

Analysis of Use Cases of Blockchain Technology in Legal Transactions

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“Every informed person needs to know about Bitcoin because it might be one of the world’s most important developments.”

Leon Louw



Blockchain is Eating Wall Street | Alex Tapscott | TEDxSanFrancisco

TEDx Talks

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Author of best seller "blockchain revolution", Alex share in this talk about how the blockchain the technology behind bitcoin is ...



Blockchain: Ein revolutionärer Code?

heute.de - 10.12.2016

Die **Blockchain**-Technologie bietet die Möglichkeit, weltweit schnell und günstig Geld zu transferieren - und macht damit zumindest manche ...

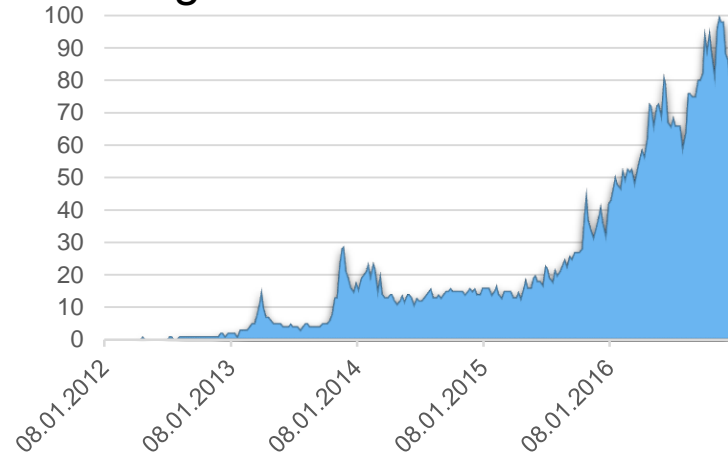
Motivation

Exchange Rate Bitcoin



blockchain.info/de/charts/market-price

Google Trends "BlockChain"



<https://www.google.com/trends/explore?q=Blockchain>



<https://twitter.com/paultoo/status/328969714283995136>

B3i: Allianz und andere Versicherungsriesen gründen Blockchain-Initiative

heise online 20.10.2016 15:21 Uhr - Axel Kannenberg vorlesen



Die Blockchain wird zum goldenen Kalb der Finanzwelt: Nach den Großbanken gründen nun auch die Versicherer eine eigene Initiative zur Erprobung der Blockchain-Technik.

<https://heise.de/-3355409>

„Blockchains are overhyped.“

Gideon Greenspan, Founder / CEO of Coin Sciences Ltd.

We want:

- ⇒ Down-to-earth view on BlockChain technology
- ⇒ Deep understanding of underlying technology
- ⇒ Assessment of risks and chances of this technology

Setup of this Master Thesis



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1. Research

- Literature Research

2. Conceptual Blockchain Architecture

- What is the blockchain and how can it be parameterized?
- Which value do blockchains add to an enterprise architecture?

3. Guided interview

- Understand enterprises' needs
- Gather and structure use cases



4. Implementation

- Implement a prototypical use case

5. Evaluation

- Evaluate use case and different scenarios

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A deep dive into Blockchain Technology

A Definition of the Term „Blockchain“



“A blockchain [...] is a **distributed database** that maintains a continuously-growing list of ordered records called blocks. Each block contains a timestamp and a link to a previous block. **By design** blockchains are **inherently resistant to modification** of the data: once recorded, the data in a block cannot be altered retroactively.”

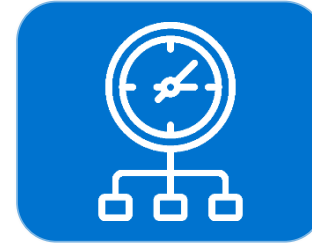
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blockchain_\(database\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blockchain_(database))

