

Blockchain and Peer to Peer VOIP communication over WebRTC

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Introduction

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Patent on “Multimedia Conferencing” US patent -
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CDR(Call Data Records) are the proof of any call transaction on a telecommunication platform.

Besides auditing , CDRs are primarily used for billing and invoicing.

CDR (Call Detail Records)

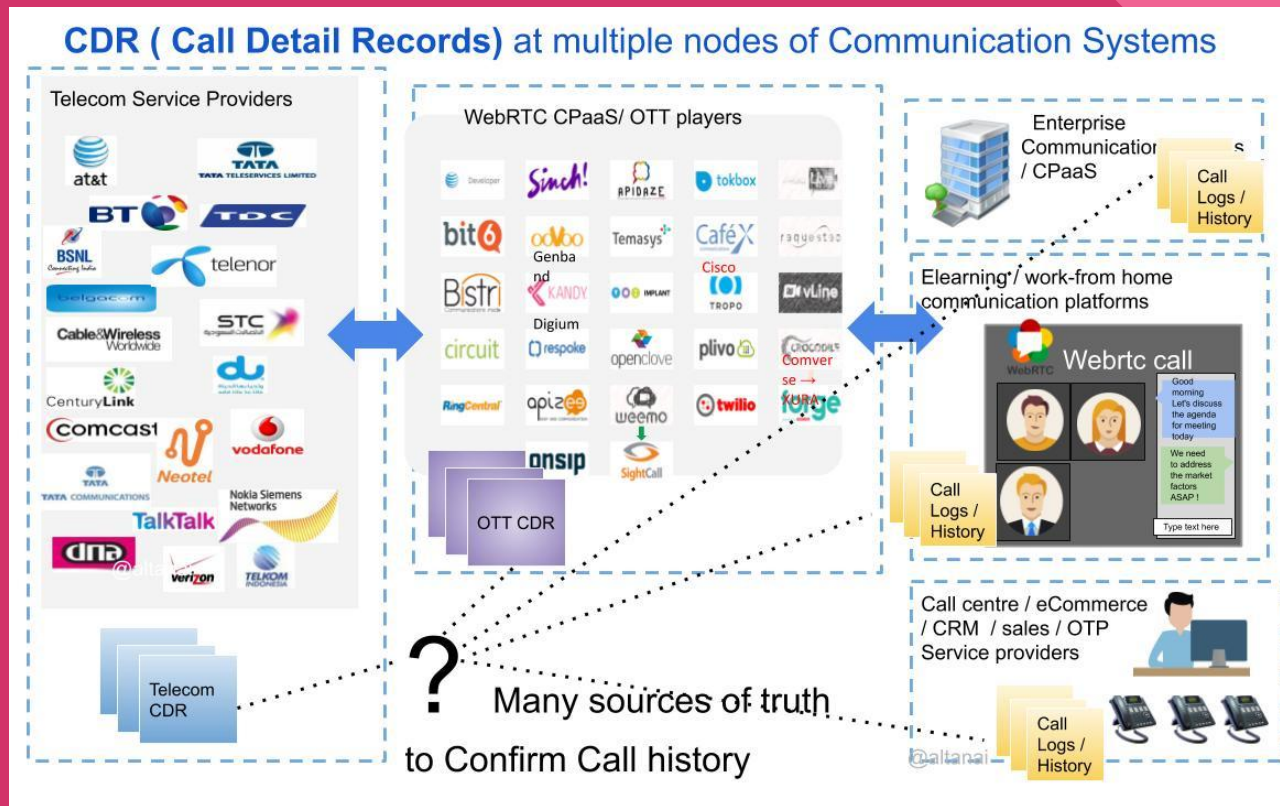
- **Originating - Caller UUID**
- **Destination - Callee UUID**
- **Start/End time of Call**
- **UID of Telecom system writing the CDR**
- **Unique Sequence Number of the Call Record**

Optional fields

- Results of the Phone Call
- MOS (Call Quality)
- Fault Condition of the Call
- Status (Failed calls with Cause of Termination)
 - - a. Un-allocated (unassigned) Number
 - b. User Busy
 - c. Temporary Failure
 - d. Service operation violated
 - e. National Use
 - f. Call Split
 - g. Redirect reason
 - h. Not Found
 - i. Temporary Unavailable

"Call Detail Record Woes / Conflict / Mistrust" - Reasons

Existing methods of CDR (Call Detail Records) management are subjected to mismanagement , ransomware attacks , data breaches and provide no transparency or authentication .



