BLOCKCHAIN - INTERNET OF THINGS (IoT)

Introduction to IoT and Blockchain

- The **Internet of Things (IoT)** refers to the network of interconnected physical devices (sensors, machines, etc.) that can collect and exchange data, enabling real-time monitoring and control of devices via the internet.

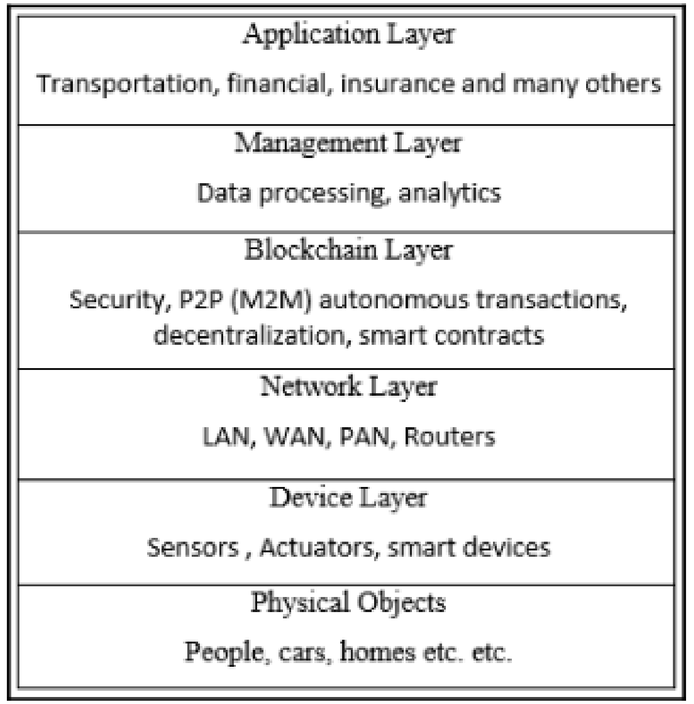
- Blockchain is a distributed ledger technology that records transactions in a secure, transparent, and immutable way.

Four Main Functions:

- **Sensing** - Performed by sensors to monitor environments.
- **Reacting** - Carried out by actuators to control external environments.
- **Collecting** - Data collection via various sensors.
- **Communicating** - Done by chips for network connectivity.
  Components Involved: Sensors, actuators, chips, and network connectivity tools.

The Blockchain Based IoT Model:

- **Physical Objects Layer**: These physical objects generate data through sensors and smart devices.
- **Device Layer**: Contains IoT components like sensors, actuators, and smart devices that collect data from the physical environment.
- **Network Layer**: Responsible for transmitting data between IoT devices and the blockchain network. Ensures secure and reliable data transmission.
- **Blockchain Layer** : Integrates blockchain technology to enhance security, decentralization, and automation in IoT systems.
- **Management Layer**: Handles data processing and analytics for IoT devices. Uses AI, machine learning, and big data techniques to extract meaningful insights.
- **Application Layer**: Ensures that IoT-generated data and blockchain transactions support real-world applications.



Blockchain-based IoT model

IoT Blockchain Experiment

Objective: Connect Raspberry Pi to Ethereum blockchain.

- **Hardware Used:** Raspberry Pi 3, LED, Resistors, Breadboard, Jumper wires.
- **Software Used:** Raspbian OS, Geth (Go Ethereum client), Web3.js.
- **Raspberry Pi :** A Raspberry Pi is a **low-cost**, credit-card-sized computer used for a wide range of projects. It is popular building **IoT applications** due to its **affordability** and **flexibility**. For this experiment, we use **Raspberry Pi 3 Model B.**
- **GPIO (General Purpose Input/Output)** pins allow for interaction with external devices like **sensors** and **actuators**, making it a powerful tool for experimentation.

