

ITU Workshop

on Distributed Ledger Technology Scalability
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Description:

**Integrating with Hyperledger Quilt and the
Interledger Protocol - Ardor's Experience**

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 - d. Blockchain integration bus
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Who I am?



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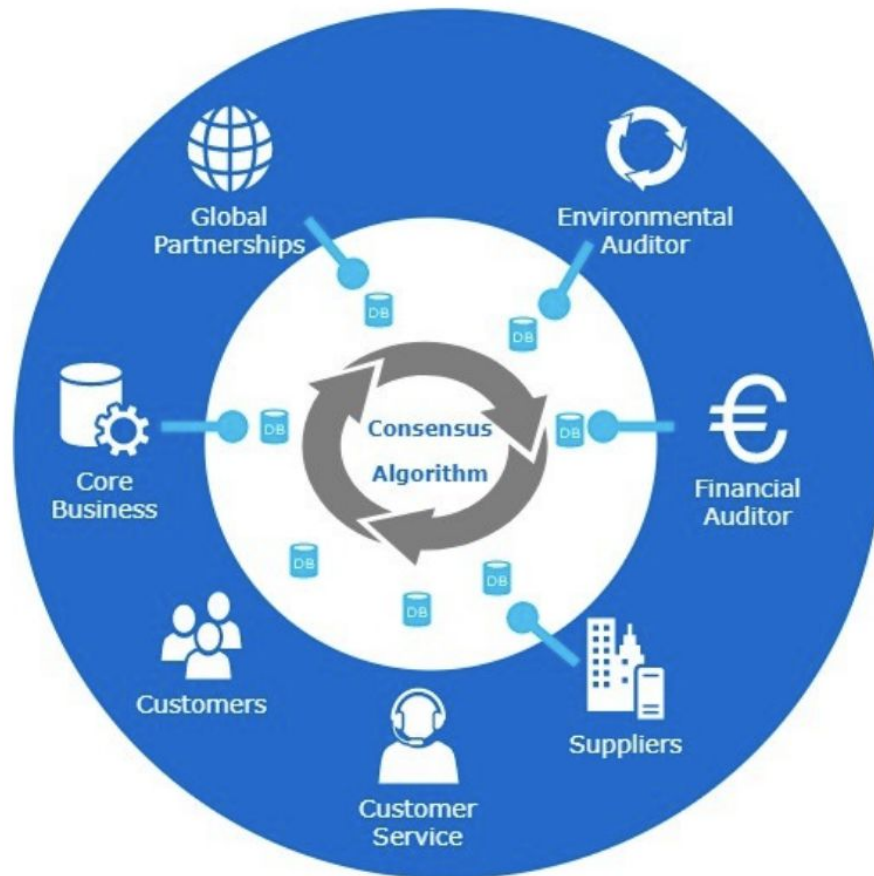
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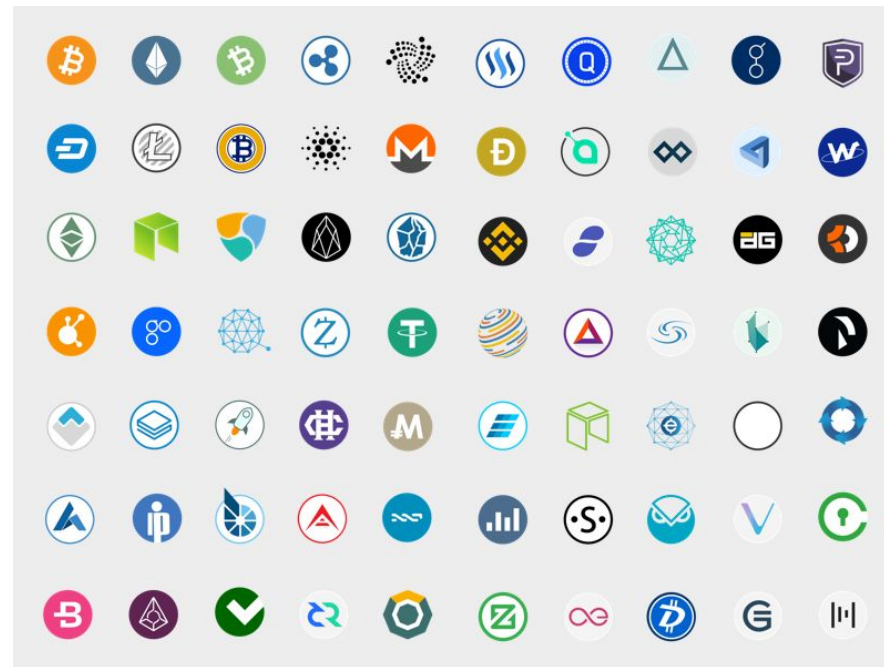


