# Wakam, Case Study

by Web3 Labs



# Wakam (Ex-La Parisienne Assurances), the French P&C insurance company, uses Epirus Explorer for its fast data organisation supporting their rapid scaling.

Wakam (Ex-La Parisienne
Assurances), are helping pioneer a
new type of insurance platform Insurance Product as a Service
(IPaaS) to automate claim
management. Being an insurance
company that is almost 200 years
old (yes it was founded in 1829!),
they know how important it is to
continually innovate to retain their
leading market position.



Wakam's new rebrand

"Blockchain technology was pivotal in developing IPaaS, as it provides a single source of truth for insurance and claims data, facilitating efficient money transfer between the parties involved in creating, underwriting and making claims on insurance products."



Once they had migrated all of their insurance contracts for the IPaaS service, the challenge they then faced was how to make their data accessible and easy to track. Using the Epirus Blockchain

Explorer, they were amazed at how quickly and easily they could query their data and achieve a higher level of data organisation with the blockchain component of their platform.

#### At a glance

#### Website

wakam.com

#### Size

51-200 employees

#### Country

France, Paris

#### Industry

Insurance

#### **Products and Services**

Epirus Blockchain Explorer





1000 Europe's Fastest Growing Companies Wakam (Ex-La Parisienne Assurances) creates tailor-made, white-label solutions for its distributor partners and clients based across 13 European countries. With a €382 million turnover in 2019, Wakam is one of the top 20 P&C insurers in France. In 2020, the company was included on the Financial Times "FT 1000: Europe's Fastest Growing Companies" ranking No.1 in the Top 50 largest turnovers—topping all European insurers. Strongly committed to its social engagements, Wakam is evolving into a Mission-driven company at the end of 2020.

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# **Customer Challenges**

Henri Lieutaud, Lead Blockchain Developer at Wakam (Ex-La Parisienne Assurances), has played a pivotal role in building their IPaaS platform. The company uses blockchain alongside other technologies like an operational SQL database that stores a normalised copy of the blockchain data and the data that they do not want to store on the blockchain. Their blockchain is considered the main source of truth. The issue Wakam (Ex-La Parisienne Assurances) faced was how to make sure that the data stored in the SQL database was correctly synced with their blockchain and that there were no discrepancies.

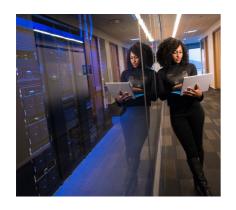
Lieutaud and the team, despite having anticipated potential problems, became frustrated with how the data was organised. For many months, several solutions "When using Quorum and Ethereum, the way the information is organised is very blockchain centric. You get information by blocks and transactions, we needed a tool that would help us to easily extract this data. We wanted an easily accessible, fast way of querying the data and a way of organising the data with a higher level of complexity."

**Henri Lieutaud** Lead Blockchain Developer at Wakam

were tested in preparation for the launch on Ethereum based Quorum in December 2019. With over 60,000 contracts to move, they had to ensure that they could query the data in a business centric rather than blockchain centric way.







"Epirus Blockchain Explorer is key for us, it helps us to get to a higher level of data organisation."

### **The Solution**

Wakam (Ex-La Parisienne
Assurances) first began to use
Epirus Blockchain Explorer in
October 2019 when they identified
the need for a quick and easy way
to query the data on their
blockchain.

They were not disappointed! By using Epirus they could not only save time, but also had a much more efficient way of organising their data.

Lieutaud quickly noticed that it was easier to query Epirus Blockchain Explorer than to make a query against a blockchain node directly. When organising the data, he no longer needed to organise by blocks and transaction and then run a query on all of these, he could simply query a contract in Epirus Blockchain Explorer's UI or API backend and get information on all of the events and transactions that had happened. This is a process that is not available in blockchain nodes.



## **Customer Benefits**

Wakam (Ex-La Parisienne
Assurances) are on a perpetual
quest to find the added value of
using blockchain technology, for
themselves, their partners and their
customers. The Epirus Blockchain
Explorer continues to prove it is an
essential asset, assisting them to
fulfill their quest.

Speaking frankly, Lieutaud reiterates that they use the Epirus Blockchain Explorer to extract all of the data they need from the blockchain.



"Because of the way the data is organised and the technology that is used, Epirus Explorer makes it easier to make a rest API call rather than to make an RPC request. We saved time as we did not have to develop anything ourselves and Web3 Labs' customer support quickly solved any issues we had. They also based new features on the feedback we gave them in order to meet our needs."



After switching to Quorum in December, Wakam (Ex-La Parisienne Assurances) has scaled rapidly. Just two months after importing the initial 60,000 contracts to Quorum, they went to over 100,000 contracts. Now, the company is now seeing growth of 30,000 new contracts every month. Lieutaud has been amazed with this result and regards Epirus Blockchain Explorer as an integral factor that has enabled the company to successfully meet the demands presented by such rapid growth.



60,000 contracts

December 2019

**100,000** contracts

February 2020

30,000 new contracts every month

# How Epirus Explorer can help you

The Epirus Blockchain Explorer is the market-leading blockchain analytics platform for organisations. It provides you with transparency of your blockchain assets and smart contract applications. It also provides advanced searching, filtering and sorting capabilities, with a directly accessible API for reporting.

Over 50 companies worldwide have benefited in their blockchain deployments using Web3 Labs' Epirus Explorer, hundreds more have benefited from our other products including the Web3j blockchain development framework.



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