Pitfalls of centralised CDR storage

“Once the attackers had control of the company's servers, they went after call detail records (CDRs).” - [DarkReading.com](#)

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Global Cyberattack Campaign Hit Mobile Carrier Networks

A nation-state group possibly out of China has attacked cell carrier networks in search of data on high-value individuals.

A global cyberattack campaign believed to be the work of a nation-state group has hit telcos and mobile carriers around the world in an effort to gather intelligence on specific individuals.



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By Filip Trajan on May 29, 2020

Current communication systems use CDR is used for billing and invoicing .

Storage tools include - noSQL mongodb, redis cache , kafka . LTE based telecom carriers use SQL RDBMS in OSS/BSS* .

However yet , often the CDR's find their way into excel-sheets, FTP servers and are prone to ransomware hacks and data losses.

OSS/BSS* - operations support system and business support system in telecommunications

Socio-Economic Inclusion Track

Decentralised VoIP CDR for post-COVID telco Infrastructure

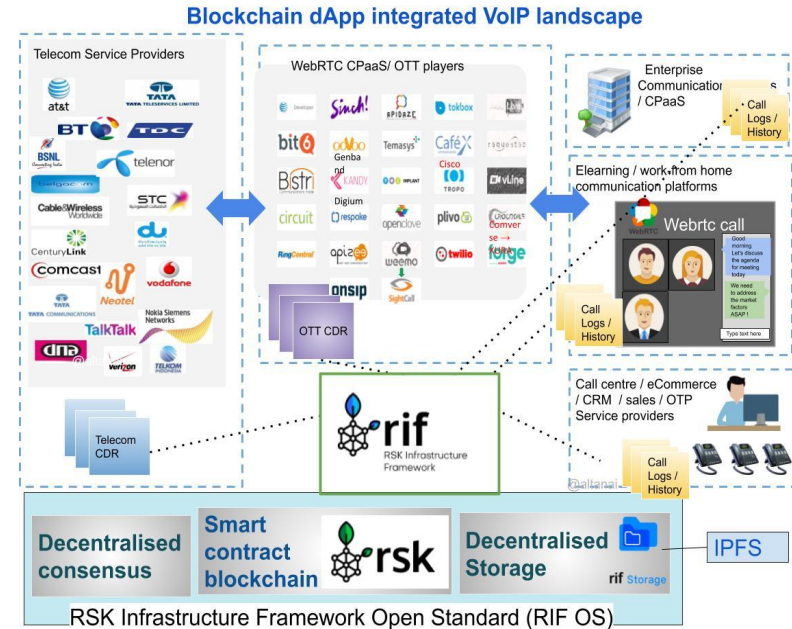
CDR storage dilemma !

Fast growing VoIP industry and impetus to Work-from-home CPaaS (Communication as a Service) solutions, ad-hoc peer-to-peer, OTT(Over-The-Top) WebRTC platforms have brought one challenge to light i.e. maintaining call history, without sacrificing privacy and authenticity.

Proposed solution

De-centralize call records using Blockchain and Smart contracts.

1. Batch together call transactional CDRs
2. Deploy VoIP transaction on smart contract
3. Update Call state in smart contract .