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Lessons learned from the **development of the internet:**

1. **Survivability, Variety** of services types and networks
2. **End-to-End** principle
3. **Routing:** scale-up capabilities

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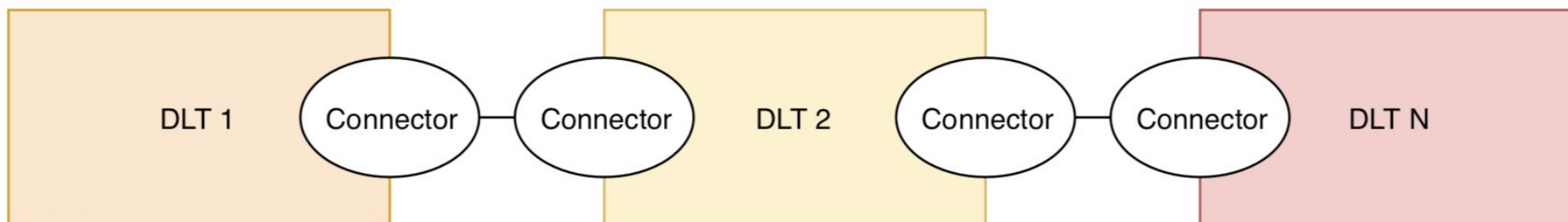
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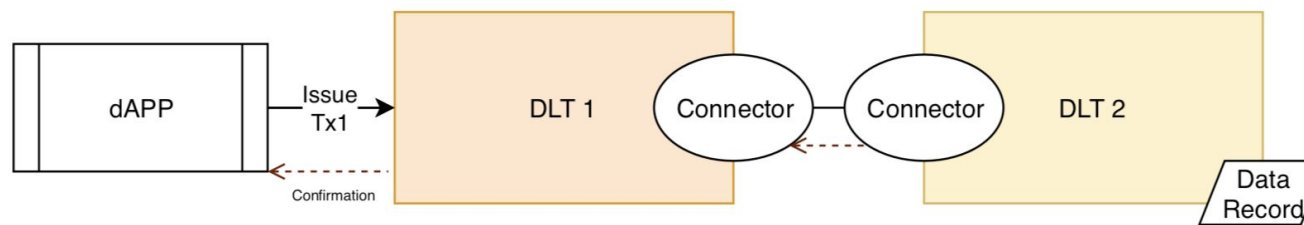
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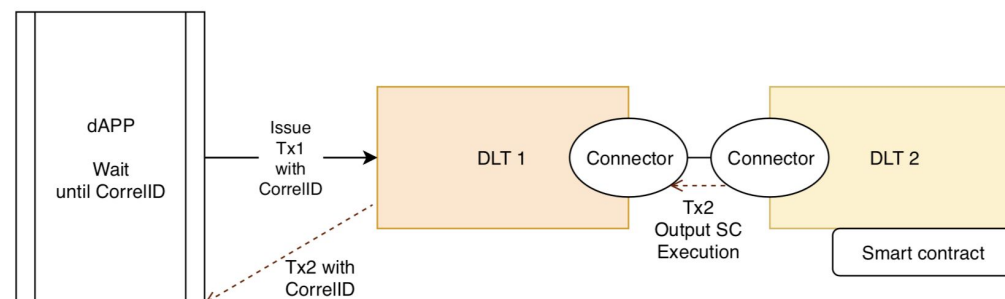


What is interoperability

Asynchronous transaction (most common use case)



Synchronous transaction



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The End-to-End principle

In a network designed according to this principle, application-specific features reside in the communicating end nodes of the network, rather than in intermediary nodes, such as gateways and routers, that exist to establish the network.

