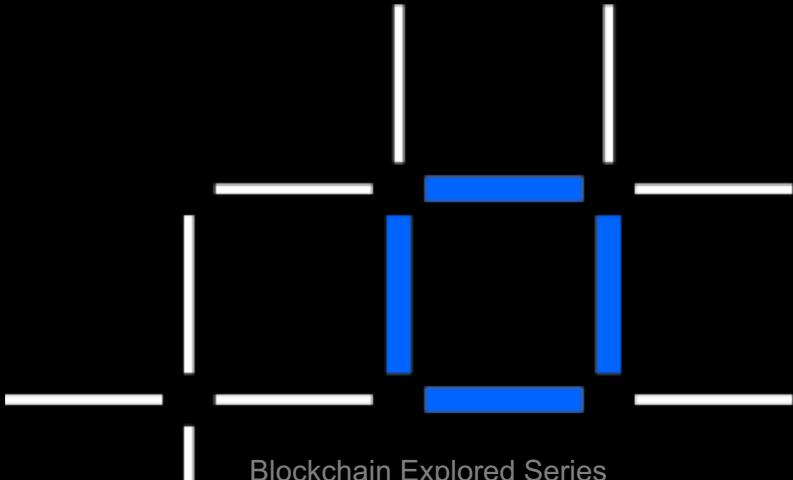


Composer Explored

A Technical Introduction to Hyperledger Composer

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What's New





What is Hyperledger Composer?



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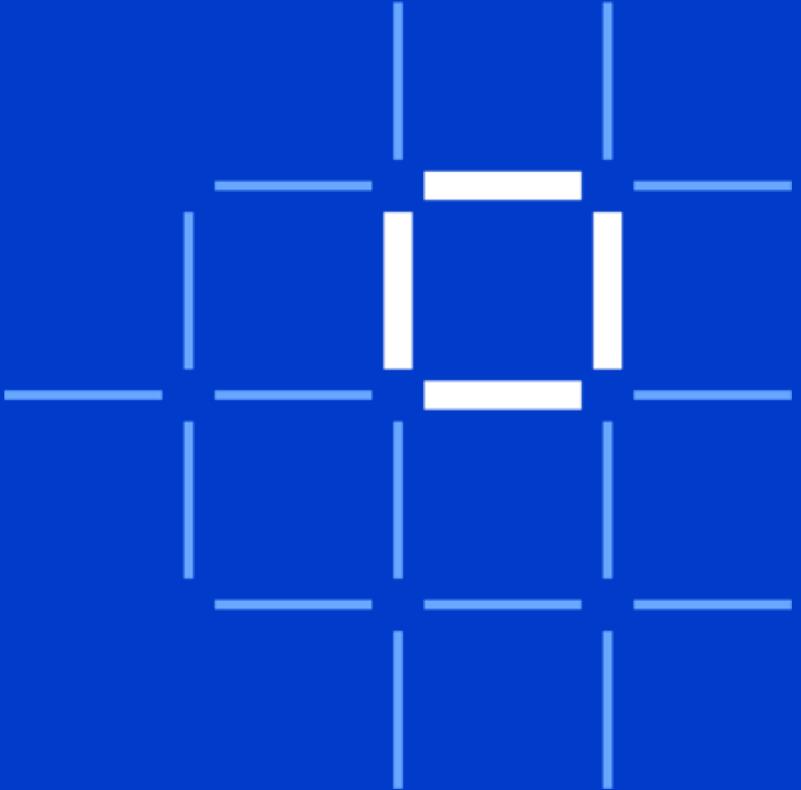
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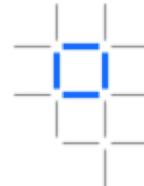
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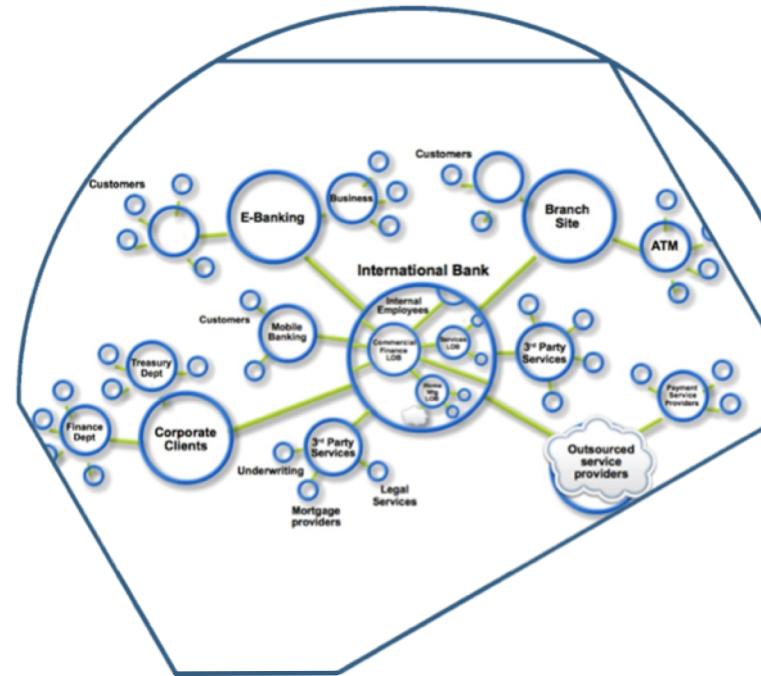
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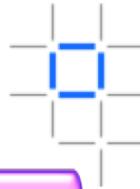
Blockchain Recap



- Blockchain builds on basic business concepts
 - **Business Networks** connect businesses
 - **Participants** with Identity
 - **Assets** flow over business networks
 - **Transactions** describe asset exchange
 - **Contracts** underpin transactions
 - The **ledger** is a log of transactions
- Blockchain is a shared, replicated ledger
 - Consensus, immutability, finality, provenance

