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1 Main Dependencies Used

- VMware Workstation 16 Pro
- Ryu package version 4.34
- Ubuntu release 18.04
- Python3 version 3.7.5
- Python version 2.7.17 – for deploying Mininet scripts
- Mininet version 2.2.2
- Remix IDE v. 0.52.0
- Geth and Puppeth version: 1.9.24-stable
- Go Version: 1.15.5
- Chrome or Firefox with Metamask extension plugin
- Raspberry Pi 4 with installed Open vSwitch v.2.17.1
- USB to Ethernet adapter for the Raspberry Pi devices
- Visual Studio Code 1.92.1

2 Other Dependencies Used

- VirtualBox v. 6.1
- Kali Linux release 2024.2
- Ganache v. 2.7.1
- Notepad++ v8.4.8 (with Compare plugin)
- Matplotlib library for Python

3 Deployment of Ubuntu VM

- Install Ubuntu in VMware. The network adapter should be in bridged mode

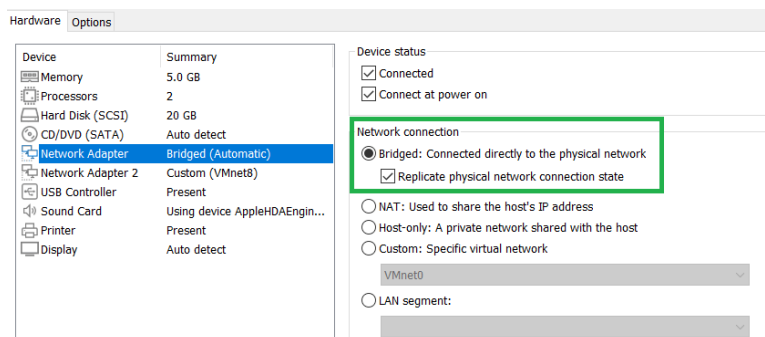


Figure 1: Virtual network adapter in Bridged mode

4 Deployment of Ryu and Mininet

- b. Install Ryu package and Mininet emulator in the Ubuntu VM:

```
sudo pip3 install ryu
sudo apt install mininet
```

- c. Install Open vSwitch on Raspberry Pi 4¹

- d. Run Ryu Manager with a simple L3 switch [1]:

```
ryu-manager ryu.app.simple_switch_13
```

The script for *simple_switch_13* was borrowed from C²S Consulting²

- e. Launch Mininet hosts to confirm connectivity to the controller [1]:

```
sudo mn --controller remote,ip=127.0.0.1 --switch
ovsk,protocols=OpenFlow13 --mac --ipbase=10.0.0.0/24 --topo single,4
```

- f. Launch the final target Mininet topology from the Python script:

```
sudo python ~/mininet/custom/Nat_Mininet_topology.py
```

The script *Nat_Mininet_topology.py* was adapted from [3] and [4].

- g. Ryu-Manager command that launches the controller alongside the *SDNEther* app, with the required certificates for TLS encryption.

```
ryu-manager --observe-links ~/ryu/flowmanager/flowmanager.py
ryu.app.L3_simple_switch_13 sdnether.py --ctl-privkey
/var/lib/openvswitch/pki/controllerca/ctl-privkey.pem --ctl-cert
/var/lib/openvswitch/pki/controllerca/ctl-cert.pem --ca-certs
/var/lib/openvswitch/pki/switchca/cacert.pem
```

¹ <https://shantoroy.com/openflow/how-to-configure-raspberry-pi-as-open-flow-switch/>

