

# little-known web3.py

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why

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why

**success == adoption**

**adoption == solutions + tools + ...**

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# Ethereum's Untapped Potential



Marc Garreau

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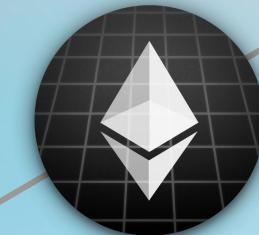
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2019



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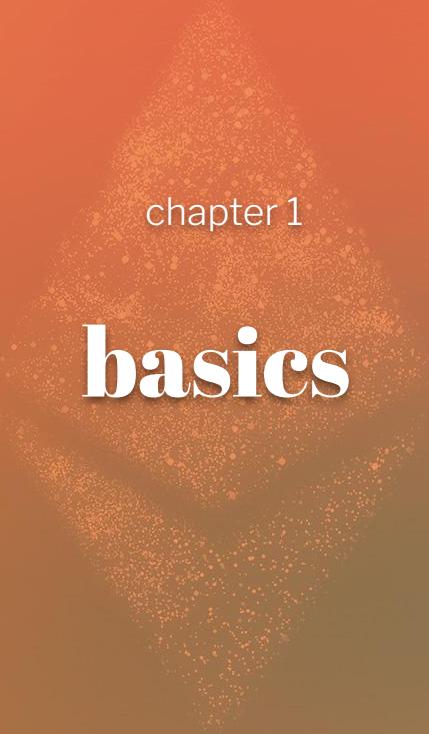


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- web3.py
- py-evm
- eth-tester
- eth-account
- eth-keys
- eth-utils
- py-trie
- py-geth
- eth-abi
- hexbytes
- ...



chapter 1

# basics



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why web3.py?

***JSON-RPC***

# why web3.py?

*request:*

```
$ curl --data
'{"method":"eth_call","params":[{"to":"0xebe...","data":"0
x458..."}, "latest"]}, "id":1, "jsonrpc":"2.0"}' -H "Content-Type:
application/json" -X POST localhost:8545
```

*response:*

```
{"id": 1, "jsonrpc": "2.0", "result":
"0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
40000000000000000000000000000000d9c9cd5f6779558b6e0
ed4e6acf6b1947e7fa1f300000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
078d1ad571a1a09d60d9bbf25894b44e4c885959500
0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
d5770c2775ae2b0e7000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
6e2b0ab5a4b1373e40c51a7c712c70ba2f9f8e"
}
```

*web3.py:*

```
w3.eth.call({"to": "0xebe...", "data": "0x458..."})
>>> ["0xd9c...", "0x78d...", "0x286...", "0xb86..."]
```

# why web3.py?

request:

```
$ curl --data
'{"method": "eth_call", "params": [{"to": "0xebe...", "data": "0
x458..."}, {"latest"}], "id": 1, "jsonrpc": "2.0"}' -H "Content-Type:
application/json" -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8545
```

response:

```
{"id": 1, "jsonrpc": "2.0", "result": "0x0000000000000000
00000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
400000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
ed4e6acf6b1947e71078d1ad571a1a09c000000000000000000000000
d5770c2775ae2b0e16e2b0ab5a4b1373e{}
```

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web3.py:

```
w3.eth.call({"to": "0xebe...", "data": "0x458...", "latest"})
# result: "0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
```

# Web3.py Internals: JSON-RPC Round Trips

A round trip from your command line to an Ethereum node and back as it travels through Web3.py.



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<https://snakecharmers.ethereum.org/web3py-internals-json-rpc-round-trips/>

# well-known web3.py

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```
from web3 import Web3, IPCProvider

w3 = Web3(IPCProvider("~/Library/Ethereum/geth.ipc"))

w3.is_connected()
# True
```

# well-known web3.py

```
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from web3 import Web3  
w3 = Web3(IPCProvider("http://127.0.0.1:7545"))  
w3.is_connected()  
# True
```

Portal  
Network:  
COMING  
SOON!

# well-known web3.py

```
from web3 import Web3, HTTPProvider

w3 = Web3(HTTPProvider("https://..."))

w3.is_connected()
# True
```

# well-known web3.py

- look up a balance



```
w3.eth.get_balance('0x1a2b3c ...')  
# 266411854471702742
```

# well-known web3.py

- look up a balance
- **convert units**



```
w3.from_wei(266411854471702742, 'ether')  
# Decimal('0.266411854471702742')
```

# well-known web3.py

- look up a balance
- convert units
- **send ether**

```
w3.eth.send_transaction({  
    'from': acct1,  
    'to': acct2,  
    'value': w3.to_wei(1, 'ether'),  
    ...  
})
```

# well-known web3.py

- look up a balance
- convert units
- send ether
- **deploy a contract**