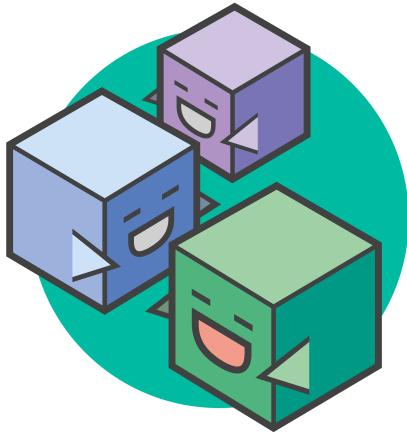


Hyperledger Composer: Accelerating time to value

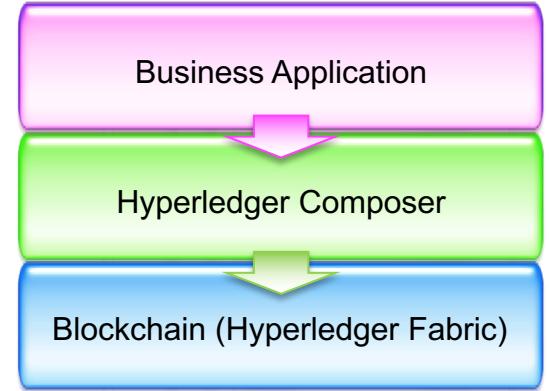


<https://hyperledger.github.io/composer/>

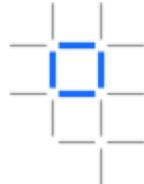
- A suite of high level application **abstractions** for business networks
- Emphasis on business-centric vocabulary for quick solution creation
- Reduce risk, and increase understanding and flexibility



- 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 part of Linux Foundation Hyperledger
- Try it in your web browser now: <http://composer-playground.mybluemix.net/>



Extensive, Familiar, Open Development Toolset



```
asset Animal identi  
  o String animal]  
  o AnimalType sp  
  o MovementStatus  
  o ProductionTyp
```

Data modelling

A yellow square containing the letters "JS" in black.

JavaScript
business logic



Web playground

```
composer-client  
composer-admin
```

The npm logo in red.

Client libraries



Editor support

```
$ composer
```

CLI utilities



Code generation

Powered by
 LoopBack
Node.js Framework



Swagger

Existing systems and
data

User Roles in a Blockchain Project



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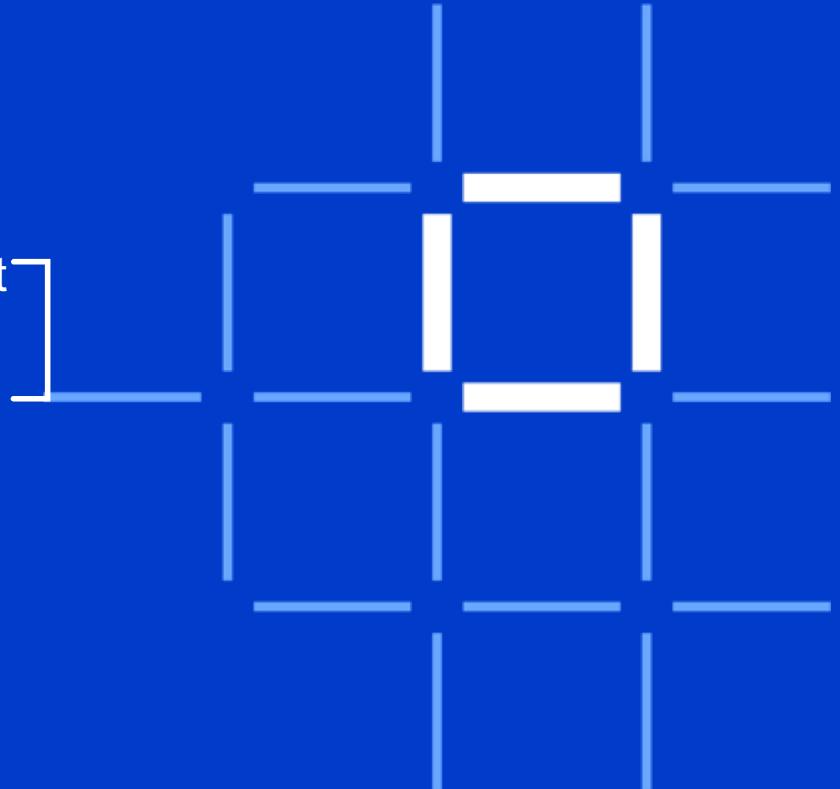
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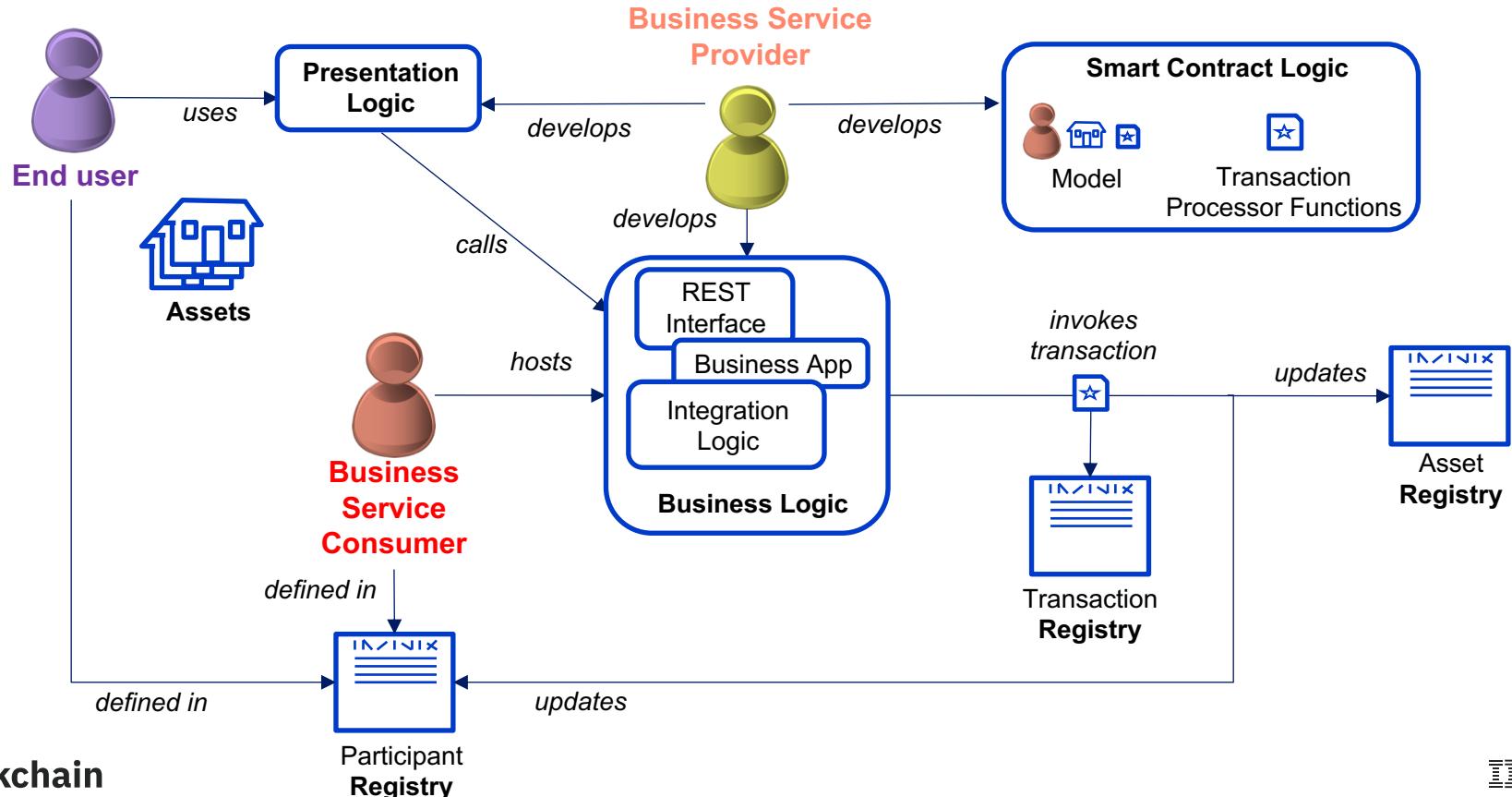
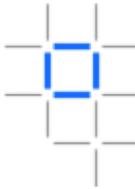


