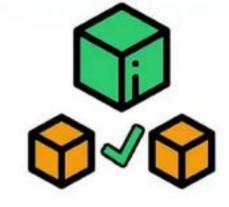


The requested transaction is broadcast to a P2P network consisting of computers known as nodes.



The P2P network of nodes validates the transaction and the user's status using known algorithms.



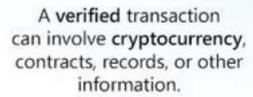
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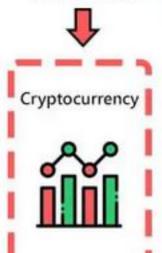
The transaction is complete!



The new block is then added to the existing blockchain in a way that is permanent and unalterable.







Has no intrinsic value in that it is not redeemable for another commodity.

Has no physical

form and exists only in the

network.



