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Smart Legal Contracts and PDF

Does PDF have a role to play in the world of Digital Contracts, Blockchain and Crypto-Assets?

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1. Contracts and PDF





Contracts and Smart Contracts





Mesopotamia 4,000 Years Ago



London 1920



Before Word Processing and Email







Action How to mark up?

shows some of its fantastic possibilities.

Upgrading your model contracts. When you are about to improve the model contracts used across your organisation, this booklet may be helpful to learn from the lessons we learnt. Lots of things can go wrong if you just follow your intuition. Inside, we give you some guidelines.

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Contract assembly. Our most eye-catching service is the Weagree Wizard, an extremely user-friendly software application for drafting contracts. It allows you to assemble contracts from a set of (your) contract building blocks. Its vigorous Q&A-functionality helps you make the right choices and inserts the right language in the right places.

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resulting in a high quality contract Renumber This paragraph goes out and therefore the following should renumber. Because the previous paragraph goes out this one must renumber. As regards Weagree's model contract upgrading Bold services, you might be somewhat suspicious: this booklet may serve as evidence of the quality of work Weagree offers. Ignore marked changes STET This booklet shows lonly a few of the fantastic possibilities of the Weagree Wizard. Attention marker We tell you that writing and/or is thoughtlessly ridiculous. Furthermore, the booklet introduces many other drafting notions and contains plenty of best

practice rules, for example on the use of defined

terms and definitions. Enjoy!



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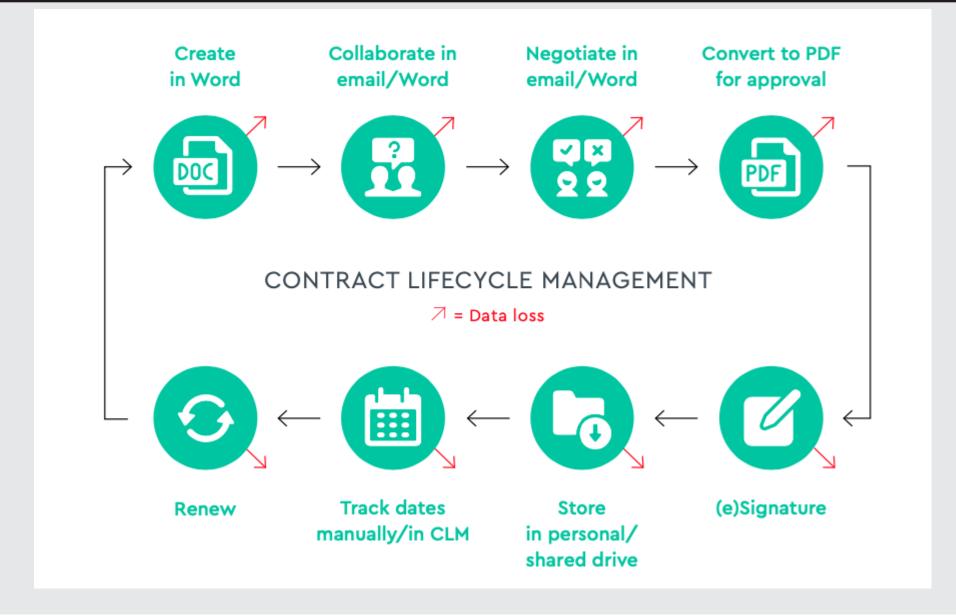






Today's Typical Contract Workflows







Challenges and Solutions



- Challenges
 - What is in the contracts?
 - Identifying legal obligations
 - Transaction / negotiation history
 - Renewal dates
- Solutions
 - Contract Analytics NLP/AI
 - Contract Lifecycle Management



Contract Analysis



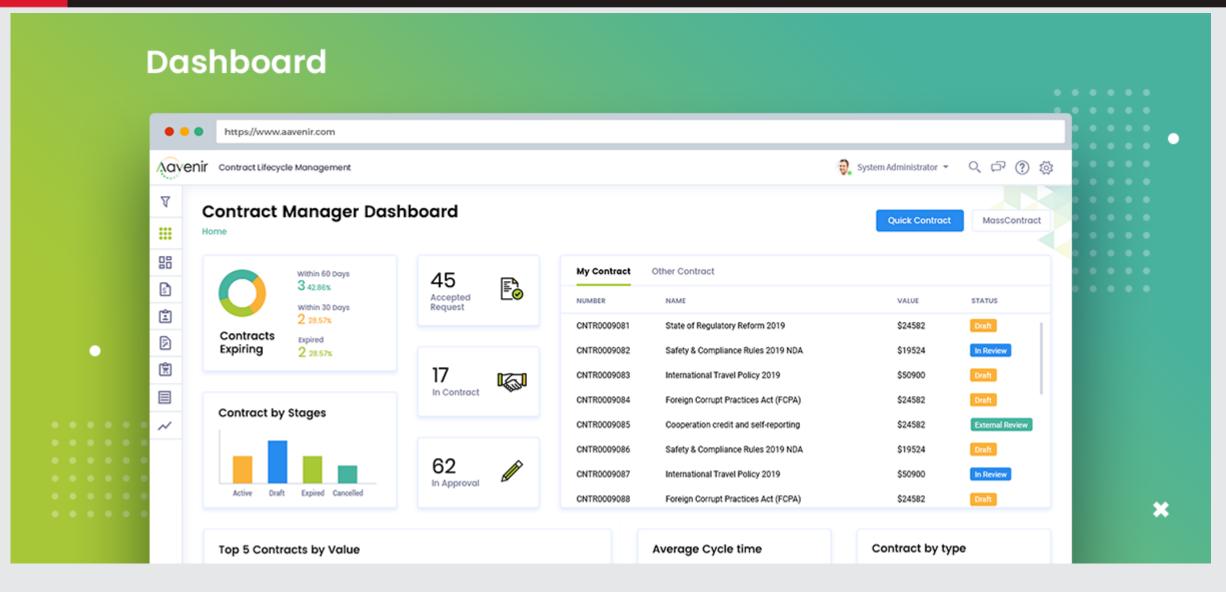
 A contract review tool analyses the documents and attempts to tag (and thus structure) the unstructured data within.





