

Sapphire 101

Developer Office Hours

OASIS NETWORK

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4. Task 3: The Frontend
5. Task 4: Precompiles
6. What to do next



Prerequisites

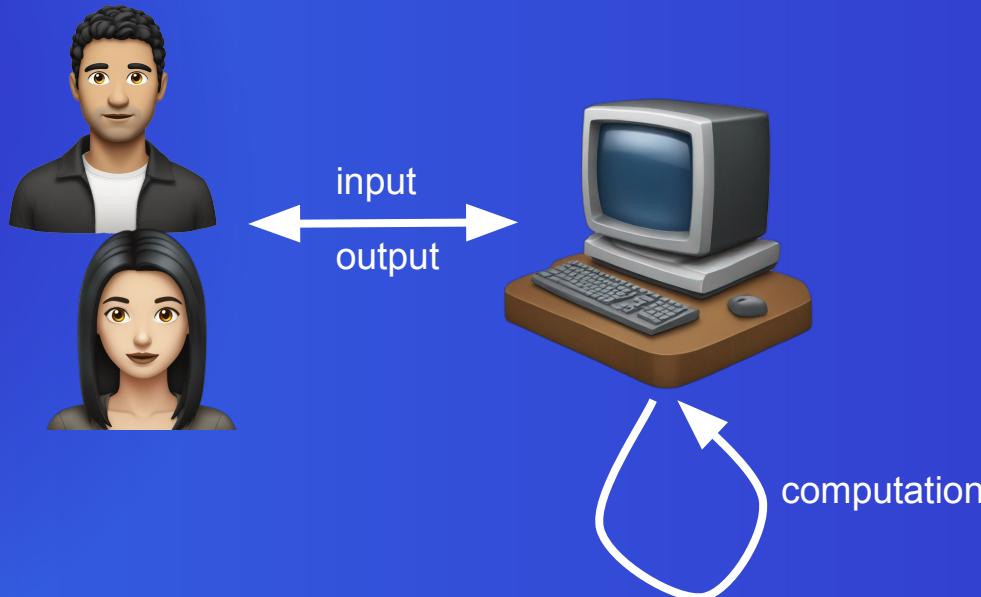
- Basic programming (e.g. JavaScript will come handy)
- Basic knowledge of the command line
- A working Node.js environment + pnpm

The Oasis Architecture



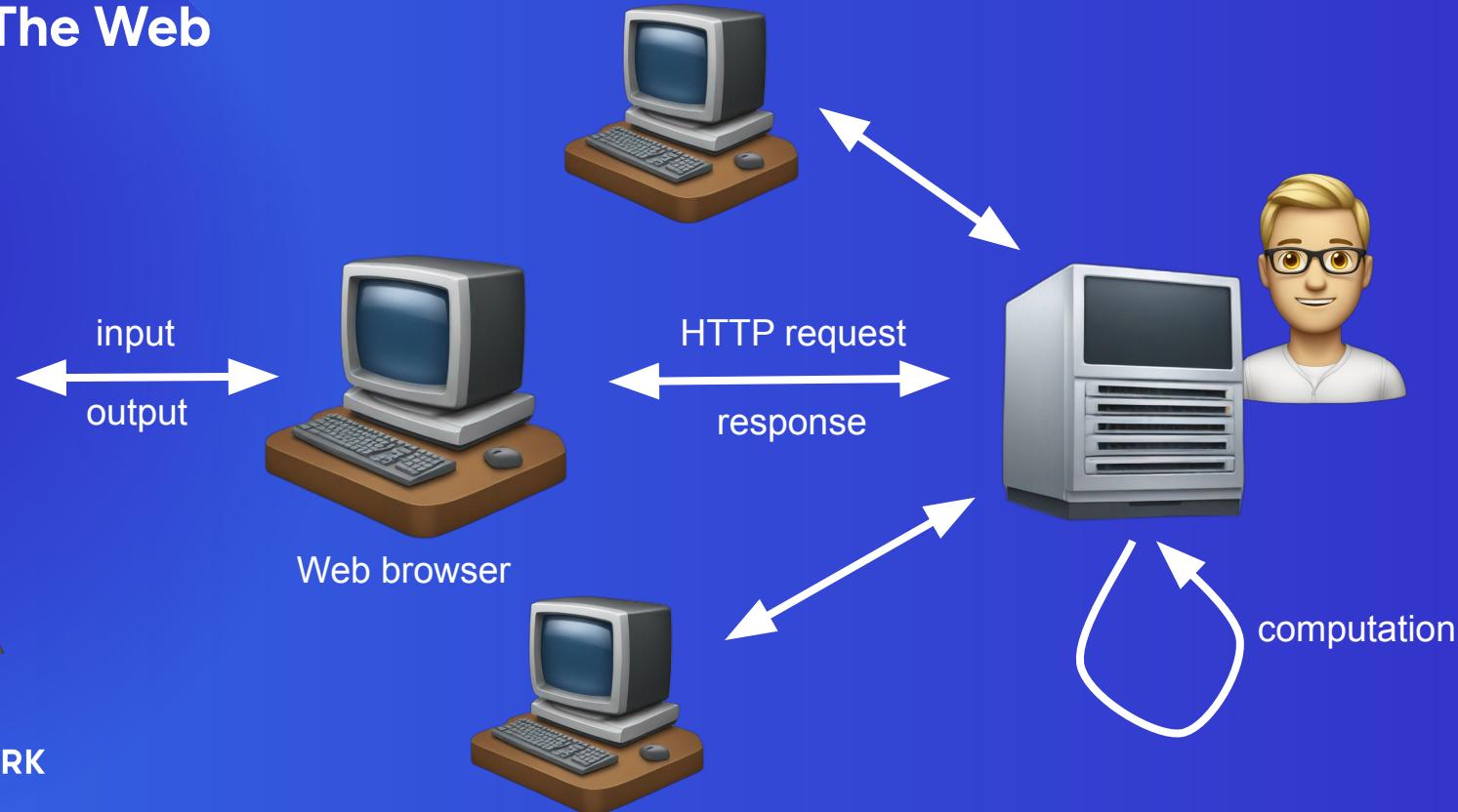
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- Before the 90s



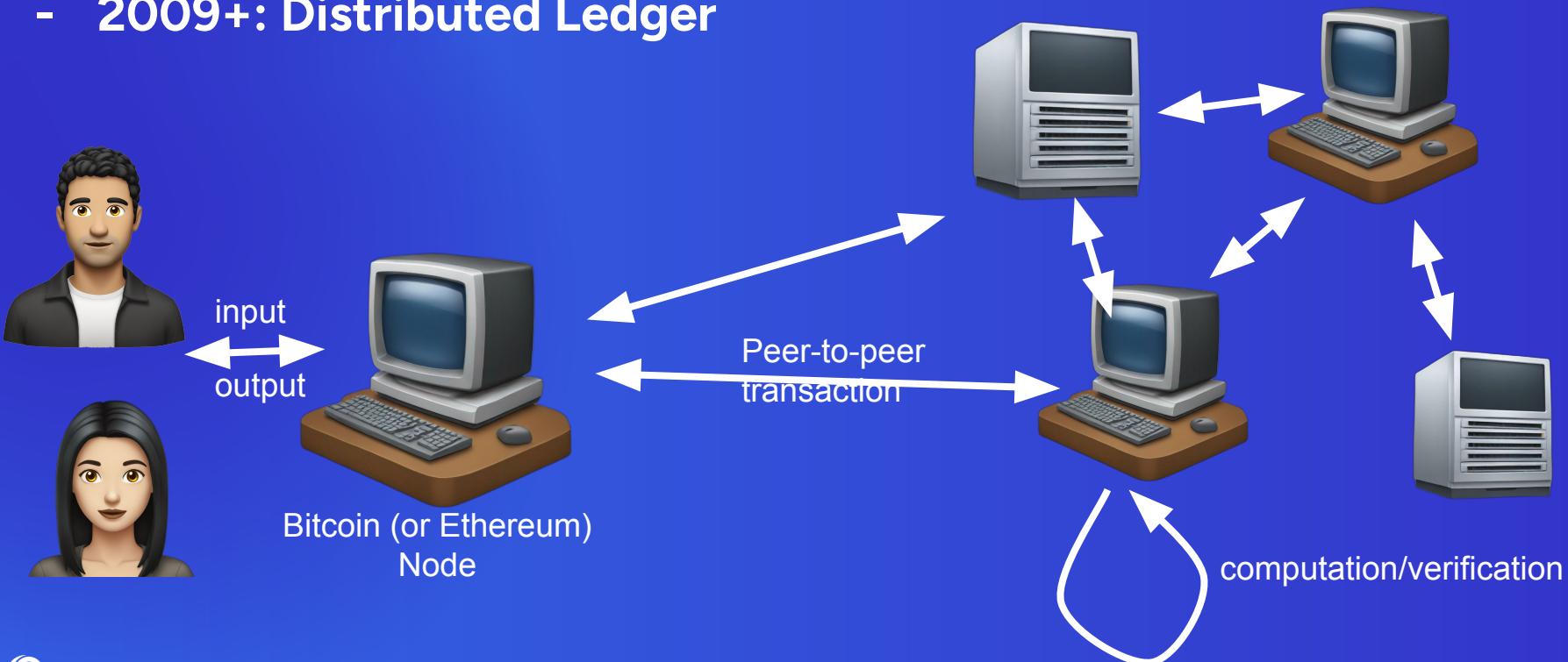
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- 1990s: The Web



