

Introduction to Blockchain

Lecture 2: Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency

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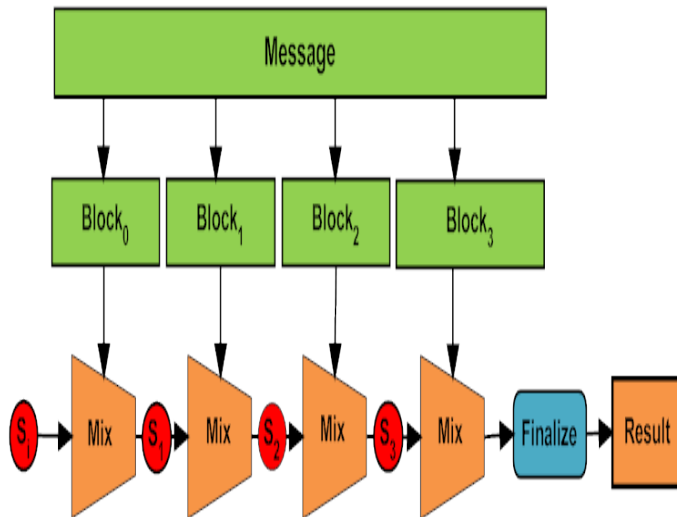


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Lehman collapse sends shockwave round world

Shares and oil prices plunge, thousands lose jobs

by Duncan Economics Editor

ars of a global financial meltdown yesterday as the world's biggest bankruptcy plunged markets into turmoil.

Investors were left reeling as the apt demise of the Lehman Brothers investment bank sparked the shake-up on Wall Street in its.

Neither of US capitalism's biggest titans, Merrill Lynch, is to be followed by Bank of America in a billion takeover to save it from its.

Investors fell as fear spread through financial system. Central banks in urgent measures amid concerns over world economy was entering new phase. The Bank of England injected £5 billion of emergency lending into money markets. 5,000 Lehman staff in Britain

Dow Jones industrial average was down 300 points, or 2.6 per cent. Sentiment was also bolstered by steep falls in oil prices, which dropped by more than \$5 a barrel to \$96, closing under \$100 for the first time in six months and raising hopes that cheaper fuel would ease economic stresses on Western nations.

However, by close of trading the Dow had fallen by more than 500 points — its biggest one-day drop since the reopening after the September 11 attacks — as concerns mounted over the world's largest insurer. Shares in American International Group (AIG), which sponsors Manchester United, fell by 45 per cent after the US Federal Reserve for \$40 billion in emergency funding.

Last night the Fed asked Goldman Sachs and J.P. Morgan Chase, two of Wall Street's remaining big banks, to head a \$75 billion emergency package to keep AIG afloat.

As central banks battled to stabilise the system, the Fed eased its rules for emergency lending further. It announced that it would accept loans for the first time. In Frankfurt, the European Central Bank injected €30 billion in emergency funds into eurozone markets.

