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Introduction: R3

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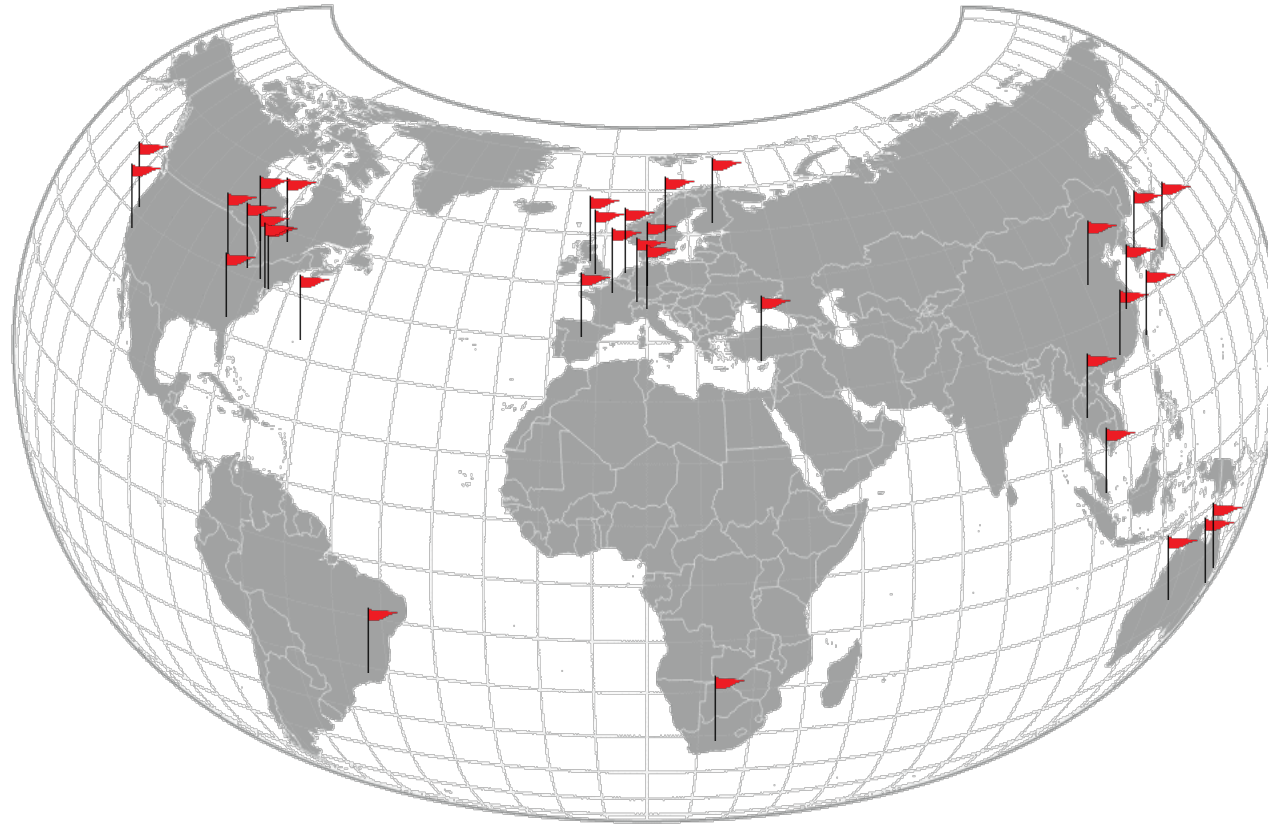
The R3 consortium is the world's largest alliance committed to delivering the next generation of financial infrastructure based on distributed ledger technology (DLT)

R3's mission is to redefine the foundations of finance by harnessing the power of collaborative networks



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from 75+ members
from 20+ countries

Supported by 110+ staff



Deploy DLT to
redefine how
technology
supports financial
services

The worlds largest
DLT financial centre
of excellence
harnessing the
power of
collaborative
networks

Top of stack
technology

An eco-system of
pre-selected
certified partners,
driving cost
effective vendor
engagements





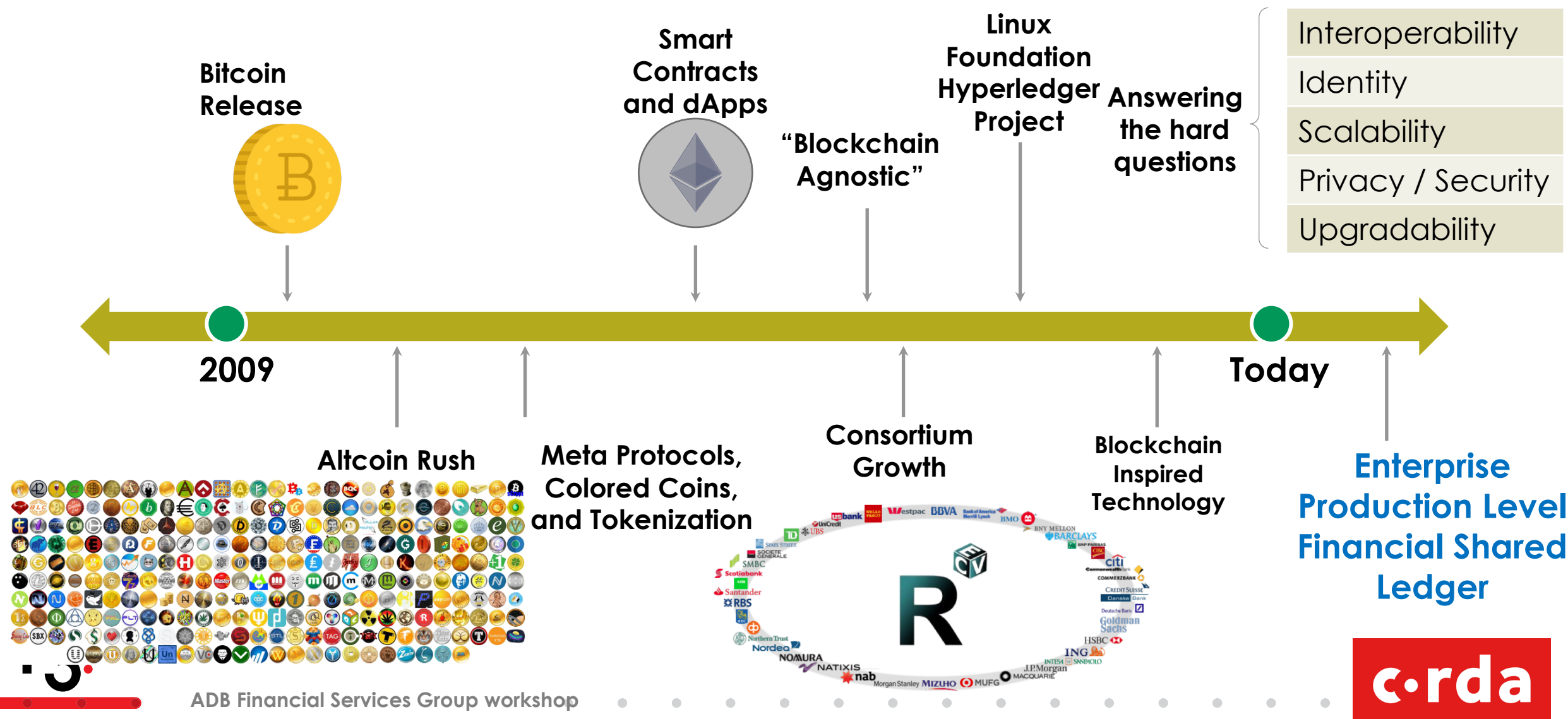
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Part 1: Cryptocurrencies and blockchains