A deep dive into BlockChain Technology

BlockChain Overview



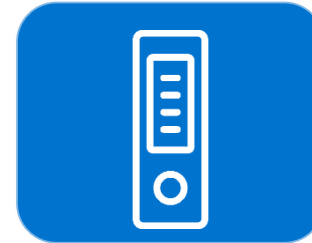
Data
Structure



Consensus



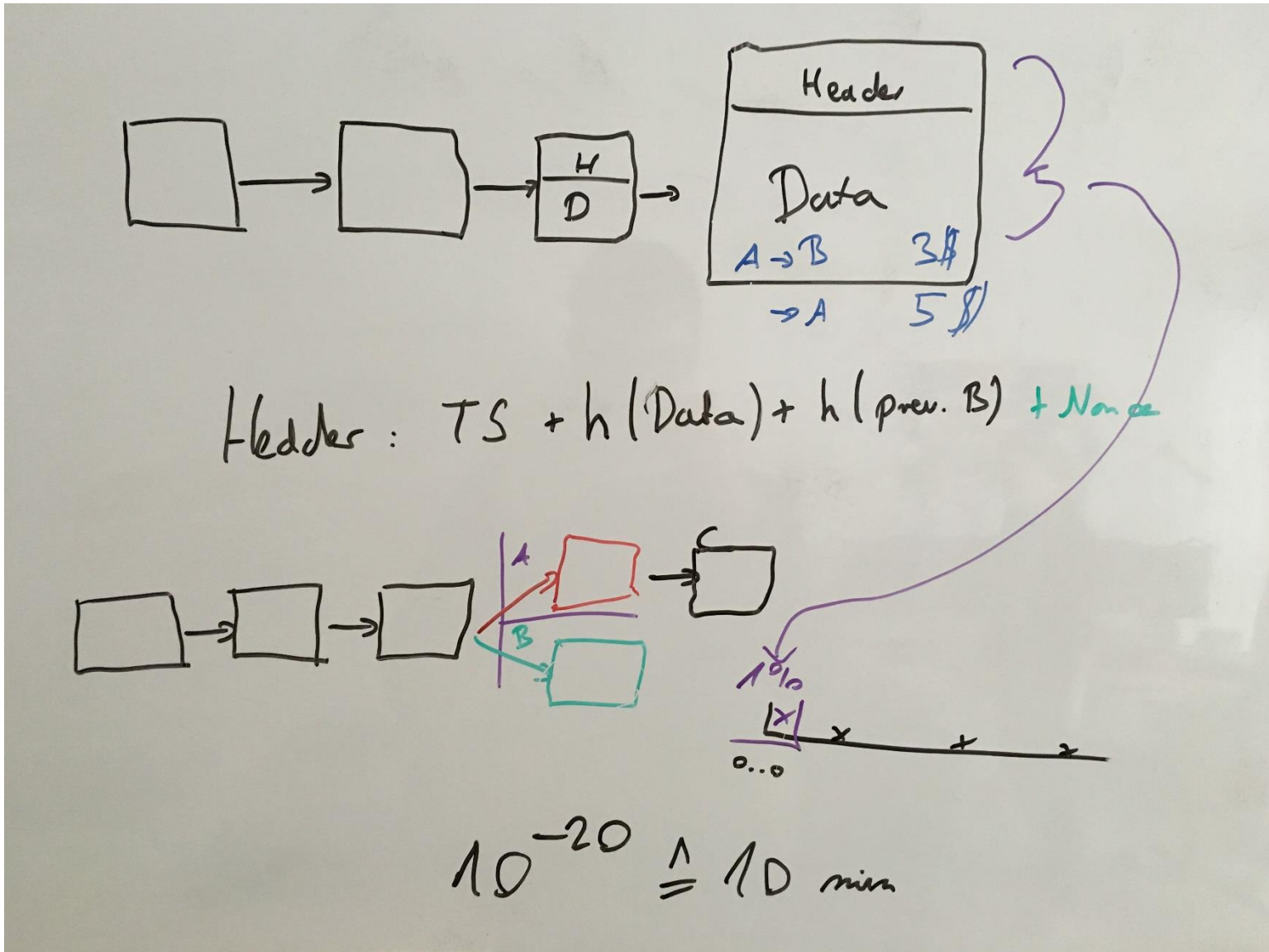
Mining



Ledger

See further explanations on the whiteboard.

Picture of the Whiteboard



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1. What are **parameters** of the blockchain technology?

2. What are **usecases** based on blockchain technology and which **requirements emerge** from them?



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3. How can blockchain technology be **integrated** in **enterprise architectures**?

