10 YEARS OF BLOCKCHAIN: 2010-2019
The global financial crisis of 2008 exposed the financial inequality throughout the world economies. On January 3rd 2009, a mysterious figure named as Satoshi Nakamoto created a virtual currency and named it as Bitcoin, that functioned on what he/she/they called as 'Proof of Work chain'.

In the last ten year, the financial world has gone through a lot of events since Bitcoin's genesis block. Bitcoin's price has grown thousand fold and its worth the time to view the ten years of blockchain development in retrospective.

We are starting from 2010 because the blockchain development in 2009 was limited as the first set of transactions ever to take place on the Bitcoin network were undertaken in December of 2009.
February
The first ever cryptocurrency exchange, Bitcoin Market, is established. The first trade takes place a month later.

April
The first public bitcoin trade takes place: 1000BTC traded for $30 at an exchange rate of 0.03USD/1BTC.

May
The first real-world bitcoin transaction is undertaken by Laszlo Hanyecz, who paid 10000BTC for two Papa John’s pizzas (approximately $25 USD).

June
Bitcoin developer Gavin Andreson creates a faucet offering 5 free BTC to the public.

July
- First notable usage of the word “blockchain” appears on BitcoinTalk forum. Prior to this, it was referred to as ‘Proof-of-Work chain’
- Bitcoin exchange named Magic The Gathering Online eXchange—also known as Mt Gox—established

August
Bitcoin protocol bug leads to emergency hard fork.

December
Satoshi Nakamoto ceases communication with the world.
January
One-quarter of the eventual total of 21M bitcoins have been generated

February
Bitcoin reaches parity for the first time with USD

June
- WikiLeaks begins accepting Bitcoin donations
- Mt. Gox hacked, resulting in suspension of trading and a precipitous price drop for Bitcoin

April
Bitcoin reaches parity with EUR and GBP

August
First Bitcoin Improvement Proposal: BIP Purpose and Guidelines

October
Litecoin released

December
Bitcoin featured as a major plot element in an episode of 'The Good Wife' as 9.45 million viewers watch.
May
- Bitcoin Magazine, founded by Mihai Alisie and Vitalik Buterin, publishes first issue

July
- Government of Estonia begins incorporating blockchain into digital ID efforts

October
- BitPay reports having over 1,000 merchants accepting bitcoin under its payment processing service

September
- Bitcoin Foundation created
- Coinbase raises over $600k in funding

November
- First Bitcoin halving to 25 BTC per block
February
Reddit begins accepting bitcoins for Gold memberships

March
Cyprus government bailout levies on bank accounts with over $100k.
Flight to Bitcoin results in major price spike.

June
First major cryptocurrency theft. 25,000 BTC is stolen from Bitcoin forum founder.

May
- Total Bitcoin value surpasses 1 billion USD with 11M Bitcoin in circulation
- The first cryptocurrency market rally and crash takes place. Prices rise from $13 to $220, and then drop to $70

July
Mastercoin becomes the first project to conduct an ICO

August
U.S. Federal Court issues opinion that Bitcoin is a currency or form of money

October
The FBI shuts down dark web marketplace Silk Road, confiscating approximately 26,000 bitcoins
2013

October
The first Bitcoin ATM begins operating at Waves Coffee Shop in Vancouver

November
- Vitalik Buterin releases the Ethereum White Paper: "A Next-Generation Smart Contract and Decentralized Application Platform"
- Bitmain announces the release of the S1 Miner
- People's Bank of China okays Bitcoin, trading volume in the country surges to the global lead
- Bitcoin breaks US$1,000
- US Senate holds first ever hearings on Bitcoin

December
- The first commit to the Ethereum codebase takes place
- Chinese authorities revert stance on Bitcoin, declare it is not a currency
February
- HMRC in the UK classifies Bitcoin as private money
- Major DDoS attack against three major exchanges: Mt. Gox, Bitstamp and BTC-e
- Mt. Gox goes offline, files for bankruptcy protection. Over 850,000 BTC are unaccounted.

April
- Gavin Wood releases the Ethereum Yellow Paper: "Ethereum: A Secure Decentralised Generalised Transaction Ledger"

May
- Ethereum token launch raises 31,591 BTC ($18,439,086) over 42 days
- BitUSD, the first stablecoin, launched by BitShares

June
- Ethereum Foundation established in Zug, Switzerland
- US Marshals Service auctions off 30,000 Bitcoin confiscated from Silk Road. All are purchased by venture capitalist Tim Draper

July
- IRS provides guidance that virtual currency will be treated as property for U.S. tax purposes
- Credit-card processor Stripe begins accepting Bitcoin
- Newsweek claims Dorian Nakamoto is Bitcoin creator. He is not

January
- Vitalik Buterin announces Ethereum at the North American Bitcoin Conference in Miami

