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How to patent blockchain-related innovations?

Case studies

What is blockchain?

Blockchain is a database.

Data in a database is stored in „containers“ – blocks.

„Container“ is of specified size (e.g. 1 MB) and structure.

Each block comprises main data and additionally – among others, a timestamp and a so called „hash“ of the preceding block.

„Hash“ = cryptographic abbreviation of content. It is similar to checksum – but is more sophisticated.

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What is blockchain?

Checksum – simple way to check if data is correct

PESEL:

The last digit of PESEL number is a control digit, which depends on all the preceding digits.

The method of calculating that control digit is publicly known – e.g.

<http://www.algorytm.org/numery-identyfikacyjne/pesel.html>

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If the numbers preceding X change (by replacement by different ones or by changing their order) – the newly obtained sequence will not fit to X, so the numer will not be a correct PESEL number.

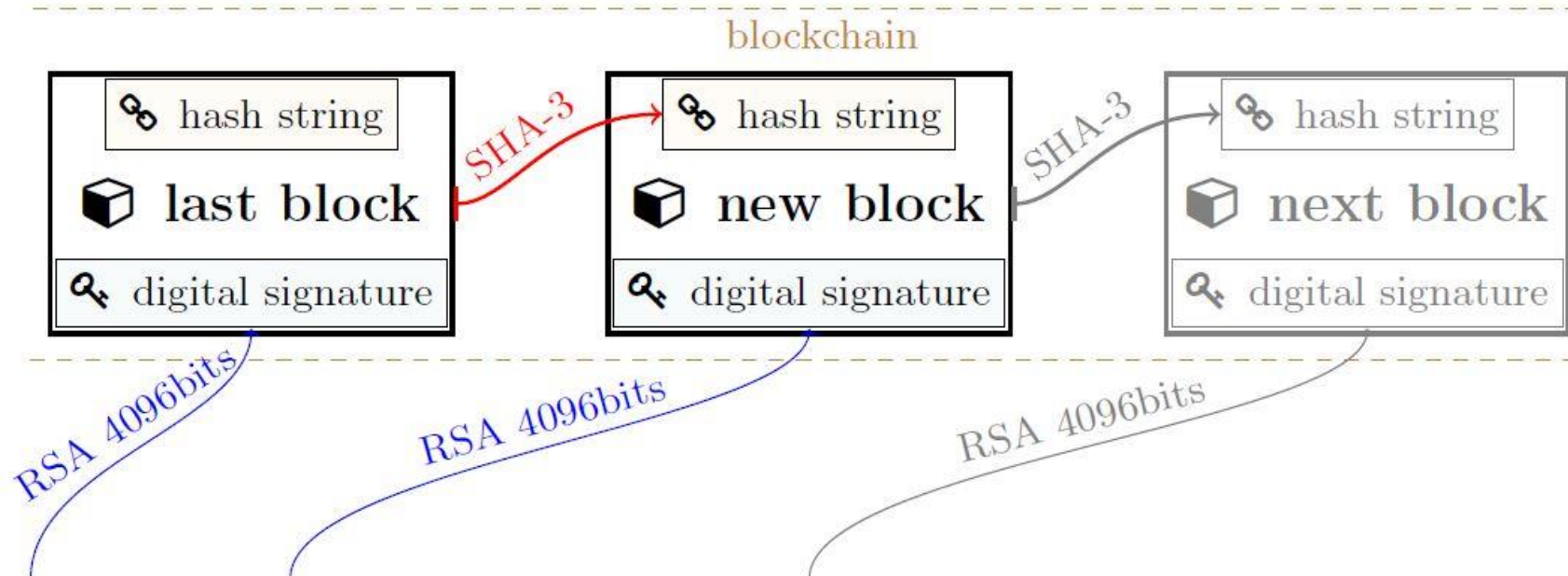
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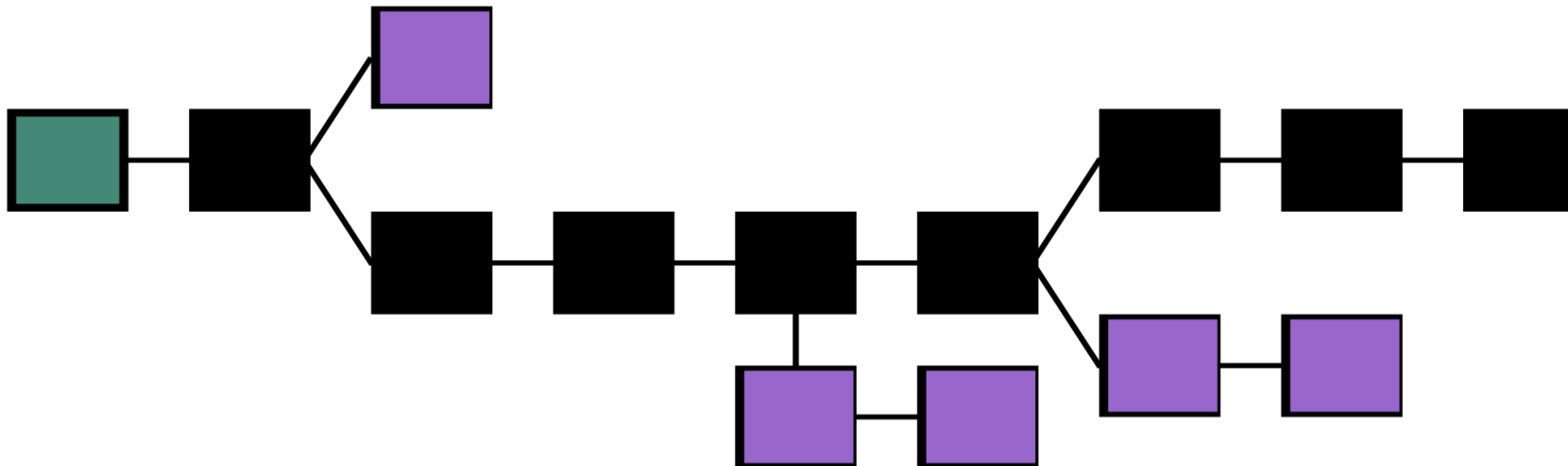
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What is blockchain?