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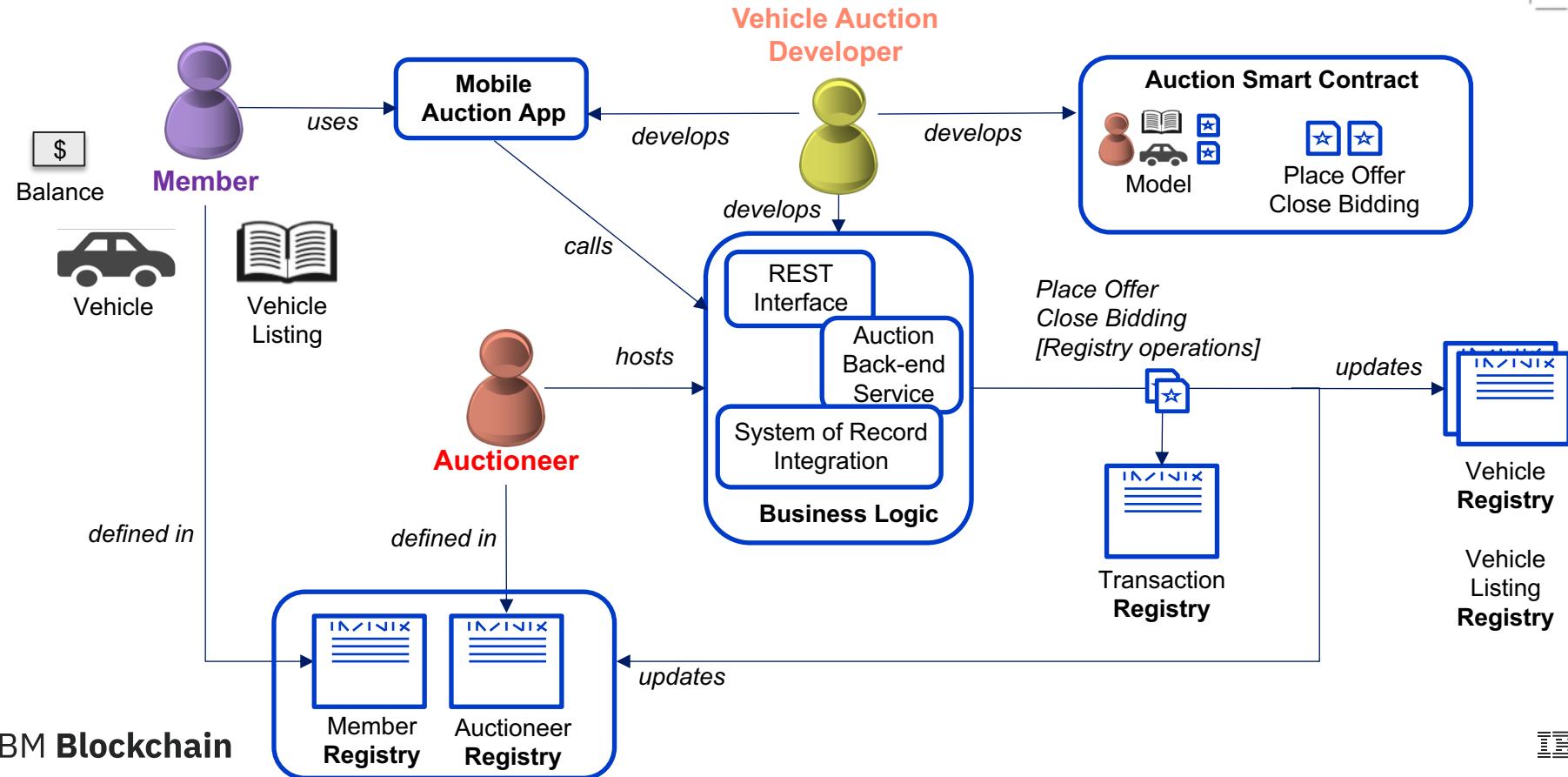
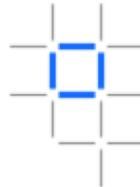
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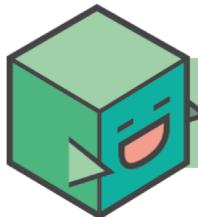
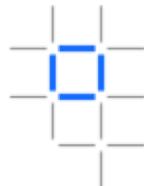
Key Concepts for the Business Service Provider



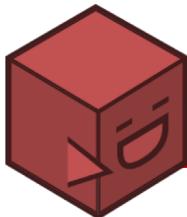
Key Concepts for a Vehicle Auction Developer



