# THE BLOCKCHAIN AND US (2017)

A Film by Manuel Stagars

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## Definition

blockchain, NOUN /ˈblɒktʃeɪn/

A digital ledger in which transactions made in bitcoin or another cryptocurrency are recorded chronologically and publicly.

<https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/blockchain>

## Film Synopsis

When the Wright brothers invented the airplane in 1903, it was hard to imagine there would be over 500,000 people travelling in the air at any point in time today. In 2008, Satoshi Nakamoto invented Bitcoin and the blockchain. For the first time in history, his invention made it possible to send money around the globe without banks, governments or any other intermediaries. Satoshi is a mystery character, and just like the Wright brothers, he solved an unsolvable problem. Whenever this happens, it inspires incredible innovation. The concept of the blockchain isn't very intuitive. But still, many people believe it is a game changer. Despite its mysterious beginnings, the blockchain might be the airplane of our time.

Economist and filmmaker Manuel Stagars portrays this exciting technology in nineteen interviews with software developers, cryptologists, researchers, entrepreneurs, consultants, VCs, authors, politicians, and futurists from the United States, Canada, Switzerland, the UK, and Australia. All long-form interviews from the film are available online on [www.blockchain-documentary.com](http://www.blockchain-documentary.com).

How can the blockchain benefit the economies of nations? How will it change society? What does this mean for each of us? *The Blockchain and Us* gives a view on the topic far from hype, makes it accessible, and starts a conversation.

The film streams on [www.blockchain-documentary.com](http://www.blockchain-documentary.com) and on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/2iF73cybTBs>

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