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The Future of Bitcoin and Cryptocurrencies

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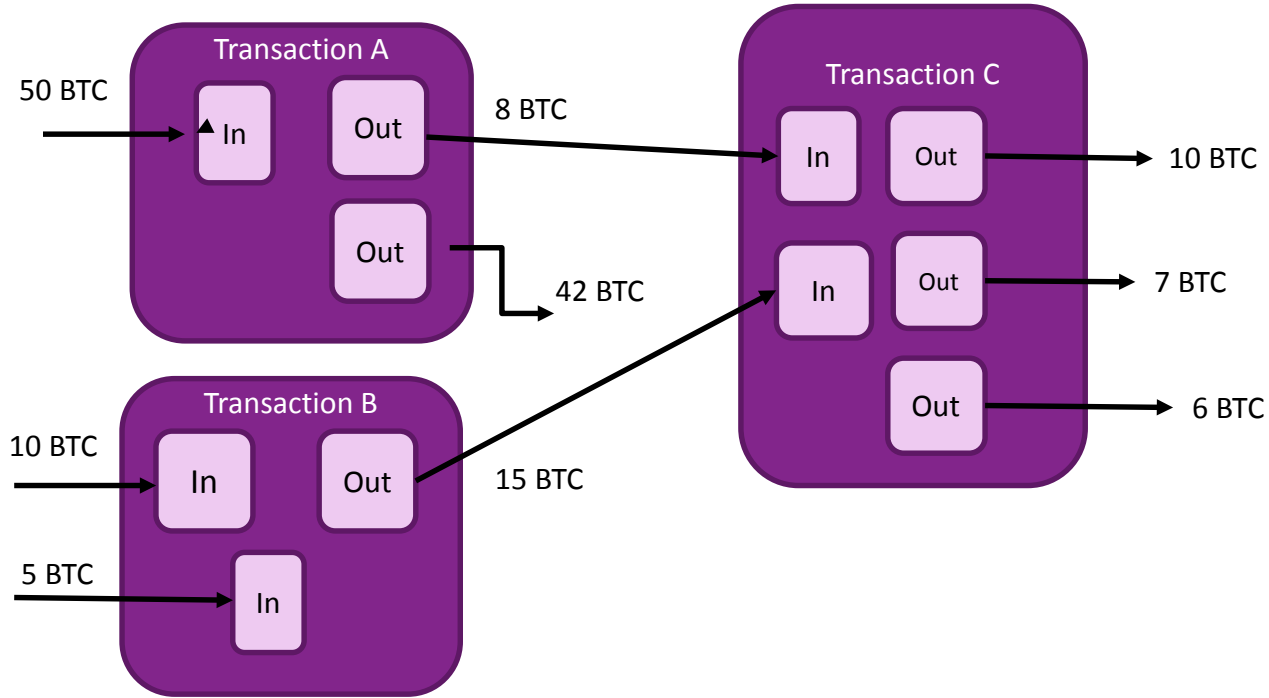
- **Digital currency with distributed generation and verification**
- **Transactions**
 - irreversible
 - inexpensive
 - over anonymous peer-to-peer network
 - broadcast within seconds and verified within 10 to 60 minutes by inclusion in hash chain
 - double spending prevention using a public decentralized ledger (block chain)
- **Pseudonymous** (believed by many to be anonymous)



Bitcoin Transaction



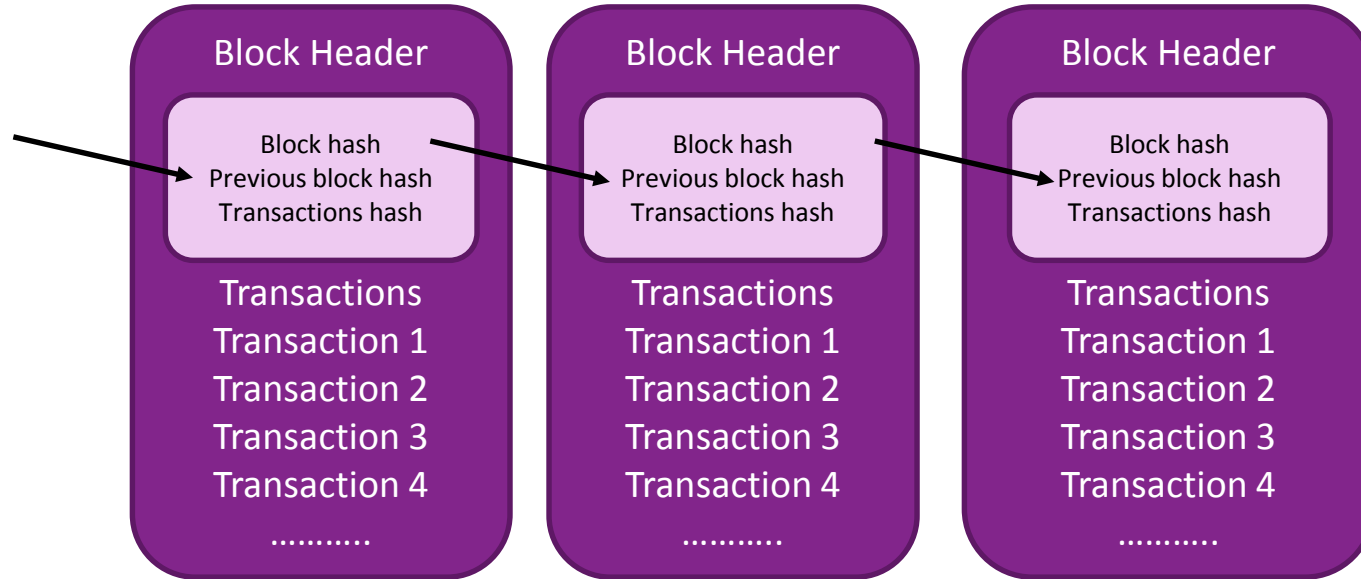
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Bitcoin Ledger: the Blockchain