² https://www.obriain.com/training/sdn/Ryu_example_scripts_v2.0.1.tgz

5 Deployment of PoA Ethereum Network

```
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/node2$ geth --datadir ./ account new
INFO [07-29|19:13:57.470] Maximum peer count          ETH=50 LES=0 total=50
INFO [07-29|19:13:57.470] Smartcard socket not found, disabling err="stat /run/pcscd/pcscd.comm: no such file or directory"
Your new account is locked with a password. Please give a password. Do not forget this password.
Password:
Repeat password:

Your new key was generated

Public address of the key: 0x5604DAB09302eeFbDA89dF154c6B26567ebeB9CB
Path of the secret key file: keystore/UTC--2024-07-29T18-14-03.090253465Z--5604dab09302eeFbda89df154c6b26567ebeb9cb

- You can share your public address with anyone. Others need it to interact with you.
- You must NEVER share the secret key with anyone! The key controls access to your funds!
- You must BACKUP your key file! Without the key, it's impossible to access account funds!
- You must REMEMBER your password! Without the password, it's impossible to decrypt the key!

ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/node2$ cd ..
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~$ cd node3
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/node3$ geth --datadir ./ account new
INFO [07-29|19:14:44.132] Maximum peer count          ETH=50 LES=0 total=50
INFO [07-29|19:14:44.133] Smartcard socket not found, disabling err="stat /run/pcscd/pcscd.comm: no such file or directory"
Your new account is locked with a password. Please give a password. Do not forget this password.
Password:
Repeat password:

Your new key was generated

Public address of the key: 0x38aFc33bEb4E32373218344378A3F678a0d11385
Path of the secret key file: keystore/UTC--2024-07-29T18-14-49.081599437Z--38afc33beb4e32373218344378a3f678a0d11385

- You can share your public address with anyone. Others need it to interact with you.
- You must NEVER share the secret key with anyone! The key controls access to your funds!
- You must BACKUP your key file! Without the key, it's impossible to access account funds!
- You must REMEMBER your password! Without the password, it's impossible to decrypt the key!

ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/node3$
```

Figure 2: Initial activation of a new account for each of the three nodes

```
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/bootnode$ bootnode -genkey bootnode.key
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/bootnode$ bootnode -nodekey boot.key -verbosity 9 -addr :30301
Fatal: -nodekey: open boot.key: no such file or directory
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/bootnode$ bootnode -nodekey bootnode.key -verbosity 9 -addr :30301
enode://68a4fd38afcc09d34ce1c6ea6a999575a9bdd1ebd6867575796ed6527443251ec03012ffdc23d51a23ed088260f9511b989ac55658451248eb786702952d7a1@127.0.0.1:0?discport=30301
Note: you're using cmd/bootnode, a developer tool.
We recommend using a regular node as bootstrap node for production deployments.
INFO [07-29|19:19:48.192] New local node record      seq=1 id=870843415ad84e7b ip=<nil> udp=0 tcp=0
```

Figure 3: New key for the bootnode is generated and the bootnode is launched

```
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/bootnode$ puppeth
-----
Welcome to puppeth, your Ethereum private network manager

This tool lets you create a new Ethereum network down to
the genesis block, bootnodes, miners and ethstats servers
without the hassle that it would normally entail.

Puppeth uses SSH to dial in to remote servers, and builds
its network components out of Docker containers using the
docker-compose toolset.
-----

Please specify a network name to administer (no spaces, hyphens or capital letters please)
> poa

Sweet, you can set this via --network=poa next time!

INFO [07-29|19:29:05.562] Administering Ethereum network name=poa
WARN [07-29|19:29:05.562] No previous configurations found path=/home/ubuntu/.puppeth/poa

What would you like to do? (default = stats)
1. Show network stats
2. Configure new genesis
3. Track new remote server
4. Deploy network components
> 2

What would you like to do? (default = create)
1. Create new genesis from scratch
2. Import already existing genesis
> 1
```

Figure 4: New Genesis file is created

```

1. Create new genesis from scratch
2. Import already existing genesis
> 1

Which consensus engine to use? (default = clique)
1. Ethash - proof-of-work
2. Clique - proof-of-authority
> 2

How many seconds should blocks take? (default = 15)
> 7

Which accounts are allowed to seal? (mandatory at least one)
> 0x492B1B23123691162388aFdAC04287B4a13f01f9
> 0x

Which accounts should be pre-funded? (advisable at least one)
> 0x492B1B23123691162388aFdAC04287B4a13f01f9
> 0x5604DAB09302eeFbDA89dF154c6B26567ebeB9CB
> 0x38aFc33bEb4E32373218344378A3F678a0d11385
> 0x

Should the precompile-addresses (0x1 .. 0xff) be pre-funded with 1 wei? (advisable yes)
> yes

