able to get your original files back.

For more information on how to buy and send bitcoin, click 'Next page'.

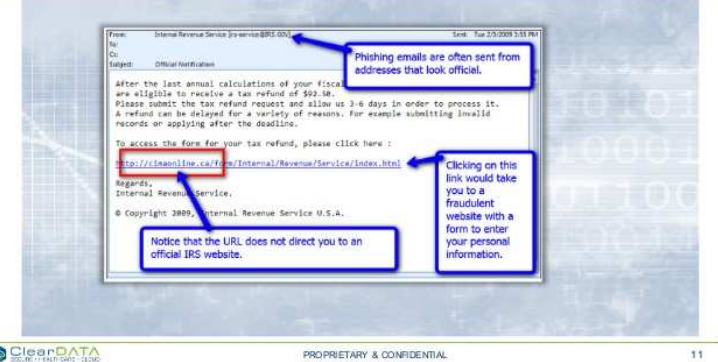
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Vectors



Typical Bait Email



PHISHING ALERT!

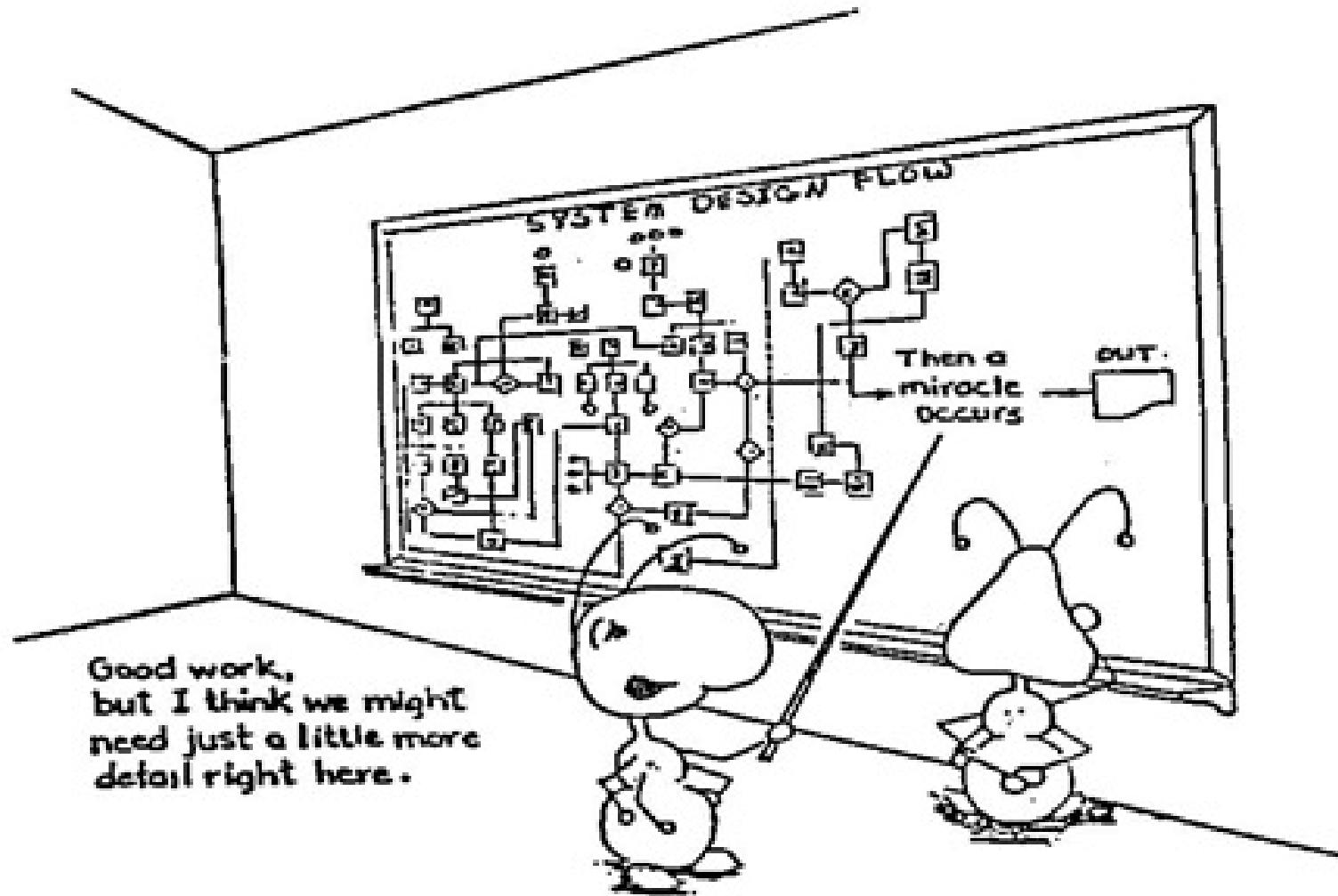
SPAM - SCAM - MALWARE - SPYWARE



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5 – Blockchain Primer



5 – Blockchain Primer – Cryptography & Hashing

Cryptography



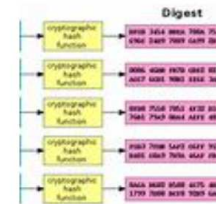
Cryptography or cryptology is the practice and study of techniques for secure communication in the presence of third parties called adversaries. More generally, cryptography is about constructing and analyzing protocols that prevent third parties or the public from reading private messages; various aspects in information

