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Business Networks, Wealth, and Markets

Business Networks

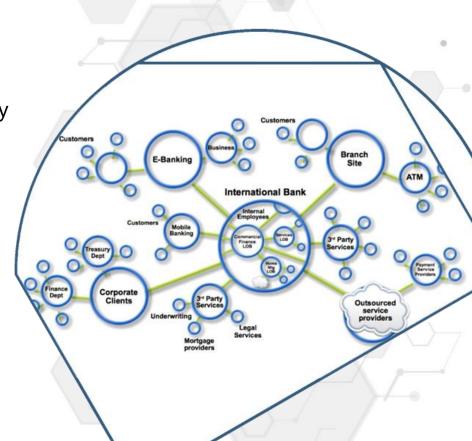
- Participants are customers, suppliers, banks, partners
- Cross geography & regulatory boundary

- Wealth

goods & services across business network in transactions and contracts

- Markets

- Public (fruit market, car auction), or
- Private (supply chain financing



Transferring Assets, Building Value

Anything that is capable of being owned or controlled to produce value, is an asset



Two fundamental types of asset

- Tangible, e.g. a house
- Intangible, e.g. a mortgage



Intangible assets subdivide

- Financial, e.g. bond
- Intellectual, e.g. patents



Cash is also an asset

Has property of anonymity

Ledgers Are Key ...

Ledger is THE system of record for a business. Business will have multiple ledgers for multiple business networks in which they participate.

Transaction is an asset transfer onto or off the ledger

John gives a car to Anthony (simple)

Contract sets the conditions for transaction to occur

If Anthony pays John money, then car passes from John to Anthony (simple)

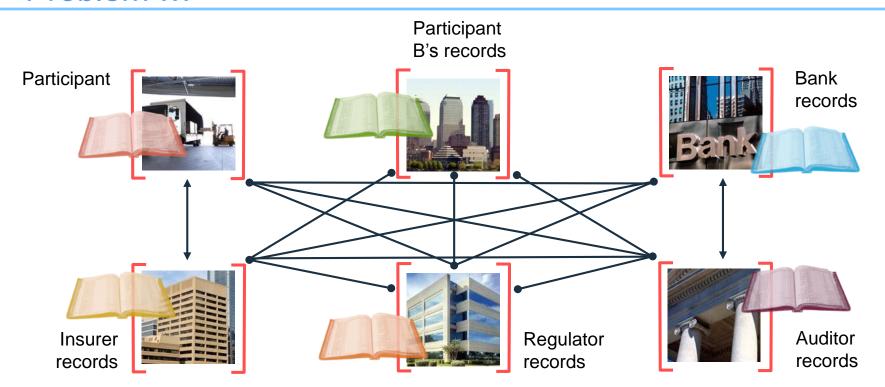
If car won't start, funds do not pass to John (as decided by third party arbitrator) (more complex)



Introducing Blockchain

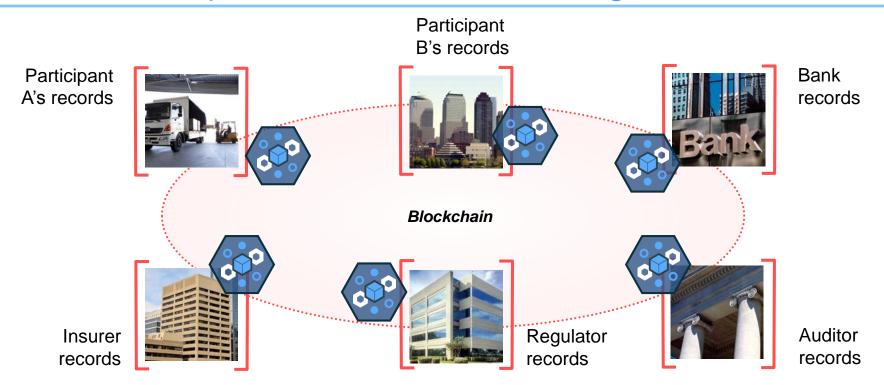


Problem ...



... inefficient, expensive, vulnerable

A Shared Replicated, Permissioned Ledger...



... with Consensus, Provenance, Immutability, and Finality

Blockchain Underpins Bitcoin ...





