Project 3: Decentralized Real Estate Marketplace

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Project Summary

Real Estate has made more millionaires than any other industry. However, it is not accessible to everyone. This is why we built a decentralized application to tokenize and invest in real estate.

Decentralization provides more investment opportunities to more people at a lower cost. As blockchain is rapidly spreading across industries, we believe decentralizing real estate is both valuable for long term decentralization.

Being one of the biggest industries in the world, we are confident that creating a DApp for real estate would be a great investment long term.

Tokenizing Real Estate Using Smart Contracts

- Through our decentralized REIT, we have allowed people to buy shares of real estate, to take advantage of its appreciation during periods of high inflation.
- By utilizing smart contracts, we look to simplify ownership disputes across an immutable blockchain ledger.
- Smart contracts will also alleviate transaction and legal fees that are notorious in the real estate industry.

Tools Used for Development

We used remix.ethereum to code the solidity contract

```
pragma solidity ^0.5.5;

import "https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/blob/relea

contract EstateRegistry is ERC721Full {
    constructor() public ERC721Full("EstateRegistry Token", "ACS") {}
}
```

We used VScode to house app function scripting

```
# Set the contract address (this is the address of the deployed contract)
contract_address = os.getenv("SMART_CONTRACT_ADDRESS")

# Get the contract
contract = w3.eth.contract(
    address=contract_address,
    abi=EstateRegistry_abi
)
```

Application Core Functionality

- Register Properties
- Tokenize Property Listings
- Appraise & Property Appraisal History
- Invest in Properties by Purchasing Shares of Ownership

Backend: Solidity Development

Solidity Contract

Compiler Versioning & OpenZepplin Import

Estate Registry ERC 721 Contract Created

- Constructor Function
 Initialized for Public Token
- Property Struct Created to
 Define Data Types for
 Property Tokenization

Mapping Property Portfolio & Appraisal Event Creation

```
14
15     mapping(uint256 => Property) public Portfolio;
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17     event Appraisal(uint256 tokenId, uint256 appraisalValue, string reportURI);
```

Contract Function and Token Minting

- Property Register function defined:
 - Owner
 - Property Name
 - Location
 - Appraisal Value
 - Token URI

```
function registerProperty(
    address owner,
    string memory name,
    string memory PropertyHistory,
    string memory Location,
    uint256 initialAppraisalValue,
    string memory tokenURI
) public returns (uint256) {
    uint256 tokenId = totalSupply();
```

Token Minting & ID Defined

- Token minting and token identification defined including token URI
- Property tokenization defined

```
public returns (uint256) {
    uint256 tokenId = totalSupply();
    _mint(owner, tokenId);
    _setTokenURI(tokenId, tokenURI);

    Portfolio[tokenId] = Property(name, PropertyHistory, Location, initialAppraisalValue);
    return tokenId;
}
```

Property Appraisal Function Defined

```
function newAppraisal(
    uint256 tokenId,
    uint256 newAppraisalValue,
    string memory reportURI
  public returns (uint256) {
    Portfolio[tokenId].appraisalValue = newAppraisalValue;
    emit Appraisal(tokenId, newAppraisalValue, reportURI);
    return Portfolio[tokenId].appraisalValue;
```

Frontend: Python Development

Property App Script: Functions & UI (Streamlit)

Import Dependencies & Libraries

Import Wallet Functions

```
# From `crypto_wallet.py import the functions generate_account, get_balance,
# and send_transaction
from crypto_wallet import generate_account, get_balance, send_transaction
```

Investment Properties Database Defined

```
# properties Information
# Database of properties including their name, digital address, detail and cost per Ether.
# A single Ether is currently valued at $3000
properties database = {
    "Montauk Surfside": ["Montauk Surfside", "0xaC8eB8B2ed5C4a0fC41a84Ee4950F417f67029F0", "66 Surfside Av
    "The Baldhead House": ["The Baldhead House", "0x2422858F9C4480c2724A309D58Ffd7Ac8bF65396", "218 Statio
    "Cliff House": ["Cliff House", "0x8fD00f170FDf3772C5ebdCD90bF257316c69BA45", "62 Sols Cliff Rd, Bar Ha
    "The Delaware Farm": ["The Delaware Farm", "0x8fD00f170FDf3772C5ebdCD90bF257<u>316c69BA45", "23556 Sloan</u>
# A list of the properties
properties = ["Montauk Surfside", "The Baldhead House", "Cliff House", "The Delaware Farm"]
```

get_properties Function Calls Database Values

```
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     def get_properties():
         """Display the database of properties information."""
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         db_list = list(properties_database.values())
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45
         for number in range(len(properties)):
46
             st.image(db list[number][4], width=400)
             st.write("Name: ", db_list[number][0])
47
             st.write("Ethereum Address: ", db_list[number][1])
48
49
             st.write("Property Address: ", db_list[number][2])
             st.write("Ethereum Price : ", db list[number][3], "eth")
50
51
             st.text(" \n")
52
```

