

Smart Contract on Solana

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Give me a step by step tutorial on creating a simple smart contract on Solana. The smart contract should be a very simple contract that has a public interger property with a method that updates the count of the integer. I would like this to be an example in RUT using the Anchor platform in VS Code. In the end, I want to know how to deploy this to the Solana testnet and mainnet.

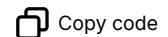


Here's a step-by-step tutorial on creating a simple Solana smart contract in Rust using the Anchor framework in VS Code. This contract will have an integer counter, a method to increment the counter, and instructions for deploying it on Solana's testnet and mainnet.

Step 1: Install Prerequisites

1. **Install Solana CLI:** This provides tools to work with the Solana blockchain.

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sh -c "$(curl -sSfL https://release.solana.com/stable/install)"
```

After installation, add the Solana binary path to your PATH (usually ~/.local/share/solana/install/).

2. **Install Rust:** Anchor uses Rust, so you'll need the Rust toolchain.

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curl --proto 'https' --tlsv1.2 -sSf https://sh.rustup.rs | sh
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3. **Install Anchor:** The Anchor CLI simplifies Solana development.

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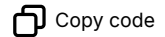


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cargo install --git https://github.com/coral-xyz/anchor anchor-cli --locked
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4. **Install Node.js and Yarn:** These are necessary for managing Solana programs and dependencies.

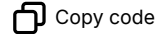
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curl -fsSL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_16.x | sudo -E bash - sudo apt-get install -y nodejs npm install --global yarn
```



5. **Set up your wallet:** If you don't have one, generate a new Solana wallet with:

```
bash
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```
solana-keygen new
```

Step 2: Create the Anchor Project

1. **Initialize the project:** Open a terminal in VS Code and create a new Anchor project.

```
bash
```



```
anchor init simple_counter cd simple_counter
```

This creates a project with folders `programs`, `tests`, and `migrations`, among other files.

Step 3: Write the Smart Contract

1. **Navigate to the program:** Go to `programs/simple_counter/src/lib.rs` to start coding the smart contract in Rust.

2. **Edit `lib.rs`** to define a simple contract that includes:

- A `count` property.
- A method to increment the `count`.

Here's the code:

```
rust
```



```
use anchor_lang::prelude::*; declare_id!("INSERT_PROGRAM_ID_HERE"); #
[program] pub mod simple_counter { use super::*; pub fn initialize(ctx:
Context<Initialize>) -> Result<()> { let counter = &mut ctx.accounts.counter;
counter.count = 0; Ok(()) } pub fn increment(ctx: Context<Increment>) ->
Result<()> { let counter = &mut ctx.accounts.counter; counter.count += 1;
Ok(()) } } #[derive(Accounts)] pub struct Initialize<'info> { #[account(init,
payer = user, space = 8 + 8)] pub counter: Account<'info, Counter>, #
[account(mut)] pub user: Signer<'info>, pub system_program: Program<'info,
System>, } #[derive(Accounts)] pub struct Increment<'info> { #[account(mut)]
pub counter: Account<'info, Counter>, } #[account] pub struct Counter { pub
count: u64, }
```

- **Explanation:**


- `initialize` function initializes the counter at 0.
- `increment` function increments the `count` value by 1.

3. **Set the Program ID:** Replace `INSERT_PROGRAM_ID_HERE` in `declare_id!()` with the public key you'll get after deploying to Solana. You can skip this for now and add it once the contract is deployed.

Step 4: Configure Your Project

1. In the project's `Anchor.toml` file, specify details like your program ID (you can add this later after deploying).
2. Update the dependencies:


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toml
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```
[dependencies] anchor-lang = "0.26.0" # Or the latest version
```

3. Build the project:

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anchor build
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This creates a program binary in `target/deploy/`.

Step 5: Deploy the Contract

1. **Set up Solana Cluster:** To test on the Solana devnet:


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solana config set --url https://api.devnet.solana.com
```

2. **Deploy to Devnet:**

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anchor deploy
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Upon successful deployment, Anchor will give you a `program ID`. Update this ID in the `declare_id!()` section of your code, then rebuild the project using:

```
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```
anchor build
```

3. To deploy to the **mainnet**:

```
bash
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```
solana config set --url https://api.mainnet-beta.solana.com anchor deploy
```

Ensure you have enough SOL in your account for transaction fees.

