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# Account Recovery in Decentralized Applications

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# Overview

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- Motivation
- Account Recovery Process
- Methodology

# Hyperledger

- A **permissioned** distributed ledger network

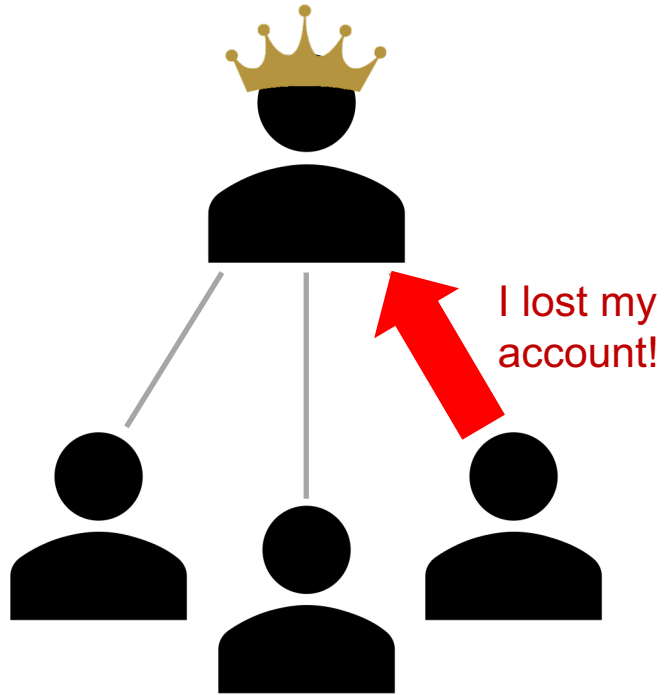


# Hyperledger

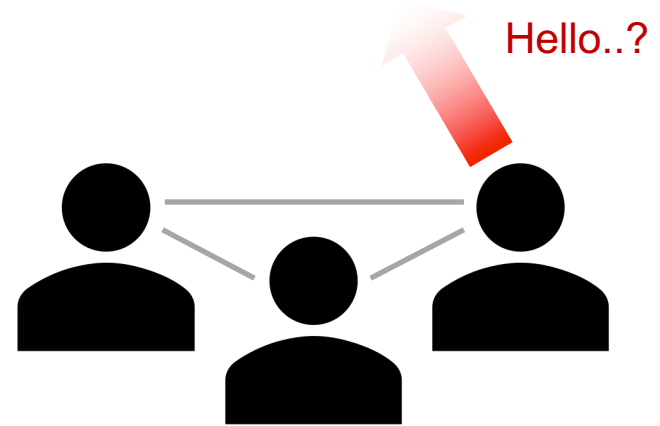
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- Smart Contract / Chaincode
- Transaction
- Asset

# Motivation



Centralized



Decentralized

# Basic Idea

*Public Ledger*  
*A sent B 1000 coins*

I remember I  
bought a phone  
from Bob



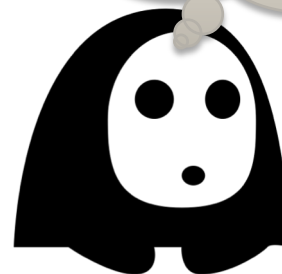
Account owner

I remember Alice  
bought a phone  
from me



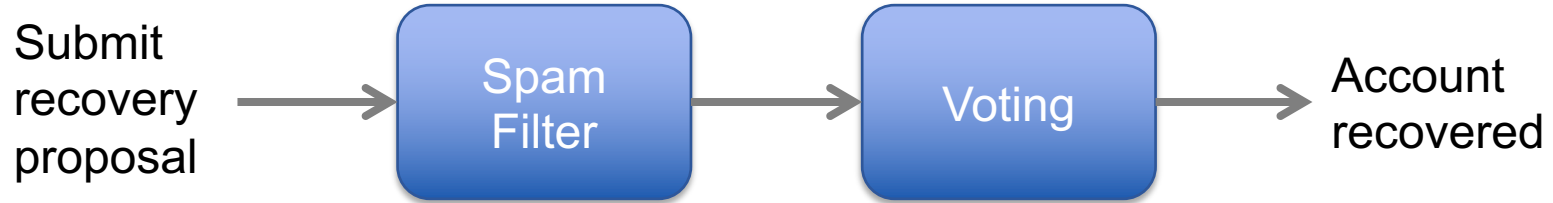
Trade partner

Maybe A bought  
a camera from  
B?

