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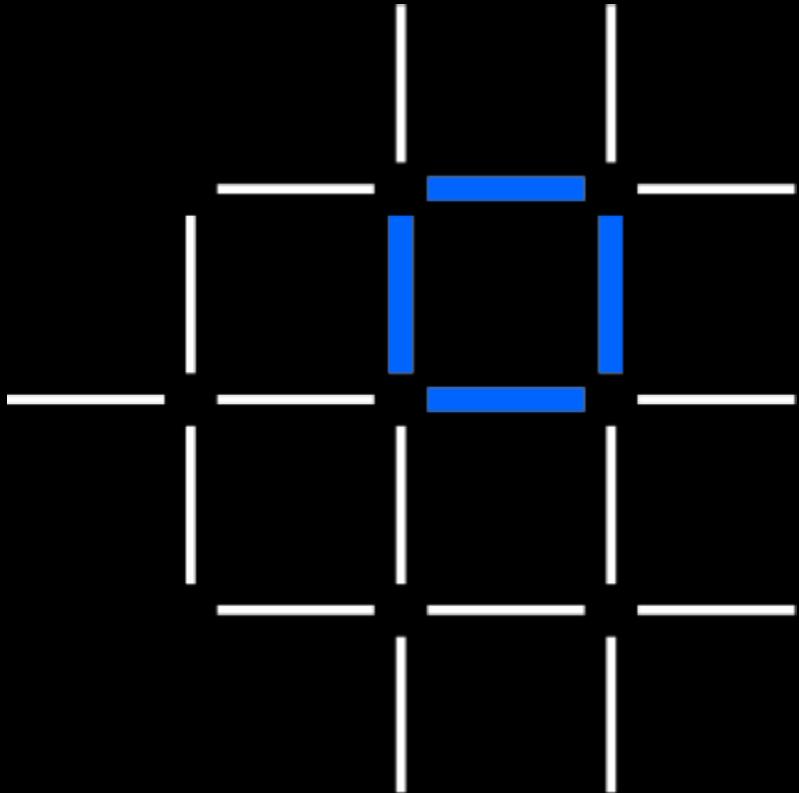
How to build, operate and grow blockchain networks

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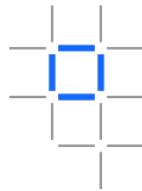
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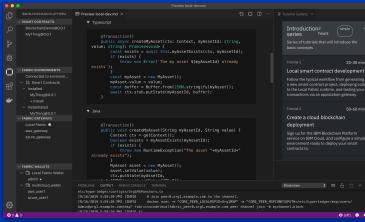
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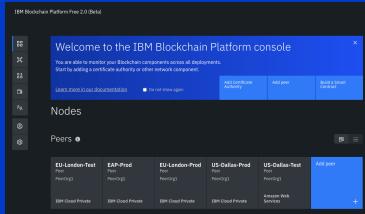
The IBM Blockchain Platform **toolset**



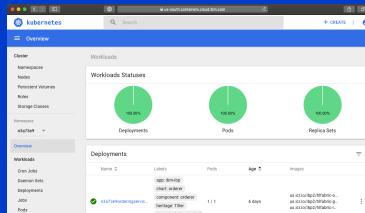
- IBM Blockchain Platform comprises an intuitive set of tools for **building, operating and growing** Hyperledger Fabric networks
- The purpose of this presentation is not to guide you through every feature of the tools – you will find them intuitive!
- We will instead focus on useful tips, and things you might need to remember when using them



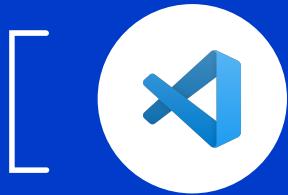
VS Code
IBM Blockchain Platform Extension



IBM Blockchain Platform **Console**



Kubernetes Dashboard



VS Code

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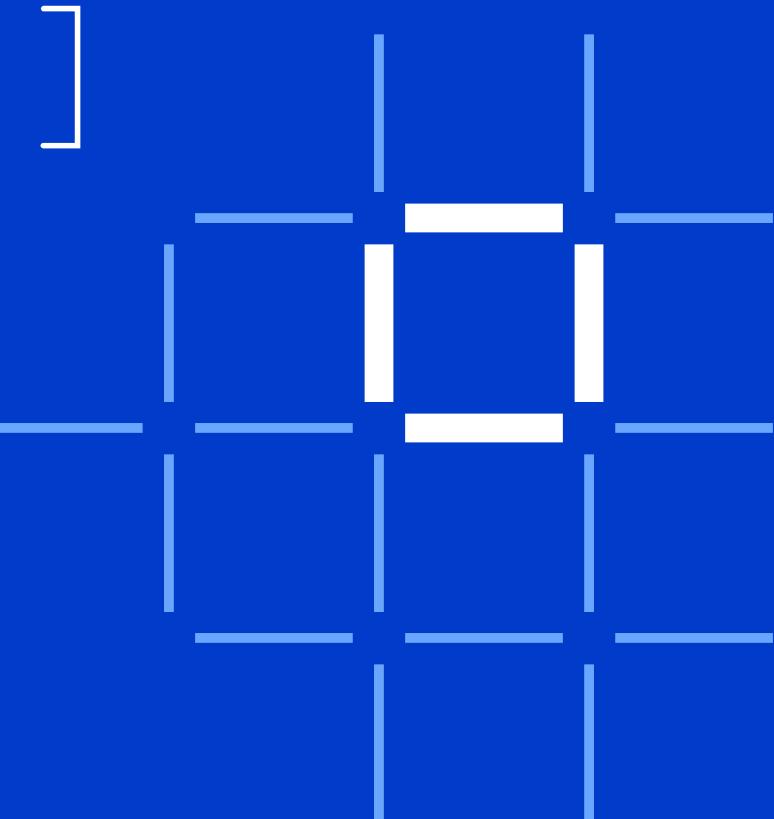
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Using the IBM Blockchain Platform network console



Your first network

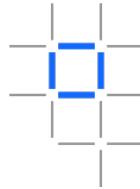
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Navigating VS Code

The basics of this powerful, popular editor



Click in sidebar to expand and contract contextual set of panes

Marketplace for installing extensions

A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code interface. The main area shows a file named 'buy.js' with the following code:

```
/* This application has 6 basic steps:  
 * 1. Select an identity from a wallet  
 * 2. Connect to network gateway  
 * 3. Access PaperNet network  
 * 4. Construct request to issue commercial paper  
 * 5. Submit transaction  
 * 6. Process response  
 */  
  
'use strict';  
  
// Bring key classes into scope, most importantly Fabric SDK network class  
const fs = require('fs');  
const yaml = require('js-yaml');  
const { FileSystemWallet, Gateway } = require('fabric-network');  
const CommercialPaper = require('../magnetocorp/contract/lib/paper.js');  
  
// A wallet stores a collection of identities for use  
const wallet = new FileSystemWallet('../identity/user/balaji/wallet');  
  
// Main program function  
async function main () {  
    // ...  
}
```

The interface includes a sidebar with icons for file operations like Open, Save, and Close, and a list of files including 'buy.js', 'addToWallet.js', 'getPaper.js', 'package-lock.json', 'package.json', and 'redeem.js'. Below the sidebar is the 'OUTLINE' and 'NPM SCRIPTS' view. At the bottom, there's a status bar showing 'Ln 1, Col 3' and other file details. The top right corner of the interface has a red circle with a white arrow pointing to it, indicating a notification icon.

Parameters for commands entered here.
Also used for quick navigation (Ctrl+P)

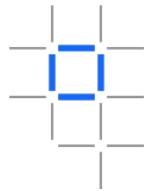
File editor and overview

Output, debug, terminal etc.

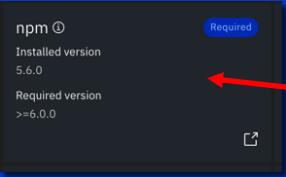
Notifications



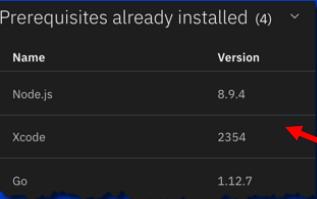
Setting up the IBM Blockchain Platform VS Code Extension



Required /
optional
components



What you
already have



Prerequisites x IBM Blockchain Platform v1.0.10

Let's get you set up...

