# **Ethereum for Investors**

Part II On Value Opportunities & Risks



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FAQ (really good content): http://slock.it/faq.md

### What are 'Slocks'?

'Slock' is a porte-manteau of 'Smart, Safe and Secure Lock'. Any object supporting ZigBee, Z-Wave, Bluetooth LE or Wi-Fi can already be used as a Slock thanks to our first product, the Ethereum Computer. When it comes to powering up a 'dumb' object, it will just be a case of retrofitting it using smart plugs. Slocks will also come in many shapes and sizes: bike locks, car locks and door locks are already being explored through partnerships with IoT manufacturers.

#### How do Slocks work?

The owner of a Slock sets a deposit amount and a price for using the item. A user can find the Slock and its price using the mobile app then make a payment on the Ethereum blockchain, thereby gaining permission to open or close that Slock. A deposit is held as collateral in a smart contract until the user returns the item. The smart contract is automatically enforced, with the deposit returned to the user minus the cost of the rental, which in turn will be automatically disbursed to the owner of the Slock. All of this happens without any assistance from any third-party.

### Will users have to pay every time they use a Slock?

They won't have to, only renting access to the lock costs money. Any current user (which could also include the owner) sends Whisper-signed messages (which do not cost anything) to open or close the door.

#### more at <a href="http://slock.it/faq.md#a1">http://slock.it/faq.md#a1</a>

### What is Slock.it potential market?

Anywhere where there are underused assets such as parked cars, parking slots or temporarily vacant apartments, there is an entrepreneur who can make a profit using SLock.it. Our solution enables both consumers and businesses to turn these assets into income. Almost anything can be retrofitted with a Slock: homes, offices, power tools, bicycles, household electronics, cars, motorcycles and of course lockers.

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We believe that very soon, cars will be available for rent in the streets of every city, Airbnbs will be fully automated, and small business owners will prefer to rent private work spaces on demand rather than commit to complex leases. Owners in a sharing economy become both consumers and producers, leveraging Slocks to earn an income without losing revenue to any third party.

The millennials' philosophy is fast becoming "If you can rent it, why own it". 66% of the world is willing to share or rent their personal assets for financial gain, and that figure is as high as 94% in China. We believe Slock.it is uniquely placed to address those needs worldwide, today.

#### Why do a Slock token presale?

We're using smart contracts build on the Ethereum blockchain so people all over the world can be empowered to build a new future for the sharing economy, and in exchange for their early help, they will receive a reward in the form of Slock tokens which holds many benefits. In order to keep governance fair and decentralized, a DAO will be created so that the funds held by the sharing community will never be centrally managed. A small fee representing the cost of decentralization is taken from each Slock transaction not paid in Slock tokens and returned to the DAO, giving it an option to reinvest the profits to support its growth. Slock tokens holders will be able to vote on important decisions relating to the management of the DAO, including redistributing profits amongst Slock token holders.

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Email newsletter for announcement on the Crowdsale







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State of the Dapps: http://dapps.ethercasts.com/

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