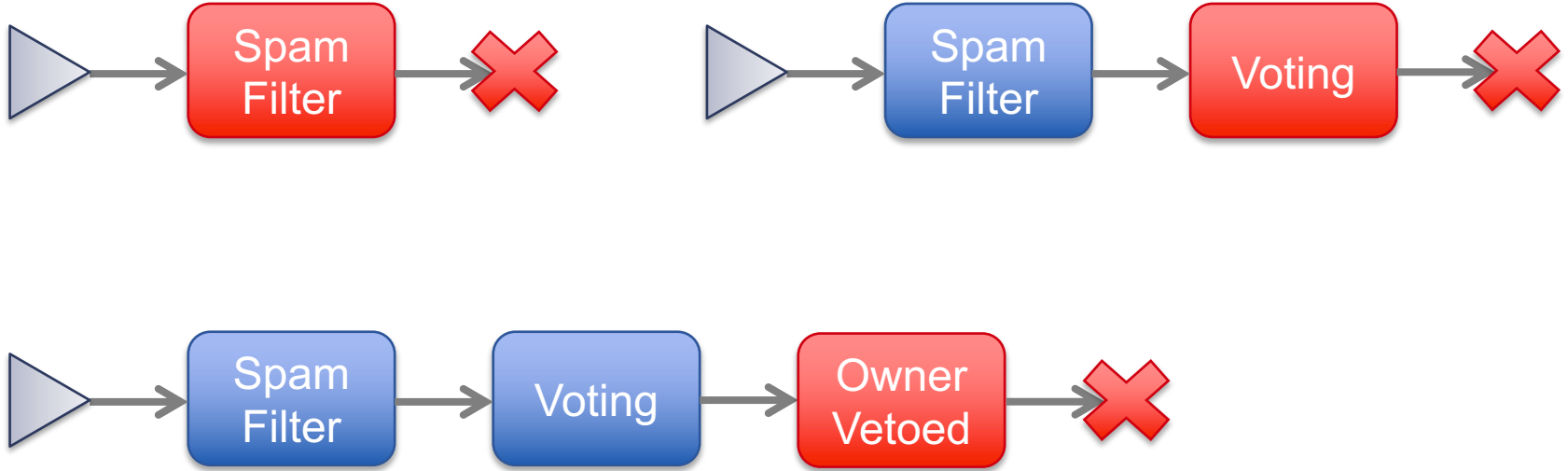


Other users

# Account Recovery Process

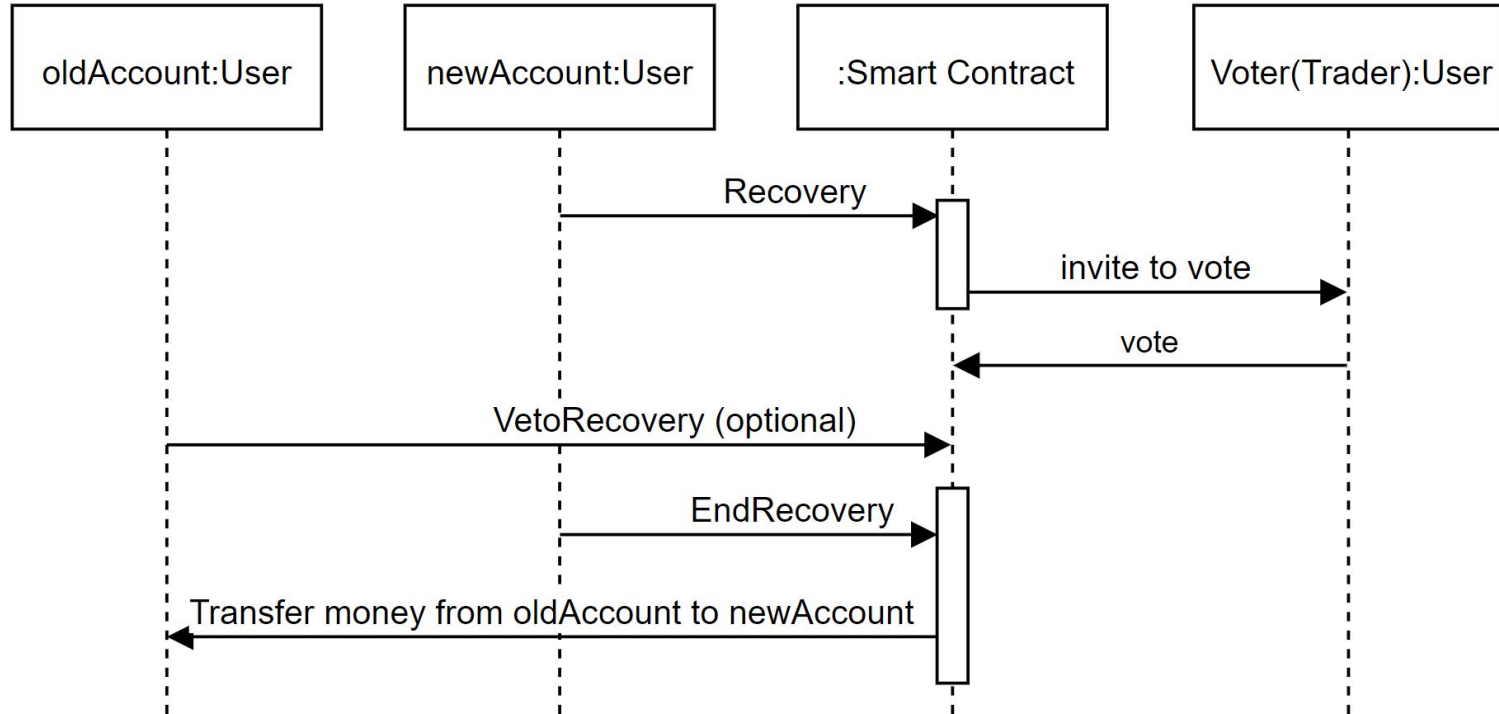


# Account Recovery Process





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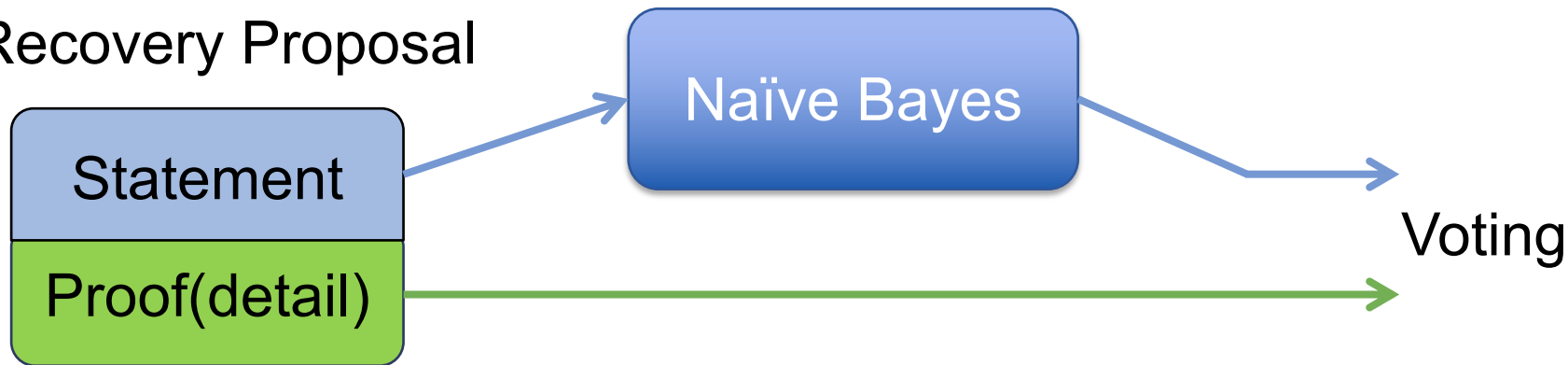
# Potential Attacks

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- 51% Attack as a trader
- Social engineering

# Spam Filter

## Recovery Proposal



```
{
  "$class": "org.example.basic.Proposal",
  "proposalID": "Recovery-user0-1",
  "statementOS": "I just realized that I lost my account.",
  "detail": "{ '6317648c119084ddb7b317b6e753f7d1a513d64151003068dd4c7b6f983b95',
  'newAccount': 'user6',
  'oldAccount': 'user0',
  'detailpoll': 'Poll-Recovery-user0-1',
  'stage': 'Concluded',
  'votingReward': 100,
  'owner': 'resource:org.example.basic.User#user0'
}
```

```
{
  "$class": "org.example.basic.NBclassifier",
  "nbclassifierID": "recoveryClassifier",
  "jsondata": "{ 'categories': { 'spam': true, 'ham': true }, 'docCount':
  { 'spam': 214, 'ham': 214 }, 'totalDocuments': 428, 'feature':
  { 'the': true, 'chicago': true, 'hotel': true, 'i': true, 'a': true, 'great':
  true, 'of': true, 'my': true, 'was': true, 'for': true, 'stay': true, 'at': tr
  ue, 'in': true, 'is': true, 'to': true, 'as': true, 'it': true, 'and': true, 'h
  ad': true, 'from': true, 'very': true, 'staff': true, 'with': true, 'rooms':
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  'so': true, 'that': true, 'all': true, '': true, 'num=0': true, 'second-
  person=0%': true, 'stayed': true, 'this': true, 'have': true, 'our': true, '
  we': true, 'they': true, 'location': true, 'but': true, 'on': true, 't': true
  , 'are': true, 'you': true }, 'featureSize': 47, 'wordCount':
  { 'spam': 12126, 'ham': 12627 }, 'wordFrequencyCount': { 'spam':
```

