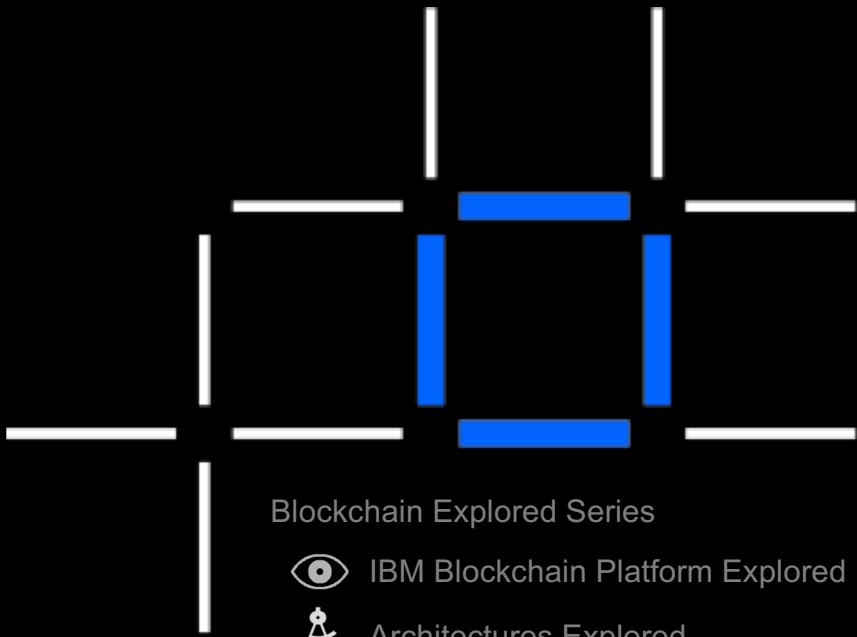


# Composer Explored

A Technical Introduction to Hyperledger Composer



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## What is Hyperledger Composer?



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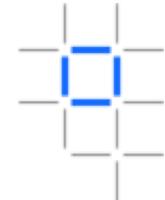


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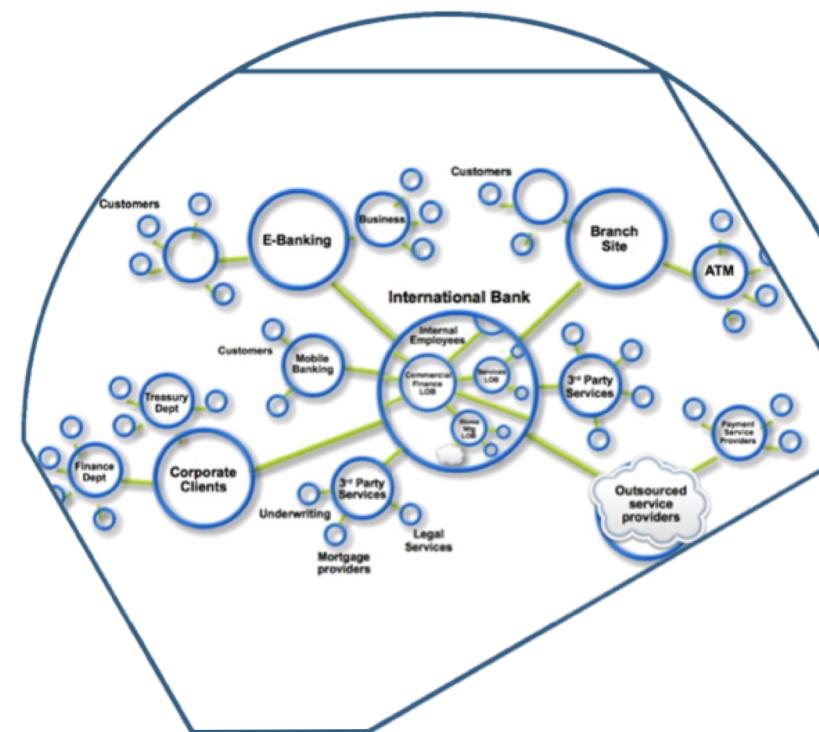
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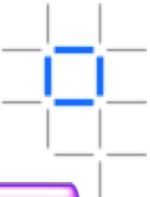


# Blockchain Recap



- Blockchain builds on basic business concepts
  - **Business Networks** connect businesses
  - **Participants** with Identity
  - **Assets** flow over business networks
  - **Transactions** describe asset exchange
  - **Contracts** underpin transactions
  - The **ledger** is a log of transactions
- Blockchain is a shared, replicated ledger
  - Consensus, immutability, finality, provenance

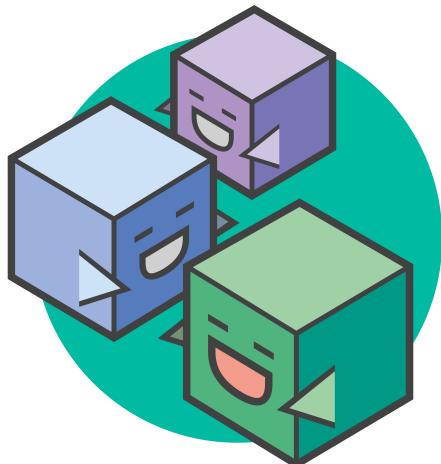




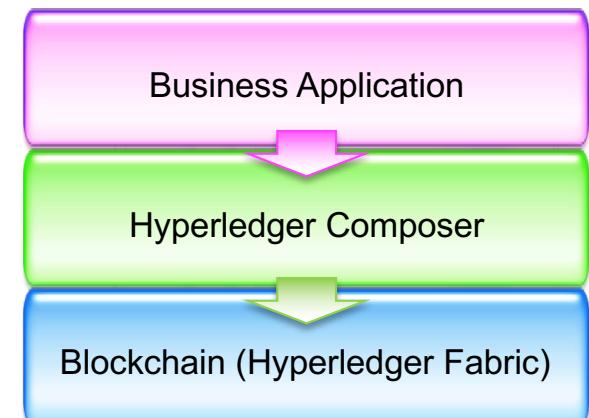
# Hyperledger Composer: Accelerating time to value

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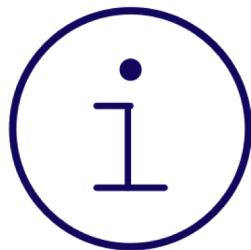
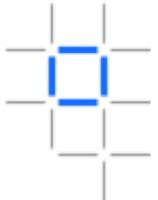
- A suite of high level application **abstractions** for business networks
- Emphasis on business-centric vocabulary for quick solution creation
- Reduce risk, and increase understanding and flexibility



- Features
  - Model your business networks, test and expose via APIs
  - Applications invoke APIs transactions to interact with business network
  - Integrate existing systems of record using loopback/REST
- Fully open and part of Linux Foundation Hyperledger
- Try it in your web browser now: <http://composer-playground.mybluemix.net/>

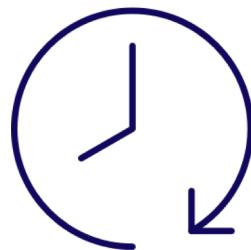


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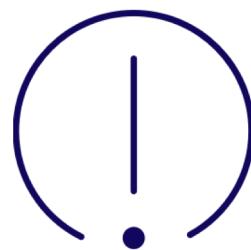
## Increases understanding

Bridges simply from business concepts to blockchain



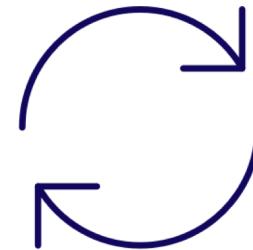
## Saves time

Develop blockchain applications more quickly and cheaply



## Reduces risk

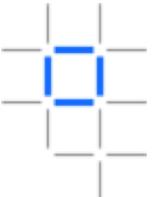
Well tested, efficient design conforms to best practice



## Increases flexibility

Higher level abstraction makes it easier to iterate

# Extensive, Familiar, Open Development Toolset

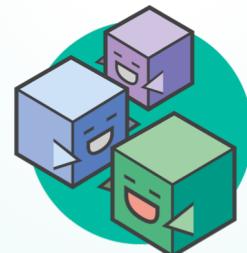


```
asset Animal identi  
o String animal  
o AnimalType sp  
o MovementStatus  
o ProductionTyp
```

Data modelling

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JavaScript  
business logic



Web playground

```
composer-client  
composer-admin
```

The npm logo in red.