An unregulated shadow-currency
The first blockchain application

Blockchain for business differs in key areas:

Identity over anonymity

Selective endorsement over proof of work

Assets over cryptocurrency



Requirements of Blockchain for Business

Append-only distributed system of record shared across business network





Business terms embedded in transaction database & executed with transactions

Ensuring appropriate visibility; transactions are secure, authenticated & verifiable





Transactions are endorsed by relevant participants



Records all transactions across business network

Shared between participants

Participants have own copy through replication

Permissioned, so participants see only appropriate transactions

THE shared system of record



Business rules implied by the contract ... embedded in the Blockchain and executed with the transaction

Verifiable, signed

Encoded in programming language

Example:

Defines contractual conditions under which corporate Bond transfer occurs



The ledger is shared, but participants require privacy

Participants need:

Appropriate confidentiality between subsets of participants
 Identity not linked to a transaction

Transactions need to be authenticated

Cryptography central to these processes



The ledger is a trusted source of information

Participants endorse transactions

Business network decides who will endorse transactions

Endorsed transactions are added to the ledger with appropriate confidentiality

Assets have a verifiable audit trail

Transactions cannot be modified, inserted or deleted

Achieved through consensus, provenance, immutability and finality

Blockchain Benefits



Saves

Transaction time from days to near instantaneous



Reduces

Overheads and cost intermediaries



Reduces risk

Tampering, fraud, & cyber crime



Increases trust

Through shared processes and recordkeeping

Example: Shared Reference Data

1010010101110101

....

10001111**010101111**0100001010001011101

What

- Competitors/collaborators in a business network need to share reference data, e.g. bank routing codes
- Each member maintains their own codes, and forwards changes to a central authority for collection and distribution
- An information subset can be owned by organizations

How

- Each participant maintains their own codes within a Blockchain network
- Blockchain creates single view of entire dataset

- Consolidated, consistent dataset reduces errors
- Near real-time access to reference data
- 3. Naturally supports code editing and routing code transfers between participants

Example: Supply Chain

What

- Provenance of each component part in complex system hard to track
- Manufacturer, production date, batch and even the manufacturing machine program

How

- Blockchain holds complete provenance details of each component part
- Accessible by each manufacturer in the production process, the aircraft owners, maintainers and government regulators

- Trust increased, no authority "owns" provenance
- 2. Improvement in system utilization
- 3. Recalls "specific" rather than cross fleet

Example: Audit and Compliance



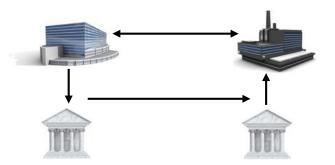
- Financial data in a large organization dispersed throughout many divisions and geographies
- Audit and Compliance needs indelible record of all key transactions over reporting period

How

- Blockchain collects transaction records from diverse set of financial systems
- Append-only and tamperproof qualities create high confidence financial audit trail
- Privacy features to ensure authorized user access

- Lowers cost of audit and regulatory compliance
- 2. Provides "seek and find" access to auditors and regulators
- 3. Changes nature of compliance from passive to active

Example: Letter of Credit



What

- Bank handling letters of credit (LOC) wants to offer them to a wider range of clients including startups
- Currently constrained by costs & the time to execute

How

- Blockchain provides common ledger for letters of credit
- Allows all counter-parties to have the same validated record of transaction and fulfillment

- Increase speed of execution (less than 1 day)
- 2. Vastly reduced cost
- 3. Reduced risk, e.g. currency fluctuations
- 4. Value added services, e.g. incremental payment

Further Examples by Selected Industry

Potential use cases





Trade Finance
Cross currency
payments
Mortgages



Public Sector

Asset
Registration
Citizen Identity
Medical records
Medicine supply



Retail

Supply chain
Loyalty programs
Information
sharing (supplier
– retailer)



Insurance

Claims processing Risk provenance Asset usage history

Claims file



Manufacturing

Supply chain Product parts Maintenance tracking

Patterns for Customer Adoption

HIGH VALUE MARKET

- Transfer of high value financial assets
- · Between many participants in a market
- Regulatory timeframes

ASSET EXCHANGE

- Sharing of assets (voting, dividend notification)
- Assets are information, not financial
- Provenance & finality are key

CONSORTIUM SHARED LEDGER

- Created by a small set of participants
- Share key reference data
- Consolidated, consistent real-time view

COMPLIANCE LEDGER

- Real-time view of compliance, audit & risk data
- Provenance, immutability & finality are key
- Transparent access to auditor & regulator