- Message duplicate detection
- Non-repudiation
- Guaranteed message delivery
- Sequencing

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New paradigm: Cryptography applied to the communications to determine sender and receiver

- Ideal scenario where the private keys from different DLTs can be derived bidirectional
- One single DLT entity or address can be represented in all DLTs

Interoperability should be outside political interests



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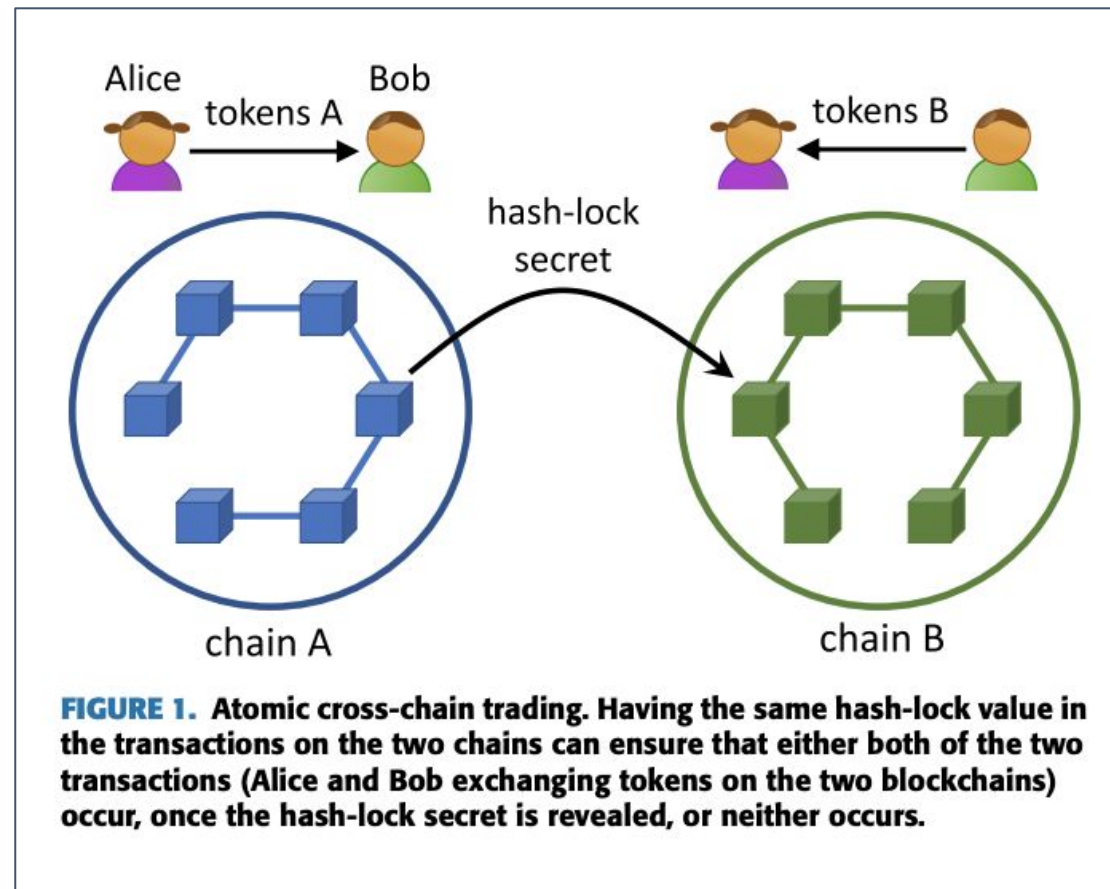
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Atomic swaps

