

Understanding Hyperledger Fabric Christopher Ferris, IBM CTO Open Technology

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Introducing Hyperledger



THE LINUX FOUNDATION PROJECTS

https://hyperledger.org/



Hyperledger Momentum



3.5

Years since launch



126K+

Commits



9

Tools



6

Frameworks



3

1.0+ Production Releases



260+

Members (50+ in AsiaPac)



11

Active Community Working Groups & Special Interest Groups



165+

Meetups Worldwide (66 countries)



56K+

Meetup Participants



2,000+

Media Clips Per Month



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Business Blockchain Frameworks & Tools Hosted by Hyperledger



Distributed Ledgers



Java-based Ethereum client



Permissionable smart contract machine (EVM)



Enterprise-grade DLT with privacy support



Decentralized identity



Mobile application focus



Permissioned & permissionless support; EVM transaction family

Libraries

















Tools









Hyperledger Fabric Project News



- Maintaining a quarterly release cadence
- Hyperledger Fabric <u>v1.4.3</u> released August 2019
- Hyperledger Fabric <u>v2.0.0-alpha</u> released for early access testing
- v1.4.x is our first long term support release

New Features:

- v1.4.1 support for Raft consensus orderer
- v1.4.2 support for Kafka to Raft migration
- v1.4.3 patch release
- v2.0.0-alpha
 - new chaincode lifecycle support
 - Alpine based images
 - StateDB caching



Characteristics

- Permissioned
- Highly modular
- Smart contracts in general purpose languages
- Pluggable consensus
- Privacy
- No "mining" or native crypto-currency required for consensus
- •Execute-order-validate vs order-execute



Permissioned vs Permissionless

- Permissionlessable
 - Anyone can participate
 - Everyone is anonymous
 - No trust, must treat all entities as adversarial
- Permissioned
 - Participation is selective
 - Identity is known and often vetted
 - Operate under a shared governance model
 - Certain degree of trust can be established



Highly modular platform

- Pluggable ordering service establishes consensus
- •Pluggable membership service provider
- Optional peer-to-peer gossip service
- Ledger can be configured to support a variety of DBMSs
 - LevelDB, CouchDB, BerkleyDB*, SAP Hana*
- Pluggable endorsement and validation policy enforcement



Smart Contracts

- Written in traditional programming languages
 - Golang, Java, Javascript, ...
 - Implement a language specific shim
- Do not need to be deterministic



Order-execute

- Most existing smart-contract capable blockchain platforms follow an "order-execute" architecture in which the consensus protocol:
 - validates and orders transactions then propagates them to all peer nodes,
 - each peer then executes the transactions sequentially
- Contracts must be deterministic
- Sequential execution limits performance & scale



Execute-order-validate

- Separates the transaction flow into three steps:
 - executing a transaction and checking its correctness, and endorsing it;
 - ordering transactions through a consensus protocol; and
 - transactions validated against an application-specific endorsement policy and committed to the ledger
- •1st step eliminates non-determinism
- Allows for parallel execution
- Allows for pluggable consensus