You will need the following installed in order to use the extension. Click any un-installed apps to visit their install instructions. Click "check again" when you've got everything installed.

Missing prerequisites (4)

Name	Version	Status
npm	5.6.0	Required
Docker	Installed version	Required
Docker Compose	Installed version	Required

System Requirements Required

In order to support the local runtime, please confirm your system has at least 4GB of RAM.

Java Debugger Extension Optional

Java Language Support Extension Optional

Go Extension Optional

Prerequisites already installed (4)

Name	Version
Node.js	8.9.4
Xcode	2354
Go	1.12.7

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Java OpenJDK 8	1.8.0

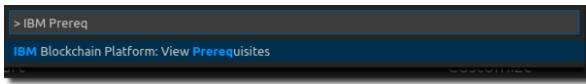
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1. Install VS Code
2. Click Marketplace in sidebar
3. Search Marketplace for "IBM Blockchain Platform"
4. Review and fix any prerequisites
5. Start!

When you're
ready, click
here to begin

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Tip: Ctrl+P “> IBM Prereq” will return to the pre-req checker once you’re running

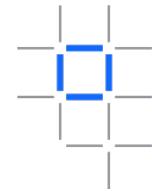


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Navigating the VS Code Extension

This is what you see when you launch the IBM Blockchain Platform extension for the first time



Switch to IBM Blockchain Platform view

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the IBM Blockchain Platform extension installed. The sidebar on the left lists various blockchain environments and gateways. The main content area is the 'IBM Blockchain Platform Home' page, version v1.0.11. It includes sections for 'Welcome', 'Get started', 'Follow tutorials', 'Explore sample code', and 'Help & Support'. The 'Follow tutorials' section is circled in red. At the bottom, the terminal window shows transaction logs:

```
[10/4/2019 11:55:46 AM] [INFO] - src/package.json  
[10/4/2019 11:55:46 AM] [INFO] - src/test/contract.js  
[10/4/2019 11:55:56 AM] [INFO] connect  
[10/4/2019 11:55:57 AM] [SUCCESS] Connecting to MattIBPGW  
[10/4/2019 11:56:35 AM] [INFO] submitTransaction  
[10/4/2019 11:57:04 AM] [INFO] submitting transaction createCar with  
[10/4/2019 11:57:07 AM] [SUCCESS] No value returned from createCar
```

Click here (Or Ctrl+P “> IBM Home”) to return to this Home page in the future if you need to

Tutorials here!

Output from running commands etc.

Notifications

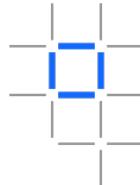
Views:
Smart contracts
Fabric Environments
Gateways
Wallets

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Developing Smart Contracts: Concepts

The structure of a smart contract project



Use Explorer view
when editing

Folder view (from filesystem)

Smart contract code
implements Contract
interface

package.json describes
smart contract

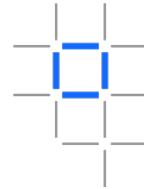
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  "version": "0.0.3",
  "description": "Papernet Contract",
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    "node": ">=8",
    "npm": ">=5"
  },
  "scripts": {
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    "pretest": "npm run lint",
    "test": "nyc mocha test --recursive",
    "start": "fabric-chaincode-node start",
    "mocha": "mocha test --recursive"
  },
  "engineStrict": true,
  "author": "hyperledger",
  "license": "Apache-2.0",
  "dependencies": {
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    "fabric-shim": "~1.4.0"
  }
}
```

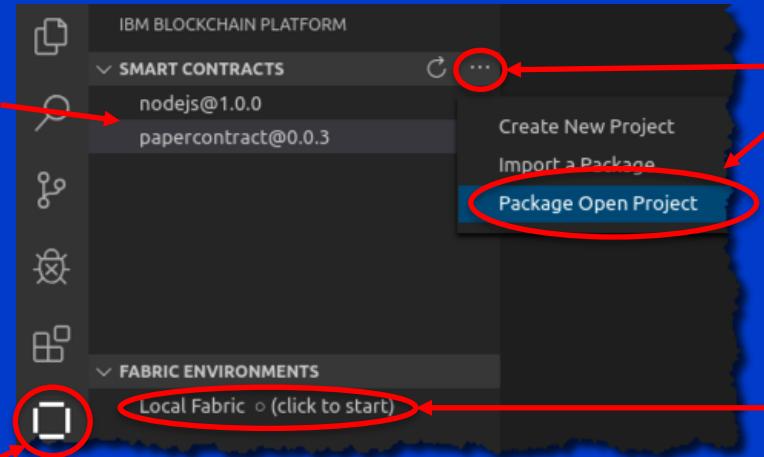


Testing Smart Contracts [1/2]

The basics for smart contract testing



Right click smart contracts to export as .cds file



Hover here to reveal “...” and select Package Open Project.
This builds the smart contract package

Use IBM Blockchain Platform view when deploying

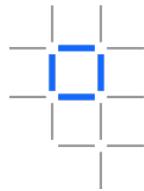
Click here to start an embedded local Hyperledger Fabric instance

Install and instantiate your smart contract



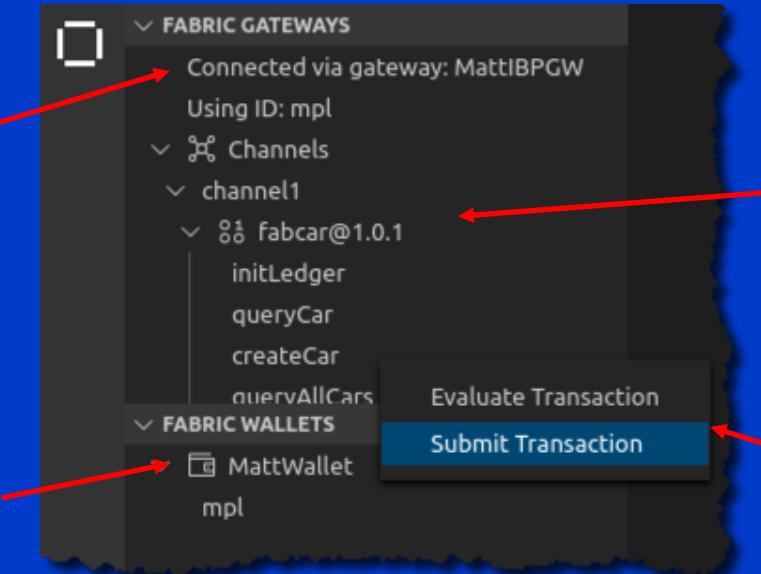
Testing Smart Contracts [2/2]

The basics for smart contract testing



Connect to gateways for working with local or remote blockchain networks

Wallets show available identities, used for connecting to remote networks



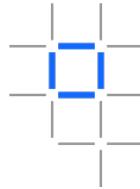
Shows available channels and smart contracts

Right click to submit / evaluate transactions without requiring a client application



Building Applications

The basics for client application development



- While you can submit and evaluate transactions from VS Code, real blockchain use-cases will require client applications to interact with the ledger.

A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code interface. The left sidebar shows the file structure with files like '.eslintrc.js', '.gitignore', 'addToWallet.js', 'buy.js' (which is selected), 'getPaper.js', 'package-lock.json', 'package.json', and 'redeem.js'. The main editor area shows a portion of the 'buy.js' file with the following code:

```
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15 'use strict';
16
17 // Bring key classes into scope, most importantly Fabric SDK network class
18 const fs = require('fs');
19 const yaml = require('js-yaml');
20 const { FileSystemWallet, Gateway } = require('fabric-network');
21 const CommercialPaper = require('../lib/commercial-paper.js');
22
23 // A wallet stores a collection of identities for use
24 const wallet = new FileSystemWallet('../identity/user/balaji/wallet');
25
26 // Main program function
27 async function main () {
28
29     // A gateway defines the peers used to access Fabric networks
30     const gateway = new Gateway();
```

A red arrow points to the line of code `const { FileSystemWallet, Gateway } = require('fabric-network');` with the text "Use Fabric SDK" to its right.

Use
Fabric
SDK

- You can create and test these client applications from VS Code too, just like any other development project.
 - Test within VS Code, command line or whatever environment you choose



VS Code

Using the IBM Blockchain Platform VS Code extension



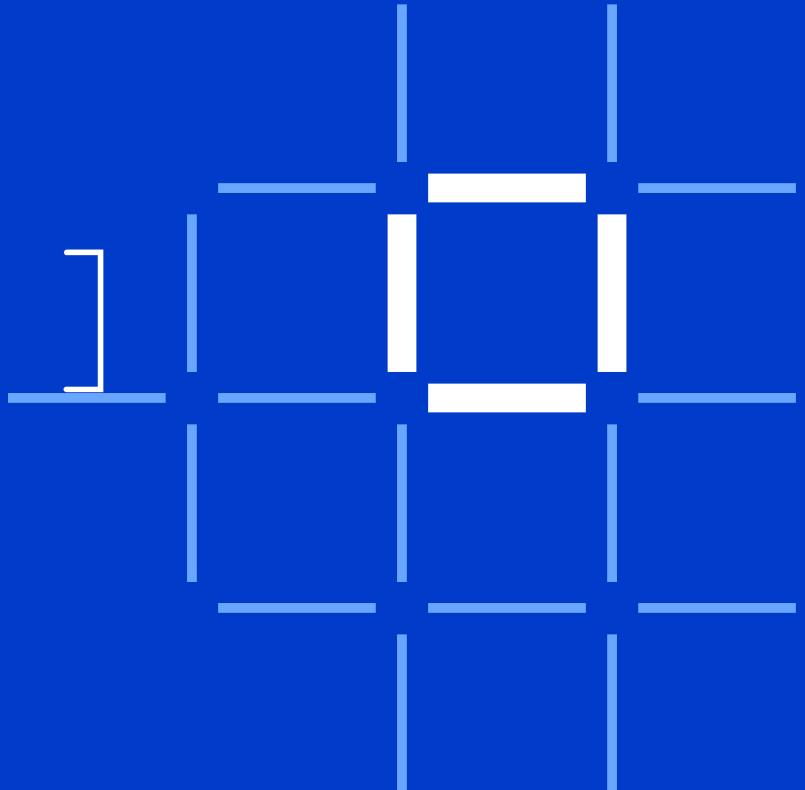
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Your first network

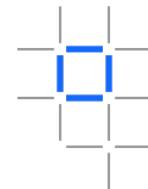
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Navigating the IBM Blockchain Platform Console

This is what you see when you launch the IBM Blockchain Platform service



Sidebar:

- Nodes (selected)
- Channels
- Smart contracts
- Wallets
- Organizations
- Users
- Settings

The screenshot shows the 'Nodes / Nodes' section of the IBM Blockchain Platform console. On the left is a sidebar with various icons. The 'Nodes' icon is highlighted with a red box and has a red arrow pointing from the sidebar text to it. In the main content area, there's a list of peers under 'Peer Org1' and an 'IBM Cloud' entry. A blue 'Add peer' button is visible. Below that is a section for 'Certificate Authorities' with 'Ordering Service CA' and 'Org1 CA' entries, and an 'Add Certificate Authority' button. At the bottom is an 'Ordering services' section with 'Ordering Service' and an 'Add ordering service' button.

Tutorials, e.g.

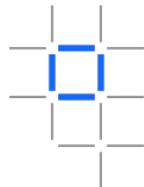
- Build, Join
- Develop, Deploy

Actions to create or add things are always shown in blue



