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11           **Designing a Permissioned Blockchain**  
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13           **Hyperledger Fabric with Multiple Channels**  
14           **and the Raft Consensus Mechanism**

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16   **Abstract** Blockchain is an alternative solution that can improve the performance of the halal supply  
17 chain. Blockchain can address all the issues in the halal supply chain, such as the contamination of  
18 halal products and the disobedience of halal processes among all parties in the chain, including end  
19 customers. The type of technology suitable for this case is permissioned blockchain, in which  
20 administrators can determine the rights of each halal supply chain participant category. The  
21 determination of these rights must be done by consensus so that no party feels aggrieved. This study  
22 uses a blockchain network with three channels and the Raft consensus algorithm to design a web  
23 interface and test its capabilities. With regard to the web interface, there were no validity failures  
24 during the invoke and query tests. In addition, the web interface was also successful in thwarting the  
25 formation of a block in the case of data input errors from the user. Additionally, the server can act  
26 as a provider of information and validator of the web interface. The results of simulations conducted  
27 on the blockchain network show that the system's transaction speed is fast, and all the transactions  
28 are successfully transferred to other peers. Thus, permissioned blockchain is useful for the halal  
29 supply chain not just because it can secure transactions while addressing halal issues but also  
30 because the transaction speed and rate of transfer data are very effective.

31   **Keywords** *Blockchain, Hyperledger Fabric, Multiple Channels, Raft, Halal,*  
32   *Supply Chain*

33   **Introduction**

34           The advent of the Fourth Industrial Revolution promises significant  
35 opportunities and challenges in many industries, including the supply chain. Supply

36 chain industries embrace automation and data exchange and implement new  
37 technologies, including blockchain, artificial intelligence, and the Internet of  
38 Things (IoT) [1]. These innovations are fundamentally changing supply chain  
39 dynamics, including those in the halal industry.

40         The Islamic economic development report published by the Dubai  
41 International Financial Center in 2019 states that the halal industry has increased  
42 rapidly compared to some other industrial sectors, with an average growth of 100  
43 billion USD annually, and is expected to reach 3.2 trillion USD in 2024 [2]. This  
44 growth is influenced by the increase in Muslim populations around the world. From  
45 a report on Muslim growth published by the Pew Research Center in 2011, the  
46 Muslim population is estimated to grow by 1.63% over the next 10 years, and  
47 Muslims are expected to be 26.4% of the total population worldwide in 2030 [3].  
48 The size and growth in the Muslim population will result in an increase in its  
49 purchasing power; hence, the value of the halal industry will increase.

50         Despite the increase in the halal industry's purchasing power and value, it  
51 has not yet achieved its optimal potential, as there are still many sectors that can be  
52 improved. For example, although Indonesia is recognized as the Muslim world's  
53 most populous country, it lags behind other Muslim-majority countries in creating  
54 an ecosystem that supports the halal industry, according to the Global Islamic  
55 Economy Indicators (GIEI) 2019. Thus, there are still many areas that can be  
56 improved to maximize the halal industry both domestically and globally, such as  
57 improving the quality of the halal supply chain [4].

58         The government's role in improving the halal supply chain is substantial,  
59 including enforcing laws that require all business actors to provide halal certificates  
60 for food products, medicines, cosmetics, and other genetically engineered products.  
61 Halal certificates are proof or guarantee that the products are in accordance with

62 Islamic law. However, halal certificates cannot improve the halal supply chain on  
63 their own. The raw materials used and the process to make a product, as well as the  
64 final product, must be halal. One way to improve the halal supply chain is to  
65 integrate technology for information exchange during the tracking and tracing  
66 process in operating and monitoring performance [5]. Moreover, both vertical and  
67 horizontal collaborative relationships in the form of trust, transparency, and  
68 information disclosure between supply chain participants are essential in order to  
69 maximize the integration of technology and information with the halal supply chain  
70 and to increase their mutual effectiveness and efficiency [6].

71           Blockchain may thus provide solutions to improve the halal supply chain  
72 because it can ensure the completion of all supply chain transaction notifications  
73 for all parties in the blockchain network, up to end customers. Permissioned  
74 blockchain is the most suitable type of blockchain for this industry, where the role  
75 of each supply chain participant will be determined by an administrator, affecting  
76 what information each participant can see and add. Mainly, supply chain  
77 participants such as suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, and retailers focus solely  
78 on their respective areas. Thus, regulators must determine the role of each supply  
79 chain participant; in determining each role, a consensus must be achieved so that  
80 no party feels disadvantaged [7][8].

81           Supply chain transactions grow with the addition of new sequences of  
82 transactions, which are grouped as a block. Each block will be added to the  
83 blockchain network in a linear chronological order with a timestamp. Each supply  
84 chain participant, known as a peer node on the halal supply chain network, receives  
85 a copy of the blockchain data that can be downloaded automatically. Peer nodes  
86 have access to all information, including the supply chain participant's address and

87 supply chain path; hence, even the end product user will know the flow of the  
88 manufacturing process of a particular product [9].

89 This paper aims to propose a blockchain framework for the halal supply  
90 chain by using Hyperledger Fabric. It also tests this framework to determine its  
91 suitability for the halal supply chain and to identify some key aspects that can  
92 improve the halal supply chain, validate the transaction process, and test the  
93 transaction speed. The rest of this paper is organized as follows. The  
94 “Methodology” section consists of related work on the methods that will be used.  
95 The “Results” section consists of the proposed blockchain framework and an  
96 overview of the finished interface of the blockchain framework. The “Discussion”  
97 section consists of a discussion of the results obtained in this research. The  
98 “Conclusion” section includes the research conclusions and some possible  
99 suggestions for future research.

