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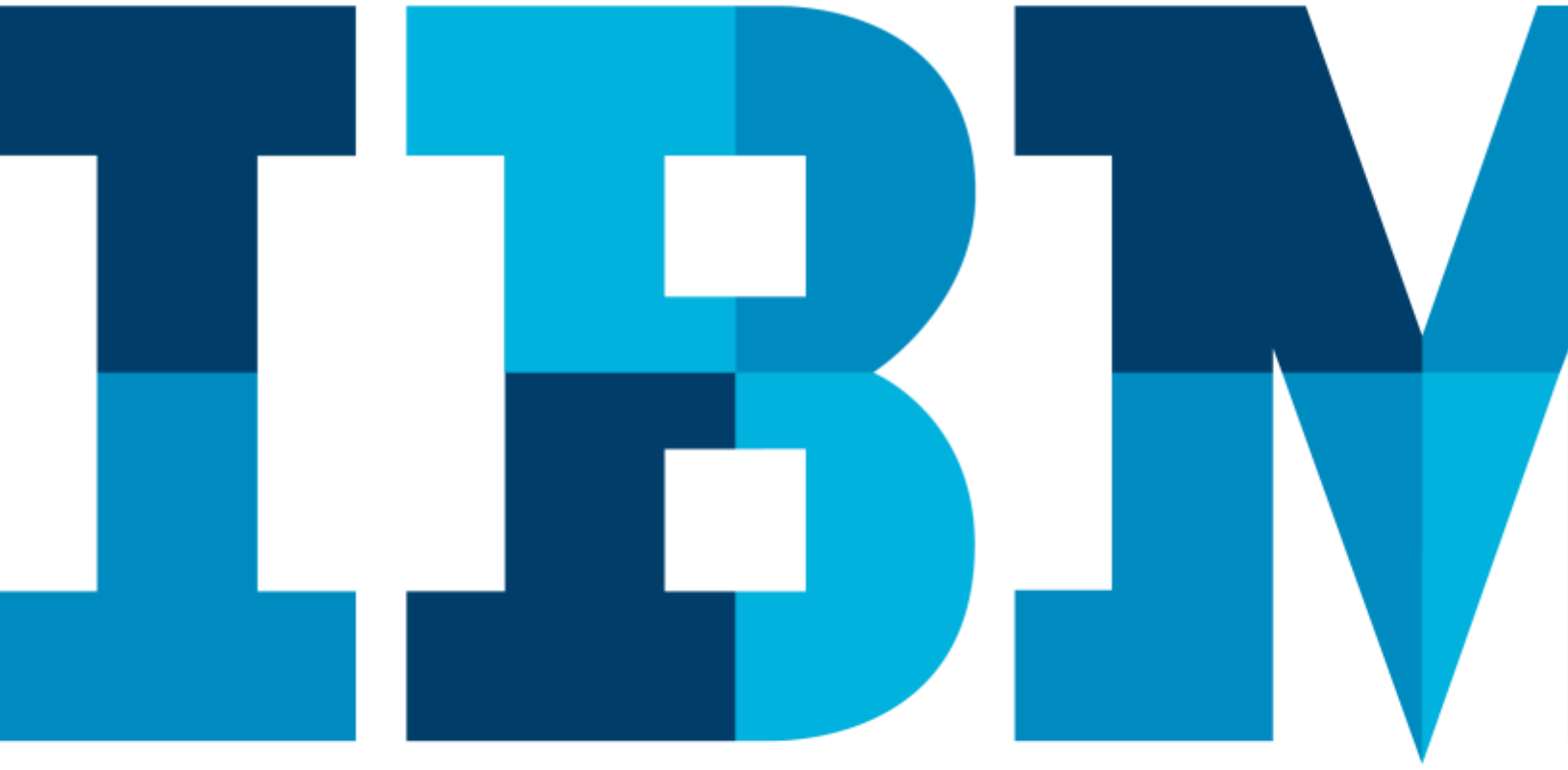
Lab Three – Bluemix – Exercises



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Overview

The aim of this lab is to introduce you to chaincode development by showing you how to create and deploy your first chaincode to a new Blockchain service in Bluemix.

