Fabric WebAssembly Chaincode August, 2019



> Introduction

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> Project Description

- > Hyperledger Fabric chaincode shims are only available in Golang, nodejs, and java.
- > WebAssembly exposes lots of languages for development such as C, Rust, and many more
- This project aims to integrate WebAssembly based smart contract in Hyperledger Fabric



> Project Objectives:

- > Research on WebAssembly and do a feasibility study
- Create an integration layer for deploying WebAssembly based chaincodes on Hyperledger Fabric
- The integration layer should have none to minimal affect on Hyperledger Fabric core code

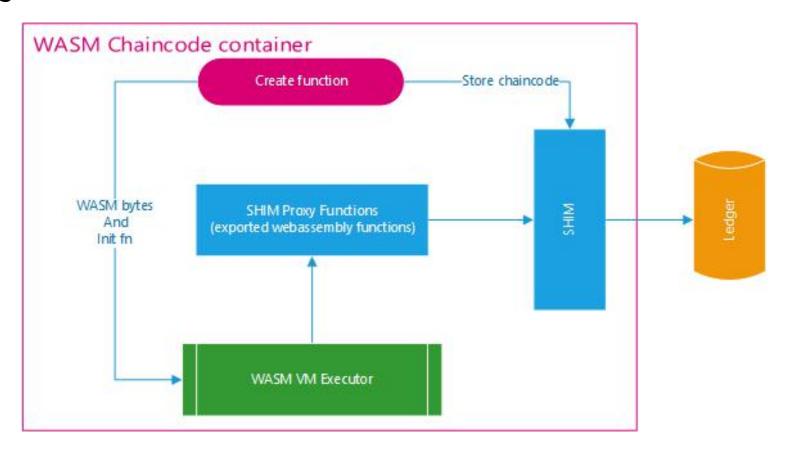


> Project Deliverables:

- > Integration layer for WebAssembly based chaincodes
- Essential shim wrapper functions to expose Hyperledger Fabric shim functionalities for WebAssembly based chaincode
- > End to End example using one of the language other then java, js, golang

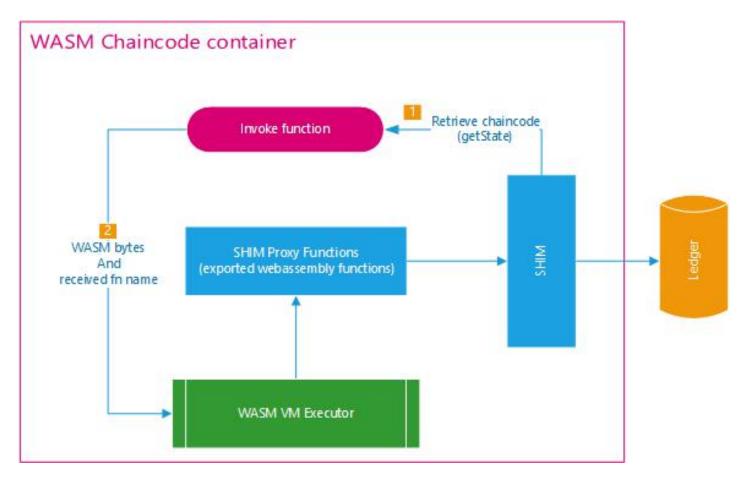


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Project Execution & Accomplishments:

- Learned about WebAssembly, Golang
- Using github issues for new feature requests and bug reports.
- Using github actions for CI pipeline
- Most challenging part would be looking for feasible WebAssembly based execution engine
- > My main accomplishment would be getting a good grasp on how to work in open source community.



Recommendations for future work:

- Create minimal interfaces for languages that can be compiled to WebAssembly
- > Expose all other shim functions such as acl for WebAssembly chaincodes
- > Easier exception feedback mechanism from host module to WebAssembly chaincode
- > Try other WebAssembly execution engines as this area is evolving daily
- > Create more examples using languages such as python, dotnet etc.
- Benchmarking

