

# BLOCKCHAINS

## ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND USE CASES

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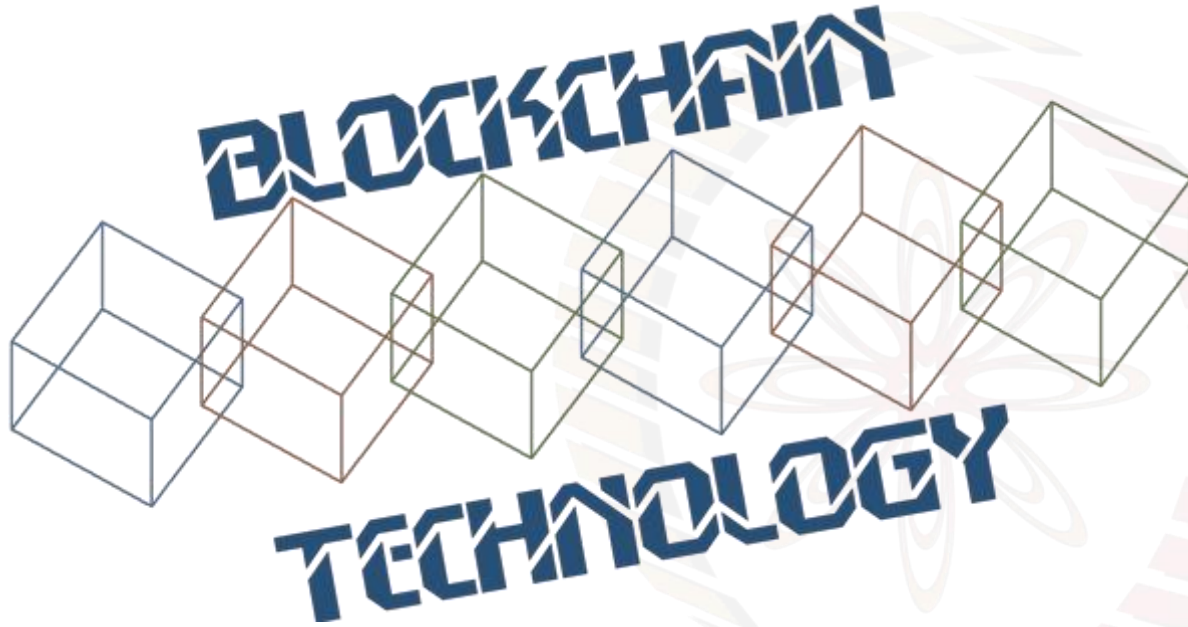
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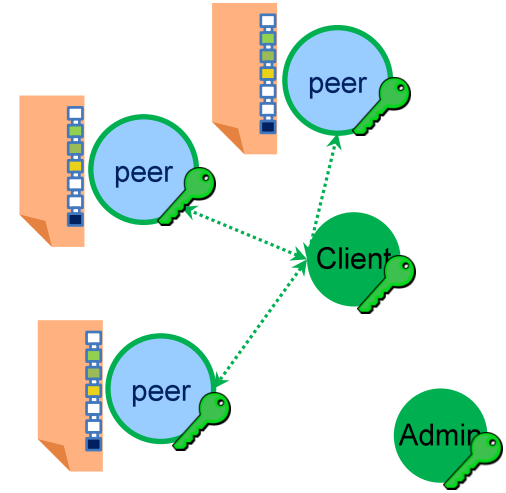
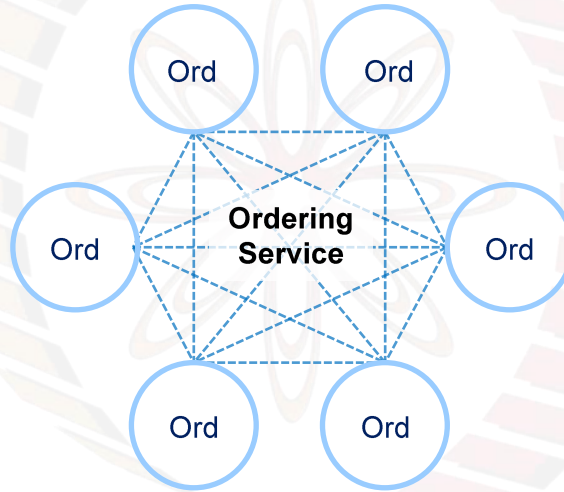
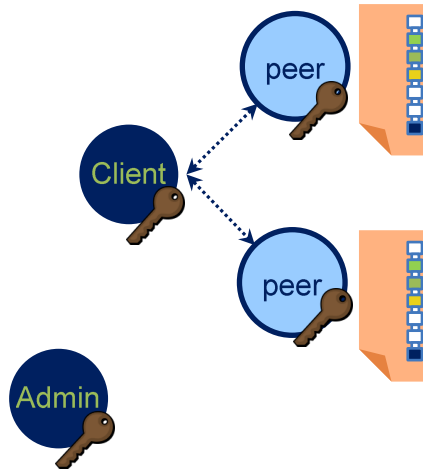