We will use a sample piece of chaincode (Smart Contract) called **example02** as the foundation for our lab. This sample is provided as part of the Hyperledger Fabric code and accessible directly through Bluemix.

Once deployed, the chaincode can be invoked and queried.

Introduction

Prerequisites:

- A Firefox or Chrome browser with access to www.bluemix.net.
- A Bluemix account
- In order to edit and compile chaincode yourself, you also need:
  - GitHub account and tools (from https://github.com/)
  - GO Lang compiler installed (from https://golang.org/dl/)

It is recommended that students have previously completed the Blockchain Explained and Blockchain Explored labs.

For V0.61 of Hyperledger Fabric in Bluemix

Section 1. Creating the Blockchain Service on Bluemix

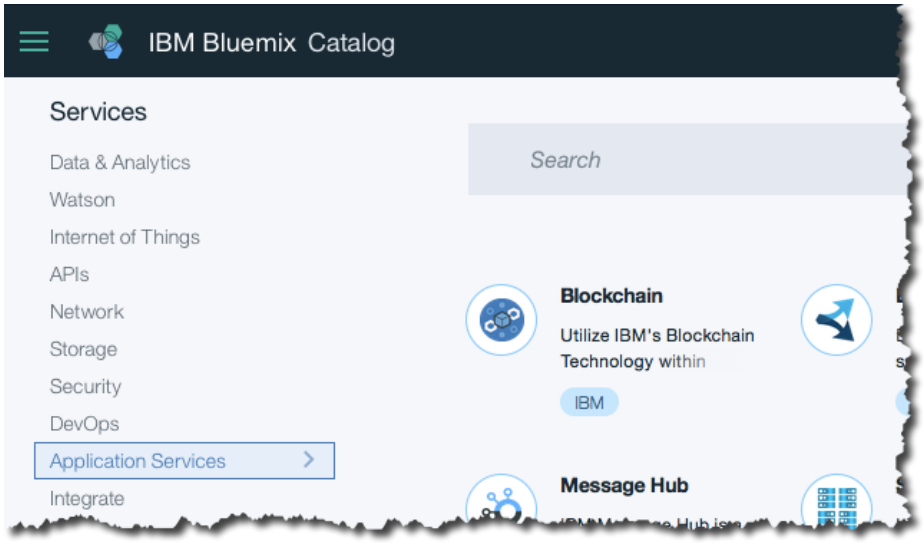
In this section we will use Bluemix to create a new Blockchain service. It does not require any services or applications to be pre-installed (such as the Car Leasing demo).

__1. Open a web browser (Firefox or Chrome are recommended) and go to www.bluemix.net.

__2. Click ‘Sign Up’ or ‘Log In’ to create a new Bluemix account or log into your existing account.

__3. Once you have successfully signed up and logged into Bluemix, select **Catalog** from the top bar.

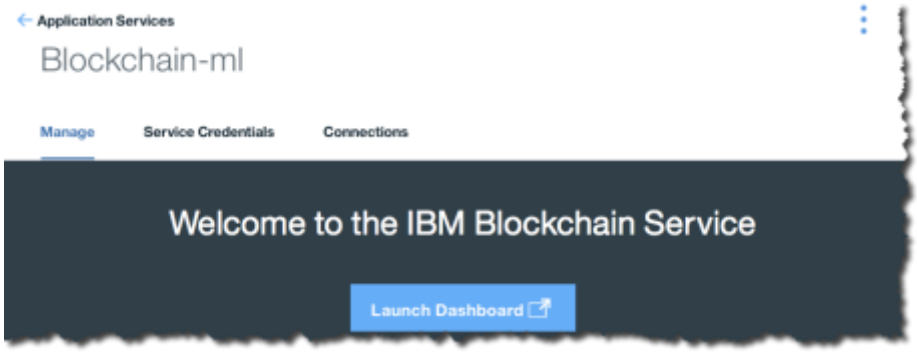
__4. In the ‘Services’ section of the sidebar, click ‘Application Services’ and select **Blockchain**.



