

# Making Sense of **Blockchain**



SafeChain



Provide title companies with tools and methods to **evaluate blockchain** projects.



Provide ALTA members with the framework to confidently **measure** and **track** blockchain projects in title.



## We will not...

1. Teach you technical skills ✖
2. Tell you what products to use ✖
3. Make you an expert on blockchain ✖

If you want a 101, reference [this](#).



1. Technology entrepreneur
2. Product market fit my skill set
3. Started a company to help  
title companies, specifically  
independent agents



## 1. Level Set

- a. What is Blockchain?
- b. What are the benefits?
- c. Why you should not focus on tech

## 2. Review the Landscape

## 3. Assessing Projects

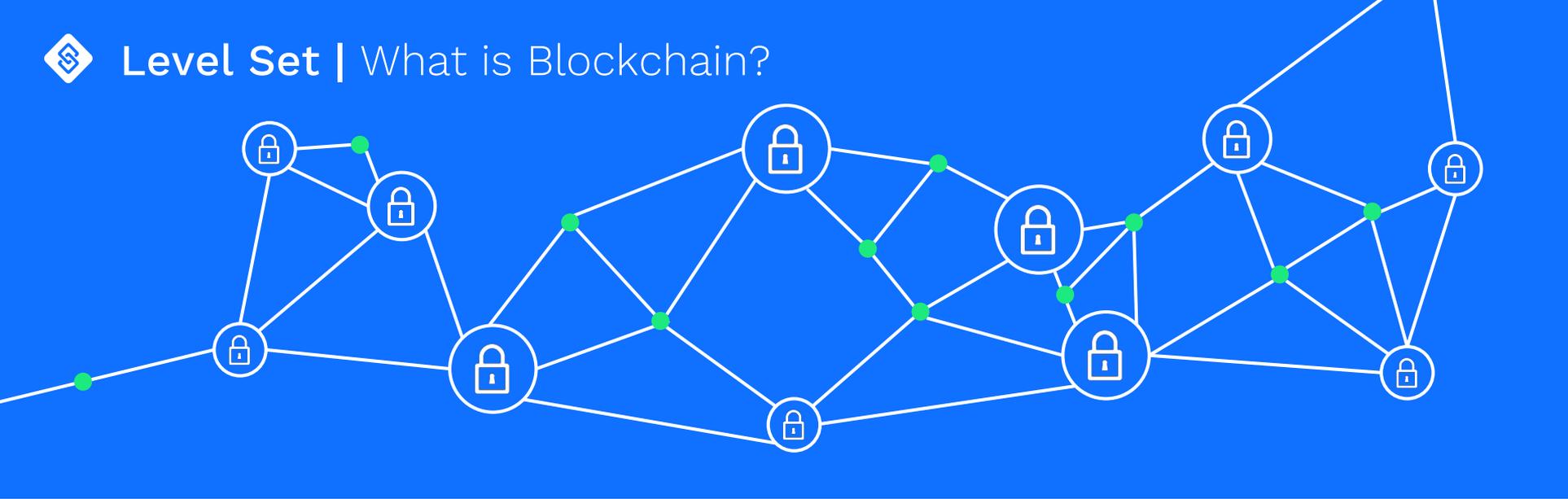
- a. Key Questions
- b. Third Party Tools
- c. Scorecard

## 4. Project Side-by-Side



1.

Level Set



- 1.** A database
- 2.** Multiple people can manage together
- 3.** No central trusted authority



# Level Set | What are the benefits?



## Security

With blockchain, systems are 100x harder to manipulate by storing the data on many servers as opposed to one.



## Immutability

Blockchain ensures information is never altered without the system administrator's knowledge.



## Control

Decentralization gives title agents the platform to control the systems they use.



# Level Set | Don't focus on the tech





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# Level Set | Where should you focus?



## Technology

What language does it use?

How many transactions  
can the system handle?



## Product

How does this benefit my office?

Do my customers care?

What value does the overall  
system provide?



We can either become  
technology experts or  
**develop other ways  
to measure projects.**



**2.**

Review the Landscape



# Review the Landscape

## Government



## Notarizations

**Blocknotary**

## Real Estate



## Wire Fraud



## Title



## Title Insurance



## Mortgage



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Just the beginning...