The Business Service Provider develops three components



Smart Contracts



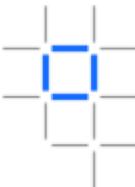
Business Logic



Presentation Logic

- Implements the logic deployed to the blockchain
 - **Models** describe assets, participants & transactions
 - **Transaction processors** provide the JavaScript implementation of transactions
 - **ACLs** define privacy rules
 - May also define events and registry queries
- **Services** that interact with the registries
 - Create, delete, update, query and invoke smart contracts
 - Implemented inside business applications, integration logic and REST services
 - Hosted by the Business Application Consumer
- Provides the **front-end** for the end-user
 - May be several of these applications
 - Interacts with business logic via standard interfaces (e.g. REST)
 - Composer can generate the REST interface from model and a sample application

Assets, Participants and Transactions



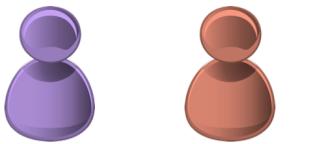
Vehicle



Vehicle Listing

```
asset Vehicle identified by vin {
    o String vin
    --> Member owner
}

asset VehicleListing identified by listingId {
    o String listingId
    o Double reservePrice
    o String description
    o ListingState state
    o Offer[] offers optional
    --> Vehicle vehicle
}
```



Member Auctioneer

```
abstract participant User identified by email {
    o String email
    o String firstName
    o String lastName
}

participant Member extends User {
    o Double balance
}

participant Auctioneer extends User {
}
```

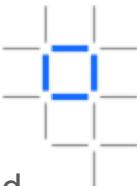


Place Offer
Close Bidding

```
transaction Offer {
    o Double bidPrice
    --> VehicleListing listing
    --> Member member
}

transaction CloseBidding {
    --> VehicleListing listing
}
```

Transaction Processors



Access Control

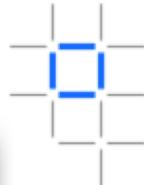
```
rule EverybodyCanReadEverything {
    description: "Allow all participants read access to all resources"
    participant: "org.acme.sample.SampleParticipant"
    operation: READ
    resource: "org.acme.sample.*"
    action: ALLOW
}
```

```
rule OwnerHasFullAccessToTheirAssets {
    description: "Allow all participants full access to their assets"
    participant(p): "org.acme.sample.SampleParticipant"
    operation: ALL
    resource(r): "org.acme.sample.SampleAsset"
    condition: (r.owner.getIdentifier() === p.getIdentifier())
    action: ALLOW
}
```

```
rule SystemACL {
    description: "System ACL to permit all access"
    participant: "org.hyperledger.composer.system.Participant"
    operation: ALL
    resource: "org.hyperledger.composer.system.**"
    action: ALLOW
}
```

- It is possible to restrict which resources can be read and modified by which participants
 - Rules are defined in an .acl file and deployed with the rest of the model
 - Transaction processors can also look up the current user and implement rules programmatically
- ACL rules can be simple (e.g. everybody can read all resources) or more complex (e.g. only the owner of an asset can do everything to it)
- Application supplies credentials (userid/secret) of the participant when connecting to the Fabric network
 - This also applies to Playground!
 - Remember to grant System ACL all access if necessary

Events and Queries



- Events allow applications to take action when a transaction occurs
 - Events are **defined** in models
 - Events are **emitted** by transaction processor scripts
 - Events are **caught** by business applications
- Caught events include transaction ID and other relevant information
- Queries allow applications to perform complex registry searches
 - They can be statically defined in a separate .qry file or generated dynamically by the application
 - They are invoked in the application using *buildQuery()* or *query()*
 - Queries require the blockchain to be backed by CouchDB

```
event SampleEvent {  
    --> SampleAsset asset  
    o String oldValue  
    o String newValue  
}
```

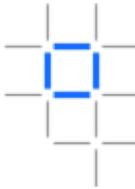
```
// Emit an event for the modified asset.  
var event = getFactory().newEvent('org.acme.sample', 'SampleEvent');  
event.asset = tx.asset;  
event.oldValue = oldValue;  
event.newValue = tx.newValue;  
emit(event);
```

```
businessNetworkConnection.on('SampleEvent', (event) => {  
    console.log(event);  
})
```

```
query selectCommoditiesWithHighQuantity {  
    description: "Select commodities based on quantity"  
    statement:  
        | SELECT org.acme.trading.Commodity  
        | WHERE (quantity > 60)  
}
```

```
return query('selectCommoditiesWithHighQuantity', {})
```

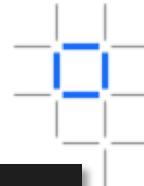
Smart Contract Development: Composer Playground



A screenshot of the Hyperledger Composer Playground web interface. The left sidebar shows files: README.md, models/sample.cto, lib/sample.js, and permissions.acl. The main area displays the 'Basic Sample Business Network' definition. It includes a description of the 'Hello World' sample, definitions for Participant (SampleParticipant), Asset (SampleAsset), Transaction (SampleTransaction), and Event (SampleEvent). It also describes how SampleAssets are owned by a SampleParticipant and can be modified by submitting a SampleTransaction, which emits a SampleEvent. A note says to test this Business Network Definition in the Test tab. At the bottom, there are links for Legal, GitHub, Tutorial, Docs, Community, and playground.v0.16.3.

- Web tool for defining and testing Hyperledger Composer models and scripts
- Designed for the application developer
 - Define assets, participants and transactions
 - Implement transaction processor scripts
 - Test by populating registries and invoking transactions
- Deploy to instances of Hyperledger Fabric V1, or simulate completely within browser
- Install on your machine or run online at <http://composer-playground.mybluemix.net>

General purpose development: Visual Studio Code



- Composer extension available for this popular tool
- Features to aid rapid Composer development
 - Edit all Composer file types with full syntax highlighting
 - Validation support for models, queries and ACLs
 - Inline error reporting
 - Snippets (press Ctrl+Space for code suggestions)
 - Generate UML diagrams from models
- Install directly from Code Marketplace



```
Hyperledger Composer 0.16.2 ⚡ 16K ★ 5
Hyperledger Composer syntax highlighting, aut...
Hyperledger Composer VS Code Plugin

namespace org.acme.vehicle.auction

asset Vehicle identified by vin {
  o String vin
  --> Member owner
}

enum ListingState {
  o FOR_SALE
  o RESERVE_NOT_MET
  o SOLD
}

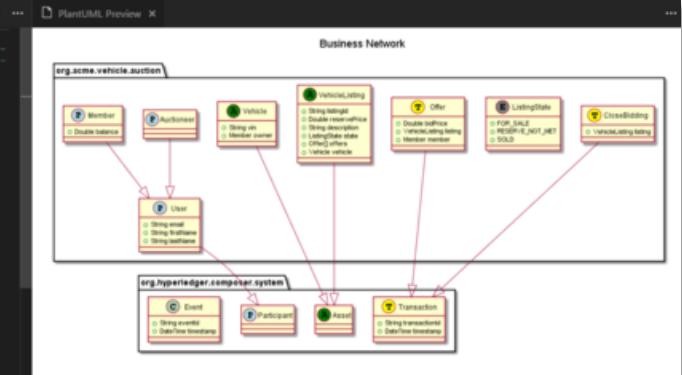
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  o String listingId
  o Double reservePrice
  o String description
  o ListingState state
  o Offer[] offers optional
  --> Vehicle vehicle
}
```