Contract Lifecycle Management

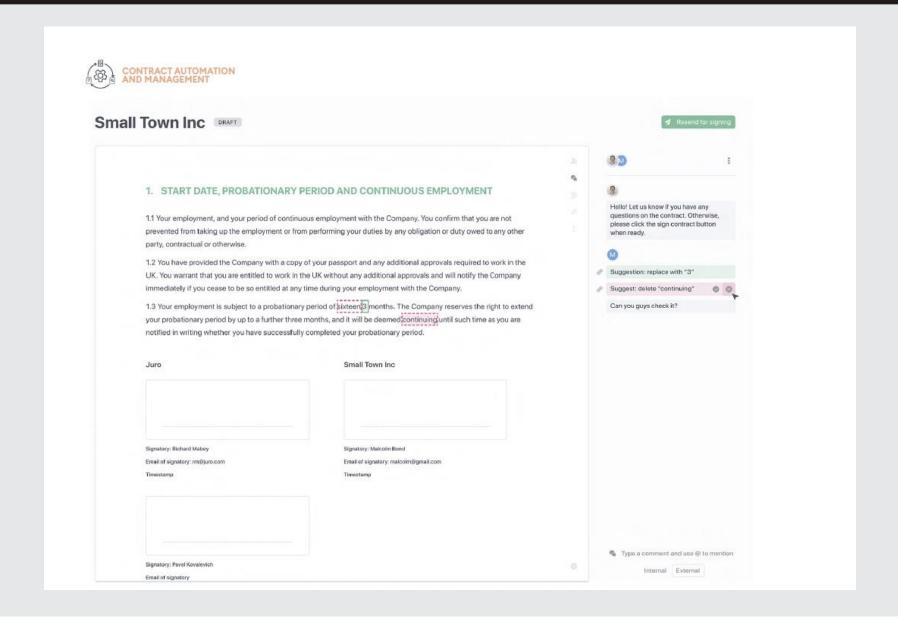






Browser-based Collaboration







The Role of PDF in Contracts Today



- Downstream, final form standard.
- Signed
- PDF/A
- Typically text only, no structured data.



"Digital Paper" is no longer enough



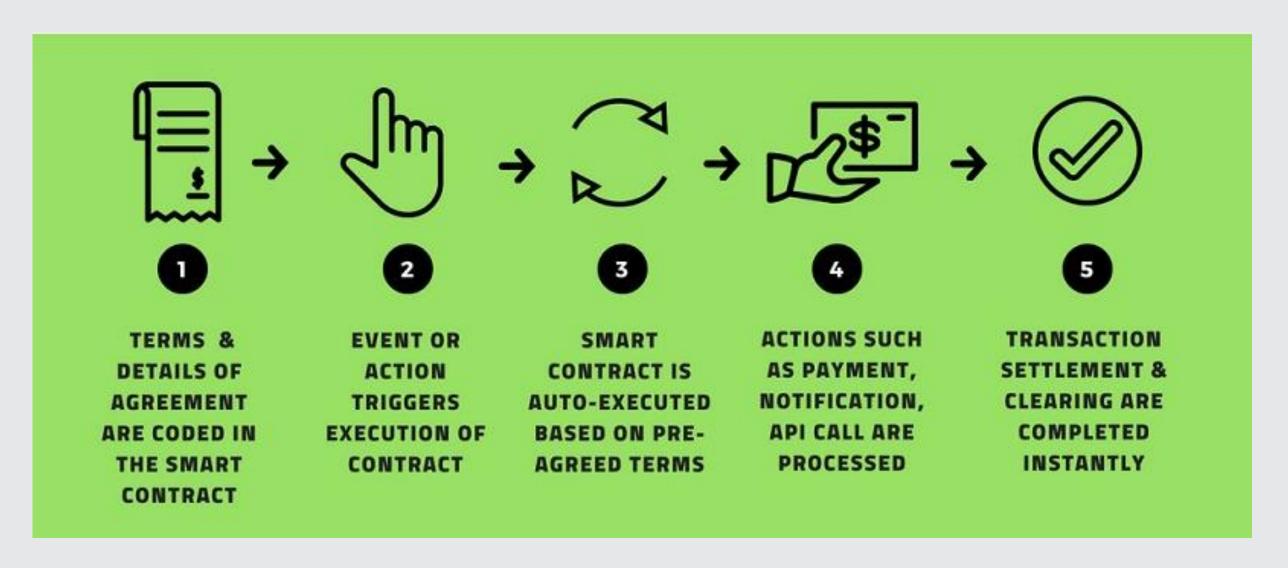
"We still approach contracts in much the same way as we have done for centuries. Decades old software such as PDF and Microsoft Word is used to create and store agreements in a digital format, but they are basically digital copies of paper documents. This fails to take advantage of technology that allows for dynamic data access and streamlined contracting."