4. What are the **risks of applying blockchain** technology and how can they be **minimized**?

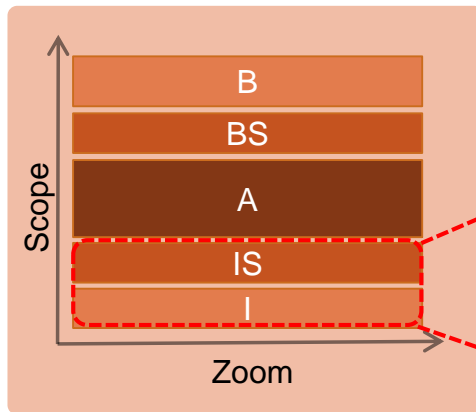


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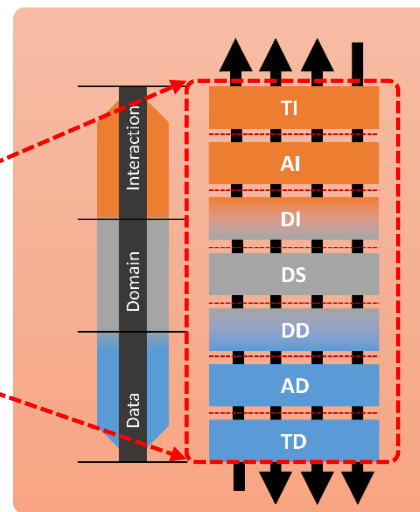
Preliminary Result: Blockchain Architecture

- Hardly any literature about a high-level overview on blockchain architecture
- Knowledge base to reflect in expert interviews

