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New development and innovation around Bitcoin seem to be all over the news since the severe technological and security problems that have led to the collapse of Mt. Gox – the largest bitcoin exchange globally at that time. Money has taken many forms, from beads, seashells to coins and

then paper currencies.

Today, cryptocurrencies emerge as a new medium for payments. But it is also much more than a simple currency. Bitcoin, the most emblematic of the cryptocurrencies, with a capital “B” is a peer-to-peer network that allows for the proof and transfer of ownership without the need for a trusted third party. It is a unit of that network with a little “b”. Some see parallels with commodities such as gold or silver.

The development and possible applications of cryptocurrencies are promising but also questions remain on its operating costs and regulatory constraints that may rise in the future. In this article, we review the basics of Bitcoin, its main characteristics and opportunities as well as interesting innovations that have recently been developed in various parts of the world.

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