

Blockchain Development for Fintech(POC)

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### **ABOUT RAMAN TECHNOLOGIES INC**



### Raman Technologies Inc.

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#### **LEADERSHIP**

- Agile Transformation Services for the Government
- Backed by trusted clients
- @ Empower professionals by providing education & tools on project management and agile delivery
- Raman Technologies Inc. advises on strategic portfolio execution

#### LONG TERM RELATIONSHIPS

- 100% Referenceable clients
- Trusted advisors based relationships
- Technology specialization
- Excellent customer satisfaction ratings



# **About Us**

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We help organizations become Agile, develop their system and products leveraging Agile methods, and leverage Blockchain technology to innovate their business. We bring together solutions to help companies adopt, transform and scale their businesses with strong agile development methodologies; staffing and consulting services; coaching and training; and most importantly, a full transformation support. Our focus is always on your business delivered through agility, flexibility and uncompromising quality.

#### **Our Vision**

Nothing less than realizing the full potential of our clients and helping them unlock their greatest asset for maximum success, we call knowledge, in this complex world we live in.

#### **Our Mission**

Raman Technologies mission is to empower organizations and people to be more effective, efficient, and successful in delivering their products to the marketplace. To leverage technology to help organizations be more transparent and improve operational efficiency. In essence – to be the catalyst and model for setting the standards for product development and creating a transparent and collaborative environment, where people are motivated to take ownership of their work and reach their potential.



# Distributed Ledger Technology in FinTech



Awareness of DLT has grown rapidly, but significant hurdles remain to large-scale implementation



An uncertain and unharmonized regulatory environment



Nascent collective standardization efforts

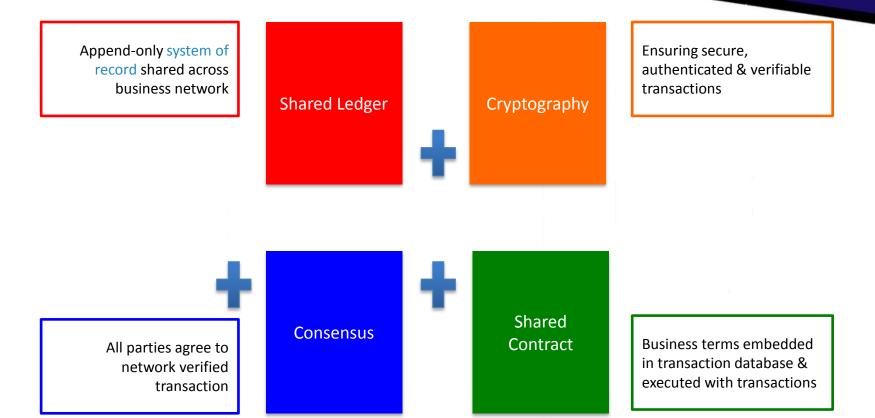


An absence of formal legal frameworks

Source: World Economic Forum – Aug 2016



### Blockchain in a nutshell



Broader participation, lower cost and increased efficiency



# **Distributed Ledger - Components**

Independent permissioned blockchain

Network achieves settlement finality Distributed Ledger

Distributed virtual machine (Turing-complete)

Smart contracts govern offchain assets

Source: http://www.ofnumbers.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Permissioned-distributed-ledgers.pdf



# Why blockchain?

Blockchain is an emerging technology that can radically improve banking, supply-chain and other transaction networks, giving them new opportunities for innovation and growth while reducing cost and risk.

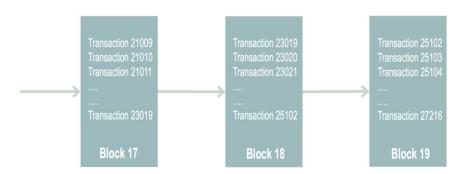
Economic transactions on a distributed ledger can be programmed to record virtually anything of value: your identity, a will, a deed, a title, a license, intellectual property, and also almost any type of financial instrument.

"How seriously should we take this? I would take it as seriously as we should have taken the concept of the Internet in the 1990s."

-Blythe Masters, DAH http://bit.ly/1JENgb4

### Secure and trusted record keeping

By design, no one party can modify, delete, or even append any record to the ledger without the consensus, making the system useful for ensuring the **immutability of transactions**, **contracts**, **and other legal documents**.



### Blockchain

#### Transaction

Inputs from network participants that describe changes in asset control, or insertion of contracts and/or related legal documents.

#### Block

Among other things, a block contains a list of validated transactions defined around the time frame when the block was created.

#### Blockchain

A record repository of ordered collection of blocks. It records the history of asset control and state changes, as well as creation of contracts and legal documents.



