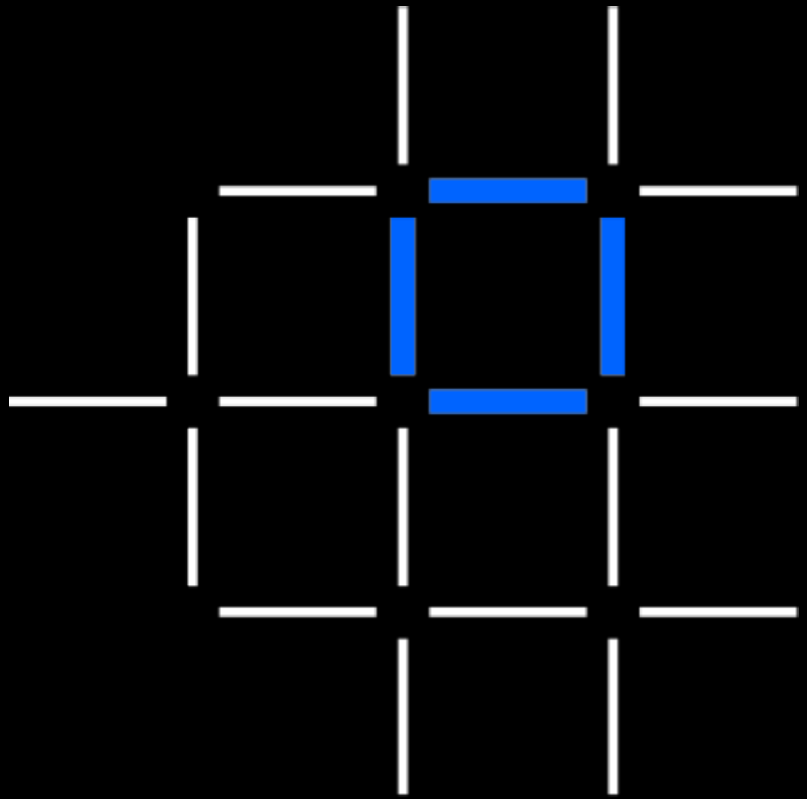
Using IBM Blockchain Platform

How to build, operate and grow blockchain networks



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IBM **Blockchain**

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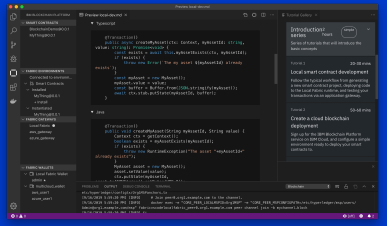
The IBM Blockchain Platform **toolset**

- IBM Blockchain Platform comprises an intuitive set of tools for **building, operating and growing** Hyperledger Fabric networks
- The purpose of this presentation is not to guide you through every feature of the tools – you will find them intuitive!
- We will instead focus on useful tips, and things you might need to remember when using them



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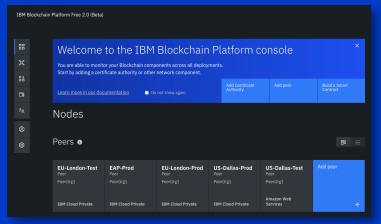
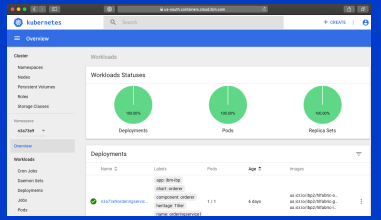
IBM Blockchain Platform Extension



IBM Blockchain Platform **Console**



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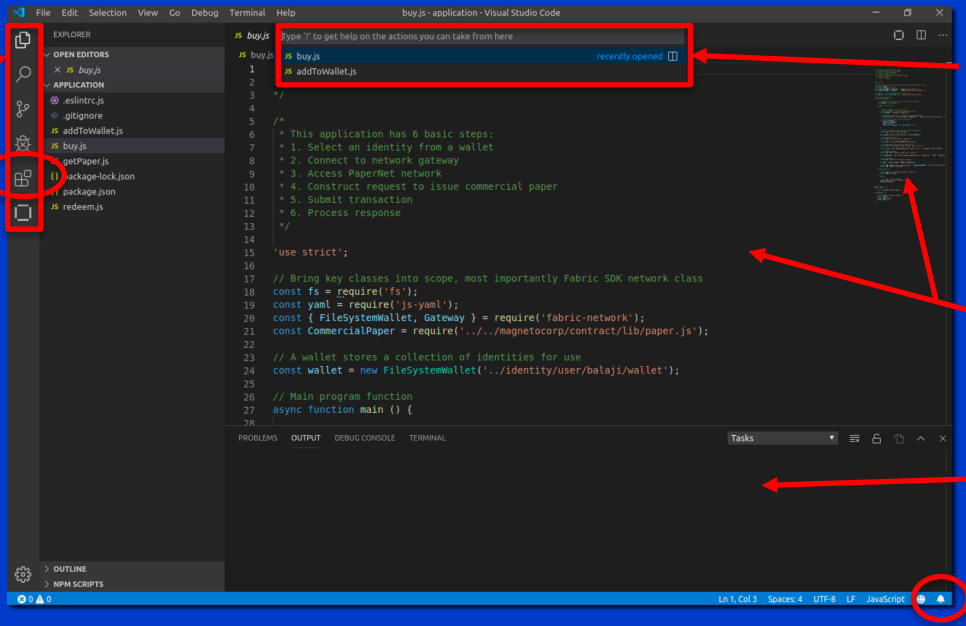
Navigating **VS Code**

The basics of this powerful, popular editor

Click in sidebar to expand and contract contextual set of panes

Marketplace for installing extensions



Parameters for commands entered here.
Also used for quick navigation (Ctrl+P)

File editor and overview

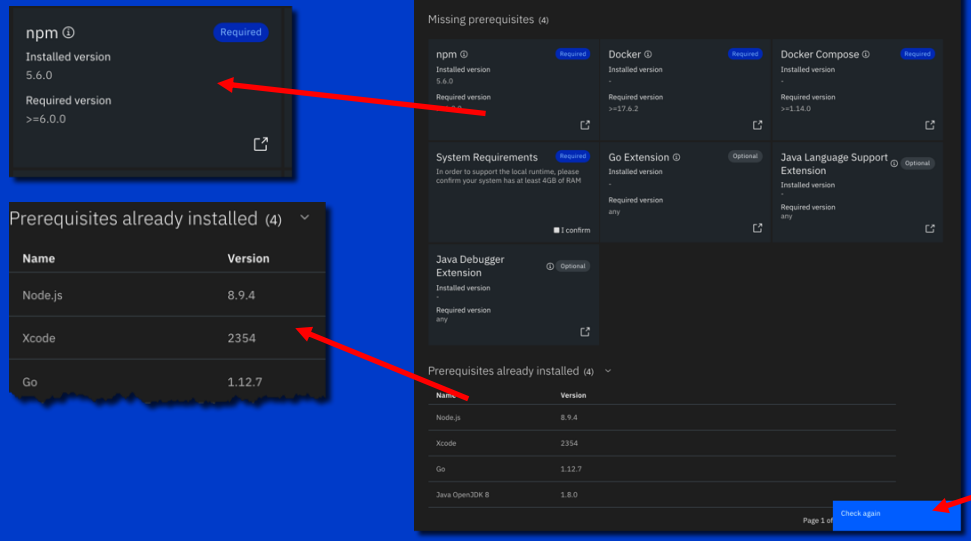
Output, debug, terminal etc.