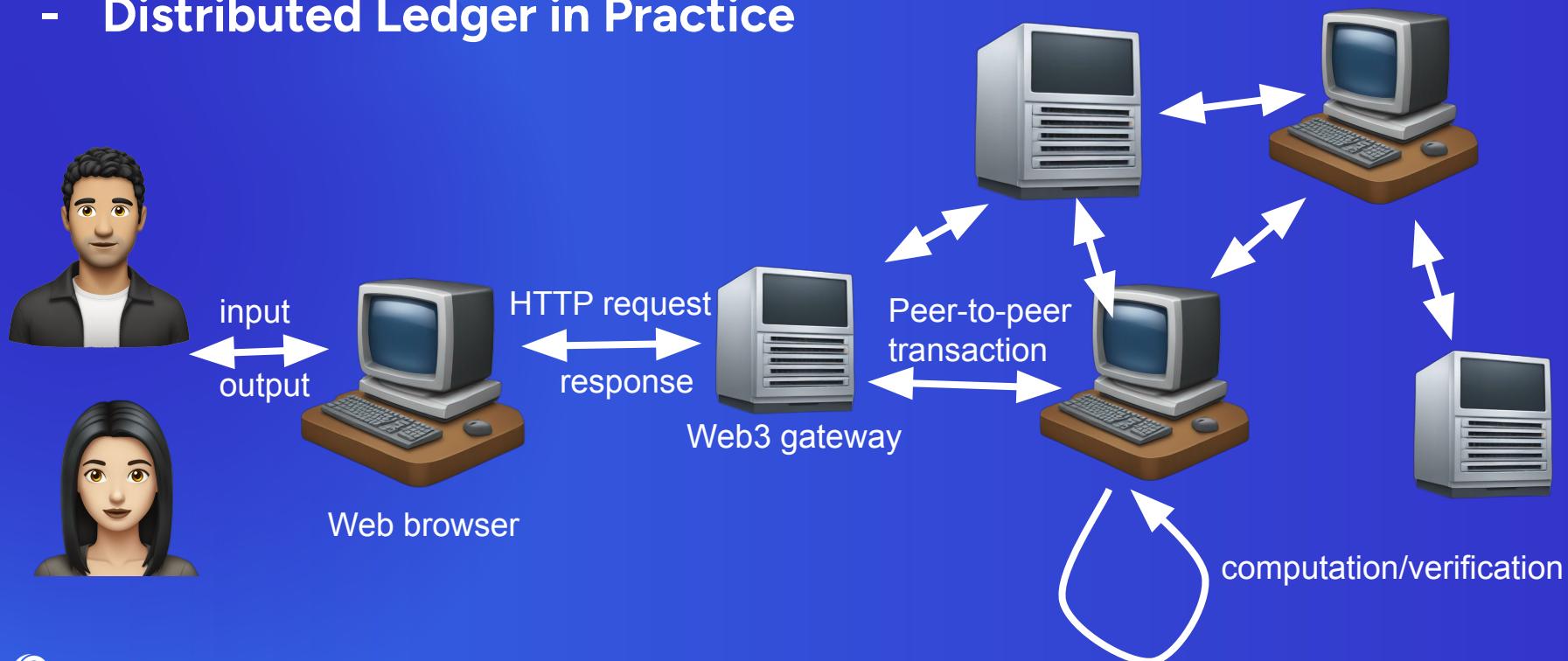
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- 2009+: Distributed Ledger



Short evolution of computing for average Alice and Bob

- Distributed Ledger in Practice



Ethereum's Virtual Machine (EVM): Storage and Computation

- How is the contract state stored on Ethereum chain?
 - World state trie
- We can **extract all contract on-chain data**, via `eth_getStorageAt`
- What if we encrypt data?
 - DeFi, MEV, data privacy! ❤️
- But how can nodes *compute* in a *distributed environment*, if the storage is encrypted?
 - Trusted Execution Environment!

What should Confidential EVM Look Like?

Private Compute

Randomness

Private Storage

End to End Encryption

Short evolution of computing for average Alice and Bob

- Confidential Distributed Ledger



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output

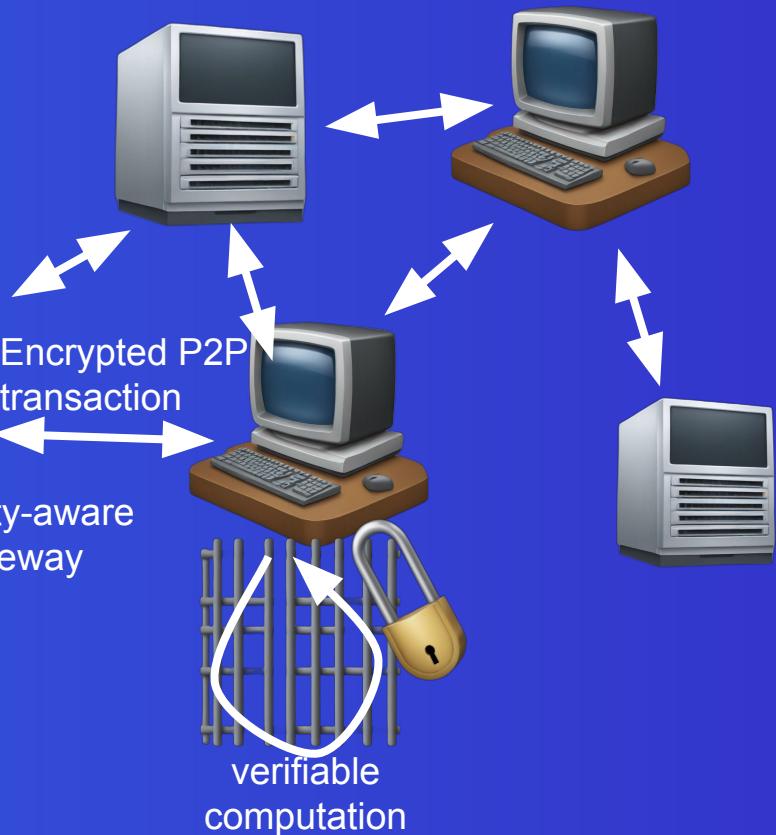


Web browser
Accessing confidential
dApp

HTTP request with
encrypted (wrapped)
peer-to-peer data

Encrypted
response

Confidentiality-aware
Web3 gateway



Sapphire

Confidential EVM

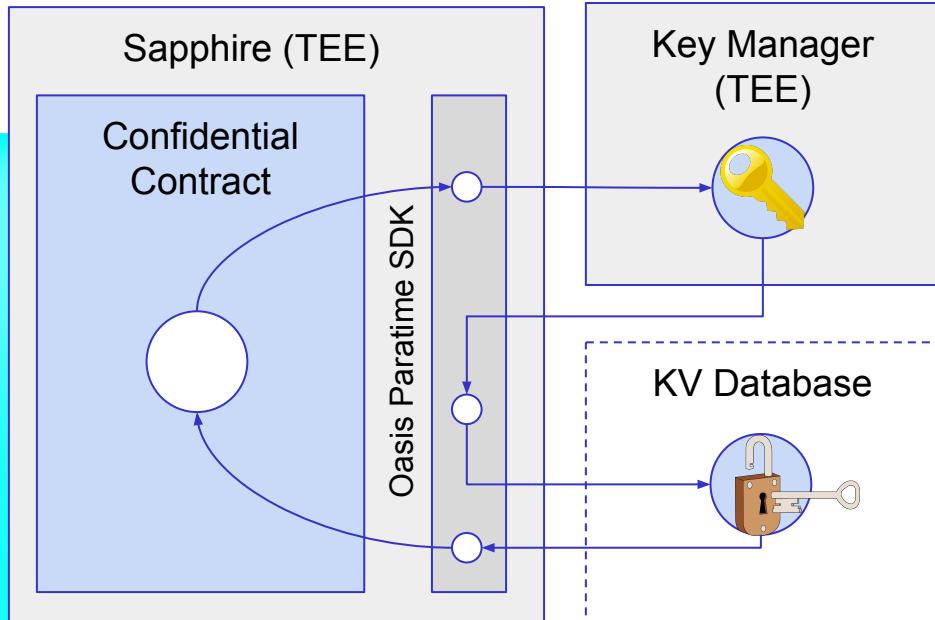
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The Oasis Architecture: Sapphire

- Sapphire is a **confidential EVM-compatible** chain running on Oasis network.
- Smart Contracts are executed in **Trusted Execution Environment (TEE)** on a distributed network of compute nodes.
- Smart Contract storage **is encrypted**.
- Sapphire supports **backward-compatible unencrypted and Oasis-wrapped encrypted transactions and calls**.