Key Players for Blockchain Adoption



Regulator

- An organization who enforces the rules of play
- Regulators are keen to support Blockchain-based innovations
- Concern is systemic risk new technology, distributed data, security



Industry Group

- Often funded by members of a business network
- Provide technical advice on industry trends
- Encourages best practice by making recommendations to members



Market Maker

- In financial markets, takes buyside and sell-side to provide liquidity
- More generally, the organization who innovates
 - Creates a new good or service, and business process (likely)
 - Creates a new business process for an existing good or service

How IBM Can Help



Technology



Hyperledger Fabric

Hyperledger Composer



Hosting and Support









Making blockchain real for clients





Garages

Engagement

Hyperledger, a Linux Foundation Project

- A collaborative effort created to advance cross-industry blockchain technologies for business
- Announced December 2015, now over 140 members
- Open source, open standards, open governance
- One active framework ("Fabric") and seven projects in incubation
- IBM is a premier member of Hyperledger



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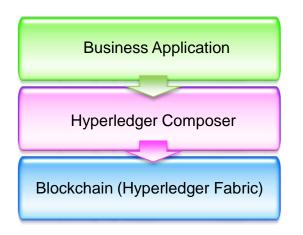


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Hyperledger Composer: Accelerating time to value

- 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 one of eight Hyperledger projects
- Try a demo now! http://composer-playground.mybluemix.net/

IBM engagement model overview



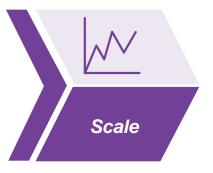
- 1. Discuss Blockchain technology
- 2. Explore customer business model
- 3. Show Blockchain Application demo



- Understand Blockchain concepts & elements
- 2. Hands on with Blockchain on Bluemix
- Standard demo customization



- Design Thinking workshop to define business challenge
- Agile iterations incrementally build project functionality
- 3. Enterprise integration



- Scale up pilot or Scale out to new projects
- 2. Business Process Re-engineering
- 3. Systems Integration

Remote

Digital

Face to face

Face to face



Hyperledger Composer

What is Hyperledger Composer?

Blockchains provide a low-level interface for business applications

- Smart contract code run on a distributed processing system
- Inputs go into an immutable ledger; outputs to a data store
- Applications are built on top of a low level of abstraction

Hyperledger Composer

- A suite of high level application abstractions for business networks
- Emphasis on business-centric vocabulary for quick solution creation

Features

- Model your business network, test and deploy
- Applications use APIs to interact with a business network
- Integrate existing systems of record using loopback/REST

Open Tools, APIs and libraries to support these activities

- Exploits Hyperledger Fabric blockchain technology
- Fully open and part of Linux Foundation Hyperledger

Business Application

Hyperledger Composer

Hyperledger Fabric

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

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Benefits of Hyperledger Composer



Increases understanding

Bridges simply from business concepts to blockchain



Saves time

Develop blockchain applications more quickly and cheaply



Reduces risk

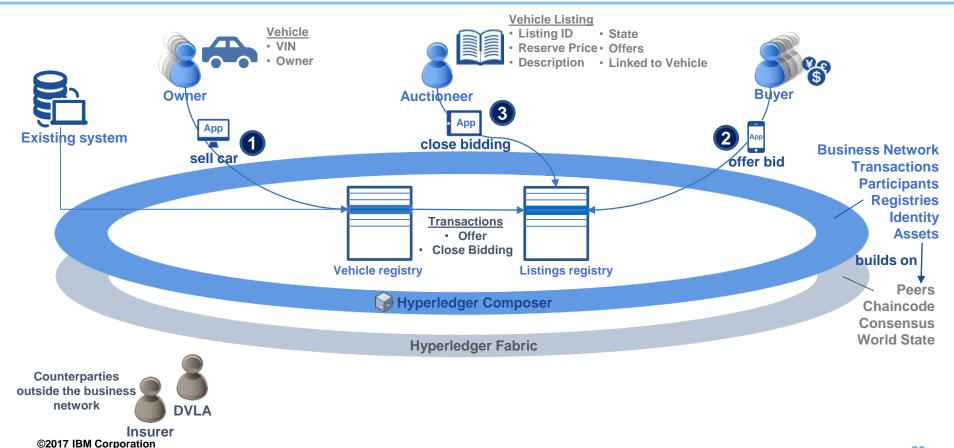
Well tested, efficient design conforms to best practice