Notifications

Setting up the IBM Blockchain Platform
VS Code Extension

Required / optional components

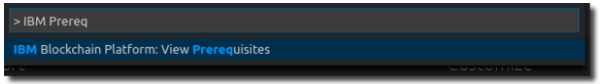
What you already have



1. Install VS Code
2. Click Marketplace in sidebar
3. Search Marketplace for ”IBM Blockchain Platform”
4. Review and fix any pre-requisites
5. **Start!**

When you’re ready, click here to begin

Tip: Ctrl+P “> IBM Prereq” will return to the pre-req checker once you’re running

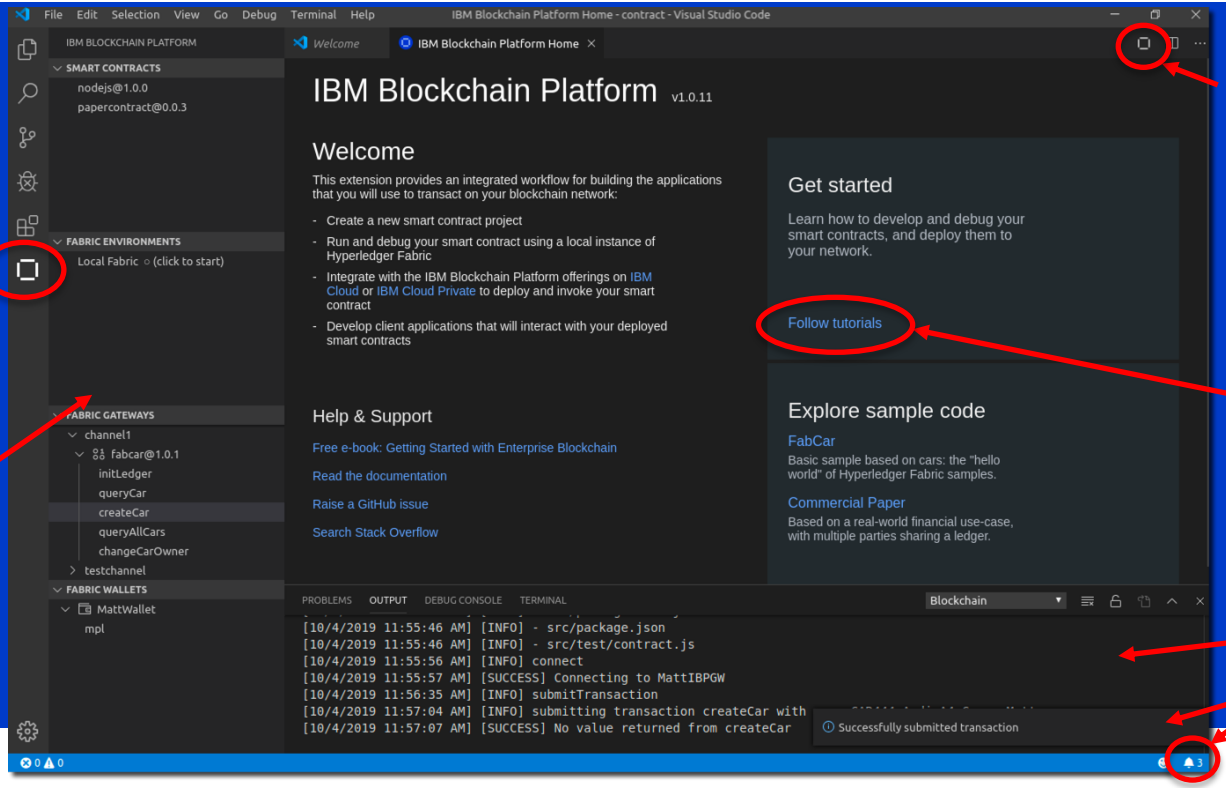


Navigating the **VS Code Extension**

This is what you see when you launch the IBM Blockchain Platform extension for the first time

Switch to IBM Blockchain Platform view

Views:
Smart contracts
Fabric Environments
Gateways
Wallets



Click here (Or Ctrl+P "> IBM Home") to return to this Home page in the future if you need to

Tutorials here!

Output from running commands etc.

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Developing Smart Contracts: Concepts

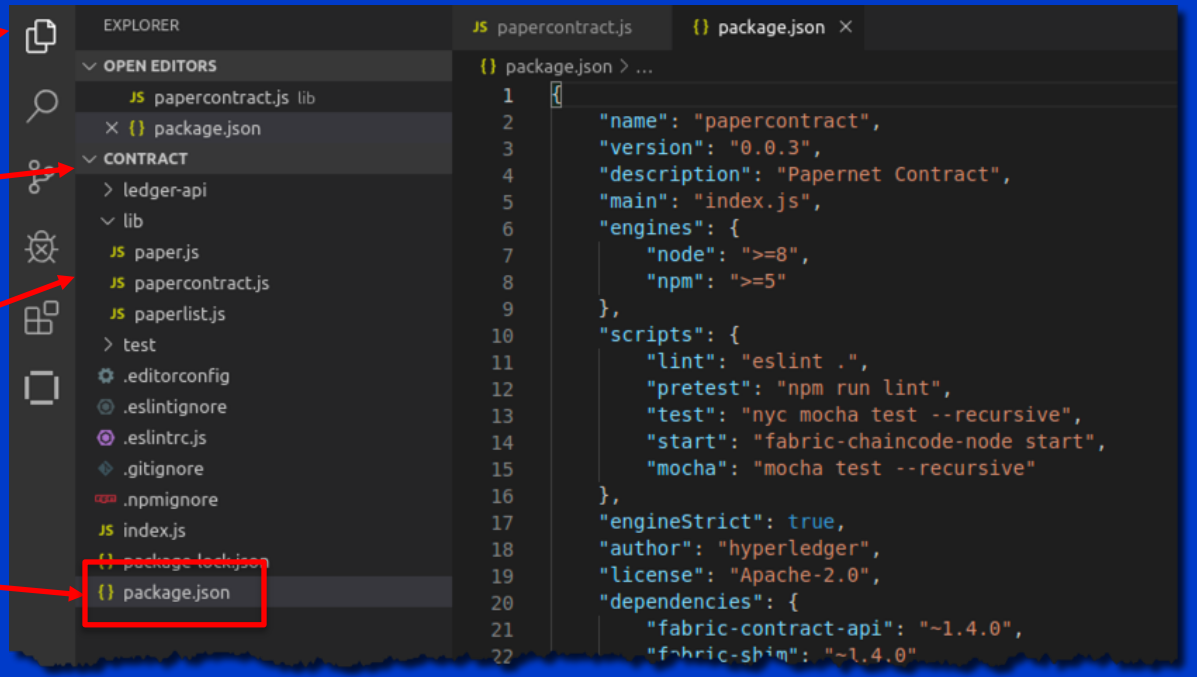
The structure of a smart contract project

Use Explorer view when editing

Folder view (from filesystem)

Smart contract code implements Contract interface

package.json describes smart contract

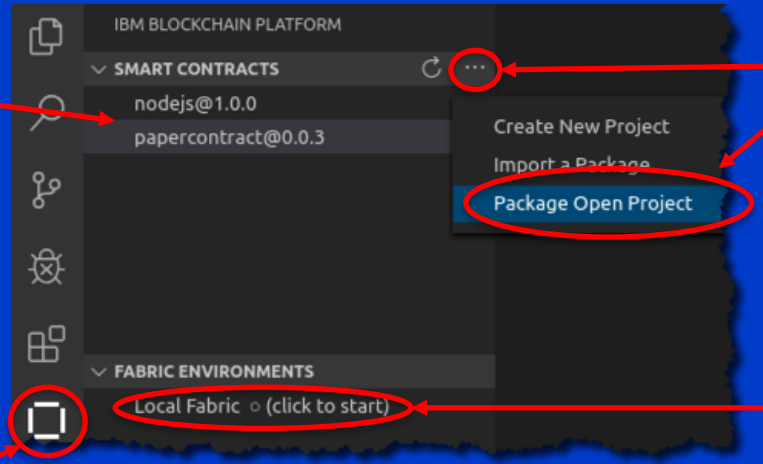


Tip: FabCar and Commercial Paper are good exemplars!

Testing Smart Contracts [1/2]

The basics for smart contract testing

Right click smart contracts to export as .cds file



Hover here to reveal "…" and select Package Open Project.
This builds the smart contract package

Use IBM Blockchain Platform view when deploying

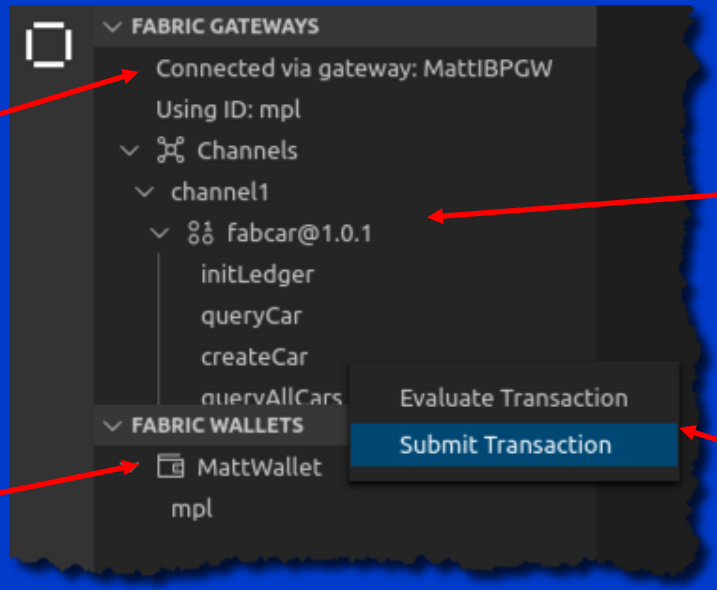
Click here to start an embedded local Hyperledger Fabric instance

Install and instantiate your smart contract

Testing Smart Contracts [2/2]

