PROJECT REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview

The Blockchain-Based Food Tracking System is a cutting-edge project that leverages blockchain technology to enhance food safety and transparency. It employs a decentralized ledger and smart contracts to record and automate various stages of the food supply chain, from production to consumption. Unique product identifiers and a user-friendly interface enable consumers to trace the origins of their food, while stakeholders benefit from reduced fraud and simplified regulatory compliance. Despite challenges in data accuracy and scalability, this project promises to revolutionize the food industry by ensuring accountability and trustworthiness in the supply chain.

1.2 Purpose

Objective: Enhance food traceability, reduce food fraud, and ensure food safety by utilizing blockchain technology to track the journey of food products from farm to table.

The purpose of a food tracking system using blockchain technology is to enhance transparency, traceability, and trust within the food supply chain. Here are the key purposes of implementing such a system:

Blockchain provides a transparent and immutable ledger where every transaction and movement of food products is recorded. This transparency ensures that all stakeholders in the supply chain, including consumers, farmers, suppliers, and retailers, can access accurate and real-time information about the origin, processing, and distribution of food items.

Through unique identifiers attached to food products and recorded on the blockchain, it becomes possible to trace the entire journey of a product from its source to the end consumer. This traceability is crucial for quickly identifying and addressing issues such as contamination, spoilage, or counterfeit products. It enables efficient recalls and ensures that unsafe or compromised products can be swiftly removed from the market.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Existing problem

While blockchain technology offers promising solutions for enhancing transparency and traceability in the food supply chain, there are several challenges and existing problems associated with its implementation:

1. Integration with Existing Systems: Integrating blockchain technology with existing supply chain systems, databases, and legacy technologies can be complex and costly. Ensuring seamless communication and data exchange between blockchain networks and traditional systems is a significant challenge.

2. Scalability: Blockchain networks, especially public ones like Bitcoin and Ethereum, face scalability issues. As the number of transactions increases, the network can become congested, leading to slower

transaction times and increased fees. This poses a challenge for large-scale supply chains with high transaction volumes.
3. Data Privacy and Security: While blockchain ensures data immutability and transparency, ensuring data privacy for sensitive information is crucial. Striking a balance between transparency and protecting sensitive business and consumer data presents a challenge. Additionally, private blockchain solutions raise concerns about centralization and trust among participants.
4. Standardization: Lack of standardized protocols and practices across the industry hampers the interoperability of different blockchain systems. Establishing common standards is essential to enable seamless communication and data sharing between various participants in the supply chain.
5. Costs and Resources: Implementing and maintaining a blockchain network requires significant resources, including financial investment, technical expertise, and ongoing maintenance. Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the food industry might find it challenging to bear these costs.
6. Education and Adoption: Many stakeholders in the food supply chain may lack awareness and understanding of blockchain technology. Educating farmers, suppliers, distributors, and consumers about the benefits and usage of blockchain systems is crucial for widespread adoption.
7. Regulatory Challenges: The regulatory landscape concerning blockchain technology and its applications in the food industry is still evolving. Legal frameworks and regulations need to be established to ensure compliance, data governance, and consumer protection within blockchain-based food tracking systems.
8. Environmental Impact: Blockchain networks, particularly those using proof-of-work consensus mechanisms, consume a significant amount of energy. Addressing the environmental impact of blockchain technology is essential, especially in the context of sustainable and eco-friendly practices within the food industry.

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2.3 Problem Statement Definition

Food items like fruits and vegetables generally do not have any expiry date mentioned so it becomes important to understand the origin of these food items and know the date when was it sent to the distributor from the farmer and so on.
Design a smart contract using the etherum blockchain where you should be able to authenticate the food item and consume that without any work.

