

# RiskBlock Strategic Framework Model

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## Background

- The Institutes has developed its vision for bringing its diverse member base together to maximize the benefits of distributed ledger technology, and understands that there are first mover advantages to building a P&C Blockchain consortium
- The organization is focused on articulating its plan to drive the adoption of Blockchain in the risk and insurance space. At the plan's foundation will be a strategic vision and approach which will lay out technical and business requirements, next steps, and timing decisions that will optimize industry participation and market share
- The Institutes has engaged Deloitte Consulting to formulate a strategic plan for the creation of RiskBlock, a P&C Risk and Insurance Blockchain Consortium

## Architecture Options Evaluated



## Architectural Guiding Principles

- 1 Cross-Industry Blockchain Foundation
- 2 Consortium for Interactive, Distributed Ledger Technology
- 3 Scalable and interoperable foundation to support a “**build once, use many**” approach
- 4 Approach for Regulatory and Governance for Data Sharing
- 5 Maximize Transaction Standardization & Adoption
- 6 Establish an extensible and scalable Blockchain architecture for transactions



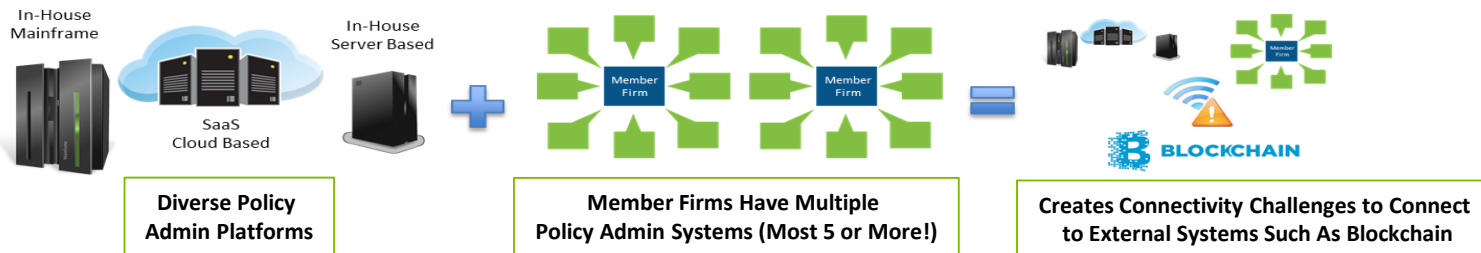
## Recommendation

Adopt **Federated Blockchain** at initial launch with a plan for evolution to **Federated Blockchains with Communications Hub** for efficient integration and scalability

# Observations: Technology Landscape Across TI Member Firms



## Member Firm Back Office Challenges



## Blockchain Adoption Challenges



- Varying levels of Blockchain technology maturity



- Most mature Blockchain capabilities are at POC / exploratory level



- Path to production-ready Blockchain application is not clear yet for most member firms



- Independent directions in exploration efforts across member firms with no coordination across the industry



## Technology Framework Success Factors



### Higher Transactions Visibility at High Performance

- Visibility of data across shared Blockchain can lead to transparency



### Back Office Connectivity Solution with High Scalability

- Standardized API's for connectivity to major Policy Admin Systems/Platforms
- Bespoke API connectivity for non-Major Policy Admin Systems
- Push/Pull DMZ Solution for Member Firms Not Comfortable with APIs



### Effective Central Governing Body

- Control permission and access to data
- Control network membership and nodes participating in consensus

# Framework Model

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# Architecture Options

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Usage  
Monitoring

Key objectives and assumptions considered to develop the operational and technical details of the recommended Architecture Solution

## Objectives



### Applications

- **Blockchain enabled** business processes
- **Interconnected business processes**
- Ability to support **Agile development methodologies**



### Data

- **Data sharing** across member firms
- **Permissioned** data access
- **Standardized** transactions formats



### Governance

- **Open Architecture** to allow fair participation to all member firms
- Adhere to best practice **IT security standards**
- **Future readiness** - Ability to adopt newer blockchain platforms



### Technology

- Support leading **integration patterns**
- Ability to support **diverse application tech stacks**
- Allow for **simple and fast application development**
- Enterprise **SLA compliant** performance

## Assumptions

- Transaction data standards will be defined
- Enterprises would like to host confidential data in their private data stores
- RiskBlock system roles limited to organization level
- Strong Consortium operations led by central governance

# Architecture: Design Principles



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Series of architecture design principles are considered that boost production and efficiency, and minimize potential risks



**Open  
Architecture**

Allow RiskBlock members to create applications in the ecosystem. RiskBlock Services should be reliably exposed to all applications in a non-proprietary manner



**Business Process Subsystem** is architected to allow app contribution from all RiskBlock members



**White  
Labeling**

Solution functionalities need to be exposed to through an externally facing API layer to allow for other institutions to re-use as required



**'Build Once, Use Many'** paradigm is encapsulated in Governance APIs



**Efficient  
Scalability**

All components within technology landscape should provide effortless, rapid, near-linear scalability without an exponential increase in associated costs



**Multiple blockchain architecture** ensures linear scalability.



**Automate and  
Digitize Processes**

Core business and technology processes should be automated and digitized wherever possible to promote efficiency and improve production



**Reusable SmartContract libraries, strong Dev Tooling** help automate several business and tech processes



**Componentized  
Architecture**

Architecture must ensure that as many of its core systems as possible are comprised of reusable, functionally granular components.



Subsystem based architecture ensures **Platform Modularity** and **Componentization**



**Seamless  
Integration**

Architecture should consider ability to effectively and seamlessly combine, analyze, and manage all data pertaining to business events and data



**Interoperability** layer and APIs provide seamless integration



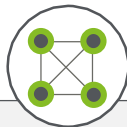
The following Solution Options were considered and Architecture Design Principles applied for Architecture of the RiskBlock Platform



## Single Permissioned Blockchain

**A single Blockchain established across all member firms, used by all applications across various Business Functions**

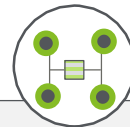
Single Blockchain Architectures are the current de facto standard for blockchain applications in the industry



## Federated Blockchain

**A network of Blockchains with each Business Function being powered by dedicated Blockchains, leading to higher throughput**

An improved blockchain architecture utilizing multiple blockchains for increased scalability and security



## Federated Blockchain with Communication Hub

**Next level of improvement, targeting improved interoperability between the network of Blockchains**

Messaging best practices are implemented for efficient data sharing across the various blockchains through a Blockchain based Communications Hub

# Architecture: Option 1 – Single Permissioned Blockchain



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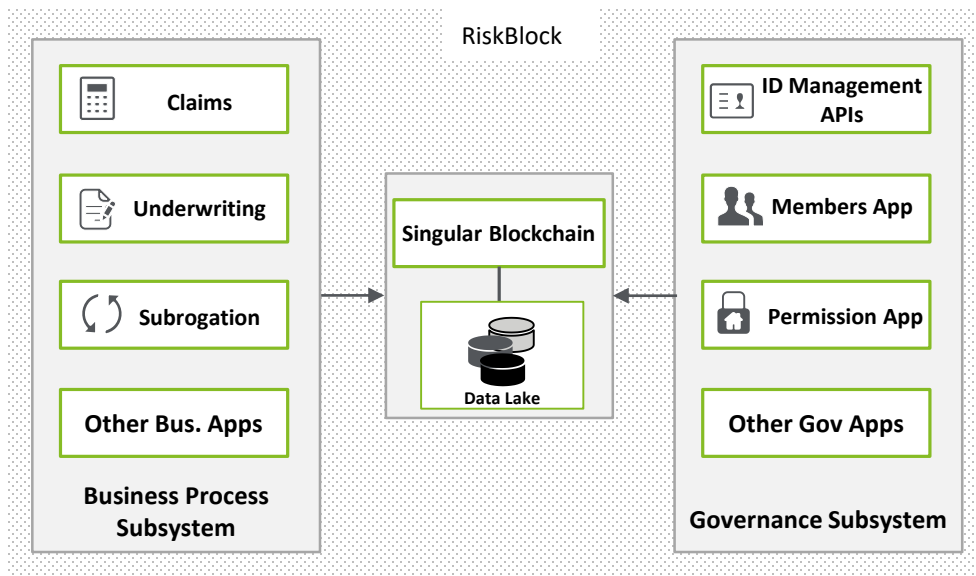
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## Summary

A single Blockchain established across all member firms, used by all applications across various Business Functions

## Solution Detail

- Common, Single Blockchain across all member firms
- Transaction data resides on the common blockchain and is protected by permissions
- All Business and Governance applications run on the common blockchain
- Data sharing will occur between different applications via the common blockchain
- All smart contracts would be executed on the same Blockchain



# Architecture: Option 2 – Federated Blockchain

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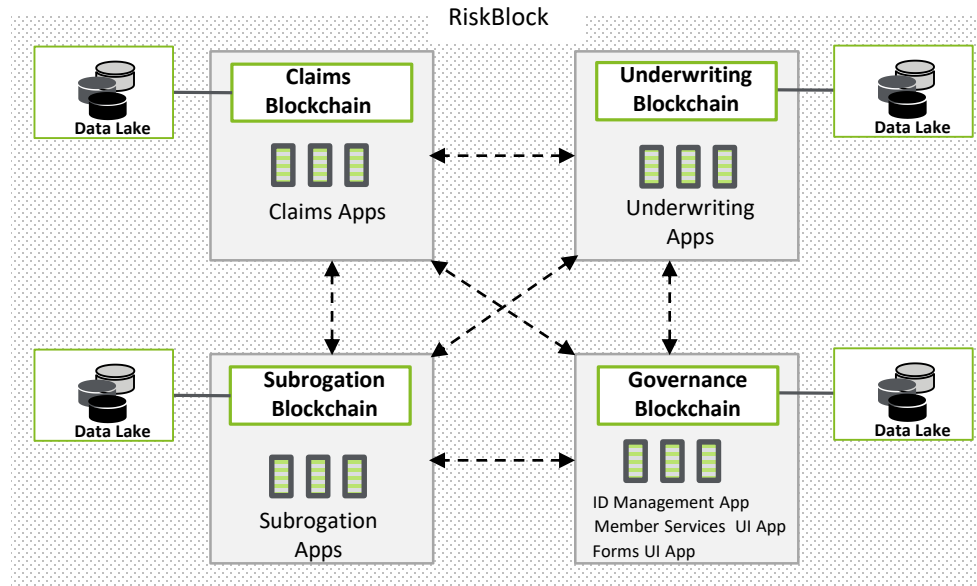
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## Summary

A network of Blockchains with each Business Function being powered by dedicated Blockchains, leading to higher throughput

## Solution Detail

- Federated Blockchains model provides for separate blockchains for each Business Function
- All business applications run on their respective Business Function blockchains (eg: Claims, Underwriting, Subrogation etc)
- Data sharing between business processes would be achieved via Blockchain interoperability (Blockchain to Blockchain communication)
- Business process specific Smart Contract execution will take place on the respective blockchain hosting that process
- Governance data will be confined to the Governance Subsystem blockchain
- Uniform operations due to homogeneity of Business Blockchains architecture



