

# 'eKYC Infinite'

*A streamlined blockchain  
solution for financial  
institutions' eKYC process*

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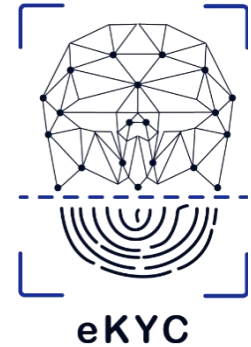
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# eKYC Infinite



## AN ELECTRONIC 'KNOW YOUR CLIENT' START-UP.

We are leveraging *Distributed Ledger Technology* by integrating *Blockchain Infrastructure* and *Smart Contracts* from *Hyperledger Fabric* in our business model.

We strive to streamline how the KYC procedure is carried out in the financial industry, facilitating a more efficient verification process for clients and financial institutions.

*Our business will accelerate the financial institutions' process of verifying client information, enabling a secure and effective standard for selling securities.*

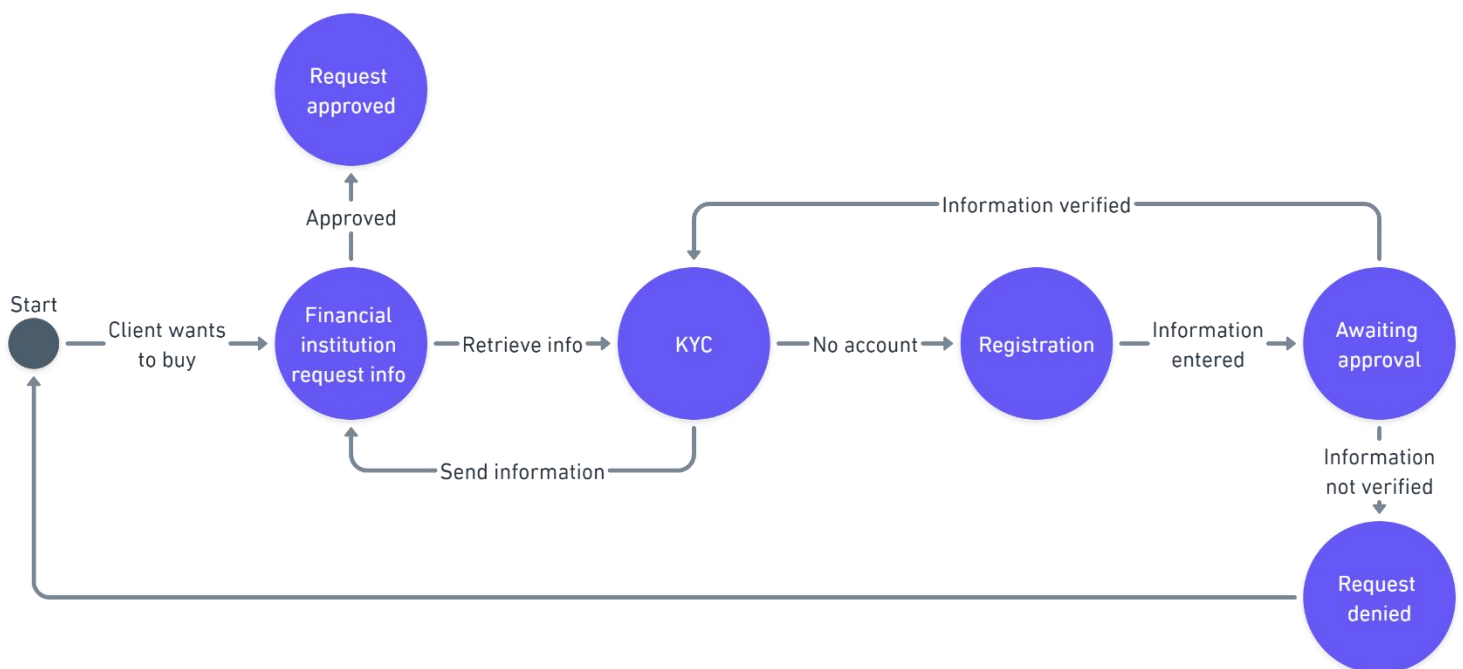
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## Executive Summary

We are using 'Blockchain Technology' to help combat the issues of very long wait times, unverified client identities, and an unreasonably repetitive process for each institution when selling securities. We have leveraged *Hyperledger Fabric* to create a consortium solution for various financial institutions, resulting in a modernized interaction structure. We have created an interface for clients who want to buy securities from a financial institution to go through a *one-time verification* process with the institution, thereafter, not having to go the verification process again if they decide to buy securities from a different institution. When a client has been verified by a financial institution, other financial institutions will be able to retrieve verified client information instantaneously. Our solution also considers authorization implications by creating a process for the client to give only certain institutions access to certain information, protecting them from having institutions accessing their information without approval.