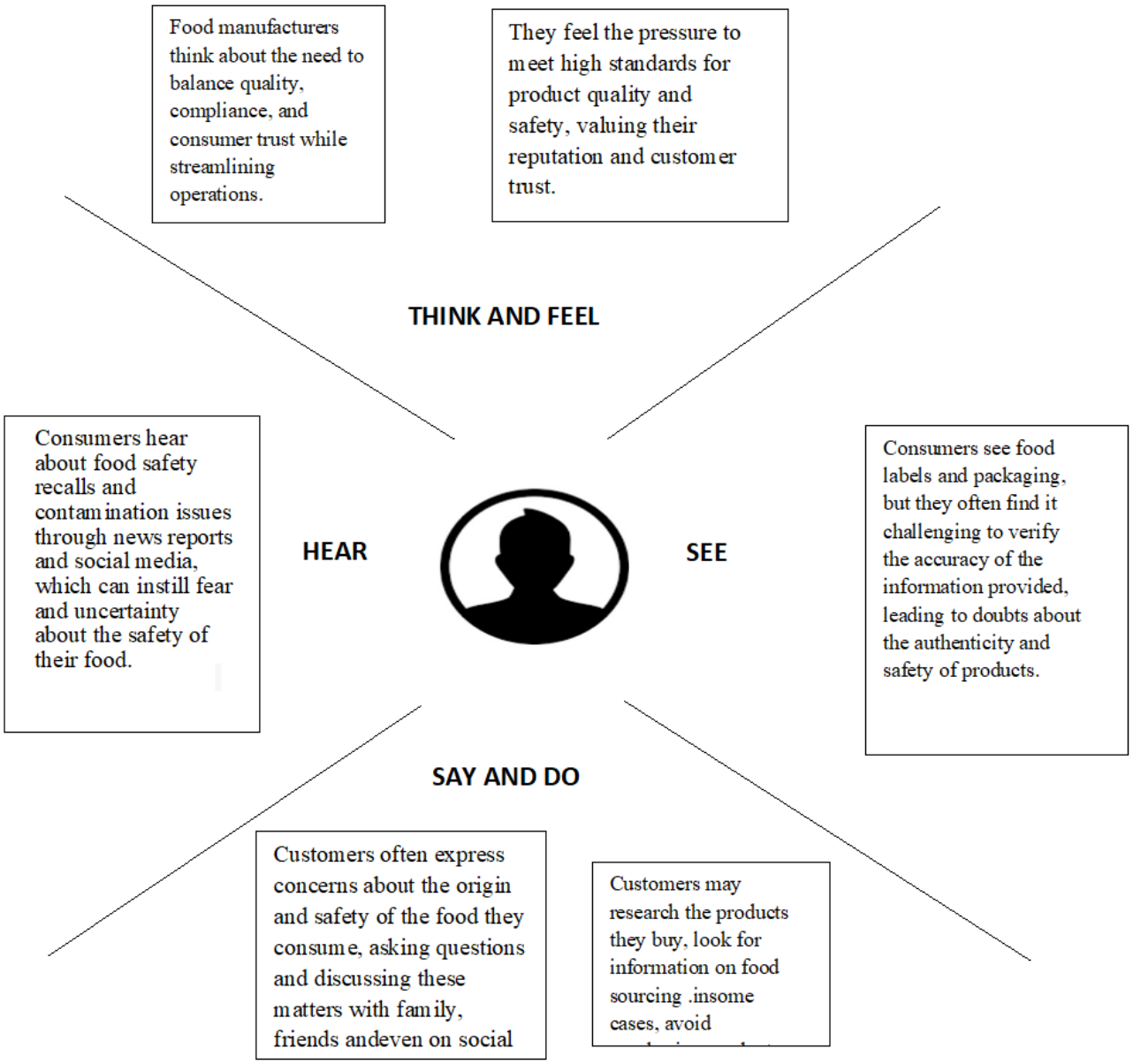
3. **IDEATION & PROPOSED SOLUTION**

3.1 Empathy Map Canvas

An empathy map is a simple, easy-to-digest visual that captures knowledge about a user's behaviours and attitudes.

It is a useful tool to helps teams better understand their users.

Creating an effective solution requires understanding the true problem and the person who is experiencing it. The exercise of creating the map helps participants consider things from the user's perspective along with his or her goals and challenges.



PAIN

It's frustrating and worrying when you can't easily find out where your food comes from or if it's safe to eat.

It can be confusing and overwhelming when food labels are filled with complicated words and terms you don't understand.

GAIN

Imagine feeling more relaxed and confident, knowing you can easily get honest and clear information about the food you buy.

It would be so much better if food labels were simple and easy to grasp, helping you quickly judge if the food is safe and good.

3.2 Ideation & Brainstorming

Brainstorming provides a free and open environment that encourages everyone within a team to participate in the creative thinking process that leads to problem solving. Prioritizing volume over value, out-of-the-box ideas are welcome and built upon, and all participants are encouraged to collaborate, helping each other develop a rich amount of creative solutions.

Step-1: Team Gathering, Collaboration and Select the Problem Statement

Template

Brainstorm & idea prioritization

Use this template in your own brainstorming sessions so your team can unleash their imagination and start shaping concepts even if you're not sitting in the same room.

10 minutes to prepare

1 hour to collaborate

2-8 people recommended

Before you collaborate

A little bit of preparation goes a long way with this session. Here's what you need to do to get going.

10 minutes

A **Team gathering**
Define who should participate in the session and send an invite. Share relevant information or pre-work ahead.

B **Set the goal**
Think about the problem you'll be focusing on solving in the brainstorming session.

C **Learn how to use the facilitation tools**
Use the Facilitation Superpowers to run a happy and productive session.

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1 Define your problem statement

What problem are you trying to solve? Frame your problem as a How Might We statement. This will be the focus of your brainstorm.

