

Governed Blockchains: Trading off Cost, Security, Availability, and Resiliency

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To Prove or Not to Prove Work?



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Blockchain: Revolution or Reformation? Governance Issues



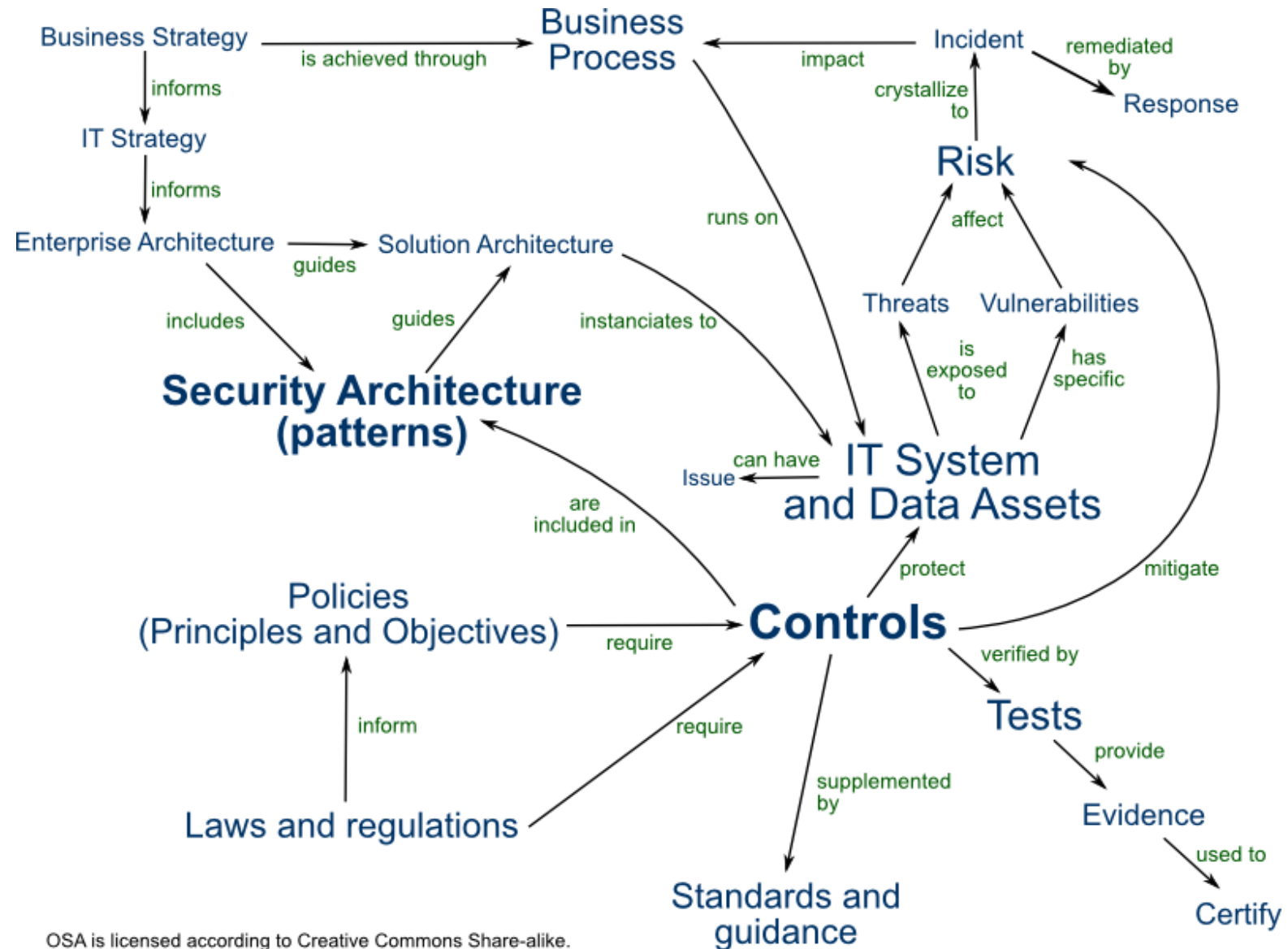
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Blockchains as a Service