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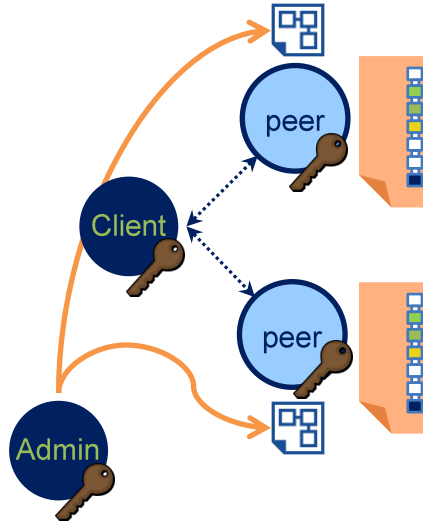


## FABRIC - MEMBERSHIP & ACCESS CONTROL

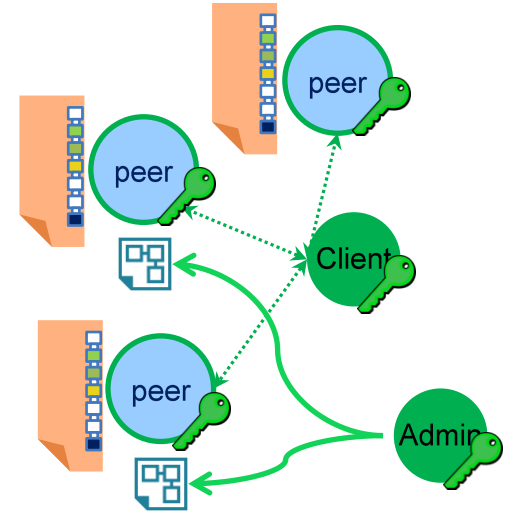
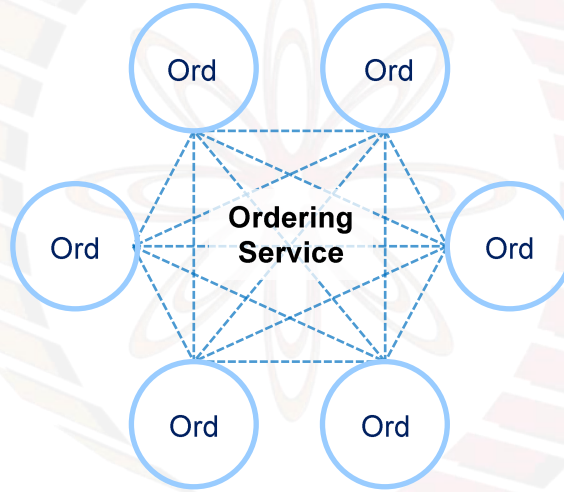
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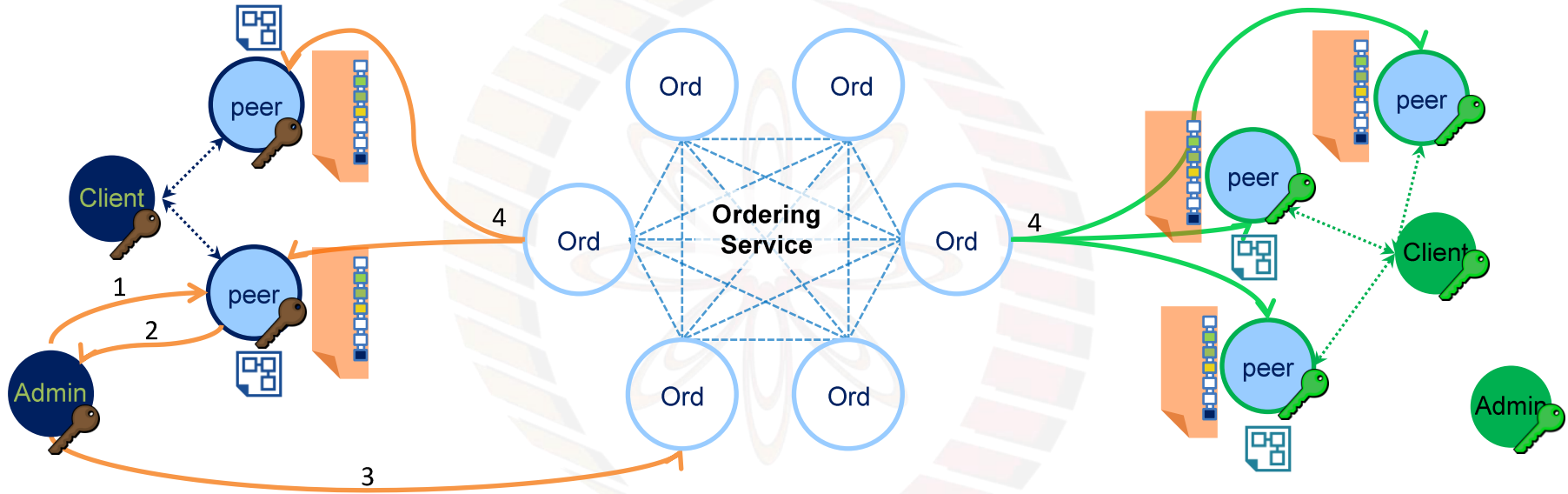
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Installing chaincodes

