

Hyperledger Sawtooth Blockchain Technical Overview

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Agenda



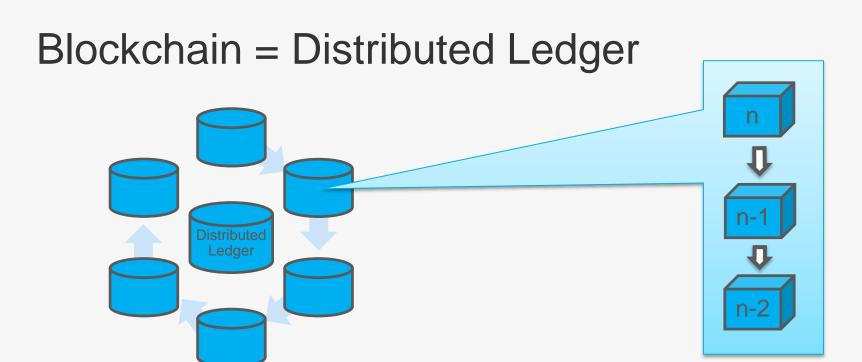
Blockchain Basics

Sawtooth Design Motivations

Sawtooth Architecture and Features

Sawtooth Application Development





Each node is an instance of a database (ledger) managed by all participants.

Within each database, blocks of transactions are cryptographically chained in order.

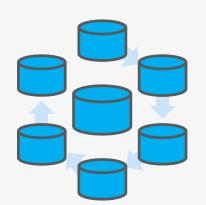


Why Blockchain?

Mutually distrusting organizations ("fremenies") that update the same distributed ledger

Immutable transaction history

blocks are never deleted





High availability

- Crash fault tolerant (CFT)
- Byzantine fault tolerant (BFT) protects against bad actors
- Liveness nodes eventually agree (finite loop)



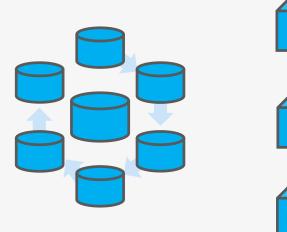
Why Not Blockchain?

Active Research Areas:

- Throughput
- "Private" Transactions

Wrong Usage Model:

Internal-only Business Process



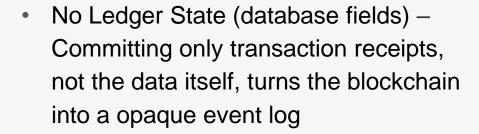
When people talk about *blockchain security*, they mostly mean availability and integrity guarantees.

Confidentiality is open research.



Bad Enterprise Blockchain Shortcuts

Centralized Architectures –
 Removes the main value of a distributed ledger

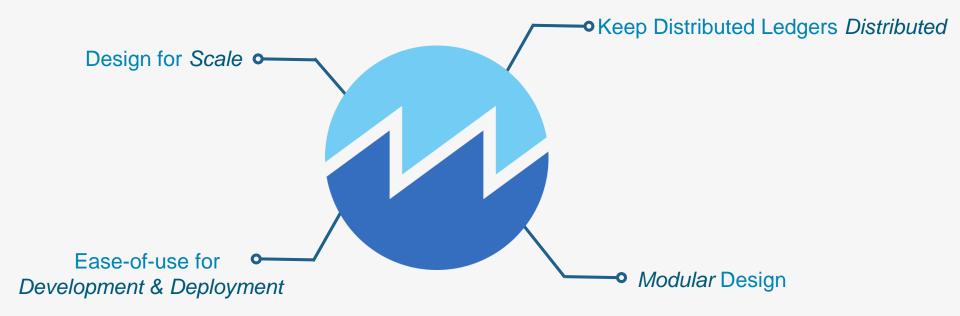








Sawtooth Design Philosophy







Hyperledger Sawtooth 1.0 Architecture & Features



1.0 Released January 2018



v1.0 Highlighted New Features



Advanced Transaction Execution

- Parallel Execution
- Multi-Language Support
 - Build apps in your language of choice