Client libraries



Editor support

```
$ composer
```

CLI utilities



Code generation

Powered by  
 LoopBack  
Node.js Framework



Existing systems and  
data

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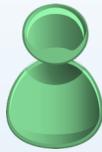
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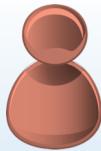
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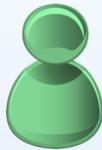
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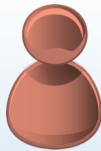
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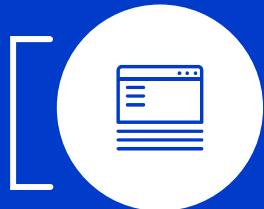
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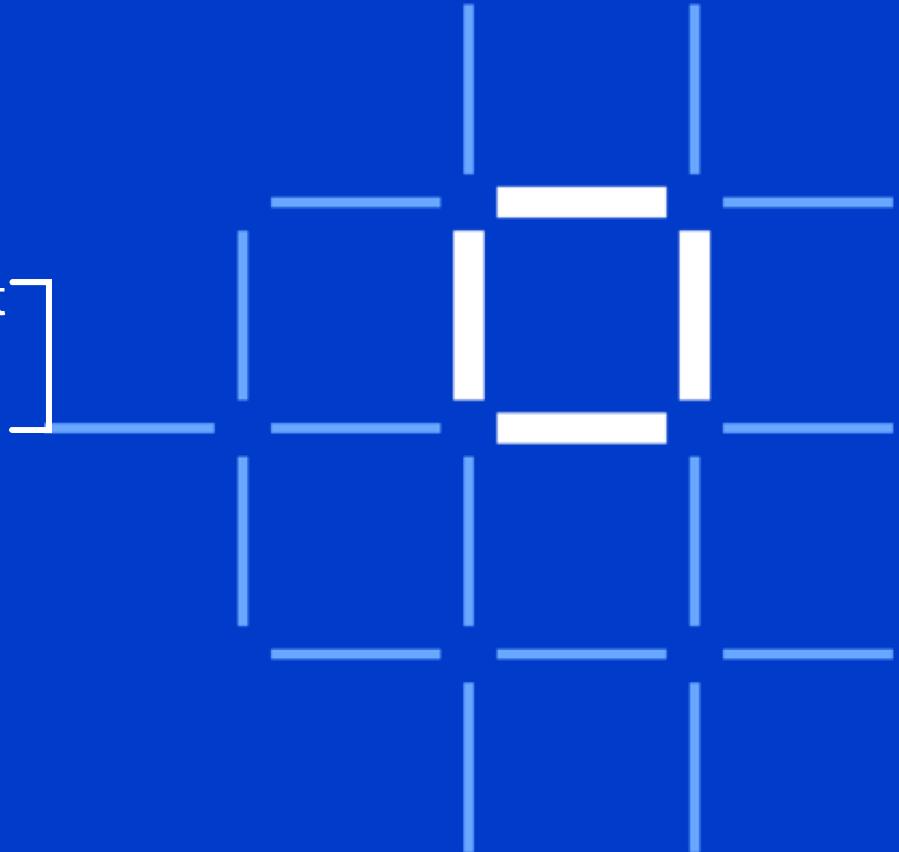
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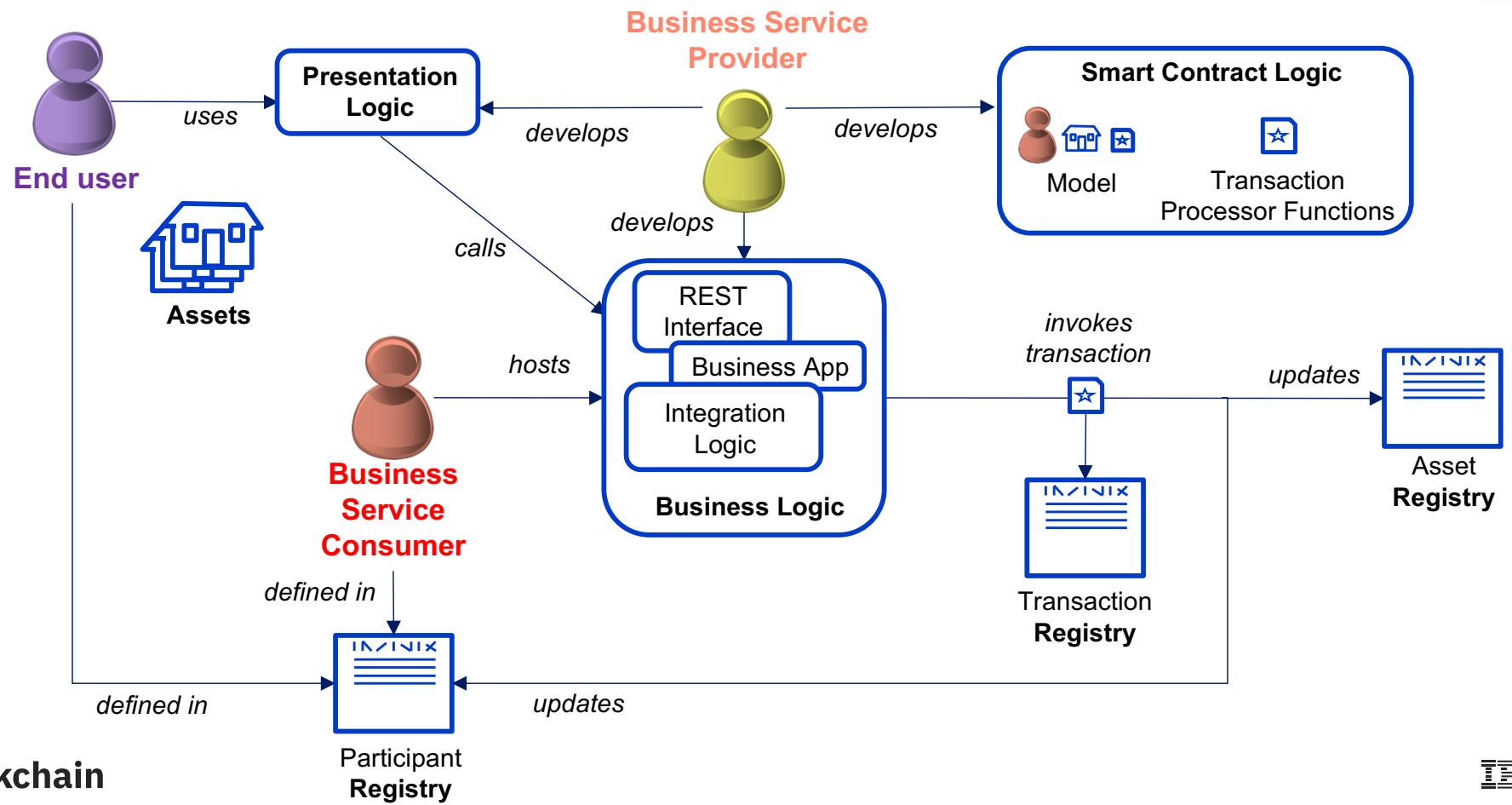
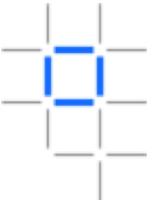