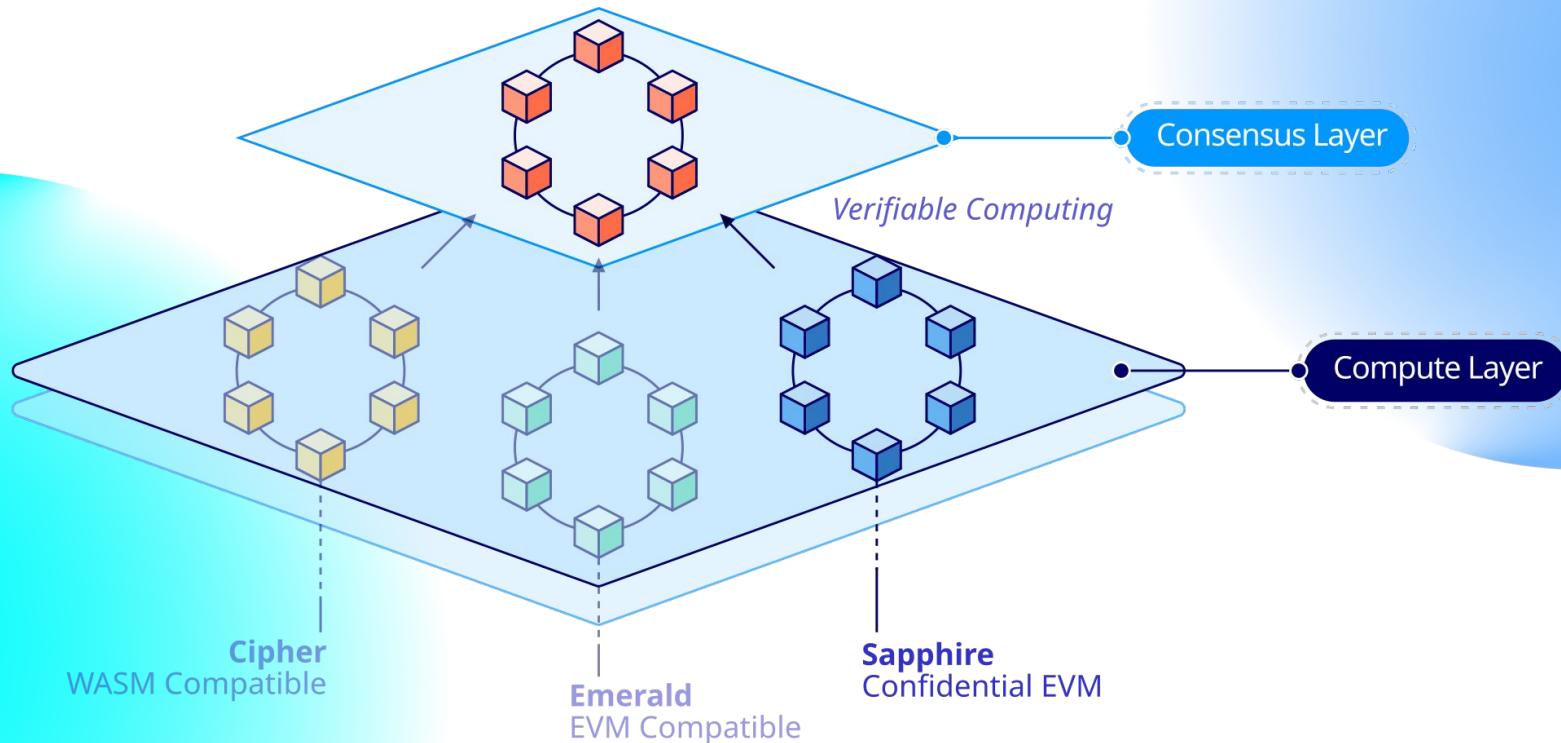
The Oasis Architecture: Sapphire



- Built with **Oasis Paratime SDK**.
- Each contract is **encrypted using a different key**.
- **Isolated Key Manager** improves security by segregating key access.
- The key-value database stores **encrypted data**.

Note: Access patterns are **still visible to node operators!**

The Oasis Architecture: Bigger Picture



The Oasis Architecture: Sapphire Public Endpoints

Mainnet

- RPC HTTP endpoint:
<https://sapphire.oasis.io>
- RPC WebSockets endpoint:
<wss://sapphire.oasis.io/ws>
- Chain ID:
 - Hex: 0x5afe
 - Decimal: 23294
- Block explorer:
<https://explorer.oasis.io/mainnet/sapphire>

Testnet

- RPC HTTP endpoint:
<https://testnet.sapphire.oasis.dev>
- RPC WebSockets endpoint:
<wss://testnet.sapphire.oasis.dev/ws>
- Chain ID:
 - Hex: 0x5aff
 - Decimal: 23295
- Block explorer:
<https://explorer.oasis.io/testnet/sapphire>

Let's get started!

github.com/oasisprotocol/demo-starter

Task 1

Confidential Transactions



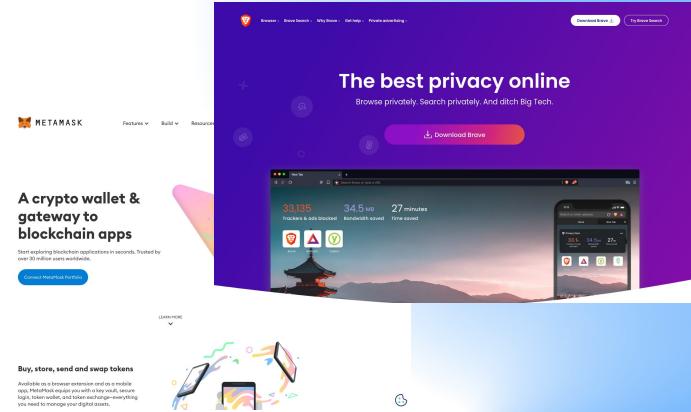
Task 1: Getting Started

1. Clone github.com/oasisprotocol/demo-starter

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'oasisprotocol / demo-starter'. The repository is public and has 1 branch and 0 tags. The main file listed is 'main' (backend). The repository was created by 'matevz frontend' and has 2 commits. The commits are all from 14 hours ago. The repository has 15 watching and 0 forks. There is no description, website, or topics provided. The README.md file is present and describes the 'Oasis Starter dApp'. It mentions that it is a skeleton for confidential Oasis dApps and contains examples for backend and frontend. It also states that the monorepo is set up for pnpm and provides a command to install dependencies: 'pnpm install'. The repository has no releases published. The Languages section shows TypeScript at 54.8%, Vue at 39.5%, JavaScript at 3.1%, HTML at 1.4%, and Other at 1.2%. The Suggested Workflows section is also visible.

