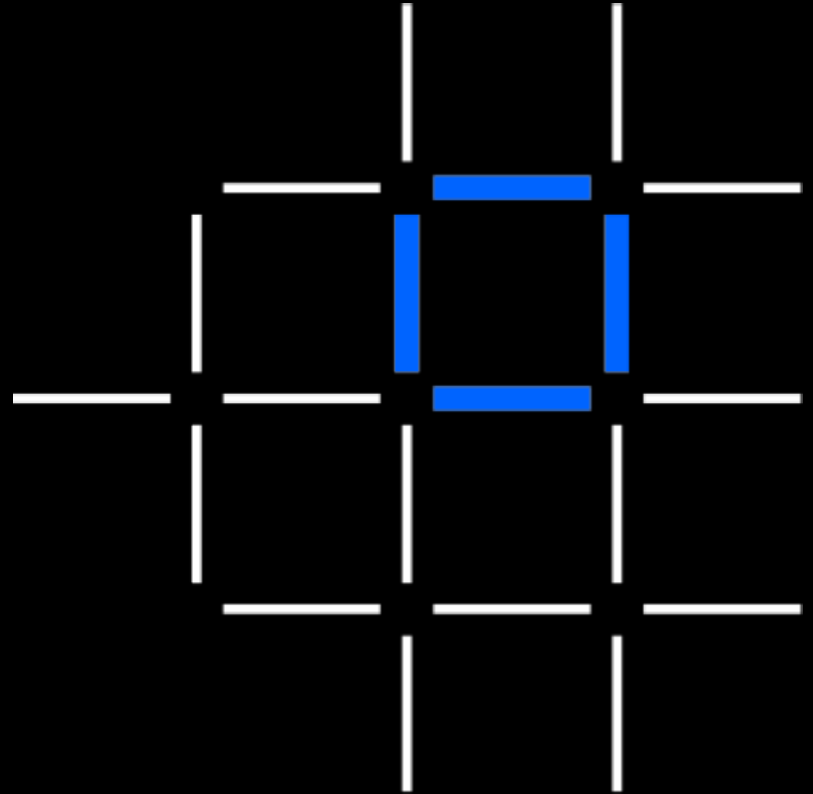


Using IBM Blockchain Platform

How to build, operate and grow blockchain networks

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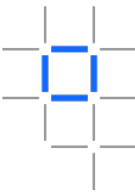


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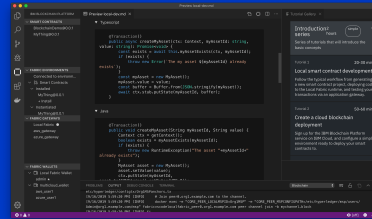
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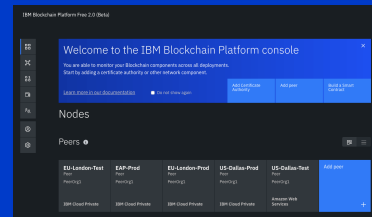
The IBM Blockchain Platform toolset



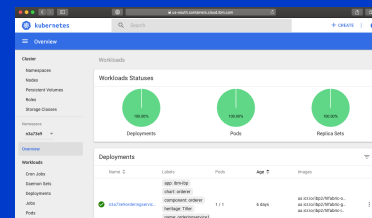
- IBM Blockchain Platform comprises an intuitive set of tools for **building, operating and growing** Hyperledger Fabric networks
- The purpose of this presentation is not to guide you through every feature of the tools – you will find them intuitive!
- We will instead focus on useful tips, and things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



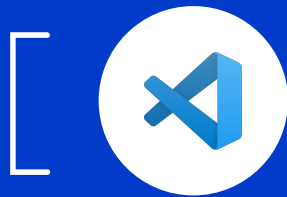
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**IBM Blockchain
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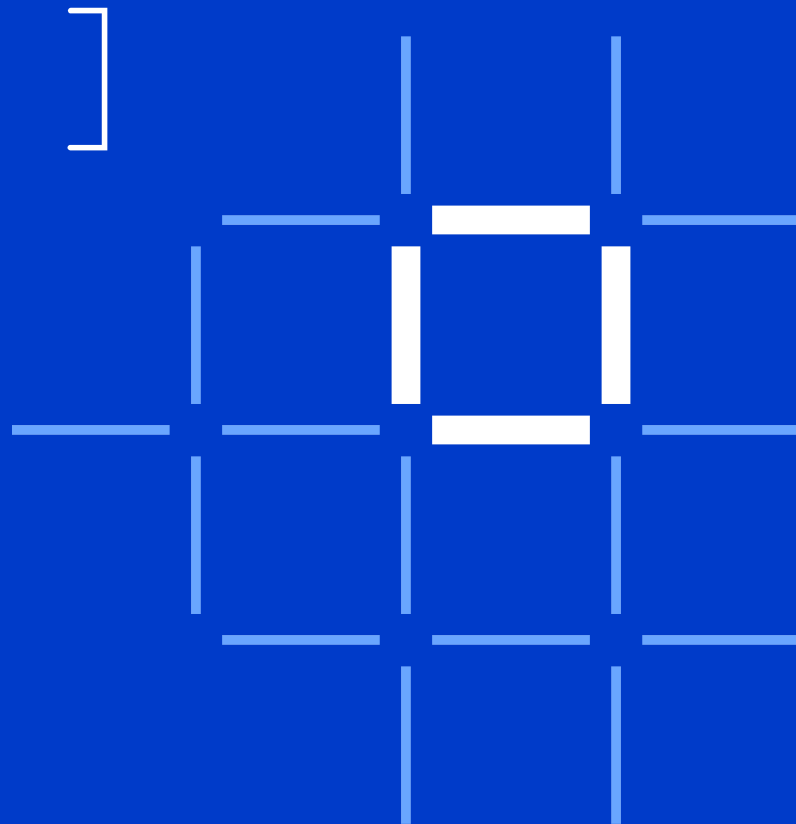
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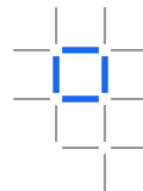
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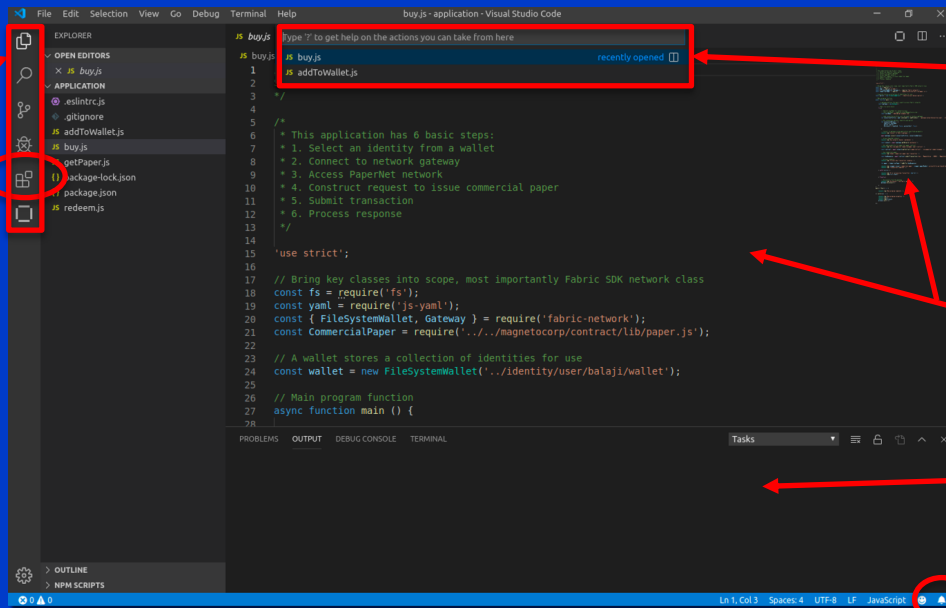
Navigating VS Code

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)

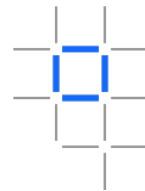
File editor and overview

Output, debug, terminal etc.