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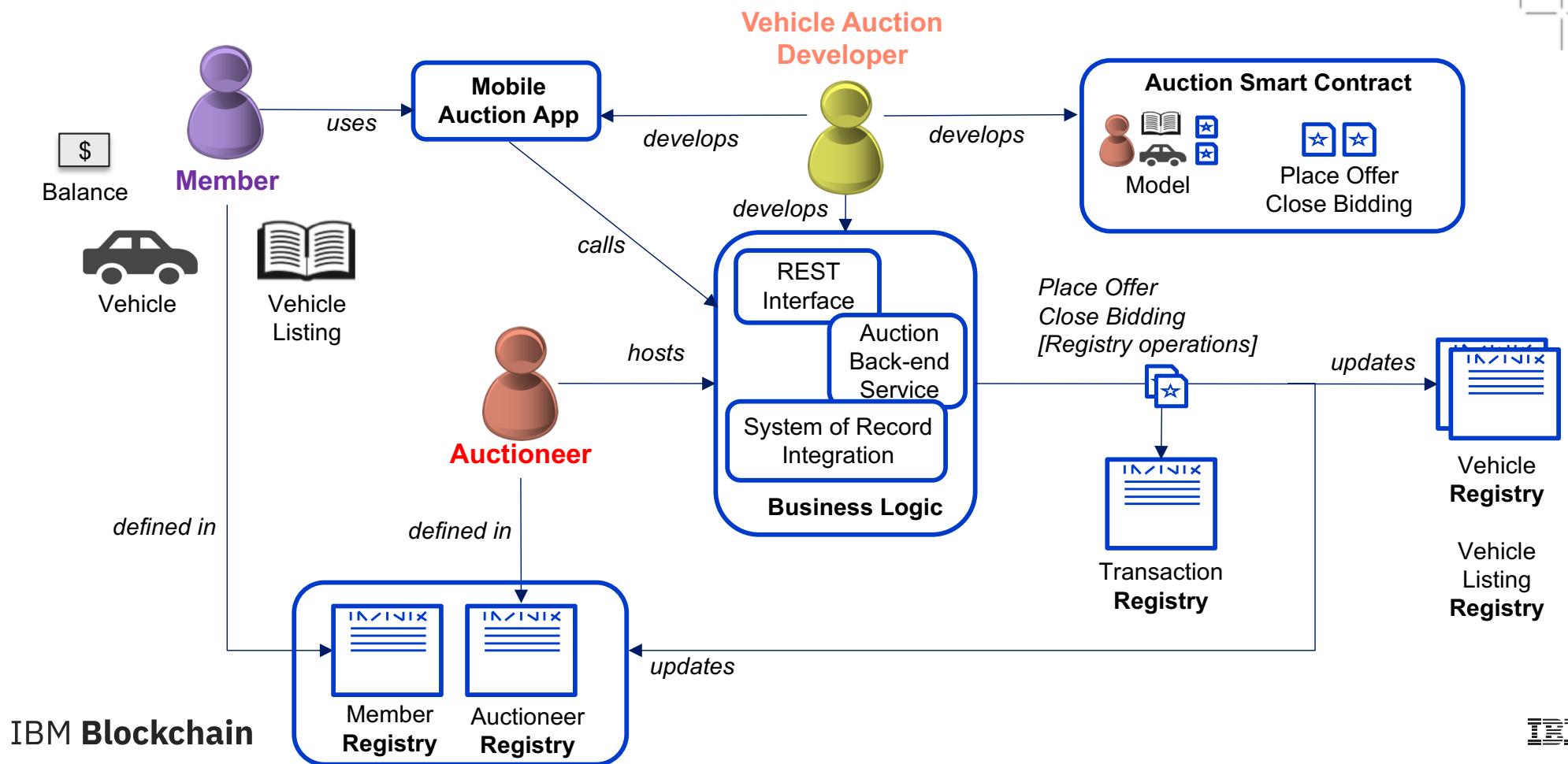
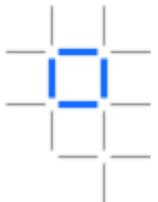
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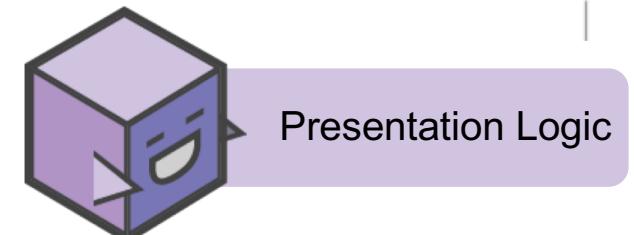
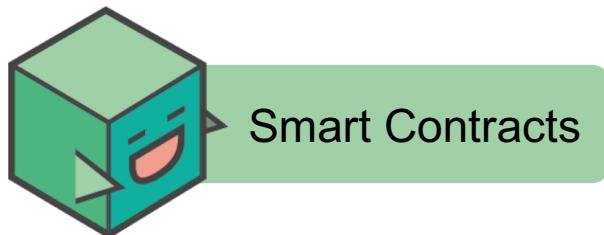
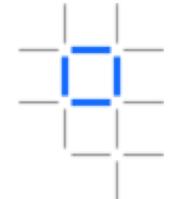
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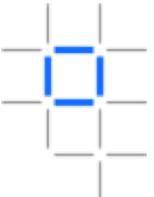


# The Business Service Provider develops three components



- Implements the logic deployed to the blockchain
  - **Models** describe assets, participants & transactions
  - **Transaction processors** provide the JavaScript implementation of transactions
  - **ACLs** define privacy rules
  - May also define events and registry queries
- **Services** that interact with the registries
  - Create, delete, update, query and invoke smart contracts
  - Implemented inside business applications, integration logic and REST services
  - Hosted by the Business Application Consumer
- Provides the **front-end** for the end-user
  - May be several of these applications
  - Interacts with business logic via standard interfaces (e.g. REST)
  - Composer can generate the REST interface from model and a sample application

# Assets, Participants and Transactions



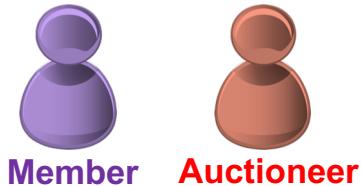
Vehicle



Vehicle Listing

```
asset Vehicle identified by vin {
    o String vin
    --> Member owner
}

asset VehicleListing identified by listingId {
    o String listingId
    o Double reservePrice
    o String description
    o ListingState state
    o Offer[] offers optional
    --> Vehicle vehicle
}
```



Member      Auctioneer

```
abstract participant User identified by email {
    o String email
    o String firstName
    o String lastName
}

participant Member extends User {
    o Double balance
}

participant Auctioneer extends User {
}
```



Place Offer  
Close Bidding

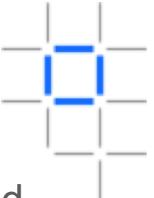
```
transaction Offer {
    o Double bidPrice
    --> VehicleListing listing
    --> Member member
}

transaction CloseBidding {
    --> VehicleListing listing
}
```

Transaction  
Processors

```
/**
 * Close the bidding for a vehicle listing and choose the
 * highest bid that is
 * @param {org.acme.vehicle.auction.Offer} offer - the offer
 */
function closeBidding(
    var listing = clos
    if (listing.state
        /**
         * Make an Offer for a VehicleListing
         * @param {org.acme.vehicle.auction.Offer} offer - the offer
         * @transaction
         */
        function makeOffer(offer) {
            var listing = offer.listing;
            if (listing.state !== 'FOR_SALE') {
```

