CS577 - Blockchain and Cryptocurrency

Project ID 2: **Smart Farming using Blockchain Technologies**

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The Project

We, the members of Group 12, have made a Decentralized Application for Food Traceability with a Micro-Finance functionality. This DApp tracks a farm product from the farmer to the consumer. Since farmers in developing countries like India are heavily dependent on bank loans, we have introduced a Micro-finance feature through which customers can provide small amount of funds to the farmers. We believe the small funds from various customers would be sufficient enough for the farmer to sustain their farming.

Steps to start the App

Step 1: **Create a private Ethereum network for the DApp**

For this, we are using Ganache. By making just one-click, Ganache automatically sets up a private network with appropriate parameters and creates several Ethereum accounts for testing.

Step 2: **Install/Update Dependencies**

Open a terminal in the project folder and execute the ***npm install*** command. This command will install or update the dependencies of the DApp.

Step 3: **Deploy the Smart Contract**

In the terminal enter this command ***truffle migrate***. This will deploy the smart contract in the contracts folder of the project, in our private network.

The output of ***truffle migrate*** will display a contract address. Copy this contract address into the app.js file in src folder. This file is responsible for all communications of the Web frontend with the blockchain.

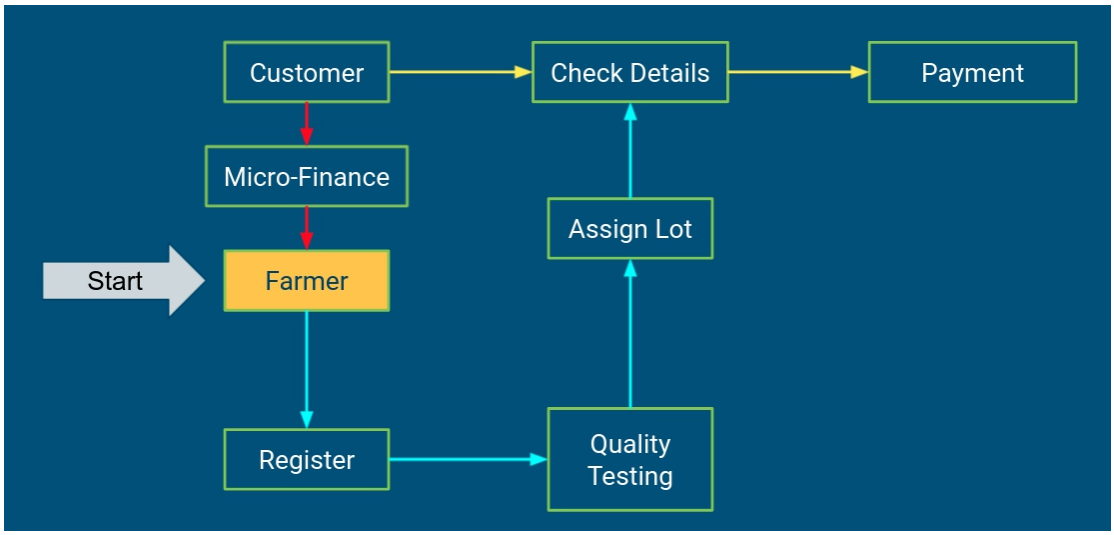
Step 4: **Start the DApp**

The final step is to run the command "**npm run dev**" which will automatically open the DApp in the default web browser. The app will be running on port 3000 on localhost.

Architecture of the DApp

The process of Smart Farming begins with the Farmer uploading their personal info and product info into the blockchain. Then the Quality Testing agent will approve the product details and assign a lot number. Next, Customers will be able to choose the Farmer's product and make the

payment. Finally, a Farmer, can ask his/her customers to provide some funds. Customers can optionally send the funds to the Farmers via the Micro-Finance feature.