security such as data confidentiality, data integrity, authentication, and non-repudiation are central to modern cryptography. Modern cryptography exists at the intersection of the disciplines of mathematics, computer science, and electrical engineering. Applications of cryptography include ATM cards, computer passwords, and electronic commerce.

[Cryptography - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cryptography)
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See more about Cryptography 


Cryptographic hash function



A cryptographic hash function is a special class of hash function that has certain properties which make it suitable for use in cryptography. It is a mathematical algorithm that maps data of arbitrary size to a bit string of a fixed size which is designed to also be a one-way function, that is, a function which is infeasible to invert.

The only way to recreate the input data from an ideal cryptographic hash function's output is to attempt a brute-force search of possible inputs to see if they produce a match. Bruce Schneier has called one-way hash functions "the workhorses of modern cryptography". The input data is often called the message, and the output is often called the message digest or simply the digest.

[Cryptographic hash function - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cryptographic_hash_function)
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Mathematics to keep things secure & secret

Mathematics to provide a unique signature

5 – Blockchain Primer –Blockchain(s)

Imagine a physical ledger, with pages in it

Block 22		PREVIOUS HASH =			0a5b4a3
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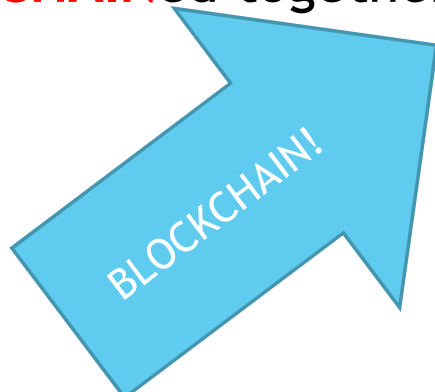
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03/01/2016 14:07	GEORGE	STEVE	GBP	0.80
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Now VERY difficult to change an earlier entry as all of the hashes on all pages would need to be recalculated

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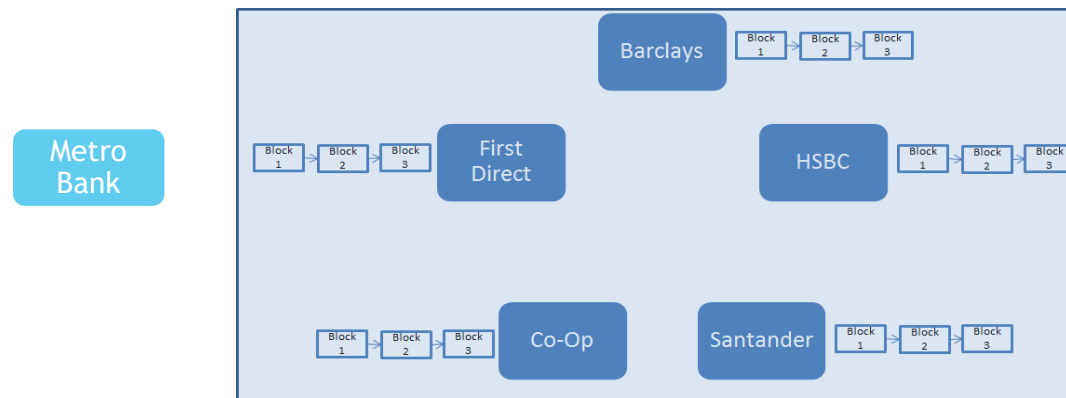
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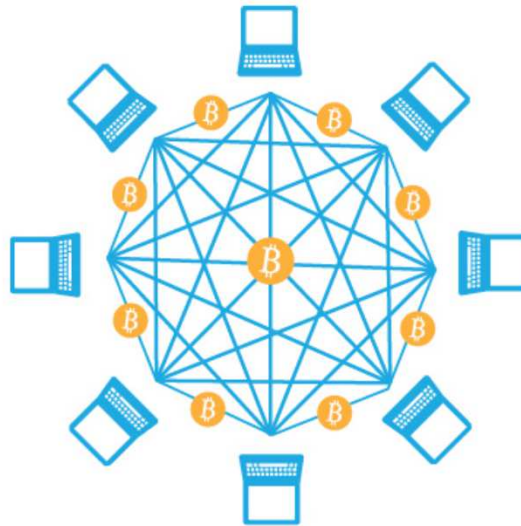
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04/01/2016 08:45	JANET	PETER	GBP	12.23		
04/01/2016 12:03	STEVE	STUART	USD	18.00		
CALCULATED HASH =					fa12b1a	

You can restrict access only to members...