The basics for smart contract testing

Connect to gateways for working with local or remote blockchain networks



Shows available channels and smart contracts

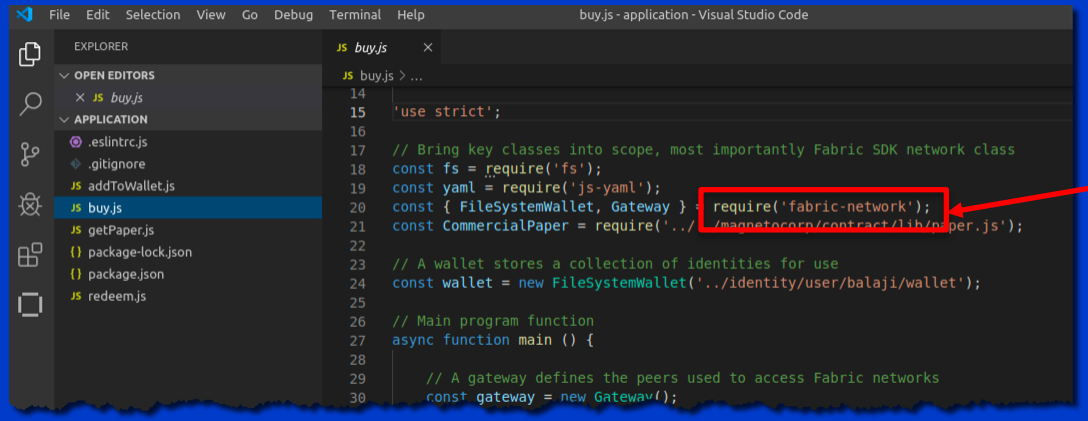
Wallets show available identities, used for connecting to remote networks

Right click to submit / evaluate transactions without requiring a client application

Building **Applications**

The basics for client application development

- While you can submit and evaluate transactions from VS Code, real blockchain use-cases will require client applications to interact with the ledger.



Use Fabric SDK

- You can create and test these client applications from VS Code too, just like any other development project.
  - Test within VS Code, command line or whatever environment you choose

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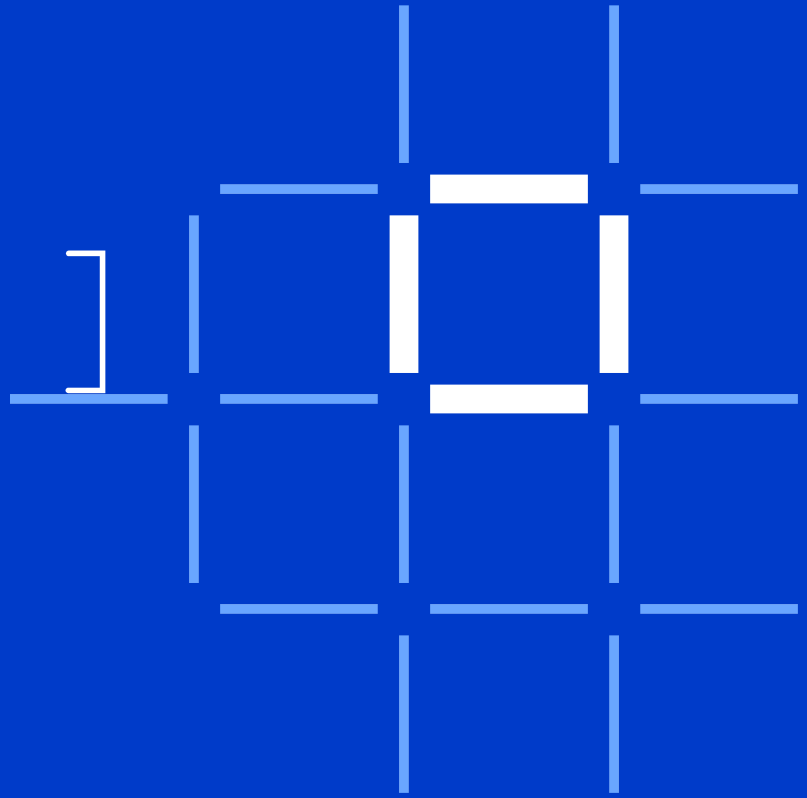
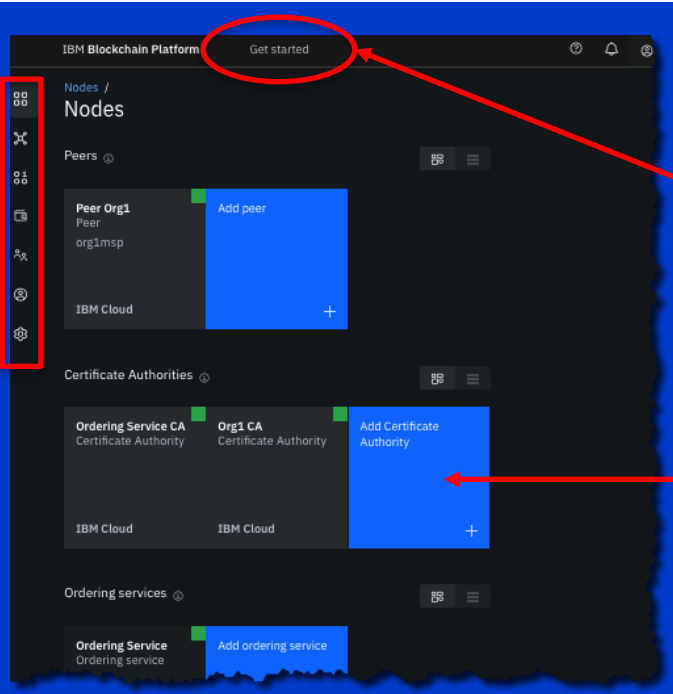


Navigating the **IBM Blockchain Platform Console**

This is what you see when you launch the IBM Blockchain Platform service

Sidebar:

- Nodes (selected)
- Channels
- Smart contracts
- Wallets
- Organizations
- Users
- Settings



Tutorials, e.g.

