



Featured Article

Blockchain for Media

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Blockchain can be used for Movies, TV Shows, Videos, and other media to get funding, track and protect media, and create new ways to generate revenues. The market for global media and entertainment is over \$2 trillion+ for movies, television, commercials, streaming media, music, and other forms of publishing [Movie.io] and the United States movie and entertainment industry will reach \$804 billion by 2021 [Price Waterhouse Coopers]. Blockchain systems can speed up, provide trust, and add transparency by gathering, validating transactions, and sharing with authorized users. By 2017 there were already dozens of operating blockchains in almost all levels of the media and entertainment industry. Figure 1 shows key levels of the media business and key areas that Blockchain adds speed, efficiency, and trust value.

Movie and TV Show Funding

Movie and TV show funding blockchains can be used to securely share production proposals, process investments, track royalties, and to repay investments on agreed terms. Media funding Blockchains can remove the Hollywood accounting practices that may allocate hidden expenses that could not be verified.

Some of the key media project funding challenges include how to privately approach investors, develop investor trust, and being able to accurately process payments when revenues are earned

Many small independent film productions have used crowdfunding on Indiegogo.com to raise money for their production. When

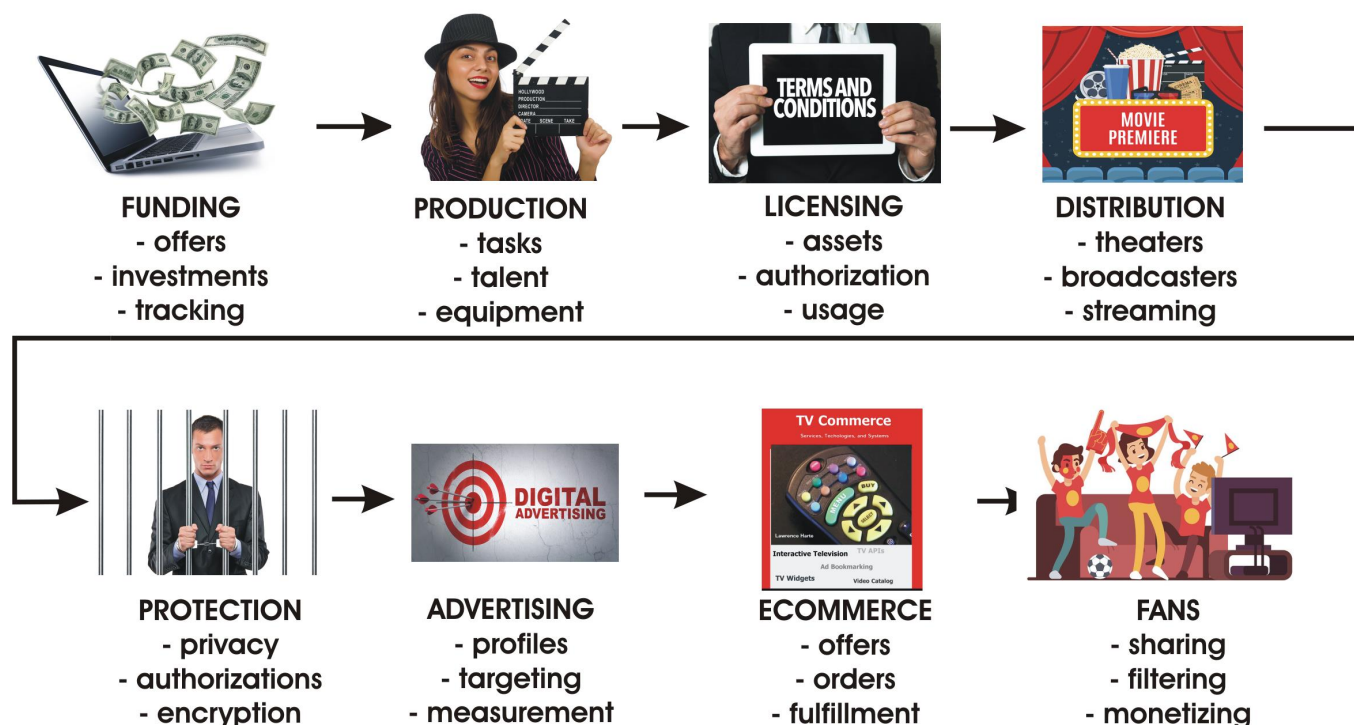


Figure 1, Blockchain Applications for Media



Blockchain Media

Podcast

- ✓ New Blockchains for TV Tech & Business
- ✓ Decentralized Systems
- ✓ Implementation Tips

Podcast Topics:

Blockchain Movie Funding o Movie and Show Production o Decentralized Distribution o Content Protection o Media Licensing o Streaming and VOD o Broadcast and Interactive Advertising o TV Apps o tCommerce o Media Storage o Dapps o Ticket Sales o Social TV o Blockchain Law o Stock Media o BaaS o Blockchain Media Players o Oracles o Remote Workflow o Live OTT o Cloud Video Editing o Distributed Billing o Interactive TV o Second Screen o Broadcast VR o Royalties o Special Effects o Certifications **and MORE....**



Podcast Steps

Session Description
 Agree on Questions
 Guest Bio & Photo
 Audio Interview
 Audio Edit
 Review/Approve
 Publish Audio
 Media Convert (50+)
 Publish Media Posts
 (over 12 months)

Media Conversion:

In addition to creating an audio program, each audio session is transcribed and converted into 50+ videos, slides, images, article(s), blog posts, Tweets, and other media formats. These posts are scheduled for release over 12 months keeping the podcast session up front in the media.

Tweets - Podcast media announcements, innovations, and tips.

