

Overview of Relevant Blockchain Tech.



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[Synonyms of grubstake >](#)

1 : supplies or funds furnished a mining prospector on promise of a share in his discoveries

2 : material assistance (such as a loan) provided for launching an enterprise or for a person in difficult circumstances

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