# Access Control



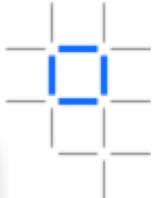
```
rule EverybodyCanReadEverything {
    description: "Allow all participants read access to all resources"
    participant: "org.acme.sample.SampleParticipant"
    operation: READ
    resource: "org.acme.sample.*"
    action: ALLOW
}
```

```
rule OwnerHasFullAccessToTheirAssets {
    description: "Allow all participants full access to their assets"
    participant(p): "org.acme.sample.SampleParticipant"
    operation: ALL
    resource(r): "org.acme.sample.SampleAsset"
    condition: (r.owner.getIdentifier() == p.getIdentifier())
    action: ALLOW
}
```

```
rule SystemACL {
    description: "System ACL to permit all access"
    participant: "org.hyperledger.composer.system.Participant"
    operation: ALL
    resource: "org.hyperledger.composer.system.**"
    action: ALLOW
}
```

- It is possible to restrict which resources can be read and modified by which participants
  - Rules are defined in an .acl file and deployed with the rest of the model
  - Transaction processors can also look up the current user and implement rules programmatically
- ACL rules can be simple (e.g. everybody can read all resources) or more complex (e.g. only the owner of an asset can do everything to it)
- Application supplies credentials (userid/secret) of the participant when connecting to the Fabric network
  - This also applies to Playground!
  - Remember to grant System ACL all access if necessary

# Events and Queries



- Events allow applications to take action when a transaction occurs
  - Events are **defined** in models
  - Events are **emitted** by transaction processor scripts
  - Events are **caught** by business applications
- Caught events include transaction ID and other relevant information
- Queries allow applications to perform complex registry searches
  - They can be statically defined in a separate .qry file or generated dynamically by the application
  - They are invoked in the application using *buildQuery()* or *query()*
  - Queries require the blockchain to be backed by CouchDB

```
event SampleEvent {  
    --> SampleAsset asset  
    o String oldValue  
    o String newValue  
}
```

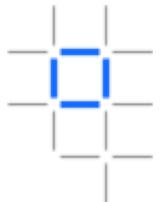
```
// Emit an event for the modified asset.  
var event = getFactory().newEvent('org.acme.sample', 'SampleEvent');  
event.asset = tx.asset;  
event.oldValue = oldValue;  
event.newValue = tx.newValue;  
emit(event);
```

```
businessNetworkConnection.on('SampleEvent', (event) => {  
    console.log(event);  
})
```

```
query selectCommoditiesWithHighQuantity {  
    description: "Select commodities based on quantity"  
    statement:  
        | | | SELECT org.acme.trading.Commodity  
        | | | WHERE (quantity > 60)  
    }
```

```
return query('selectCommoditiesWithHighQuantity', {})
```

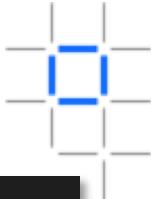
# Smart Contract Development: Composer Playground



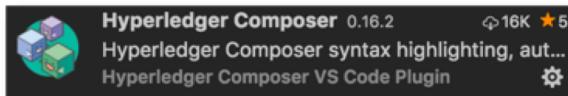
A screenshot of the Hyperledger Composer Playground web interface. The left sidebar shows files: About (README.md), Model File (models/sample.cto), Script File (lib/sample.js), and Access Control (permissions.acl). The main area displays the 'Define' tab for a 'Basic Sample Business Network'. It includes sections for 'About' (Hello World), 'Model Definition' (Participant SampleParticipant, Asset SampleAsset, Transaction SampleTransaction, Event SampleEvent), and 'Description' (SampleAssets are owned by a SampleParticipant, and the value property on a SampleAsset can be modified by submitting a SampleTransaction. The SampleTransaction emits a SampleEvent that notifies applications of the old and new values for each modified SampleAsset). A 'Test' tab is visible at the bottom.

- Web tool for defining and testing Hyperledger Composer models and scripts
- Designed for the application developer
  - Define assets, participants and transactions
  - Implement transaction processor scripts
  - Test by populating registries and invoking transactions
- Deploy to instances of Hyperledger Fabric V1, or simulate completely within browser
- Install on your machine or run online at <http://composer-playground.mybluemix.net>

# General purpose development: Visual Studio Code



- Composer extension available for this popular tool
- Features to aid rapid Composer development
  - Edit all Composer file types with full syntax highlighting
  - Validation support for models, queries and ACLs
  - Inline error reporting
  - Snippets (press Ctrl+Space for code suggestions)
  - Generate UML diagrams from models
- Install directly from Code Marketplace



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with two main panes. The left pane displays a Composer model file named 'carleaseModel.cto' containing the following code:

```
namespace org.acme.vehicle.auction

asset Vehicle identified by vin {
  o String vin
  --> Member owner
}

enum ListingState {
  o FOR_SALE
  o RESERVE_NOT_MET
  o SOLD
}

asset VehicleListing identified by listingId {
  o String listingId
  o Double reservePrice
  o String description
  o ListingState state
  o Offer[] offers optional
  --> Vehicle vehicle
}
```

The right pane shows a PlantUML diagram titled 'Business Network' for the 'org.acme.vehicle.auction' namespace. The diagram illustrates the relationships between various entities like User, Vehicle, VehicleListing, ListingState, Offer, and Transaction, along with their associated attributes and relationships.

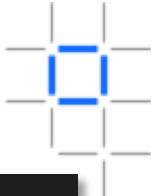
```
namespace org.acme.vehicle.lifecycle
```

```
import composer.base.Person
import composer.business.Business

participant PrivateOwner identified by email extends Person {
  o String email
}
```

```
[Composer] IllegalModelError: Could not find super type Pearson
participant PrivateOwner identified by email extends Pearson {
  o String email
}
```

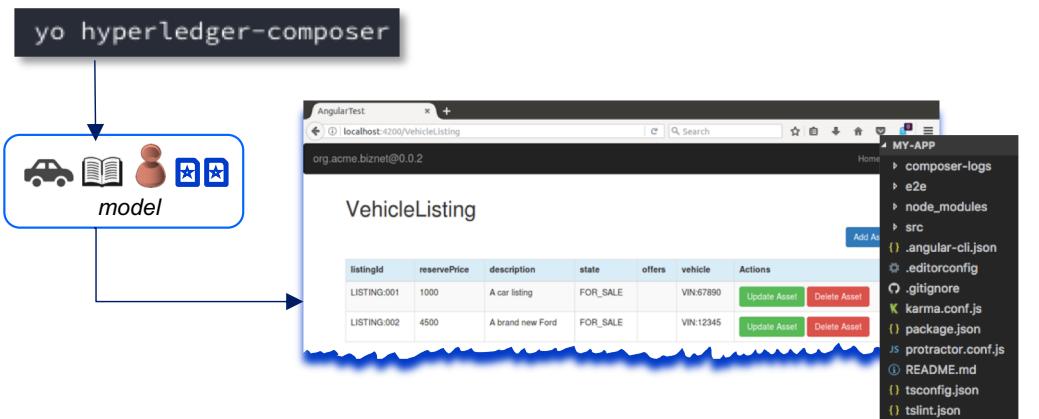
# Creating the Business and End-User Applications