1 Low-Cost Computer

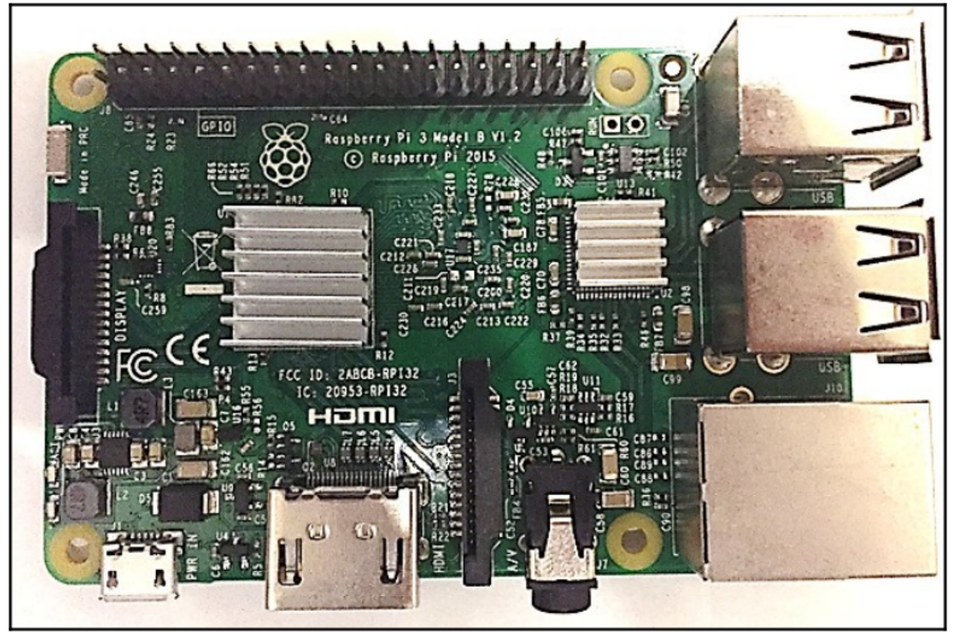
Affordable and versatile for various projects.

2 GPIO Pins

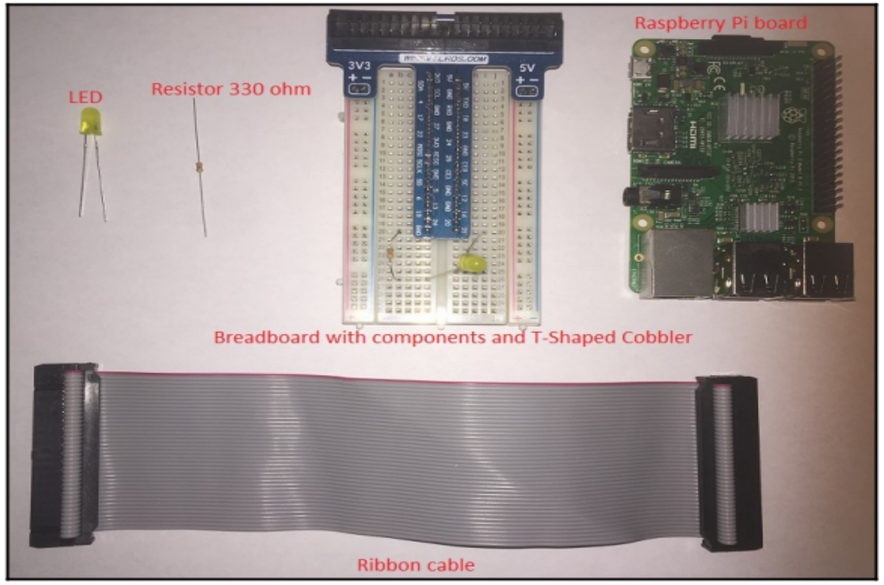
Enables interaction with external sensors and actuators.

3 Educational Tool

Popular for learning robotics, IoT, and blockchain.



Raspberry Pi Model B



Required components

Setting Up the Raspberry Pi:

- Install **NOOBS** (New Out of Box Software), a simple **operating system** installation manager for Raspberry Pi, providing a selection of OS options, including Raspbian.
- Install Raspbian OS using NOOBS: This can be downloaded and installed from the link : **https://www.raspberrypi.org/downloads/noobs/**.
- Confirm the architecture of the Raspberry Pi by running the command **uname -a** in the terminal. For this experiment, the architecture will typically be **ARMv7**. This helps **identify** the correct **version** of **Geth** to download.

1

Install NOOBS or Raspbian

Choose an operating system for the Raspberry Pi.