*Figure 1. eKYC State Diagram Process*



# The Problem

The global financial services sector continues to be rocked by a series of regulatory fines and money-laundering scandals, totaling more than US \$36B in fines over the past decade.

The C-suite in most financial institutions are under considerable pressure to deliver safer but faster customer onboarding journeys. The key to achieving this comes down to their ability to manage client lifecycle events and milestones via re-usable, verified, and up-to-date customer information.

## Real KYC Challenge

The core of what takes onboarding so long is the process of collecting, validating, and processing customer data to achieve the right compliance decision. In today's 'digital-first' world, business' subject to know your customer (KYC) requirements must find a way to create better onboarding and authentication procedures that achieve compliance and combat fraud, without alienating good customers.

For about 1 in 5 (21%) financial institutions, onboarding timeframes have increased by 4 – 8 weeks. What is worse is the fact that they expect onboarding times to rise even further. Instead of getting to the root of problem, many firms are still solving the compliance challenge with brute force or added headcount.

It is crucial that financial institutions can access the right data at the right time. Re-usability and transparency are essential for this. We believe, if a client onboarding team can easily access the customer information needed to complete KYC instantaneously, the result will be a much faster onboarding process and better client experience.

## Digital KYC and eKYC utilities to the rescue

To solve these challenges and become more digital, streamlined, and cost-effective, the industry is looking at two key areas to transform and revolutionize KYC compliance. The First one is internal Digital KYC processes that create an ecosystem of data and system providers to enable straight through processing for compliance and onboarding. The other area is the second coming of electronic Know Your Customer (eKYC) utilities. The first iteration of KYC utilities (2012-2015) proved that there is a need for shared, validated customer information, however, the technology and distribution models underpinning these KYC utilities failed to deliver and create any real impact.

There are three key drivers behind financial institutions' interest in KYC technology as a utility: rising customer expectations, the emergence of new technology, and the drive toward compliance and operational efficiencies.

The industry is actively looking at improving the client experience, especially reducing onboarding times and delivering value-added services to their client. eKYC utilities can help this by providing digital and fully packaged access to up to date KYC data, thus speeding up and simplifying the client onboarding process. Businesses across the world are moving towards exploring new technologies such as Blockchain and ID&V-type technologies.

# Our Solution

## Introduction / Motivation

The Electronic Know Your Client (eKYC) is a layer for digital identity that allows a web application on which the seller can look up if the buyer meets clear requirements before the transaction, as well as register the buyer through (eKYC). The sellers need reliable and independent source data or information. Also, buyers can have a relationship without an intervening authority – self-sovereign. Nowadays, the lack of security with a person's identity exists in each application that users store their information and give control to central authorities to manage them.

Blockchain is applicable for digital identity because it is immutable, legitimate, and validated by multiple participants in the networking. This architecture prevents Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and protects sellers of the securities aware of the financial status of the buyer and prevents fraudulent behavior, as well as client information. *For a more technical take, please refer to our 'Governance Document'.*

## Web App Interfaces and Roles

The application uses a permissioned system based on roles. Furthermore, uses Hyperledger Fabric to control transactions, approve transactions and establish new rules.

## Functionality

The blockchain would enable:

- Storing KYC information on a user
- Putting out a request for the KYC of a user
- Responding to the request
- Response using only necessary information
- If there are no responses, then get the data from the user

The application has 3 different roles:

- System – Our ‘eKYC Infinite’ solution.
- Seller – Financial Institutions selling securities
- Buyer – Clients who want to buy securities

## State Data

- States: [ “Not-registered”, “Registered”, “Approved”, “Rejected”]
- Name
- Date of birth
- Address
- Identification number (Drivers License, Passport, Photo Card, ...)

## Transitions

- RequestInfo by uniqueID(Name, Date of birth, Identification number)
- Registration(Name, Date of birth, Address, Identification number)
- Incomplete(Name)
- RequestDenied(Name)



- Approved(Name)

## Functions

- CheckStatus(Name)