# Architecture: Option 3 – Federated Blockchain with Communications Hub



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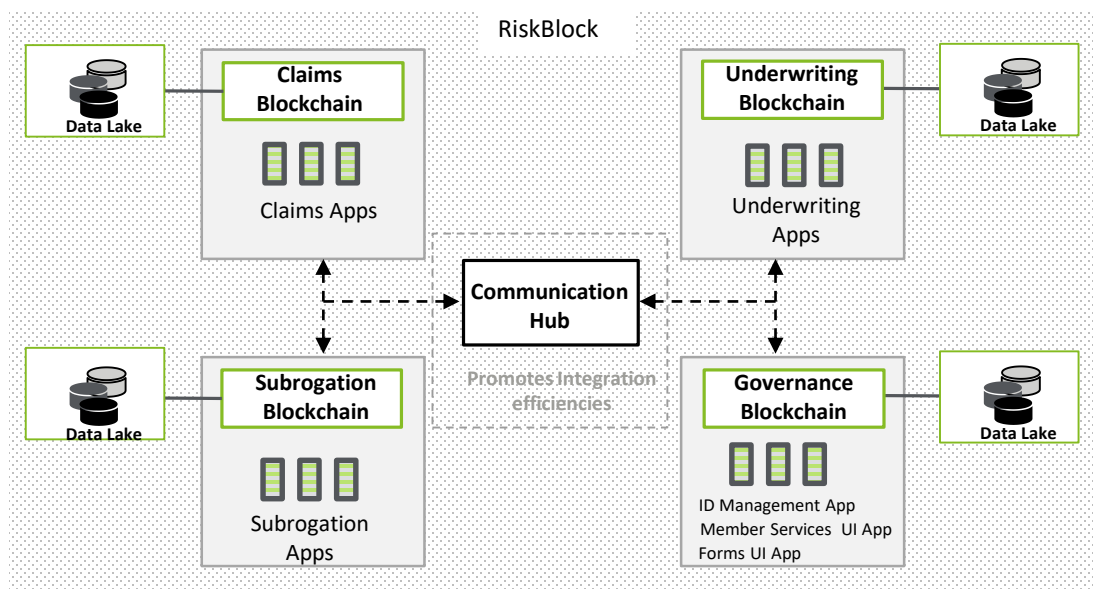
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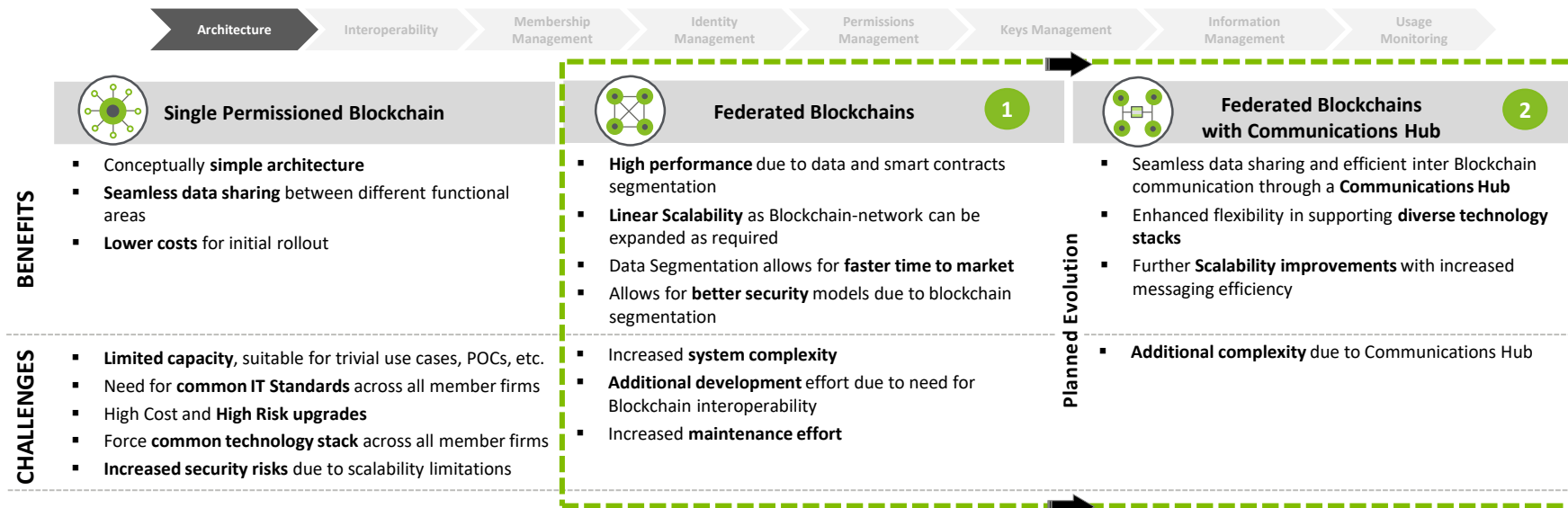
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Messaging best practices are implemented for efficient data sharing across the various blockchains through a Blockchain based Communications Hub



## Solution Detail

- A federated Blockchain model with a separate Blockchain for each Business Function would be deployed
- Data Sharing between business processes will be delegated to a decentralized Central Communications Hub
- Encrypted data would be stored in Data Lake with the verification records and data pointers on the Blockchain
- Business process specific Smart Contract execution will take place on the respective blockchain hosting that process
- Uniform operating models due to homogeneity of Business Blockchains architecture



## 1 Recommendation

**Federated Blockchain model** is recommended for the initial launch of RiskBlock


## 2 Planned Evolution

- Federated Blockchains with Communications Hub** is expected to be a natural progression in the future for better supporting system efficiency
- This option is recommended to be considered as a future evolution and not a Go Live candidate
- Simple **Federated Blockchains** is a 'Minimum Viable Product' that can achieve a faster time to market

Single Blockchain architectures have been the traditional preference for decentralized platforms. To build more sophisticated platforms, the Industry is gravitating towards multiple blockchain architectures and allowing for Blockchain Interoperability.



## Industry Response

 [Cosmos](#) → Network of Blockchains with a central blockchain 'Cosmos hub' to aid Inter Blockchain Communication.  
**Target launch date: Q4, 2017**



[Plasma Solution](#) → White paper published by Vitalik Buterin and Poon as a Scalability solution for blockchains using interoperable 'Baby Blockchains'  
**Release date: August 2017**



[Microsoft CoCo framework](#) → Distributed governance model for blockchain networks to allow fine grained security and access control as per enterprise application requirements.  
**Release date: August 2017**



[Inter Ledger Protocol](#) (ILP) → "Protocol for connecting ledgers" from Ripple for enabling payments across different blockchains  
**Public Demo: May 2017**



## RiskBlock Adaptation

**Communications Hub** for efficient messaging

**Multiple blockchains** for higher scalability

Reusable RiskBlock Services, Development Kit and Accelerators

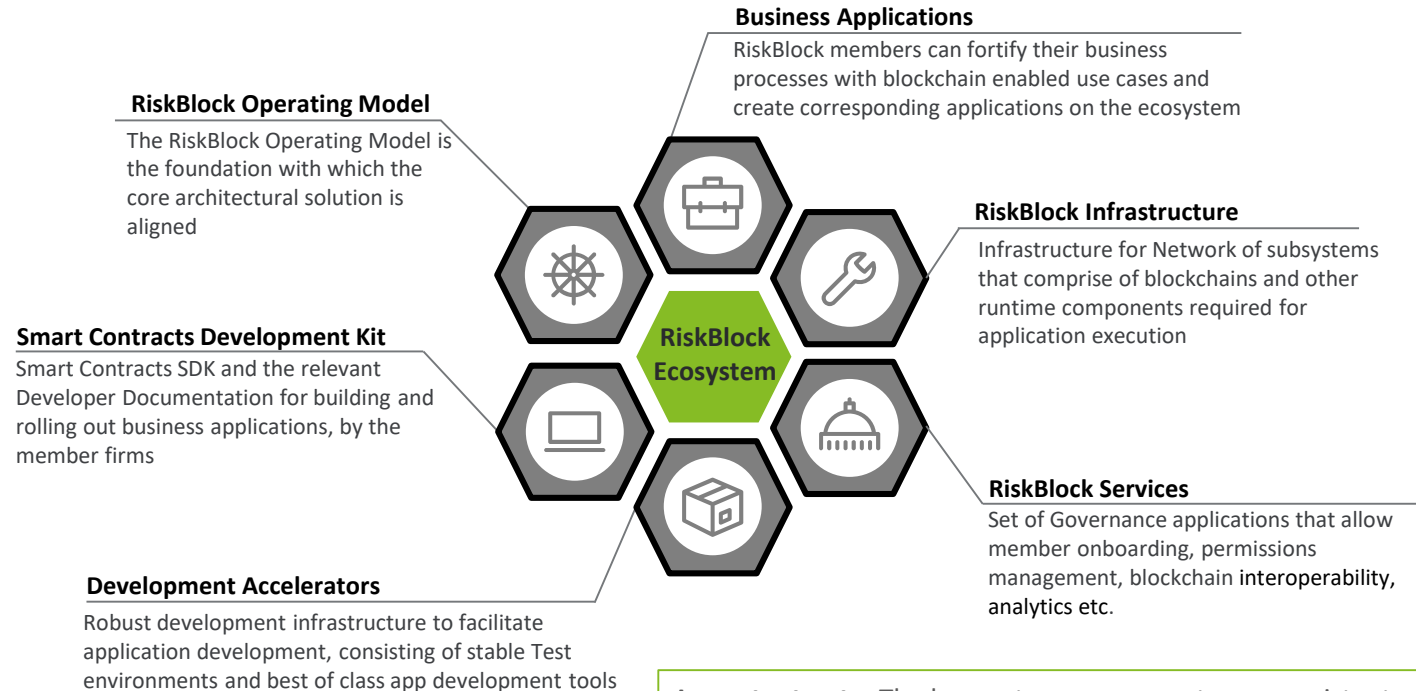
**Interoperability** via Blockchain Connectors

**Important Note:** Most of the relevant leading industry solutions are still emerging designs and are expected to evolve significantly in near to mid term. Also, these designs may not have a 100% overlap with RiskBlock requirements

# Architecture: RiskBlock System Components



Projected Target state for RiskBlock ecosystem is shown here with breakdown into key system components.