# Voting

- C: correct vote reward
- W: incorrect vote reward
- t: cost of time

$$Reward_{Authentic} = \frac{\sum_{n=v_c}^{v_r} \binom{v_r}{n}}{2^{v_r}} * C + \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{v_c-1} \binom{v_r}{n}}{2^{v_r}} * W - t$$

$$Reward_{Random} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\sum_{n=v_c}^{v_r} \binom{v_r}{n}}{2^{v_r}} * C + \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{v_c-1} \binom{v_r}{n}}{2^{v_r}} * W \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{v_c} \binom{v_r}{n}}{2^{v_r}} * C + \frac{\sum_{n=v_c+1}^{v_r} \binom{v_r}{n}}{2^{v_r}} * W \right)$$

# Short Demo

## User Asset before the recovery

user0

```
{
  "$class": "org.example.basic.User",
  "userId": "user0",
  "name": "Alice",
  "pubKey": "768979afacd26b9ec601d77092fc16a0f74706a5d3acfac5a218763fe72c875712",
  "aCoin": 1000,
  "aCoin": 1000,
  "aCoin": 1000
}
```

Show All

user1

```
{
  "$class": "org.example.basic.User",
  "userId": "user1",
  "name": "Bob",
  "pubKey": "6317648c119084ddb7b317b6e753f7d1a513d64151003068dd4c7b6f983b99282",
  "aCoin": 1000,
  "aCoin": 1000,
  "aCoin": 1000
}
```

Show All

user2

```
{
  "$class": "org.example.basic.User",
  "userId": "user2",
  "name": "Chloe",
  "pubKey": "7ba7111744d808dbb11fd70150b6107de61acc9b073f52ee9b79b92912d81db2f5",
  "aCoin": 1000,
  "aCoin": 1000,
  "aCoin": 1000
}
```

Show All

user3

```
{
  "$class": "org.example.basic.User",
  "userId": "user3",
  "name": "David",
  "pubKey": "7ba7111744d808dbb11fd70150b6107de61acc9b073f52ee9b79b92912d81db2f5",
  "aCoin": 1000,
  "aCoin": 1000,
  "aCoin": 1000
}
```

## User ACoin amount

■ Alice: 1000

Original  
Account

■ Bob: 1000

■ Chloe: 1000

■ David: 1000

Voters

■ Ethan: 1000

■ Frank: 1000

■ Alice (new): 200

Recovery  
Initiator

# Short Demo

## Prepare to submit **Recovery** transaction

### Write Proof

Write proof for  
6317648c119084dddb7b317b6e753f7d1a513d64151003068dd4c7b6f983b992821c49a4ea25bd43e674ae9567870698c40586286dc89f935d58eba0d  
I bought car from Bob  
Write proof for  
7ba7111744d808dbb11fd70150b6107de61acc9b073f52ee9b79b92912d81db2f5a1755d9a777c80595de46c0aa1644db302fb07db9cf2e9d9356cdcb  
I sold an apartment to Chloe  
Write proof for  
b1972cddf5e7ea805faaa8eee277caae778c8630943bdcdbdcef37b81b7eed85falde9d9e9fc23cca45b98e0f22bf1920d578994c50ec43c6c6f5c2485  
I ate at David's restaurant  
Write proof for  
479a84cdced9015dd2e75f820173d1f1c8fc9869a54fb5a1409bfe7ddc502ae836d47fb8aadcdc8d2b6351272aceee7e98fe26059895ba9d548c24628  
I paid my debt to Ethan  
Write proof for  
9302c7fa0c7a4f746c6430f72151e80cf0891c5d004560cedfc7c76bfbcb24b6526d8fc7d60829e6926deec64182a7f086bcf3f25d03cc4ed33cb77b531  
I worked for Frank as a home teacher