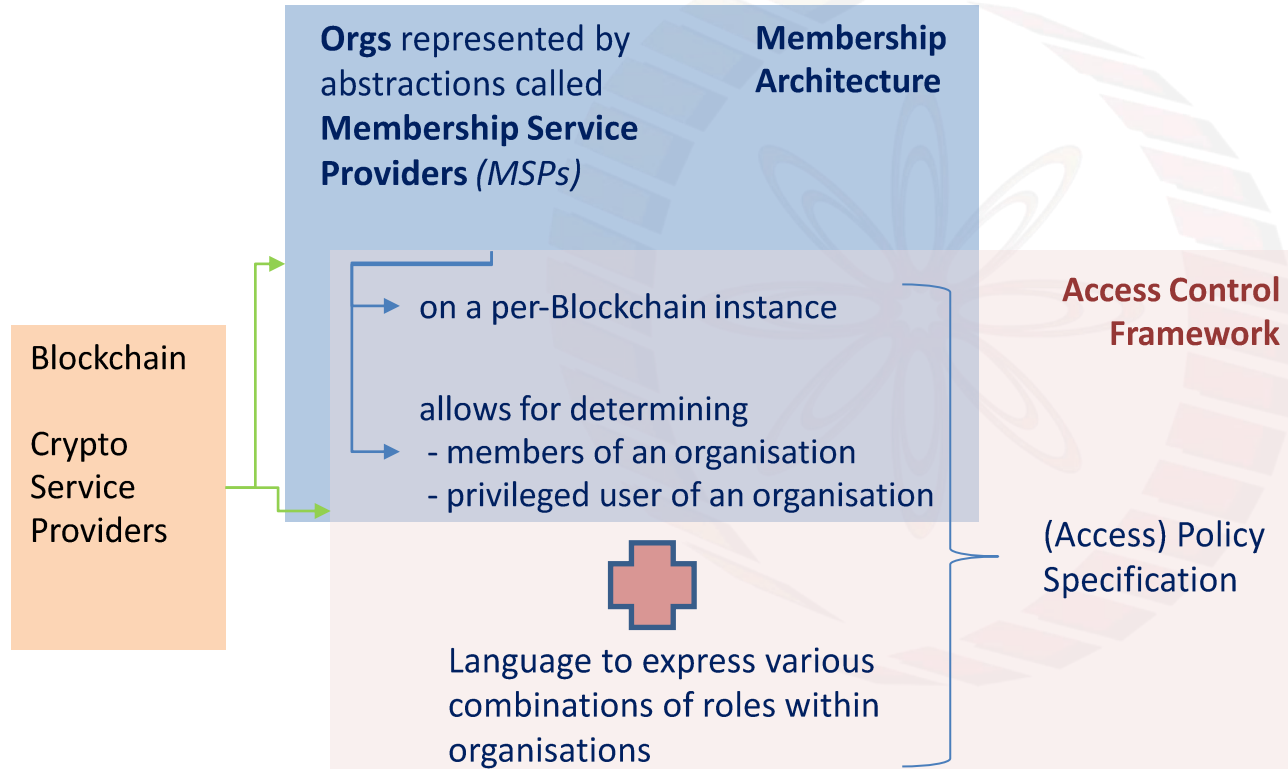


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Instantiating chaincodes  
Invoking chaincodes  
Reconfiguring the channel

# Membership & Access Control Architecture



- System-level: Creation of new data partition (channels)
- Channel-level: Management of channel membership
- Chaincode-level: Management of chaincode availability, management of chaincode data access

MSPs defined on a per channel level:

- ✓ Enables **secure interaction** of entities who belong to different organisations, subjected to different management standard

# MSP Details

- Described by a **generic interface** to account for:
  - User credential validation
  - User (anonymous but traceable) authentication: signature generation and verification
  - (optionally) User credential issue
- Examples:
  - providers that use and parse X.509 certificate extensions in a special way
  - providers with advanced crypto protocols to perform anonymous user-authentication
  - providers that issue multi-signature certificates
- Fabric core (v1.0):
  - **Verifier MSPs** used for client/peer/orderer signature verification **run on a channel basis**
  - **Signer MSPs** run **locally** and extend verifiers with signing capabilities
- Application MSP (v1.1)
  - **Signer MSP** run on the client side and offer attribute based signing capabilities
  - **Verifier MSPs** used by chaincode to extrapolate client attributes

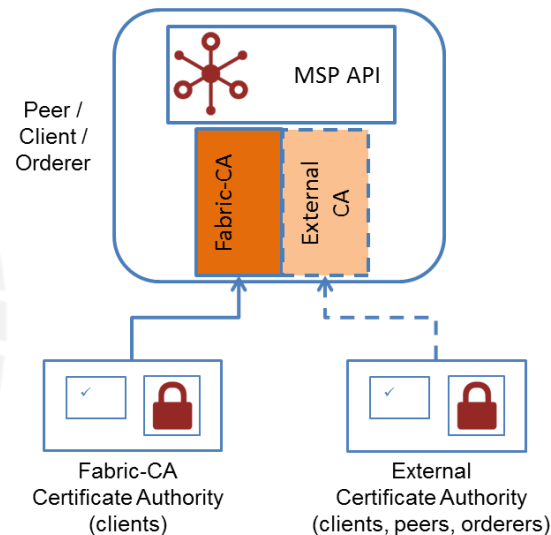