(Source: UK Lawtech)



2. Smart Contracts

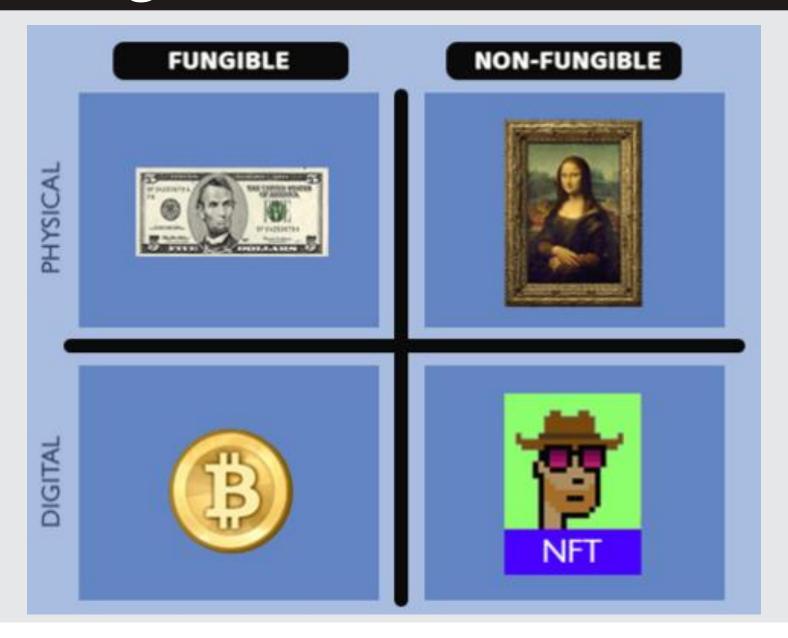






Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs)







\$Millions for a JPEG?

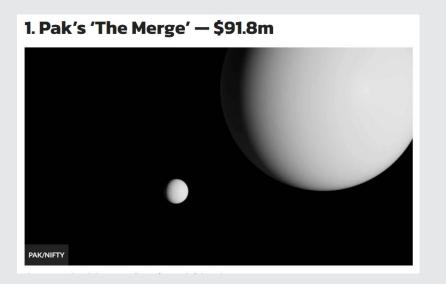














Crypto-Assets

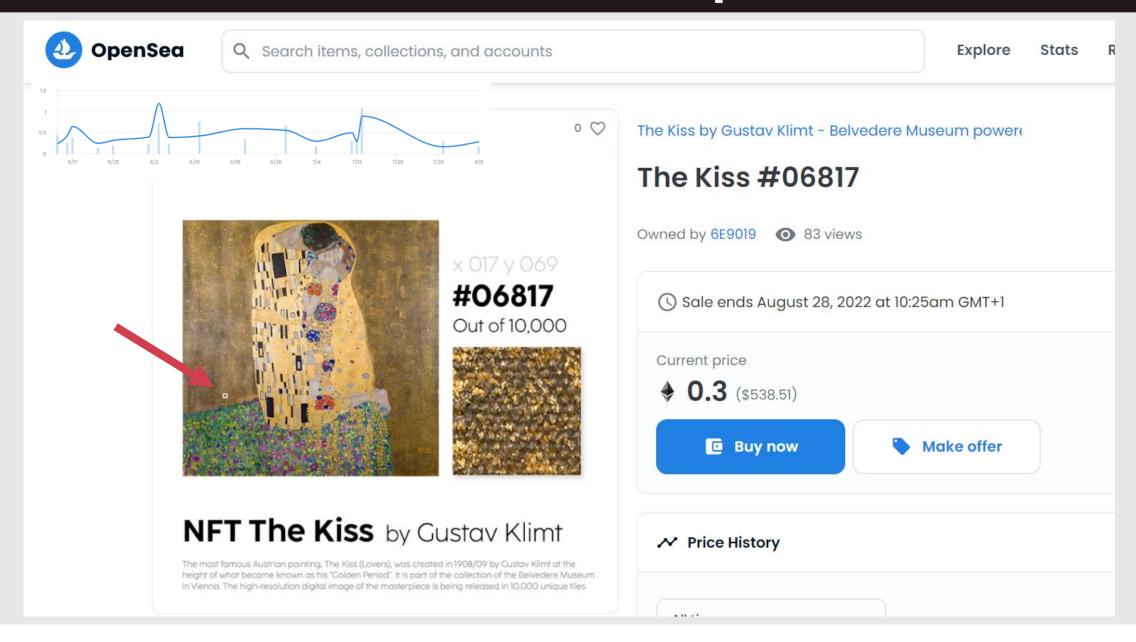


- Cryptoassets are cryptographically secured digital representations of value or contractual rights that use some type of distributed ledger technology (DLT) and can be transferred, stored or traded electronically.
- A cryptoasset is any digital asset that uses cryptographic technologies to maintain its operation as a currency or decentralized application.