Streamlit Code

```
# Streamlit application headings
st.markdown("# Property Listings")
st.markdown("## Available Investments ")
st.text(" \n")
# Streamlit Sidebar Code - Start
st.sidebar.markdown("## Client Account Address and Ethernet Balance in Ether")
************************************
 Call the `generate_account` function and save it as the variable `account`
account = generate account(w3)
# Write the client's Ethereum account address to the sidebar
st.sidebar.write(account.address)
```

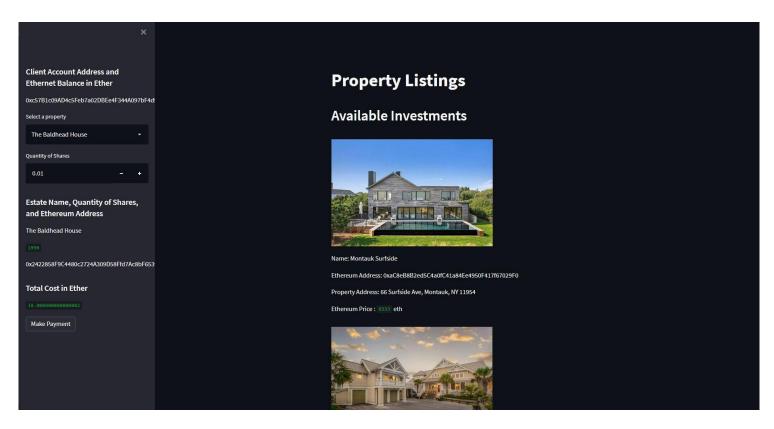
Properties
Defined &
Written to
Streamlit
Sidebar

```
# Create a select box to chose a property
properties = st.sidebar.selectbox('Select a property', properties)
# Create a input field to record the number of Shares the properties worked
Shares = st.sidebar.number_input("Quantity of Shares")
st.sidebar.markdown("## Estate Name, Quantity of Shares, and Ethereum Address")
# Identify the property
properties = properties database[properties][0]
# Write the property name to the sidebar
st.sidebar.write(properties)
# Identify the property fractional share
fractional_share = properties_database[properties][3]
```

TX Hashing & Payment

```
if st.sidebar.button("Make Payment"):
   # Call the `send transaction` function and pass it 3 parameters:
   # Your `account`, the `properties address`, and the 'Cost` as parameters
   # Save the returned transaction hash as a variable named `transaction hash`
    transaction_hash = send_transaction(w3,account, properties_address, Cost)
   # Markdown for the transaction hash
   st.sidebar.markdown("#### Validated Transaction Hash")
   # Write the returned transaction hash to the screen
   st.sidebar.write(transaction hash)
   # Celebrate your successful payment
   st.balloons()
# The function that starts the Streamlit application
# Writes properties propertiess to the Streamlit page
get properties()
```

Final Product: Property Listing



Video Demo

Share Purchase Confirmation on Testnet (Truffle via Ganache)

TX HASH

0×622e23477f5a35c2f1b1d7f98ba146c71f9b54795d643a9fea3e12ff4cdba1e4

CONTRACT CALL

FROM ADDRESS

0xc57B1c09AD4c5Feb7a02DBEe4F344A097bF4d912

TO CONTRACT ADDRESS

0×8fD00f170FDf3772C5ebdCD90bF257316c69BA45

GAS USED

VALUE

297000000000000000000

App Script: Property Image Functions w/ Pinata

Dependency & Library Imports

```
import os
import ison
from web3 import Web3
from pathlib import Path
from dotenv import load dotenv
import streamlit as st
from pinata import pin file to ipfs, pin json to ipfs, convert data to json
load dotenv()
# Define and connect a new Web3 provider
w3 = Web3(Web3.HTTPProvider(os.getenv("WEB3 PROVIDER URI")))
```