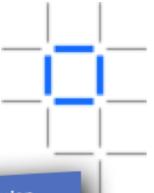


- JavaScript **business applications** *require()* the NPM “composer-client” module
  - This provides the API to access assets, participants and transactions
  - RESTful API (via Loopback) can also be generated... see later
- Command-line tool available to generate **end-user** command-line or Angular2 applications from model
  - Also helps with the generation of unit tests to help ensure quality code

```
const BusinessNetworkConnection = require('composer-client').BusinessNetworkConnection;
this.bizNetworkConnection = new BusinessNetworkConnection();
this.titlesRegistry = this.bizNetworkConnection.getAssetRegistry('net.biz.digitalPropertyNetwork.LandTitle')

let landTitle1 = factory.newResource('net.biz.digitalPropertyNetwork', 'LandTitle', 'LID:1148');
landTitle1.owner = ownerRelation;
landTitle1.information = 'A nice house in the country';
this.titlesRegistry.add(landTitle1);
```





# Debugging

- Playground Historian allows you to view all transactions
  - See what occurred and when
- Diagnostics framework allows for application level trace
  - Uses the *Winston Node.js* logging framework
  - Application logging using DEBUG env var
  - Composer Logs sent to stdout and  
./logs/trace\_<processid>.trc
- Fabric chaincode tracing also possible (see later)
- More information online:  
<https://hyperledger.github.io/composer/problems/diagnostics.html>

The screenshot shows the Hyperledger Composer playground interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'admin' and a 'Get local version' button. Below it, a table titled 'Default Historian Registry' lists transactions. The columns are 'ID', 'Time', 'Participant ID', and 'Transaction Type'. Three transactions are listed:

ID	Time	Participant ID	Transaction Type
af9faafed973-4647-9fad-0f58c0ba7d15...	17:15:00	emma	Offer
74e63603-7c7f-4bf2-b917-4c9707...	17:14:34	<system>	ActivateCurrentIdentity
e5a03410-7add-46b1-8746-500...			

Below the table, a modal window titled 'Transaction Data' is open, showing the details for the first transaction. It has tabs for 'Transaction' and 'Events (0)'. The 'Transaction' tab displays the JSON code:

```
1 [ {  
2   "$class": "org.hyperledger.composer.system.HistorianRecord",  
3   "transactionId": "af9faafed973-4647-9fad-0f58c0ba7d15",  
4   "transactionType": "Offer",  
5   "transactionInvoked":  
6     "resource:org.hyperledger.composer.system.Transaction#af9faafed973-4647-9fad-0f58c0ba7d15",  
7   "participantInvoking":  
8     "resource:org.hyperledger.composer.system.Participant#emma",  
9   "identityUsed":  
10    "resource:org.hyperledger.composer.system.Identity#8d0fdf5ef7c0062f67853ecf9b36544b2e2c36f0e9b9536166dc0f056a62a032",  
11    "eventsEmitted": [],  
12    "transactionTimestamp": "2017-08-11T16:15:00.161Z"  
13  } ]
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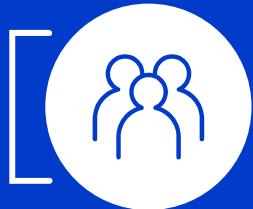


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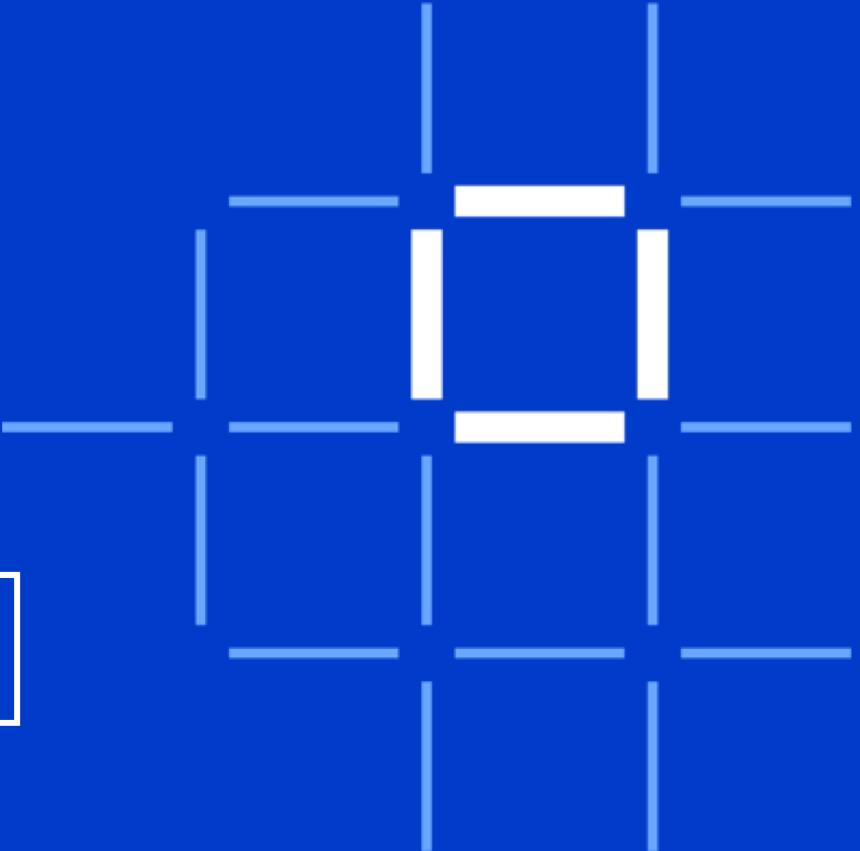
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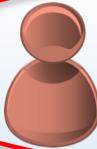
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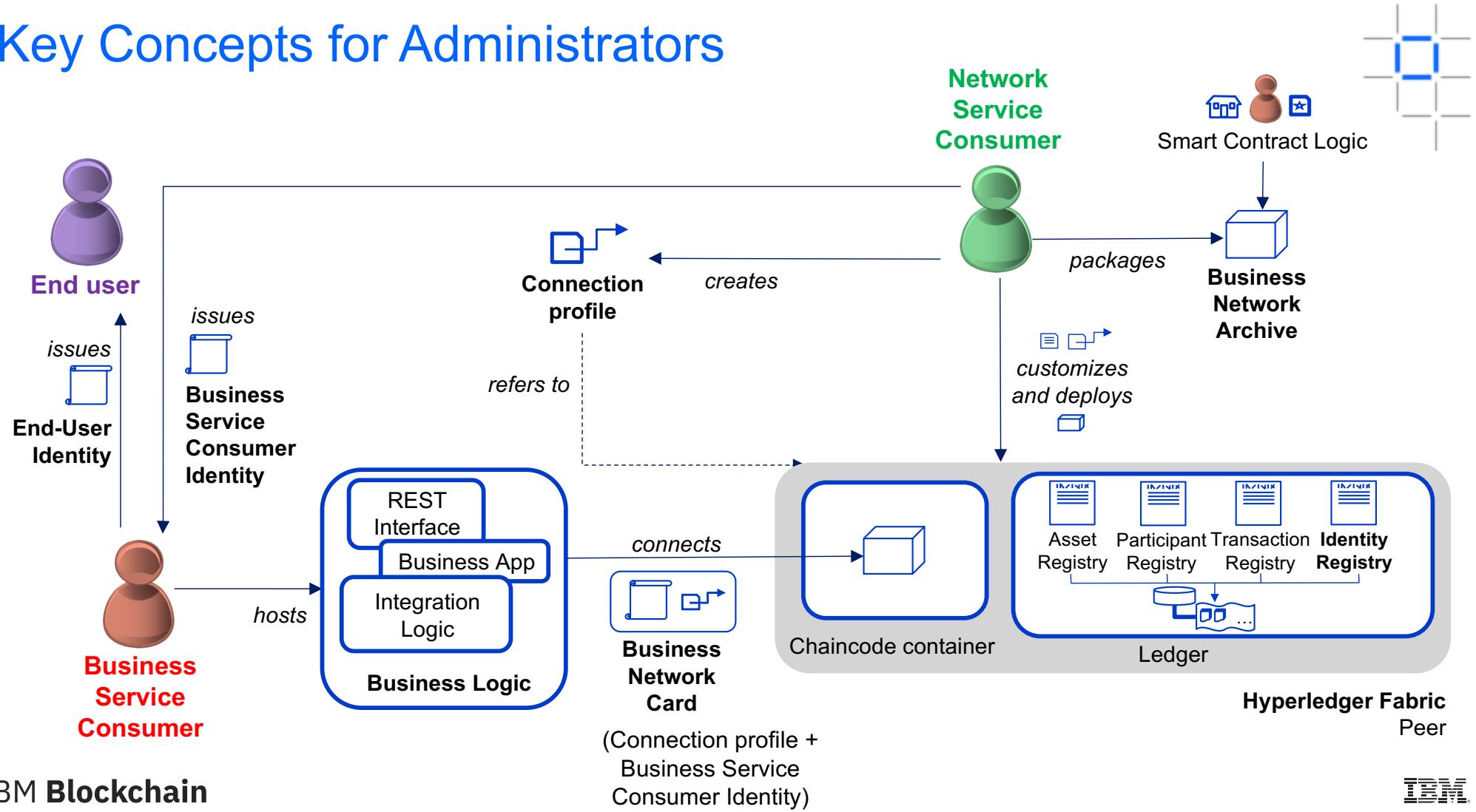


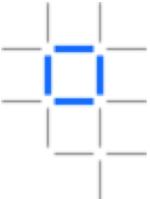
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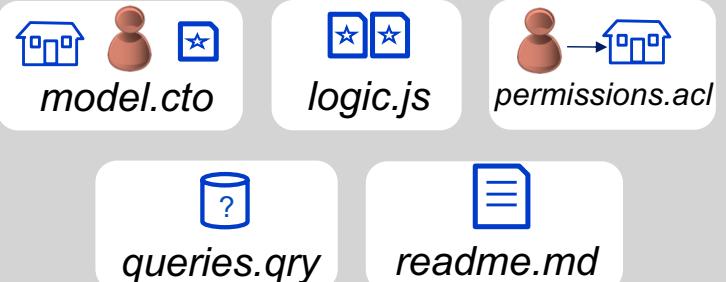




## The Network Service Consumer packages resources into a BNA file

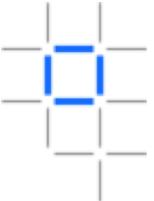
- Business Network Archive (.BNA) is a package of the resources used by Fabric:
  - Model files (.CTO)
  - Transaction processors (.JS)
  - Access Control Lists (.ACL)
  - Static queries (.QRY)
  - Documentation and versioning (.MD)
  - It does *not* contain the client application
- The BNA simplifies deployment of blockchain and promotion between environments
  - c.f. TAR, WAR, EAR, JAR, BAR...
- Create BNA files from Playground or command line
  - Build from filesystem or NPM module

### Business Network Archive



