

Hyperledger Fabric

21CSPH0 Blockchain Technology and Applications

Hyperledger Fabric Model

- Key design features woven into Hyperledger Fabric that fulfill its promise of an enterprise blockchain solution:
 - Assets
 - Chaincode
 - Ledger Features
 - Privacy
 - Security and Membership Services
 - Consensus

Assets

- Tangible (real estate and hardware) or intangible (contracts and intellectual property).
- Assets are represented in Hyperledger Fabric as a collection of key-value pairs.
- Hyperledger Fabric provides the ability to modify assets using chaincode transactions.
- With state changes recorded as transactions on a channel ledger.
- Assets can be represented in binary and/or JSON form.

Chaincode – assetTransfer

- Functionalities supported by the chaincode
 - Create, Query, Update

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  {"ID": "asset1", "color": "blue", "size": 5, "owner": "Tomoko", "appraisedValue": 300},
  {"ID": "asset2", "color": "red", "size": 5, "owner": "Brad", "appraisedValue": 400},
  {"ID": "asset3", "color": "green", "size": 10, "owner": "Jin Soo", "appraisedValue": 500},
  {"ID": "asset4", "color": "yellow", "size": 10, "owner": "Max", "appraisedValue": 600},
  {"ID": "asset5", "color": "black", "size": 15, "owner": "Adriana", "appraisedValue": 700},
  {"ID": "asset6", "color": "white", "size": 15, "owner": "Michel", "appraisedValue": 800}
]
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Chaincode

- Chaincode is software defining an asset or assets, and the transaction instructions for modifying the asset(s) - it's the business logic.
- Chaincode enforces the rules for reading or altering key-value pairs or other state database information.
- Chaincode functions are initiated through a transaction proposal.
- Chaincode execution results in a set of key-value writes (write set) that can be submitted to the network and applied to the ledger on all peers.

Privacy

- *Channels* allow a subset of parties to communicate without the other members even knowing the existence of such a channel
- *SideDB* for the participants to store sensitive information locally, with only the hashes of private information stored on-chain
- *Identity Mixer / Idemix* to anonymize the clients with a zero-knowledge proof based signature scheme