Smart Contract Load Function Defined

```
@st.cache(allow_output_mutation=True)
def load contract():
   # Load the contract ABI
   with open(Path('./EstateRegistry_abi.json')) as f:
       EstateRegistry abi = json.load(f)
   # Set the contract address (this is the address of the deployed contract)
   contract address = os.getenv("SMART_CONTRACT_ADDRESS")
   # Get the contract
   contract = w3.eth.contract(
       address=contract address,
       abi=EstateRegistry abi
   return contract
# Load the contract
contract = load contract()
```

Pin Property Function to Hash & Convert JSON Data to IPFS

```
def pin_property(property_name, property_file):
   # Pin the file to IPFS with Pinata
    ipfs file hash = pin file to ipfs(property file.getvalue())
   # Build a token metadata file for the property
    token json = {
        "name": property name,
        "image": ipfs file hash
    json_data = convert_data_to_json(token_json)
    # Pin the json to IPFS with Pinata
    json ipfs hash = pin json to ipfs(json data)
   return json ipfs hash
```

Used Pinata for Property Registration

```
if st.button("Register property"):
   # Use the 'pin property' helper function to pin the file to IPFS
   property ipfs hash = pin property(property name, file)
   property uri = f"ipfs://{property ipfs hash}"
   tx hash = contract.functions.registerProperty(
        address,
        property name,
       property information,
        int(initial appraisal value),
        property uri
    ).transact({'from': address, 'gas': 1000000})
   receipt = w3.eth.waitForTransactionReceipt(tx hash)
   st.write("Transaction receipt mined:")
   st.write(dict(receipt))
   st.write("You can view the pinned metadata file with the following IPFS Gateway Link")
   st.markdown(f"[property IPFS Gateway Link](https://ipfs.io/ipfs/{property ipfs hash})")
st.markdown("---")
```

Property Appraisal

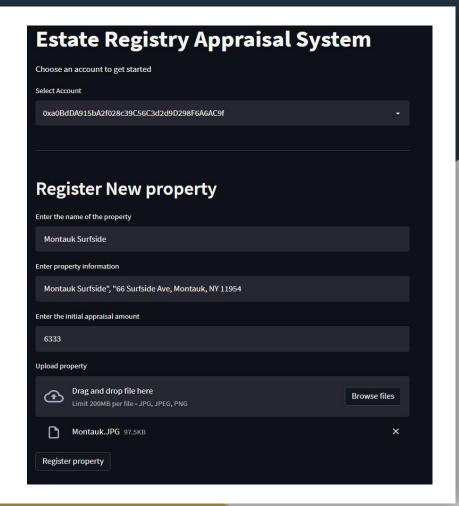
- Reporting hash
 defined using IPFS
- URI Report Defined
- TX Hash Defined
- Web3 used to write

```
receipt of TXs
```

```
if st.button("Appraise property"):
    # Use Pinata to pin an appraisal report for the report content
    appraisal report ipfs hash = pin appraisal report(appraisal report content)
    # Copy and save the URI to this report for later use as the smart contract's
    report uri = f"ipfs://{appraisal report ipfs hash}"
    tx hash = contract.functions.newAppraisal(
        token id,
        int(new appraisal value),
        report uri
    ).transact({"from": w3.eth.accounts[0]})
    receipt = w3.eth.waitForTransactionReceipt(tx hash)
    st.write(receipt)
st.markdown("---")
```

Final Product: Estate Registry System

- Allows new properties to be added to the application and shares can be fractionalized so owners can buy and sell shares.
- Owners enter an appraised value of the house and can offer portions of the property for sale.



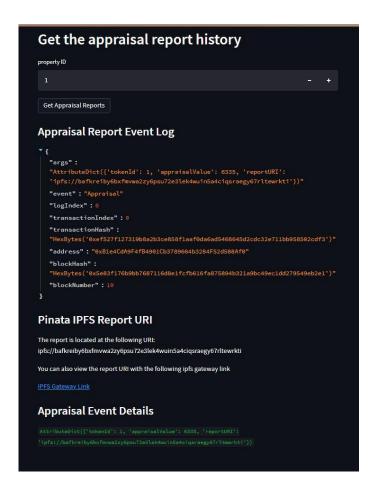
Final Product: Appraisal History Report

Appraisal History allows investors to

see how the property has been

appraised in the past, and see if they

want to invest in a given property



Video Demo

Thank You