Submit recovery proof

Encrypted result below: (submit in the "detail" field in the proposal)

```
{'6317648c119084dddb7b317b6e753f7d1a513d64151003068dd4c7b6f983b992821c49a4ea25bd43e674ae9567870698c40586286dc89f935d58eba0d5759ce1':3d58ab346dbcd37eded6279602e78003604a1d2df4ba0d5c778d29de7732b0e945a02fc6827a51e6c75caa00d9d9e9be9b9187edc4ad0801b128dc58d725457','7ba7111744d808dbb11fd70150b6107de61acc9b073f52ee9b79b92912d81db2f5a1755d9a777c80595de46c0aa1644db302fb07db9cf2e9d9356cdcb7df70b':'4d5540d9289b1795574897d030019b401d53595e3a4732e1105c8cee250653c6876b05d21b55e0332a9b3098ade2ea6d4e9b90bbb24098575495d6b4c9e1399b','b1972cddf5e7ea805faaa8eee277caae778c8630943bdcdbdcef37b81b7eed85falde9d9e9fc23cca45b98e0f22bf1920d578994c50ec43c6c6f5c24859bb1479':'ab95a5c6a29f9b30ec163e6a04b38229856e983242520f787821a3c4d4e75a4612084e033128ee601991a3f8ba75a6323ae8ff0346bcd810af2d7d53a3fe3a9','479a84cdced9015dd2e75f820173d1f1c8fc9869a54fb5a1409bfe7ddc502ae836d47fb8aadcdc8d2b6351272aceee7e98fe26059895ba9d548c24628e12af1':'1d795c8ea09727324647e1c806b052b68dc75f73c1029926768389b7d5d2f610521fccc0699914a8cfa37ff30f5911b8232b246a5deb55c8a955c7d2dff3baa','9302c7fa0c7a4f746c6430f72151e80cf0891c5d004560cedfc7c76bfbcb24b6526d8fc7d60829e6926deec64182a7f086bcf3f25d03cc4ed33cb77b53148d02f5':'42f0e3f848a850c4750586f1ef64f6a038e20d2c33387ae6b938997a3dc29cdd9b9f963d2a724606ce367fb7a061eed729aefc418fc44825f61f2d73d875b29'}
```

## User ACoin amount

■ Alice: 1000

Original  
Account

■ Bob: 1000

■ Chloe: 1000

■ David: 1000

Voters

■ Ethan: 1000

■ Frank: 1000

■ Alice (new): 0

Recovery  
Initiator



# Short Demo

After the **Recovery** transaction is submitted

```
Recovery-user0-1 {
  "$class": "org.example.basic.Proposal",
  "proposalID": "Recovery-user0-1",
  "statementOS": "I just realized that I lost my account.",
  "detail": "{ '6317648c119084ddbd7b317b6e753f7d1a513d64151003068dd4c7b6f983b95",
  "newAccount": "user6",
  "oldAccount": "user0",
  "detailpoll": "Poll-Recovery-user0-1",
  "stage": "Voting",
  "votingReward": 100,
  "owner": "resource:org.example.basic.User#user0"
}
```