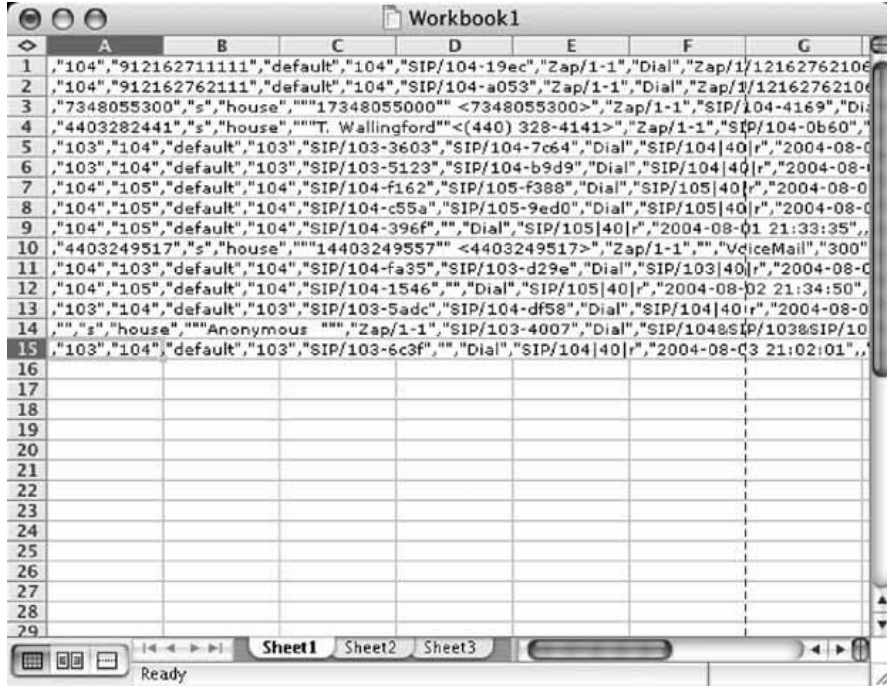


CDR storage

Centralised system

vs

dAPP



The screenshot shows a spreadsheet titled 'Workbook1' with columns A through G. The data is organized into rows, with the first row (row 1) containing the following values: A: "104", B: "912162711111", C: "default", D: "104", E: "SIP/104-19ec", F: "Zap/1-1", G: "Dial", H: "Zap/1/12162762106". The spreadsheet is displayed in a window with a standard operating system interface, including a title bar, menu bar, and toolbar.

Figure : Existing database CDR storage
- Can be erased , tampered..

Block 1

Index 0

Timestamp
:20-02-2017/10:
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CallStatus :
Incall with
sip:alice@domain.com

Hash :
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Previous Hash :
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Block 2

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CallStatus :
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Index 2

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CallStatus :
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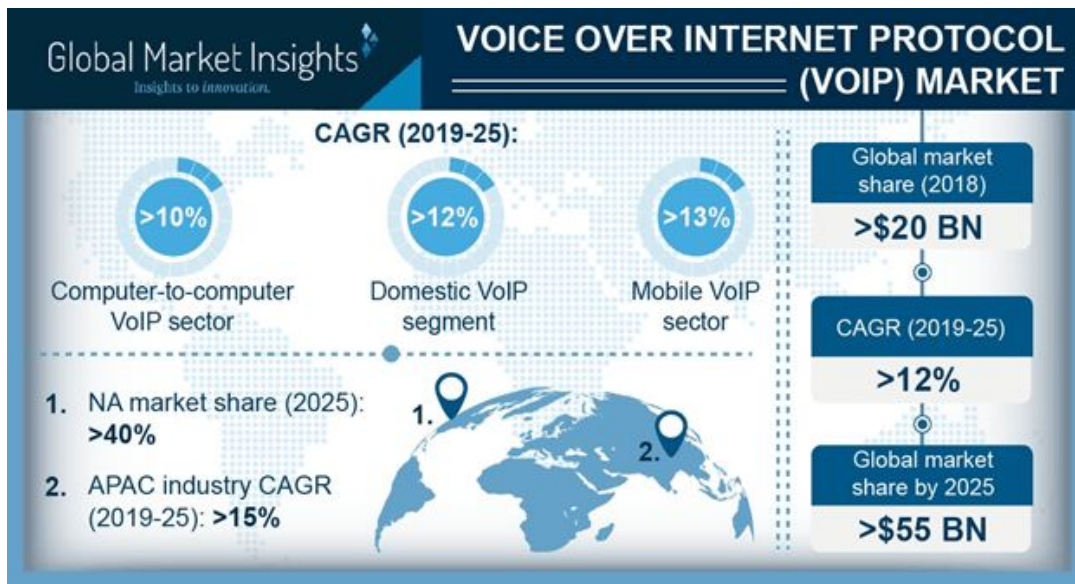
Figure : Proposed chained CDR storage
- Immutable , Authentic , Transparent

Value Add-ons for WebRTC/VoIP CDR dAPP

Immutable call records for call transactions (calls, messages, conferences, redirections, OTP calls , spam calls ..) on all networks and systems.