## 100 **Methodology**

101 In this section, we will discuss the theoretical basis of the concepts used in  
102 this study. The concepts explained include theories and applications of blockchain,  
103 permissioned blockchain, supply chains, the halal supply chain, blockchain and  
104 supply chains, blockchain and the halal supply chain, and Hyperledger Fabric.

### 105 **Blockchain**

106 Blockchain includes a time-stamped series of data that are managed by all  
107 nodes participating in the network. The data are stored as a block and secured and  
108 linked to each other using the cryptographic principle (chain), which is immutable.  
109 The participants (in decentralized-computer-terminal form) are connected by using  
110 a key-access system enabling direct transactions between sellers and buyers without

111 intermediaries [9]. Many processes can be improved by using blockchain, such as  
112 the analysis of big data [10,11]

### 113 **Permissioned Blockchain**

114           Permissioned blockchain involves an additional blockchain security system,  
115 as it includes control over certain identifiable participants' ability to perform certain  
116 actions. The intrinsic configuration of blockchain manages transaction nodes and  
117 defines the role of these nodes in accessing or making changes to the blockchain,  
118 including protecting the identity of each blockchain participant in the blockchain  
119 network [7,12].

### 120 **Supply Chain Management**

121           The supply chain is an interconnected system of organizations, resources,  
122 and processes to deliver products or services to end customers, including all  
123 facilities, functions, and activities related to manufacturing, production, and  
124 distribution from the supplier to the customer [13]. Supply chain management is a  
125 process of designing, coordinating, and controlling every aspect of business  
126 activities and supply chain activities to provide added value to consumers at a  
127 minimum cost to the overall supply chain network while fulfilling the requirements  
128 of other stakeholders in the supply chain [14].

### 129 **Halal Supply Chain Management**

130           Halal supply chain management may be defined as assuring that the entire  
131 process of procurement, distribution, handling, and processing materials, spare  
132 parts, livestock, work-in-process or finished inventory is well documented and  
133 aligned with halal and toyyib standards [6]. The designation of "halal" means that  
134 a product is permitted or legally permissible in accordance with the rules in the

135 Qur'an and the Hadith. The opposite of halal is haram, which means prohibited,  
136 illegal or illegal [15].

137 In addition, the term “toyyib” means healthy and good [15]. The toyyib  
138 concept can also be used to enrich society with spiritual, moral and humanitarian  
139 values, as well as food safety regulations [16]. However, the gray area (located  
140 between halal and haram) causes doubt in the application of the halal concept.  
141 Therefore, the opinions of academics, local fatwas (government regulations), and  
142 local customs are involved in assessing and determining whether a product is  
143 prohibited or allowed to be consumed [17].

#### 144 **Supply Chain and Blockchain**

145 Generally, information systems that are executed in transactions between  
146 suppliers, distributors, retailers, and end customers tend to be centralized. This  
147 centralized information system causes every supply chain participant to be  
148 obligated to maintain the confidentiality of supply chain information. Some distress  
149 might arise because the supply chain network became rigid, and every participant  
150 has difficulty validating the number of products ordered [8].

151 Blockchain technology could resolve these problems since it could act as a  
152 distributed ledger and entitle all transactions to be completely open, yet confidential  
153 and secured. Blockchain provides security by preventing the duplication of data or  
154 the distortion of data from outside noise. Some types of blockchains devoted to  
155 private transactions have a high real-time speed of transactions [7] [18].

156 Supply chain transactions will be gathered in a set of blocks when each set  
157 of new transactions is successfully added. The block will be added to the blockchain  
158 network in a linear chronological order with a timestamp. Each supply chain  
159 participant, known as a peer node on the halal supply chain network, receives a

160 copy of blockchain data that can be downloaded automatically. Peer nodes have  
161 access to all information, which includes the supply chain participant's address and  
162 supply chain path; hence, even the end product user will know the flow of the  
163 manufacturing process of a particular product [19].

## 164 **Halal Supply Chain and Blockchain**

165         The halal supply chain includes five fundamental issues that are hard to  
166 dissociate: traceability (the ability to discover information about the location and  
167 origin of the product); regulation of product withdrawal related to halal  
168 prerequisites; end-to-end halal supply chain integrity from the producer to the  
169 customer; contradictory systems and different interpretations regarding the halal  
170 supply chain; and the lack of integration of technology and information in the halal  
171 supply chain [20].

172         The halal supply chain needs transparency so that the authenticity and  
173 reliability of halal brands can be ensured. Blockchain enables the combination of  
174 distributed ledgers and smart contracts so that the performance of the halal supply  
175 chain will increase. The improvement will generate more dependable information  
176 and assurance along the halal supply chain; a smooth and effective halal process  
177 from the beginning of production to the consumer's point of purchase; the  
178 sustainability of the halal supply chain; consumer trust in halal certification; and  
179 global acknowledgement of the halal blockchain [6].