- Build, Join
- Develop, Deploy

Actions to create or add things are always shown in blue

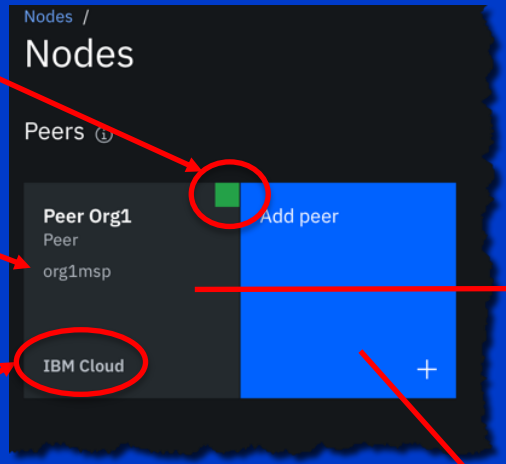
Working with **nodes** in the console

Manage peers, certificate authorities and ordering services from the same pane

Green square = running

ID of owning organization

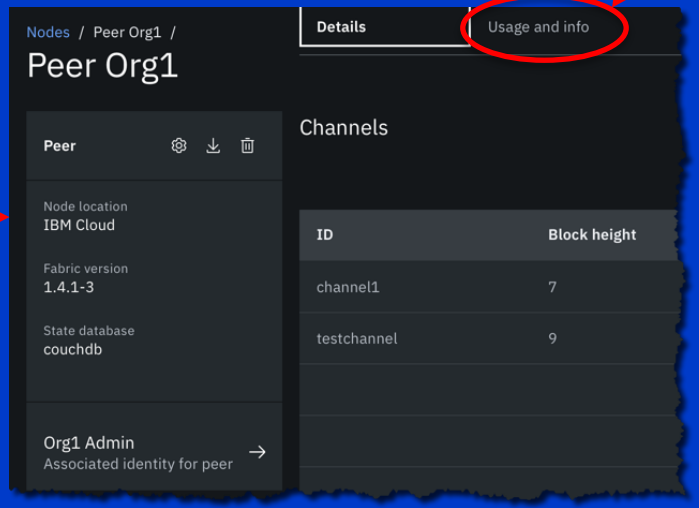
Deployment location



Select for more details

Create and import additional nodes

Check here for resource utilization



CA

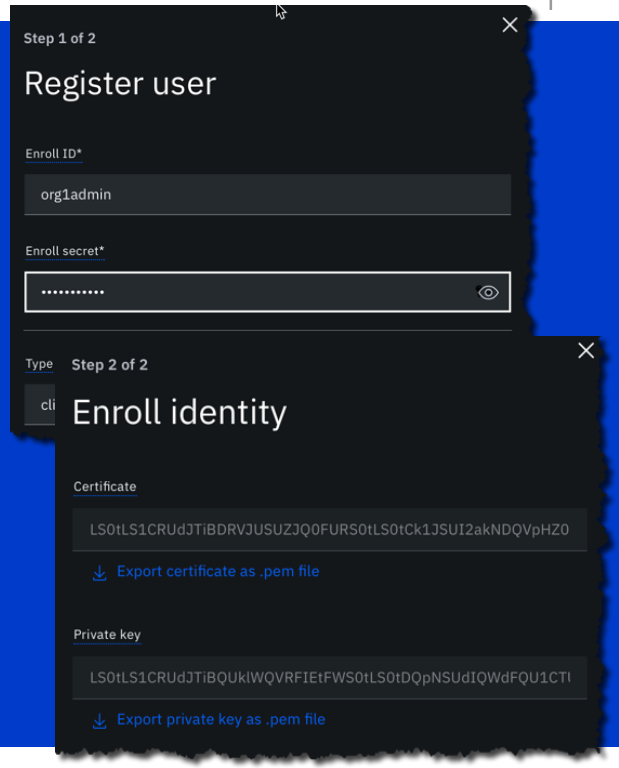
The importance of **identities**

Registering and enrolling using certificate authorities

- Managing identity is a **critical part** of a network
  - All users and components have an identity
  - These are managed in the console under the CA node
  - Make a note of what identities are used where; avoid reuse

- Two step process helps ensure admins can't hijack identities
  1. CA admin **registers** the identity in the CA with an enroll ID and secret; passes details to identity owner
  2. Owner **enrolls** the identity using these details (e.g. when creating nodes); certificates are generated for the owner to work with.

- Certificates are stored in wallets and stay in local browser storage by default
  - Certificates can move between wallets but are not managed by IBM.
  - Take care when switching browsers!



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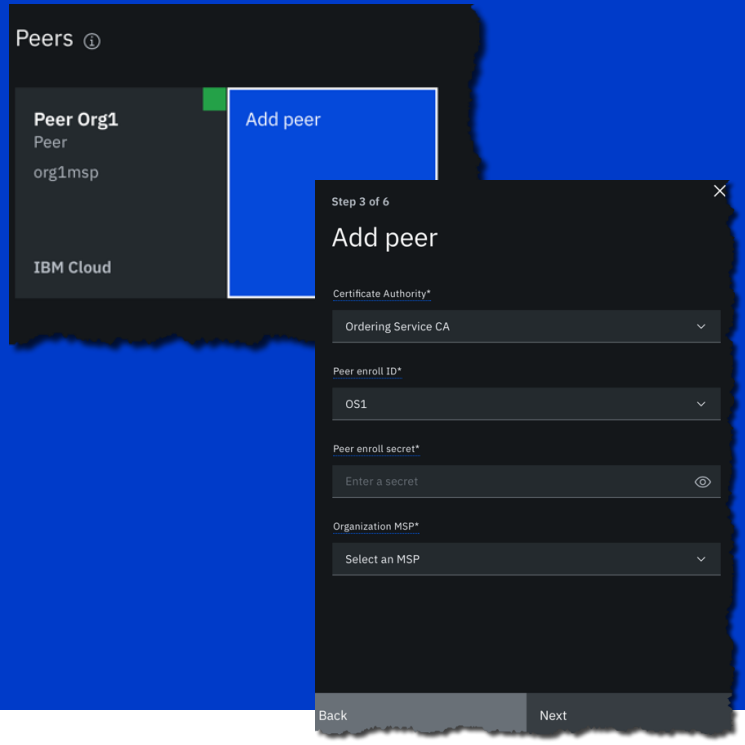
Example: Creating a **peer** node

- Select *Add peer -> Create new*
- Several panels guide you through the new peer's details
  - Display name
  - **Peer's identity** to enroll (CA, peer enroll ID, secret)
  - Owning organization
  - **TLS identity** (for secure communication)
  - **Administrator's identity**
  - Additional options cater for advanced deployment options (e.g. CouchDB vs. LevelDB)
- Peer is then created and started automatically
- See the next section for a full build tutorial!

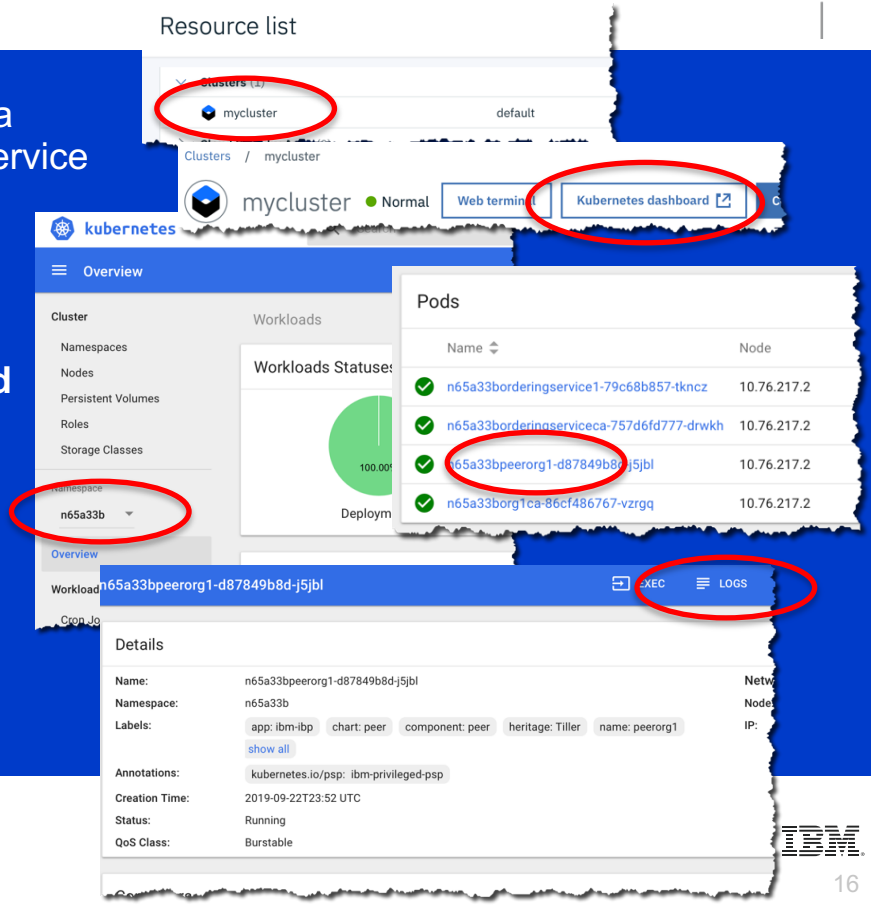


Logging and monitoring

Using Kubernetes to drill into the details

- Each IBM Blockchain Platform component is run within a docker container and managed through a Kubernetes service
  - IBM Kubernetes Service (for components on IBM Cloud) or OpenShift (for components deployed on other clouds or on-premises)

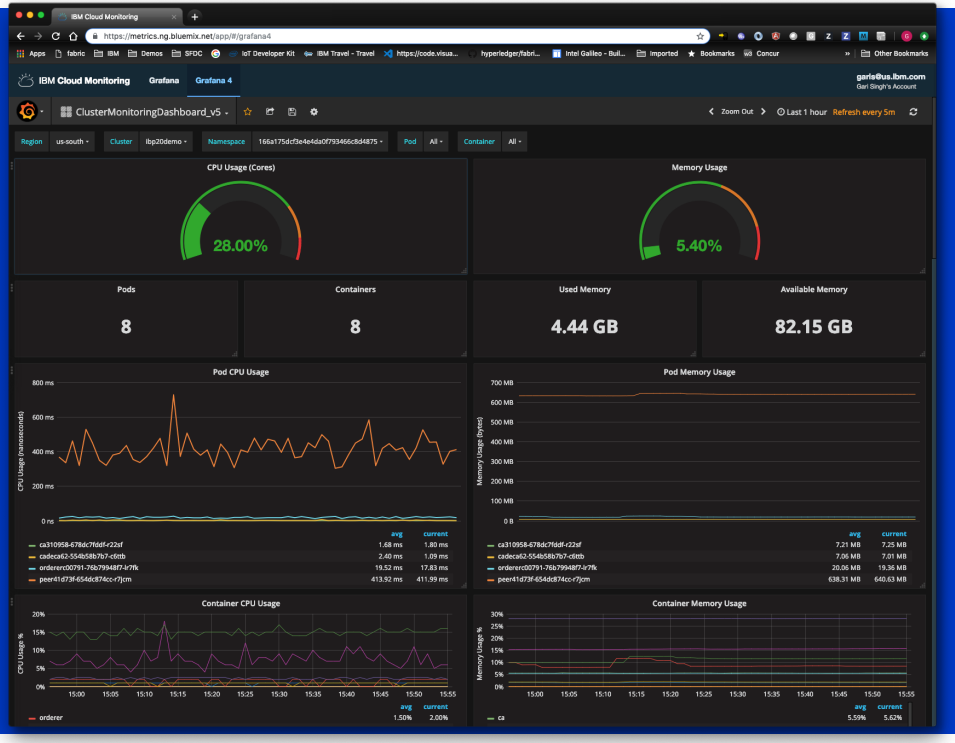
- Access component details from **Kubernetes dashboard**
  1. Select cluster from IBM Cloud Dashboard
  2. Click Kubernetes dashboard
  3. Select nXXXXXX namespace
  4. Click Pods to see components
  5. Select individual pods for further details
     - IP addresses, parameters, storage etc.
  6. Click Logs for debug information



Logging and monitoring

Exporting metrics for further analysis

- There are several monitoring tools which can extract and visualize blockchain metrics, e.g.:
  - **Grafana** is a general purpose dashboard and graph composer, available at metrics.[region.]bluemix.net
  - **Sysdig** is an systems monitoring and troubleshooting service, available on IBM Cloud
  - **Prometheus** is a monitoring and alerting toolkit that aggregates time series data
- IBM Blockchain Platform exposes a /metrics endpoint that can be used by tools for this purpose.