```

Figure 5: PoA Clique engine is selected and the miner node is designated. All three accounts are pre-funded

```

Specify your chain/network ID if you want an explicit one (default = random)
> 9988
INFO [07-29|19:31:26.740] Configured new genesis block

What would you like to do? (default = stats)
1. Show network stats
2. Manage existing genesis
3. Track new remote server
4. Deploy network components
> 2

1. Modify existing configurations
2. Export genesis configurations
3. Remove genesis configuration
> 2

```

Figure 6: The network ID is created and the Genesis configuration is exported

```

ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/bootnode$ ls
bootnode.key poa-harmony.json poa.json
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/bootnode$ pwd
/home/ubuntu/bootnode
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/bootnode$ cp poa.json /home/ubuntu/node1/
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/bootnode$ cp poa.json /home/ubuntu/node2/
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/bootnode$ cp poa.json /home/ubuntu/node3/
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/bootnode$ cd
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~$ cd node1
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/node1$ ls
keystore poa.json

```

Figure 7: The Genesis file is copied to each node's folder and the Genesis is initialised for each node.

```

ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/node1$ ls
keystore poa.json
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/node1$ geth --datadir ./ init poa.json
INFO [07-29|19:39:26.546] Maximum peer count ETH=50 LES=0 total=50
INFO [07-29|19:39:26.546] Smartcard socket not found, disabling err="stat /run/pcscd/pcscd.comm: no such file or directory"
INFO [07-29|19:39:26.551] Set global gas cap cap=25000000
INFO [07-29|19:39:26.551] Allocated cache and file handles database=/home/ubuntu/node1/geth/chaindata cache=16.00MiB handles=16
INFO [07-29|19:39:26.577] Writing custom genesis block
INFO [07-29|19:39:26.619] Persisted trie from memory database nodes=358 size=50.90KiB time=4.139897ms gcnodes=0 gcszize=0.00B gctime=0s livenodes=1 livenessize=0.00B
INFO [07-29|19:39:26.625] Successfully wrote genesis state database=chaindata hash="39f01a.3aaebf"
INFO [07-29|19:39:26.628] Allocated cache and file handles database=/home/ubuntu/node1/geth/lightchaindata cache=16.00MiB handles=16
INFO [07-29|19:39:26.677] Writing custom genesis block
INFO [07-29|19:39:26.710] Persisted trie from memory database nodes=358 size=50.90KiB time=3.345369ms gcnodes=0 gcszize=0.00B gctime=0s livenodes=1 livenessize=0.00B
INFO [07-29|19:39:26.711] Successfully wrote genesis state database=lightchaindata hash="39f01a.3aaebf"
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/node1$ cd node2
bash: cd: node2: No such file or directory
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/node1$ cd ..
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~$ cd node2
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/node2$ geth --datadir ./ init poa.json
INFO [07-29|19:43:04.065] Maximum peer count ETH=50 LES=0 total=50
INFO [07-29|19:43:04.066] Smartcard socket not found, disabling err="stat /run/pcscd/pcscd.comm: no such file or directory"
INFO [07-29|19:43:04.080] Set global gas cap cap=25000000
INFO [07-29|19:43:04.080] Allocated cache and file handles database=/home/ubuntu/node2/geth/chaindata cache=16.00MiB handles=16
INFO [07-29|19:43:04.102] Writing custom genesis block
INFO [07-29|19:43:04.165] Persisted trie from memory database nodes=358 size=50.90KiB time=2.610928ms gcnodes=0 gcszize=0.00B gctime=0s livenodes=1 livenessize=0.00B
INFO [07-29|19:43:04.175] Successfully wrote genesis state database=chaindata hash="39f01a.3aaebf"
INFO [07-29|19:43:04.176] Allocated cache and file handles database=/home/ubuntu/node2/geth/lightchaindata cache=16.00MiB handles=16
INFO [07-29|19:43:04.230] Writing custom genesis block
INFO [07-29|19:43:04.287] Persisted trie from memory database nodes=358 size=50.90KiB time=2.719482ms gcnodes=0 gcszize=0.00B gctime=0s livenodes=1 livenessize=0.00B
INFO [07-29|19:43:04.290] Successfully wrote genesis state database=lightchaindata hash="39f01a.3aaebf"
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/node2$ cd ..
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~$ cd node3
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/node3$ geth --datadir ./ init poa.json
INFO [07-29|19:43:23.452] Maximum peer count ETH=50 LES=0 total=50
INFO [07-29|19:43:23.452] Smartcard socket not found, disabling err="stat /run/pcscd/pcscd.comm: no such file or directory"
INFO [07-29|19:43:23.456] Set global gas cap cap=25000000
INFO [07-29|19:43:23.456] Allocated cache and file handles database=/home/ubuntu/node3/geth/chaindata cache=16.00MiB handles=16
INFO [07-29|19:43:23.465] Writing custom genesis block
INFO [07-29|19:43:23.499] Persisted trie from memory database nodes=358 size=50.90KiB time=2.453667ms gcnodes=0 gcszize=0.00B gctime=0s livenodes=1 livenessize=0.00B
INFO [07-29|19:43:23.500] Successfully wrote genesis state database=chaindata hash="39f01a.3aaebf"
INFO [07-29|19:43:23.500] Allocated cache and file handles database=/home/ubuntu/node3/geth/lightchaindata cache=16.00MiB handles=16
INFO [07-29|19:43:23.549] Writing custom genesis block
INFO [07-29|19:43:23.643] Persisted trie from memory database nodes=358 size=50.90KiB time=23.127775ms gcnodes=0 gcszize=0.00B gctime=0s livenodes=1 livenessize=0.00B
INFO [07-29|19:43:23.647] Successfully wrote genesis state database=lightchaindata hash="39f01a.3aaebf"
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~/node3$