Agenda

- Gentle introduction to bitcoin
- Live demo: Bitcoin transactions
- Why blockchains are appropriate for cryptocurrencies... but not for industry
- What is meant by "distributed ledgers?"

Evolution from blockchains to industry distributed ledgers



In the beginning...

Cryptocurrency

Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System

Satoshi Nakamoto
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www.bitcoin.org

Proof-of-work

Abstract. A purely peer-to-peer version of electronic cash would allow online payments to be sent directly from one party to another without going through a financial institution. Digital signatures provide part of the solution, but the main benefits are lost if a trusted third party is still required to prevent double-spending. We propose a solution to the double-spending problem using a peer-to-peer network. The network timestamps transactions by hashing them into an ongoing chain of hash-based proof-of-work, forming a record that cannot be changed without redoing

Blockchain



Mining

Why is Bitcoin's ledger called a blockchain?



Source: www.bitsonblocks.net

What problem are we trying to solve?

Problem statements			
	Bitcoin and Cryptocurrencies		Industry Workflow Tools
Purpose	A purely peer-to-peer version of electronic cash [which] would allow online payments to be sent directly from one party to another without going through a financial institution.	← →	Maintain and improve on successful competitive position by keeping customers happy, increasing revenues, reducing costs, becoming more efficient.
Problem statement	How do we use technology to create a financially inclusive system that anyone can participate in?	← →	How do we use technology to add shareholder value?
Solution	Open, decentralised payment networks	← →	Private data-sharing networks
Innovation	Disruptive	← →	Efficiency

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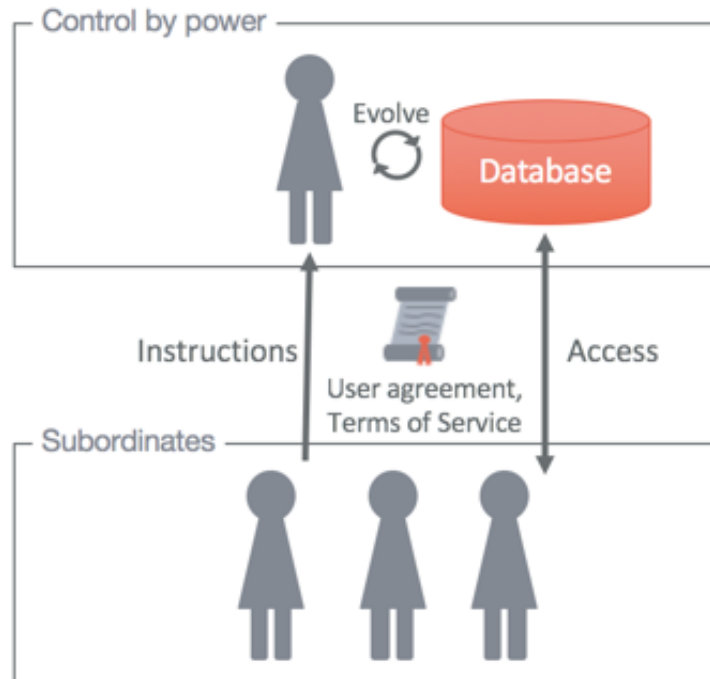
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Part 2: Distributed Ledgers

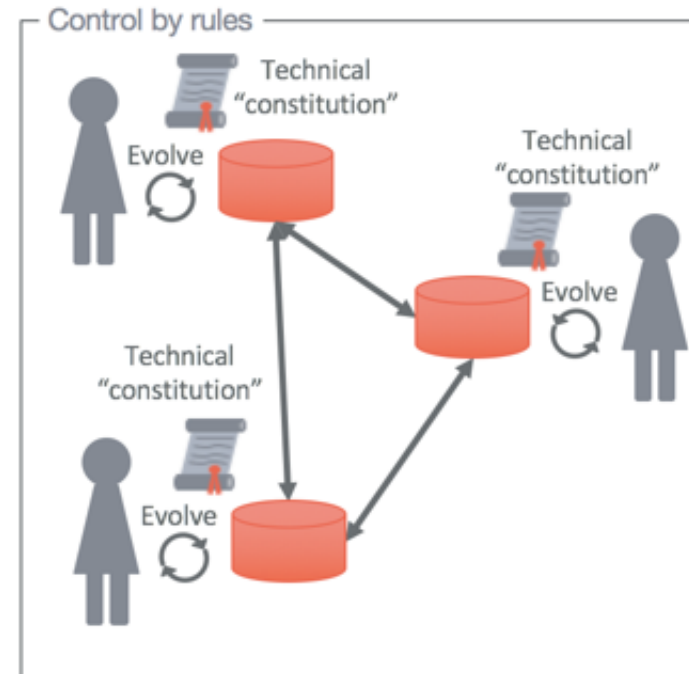
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- What is the value of distributed ledgers?
- Video: Corda by R3's CTO Richard Brown
- Critical design decisions recap
- Hands-on: demo of R3 Corda