...Giving a Private, Permissioned Ledger

You can provide open access to everybody...



... but machine-to-machine payment using the Bitcoin protocol could allow for direct payment between individuals, as well as support micropayments.

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...Giving a Public, Unpermissioned Ledger

So, back to the definition....

It's a write-only database
That everyone has an identical copy of

With all entries timestamped
And the data is cryptographically secured

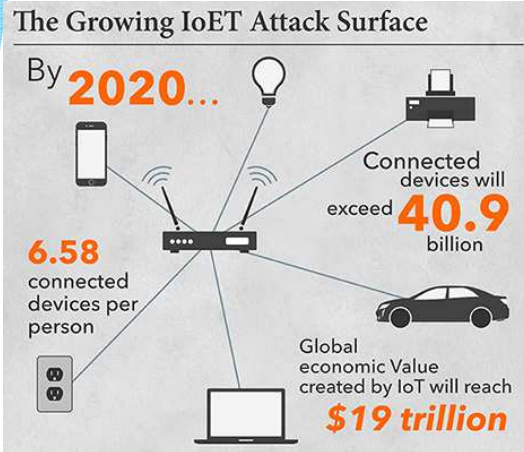
Which means:

- A complete history of all transactions - great audit trail
- Everyone has a copy of the same thing - No need for reconciliation
- It's highly distributed - Makes it cyber-resistant
- Data is cryptographically secured - overcomes security issues

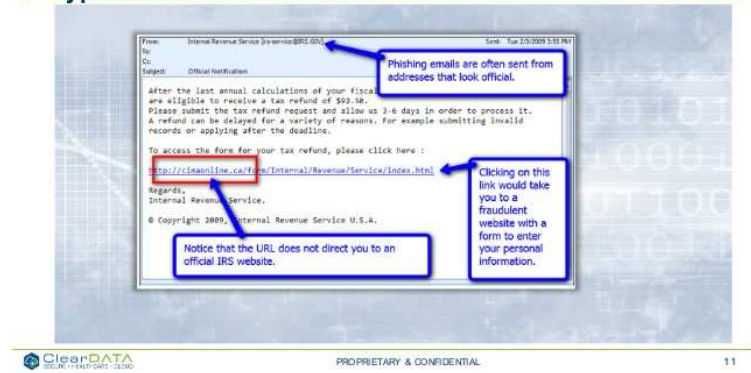
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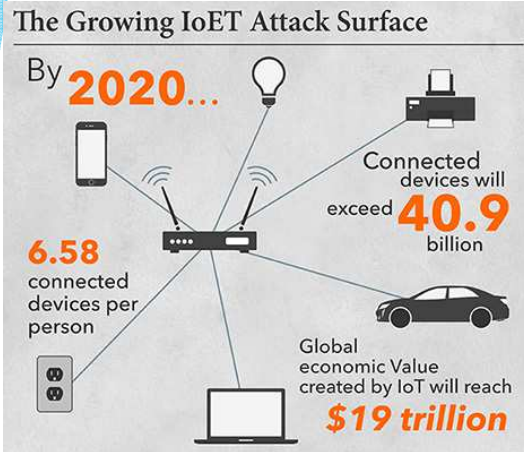
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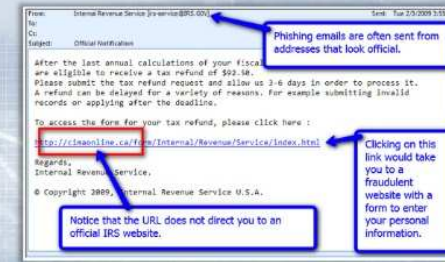
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Verified Devices
Firmware O/S

Secure eMail
Verified authenticity

Typical Bait Email



Blockchain:
Decentralised
Distributed
Encrypted

PHISHING ALERT!

SPAM - SCAM - MALWARE - SPYWARE

Digital Certificate Management / OSCP

Identity Authentication Authorisation Accreditation



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Q & A

Ransomware Satisfaction Survey

Thank you for your recent transaction

We are keen to ensure that we maintain our reputation as a ransomware organisation

Please therefore answer the following questions:

On a scale of 1-5 (where 1= Highly Unlikely, 5 = Highly Likely)

- (1) How highly would you recommend paying a Ransom to your colleagues?
- (2) Would you recommend the speed that we responded?
- (3) Would you be happy to recommend us?

Your opinion matters and we are keen to provide a service with a reliable reputation. Please take the time to respond as we value your feedback.

Q & A

Thank you!

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