Notifications



Setting up the IBM Blockchain Platform VS Code Extension



Required / optional components

npm
Installed version: 5.6.0
Required version: >=6.0.0
Required

What you already have

Prerequisites already installed (4)

Name	Version
Node.js	8.9.4
Xcode	2354
Go	1.12.7

IBM Blockchain Platform v1.0.10
Let's get you set up...
Missing prerequisites (4)

npm	Required	Docker	Required	Docker Compose	Required
Installed version: 5.6.0		Installed version: -		Installed version: -	
Required version: >=6.0.0		Required version: >=17.6.2		Required version: >=1.14.0	
System Requirements	Required	Go Extension	Optional	Java Language Support Extension	Optional
Installed version: -		Installed version: -		Installed version: -	
Required version: any		Required version: any		Required version: any	
Java Debugger Extension	Optional				
Installed version: -					
Required version: any					

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Go	1.12.7
Java OpenJDK 8	1.8.0

Check again

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!**

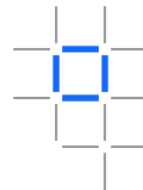
When you're ready, click here to begin



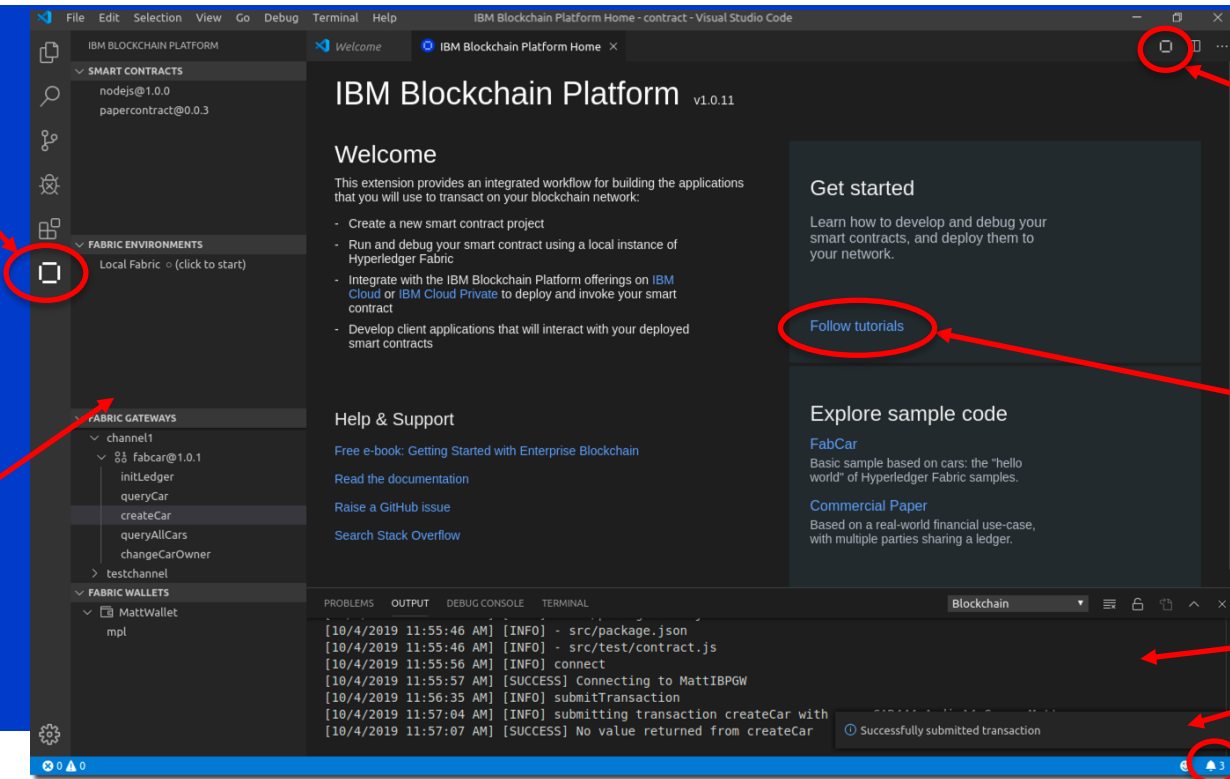


Navigating the VS Code Extension

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



Switch to IBM Blockchain Platform view



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

Tutorials here!

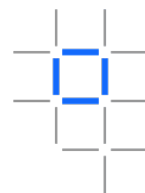
Output from running commands etc.
Notifications

Views:
Smart contracts
Fabric Environments
Gateways
Wallets



Developing Smart Contracts: Concepts

The structure of a smart contract project

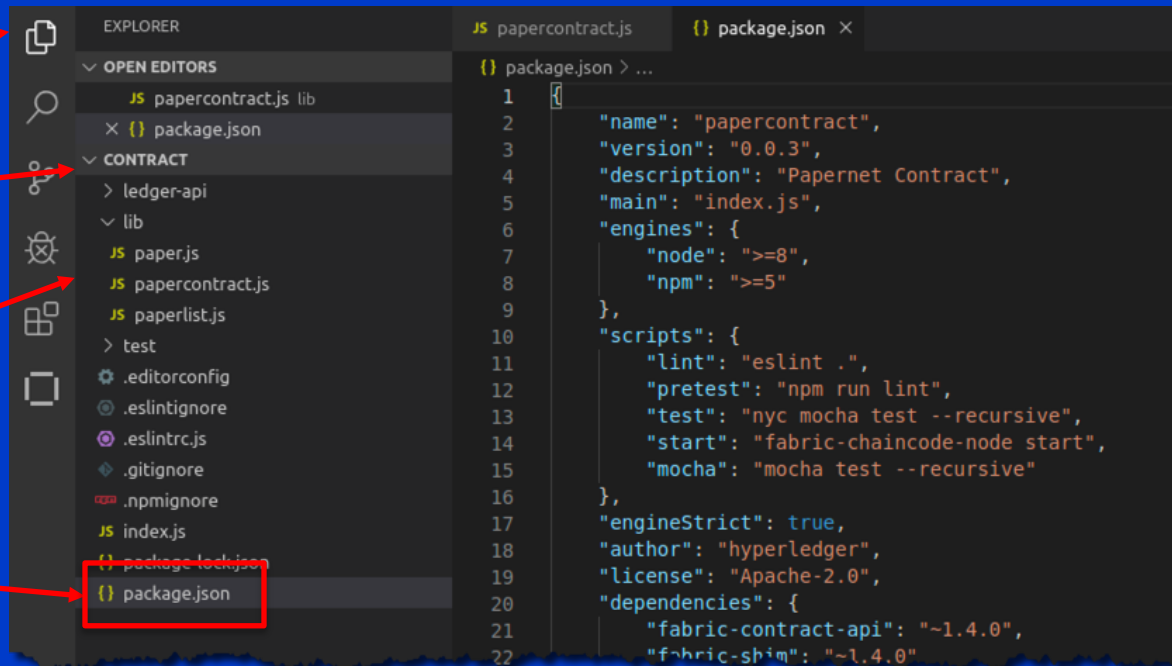


Use Explorer view when editing

Folder view (from filesystem)

Smart contract code implements Contract interface

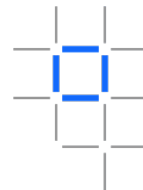
package.json describes smart contract



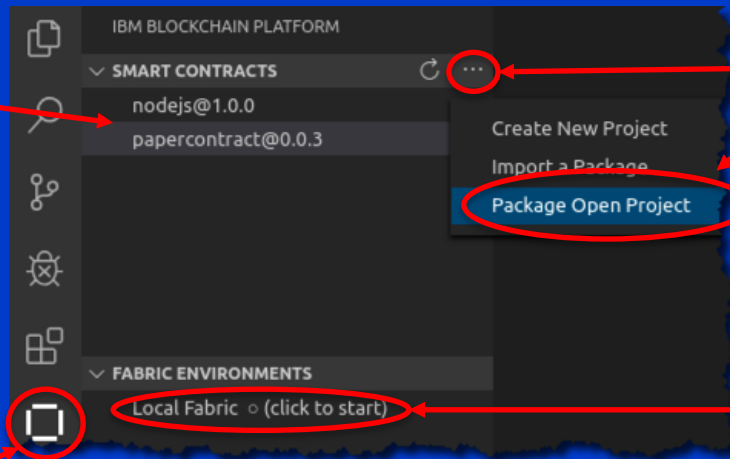


Testing Smart Contracts [1/2]