Working with **nodes** in the console

Manage peers, certificate authorities and ordering services from the same pane



Green square = running

ID of owning organization

Deployment location

Nodes / Nodes

Peers (1)

Peer Org1
Peer
org1msp

IBM Cloud

Add peer

Select for more details

Create and import additional nodes

Check here for resource utilization

Nodes / Peer Org1 / Peer Org1

Details

Usage and info

Peer

Node location IBM Cloud

Fabric version 1.4.1-3

State database couchdb

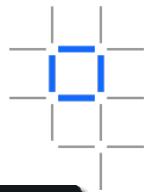
Org1 Admin Associated identity for peer →

Channels

ID	Block height
channel1	7
testchannel	9

The importance of identities

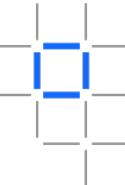
Registering and enrolling using certificate authorities



- Managing identity is a **critical part** of a network
 - All users and components have an identity
 - These are managed in the console under the CA node
 - Make a note of what identities are used where; avoid reuse
- Two step process helps ensure admins can't hijack identities
 1. CA admin **registers** the identity in the CA with an enroll ID and secret; passes details to identity owner
 2. Owner **enrolls** the identity using these details (e.g. when creating nodes); certificates are generated for the owner to work with.
- Certificates are stored in wallets and stay in local browser storage by default
 - Certificates can move between wallets but are not managed by IBM.
 - Take care when switching browsers!

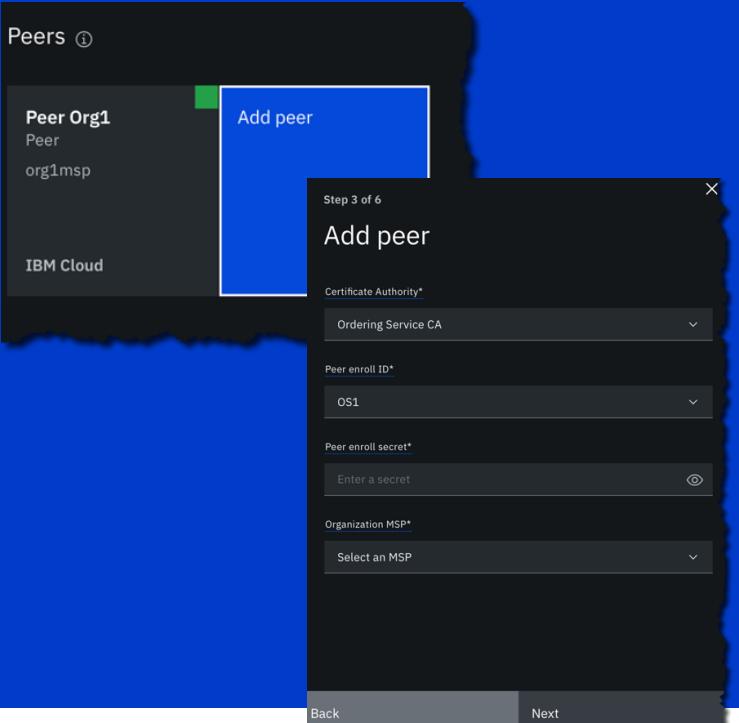
The screenshot shows the IBM Blockchain Platform interface for managing identities. It consists of two stacked windows:

- Step 1 of 2: Register user**
 - Enroll ID***: org1admin
 - Enroll secret***: A masked password field.
- Step 2 of 2: Enroll identity**
 - Type**: cli
 - Certificate**: LS0tLS1CRUdJTiBDRVJUSUZJQ0FURS0tLS0tCk1JSUI2akNDQVpHZ0
[Export certificate as .pem file](#)
 - Private key**: LS0tLS1CRUdJTiBQUkIWQVRFIEtFWS0tLS0tDQpNSUdIQWdFQU1CTI
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Example: Creating a peer node

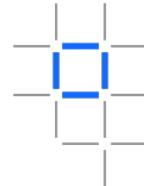
- Select *Add peer -> Create new*
- Several panels guide you through the new peer's details
 - Display name
 - **Peer's identity** to enroll (CA, peer enroll ID, secret)