2

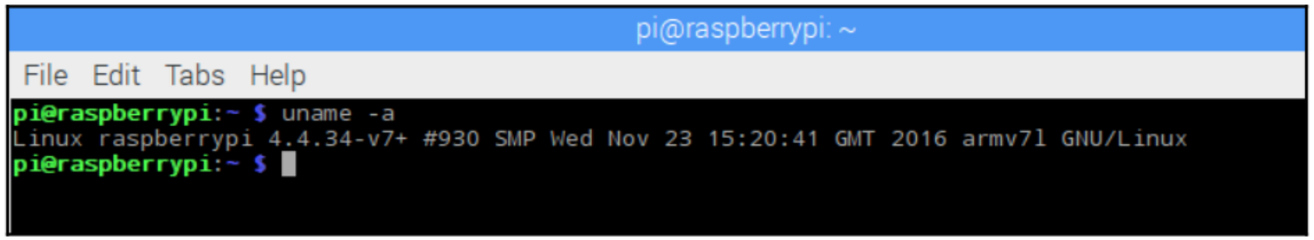
Check Architecture

Confirm the architecture using **uname -a**.

3

Download Geth

Get the appropriate ARM binary for your Raspberry Pi.



Raspberry Pi architecture

Installing Go Ethereum Client (Geth):

- Geth is a command-line client for **running Ethereum nodes**.
- Use **wget** to download the appropriate ARM binary for your Raspberry Pi. After downloading the Geth extract it with:

```
$ tar -zxvf geth-linux-arm7-1.5.6-2a609af5.tar.gz.
```

This creates a directory named : **geth-linux-arm7-1.5.6-2a609af5**.

- Move the Geth binary to /usr/bin so it can be used from anywhere: **sudo mv geth-linux-arm7-1.5.6-2a609af5/geth /usr/bin/geth.**

1. **Download Geth**

   Use wget to download the ARM binary.

2. **Extract Geth**

   Extract the tarball with **tar -zxvf**.

3. **Install Geth**

   Copy the binary to /usr/bin to make it globally executable.

Genesis Block and Node Setup for Blockchain-IoT :

Genesis Block :

- The **Genesis Block** is the first block in a blockchain network.
- It serves as the foundation for all subsequent blocks.
- In an Ethereum-based private blockchain, a custom **genesis.json** file is required to initialize the network.

1. Creating a Genesis Block :

- A **genesis.json** file must be configured to define network-specific parameters such as difficulty, gas limit, and chain ID.

```
{
        "nonce": "0x0000000000000042",
        "timestamp": "0x00",
        "parentHash":
"0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000",
        "extraData": "0x00",
        "gasLimit": "0x8000000",
        "difficulty": "0x0400",
        "mixhash":
"0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000",
        "coinbase": "0x3333333333333333333333333333333333333333",
        "alloc": {
        },
        "config": {
            "chainId": 786,
            "homesteadBlock": 0,
            "eip155Block": 0,
            "eip158Block": 0
        }
}
```

Initializing the Genesis Block:

- Once the **genesis.json** file is created, it must be initialized on each node participating in the private Ethereum network.
- The following command used to initialize the genesis block on a Raspberry Pi or any other node is: **$ ./geth init genesis.json.**

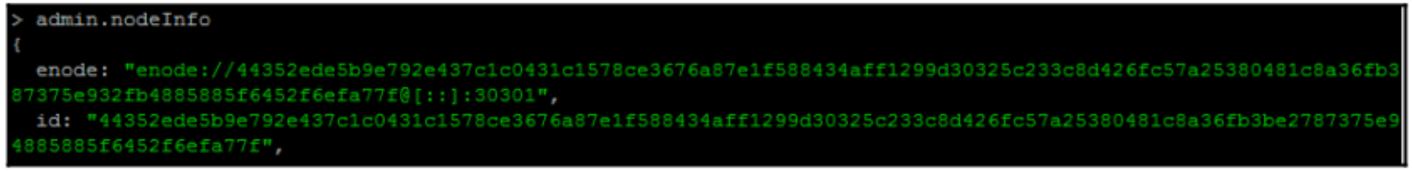
```
pi@raspberrypi:~/geth-linux-arm7-1.5.6-2a609af5 $ ./geth init genesis.json
I0110 23:37:15.714795 cmd/utils/flags.go:612] WARNING: No etherbase set and no accounts found as default
I0110 23:37:15.715283 ethdb/database.go:83] Allotted 128MB cache and 1024 file handles to /home/pi/.ethereum/geth/chaindata
I0110 23:37:15.794383 ethdb/database.go:176] closed db:/home/pi/.ethereum/geth/chaindata
I0110 23:37:15.794723 ethdb/database.go:83] Allotted 128MB cache and 1024 file handles to /home/pi/.ethereum/geth/chaindata
I0110 23:37:15.923300 core/genesis.go:93] Genesis block already in chain. Writing canonical number
I0110 23:37:15.923895 cmd/geth/chaincmd.go:131] successfully wrote genesis block and/or chain rule set: f2b2ffed01907a845a01d1dea21e5a
ec021e8e68b5ec9ffccb82df
```