Blog Posts - Some questions and answers are converted into blog posts which are published on Internet TV Plus and other blogs.

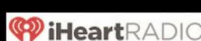
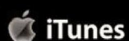
Article(s) - The interview is converted into one or more articles that are published on Blockchain Media, IPTV Magazine or Social TV Magazine.

Slides - Powerpoint slides are created from interview content and related images are inserted. Which are published on Slideshare and on separate web pages (each page is indexed by search engines.)

Videos - Slide images are combined with audio to create a video version of the podcast which are published to our Youtube channel. Some interview sections or question topics may be converted to separate videos.

Images - Slide images are uploaded to Internet TV Plus and other image sharing sites (such as Pinterest.)

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investors contribute money to these productions, they may never see benefits or royalties. Crowdfunding Blockchains add a level of trust to ensure the crowdfunding contributions are used as stated and will deliver the rewards promised. Indiegogo.com has setup Kowala - ico.indiegogo.com Blockchain funding.

Cryptographic tokens can be issued to raise capital that can be used for entertainment projects such as movies, TV shows, video series, and others. Tokens represent an ownership interest in the projects so investors can trust that the project managers and distributors are not able to modify accounting records or insert expenses that were not authorized by the investors. This film and media project transparency allows some or all investors to see expenses, receipts, entitlements, and ownership of each project.

Key ways that Blockchain can assist in movie and show finance include investment gathering, payment gateways, smart contracts, accounting, partnerships, portfolios, copyright management, and communication tools.

Movie and TV Show Funding Blockchains

Movie Coin - movie.io

Filmio - film.io

X Motion Pictures - xmotionpictures.io

Movie and Media Production

Movie and TV show production Blockchains can be used to acquire, assign, organize, protect, control access, and track production talent, crews, equipment, and other activities that are needed to plan, produce, and publish movies and TV shows.

Some of the challenges for media production that can be improved by Blockchain include content and rights management, talent acquisition and payment, rental of production equipment and services, secure production collaboration, and access to advanced video processing and artificial intelligence services.

While there are end to end production Blockchains (from concept to ticket and fan merchandise sales) like ephelants360, there are blockchains that specialize in key parts of the video and media production process such as dbrain.io (video AI), rendertoken.com (graphics rendering), and others.