 - Owning organization
 - **TLS identity** (for secure communication)
 - **Administrator's identity**
 - Additional options cater for advanced deployment options (e.g. CouchDB vs. LevelDB)
- Peer is then created and started automatically
- See the next section for a full build tutorial!





Logging and monitoring

Using Kubernetes to drill into the details



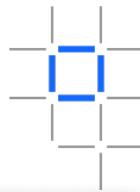
- Each IBM Blockchain Platform component is run within a docker container and managed through a Kubernetes service
 - IBM Kubernetes Service (for components on IBM Cloud) or OpenShift (for components deployed on other clouds or on-premises)
- Access component details from **Kubernetes dashboard**
 1. Select cluster from IBM Cloud Dashboard
 2. Click Kubernetes dashboard
 3. Select nXXXXXX namespace
 4. Click Pods to see components
 5. Select individual pods for further details
 - IP addresses, parameters, storage etc.
 6. Click Logs for debug information

The screenshot shows the IBM Cloud Kubernetes dashboard interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Clusters (1)' containing 'mycluster' (selected), and tabs for 'Web terminal' and 'Kubernetes dashboard'. Below this is the 'Overview' panel, which includes a sidebar with 'Cluster' (Namespaces, Nodes, Persistent Volumes, Roles, Storage Classes) and 'Workloads' (Workloads Statuses, Deployments, Services). A dropdown menu for 'Namespace' is open, showing 'n65a33b' (selected) and 'n65a33c'. The main area displays a table of 'Pods' with columns for 'Name', 'Node', and status indicators. Several pods are highlighted with red circles, including 'n65a33borderingservice1-79c68b857-tkncz', 'n65a33borderingservicececa-757d6fd777-drwkh', 'n65a33peerorg1-d87849b8d-j5jbl' (selected), and 'n65a33borg1ca-86cf486767-vzrqq'. Below the table is a 'Logs' button, also circled in red. The bottom section is the 'Details' panel for the selected pod ('n65a33peerorg1-d87849b8d-j5jbl'), showing fields like Name, Namespace, Labels, Annotations, Creation Time, Status, and QoS Class.

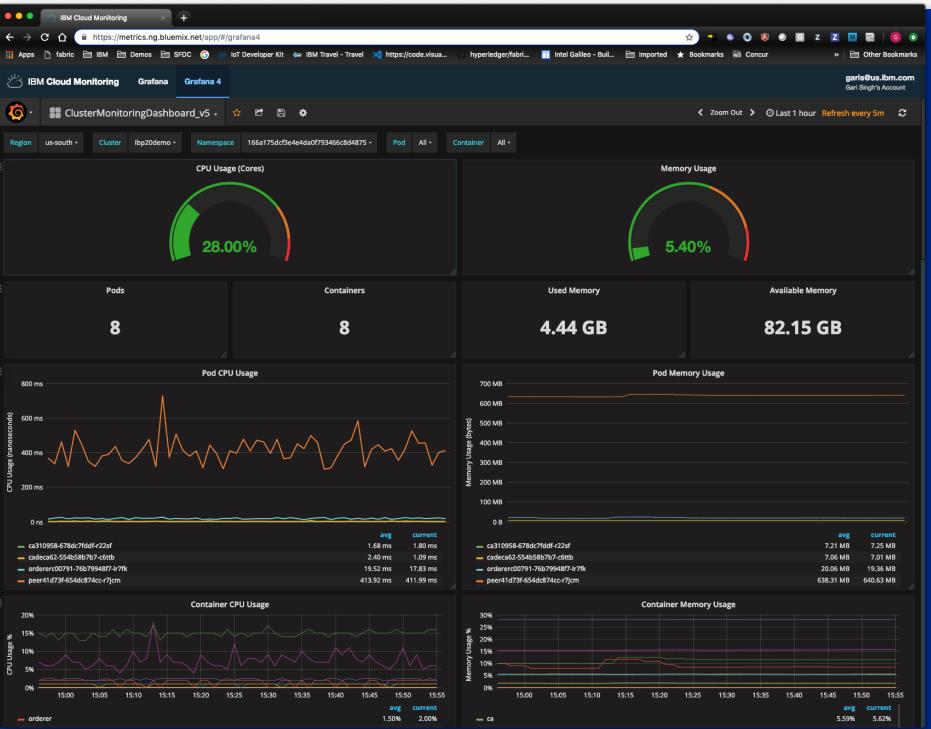


Logging and monitoring

Exporting metrics for further analysis



- There are several monitoring tools which can extract and visualize blockchain metrics, e.g.:
 - **Grafana** is a general purpose dashboard and graph composer, available at metrics.[region.]bluemix.net
 - **Sysdig** is an systems monitoring and troubleshooting service, available on IBM Cloud
 - **Prometheus** is a monitoring and alerting toolkit that aggregates time series data
- IBM Blockchain Platform exposes a /metrics endpoint that can be used by tools for this purpose.





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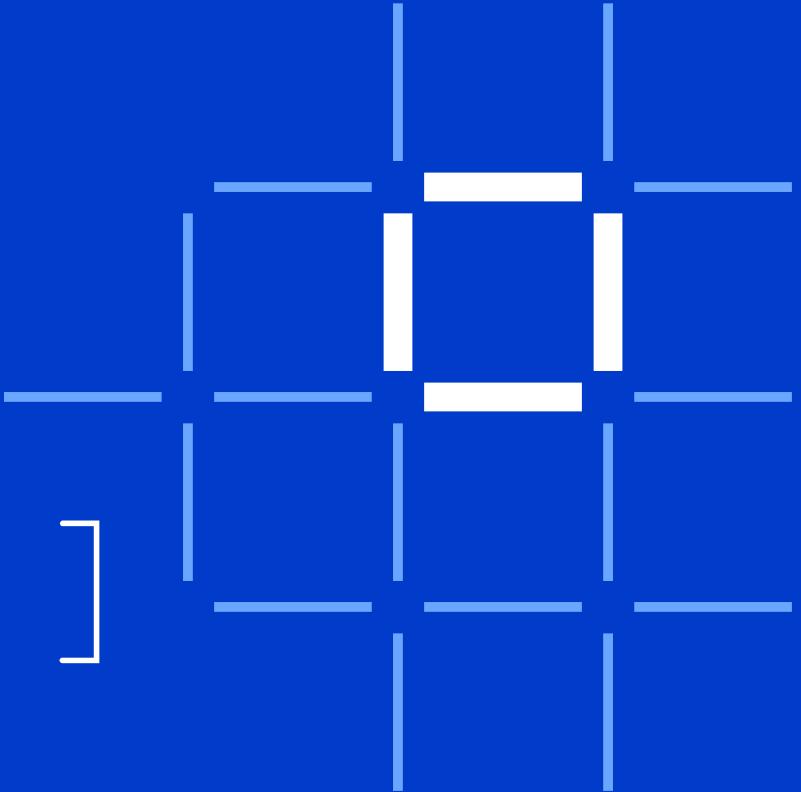
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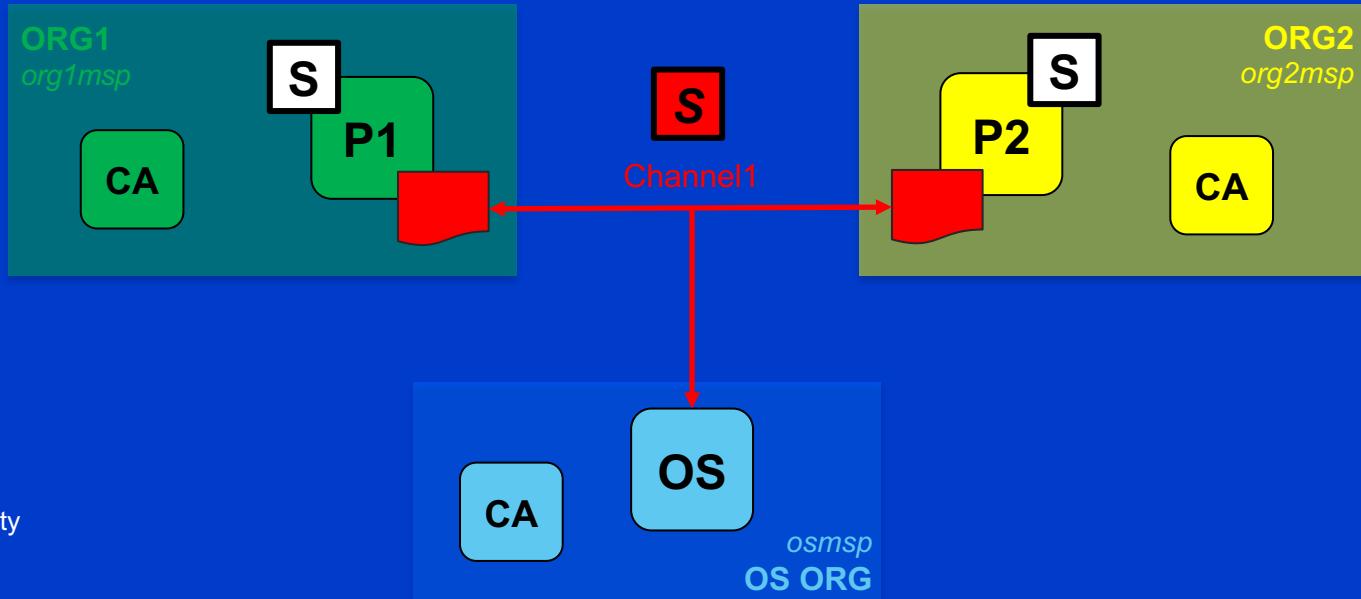
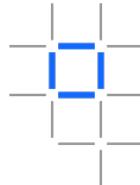
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What we are building

The target IBM Blockchain Platform environment



CA: Certificate Authority

P: Peer

S: Smart Contract

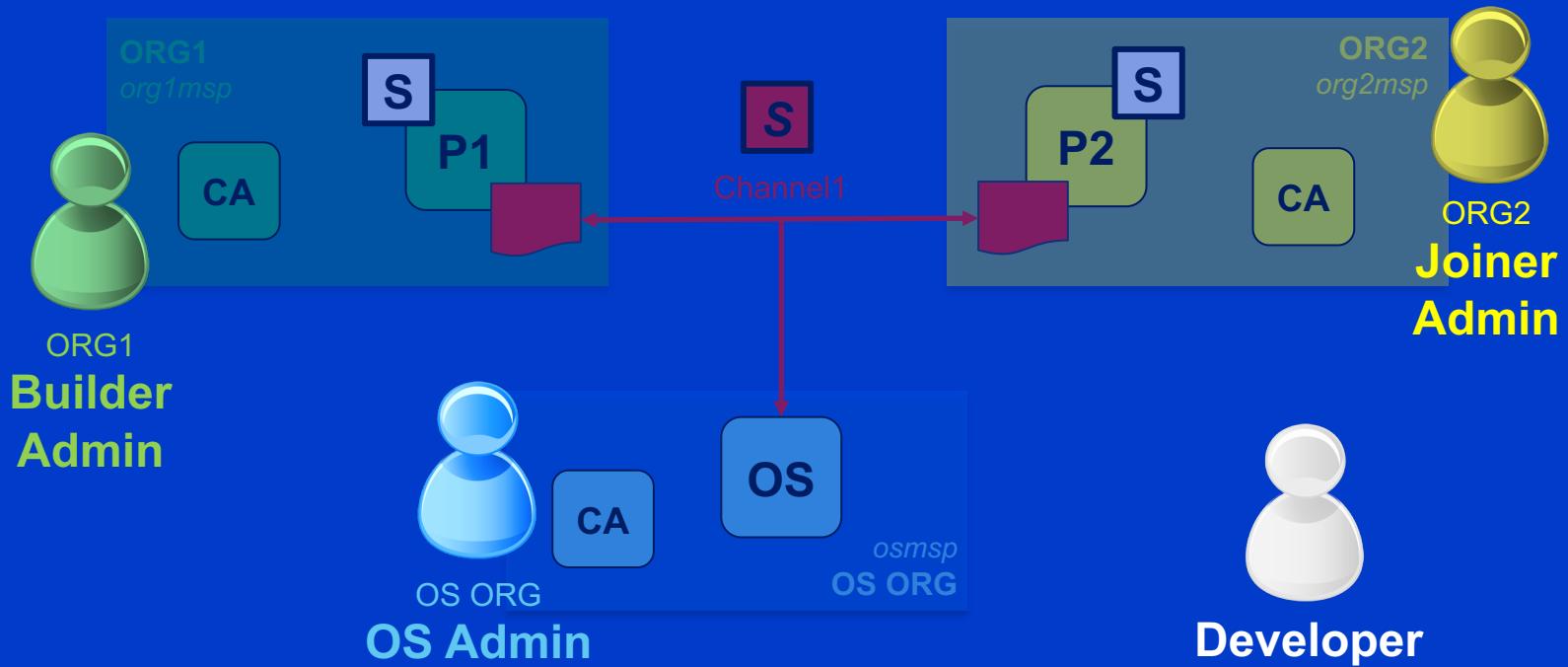
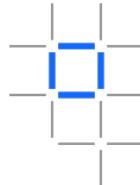
OS: Ordering Service

msp: Membership Services Provider (identifies the organization on the network)



Who is building the network

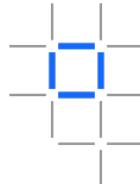
The organizations and roles





How we are building it

The high level sequence of steps



1. Build the network

- Create an ordering service, peer, channel and first CAs

2. Join the network

- Repeat for each additional organization in the consortium

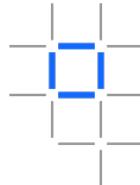
3. Deploy smart contracts

- And test transactions to make sure everything works



Building a network [1/5]

Detailed tutorial at IBM Blockchain Platform Console -> Get Started -> Build a Network



1. **Builder Admin** creates a peer organization and peer

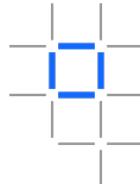
- Create the peer organization CA
- Associate the CA admin identity
- Using the CA to register identities
- Create the peer organization MSP definition
- Create the peer





Building a network [2/5]

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1. **Builder Admin** creates a peer organization and peer

2. **OS Admin** creates the ordering service

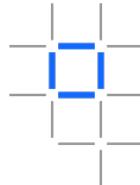
- Create the ordering service organization CA
- Associate the CA admin identity
- Use the CA to register the ordering service node + OS Admin identities
- Create the ordering service organization MSP definition