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rson
participant PrivateOwner identified by email extends Pearson {
  o String email
}
```

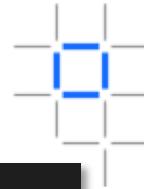
```
namespace org.acme.vehicle.lifecycle

import composer.base.Person
import composer.business.Business

participant PrivateOwner identified by email extends Person {
  o String email
}
```



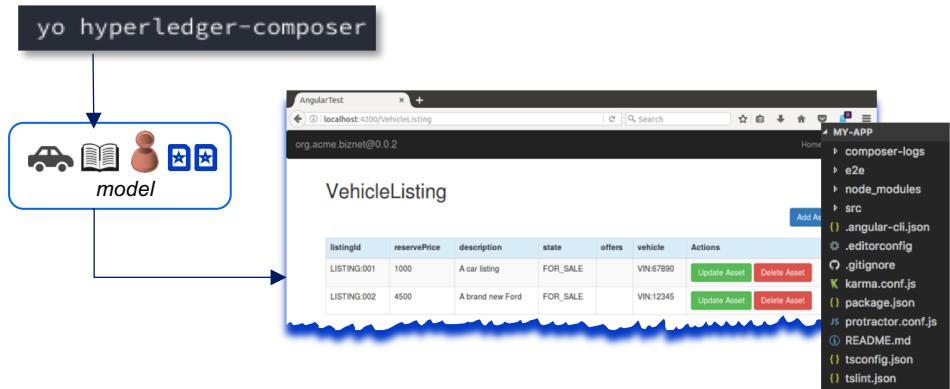
Creating the Business and End-User Applications



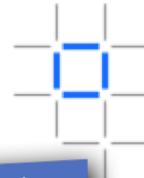
- JavaScript **business applications** require() the NPM “composer-client” module
 - This provides the API to access assets, participants and transactions
 - RESTful API (via Loopback) can also be generated... see later
- Command-line tool available to generate **end-user** command-line or Angular2 applications from model
 - Also helps with the generation of unit tests to help ensure quality code

```
const BusinessNetworkConnection = require('composer-client').BusinessNetworkConnection;
this.bizNetworkConnection = new BusinessNetworkConnection();
this.titlesRegistry = this.bizNetworkConnection.getAssetRegistry('net.biz.digitalPropertyNetwork.LandTitle')

let landTitle1 = factory.newResource
  ('net.biz.digitalPropertyNetwork', 'LandTitle', 'LID:1148');
landTitle1.owner = ownerRelation;
landTitle1.information = 'A nice house in the country';
this.titlesRegistry.add(landTitle1);
```



Debugging



- Playground Historian allows you to view all transactions
 - See what occurred and when
- Diagnostics framework allows for application level trace
 - Uses the *Winston Node.js* logging framework
 - Application logging using DEBUG env var
 - Composer Logs sent to stdout and
./logs/trace_<processid>.trc
- Fabric chaincode tracing also possible (see later)
- More information online:
<https://hyperledger.github.io/composer/problems/diagnostics.html>

The screenshot shows the Hyperledger Composer playground interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Define' and 'Test', and a user 'admin' with a 'Get local version' button. Below this is the 'Default Historian Registry' table:

ID	Time	Participant ID	Transaction Type	Action
af9faaf9-d973-4647-9fad-0f58c0ba7d15	17:15:00	emma	Offer	view data
74e63603-7cf-4bf2-b917-4c9707...	17:14:34	<system>	ActivateCurrentIdentity	view data
e5a03410-7ad-4c8b-a...				view data

A modal window titled 'Transaction Data' is open for the first transaction, showing the JSON structure:

```
1 [
2   "$class": "org.hyperledger.composer.system.HistorianRecord",
3   "transactionId": "af9faaf9-d973-4647-9fad-0f58c0ba7d15",
4   "transactionType": "Offer",
5   "transactionInvoked",
6   "resource:org.hyperledger.composer.system.Transaction#af9faaf9-d973-4647-9fad-0f58c0ba7d15",
7   "participantInvoking",
8   "resource:org.hyperledger.composer.system.Participant#emma",
9   "identityUsed",
10  "resource:org.hyperledger.composer.system.Identity#8d0fdf5ef7c0062f67853ecf9b36544b2e2c36f0e9b9536166dc0f056a62a032",
11  "eventsEmitted": [],
12  "transactionTimestamp": "2017-08-11T16:15:00.161Z"
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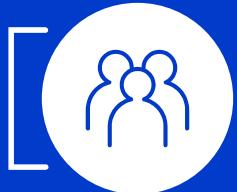
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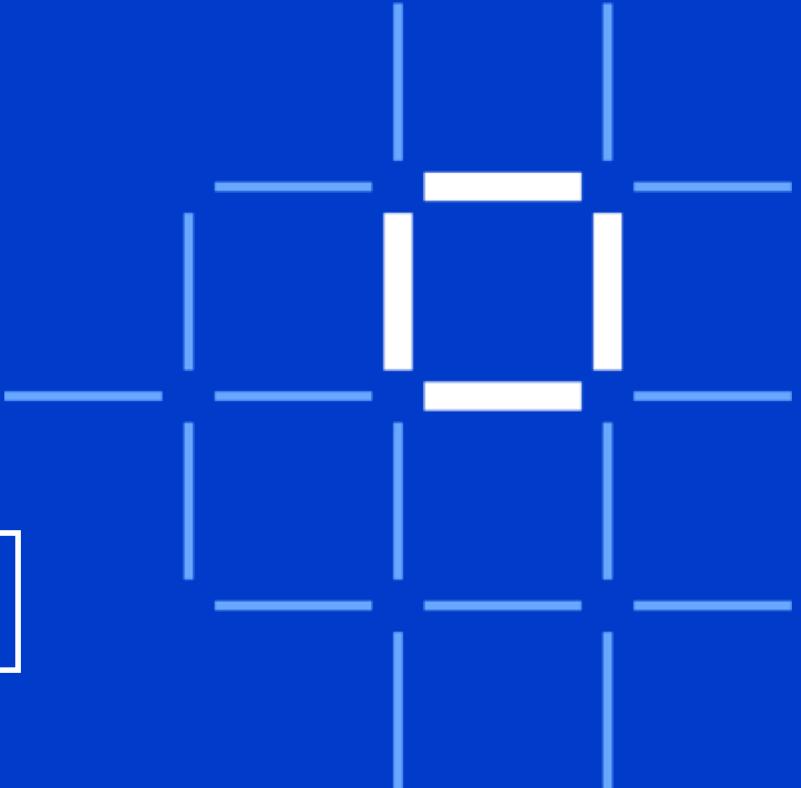
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There are Two User Roles with “Administration” Responsibility