It is the ability to exchange transactions in two different distributed ledgers, without the need to trust a third-party



Source: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/stamp/stamp.jsp?arnumber=8755830>

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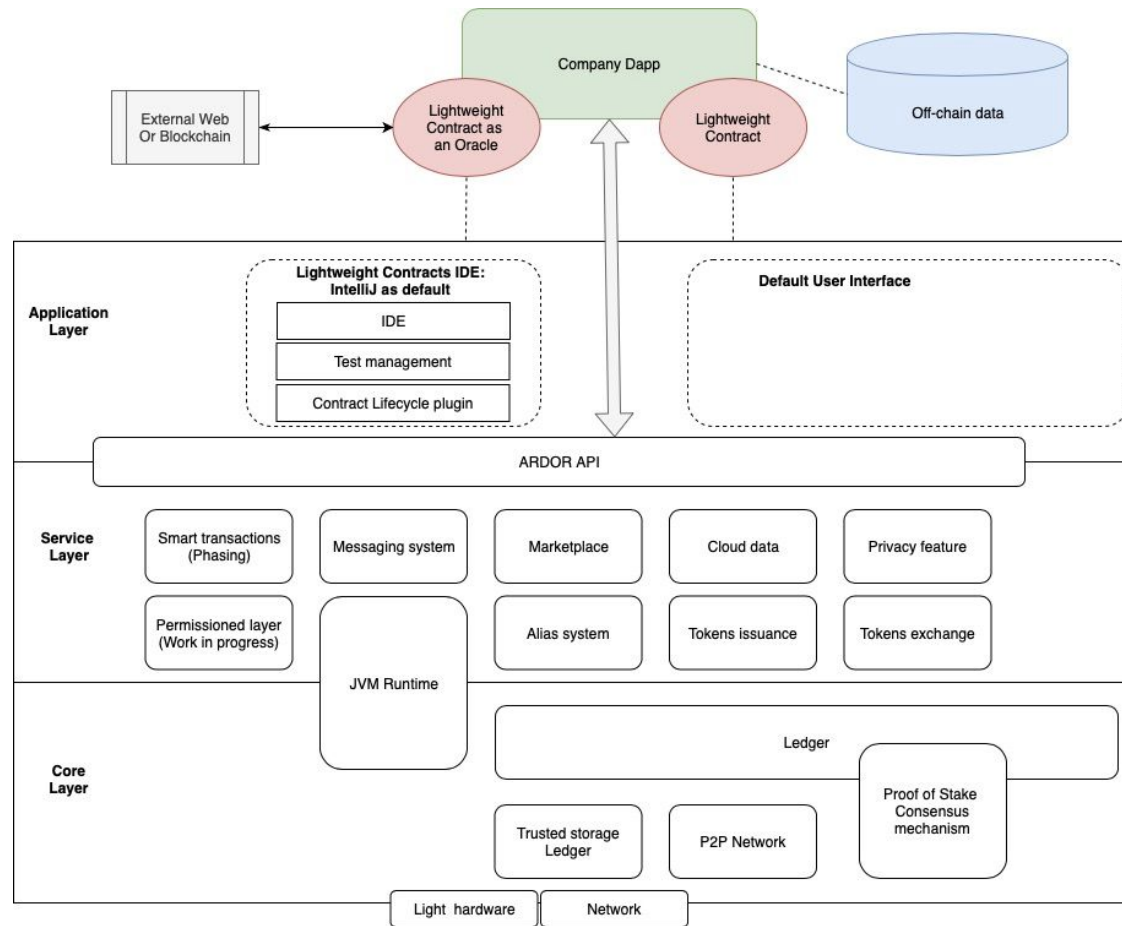
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Side chains vs child chains