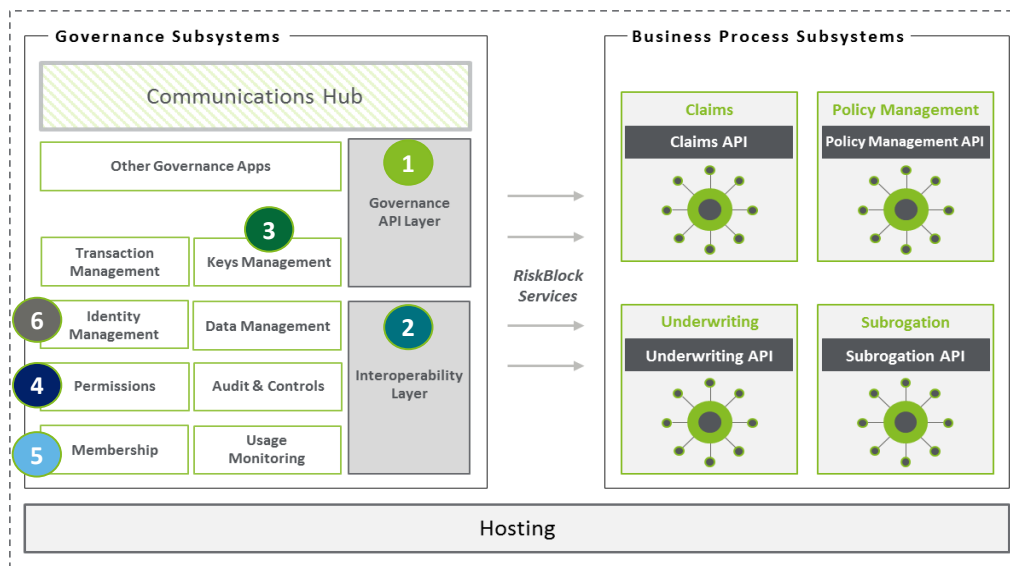


**Important note:** The key system components are consistent across all Solution Options



With Federated Blockchains architecture, the RiskBlock ecosystem decomposes into 2 top level subsystems:

- Governance Subsystem: APIs and Applications that provide underlying services and utility functions for all RiskBlock applications
- Business Subsystems: The business processes encapsulated in the applications that will run on top of the RiskBlock architecture



Label	Subsystem Function
1	Governance API layer <b>exposes RiskBlock governance functions</b> to other subsystems to leverage in decoupled manner
2	Enables the <b>inter blockchain communication</b> and data sharing across RiskBlock subsystems
3	Keys Management APIs used to <b>securely store and use confidential blockchain keys</b>
4	Permissions subsystem is used to enforce <b>Data Sharing Agreements</b> and allow <b>secure data sharing</b> between RiskBlock members
5	Membership Management is used to <b>onboard and manage memberships</b> within the RiskBlock
6	Identity subsystem establishes <b>uniform identities for RiskBlock entities</b> to allow shared references throughout the ecosystem

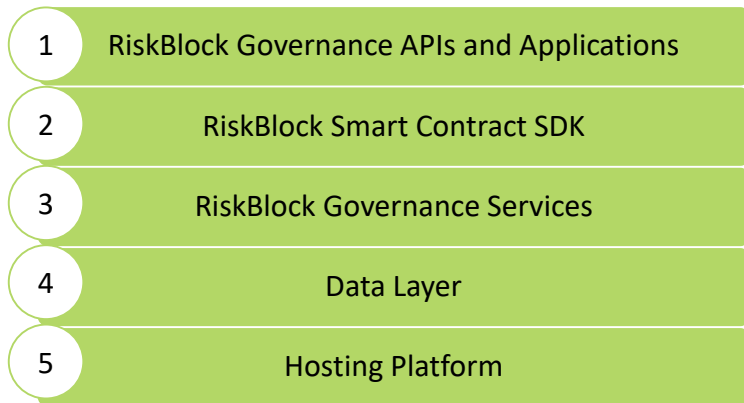


# Technology Architecture

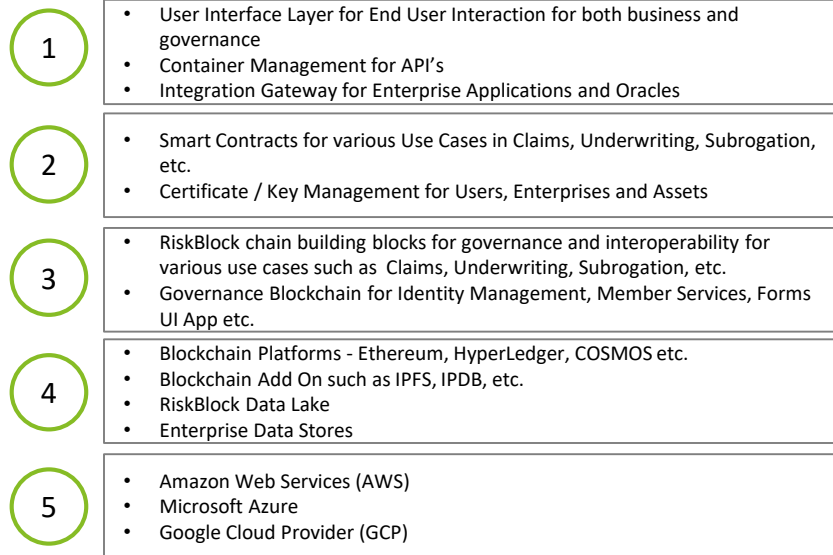
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Platform Management will Be Required Across the Different Layers of the Technology Stack

## Technology Stack



## Technology Details



# Reference Application Stack

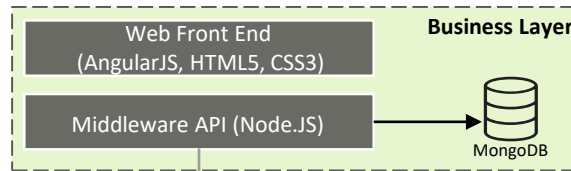


Business Applications on the RiskBlock will follow familiar development practices in use in various enterprises

## Web Front End Application

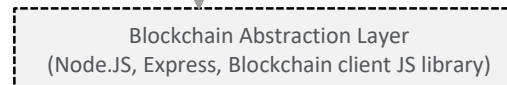
The solution uses an n-tiered model with a Business Layer, Blockchain Layer and Integration Layer

- UI built with Angular
- NodeJS / Express for middleware
- MongoDB for Front End data caching



## Blockchain Abstraction Layer

**Blockchain Abstraction Layer** helps in decoupling the blockchain platform from the business layer of the system

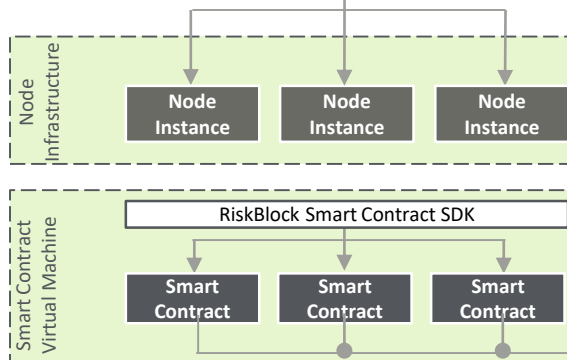


## Blockchain Layer

Blockchain layer typically consists of:

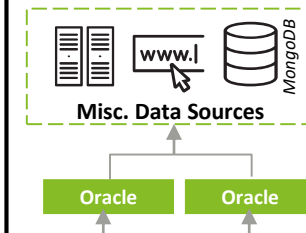
**Nodes:** Nodes are the 'gateway' or 'Access Point' to blockchain data. They implement the Proof of Stake consensus for updating the blockchain data. Nodes have integration points that are used by the client library used in client layers

**Virtual Machine:** Enterprise friendly blockchains have a Virtual Machine that provides capability for executing code (aka Smart Contracts, chaincode, etc.) on the blockchain. Smart Contracts are executed independently at each node and blockchain is updated only after the nodes agree on the execution result



## Integration Layer

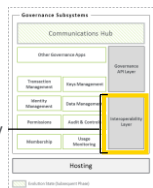
**Oracles** are specialized services that Smart Contracts can use for accessing data external to the blockchain



# Blockchain Architecture

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# Interoperability: Objectives & Assumptions



Architecture

**Interoperability**

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## Why this is important

Blockchain Interoperability enables the **inter blockchain communication** and data sharing across RiskBlock subsystems

## Objectives



### Applications

- Enable inter blockchain **communication and data sharing**
- Incorporate leading solutions for **Blockchains Interoperability**



### Data

- **Compliant with transaction standards** via Information Management subsystem
- Establish **data sharing** mechanism from private enterprise data stores



### Governance

- **Phased delivery** approach for risk management
- **Modular architecture** ensures future upgrades
- **Permissions-aware** module



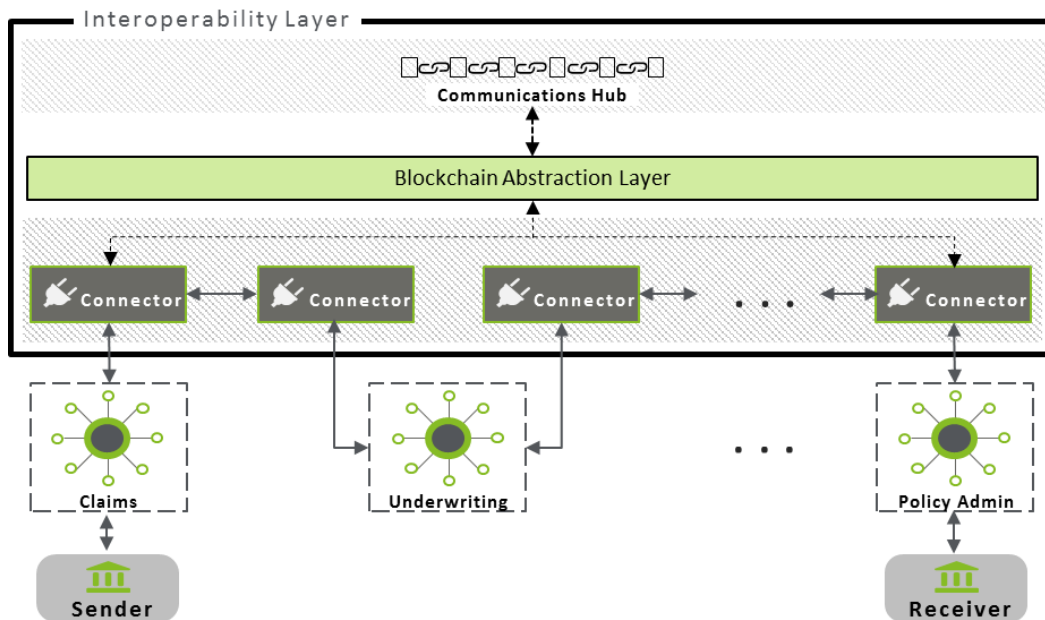
### Technology

- Support both **push and pull messaging and event based** patterns
- **Interface driven integration** to avoid technology dependencies

## Assumptions

- Business applications will need integration and data sharing with other applications on different RiskBlock blockchains
- Transactions consumed via Communications Hub will need to be reported via Usage Monitoring subsystem
- Only interoperability layer will be required for go live and the events blockchain will be rolled out in a later RiskBlock upgrade phase
- System events will need to be persisted for historical record keeping

The Communications Hub and the Interoperability Layer enable cross blockchain communication across the all blockchain applications in the ecosystem



## Interoperability Layer

- **Bi-directional Data sharing** across diverse blockchain population
- **Permissioned** data sharing
- Dynamic permissions management for representing inter organization **data sharing agreements**
- Modeled with **Connector pattern** to relay information between blockchains

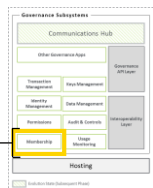
## Communications Hub

- Communications Hub is a key **evolutionary step** for the RiskBlock Interoperability layer
- Encapsulates Interoperability Layer to **extend inter blockchain communication** for more powerful data sharing
- Supports **real time and historical events** information

## Note

RiskBlock Interoperability design is independent of the blockchain products being used for different blockchains

# Membership Management: Objectives & Assumptions



## Why this is important

Membership Management is used to **onboard and manage memberships** within the RiskBlock ecosystem

## Objectives



### Applications

- **Onboard member firms** to RiskBlock post due diligence
- **Enable RiskBlock features** for onboarded member firms



### Data

- Create **blockchain accounts** for member firms
- Establish **data sharing** mechanism from private enterprise data stores