Step 6: Interacting with the Contract

1. Use the Anchor CLI to initialize the contract:

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bash
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```
anchor test --provider.cluster devnet
```

Alternatively, you can write a JavaScript file using Anchor's TypeScript client to interact with the program.

Step 7: Testing the Smart Contract (Optional)

Create test files in the `tests/` folder to interact with and test the smart contract using Anchor's test utilities in JavaScript or TypeScript. For instance, you can call the `increment` function and check if the counter is updated.

That's it! You now have a simple Solana smart contract with an integer counter that you can deploy on Solana's testnet and mainnet.

When I run "anchor deploy", I get an AccountNotFound error and it's requesting the URL HTTP://127.0.0.1:8889. Do I need to change Anchor.toml provider to devnet?



Yes, the `AccountNotFound` error often happens when Anchor is set to use the local network instead of a public Solana cluster like `devnet`. To fix this, you should change the `Anchor.toml` file to point to `devnet`.

Here's how to do it:

1. **Open the** `Anchor.toml` **file** in the root directory of your project.
2. Look for the `[provider]` section and update the `cluster` field to use the `devnet` URL:

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toml
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```
[provider] cluster = "https://api.devnet.solana.com" wallet =
  "~/config/solana/id.json" # Ensure this path points to your Solana wallet
```

3. **Save the file** and try deploying again:

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```
anchor deploy
```

This should direct Anchor to use the Solana devnet cluster instead of looking for a local node, resolving the AccountNotFound issue.

how do I add comments in Anchor.toml?



In TOML files, comments are added using the # symbol. Any text following # on a line is treated as a comment and will not be processed.

For example:

toml

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```
[provider] cluster = "https://api.devnet.solana.com" # Specify the Solana cluster
wallet = "~/config/solana/id.json" # Path to your Solana wallet file
```

Each comment line or inline comment must start with # . This works just like comments in Python.

When I run the test script using "anchor test --provider.cluster devnet", the test fails saying that the error code is TryingToInitPayerAsProgramAccount



The TryingToInitPayerAsProgramAccount error usually occurs when the account you're trying to initialize is misconfigured, likely because the payer account is being treated as if it's a program-owned account rather than a regular Solana account. This can happen if the wrong signer is specified when creating or initializing accounts in the test or if payer is not correctly configured in your test setup.

To troubleshoot, follow these steps:

1. Check Your Program's initialize Context

Make sure that in the initialize function, you're setting up the payer and the accounts correctly. For instance, in lib.rs :

rust

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```
#[derive(Accounts)] pub struct Initialize<'info> { #[account(init, payer = user, space = 8 + 8)] pub counter: Account<'info, Counter>, // Ensure this is not assigned as the program account. #[account(mut)] pub user: Signer<'info>, // This should be the payer pub system_program: Program<'info, System>, }
```

Here:

- `counter` is the account to be initialized.
- `user` is the signer, specified as `Signer<'info>`, who will cover the rent for the account.

2. Verify the Test Script Configuration

In your test script (usually located in `tests/`), make sure you are using the correct wallet as the payer and not setting the program itself as the payer.

Here's a basic example of a test script setup in TypeScript:

typescript

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```
import * as anchor from "@project-serum/anchor"; import { Program } from
"@project-serum/anchor"; import { SimpleCounter } from
"../target/types/simple_counter"; // Adjust to your program's path
describe("simple_counter", () => { // Configure the client to use the devnet
cluster. anchor.setProvider(anchor.AnchorProvider.env()); const program =
anchor.workspace.SimpleCounter as Program<SimpleCounter>; let counterAccount;
it("Initializes the counter", async () => { // Generate a keypair for the counter
account counterAccount = anchor.web3.Keypair.generate(); // Get the provider's
wallet const provider = anchor.AnchorProvider.local(); await program.methods
.initialize() // Call the initialize function .accounts({ counter:
counterAccount.publicKey, user: provider.wallet.publicKey, systemProgram:
anchor.web3.SystemProgram.programId, }) .signers([counterAccount]) .rpc(); });
```

In this example:

- The `provider.wallet.publicKey` is used as the `user` who will pay for the account, matching the `Initialize` struct.
- The `counterAccount` is passed as a separate account to be initialized, not as the payer.

3. Confirm Solana Wallet Setup

Ensure the Solana wallet used in your `Anchor.toml` file points to the correct keypair file and that it has enough SOL to cover transaction fees, as deploying or testing on devnet still requires a small amount of SOL. Run the following to check the balance:

bash

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```
solana balance
```

4. Retry Running the Test

After verifying these configurations, run your test again:

bash

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```
anchor test --provider.cluster devnet
```

If you've followed these steps and are still seeing the issue, double-check that each account setup in the test script aligns with the account constraints defined in `lib.rs`.