- Deploy the ordering nodes



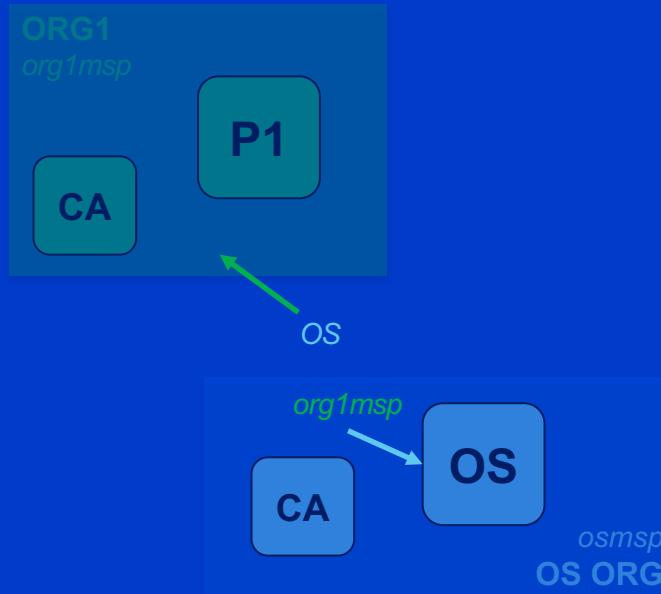


Building a network [3/5]

Detailed tutorial at IBM Blockchain Platform Console -> Get Started -> Build a Network



1. **Builder Admin** creates a peer organization and peer
2. **OS Admin** creates the ordering service
3. **OS Admin** adds **ORG1** to the consortium hosted by the ordering service *
 1. **Builder Admin** exports the **ORG1** information and sends to the **OS Admin**
 2. **OS Admin** imports the **ORG1** definition into the ordering service and add its peer's org to the OS
 3. **OS Admin** exports the OS definition
 4. **Builder Admin** imports the OS definition

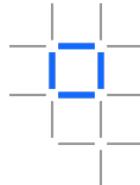


* If the **OS Admin** and **Builder Admin** are running in the same console, the sub-steps are not required. The console will let you simply add **ORG1** directly to the Ordering Service.

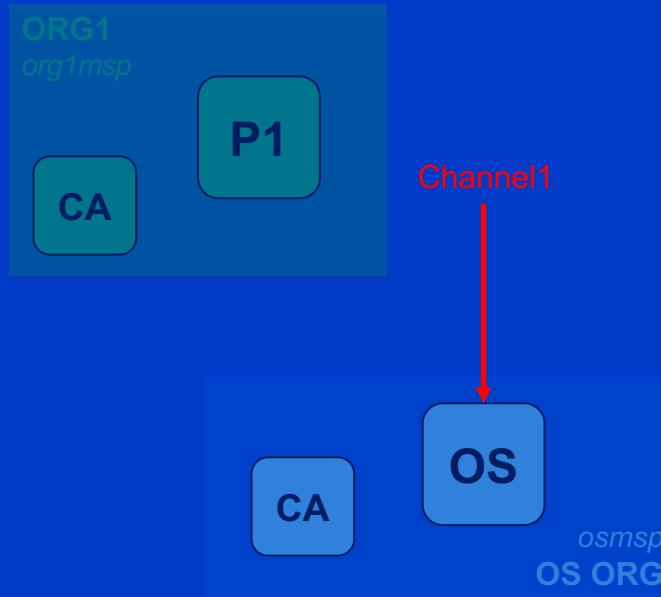


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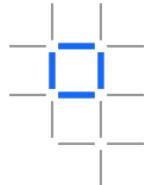
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4. **Builder Admin** creates a channel



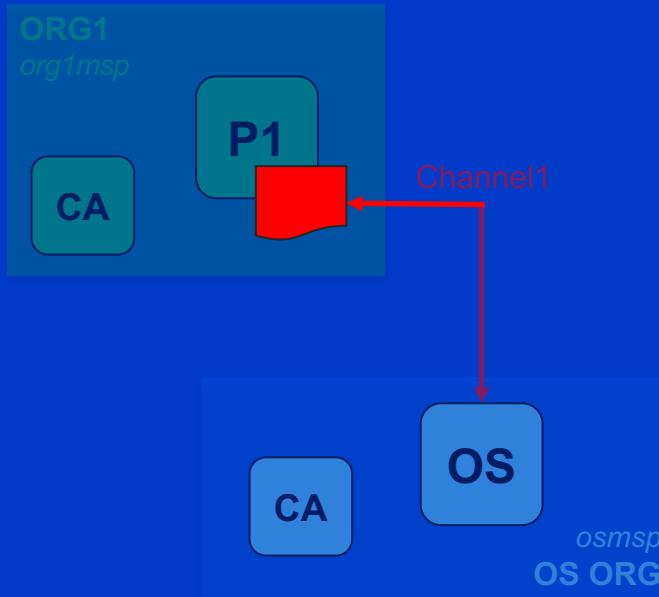


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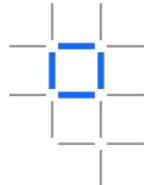
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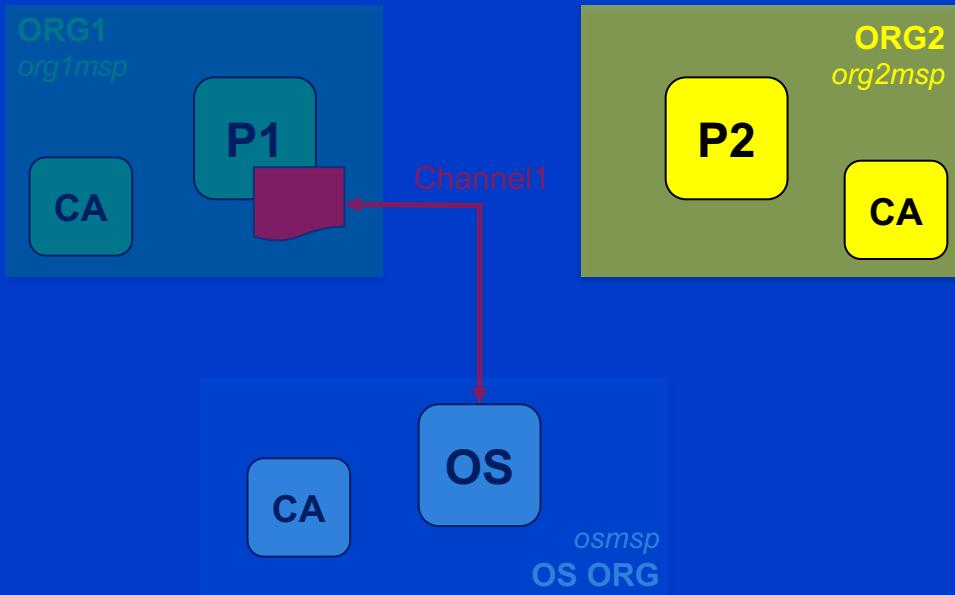
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1. **Joiner Admin** creates a peer organization and peer

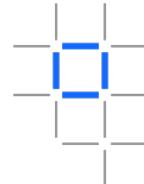
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2. Associate the CA admin identity
3. Use the CA to register **ORG2** identities
4. Create the **ORG2 MSP** definition
5. Create the peer



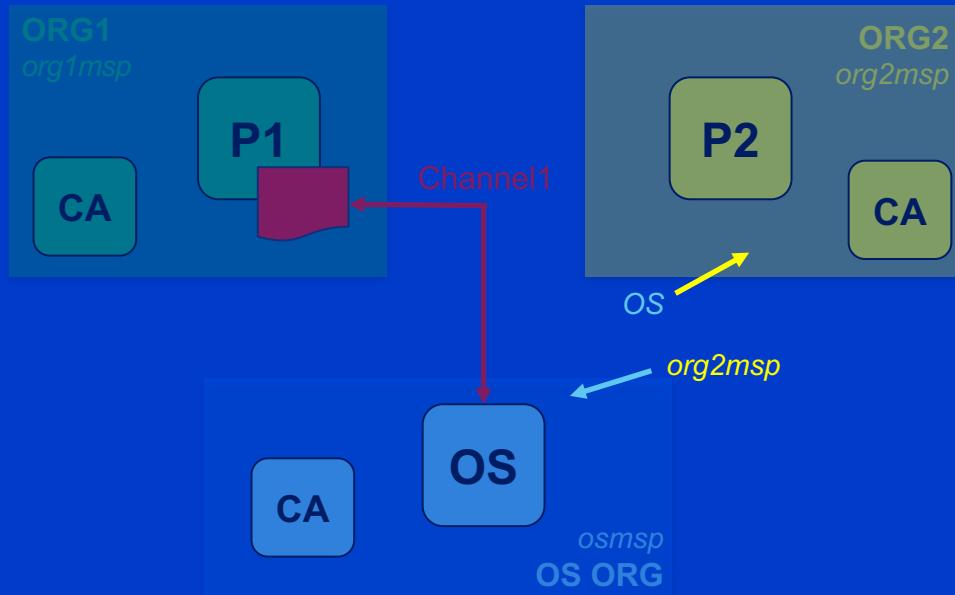


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1. **Joiner Admin** creates a peer organization and peer
2. **OS Admin** adds **ORG2** to the existing ordering service *
 1. **Joiner Admin** exports the organization information and sends to the OS admin
 2. **OS Admin** imports the **ORG2** definition into the ordering service and add its peer's org to the OS
 3. **OS Admin** exports the OS definition
 4. **Joiner Admin** imports the OS definition

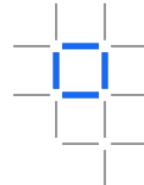


