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AGRICHAIN — Redefined System Architecture

You currently have:

Farmer → Distributor → Retailer → Consumer
Basic verification + QR tracking

That's a *linear tracking model*.

We're going to upgrade it into:

A decentralized, AI-powered agricultural trust & intelligence network

1 First Major Decision: Public or Private Ethereum?

Let's be practical.

Public Ethereum (Mainnet)

- High gas fees
- Slow confirmation
- Not scalable for daily agri transactions
- Not suitable for Aadhaar-linked identity

Public Testnets

Good for demo. Not production.

Best Choice: Permissioned Blockchain

Use:

- **Hyperledger Besu (private Ethereum network)**
- Or **Polygon Supernets**
- Or **Quorum**

My recommendation for your case:

 **Private Ethereum (Besu) + Anchor Hash to Public Ethereum**

Why?

- Real supply chains need privacy
- You store land docs, Aadhaar verification hashes
- Government partnerships require controlled nodes
- You control validators (Farmer Board / FPO / Govt / Audit Authority)

Redefined AGRICHAIN Architecture

We divide system into 5 layers:

1. Identity & Trust Layer
2. Product Lifecycle Layer
3. AI Intelligence Layer
4. Compliance & Audit Layer
5. Consumer Transparency Layer

2 Identity & Trust Layer (Very Important)

Current model: user registers → gets private key.

We improve this.

Use DID (Decentralized Identity)

Each user gets:

- Wallet address
- DID ID
- Role-based smart contract access
- Verified credentials stored as hashes

Instead of storing documents on chain:

- Store in IPFS
- Store only hash in blockchain

For Aadhaar

Never store Aadhaar.

Store:

SHA256(aadhaar + salt)

3 Product Lifecycle Redefined

Instead of "verify same product"

We introduce:

Digital Product Passport (DPP)

Each product batch has:

- Batch ID
 - Farm geo-location
 - Soil quality data
 - Fertilizer usage
 - Harvest date
 - Storage condition logs
 - Transport temperature logs
 - Ownership transfer history
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Flow Becomes:

Farmer:

- Creates Batch NFT (Non-tradable)
- Uploads crop metadata
- AI validates anomaly
- Signs transaction

Distributor:

- Accepts custody
- Adds transport logs
- IoT sensor integration (future)
- Timestamp + geotag

Retailer:

- Confirms receipt
- Adds storage metadata
- Sets expiry

Consumer:

- Scans QR
 - Views full traceability
 - AI quality score
 - Trust index
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4 Smart Contract Structure

We don't use one big contract.

We modularize:

Contracts:

1. IdentityRegistry.sol
 2. RoleManager.sol
 3. ProductBatch.sol
 4. OwnershipTransfer.sol
 5. AuditTrail.sol
 6. AIOracle.sol
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5 AI Integration (Your Competitive Advantage)

Now we make this intelligent.



Farmer AI Agent

- Price prediction (already you planned)
- Crop disease detection (image model)
- Yield estimation
- Fraud land detection



Distributor AI Agent

- Route optimization
- Spoilage risk detection
- Cold-chain anomaly alert



Retailer AI Agent

- Demand forecasting
- Waste prediction
- Smart reorder recommendation



Consumer AI Agent

- Allergy safety check
- Nutritional recommendation
- Authenticity trust score

6 AI + Blockchain Interaction

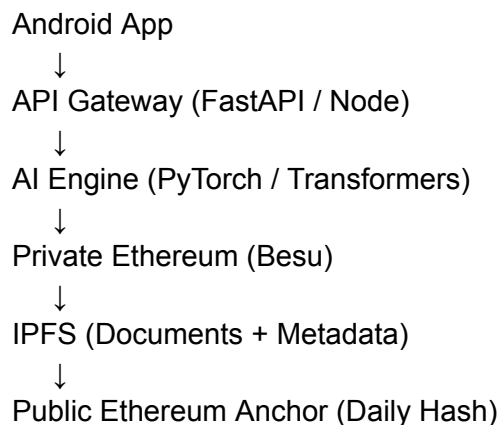
AI does NOT write directly to chain.

Flow:

AI Model → Backend validation → Oracle contract → Store decision hash on-chain

Never store raw ML output directly.