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2014

September
TeraExchange launches first U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission approved Bitcoin over-the-counter swap

October
ConsenSys is founded by Joe Lubin

December
By year’s end, Paypal, Zynga, Overstock.com, Expedia, Newegg, Dell, Dish Network, and Microsoft are all accepting Bitcoin for payments
January
Coinbase opens up the first U.S.-based cryptocurrency exchange

February
Stripe initiates bitcoin payment integration for merchants

April
NASDAQ initiates blockchain trial

June
NYDFS releases final version of its BitLicense virtual currency regulations

July
Ethereum’s first live mainnet release — Frontier — launched

August
Augur, the first token launch on the Ethereum network takes place

September
R3 consortium formed with nine financial institutions, increases to over 40 members within six months
2015

October
- Gemini exchange launches, founded by Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss
- Bitcoin featured on the front cover of The Economist

November
- Announcement of first zero knowledge proof, ZK-Snarks
- ERC-20 token standard is proposed

December
- Linux Foundation establishes Hyperledger project
- WIRED claims that Craig Wright is probably Satoshi Nakamoto
- Pieter Wuille releases "Segregated witness and its impact on scalability" (SegWit)
2017

**February**
Enterprise Ethereum Alliance formed with 30 founding members, over 150 members six months later.

**April**
Bitcoin is officially recognized as currency by Japan.

**July**
Parity hack exposes weaknesses in multisig wallets.

**September**
- China bans ICOs
- Amount locked in decentralized finance apps reaches $1 million

**October**
- Ethereum releases Byzantium soft fork network upgrade, part one of Metropolis
- Bitcoin price surpasses $5,000 USD for the first time
- CME announces Bitcoin futures

**January**
Bitcoin price breaks US$1,000 for the first time in three years.
December
- CBOE Bitcoin futures are launched
- Bitcoin price touches $20,000 USD
- Lightning Network Protocol 1.0 released
- Ethereum Dapp Cryptokitties goes viral, pushing the Ethereum network to its limits
- MakerDAO launches DAI, signaling a future for decentralized finance
- Long Island Iced Tea Corp renames itself Long Blockchain Corp in a publicity stunt. Its stock price rises more than 200% at trading open
- Median transaction fee for the Bitcoin network reaches a peak of $34 USD
- Austrian government founds the Research Institute for Cryptoeconomy
- 2017 sees 435 successful ICOs raising a cumulative total of over $5.6 billion USD

November
- Bitcoin price surpasses $10,000 USD for the first time
- Segwit2X is cancelled after a groundswell of concern from the Bitcoin community
- Devcon 3 in Cancun raises capacity twice to accommodate developer demand
April 2018 outpaces 2017 with $6.3 billion raised in token launches in the first four months of the year.

EU government commits $300 million to developing blockchain projects.

Over 1,500 cryptocurrencies with a total market cap of $43 million.

Facebook bans all ads pertaining to cryptocurrency.

Over 100,000 ERC20 tokens created.

New York Stock Exchange owner announces Bakkt, a federally regulated digital asset exchange.

Monetary Authority of Singapore launches Project Ubin, proving interbank settlement use cases for Ethereum.
December

- 90% of banks in the US and Europe report exploration of blockchain tech
- Kaspersky report claims that 19% of the global population purchased cryptocurrency prior to 2019
- Over $20 billion USD raised in token launches throughout the year

November

- VC investment in blockchain tech surpasses $1 billion
- Bitcoin Cash hard forks into Bitcoin ABC and Bitcoin SV

October

- Fidelity launches institutional platform for cryptocurrencies
- Bitcoin’s 10th birthday
January
- Coinstar machines begin selling cryptocurrency at grocery stores across the US

February
- Ethereum's Constantinople hard fork is released, part two of Metropolis

June
- Daily Ethereum transactions surpass one million
- Facebook announces Libra

July
- United States senate holds hearings titled 'Examining Regulatory Frameworks for Digital Currencies and Blockchain'

August
- Ethereum developer dominance reaches 4x that of any other blockchain

September
- Santander bank settles both sides of a $20 million bond on Ethereum

October
- BlockOne fined $24 million by the SEC for its unregulated $4 billion EOS ICO
- Over 80 million distinct Ethereum addresses have been created

November
- Over 3000 DApps created. Of them, 2700 are built on Ethereum
Giacomo Arcaro
He has 15 years’ experience in growth hacking, digital strategy, startup and business development. He has advised over 150 startups and has 50 managed employees into a XII Century Church in Italy for the European biggest growth hacking company. He holds the title of ‘Amazon Best Seller Author’ and is been known to be one of the ‘Most Influencial Blockchain Evangelist’ with +200 conferences all over the world.

Forbes
‘The Most Influencial Fintech Advisor’

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