Task 1: Getting Started

2. Generate an Ethereum-compatible wallet
(MetaMask, Brave...)



3. Get some Sapphire TEST tokens for your account at faucet.testnet.oasis.dev



Task 1: Getting Started

4. Deploy contract to Sapphire Testnet.

```
cd backend; pnpm install; pnpm build
```

```
PRIVATE_KEY=0x... npx hardhat deploy --network sapphire-testnet
```

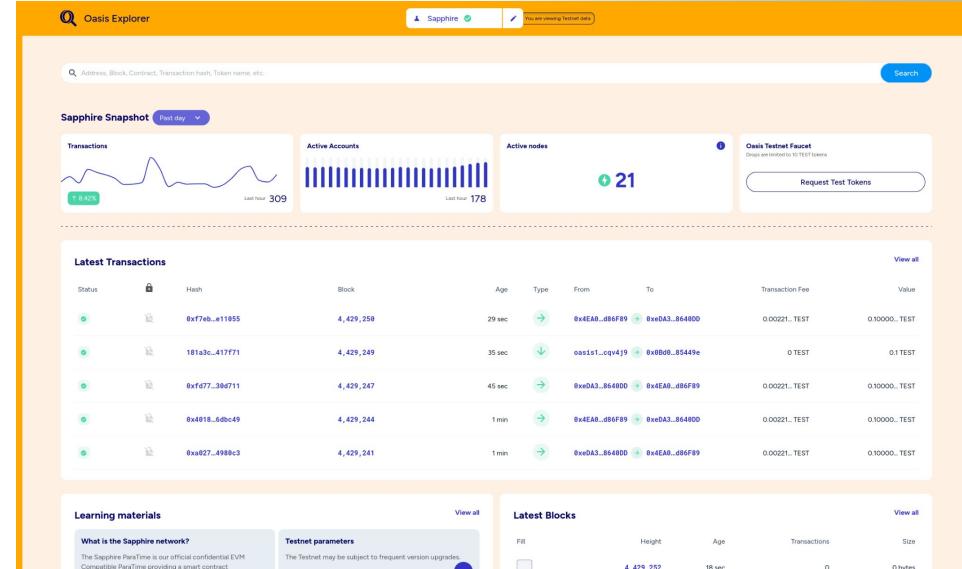
5. Browse Oasis Explorer and try to find your contract:

explorer.oasis.io

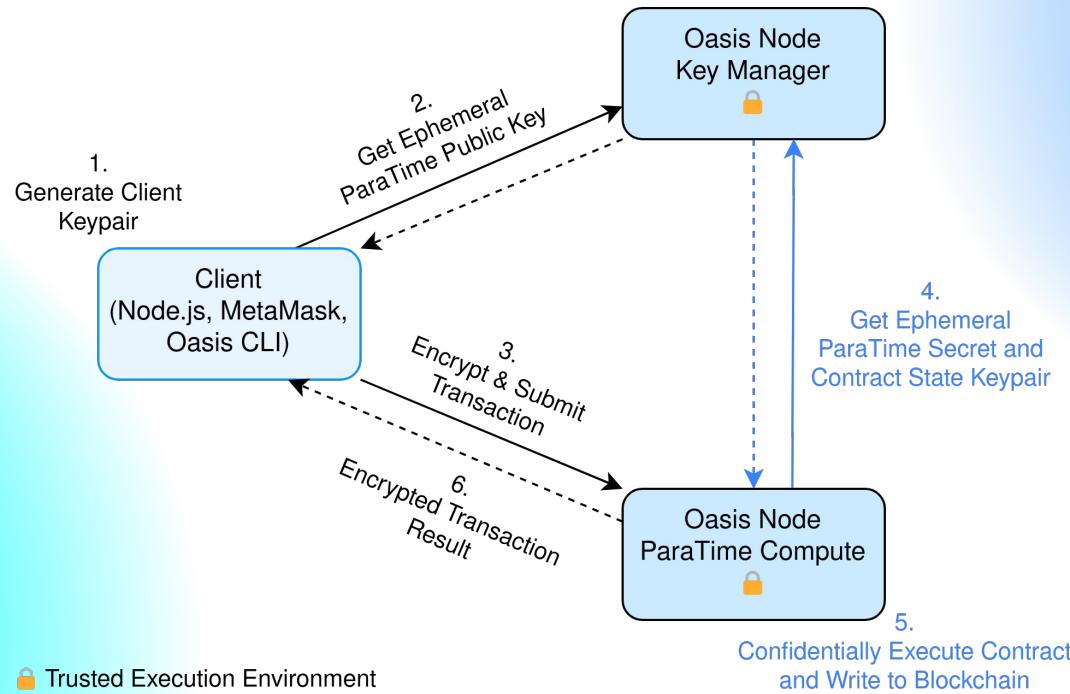
6. Notice:

Encrypted transactions:

Unencrypted transactions:



Task 1: Confidential Transactions



🔒 Trusted Execution Environment

Task 1: Confidential Transactions

- To enable encrypted transactions **wrap the ethers signer**.
- Hardhat: Add at the top of your `hardhat.config.ts`:

```
import '@oasisprotocol/sapphire-hardhat';
const signer = ethers.provider.getSigner(); // signer is automatically wrapped
```

- In other clients (e.g. browser):

```
import * as sapphire from '@oasisprotocol/sapphire-paratime';
const signer = sapphire.wrap(ethers.provider.getSigner());
```

Task 1: Confidential Transactions

7. Demo starter project already imports the wrapper. Check out how the setMessage and message Hardhat tasks store and retrieve the message with **encrypted transaction** and **encrypted call**.

```
PRIVATE_KEY=0x... npx hardhat setMessage <CONTRACT_ADDRESS> <YOUR_MESSAGE> --network sapphire-testnet
```

```
PRIVATE_KEY=0x... npx hardhat message <CONTRACT_ADDRESS> --network sapphire-testnet
```

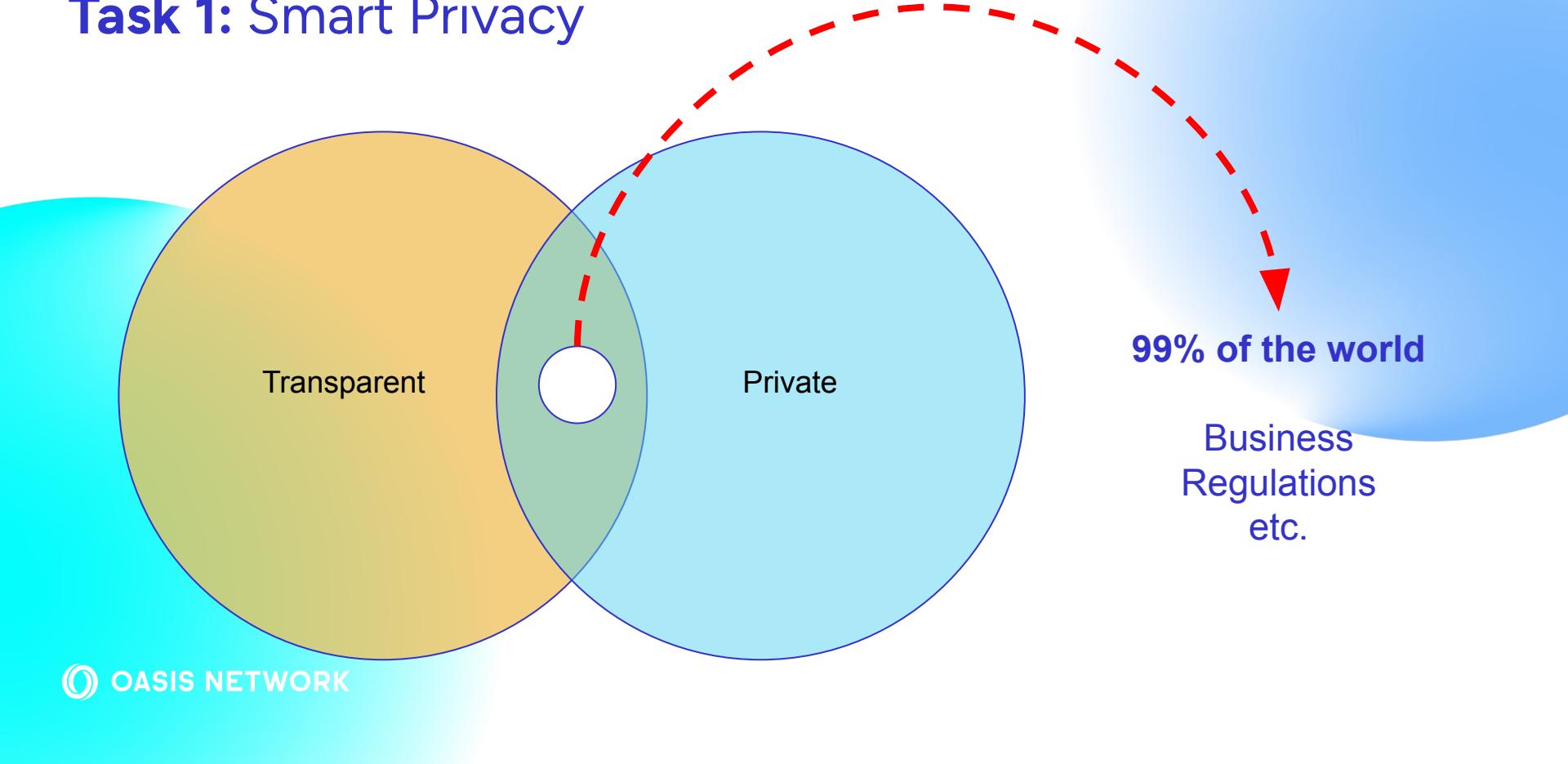
Task 1: Confidential Transactions

But, is it private? Kinda...