### Governance

- **Track membership status** for member firms
- **Modular architecture** ensures future upgrades



### Technology

- **Web enabled** system for managing onboarding processes
- **Integration with other Governance** apps for holistic membership management

## Assumptions

- Membership agreements will be stored on Membership services blockchain
- Usage limits will be viewable via Membership Management modules as reported by Usage & Monitoring subsystem
- Membership management will be a central application contained within the Governance Subsystem
- Member firms can participate in RiskBlock only with an active membership status

# Membership Management: Solution Detail



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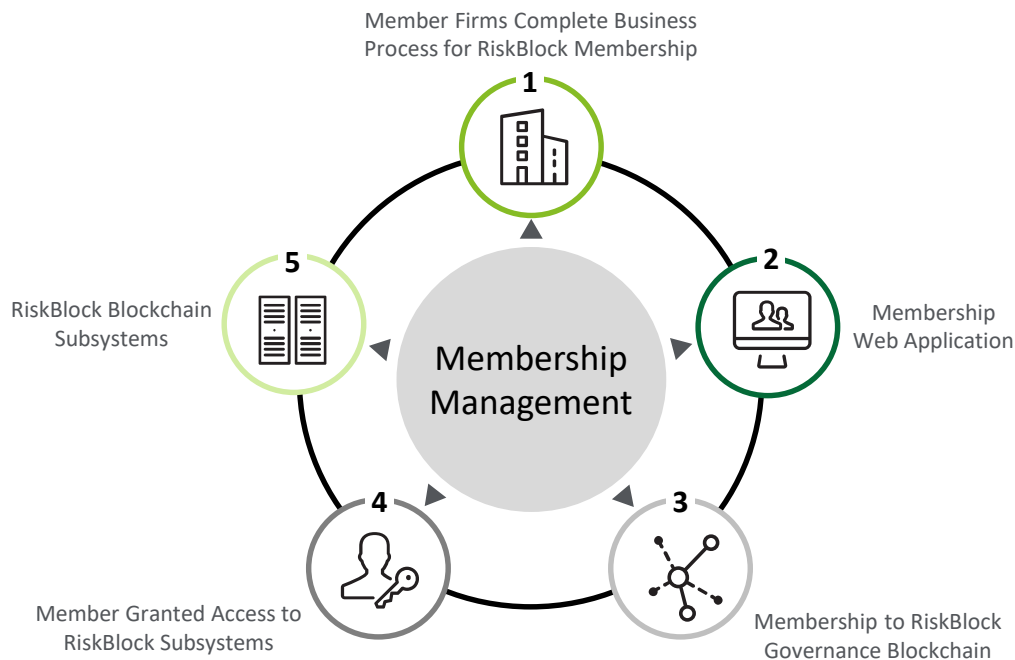
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Membership Management module will be a key part of RiskBlock Governance and will help manage membership status for all member firms

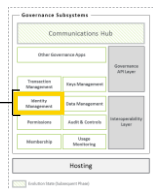


## Solution Detail

- 1 Membership to the Blockchain platform would be open to members and approved non members of The Institutes consortium upon completing the required **onboarding process** as defined by RiskBlock
- 2 **Membership Management web application** will be used by RiskBlock for onboarding of member firms and ongoing membership services
- 3 Membership data to be stored on a **Membership Blockchain** in RiskBlock Governance Subsystem
- 4 Membership Management application will be **integrated with other subsystems** for ongoing membership services and usage monitoring
- 5 **Maintenance** of the Membership Management application will be required for any subsequent changes to membership rules



## Identity Management: Objectives & Assumptions



Identity  
Management



## Why this is important

Identity subsystem establishes **uniform identities for RiskBlock entities** to allow shared references within the ecosystem.

## Objectives



## Applications

- RiskBlock ecosystem will benefit from **Unique identity** for various entities – Member firms, Insured Assets and Policy holders
- Enable easier **data sharing**



## Data

- **Permissioned data access** to data attributes for each ID
- Onboarding process will create the required IDs for member firms



## Governance

- **Insurable Asset** IDs would be generated in the context of business processing
- Detailed attributes for all IDs to be stored **off-chain for confidentiality**



## Technology

- **Application integration** will be supported by ID Management APIs

## Assumptions

- All Member Firms would be on-boarded using the Membership Management Application
- ID and Identity data would be stored in the Data Lake

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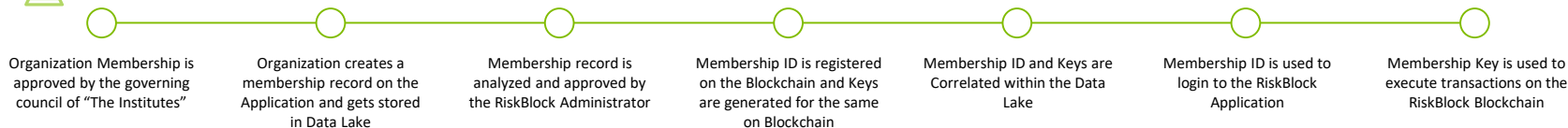
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The following processes provide insight into ID generation and management for key RiskBlock entities:

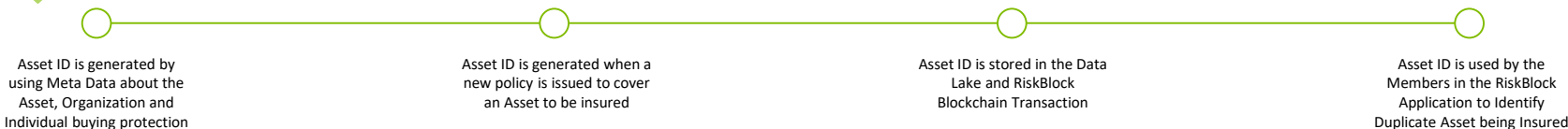
- **Member firms** - Onboarding process generates their identities on RiskBlock
- **Insurable Assets** - These IDs will get generated via various different business processes



## Member Firm ID Generation process



## Insurable Asset ID Generation process



# Permissions Management: Objectives & Assumptions



## Why this is important

Permissions subsystem enforces **Data Sharing Agreements** and allows **secure data sharing** between RiskBlock members

## Objectives



### Applications

- Management of **Data Security Policies** at member firm level for data on RiskBlock



### Data

- Protects all **transaction data** irrespective of storage location
- Off-Chain processing** for increased confidentiality



### Governance

- Permissions framework** for Data Sharing Agreements
- Member Firms to manage permissions via **Permissions Application**



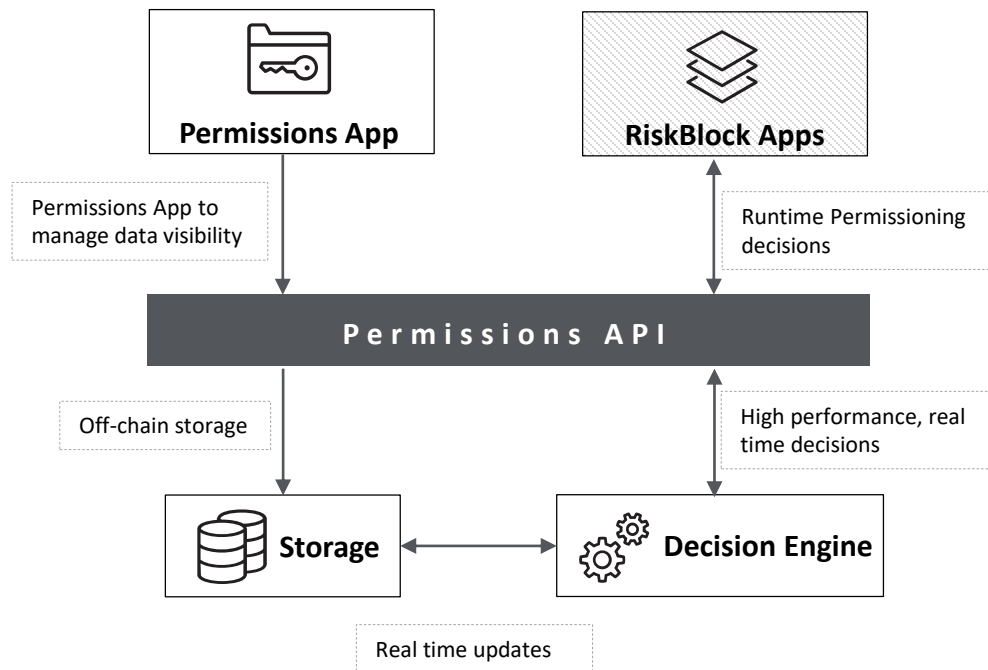
### Technology

- Real time** permissions updates across RiskBlock
- High performance** system for fast system throughput

## Assumptions

- Member firms would self manage their Data Security and Sharing policies vis-à-vis other member firms.
- Member firms would grant Permissions to other member firms as per their Data Sharing Agreements. **Data Sharing Agreements** are mutual agreements between member firms that define the level of access each has to the other's confidential data
- Permissions can be applied only at member firm level
- Permissions are confidential information and will need protection

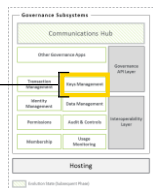
Permissions Management is a critical part of RiskBlock and acts as security agent in all Data Sharing processes



## Solution Detail

- RiskBlock provides a web based **Permissions Management application** to member firms to setup **data sharing agreements** with other firms
- Permissions APIs expose permissions for all the Subsystems to **connect and verify the permissions** for data access, as needed
- All Permissions would be stored in an **off-blockchain Permissions Store**
- A **high performance**, Permissions **Decision Engine** will evaluate access permissions and allow access to confidential data **ONLY** to authorized requests
- Updates to permissions will be effective in the ecosystem components in **real time**

# Keys Management: Objectives & Assumptions



## Why this is important

Keys Management APIs used to **securely store and use confidential blockchain keys** for signing transactions

## Objectives



### Applications

- Creation of **Private and Public Keys** for blockchain accounts
- **Secure transaction signing** with account keys



### Data

- **Store and use** Keys securely
- **Reusable** across wide spectrum of blockchain products



### Governance

- **Hardware Security Modules (HSM)** based key security
- **Secure Machine to Machine** interface



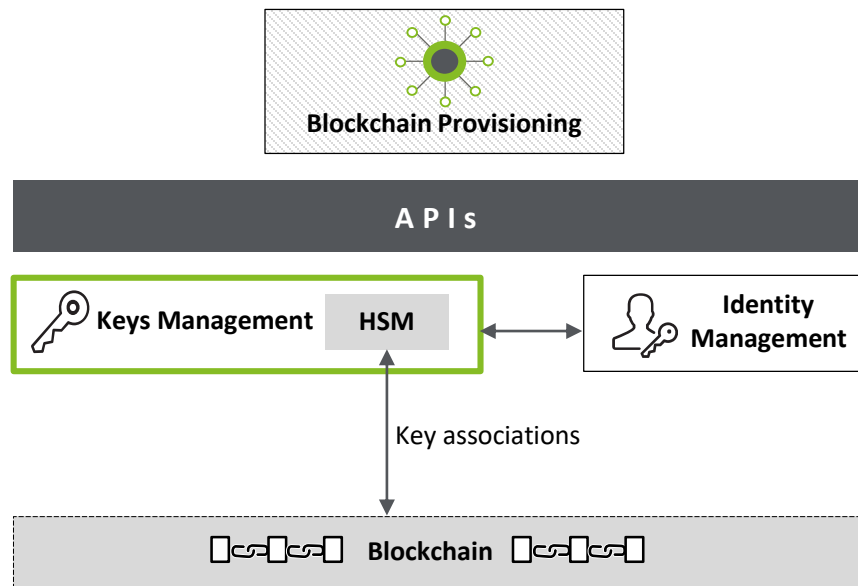
### Technology

- **Cloud enabled**
- Wide range of supported **cryptographic standards** (SHA-256, SHA-512 etc)