What's new? The shared control of validated data

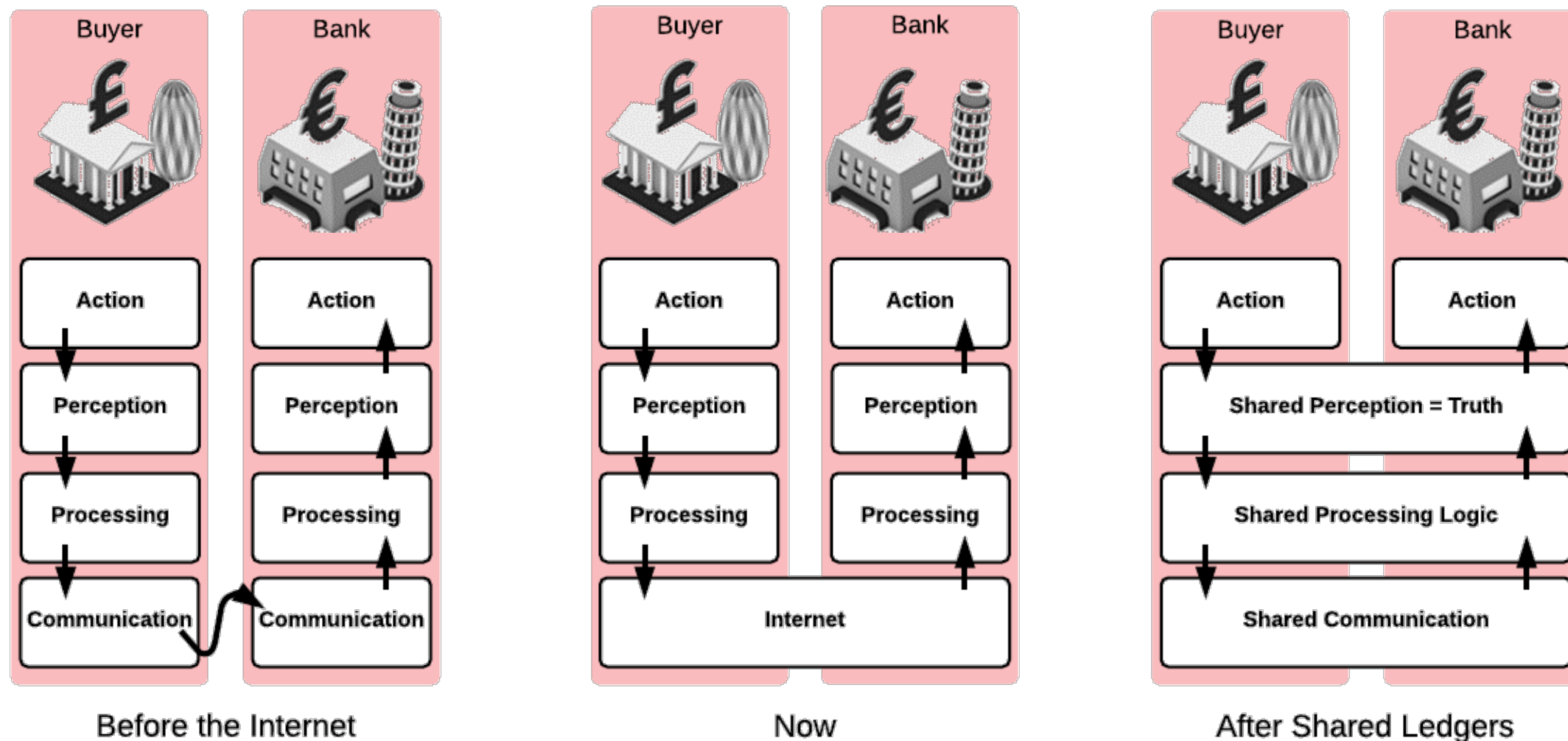


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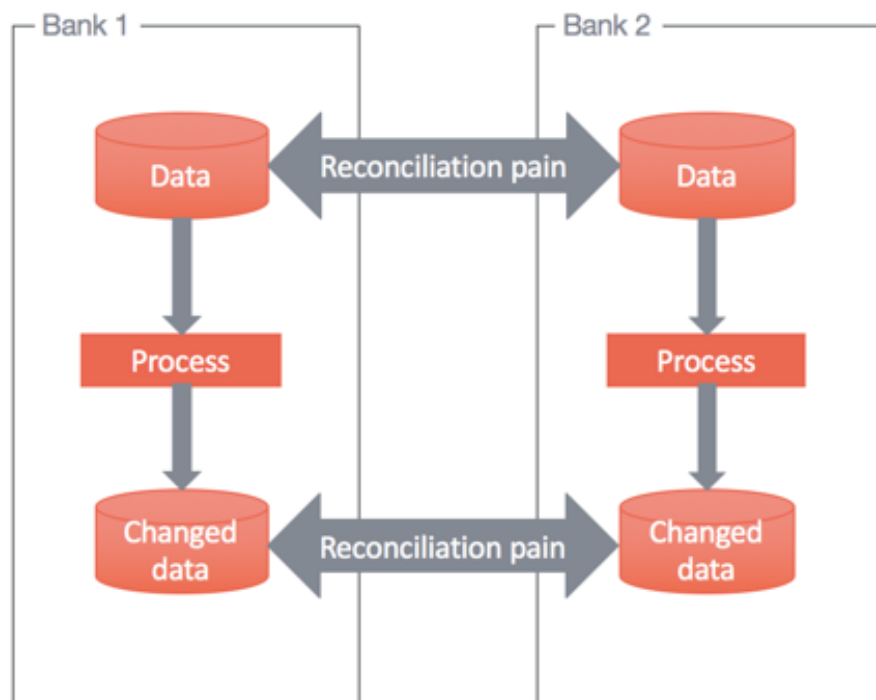
With a distributed ledger model, data evolves subject to predetermined rules, enforced by participants. Consensus between participants is important.