Collapse

Recovery Proposal created in Asset

User ACoin amount

▪ Alice: 1000

Original  
Account

▪ Bob: 1000

▪ Chloe: 1000

▪ David: 1000

Voters

▪ Ethan: 1000

▪ Frank: 1000

▪ Alice (new): 0

Recovery  
Initiator



# Short Demo

## Voter vote based on decrypted proof

Paste the "detail" field in the proposal in the textbox

```
{
  "6317648c119084ddb7b317b6e7537d1a513d64151003068dd4c7b6f983b992821c49a4ea25bd43e674ae9567870698c
  40586286dc89f935d58eba0d5759ce1": "3d58ab346dbcdca37eded6279602e78003604a1d2df4ba0d5c778d29de7732b0e
  945a02fc6827a51e6c75caa40d9d9e9be9b9187edc4ad0801b128dc58d725457",
  "7ba7111744d808dbb11fd70150b6107de61
  acc9b073f52ee9b79b92912d81db2f5a1755d9a77c80595de46c0aa1644db302fb07db9cf2e9d9356cdbc7f7d70b": "4d554
  0d9289b1795574897d030019b401d53595e3a4732e1105c8cee250653c6876b05d21b55e0332a9b3098ade2ea6d4e9b9
  0bbb24098575495d6b4c9e1399b",
  "b1972cddf5e7ea805faaa8ee277caae778c8630943bdcdbcf37b81b7eed85fa1de9b9
  e9fc23cca45b98e0f22b1920d578994c50ec43c6c6f5c24859bb1479": "ab95a5c6a29f9b30ce163e6a04b38229856e9832
  4252f0f787821a3c4d4e75a4612084e033128ee601991a3f8ba75a6323ae8ff0346bcd810af2d7d53a3fe3a9",
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  d548c24628a121af1": "1d79c58ea097273246476e1c806b052b68dc75f73c102992676838389b7d52df610521fcc0699914a
  8cfa37ff30f5911b8232b246a5db55c8a955c7d2dff3baa",
  "9302c7fa0c7a4f746c6430f2151e80c10891c5d004560cedfc7c76
  bfbcc24b6526d8fc7d60829e6926deec64182a7f086bcf3f25d03cc4ed33cb77b53148d02f5": "42f0cf3f8448a850c47505861f
  ef64f6a038e20d2c33387ae6b938997a3dc29cdd9bfff963d2a724606ce3677b7a061eed729aecf418fc44825f61f2d73d875
  b29"}
}
```

Enter your complete RSA key information below to decrypt

n: 6317648c119084ddb  
e: 10001  
d: dceb8a7fbd9a369027  
p: c542a13db8a66dfbf4  
q: 80993d21b23d28d49e

Decrypt the proof

The decrypted proof for you is

I bought car from Bob

```
VT-Recovery-user0- {
  1-0
  "$class": "org.example.basic.VoteToken",
  "votetokenID": "VT-Recovery-user0-1-0",
  "response": "",
  "poll": "resource:org.example.basic.Poll#Poll-Recovery-",
  "creator": "resource:org.example.basic.User#user6",
  "voter": "resource:org.example.basic.User#user1",
  "owner": "resource:org.example.basic.User#user1"
}
```



```
VT-Recovery-user0- {
  1-0
  "$class": "org.example.basic.VoteToken",
  "votetokenID": "VT-Recovery-user0-1-0",
  "response": "True",
  "poll": "resource:org.example.basic.Poll#Poll-Recovery-",
  "creator": "resource:org.example.basic.User#user6",
  "voter": "resource:org.example.basic.User#user1",
  "owner": "resource:org.example.basic.User#user6"
}
```

Collapse





# Short Demo

## User Asset after the recovery

user0

```
{
  "$class": "org.example.basic.User",
  "userId": "user0",
  "name": "Alice",
  "pubKey": "768979afacd26b9ec601d77092fc16a0f74706a5d3acfac5a218763fe72c87571",
  "aCoin": 0,
  "isActivated": 0
}
```

Show All

user1

```
{
  "$class": "org.example.basic.User",
  "userId": "user1",
  "name": "Bob",
  "pubKey": "6317648c119084ddb7b317b6e753f7d1a513d64151003068dd4c7b6f983b992f",
  "aCoin": 1025,
  "isActivated": 0
}
```

Show All

user2

```
{
  "$class": "org.example.basic.User",
  "userId": "user2",
  "name": "Chloe",
  "pubKey": "7ba7111744d808dbb11fd70150b6107de61acc9b073f52ee9b79b92912d81db2f",
  "aCoin": 1000,
  "isActivated": 0
}
```

Show All

user3

```
{
  "$class": "org.example.basic.User",
  "userId": "user3",
  "name": "David",
  "pubKey": "7ba7111744d808dbb11fd70150b6107de61acc9b073f52ee9b79b92912d81db2f",
  "aCoin": 1025,
  "isActivated": 0
}
```

## User ACoin amount

- Alice (old): 0
- Bob: 1025, voted True
- Chloe: 1000, voted False
- David: 1025, voted True
- Ethan: 1025, voted True
- Frank: 1025, voted True
- Alice (new): 1100

# Related Works

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- Lee et al. (2017)
  - A Robust Identity Recovery Scheme for the Ethereum Blockchain Platform
- Maram et al. (2019)
  - CHURP: Dynamic-Committee Proactive Secret Sharing

# Conclusion

## ■ Contribution

- A new method for account recovery
  - Voting by previous trade partners
  - Solution is decentralized
  - No action required before recovery

## ■ Future Work

- Account clustering
- Other platform

# Questions?

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- Project website and Github repo:
  - <https://rpi-scales.github.io/account-recovery/>