__5. Review the service description and information about the service.

__6. Ensure that “Starter Developer plan” is selected and click **Create**, accepting the prompts to create an “org” and a “space” if you are prompted to do so. Wait for the service to be created.

__7. Click “Launch Dashboard” to launch the blockchain dashboard.



Section 2. Deploying and invoking the Chaincode

In this section we will deploy some sample chaincode to the newly created blockchain.

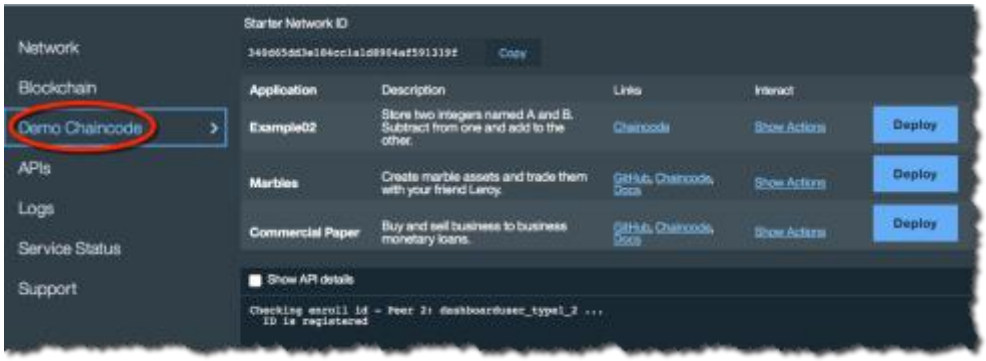
The example we will used is one of the standard samples for Hyperledger Fabric: 'Example02'.

Upon initialization, this chaincode creates two key/value pairs in the world state. Each key is an identifier string (e.g. "A") whose value is an associated integer balance (e.g. 100). Transactions that invoke this chaincode will increment the balance of one identifier while decrementing the other.

For example:

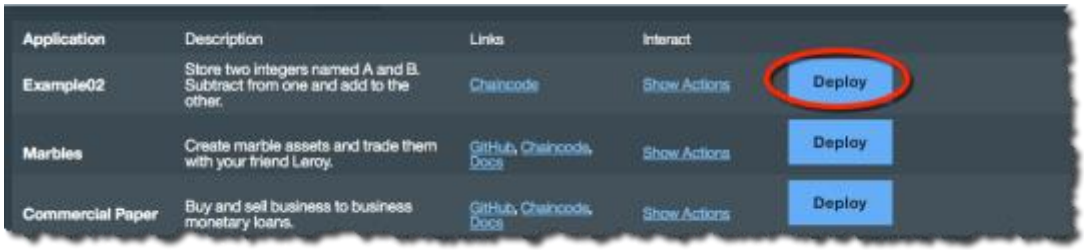
Initializing the chaincode with ["a", "100", "b", "200"] will set up "a" to be "100" and "b" to be "200".
Invoking a transaction with ["a", "b", "10"] will decrement the value of "a" by 10 and increment "b" by the same amount.
Querying the value of "a" and "b" at this point will yield "a" to have the value "90" and "b" to have "210".