On-chain Governance

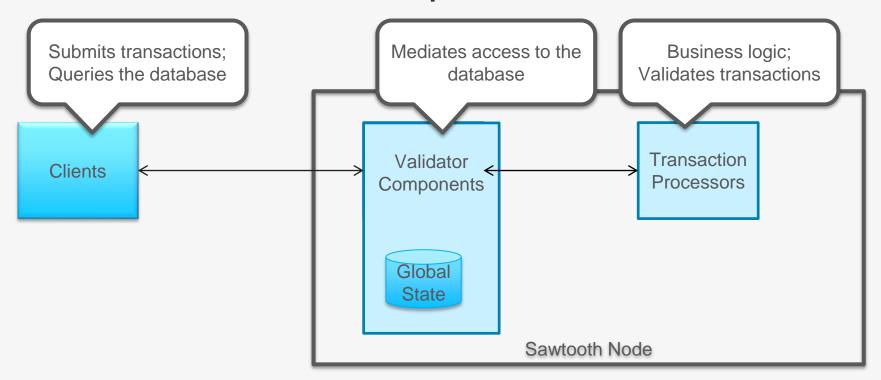
- Dynamic Consensus
 - Proof of Elapsed Time (PoET)
- New Permissioning Features

Distributed Applications

- Seth
 - Ethereum on Sawtooth
 - Run Solidity smart contracts
- Supply Chain
 - Provenance of goods
 - Telemetry / tracking