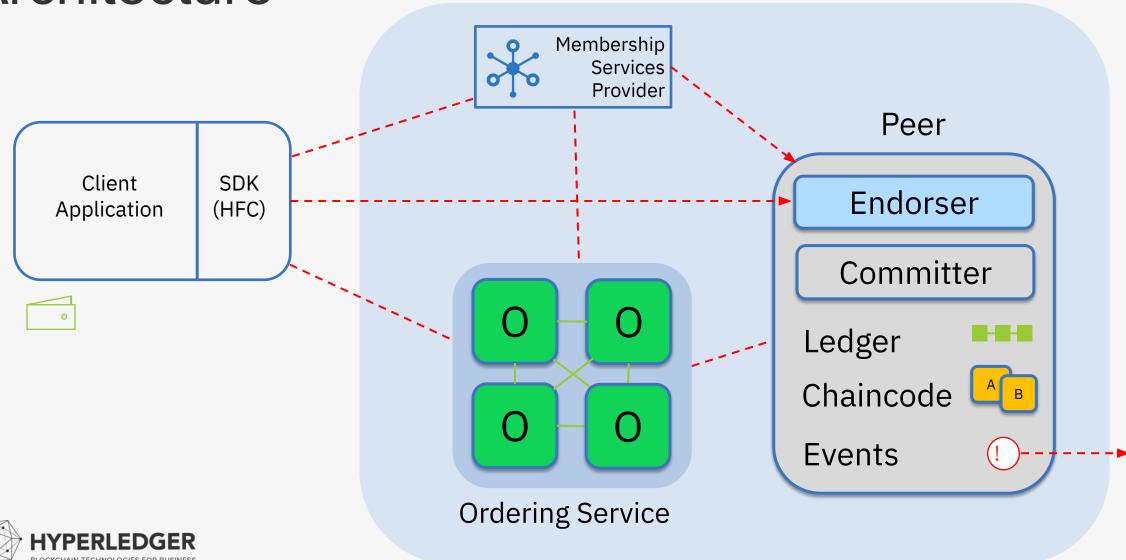


Privacy & Confidentiality

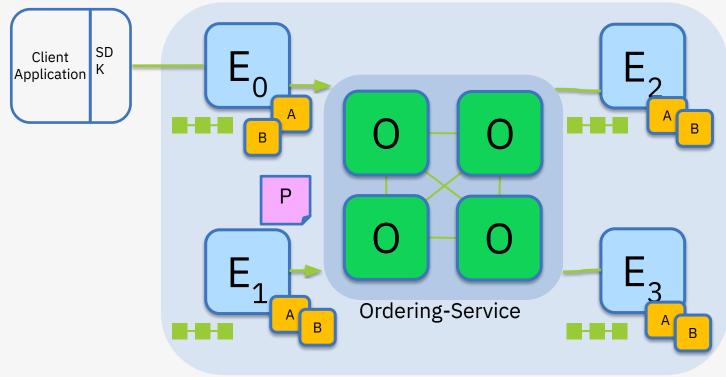
- Channel architecture
- Private data collections
- Zero knowledge proofs
 - Identity mixer
 - ZKAT coming soon after token capabilities added



Architecture



Channels

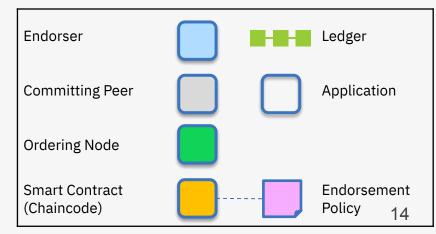


Hyperledger Fabric



- Similar to v0.6 PBFT model
- All peers connect to the same system channel (blue).
- All peers have the same chaincode and maintain the same ledger
- Endorsement by peers E₀, E₁, E₂ and E₃

Key:

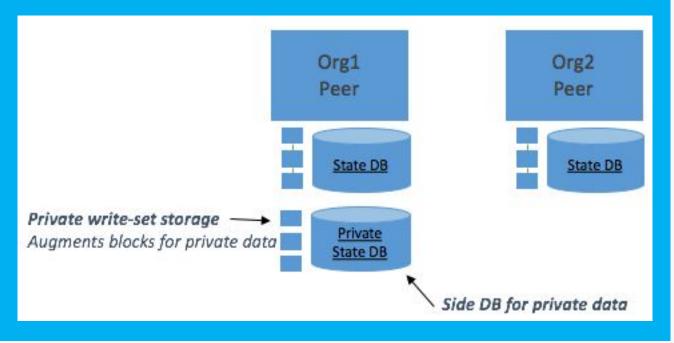


Private Data Collections

Keep chaincode data confidential among a subset of channel members.

Store private data alongside the public ledger with hashes on the public ledger serving verifiable proof of the data.

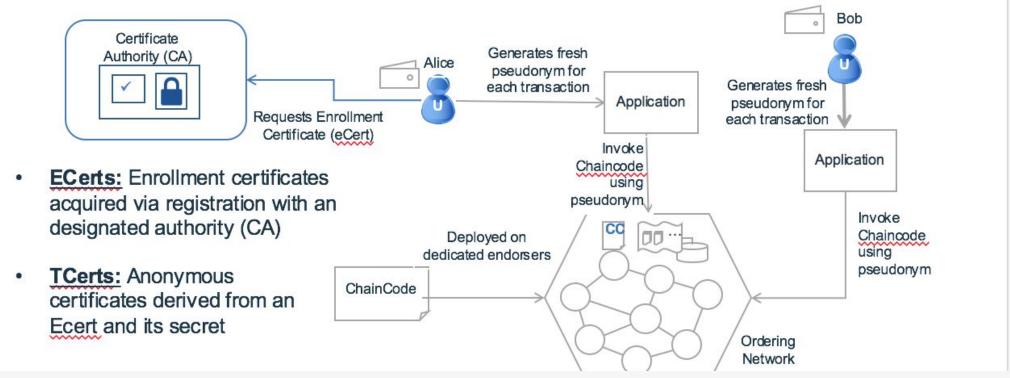
- Private data grouped in collections having access policies
- Private data of a collection stored solely to peers who satisfy the collection's access policy





Identity Mixer

- A new membership framework leveraging Zero Knowledge to allow for anonymous authentication of the members of an organization
- Anonymity provisions bound by the leakage of invoked chaincode's data