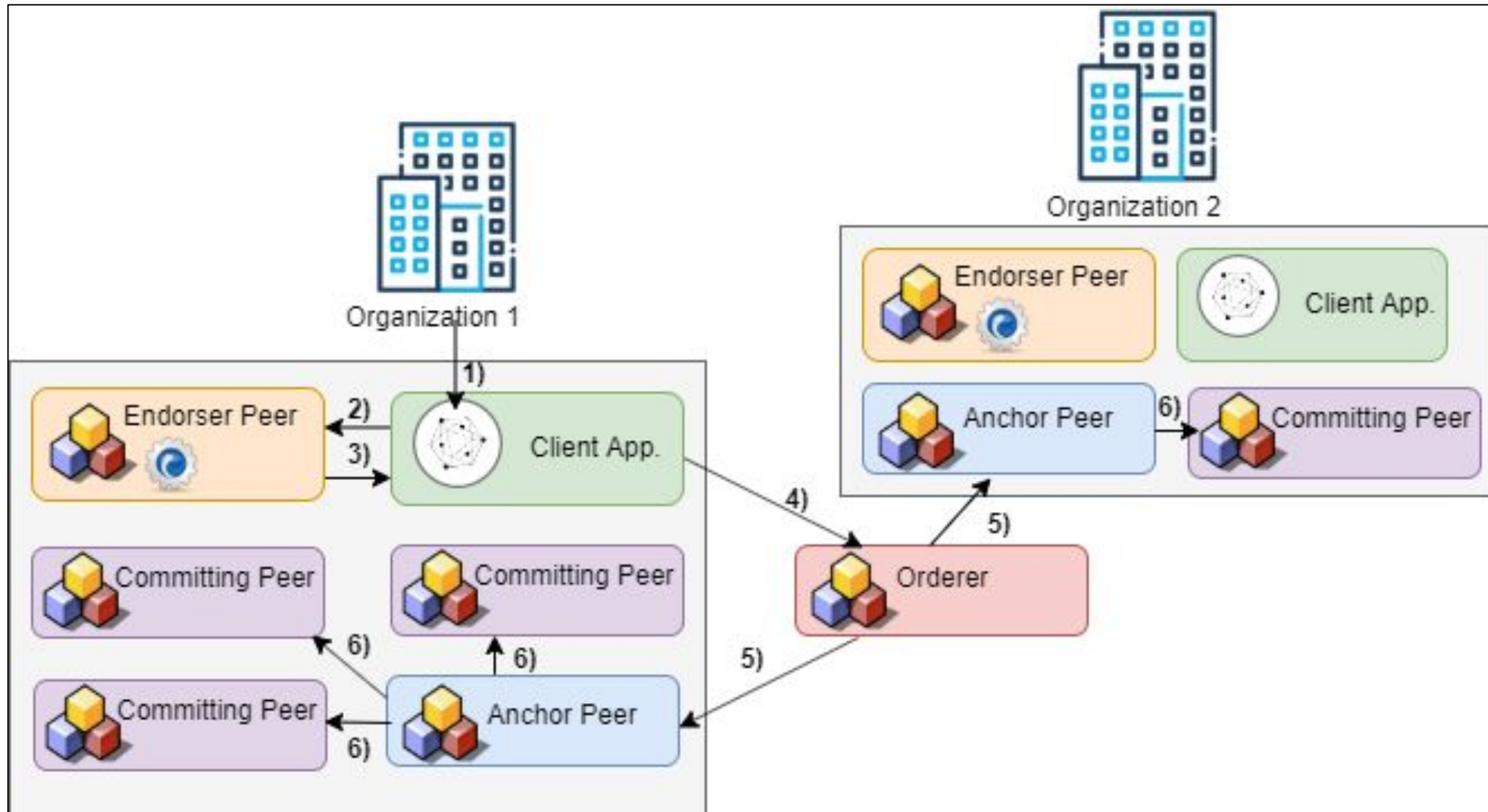
Security and Membership Services

- Hyperledger Fabric underpins a transactional network where all participants have known identities.
- Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) is used to generate cryptographic certificates which are tied to organizations, network components, and end users or client applications.

Nodes in Hyperledger Fabric

- Client
 - Initiates the transaction request
 - Forwards it to the designated peers
- Peers
 - Endorser Peers
 - Executes the chaincode in regard to the transaction request
 - Committing Peer
- Orderer