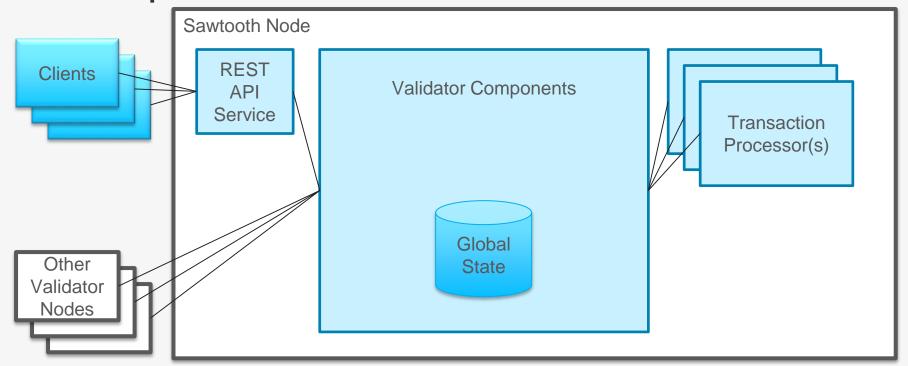


Basic Sawtooth Concept



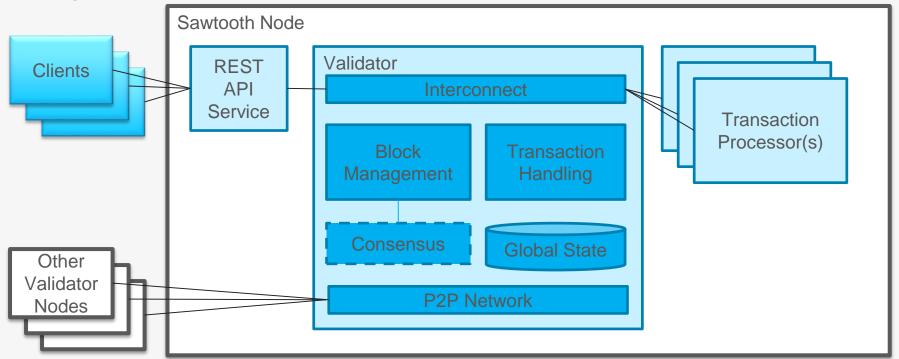


A Couple More Pieces



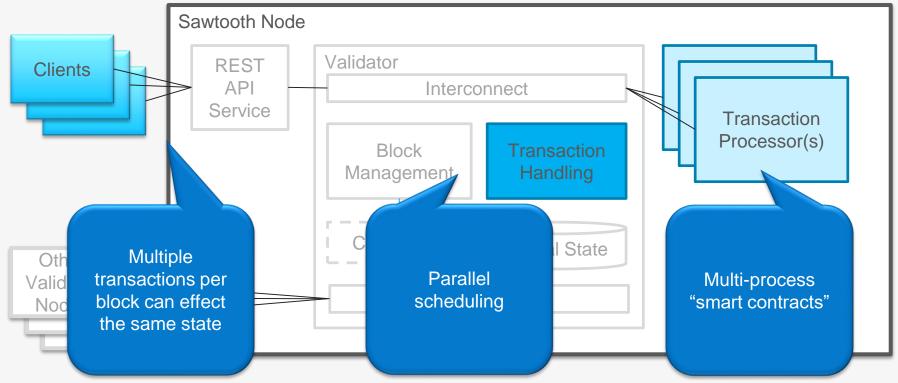


High-level Sawtooth Architecture



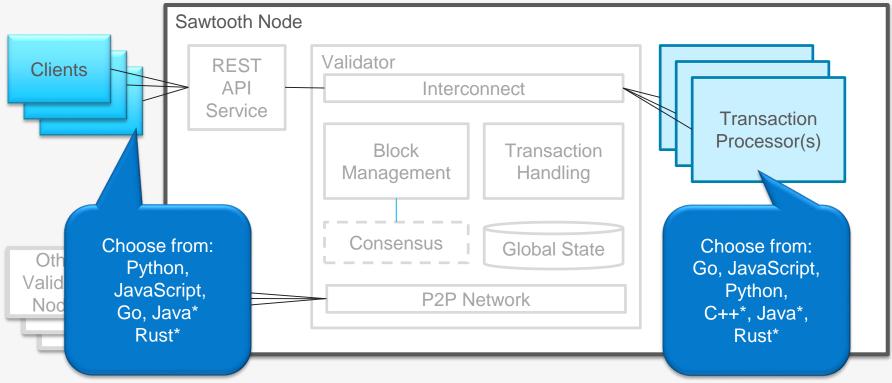


Transaction Processing: Parallel Execution

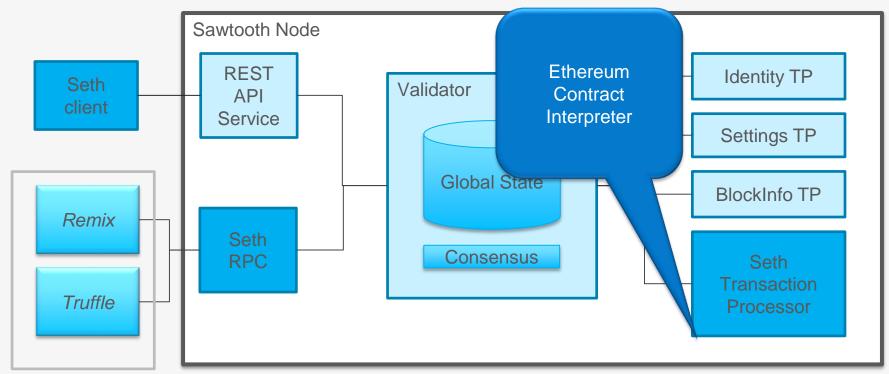




SDK: Multi-Language Support



Seth: Ethereum Transaction Processor





On-chain Blockchain Governance



Control the blockchain on the blockchain

Settings Transaction Family enables participants to agree on network policies

For example, vote on changing consensus parameters using registered public keys of consortia members.

Settings are extensible – they can be added after genesis.