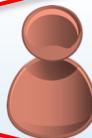
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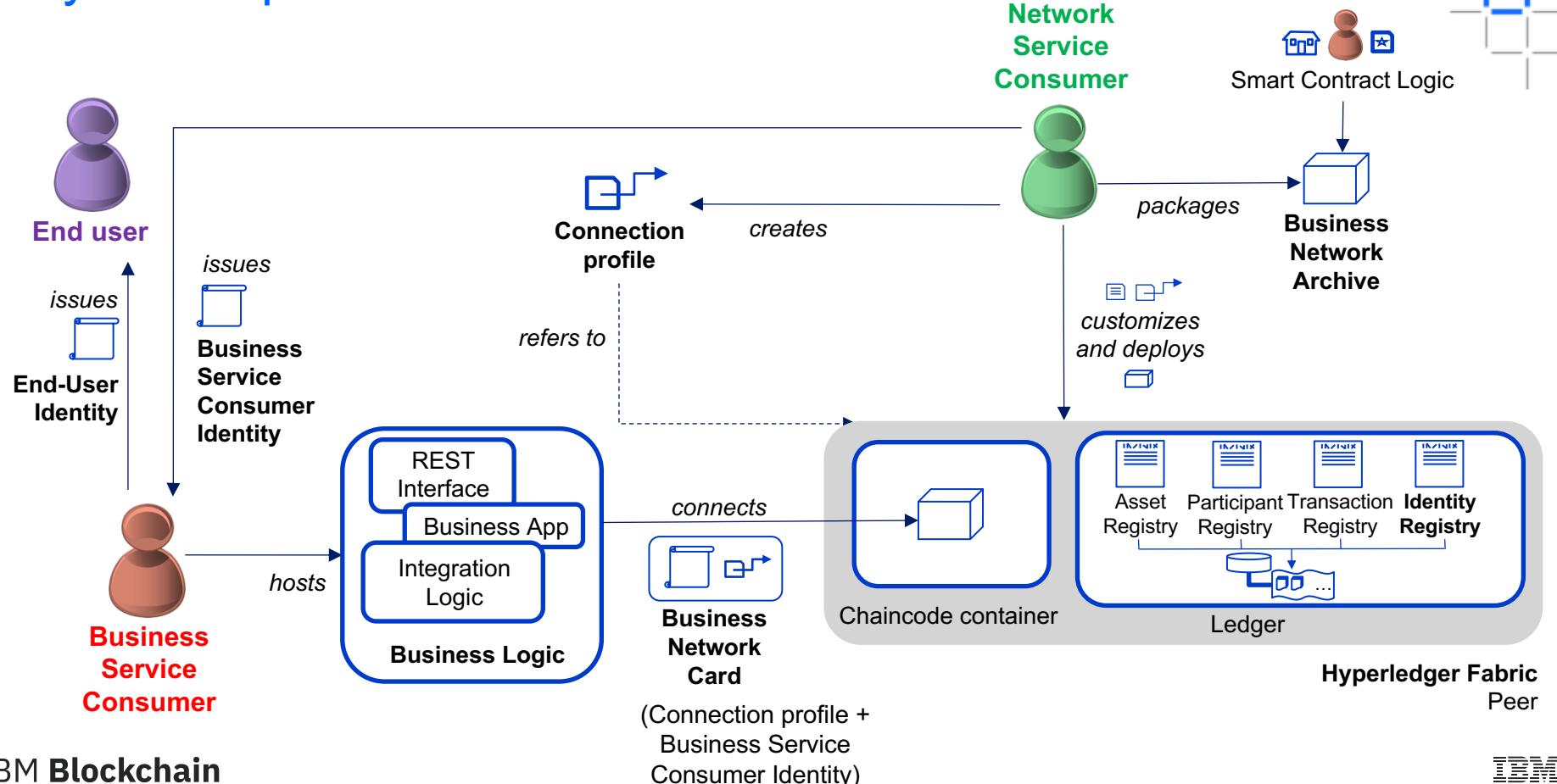
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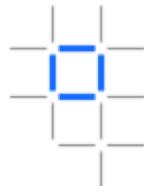
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Key Concepts for Administrators

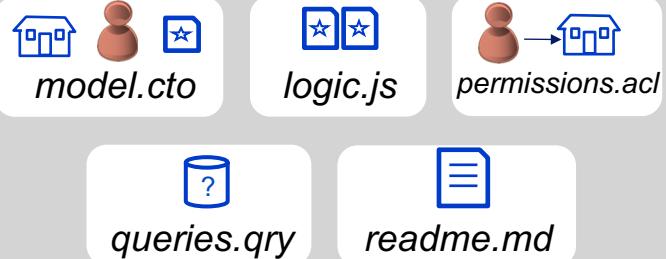


The Network Service Consumer packages resources into a BNA file

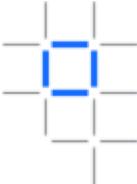


- Business Network Archive (.BNA) is a package of the resources used by Fabric:
 - Model files (.CTO)
 - Transaction processors (.JS)
 - Access Control Lists (.ACL)
 - Static queries (.QRY)
 - Documentation and versioning (.MD)
 - It does *not* contain the client application
- The BNA simplifies deployment of blockchain and promotion between environments
 - c.f. TAR, WAR, EAR, JAR, BAR...
- Create BNA files from Playground or command line
 - Build from filesystem or NPM module

Business Network Archive



```
composer archive create -archiveFile my.bna  
--sourceType module --sourceName myNetwork
```