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

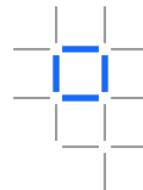
Click here to start an embedded local Hyperledger Fabric instance

Install and instantiate your smart contract

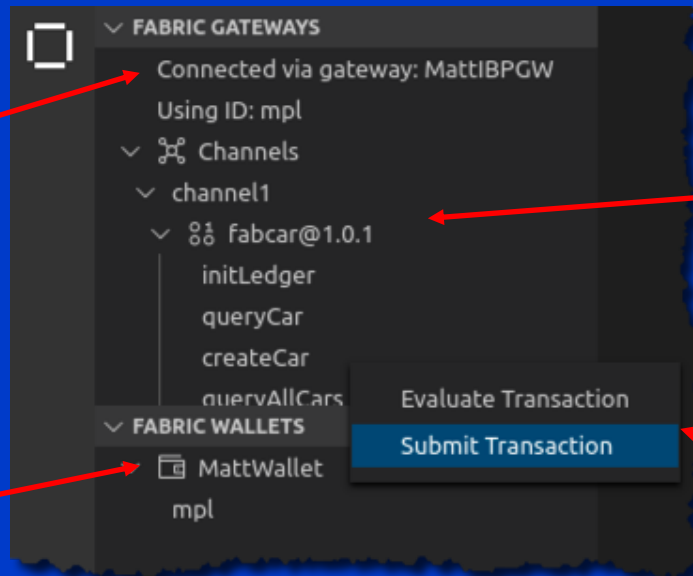


Testing Smart Contracts [2/2]

The basics for smart contract testing



Connect to gateways for working with local or remote blockchain networks



Shows available channels and smart contracts

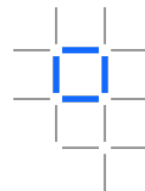
Right click to submit / evaluate transactions without requiring a client application

Wallets show available identities, used for connecting to remote networks



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.

```
File Edit Selection View Go Debug Terminal Help buy.js - application - Visual Studio Code
EXPLORER JS buy.js x
OPEN EDITORS JS buy.js > ...
APPLICATION .eslintrc.js .gitignore JS addToWallet.js JS buy.js JS getPaper.js {} package-lock.json {} package.json JS redeem.js
14
15 'use strict';
16
17 // Bring key classes into scope, most importantly Fabric SDK network class
18 const fs = require('fs');
19 const yaml = require('js-yaml');
20 const { FileSystemWallet, Gateway } = require('fabric-network');
21 const CommercialPaper = require('../magnetocorp/contract/lib/commercialpaper.js');
22
23 // A wallet stores a collection of identities for use
24 const wallet = new FileSystemWallet('../identity/user/balaji/wallet');
25
26 // Main program function
27 async function main () {
28
29     // A gateway defines the peers used to access Fabric networks
30     const gateway = new Gateway();
```

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



VS Code

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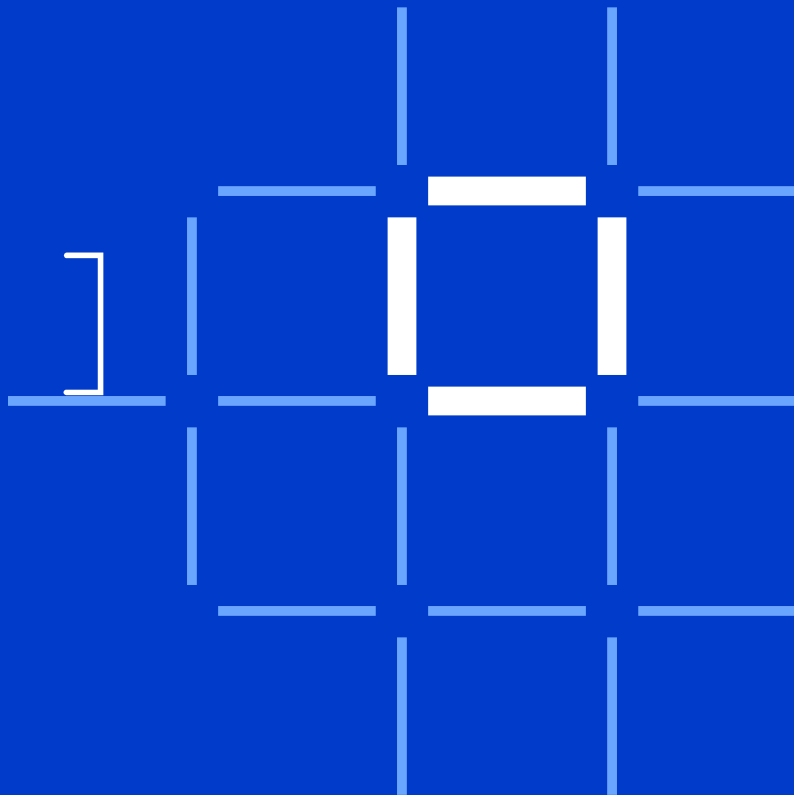
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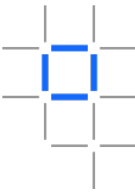
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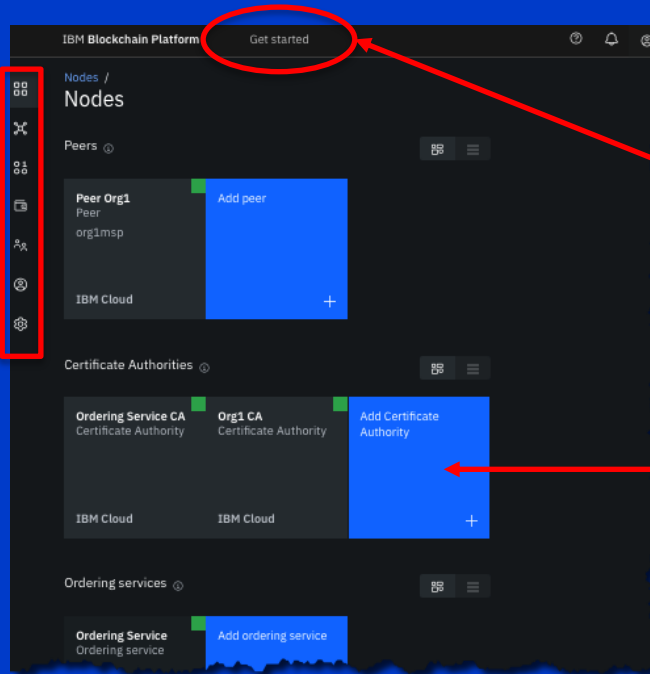
Navigating the IBM Blockchain Platform Console

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.

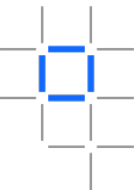
- Build, Join
- Develop, Deploy

Actions to create or add things are always shown in blue



Working with **nodes** in the console

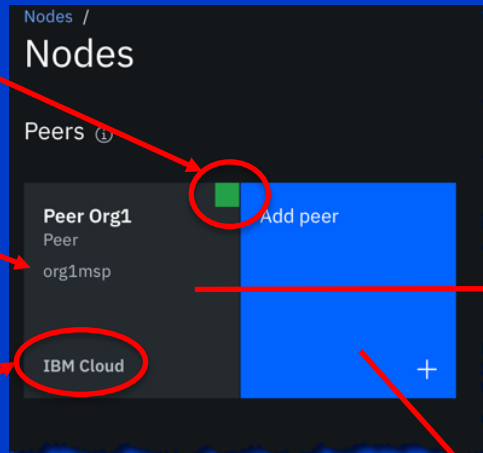
Manage peers, certificate authorities and ordering services from the same pane



Green square
= running

ID of owning
organization

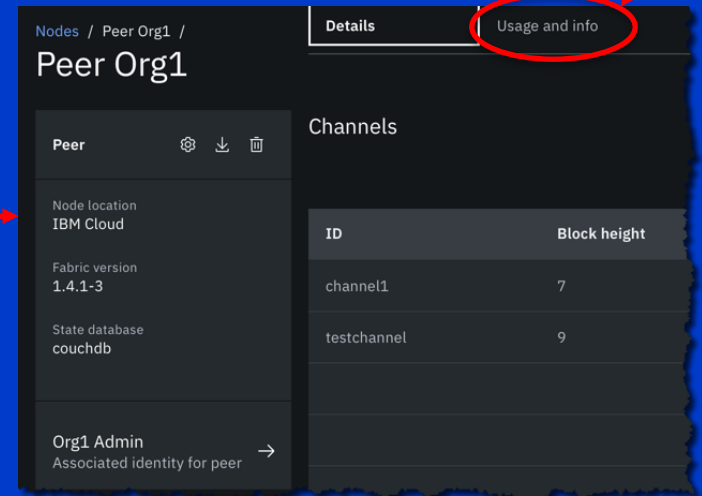
Deployment
location



Select
for
more
details

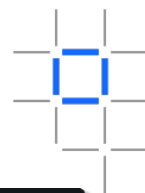
Create and import
additional nodes

Check here for
resource utilization



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
 - CA admin **registers** the identity in the CA with an enroll ID and secret; passes details to identity owner
 - 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!