180         The fundamental principle of the halal blockchain is to combine all mazhab  
181 in targeted markets with Islamic schools, religious regulations (fatwas), and local  
182 traditions. The halal blockchain must be pertinent for all countries (whether Muslim  
183 or non-Muslim). Halal certification prerequisites are vital to the halal blockchain.  
184 Halal supply chain participants are automatically given information about process



185 compliance based on specific product market scenarios. The halal blockchain's  
186 authenticity and security are a priority to secure confidential data and minimize the  
187 opportunities for cyber attacks [5]

188         The halal blockchain provides some benefit for producers, distributors,  
189 retailers, logistic service providers, and halal certification agencies. Halal  
190 certification agencies must adopt the blockchain technology to increase trust in and  
191 authenticity of halal certification. They need to support the halal certification of all  
192 halal supply chain participants to encourage the obedience to halal standards in  
193 transportation and warehousing downstream in the supply chain. Harmonizing the  
194 standards of the halal supply chain in various countries will be critical to supporting  
195 the halal industry and its global supply chain [5] [20].

196         Prior research related to blockchain and its impact on the halal supply chain  
197 has stated that there are three issues faced by the halal supply chain globally:  
198 contamination, disobedience, and perception. In this case, blockchain technology  
199 has the potential to resolve the first two problems (i.e., contamination and  
200 disobedience). However, the application of blockchain needs to be combined with  
201 the halal certification of each supply chain participant to obtain better outcomes [6].

## 202 **Hyperledger Fabric**

203         Hyperledger Fabric is an open-source distributed ledger technology  
204 platform that is widely used for various company-related cases. This platform is  
205 very interactive in creating a blockchain framework due to its modular and  
206 configurable architecture.

207         Hyperledger Fabric V.1.x can organize transactions into two types:  
208 execution transactions and ordering transactions. Thus, there are 3 steps of the  
209 transaction flow, which are execution, ordering, and validation. A transaction can

210 be executed before consensus from the ordering service is executed, and it can be  
211 done by different peers [21].

212 In the blockchain system, there are some key terms, such as nodes, data  
213 structures, transactions, ordering services, and channels [7]. Blockchain networks  
214 must consist of several nodes. These nodes are usually defined as virtual entities  
215 because they can run on physical hardware. Peers, orderers, and clients are nodes  
216 in the blockchain network [22]. Peers make transactions and distribute ledgers. In  
217 general, all peers are committers. On the other hand, orderers keep all the orders  
218 from the transaction that has been committed, creating new blocks, and searching  
219 for consensus.

220 Clients are a set of nodes that act as the end users on blockchain networks.  
221 Clients' main actions are to send a transaction proposal to peers, coordinate the  
222 results of the execution, verify whether the transaction is valid and send the  
223 transaction that has been verified by peers to the ordering service. Furthermore, the  
224 data structure maintains the global status among all associates using key value  
225 storage and ledgers (KVS). KVS is used to manage and maintain the most recent  
226 system, while the ledger provides a valid and verified history of all state changes.

227 In Hyperledger v1.4.x, there are several types of transactions, such as init  
228 (deploy), which is useful for installing and instantiating chaincodes so that  
229 transactions can be run; invoke, which is useful for invoking transactions from  
230 chaincodes that have been installed and instantiated; and query, which is useful for  
231 checking what transactions were successfully carried out in the process [23].

232 The transaction flow on the v1 fabric follows the following steps:

- 233 • The client makes a transaction and sends it to all endorser peers  
234 according to the chain

- 235 • Each endorser peer authorizes transaction execution and makes  
236 endorsement signatures
- 237 • Clients collect support signatures from endorser peers through the  
238 ordering service
- 239 • Ordering services create transaction blocks and maintain orders with a  
240 timestamp
- 241 • When supporting partners receive a block of transactions, they will  
242 assess each transaction against its authorization policy and then  
243 determine the validity of the transaction

244       There are three types of ordering services provided by Hyperledger Fabric  
245 currently, namely, Solo (without consensus), Kafka [23] and Raft [24]. Basically,  
246 Kafka and Raft are the same type of consensus (crash fault tolerant). However, Raft  
247 is easier to use than Kafka, from the configuration to the speed of the process,  
248 because the Raft configuration originates directly from the orderer (unlike Kafka,  
249 which cannot be configured directly from orderer services and must create a  
250 Zookeeper cluster to enable the state machine replication process) [25][26].

251       All nodes, such as peers, can interact with other peers by using channels or  
252 private data. Channels make transactions truly private because only users who are  
253 in the same channel can make transactions and see all the data (transparent). Unlike  
254 private data, which make transactions truly private in the channel, only peers that  
255 are already configured to do so can perform transactions that are very private to  
256 specific peers, even though they will eventually be distributed to colleagues when  
257 the block is distributed [27].

## 258 **Results**

259           In this section, we will discuss the blockchain framework that will be  
260 designed for the halal supply chain and an overview of the blockchain network  
261 server and web interface.

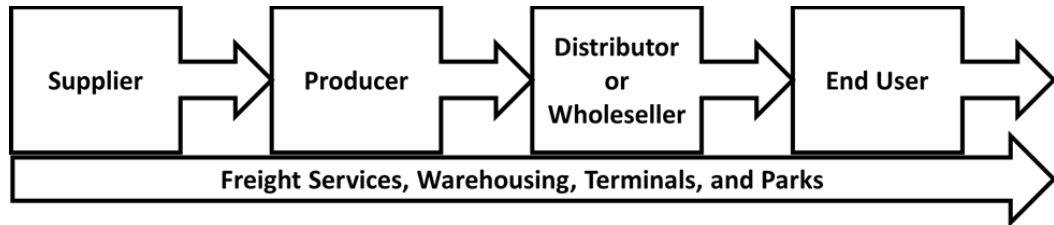
### 262 **Research Object**

263           For the purpose of this study, an example from the halal meat industry was  
264 identified based on the research and will be used in this paper. The reason for  
265 choosing the meat industry is that this industry's toyyib compliance involves unique  
266 challenges, as meat is perishable and it is exceedingly difficult to control the  
267 temperature [28]. These factors create difficulties for the supplier, producer,  
268 distributor, wholesaler, and retailer in ensuring that fresh meat is free from  
269 contamination, disobedience of halal principles, and perception issues. To handle  
270 some of these challenges, blockchain can solve only the first two problems –  
271 contamination and disobedience – because of its characteristics, which are  
272 explained in the previous section [17].