Data change within Blockchain

Data change within Blockchain would either leave a trace (because the altered data would not correspond to the hash, so: it would be evident that data has been altered) or would require immense workload: it would be necessary to change the hash of the changed block, and in turns – necessary to change data in the next block, and then further for yet the next block etc. – for all subsequent blocks. And there are billions of blocks....



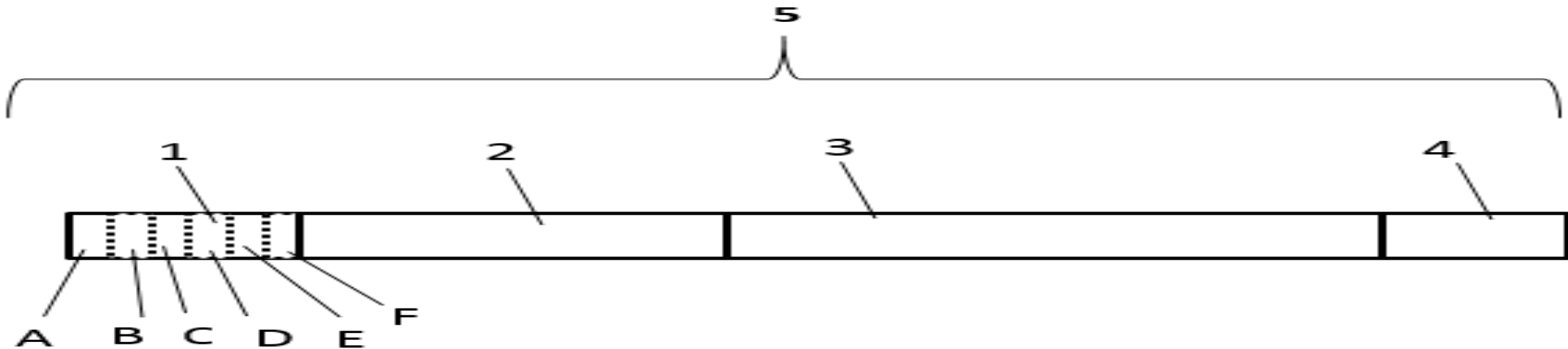
Example 1 – Trudatum

Example 1

How to save any file („content”) in blockchain, together with information of its source (proprietor) and a timestamp?