```
● ● ●  
ExampleContract = w3.eth.contract(  
    abi=... ,  
    bytecode=...  
)  
ExampleContract.constructor().transact()
```

# well-known web3.py

- look up a balance
- convert units
- send ether
- deploy a contract
- **interact with a contract**

```
example_contract = w3.eth.contract(  
    abi=... ,  
    address= ...  
)  
example_contract.functions.mult(4,5).call()  
# 20
```

# well-known web3.py

- look up a balance
- convert units
- send ether
- deploy a contract
- interact with a contract
- **read block data**

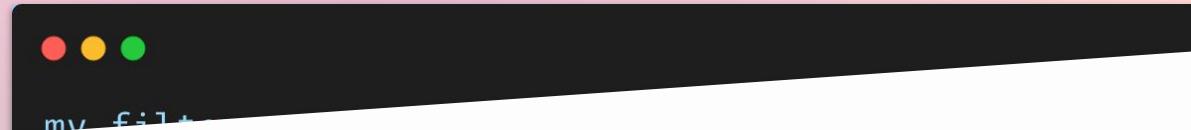


```
w3.eth.get_block(15537393)
# AttributeDict({'baseFeePerGas': 48811794595, ...}

w3.eth.get_transaction("0xabc123...")
# AttributeDict({'blockHash': HexBytes('0x56a...'), ...}
```

# well-known web3.py

- look up a balance
- convert units
- send ether
- dep
- inter
- read
- get lo



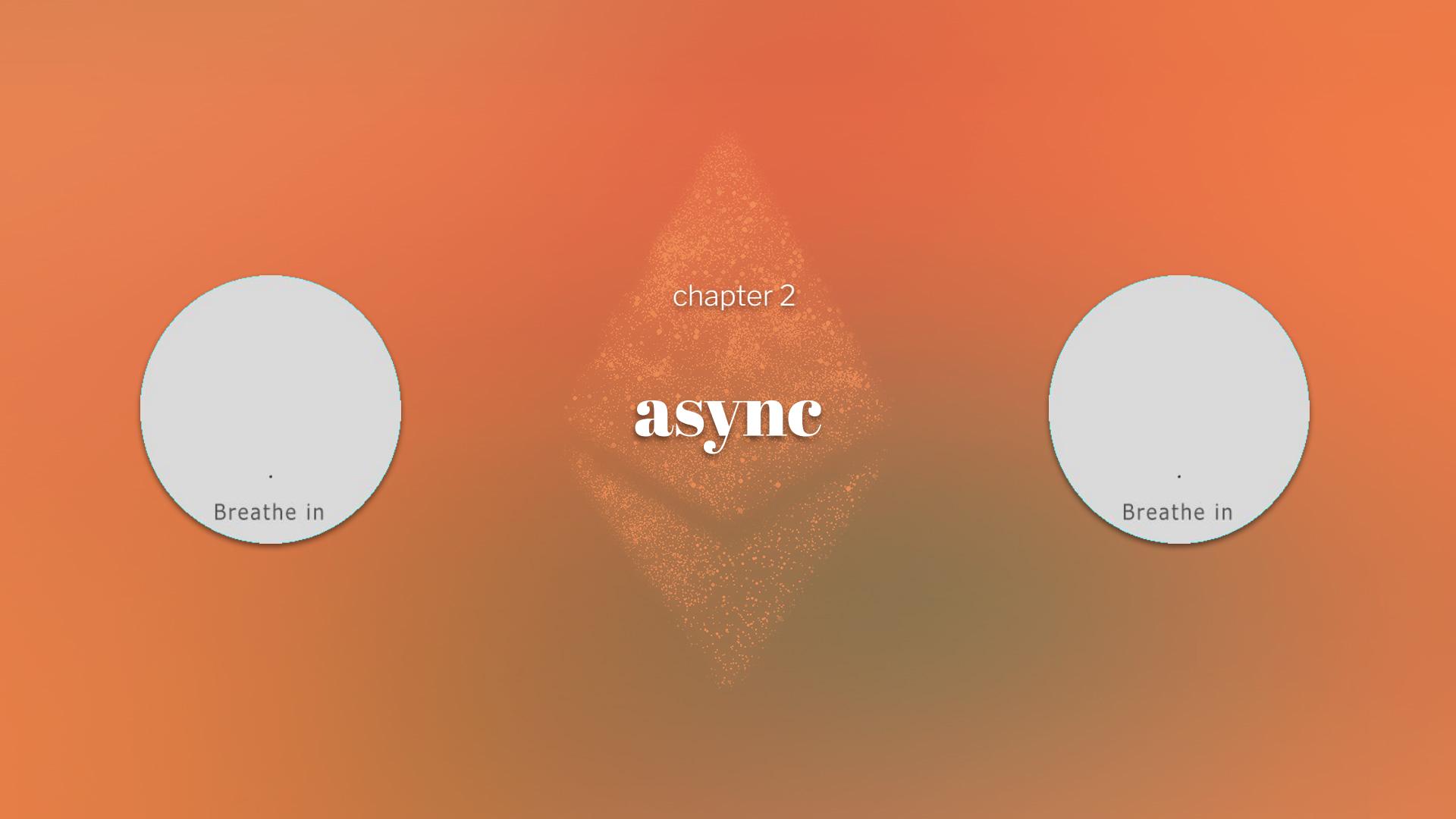
# A Developer's Guide to Ethereum, Pt. 1



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Sep 8, 2020 • 9 min read

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chapter 2

async



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# async support