# A Standard PKI based MSP for Fabric

## VerifierMSP (on a per channel basis):

- Identity = **standard** X.509 certificate
- Governed by standard PKI hierarchies (root/intermediate CAs, CRLs)  
Setup = {list of root CAs, revocation list, admin certificate}
- Support for ECDSA keys/limited support for RSA keys
- Identity Validity Conditions = signed by a root CA
- Offers **no anonymity** or **attribute** support
- Signature generation/verification = **standard** public key crypto operation
- For certificate issuing, can leverage commercial CA (off-band), or our custom fabric-CA (online)
- Used by clients, peers, orderers for client/peer/orderer **signature verification**

## SignerMSP (only on local basis):

- Verification aspects same as VerifierMSP
- Includes SigningIdentity = {stdrd X.509 certificate with public key **PK**, private key **SK** for **PK**}
- Used by clients, peers, orderers to **sign messages** & **authenticate off-chain messages**





# MSPs: Building Blocks for Access Policies

Each MSP **allows** for the definition of three type of principals:

- Role-based: **member** of an MSP, **admin** of an MSP
- Identity-based: a specific **identity**
- Organizational-unit-based: a member of an MSP that belongs to a specific OU

A policy can be defined as a combination **N MSPPrincipals** and may **be satisfied** when identities and signatures corresponding to **t** of them are present

**Examples:** Assume the existence of three MSPs, **AliceCo**, **BobCo**, and **CharlieCo**, a policy can have the form

“AliceCo.admin **AND** CharlieCo.member”

