

HOW BLOCKCHAIN WORKS STEP BY STEP





Introduction to Blockchain

• <u>Definition</u>: Blockchain is a decentralized, distributed ledger that records transactions across technology computers.

• <u>Key Features:</u>

- Immutable: Once recorded, data cannot be altered.
- Transparent: Transactions are visible to all participants. Secure: Uses cryptographic techniques to protect data.

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Step 1: Initiating a Transaction

- What Happens:
 - A transaction is initiated by a user (e.g., sending cryptocurrency, recording a contract). The transaction includes details like recipient, and the amount or data.
- Example: Alice sends 1 Bitcoin to Bob.

sender,



Step 2: Broadcasting to the Network

- What Happens:
 - The initiated transaction is broadcast to a network of nodes (computers) in the blockchain network.
 - Each node receives and validates the transaction based on predefined rules.
- Purpose: Ensures the transaction's legitimacy and prevents fraud.



Step 3: Validation by Nodes

- What Happens:
 - Nodes validate the transaction through a consensus mechanism:
 - Proof of Work (PoW): Solving complex mathematical puzzles.
 - Proof of Stake (PoS): Validators are chosen based on stake ownership.

 Once validated, the transaction is added to a pending list. • Key Component: Miners or validators play a critical role in

this step.

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Step 4: Adding to a Block

- What Happens:
- Validated transactions are grouped into a block.
- The block includes:
 - A timestamp.
 - The list of validated transactions.
 - A reference to the previous block (hash).
- Miners compete to add the block to the blockchain.



Step 5: Block Confirmation and Addition

• What Happens:

 The first miner/validator to solve the puzzle or validate (depending on the mechanism) adds the block to the blockchain.

Other nodes verify and agree that the block is valid.

• Key Outcome: The block is added to the chain, and the blockchain is updated across all nodes.

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Step 6: Completion of Transaction

- What Happens:
 - The transaction is now part of the blockchain and is immutable.
 - Output Both the sender and recipient can verify the transaction's success.
- Final Result: The ledger is updated, ensuring transparency and security for all participants.





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