

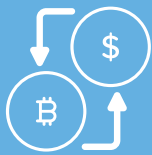
Blockchains are the Building Blocks for Innovation



Get the Fast Facts

You probably first heard of blockchain as the innovative record-keeping technology behind the bitcoin craze. But did you know it has capabilities that transcend cryptocurrency – and that it's poised to revolutionize business and commerce in unprecedented ways?

Many forward-thinking companies are adopting blockchain to transform supply chains, payments, food distribution and more. It's a technology definitely worth knowing about, and our fast fact sheet offer a concise overview of blockchain's business applications and impact.



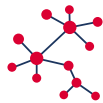
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Total number of transactions all time on the blockchain as of 09/01/21.

Learn Your Blockchain Lingo



Node

A copy of the digital ledger operated by a participant on the blockchain.



Decentralized

Refers to a shared network of dispersed computers (or nodes) that can process transactions, independent of a third-party mediator.



Mining

The act of verifying transactions in a blockchain.



Hash

A unique, identifying code that is given to a block once all of its transactions have been verified by the participants.



Smart Contract

This is a business rule-based code which processes the evaluation of data against the terms of the contract. When the terms are met, the smart contract triggers an action, like an ACH payment.



Let Us Explain Blockchain

A blockchain is a shared, digital ledger used for recording transactions. Its name is derived from its composition: individual records are stored in blocks and linked together, forming a chain. Each transaction added to a blockchain is validated online by multiple parties, forming a peer-to-peer network.

This Technology Offers Multiple Business Applications

- Creates trust between businesses unfamiliar with each other, eliminating the need for an intermediary.
- Forms a robust online accounting system that enables businesses to securely accept cryptocurrencies as payment.
- Enables seamless sharing of data within a decentralized ecosystem where no single entity is exclusively in charge.
- Generates an unalterable record of transactions with end-to-end encryption, blocking fraudulent activity.
- Helps businesses lower costs by eliminating middlemen – vendors and third-party providers – that traditionally handle processing duties.

<https://searchcio.techtarget.com/feature/Top-10-benefits-of-blockchain-technology-for-business>



\$16 billion

Estimated annual spending on blockchain solutions by 2023.
CB Insights Blockchain Report, 2020