273           The supply chain participants in the halal meat industry include suppliers,  
274 producers, distributors, and customers. In the halal meat industry, only livestock  
275 that meets certain age criteria will be slaughtered. Its meat will be sent to producers  
276 to be processed and cooled. The meat will be tested to determine whether it is halal  
277 or not. Only halal-certified meat will be sent to the distributor. The distributor will  
278 send it to the end customer or refrigerate it [29].

279           In general, the supply chain participants (suppliers, producers, distributors,  
280 and customers) already have halal certification from regulators. However, since  
281 customers only see the final product, not the raw material used or the process of

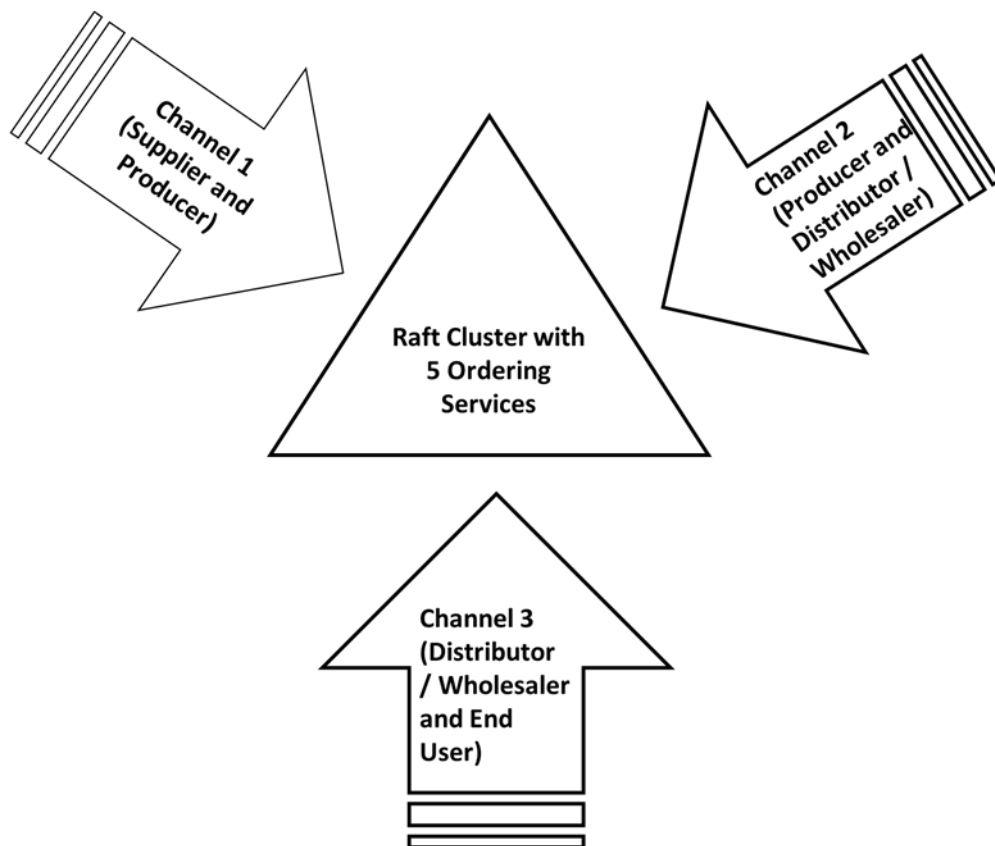
282 making the product to determine if it is halal, some customers doubt the halal  
283 industry supply chain's compliance with halal practices. A diagram of the halal  
284 supply chain flow is shown in Figure 1.



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286 Fig 1. Ordering Service Process from the Halal Supplier to End User [29]

287 A blockchain network for a meat ordering system was created to resolve  
288 traceability problems regarding the final product. Blockchain, as a distributed  
289 ledger, is obliged to record transactions in a time sequence. After a transaction is  
290 gathered in a set of blocks, the block is irrevocable. The irrevocable nature of blocks  
291 can address customers' doubts about the traceability of halal-certified meat.



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293 Fig 2. Blockchain Framework for the Halal Supply Chain

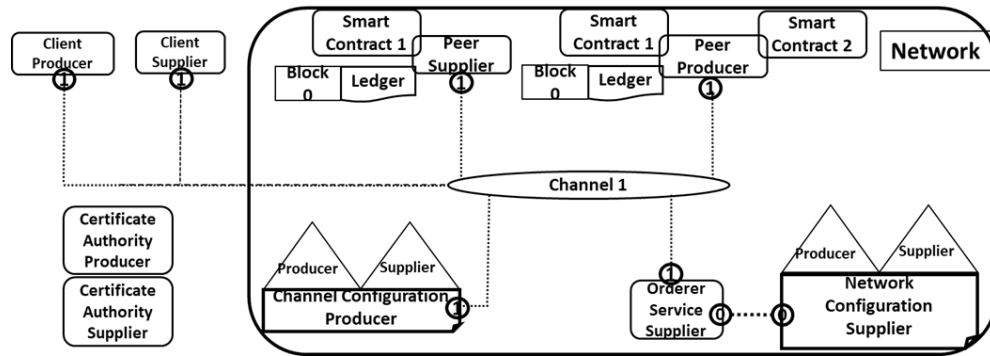
294           The blockchain network in this study consists of three channels, with each  
295 channel consisting of two organizations, and each organization consisting of one  
296 client and two peers. The first channel connects suppliers and producers, the second  
297 channel connects producers and distributors, and the third channel connects  
298 distributors and end users. Three separate channels are created because each  
299 participant may have a different price agreement; thus, their privacy is protected.  
300 The blockchain network also consists of five orderer nodes that have been  
301 configured with the Raft consensus mechanism. A channel configuration diagram  
302 is given in Figure 2.