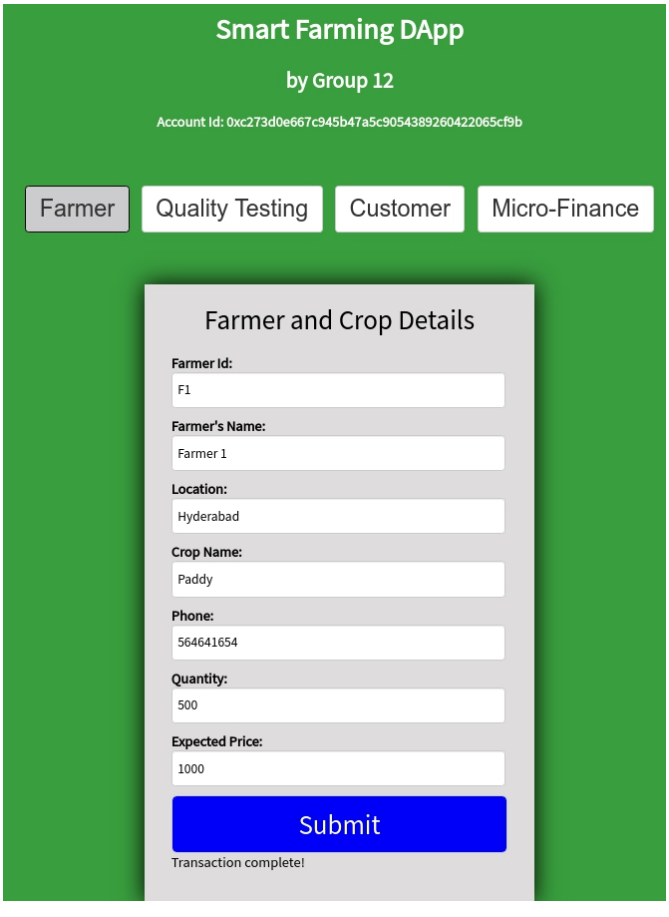
Tech Stack

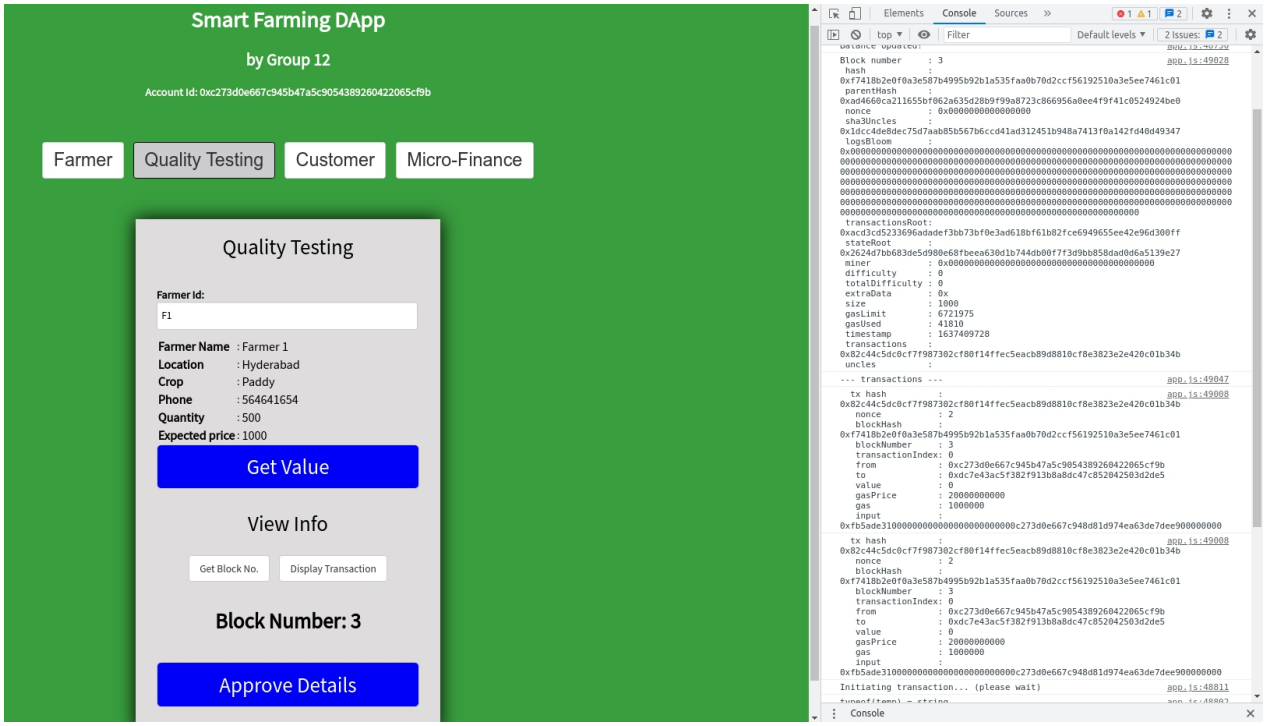
For implementing this project, we have used:

- **HTML, CSS, JavaScript**: For frontend of the DApp
- **Solidity**: For writing the smart contract
- **Ganache**: For starting an Ethereum private network. The project can also be run using Geth. But in Ganache we have an option in which the configuration of the private network is done automatically. If someone wants to run the project using Geth, they will have to configure the network manually.
- **Truffle**: For compiling smart contracts using the ***truffle migrate*** command.
- **Web3.js**: In order to facilitate communication between the blockchain and the DApp
- **npm**: For installing dependencies

Description of the App

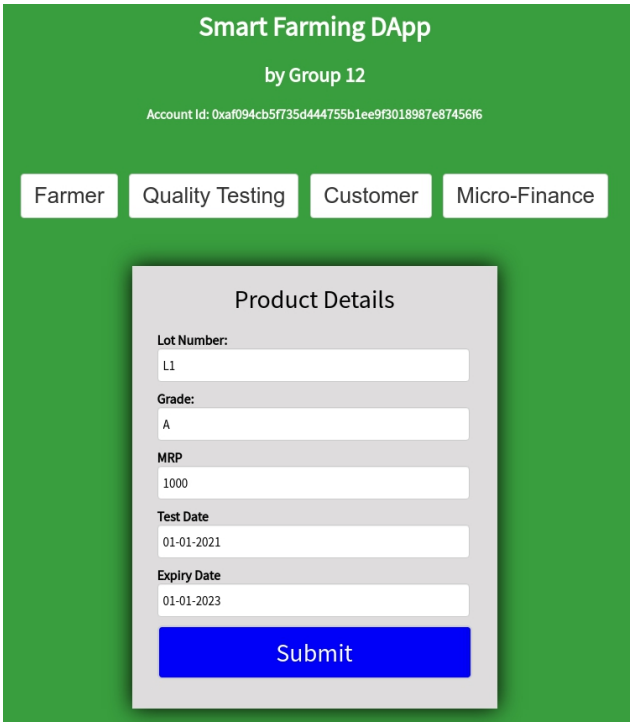
The adjacent screenshot shows the registration form for the farmer in the supply chain application. The entered details are stored directly onto the blockchain. The underlying technology uses Truffle for the deployment and Ganache as the backend blockchain. We use the Web3 Javascript provider API to interact with the blockchain.

