Distributed Immunisation Information System

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Abstract

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Professional considerations

Ethical implications

"Issues of concern are falsified or counterfeit vaccine certificates" are described in **schlagenhauf variants 2021**, when considering digital vaccination passports. Blockchain enables an immutable store of data, rendering any attempt at providing a spoofed record would be nullified due to the data the individual provides not being in the ledger. Hyperledger Fabric, the framework of choice to aid in production of the network, allows access to verify that private data is in fact in a ledger without revealing it.

Chaincode

Selected Go, as there are apparent benifits outlined in [1]

Framework selection

An important decision, which dictates the system requirements. Hyperledger fabric is ... Using their MSPs is different to things like this TrustID: A New Approach to Fabric User Identity Management how? Why are we not customising and instead going with fabric's defaut implementation, maybe because it fits our use case better? It makes sense as the orginisations using the system are governed already by their heath body, for UK it's MAYBE Department of Health & Social Care - look this up! See if there's a general term for lead health body or whatever

Fabric has all the identity functionality built in, Indy + Aries would be more flexible but does that matter with an permissioned network? Fabric MSPs etc vs DIDs? Or does it use DIDs? w3 DIDs

4.1 Hyperledger Fabric

Transaction flow "The SDK serves as a shim to package the transaction proposal into the properly architected format (protocol buffer over gRPC) and takes the user's cryptographic credentials to produce a unique signature for this transaction proposal." - .

benefits

[Covid-19: Vaccines and vaccine passports being sold on darknet] - this system would negate these spoofed vaccination records as all data will be on the system and if not it's illegitimate.

Essential considerations

6.1 FHIR

FHIR - standards for sharing healthcare information.

6.2 Default application SDK

Go is best for chaincode but what would be the most suitable for the access applications? Java, because it's already highly used in enteprise already? **find reference for this ** Java also enables cross-platform usage, most convenient for these systems that are already up and running. Orgs will be able to develop their own applications, enabled by OSS. However, considerations are in place for the best default SDK to use, as the correct choice could simplify adoption.

Designing a Distributed Immunisation Information System

zero-knowledge asset transfer vs zero-knowledge proof?

Immunisation verification

smarthealth.cards by Vaccination Credential Initiative (VCI) - smart card framework.

Use an SDK to invoke chain code that compares the provided data (hash of the transaction? - in which your immunisation record is stored) with the hash (SHA-250 probs) of the data in the ledger. If there's no match there's no verification, details?

BaaS comparison

Comparing Blockchain-as-a-Service platforms, to identify which tool is most suitable for delpoying the proposed Distributed Immunisation Information System built with Hyperledger Fabric.

Beginning, I was aware of two options: Azure and IBM.

Reading [2].

[Performance Analytical Comparison of Blockchain-as-a-Service (BaaS) Platforms] says "Blockchain highly suffers from scalability problem due to its capped transaction latency as well as consensus approach"

Azure have FHIR API, is it the only one? looks like maybe Amazon also Azure FHIR API

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