Belvedere Museum Example

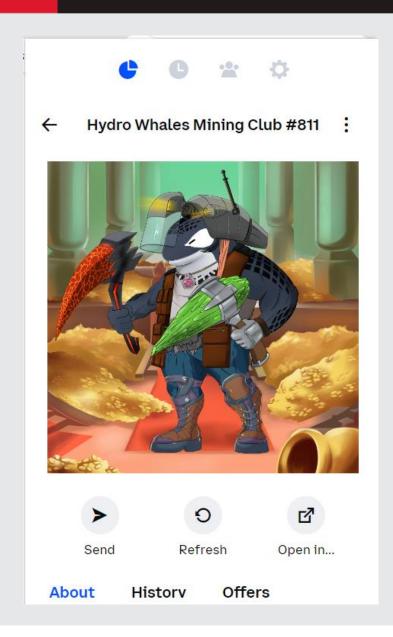


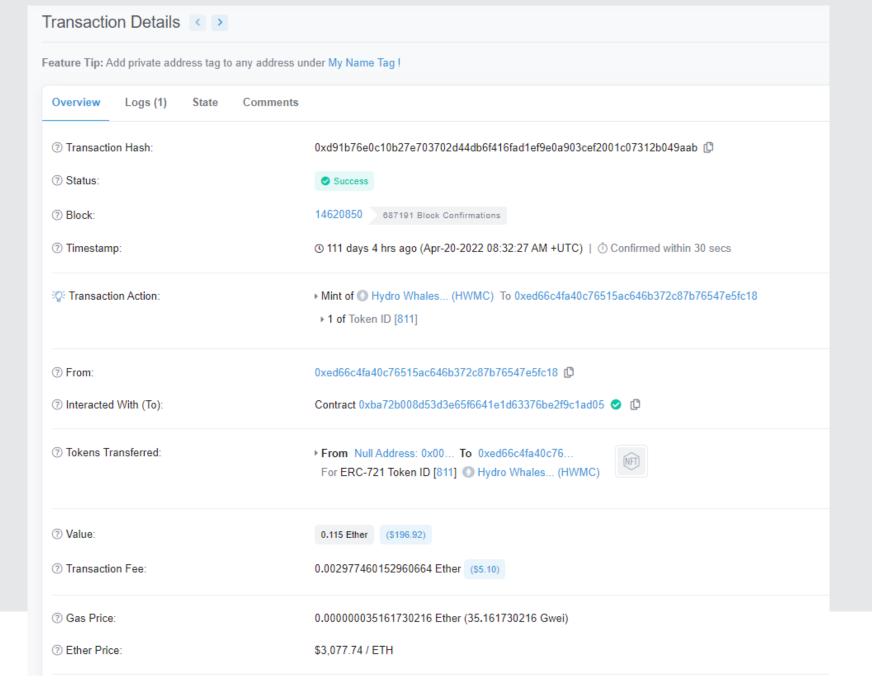




Wallet and Etherscan Example









DLT and Blockchain



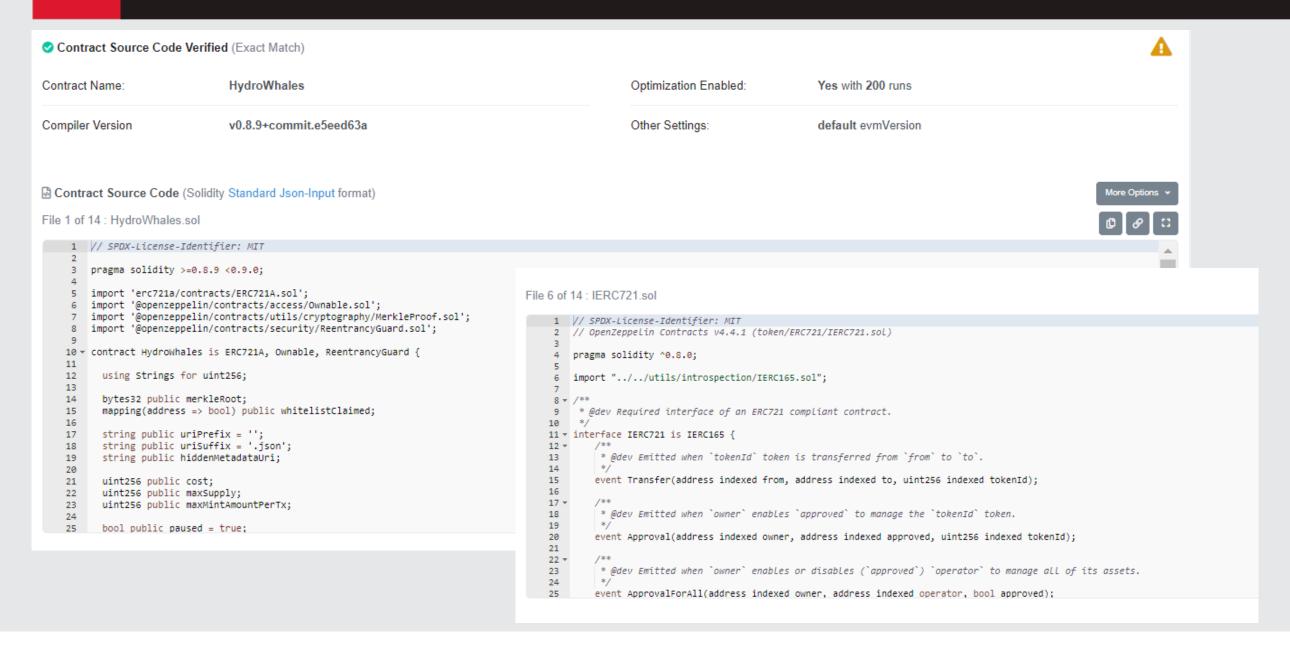
Properties of Digital Ledger Technology (DLT)