```
from web3 import Web3, AsyncHTTPProvider

w3 = Web3(
    AsyncHTTPProvider('https://...'),
    modules={"eth": (AsyncEth,)},
    middlewares=[]
)
```

# async support

```
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# retrieve the first 50 blocks
async def fetch_blocks(n):
    for result in asyncio.as_completed(
        [w3.eth.get_block(num) for num in range(n)])
    ):
        block = await result
        print(block.number)

asyncio.run(fetch_blocks(50))
# 24
# 15
# 5
# 0
# ...
```

# async support



Method (50 calls)		HTTPProvider		AsyncHTTPProvider
eth_gasPrice		5.95 secs		0.52 secs
eth_blockNumber		6.93 secs		0.44 secs
eth_getBlock		7.75 secs		0.73 secs

# very rough numbers; beating up on a free remote node offering

# ENS support



```
from web3 import Web3
from ens import ENS

w3 = Web3( ... )
ns = ENS.fromWeb3(w3)

ns.address('ethereum.eth')
# '0xde0B295669a9FD93d5F28D9Ec85E40f4cb697BAe'

ns.name('0xd8dA6BF26964aF9D7eEd9e03E53415D37aA96045')
# 'vitalik.eth'

ns.get_text('shaq.eth', 'url')
# 'exercisethatvote.org/shaq'
```

# async ENS support



```
w3 = Web3(AsyncHTTPProvider('https://...'), middlewares=[])
ns = AsyncENS.fromWeb3(w3)

names = ['shaq.eth', 'vitalik.eth', 'parishilton.eth'] * 10

async def fetch_addresses():
    for result in asyncio.as_completed(
        [ns.address(name) for name in names]
    ):
        print(await result)