__8. From within the blockchain dashboard click the "**Demo Chaincode**" tab.



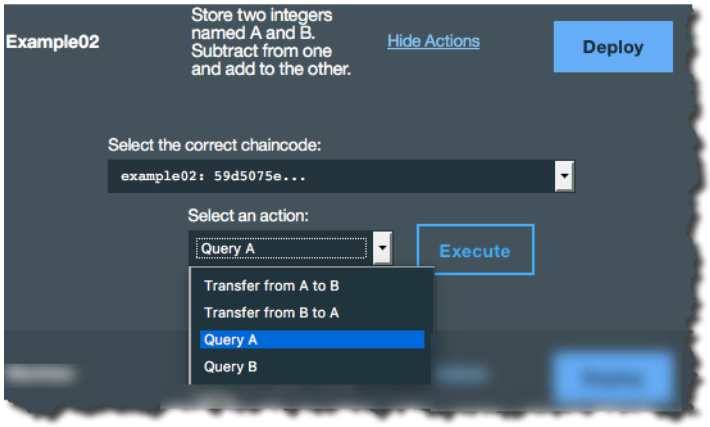
We will now deploy the chaincode to our Blockchain service and make sure it works.

__9. Click on the '**Deploy**' button next to the Example02 application.



The panel at the bottom of the web page will show the process of deployment. Notice that a "user" is logged into the blockchain service before the chaincode can be deployed to the validating peers. The entire process should only take a few seconds to complete.

Once the deployment has completed, the web page will be updated to show the actions that can be performed against the chaincode.



__10. Select '**Query A**' and click 'Execute' to show the value of the "A" key. This is displayed in the log.

```
Querying chaincode - query ["a"]
  Success 100
```

__11. Click '**Transfer from A to B**' to decrement the value of "A" by 5 and increment "B" by the same amount.

```
Invoking chaincode - invoke
  Success - invocation 91b522ad-d884-496d-a401-6613a667f237
```

__12. Click '**Query A**' to view the updated value of "A".

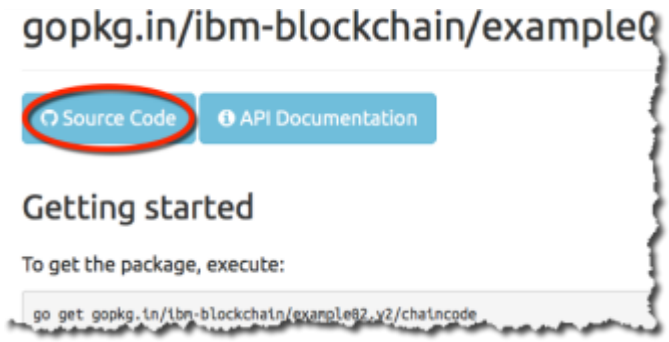
```
Querying chaincode - query ["a"]
  Success 95
```

Section 3. Reviewing the Chaincode

We will now review the source for this chaincode.