The public parameters for both plain and encrypted transactions are:

- From & To
- Gas Price, Gas Used
- Encrypted Calldata size

Task 1: Smart Privacy



Task 1: Smart Privacy

8. Try to extend `setMessage` to support **unencrypted transactions** as well. Use Explorer to check the transmitted transaction.

HINT: Check how `deploy` task was implemented.

Task 2

Signed View Calls



Task 2: Impersonation

- When executing a transaction, `msg.sender` contains the address of the caller—the **one who signed the transaction** or the **contract address** of the caller function.
- For **view calls**, Ethereum supports **impersonation**. This means you can set the value of `msg.sender` field to arbitrary value (e.g. some third-party address) and perform read-only queries on behalf of someone else.
- This is perfectly fine in Ethereum, because the contract state is public anyway and anyone can simulate any execution path.

Task 2: Impersonation

- Sapphire contract storage is **confidential**, it **forbids impersonation**:
 - Anonymous view call:
`msg.sender equals address(0x0)`
 - Signed view call (aka. *signed query*):
`msg.sender equals address(signer)`
- Developers should mitigate **memory access pattern attacks** by requiring specific `msg.sender`.

Task 2: View calls & Impersonation

1. Make the `message` field in the `MessageBox` contract private and only allow the author of the message to retrieve it.
2. Try out **unwrapped** signer to check whether the `msg.sender` is really zeroed, if view call is unsigned.

Task 3

The Frontend



Task 3: Frontend

- The frontend folder contains a simple Vue-based app which imports the MessageBox contract from backend.
- Don't forget to build the backend first!

```
cd backend; pnpm build
```

- In Demo starter, we use Vite to reflect any changes on-the-fly and for deployment. Preview the frontend with:

```
cd frontend; pnpm dev
```

Task 3: Signing in the Frontend

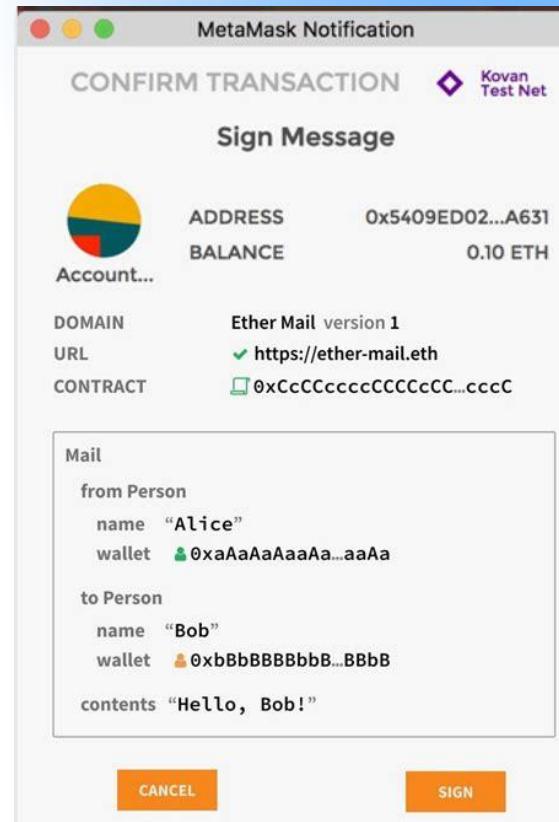
- In Demo starter, we store the *MetaMask instance* into local store so that it's not reloaded each time you open a subpage.
- `useEthereumStore() returns {signer, unwrappedSigner, provider, unwrappedProvider}` to access all flavors of the signer or the provider respectively.
- Contract address, expected chain ID etc. is read from `frontend/.env*` files

Task 3: Signing in the Frontend

- In contracts.ts the wrappers for the contracts are prepared for you:

```
const messageBox = useMessageBox();  
const uwMessageBox = useUnwrappedMessageBox();
```

- Calling uwMessageBox.message() will execute **Anonymous Unencrypted View Call** in background.
- Calling messageBox.message() will activate MetaMask for **Signed and Encrypted View Call**.



Task 3: Signing in the Frontend

- Signing the same query **is cached**. (This helps to reduce annoying popups.)

TASK: Try out **setting the message in the browser** with MetaMask.

Task 4

Precompiles



Task 4: Precompiles

Precompiles for Solidity are built-in functions that **extend the EVM**.

These are complex operations which are difficult to implement efficiently.

Examples of these on *Ethereum* are:

- SHA256
- Elliptic Curve & Pairing (ECADD, ECMUL, ECPAIRING) for ZK / BN128 curve
- EcDSA Signature Verification (ecrecover)

Task 4: Precompiles in Sapphire

```
pnpm install -D @oasisprotocol/sapphire-contracts
```

```
import "@oasisprotocol/sapphire-contracts/contracts/Sapphire.sol";
```

- (Incomplete) list of precompiles:
 - Gas padding
 - Random Number Generation (VRF / CSPRNG)
 - Encryption & decryption (X25519), key generation (Ed25519, SEC P256 k1), signing & verification (EdDSA, EcDSA)
- Learn more: docs.oasis.io/dapp/sapphire/precompiles

Task 4: Sapphire-Localnet

- Sapphire precompiles run on Sapphire only.
- We can use Testnet, but for running the (automated CI) tests each time, this is not viable (slow, gas costs).
- Inspired by `npx hardhat node` and `geth --dev`, the Oasis team provides the `sapphire-localnet` docker image which spins up an isolated Oasis network locally:

```
docker run --rm -it -p8545:8545 -p8546:8546 ghcr.io/oasisprotocol/sapphire-localnet
```

Task 4: Random Number Generator

- Cryptographically secure source of entropy:

```
bytes memory entropy = Sapphire.randomBytes(32, "");
```

- Much easier than using an **external** VRF, it's instant!
- The second parameter seeds the RNG with your own "extra entropy".

TASK: Implement on-chain CAPTCHA (e.g. add two numbers) to prevent spam attacks.

What to do next?



What to do next? ECDH (Shared Secrets)

- Two people have their own key pairs, say Alice and Bob
- When they have each others public keys they can both derive the point, and nobody else can
(Unless one of the secrets gets leaked)

$$g^{xa} = A^x = X^a : A = g^a : X = g^x$$

What to do next? Encryption & Decryption

1. Our initial example used **end-to-end encryption** between user & smart-contract (and stored on the public ledger in encrypted form).
2. But, we can use X25519 key pairs **inside a smart contract** and derive shared secret on-chain!

Use Cases:

- Encrypted emitted events, stateless view calls.
- Encrypted coupons, proxies, authentication, compliance.

What to do next? Signing & Verification

- Contracts can generate key-pairs (Ed25519, X25519, Bitcoin & NIST)
- Signing with EcDSA and EdDSA

But, what can I do with that?

- Generate Ethereum addresses and sign transactions **on-chain!**
- Verify WebAuthN / TouchID, using Ed25519 & EdDSA
- Broadcast cross-chain without bridges

What to do next? On-chain Single Sign-On

- Viewing Keys: Submit an access token to view your data.
- Permits: Provide access to specific functions (read/write).
- Do we really need so many writes?
- Daily Login with EIP-712:
 - Similar to permits, but application specific.
 - Lets you sign a transaction once per day/week.

