

Shadow Swap – MVP Build Plan

This is a **developer-detailed implementation guide** for building the MVP of Shadow Swap — a privacy-preserving DEX on Solana that uses:

- **Arcium** for encrypted order matching
- **Sanctum Gateway** (JITO-only routing) for private, MEV-free execution
- **Anchor** smart contract for order state + escrow
- **No Jupiter fallback, no multi-token complexity** in MVP — only SOL/USDC

Built by 2 full-stack engineers, fast and focused.

MVP Workflow Summary (High-Level Flow)

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A[Trader UI: Encrypted order form] --> B[Arcium SDK: Encrypt order]

B --> C[Submit to Anchor program]

C --> D[Order stored encrypted on-chain]

D --> E[Arcium MPC cluster polls & matches]

E --> F[Threshold decryption triggers callback]

F --> G[Anchor: callback executes token transfers]

G --> H[Transaction routed via Sanctum → Jito]

H --> I[Settlement confirmed on Solana]

7-Day MVP Plan (No Fluff, Fast Build)

Team Roles

- **Dev A:** Solana smart contract (Anchor) + callback + Gateway tx logic
- **Dev B:** Frontend + Arcium encryption flow + MPC logic + devops

Day 1: Environment, Architecture, and Arcium Boot

- Set up: Rust, Anchor CLI, Solana CLI (Devnet), Node.js, Next.js
- Clone Arcium's dark pool demo repo as starting point (modularize it)
- Setup .env (Arcium API, Jito RPC, wallet keypair)
- Register MXE and MPC cluster on Arcium Testnet via CLI:
- `arc-cli init-comp-def --cluster testnet --name mvp-shadow`
- `arc-cli register-cluster --url <cluster_url>`
- Dev A starts base Anchor program with:
 - OrderBook PDA account
 - EncryptedOrder PDA account per user order

- Escrow token accounts for SOL and USDC
- Dev B sets up frontend skeleton (Next.js) with wallet connection

Day 2: Smart Contract + Arcium Instruction Hook

- Define order struct:
- `#[derive(ArcisEncryptable)]`
- `pub struct Order {`
- `pub token: mu64,`
- `pub amount: mu64,`
- `pub side: mbool, // buy = true`
- `}`
- `submit_encrypted_order` instruction:
 - Validates escrowed funds
 - Pushes encrypted order into `ArcisArray` in `OrderBook`
 - Queues Arcium computation via CPI to `queue_computation`
- MPC matching logic:
 - Price-time priority matching in Arcis DSL
 - Only matches opposite sides with compatible price
- Dev B compiles Arcis instruction → `.arc` bytecode → registers it

Day 3: Encrypted Order Submission + MPC Matching

- Frontend Arcium SDK setup:
 - Fetch MXE pubkey
 - Encrypt form input using `Rescue + X25519`
- `const encrypted = encryptOrder({ side, token, amount }, mxePubkey);`
 - Submit to Solana via Anchor client
- Dev B tests:
 - Order is stored encrypted in `OrderBook`
 - No plaintext on-chain
- Dev A writes Arcium callback instruction:
- `#[arcium_callback(confidential_ix = "match_order")]`
- `pub fn match_callback(ctx, output: Vec<u8>) {...}`
 - Output decoded → matched buyer/seller → token transfers executed

Day 4: Execution Flow + Sanctum Gateway + Jito

- Dev A writes transaction builder (in callback):
 - Pull matched buyer/seller order
 - Construct atomic transaction:
 - Close orders
 - Transfer USDC and SOL between escrow PDAs
 - Serialize and pass to Sanctum Gateway SDK
- Dev A sets routing config:
- `strategy: 'private_only'`
- `gateway.send({ tx, strategy })`
- Dev A tests: Confirm transaction goes via JITO bundle → validator → on-chain

Day 5: Dev B Builds Live Frontend Flow

- Connect wallet (Phantom)
- Order form (SOL/USDC): side, amount, price
- Encrypt via Arcium SDK
- Call program instruction (via Anchor client)
- Live status updates (order submitted, matched, executed)
- WebSocket or polling: listen for confirmation event (TradeMatched)

Day 6: Callback Server + Large Payload Handling (Optional)

- Arcium handles small outputs natively
- If output > 1232 bytes:
 - Dev B writes Express.js callback server:
 - Validates MPC node signatures
 - Calls `finalize_computation` on-chain with output
- Deploy server to Vercel or Railway
- Secure with HMAC or Arcium node IP safelist

Day 7: Hardening, Testing, Demo Prep

- Manual test cases:
 - Buy > balance
 - Price mismatch
 - 2 identical orders → one fills, one queues
- Log MPC events: match latency, confirmation
- Record demo: order → encrypted → match → execution (Jito path)
- Add success metric logs:
 - % orders matched
 - Jito-only confirmation success

Tips & Patterns

- Use `ArcisArray` for encrypted orderbook (capped length)
- Use PDA as authority for all token transfers
- Store escrow token balances per user (prevent double use)
- MPC logic returns *only* minimal match info to avoid info leaks
- Transactions submitted only after threshold decrypt

Final Architecture Summary

Layer	Tech	Role
Frontend	Next.js + Arcium SDK	Encrypt orders, connect wallet
Smart Contract	Anchor	Order state, MPC hook, callback execution
MPC	Arcium MXE + Arcis DSL	Encrypted matching
Execution	Sanctum Gateway + Jito	Private delivery, no mempool leaks

Configuration

- Arcium Testnet cluster + MXE registered at start
- Sanctum Gateway strategy = private_only
- Fallbacks = disabled
- Token: only SOL/USDC (USDC mint hardcoded for MVP)

After MVP: What's Next

- ☒ Add Jupiter fallback (if no match after timeout)
- ☒ Add multi-token support (dynamic order struct)
- ☒ Improve UX (quotes, live orderbook, gas estimate)
- ☒ Add test coverage, CI/CD pipeline, audit routines