

What does a typical

# Blockchain Transaction

look like?



**#1**

One party requests a transaction



**#2**

The transaction is broadcast to users across the blockchain network



**#3**

The network verifies the transaction and confirms the identity of the requestor



**#6**

The transaction is completed autonomously



**#5**

The new block is added to the existing blockchain



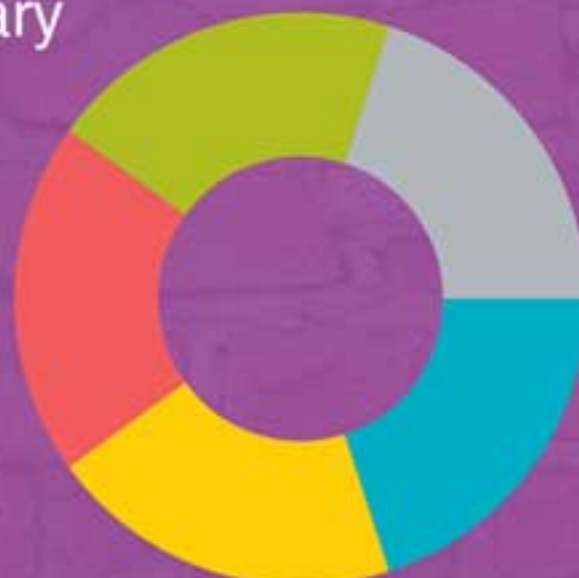
**#4**

The transaction generates a new block of data for the blockchain

## Characteristics

**Distributed Database** - each party to the blockchain has access to the entire database; no single party controls the data. Each party can verify the record of transactions without an intermediary

**Security** - each party has a unique public and private key - the public key allows others to verify the party's identity and transact with that party. The private key allows a party secure access to the blockchain



**Peer-to-Peer Transmission** - parties communicate instantly and directly through the network

**Irreversibility** - once a transaction is entered into the database and accounts are updated, the records cannot be altered; they are timestamped and linked to every block that came before

**Computational Logic** - the digital nature of the ledger means transactions can be programmed, with set rules which automatically trigger transactions between parties