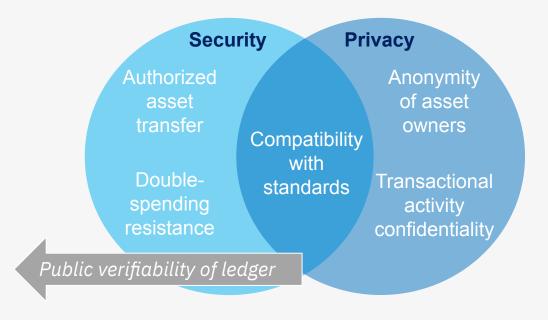


Privacy Preserving Asset Mgt

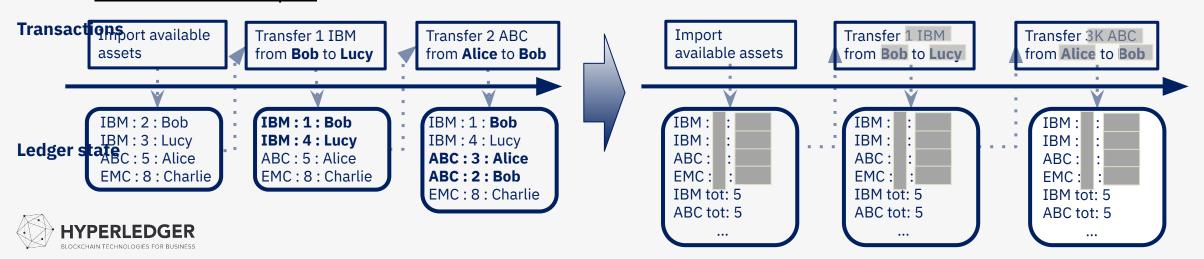
Relevant in multiple use-cases

- Financial asset transfer
- Securities trading
- Virtual payments

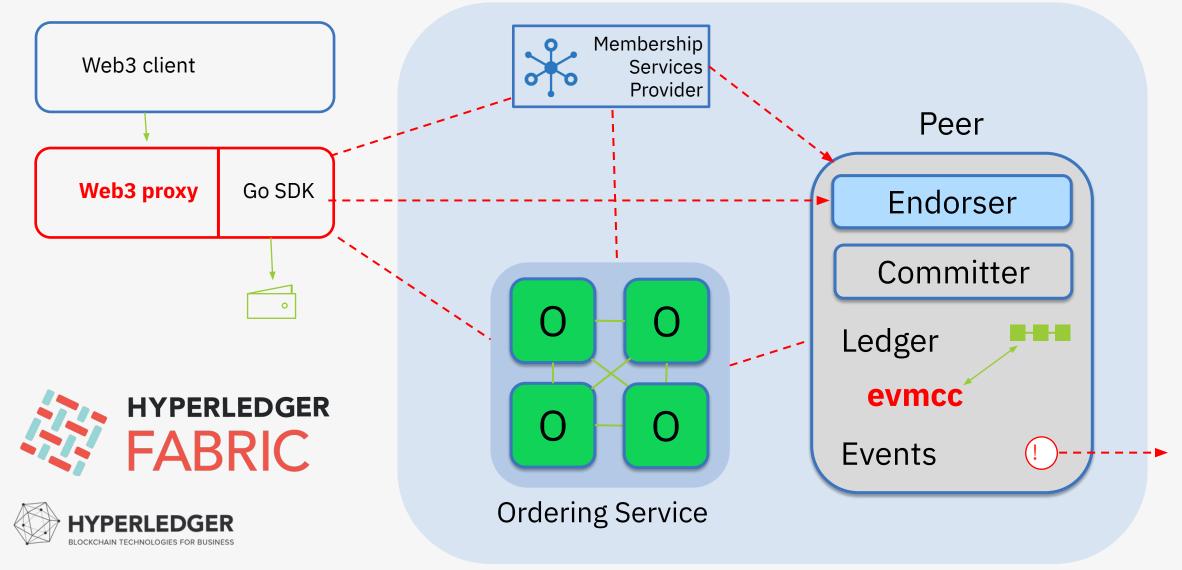
Value: Extend automation, trusted record keeping without the need for trusted mediators



Shareholder example:



Hyperledger Burrow EVM Integration



Paving the way for a more powerful Fabric

Concepts we are working to pull into Fabric on an experimental basis

- Pushing transaction functions down into Fabric to provide a "proper" smart contract authoring experience
- Improving the usability of client SDKs
- Modelling of data stored on the ledger and in the world state
- Generation of domain specific RESTful APIs
- Generation of domain and programming language specific SDKs (JavaScript, Java, Go, etc.)
- Skeleton smart contract generation



v2.0 Roadmap (proposed)

Enable further operational and token capabilities

- RAFT Consensus
- Chaincode Lifecycle
- Local Collections
- Programming model additions
- Sample improvements (advanced commercial paper)
- Alpine images



Get Started!

https://wiki.hyperledger.org/projects/fabric

Contribute – become one of the nearly 300 developers working on this critical technology

Consume – leverage the most mature of the emerging enterprise blockchain platforms



