

Running a notary service

At present we have several prototype notary implementations:

1. `SimpleNotaryService` (single node) – commits the provided transaction input states without any validation.
2. `ValidatingNotaryService` (single node) – retrieves and validates the whole transaction history (including the given transaction) before committing.
3. `RaftValidatingNotaryService` (distributed) – functionally equivalent to `ValidatingNotaryService`, but stores the committed states in a distributed collection replicated and persisted in a Raft cluster. For the consensus layer we are using the [Corycat](#) framework.

To have a node run a notary service, you need to set appropriate configuration values before starting it (see [Node configuration](#) for reference).

For `SimpleNotaryService`, simply add the following service id to the list of advertised services:

```
extraAdvertisedServiceIds : [ "net.corda.notary.simple" ]
```

For `ValidatingNotaryService`, it is:

```
extraAdvertisedServiceIds : [ "net.corda.notary.validating" ]
```

Setting up a `RaftValidatingNotaryService` is currently slightly more involved and is not recommended for prototyping purposes. There is work in progress to simplify it. To see it in action, however, you can try out the [Notary demo](#).