The significant evolutionary step of DLT



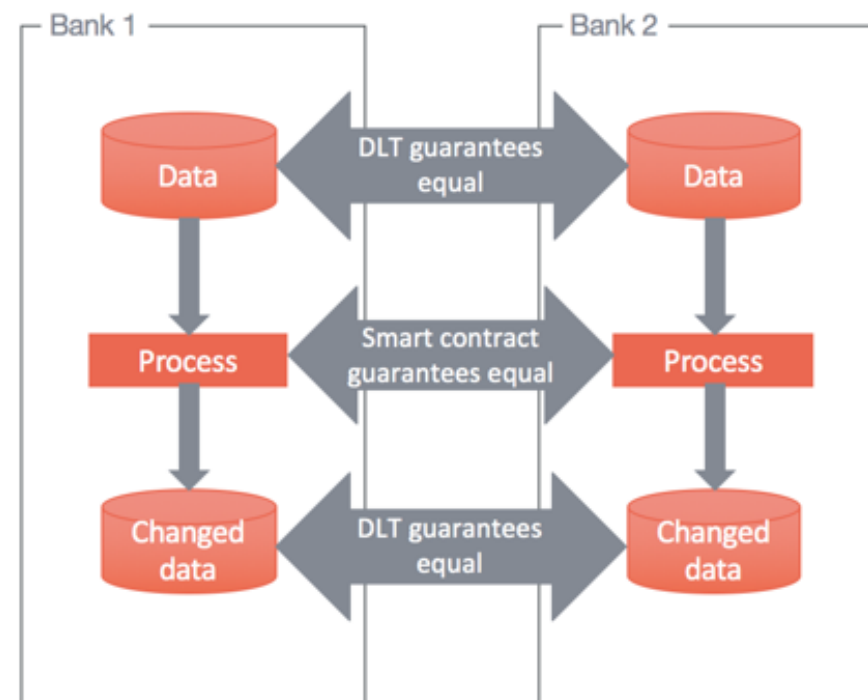
To put it another way

Independent ledgers...



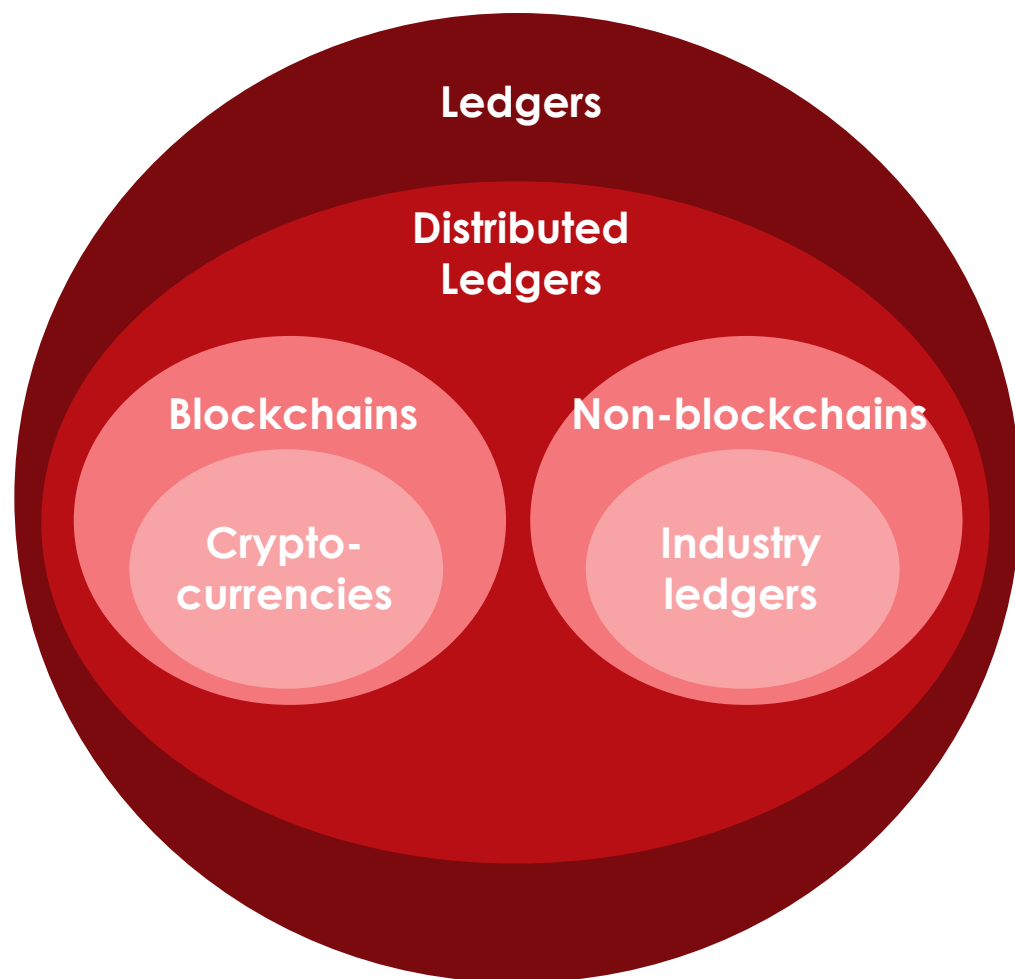
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With distributed ledgers and smart contracts...



“What I see is what you see, and we agree”

Distributed Ledgers at a Glance



Non-repudiation & immutability with provable data integrity and audit trail



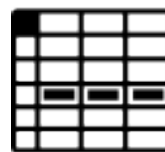
Automation of business logic when certain criteria are met ("smart contracts")