Connection Profiles to Hyperledger Fabric

Basic Configuration

Connection Profile Name	hfabric
Orderer(s)	Orderer URL grpc://orderer.example.com:7050
Channel	composerchannel
MSP ID	Org1MSP
Certificate Authority (CA)	URL http://ca.org1.example.com:7054 Name ca.org1.example.com
Peer(s)	Peer Request URL grpc://peer0.org1.example.com:7051 Peer Event URL grpc://peer0.org1.example.com:7053
Key Value Store Directory	/home/composer/.composer-credentials

Advanced

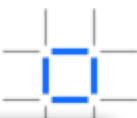
Use this profile Export Connection Profile

(*) connection.json x*

```
1  {
2    "type": "hlfv1",
3    "orderers": [
4      { "url": "grpc://localhost:7050" }
5    ],
6    "ca": { "url": "http://localhost:7054",
7            "name": "ca.org1.example.com" },
8    "peers": [
9      {
10        "requestURL": "grpc://localhost:7051",
11        "eventURL": "grpc://localhost:7053"
12      }
13    ],
14    "keyValStore": "${HOME}/.composer-credentials",
15    "channel": "composerchannel",
16    "mspID": "Org1MSP",
17    "timeout": "300"
18  }
```

IBM Blockchain

- Use **connection profiles** to describe Fabric connection parameters
 - One connection profile required per channel
 - Not necessary for web-based simulation
- Enrollment in Hyperledger Fabric network required (see later)
 - Issue Fabric identity from Composer participants
- Connection profiles currently used by Composer only
 - Plans to implement common connection profiles that can be used by both Fabric and Composer



Participant Identity

- The **Network Service Consumer** issues network participants with an **identity** in order to connect to Hyperledger Fabric
 - Issued as a Hyperledger Fabric userid/secret
 - Automatically swapped for a certificate on first use
 - Packaged in a Business Network Card and supplied when the client application connects
- Composer Participant to Fabric Identity mapping is stored on the blockchain in an *identity registry*
- Usually, only **Business Service Consumers** have a Fabric identity
 - **End-users** log in to the business application using a separately managed identity; blockchain transactions invoked by proxy
- Manage identity from Playground, Javascript, REST or command line
 - For example: Test connection, issue identity, bind an identity to a participant, revoke an identity, list identities

Issue New Identity

Issue a new ID to a participant in your business network

ID Name* emma_id

Participant* resource:org.acme.vehicle.auction.Member#emma

Allow this ID to issue new IDs ()

Issuing an identity generates a one-time secret. You can choose to send this to somebody or use it yourself when it has been issued.

Cancel Create New

Identity Issued

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CONNECTION PROFILE hlfv1

USER ID emma_id

BUSINESS NETWORK carauction-network

▼ Use it yourself
Just add the business network card to your wallet to start using the new identity yourself
Give the business network card a name
e.g. emma_id@carauction-network
 Add to wallet

➤ Send it to someone else

⚠ For security, new identities can only be enrolled once

Business Network Cards

- Business Network Cards are a convenient packaging of *identity* and *connection profile*
 - Contains everything you need to connect to blockchain business network
 - Each card refers to a single participant and single business network
 - Analogous to an ATM card

Hyperledger Composer Playground

My Business Networks

Connection: hlfv1

Import Business Network Card Create Business Network Card

	User ID	Business Network
PeerAdmin@hlfv1	PeerAdmin	none
myadmincard	admin	carauction-network

PeerAdmin@hlfv1

myadmincard

USER ID

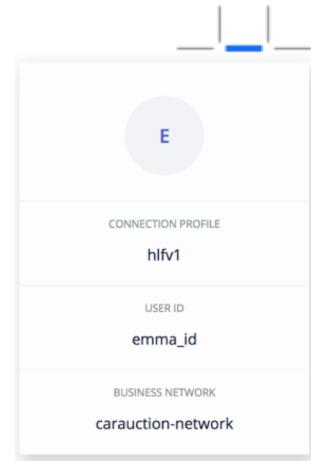
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BUSINESS NETWORK

BUSINESS NETWORK

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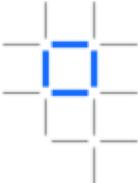
Connect now →



- Manage cards from both Playground and command-line
 - Create, delete, export, import, list
 - Create requires userid/secret or certificate/private key
- Use cards to connect to Fabric from Playground, command-line or from within your application

```
composer network install -a my.bna -c my.card
```

```
// Connect and log in to HLF
var businessNetwork = new BusinessNetworkConnection();
return businessNetwork.connect('cardName')
.then(function(businessNetworkDefinition){
    // Connected
});
```



Systems of Record Integration

- Domain specific APIs very attractive to mobile and web developers. Resources and operations are business-meaningful
- Composer exploits Loopback framework to create REST APIs: <https://loopback.io/>
- Extensive test facilities for REST methods using loopback
- Secured using JS Passport, giving >400 options for authentication
- Composer provides back-end integration with any loopback compatible product
 - e.g. IBM Integration Bus, API Connect, StrongLoop
 - Outbound and Inbound (where supported by middleware)

angular-app

Auctioneer : A participant named Auctioneer Show/Hide | List Operations | ...

CloseBidding : A transaction named CloseBidding Show/Hide | List Operations | ...

Member : A participant named Member Show/Hide | List Operations | ...

Offer : A transaction named Offer Show/Hide | List Operations | ...

Vehicle : An asset named Vehicle Show/Hide | List Operations | ...

Method	URL	Description
GET	/Vehicle	Find all instances of the model matched by filter from the query
POST	/Vehicle	Create a new instance of the model and persist it in the data source
GET	/Vehicle/{id}	Find a model instance by {{id}} from the data source