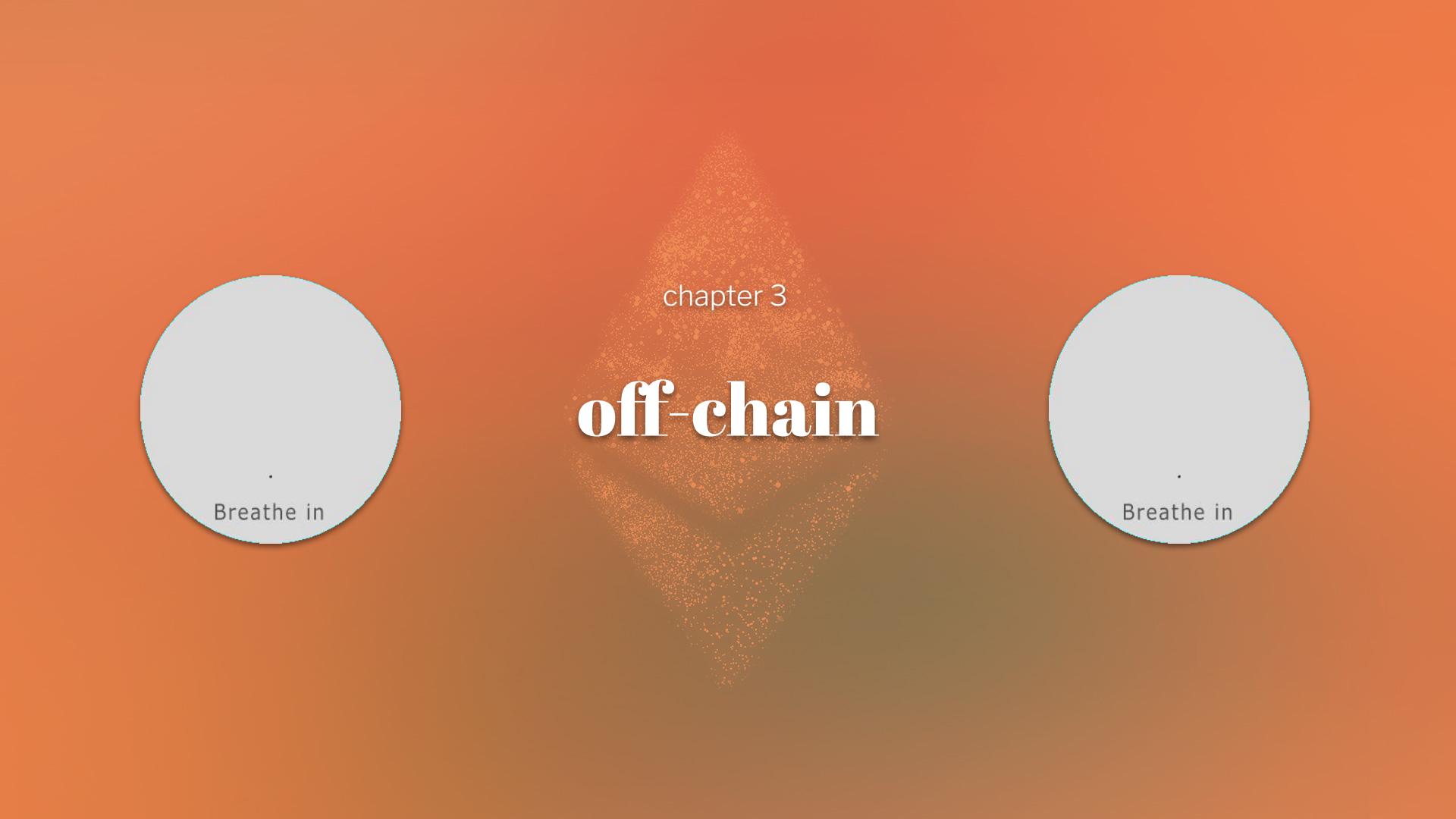
asyncio.run(fetch_addresses())
```

# async ENS support



Method (30 calls)	ENS	AsyncENS
ns.address	40.13 secs	2.78 secs
ns.name	57.13 secs	2.96 secs

# very rough numbers; beating up on a free remote node offering



chapter 3

# off-chain

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# CCIP Read support

## EIP-3668: CCIP Read: Secure offchain data retrieval ↵

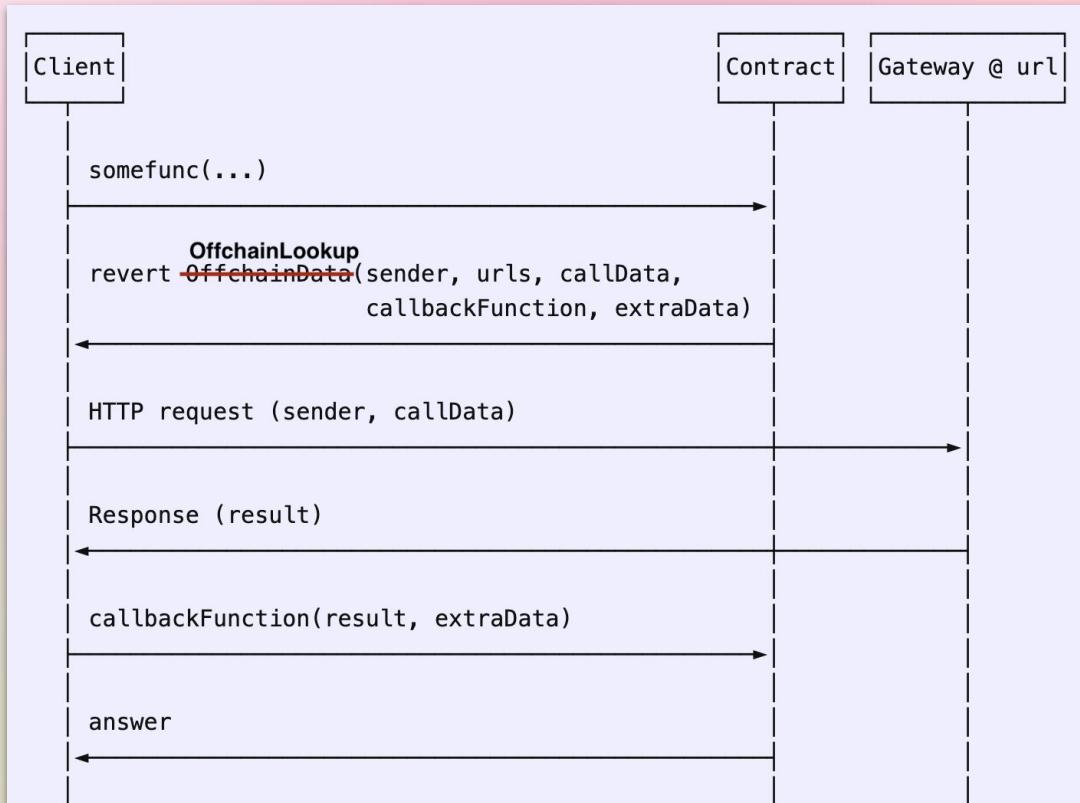
CCIP Read provides a mechanism to allow a contract to fetch external data.

<b>Author</b>	Nick Johnson
<b>Discussions-To</b>	<a href="https://ethereum-magicians.org/t/durin-secure-offchain-data-retrieval/6728">https://ethereum-magicians.org/t/durin-secure-offchain-data-retrieval/6728</a>
<b>Status</b>	Final
<b>Type</b>	Standards Track
<b>Category</b>	ERC
<b>Created</b>	2020-07-19

# CCIP Read support: EIP-3668