Step 1 of 2

Register user

Enroll ID*

Enroll secret*

Type Step 2 of 2

cli

Enroll identity

Certificate

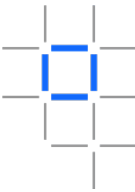
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LS0tLS1CRUdJTiBDRVJUSUZJQ0FURSU0tLS0tck1JSUI2akNDQVpHZ0
```

[Export certificate as .pem file](#)

Private key

```
LS0tLS1CRUdJTiBQkIWQVRFIEtFWS0tLS0tDQpNSUdIQWdFQU1CTI
```

[Export private key as .pem file](#)



P1

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)
 - Owing 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!

The screenshot shows the 'Peers' management interface. A list of peers is visible, including 'Peer Org1' with details like 'Peer org1msp' and 'IBM Cloud'. A blue 'Add peer' button is highlighted. A modal dialog titled 'Step 3 of 6 Add peer' is open, containing the following fields:

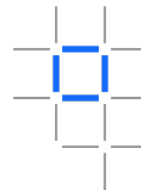
- Certificate Authority* (Dropdown menu showing 'Ordering Service CA')
- Peer enroll ID* (Dropdown menu showing 'OS1')
- Peer enroll secret* (Text input field with a toggle for visibility)
- Organization MSP* (Dropdown menu showing 'Select an MSP')

At the bottom of the dialog are 'Back' and 'Next' navigation buttons.



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

The screenshot shows the Kubernetes dashboard interface. Key elements are circled in red to indicate the navigation path:

- mycluster** (Cluster selection)
- Kubernetes dashboard** (Navigation button)
- n65a33b** (Namespace selection)
- EXEC** and **LOGS** (Pod action buttons)