Initialize genesis file

2. Connecting Nodes in a Private Blockchain:

- After initializing the genesis block, nodes must connect to form a **private blockchain network**.
- **Adding Peers for Synchronization:** Nodes communicate through **static-nodes.json**, which stores the enode addresses of peer nodes.
- To retrieve a node's enode ID, run:

```
> admin.nodeInfo
```



- The **static-nodes.json** file should be updated with the enode information:

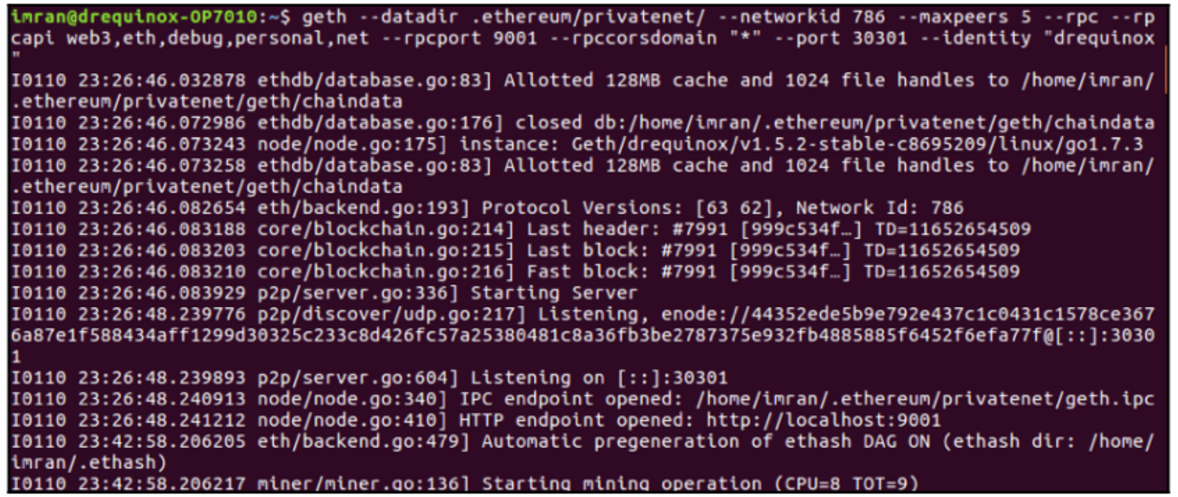
```
json
```

```
[ " enode://<peer-node-enode-id>@<peer-node-ip>:30303" ]
```

3. First Node Setup : The **first node** serves as the main blockchain participant. To start the first node, use:

```
$ geth --datadir .ethereum/privatenet/--networkid 786 --maxpeers 5 --rpc \--rpcapi web3,eth,debug,personal,net –rpcport
 9001 --rpccorsdomain " *"  \--port 30301 --identity " drequinox"
```

- **networkid:** Matches the network ID from **genesis.json**.
- **rpc & rpcapi:** Enables Remote Procedure Call (RPC) with necessary APIs.
- **identity:** Assigns a unique name to the node.
- Once the first node starts successfully, it should be **kept running** for other nodes to connect.



4. Raspberry Pi Node Setup :

To connect **Raspberry Pi to the blockchain network**, run:

$ ./geth --networkid 786 --maxpeers 5 --rpc --rpcapi \web3,eth,debug,personal,net --rpccorsdomain "*" --port 30302 --identity "raspberry"

When "**Block synchronization started**" appears in the output, the node has successfully connected to its peer.

Verifying Network Synchronization :

- Attach the **Geth console** to check connected peers:

$ geth attach > admin.peers

- To attach from the first node:

$ geth attach ipc:.ethereum/privatenet/geth.ipc

These steps confirm that **Raspberry Pi and the first node are properly connected**.