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Increment counter in block header until
block hash has many leading zeroes





Block #359391

Summary	
Number Of Transactions	534
Output Total	5,027.57450746 BTC
Estimated Transaction Volume	1,557.11401964 BTC
Transaction Fees	0.02377486 BTC
Height	359391 (Main Chain)
Timestamp	2015-06-04 14:37:52
Difficulty	47,589,591,153.63
Bits	404167307
Size	368.591796875 KB
Version	3
Nonce	1031353973
Block Reward	25 BTC

Hashes	
Hash	00000000000000012bc7a8d83834654d71e95d7db09d398a45872807bec4b25
Previous Block	000000000000000136efacd3881239f9e42f8cedba375e07f80e4776d94b95
Next Block(s)	
Merkle Root	e6d3ff8630fb4590c4167604acf42d06e12ff1ea004a42347d2abb64bca21c68

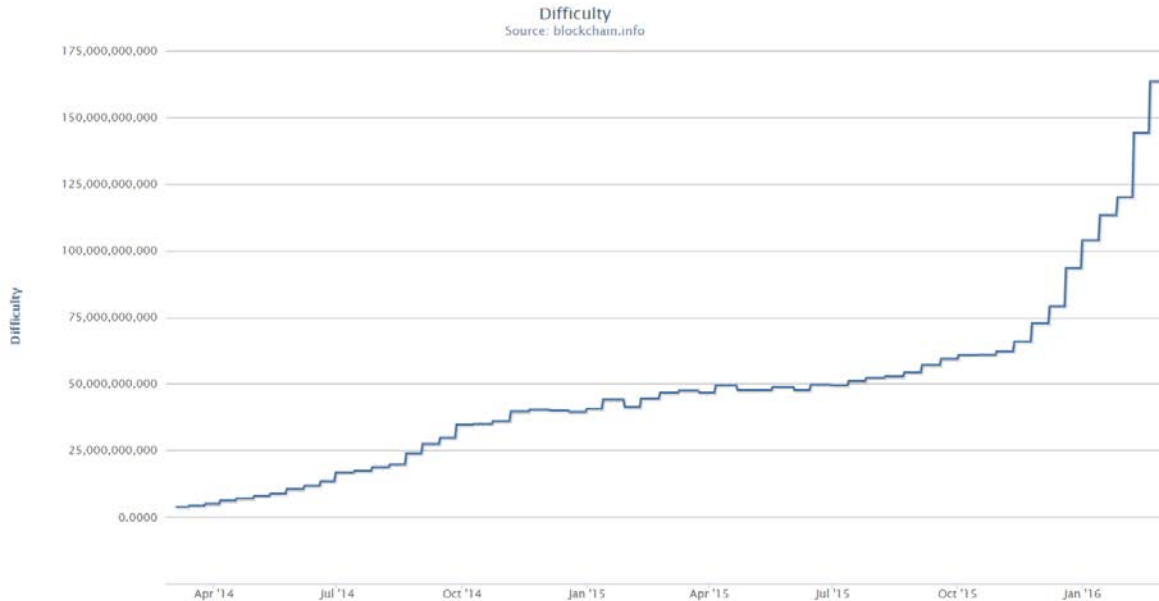


Mining Difficulty Level (<https://blockchain.info/stats>)