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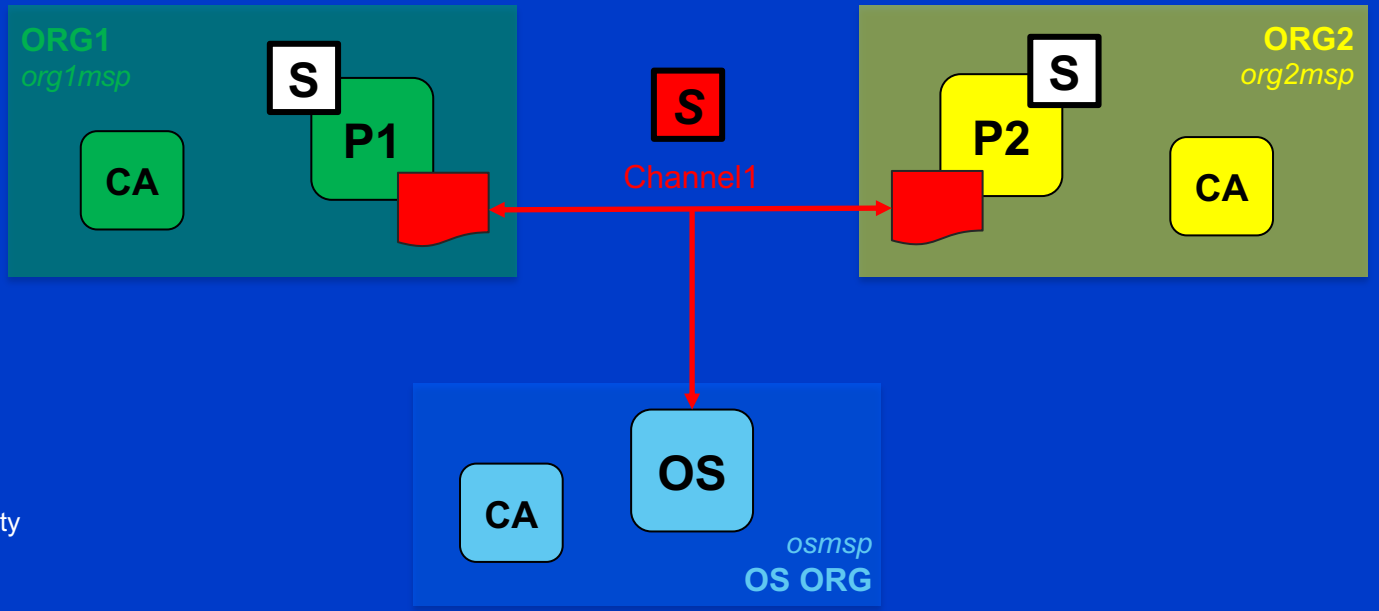
What we are building

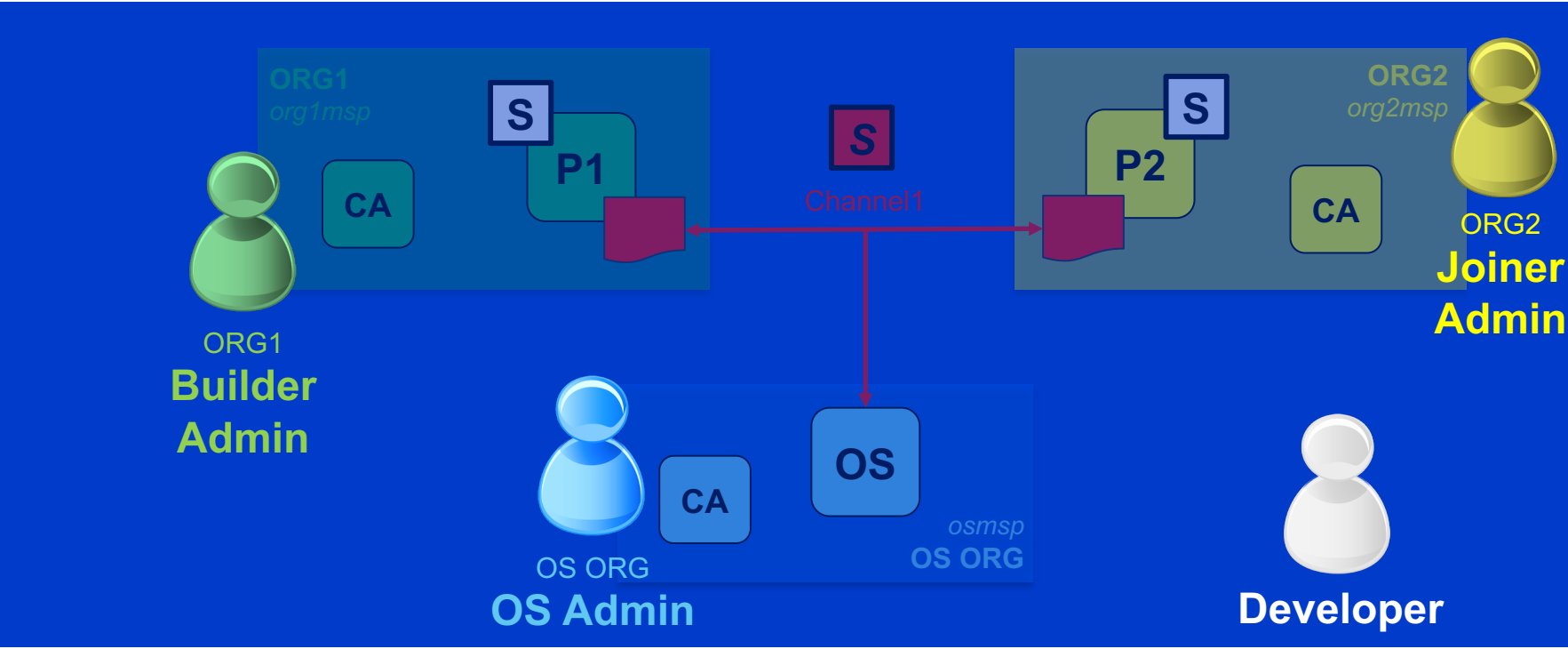
The target IBM Blockchain Platform environment



CA: Certificate Authority
P: Peer
S: Smart Contract
OS: Ordering Service
msp: Membership Services Provider (identifies the organization on the network)

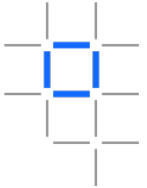
Who is building the network

The organizations and roles



How we are building it

The high level sequence of steps



1. **Build** the network
   - Create an ordering service, peer, channel and first CAs
2. **Join** the network
   - Repeat for each additional organization in the consortium
3. **Deploy** smart contracts
   - And test transactions to make sure everything works

Building a network [1/5]

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1. **Builder Admin** creates a peer organization and peer
   - Create the peer organization CA
   - Associate the CA admin identity
   - Using the CA to register identities
   - Create the peer organization MSP definition
   - Create the peer