7 System Architecture Diagram (Conceptual)



8 Database Design

Use hybrid model:

Component	Use
PostgreSQL	User metadata

Redis	Session cache
IPFS	Documents
Ethereum	Immutable audit

9 Language Compatibility Upgrade

You asked about better language automation.

Use:

- Google ML Kit Translation API
- DeepL API (better accuracy)
- Meta NLLB models (open-source multilingual)

But best approach:

Store content keys like:

dashboard.price_prediction.title

Then dynamically fetch translation.

Do NOT hardcode translations.

10 Security Model

You must implement:

- Multi-signature for batch disputes
- Slashing validator nodes
- Role-based transaction validation

- KYC status flag in smart contract
 - Fraud detection AI flagging
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Add Advanced Features

Now we elevate it beyond tracking.

Government Integration

- Land registry API
- Soil health card integration

DeFi Extension

- Farmer collateral loans using batch NFT
- Crop insurance smart contracts

ESG Reporting

- Carbon footprint tracking
 - Water usage score
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Data You Should NOT Put on Blockchain

- Aadhaar number

- Personal phone numbers
- Raw images
- GPS raw logs

Only store:

- Hashes
 - References
 - Proofs
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QR Code Structure

QR should contain:

agrchain://batchID=0x34f...

App fetches metadata from backend + blockchain.

Never expose raw node RPC to public app.

Governance Model

Who runs validators?

Options:

- Government agriculture dept
- Farmer Producer Organizations
- Certified distributors

- Independent audit body

Minimum 5 validator nodes.

Final System Model (Mature Version)

This is no longer:

“Track product from farm to table.”

It becomes:

A decentralized agricultural trust infrastructure with AI-based validation, fraud detection, and supply chain intelligence.

What You Built vs What You Should Build

Current:

Simple verification + timestamp

Upgraded:

- Identity layer
- Digital product passport
- AI-driven anomaly detection
- Oracle integration
- Modular smart contracts
- Hybrid architecture
- Governance model

Tracking becomes powerful only if it provides:

1 Anti-Counterfeit Protection

Consumer verifies:

- This tomato actually came from X farm
- It was not replaced in between

This matters in:

- Organic products
 - Export goods
 - High-value crops (saffron, spices, premium rice)
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2 Food Safety & Recall System

If contamination happens:

Instead of recalling ALL products,
You recall only:

Batch ID 0x7829 from Farm A on 12 Jan.

That saves:

- Money
- Reputation
- Lives

3 Trust Score for Farmers

If Farmer A consistently:

- Delivers on time
- Has low spoilage
- Follows organic certification

His trust score increases.

Now:

Retailers prefer him.

Banks trust him for loans.

Tracking → Reputation economy.

4 Dispute Resolution

Example:

Distributor claims:

“Product was spoiled when I received it.”

Farmer claims:

“It left my farm fresh.”

Blockchain timestamp + condition logs settle dispute.

Without tracking?

It becomes blame game.

5 Export & Certification Support

If exporting to EU or US:

They require:

- Traceability
- Proof of pesticide usage
- Cold chain logs

Tracking enables compliance.

How To Make Tracking Actually Valuable

Instead of just showing:

Timeline view

Show:

Smart Insights Layer

When consumer scans:

Show:

- Farm story
- Soil type
- Organic verification status
- Transport temperature safety status
- AI freshness score
- Estimated days remaining before spoilage
- Carbon footprint

Now scanning becomes meaningful.

Layer	Tech
Mobile	Flutter
Backend	FastAPI
AI	PyTorch + Transformers
Blockchain	Hyperledger Besu
Contracts	Solidity + Hardhat
DB	PostgreSQL
Cache	Redis
Storage	IPFS
Queue	Kafka
Container	Docker
Cloud	AWS

AGRICHain =

AI-powered, permissioned supply chain blockchain system with mobile app interface

So your stack must support:

- Identity + KYC
- Private blockchain
- IPFS document storage
- AI services
- Real-time APIs
- Role-based dashboards
- QR-based traceability

- Future scalability
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COMPLETE SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

We divide into 7 layers:

1. Mobile App Layer (Flutter)
2. API Gateway Layer
3. Core Backend Layer
4. AI Engine Layer
5. Blockchain Layer
6. Storage Layer
7. DevOps & Infrastructure Layer

Let's define each properly.

1 Mobile Layer (You Already Use Flutter)

✓ Flutter

Keep it.

Why?