```
composer archive create -archiveFile my.bna  
--sourceType module --sourceName myNetwork
```

# Connection Profiles to Hyperledger Fabric



The screenshot shows the 'Basic Configuration' section of the IBM Blockchain Platform. It displays a connection profile named 'hifabric' with the following details:

- Orderer(s)**: Orderer URL - `grpc://orderer.example.com:7050`
- Channel**: composerchannel
- MSP ID**: Org1MSP
- Certificate Authority (CA)**:
  - URL: `http://ca.org1.example.com:7054`
  - Name: ca.org1.example.com
- Peer(s)**:
  - Peer Request URL: `grpc://peer0.org1.example.com:7051`
  - Peer Event URL: `grpc://peer0.org1.example.com:7053`
- Key Value Store Directory**: `/home/composer/.composer-credentials`

At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Use this profile' (blue) and 'Export Connection Profile' (white).

Below the configuration screen is a code editor window showing the `connection.json` file content:

```
{  
  "type": "hlfv1",  
  "orderers": [  
    { "url" : "grpc://localhost:7050" }  
  ],  
  "ca": { "url": "http://localhost:7054",  
          "name": "ca.org1.example.com" },  
  "peers": [  
    {  
      "requestURL": "grpc://localhost:7051",  
      "eventURL": "grpc://localhost:7053"  
    }  
  ],  
  "keyValStore": "${HOME}/.composer-credentials",  
  "channel": "composerchannel",  
  "mspID": "Org1MSP",  
  "timeout": "300"  
}
```

- Use **connection profiles** to describe Fabric connection parameters
  - One connection profile required per channel
  - Not necessary for web-based simulation
- Enrollment in Hyperledger Fabric network required (see later)
  - Issue Fabric identity from Composer participants
- Connection profiles currently used by Composer only
  - Plans to implement common connection profiles that can be used by both Fabric and Composer

# Participant Identity



- The **Network Service Consumer** issues network participants with an **identity** in order to connect to Hyperledger Fabric
  - Issued as a Hyperledger Fabric userid/secret
  - Automatically swapped for a certificate on first use
  - Packaged in a Business Network Card and supplied when the client application connects
- Composer Participant to Fabric Identity mapping is stored on the blockchain in an *identity registry*
- Usually, only **Business Service Consumers** have a Fabric identity
  - **End-users** log in to the business application using a separately managed identity; blockchain transactions invoked by proxy
- Manage identity from Playground, Javascript, REST or command line
  - For example: Test connection, issue identity, bind an identity to a participant, revoke an identity, list identities

Issue New Identity

Issue a new ID to a participant in your business network

ID Name\* emma\_id

Participant\* resource:org.acme.vehicle.auction.Member#emma

Allow this ID to issue new IDs ( )

Issuing an identity generates a one-time secret. You can choose to send this to somebody or use it yourself when it has been issued.

Identity Issued

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CONNECTION PROFILE hlfv1

USER ID emma\_id

BUSINESS NETWORK carauction-network

▼ Use it yourself  
Just add the business network card to your wallet to start using the new identity yourself  
Give the business network card a name  
e.g. emma\_id@carauction-network

➤ Send it to someone else

⚠ For security, new identities can only be enrolled once

# Business Network Cards

- Business Network Cards are a convenient packaging of *identity* and *connection profile*
  - Contains everything you need to connect to blockchain business network
  - Each card refers to a single participant and single business network
  - Analogous to an ATM card

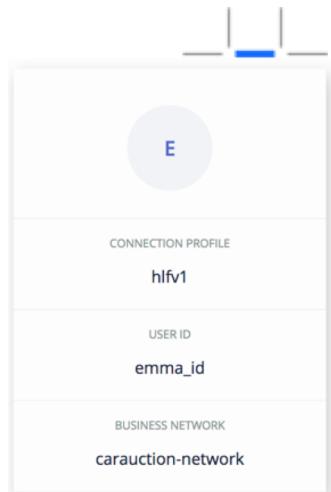
The screenshot shows the Hyperledger Composer Playground interface. At the top, it says "Hyperledger Composer Playground". Below that, "My Business Networks" and "Connection: hlfv1" are displayed. There are two cards visible: one for "PeerAdmin@hlfv1" (User ID: PeerAdmin, Business Network: none) and one for "myadmincard" (User ID: admin, Business Network: caraucution-network). Both cards have "Connect now" buttons. At the top right, there are "Import Business Network Card" and "Create Business Network Card" buttons.

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- Manage cards from both Playground and command-line
  - Create, delete, export, import, list
  - Create requires userid/secret or certificate/private key
- Use cards to connect to Fabric from Playground, command-line or from within your application