Smart Contract Code







Interplanetary File System (IPFS)



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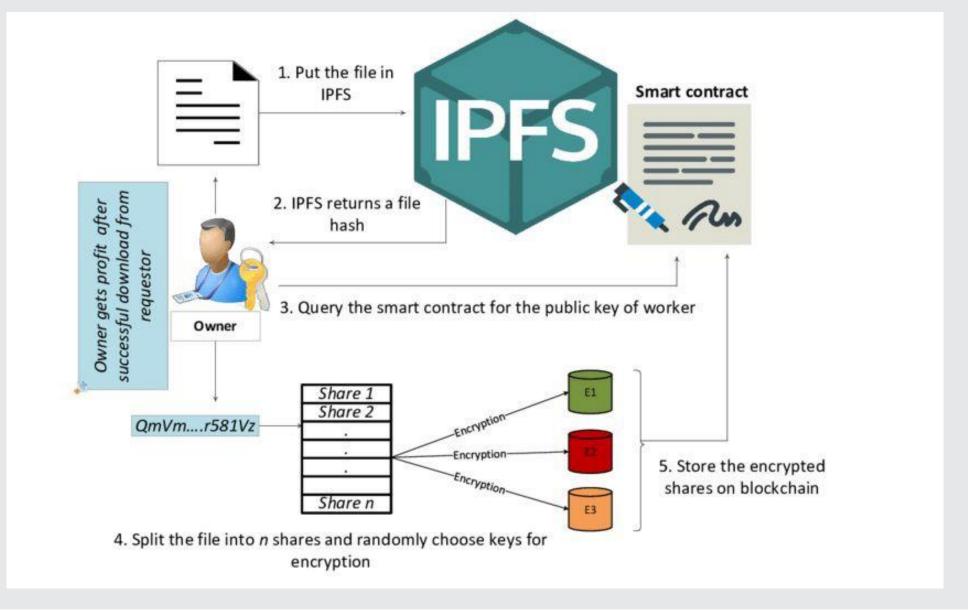
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IPFS



 IPFS is a distributed system for storing and accessing files, websites, applications, and data.





3. Smart Legal Contracts





Smart Contracts vs Smart Legal Contracts



Smart Contract :

 computer code that, upon the occurrence of a specified condition or conditions, runs on a distributed ledger (or blockchain).

Smart Legal Contract

 A legally binding, digital agreement in which part or all of the agreement is intended to execute as algorithmic instructions.



Smart Legal Contract Layers



- Visual Representation
- Data
- Automation Logic



Visual Representation Layer



- Recognizable as a "Contract"
 - Clauses, signatures etc
- Visually Responsive
 - Desktop
 - Mobile
 - Tablet

Date 22 August, 2019



Non-Disclosure Agreement

A. The Parties

- Juro Online Limited whose registered office is at 1 Edge Street, London, United Kingdom, W8 7PN under company number 09684844 (the Discloser).
- Acme Inc., a company registered in California (the Discloser) whose registered office is at 32 Mission Street, San Francisco (the Recipient).

B. The Terms

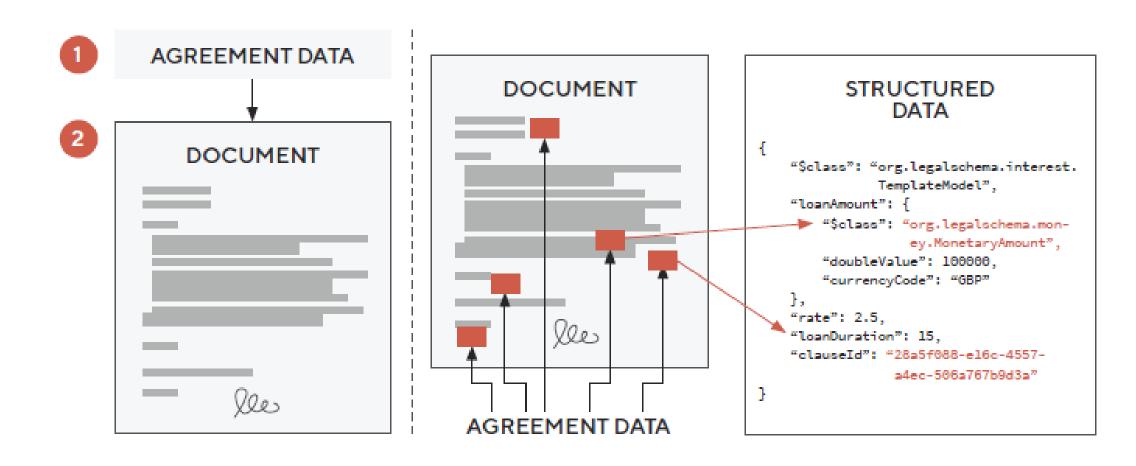
- The Discloser intends to disclose information (the Confidential Information) to the Recipient for the purpose
 of Purpose (the Purpose).
- The Recipient undertakes not to use the Confidential Information for any purpose except for evaluating the transaction between the parties, without first obtaining the written agreement of the Discloser.
- 3. The Recipient undertakes to keep the Confidential Information secure and not to disclose it to any third party except to its employees and professional advisers who need to know the same for the Purpose.
 - 4. The undertakings in clauses 2 and 3 above apply to all of the information disclosed by the Discloser to the Recipient, regardless of the way or form in which it is disclosed or recorded but they do not apply to: a) any information which is or in future comes into the public domain (unless as a result of the breach of this Agreement); or b) any information which is already known to the Recipient and which was not subject to any