Request URL

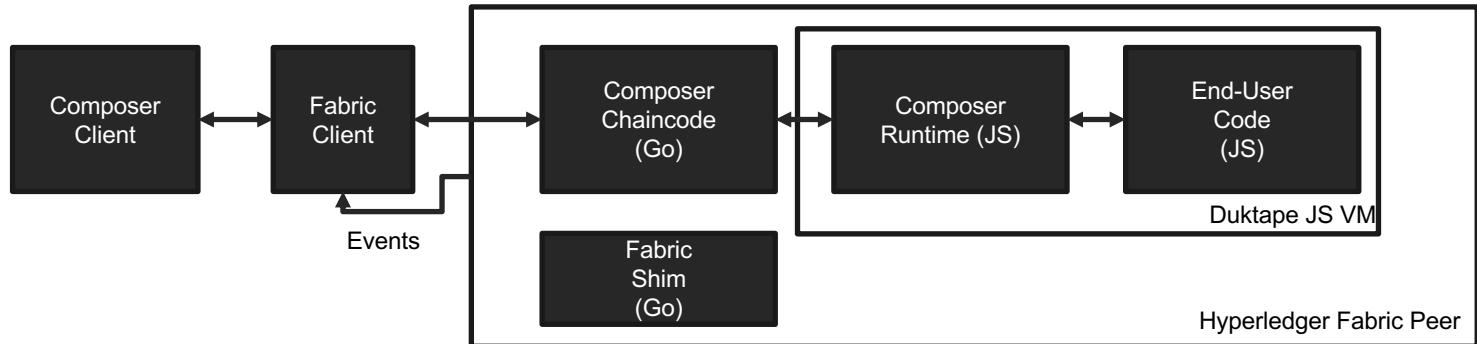
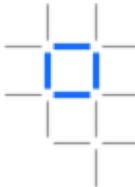
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Response Body

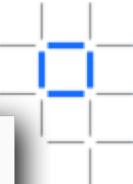
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How Composer Maps to Fabric Chaincode



- Each Business Network is deployed to its own chaincode container
 - Container contains a static piece of Go chaincode that starts a Javascript virtual machine running transaction processors
- Browse these containers to view diagnostic information (docker logs)
- Embedded chaincode is not a Composer external interface



Hyperledger Composer Outlook

- Still early in product lifecycle
- Lots of improvements planned
 - See <https://github.com/hyperledger/composer/issues>
- An active development community
 - Open community calls every two weeks
 - Rocket Chat
 - Stack Overflow
- Get involved!

Hyperledger Rocket.Chat

You will need a [Linux Foundation ID](#), or alternatively you can log in with Facebook, GitHub, Google, or OpenStack.

[Let's chat](#)

Stack Overflow

Ask questions in Stack Overflow with the tag `#hyperledger-composer`.

[Ask now](#)

Contribute to the Project

GitHub

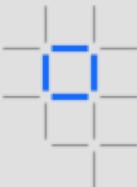
Check out the code, feel free to get involved.

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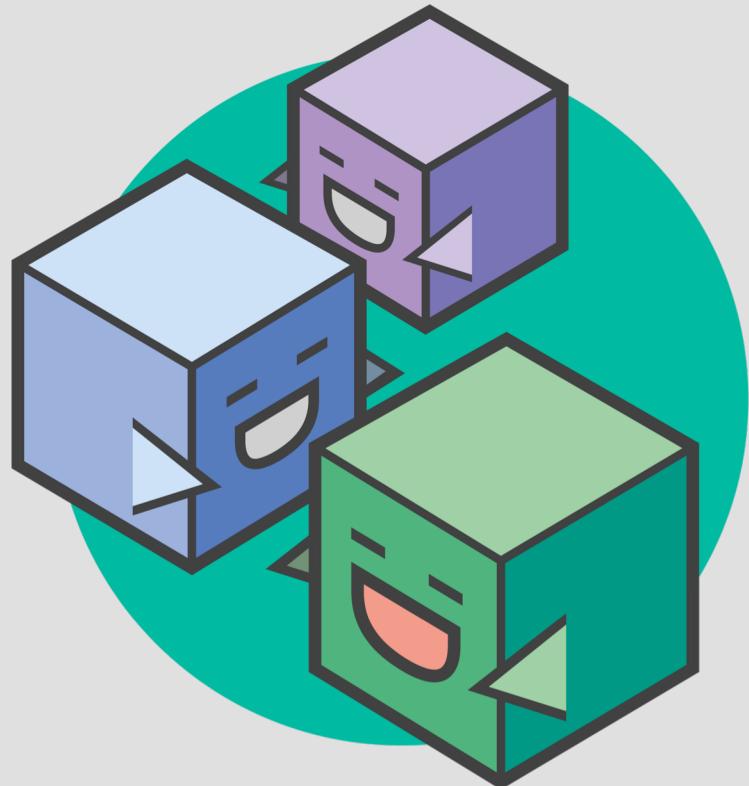


Get started with Hyperledger Composer

- Define, Test and Deploy Business Networks
- Create domain APIs and sample applications
- Integrate existing systems and data

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

<http://composer-playground.mybluemix.net/>



Thank you

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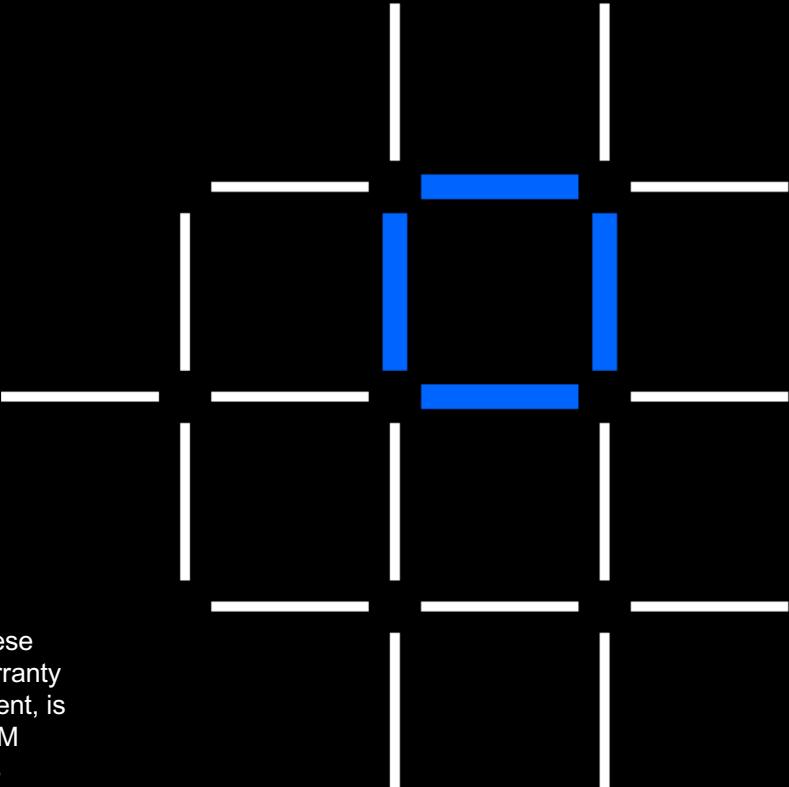
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