303           For simplicity, this research will explain the process of configuring the first  
304 channel, which is the supplier and producer channel (because all the processes in  
305 creating the three channels are very similar). The steps for configuring the  
306 blockchain network are as follows [30]:

- 307           •     Creating the blockchain network for all halal supply chain entities and  
308                 creating network administrators (which needs to be done once in the  
309                 process because all the channels must be included in the same network  
310                 to allow some peers to have the ability to interact in multiple channels).
- 311           •     Defining the consortium of the entities (for example, the supplier will  
312                 be bound with the producer in the consortium because they will conduct  
313                 the transaction process).
- 314           •     Creating the first channel for the consortium process of the supplier and  
315                 producer.
- 316           •     Inserting peers of the supplier and producer into the channel (to interact  
317                 with other peers and save proof of the transaction on the ledger).
- 318           •     Installing and instantiating the chaincode to each peer (the supplier is  
319                 needed once in the process but the producer is needed twice because the

320 producer will be added to the other channels). Although smart contracts  
 321 in this design are similar, the real-world process is actually different  
 322 because contracts in the real world should be more complicated.

323 The result of the blockchain configuration process is shown in Figure 3.



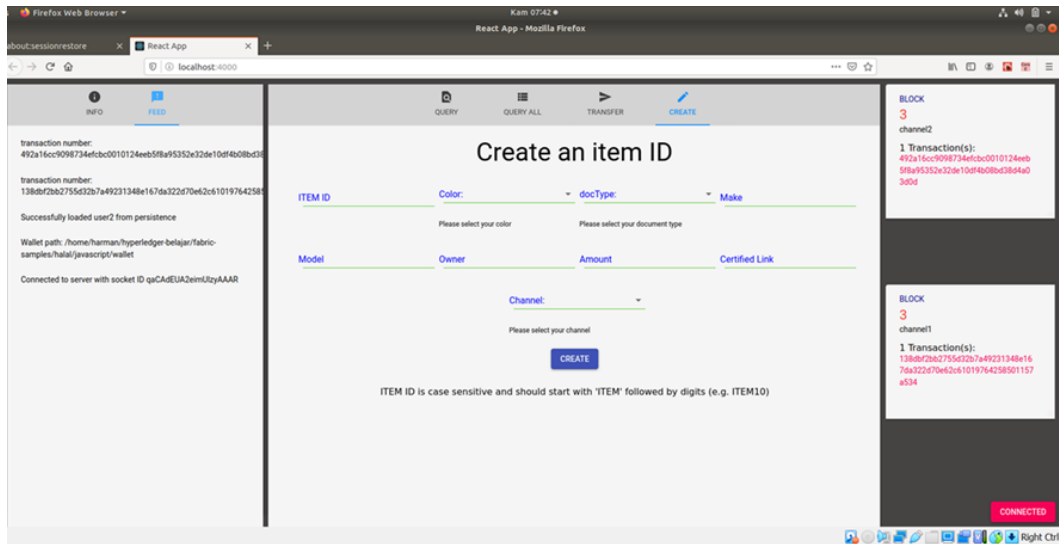
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325 Fig 3. The Results of the Blockchain Channel for Suppliers and Producers in the First Channel of  
 326 the Blockchain Network [30]

### 327 Overview of the Blockchain Network Server and Interface

328 There are four processes of the blockchain prototype used for the halal  
 329 supply chain (basically this blockchain is developed with Fabcar, and its chaincode  
 330 is modified according to the halal supply chain), namely, querying a single item's  
 331 ID (checking one item in the blockchain), querying all items (checking all items in  
 332 the blockchain), transferring an item ID (transferring one or more items to another  
 333 company), and creating an item ID (creating one or more items in the blockchain).  
 334 The main change from the chaincode is the Create an Item ID process. The layout  
 335 of the web interface can be seen in Figure 4.

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Fig 4. Display of the Blockchain Network's Web Interface

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In the process of entering transaction data into the blockchain (invoke), there

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are two types of processes, called Create an Item ID and Transfer an Item ID. Create

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an Item ID involves several special attributes consisting of an item's ID, color,

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doctype (the type of item to be sent), make (item name), model (specification/type

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of item), owner (owner), amount (amount goods to be transferred), and certification

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link (proof of halal certification). Then, some companies have special attributes for

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making transactions on different channels. Some of the attributes that were changed

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or added from the Fabcar chaincode for the creation of an item ID are color,

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doctype, amount, certification link, and channel.

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In the color attribute, the user can choose a color to add to the attribute

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without having to write the type of color the item has again. This step will make it

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easier for the user because some data attributes that input text will cause the user to

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type the input from the beginning again. In the doctype attribute, items created or

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transferred on the blockchain are not only in the form of food; drinks or other items

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in general can also be included in the blockchain. Then, regarding the amount

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attribute, the company that wants to create an item can specify how many items will

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be sent so that no repetition is needed when entering data if the items sent are in



356 large quantities. For created or transferred items to be considered halal, the  
357 company sending the item must send a link to halal certification documents so that  
358 it can be proven. With the certification link function, trust between companies about  
359 items sent in the halal category will increase.