The **Pods** table shows the following data:

Name	Node
n65a33borderingservice1-79c68b857-tkncz	10.76.217.2
n65a33borderingserviceca-757d6fd777-drwkh	10.76.217.2
n65a33bpeerorg1-d87849b8d-j5jbl	10.76.217.2
n65a33borg1ca-86cf486767-vzrgq	10.76.217.2

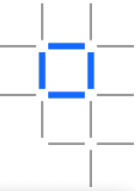
The **Details** view for the selected pod shows the following information:

- Name:** n65a33bpeerorg1-d87849b8d-j5jbl
- Namespace:** n65a33b
- Labels:** app: ibm-ibp, chart: peer, component: peer, heritage: Tiller, name: peerorg1
- Annotations:** kubernetes.io/psp: ibm-privileged-ppsp
- Creation Time:** 2019-09-22T23:52 UTC
- Status:** Running
- QoS Class:** Burstable

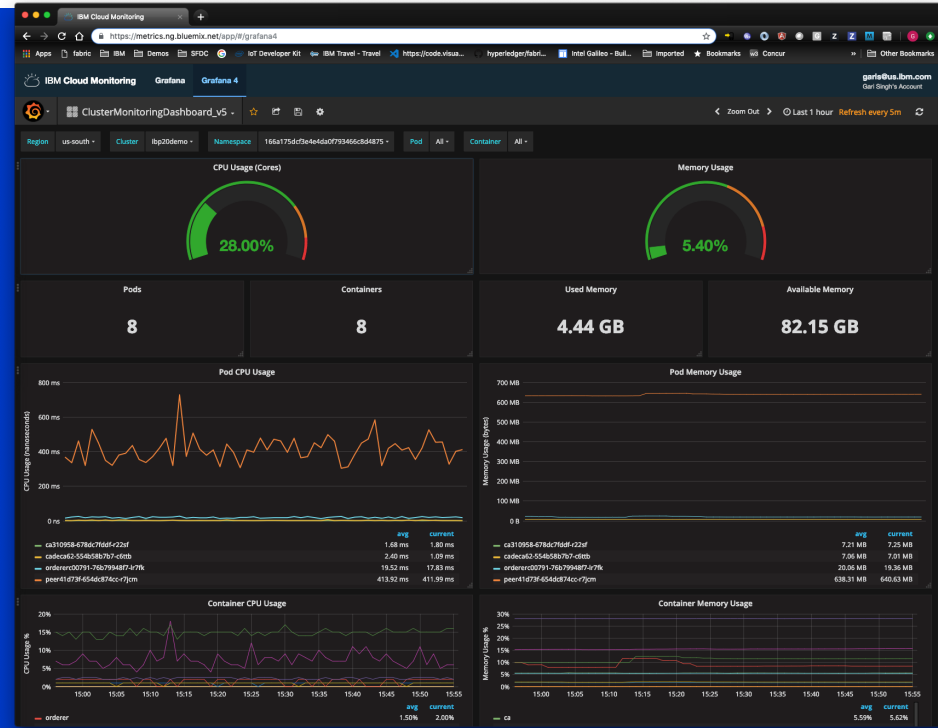


Logging and monitoring

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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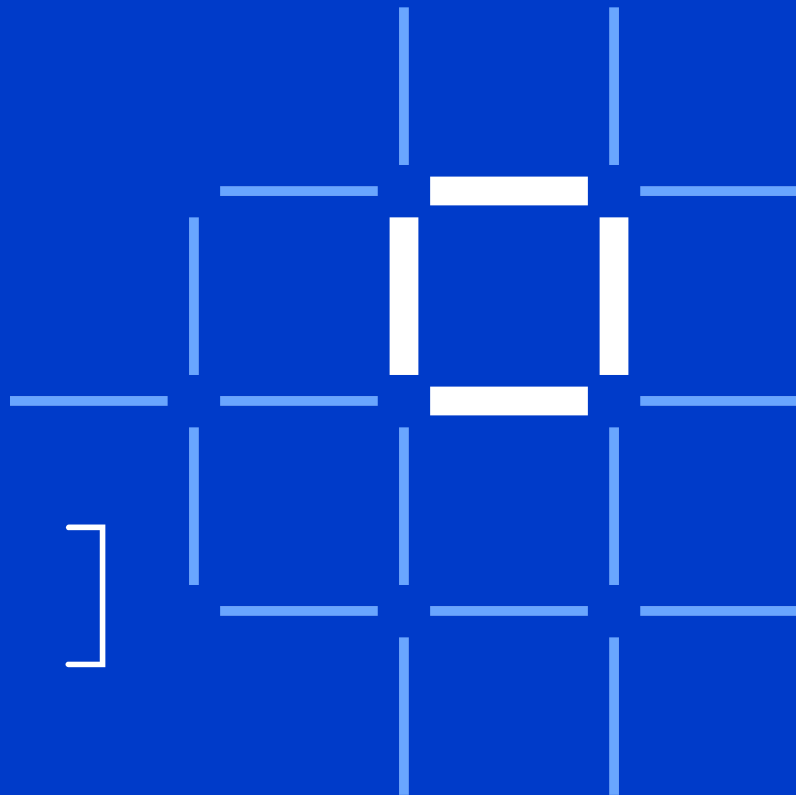
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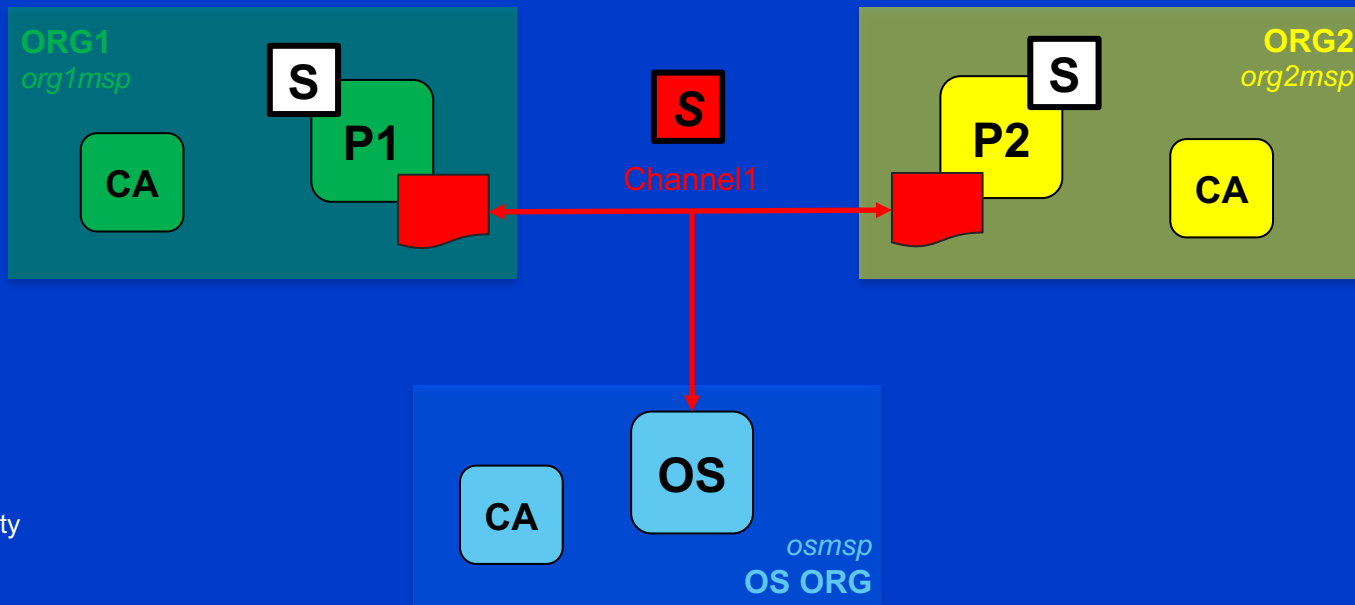
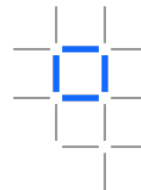
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What we are building

The target IBM Blockchain Platform environment



CA: Certificate Authority

P: Peer

S: Smart Contract

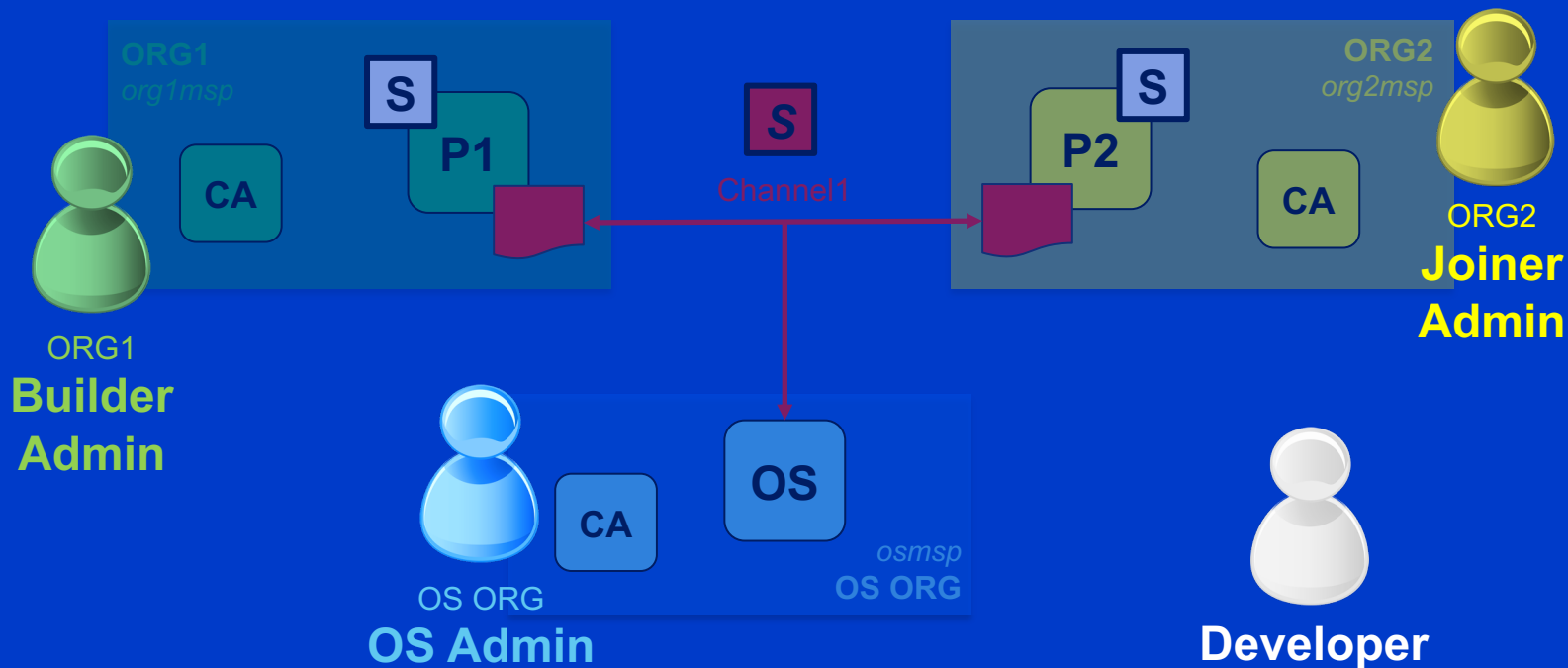
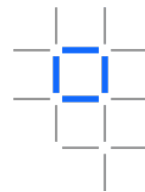
OS: Ordering Service

*m*sp: Membership Services Provider (identifies the organization on the network)



Who is building the network

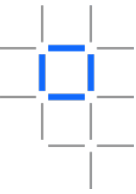
The organizations and roles





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

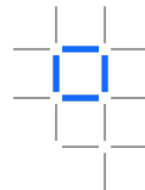