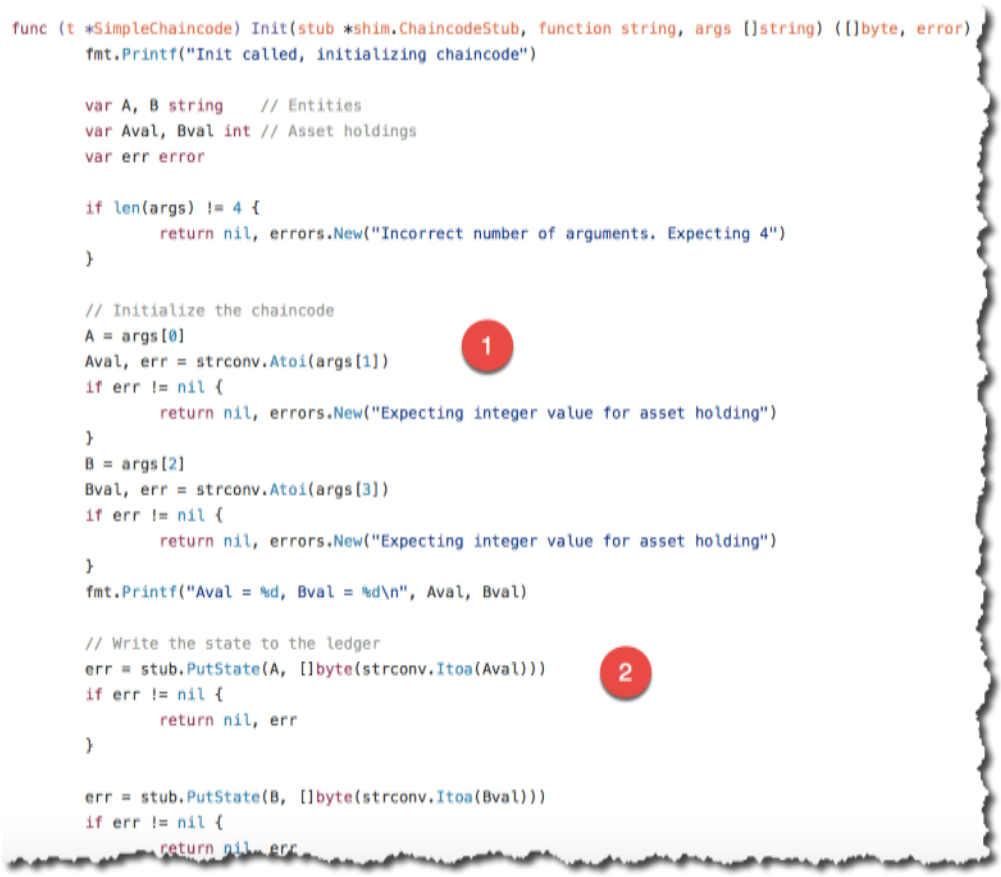
__13. On the Demo Chaincode tab in the blockchain dashboard, click the ‘Chaincode’ link next to Example02. (If the link appears to be missing, try making resizing the web page!)

__14. On the next page click ‘Source Code’ to get to the source for Example02 on Github.



You can also get to the source directly by opening up a new web browser tab and going to https://github.com/ibm-blockchain/example02/tree/v2.0/chaincode.

__15. Scroll down to the **Init** method.



```
func (t *SimpleChaincode) Init(stub *shim.ChaincodeStub, function string, args []string) ([]byte, error) {
        fmt.Printf("Init called, initializing chaincode")

        var A, B string    // Entities
        var Aval, Bval int // Asset holdings
        var err error

        if len(args) != 4 {
                return nil, errors.New("Incorrect number of arguments. Expecting 4")
        }

        // Initialize the chaincode
        A = args[0]
        Aval, err = strconv.Atoi(args[1])
        if err != nil {
                return nil, errors.New("Expecting integer value for asset holding")
        }
        B = args[2]
        Bval, err = strconv.Atoi(args[3])
        if err != nil {
                return nil, errors.New("Expecting integer value for asset holding")
        }
        fmt.Printf("Aval = %d, Bval = %d\n", Aval, Bval)

        // Write the state to the ledger
        err = stub.PutState(A, []byte(strconv.Itoa(Aval)))
        if err != nil {
                return nil, err
        }

        err = stub.PutState(B, []byte(strconv.Itoa(Bval)))
        if err != nil {
                return nil, err
```

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Highlighted section (1) of the code is extracting the four initialization parameters (“A”, “100”, “B”, “200”). The code checks that they are of the required types.

Highlighted section (2) is storing those key/value pairs into the blockchain.