Setting (Examples)	Value
sawtooth.poet.target_wait_time	5
sawtooth.validator.max_transactions_per_block	100000
sawtooth.validator.transaction_families	[{ "family": "intkey", "version": "1.0" }, { "family": "xo", "version": "1.0" }]



Consensus Algorithms



Leader is who can add a block to the blockchain Consensus is agreement among nodes on leader

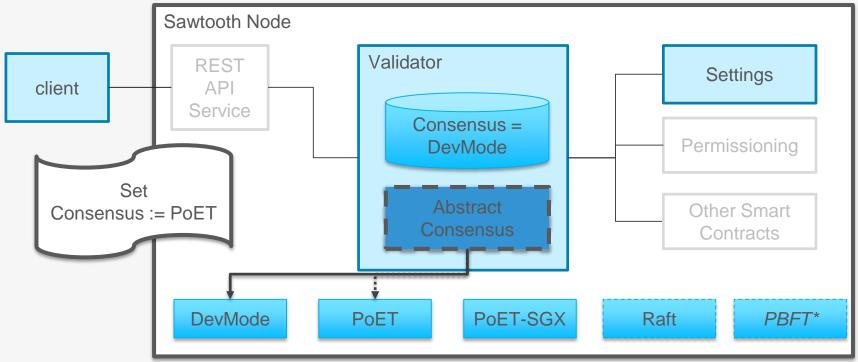
Consensus Types:

Byzantine Fault Tolerance (BFT) vs. Crash Fault Tolerance (CFT) Classical Consensus (election) vs. Nakamoto Consensus (lottery

Fault Tolerance	Туре	Consensus Algorithm
BFT	Lottery	Proof of Work (PoW) – classic Bitcoin/Ethereum mining (energy waste)
BFT	Lottery	Proof of Elapsed Time (PoET) – SGX (Sawtooth). Uses a random timer
CFT	Lottery	PoET CFT- PoET without SGX (simulator)
BFT	Election	Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT). Used in DB replication. Does not scale, O(n²). In development
CFT	Election	Raft-uses an elected leader; fast



Dynamic Consensus Algorithm







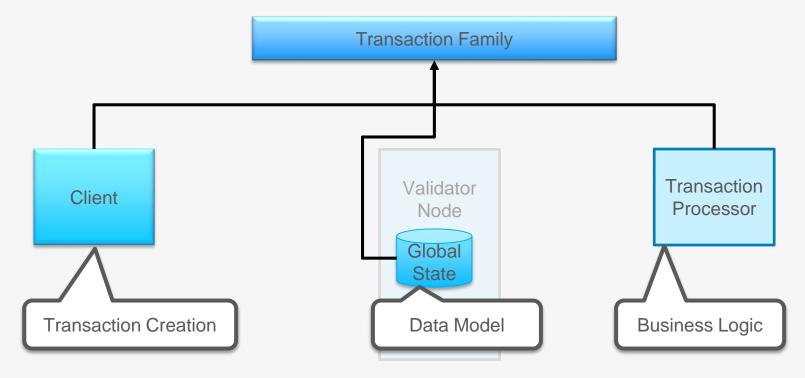
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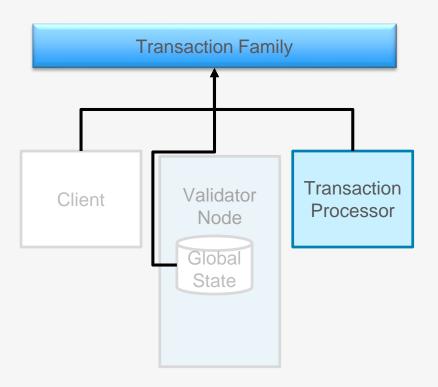


Application Development: Transaction Family





Transaction Processor ≈ Smart Contracts



Transaction Families **encapsulate business logic** on Sawtooth.

A Transaction Family can be as simple as a single transaction format, with associated validity and state update logic...