```

Figure 8: Each node is initialised with the Genesis file


```

INFO [07-31|00:31:51.001] block reached canonical chain
INFO [07-31|00:31:51.002] Commit new mining work
INFO [07-31|00:31:51.003] mined potential block
INFO [07-31|00:31:58.001] Successfully sealed new block
INFO [07-31|00:31:58.001] block reached canonical chain
INFO [07-31|00:31:58.001] mined potential block
INFO [07-31|00:31:58.004] Commit new mining work
INFO [07-31|00:31:58.793] Looking for peers
INFO [07-31|00:32:05.004] Successfully sealed new block
INFO [07-31|00:32:05.004] block reached canonical chain
INFO [07-31|00:32:05.004] mined potential block
INFO [07-31|00:32:05.005] Commit new mining work
INFO [07-31|00:32:09.103] Looking for peers
INFO [07-31|00:32:12.001] Successfully sealed new block
INFO [07-31|00:32:12.001] block reached canonical chain
INFO [07-31|00:32:12.004] mined potential block
INFO [07-31|00:32:12.004] Commit new mining work
INFO [07-31|00:32:19.003] Successfully sealed new block
INFO [07-31|00:32:19.003] block reached canonical chain
INFO [07-31|00:32:19.003] mined potential block
INFO [07-31|00:32:19.004] Commit new mining work
INFO [07-31|00:32:19.345] Looking for peers
INFO [07-31|00:32:26.000] Successfully sealed new block
INFO [07-31|00:32:26.000] block reached canonical chain
INFO [07-31|00:32:26.000] mined potential block
INFO [07-31|00:32:26.000] Commit new mining work
INFO [07-31|00:32:29.495] Looking for peers
INFO [07-31|00:32:33.006] Successfully sealed new block
number=36 hash="b83091_90644f"
number=44 sealhash="38f8ec_82c9f4" uncles=0 txs=0 gas=0 fees=0 elapsed=1.725ms
number=43 hash="e7ee7d_ad7f8b"
number=44 sealhash="38f8ec_82c9f4" hash="58c159_146fe0" elapsed=6.999s
number=37 hash="d70626_258ac4"
number=44 hash="58c159_146fe0"
number=45 sealhash="3ec05a_791d19" uncles=0 txs=0 gas=0 fees=0 elapsed=2.571ms
peercount=2 tried=0 static=0
number=45 sealhash="3ec05a_791d19" hash="97a3c7_16afed" elapsed=7.001s
number=38 hash="7a9d36_bcba31"
number=45 hash="97a3c7_16afed"
number=46 sealhash="398b9a_5100dd" uncles=0 txs=0 gas=0 fees=0 elapsed="425.267µs"
peercount=2 tried=0 static=0
number=46 sealhash="398b9a_5100dd" hash="b61d90_d7a7f8" elapsed=6.995s
number=39 hash="67ef0b_467ffa"
number=46 hash="b61d90_d7a7f8"
number=47 sealhash="546ba4_04fa77" uncles=0 txs=0 gas=0 fees=0 elapsed="456.025µs"
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number=40 hash="1f90b9_139654"
number=47 hash="972c0d_5e8fb7"
number=48 sealhash="1eedb1_f995b8" uncles=0 txs=0 gas=0 fees=0 elapsed="364.319µs"
peercount=2 tried=0 static=0
number=48 sealhash="1eedb1_f995b8" hash="5c0ead_cd8531" elapsed=6.996s
number=41 hash="5df51f_2f6571"
number=48 hash="5c0ead_cd8531"
number=48 sealhash="558a27_8cf41f" uncles=0 txs=0 gas=0 fees=0 elapsed="985.523µs"
peercount=2 tried=0 static=0
number=49 sealhash="558a27_8cf41f" hash="1c1ecc_e42cc9" elapsed=7.003s