## Assumptions

- Account keys are required to transact successfully with the RiskBlock blockchains
- Account Keys will be specific to member firm and the blockchain
- Applications to have access to HSM appliances

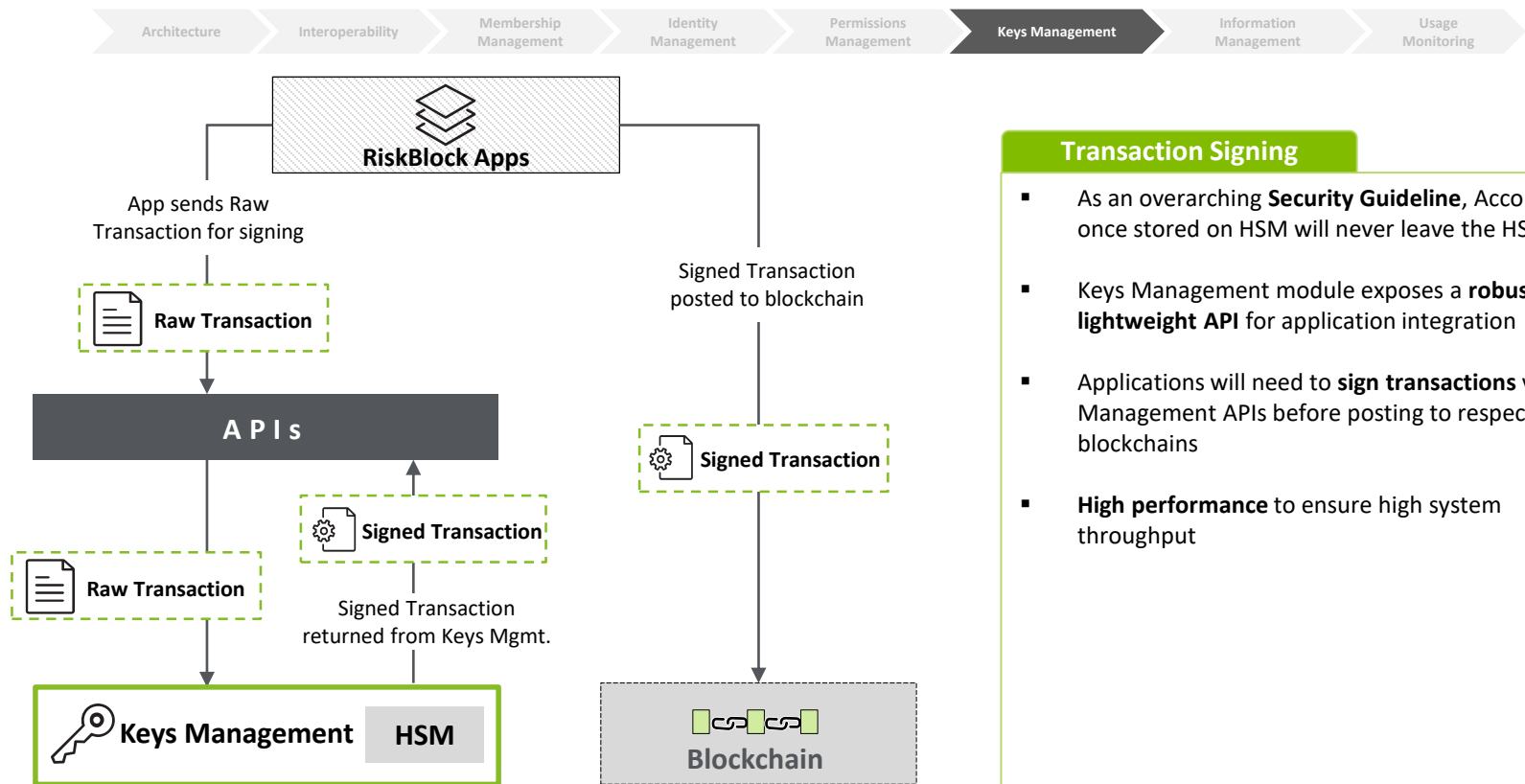
Keys Management ensures confidentiality of member firms' Blockchain keys



## Key Creation and Storage

- Account Keys are extremely confidential and will be stored in **specialized** hardware called **Hardware Security Module (HSM)** for best of class security
- Keys once stored on HSM, will never leave the HSM
- Blockchain provisioning tools will also **generate the account keys** for all member firms and update them in HSM
- Account Keys are **exclusive to RiskBlock member firms** and are used for **Identification and Non Repudiation** of member firms
- Neither Governance nor Business Applications will ever need to extract Keys from the HSM, to comply with **RiskBlock Security Guidelines**
- Account Keys will be associated with the member firm identities while in HSM

# Keys Management: Transaction Signing

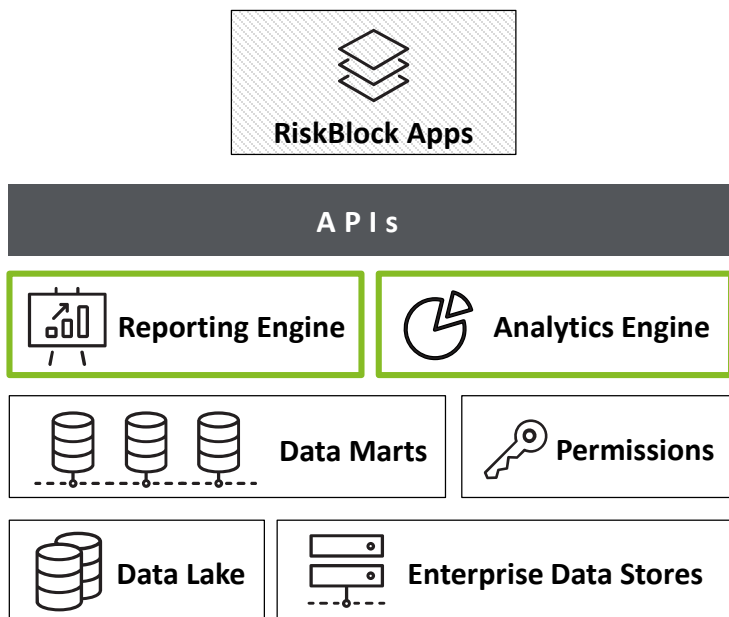


## Transaction Signing

- As an overarching **Security Guideline**, Account Keys once stored on HSM will never leave the HSM
- Keys Management module exposes a **robust and lightweight API** for application integration
- Applications will need to **sign transactions** via Key Management APIs before posting to respective blockchains
- **High performance** to ensure high system throughput



Reporting and Analytics provide key insights into business and technical operations within the RiskBlock ecosystem



## Reporting and Analytics

- **Reports Engine** to deliver custom, on-demand and periodic reports to RiskBlock Governance and member firms
- Reporting Engine can be used to setup **custom reports generation** by all RiskBlock member firms
- Reporting data will span repositories within **RiskBlock Data Lake and Enterprise data stores**
- Integration with Permissions for **data confidentiality**
- **APIs for integration** with RiskBlock applications
- Integration **support for external Data analysis tools** e.g. Audit & Controls, Fraud detection, Customer behavior pattern analysis, Predictive Analysis, etc.

**Important: Audit & Controls** are a specialized set of reports and analytics based alerts to target Compliance, Regulatory or Fraud detection processes



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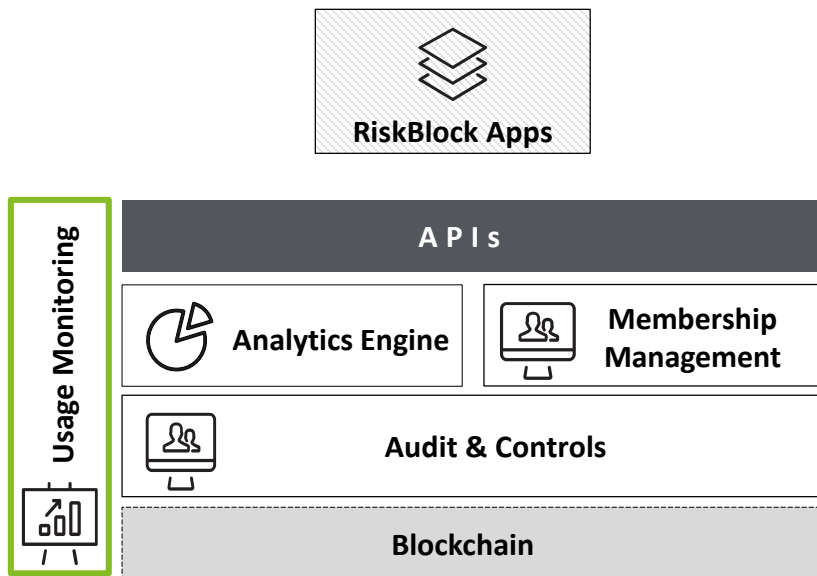
Permissions  
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Keys Management

Information  
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Usage  
Monitoring

Accurate tracking and monitoring of each member firm's usage volume and pattern is critical to support several processes in RiskBlock Governance



## Usage Monitoring

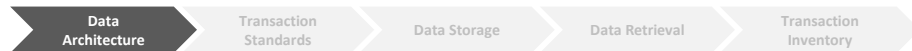
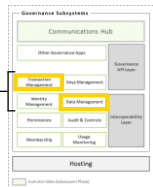
- Usage Monitoring subsystem will **monitor and track** the metrics for Member Firm's **usage patterns and volume** of RiskBlock platform
- Usage Monitoring will **cover all subsystems** of the ecosystem
- Monitoring metrics will be **shared with Analytics Engine and Membership Management** subsystems as input into RiskBlock **Governance processes**, e.g. Cost Chargeback process
- Integration with **Audit & Controls reporting** within the Governance subsystem for Compliance, Regulatory, Fraud detection etc
- Monitoring data can be tracked in **real time or in time slices** as per the criticality of the usage metric datasets

**Important:** Audit & Controls are a specialized set of reports and analytics based alerts to target Compliance, Regulatory or Fraud detection processes

# Data Architecture

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# Data Architecture: Objectives & Assumptions



## Why this is important

Defines **standardized transaction** formats to support **data sharing** within RiskBlock and **secure data storage and retrieval**

## Objectives



### Applications

- Process **standardized transactional** and reference data in RiskBlock
- Support for **storage, retrieval and data exchange** between business applications



### Data

- Support for **CRUD operations** on a wide variety of **diverse data types**
- **Data translators** ensure **transaction standards** compliance



### Governance

- **Data Confidentiality** secured by permissions
- Compliance with **transaction standards and ensuring high Data Quality**

