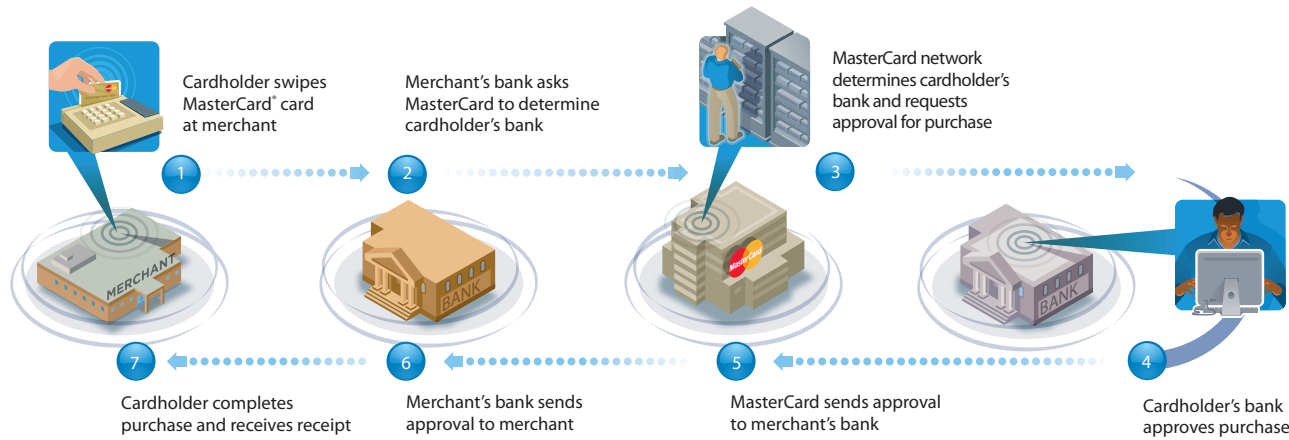


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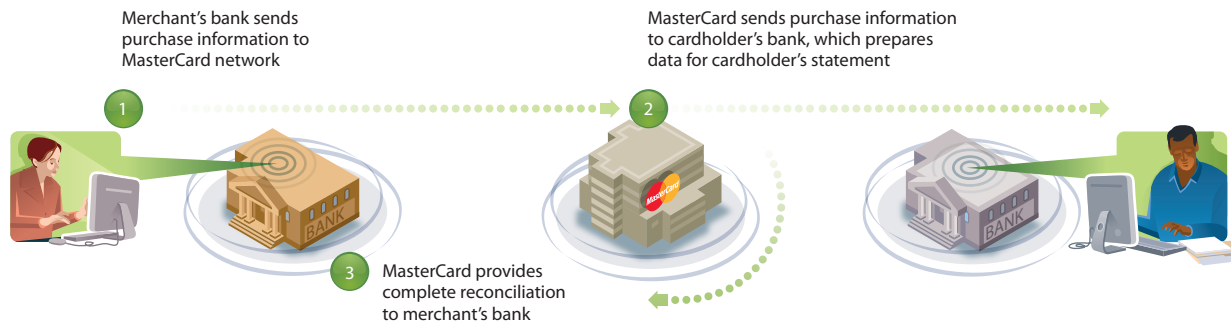


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Worldwide



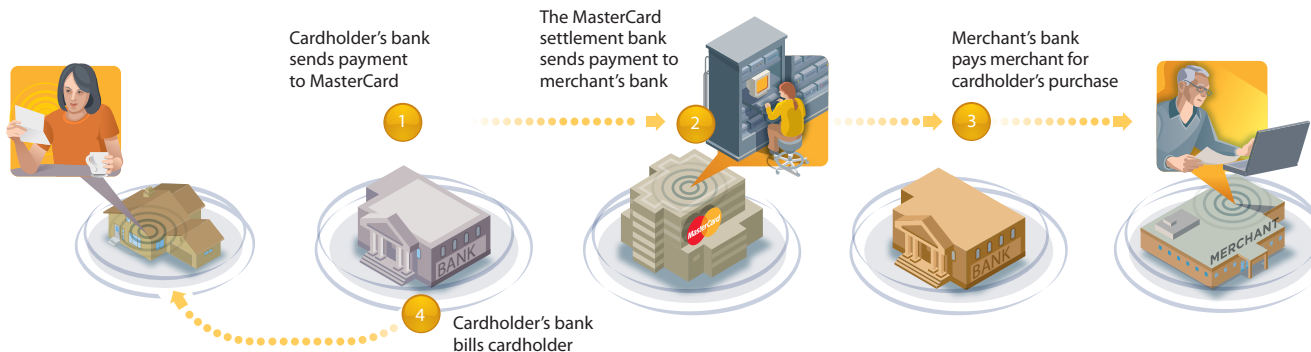
## AUTHORIZATION

TIME OF PURCHASE



## CLEARING

USUALLY WITHIN ONE DAY



## SETTLEMENT

USUALLY WITHIN TWO DAYS

### The MasterCard Network

- Connects 210 countries and more than 25,000 financial institutions
- Processes transactions in more than 160 currencies
- Has the capability to handle 140 million transactions per hour, and processes its portion of each transaction in an average of 120 milliseconds
- Has saved customers approximately 900 cumulative years of processing time since its upgrade in 1997
- Processed 14 billion MasterCard-branded authorizations in 2005



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