Increases flexibility

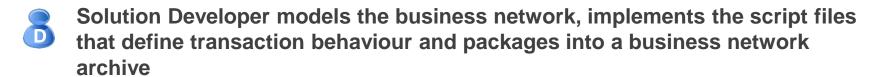
Higher level abstraction makes it easier to iterate

An Example Business Network – Car Auction Market

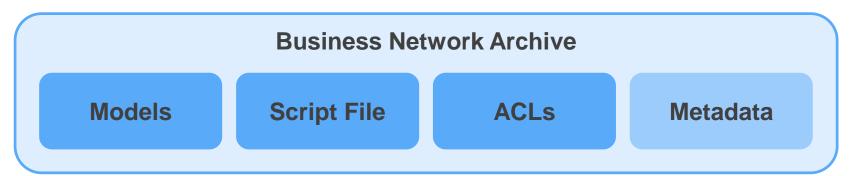


Conceptual Components and Structure of Composer

Business Network is defined by Models, Script Files, ACLs and Metadata and packaged in a Business Network Archive

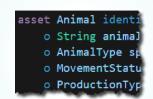


Solution Administrator provision the target environment and may manage deploy



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Extensive, Familiar, Open Development Tool set



Data modelling



JavaScript business logic







Client libraries





Editor support



CLI utilities



Code generation



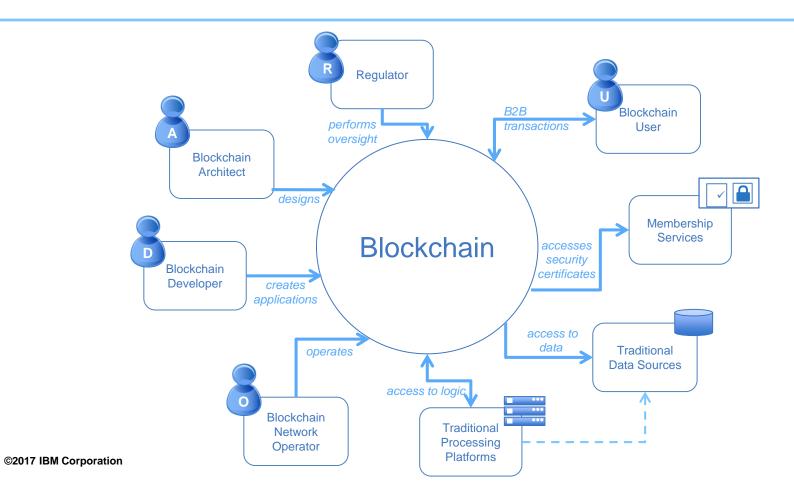


Existing systems and data



Blockchain Fabric Development

Actors in a Blockchain Solution



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Actors in a Blockchain Solution

Blockchain Architect



Responsible for the architecture and design of the blockchain solution

Blockchain User



The business user, operating in a business network. This role interacts with the Blockchain using an application. They are not aware of the Blockchain.

Blockchain Regulator



The overall authority in a business network. Specifically, regulators may require broad access to the ledger's contents.

Blockchain Developer



The developer of applications and smart contracts that interact with the Blockchain and are used by Blockchain users.

Blockchain Operator



Manages and monitors the Blockchain network. Each business in the network has a Blockchain Network operator.

Membership Services



Manages the different types of certificates required to run a permissioned Blockchain.

Traditional Processing Platform



An existing computer system which may be used by the Blockchain to augment processing. This system may also need to initiate requests into the Blockchain.

Traditional
Data

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An existing data system which may provide data to influence the behavior of smart contracts.

Components in a Blockchain Solution

Ledger



A ledger is a channel's chain and current state data which is maintained by each peer on the channel.

Smart Contract



Software running on a ledger, to encode assets and the transaction instructions (business logic) for modifying the assets.

Peer Network



A broader term overarching the entire transactional flow, which serves to generate an agreement on the order and to confirm the correctness of the set of transactions constituting a block.

Membership



Membership Services authenticates, authorizes, and manages identities on a permissioned blockchain network.

Events



Creates notifications of significant operations on the blockchain (e.g. a new block), as well as notifications related to smart contracts.