- Cross platform
- Good for rural Android devices
- Fast iteration

Add:

- Riverpod / Bloc (state management)
- Dio (networking)
- Web3dart (blockchain interaction)
- QR code scanner package

But very important:

⚠ Flutter should NEVER directly talk to blockchain node.
Always go through backend.

2 API Gateway Layer

This is your central control.

Recommended:

👉 **FastAPI (Python)**

Why:

- Fast
- Async
- AI integration friendly
- Clean documentation (Swagger auto-generated)

Alternative:

- Node.js (if your team prefers JS)

Since you're already working with AI and PyTorch,
FastAPI is better.

3 Core Backend Services

Use microservice-like modular structure.

Core Services:

Service	Purpose
Auth Service	OTP + JWT + role management
Identity Service	Aadhaar hash, KYC validation
Product Service	Batch creation & lifecycle
Tracking Service	Custody updates
AI Service	Prediction + anomaly detection
QR Service	Generate & validate QR
Notification Service	SMS / Push

4 Database Stack

Use Hybrid.

PostgreSQL

For:

- User profiles
- Role data
- Metadata
- Business info

Redis

For:

- Session cache
 - OTP storage
 - Rate limiting
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5 Blockchain Layer

Now the important decision.



Use Hyperledger Besu (Private Ethereum)

Why:

- Ethereum compatible
- Supports permissioned network
- Enterprise grade
- You already understand Ethereum

Setup:

- 5 Validator Nodes
 - IBFT 2.0 consensus
 - Role-based access control
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Smart Contract Development

Language:

👉 Solidity

Framework:

👉 Hardhat

Testing:

👉 Mocha + Chai

Security:

👉 Slither + Mythril static analysis

6 Document Storage

Never store documents on chain.

Use:

IPFS

Store:

- Land certificate
- Business license
- Batch metadata JSON

Blockchain stores:

- IPFS CID
 - Hash
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7 AI Layer

This is where AGRICHAIN becomes powerful.

Use:

PyTorch

For:

- Price prediction
- Spoilage detection
- Crop disease detection (image model)

HuggingFace Transformers

For:

- Document fraud detection
 - OCR validation
 - Language translation
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AI Deployment

Use:

- FastAPI endpoints
 - Run models via TorchServe
 - Or Docker containerized AI microservice
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Aadhaar Verification

Important:

Never store Aadhaar number.

Instead:

- Use UIDAI verification API (if allowed)
- Store only hash + verification flag

For MVP:

- Use OCR + checksum validation
 - Hash value
 - Manual review flag
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9 QR System

Use:

QR contains:

agrichain://batch/{batchId}

Backend:

- Fetch blockchain logs
- Fetch metadata from IPFS
- Return structured product history

Never expose RPC endpoint.

10 Translation / Language Automation

Instead of static translations:

Use:

Option 1 (Best):

Meta NLLB model (offline multilingual AI)

Option 2:

Google Cloud Translation API

Option 3:

Open-source Argos Translate (offline lightweight)

Best scalable option:

Store content keys in DB + use translation API fallback.

DevOps & Deployment

Now we build serious infra.

Containerization:

Docker for:

- Backend
- AI
- Blockchain nodes
- IPFS

Orchestration:

Kubernetes (if scaling)

Otherwise:

Docker Compose for MVP

Cloud:

For MVP:

- AWS EC2 or DigitalOcean

For scaling:

- AWS EKS
 - Managed PostgreSQL
 - Managed Redis
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Security Stack

Must include:

- JWT Authentication
 - Role-based access control
 - Smart contract access modifier
 - Rate limiting
 - IP whitelisting for validator nodes
 - HTTPS only
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Event Architecture

Use:

Kafka or RabbitMQ

For:

- Blockchain event listeners
 - AI triggers
 - Notification triggers
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What You Should NOT Use

- Firebase as main backend
 - Public Ethereum mainnet
 - Direct blockchain calls from Flutter
 - Store documents on-chain
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Development Phases

Phase 1 – Core MVP

- Private chain
- Basic batch tracking
- QR view
- KYC minimal

Phase 2 – AI Integration

- Price prediction
- Fraud detection

Phase 3 – Intelligence Layer

- Trust score
- Spoilage alerts
- Demand forecasting

Phase 4 – Governance & Scaling

- Multi-validator
 - Anchor hash to public Ethereum
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Roles for Each