```

Figure 9: Miner (sealer) node is launched

```

TRACE[07-31|01:49:47.928] << FINDNODE/v4 id=02463dd49f96af1d addr=127.0.0.1:30313 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:47.929] >> NEIGHBORS/v4 id=02463dd49f96af1d addr=127.0.0.1:30313 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.140] >> PING/v4 id=02463dd49f96af1d addr=127.0.0.1:30313 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.141] << PONG/v4 id=02463dd49f96af1d addr=127.0.0.1:30313 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.142] >> ENRREQUEST/v4 id=02463dd49f96af1d addr=127.0.0.1:30313 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.143] << ENRRESPONSE/v4 id=02463dd49f96af1d addr=127.0.0.1:30313 err=nil
DEBUG[07-31|01:49:48.143] Revalidated node b=16 id=02463dd49f96af1d checks=1
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.147] << FINDNODE/v4 id=1bb503fc1b723d08 addr=127.0.0.1:30311 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.147] >> NEIGHBORS/v4 id=1bb503fc1b723d08 addr=127.0.0.1:30311 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.327] << FINDNODE/v4 id=78076ffaaa0bd8e2 addr=127.0.0.1:30312 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.328] >> NEIGHBORS/v4 id=78076ffaaa0bd8e2 addr=127.0.0.1:30312 