Answer: EP 3 579 496 B1 or US 10,944,548 B2 (or JP 7062838 B2)

„A method for registering of a data as digital file in a blockchain database”



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Here is how to do it:

Make a data sequence comprising

information about data (2), information about source (3), optionally a heading (1) and optionally a suffix (4), such that the length of the data sequence is a multiple of the size of the standard data container used in said blockchain database (e.g. 1 MB).

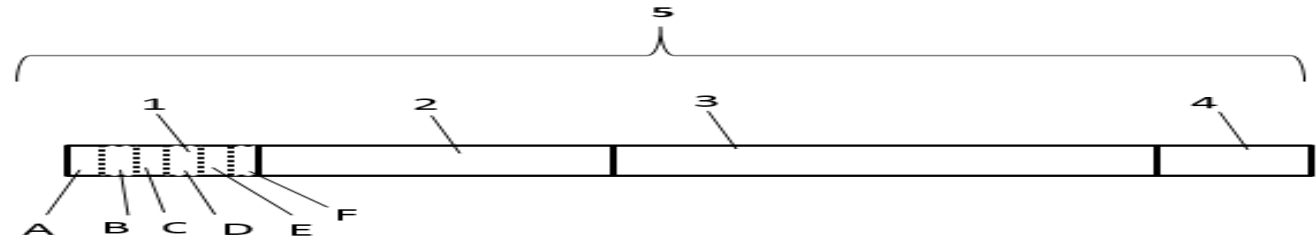
Divide the so obtained sequence into N parts of equal length.

Generate N corresponding transactions, sign them electronically and save them in N containers in blockchain.

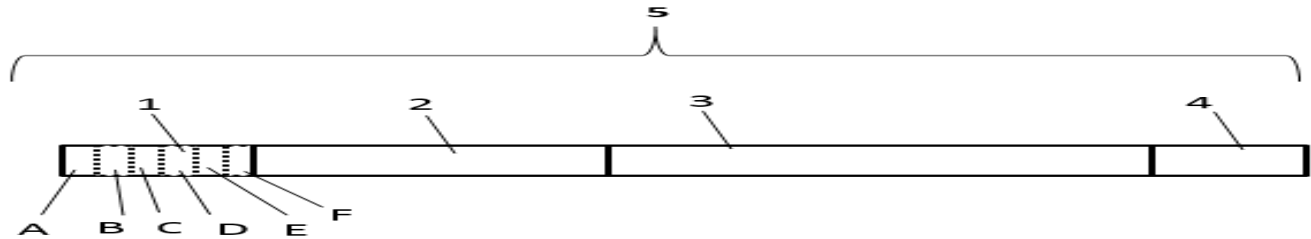
The heading (1) may include data concerning e.g. file version, file type, number of containers N, etc.

Information about data (2) – it may be the data itself or its hash.

Suffix (4) may include relevant or irrelevant data (like zero-digits only).



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Information about data (2) – it may be the data itself or its hash.

Suffix (4) may include relevant or irrelevant data (like zero-digits only).

The data sequence in the frame may be different than 1-2-3-4.