5 minutes

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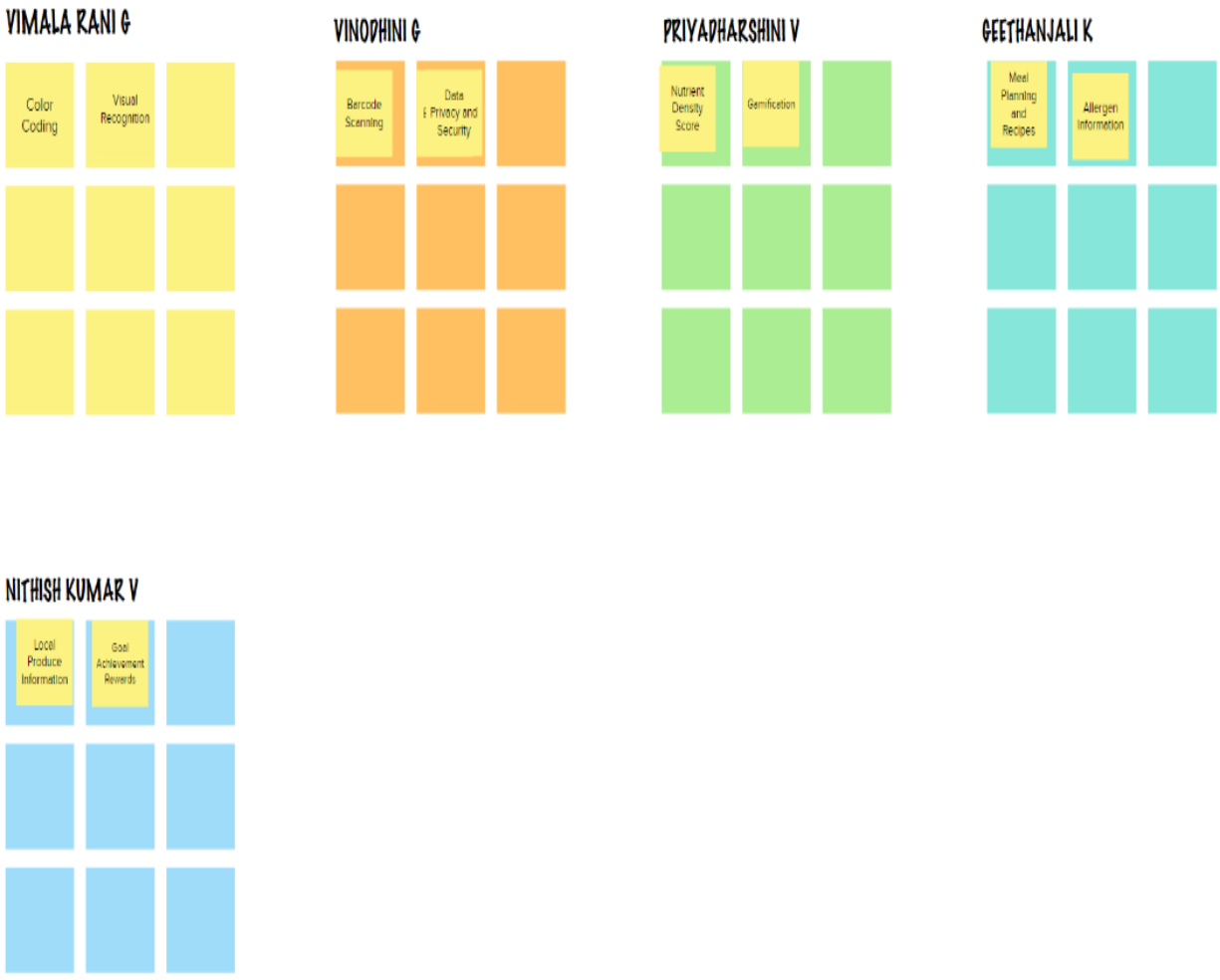
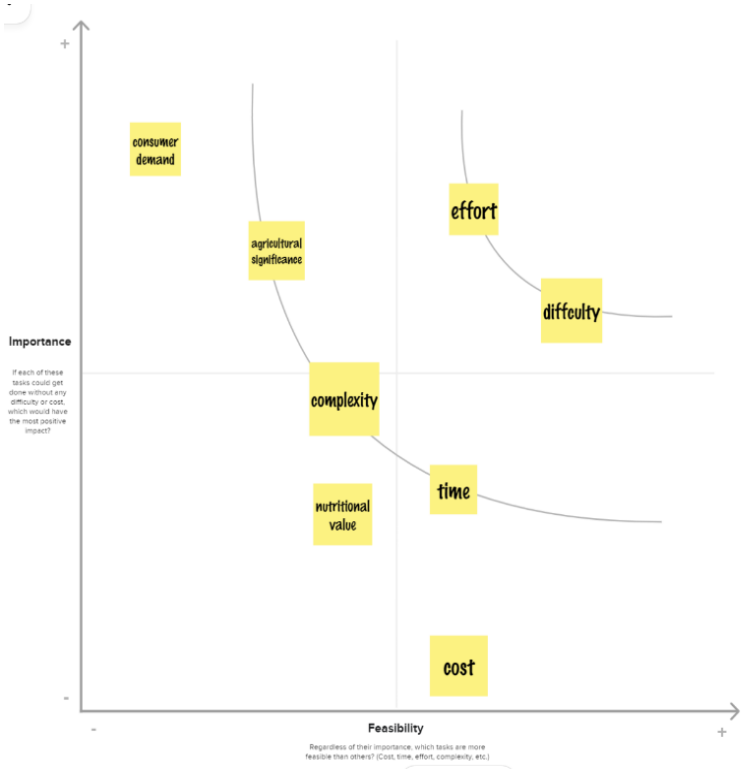
Step-2: Brainstorm, Idea Listing and Grouping



Step-3: Idea Prioritization



4. REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

4.1 Functional requirement

1. Data Recording: The system should allow recording of data for each food product, including details like origin, production date, and relevant certifications.
2. Blockchain Integration: The system should integrate with a blockchain to ensure immutability, transparency, and traceability of food data.
3. User Authentication: Implement user authentication mechanisms for producers, distributors, and consumers to access and update data.
4. Data Verification: Verification mechanisms should be in place to ensure the accuracy and integrity of data recorded on the blockchain.
5. Traceability: The system should allow users to trace the journey of a food product from its source to its current location, providing a complete history.
6. Smart Contracts: Utilize smart contracts to automate processes such as certification validation, payments, and quality control.
7. Alerts and Notifications: Implement alerts and notifications for stakeholders when there are significant updates or issues with a food product.
8. Reporting and Analytics: Provide tools for generating reports and analytics on food products, including their quality, safety, and compliance with standards.
9. Compliance Monitoring: Ensure that the system can monitor and report on compliance with food safety regulations and certifications.

10. Product Recall Management: Have a mechanism in place to quickly identify and recall products in case of contamination or other safety concerns.
11. Interoperability: Ensure compatibility with other systems and databases to share data with relevant authorities and partners.
12. Data Privacy: Implement strong data privacy and security measures to protect sensitive information.
13. Mobile and Web Interfaces: Develop user-friendly interfaces accessible via both mobile and web platforms for different stakeholders.
14. Audit Trails: Maintain comprehensive audit trails to track all changes made to the blockchain, enhancing transparency and accountability.
15. Scalability: Ensure the system can handle a growing volume of food data and transactions.