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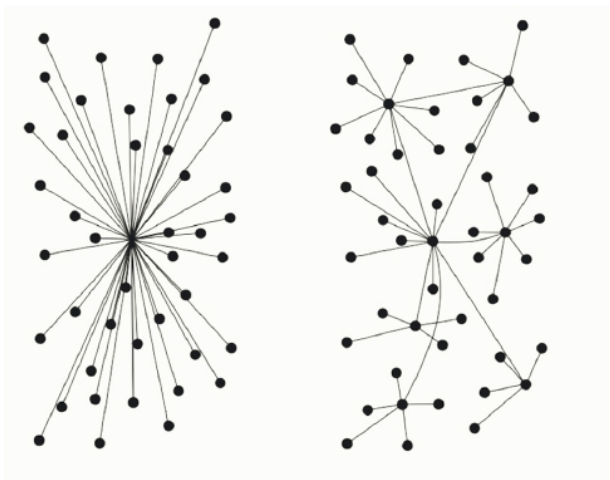
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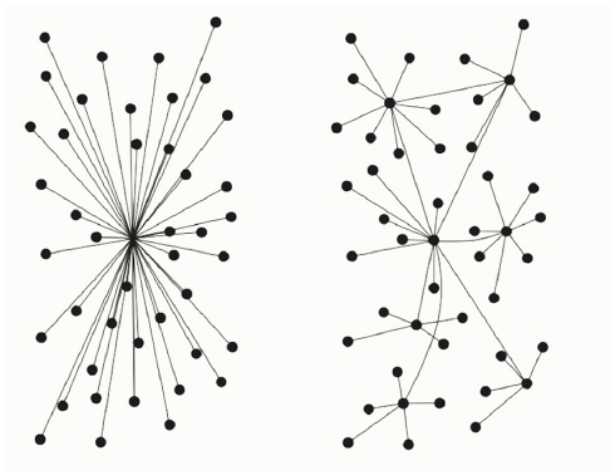
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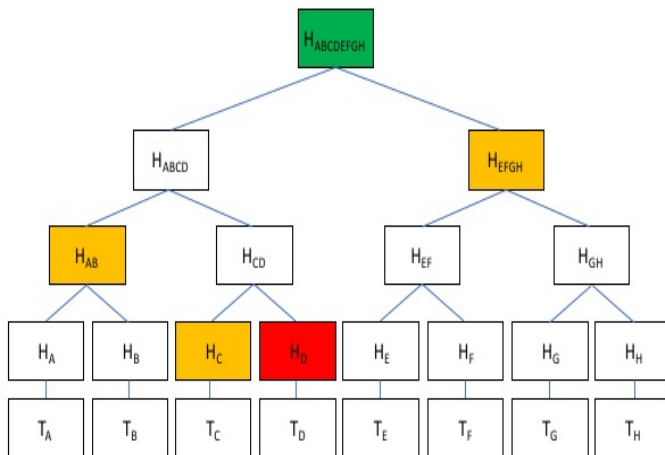
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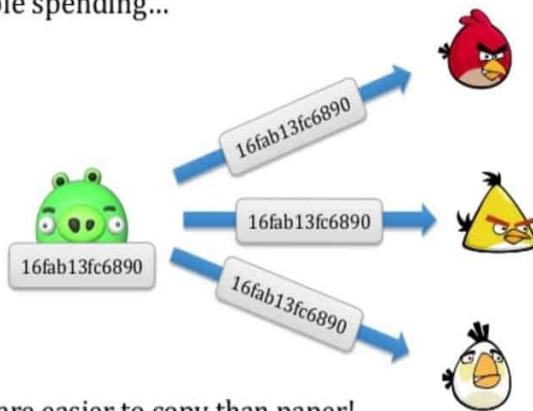
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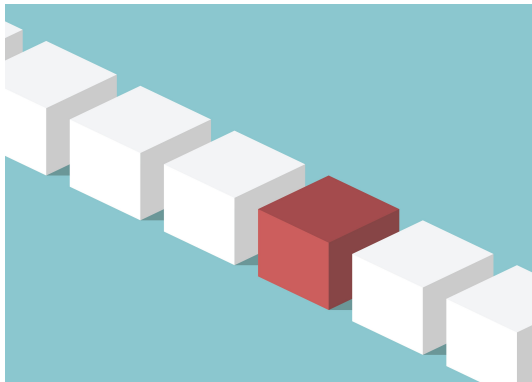


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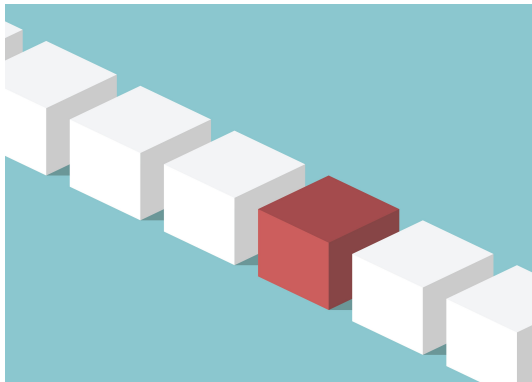


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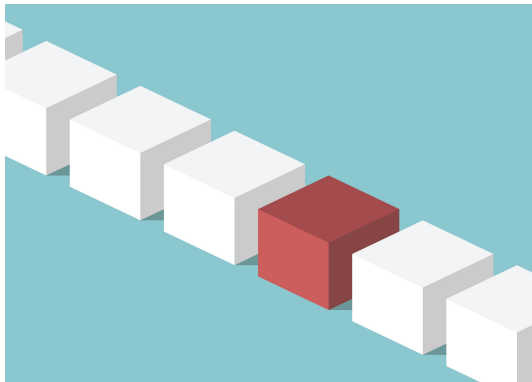


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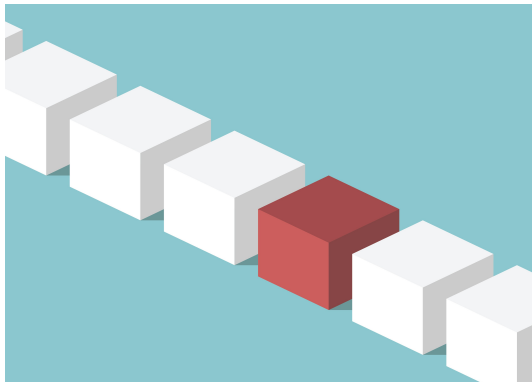


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