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1. A method for registering of a digital document as a digital file in a blockchain database, in which database transactions are constructed of standard data containers which may have a fixed size, in a system comprising one or more storage nodes for storing at least part of the blockchain database, one or more approval nodes for approving transactions in said blockchain database and a first computer for generating transactions in said blockchain database, said computer having access to said blockchain database and having access to a first private key, comprising the following steps:

a) providing a first set of data (2), relating to the contents of the digital file;

b) providing a second set of data (3), relating to the origin of the digital file;

c) generating a third set of data (5) by merging the first set of data (2), the second set of data (3), optionally a header (1) and optionally a suffix (4) into a data frame, wherein the header (1) may contain information about the structure of the third set of data, about the size of the first set of data (2), while the size of the suffix (4) is adjusted such that the size of the data frame is a multiple of the size of the standard data container used in said blockchain database;

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... d) dividing the third set of data (5) into an integer number $N \geq 1$ of parts of equal size, said size corresponding to the size of the standard data container used in said blockchain database;

e) generating – by said first computer or an intermediary computer connected to the first computer and said one or more of the approval nodes – a single blockchain transaction for all the N parts obtained in the step d), signing the transaction by said first private key and sending the transaction and a first public key matching the said first private key to said one or more approval nodes for approval;

f) obtaining approval for the transaction from said one or more approval nodes;

g) registering the transaction approved in the step f) in a block of the blockchain database with a timestamp of registration by the one or more storage nodes,

wherein the second set of data (3) comprises a digital signature of a hash of the digital file and

wherein registering of the digital document as the digital file in the blockchain database is done by a first entity and the digital document is transmitted from the first entity to a second entity.

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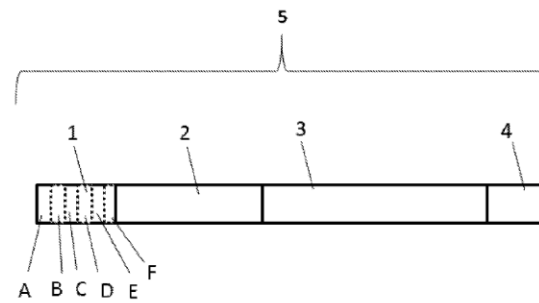
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(57) **ABSTRACT**
 The invention comprises a method for registration of data in a blockchain database, in which database transactions are constructed of standard data containers which may have a fixed size, in a system comprising one or more storage nodes for storing at least part of the blockchain database, one or more approval nodes for approving transactions in said blockchain database and a first computer for generating transactions in said blockchain database, said computer having access to said blockchain database and having access to a first private key. The invention further comprises a method for verifying data based on the aforementioned method for registration and an application of these methods to handle a selected type of document. The invention also comprises a computer program product comprising program code stored on a computer readable medium, said program code comprising computer instructions for performing these methods.

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(57) 【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】
 ブロックチェーンデータベースにデジタルドキュメントをデジタルファイルとして登録する方法であって、データベースのランザクションは固定サイズを有し得る標準データコンテナで構成され、前記ブロックチェーンデータベースの少なくとも一部を格納するための1つ又は複数の格納ノードと、前記ブロックチェーンデータベース内のランザクションを承認するための1つ又は複数の承認ノードと、前記ブロックチェーンデータベース内のランザクションを生成するための第1のコンピュータとを含んだシステムにおいて、前記第1のコンピュータは前記ブロックチェーンデータベースへのアクセスを有し、且つ、第1の秘密鍵へのアクセスを有しており、
 a) 前記デジタルファイルの内容に関する第1のデータセット (2) を提供する工程と；
 b) 前記デジタルファイルの出所に関連する第2のデータセット (3) を提供する工程と；
 c) 第1のデータセット (2)、第2のデータセット (3)、ヘッダ (1)、及びサフィックス (4) をデータフレームに統合することによって第3のデータセット (5) を生成する工程であって、前記ヘッダ (1) は、前記第3のデータセットの構造に関する及び前記第1のデータセットのサイズに関する情報を含んでいてもよく、一方、前記サフィックス (4) のサイズは、前記データフレームのサイズが前記ブロックチェーンデータベースで使用される前記標準データコンテナのサイズの倍数になるように調整される工程と；
 d) 前記第3のデータセット (5) を整数N≧1個の同一サイズの部分に分割する工程と