3. Deploy smart contracts

- 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

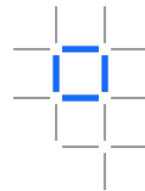
- Create the peer organization CA
- Associate the CA admin identity
- Using the CA to register identities
- Create the peer organization MSP definition
- Create the peer



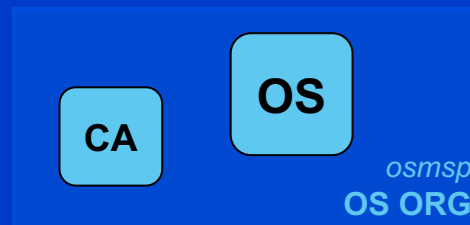


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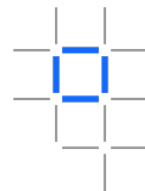
1. **Builder Admin** creates a peer organization and peer
2. **OS Admin** creates the ordering service
 - Create the ordering service organization CA
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 - Use the CA to register the ordering service node + OS Admin identities
 - Create the ordering service organization MSP definition
 - Deploy the ordering nodes



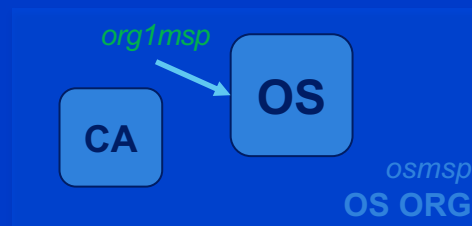
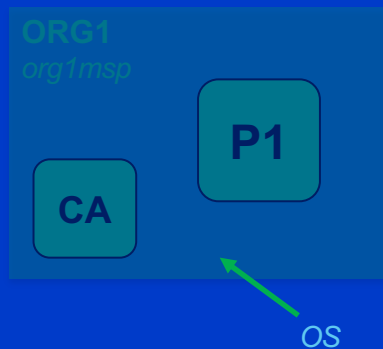


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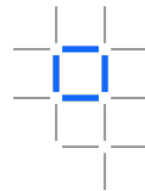
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2. **OS Admin** creates the ordering service
3. **OS Admin** adds **ORG1** to the consortium hosted by the ordering service *
 1. **Builder Admin** exports the **ORG1** information and sends to the **OS Admin**
 2. **OS Admin** imports the **ORG1** 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



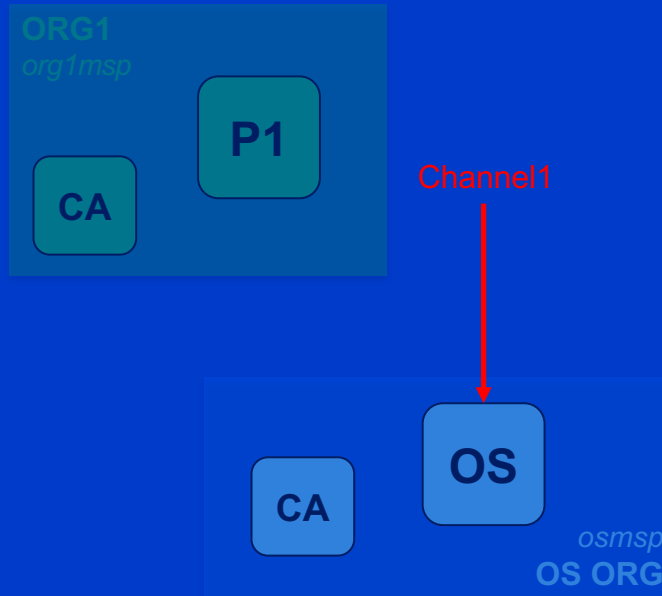


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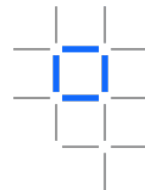