```
revert OffchainLookup(  
    address sender,  
    string[] urls,  
    bytes callData,  
    bytes4 callbackFunction,  
    bytes extraData  
)
```

# CCIP Read support: EIP-3668



# CCIP Read support



```
w3.ens.address("doesnotexist.offchainexample.eth")  
# 0x41563129cDbbD0c5D3e1c86cf9563926b243834d
```

# CCIP Read support

## ENSIP-10: Wildcard Resolution

Provides a mechanism to support wildcard resolution of ENS names (formerly EIP-2544).

<b>Author</b>	Nick Johnson <nick@ens.domains>, 0age (@0age)
<b>Status</b>	Draft
<b>Submitted</b>	2020-02-28

# CCIP Read support



**Lens Protocol** 🌱

@LensProtocol

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1/3 Lens Protocol + ENS = frens 🤝

We have partnered with [@ensdomains](#) to allow Lens data to be queried via ENS resolution.

Lens data such as display name, profile photo, cover image, and address can now be queried as ENS Resource records using EIP-3668 Off-chain resolution.

8:30 AM · Oct 4, 2022 · Twitter Web App

# CCIP Read support

```
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# disable globally:  
w3.providers[...]  
  
# disable  
a_contract
```

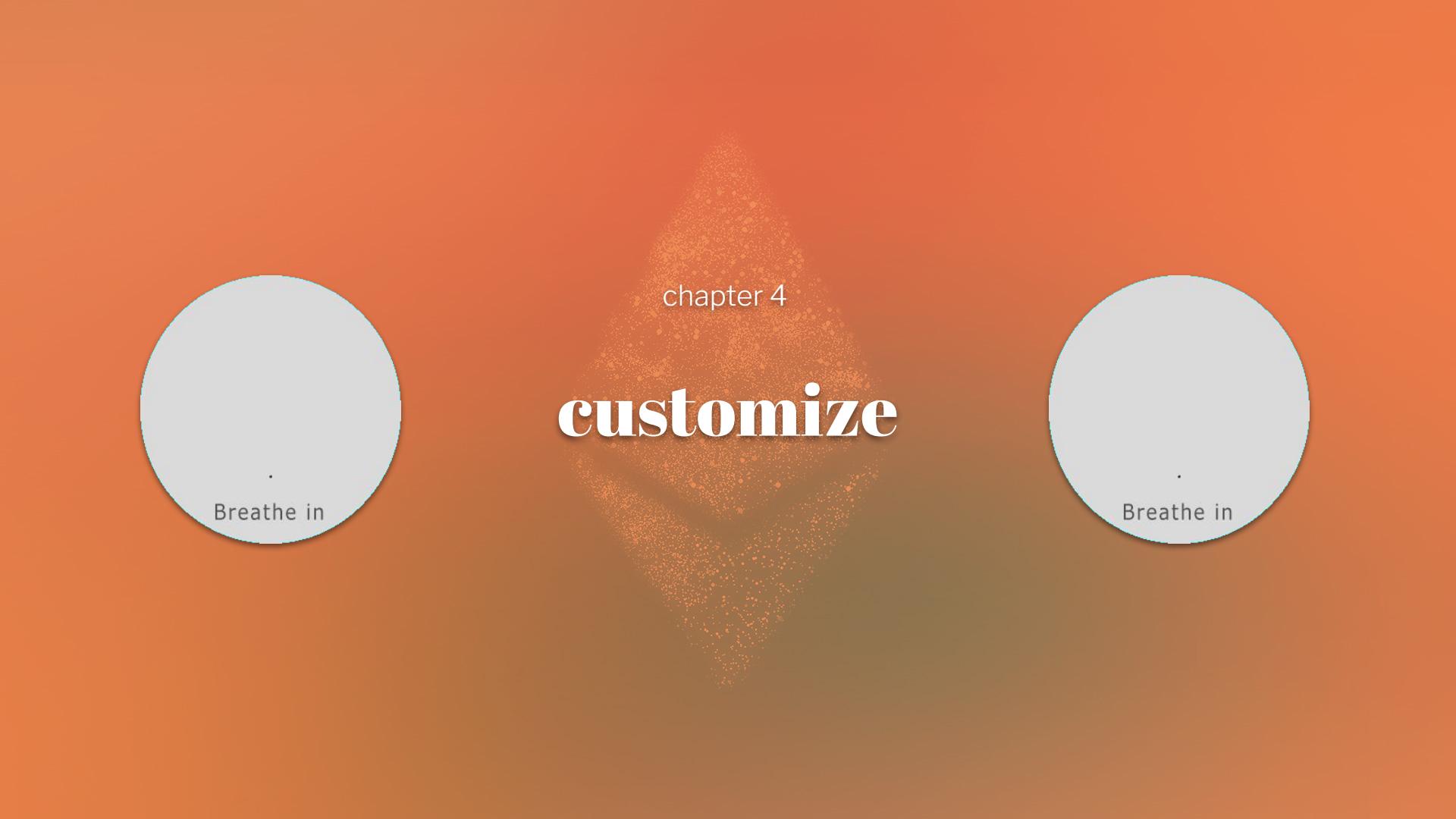
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# Web3.py Patterns: Off-chain Lookups

[https://snakecharmers.ethereum.org/  
web3-py-patterns-off-chain-lookups/](https://snakecharmers.ethereum.org/web3-py-patterns-off-chain-lookups/)



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# customize

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# customizations

# customizations: middleware