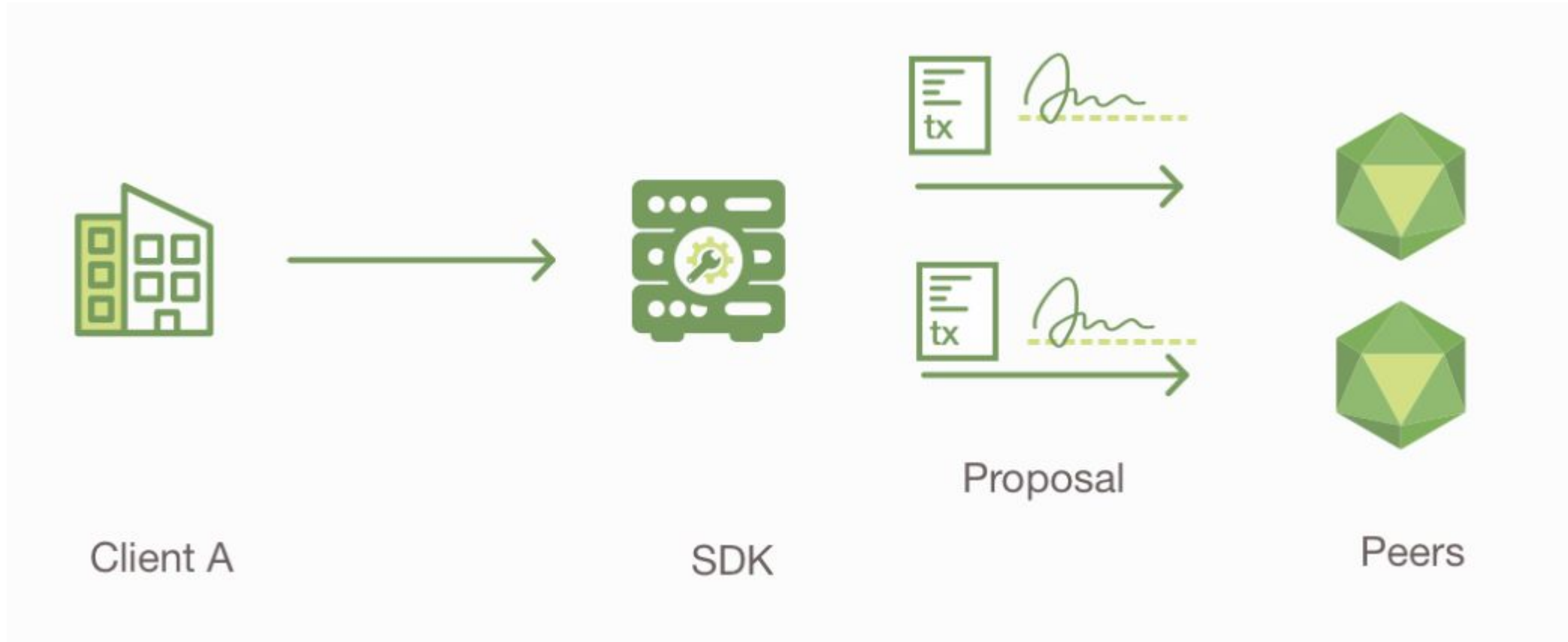
Hyperledger Fabric Workflow



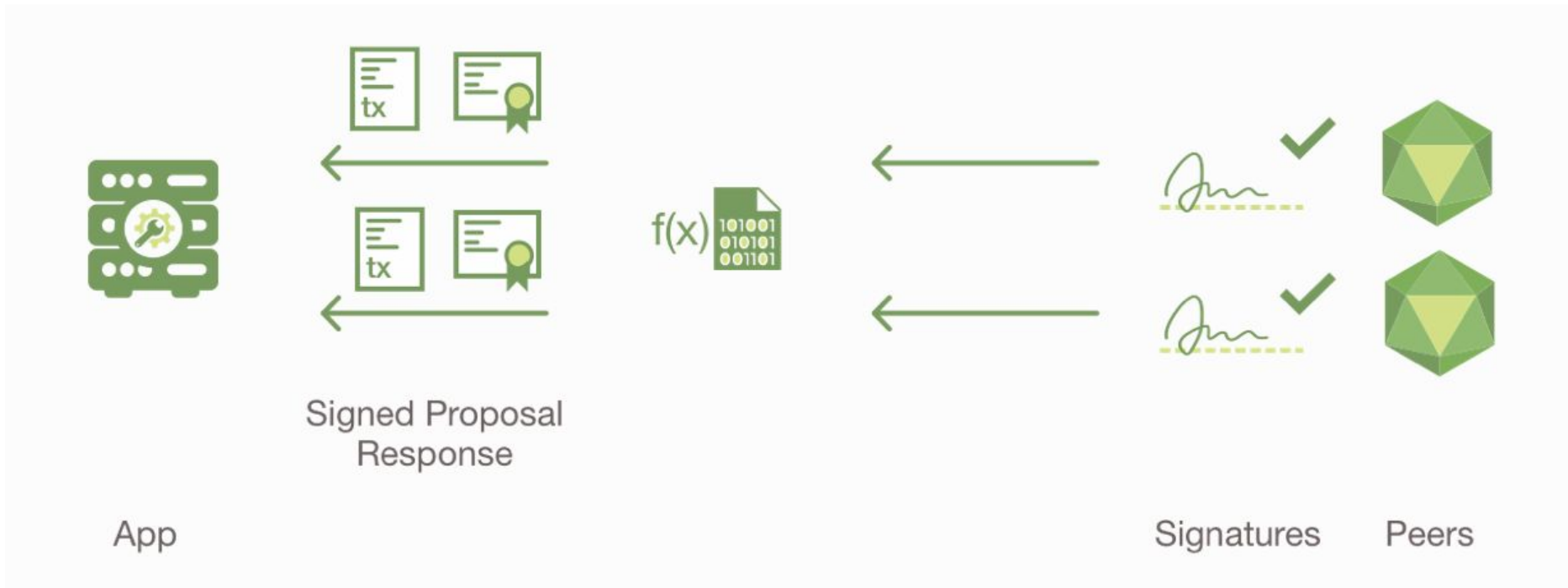
Workflow - An Illustration