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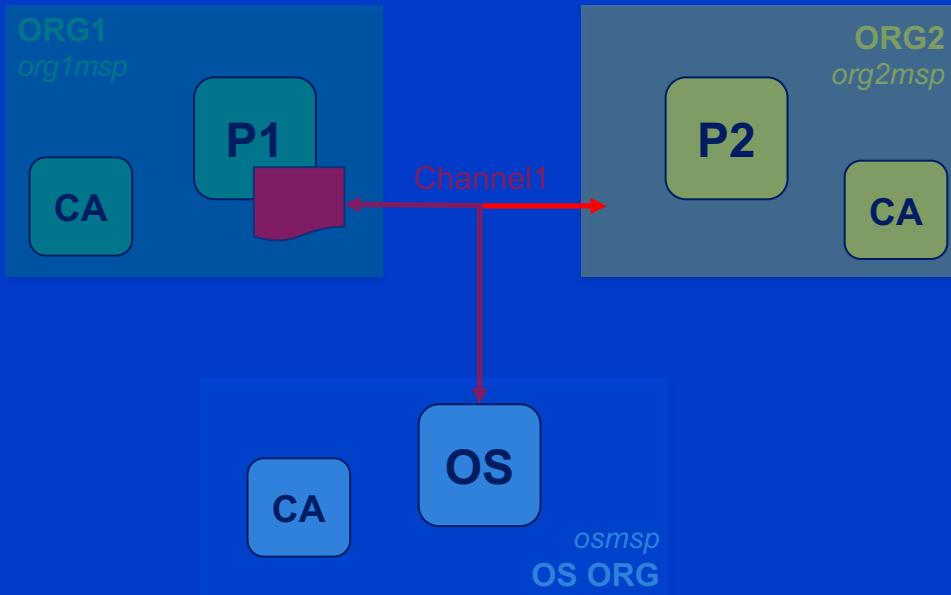


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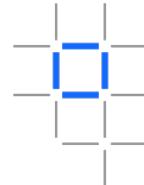
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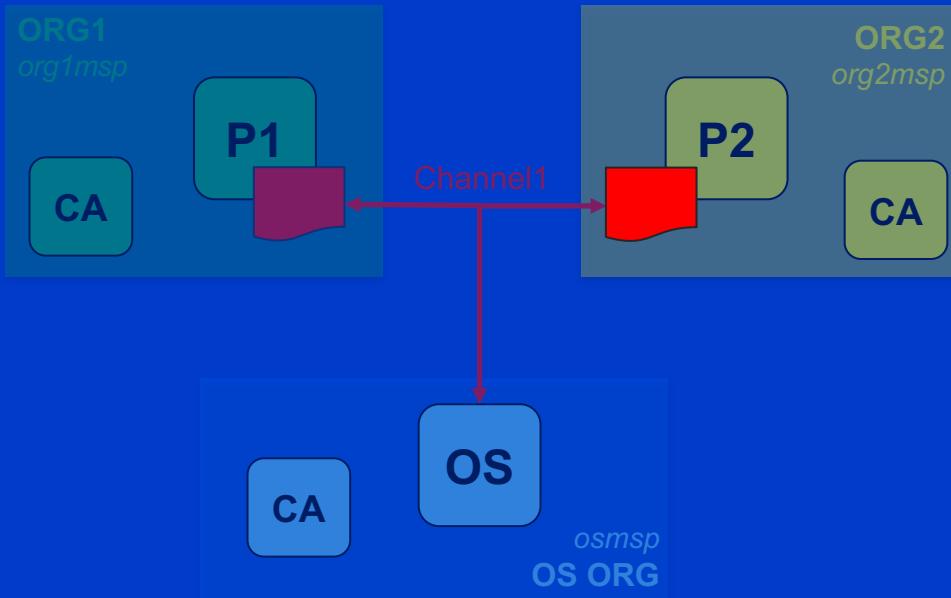


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4. **Joiner Admin** joins the peer to the channel ...and/or create more channels as required



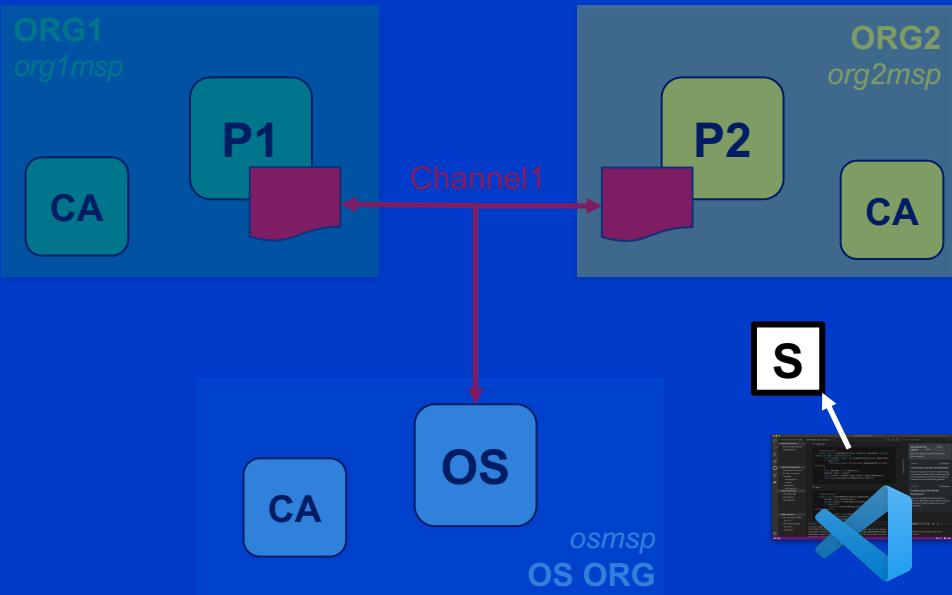


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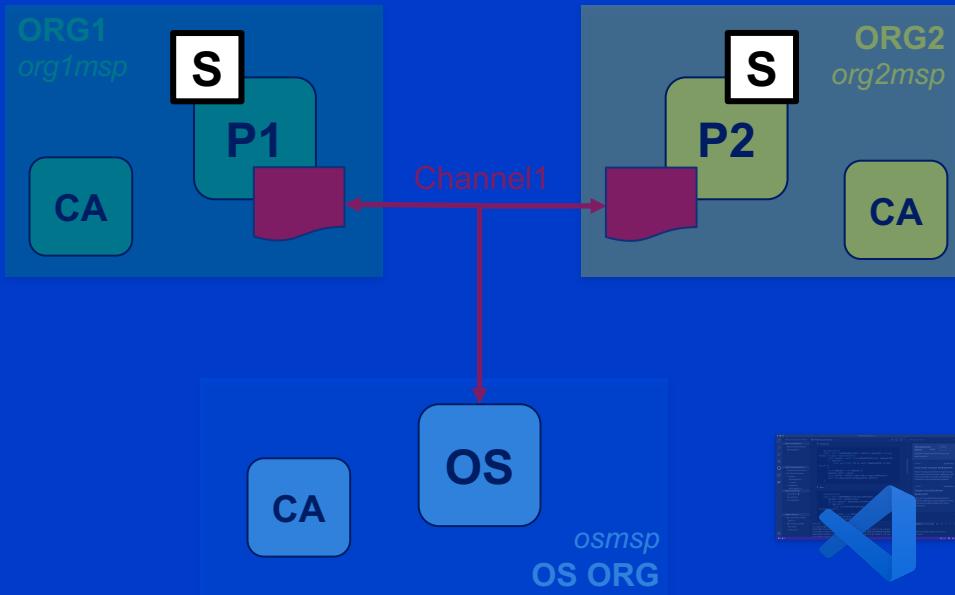


Deploying a smart contract [2/3]

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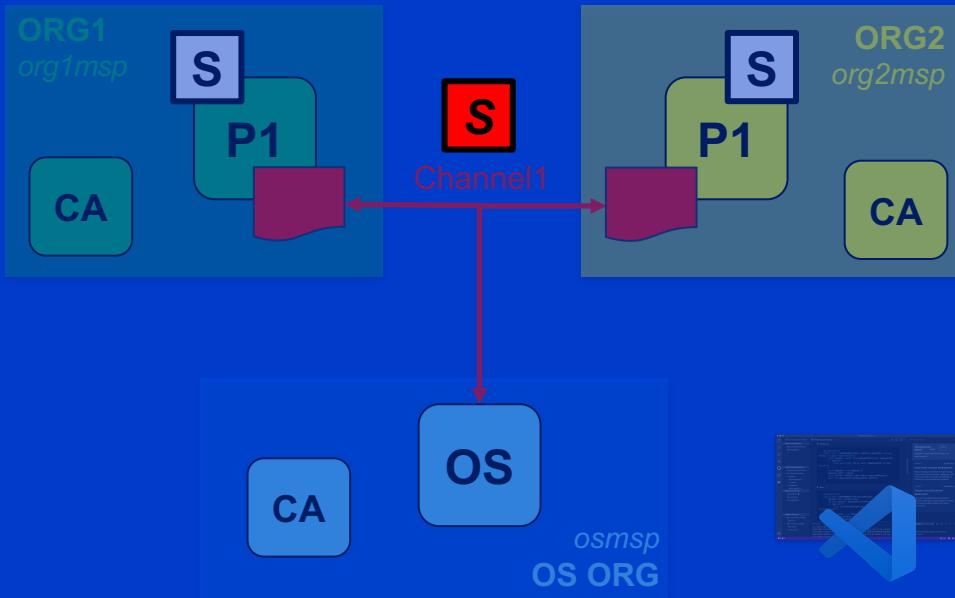


Deploying a smart contract [3/3]

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3. A channel operator (e.g. **Builder Admin** or **Joiner Admin**) instantiates the smart contract once per **channel**.



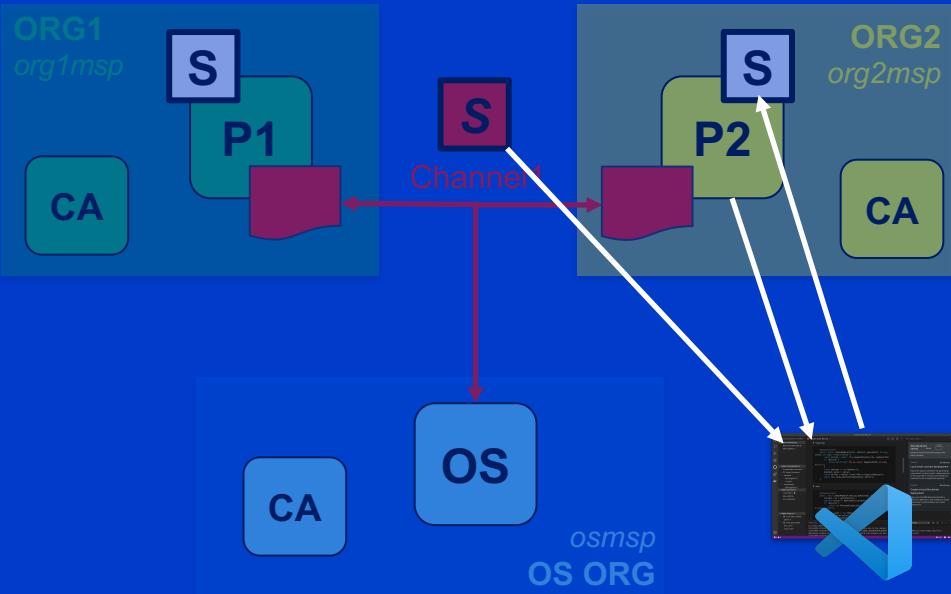


Testing a smart contract

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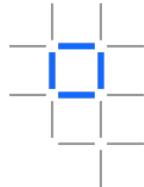


1. Download connection profile using “Connect with SDK” option against chaincode in console
2. If endorsement from multiple organizations is needed, nominate anchor peers on channel to allow discovery
3. Use connection profile to add gateway in VSCode
4. In VSCode add wallet and create identity from the CA enrollment ID
5. Connect to gateway
6. Discover channels and submit / evaluate transactions

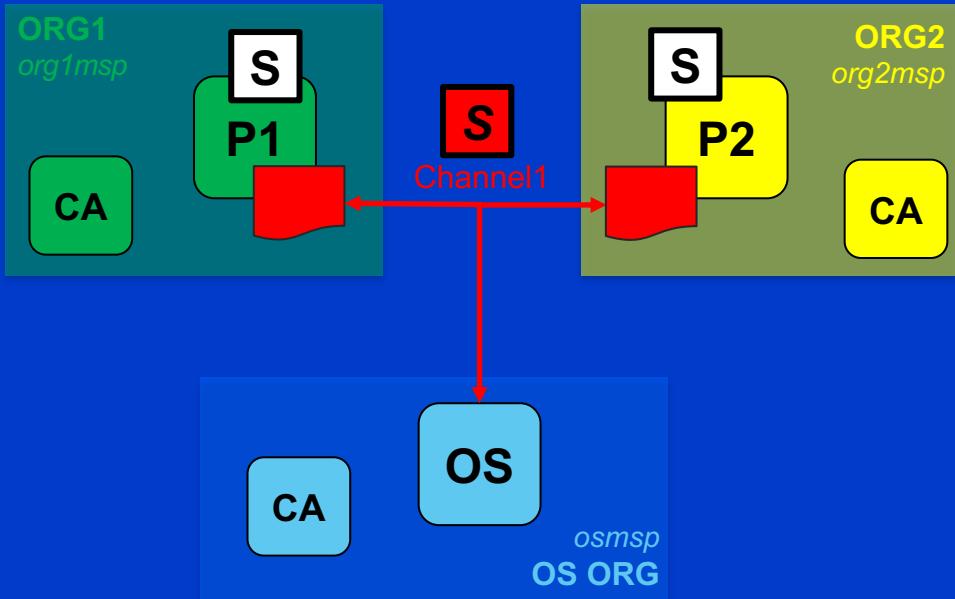




Success!



- Now that you've seen how to create a **basic network**, you should also be able to see how more advanced environments can evolve:
 - Multiple channels, peers etc.
 - Import and manage components running on-premises or on other clouds
 - Achieve high availability
 - Govern changes to the network (e.g. onboarding and offboarding)
 - Deploy additional smart contracts, endorsement policies etc.
- Often, you just need to rerun the relevant **join** or **deploy** steps to get the configuration you need



Thank you

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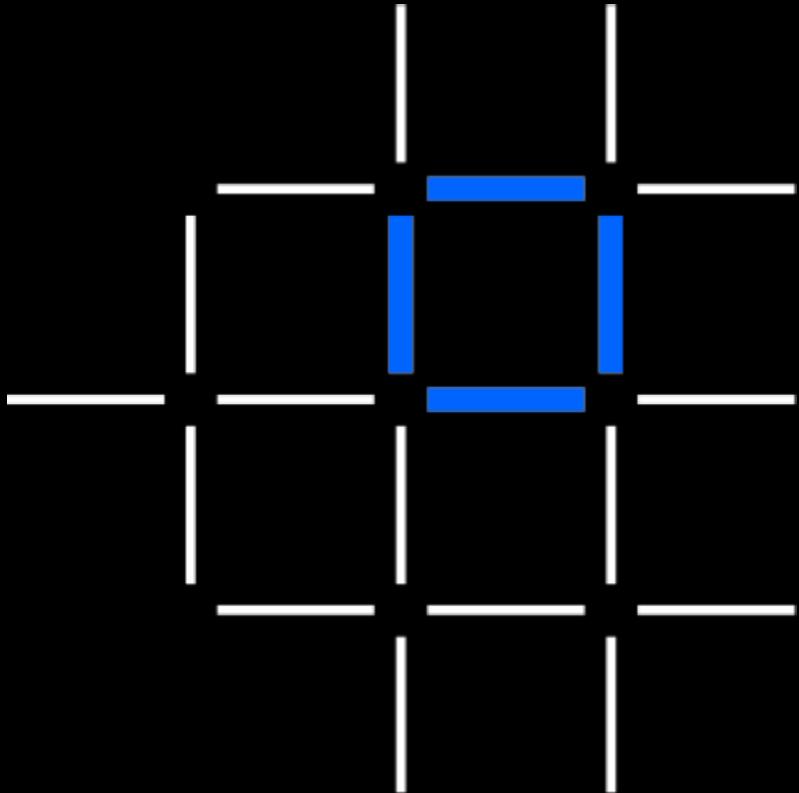
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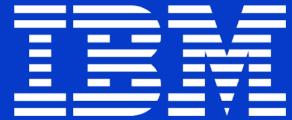
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