Escrow Integration for Pair Settlement

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What It Specifies

The escrow service is a credentialed third party. The settling parties admit the escrow's authority; the escrow holds value, commitment, or both during the settlement period; release happens under declared conditions.

Escrow lineage is retained alongside settlement lineage. Audit can reconstruct the escrow's role, the release conditions, and the resulting fund flow.

Why It Matters Structurally

Pair settlements involving deferred performance or asynchronous value transfer require escrow-class services. Without architectural support, escrow becomes ad-hoc and out-of-band.

Escrow integration produces structural support. The architecture defines how escrow services participate; settlements requiring escrow proceed within the architectural pattern.

How It Composes With Mesh Operation

The architecture defines escrow message types, release conditions, and dispute escalation. Escrow services implementing the protocol can participate in settlements; settling parties admit eligible escrow services.

Escrow services can compose with other architecture features. Cross-authority escrow, multi-party escrow, and dispute-protected escrow all build on the integration primitive.

What This Enables

Real-estate transactions, equipment leasing, and high-value freight operations all gain structurally-integrated escrow. Defense logistics gains the same for high-value handoff operations.

The architecture also supports gradual adoption. Escrow services emerging in the operational ecosystem integrate through declared credentialing rather than requiring architectural rebuild.