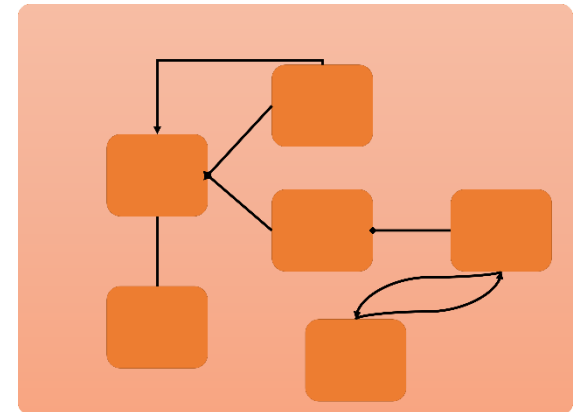
Functional Overview



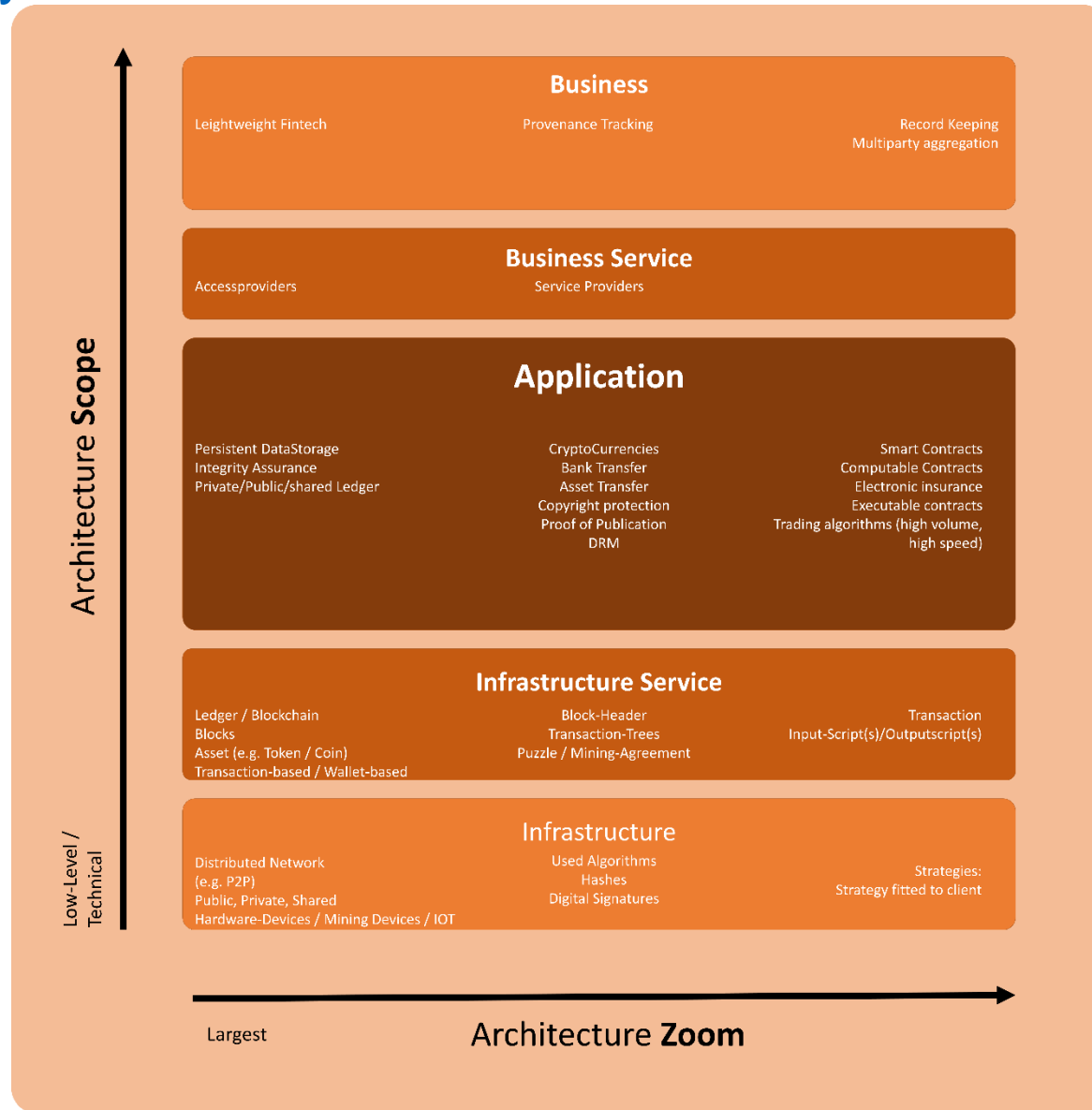
Data-Flow Overview



Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Ontology



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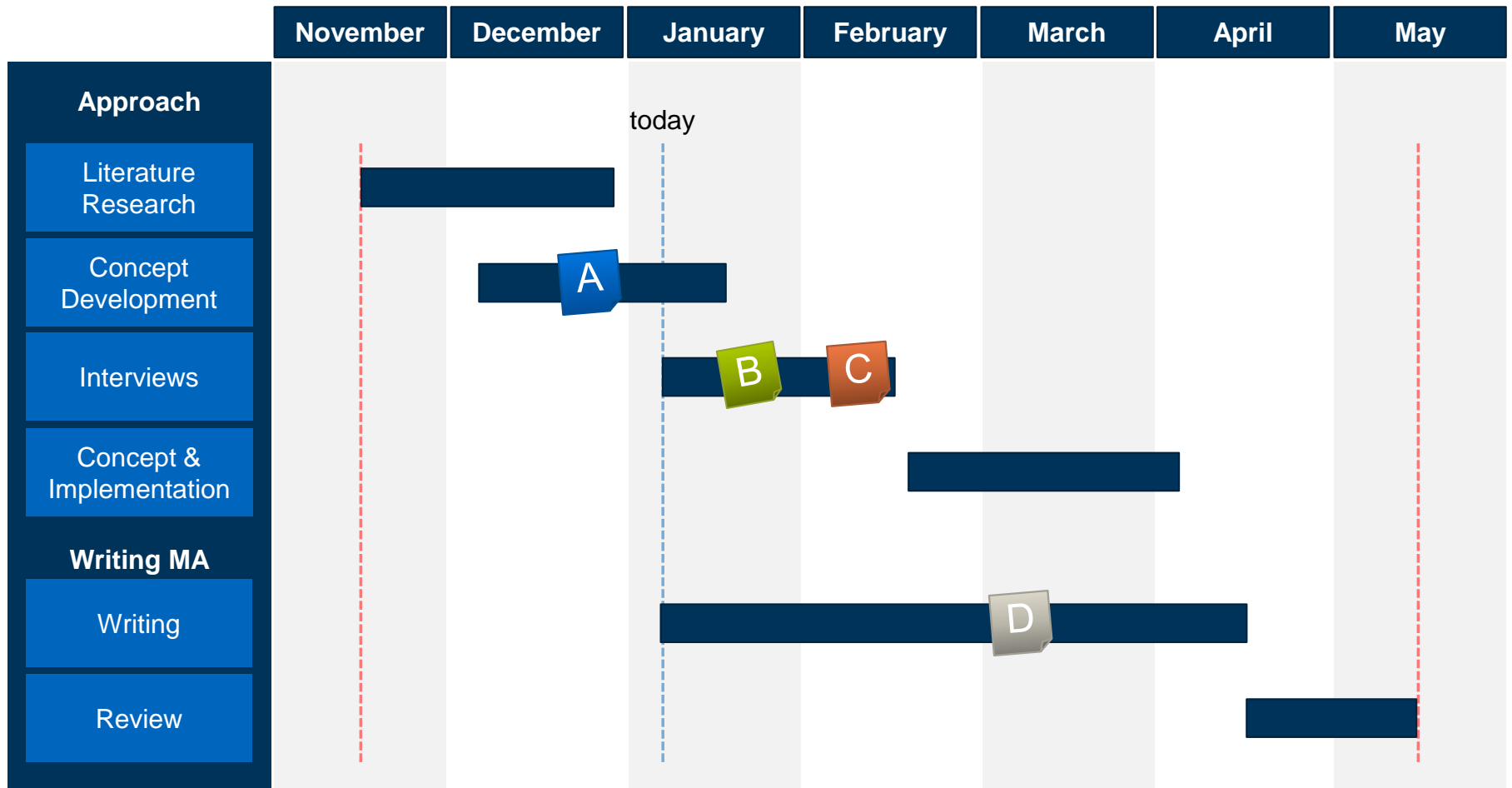