360 Furthermore, all companies that enter two channels (such as producers who  
361 interact with suppliers and distributors or distributors who interact with producers  
362 or customers) have a special attribute on the interface, namely, a channel. There are  
363 two advantages of this channel attribute: (1) items that the company wants to create  
364 or transfer to another company will be sent correctly and (2) the interface of a  
365 company that has two channels is not necessarily separated into two interfaces so  
366 that it is easier and more interactive to conduct transactions with the company.

367 To prove that the system can be made, two key areas must be considered:  
368 the web interface (whether block data can be created directly from the web interface  
369 (client)) and the integrity between the web interface and server of the terminal  
370 (whether the data are truly properly stored on the server so that no data are lost).

## 371 **Discussion**

372 In this section, we will discuss the validity test of the web interface and test  
373 the integrity of the web interface and server to determine whether the interface can  
374 be used. We also test a blockchain network transaction simulation to determine how  
375 many transactions can be received by the blockchain network.

### 376 **Validity of the Web Interface**

377 When the web interface is successfully initiated in the web browser, the  
378 block and transaction ID data for the block will appear on the right. This function  
379 shows that data transactions in the blockchain have been carried out. In the previous

380 image, we can see that the third block of the blockchain was formed before the web  
381 interface was used. This occurred because the process of installing and instantiating  
382 the chaincode was done previously to initiate the web interface. Then, when all data  
383 attributes are successfully entered according to their respective attributes, the latest  
384 block (in this case, block 4) and the transaction ID will automatically appear on the  
385 right side of the web interface. Moreover, the left side of the web interface will  
386 notify the user that data for the item from the user's company is successfully entered.

387         The process of making a block can only be done using Create an Item ID  
388 and Transfer an Item ID. This is because the process of writing and reading data  
389 (the process of writing data so that new data appears or changing old data) occurs  
390 in both parts. The process of writing new item data can be done using Create an  
391 Item ID, and the process of changing item ownership can be done using Transfer  
392 an Item ID. Both processes must be separated even though they have the same goal  
393 of entering data into the blockchain. Create an item ID can be done only if the item  
394 to be entered in the form has an ID that is still not registered in the company's  
395 blockchain database. Meanwhile, an item ID can be transferred only if the item is  
396 already registered in the blockchain database. This is because the main purpose of  
397 transferring an item is to change the database as well (the most recently viewed  
398 data), thus creating a new block. Old blocks of data on the IDs of items whose  
399 ownership has not been changed will remain the same to maintain the blockchain's  
400 tamper-proof nature.

401         Meanwhile, from querying an item ID and querying all item IDs, the two  
402 parts of the web interface have the function of reading data (to check the items in  
403 the blockchain and their data attributes). When both parts of the web interface are  
404 executed, the new block on the right will not be formed because its main purpose is  
405 to check the block and transaction IDs. However, on the left side of the web

406 interface, database information (the most updated information) about the item and  
407 its attributes will appear on demand. The difference between the two parts is that  
408 Query an Item ID will search only for a specific item ID that matches the channel  
409 that connects the information, while Query All Items looks for all information about  
410 the item ID corresponding to the channel for this information.

411         There are several reasons why a block could be filled with incorrect data  
412 and cause the Blockchain to be invalid, such as the incomplete or incorrect entry of  
413 data attributes. To prevent this, interfaces and servers are created using prevention  
414 methods such as pop-ups or error messages so that invalid data will not be stored in  
415 a company's blockchain database server. For example, in the creation of an item ID  
416 section, the first requirement is that all data must be entered. If at least some of the  
417 data attributes are not entered, then the item's data cannot be entered into the  
418 blockchain channel.

419         In addition, in the Item ID section, filling in the data form can be done only  
420 if the first four letters are "ITEM" in capital letters, followed by a number (for  
421 example: "ITEM4"). Then, the item ID must be different from the item ID that  
422 exists on the blockchain so that there is no duplication in blockchain item data. If  
423 all the requirements above are not met, an error will appear on the interface. Unlike  
424 when creating an item ID, transferring an item allows only data on items with  
425 existing IDs to be stored. If the item ID of a transferred item is not in the blockchain,  
426 an error will appear, reminding the user that the data are not in the blockchain, so  
427 the item transfer process cannot be performed.

## 428 **Integrity of the Web Interface and Server**

429         The server performs other functions in addition to storing transaction data  
430 from the web interface. The terminal server also sends notifications to the company

431 even though the web interface is still not turned on. When the company wants to  
432 check information about any item already in the blockchain through the web  
433 interface, that information will also appear on the terminal server. Then, when the  
434 company sends data or changes data about the item in the blockchain through the  
435 web interface, the terminal server will notify the company that sent the notification  
436 that the information sent was successfully saved to the blockchain and send  
437 information about the number of blocks that have been created in the blockchain.  
438 The terminal server also sends notifications to companies that are on the same  
439 channel as companies that send data about an item or data changes within the  
440 blockchain and send information about the number of blocks that have been created  
441 in the blockchain. Finally, if there is an error in inputting data, the terminal server  
442 will raise an error that one of the data attributes sent is not in the correct format.

