



- D** “Hey — *listen* to me for a second. Something’s wrong.” said Alice
- E** “I’m listening. What is it?” asked Bob
- C** “I was — well, Mr. Bob I was trying to — *mine* some transactions.”
- O** “Pintcoin — our amazing new currency — should be easy to mine if you just —”
- D** “— I’ve done it right,” Alice interrupted. “But most transactions are only *partially mined*.”
- E** “That should be easy to fix.”
- R** “That’s not the only problem. The other — I’ve forgotten how to pack them into a batch.”
- O** “Oh — there’s a grid for that — a rather simple one — that should make that easy”
- W** “That might work. Just fill the grid with the — *mostly* — *mined* transactions?”
- S** “Exactly! We can do this...”

## Batch Grid

|             | start                   | middle                     | end                     |          |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| <b>MINE</b> | <b>MINESWEEPER</b><br>— | <b>NOMINEE</b><br>.        | <b>EXAMINE</b><br>..    | <b>B</b> |
| <b>_INE</b> | <b>LINEAR</b><br>.      | <b>ENGINEER</b><br>—.      | <b>MAGAZINE</b><br>.    | <b>L</b> |
| <b>M_NE</b> | <b>MONEY</b><br>—       | <b>PERMANENT</b><br>—      | <b>IMMUNE</b><br>—      | <b>O</b> |
| <b>MI_E</b> | <b>MIXED</b><br>—       | <b>ADMIRER</b><br>.        | <b>COMPROMISE</b><br>—. | <b>C</b> |
| <b>MIN_</b> | <b>MINUTE</b><br>—      | <b>ADMINISTRATION</b><br>. | <b>GEMINI</b><br>—      | <b>K</b> |

# Pintcoin Mining

## Ordered Transactions

|                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                     |
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| <p>The management of public affairs or government. Also, the A in TSA (14)</p> <p><b>ADMINISTRATION</b></p>                        | <p>A person who has particular regard for someone or something. (7)</p> <p><b>ADMIRER</b></p>                     | <p>A mutual settlement of differences — a deal where both sides make concessions. (10)</p> <p><b>COMPROMISE</b></p> |
| <p>A person who designs &amp; builds complex products — including chemicals, software, &amp; <b>ENGINEER</b> architecture. (8)</p> | <p>To inspect closely. To test, audit, or scrutinize. (7)</p> <p><b>EXAMINE</b></p>                               | <p>The third sign of the zodiac — or someone born under that sign (6)</p> <p><b>GEMINI</b></p>                      |
| <p>Marked by protection — unable to catch a disease (6)</p> <p><b>IMMUNE</b></p>                                                   | <p>Describing a straight path connecting two points. Never curving or bending (6)</p> <p><b>LINEAR</b></p>        | <p>A periodical publication containing articles and illustrations. (8)</p> <p><b>MAGAZINE</b></p>                   |
| <p>A warship whose primary mission is sweeping bombs — also, a video game (11)</p> <p><b>MINESWEEPER</b></p>                       | <p>Extremely small — verging on insignificance (6)</p> <p><b>MINUTE</b></p>                                       | <p>Consisting of different elements — combined, blended, or stirred (5)</p> <p><b>MIXED</b></p>                     |
| <p>Officially coined, stamped, or printed currency — usually exchanged for goods &amp; services (5)</p> <p><b>MONEY</b></p>        | <p>A person who is proposed as a candidate for an office. An applicant or appointee (7)</p> <p><b>NOMINEE</b></p> | <p>Enduring forever without change — everlasting (9)</p> <p><b>PERMANENT</b></p>                                    |

1. "Listen" in flavor text clues morse code.
2. The emdashes and periods in each line of flavor text decode to a letter.
3. Flavor text decodes to "Decode rows".
4. The transaction definitions solve to words with "MINE" or "MINE" with a letter missing in them.
5. The definitions fit the grid based on where "MINE" appears in the word.
6. Each definition has periods and/or emdashes. Read each row in the grid as morse code.

**B L O C K**