```
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def example_middleware(make_request, w3):
    # one-time setup here

    def middleware(method, params):
        # preprocessing here
        response = make_request(method, params)
        # post-processing here
        return response

    return middleware

w3.middleware_onion.add(example_middleware, "title")
```

# customizations: custom methods

```
from web3.method import Method

w3.eth.attach_methods({
    "example": Method(
        "eth_example",
        mungers=[ ... ],
        request_formatters=[ ... ],
        result_formatters=[ ... ],
        is_property=False,
    ),
})

w3.eth.example()
```

# customizations: external modules

```
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class HoopersModule():
    def set_strategy(self):
        # ...

class ShaqModule():
    def __init__(self, w3):
        self.w3 = w3

    def print_balance(self):
        # ...

w3.attach_modules({
    "hoopers": (HoopersModule, {"shaq": ShaqModule})
})

w3.hoopers.set_strategy()
# flop!

w3.hoopers.shaq.print_balance()
# 0.271887362722036121
```

# customizations: custom providers

```
from web3.providers.base import BaseProvider

class MyProvider(BaseProvider):
    middlewares = ()

    def make_request(self, method, params):
        return {"result": {"welp": "lol"}}

    def is_connected(self):
        print(True)

w3 = Web3(MyProvider())

w3.eth.get_block("latest")
# AttributeDict({"welp": "lol"})
```

# customizations: monkey patching

# Web3.py Patterns: Customization

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web3-py-patterns-customizations/](https://snakecharmers.ethereum.org/web3-py-patterns-customizations/)

chapter 5

# merge

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# The Merge™

- testnet deprecations
  - RIP Rinkeby and Ropsten
  - long live Görli
- block times
  - 1s quicker + less variability
  - slot vs. block
- block identifiers
  - Previously: “earliest”, “latest”, “pending”, block number
  - New: “safe”, “finalized”
- Beacon API

# Beacon API