## Financial Industry Applications best suited for Blockchain

### **Financial Instruments**

- Payments Cross Border, P2P,
   Corporate and Interbank
- Private Equity
- Bonds
- Derivative Commodities
- Trading Records
- Spending Records
- Mortgage/Loan Records
- Microfinance
- Servicing Records

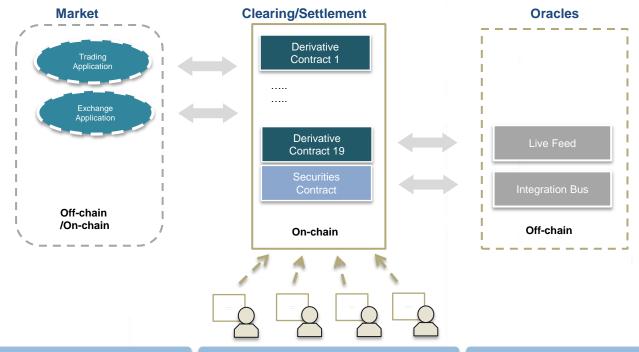
### **Stack of Processes**

- Clearing Networks
- International Transfers
- Clearing and Settlement
- Auditing, Reconciliation,
   Reporting and Settlement
- Asset Ownership



### **Blockchain for Financial Market**

Trading, clearing and settlement functions can all be automated on a blockchain network using smart contracts and oracles.



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Trading/exchange applications can live either on-chain or off-chain (i.e. off-chain applications are often more centralized, but likely offer better latency).

#### Clearing/Settlement

Final clearing/settlement of financial assets can be automated through smart contracts, which have direct access to assets defined on chain.

#### Oracle

Oracles are off chain services that integrate on-chain contracts with existing systems. Network participants do not interact with oracles directly.



# Financial Service use cases for Blockchain

### **Blockchain for Banking**

#### **Letters of Credit**

For the banks handling letters of credit (LOC) for their clients, Blockchain Technology provides a common ledger that allows bank and all counter-parties to have the same validated records of transactions and fulfilment of conditions, so that this can increase trust and speed of execution from 4 days to <1 day.

#### **Corporate Debt**

As a bank handler of corporate debt, Blockchain based systems can help to pay vendor invoices for bank's corporate clients immediately and win the highest net discount while immediately letting the Bank clients validate that the invoice was executed and the money paid. And also the bank doesn't need to build another system for innovative factoring use cases and government oversight measures — one API for all. The system can be built at a market-level, so that banks don't have to build one for each of their client relationships, and so that this can spread the cost of building and maintaining the system.

#### **Repurchase Agreements**

As a repurchase agreement trader, banks need a transparent marketplace of bids and asks, so that they can discover, trade and execute agreements with relative assurance that there will be no repudiation or other issues. Blockchain helps each trading partner to be equal in the network, trade directly and spread the costs/risks.

#### **Supply Chain and Self-Executing B2B Contracts**

Corporate buyers would want be able to submit their purchase contract to a network they share with the suppliers, which will convert the agreement into a validated, trusted, self-executing process, so that when the PO is appended to the ledger, supply has been received, and other events occur, the terms of the contract are automatically executed. And so the supplier, the buyer, their banks, logistics partners and other stakeholders all can have visibility and be assured of proper completion of the transaction.



# Financial Services use cases for Blockchain...

Blockchain for Banking Consortia	
Security Services	<b>Security Settlement:</b> Once financial assets are dematerialized on a shared ledger, all stakeholders will have direct access to the asset repository and the power to settle trades, without always going through intermediaries needlessly.
	<b>Post Trade Operation</b> : Post trade processes such as trade capture, enrichment, confirmation/affirmation, clearing and settlement can be automated on a shared ledger, potentially reducing post trade operation time from days to seconds.
	<b>Trade Repository:</b> By design, Blockchain is a secure record repository of ordered collection of financial transactions. It records the history of asset control and state changes, reducing the need of maintaining a separate trade repository for record keeping.
Capital Market	<b>Derivative Trading:</b> Connect potential buyers and sellers on a decentralized network. Offers placed on Blockchain network can be automatically seen by all participants, the network will be cheaper and potentially bigger than ECNs today because the risk and the cost of maintaining the network is spread across all participants (there will not be a single owner charging premium for maintaining the service.)
	<b>Derivative Post:</b> Trade Management: Derivatives contracts can be managed and automated through smart contracts on a shared ledger, significantly cutting down the management cost and time while reducing the intra-day risk.
	<b>Syndicated Loan:</b> Help borrowers and arrangers to broadcast their offers to all potential investors on a Blockchain network and to automate the syndication process.
Trade Finance	<b>Cross-Currency Payment:</b> Automatically connecting market makers and bypassing intermediaries to significantly reduce the time taken for cross currency payment from days to seconds.
Card Operation	<b>KYC:</b> Credit card issuers can record customers' credit histories on a shared ledger so that customer information can be easily shared (or sold) between companies.



# What we bring and what needs to be done

### We bring the expertise capabilities as well as necessary tools ...

- Experts in Blockchain, identity management and cryptography technologies.
- Experts in Software product engineering and BPM.
- Domain experts in supply chain, healthcare, ERP and financial services.

### ...to execute in this field:

### We are currently developing POCs and conducting research in

- Proof of Concept in Banking: Our Blockchain and product development team is currently working on developing proof of concepts in banking use cases on the Ethereum blockchain.
- **Identity, Certificates:** In order to transact on the Blockchain without exposing strategic information to others, a party's identity must be transparent to the party it's transacting with while opaque to others.. Our team has developed sophisticated user identity management solutions in several of its products.
- Inter-network services: In addition to identity management, current Blockchain platforms are challenged in enabling cross-ledger services. Say, for example, a bank performed KYC on a merchant in one network, and now the same bank is working with the same merchant in another network. Why do KYC twice? Our team has developed innovative interoperable service components to manage inter network communication.