Example 1 – Trudatum

Technologia blockchain ułatwi weryfikację dokumentów bankowych

2018.03.27

PKO Bank Polski oraz start-up Coinfirm podpisały umowę o współpracy. Jest to kolejny etap realizacji cyfrowej strategii banku. Platforma blockchain Trudatum została stworzona, by dostarczyć instytucjom finansowym nowe rozwiązania weryfikujące autentyczność danych. Dotychczasowe testy potwierdziły możliwości integracji tej technologii z istniejącą infrastrukturą banku w wielu ważnych obszarach biznesowych. Nad rozwojem technologii pracować będzie nowo powołane Centrum Kompetencyjne Blockchain PKO Banku Polskiego.

- PKO Bank Polski oraz start-up Coinfirm podpisały umowę o współpracy. Bank jako pierwsza polska instytucja finansowa rozpoczęła wdrożenie rozwiązań w technologii blockchain.

<https://media.pkobp.pl/70784-technologia-blockchain-ulatwi-weryfikacje-dokumentow-bankowych>



The screenshot shows a news article on the 'wprost' website. The header includes navigation links like 'OPINIE', 'TWÓJ PORTFEL', 'GOSPODARKA', 'FINANSE', 'FIRMY', 'TECHNOLOGIE', and 'NAJBOGATSI'. The article title is 'PKO BP i Coinfirm tworzą historię finansów'. Below the title is a date 'Dodano: 21 lipca 2017 18:23'. The main image shows the logos of 'Bank Polski' and 'Coinfirm' with a plus sign between them, set against a background of a map of Europe. Below the image is a caption: 'trudatum - pierwsze zastosowanie blockchain w polskim banku'. To the right of the image is a Google AdSense widget with a 'Prześlij opinię' button. Below the image is a social media sharing section with icons for Facebook, Twitter, and a dropdown arrow. The article text begins with 'Bank właśnie rozpoczął testowanie trudatum, platformy stworzonej przez polsko-brytyjską firmę Coinfirm, tworząc tym samym nowy standard w bezpieczeństwie i weryfikacji dokumentów. To kolejny przełom w drodze nowej technologii do centrum świata finansów. PKO jest jedną z pierwszych instytucji finansowych na świecie,'.

<https://biznes.wprost.pl/finanse-i-inwestycje/waluty/10066438/pko-bp-i-coinfirm-tworza-historie-finansow.html>

Example 1 – Trudatum

The screenshot shows the Trudatum website in a web browser. The browser's address bar displays 'trudatum.com'. The website's header includes the Trudatum logo and navigation links: 'STRONA GŁÓWNA', 'ZWERYFIKUJ DOKUMENT', '? O TRUDATUM', and 'ZAREJESTRUJ SIĘ / ZAŁOGUJ SIĘ'. A European Union flag is also present. The main content area features a large green checkmark icon and the heading 'Zweryfikuj i zarejestruj dowolny dokument'. Below this, a paragraph states: 'Zarejestruj, podpisz, a następnie zweryfikuj dowolny plik. Zapewnisz dzięki temu pewność, że został on przez Ciebie wydany i w żaden sposób nie został zmieniony.' Three icons represent 'Rejestracja', 'Weryfikacja', and 'Bezpieczeństwo'. The 'Weryfikacja' section is highlighted with a green line. To the right, a large purple box contains the heading 'Zweryfikuj swój dokument' and three options: 'Przeciągnij dokument lub Wybierz plik z dysku', 'LUB Wklej hash dokumentu', and 'Wprowadź hash dokumentu'. A prominent green 'WERYFIKUJ' button is at the bottom of this box.

Trudatum YOUR DATA PROVENIENCE PLATFORM

STRONA GŁÓWNA ZWERYFIKUJ DOKUMENT ? O TRUDATUM ZAREJESTRUJ SIĘ / ZAŁOGUJ SIĘ

Unia Europejska

Zweryfikuj i zarejestruj dowolny dokument

Zarejestruj, podpisz, a następnie zweryfikuj dowolny plik. Zapewnisz dzięki temu pewność, że został on przez Ciebie wydany i w żaden sposób nie został zmieniony.