Define Roles Clearly (No Overlap Chaos)

With 5 members, here's the optimal split:

① Blockchain Engineer

- Smart contracts
- Besu setup
- Node configuration
- Event listeners

② Backend Engineer

- FastAPI
- PostgreSQL
- Redis
- Auth & Role management

③ AI Engineer

- Price prediction
- OCR verification
- Fraud detection
- Model APIs

④ Mobile Engineer (Flutter)

- UI/UX
- State management

- API integration
- QR scanning

5 DevOps / Infra Engineer

- Docker
- Deployment
- CI/CD
- Monitoring
- Security hardening

Tech Stack

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└─ mobile/ (Flutter)

└─ backend/ (FastAPI)

└─ blockchain/ (Hardhat + Solidity)

└─ ai-service/ (future)

└─ infra/ (Docker configs)

STACK SUMMARY

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PHASE 1 — CORE INFRASTRUCTURE (Foundation)

This phase builds your backbone.

1 Private Blockchain Setup

- Hyperledger Besu
- 4–5 validator nodes
- IBFT 2.0 consensus
- RPC restricted to backend only

Deliverable:

- ✓ Stable running private Ethereum network
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2 Identity Smart Contracts

Contracts to build:

- IdentityRegistry.sol
- RoleManager.sol

Features:

- Register user
- Assign role
- Verify KYC flag
- Role-based access modifier

Deliverable:

- ✓ Users can be registered and assigned roles securely

3 Backend Auth System

Implement:

- Phone OTP login
- JWT access tokens
- Role-based middleware
- Aadhaar hash storage (NOT raw number)

Deliverable:

✓ Secure login + role-based API access

PHASE 2 — PRODUCT LIFECYCLE (Core Value)

Now we introduce actual supply chain.

4 ProductBatch Smart Contract

Features:

- Create batch
- Transfer custody
- Store IPFS metadata CID
- Emit events

No AI yet.

No fancy dashboards.

Just correct blockchain lifecycle.

Deliverable:

✓ Batch moves from Farmer → Distributor → Retailer

5 QR Tracking System

QR contains:

agrchain://batch/{batchId}

Backend:

- Reads blockchain logs
- Fetches IPFS metadata
- Returns structured tracking timeline

Deliverable:

✓ Consumer can scan and view history

Now you have a working blockchain supply chain.



PHASE 3 — AI ENHANCEMENT

Now we add intelligence.

6 AI Service Layer

Separate microservice.

Start small:

- Price prediction model
- Basic anomaly detection

Later:

- Crop disease detection (image)
- Spoilage risk prediction

AI writes:

- Result hash to chain
- Detailed result in DB

Deliverable:

- ✓ AI-enhanced dashboard for farmer
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PHASE 4 — TRUST & REPUTATION

This is where AGRICHAIN becomes powerful.

7 Trust Score System

Score based on:

- On-time delivery
- Spoilage rate
- Verification status
- Dispute history

Store:

- Score in backend
- Hash on chain

Deliverable:

- ✓ Reputation visible in dashboards
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PHASE 5 — GOVERNANCE & SCALING

8 Add Multi-Signature Approvals

For:

- Dispute resolution
 - Batch rejection
-

9 Public Chain Anchor

Once per day:

- Take hash of all transactions
- Anchor to Ethereum public network

This provides:

- Tamper proof assurance

Adhaar

Purpose Of Aadhaar Verification?

Be honest:

Aadhaar verification is NOT for blockchain.

It is NOT for tracking.

It is NOT for consumers.

It is for:

- ✓ **Identity assurance**
- ✓ **Fraud prevention**
- ✓ **Legal accountability**
- ✓ **Government integration readiness**

If a farmer uploads fake land,
or a distributor disappears after fraud,
you must know who they are.

But Important:

You should NOT store Aadhaar number.

You should NOT store raw PDF.

You should NOT put it on blockchain.

You store:

- Verification status (true/false)
- Hash of ID + salt
- Verification timestamp

That's it.

Farmer — Yes

Because:

- Land ownership
- Subsidy eligibility
- Certification

Distributor — Yes

Because:

- Logistics responsibility
- Liability

Retailer — Yes

Because:

- Business license validation

Consumer — Optional

Unless:

- You're issuing digital wallet
- Or government-linked benefits

Don't overcomplicate consumer onboarding.