- ❑ Cloud telephony servers (Freeswitch , asterisk , kamailio , opensips ..)
- ❑ Telecom Carriers
- ❑ Hosted call centres, elearning , telemedicine , CRM ..
- ❑ SIP / WebRTC CPaaS

VoIP is a competitive and fast growing market , currently growing at 2x the pace due to high demand for remote calls



Technology used in demo POC

Web Phone

- ★ WebRTC browser API
- ★ JSSIP - SIP protocol over Websockets
- ★ Web3.js - Ethereum JSON-RPC API
- ★ Metamask - Browser Extension

VoIP Network

- Kamailio SIP server

Blockchain Network

- ❖ RSK smart contract



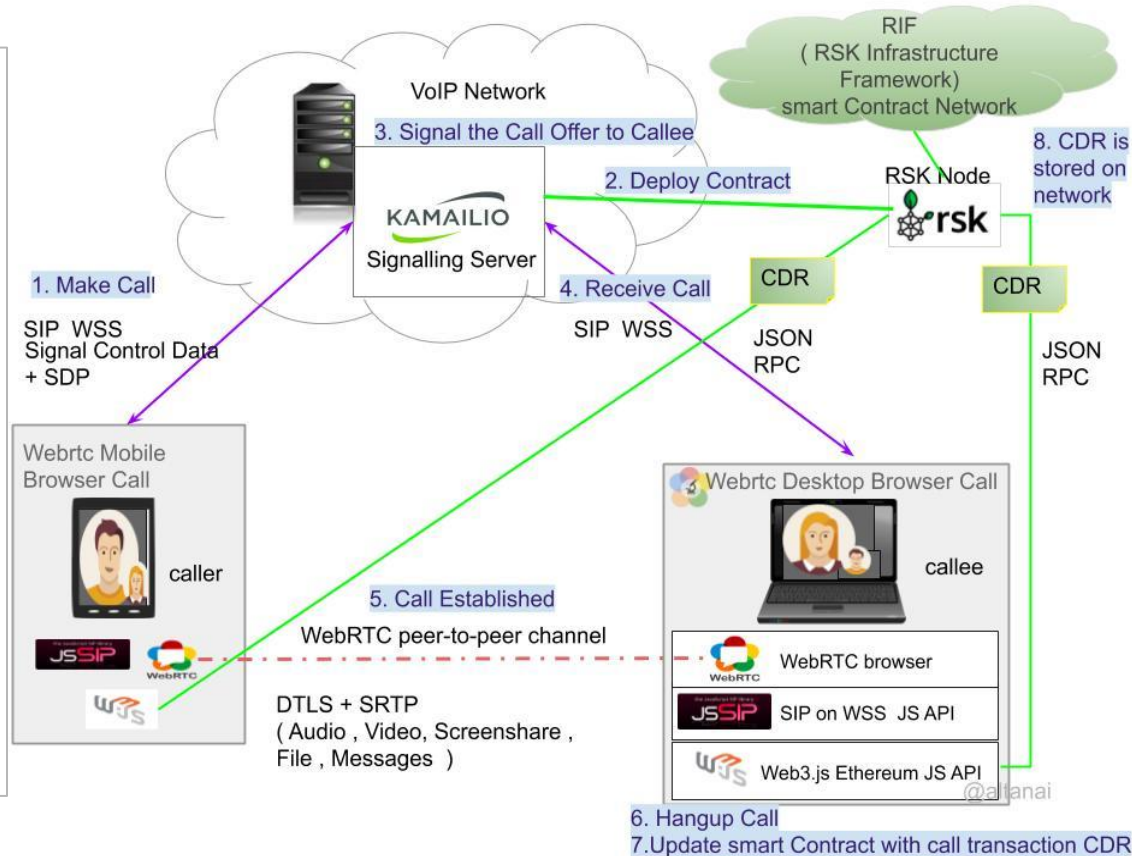
FlowChart

POC Outline

Step 1 : Create a Smart contract for call on RSK Testnet via Remix IDE

Step 2 : Make a WebRTC Call via Kamailio SIP Server using jsSIP library

Step 3 : Call Transaction is updated on Smart Contract by WebRTC browser using web3.js and MetaMask wallet