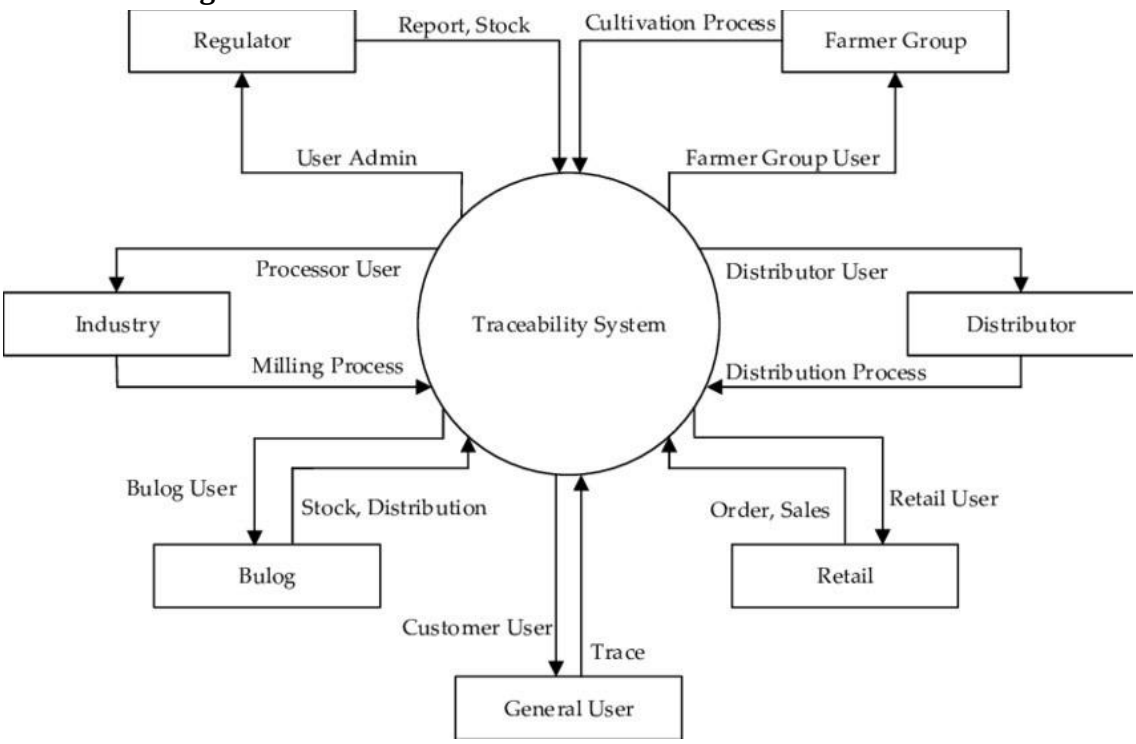
4.2 Non-Functional requirements

1. Performance:
   i. Scalability: The system should be able to handle an increasing number of transactions and data without performance degradation.
   ii. Response Time: Transactions and data retrieval should occur within acceptable time frames.
   iii. Throughput: The system should support a certain number of transactions per second.
2. Security:
   i. Data Encryption: Data stored in the blockchain should be encrypted to protect against unauthorized access.
   ii. Access Control: Strict access controls and permissions to ensure that only authorized personnel can make changes.
   iii. Immutable Records: Ensure that once data is added to the blockchain, it cannot be altered, maintaining data integrity.
   iv. Auditability: Log and monitor all access and changes for auditing and compliance purposes.
   v. Disaster Recovery: Implement mechanisms for data backup and recovery in case of system failure or data loss.
3.Usability:
   i. User-Friendly Interface: Provide an intuitive and user-friendly interface for all stakeholders.
   ii. Accessibility: Ensure that the system is accessible to users with disabilities.
   iii. Localization: Support multiple languages and regions, as food supply chains are often global.
4. Reliability:
   i. High Availability: Ensure the system is available and accessible with minimal downtime.
   ii. Fault Tolerance: Design the system to continue functioning even in the presence of hardware or software failures.
5. Compliance and Regulation:
   i. Regulatory Compliance: Adhere to relevant food safety and data protection regulations.
   ii. Certification: Obtain necessary certifications for data security and food safety standards.
6. Interoperability: Support integration with other systems and standards in the food supply chain to enhance data sharing and collaboration.
7. Network Security: Ensure the underlying blockchain network is secure from attacks.
8. Energy Efficiency: Minimize the environmental impact of the blockchain network in terms of energy consumption.
9. Operational Costs: Keep operational costs within a defined budget to ensure sustainability.
10. Maintainability: Plan for regular updates and maintenance to keep the system secure and up to date.

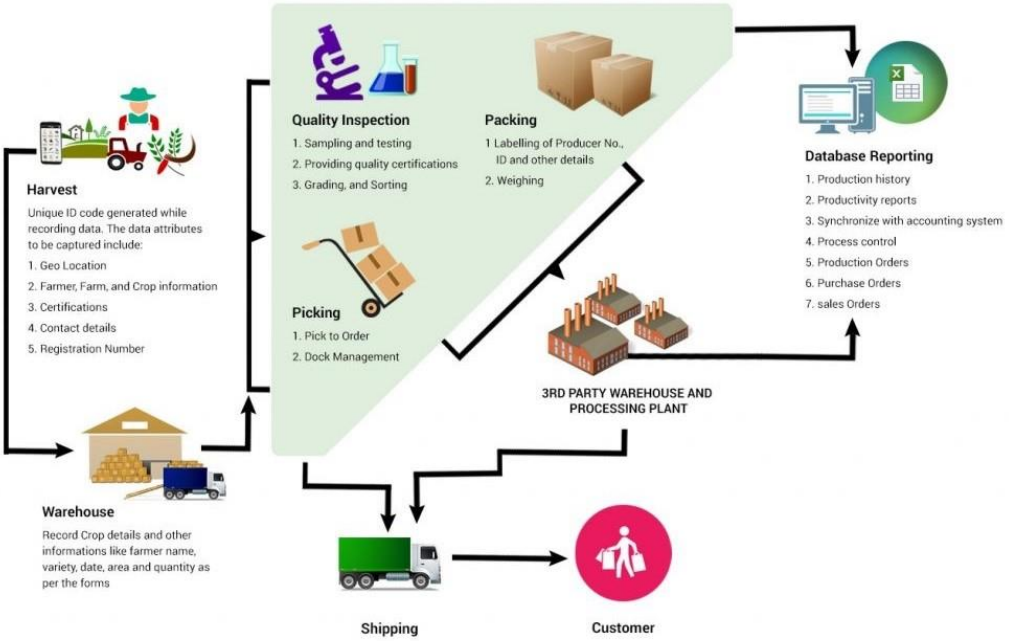
5. PROJECT DESIGN

5.1 Data Flow Diagrams & User Stories

Data Flow Diagram:



User Stories:

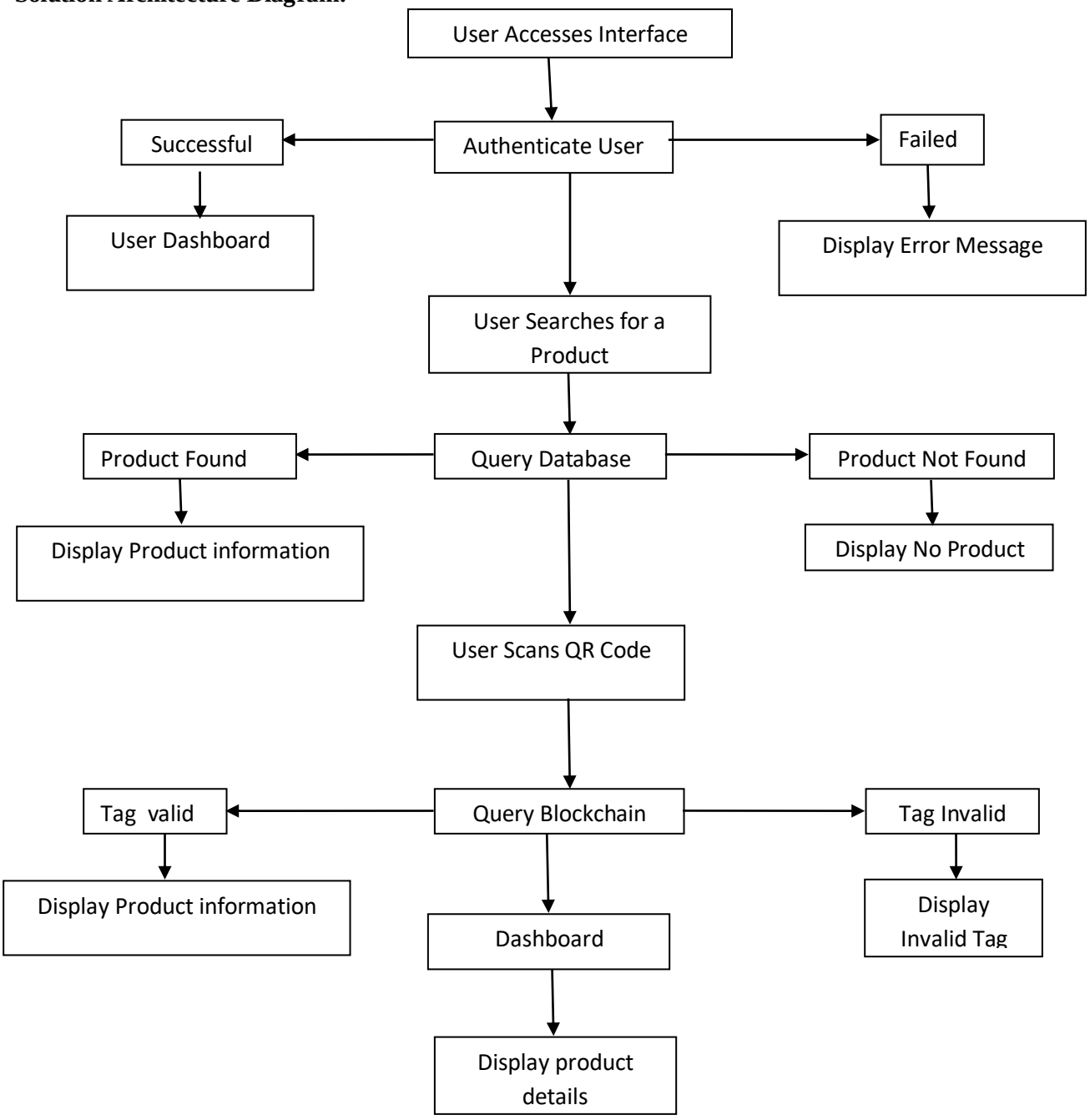


5.2 Solution Architecture

Solution architecture is a complex process – with many sub-processes – that bridgesthe gap between business problems and technology solutions. The primary goals of a food tracking system are to enhance transparency, traceability and safety within the food supply chain. A high-level architecture for such a system needs:

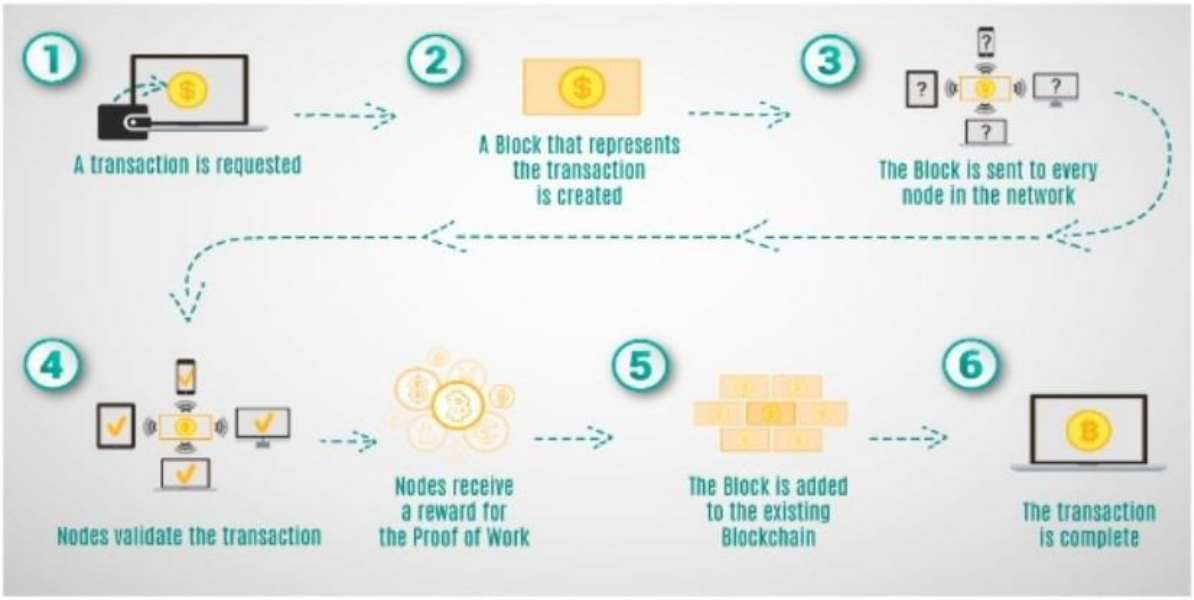
1. User Interface
2. Blockchain Network
3. Smart Contracts
4. Data Storage
5. Identity and Access Management
6. Supply Chain Integration
7. Data Verification Services
8. Product Labeling and QR Codes
9. Data Analytics
10. Regulatory Compliance
11. Notification System
12. Security and Privacy
13. Scalability and Performance
14. User Feedback and Reporting
15. Blockchain Explore
16. Auditing and Logging
17. Interoperability

Solution Architecture Diagram:



6. PROJECT PLANNING & SCHEDULING

6.1 Technical Architecture



6.2 Sprint Planning & Estimation

Sprint planning and estimation for a blockchain-based food tracking system involve breaking down the project into manageable tasks, estimating the effort required for each task, and planning sprints to achieve project goals. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you get started:

1. Define Project Goals:

Understand the objectives and requirements of your blockchain food tracking system. What data needs to be tracked, and what features are essential?

2. Create a Product Backlog:

List all the features and functionalities you need for your system. This serves as your backlog.

3. Prioritize Backlog Items:

Prioritize backlog items based on business value and dependencies. What features are critical for the initial release?

4. Break Down User Stories:

Divide the prioritized backlog items into smaller, actionable user stories. Each user story should represent a valuable piece of functionality.

5. Estimation Techniques:

Use estimation techniques like Story Points, Planning Poker, or T-shirt sizing to estimate the effort required for each user story. Consider factors like complexity, technology constraints, and expertise of your development team.

6. Assign Story Points:

Assign story points to each user story to quantify its relative size and complexity. This will help in sprint planning and tracking progress.

7. Set the Sprint Duration:

Decide on the sprint duration. Common durations are 2 to 4 weeks. The choice should align with the team's capacity and project scope.

8. Sprint Planning Meeting:

Hold a sprint planning meeting at the start of each sprint. During this meeting:

Select user stories from the backlog based on priority and capacity.

Break user stories into tasks if necessary.
Define acceptance criteria for each user story.
Decide how many story points the team can commit to completing in the sprint.

9. Assign Tasks:
Assign tasks to team members, considering their skills and availability.

10. Daily Stand-Up Meetings:
Conduct daily stand-up meetings to track progress, identify and address issues, and adjust the sprint plan as needed.

11. Sprint Review:
At the end of each sprint, hold a sprint review to demonstrate the completed work to stakeholders and gather feedback.

12. Sprint Retrospective:
Conduct a sprint retrospective to discuss what went well, what could be improved, and implement those improvements in the next sprint.

13. Repeat:
Continue with subsequent sprints, reprioritizing the backlog based on feedback and evolving project needs.

6.3 Sprint Delivery Schedule

Month 1: Sprint Planning, Blockchain Prototype, and Initial Development
Week 1: Days 1-7
Day 1-2: Project kickoff and team setup.
Day 3-4: Define project objectives and requirements.
Day 5-7: Create a preliminary project plan and architecture design.

Week 2: Days 8-14
Day 8-9: Sprint planning for a one-month sprint.
Day 10-14 Develop an initial blockchain prototype and basic data structures.

Week 3: Days 15-21
Day 15-16: Continue blockchain development, focusing on smart contracts.
Day 17-21: Integrate the blockchain components into the system.

Week 4: Days 22-28
Day 22-23: Initial testing of the blockchain components.
Day 24-25: Start developing the food tracking functionality.
Day 26-28: Sprint review, bug fixing, and preparation for the next phase.

Month 2: Sprint 2 - Food Tracking and User Authentication**
Week 1: Days 29-35
Day 29-30: Sprint planning for Sprint 2.
Day 31-32: Continue developing food tracking features.
Day 33-35: Implement user authentication and access controls.

Week 2: Days 36-42
Day 36-37: Continue food tracking and user authentication development.
Day 38-40: Testing and bug fixing.
Day 41-42: Prepare for a final review and deployment.

Week 3: Days 43-49
Day 43-45: Final testing and performance assessment.

Day 46-48: User acceptance testing (UAT) with stakeholders.
Day 49: Address any UAT feedback and make final refinements.

Week 4: Days 50-30
Day 50-51: Deployment to production.
Day 52-54: Conduct a final review and training for system users.
Day 55-60: Prepare for ongoing maintenance and support.

