2018-00800 - PhD : Support to the "BlockChain-isation" of software systems (M/F)

Level of qualifications required : Graduate degree or equivalent
Fonction : PhD Position

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Context

The PhD will happen in the RMOD Team located at Lille.

Assignment

Blockchain is becoming more and more mature as a technology and architecture to secure transactions. Various and competing platforms are emerging such as Hyperledger, Ethereum or Digital Assets.

In this context BlockSY proposes to abstract from these different solutions. Now one of the major challenges that companies are confronted is how to migrate existing business making applications use such new architecture. These needs to be be completely restructured and modified to connect them to some blockchain application. Indeed, first experiences show that more than 80% of the time (and project cost) to connect an existing application to a blockchain or to build a blockchain connecting to an existing legacy is spent in the identification of the data flow, database connexion, data manipulation and application internal logic. The goal of the PhD is to support using tools the analysis of existing applications to support the identification of such information. Such tooling should support the use of BlockSY in existing software systems.

Main activities

The following possible tasks are:
- Study of Moose [http://www.moosetechnology.org] an international open-source platform for software analysis developed by RMOD team.
- Study of Ethereum, Hyperledger and BlockSY
- Definition of queries - DSL or not
- Software maps & Tools to explore query results
- Dedicated metamodel to represent connector and flow of information
- Code transformation to inject BlockSY interface in existing software

Benefits package

- Subsidised catering service
- Partially-reimbursed public transport
- Social security
- Paid leave
- Flexible working hours
- Sports facilities

Remuneration

1982€ Gross salary monthly for the 1st and 2nd year.
2085€ Gross salary monthly for the 3rd year.

General Information

- Theme/Domain : Distributed programming and Software engineering
- Software engineering (BAP E)
- Town/City : Villeneuve d'Ascq
- Inria Center : CRI Lille - Nord Europe
- Starting date : 2018-08-01
- Duration of contract : 3 years
- Deadline to apply : 2018-08-01

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Conditions for application

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