```
composer network install -a my.bna -c my.card
```

```
// Connect and log in to HLF
var businessNetwork = new BusinessNetworkConnection();
return businessNetwork.connect('cardName')
.then(function(businessNetworkDefinition){
    // Connected
});
```

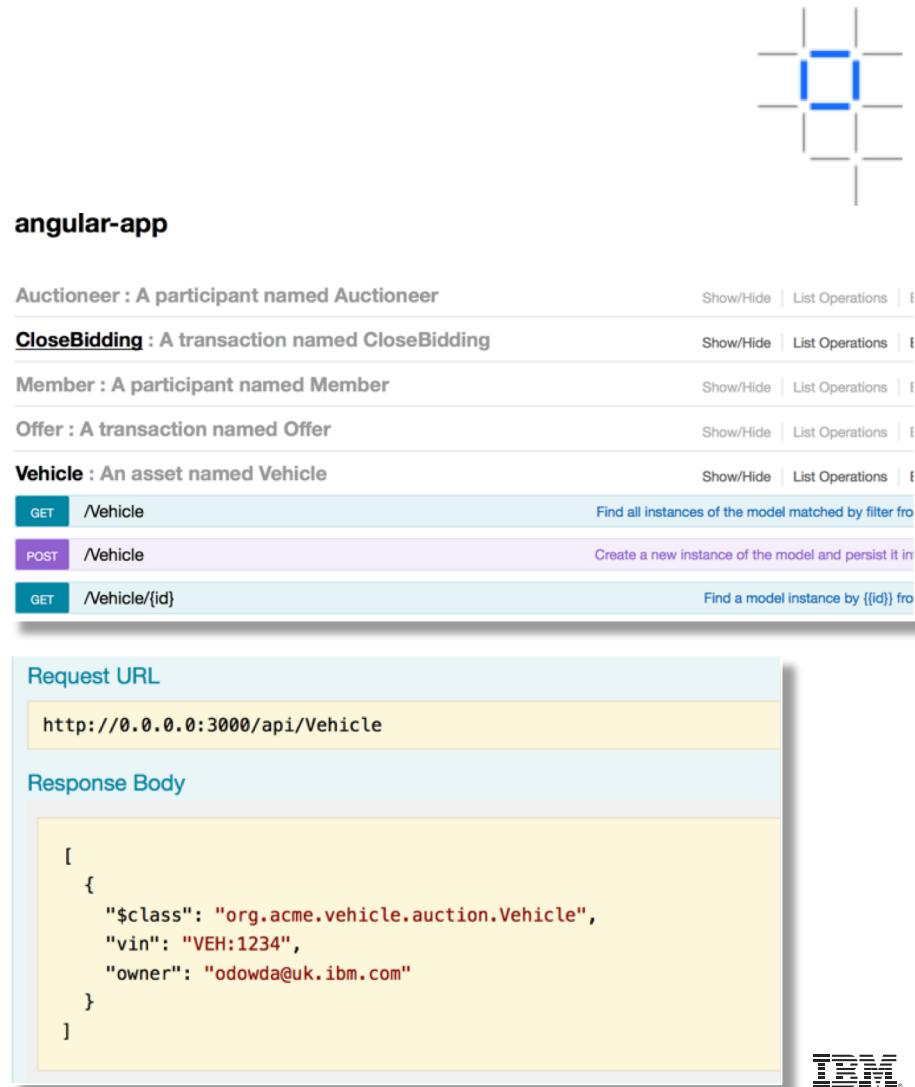


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# Systems of Record Integration

- Domain specific APIs very attractive to mobile and web developers. Resources and operations are business-meaningful
- Composer exploits Loopback framework to create REST APIs: <https://loopback.io/>
- Extensive test facilities for REST methods using loopback
- Secured using JS Passport, giving >400 options for authentication
- Composer provides back-end integration with any loopback compatible product
  - e.g. IBM Integration Bus, API Connect, StrongLoop
  - Outbound and Inbound (where supported by middleware)

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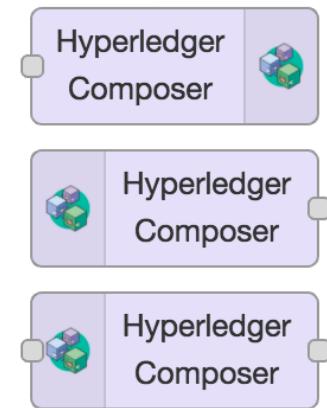
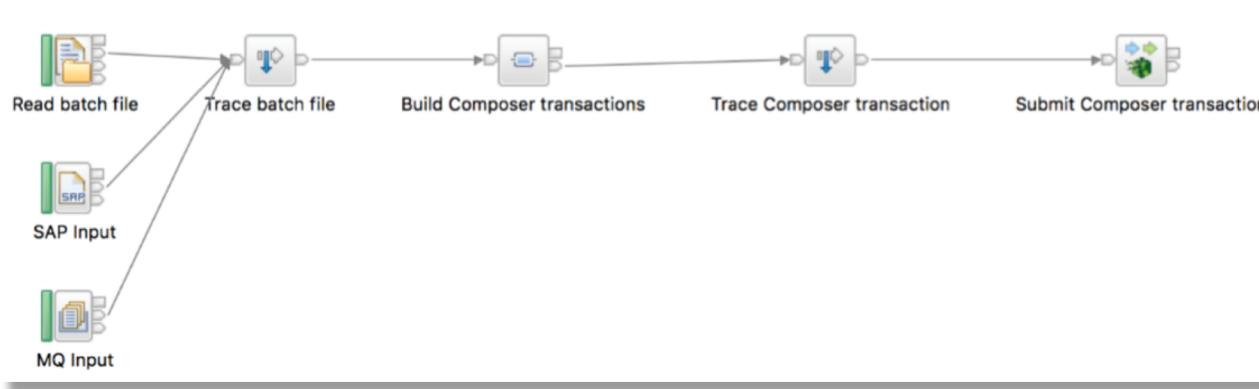
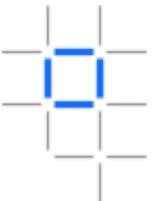


The screenshot shows the 'angular-app' interface for managing a 'Vehicle' model. The top navigation bar includes 'Show/Hide' and 'List Operations' buttons for various models: Auctioneer, CloseBidding, Member, Offer, Vehicle, and another Vehicle. The 'Vehicle' section is expanded, showing its properties: \$class, vin, and owner. Below this, there are three REST API endpoints: GET /Vehicle (Find all instances), POST /Vehicle (Create a new instance), and GET /Vehicle/{id} (Find a model instance by {id}). At the bottom, a 'Request URL' field contains 'http://0.0.0.0:3000/api/Vehicle' and a 'Response Body' field displays the JSON response for a vehicle with id 1.