August 2011

## Marketing Technology Landscape

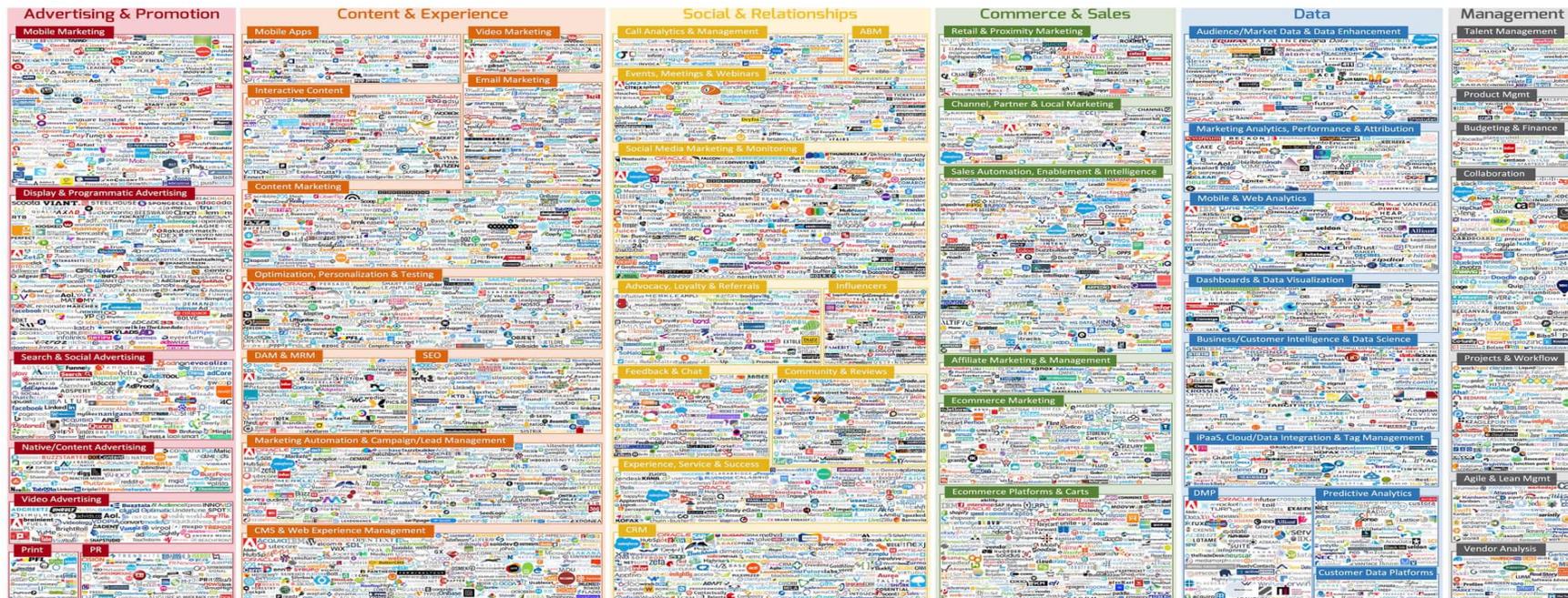


- 2011 was early in development
- Future market leaders begin to emerge
- Market begins to clutter, but technology has yet to scale

And just 5 years later...

May 2017

## Marketing Technology Landscape (“Martech 5000”)



Sources: CabinetM, Capterra, G2 Crowd, Google, LUMA Partners, Siftly, TrustRadius — see <http://chiefmartec.com/2017/05/marketing-technology-landscape-supergraphic-2017/> for details.

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**3.**

# Assessing Projects



# Assessing Projects | Key Metrics



**Product Adoption**



**Risks**



**Claims**



## Product Adoption:



**Mainstream Adoption:** Has over 10% of the market **paid** for the product?

**References:** Can the company introduce you to 3 of their **customers**?

**Demo:** Can the company show a **working product** and articulate the value prop?

**Prototype:** Does the company **collect feedback** with a **clickable prototype**?



## Risks:



**Startup:** Historically, how well has this startup **delivered** on its promises?

**Large Company:** How **flexible** is the company in adopting new business models?

**Balance Sheet:** Are there known **conflicts of interest**?  
(in stock, bias, cash on hand to execute)

**Compliance:** Is this company's product **legal and compliant**?  
(with lender, underwriter, and government oversight)

**Technology:** Can the technology support the **transaction volume** you need?



## Claims



**White Paper:** If the company has released a white paper, how **valid** is it?

**Marketing Assets:** What has the team **promised** at speaking events?  
(or through marketing videos)

**Team:** How many **full time engineers** are working on blockchain?  
What work has the CTO done before the current company?

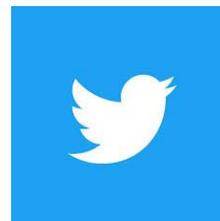
**Other Products:** Has the team built any other **products**?  
Have they been validated by the market and are they in use?

## Technical



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## Social





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The absolute best way to know what's going on is to **test products.**

**You are the expert,** you know what your customers need, and you can **fact check.**



4.

Project Side-by-Side



Global real estate store allowing buyers and sellers from across the globe to **seamlessly transfer properties instantly** through smart contracts.



US-based Reit leveraging blockchain technology to **invest and manage** a mix of commercial and mixed use properties.



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## Risks

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Balance Sheet	Are there known <b>conflicts of interest</b> in stock, biases? Do they have cash on hand to execute?	Business	2	1
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# Questions?

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