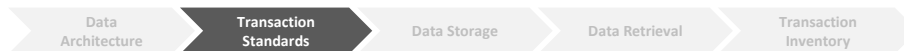


### Technology

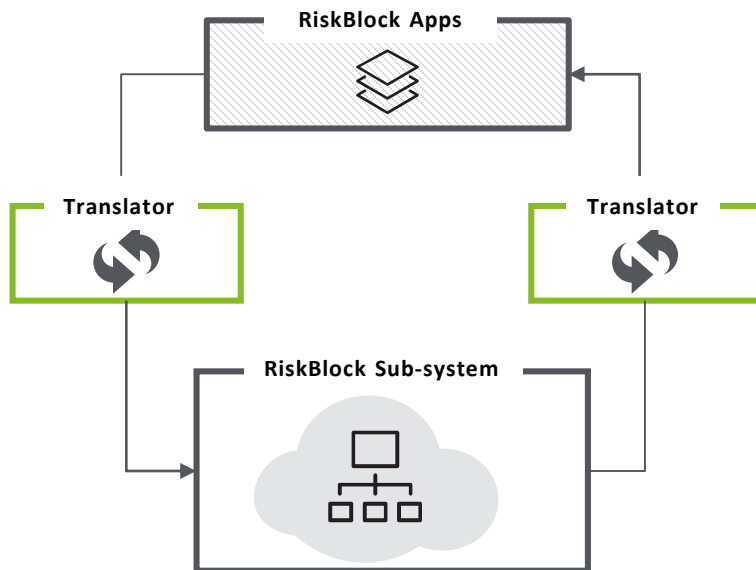
- **Integration** with Reporting, Audit & Control and Analytics
- Data stored in **Data Lake** with the blockchains storing **verification hashes**

## Assumptions

- Transaction data standards will be defined
- Enterprises to host confidential data in private stores
- Transactional data will accumulate over time
- With increased member firms Risk Block storage capacity will be scaled

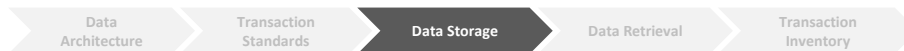


**Translator** components act as **data quality** inspectors and validate all transactions for compliance with the defined Transaction Standards

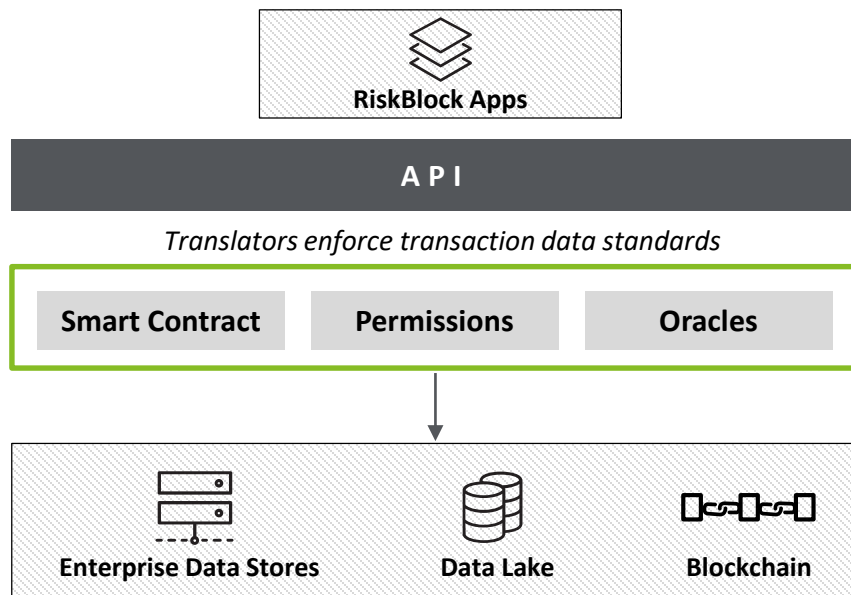


## Transaction Standards

- Transaction Standardization enables **data exchange** in the proposed architecture
- **Facilitates interoperability** in the RiskBlock ecosystem
- **Enforce common** business transaction vocabulary
- **Translator** components act as **data quality** inspectors and validate all transactions for compliance with the defined Transaction Standards
- **Non Compliant transaction data is detected** and blocked from polluting the RiskBlock data repositories
- **Data Integrity checks** on inbound and outbound transaction traffic ensures good data quality on all data processing operations within RiskBlock



Data Storage provides a consolidated view of standardized 'inbound' transactional data that is physically spread over 3 distinct types of repositories

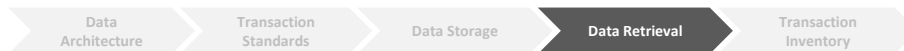


## Data Storage

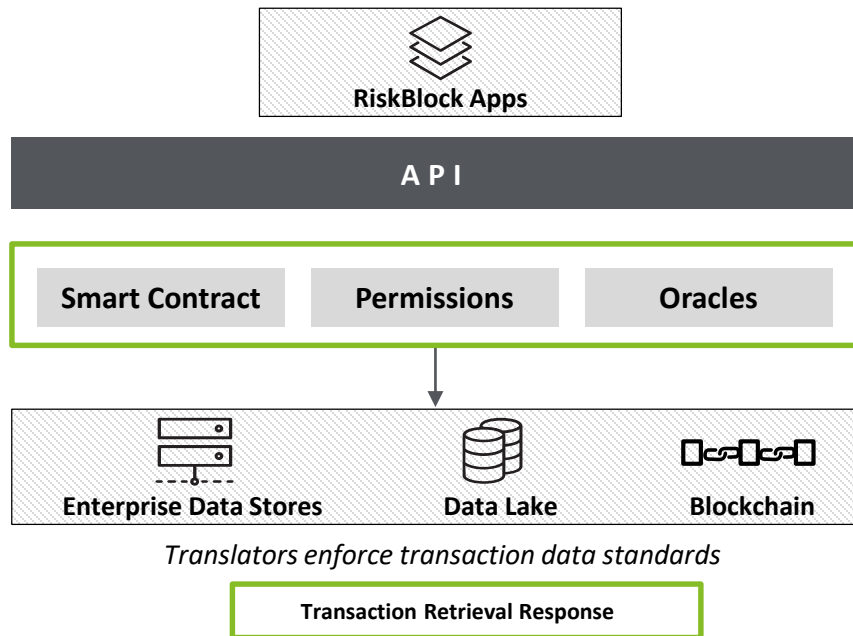
Data flowing through RiskBlock will be stored in 3 separate repositories.

- **Confidential Data:** Organization owned confidential data within respective enterprises. Member firms will need to expose that data, as per their agreements with other members, via **Data APIs** hosted at their end.
- **Transactional Data:** To store shareable transactional information, IDs, Asset references in Data Lake.
- **Block chain Data:** One-way hash of information store is maintained on the Blockchain to validate off-chain confidential data

**Off Chain Translator Components** ensure Transaction standardization is followed for all inbound transactions



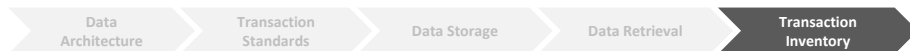
Data Retrieval provides a consolidated view of standardized 'outbound' transactional data that is physically spread over 3 distinct types of repositories



## Data Retrieval

- Data Retrieval operations will utilize the Permissions API to validate the data sharing agreements
- Transaction Standardization enables data exchange in the proposed architecture
- Enables interoperability in the **RiskBlock** ecosystems
- Establish common **RiskBlock** vocabulary
- Allow data share among member firms
- Enable seamless value-exchange of information among network of block chains, data lakes and private stores.

**Off Chain Translator components** ensure Transaction standardization is followed for all incoming data



The following table illustrates the core transactions that make up the four founding use cases. These transactions will serve as the building blocks of RiskBlock as they define the data flow and dependencies among multiple stakeholders and systems collaborating on RiskBlock<sup>1</sup>

	Read Policy Details	Update Policy Details	Read Claim Details	Write Claim Details	Notify Claim Details	Read Driving License Details	Read Historic Rain Fall Data	Read Payment Details	Write Payment Balance	Notify Billing Request
First Notice of Loss	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Proof of Insurance	✓	✓				✓				
Parametric Insurance <sup>2</sup>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓			
Subrogation	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓

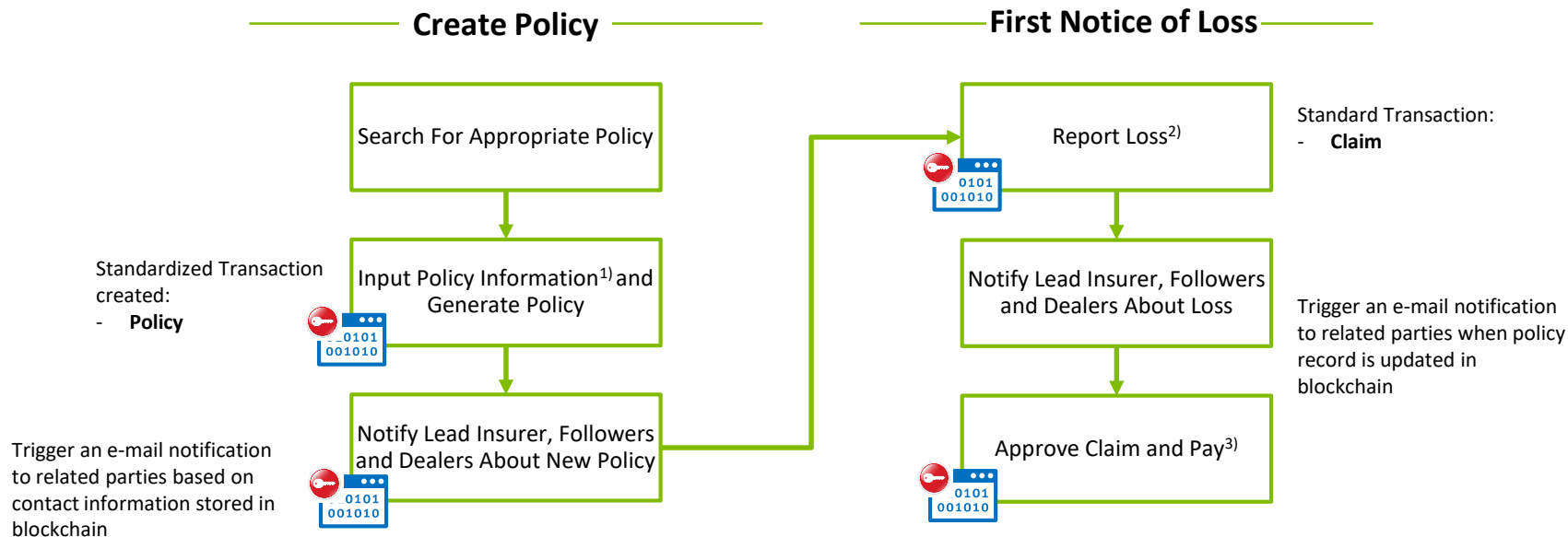
<sup>1</sup>The 10 listed transactions are considered as an input for Transaction Standardization work stream Phase II of the project.

<sup>2</sup>Additional transactions for all use cases (e.g. "Write Policy Information" in Parametric Insurance) will be considered in the Design & Build phase.

# First Notice of Loss: Business Process Flow



Permissions Protected, Standardized Transactions



1) Information includes: Insured, VIN, Date, Lead Insurer, Followers, Dealer, Policy Number, Car Manufacture Year, Car Make, Car Model, etc.

2) Loss information includes date, description of loss, contact information. etc.

