

HumanCoin

Cryptocurrency via Proof of Human-work

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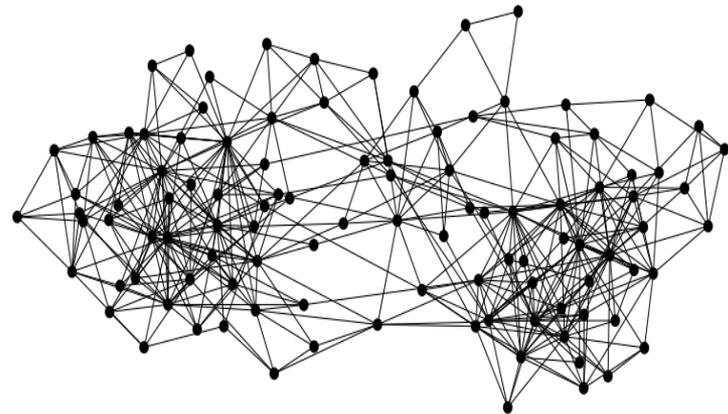
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Bitcoin is a peer-to-peer system

When Alice wants to pay Bob:
she broadcasts the transaction to all Bitcoin nodes



signed by Alice
Pay to $pk_{\text{Bob}} : H()$



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**new enabler for future financial
trasactions and even more**

Blockchain Technique

Consensus via ...

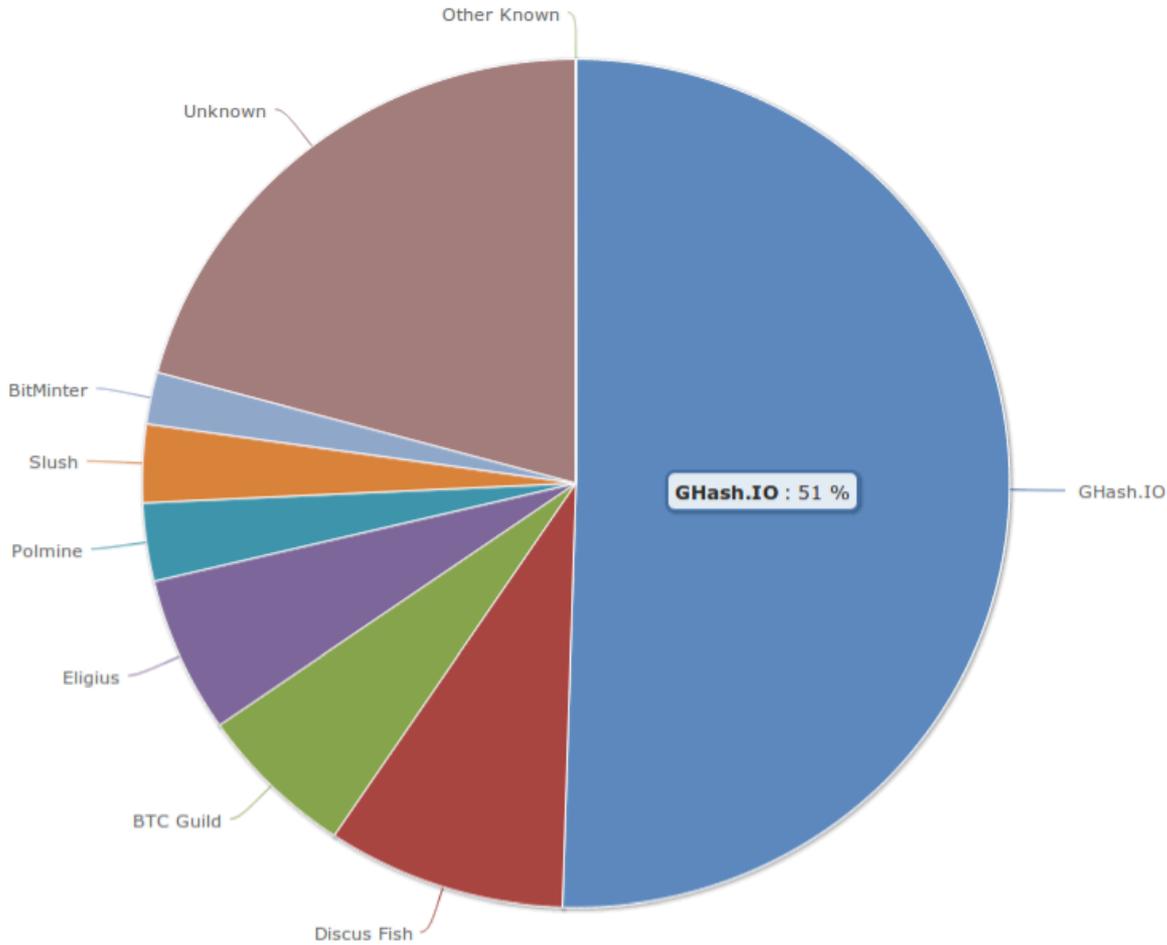
proof of work puzzles (details later)

Concerns

- ▶ Wasting computing resource/ electricity
- ▶ Main concern: stability
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GHash.IO large mining pool crisis



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.... invites new/alternative techniques

- ▶ proof of space
- ▶ proof of stake
- ▶ non-outsourcible proof of work
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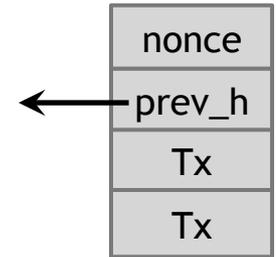
Here:

- ▶ proof of human-work

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... at the moment you play Angry Birds, you actually contribute to securing a blockchain for cryptocurrency or for other applications....

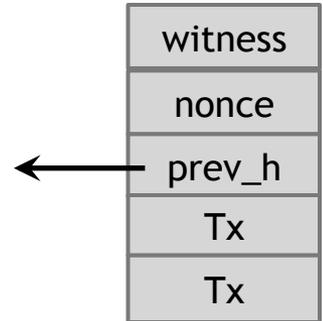
Proof of Work puzzles



To create block, find nonce s.t.

$H(\text{nonce} \parallel \text{prev_hash} \parallel \text{tx} \parallel \dots \parallel \text{tx})$ is very small

Proof of **Human**-work puzzles



To create block, find nonce s.t.

$H(\text{witness} \parallel \text{nonce} \parallel \text{prev_hash} \parallel \text{tx} \parallel \dots \parallel \text{tx})$ is small

where

$\text{puz} = \text{Sampler}(\text{nonce} \parallel \text{prev_hash} \parallel \text{tx} \parallel \dots \parallel \text{tx})$ and

witness is the solution to puzzle **puz**

AI assumption:

without human involved, the witness cannot be obtained

the first distributed consensus protocol from hard Artificial Intelligence problems.