Systems Management



Provides the ability to create, change and monitor blockchain components

Wallet



Securely manages a user's security credentials

Systems Integration

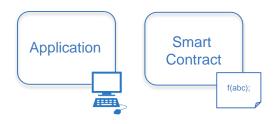


Responsible for integrating Blockchain bi-directionally with external systems. Not part of blockchain, but used with it.

The Blockchain Developer



Blockchain developers' primary interests are...



...and how they interact with the ledger and other systems of record:



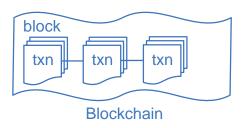
They should NOT have to care about operational concerns, such as:



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How the Developer Interacts with the Ledger

A ledger often consists of two data structures





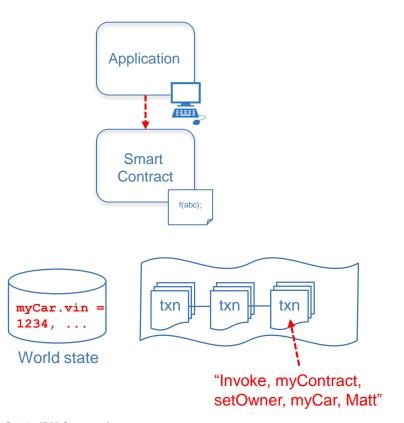
Blockchain

- A linked list of blocks
- Each block describes a set of transactions
 (e.g. the inputs to a smart contract invocation)
- Immutable blocks cannot be tampered

World State

- An ordinary database (e.g. key/value store)
- Stores the combined outputs of all transactions
- Not usually immutable

Working with the Ledger: Example of a Change of Ownership Transaction (change car1 owner to Matt)



Transaction input - sent from application

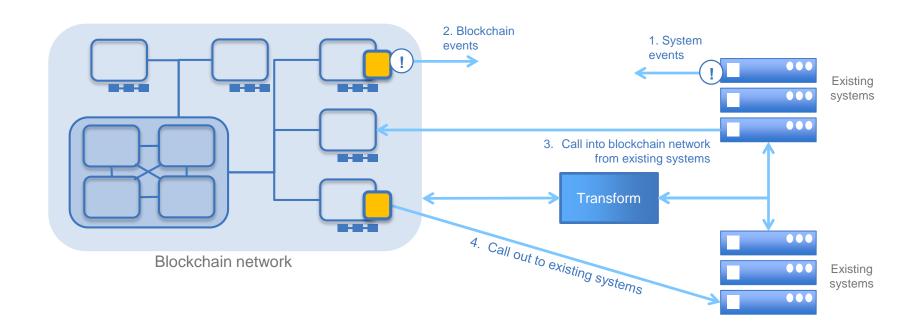
Smart contract implementation

```
setOwner(Car, newOwner) {
   set Car.owner = newOwner
}
```

World state: new contents

```
myCar.vin = 1234
myCar.owner = Matt
myCar.make = Audi
```

Integrating with Existing Systems



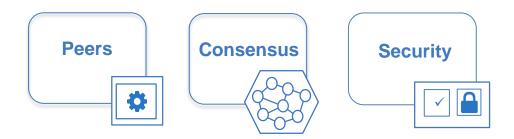


Blockchain Architecture

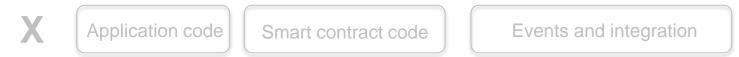
The Blockchain Administrator (Operator)



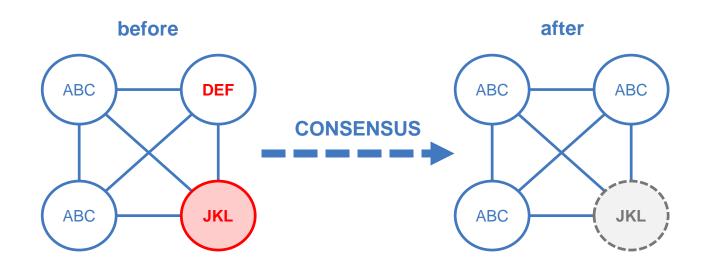
Blockchain administrators' primary interests are in the deployment and operation of part of the blockchain:



They should NOT have to care about development concerns, such as:



Consensus: The Process of Maintaining a Consistent Ledger



Keep all peers up to date.

Fix any peers in error.

Ignore all malicious nodes.