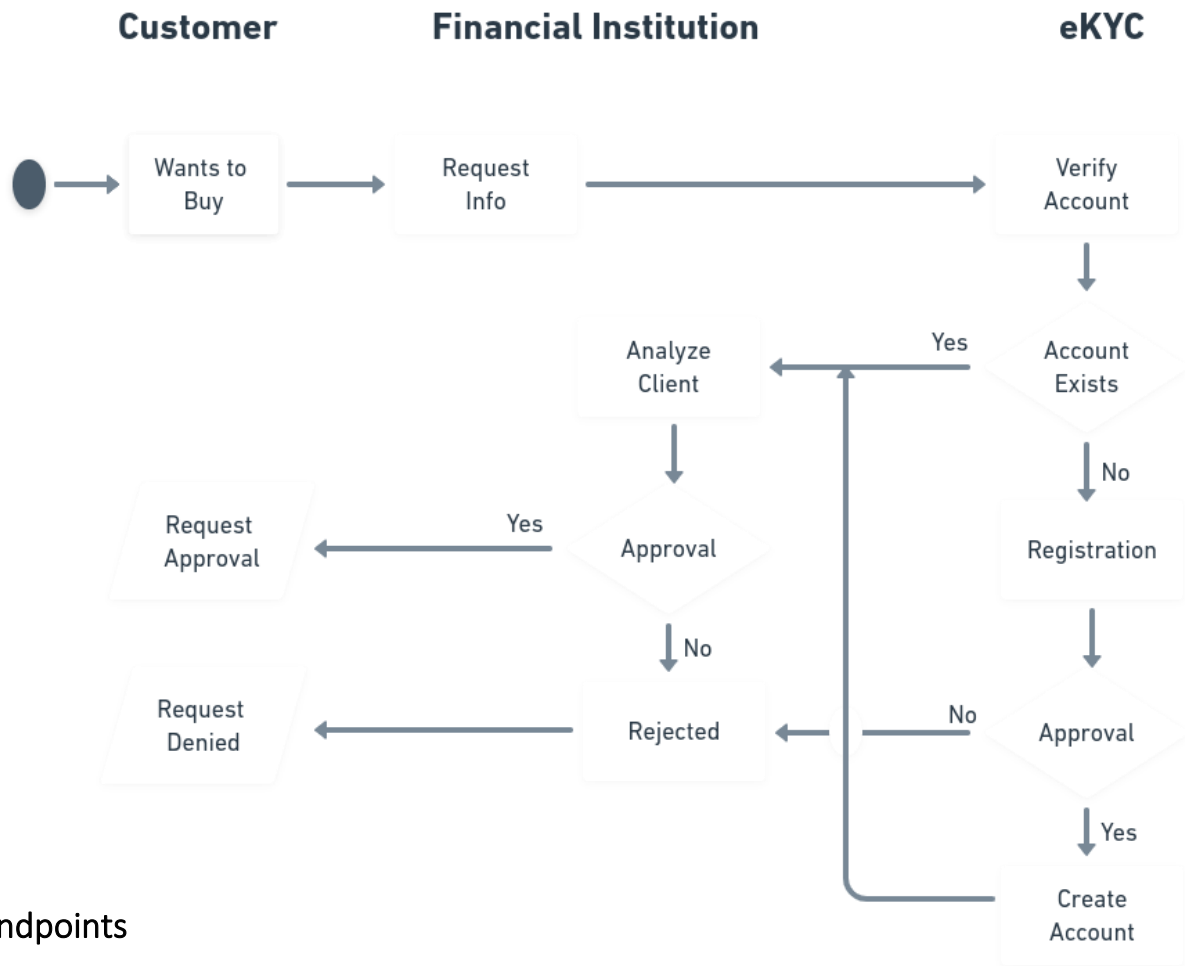
## Roles

- RequestInfo(Name, Date of birth) – Seller
- Registration(Identification number, Name, Date of birth, Address) – System
- Incomplete(Name) – System
- RequestDenied(Name) – System
- Approved(Name, Date of birth, , Address) – System
- CheckStatus(Name) – Buyer / Seller

## Implementation - pseudo-code

- RequestInfo(Name, Date of birth) { newState= 1 ; putState(Name , ... )} }
- Registration(Name, Date of birth, Address, Identification) ) { newState= 2 ;  
putState(Name , ... )} }
- Incomplete(Name) { newState= 3 ; putState(Name , ... )} }
- RequestDenied(Name) { newState= 4 ; putState(Name , ... )} }
- Approved(Name, Date of birth, Address) {new State = 5; putState(Name, {State:  
newState, Address: Address})}}
- CheckStatus(Name) { return getCurrentState(Name) }