__16. Scroll down to the **invoke** method.

```
// Transaction makes payment of X units from A to B
func (t *SimpleChaincode) invoke(stub *shim.ChaincodeStub, args []string) ([]byte, error) {
        fmt.Printf("Running invoke")

        var A, B string    // Entities
        var Aval, Bval int // Asset holdings
        var X int          // Transaction value
        var err error

        if len(args) != 3 {
                return nil, errors.New("Incorrect number of arguments. Expecting 3")
        }

        A = args[0]
        B = args[1]

        // Get the state from the ledger
        // TODO: will be nice to have a GetAllState call to ledger
        Avalbytes, err := stub.GetState(A)
        if err != nil {
                return nil, errors.New("Failed to get state")
        }
        if Avalbytes == nil {
                return nil, errors.New("Entity not found")
        }
        Aval, _ = strconv.Atoi(string(Avalbytes))

        Bvalbytes, err := stub.GetState(B)
        if err != nil {
                return nil, errors.New("Failed to get state")
        }
        if Bvalbytes == nil {
                return nil, errors.New("Entity not found")
        }
        Bval, _ = strconv.Atoi(string(Bvalbytes))

        // Perform the execution
        X, err = strconv.Atoi(args[2])
        Aval = Aval - X
        Bval = Bval + X
        fmt.Printf("Aval = %d, Bval = %d\n", Aval, Bval)

        // Write the state back to the ledger
        err = stub.PutState(A, []byte(strconv.Itoa(Aval)))
        if err != nil {
                return nil, err
        }

        err = stub.PutState(B, []byte(strconv.Itoa(Bval)))
        if err != nil {
                return nil, err
        }

        return nil, nil
}
```

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Highlighted section (1) of the code retrieves the current values of the two keys from the world state.

Highlighted section (2) of the code increments and decrements the values of the keys accordingly.

Highlighted section (3) of the code writes the updated key/value pairs back to the world state.

__17. Scroll down to the **Query** method.

```
// Query callback representing the query of a chaincode
func (t *SimpleChaincode) Query(stub *shim.ChaincodeStub, function string, args []string) ([]byte, error) {
        fmt.Printf("Query called, determining function")

        if function != "query" {
                fmt.Printf("Function is query")
                return nil, errors.New("Invalid query function name. Expecting \"query\"")
        }
        var A string // Entities
        var err error

        if len(args) != 1 {
                return nil, errors.New("Incorrect number of arguments. Expecting name of the person to query")
        }

        A = args[0]

        // Get the state from the ledger
        Avalbytes, err := stub.GetState(A)
        if err != nil {
                jsonResp := "{\"Error\":\"Failed to get state for " + A + "\"}"
                return nil, errors.New(jsonResp)
        }

        if Avalbytes == nil {
                jsonResp := "{\"Error\":\"Nil amount for " + A + "\"}"
                return nil, errors.New(jsonResp)
        }

        jsonResp := "{\"Name\":\"" + A + "\",\"Amount\":\"" + string(Avalbytes) + "\"}"
        fmt.Printf("Query Response:%s\n", jsonResp)
```

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Highlighted section (1) retrieves the value of a key from the world state. This is converted into a JSON data structure and returned to the caller.

Section 4. Extending the Chaincode

In this advanced section of the lab, we will now go and modify the chaincode. This requires you to have the ability to do local development on your machine.

If you are not in a chaincode development role it is recommended you end the lab now, as the guide assumes you have a software development background and has a number of software pre-requisites for you to install.

__1. Return to the Bluemix Blockchain service documentation “Samples and tutorials” page (https://console.ng.bluemix.net/docs/services/blockchain/ibmblockchain_tutorials.html). Scroll down to the “Learn chaincode tutorial” section.

__2. Follow the tutorial. In summary you will need to:

a. Install and configure Golang

b. Set up GitHub and fork the example “Hello Chaincode” repository.

c. Clone the “Hello Chaincode” fork to your local system. Make sure you clone the forked version rather than the original. If you accidently clone the original repository, then you can point to your fork using:

```
git remote set-url origin https://github.com/<yourGitID>/learn-chaincode
```

d. Edit the chaincode_start.go file to add in new capability for invoking and querying the chaincode.

e. Commit your local changes with:

```
git commit -a
```

f. Upload your changes back to your forked repository with "**`git push`**".

g. Using the Blockchain service API in Bluemix, deploy, invoke and query the new version of chaincode.

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