Cost to Deploy MVP

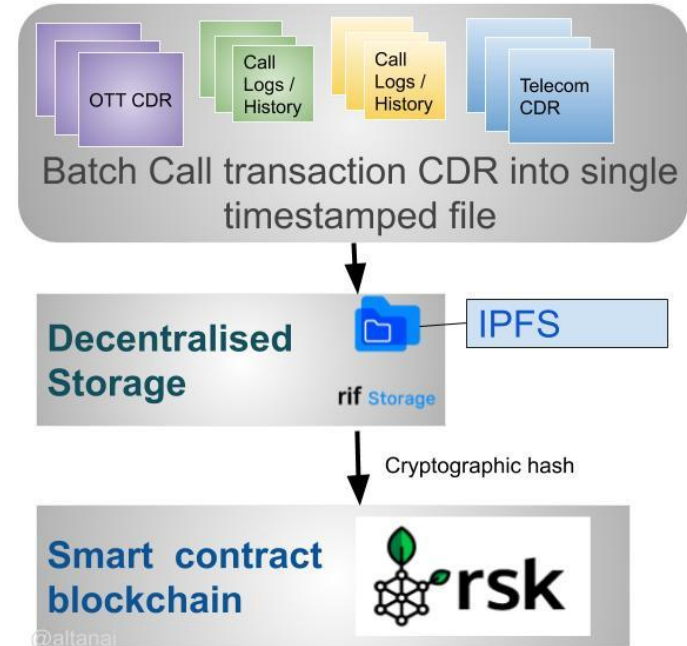
- C5 AWS instance for RSK node and kamailio server - \$438
- SSL certs - 10\$
- WebRTC + JSSIP - no cost
- R-BTC tokens transaction execution fees - proportional to call traffic

Scaling - WebRTC/ VoIP Platform CDR dAPP With RSK Network

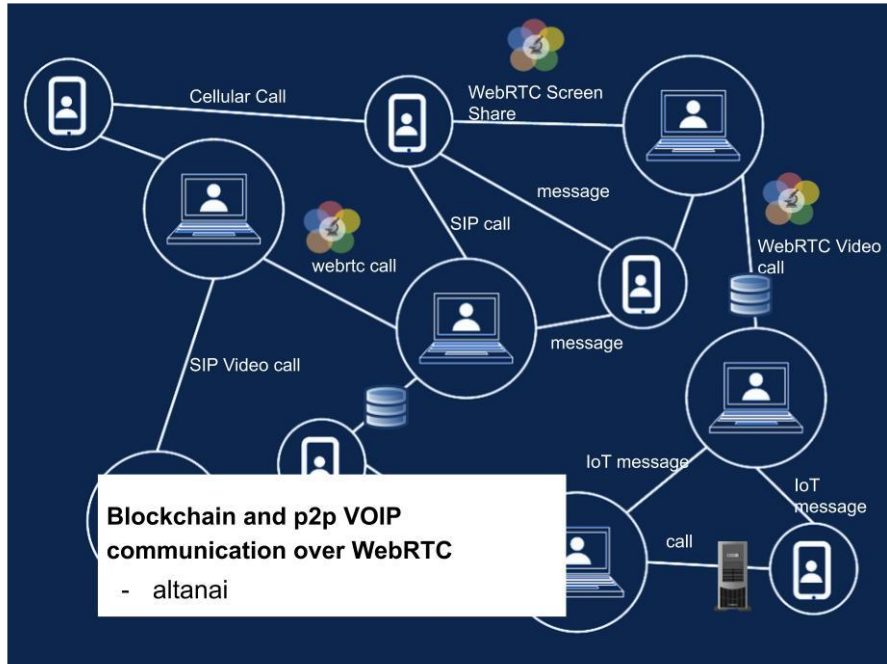
RSK scales to up to 100 transactions per second without sacrificing decentralization. however owing to large call transactions *ranging from 500 cps to 2k cps for a VoIP network*,

following scaling approaches are adopted -

- ❖ Batch Call Records into a file and upload on IPFS via RiF storage
- ❖ Update RSK smart contract with confirmation and address of stored file



Conclusions



CDR dAPP is distributed across peers in SIP-WebRTC-Voice over IP such as Freeswitch , asterisk, kamailio , webrtc communication platforms ...

Call Data Records are batched together and pushed to a contract in a blockchain network.

Updated smart contract is pushed to RSK blockchain thus making them immutable for all future references.

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