Rejestracja **Weryfikacja** **Bezpieczeństwo**

Łatwa możliwość rejestracji wielu plików za pomocą panelu administratora lub API.

Prosta i niezwodna weryfikacja autentyczności i niezmienności

Całkowicie bezpieczne, audytowalne i zapewniające integralność

Zweryfikuj swój dokument

Przeciągnij dokument
lub
Wybierz plik z dysku

LUB

Wklej hash dokumentu

Wprowadź hash dokumentu

WERYFIKUJ

Example 2 – Travel Rule

Example 2

How to provide secure transfer of data to an addressee, through a distrusted environment, with no reliable third-party? And in line with Financial Action Task Force (FATF) rules regarding prevention of money laundering and financing of terrorism.

Answer: EP 3 799 352 A1 or US 11,405,188 B2

„A method for secure transferring of information through a network between an origin Virtual Asset Service Provider and a destination Virtual Asset Service Provider“

The addressee is able to cryptographically prove entitlement to the transferred data.

Example 2 – Travel Rule

... Oa) Registering an asset owner, having an owner cryptocurrency private key and an owner cryptocurrency public key, with the destination VASP (VASP Z, RV),

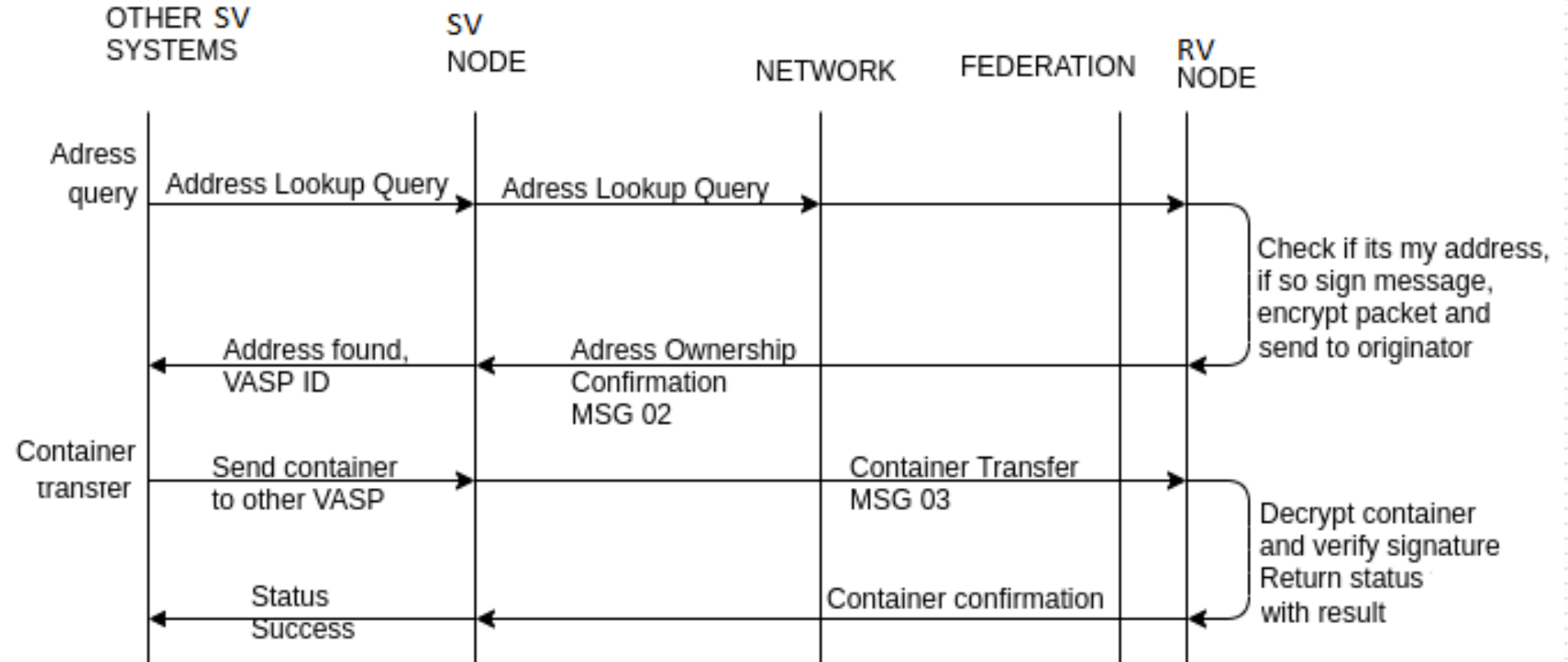
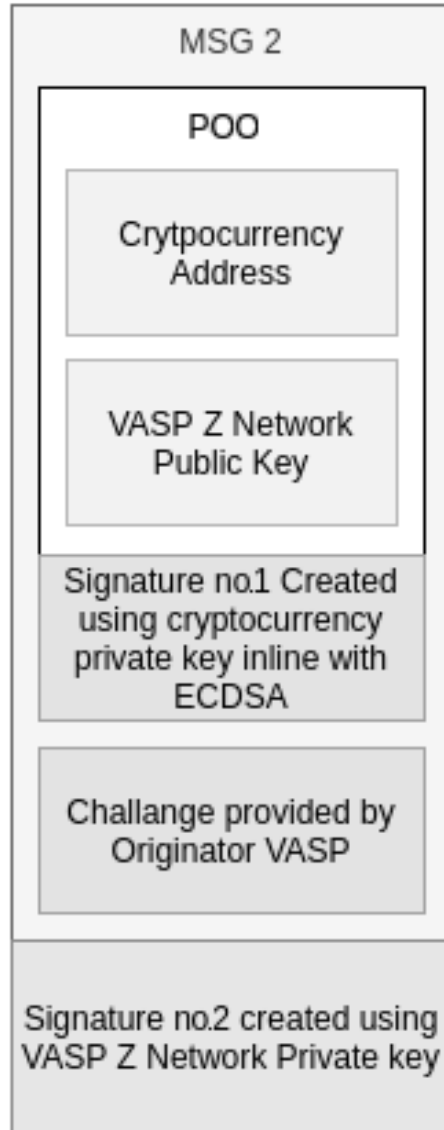
Ob) Creating an owner cryptocurrency address as a function of the owner cryptocurrency public key, preferably base58 hash160 with metadata and checksum, and depositing the owner cryptocurrency address in a database accessible to the destination VASP (VASP Z, RV),