Cryptography to ensure identity authentication for each transaction



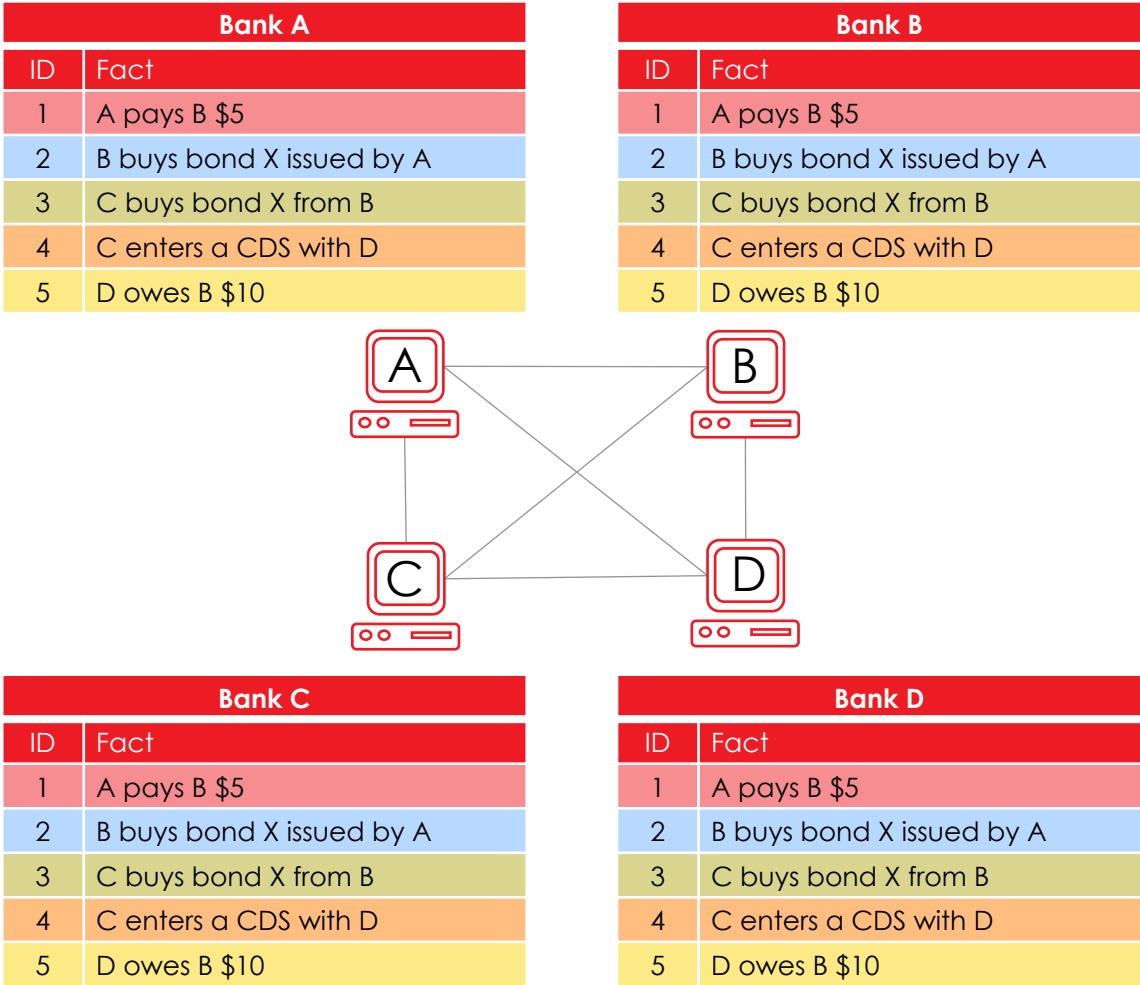
Distributed consensus to ensure the state of the ledger represents the agreed-upon truth of all stakeholders



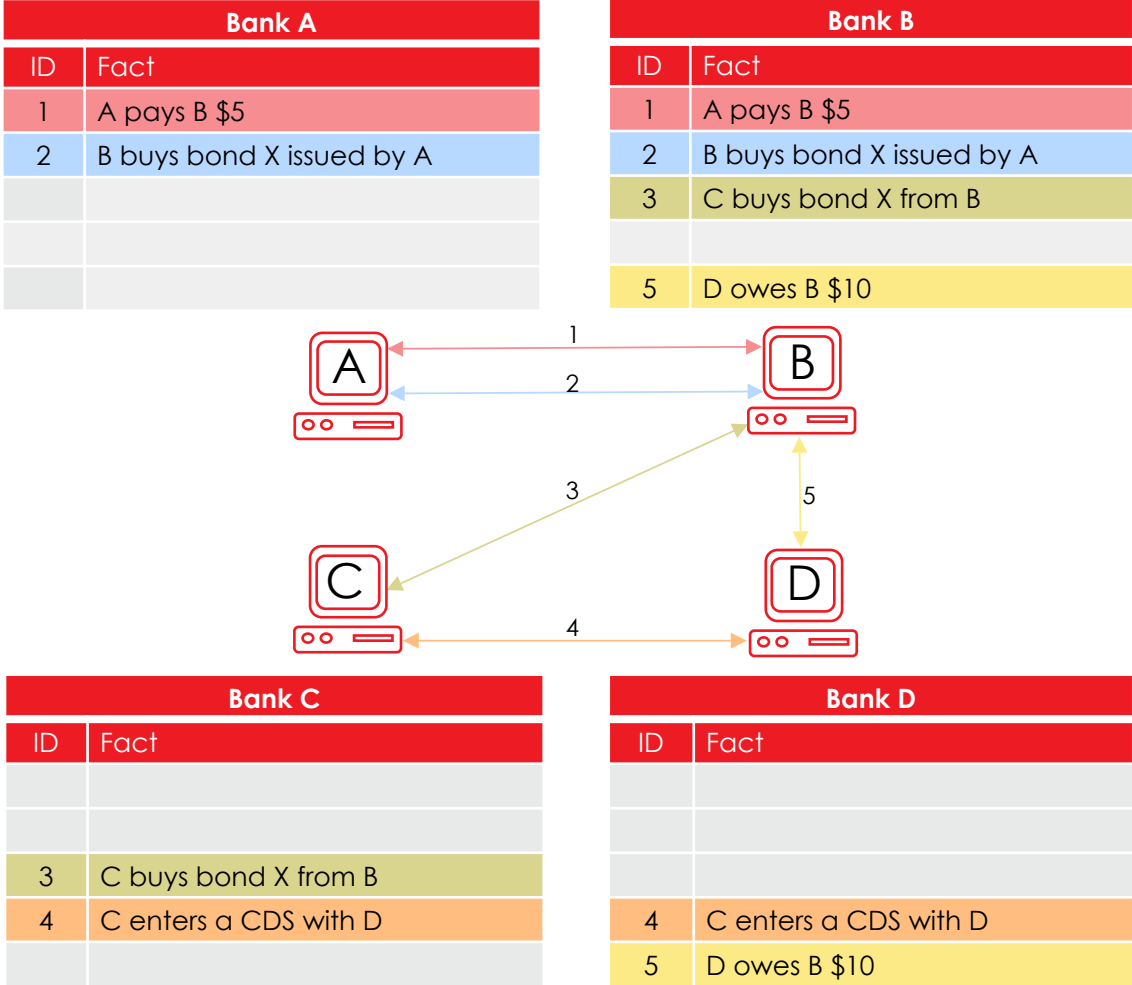
Shared ledger so each participant sees the same view of the same data, updated in real time, subject to permissioning

Don't share all data with all parties!