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2. **OS Admin** creates the ordering service
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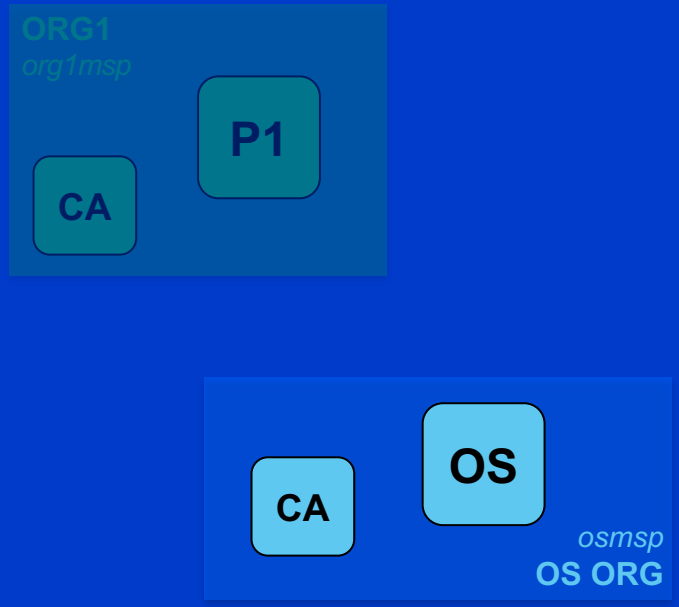
   - Associate the CA admin identity
   - Use the CA to register the ordering service node + OS Admin identities
   - Create the ordering service organization MSP definition
   - Deploy the ordering nodes



Building a network [3/5]

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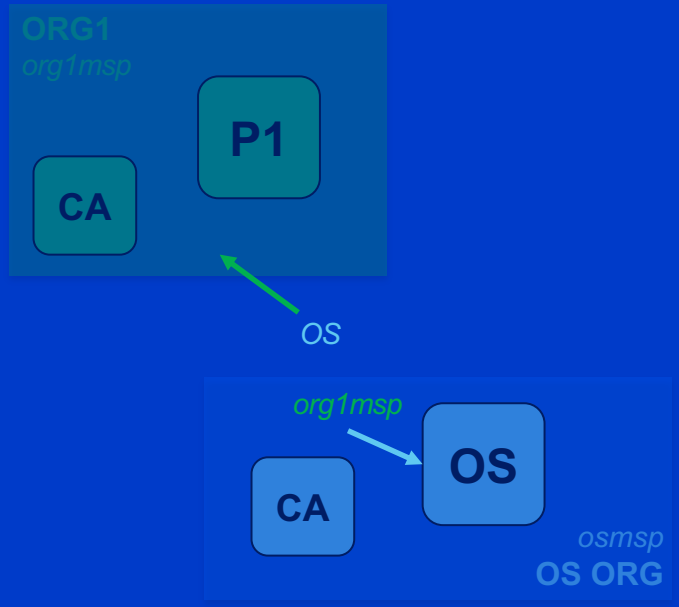
2. **OS Admin** creates the ordering service
3. **OS Admin** adds **ORG1** to the consortium hosted by the ordering service *
   1. **Builder Admin** exports the ORG1 information and sends to the **OS Admin**
   2. **OS Admin** imports the ORG1 definition into the ordering service and add its peer's org to the OS
   3. **OS Admin** exports the OS definition
   4. **Builder Admin** imports the OS definition



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Building a network [4/5]

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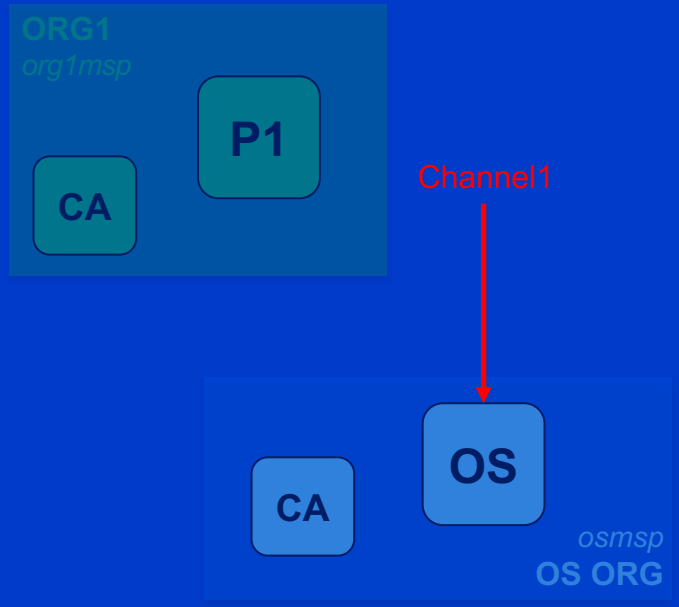
4. **Builder Admin** creates a channel



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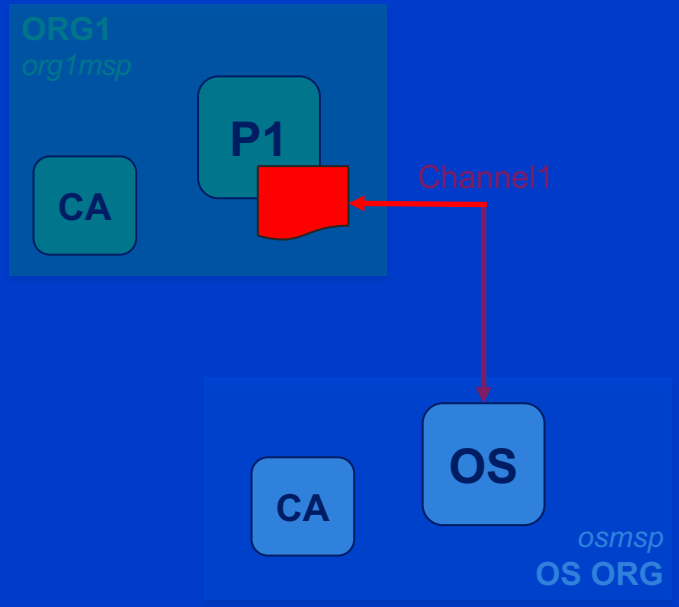
4. **Builder Admin** creates a channel
5. **Builder Admin** joins the peer to the channel



Joining a network [1/4]

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1. **Joiner Admin** creates a peer organization and peer
    1. Create ORG2 CA
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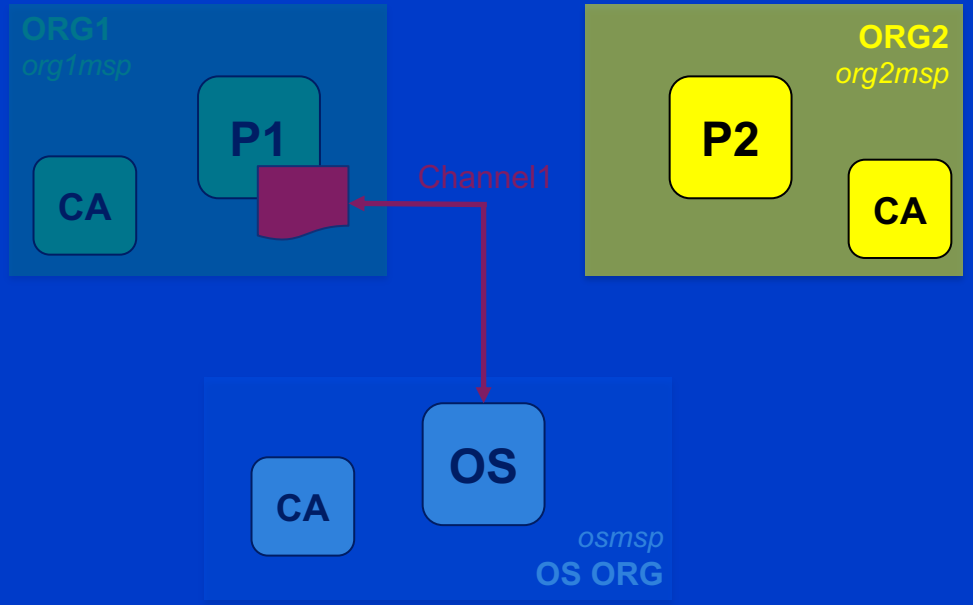
    3. Use the CA to register ORG2 identities
    4. Create the ORG2 MSP definition
    5. Create the peer