Oc) Creating a proof of ownership (POO) comprising as the first contents: the owner cryptocurrency address and the destination VASP network public key and **comprising a first signature of said first contents generated as a function of the owner cryptocurrency private key**, preferably generated using the Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm, ECDSA,

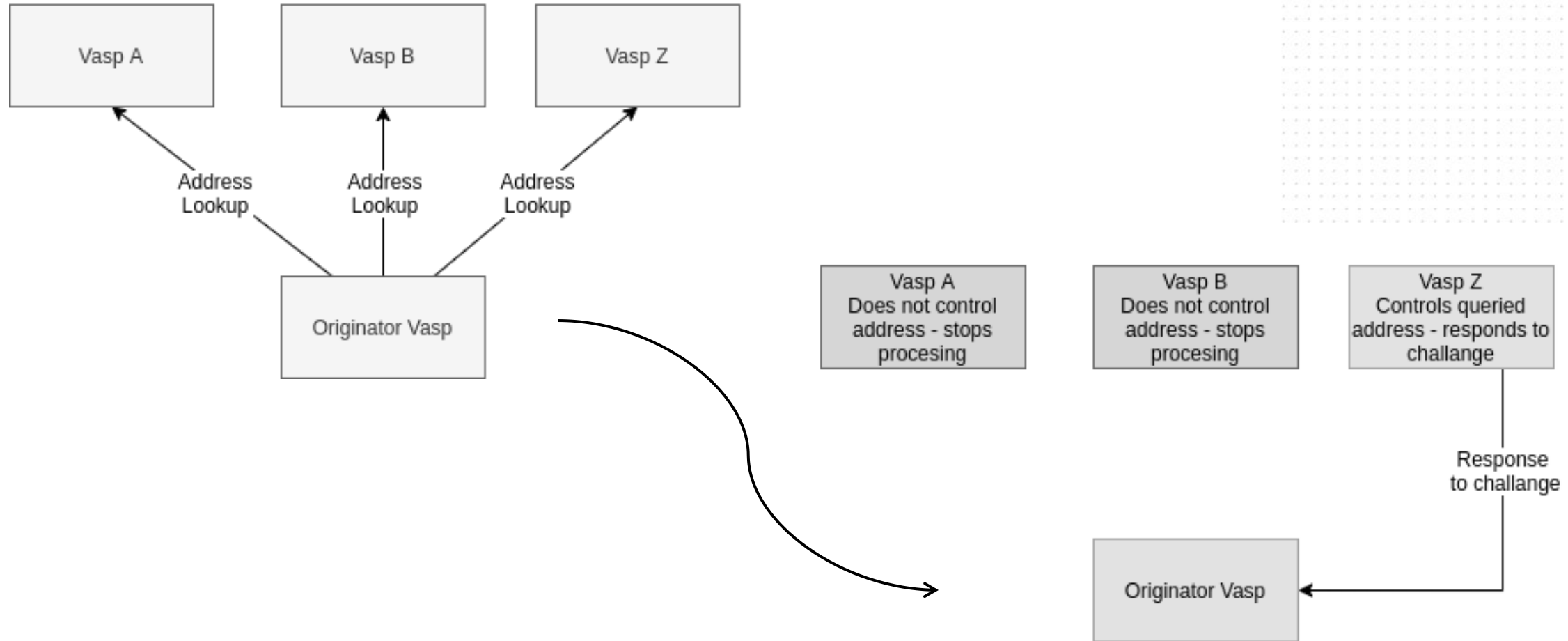
Od) Storing the proof of ownership (POO) in a database accessible to the destination VASP (VASP Z, RV)

... followed by the sequence of queries and responses + challenge-response leading to determination of the proper addressee (receiver)....

Example 2 – Travel Rule



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(54) A METHOD FOR SECURE TRANSFERRING OF INFORMATION THROUGH A NETWORK BETWEEN AN ORIGIN VIRTUAL ASSET SERVICE PROVIDER AND A DESTINATION VIRTUAL ASSET SERVICE PROVIDER

(57) The invention is related to a method for secure transferring of information through a network between an origin Virtual Asset Service Provider and a destination Virtual Asset Service Provider, in a hostile environment, where every entity (party member, network node) must proof its entitlement of the information being exchanged. Hostile environment means that neither any entity/network node nor the network as a whole can be trusted. The present method doesn't require other party member/network node or database to secure information transfer. Neither it requires any other trusted entity or

server to guarantee or provide proof of ownership of exchange information. The present method for communicating securely between electronic devices uses asymmetric key encryption.

The invention comprises also a computer program product comprising program code stored on a computer readable medium, said program code comprising computer instructions for performing the inventive method.

The invention relates also to a system configured and programmed for performing the inventive method.



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(57) ABSTRACT

The invention is related to a method for secure transferring

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Service Provider, in a hostile environment, where every entity (party member, network node) must proof its entitlement of the information being exchanged. Hostile environ-

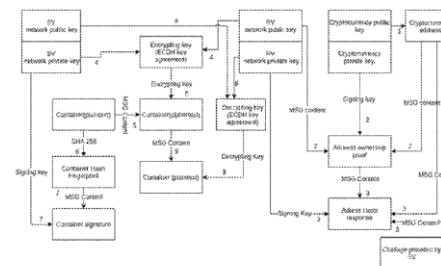
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