Figure 2. eKYC Flow Chart



## Endpoints

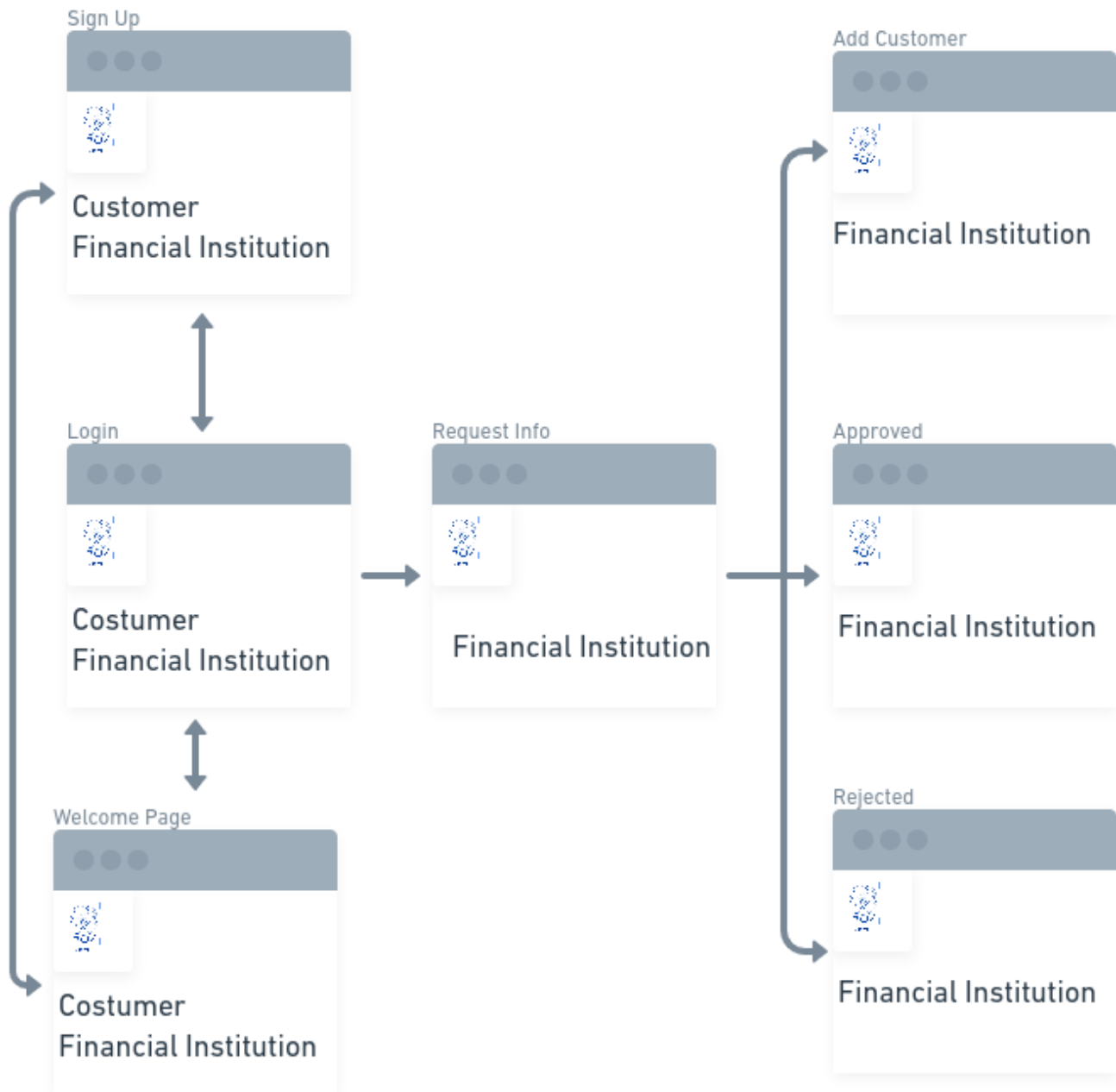
- /client/create
  - method: POST
  - params: login, password, name, date of birth, address, id number
  - description: register new client
  - chaincode: calls 'createClient' function
- /client/login
  - method: POST
  - params: login, password, user type
  - description: client login

- /client/getClientData
  - method: GET
  - params: ledger ID
  - description: return the data from the client
  - chaincode: calls 'getClientData' function
- /client/approve
  - method: GET
  - params: ledger ID, financial institution ID
  - description: approve a financial institution to read client data
  - chaincode: calls 'approve' function
- /client/remove
  - method: GET
  - params: ledger ID, financial institution ID
  - description: remove a financial institution to read client data
  - chaincode: calls 'remove' function
- /client/getApprovedFis
  - method: GET
  - params: ledger ID
  - description: return a list of approved financial institutions by the client
  - chaincode: calls 'getRelationByClient'
- /fi/create
  - method: POST

- prams: login, password, name, id number
  - description: register new financial institution
  - chaincode: calls 'createFinancialInstitution'
- /fi/login
  - method: POST
  - params: login, password, user type
  - description: financial institution login
- /fi/getFiData
  - method: GET
  - params: ledger ID
  - description: return the data from the financial institution
  - chaincode: calls 'getFinancialInstitutionData' function
- /fi/getClientDataByFI
  - method: GET
  - params: ledger ID, client ID, fields wanted
  - description: return the data from the client
  - chaincode: calls 'getClientDataByFI' function
- /fi/getApprovedClients
  - method: GET
  - params: ledger ID
  - description: return a list of clients that approved this financial institution
  - chaincode: calls 'getRelationByFi'

## Appendix

*Figure 3. eKYC Web Interface*



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## Team Bio



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