```
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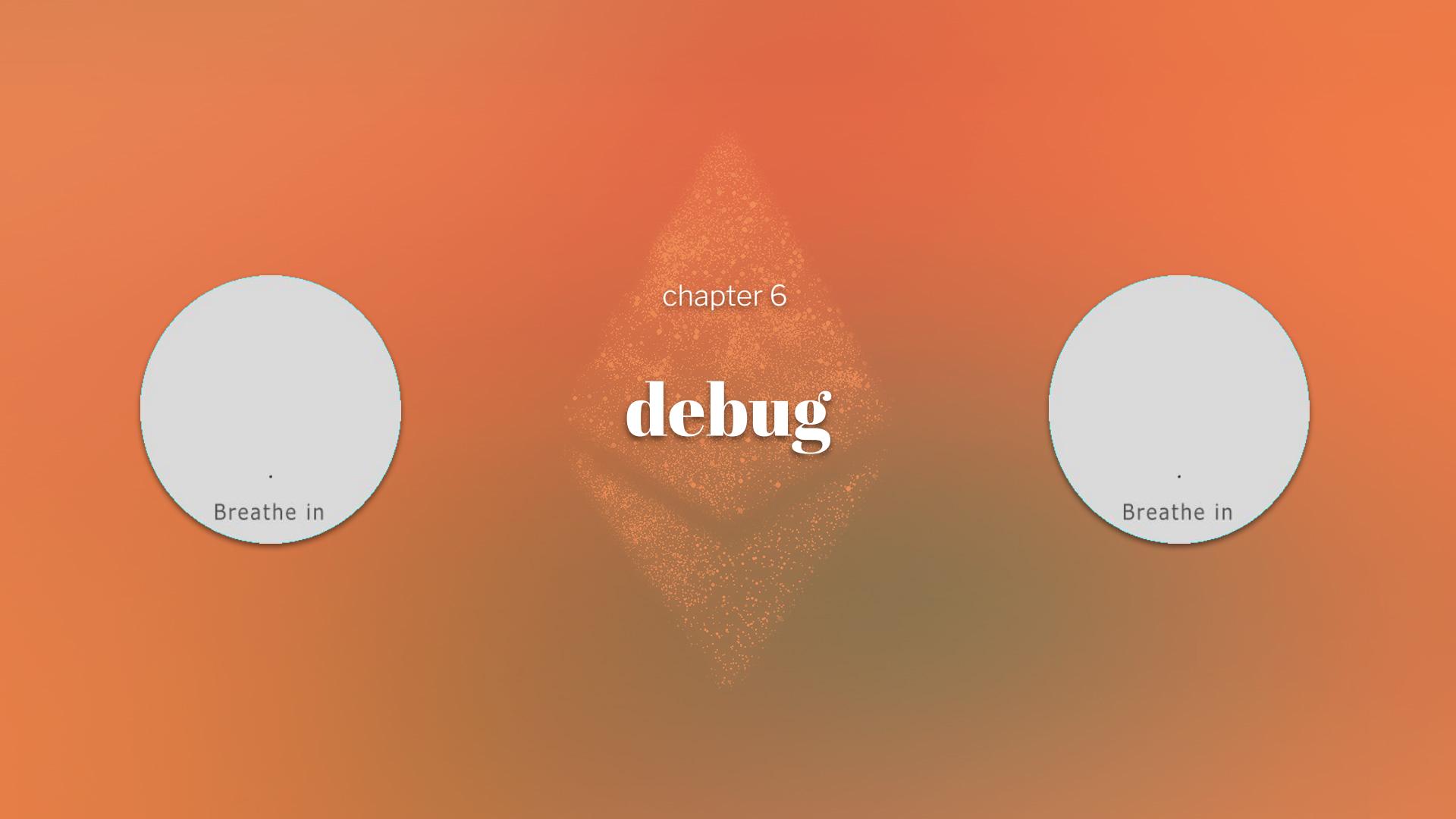
from web3.beacon import Beacon

beacon = Beacon("http://localhost:5051")

beacon.get_syncing()
# {'data': {'is_syncing': True, 'head_slot': '642240',
'sync_distance': '4201040'}}

beacon.get_genesis()
# {'data': {'genesis_time': '1606824023',
'genesisValidatorsRoot':
'0x4b363db94e286120d76eb905340fdd4e54bfe9f06bf33ff6cf5ad2
7f511bfe95', 'genesisForkVersion': '0x00000000'}}

beacon.get_block(1)
# {'data': {'message': {'slot': '1', 'proposerIndex':
'19026', ...}}
```



chapter 6

# debug

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# eth\_call - debugging tips

```
pragma solidity ^0.8.14;

contract BogotaCounter {
    uint public counter = 4;

    function incrementCounter() public {
        counter++;
    }

    function splitCounter() public returns (uint) {
        if (counter <= 10)
            revert("counter not high enough!");
        counter /= 2;
        return counter;
    }
}
```

# **eth\_call**

w3.eth.call(tx, block\_identifier)

# **eth\_call**

w3.eth.call(tx, **block\_identifier**)

# eth\_call

```
tx = w3.eth.get_transaction('0x2e7aa4...')

replay_tx = {
    'to': tx['to'],
    'from': tx['from'],
    ...
}
```

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```
}
```

```
try
```

```
exc
```

# Web3.py Patterns: Revert Reason Lookups

[https://snakecharmers.ethereum.org/  
web3py-revert-reason-parsing/](https://snakecharmers.ethereum.org/web3py-revert-reason-parsing/)



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# **eth\_call**

w3.eth.call(tx, block\_identifier, **state\_overrides**)

# eth\_call

```
# 1) make contract changes, compile runtime bytecode:  
override_bytecode = "0x6080604 ... "  
  
# 2) override the c  
override_params = {  
override_result = w.  
  
# 3) profit:  
print(w3.codec.decod  
# 2
```