Broadcast Blockchain



Corda DLT



Introducing Corda

Corda is a **distributed ledger platform** designed and built from the ground up to **record, manage** and **synchronise** agreements (legal contracts), designed for use by **regulated financial institutions**

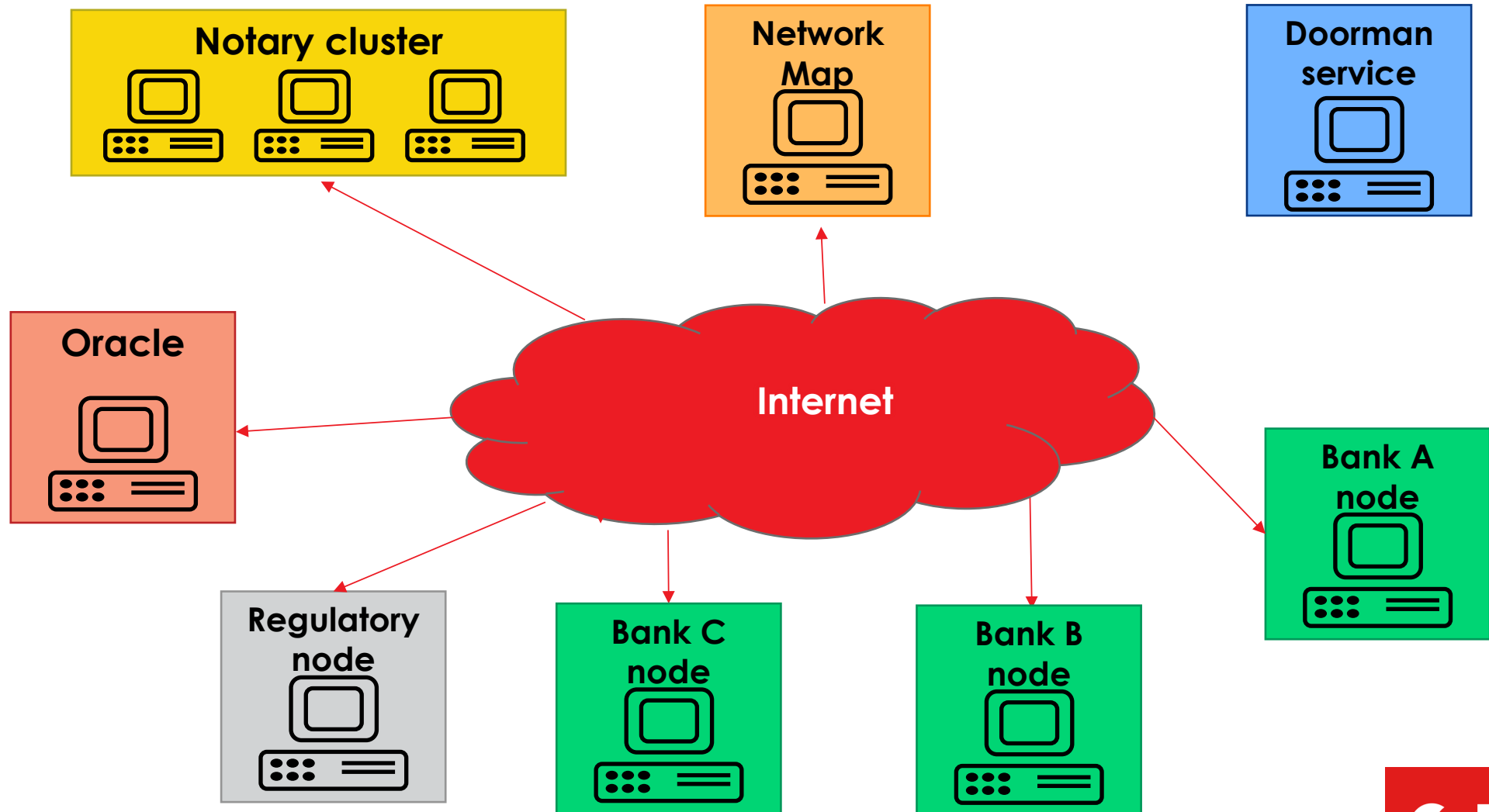
What does Corda do which has never been done before?

- **Confirm-as-you-go, not confirm-after-recording/calculating**
- **Mutual control over the evolution of that data**
- **Data changes conform to pre-agreed business logic**
- **Visibility into asset lineage and the inability to double spend**

Corda by Richard Gendal Brown, CTO R3

- <https://vimeo.com/193580475>

Corda network – participants and roles





A unique shared ledger approach



Blockchain-inspired: takes best attributes from Bitcoin, Ethereum, and others.



Consensus: achieved at individual deal level, rather than system level. Supports a variety of consensus mechanisms.



Enterprise grade: built specifically for financial markets.



Regulator-focused: design directly enables regulatory/supervisor observer nodes.



Data privacy: transactions info propagated only to relevant nodes.



Smart contract: strong link between legal prose and smart contract code.



Easy integration: reuse existing developer skills and make integration with bank systems easy and safe. Query and join the ledger to existing DBs with SQL, and code contracts in modern, standard languages like Java.



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Part 3: Illustrative Financial Service Use Cases



When is DLT useful?

Control

the need to control data, IT assets or processes within organizational/national boundaries impedes your ability to adopt centralized 3rd party solutions

Risk

existing business/tech/operational controls are ineffective in preventing fraud and forgery

Complexity

trusted third parties add time, cost, complexity or risk

Data Visibility

timely data is often unavailable within and across organization boundaries

Cost

multiple parties running non-differentiating functions or processes that drive business/tech costs higher across the industry

Standard- ization

lack of technical standards prevent straight-through-processing and may lead to vendor lock-in

