# Blockchain (BlCh)

**In the news**

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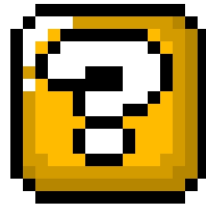
# Distributed Systems & Blockchain in the News

- 22.09.2021: Crypto Faces Existential Threat as Crackdown Gathers Steam [link]

  - US-centric: lobbyists overwhelmed by firms seeking representation in Washington

  - Regulators (SEC) threaten the crypto companies with lawsuits
    - e.g. SEC investigation Coinbase for

  - "Nearly a third of new registrations for lobbyists in the finance industry in August and September were for crypto firms"

  - Double digit interest rates in times of negative interest rates

- 21.09.2021: Decentralizing the Internet's Root [link]

  - DNS is a distributed system (centralized), this article is about decentralization!

  - Handshake (HNS) to register top level domain (TLD) names

  - Your own TLD, like https://nic.google → $185k

  - Alternatively: ENS (co-exist with DNS, handshake wants to replace DNS)

  - FOMO: "Already, users are buying up TLDs that they believe will hold value, speculating just like others did decades ago. The unstoppable march of technology makes decentralized hosting and name resolution the next big thing in web technology… To turn a phrase, the early user gets the username."

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# Questions?

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