Client A initiates a transaction



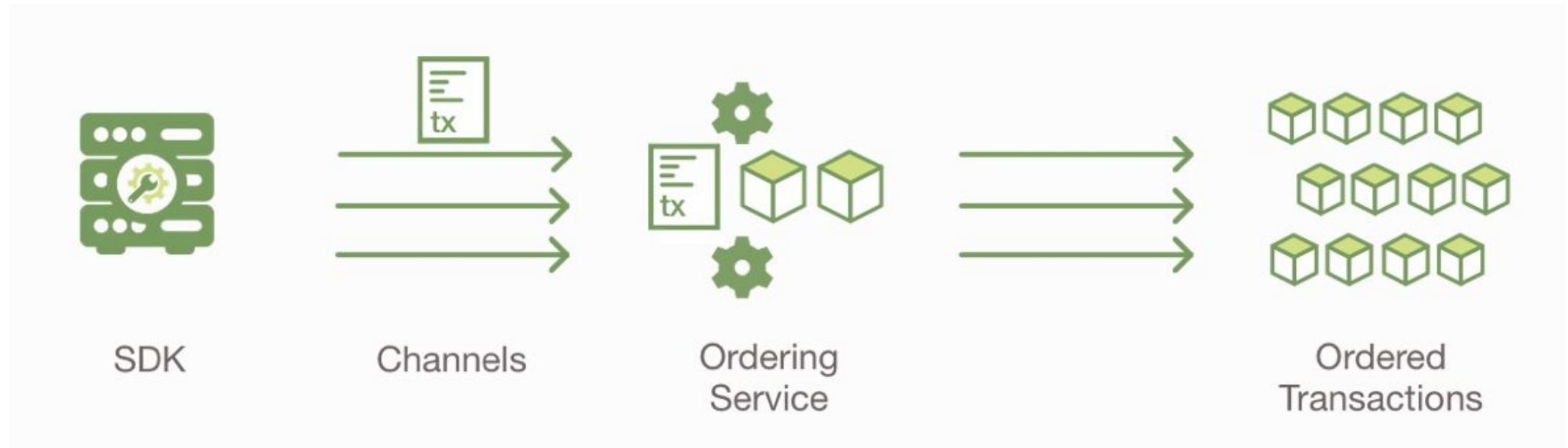
Endorsing peers verify the signature and execute the transaction