7. CODING & SOLUTIONING

7.1 Feature 1

REMIX solidity:

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity ^0.8.0;

contract FoodTracking {
    address public owner;

    enum FoodStatus {
        Unverified,
        Verified,
        Consumed
    }

    struct FoodItem {
        string itemId;
        string productName;
        string origin;
        uint256 sentTimestamp;
        FoodStatus status;
    }

    mapping(string => FoodItem) public foodItems;

    event FoodItemSent(
        string indexed itemId,
        string productName,
        string origin,
        uint256 sentTimestamp
    );
    event FoodItemVerified(string indexed itemId);
    event FoodItemConsumed(string indexed itemId);

    constructor() {
        owner = msg.sender;
    }

    modifier onlyOwner() {
        require(msg.sender == owner, "Only contract owner can call this");
```

```
    _;
}

modifier onlyUnconsumed(string memory itemId) {
    require(
        foodItems[itemId].status == FoodStatus.Verified,
        "Item is not verified or already consumed"
    );
    _;
}

function sendFoodItem(
    string memory itemId,
    string memory productName,
    string memory origin
) external onlyOwner {
    require(
        bytes(foodItems[itemId].itemId).length == 0,
        "Item already exists"
    );

    foodItems[itemId] = FoodItem({
        itemId: itemId,
        productName: productName,
        origin: origin,
        sentTimestamp: block.timestamp,
        status: FoodStatus.Unverified
    });

    emit FoodItemSent(itemId, productName, origin, block.timestamp);
}

function verifyFoodItem(string memory itemId) external onlyOwner {
    require(
        bytes(foodItems[itemId].itemId).length > 0,
        "Item does not exist"
    );
    require(
        foodItems[itemId].status == FoodStatus.Unverified,
        "Item is already verified or consumed"
    );

    foodItems[itemId].status = FoodStatus.Verified;

    emit FoodItemVerified(itemId);
}

function consumeFoodItem(
    string memory itemId
) external onlyUnconsumed(itemId) {
```

```
        foodItems[itemId].status = FoodStatus.Consumed;

        emit FoodItemConsumed(itemId);
    }

    function getFoodItemDetails(
        string memory itemId
    )
        external
        view
        returns (string memory, string memory, uint256, FoodStatus)
    {
        FoodItem memory item = foodItems[itemId];
        return (item.productName, item.origin, item.sentTimestamp, item.status);
    }
}
```

We define a Solidity smart contract called FoodTrackingSystem to represent our food tracking system.
Inside the contract, we define a FoodItem struct to represent a food item with attributes like itemId, name, producer, productionDate, expirationDate, currentOwner, and isSold.
We use a mapping to store and retrieve food items based on their itemId.
The constructor initializes the foodItemCount to zero when the contract is deployed.
The addFoodItem function allows users to add new food items to the system. When an item is added, an event FoodItemAdded is emitted.
The sellFoodItem function allows the current owner to mark a food item as sold, making it unowned.
The getFoodItem function provides a way to retrieve information about a specific food item.

7.2 Feature 2

VS Code:

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const { ethers } = require("ethers");

const abi = [
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}

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export const signer = provider.getSigner();
export const address = "0x7B83A5751E354e6d66A2f5Dc4A3CEE99bbfF1C78"
export const contract = new ethers.Contract(address, abi, signer)
```

In a blockchain food tracking system, various data types are used to represent and manage information related to food items, transactions, and participants in the supply chain. Here's an explanation of some common data types that might be used in the context of such a system:

1. string foodName = "Organic Apples";

- Used for storing textual data such as the name of a food item, producer name, or location.

2. address producerAddress = 0x123abc...;

- Represents an Ethereum address, typically associated with participants in the supply chain, such as farmers, distributors, and consumers.

3. uint quantity = 100;
   - Used for storing non-negative whole numbers.
4. bool isSold = false;`
   - Useful for indicating whether a food item has been sold or is still available.
5. solidity

```
struct FoodItem {
    uint itemId;
    string name;
    address producer;
    uint productionDate;
    uint expirationDate;
    bool isSold;
}
```

   - Used to define the structure of a food item, which may include multiple attributes.
6. mapping(uint => FoodItem) foodItems;
   - Used to create key-value pairs. In a food tracking system, it can be used to map food item IDs to their corresponding details.
7. address[] participants;`
   - An ordered collection of elements. In the context of a food tracking system, an array could store a list of food items, transactions, or participants.
8. enum FoodCategory {

```
    Fruit,
    Vegetable,
    Dairy,
    Meat,
    Other
}
```

   - Used to define a custom data type with a finite set of values. It can be employed to represent states or categories of food items.
9. bytes32 productHash
   - A fixed-size byte array that can be used for storing binary data. It might be used for encoding and decoding data.
10. solidity

```
event FoodItemAdded(uint itemId, string name, address producer, uint productionDate, uint expirationDate, address indexed currentOwner);
```

    - In Solidity, an event is used to log and broadcast information about certain contract actions. Events can be used to track important actions, such as adding a new food item.