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4. **Builder Admin** creates a channel



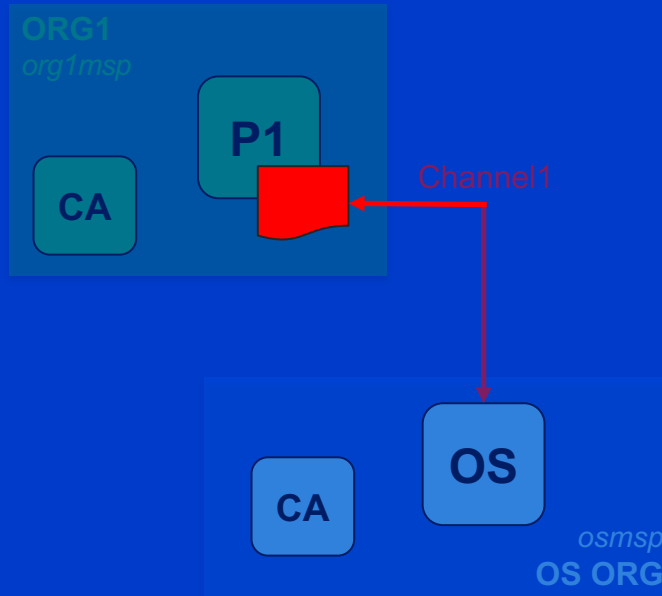


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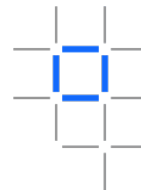
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5. **Builder Admin** joins the peer to the channel



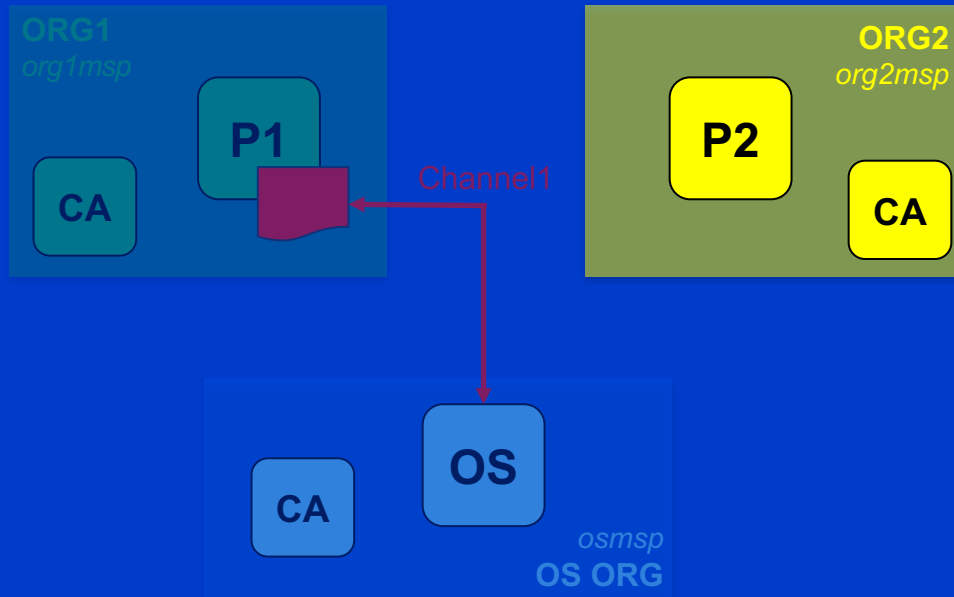


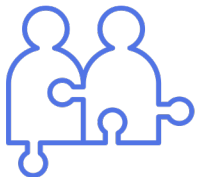
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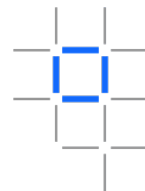
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 1. Create **ORG2** CA
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 3. Use the CA to register **ORG2** identities
 4. Create the **ORG2** MSP definition
 5. Create the peer





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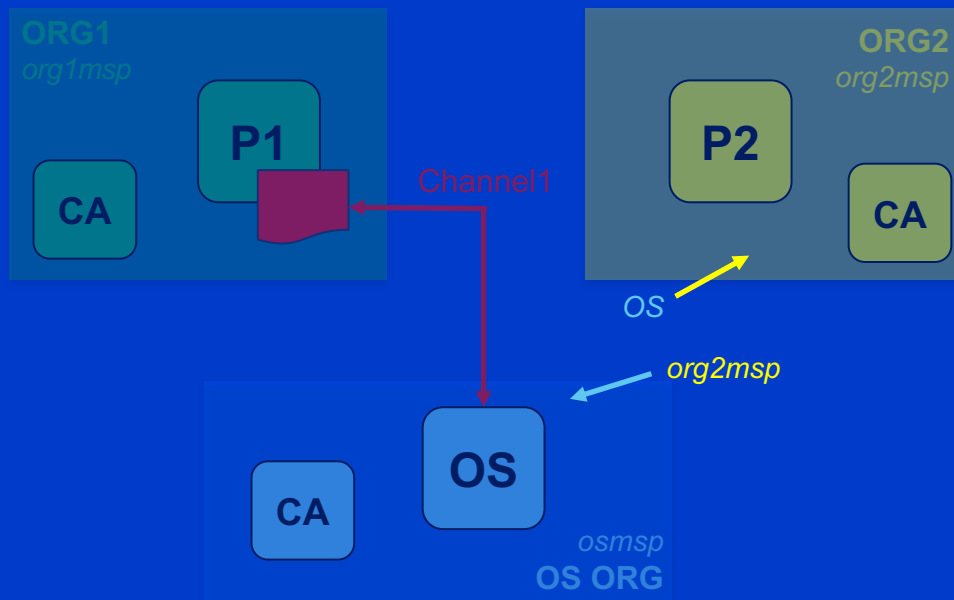
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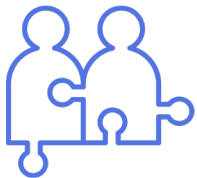


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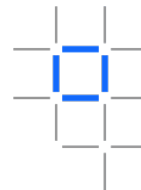
1. **Joiner Admin** exports the organization information and sends to the OS admin
2. **OS Admin** imports the **ORG2** definition into the ordering service and add its peer's org to the OS
3. **OS Admin** exports the OS definition
4. **Joiner Admin** imports the OS definition



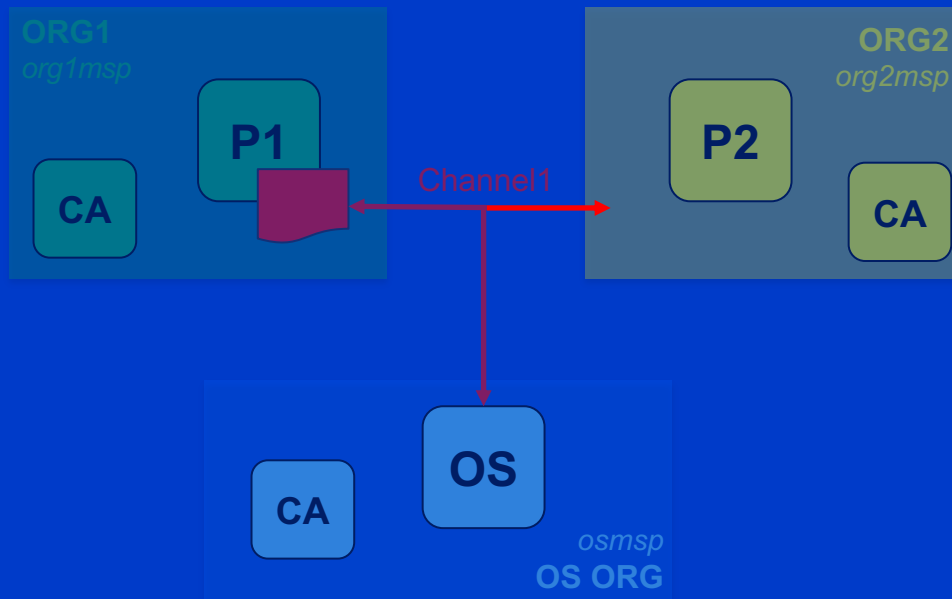


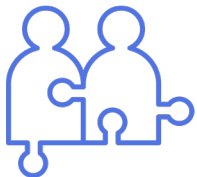
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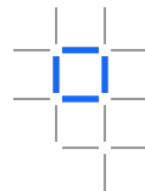
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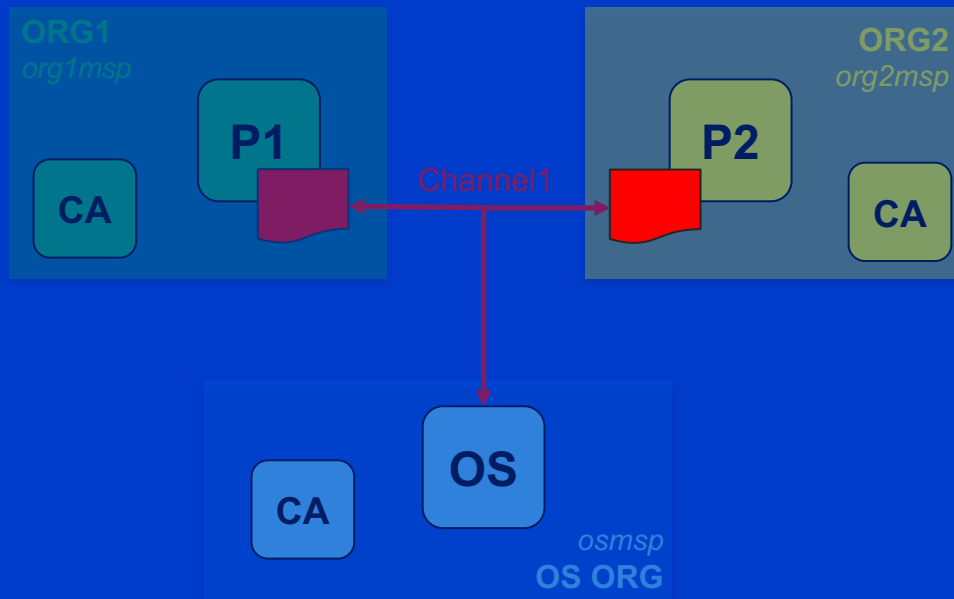