## 443 **Transaction Simulation Test**

### 444 *Simulation Configuration*

445 The blockchain is tested for four rounds and three iterations for each channel  
446 (a total of 36 rounds). Each channel is tested for two rounds for the invoke process  
447 (Create an Item ID and Transfer an Item ID) and two rounds for the query process  
448 (Query an Item ID and Query All Items). Because the simulation process is intended  
449 to test the maximum ability of the blockchain network to receive transactions, each  
450 test uses "fixed-backlog" to determine the maximum tps (transactions per second)  
451 and the maximum transactions that experience a backlog of 5 transactions. Each  
452 iteration has a different transaction duration – 10, 30, and 30 seconds. The reason  
453 for choosing a simulation based on transaction duration rather than the number of  
454 transactions is the same as the reason for using the "fixed-backlog" type.

455           The blockchain network's capability was tested based on previous research  
456 cases using three channels and Raft crash tests with Ubuntu 18.04 LTS 64-bit with  
457 18 GB RAM and a 250 GB hard disk installed with Hyperledger Caliper and  
458 Hyperledger Fabric.

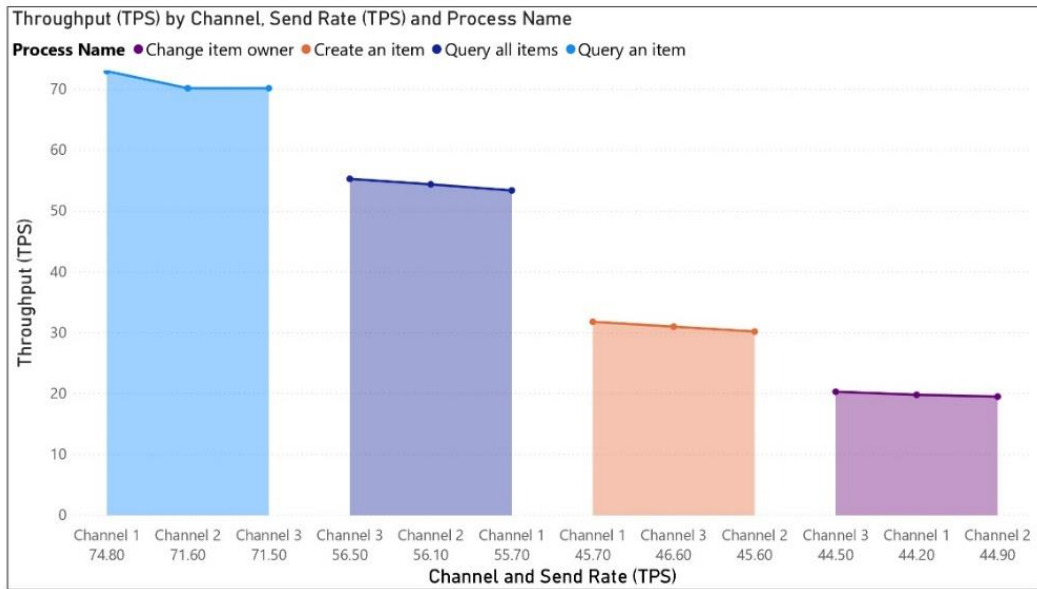
#### 459 *Simulation Results*

460           Based on Figures 5, 6, and 7, all iterations have the same results and patterns.  
461 There are no failures in the capability tests. From the results on all queries (Query an  
462 Item ID and Query All Items), it can be seen that in the first iteration (Figure 5), the  
463 value of the transaction send rate and query throughput for an item is the highest  
464 (74.8 TPS in the first iteration of channel 1), but in the second and third iterations  
465 (Figures 6 and 7), both processes have almost the same send rate and throughput  
466 (40.0-57.1 TPS). From these results, it can be said that the faster the duration of the  
467 transaction is, the faster the query process. In addition to the second and third  
468 iterations producing almost the same results, all query result patterns are also almost  
469 the same (in terms of throughput and send rate results).

470           On the other hand, the results of all invoke transactions are almost the same  
471 in all iterations. It can be seen that the result for the send rate is approximately 43.5  
472 - 47.2 TPS. However, the "Create an Item ID" throughput rate decreases every  
473 iteration (the first iteration is approximately 30-31 TPS, and the second and third  
474 iterations are approximately 19-26 TPS), although the "Transfer an Item ID"  
475 throughput rate is still almost the same for all iterations of each channel (16-21  
476 TPS). This pattern is also different from the query pattern, which shows that the  
477 results for the query throughput rate are approximately twice the invoke throughput  
478 rate. From all the results obtained, it can be said that the faster the send rate is, the  
479 slower the throughput because the invoke process is more difficult than the query

480 process. The likely reason why the send rate is slower is the power of the computer  
 481 running the computing process.