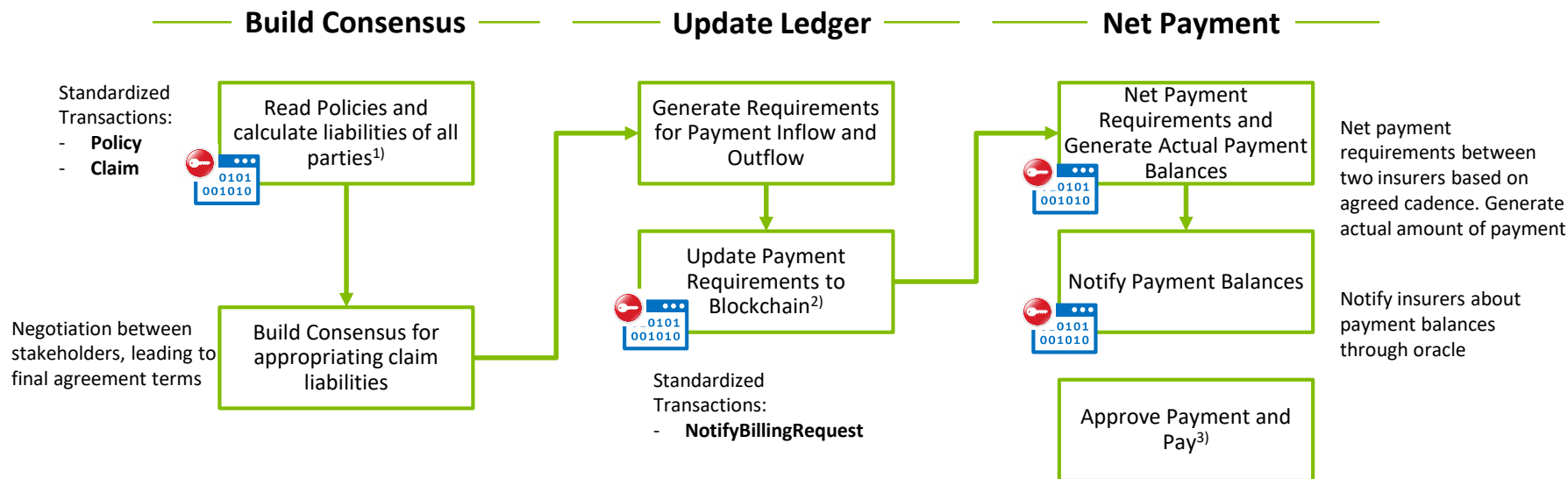
3) Currently payment is an off-blockchain function

**ILLUSTRATIVE**





Permissions Protected, Standardized Transactions



1) Multiple providers accessing cross organization policy and claims data

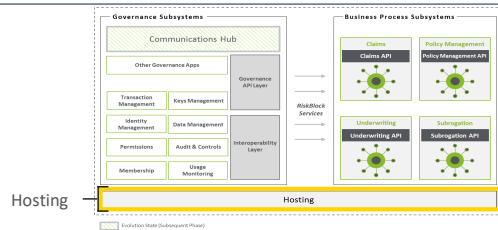
2) Only payment requirements are recorded in blockchain. Actual payments will happen later netting of payment requirements

3) Currently payment approvals and payments are done manually

# Hosting Architecture

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# Hosting Architecture: Objectives & Assumptions



Key infrastructure objectives and assumptions are considered for availability, scalability, reliability, flexibility, security and configurability

## Objectives



### Applications

- **Hosting Strategy** for RiskBlock components
- Enable **Monitoring and Analytics** for API and infrastructure usage



### Data

- Ability to withstand **data loss or corruption**
- **High Scalability** across entire RiskBlock ecosystem



### Governance

- An **Open Platform** to allow enterprises to easily migrate on or off
- **Authenticate & authorize** access to resources



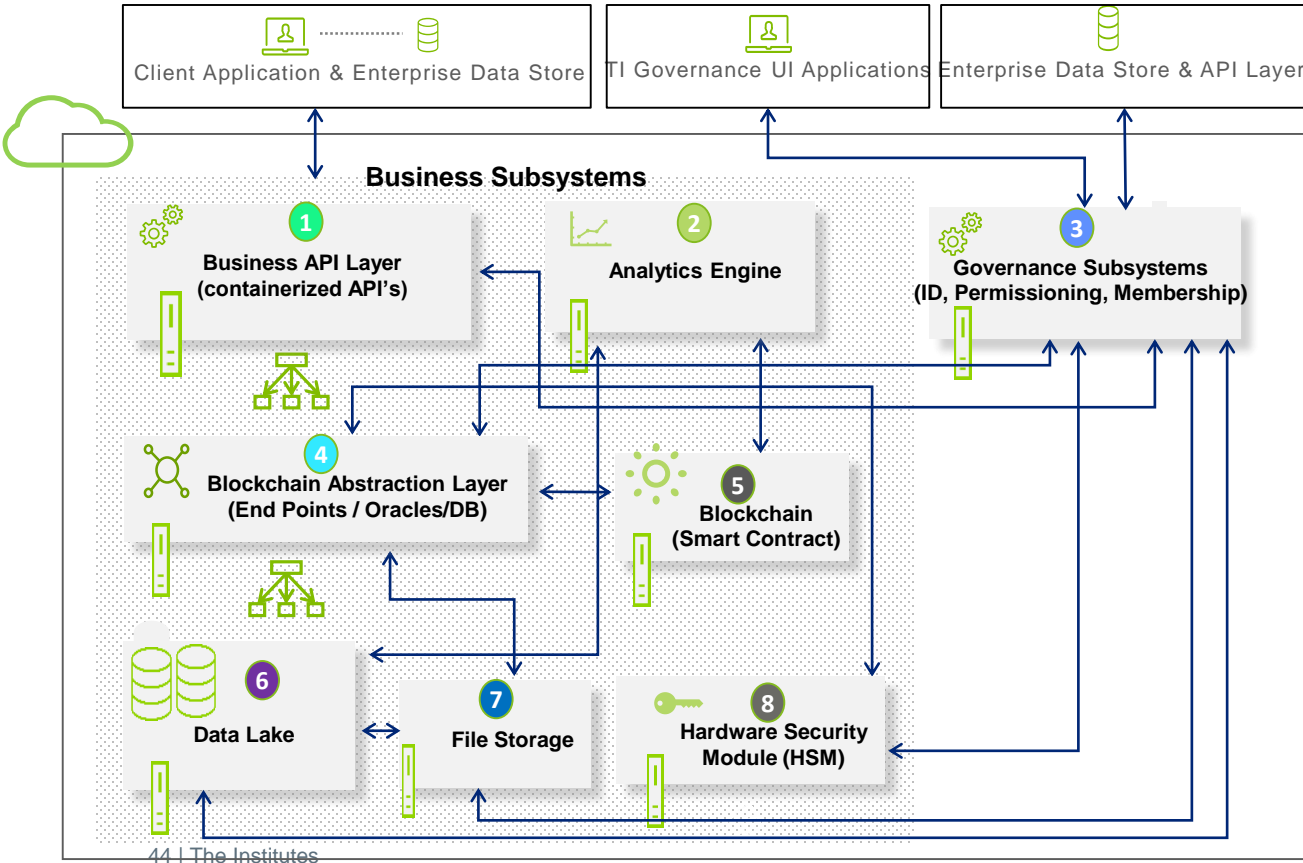
### Technology

- Infrastructure to enable **scalability, agility and availability**
- **Configurability** of multiple application programs to share data where diverse applications communicate either directly or through third-party software

## Assumptions

- During the detailed design phase specific cloud provider will be considered based on the maturity of Blockchain integration and frameworks
- All private and public keys are generated and managed in the cloud
- Detailed sizing of the initial servers to be determined at implementation based on the volume and number of customers
- All servers to be clustered and effective load balancing techniques to be considered

# Hosting Architecture: Conceptual Architecture



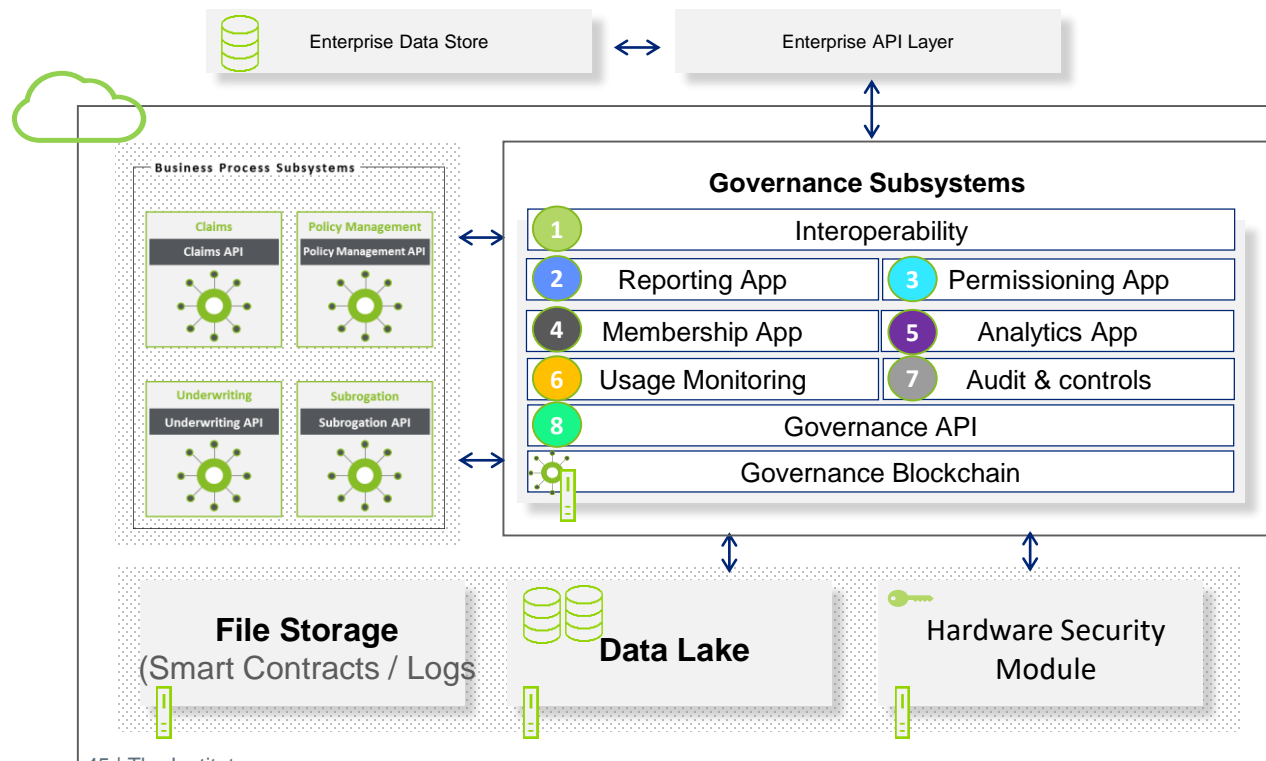
Label	Functionality
1	Business API Layer helps in <b>decoupling the underlying Blockchain platform</b> from the business layer of the system for better Platform isolation. This layer exposes the functional use cases such as onboarding, claims etc., and is containerized for scaling, clustered and load balanced. This layer connects to the Blockchain via API's exposed by the Blockchain Abstraction layer
2	Hosts the <b>analytics engine</b> that uses data from Blockchain and data lake
3	<b>Governance module</b> manages keys, Permissioning, Membership API's for the Blockchain consortium. e.g. create private/public keys, transaction signing etc.,
4	Blockchain Abstraction Layer (BAL) Integrates Business API requests to <b>blockchain end points, Smart Contract, Oracles, Data Lake</b> . Key feature includes manage Blockchain transactions, data integration, Oracles services for Smart Contract etc.,
5	Blockchain to <b>store transactions</b> across all member firms. Encrypted data would be stored in Blockchain
6	<b>Data Lake</b> will maintain ID's for assets, various transactions and co-relation between various entities
7	<b>Stores logs, and other unstructured data</b> such as configurations etc.,
8	Hardware security module (HSM) to generate and securely store <b>private and public keys</b> in the Cloud