Some Examples of Consensus Algorithms









Proof of stake











PBFTbased

Consensus Algorithms have Different Strengths and Weaknesses



Require validators to solve difficult cryptographic puzzles

PROs: Works in untrusted networks

CONS: Relies on energy use; slow to confirm transactions

Example usage: Bitcoin, Ethereum

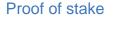


Require validators to hold currency in escrow

PROs: Works in untrusted networks

CONS: Requires intrinsic (crypto)currency, "Nothing at stake" problem

Example usage: Nxt





Wait time in a trusted execution environment randomizes block generation

PROs: Efficient

CONS: Currently tailored towards one vendor

Example usage: Sawtooth-Lake

Consensus Algorithms have Different Strengths and Weaknesses



Validators apply received transactions without consensus

PROs: Very quick; suited to development

CONS: No consensus; can lead to divergent chains

Example usage: Hyperledger Fabric V1



Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance implementations

PROs: Reasonably efficient and tolerant against malicious peers

CONS: Validators are known and totally connected

Example usage: Hyperledger Fabric V0.6



Ordering service distributes blocks to peers

PROs: Efficient and fault tolerant

CONS: Does not guard against malicious activity

Example usage: Hyperledger Fabric V1

Security: Public vs. Private Blockchains

Public blockchains



- For example, Bitcoin
- Transactions are viewable by anyone
- Participant identity is more difficult to control

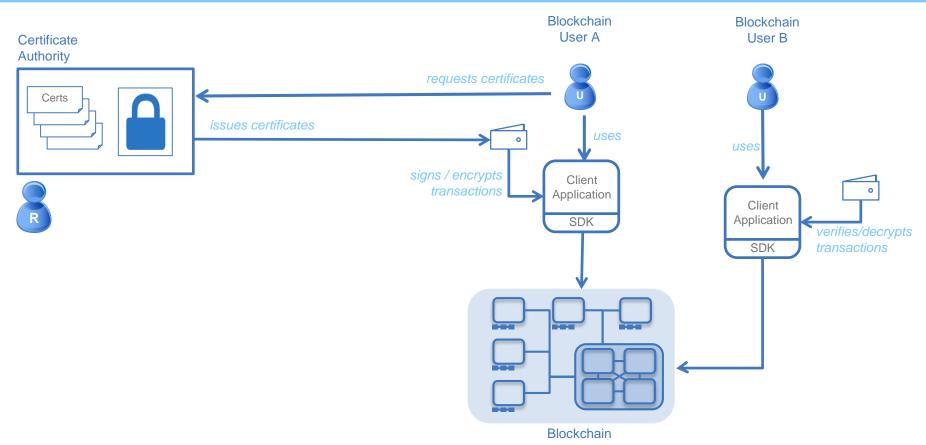
Private blockchains



- For example, Hyperledger Fabric
- Network members are known but transactions are secret

- Some use cases require anonymity, others require privacy
 - Some may require a mixture of the two, depending on the characteristics of each participant
- Most <u>business</u> use cases require private, permissioned blockchains
 - Network members know who they're dealing with (required for KYC, AML, etc.)
 - Transactions are (usually) confidential between the participants concerned
 - Membership is controlled

Certificate Authorities and Blockchain



Other Nonfunctional Requirements

Performance

- The amount of data being shared
- Number and location of peers
- Latency and throughput
- Batching characteristics

Security

- Type of data being shared, and with whom
- How is identity achieved
- Confidentiality of transaction queries
- Who verifies (endorses) transactions