```
[{"$class": "org.acme.vehicle.auction.Vehicle", "vin": "VEH:1234", "owner": "odowda@uk.ibm.com"}]
```

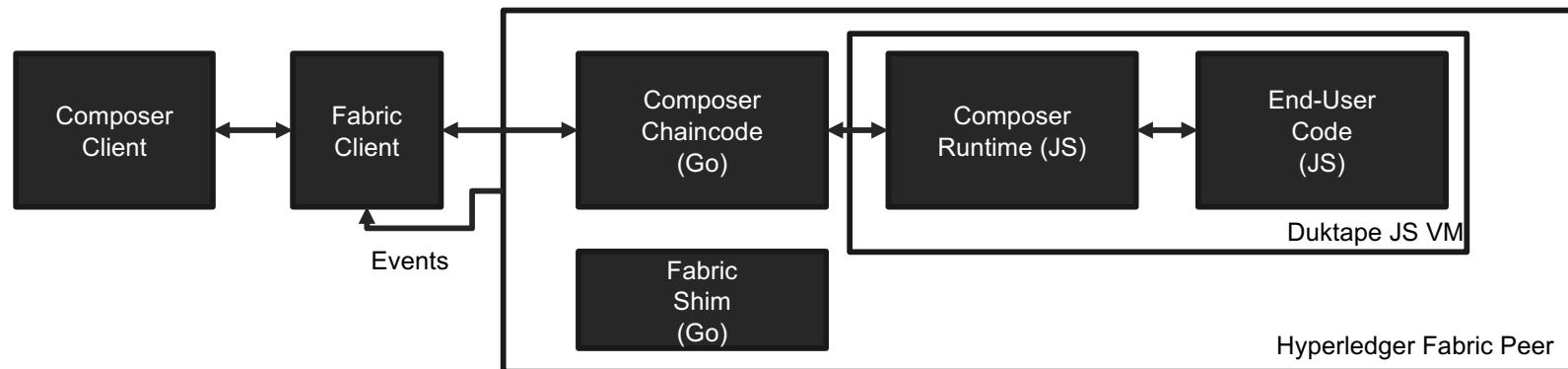
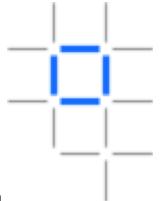


# Exploiting Loopback: Examples



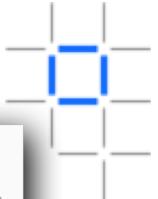
- **IBM Integration Bus**
  - IIB V10 contains Loopback connector
  - Example above takes input from file, SAP or MQ
  - Data mapping from CSV, BAPI/IDOC or binary form to JSON model definition
- **Node.RED**
  - Pre-built nodes available for Composer
  - Connect to hardware devices, APIs and online services
  - Install direct from Node.RED UI
    - Manage Palette -> Install -> node-red-contrib-composer

# How Composer Maps to Fabric Chaincode



- Each Business Network is deployed to its own chaincode container
  - Container contains a static piece of Go chaincode that starts a Javascript virtual machine running transaction processors
- Browse these containers to view diagnostic information (docker logs)
- Embedded chaincode is not a Composer external interface

# Hyperledger Composer Outlook



- Still early in product lifecycle
- Lots of improvements planned
  - See <https://github.com/hyperledger/composer/issues>
- An active development community
  - Open community calls every two weeks
  - Rocket Chat
  - Stack Overflow
- Get involved!

## Hyperledger Rocket.Chat

You will need a [Linux Foundation ID](#), or alternatively you can log in with Facebook, GitHub, Google, or OpenStack.

[Let's chat](#)

## Stack Overflow

Ask questions in Stack Overflow with the tag `#hyperledger-composer`.

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## Contribute to the Project

### GitHub

Check out the code, feel free to get involved.

[GitHub](#)

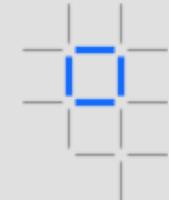
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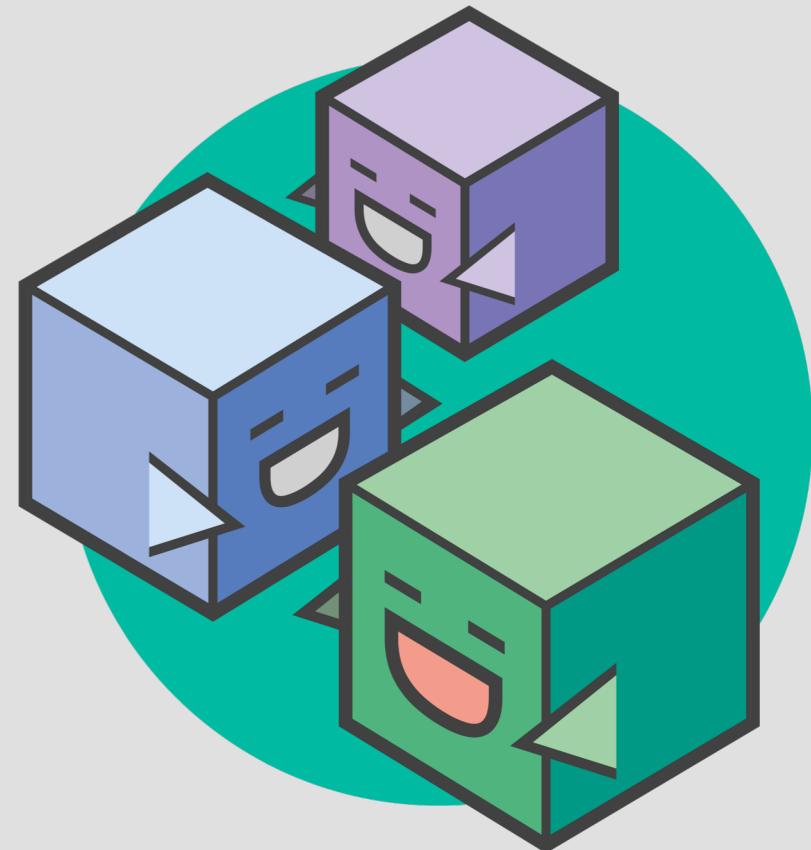
# Get started with Hyperledger Composer



- Define, Test and Deploy Business Networks
- Create domain APIs and sample applications
- Integrate existing systems and data

<https://hyperledger.github.io/composer/>

<http://composer-playground.mybluemix.net/>



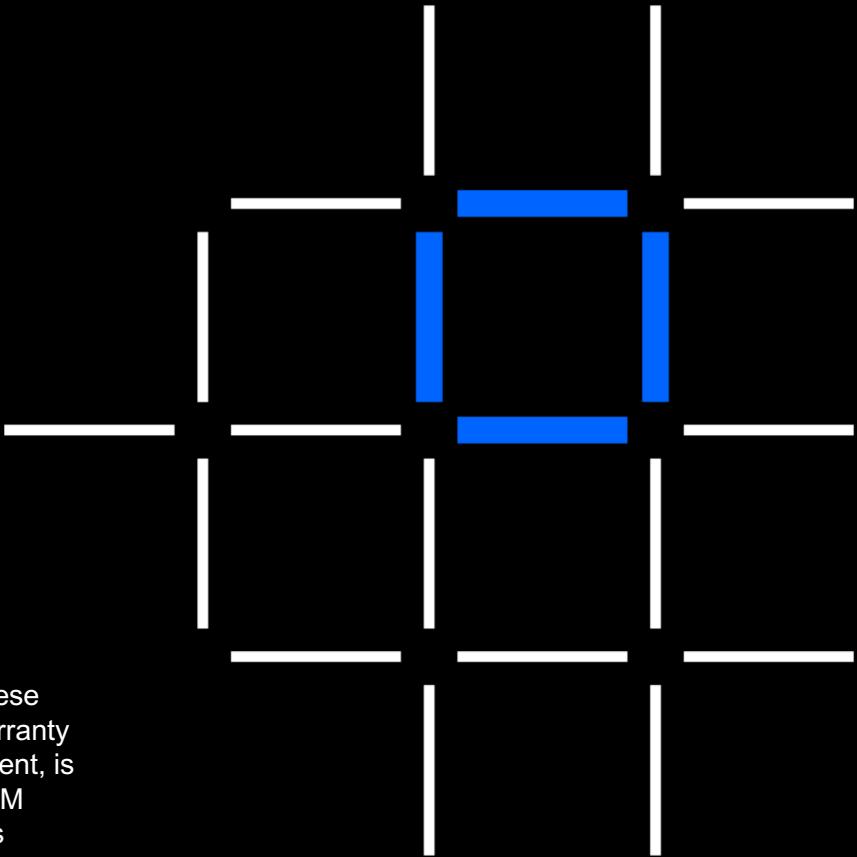
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