...or as complex as a VM with opcode accounting and bytecode stored in state – 'smart contracts'.

The *choice* is up to the developer.

Sawtooth allows these concepts to **coexist** in the same instance of the blockchain – same blocks, same global state.

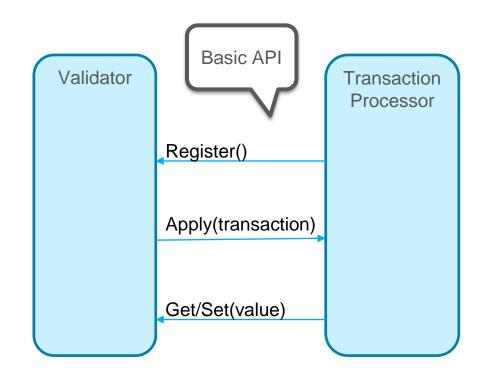


Transaction Families: The Transaction Processor

All validators in the network run every authorized transaction processor.

On receipt of a transaction the validator will call the TP's Apply() method.

Business logic written in Apply(), which calls Get()s and Set()s state as needed.





Transaction Families: The Client



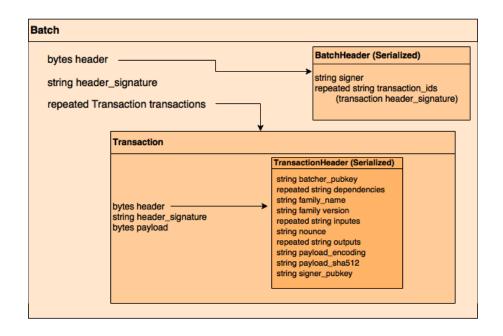
Clients can be browser apps, CLIs, GUIs, BUIs, server, etc.

Client's job is to package and sign transactions and batches

Clients post batches to node through REST API



Transactions, Batches, Batch Lists, and Blocks



Transactions are wrapped in batches which provide an *atomic* unit of commit for multiple transactions (which can span transaction families).

Atomic means process all or none of the transactions in a batch.

Batches are wrapped in batch lists.

Transactions declare input and output addresses (including wildcards) to allow for state access isolation calculations (topological sort on DAG) in the scheduler.

The inputs and outputs lists are enforced by the Context Manager on the context established for the transaction.

This allows parallel validation and execution across a potentially large number of transactions (and across blocks).



Transaction Families: The Data Model

Both Client and Transaction Processor must use the same...

- Data model (transaction and state)
- Serialization (CSV, CBOR, Protobuf, ...)
- Addressing scheme into state
 (6 char prefix +
 64 char address)

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  distributed under the License is distributed on an "AS IS" BASIS.
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yntax = "proto3";
nessage Agent {
 string public_key = 1;
 // A human readable name identifying the Agent
 string name = 2:
 // Unix UTC timestamp of approximately when this agent was registered
 uint64 timestamp = 3;
message AgentContainer {
 repeated Agent entries = 1;
~/project/sawtooth-supply-chain/protos/agent.proto [unix] (09:47 01/11/2017)
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Example Application Code and Links

Simple Standalone Examples:

https://github.com/danintel/sawtooth-cookiejar

https://github.com/askmish/sawtooth-simplewallet

Supply Chain:

https://github.com/hyperledger/education-sawtooth-simple-supply

https://github.com/hyperledger/sawtooth-supply-chain

Marketplace:

https://github.com/hyperledger/sawtooth-marketplace

Application Developers Guide:

https://sawtooth.hyperledger.org/docs/core/releases/latest/app_developers_guide.html

FAQ: https://sawtooth.hyperledger.org/faq/





Check It Out!

Give Sawtooth a try

Work through the tutorials in the docs
Build your own transaction family to explore use cases

Become a contributor

Help with docs, code, answering chat questions

More Information

Code: https://github.com/hyperledger/sawtooth-core

Docs: https://sawtooth.hyperledger.org/docs/

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