Legal

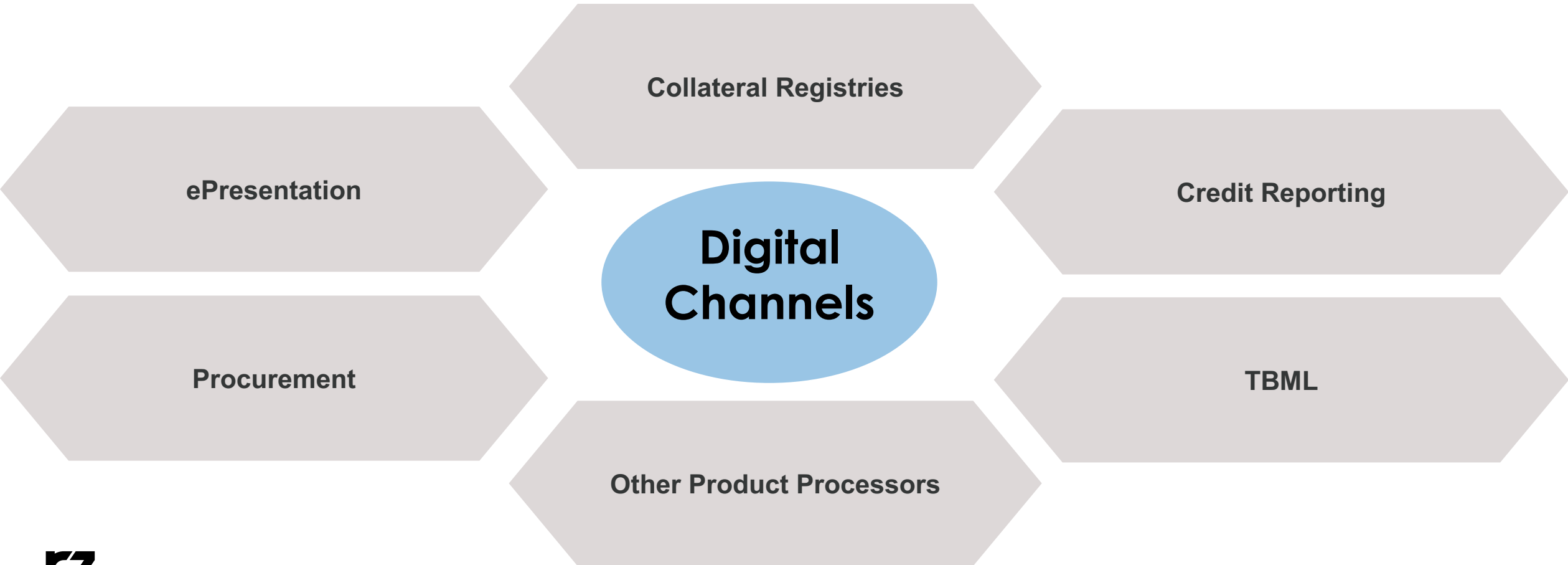
existing solutions and processes have created legal uncertainty pertaining to the title to assets or the finality of a transaction



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Part 3.1 : Trade Finance

Trade Finance – Areas of Focus





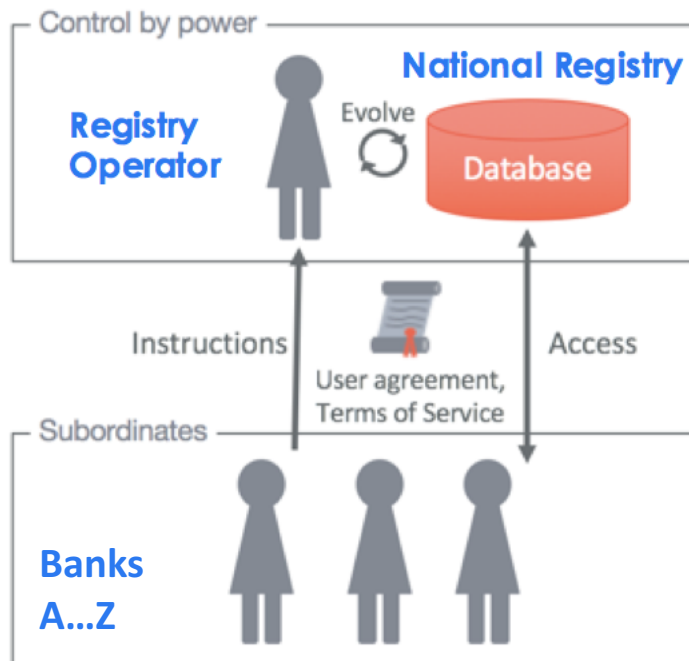
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Part 3.2 : Collateral Registries

Land & Mortgage Note Registry - Challenges

- The national housing finance market is **error-prone, paper-based and costly**.
- **Lack of visibility** w.r.t. borrowers concerning the person who may collect, enforce or modify residential mortgage notes.
- **Legal uncertainty** for the transferability and enforceability of mortgage notes.
- **Inconsistent standards**, particularly w.r.t. recordkeeping practices that have resulted in to enforce a mortgage and mortgage notes.
- Potential for **fraud, forgery or alteration** of mortgage notes.

Centralized Registry (1/2)



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Control

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Data
Visibility

Registry – Distributed Ledger Based (2/2)

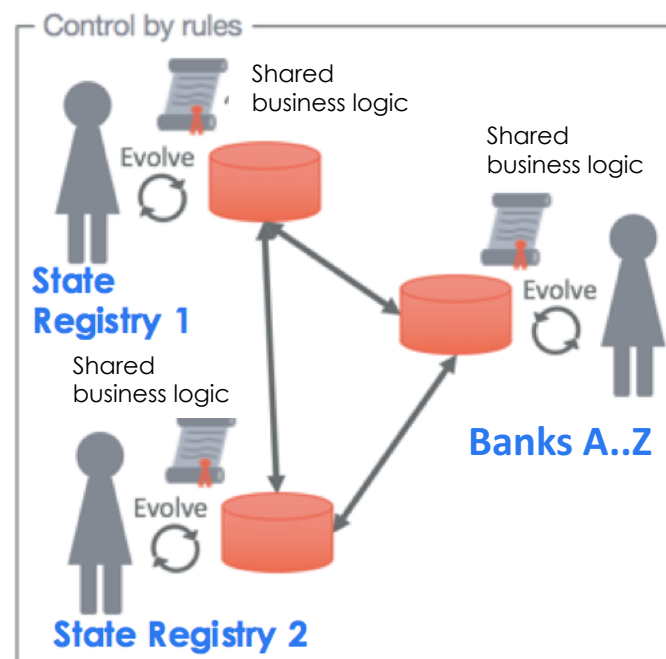
Shared control and validation of data.