Learn more: docs.oasis.io/dapp/sapphire/authentication

Step forward—WebAuthN integration: playground.oasis.io/authzn

What to do next? Autonomous Contracts

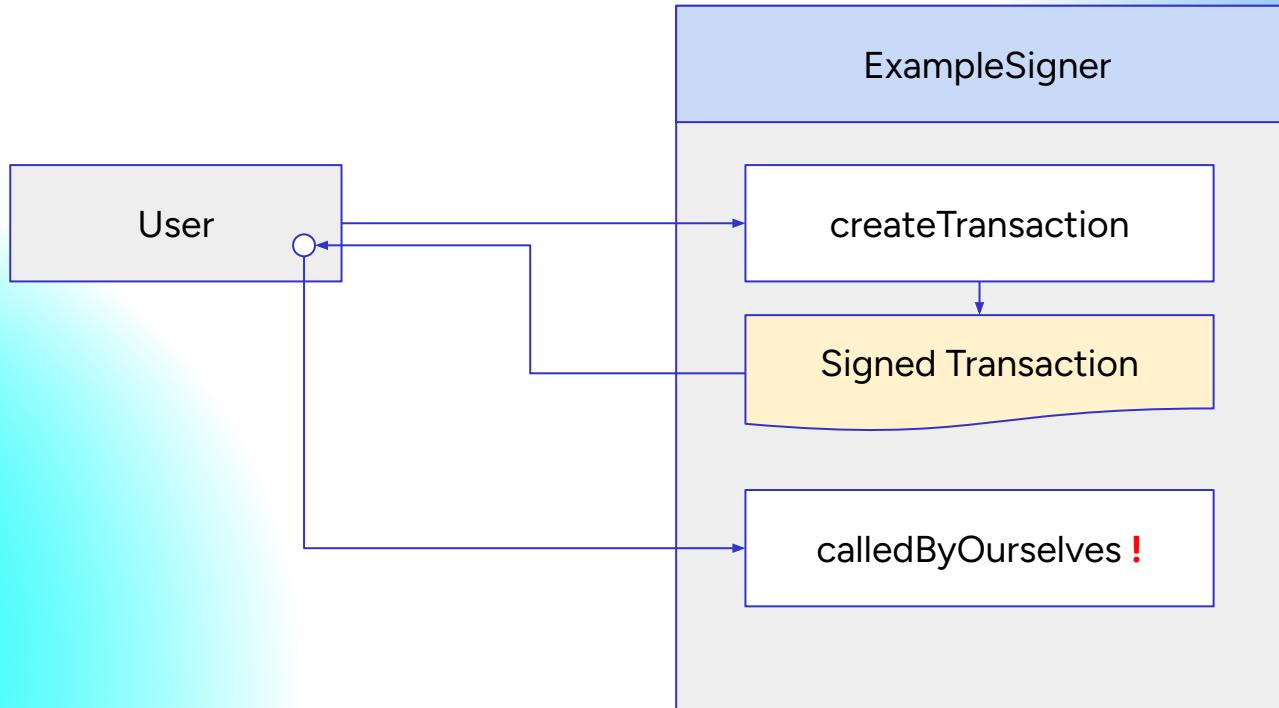
- Using the key generation pre-compiles:

Sapphire can generate **Ethereum compatible accounts** to pay their own **gas**—either on Sapphire or on other EVM compatible chains.

- Check out the Gasless chapter in the docs:

docs.oasis.io/dapp/sapphire/gasless

What to do next? Autonomous Contracts



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Demo:

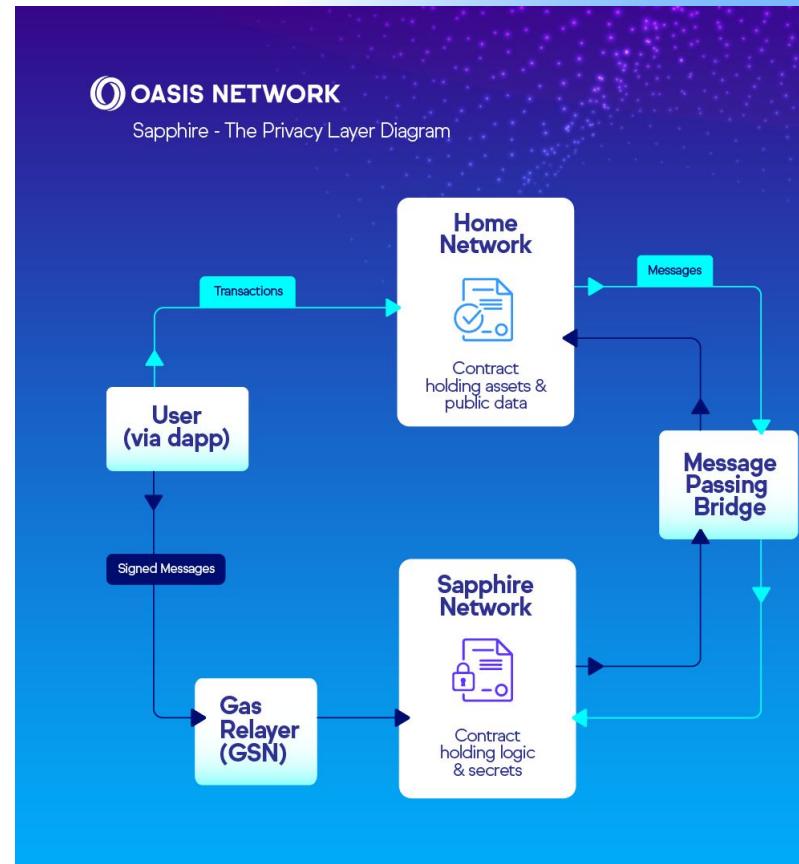
playground.oasis.io/demo-voting

- Submit your votes privately.
- Use MetaMask to sign (EIP-712).
- No need for gas token.
- Only to be connected to Sapphire Testnet.

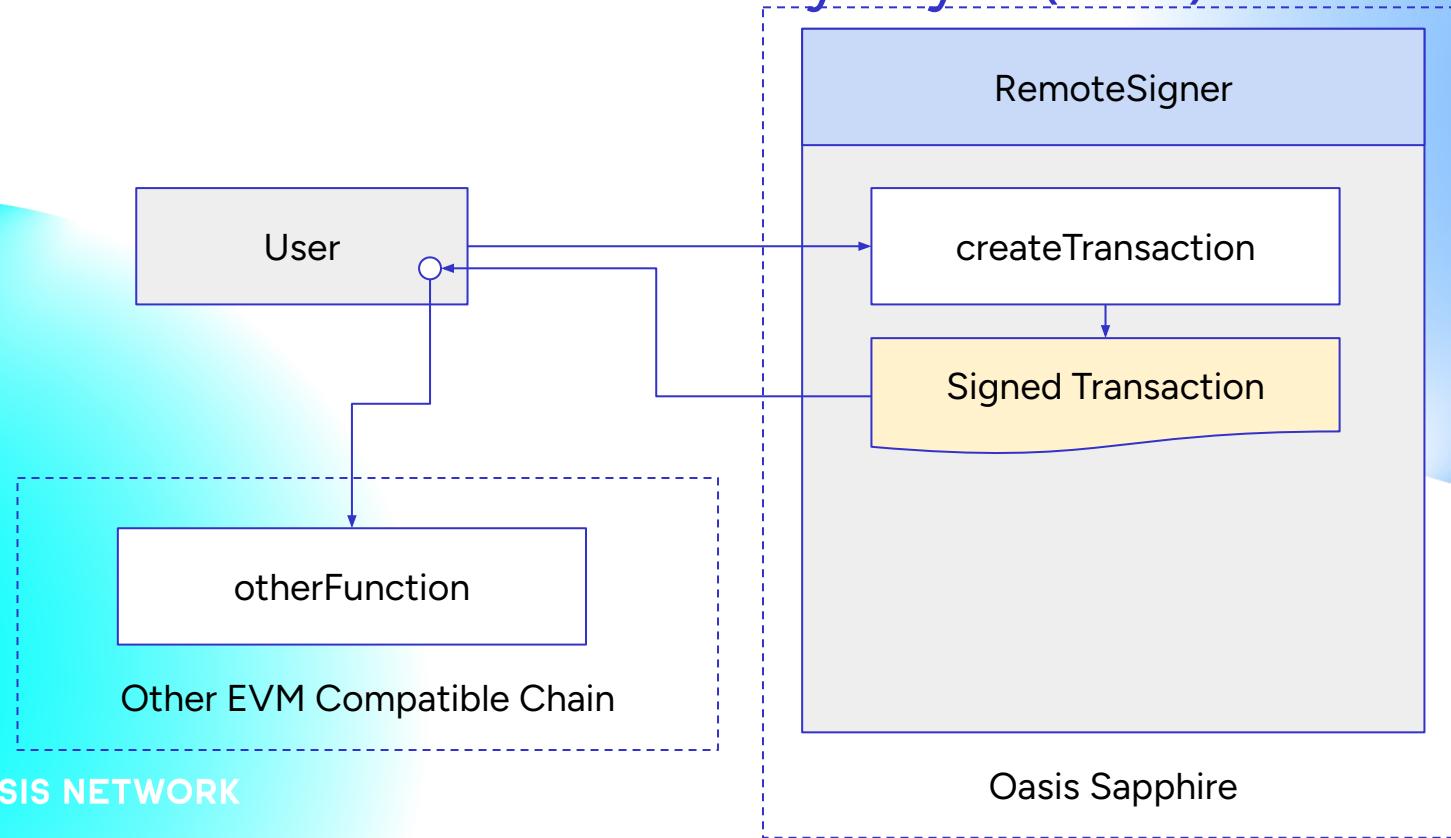
The screenshot shows a web-based voting interface for the Sapphire 101 Workshop. At the top, there's a header with the OASIS NETWORK logo and a sub-header "Do You Like The Sapphire 101 Workshop?". Below this, a question asks, "Did you learn something new on the Sapphire 101 workshop today?". A "Active" button is visible next to the question. On the right side, there's a user profile icon with the handle "6faed...63679" and the text "Sapphire Testnet". The main area contains a list of four options for voting, each with a radio button and an emoji: "Definitely Yes! 🎉" (selected), "I Fell Asleep 😴", "Was There A Workshop Today? 😊", and "I Was Already A Blockchain Ninja Before The Workshop 💪". A "Submit Vote" button is located at the bottom of the list.