5. Installing Node.js and Dependencies: For **smart contract execution and GPIO control**, **Node.js** and additional libraries are required.

Step 1: Install Node.js on Raspberry Pi:

$ curl -sL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_7.x | sudo -E bash - $ sudo apt-get install nodejs

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/geth-linux-arm7-1.5.6-2a609af5 $ ./geth  --networkid 786 --maxpeers 5 --rpc --rpcapi web3,eth,debug,personal,net --
 --rpccorsdomain "*" --port 30302 --identity "raspberry"
I0110 23:38:04.654374 cmd/utils/flags.go:612] WARNING: No etherbase set and no accounts found as default
I0110 23:38:04.654776 ethdb/database.go:83] Allotted 128MB cache and 1024 file handles to /home/pi/.ethereum/geth/chaindata
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I0110 23:38:04.696937 node/node.go:176] instance: Geth/raspberry/v1.5.6-stable-2a609af5/linux/go1.7.4
I0110 23:38:04.697042 ethdb/database.go:83] Allotted 128MB cache and 1024 file handles to /home/pi/.ethereum/geth/chaindata
I0110 23:38:04.847835 eth/backend.go:191] Protocol Versions: [63 62], Network Id: 786
I0110 23:38:04.849753 eth/backend.go:219] Chain config: {ChainID: 0 Homestead: <nil> DAO: <nil> DAOSupport: false EIP150: <nil> EIP1
P158: <nil>}
I0110 23:38:04.857847 core/blockchain.go:216] Last header: #2668 [6776ef24…] TD=708187563
I0110 23:38:04.858174 core/blockchain.go:217] Last block: #2668 [6776ef24…] TD=708187563
I0110 23:38:04.858349 core/blockchain.go:218] Fast block: #2668 [6776ef24…] TD=708187563
I0110 23:38:04.866705 p2p/server.go:340] Starting Server
I0110 23:38:10.223170 p2p/discover/udp.go:227] Listening, enode://98ba36ecea7ff011803d634da45752abd25101f20a62f23427afc3f280017bc134
b195ac6ed59c3b01ca2a3f14638a52697a1bb1bf967fc84274@86.15.44.209:30302
I0110 23:38:10.224031 p2p/server.go:608] Listening on [::]:30302
I0110 23:38:10.233788 node/node.go:341] IPC endpoint opened: /home/pi/.ethereum/geth.ipc