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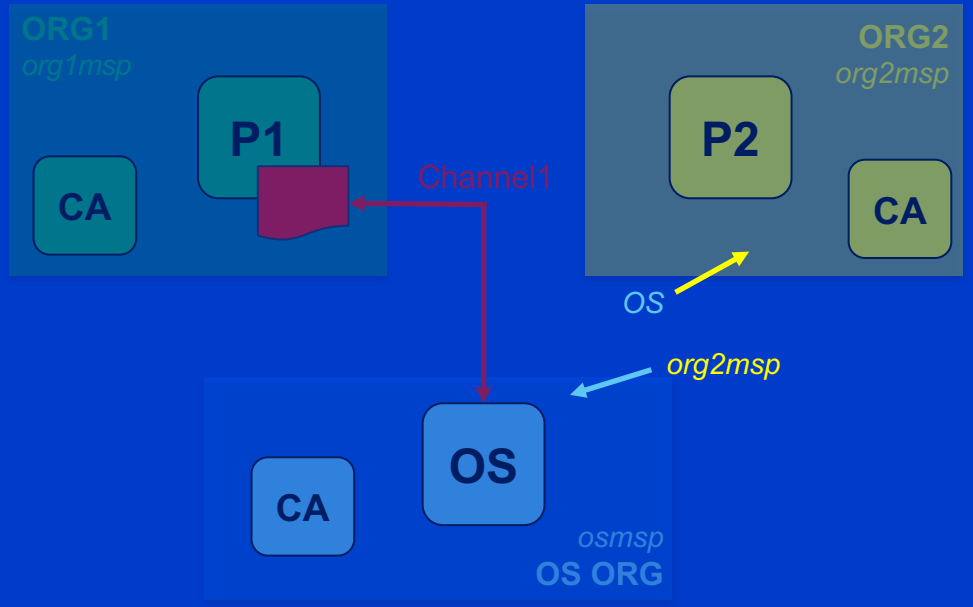

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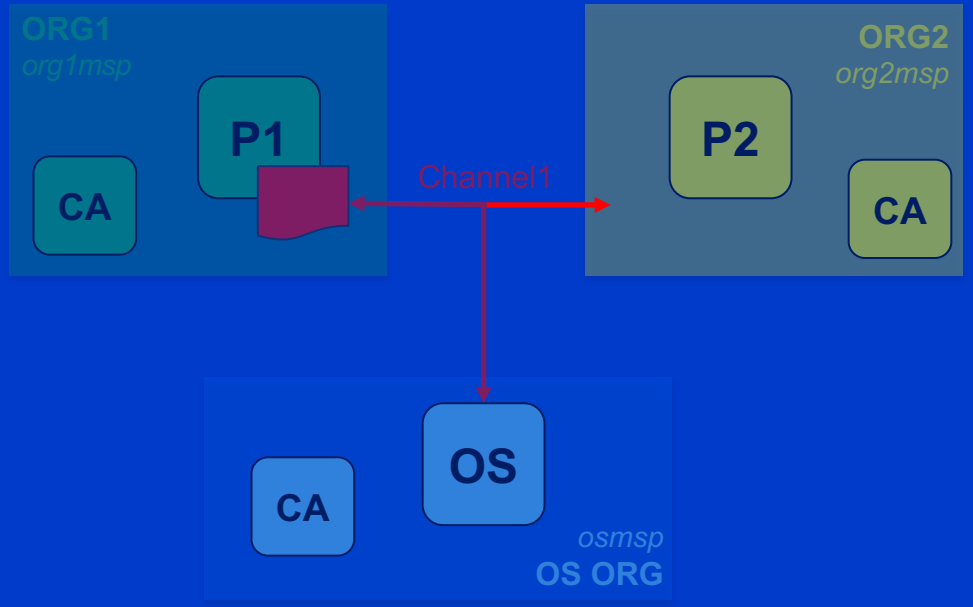

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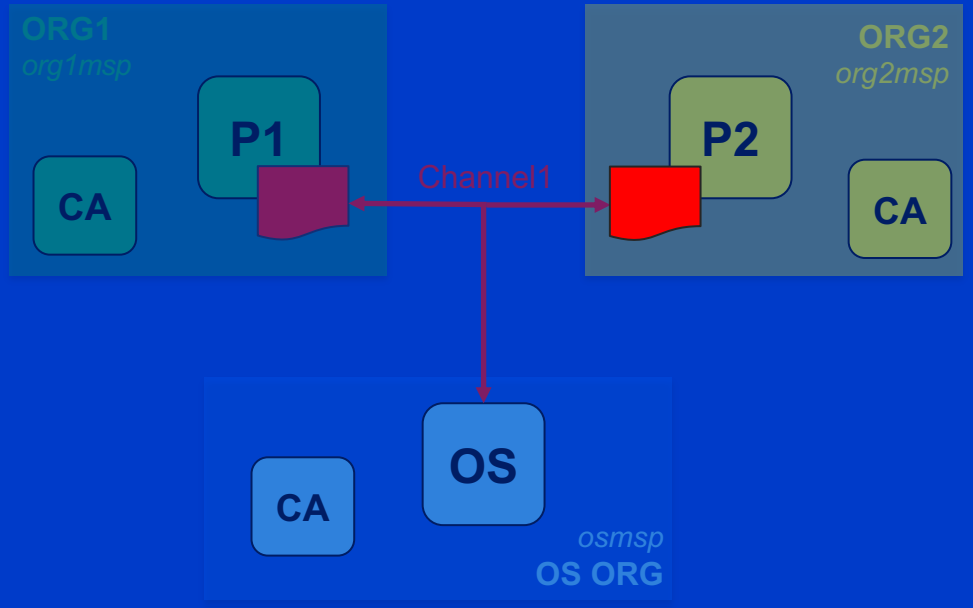
   …and/or create more channels as required



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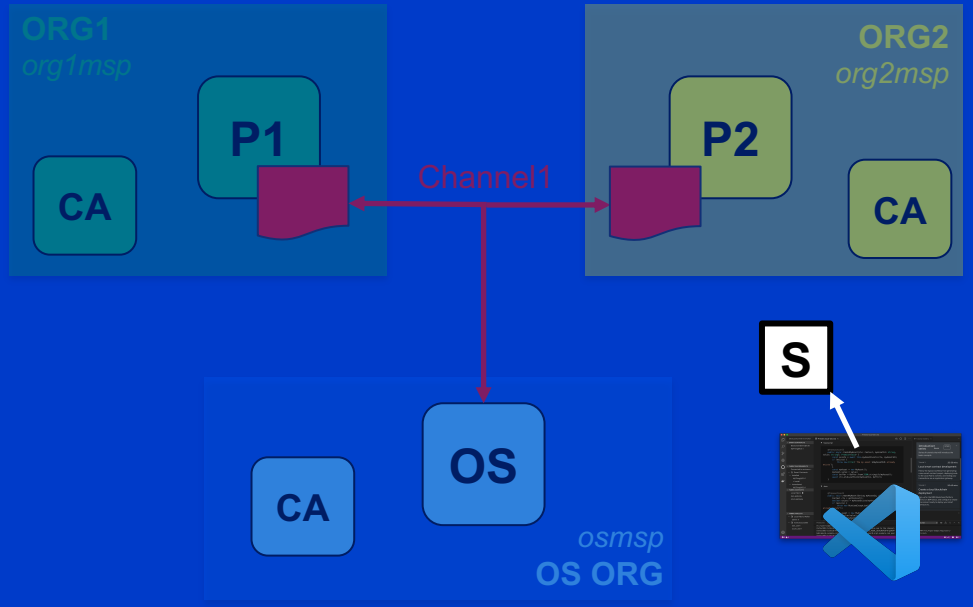

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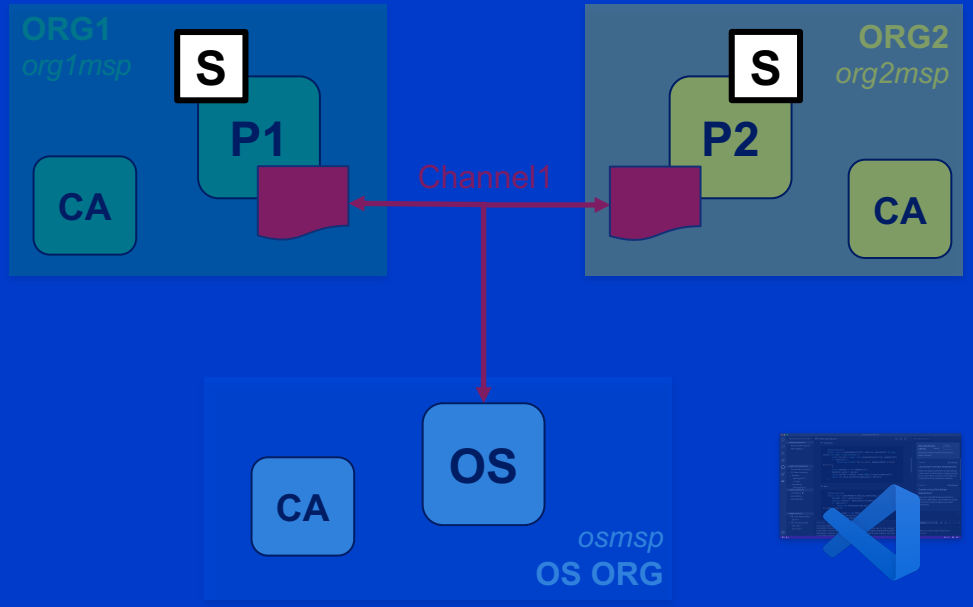