What to do next? Oasis Privacy Layer (OPL)

- Connect Sapphire with the most popular EVM networks (Ethereum, BNB Chain, Polygon...) and add encrypted transactions and confidential state.
- Learn more: docs.oasis.io/dapp/opl



What to do next? Oasis Privacy Layer (OPL)



What to do next? Oasis Playground at playground.oasis.io

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Oasis Playground. At the top, there's a search bar labeled "Search by Title/Description" and a "Filters" button. Below that, a sub-header says "Showing 13 results". The main content area displays several cards, each representing a different dApp or project:

- Authzn Demo**: A short demo which connects to the Oasis Authenticator and obtains the user ID stored on Sapphire, if the...
Tags: Authzn, React, TypeScript.
- Authenticator Demo**: Minimal **confidential** smart contract written in rust which uses the Oasis Contracts SDK including the contract...
Tags: Confidential State, Oasis Wasm, Oasis CLI, CL, Rust.
- Confidential Hello World on Cipher**: This is a simple dApp for confidential voting. It exposes the latest Oasis confidentiality features such as...
Tags: Confidential State, Oasis Wasm, Oasis CLI, CL, Solidity (Ethereum), TypeScript.
- E2E Proxy**: A short example of how a contract can relay an end-to-end encrypted transactions on Oasis Sapphire, so th...
- Hardhat Sapphire Example**: A simple example which uses Hardhat for connecting to Sapphire and use its confidential state to implement a...
- Hello World on Cipher**: Minimal non-confidential smart contract written in rust which uses the Oasis Contracts SDK...

What to do next? Run your node

- Oasis network is a **decentralized network**
- You can help with the decentralization by **becoming a validator** and/or **running a ParaTime compute node** (Emerald, Sapphire, Cipher)
- Or, you can simply run a consensus and/or ParaTime **client node** along with the **web3 gateway** to avoid public (and malicious?) endpoints
- Learn more: docs.oasis.io/get-involved/run-node

What to do next? Oasis Documentation docs.oasis.io

The screenshot shows the 'Getting Started' section of the Oasis Documentation website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: 'Oasis Docs' (highlighted), 'Use Oasis', 'Create dApp', 'Get Involved', 'Run Node', 'Build ParaTime', and 'Develop Core'. To the right of the navigation bar are icons for refresh, globe, sun, search, and a 'ctrl + K' keyboard shortcut.

Getting Started

Use Oasis

This introductory part contains general overview of the Oasis Network such as the distinction between the consensus layer and different ParaTimes. It also covers wallets and other tools for managing your assets across the Oasis chains and how to use unique Oasis features.

Oasis Network
4 items

Manage your Tokens
8 items

Oasis CLI
7 items

Create dApp

Contains learning material for the smart contract developers. Since the Oasis platform is best known for confidentiality, the most notable ParaTime is **Oasis Sapphire**, an EVM-compatible ParaTime with built-in contract state encryption. The Oasis team also prepared a set of libraries called the **Oasis Privacy Layer** to bridge existing dApps running on other chains to use the unique Sapphire's confidentiality.

The part also covers other ParaTimes such as the non-confidential **Oasis Emerald** and Wasm-compatible, confidential **Oasis Cipher**.

Sapphire
10 items

Oasis Privacy Layer
6 items

Emerald
2 items

Cipher
4 items

Get Involved

Use Oasis
Create dApp
Get Involved
Run Node
Build ParaTimes
Develop Core



Question, Answers & Proposals



THANK YOU

SEE YOU NEXT TIME!

Task 5: Encryption (TypeScript)

```
import * as sapphire from '@oasisprotocol/sapphire-paratime'

const e2ePubKey = await e2e.getPublicKey();
const box = sapphire.cipher.X25519DeoxysII.ephemeral(e2ePubKey);

let {nonce, cipherText} = await box.encrypt(plaintextBytes);

const nonceBytes32Hex = ethers.utils.hexlify(nonce) +
"00000000000000000000000000000000";
```

Task 5: Decryption (Solidity)

```
import "@oasisprotocol/sapphire-contracts/contracts/Sapphire.sol";

contract E2EProxy {
    Sapphire.Curve25519PublicKey internal immutable publicKey;
    Sapphire.Curve25519SecretKey internal immutable privateKey;

    constructor (bytes memory extraEntropy) {
        (publicKey, privateKey) = Sapphire.generateCurve25519KeyPair(extraEntropy);
    }

    function getPublicKey() external view returns (bytes32) {
        return Sapphire.Curve25519PublicKey.unwrap(publicKey);
    }
}
```

Task 5: Decryption (Solidity)

```
import "@oasisprotocol/sapphire-contracts/contracts/Sapphire.sol";

contract E2EProxy {
    function decrypt(bytes32 peerPublicKey, bytes32 nonce, bytes memory data)
        external
    {
        bytes32 sk = Sapphire.deriveSymmetricKey(
            Sapphire.Curve25519PublicKey.wrap(peerPublicKey),
            privateKey);
        bytes memory plaintext = Sapphire.decrypt(sk, nonce, data, "");
    }
}
```

Task 5: Signing (Solidity)

```
import "@oasisprotocol/sapphire-contracts/contracts/Sapphire.sol";

contract SigningExample {
    function sign(bytes32 hashed_message)
        external returns (bytes)
    {
        Sapphire.SigningAlg alg =
Sapphire.SigningAlg.Secp256k1PrehashedKeccak256;

        bytes memory pk;
        bytes memory sk;
        bytes memory digest = abi.encodePacked(hashed_message);

        Bytes memory entropy = Sapphire.randomBytes(32, "");
        (pk, sk) = Sapphire.generateSigningKeyPair(alg, entropy);

        return Sapphire.sign(alg, sk, digest, "");
    }
}
```

Task 5: Verification (Solidity)

```
import "@oasisprotocol/sapphire-contracts/contracts/Sapphire.sol";

contract VerifyExample {
    function verify(bytes32 hashed_message, bytes memory signature)
        external returns (bool)
    {
        Sapphire.SigningAlg alg =
Sapphire.SigningAlg.Secp256k1PrehashedKeccak256;

        bytes memory digest = abi.encodePacked(hashed_message);

        return Sapphire.verify(alg, pk, digest, "", signature);
    }
}
```

Task 5: Autonomous Contracts

Ethereum compatible key-generation & signing is included in the `@oasisprotocol/sapphire-contracts` package:

- `EthereumUtils.sol`
 - `a, s = EthereumUtils.generateKeypair()`
- `EIP155Signer.sol`
 - `struct EIP155Signer.EthTx`
 - `EIP155Signer.sign(address, secret, tx)`

Task 5: Ethereum Keypair Generation and Signing (Solidity)

```
import '@oasisprotocol/sapphire-contracts/contracts/EthereumUtils.sol';

contract KeypairExample {
    address pubkey;
    bytes32 secret;

    constructor () {
        (pubkey, secret) = EthereumUtils.generateKeypair();
    }

    function sign(bytes memory data)
        external view returns (SignatureRSV memory rsv)
    {
        bytes32 digest = keccak256(data);
        rsv = EthereumUtils.sign(pubkey, secret, digest);
    }
}
```