Data Layer



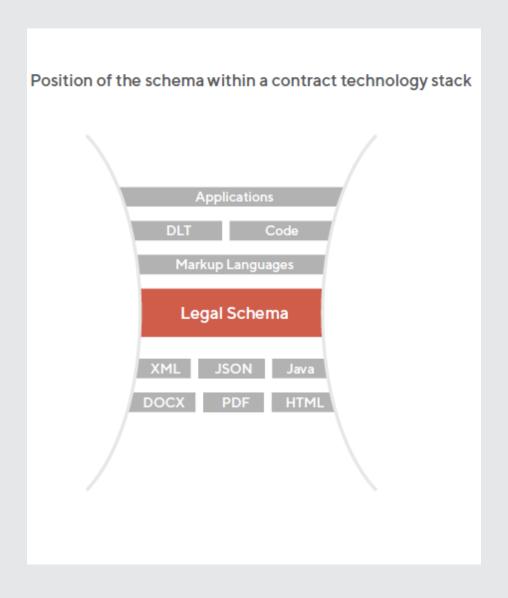
Contrasting documentation and digitisation of contractual agreements





Data Layer Schema





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Logic Layer







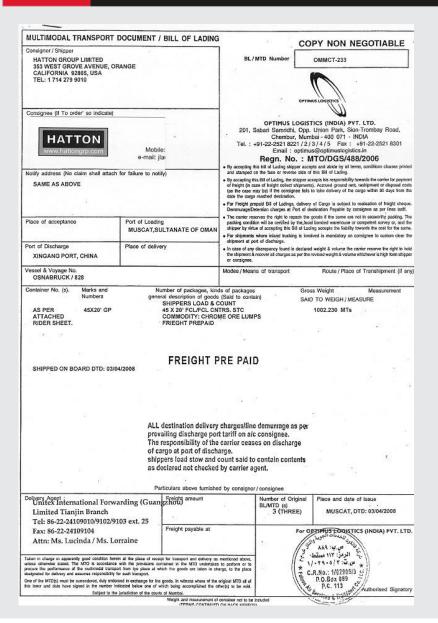
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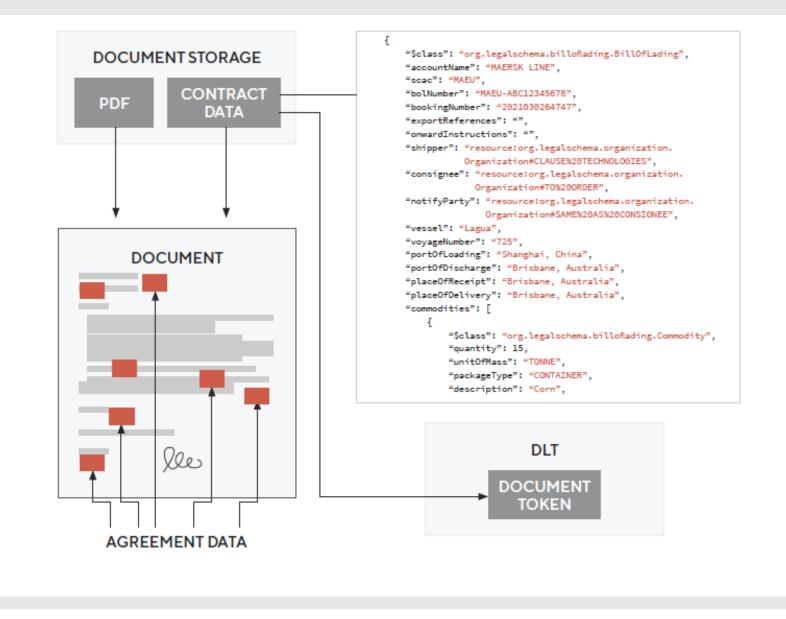




Digital Bill of Lading









Smart Cargo







"SmartCo"



Companies House

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Confirmation Statement

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Company Number: 04344383

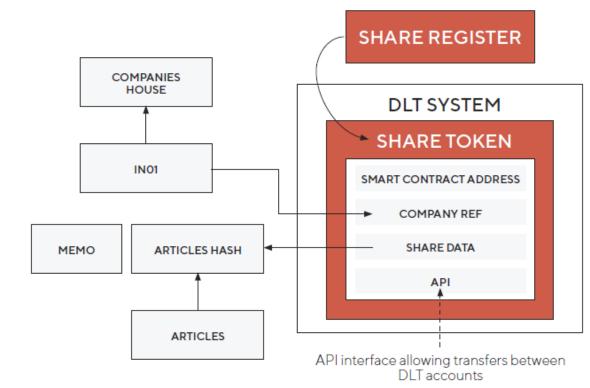
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Statement date:



Share Data includes:

- · Unique ID On-chain address + company reference taken from IN01 data from CH
- Share class and nominal value link to the section in articles or the filed share class particulars which set out the rights of that class.
- · Date of issue/transfer.
- Shareholder address the recipient DLT address of the share from the on-chain contract that creates the shares
- The extent to which the shares are paid up (assume fully paid up)