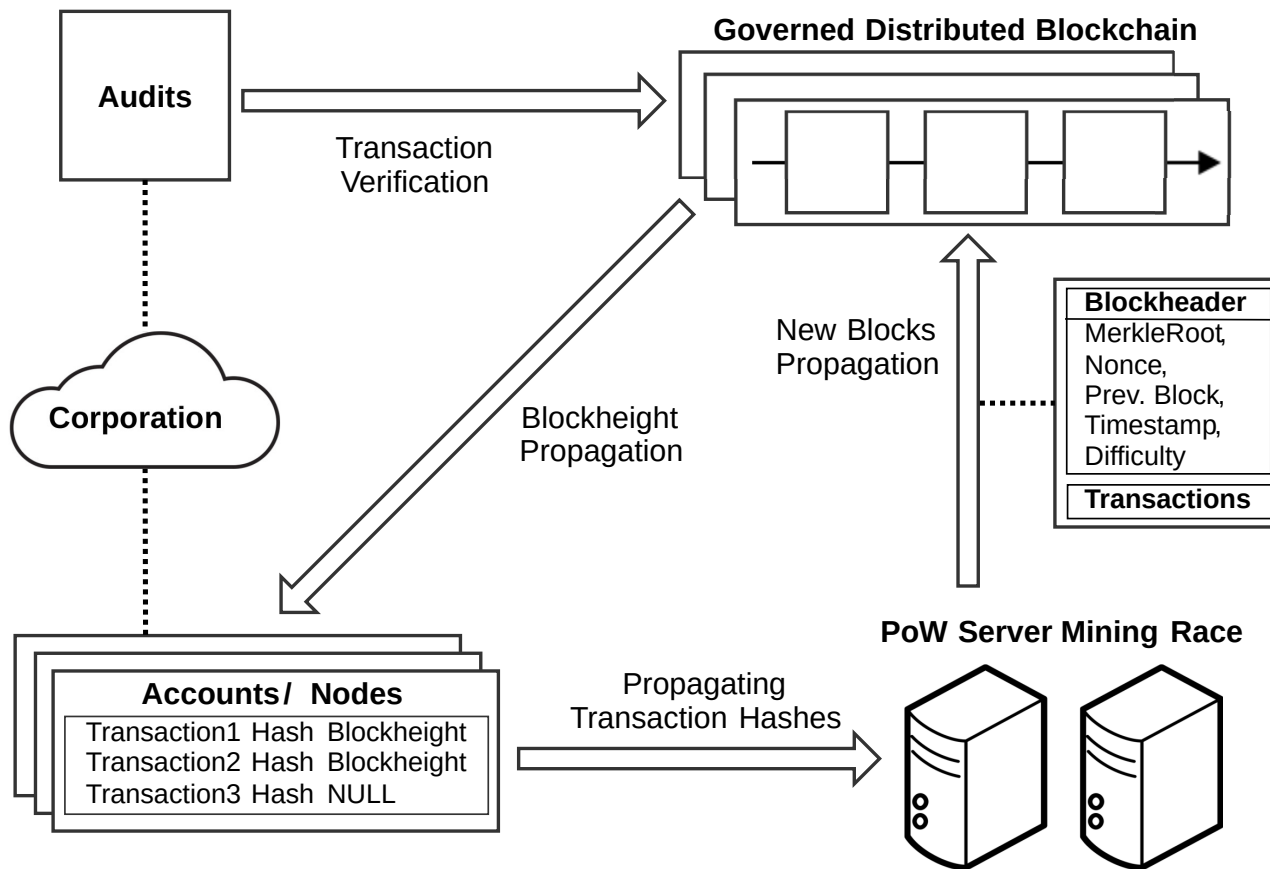
Research Paper on Governed Proof of Work

Optimizing Governed Blockchains for Financial Process Authentications

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<https://arxiv.org/abs/1612.00407>

Governed Domain-Specific Blockchains: a Use Case



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Proof of Work: Optimize cost, security, availability, resiliency

$$\begin{aligned} s_l &\leq s \leq s_u & d_l &\leq d \leq d_u & r_l &\leq r \leq r_u & \lambda &= \lfloor 2^r / s \rfloor \\ y &= (1 - 2^{-d})^s & z &= (1 - 2^{-d})^{\lfloor \mu/T \rfloor} & 0 &\leq \lfloor \mu/T \rfloor \\ \epsilon &\geq y^{\lambda+1} & \lfloor (th/T) - 1 \rfloor &< \lambda & 0 &< \lfloor (th'/T) - 1 \rfloor \\ E^s(noR) &= \frac{1 - y^{\lambda+1} - (\lambda + 1) \cdot (1 - y) \cdot y^{\lambda+1}}{1 - y} \\ \tau_u &\geq T \cdot E^s(noR) \geq \tau_l & \delta_1 &\geq 1 - y^{\lfloor (th'/T) - 1 \rfloor + 1} \\ \delta &\geq y^{\lfloor (th/T) - 1 \rfloor + 1} - y^{\lambda+1} \\ \delta_2 &\geq 1 - (1 - 2^{-d} \cdot [1 - z])^{s-1} \cdot [1 + (s - 1) \cdot 2^{-d} \cdot [1 - z]] \end{aligned}$$

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Conclusion

- Seek *Optimal Tradeoffs of Cost, Security, Availability, and Resiliency* for Governed Blockchains
- Use *Mathematical Modelling and Optimization* to compute such optimal tradeoffs
- Study use cases: *domain-specific block chains* in Finance, Internet of Things, and other domains
- ***Welcome international collaboration on this topic!***

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