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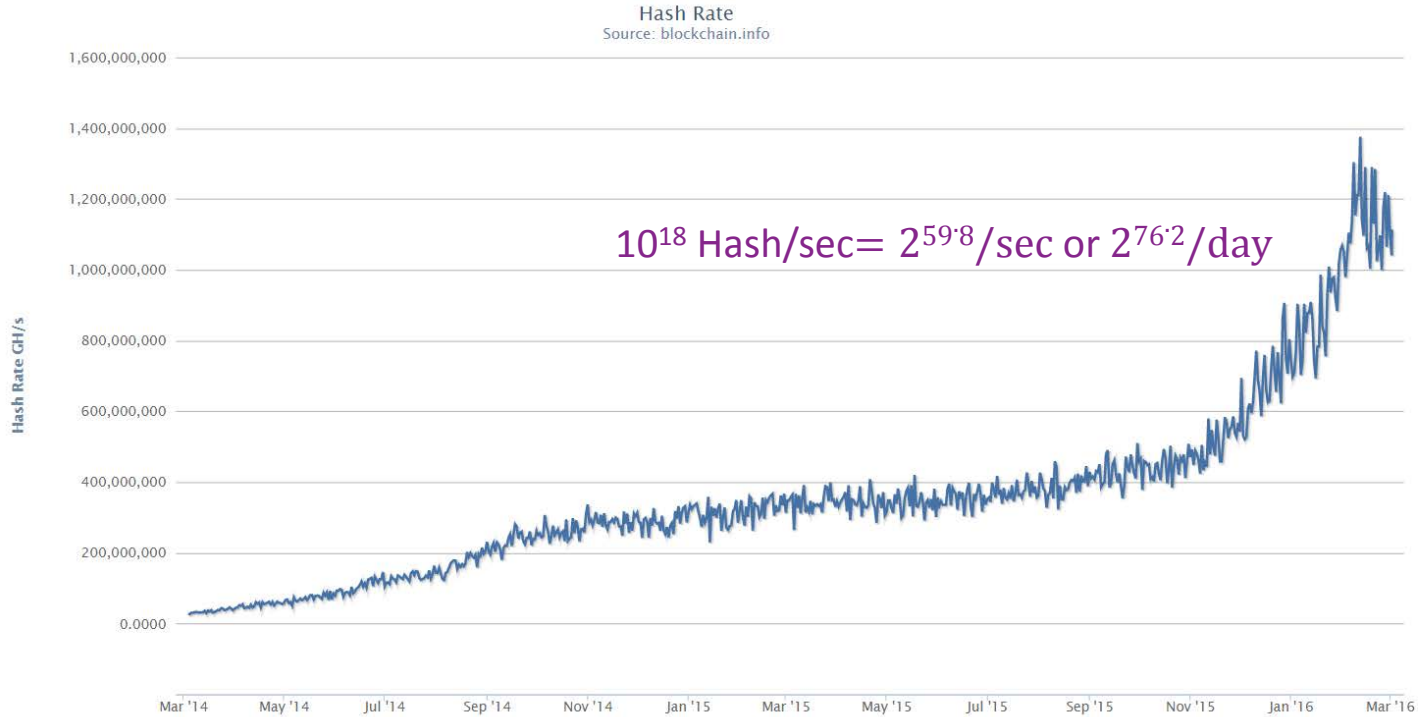
- Target: mining 1 block should take roughly 10 minutes
- Update level every 2016 blocks



Mining Hash Rate of Bitcoin Network



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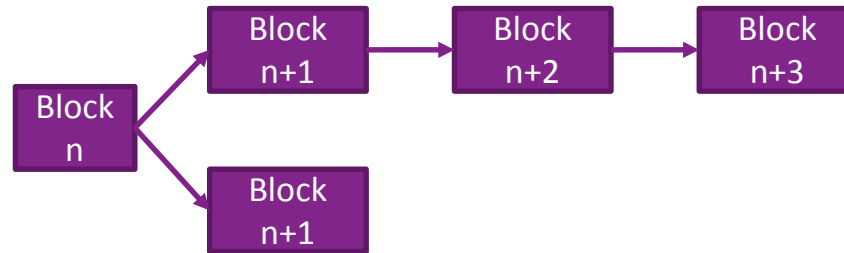


Block Chain Forks



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- The block chain normally is one long chain
- Distributed nature of the network can lead to forks:



- Longest chain will become the main chain
- Transactions in orphan blocks are rebroadcast
- Transaction is typically accepted after it is included in 6 blocks (60 minutes)



Miners Revenue USD (<https://blockchain.info/stats>)



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Miners Revenue
Source: blockchain.info



Market price in USD (<https://blockchain.info/stats>)



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Market Capitalization (<https://blockchain.info/stats>)



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