Ownership of Physical Assets

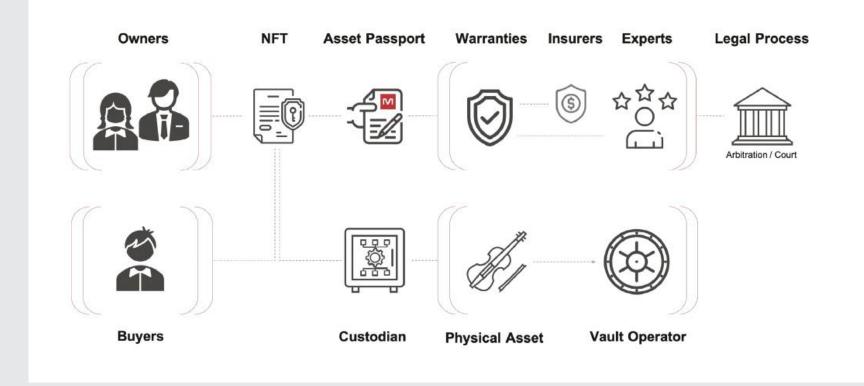






The solution

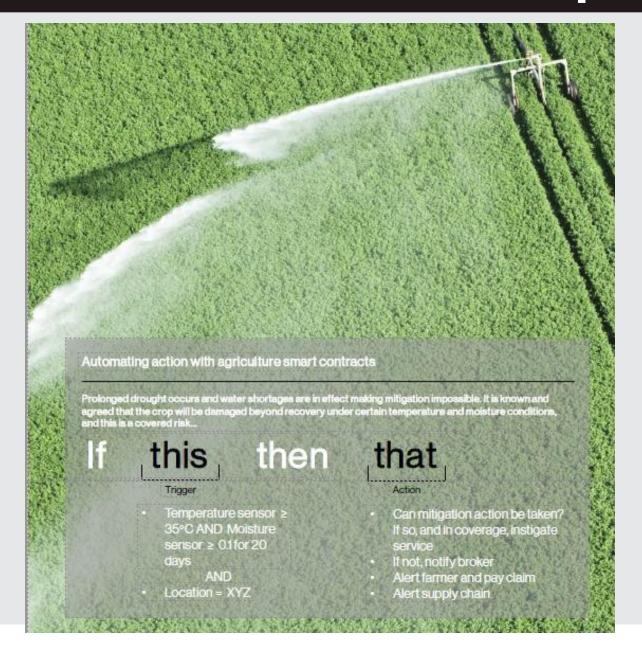
Mattereum has developed an end-to-end smart legal contract ecosystem for trading in physical assets. Mattereum's smart legal contracts contain provisions for various outcomes, including what happens when, for example, an asset is traded, or placed into or removed from a vault. The information for each asset is digitally recorded in a Mattereum Asset Passport via a series of warranties, whose accuracy is legally enforceable if demonstrated to be incorrect. This is supported by clear provisions should a dispute arise.





Parametric Insurance: Crop Failure







4. The Future: Smart Legal Contracts and PDF



- Machine Readable
 - Data Rich
 - Logic / Reference to Logic
- Collaborative



PDF Myths



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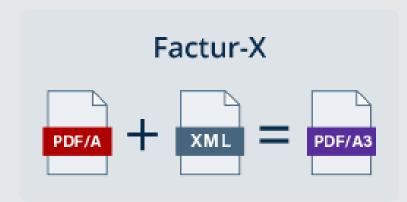


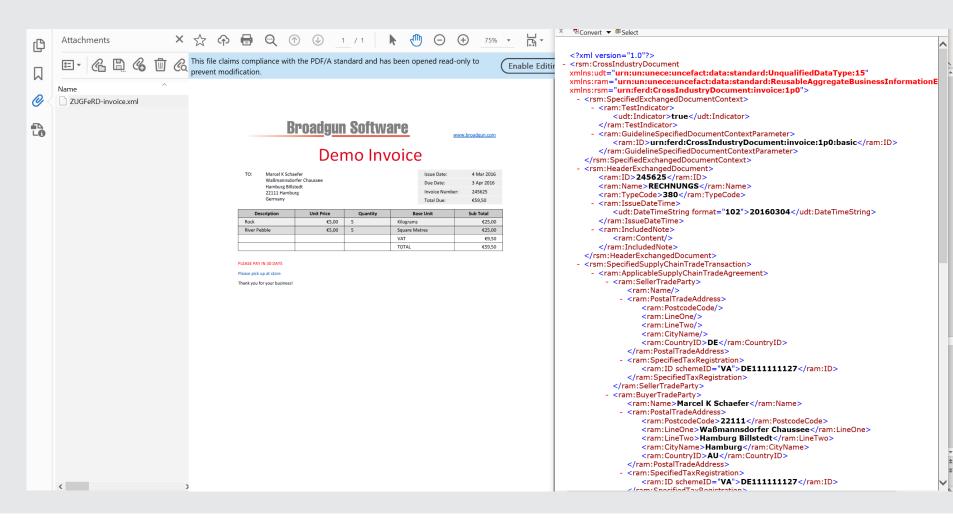


E-Invoicing – EN16931



- European standard EN 16931
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- PDF/A-3