8. PERFORMANCE TESTING

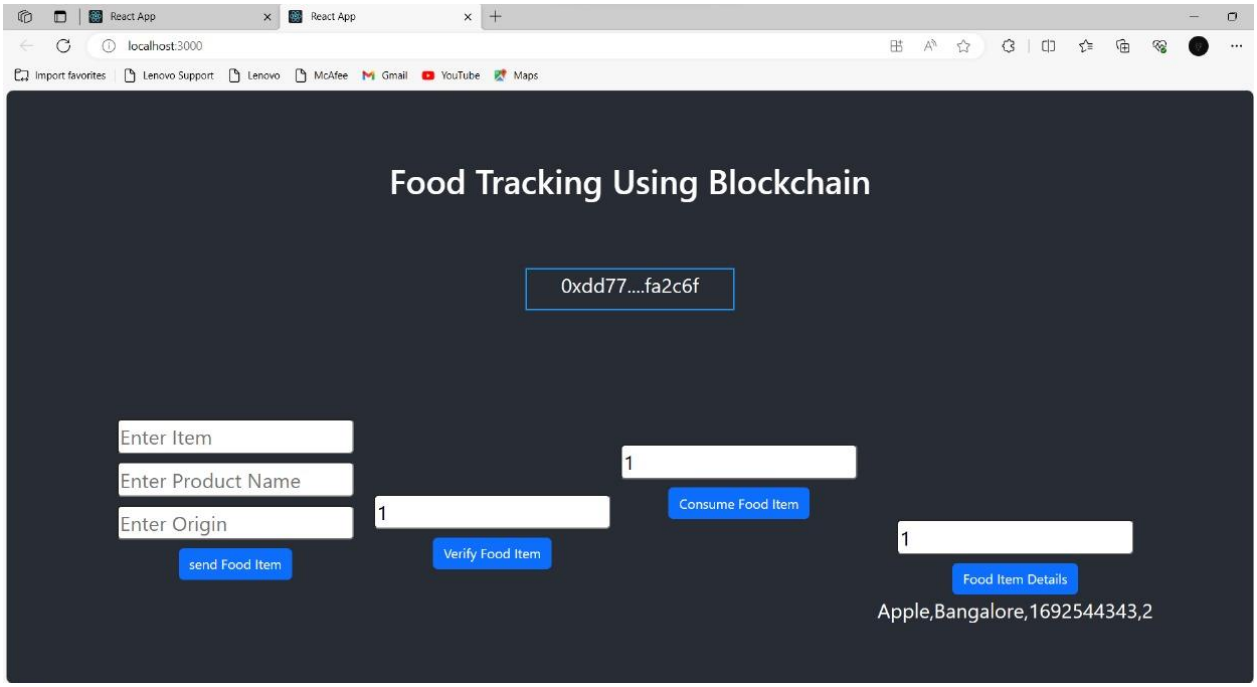
8.1 Performace Metrics

A blockchain-based food tracking system's performance can be evaluated based on several key metrics. These include traceability, transparency, security, efficiency, cost-effectiveness, compliance with regulations, data privacy, user adoption, system resilience, environmental impact, and user satisfaction. These metrics collectively measure the system's ability to provide end-to-end traceability, secure and accurate data, and an efficient, cost-effective, and user-friendly solution that

adheres to food safety regulations, protects data privacy, and minimizes environmental impact while gaining stakeholder acceptance and satisfaction. Continuous monitoring and improvement in these areas are crucial to ensure the system's effectiveness in enhancing transparency and safety in the food supply chain.

9. RESULTS

9.1 Output Screenshots



10. ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

Advantages:

1. Transparency
2. Traceability
3. Security
4. Reduced Fraud
5. Efficiency
6. Quality Control
7. Regulatory Compliance

Disadvantages:

1. Implementation Costs
2. Data Privacy Concerns
3. Scalability Issues
4. Complexity
5. Interoperability Challenges
6. Environmental Impact
7. Regulatory Uncertainty

11. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, implementing a food tracking system in a blockchain offers several compelling advantages, including increased transparency, traceability, security, reduced fraud, efficiency, quality control, and enhanced regulatory compliance. These benefits can significantly improve the safety and reliability of the food supply chain.

However, it's essential to be aware of the potential disadvantages, such as high implementation costs, data privacy concerns, scalability issues, complexity, interoperability challenges, environmental impact, and regulatory uncertainty. These factors may pose challenges and require careful consideration during the planning and implementation stages.

Ultimately, the decision to adopt a blockchain-based food tracking system should be based on a thorough assessment of the specific needs, resources, and goals of the food supply chain in question. When properly designed and implemented, a blockchain system can be a powerful tool for enhancing food safety, transparency, and consumer trust in the supply chain.

12. FUTURE SCOPE

The future scope for food tracking systems using blockchain technology is vast and promising, with ongoing advancements in both blockchain technology and the food industry. As awareness of blockchain technology and its benefits increases, more countries and regions are likely to adopt blockchain-based food tracking systems to enhance food safety, traceability, and transparency. Future developments may focus on creating interoperable blockchain solutions, allowing different blockchain networks to communicate and share data seamlessly. This would facilitate smoother collaboration between various stakeholders in the global food supply chain.

The use of smart contracts will likely expand, enabling automated and self-executing agreements between parties in the supply chain. This automation can streamline processes, reduce the need for intermediaries, and enhance efficiency. Integration with the Internet of Things (IoT) devices will enhance real-time monitoring of environmental conditions during food transportation and storage. IoT sensors can provide data on temperature, humidity, and other factors, which can be recorded on the blockchain for quality control purposes.

Advanced data analytics and artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms can be applied to the vast amount of data stored on the blockchain. This analysis can yield valuable insights, helping stakeholders make data-driven decisions, optimize supply chain processes, and predict trends in consumer preferences. User-friendly applications and interfaces will likely be developed, allowing consumers to access detailed information about the products they buy. Augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) technologies could be integrated to provide immersive and interactive experiences, educating consumers about the journey of their food products.

Blockchain technology can aid in ensuring compliance with evolving regulations and standards in the food industry. Smart contracts can automate compliance checks and certifications, reducing the administrative burden on businesses. Blockchain can be utilized to verify sustainable and fair trade practices in the food supply chain. This would enable consumers to make ethical choices and support environmentally friendly and socially responsible food production.

Blockchain-based systems can facilitate supply chain finance, allowing for quicker and more transparent transactions between suppliers, distributors, and retailers. This could improve cash flow and financial stability for businesses in the food industry. Blockchain can enable the creation of collaborative platforms where different stakeholders, including farmers, processors, distributors, retailers, and consumers, can interact, share information, and collaborate more effectively.

13. APPENDIX

Source Code

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DDrs9A0ZW2Z-pCQKF0CiwW83FUo1_5Xr/view?usp=sharing

GitHub & Project Demo Link

Github Link: https://github.com/Gvino06/Food-tracking_System.git
Demo Link: https://youtu.be/gi5IHVkPEgE?si=x2AEkpoNrRSJdNAW