	Side Chains	Ardor Child Chains
Structure	Side chains are independent block-chains that have a kind of "pegging mechanism", where at least one of the chains (main chain and side chain) is "aware" of the other chain and both tokens are pegged at a set ratio. Side chains need their own network security and block processing.	"Child Chains" of the Ardor platform are tightly integrated into the main Ardor parent chain. All transactions are processed and secured by the parent chain forgers. This makes cross-chain transactions possible. Pruning will be enabled on child chain transactions in order to significantly reduce blockchain bloat by pruning the transactions on regular basis from the blockchain.
Function	Transactions executed between the locks and unlocks of the main chain tokens don't bloat the main chain. As the technology of a side chain is connected to its main chain, it can be used to build on the developments of the main chain and introduce new features to the market.	Child chains serve as the transactional chains of the parent-child architecture, as the parent chain retains minimal features.

Source: <https://www.jelurida.com/sites/default/files/JeluridaWhitepaper.pdf>

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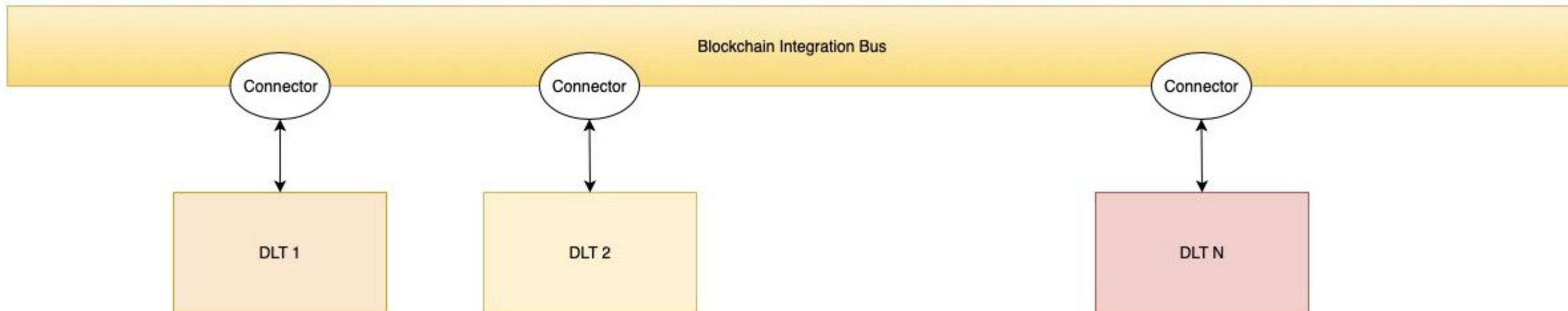
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Blockchain Integration Bus

Hardware or Software Integration Bus able to interconnect the different connectors of an interledger protocol, aiming to achieve smart contract agreement in different ledgers





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Java implementation of the Interledger Protocol

- Easy to integrate in the Ardor stack
- Set of rules for enabling ledger interoperability
- Standard for a ledger-independent address format and data packet
- Framework for designing higher-level use-case-specific protocols



Source: <https://interledger.org/rfcs/0001-interledger-architecture/>

Architecture

README.md

Hyperledger Quilt

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Quilt is an implementation of the [Interledger](#) protocol in Java.

Modules

The quilt project is organised as a Maven multi-module project. Each module exists in a subdirectory and has its own POM and README.

Dependency and plugin versions are managed in the parent project.

Issues are labelled and prefixed to make it easy to identify which project they relate to.

ilp-core

The ilp-core module is the base library for any Interledger projects providing service interfaces, event descriptions, exceptions and data models. It also includes an encoding framework and codecs for encoding and decoding ILP objects using the Octet Encoding Rules (OER).