Loyalty Reward Program using Blockchain (Implementation of proof of concept)

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### Loyalty Reward Program POC – What we are trying to solve...

- Too much fragmentation in loyalty Industry.
- High rate of Loyalty rewards account inactivity and low redemption rates unclaimed rewards are accounted for liabilities on company balance sheets.
- Difficult for loyalty reward providers to setup or enter loyalty program partnership due to poor interoperability among enterprise systems.
- High transaction, system management and customer acquisition costs.
- Low customer retention.
- 53% of customers are unhappy with their loyalty program.
- Improve customer privacy and transactional security



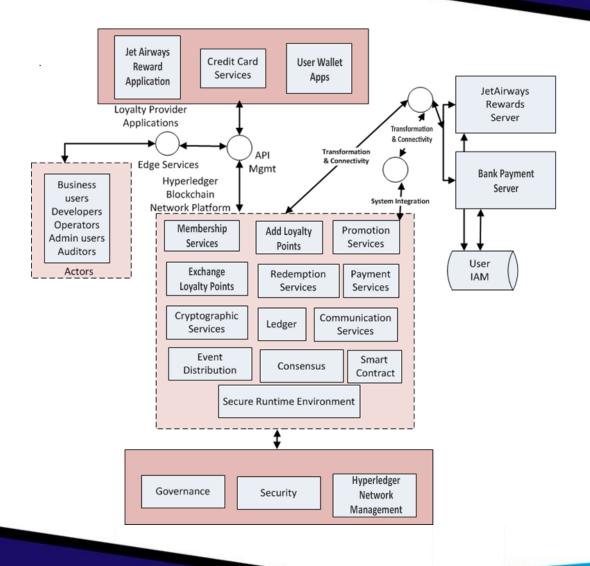
### **Loyalty Reward Program POC – Solution Overview**

Our Loyalty Reward Program POC based on Ethereum Platform:

- **Loyalty Network Platform** Permissioned blockchain network based on Hyperledger blockchain technology that could accommodate different organizations and their loyalty programs. (e.g. program currently being tested with Canara bank and Jet Airways merchant reward applications)
- **Loyalty Tokens** Loyalty reward points implemented as algorithm generated Ether based crypto tokens.
- Digital Wallets Multisig Digital wallets created for users and loyalty provider reward applications
  to connect to loyalty network platform for loyalty point earning, exchange and redemption
  transactions. For the purpose of POC, we use Mist, EthAccount and Geth wallets. The loyalty
  provider reward applications and bank were connected through their wallet accounts to the
  Ethereum blockchain.
- API Management The API calls between reward application, bank, user wallets and blockchain
  platform are made using secure REST web service calls. These API calls were made as wrappers to
  web3.js API calls which invoke smart contract functions related to loyalty reward transactions (earn
  loyalty points, exchange points, redeem points and read user wise loyalty point balance and
  transaction history.)
- Security/Authentication Services— All Users, enterprise applications and the loyalty reward transactions are authenticated using PKI based authentication (X.509 certificates) backed by blockchain security layer. Enterprise users and their roles are authenticated using an open source Identity access management e.g. OpenIAM system.



## **Loyalty Reward System POC – Solution Architecture**





### **Loyalty Reward Program POC – Solution Overview**

### Our Loyalty and Reward Program is designed to be:

- Secure in Access, Transmission and Storage of data.
- Based on Modular components.
- Smart contracts with fine grained ownership checking rules to secure transactions.
- Smart transactions. Example:
  - when a member earns loyalty points it updates transactions and balances, statements and transaction receipts
  - when a member redeems, it refers/updates comprehensive catalog options and fulfilment tracking.
- Promotion manager with configurations e.g. SKU, Loyalty promotion, Earn x jet air miles per \$ spent, first time purchase reward etc.
- Hyperledger Blockchain distributed transaction ledger to provide information on members identity and profiles, promotions and transaction history (loyalty points earnings, redemptions and transfers)
- User identity access management to control permissioned access to the blockchain.



### **Loyalty Reward Program POC – Results**

As a result of successful POC, our team was able to

- Setup a Permissioned Blockchain loyalty reward network based framework between merchant, bank and customer.
- Near Real time transaction updates across various stakeholder systems.(e.g. users, merchant, bank) For example transactions updated in near real time in merchant and bank distributed ledger nodes.
- Developed user wallets to interact with loyalty program smart contracts deployed in blockchain.
- Identified further Scope of work to extend POC use cases e.g.
  - User wallets to be developed as android and iOS mobile apps to interact with loyalty blockchain system.
  - Development of real time notifications to update fulfilment tracking and customer service updates post redemption of loyalty points.
  - Updating banking and merchant statements to clear off liabilities on redemption of loyalty points with real time updates.
  - Promotional management of loyalty rewards.
  - Promotion and Integration of loyalty reward system on social media.





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