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4. **Joiner Admin** joins the peer to the channel ...and/or create more channels as required



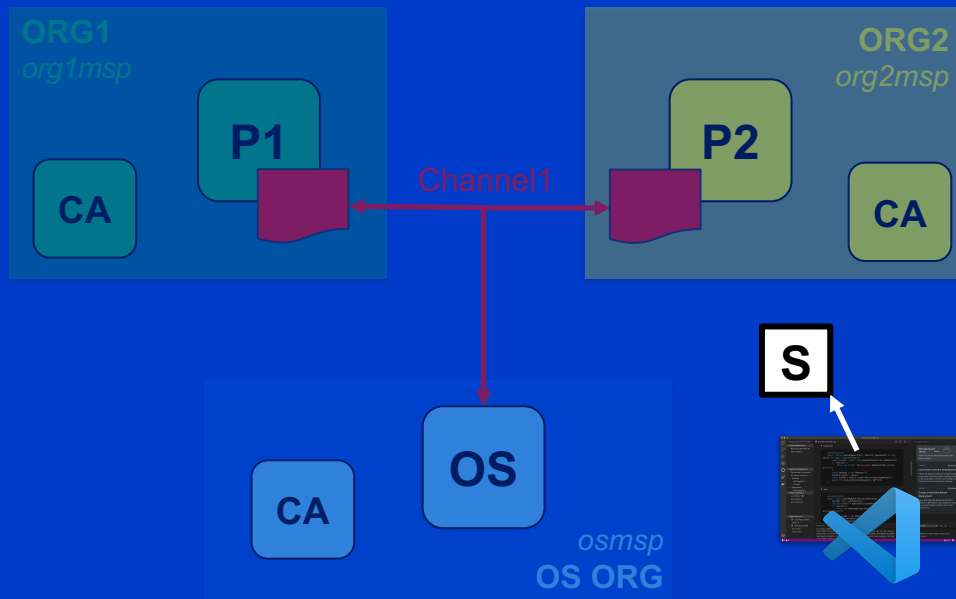


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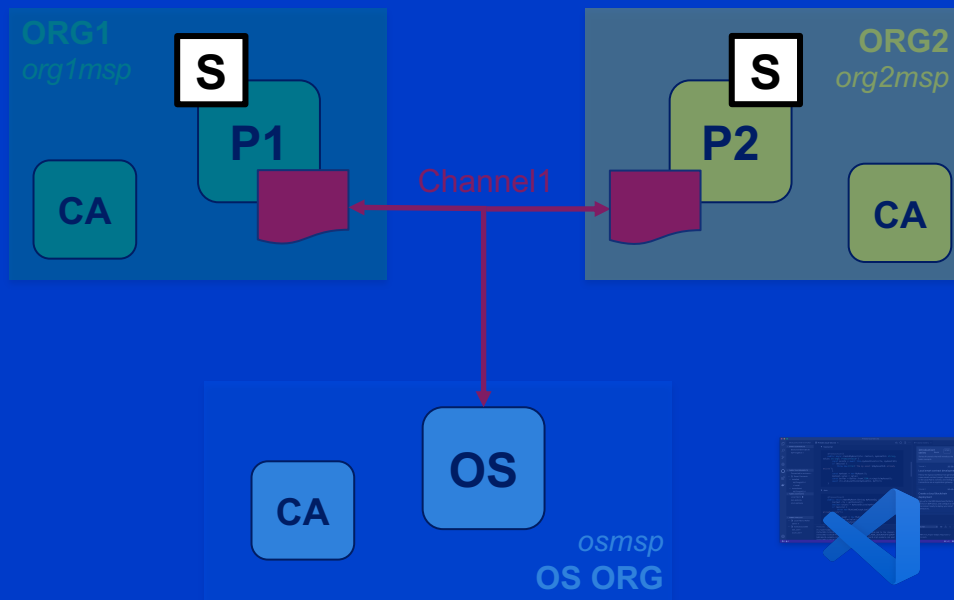


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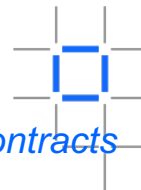
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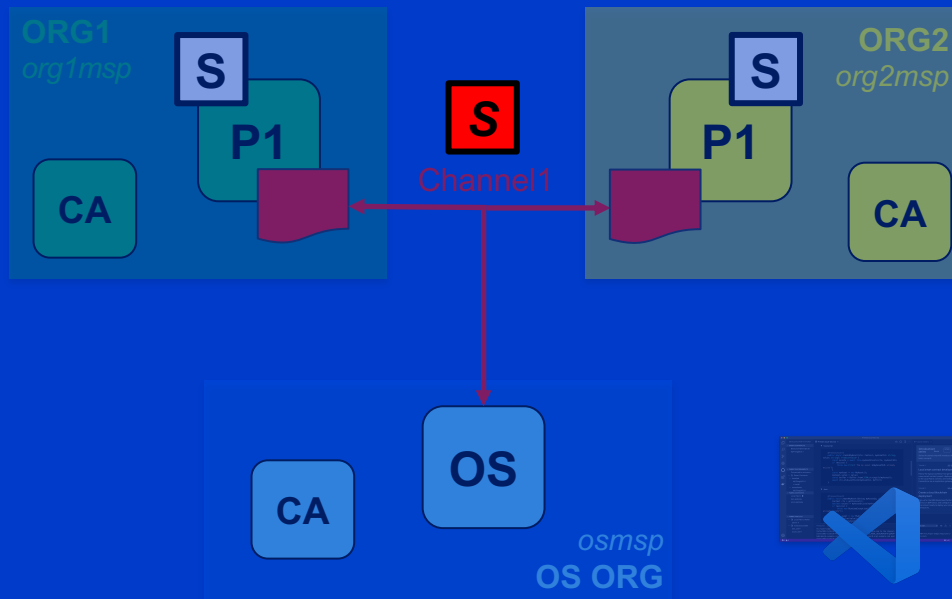


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1. **Developer** writes a smart contract in VSCode and packages as a `.cds` file
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3. A channel operator (e.g. **Builder Admin** or **Joiner Admin**) instantiates the smart contract once per **channel**.



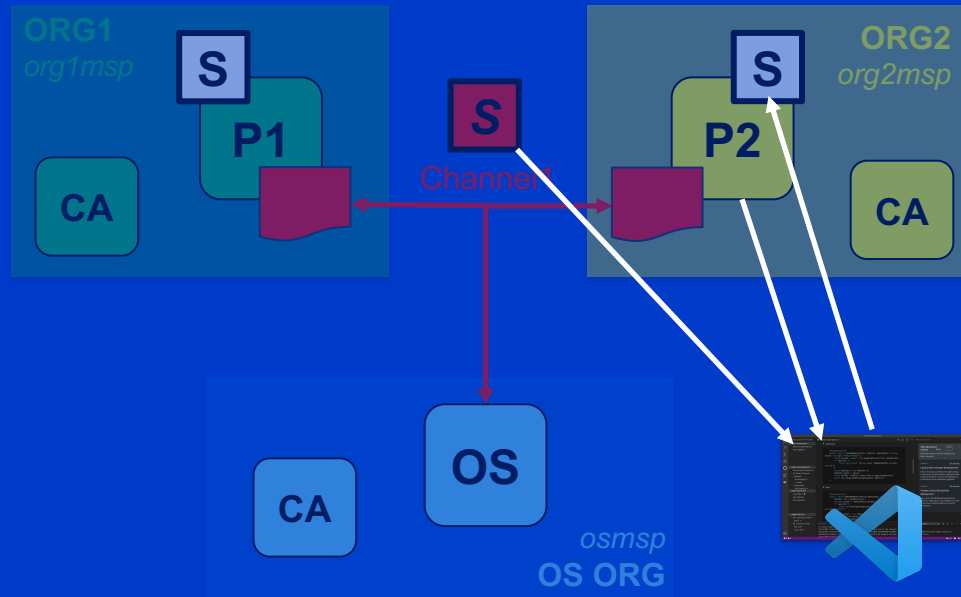


Testing a smart contract

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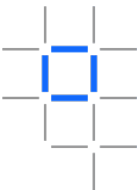


1. Download connection profile using “Connect with SDK” option against chaincode in console
2. If endorsement from multiple organizations is needed, nominate anchor peers on channel to allow discovery
3. Use connection profile to add gateway in VSCode
4. In VSCode add wallet and create identity from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

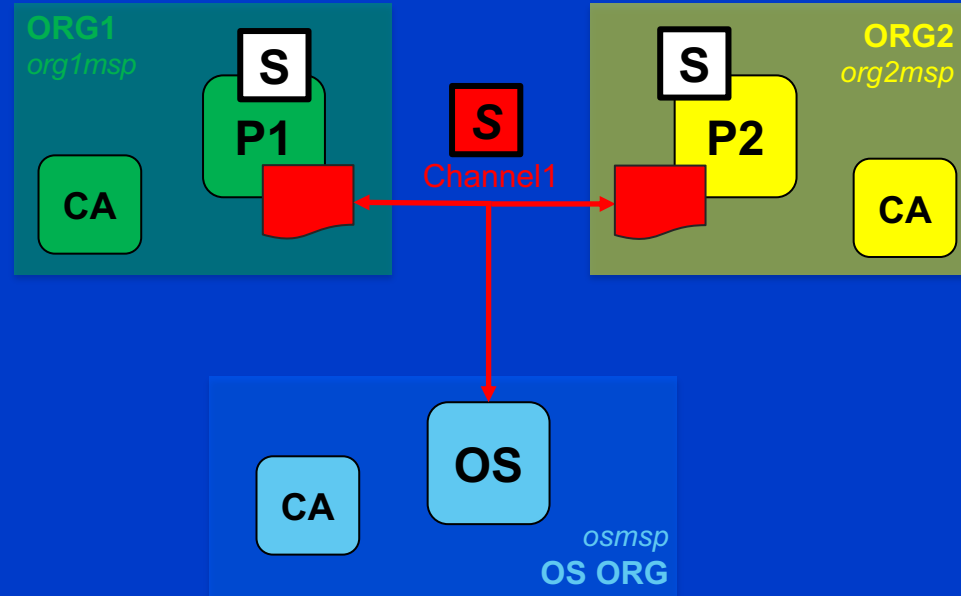




Success!




- 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




Thank you

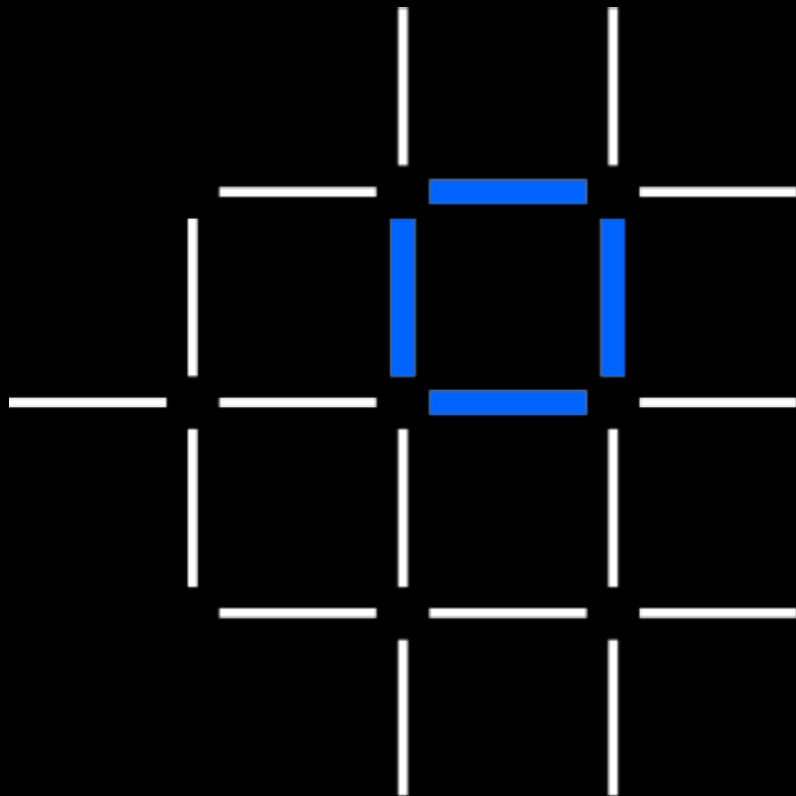
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