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Timeline of Master Thesis



Research Questions



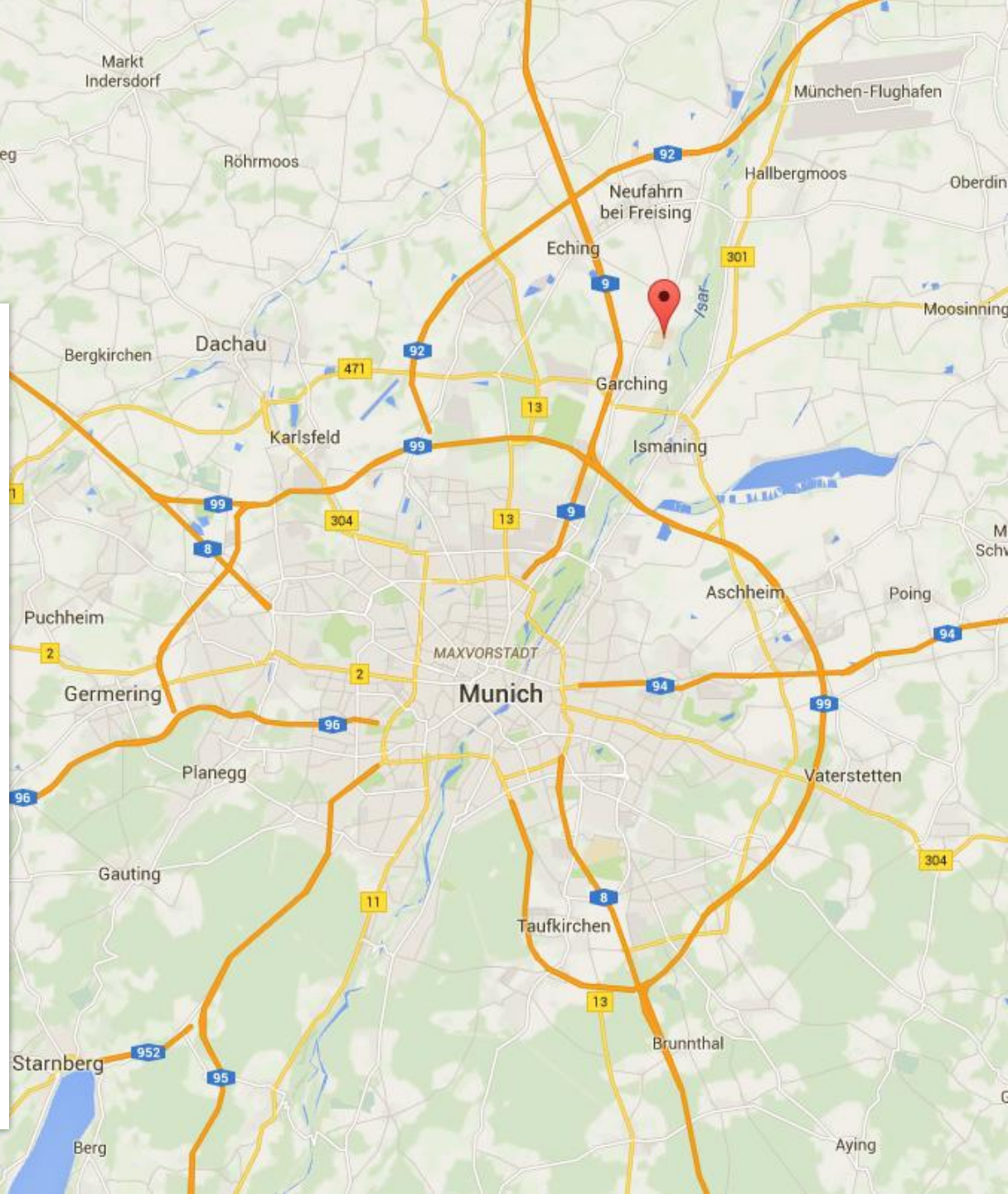
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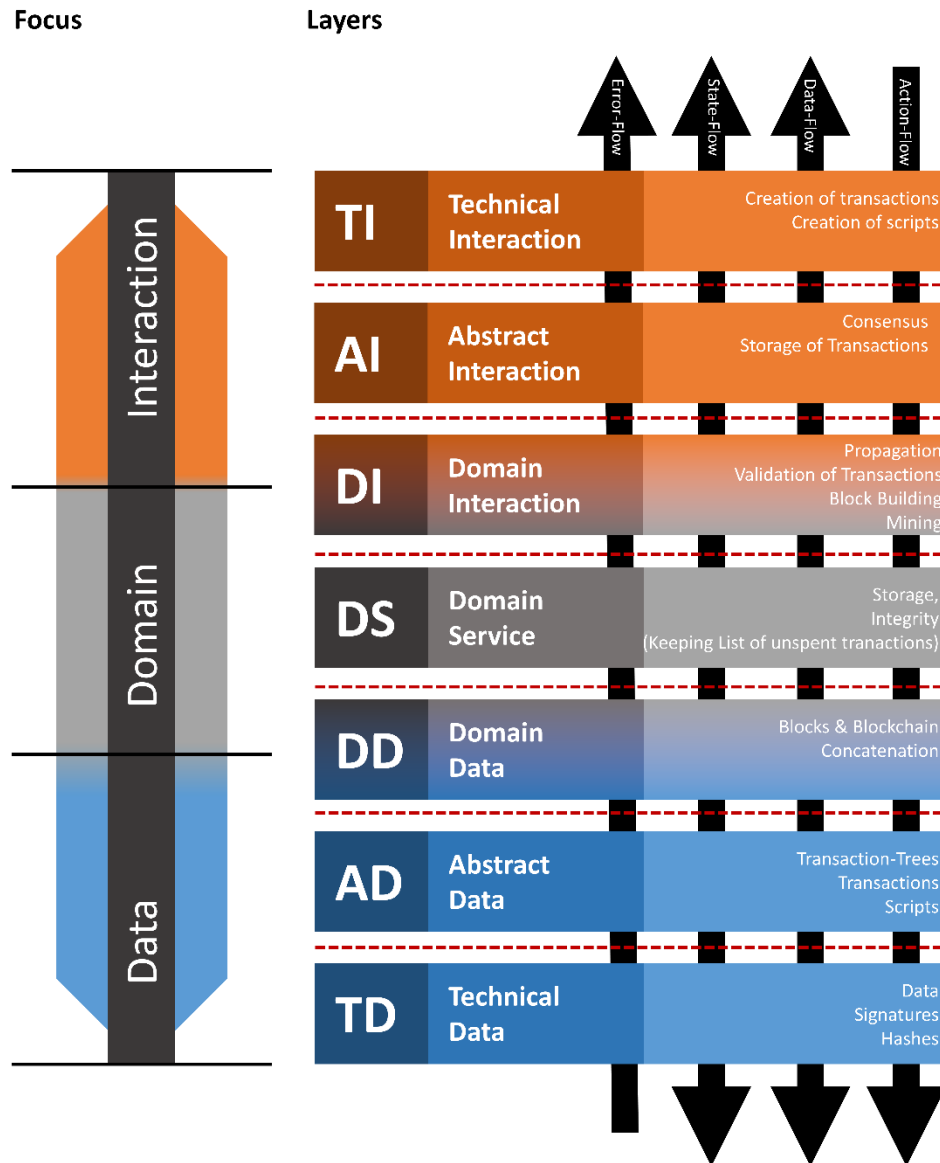
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