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Source: <https://github.com/hyperledger/quilt>

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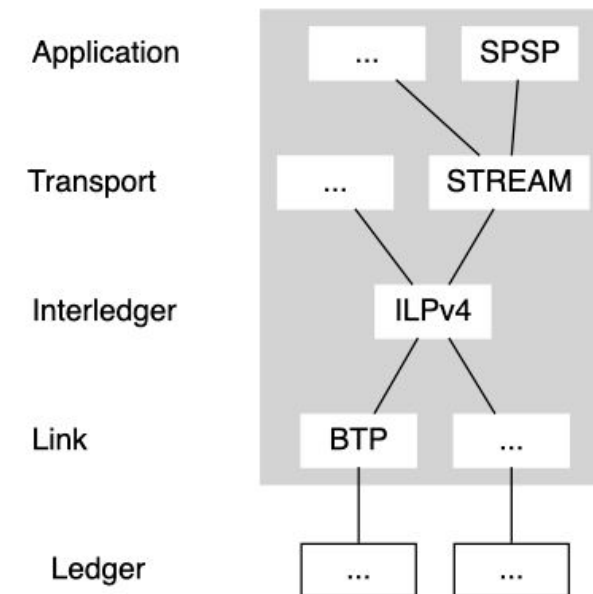
Interledger protocol (ILP)

Interledger is a standard way of bridging financial systems. The Interledger architecture is heavily inspired by the Internet architecture described in [RFC 1122](#), [RFC 1123](#) and [RFC 1009](#).

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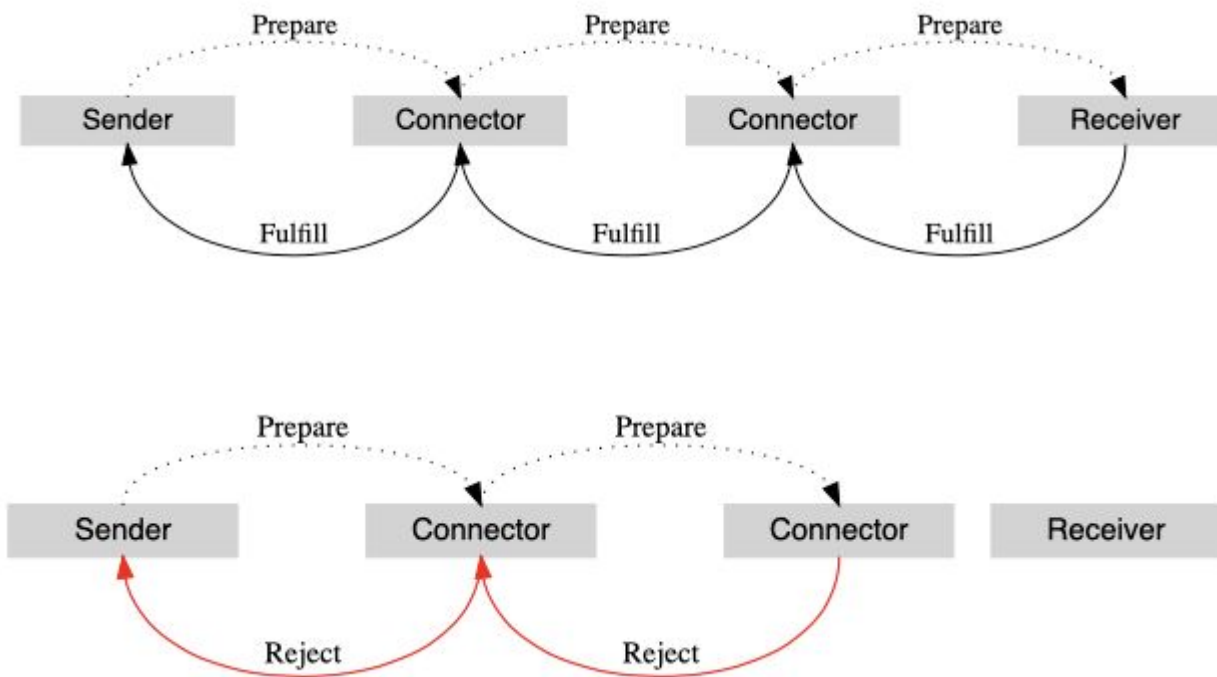


Protocol Layers



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Flow:



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- Address generation
- Token transfer



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