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Part 3.3 : Digital Identity & KYC Utilities

Importance of Digital Identity

Digital identity is a critical enabler of activity inside Financial Services broadly (e.g. LEI)

Operational decisions



Regulatory compliance



Customer experience & product delivery



The relevance of digital identity stretches beyond Financial Services

Public transactions



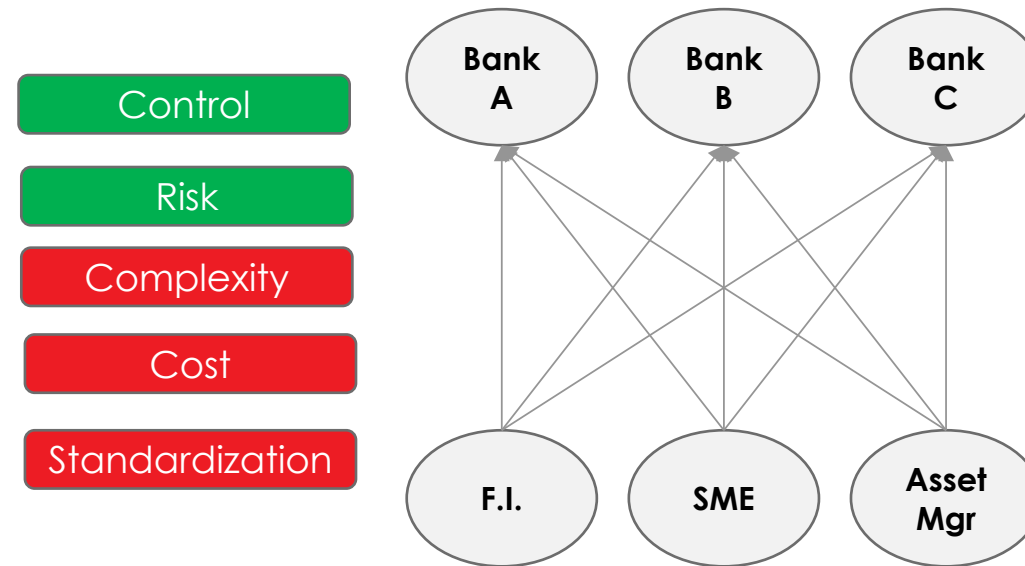
- Access to social assistance
- Access to education
- Access to healthcare
- Access to civic structures (e.g., voting)

Private transactions

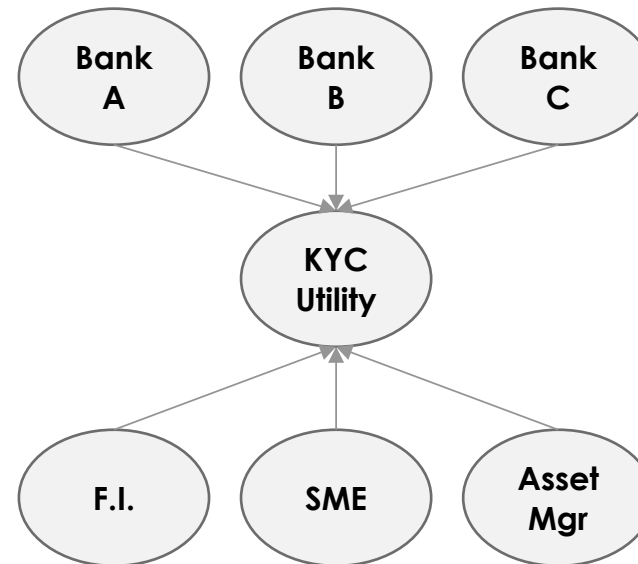


- Merchant transactions
- Large private provider transactions (e.g. renting an apartment, buying a car)

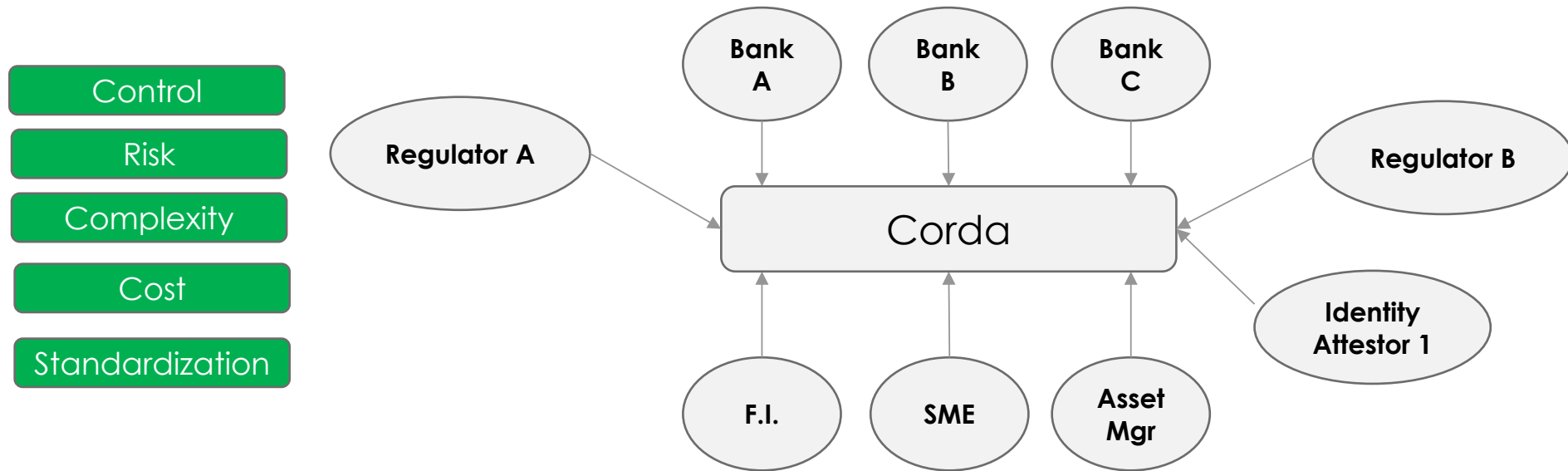
KYC – Model 1: Bank Centric Customer Onboarding



KYC – Model 2: KYC Utility (Centralized)



KYC – Model 3 – Self-sovereign Identity (DLT-based)





Summary

- Bitcoin, blockchain and distributed ledgers are different
- Corda was uniquely designed to cater to the need for the financial services industry
- Not everything needs a distributed ledger. Criteria must be applied to each use case being examined
- Payments
- Trade Finance
- KYC



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