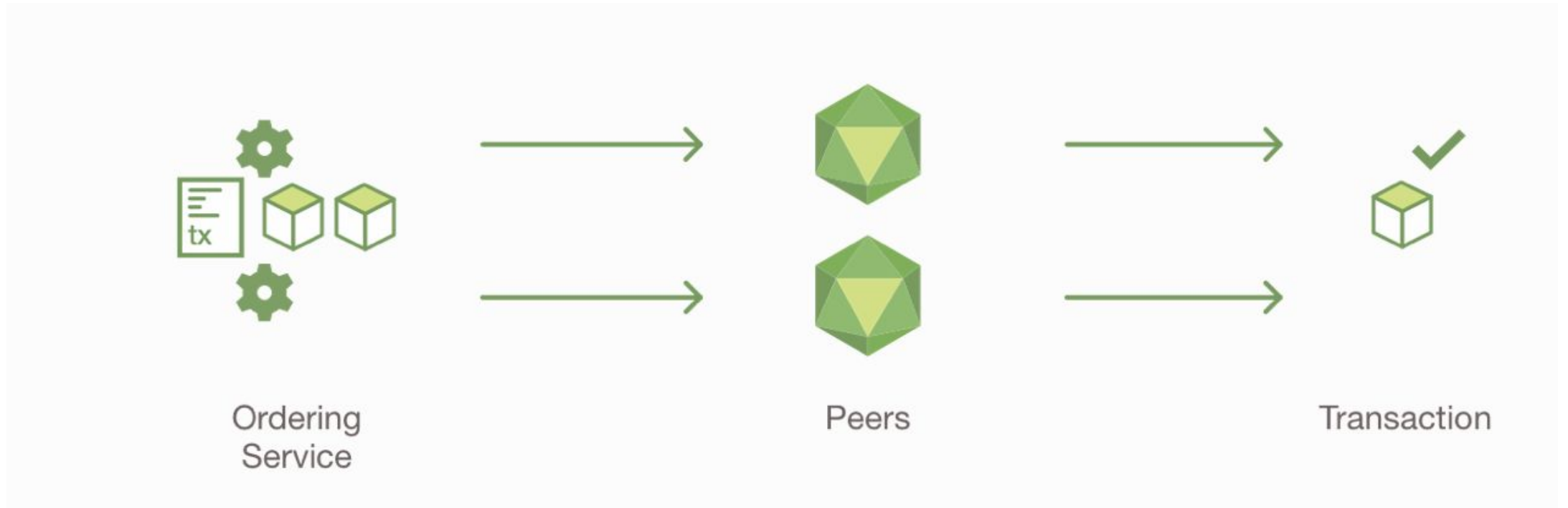
Proposal responses are inspected



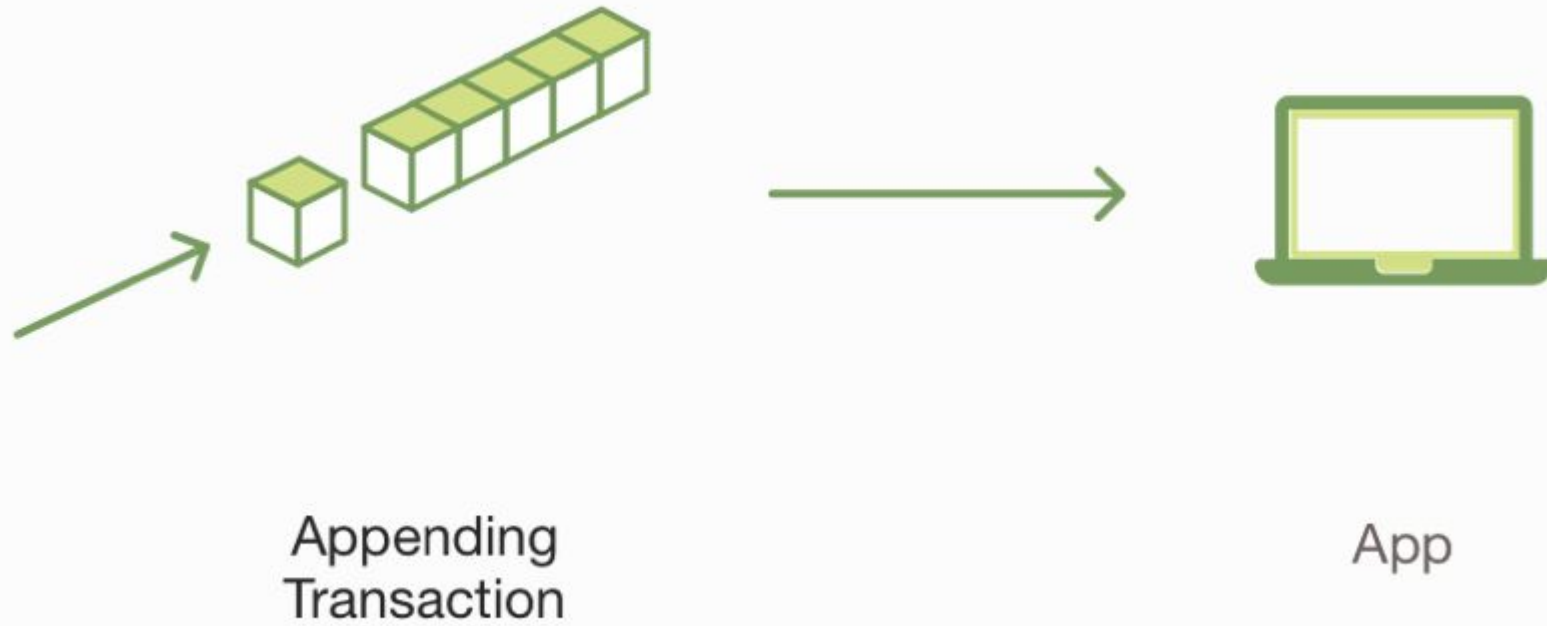
Transaction response forwarded to the ordering service