I0110 23:38:10.237027 node/node.go:411] HTTP endpoint opened: http://localhost:9002
I0110 23:38:20.225637 eth/downloader/downloader.go:326] Block synchronisation started
I0110 23:38:49.583631 core/blockchain.go:1067] imported 1 blocks,     0 txs (  0.000 Mg) in   14.018s ( 0.000 Mg/s). #2669 [76077955
I0110 23:38:49.622191 core/blockchain.go:1067] imported 5 blocks,     0 txs (  0.000 Mg) in  38.520ms ( 0.000 Mg/s). #2674 [76077955
```

geth on the Raspberry Pi.

Verify the installation:

$ node -v $ npm -v

Recommended versions: **Node.js v7.4.0** and **npm 4.0.5**.

Step 2: Install Web3.js for Blockchain Interaction

$ npm install web3@0.20.2

- Ensures compatibility with the Ethereum network.

Step 3: Install Onoff for GPIO Control

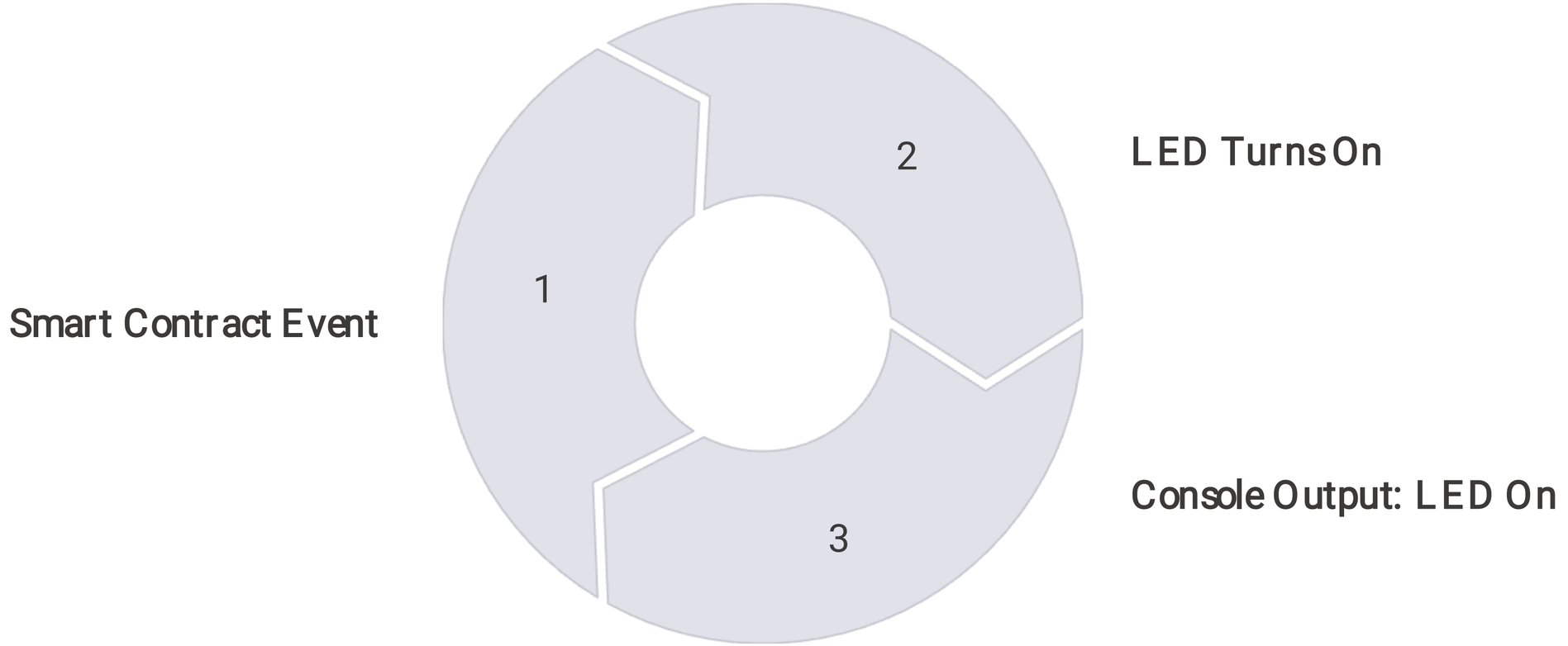
$ npm install onoff

- Enables Raspberry Pi to interact with connected IoT devices.

geth console admin peers command running on Raspberry Pi

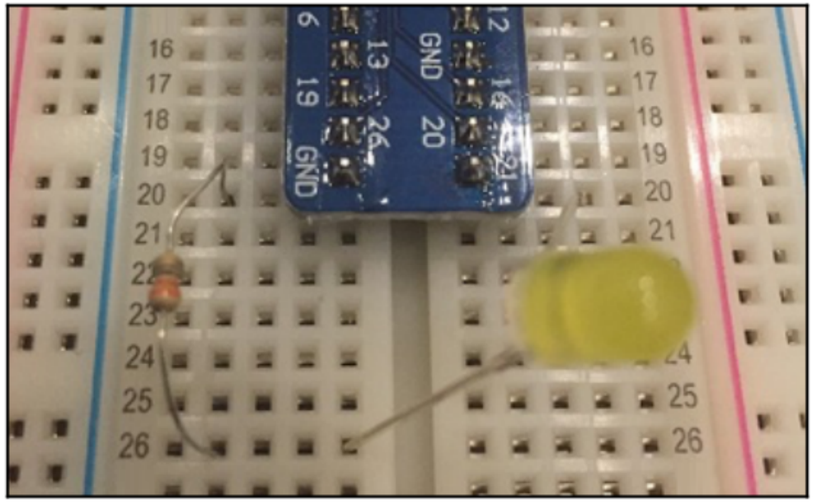
Final Output – LED Control

- The LED will turn on when the smart contract event is triggered, providing a visual indication of the IoT device being controlled by the blockchain event.
- The console will display **LED On** when the event is successfully triggered.



Circuit Setup

- The circuit setup involves connecting an **LED to the Raspberry Pi GPIO pins.**
- The positive leg (long leg) of the LED is connected to GPIO pin 21, while the negative leg (short leg) is connected to a resistor, which is then grounded (GND).
- A ribbon cable is used to interface with the GPIO connector on the Raspberry Pi, ensuring a stable connection for the IoT application.



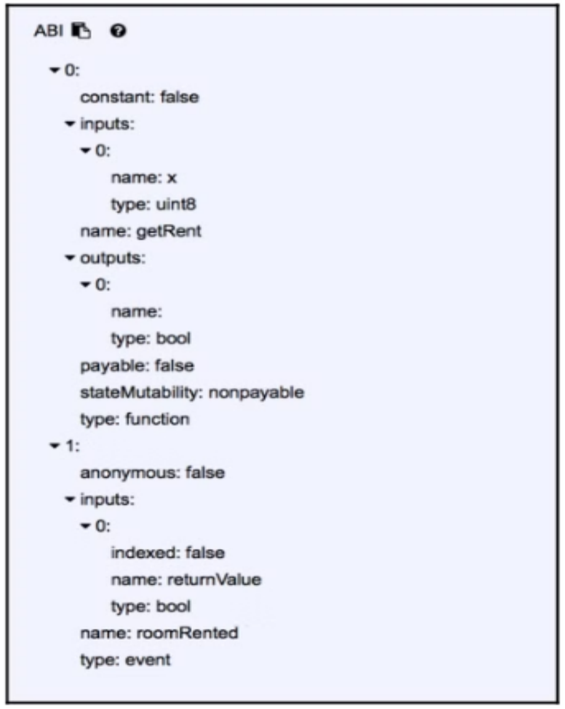
Connections for components on the breadboard

Smart Contract Development :

- A **Solidity-based smart contract** is developed to **control the LED**. The contract contains a function that takes an input value and **triggers** an event if the expected value matches the input.
- The smart contract source code is shown as follows :