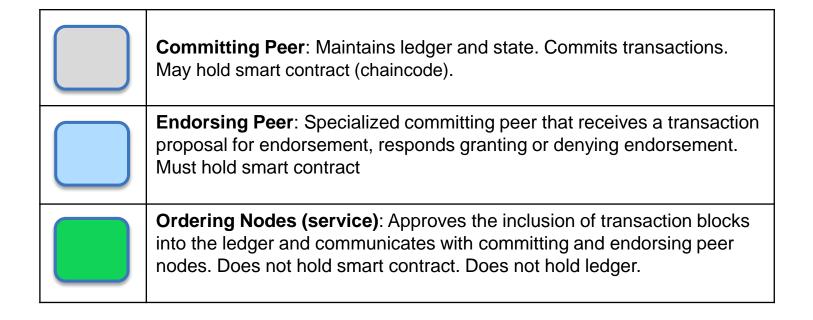
Resiliency

- Resource failure
- Malicious activity
- Non-determinism

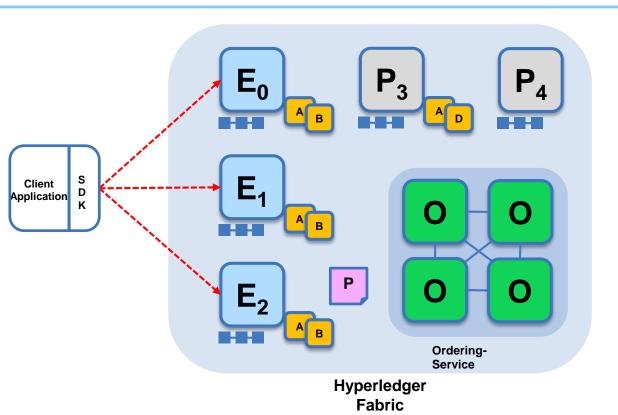
Consider the trade-offs between performance, security, and resiliency!



Nodes and Roles



Sample Transaction: Step 1/7 – Propose Transaction



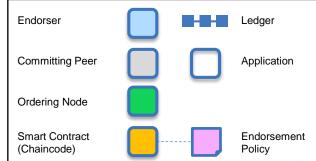
Application proposes transaction

Endorsement policy:

- "E_{0.} E₁ and E₂ must sign"
- (P₃, P₄ are not part of the policy)

Client application submits a transaction proposal for Smart Contract A. It must target the required peers $\{E_0, E_1, E_2\}$.

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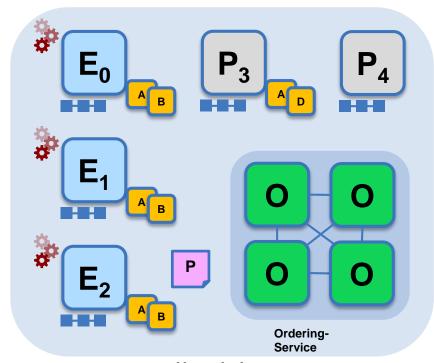


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Sample Transaction: Step 2/7 – Execute Proposal





Hyperledger Fabric

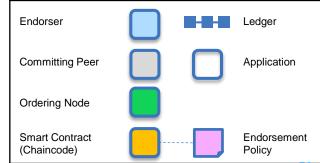
Endorsers Execute Proposals

E₀, E₁ & E₂ will each execute the *proposed* transaction. None of these executions will update the ledger.

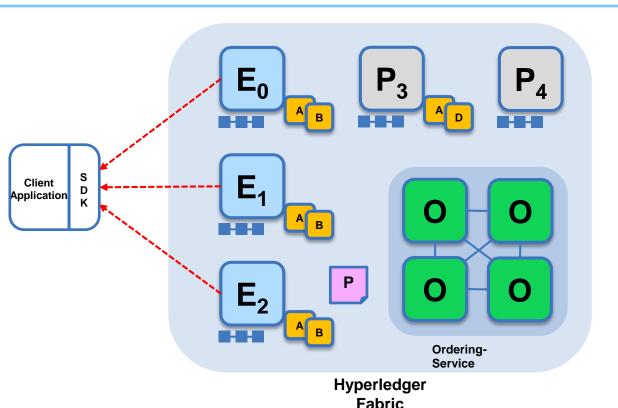
Each execution will capture the set of Read and Written data, called RW sets, which will now flow in the fabric.

Transactions can be signed and encrypted.

Key:



Sample Transaction: Step 3/7 – Proposal Response



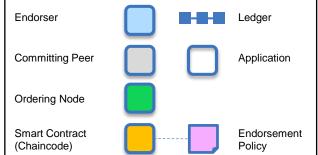
Application receives responses

RW sets are asynchronously returned to application.

