

2019 Q2 Hyperledger Indy

Project

Distributed Ledger

- [indy-node](#)
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Client Tools

- [indy-sdk](#)
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Shared Components

- [Indy-hipe](#)
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Project Health

The contributors to Hyperledger Indy spent this past quarter working on these key initiatives:

1. Hyperledger INDY has graduated from incubation status.
2. Developing reference agents so that they are usable by new participants in the ecosystem.
3. Schema improvements are now in a proposed overview HIPE for community comment and feedback.
4. Ursa updated to 0.1.1 which means Indy-SDK can begin using it.
5. Major breakthroughs on Agent Interoperability with 6 independent agent implementations passing the Agent Test Suite and more discussions on Credentials Exchange and other key protocols.

Indy's codebase has 20,000 commits from 164 unique contributors. This represents an increase of 19 contributors this quarter and nearly 3,000 additional commits. Forums and chat channels are monitored and responses to questions are frequent, timely, and helpful.

Issues

While we have resolved some issues during the past quarter, some of our top issues from last quarter continue to be our central concerns. As noted below, we continue to make useful progress.

Incompatible agent implementations

Efforts are ongoing to increase interoperability between existing agent implementations and future implementations.

Progress made:

- 6 Independent Agent implementations are passing the Agent Test Suite.
- Routing and Credentials tests will shortly enter the Agent Test Suite.

Further remediation planned:

- Continue standardizing agent communication protocols, including credential exchange.

Measuring the size and make-up of our user community

We began making progress on this issue by measuring the number of developers creating solutions by contributing to indy github projects.

Progress made:

- We are measuring GitHub contributors and can produce a week-by-week graph of contributors added over the last year.

Further remediation planned:

- Work with Hyperledger to get analytics about web sites, and Rocket Chat usage.
- Begin measuring usage of the Sovrin forums: new contributors, questions asked, and questions answered
- Measure Indy tags on Stack Overflow.

Build Issues

The current Jenkins CI pipeline has become slow, bloated, and difficult to maintain and extend.

Progress made:

- The building of client libraries and reference agents has moved to the Sovrin Foundation and this work is nearing completion.

Further remediation planned:

- Move from Jenkins to Gitlab CI for simpler configuration, greater security, and allowing third parties to contribute build resources.

Releases

February 2019:

Indy SDK 1.8.0

- Added NETWORK_MONITOR role to nym transaction builder
- Updated Libindy wrappers for automatically getting error details
- Bugfixes

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Indy Node 1.6.83

- Added network maintenance role
- Bugfixes
 - Node on Sovrin TestNet did not upgrade automatically
 - Node that does not upgrade spams the config ledger
 - Node can't order after view change and catch up
 - A role that has been removed can't be added back

March 2019:

Indy SDK 1.8.2

- Added auth_rule feature
- Set default freshness threshold to 600 seconds
- Send GET requests to two Nodes
- Bugfixes

April 2019:

Indy Node 1.7.0

- Added multi-signature auth_rule feature
- Audit Ledger

Overall Activity in the Past Quarter

General

- Indy has graduated from incubation status.
- Schema improvements are now in a proposed overview HIPE for community comment and feedback.

Indy Node

- Audit ledger feature is now complete.
- Multi-sign auth_rules have been added to increase security.
- Several new stability fixes have been implemented.
- Continued research into a future ledger architecture.

Indy SDK

- Continued work to support HIPEs defining Agent to Agent compatibility.
- Hyperledger Ursa updated to 0.1.1 which means Indy-SDK can begin using it.

Indy Agent

- Incredible progress on interoperability with the Connectathon and Test Suites.
- Acceptance of connection, basic message, and trust ping HIPEs.
- Credentials Exchange HIPE and provisional 0.1 version in active development.

- HIPE Discussion and Improvements on several other subjects.
- Significant reference agent development continues.

Current Plans

General

- Add the Hyperledger Aries project
- Continue to refine documentation
- Schema improvements

Indy Node

- Consume official builds of Hyperledger Ursa, as they are approved.
- Audit ledger adoption and improvement.
- Continue research into Ledger 2.0
- Broader OS support.

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Indy Agent

- Credentials Exchange protocol in the Test Suite
- Introducing agents to other agents
- Routing & Agencies
- Test Suite improvements for automated testing

Maintainer Diversity

Indy maintainers remain active in developing and contributing to working group calls and public discussions. The bi-weekly Indy Maintainers Circle call has consistently been the medium by which maintainers coordinate work, discuss critical issues to the Indy codebase, and resolve HYPES. The Indy Agent call continues to be the focus of much attention, and the Overlays Working Group also continues to receive a lot of interest.

Contributor Diversity

Hyperledger Indy continues to see contributions from developers and organizations around the world. Our weekly Working Group call is normally attended by two dozen people representing nearly a dozen organizations. Indy's codebase has 20,000 commits from 164 unique contributors. This represents an increase of 19 contributors this quarter and nearly 3,000 additional commits.

POCs, Pilots, Projects

Sovrin

<http://www.sovrin.org>

Sovrin is the first instantiation of the Indy codebase.

Verifiable Organizations Network

<https://von.pathfinder.gov.bc.ca>

The Province of British Columbia, the Government of Ontario, and Public Services and Procurement Canada have a trusted digital network of verifiable data about organizations.

Brigham Young University

<https://www.byu.edu/>

The University is building an agent to manage student credentials throughout their experience at the university.

Evernym

<https://www.evernym.com/>

Evernym is creating applications that will make it easy for organizations and users to issue, hold, and verify credentials through the Sovrin network.

Additional Information

- Join the Indy Mailing List: <https://lists.hyperledger.org/g/indy>
- Join the Indy Working Group Calls: every Thursday 8am PT, 9am MT, 11am ET, 4pm BST (Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/232861185>)

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