```
pragma solidity ^0.4.0;
contract simpleIOT {
    uint roomrent = 10;
    event roomRented(bool returnValue);
    function getRent (uint8 x) public returns (bool) {
        if (x==roomrent) {
            roomRented(true);
            return true;
        }
    }
}
```

Application Binary Interface (ABI): ABI generated by the Remix IDE enables interaction with the deployed smart contract.



ABI from Remix IDE

Connecting Raspberry Pi to a Private Blockchain :

Two methods exist for the Raspberry Pi to interact with the private blockchain using Web3:

1. **Running a Local Geth Client** – The Raspberry Pi runs a local Geth client to maintain its ledger.
2. **Connecting to an External Node** – Due to resource constraints, the Pi connects to an external blockchain node via a Web3 provider over RPC.

Deploying the Smart Contract : The contract is deployed on a private Ethereum network using Truffle:

```
$ truffle migrate
```

Once deployed, the contract's address must be updated in the JavaScript client.

Truffle deploy

JavaScript Client to Control IoT Device : A JavaScript program **listens for smart contract events** and triggers the LED using the Raspberry Pi GPIO library. The code is as follows:

```
var Web3 = require('web3');
if (typeof web3 !== 'undefined')
{
    web3 = new Web3(web3.currentProvider);
}else
{
    web3 = new Web3(new

Web3.providers.HttpProvider("http://localhost:9002"));
    //http-rpc-port
)
var Gpio = require('onoff').Gpio;
var led = new Gpio(21,'out');
var coinbase = web3.eth.coinbase;
var ABIString =
'[{"constant":false,"inputs":[{"name":"x","type":"uint8"}],"name":"getRent"
,"outputs":[{"name":"","type":"bool"}],"payable":false,"stateMutability":"n
onpayable","type":"function"},{"anonymous":false,"inputs":[{"indexed":false
,"name":"returnValue","type":"bool"}],"name":"roomRented","type":"event"}]'
;
var ABI = JSON.parse(ABIString);
var ContractAddress = '0x975081c44fbef4573fef33cccec1777a8f76669c';
web3.eth.defaultAccount = web3.eth.accounts[0];
var simpleiot = web3.eth.contract(ABI).at(ContractAddress);
var event = simpleiot.roomRented( {}, function(error, result) { if (!error)
{
    console.log("LED On");
    led.writeSync(1);
}
});
```

Running the Application :

The JavaScript client is executed using Node.js:

```
$ node index.js
```

Once running, the smart contract can be triggered via the Truffle console:

```
truffle(development)> getRent(10)
```

- If the transaction is successful, the event is emitted, and the Raspberry Pi turns on the LED.

Thank You!