Clean Strategy For MVP

Here's what I suggest:

Farmer

- Aadhaar format validation
- Pre-approved land certificate binding

Distributor

- GST format validation
- Pre-approved license binding

Retailer

- GST / FSSAI format validation
- Pre-approved license binding

All approvals simulated via GovernmentAuthority smart contract.

Tab 5

PART A — FULL BESU NETWORK SETUP (STEP-BY-STEP)

We are building a **Permissioned IBFT 2.0 network with 4 validators**.

For MVP you can run all locally.

For production you distribute across servers.

STEP 1 — Install Besu

On Linux / WSL / Ubuntu server:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install openjdk-17-jdk -y
```

Download Besu:

```
wget https://hyperledger.jfrog.io/artifactory/besu-binaries/besu/24.1.1/besu-24.1.1.tar.gz
tar -xvf besu-24.1.1.tar.gz
cd besu-24.1.1
```

Verify:

```
./bin/besu --version
```

STEP 2 — Create Validator Nodes

Create 4 folders:

```
mkdir validator1 validator2 validator3 validator4
```

Generate key pairs:

```
./bin/besu public-key export-address --node-private-key-file=validator1/key
```

Repeat for all validators.

Save:

- node key
 - public address
-

STEP 3 — Create Genesis File (IBFT 2.0)

Create `genesis.json`:

Important fields:

- consensus: ibft2
- blockperiodseconds: 2
- epochlength: 30000
- gasLimit
- initial validator list

Example structure (conceptual):

```
{
  "config": {
    "chainId": 1337,
    "ibft2": {
      "blockperiodseconds": 2,
      "epochlength": 30000
    }
  },
  "gasLimit": "0x1fffffffffffff",
  "alloc": {}
}
```

Use Besu tool to generate extraData for validators.



STEP 4 — Start Validator Nodes

Each node:

```
./bin/besu \  
--data-path=validator1 \  
--genesis-file=genesis.json \  
--rpc-http-enabled \  
--rpc-http-api=ETH,NET,WEB3 \  
--host-allowlist="*" \  
--rpc-http-port=8545 \  
--p2p-port=30303
```

Each validator uses different ports.

Once started:

- ✓ Blocks should begin producing
- ✓ `eth.blockNumber` increases

If blocks increase every 2 seconds → network healthy.



STEP 5 — Lock Down RPC

For production:

- Disable public RPC
 - Restrict by IP
 - Use reverse proxy (NGINX)
 - Enable TLS
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WHY THIS NETWORK IS STRONG

Because:

- Multi-validator
- Byzantine Fault Tolerant
- Permissioned
- Deterministic finality
- No mining

This is enterprise-grade.



PART B — SMART CONTRACT ARCHITECTURE (PRODUCTION READY)

Now we design contracts cleanly.

We implement modular, upgrade-friendly structure.



Hardhat Setup

Inside `blockchain/`:

```
npm init -y  
npm install --save-dev hardhat  
npx hardhat
```

Install:

```
npm install @openzeppelin/contracts dotenv
```

Configure `hardhat.config.js` to connect to Besu RPC.



CONTRACT 1 — IdentityRegistry.sol

Purpose:

Manage user roles & verification flags.

Core features:

- `registerUser(address, role)`
- `setVerified(address, bool)`
- `getRole(address)`
- `onlyGovernment` modifier

Roles enum:

- FARMER
- DISTRIBUTOR
- RETAILER
- GOVERNMENT
- AUDITOR



CONTRACT 2 — CertificateRegistry.sol

Purpose:

Approve certificates before binding.

Stores:

- aadhaarHash → docHash
- wallet → docHash binding

Functions:

- approveCertificate(bytes32 aadhaarHash, bytes32 docHash)
- bindCertificate(address wallet, bytes32 aadhaarHash)

Enforces:

- Only government can approve
- Aadhaar can bind once
- Wallet can bind once



CONTRACT 3 — ProductBatch.sol (CORE)

Stores:

```
struct Batch {  
    uint256 batchId;  
    address currentOwner;  
    uint256 quantity;  
    bytes32 metadataHash;  
    uint256 parentBatchId;  
    bool active;  
    uint256 createdAt;  
}
```

Functions:

- createBatch(uint quantity, bytes32 metadataHash)

- `transferBatch(uint batchId, address newOwner)`
- `splitBatch(uint batchId, uint splitQuantity)`

Rules:

- ✓ Only owner can split
- ✓ Quantity reduces
- ✓ Cannot oversplit
- ✓ Auto close when quantity = 0

Emit events for backend indexing.



CONTRACT 4 — AuditTrail.sol (Phase 2)

Stores:

- AI risk flags
- Recall status
- Compliance markers

Does not store heavy data.
Only hashes.



CONTRACT 5 — TrustScore.sol (Phase 3)

Stores:

- `trustScore` snapshot

- lastUpdated

Score calculation happens off-chain.

CONTRACT 6 — PublicAnchor.sol (Future)

Daily:

Backend calculates Merkle root
Stores hash on chain

Later:

Anchors that hash to Ethereum mainnet.

CONTRACT DEPLOYMENT ORDER

1. IdentityRegistry
2. CertificateRegistry (needs Identity address)
3. ProductBatch (needs Identity)
4. AuditTrail
5. TrustScore

Save addresses in config file.

BACKEND BLOCKCHAIN GATEWAY

Use Python `web3.py`.

Responsibilities:

- Sign transactions
- Call contract functions
- Listen to events
- Store event data in PostgreSQL

Never let frontend interact directly.



EVENT LISTENER SERVICE

Backend worker subscribes to:

- BatchCreated
- BatchSplit
- BatchTransferred

Builds relational lineage table.



FRONTEND FLOW

User action →
Flutter →
Backend →
Blockchain →
Event →
Backend DB →
Response →
Flutter UI

Clean separation.



FUTURE GOVERNANCE UPGRADE

Later:

- MultiSigDispute contract
- Freeze batch function
- Slashing logic
- Public anchor integration

Your architecture supports this.

Blockchain Configuration

ibftConfig.json :

```
{
  "genesis": {
    "config": {
      "chainId": 1337,
      "ibft2": {
        "blockperiodseconds": 2,
        "epochlength": 30000
      }
    },
    "gasLimit": "0x1fffffffffffffffff"
  },
  "blockchain": {
    "nodes": {
      "generate": true,
      "count": 4
    }
  }
}
```

To Create the Network with N nodes :

```
bin\besu.bat operator generate-blockchain-config
--config-file=E:\besu\besu-network\ibftConfig.json --to=E:\besu\besu-network\generated
--private-key-file-name=key
```

To start each validator :

Validator 1 :

```
bin\besu.bat --data-path=E:\besu\besu-network\validator1\data
--genesis-file=E:\besu\besu-network\generated\genesis.json
--node-private-key-file=E:\besu\besu-network\validator1\key --rpc-http-enabled
--rpc-http-api=ETH,NET,WEB3,IBFT --rpc-http-port=8545 --p2p-port=30303 --host-allowlist=""
```

Validator 2 :

```
bin\besu.bat --data-path=E:\besu\besu-network\validator2\data
--genesis-file=E:\besu\besu-network\generated\genesis.json
--node-private-key-file=E:\besu\besu-network\validator2\key --rpc-http-enabled
--rpc-http-api=ETH,NET,WEB3,IBFT --rpc-http-port=8546 --p2p-port=30304 --host-allowlist=""
```

Validator 3 :

```
bin\besu.bat --data-path=E:\besu\besu-network\validator3\data
--genesis-file=E:\besu\besu-network\generated\genesis.json
--node-private-key-file=E:\besu\besu-network\validator3\key --rpc-http-enabled
--rpc-http-api=ETH,NET,WEB3,IBFT --rpc-http-port=8547 --p2p-port=30305 --host-allowlist=""
```

Validator 4 :

```
bin\besu.bat --data-path=E:\besu\besu-network\validator4\data
--genesis-file=E:\besu\besu-network\generated\genesis.json
--node-private-key-file=E:\besu\besu-network\validator4\key --rpc-http-enabled
--rpc-http-api=ETH,NET,WEB3,IBFT --rpc-http-port=8548 --p2p-port=30306 --host-allowlist=""
```

To verify the count of the Peers :

```
curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8545 -H "Content-Type: application/json" -d
'{"jsonrpc":"2.0","method":"net_peerCount","params":[],"id":1}'
```