Note: Governance and Business Subsystems will be built on the cloud platform of choice e.g. AWS, Azure, GCP

# Hosting Architecture: Governance Framework



Governance Subsystem is composed of APIs and Applications that provide underlying services and utility functions for all applications built in RiskBlock



Label	Functionality
1	Enables the <b>interoperability</b> of inter blockchain communication and data sharing
2	Reporting app interacts with the reports engine to deliver <b>custom, on-demand and periodic reports</b> to the Institute and member firms
3	Member Firms use the permissioning app to <b>manages permissions</b> with other member firms
4	Membership Management app is used to <b>onboard and manage memberships</b> within the RiskBlock
5	Analytics app interacts with the analytics engine to generate <b>operational and executive dashboards</b> analytics
6	Usage monitoring tracks member firms <b>usage volume</b> for facilitating governance processes for charge back
7	Audit & controls enforces <b>compliance and regulation</b>
6	Governance API layer <b>abstracts the different governance management</b> functionalities such as Permissioning, Membership etc., for the Blockchain consortium

Glossary	
Application Programming Interface (API)	API's provides definitions, protocols and tools to integrate disparate systems and technologies allowing the solution to seamlessly integrate through a variety of interface methods e.g., business services, governance services, platform services
Hardware Security Module (HSM)	HSM is a physical computing device that safeguards and manages digital keys for strong authentication and provides crypto processing
Data Lake	The Data Lake holds vast amount of raw data in its native format, both structured and unstructured
Analytics	The Analytics component is a software that improves efficiency and effectiveness in transforming and analyzing data and help identify risks on an ongoing basis e.g. Audit & Control, Fraud detection, Customer behavior pattern analysis, Predictive Analysis etc.,
Microservices	Greater modularity, loose coupling, and reduced dependencies in simplifying the integration tasks
Private Key	The private key is a secret key that is used to decrypt the message and allows to digitally sign transactions
Public Key	Public key is generated from the private key and allows to digitally verify transactions

# Appendix

## Assumptions

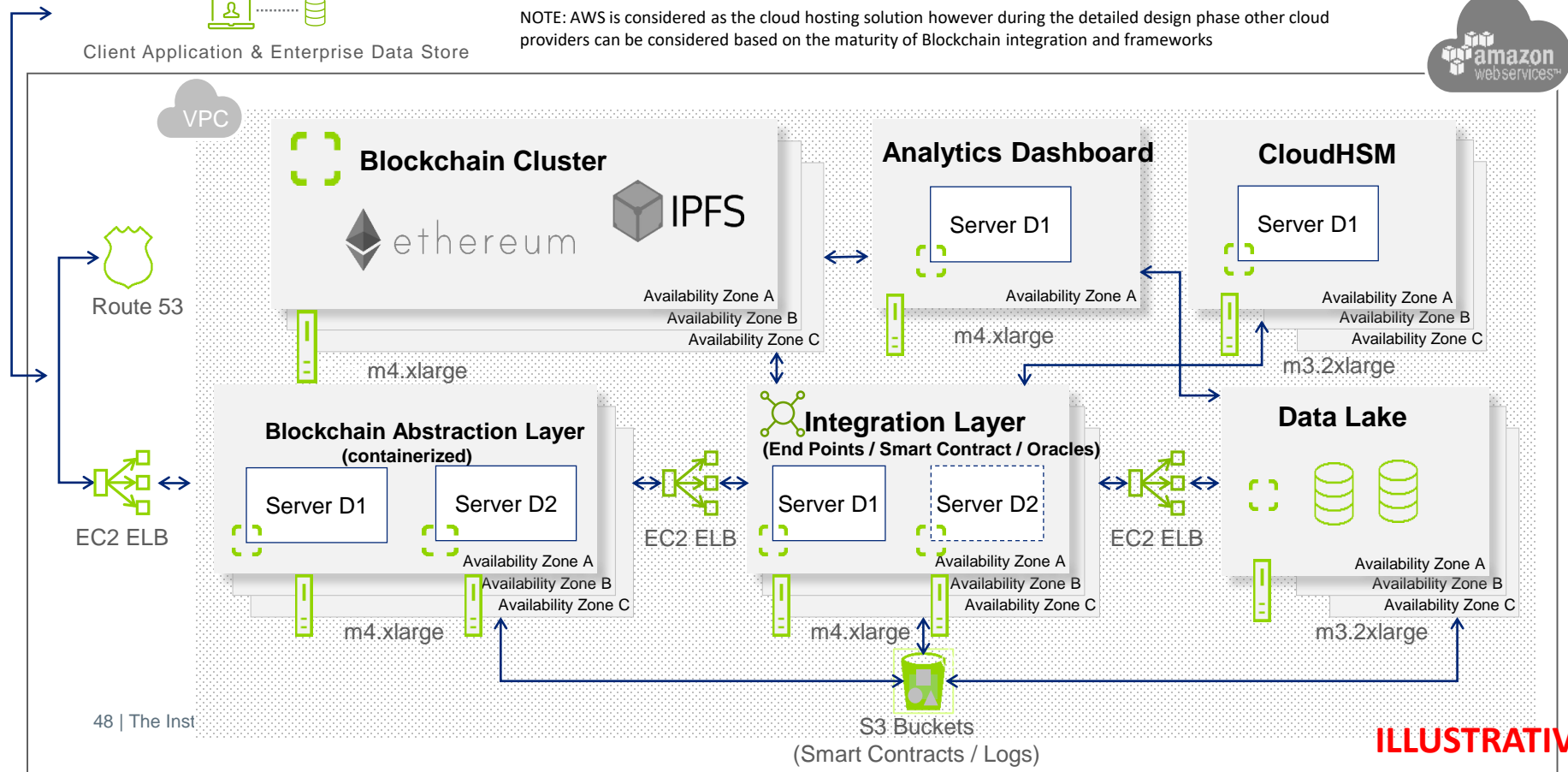
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# Hosting Architecture: AWS



Client Application & Enterprise Data Store

NOTE: AWS is considered as the cloud hosting solution however during the detailed design phase other cloud providers can be considered based on the maturity of Blockchain integration and frameworks





Delivering using Agile allows for iteratively test and incorporate user feedback

## The Agile Approach

- Estimated scope with fixed time and resources
- Requirements (User Stories) are guided by initial view of Themes and elaborated during Sprints
- Sprints organized by User Stories which are sized, prioritized, and measured by User Stories Points
- Use of Sprints creates a flexible process that can easily ingest changes
- Highly collaborative and cohesive cross-functional teams across Design and Build work streams interact regularly during Sprints (daily stand-up calls, ad-hoc design sessions)
- Vertical slice(s) of functionality are completed during each Sprint to create demonstrable product that can be tested with users

### DESIGN

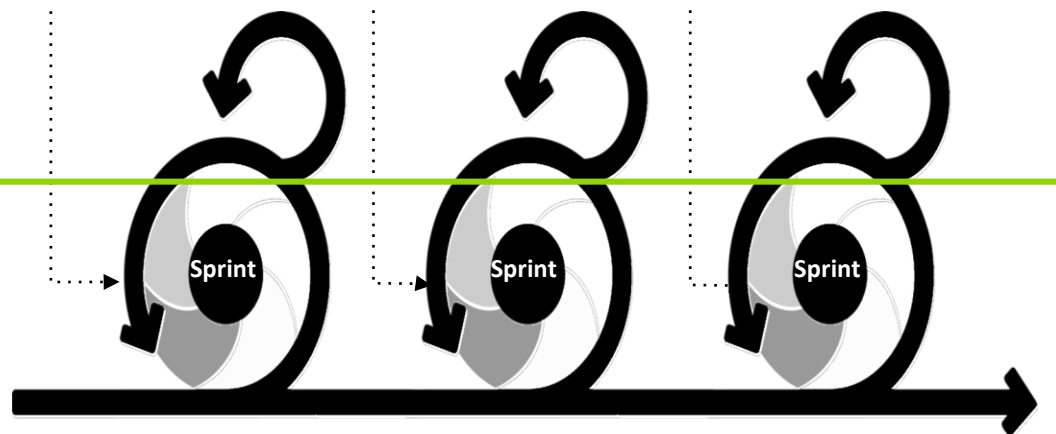
Foundational Insights

Initial Design Concepts

User Feedback

Refined Design Concepts

### BUILD



# Agile: Anatomy of a Sprint



Each Sprint uses interplay between Design and Build to advance Themes from insights to demo

## DESIGN TEAM

### Gather insights

- Ongoing generative and evaluative research in the field
- End of day debriefs to capture immediate insights to share with broader team

### Refine ideas

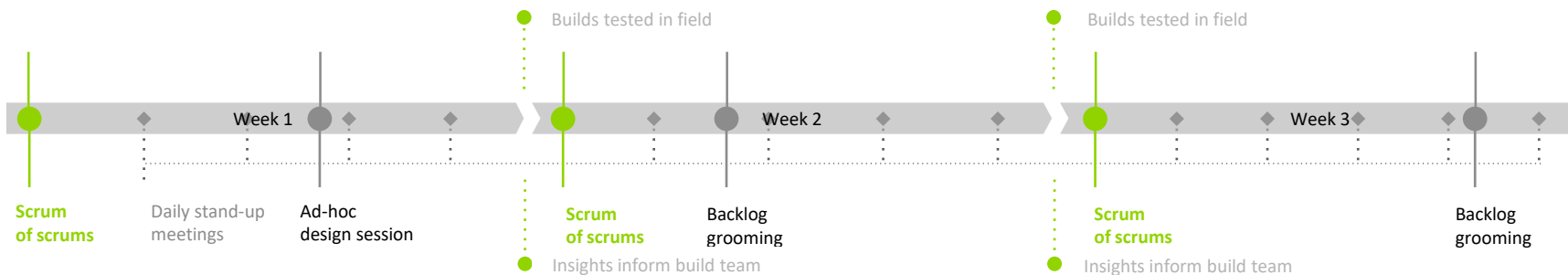
- Evaluative testing of emerging features and functions from early Sprints
- Evaluative testing of user interfaces and language system

### Synthesize insights

- Cluster insights and identify implications for build team
- Synthesize insights from previous Sprints and new generative research output

### Inform next Sprint

- Create potential options to test during next Sprint
- Define User Stories to feed into grooming and backlog



## BUILD TEAM

### Begin Sprint

- Sprint design session
- Backlog grooming

### [Weekly cycle repeats]

### End of Sprint

- Sprint Retrospective
- Plan next Sprint
- Demo