Movie and Media Production Blockchains

Veracity - veracity.io

ephelants360 - ephelants360.io

Media Licensing

Media licensing Blockchains identify content assets (video, audio, digital), process and manage usage authorizations, gather and track usage fees. Blockchains for media offer options to media owners and creators who want to earn money selling rights to their digital works. Blockchains can also help distributors and publishers to overcome challenges of complicated distribution arrangements and high middle-man fees.

Media licensing challenges that can be solved or helped by Blockchains include content identification (codes and descriptive metadata), license fee and use negotiations, clearance requirements and documentation, and usage provisioning and enforcement.

Media Licensing Blockchains

Tune Token - tunetoken.io

Muvi - muvi.com

Photochain - Photochain.io

Singular DTV - content owner platform - singulardtv.com

Movie and Video Distribution

Movie and video distribution Blockchains manage the ordering, transfer, and usage of movies to publishers, streaming services, stored media (DVD and Blu-Ray), distributors, and theaters.

Key challenges that Blockchain can help with for movie and media distribution include validating users and their authorizations, keeping distribution delivery secure (such as to movie theaters and broadcasters), and authorizing viewing sessions.

Movie and Show Distribution Blockchains

Movies Chain - TVzavr - movieschain.io

Play 2 Live - play2live.io

Slate - Slate.io

Content Protection

Content protection Blockchains add and/or use identification information (watermark and/or fingerprinting), monitoring streaming (broadcast, OTT) or stored media (DVD, flash drives), manage access control, and protect media from unauthorized uses.

Some of the key content protection challenges Blockchains can help with include making content easy to copy for authorized users, blocking unauthorized content viewing, allowing all publishers to have access and cost effectively use sophisticated DRM systems, and to divide long content media (such as TV shows) into multiple rights usage opportunities.

Content Protection Blockchains

DACC - dacc.co
Wemark - wemark.com
Goldilock - goldilock.com
NPER - nper.io

Advertising

Advertising Blockchains protect viewer privacy, gather viewing information, enable precise ad targeting, and provide detailed viewing and engagement information to advertisers.

Company advertising budgets are shifting toward Internet Advertising. According to Zenith Media research, global advertising spending was \$579 billion in 2018 with 39% (\$226 billion) spent on Internet advertising (display, classified, paid search). Advertising Blockchains can help broadcasters and publishers to capture (or recover) advertising spending for broadcast services by providing precise ad targeting and viewer metrics that are as good or better than Internet advertising systems. Viewer's privacy is protected using the Blockchain while enabling the gathering of viewer activity information (viewing and purchase histories - on and off network). Ads can be targeted and delivery with the detailed viewing metrics provided back to the advertiser.

Advertising Blockchains

Adbitmedia - adbitmedia.io
Adex - adex.network
Kochava - kochava.com

eCommerce

eCommerce Blockchains insert product and service offers, processing transactions, and pay sales commissions. Tying eCommerce to media systems such as Television commerce (tCommerce) can provide massive new revenue sources. Consider that the off screen revenue from the Star Wars films (licensing, product sales, etc) was approximately 10x the revenue earned from theaters.

Blockchains can be used to provide content owners, distributors, and service providers with new revenue types such as dynamic product placement, affiliate commissions, and direct product sales.

eCommerce and Affiliate Blockchains

Elementh - elementh.io
Affiliate Coin - affiliatecoin.io
Reftoken - reftoken.io

Fan Social Management

Fan social management Blockchains classify, validate, organize, filter, and monetize content between fans, broadcasters, and content owners.

Social TV is becoming an important part of fan engagement both on screen and off screen. Social media Blockchains can be used to moderate and filter bad content (fake, harmful) and reward good content (rewards tokens).

Fan Social Blockchains

Fans Unite - fansunite.io
Social Media - steem.io
Rewards Tokens - rewardstokens.io
Patron - patron-ico.io