```
Invoke-RestMethod -Method Post -Uri http://127.0.0.1:8545 -Body
'{"jsonrpc":"2.0","method":"net_peerCount","params":[],"id":1}' -ContentType
"application/json"
```

Tab 7

PHASE 1 — CLEAN IBFT MULTI-VALIDATOR NETWORK (LOCAL)

We will:

1. Remove old Clique setup
2. Create 4 validator nodes
3. Generate proper IBFT genesis
4. Start all nodes
5. Verify block production

Follow carefully.

STEP 0 — Clean Previous Network

Delete your old `data` folder completely.

For example:

`E:\besu\besu-network\data`

Remove everything inside.

We start fresh.

STEP 1 — Create New Network Structure

Inside:

E:\besu\besu-network\

Create:

validator1
validator2
validator3
validator4
genesis

So structure becomes:

E:\besu\besu-network\
├── validator1\
├── validator2\
├── validator3\
├── validator4\
└── genesis\

STEP 2 — Generate Validator Node Keys

Inside each validator folder:

Run (from besu root):

```
bin\besu.bat public-key export-address  
--node-private-key-file=E:\besu\besu-network\validator1\key
```

Repeat for:

- validator2
- validator3
- validator4

For each node you will get:

- A **key** file (private node key)

- A printed public address

Save all 4 public addresses.
We need them.



STEP 3 — Prepare IBFT Validators File

Inside:

E:\besu\besu-network\genesis\

Create file:

validators.json

Put all 4 validator addresses in array format:

```
[  
  "0xValidatorAddress1",  
  "0xValidatorAddress2",  
  "0xValidatorAddress3",  
  "0xValidatorAddress4"  
]
```

(Replace with actual addresses.)



STEP 4 — Generate IBFT extraData

Run:

bin\besu.bat rlp encode --from=E:\besu\besu-network\genesis\validators.json

This will output a long hex string.

Copy that.

That is your **extraData**.



STEP 5 — Create IBFT Genesis File

Create:

E:\besu\besu-network\genesis\genesis.json

Use this template:

```
{
  "config": {
    "chainId": 1337,
    "ibft2": {
      "blockperiodseconds": 2,
      "epochlength": 30000
    }
  },
  "difficulty": "0x1",
  "gasLimit": "0x1fffffffffffff",
  "extraData": "PASTE_GENERATED_EXTRADATA_HERE",
  "alloc": {}
}
```

Paste the generated extraData exactly.



STEP 6 — Create Static Nodes File

We need nodes to discover each other.

Start validator1 temporarily:

```
bin\besu.bat ^
--data-path=E:\besu\besu-network\validator1 ^
--genesis-file=E:\besu\besu-network\genesis\genesis.json ^
--rpc-http-enabled ^
--rpc-http-api=ETH,NET,WEB3,IBFT ^
--p2p-port=30303 ^
--rpc-http-port=8545
```

When started, copy the enode URL from logs.

Stop it.

Repeat for each validator to get their enode URLs.

Now create:

static-nodes.json

Inside each validator folder.

Content:

```
[  
  "enode://node1",  
  "enode://node2",  
  "enode://node3",  
  "enode://node4"  
]
```

Each validator must have same static-nodes.json.



STEP 7 — Start All Validators

Start them in 4 separate terminals.

Validator1:

```
bin\besu.bat ^  
--data-path=E:\besu\besu-network\validator1 ^  
--genesis-file=E:\besu\besu-network\genesis\genesis.json ^  
--rpc-http-enabled ^  
--rpc-http-api=ETH,NET,WEB3,IBFT ^  
--rpc-http-port=8545 ^  
--p2p-port=30303
```

Validator2:

Use different ports:

- `rpc-http-port=8546`

- p2p-port=30304

Validator3:

- rpc-http-port=8547
- p2p-port=30305

Validator4:

- rpc-http-port=8548
- p2p-port=30306

STEP 8 — Verify Network Is Working

Open one RPC endpoint:

Check block number increasing:

Using Python or curl:

`eth_blockNumber`

Block number should increase every 2 seconds.

If yes:

🎉 Your IBFT multi-validator network is running.

VERY IMPORTANT CHECK

Run:

`ibft_getValidatorsByBlockNumber("latest")`

It should return all 4 validator addresses.

If it does → network healthy.

Once This Works

Then we move to:

1. Hardhat configuration for Besu RPC
 2. Deploy IdentityRegistry
 3. Deploy CertificateRegistry
 4. Deploy ProductBatch
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