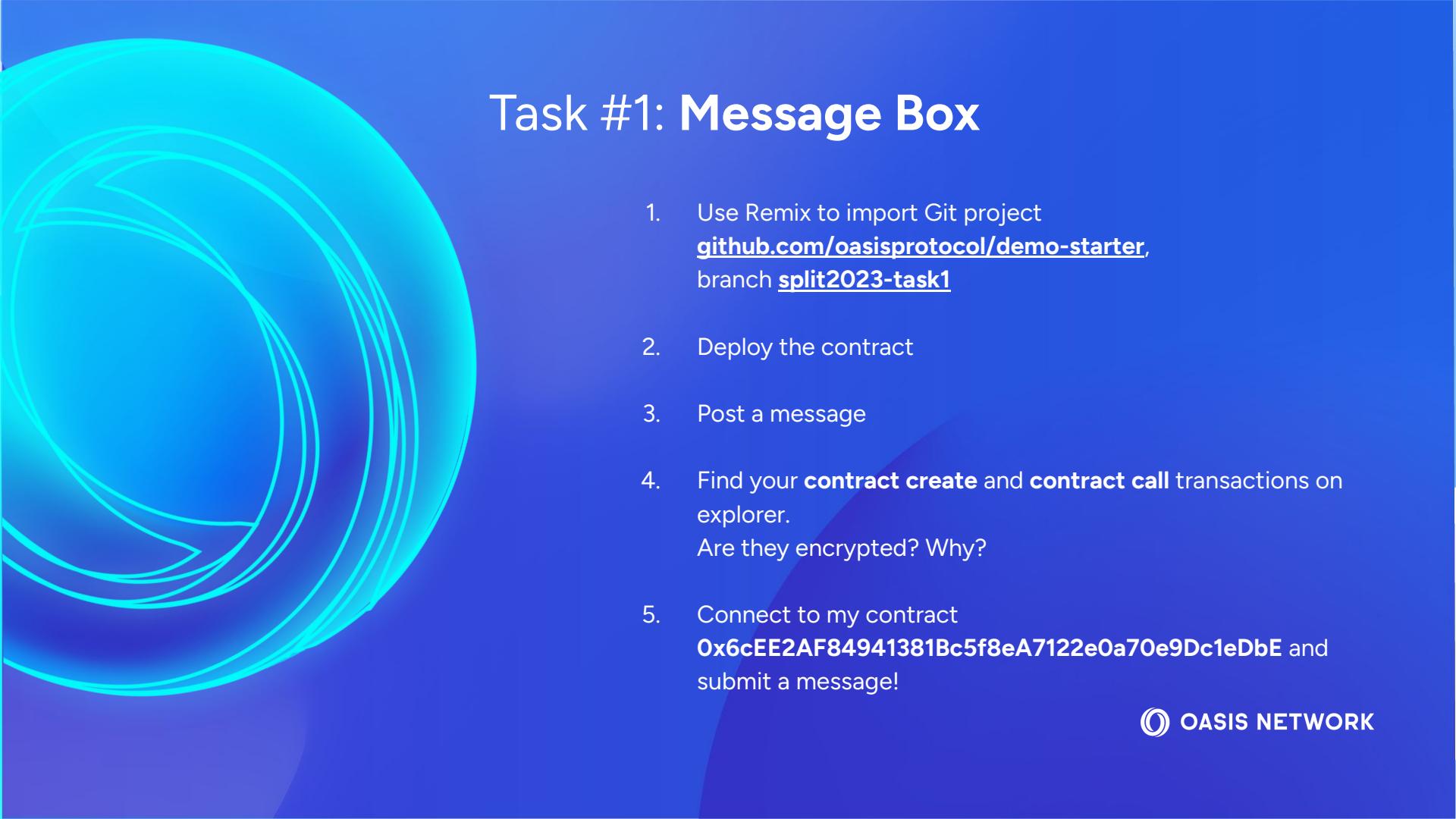
Task 5: Transaction Signing (Solidity)

```
function signTx(uint64 nonce, uint256 gasPrice, uint256 value)
    external view returns (bytes memory txdata)
{
    return EIP155Signer.sign(pubkey, secret, EIP155Signer.EthTx({
        nonce: nonce,
        gasPrice: gasPrice,
        gasLimit: 250000,
        to: msg.sender,
        value: value,
        data: "",
        chainId: block.chainid
    }));
}
```

Task #1

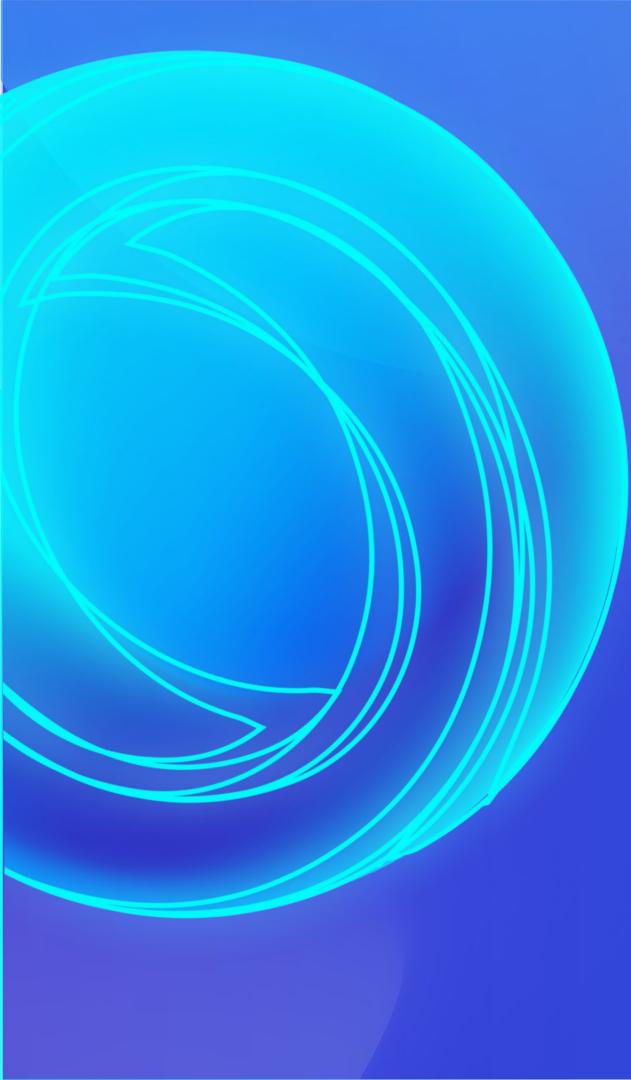
Message Box





Task #1: Message Box

1. Use Remix to import Git project
github.com/oasisprotocol/demo-starter,
branch split2023-task1
2. Deploy the contract
3. Post a message
4. Find your **contract create** and **contract call** transactions on explorer.
Are they encrypted? Why?
5. Connect to my contract
0x6cEE2AF84941381Bc5f8eA7122e0a70e9Dc1eDbE and submit a message!



Task #2: C10I Message Box

1. Git clone project
github.com/oasisprotocol/demo-starter,
branch split2023-task2
2. Deploy the contract
3. Post a confidential message **using hardhat task** to your second Metamask account
4. Find your **contract create** and **contract call** transactions on explorer. Are they encrypted? Why?
5. Connect to my contract
0x682A74921B6f0194509C01490e35Ac0063a6a1b1 and submit a message for my account
0x90adE3B7065fa715c7a150313877dF1d33e777D5!

Task #3

Message Box in the browser





Task #3: Message Box in the browser

1. Git clone project
github.com/oasisprotocol/demo-starter,
branch split2023-task3
2. Deploy the contract and configure the contract address in the Frontend folder. Spin up the Frontend locally!
3. Post a confidential message **from the browser** and view it by switching to the second account
4. Find your **contract create** and **contract call** transactions on explorer. Are they encrypted? Why?
5. Connect to my contract
0x682A74921B6f0194509C01490e35Ac0063a6a1b1 and submit a message for my account
0x90adE3B7065fa715c7a150313877dF1d33e777D5!

Getting Started: Localnet (sapphire-dev)

Run a full Sapphire node locally.

```
IMAGE=ghcr.io/oasisprotocol/sapphire-dev:latest
```

```
docker pull $IMAGE
```

```
docker run --rm -it -p8545:8545 -p8546:8546 $IMAGE
```

Differences vs Ethereum

The big questions:

- Calldata Encryption
- Encrypted Storage
- Can you trust `msg.sender` ?

How?

- Trusted Execution Environment (Intel SGX)
- Key Manager & EVM run inside different TEEs

Content: **Placeholder Content**

- Reputation/Credit-based Lending
- Crypto Gaming (w. game logic on chain to enable full transparency and auditability)
- Private DEX to eliminate MEV issues
- Decentralized Identity, KYC/AML, verifiable credentials
- Decentralized Society
- Confidential NFT, Data backed NFT