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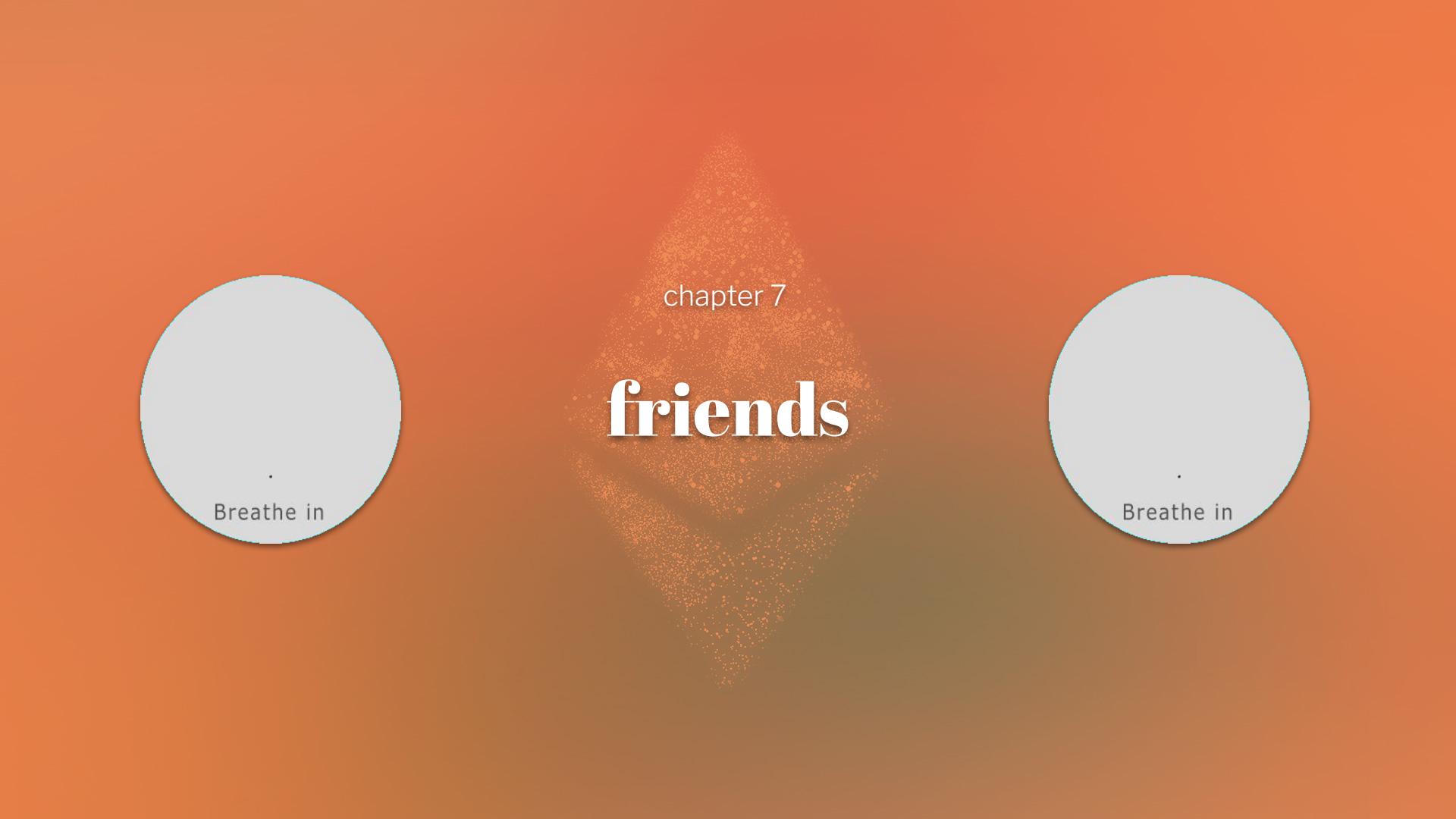
# Web3.py Patterns: call state overrides

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web3-py-patterns-eth-call-overrides/](https://snakecharmers.ethereum.org/web3-py-patterns-eth-call-overrides/)



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chapter 7

# friends



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# friend of web3.py: ape

```
$ pip install eth-ape  
$ ape init  
$ ape plugins install vyper  
$ ape test  
$ ape compile  
$ ape run custom_deploy_script
```

<https://docs.apeworx.io/>

# summary

- why web3.py (or ethers.js, web3.js, etc.)
- web3.py basic functionality
- portal network
- async support
- async ENS support
- CCIP Read support (EIP-3668 + ENSIP-10)
- customize web3.py
- The Merge™ updates
- eth\_call debugging tips (revert reason parsing, state overrides)
- ape is friend

did you miss that?

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¡gracias!



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