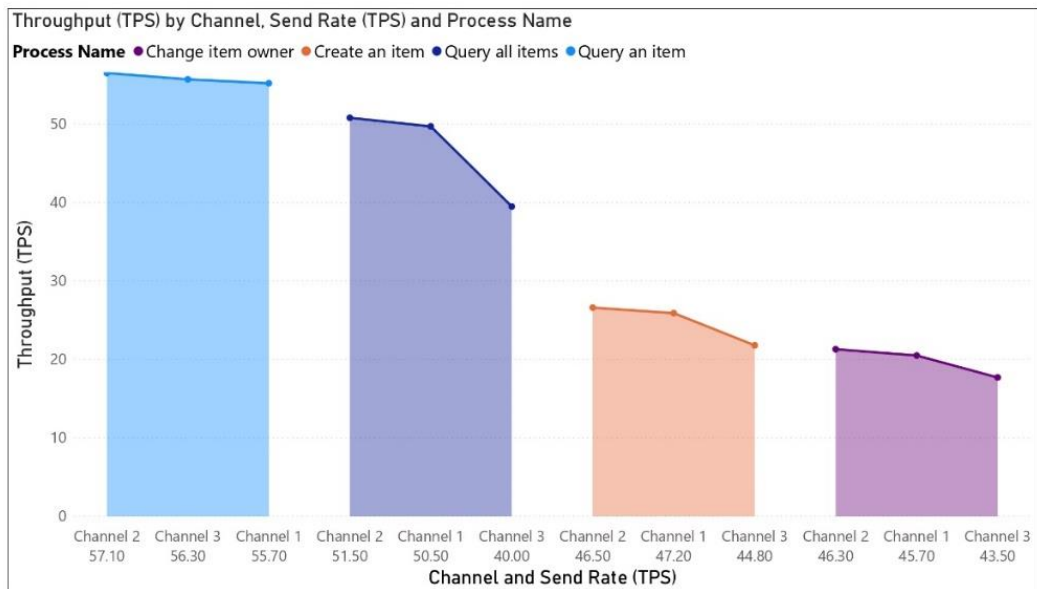
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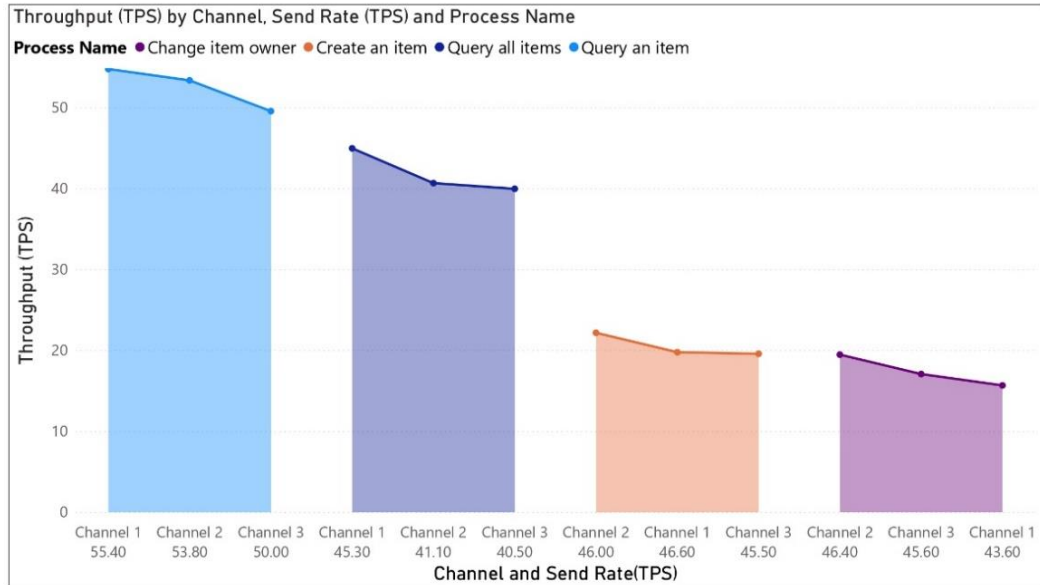
Fig 5. Simulation Results, First Iteration



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Fig 6. Simulation Results, Second Iteration



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Fig 7. Simulation Results, Third Iteration

## 489 Conclusion

490           Permissioned blockchain is one of the newest technologies to be compatible  
 491 with the halal supply chain, where administrators can determine the rights of each  
 492 category of halal supply chain participant, including what information is visible and  
 493 what information can be added to the blockchain. Usually, halal supply chain  
 494 participants such as suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, and retailers focus only on  
 495 their respective areas. Thus, regulators are also needed to determine the rights that  
 496 exist (so that a contract on the blockchain can be formed in accordance with the  
 497 case). Of course, the determination of these rights must also be done by consensus  
 498 so that no party feels disadvantaged.

499           The web interface created passed the validity test for the invoke function  
 500 using the Create an Item ID and Transfer an Item ID processes and the query  
 501 function using the Query an Item ID and Query All Items processes. In addition,  
 502 the web interface was also successfully tested to thwart the formation of a block in  
 503 the case of data input errors from the user. In the integration of the web interface

504 with the server, the server can serve as a provider of information and a validator of  
505 the web interface when the invoke or query processes on the web interface are  
506 running or an input error occurs on the web interface that causes the failure of  
507 blocks to be created on the blockchain.

508 Finally, from the results of simulations performed on the blockchain  
509 network created, we can see that blockchain can secure transaction data because not  
510 all transaction processes fail. Therefore, it is especially useful for securing  
511 transaction data about halal products, such as food or drinks, on the blockchain.  
512 This "tamper-proof" ability also creates transparency for end users who want to  
513 examine the halal supply chain process.

514 In the future, this research can be expanded by using other blockchain  
515 consensus methods, such as Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance and Zero  
516 Knowledge Proof. Other consensus methods can be simulated into the blockchain  
517 network system to determine which method's performance is best. Some  
518 developments can also be made to the blockchain network web interfaces, such as  
519 creating special programs to improve the interface for smartphones or developing  
520 user login systems through interfaces to validate blockchain network users. The  
521 interface of the blockchain network can also be synchronized with a barcode system  
522 to allow users to trace goods (Track and Trace). Furthermore, artificial intelligence  
523 can also be integrated into the blockchain network to smooth data input or data  
524 processing.

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