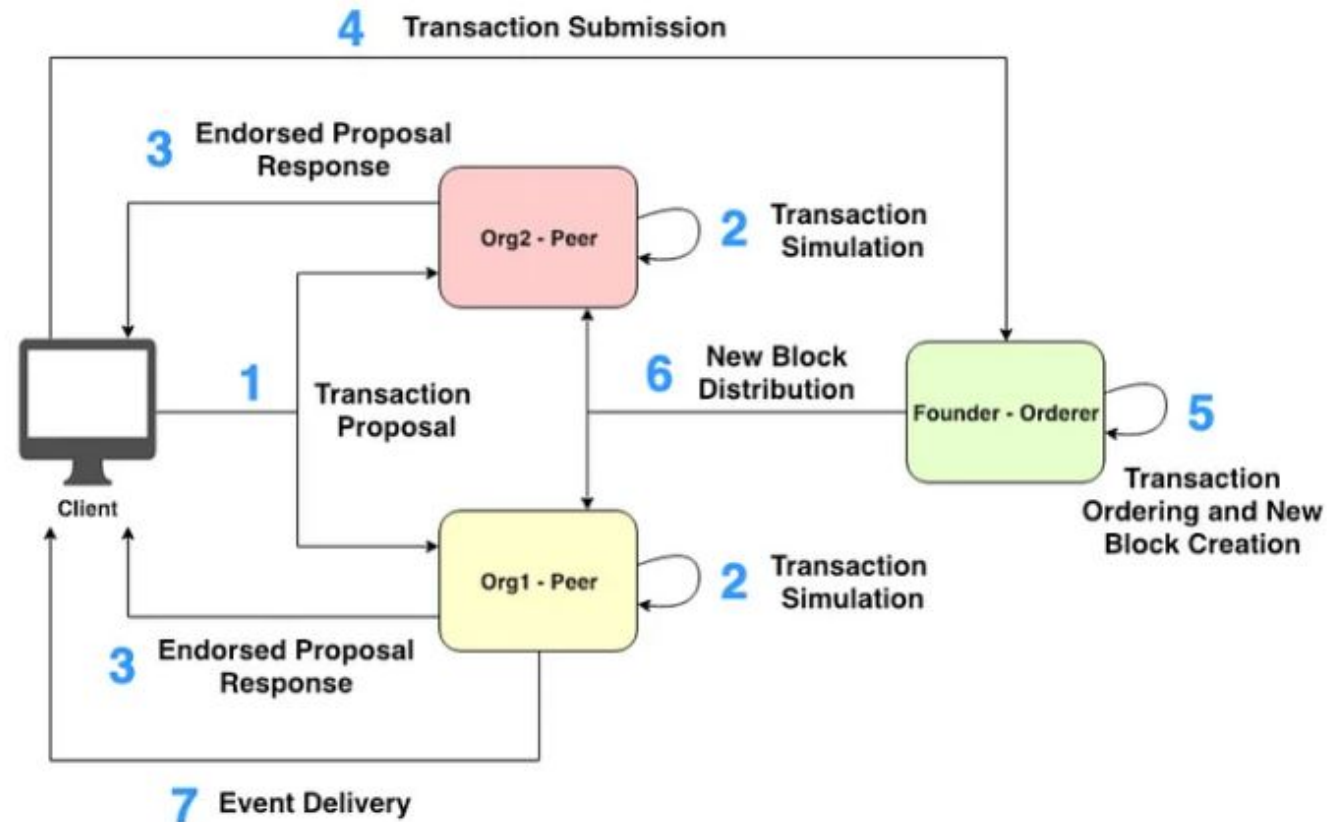
Transaction is validated and committed



Ledger Updated



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Endorsement Policy

- *Not all peers* execute the chaincode but only a subset based on the endorsement policy performs execution.
- Endorsement policy is a monotone logical expression of policy principals such as "two out of three" or " $(Org1.peer \vee Org2.peer) \vee (Org1.member \wedge Org3.member)$ ".
- By allowing only a subset of the endorsers to execute a transaction fine grained privacy is guaranteed as other permissioned blockchain frameworks require all the nodes in the network to execute the transaction.

References

- <https://hyperledger-fabric.readthedocs.io/en/release-2.5/>