Beacor- An Overview

Abstract- **The Internet of Things (IoT) has wide utility potential in the near future. A few IoT use cases comprise City energy consumption, Noise monitoring, Air quality and Waste management. However, IoT still faces trust issues caused by the centralised data models. Further progress is hindered due to need of a comprehensible widely accepted business model. In the upcoming sections, we will explore these challenges and the opportunity for end users to take advantage of the IoT in this digital transformation.**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Internet of Things (IoT) is a newborn epitome where everyday objects will be embedded with Microchips and an OS which enables these objects to communicate and be integrated to the Internet. Developing a secure and reliable platform for IoT applications is a real challenge. To understand this problem lets say a user looks for the most well performing stock. He counts on an application which runs on an AI program that feeds on the data from a centralised establishment. But, to what degree this action could be relied upon? A client must have utmost faith in the system to produce a trusted decision. By decentralsing the data and analytics blockchain can fulfill the assurance and confidence frequently required by end users to fully adopt and rely on AI-based business operation.

II. MARKET AND OPPORTUNITIES

According to a recent study, three-quarters of companies have taken initiative for IoT but only 6 percent of those have truly leveraged it to create revenues. New startups such as Uber have radically disrupted the well established market. To counter it, large-scale businesses are building their own initiatives surrounding the IoT, reevaluating products, in the similar fashion connected car enterprises are perceiving – A vehicle for delivering a new user experience instead of a vehicle of transport.

There is yet to be a conventional company (less than $5 billion in valuation) that has to realize the opportunity of investing in the IoT as means to transform themselves. This is on the ground of less about a need of interest or a lack of resources essential to develop a robust IoT business model. Most of the world's business is conducted by these conventional companies. These enterprises have the perceptivenes and flexibility to respond quickly. So, potentially they may suffer resource constraints, their means to respond gives them a inherent advantage over larger candidates. Moreover, many of the new products enabled by IoT are digital and have a scalability element. Combining these two factors can provide a pathway for conventional companies to ascend the larger competitors. IoT could be the thing to help conventional companies set-up the theatre by helping them upgrade products and create service-based business models.

III. BLOCKCHAIN AND THE IOT

With the evolution of IoT, industries are empowered to capture data and make decisions formed on certainty in the information obtained. But, do we really know where this information was derived from and should we be making decisions based on data we cannot verify? The IoT potential use cases are immense, but they all encounter the same issue with assurance.

Fortunately, today we have the blockchain technology. The IoT with blockchain can bring real trust to the captured data. The fundamental idea is to confer devices, at the time of their making, an identity that can be validated throughout their alotted span with blockchain. By using a device identity protocol, each device can have its own blockchain public key and send encrypted messages to other devices, thereby ensuring a device remains in control of its identity. In addition, a device with an identity can develop a reputation that is tracked by blockchain. Owing to tamper-proof structure, any manipulation on the network is impossible and eventually any probability of hacking is equivalent to zero. Additionally, their won't be a need for parties to use their plastic money to further the transactions since they can use their cryptocurrency wallets. This reduces the complexity of contracts and bringing down associated operational costs. Blockchain simplifies processes and generates new business value across the environment by drawing on the data furnished by IoT devices.

However, it is crucial that Blockchain-based platform accomodates some key attributes when used in conjuction with the IoT. IoT applications create massive set of transactions hence, a Blockchain solution must be scalable. IoT devices and applications vary in terms of their operation and functionality. A plaftorm is required to address the diverseness of end users. The platform must also has a fair and steady cost as an increase in cost can derail a project with ease. And finally. the set of protocols should be stable.

IV. BEACOR

Blockchain technology relies on consensus algorithms to resolve conflicts in Byzantine environments. Beacor uses Proof of elapsed time (PoET) algorithm proposed by Intel Corporation. The working procedures are akin to Bitcoin's proof of work (PoW) but consume less power because it allows a miner's processor to go in to dormancy and commute to other jobs, by that improving efficiency.

Proof of elapsed time (PoET) consensus algorithm allows blockchain networks to establish block winners and mining rights. It follows a lottery system that extends the chances of winning equally over network participants, giving every single node the identical prospect of winning. It also supplements transparency by ensuring lottery results are confirmable by external participants. The algorithm initiates a random wait time for every node in the blockchain; each node must go to sleep for that time span. The node with the shortest wait time will wake up first and will win the block, thus being permitted to commit a new block to the blockchain. Every engaged node in the network is called for to wait for a randomly chosen time period.The earliest to conclude the selected waiting time secures the new block. Each node in the blockchain network generates a random wait time and goes to suspension for that specified duration. The one with the shortest wait time, wakes up and executes a new block, relaying the essential information to the network.The same process then repeats for the determination of the next block.The PoET network consensus protocol needs to make sure that, the participating nodes honestly determine a time that is random and not of a shorter duration chosen purposely by the participants in order to win. Furthermore, the protocol establishes that the winner has indeed fulfilled the waiting time.

V. CONCLUSION

Blockchain has the instrument to add the missing element of trust that is currently required in the IoT. As opposed to a database that has a single administrator, a blockchain assigns a set of distinct administrators to the data, such that no single admin can maliciously tamper or erase data. Using blockchain to bank IoT data would add a second layer of security that hackers would need to break in order to get access to the network. Blockchain provides a much more robust level of encryption that makes it in effect impractical to overwrite existing data. When the administrators reach consensus, the data is secured in blocks that are linked to one another forming a tamper-proof ledger. When AI and IoT uses blockchain to track autorization, origin and proofs accompanying data used and arising from these systems, the trust in the data is increased assuredly. This trust will permit IoT and AI to be adopted without the panic of middle ground, leading the way to a new age of adoption of these technologies.

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