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.434] << FINDNODE/v4 id=02463dd49f96af1d addr=127.0.0.1:30313 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.434] >> NEIGHBORS/v4 id=02463dd49f96af1d addr=127.0.0.1:30313 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.648] << FINDNODE/v4 id=1bb503fc1b723d08 addr=127.0.0.1:30311 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.649] >> NEIGHBORS/v4 id=1bb503fc1b723d08 addr=127.0.0.1:30311 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.830] << FINDNODE/v4 id=78076ffaaa0bd8e2 addr=127.0.0.1:30312 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.831] >> NEIGHBORS/v4 id=78076ffaaa0bd8e2 addr=127.0.0.1:30312 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.936] << FINDNODE/v4 id=02463dd49f96af1d addr=127.0.0.1:30313 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:48.936] >> NEIGHBORS/v4 id=02463dd49f96af1d addr=127.0.0.1:30313 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:49.132] >> PING/v4 id=1bb503fc1b723d08 addr=127.0.0.1:30311 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:49.133] << PONG/v4 id=1bb503fc1b723d08 addr=127.0.0.1:30311 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:49.134] >> ENRREQUEST/v4 id=1bb503fc1b723d08 addr=127.0.0.1:30311 err=nil
TRACE[07-31|01:49:49.135] << ENRRESPONSE/v4 id=1bb503fc1b723d08 addr=127.0.0.1:30311 err=nil

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Figure 10: Bootnode is launched and it facilitates communication among all the nodes

6 Deploying the Smart Contract with Remix and Metamask

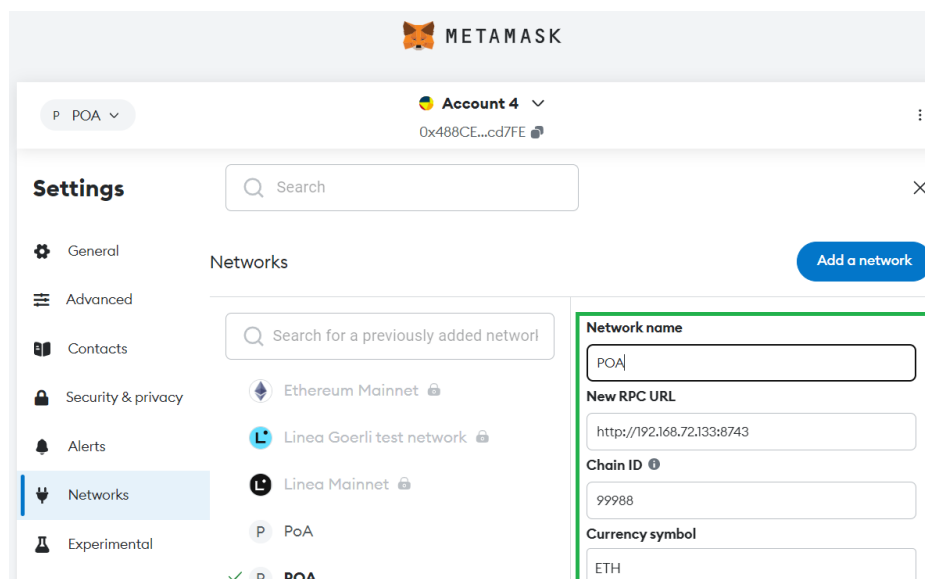


Figure 11: PoA network needs to be set up with URL, network ID and currency

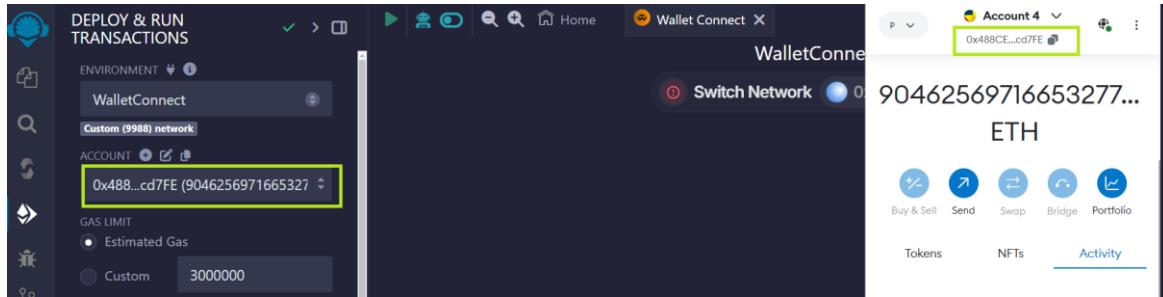


Figure 12: Metamask account needs to be connected with Remix via WalletConnect

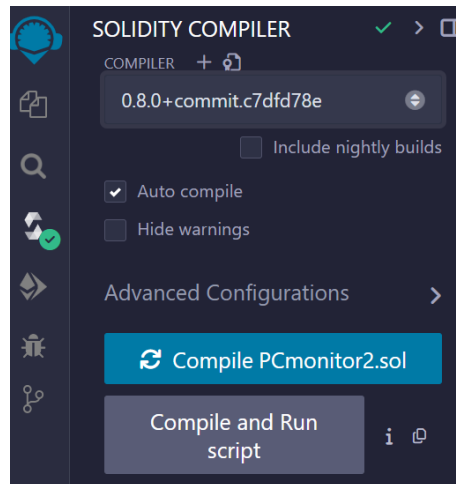


Figure 13: Smart Contract code needs to be compiled with the correct version of compiler corresponding to the correct pragma solidity ^0.8.0;

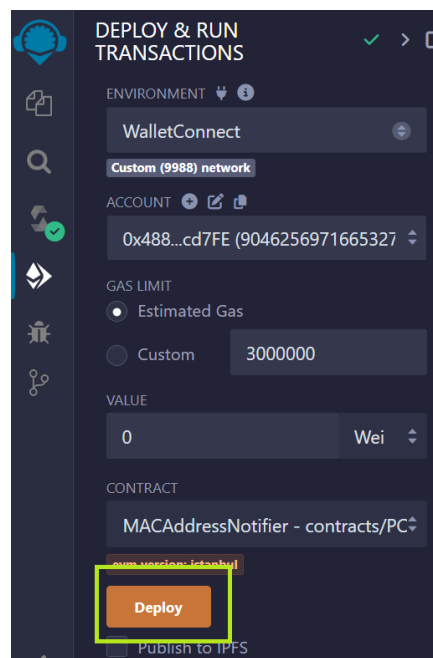


Figure 14: Smart Contract is deployed to the BC

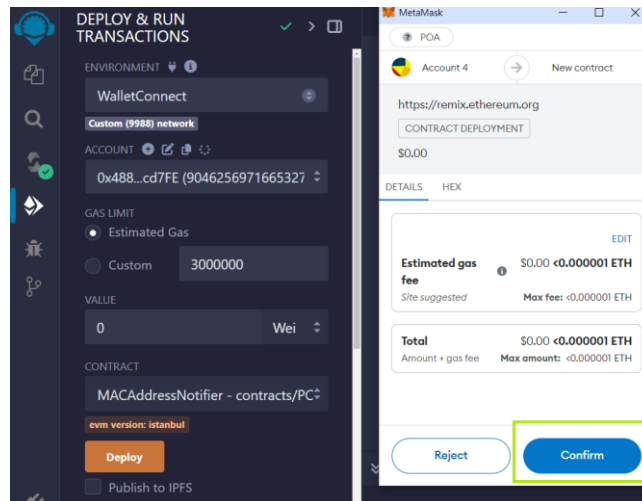


Figure 15: Final stage: contract deployment confirmation in Metamask

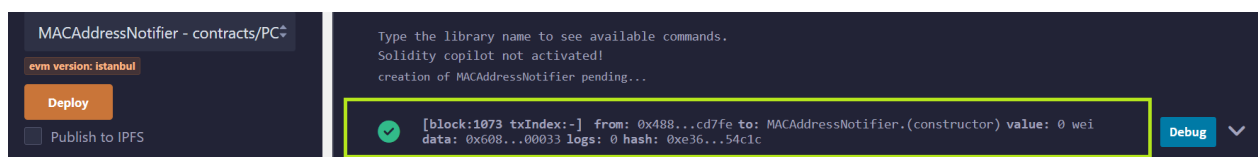


Figure 16: Successful transaction has been confirmed

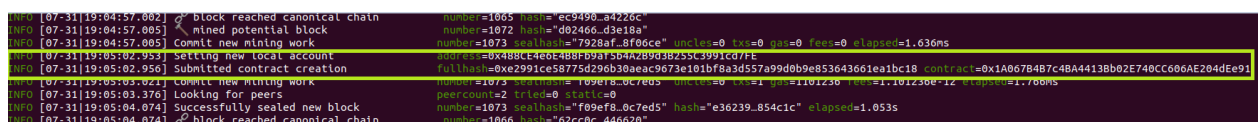


Figure 17: Successful contract submission in the BC

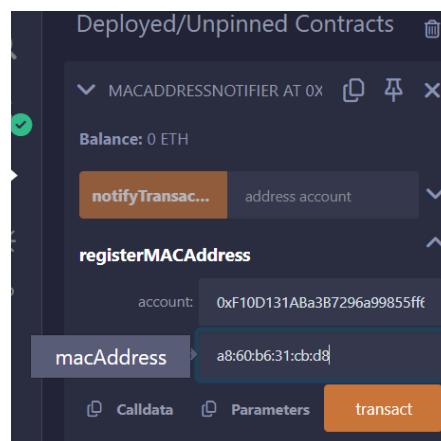


Figure 18: End-user MAC address and its corresponding BC account address can be registered in the SC from Remix IDE

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