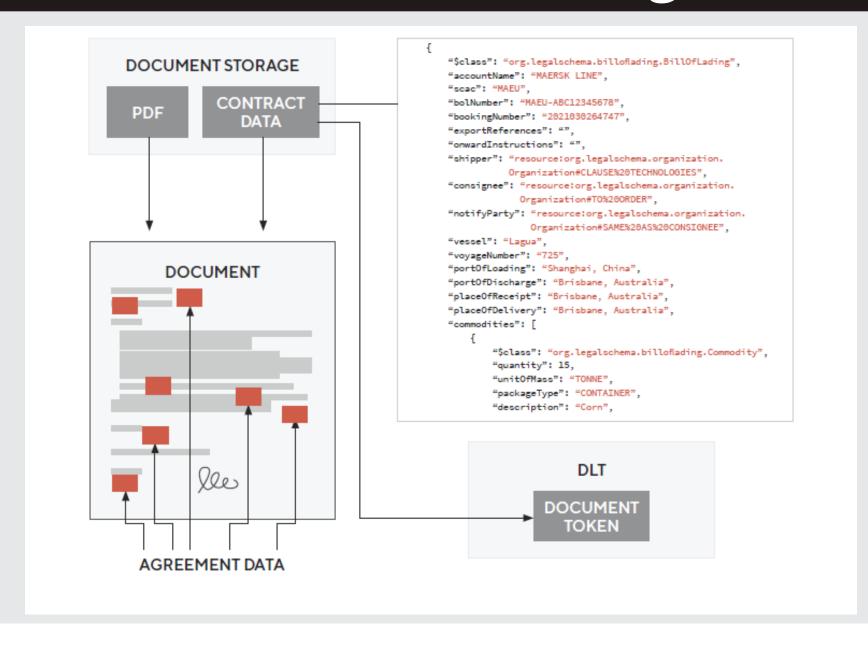






Solutions for PDF Smart Legal Contracts





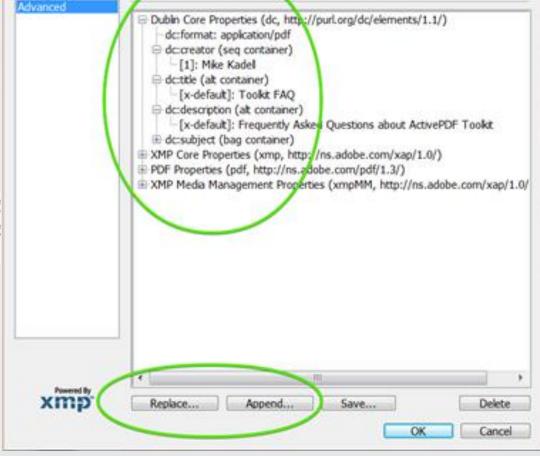


PDF Data Options



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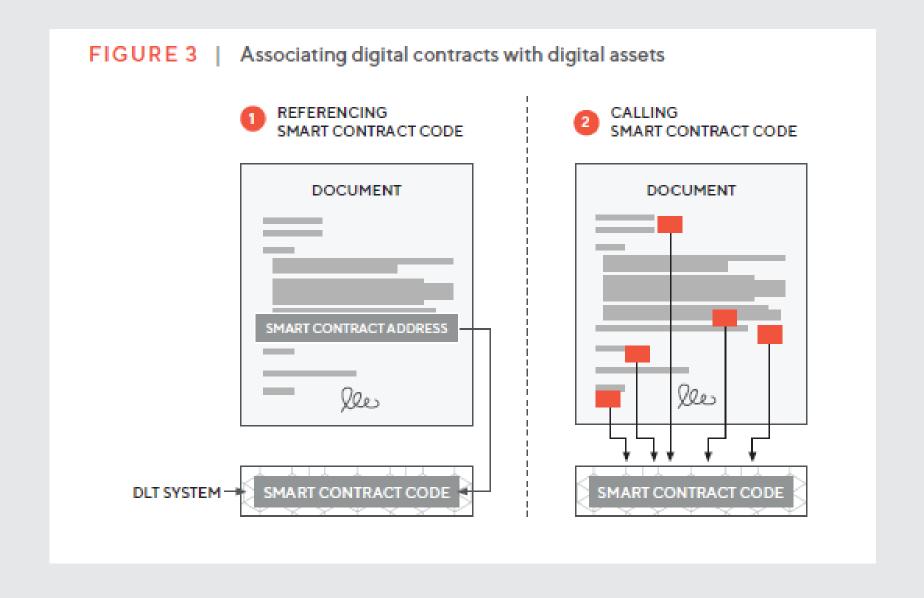
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JSON Attachment



Smart Contract Code







PDF Package for Smart Legal Contracts



Rendering	PDF/A presents a generic archival model for representing rendered electronic content.
Metadata	Appropriate metadata (such as that defined by PREMIS ⁷) may be included in the PDF using an XMP metadata schema identified in the PDFpackage model. Content semantics may be preserved for reuse by way of tagged PDF.
Attachments	PDFpackage files used for email archives would contain (and thus associate) email attachments with the baseline representation. The PDFpackage model would include requirements and encourage best-practices in using this feature, including attachment identification and processing requirements and recommendations. If appropriate to the use-case, source-files (mailboxes) may also be embedded in the PDFpackage.
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Opportunities for the PDF Community



- Improve tooling
 - Attached Files
 - Metadata
 - Collaboration
- Consider options for logic layer



Myths Busted!





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