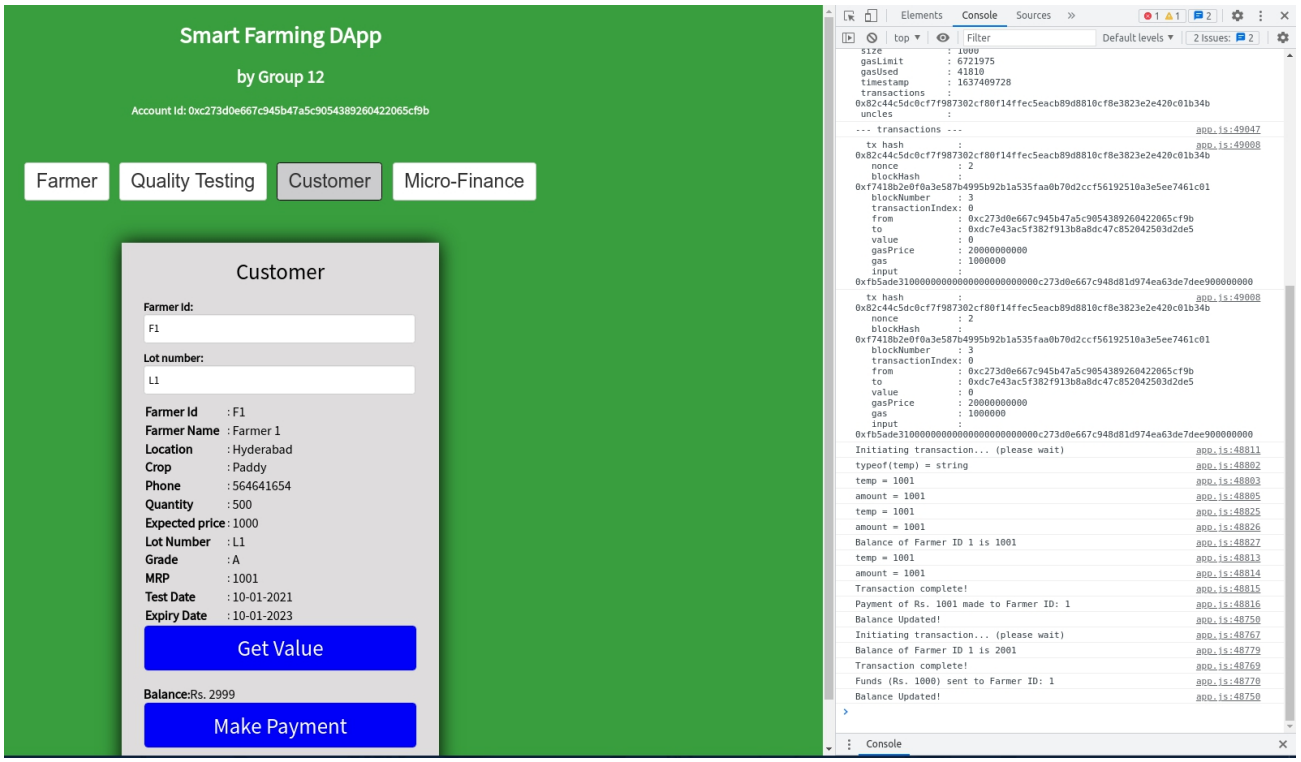




The next page is for quality testing, here we can get the farmer details by Farmer Id. These details are stored as a structure using solidity code onto the blockchain. The Farmer details are retrieved using a special data structure called mapping by Farmer Id. In the above screenshot, we can see the block details where the farmer's details are stored onto blockchain. The 'Approve Details' will approve the details of the farmer. We have included two functionalities: Get Block No. and Display Transaction. We can get the block and transaction details in which the farmer's info was uploaded in the blockchain. You can see the info in the Console of the browser.

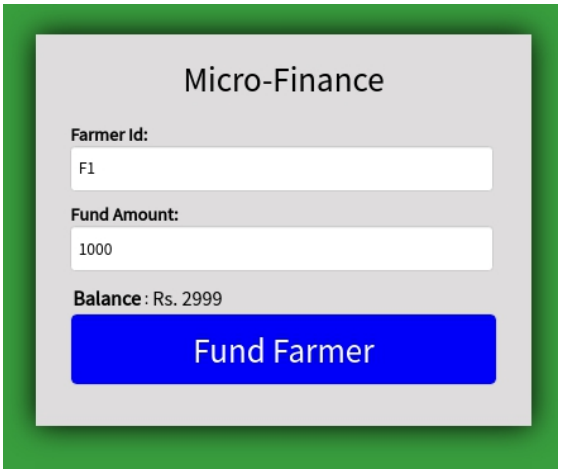
Approve Details button click will redirect to this Product details page. This is also part of the quality testing where we enter the lot number, grade, price, test date and expiry date. These details are also stored in the blockchain as a structure.





This is the Customer page where the customer can check the customer details and status of the quality testing of his agriculture produce. The customer has to enter the farmer id and Lot number to see the details. These customer details are retrieved from the blockchain. If thecustomer is okay with the price of the product, they can make the payment. The updated Customer balance is shown in the App and the updated Farmer balance can be seen in the Console.

The micro-finance form shown here enables any user to fund a farmer. The funding is done by providing the Farmer's ID and the amount.



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