“AliceCo.admin **OR** CharlieCo.admin **OR** BobCo.admin”

“Charlie.OU.FinanceDivision”

# Blockchain Crypto Service Providers (BCCSP)



## Abstraction

An abstraction of cryptographic operations used in Hyperledger Fabric



## Pluggability

Alternate implementations of crypto interface can be used within the HPL/fabric code, without modifying the core



## Multiple BCCSP

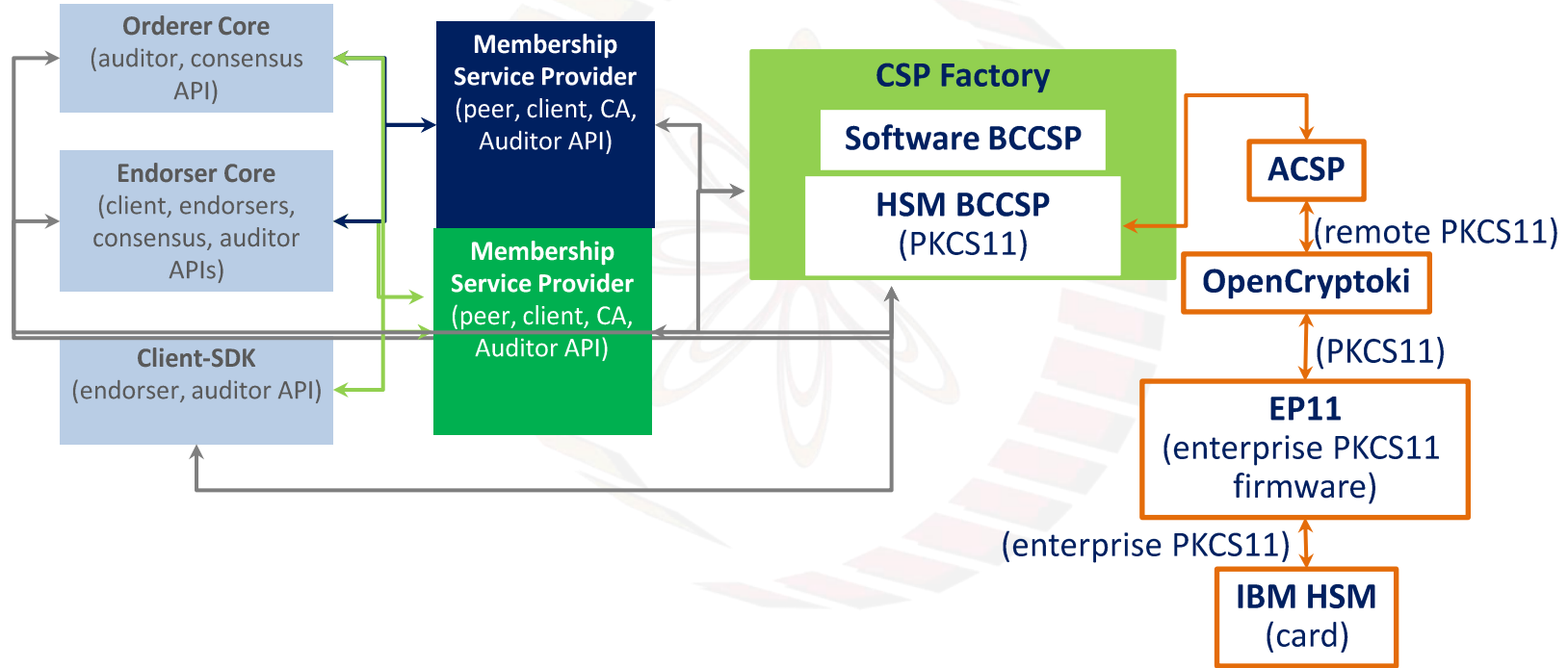
Easy addition of more types of CSPs, e.g., of different HSM types



## International Standard Support

Pluggable crypto service provider. Potential to support more fine-grained confidentiality features

# Integration with HSM



# Tool to Bootstrap a Network

- **Configtxgen (Configuration Transaction Generator)**
  - Network bootstrap tool
  - Designed to configure the network with organizations included in the ordering service genesis block and generates the configuration transaction artifacts used for channel creation (orderer, peers, CAs crypto material)

# Fun Reading





thank you!