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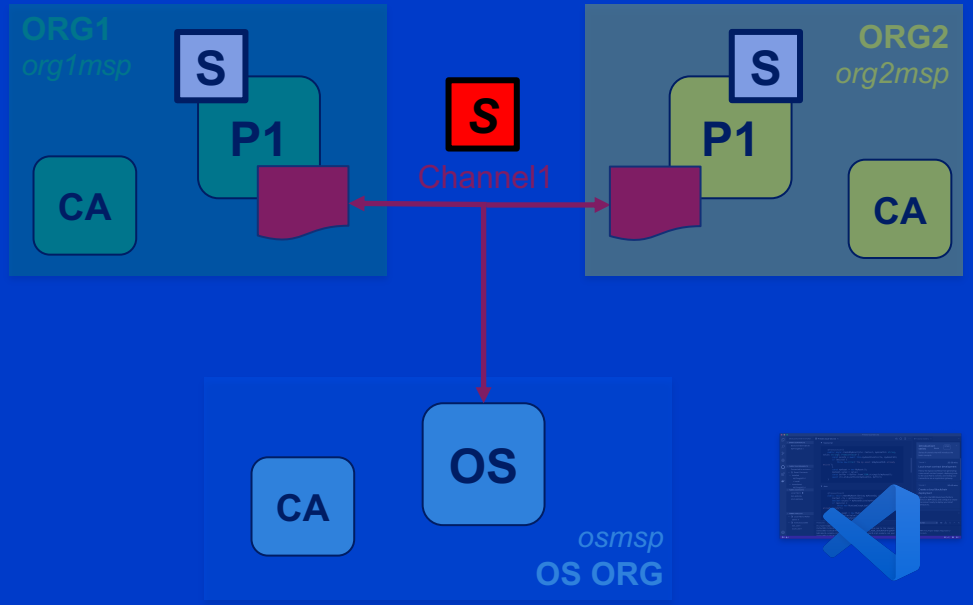
3. A channel operator (e.g. **Builder Admin** or **Joiner Admin**) instantiates the smart contract once per channel.



Testing a smart contract

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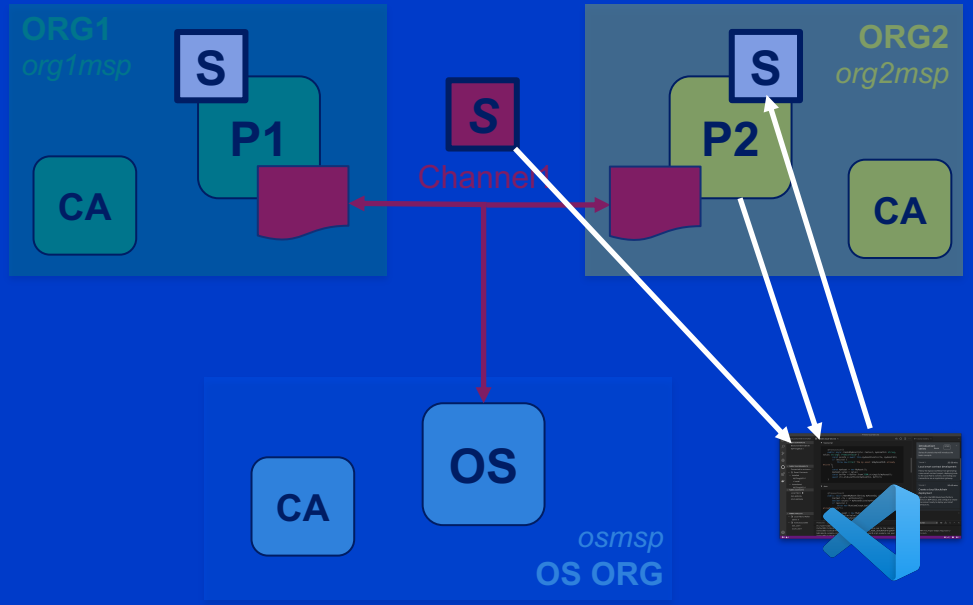
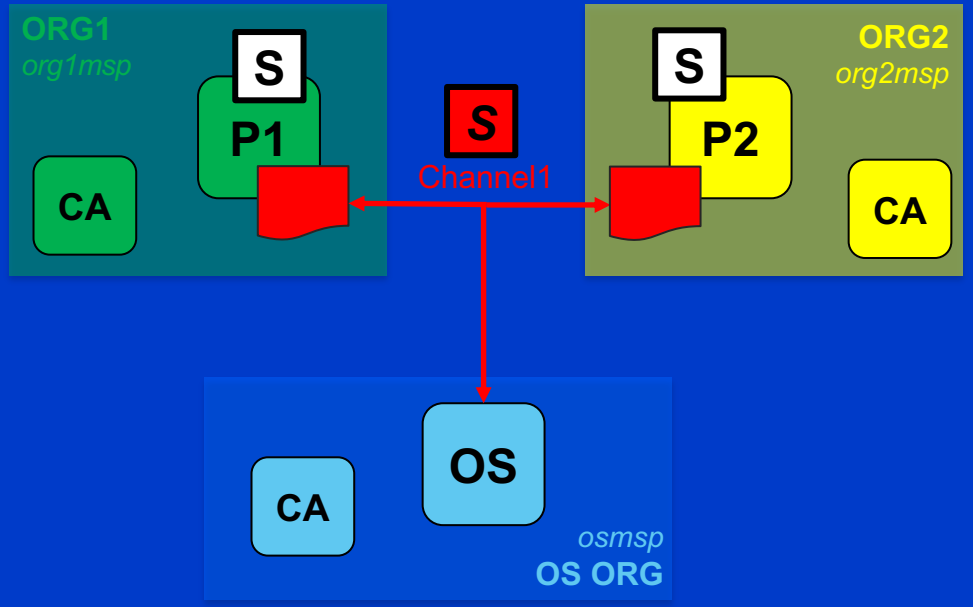
1. Download connection profile using “Connect with SDK” option against chaincode in console
2. If endorsement from multiple organizations is needed, nominate anchor peers on channel to allow discovery
3. Use connection profile to add gateway in VSCode
4. In VSCode add wallet and create identity from the CA enrollment ID
5. Connect to gateway
6. Discover channels and submit / evaluate transactions



Success!

- Now that you've seen how to create a **basic network**, you should also be able to see how more advanced environments can evolve:
  - Multiple channels, peers etc.
  - Import and manage components running on-premises or on other clouds
  - Achieve high availability
  - Govern changes to the network (e.g. onboarding and offboarding)
  - Deploy additional smart contracts, endorsement policies etc.
- Often, you just need to rerun the relevant **join** or **deploy** steps to get the configuration you need



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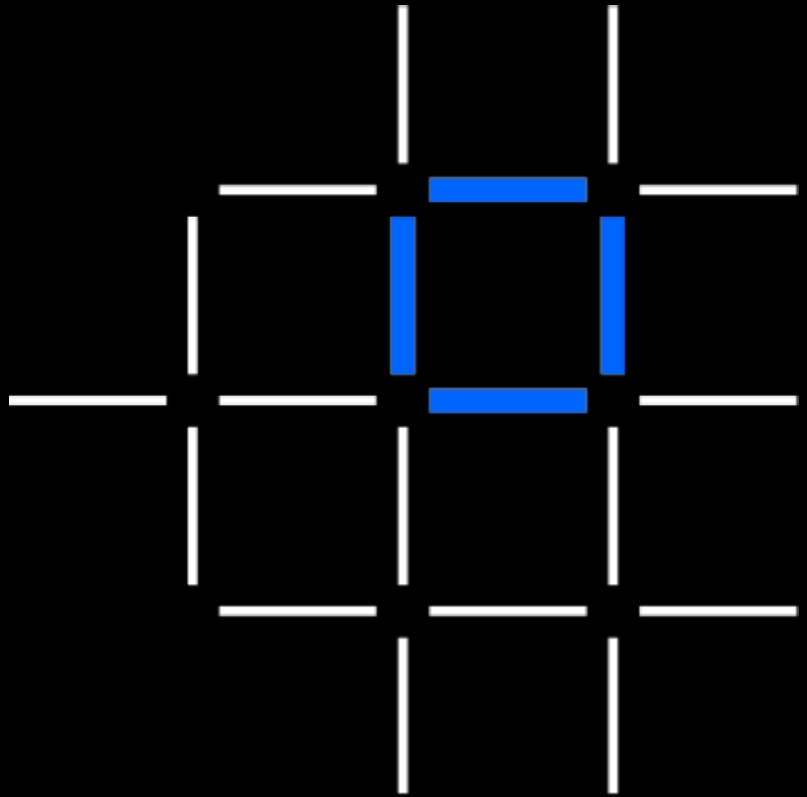

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