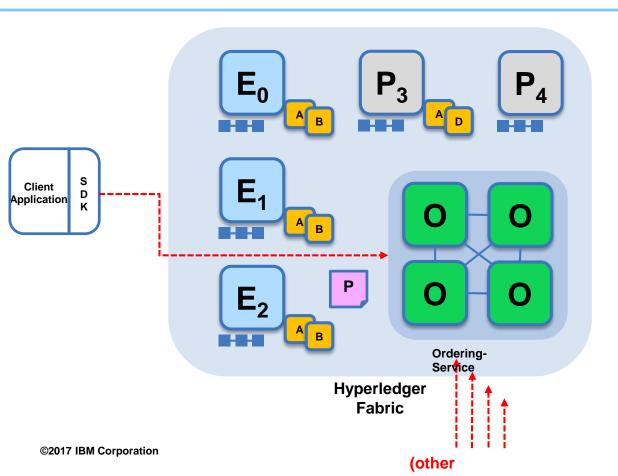
The RW sets are signed by each endorser, and also includes each record version number.

This information will be checked much later in the consensus process.

Key:



Sample Transaction: Step 4/7 – Order Transaction

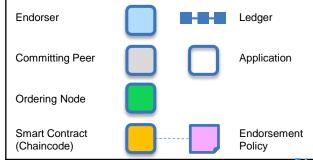


Application submits responses for ordering

Application submits responses as a transaction to be ordered.

Ordering happens across the fabric in parallel with transactions submitted by other applications.

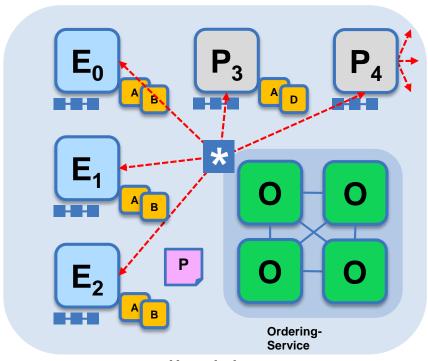
Key:



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Sample Transaction: Step 5/7 – Deliver Transaction





Hyperledger Fabric

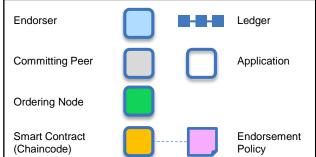
Orderer delivers to all committing peers

Ordering service collects transactions into proposed blocks for distribution to committing peers. Peers can deliver to other peers in a hierarchy (not shown).

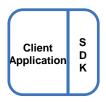
Different ordering algorithms available:

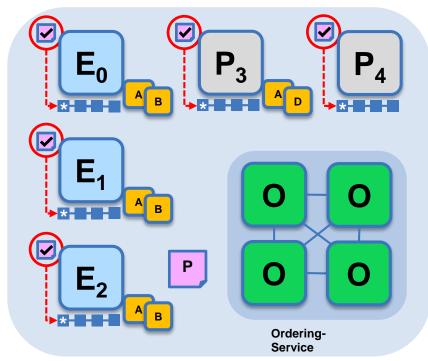
- SOLO (Single node, development)
- Kafka (Crash fault tolerance)

Key:



Sample Transaction: Step 6/7 – Validate Transaction





Hyperledger Fabric

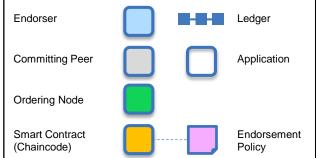
Committing peers validate transactions

Every committing peer validates against the endorsement policy. Also check RW sets are still valid for current world state.

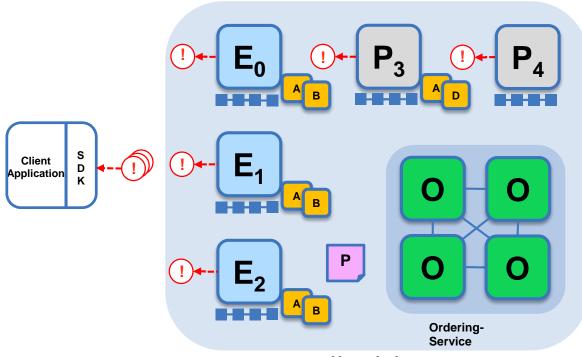
Validated transactions are applied to the world state and retained on the ledger.

Invalid transactions are also retained on the ledger but do not update world state.

Key:



Sample Transaction: Step 7/7 – Notify Transaction



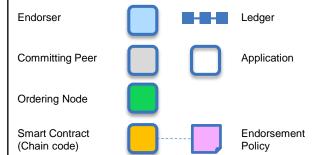
Hyperledger Fabric

Committing peers notify applications

Applications can register to be notified when transactions succeed or fail and when blocks are added to the ledger.

Applications will be notified by each peer to which they are connected.

Key:



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