BITS, Pilani -Pilani Campus CS F452 (Blockchain Technology) Laboratory 1 (Week-1)

AIM:

To know about the tools and their installation procedure required to build a Web3 application.

Tools Required:

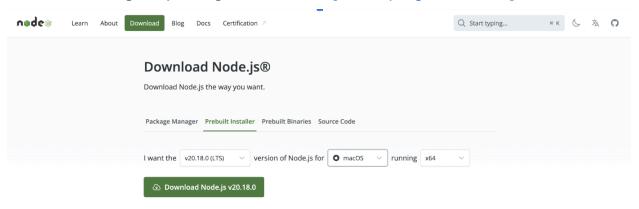
- 1. Node.js
- 2. Ganache
- 3. Truffle
- 4. Remix IDE
- 5. MetaMask

Node.js

Node.js allows you to **run JavaScript** on your local machine, which is critical for **managing the development environment**. It also includes a package manager, **npm**, that you'll use to install other tools required for blockchain development. It helps in **managing dependencies** like Truffle and Ganache, which we'll use later.

Installation and Verification of Node.Js:

Download and install the Node.js prebuilt installer from nodejs.org (suitable for both macOS & Windows) as shown in this figure, **by visiting this website**-> https://nodejs.org/en/download/prebuilt-installer



To verify: Run these commands "node -v", and "npm-v" The version of node, npm installed on your system will be displayed on your terminal.

```
[192:~ apple$ node -v
v16.15.1
[192:~ apple$ npm -v
8.11.0
```

Ganache:

Ganache creates a local blockchain on your computer, where you can test your smart contracts and interactions without using real money. This will be your "fake" Ethereum network where you can deploy contracts and run transactions safely.

Installation Steps for Ganache:

Open the terminal and run "npm install -g ganache-cli" since this command requires edit access to globally install ganache this might throw an error because by default you are not allowed to edit it.

Run this command "sudo npm install -g ganache-cli" in that case.

After installing Ganache, **run the command "ganache-cli"**, this will create a local blockchain, and generate a set of fake accounts and private keys for testing.(**launching the local blockchain**)

TRUFFLE:

Think of Truffle as the foundation for your project, a framework that simplifies the entire development workflow for smart contracts on Ethereum. Truffle helps you manage the complexities of building a decentralized application (dApp), allowing you to focus on compiling, deploying, and testing smart contracts

Installation Steps for Truffle:

Run the command "npm install -g truffle" and verify the installation by running this command in the terminal "truffle version"

```
C:\Users\ANKIT\Election>npm install -g truffle
```

```
C:\Users\ANKIT\Election>truffle version
Truffle v5.11.5 (core: 5.11.5)
Ganache v7.9.1
Solidity v0.5.16 (solc-js)
Node v20.16.0
Web3.js v1.10.0
```

Truffle Commands:

- 1. **truffle init**: This command sets up a new Truffle project structure with folders like contracts, migrations, and test. Useful for any new project.
- **2. truffle compile:**Compiles all the Solidity contracts in the contracts folder and generates necessary files (ABI, bytecode) in the build/contracts folder.
- **3. truffle migrate:**Runs all migration scripts in the migrations folder to deploy the contracts to a configured blockchain (local, testnet, or mainnet).
- **4. truffle develop:**Starts a local blockchain (similar to Ganache) and provides a console for testing and deploying contracts without external dependencies.

REMIX IDE:

Remix IDE is a powerful, web-based tool for writing, testing, and deploying smart contracts on the Ethereum blockchain. It provides a code editor, a Solidity compiler, and a deployment environment, making it ideal for beginners and advanced users to quickly develop and test blockchain applications. Remix also supports plugins for added functionality, such as debugging and automated testing, making it versatile for learning and prototyping.

Accessing Remix IDE:

You can access Remix IDE directly from your browser without installation.

Visit the official website here: **REMIX IDE**



MetaMask:

MetaMask is a **cryptocurrency wallet** and gateway for interacting with blockchain networks, primarily Ethereum and other Ethereum-compatible chains. It allows users to manage their private keys, store and transfer cryptocurrencies, and interact with decentralized applications (dApps) directly from a web browser or mobile device.

MetaMask functions as a browser extension and a mobile app, creating a secure connection between a user's browser (or mobile app) and the Ethereum blockchain. It injects a web3 instance (or ethereum provider object in newer versions) into the browser, enabling JavaScript applications to access blockchain features, including sending transactions, calling smart contracts, and checking account balances.

Installation Steps for MetaMask Extension:

- 1. Open your preferred browser (Chrome recommended).
- 2. Visit the Chrome Web Store and search type "MetaMask" and locate the official MetaMask extension.
- 3. Click on " Add this extension"
- 4. Once installed, pin the MetaMask icon to your taskbar by clicking the puzzle piece icon (Extensions) in the top right corner of your browser, then click the pin next to MetaMask. This always ensures easy access to MetaMask.

Create Your MetaMask Account:

- 1. After installing, click the MetaMask icon in your browser's taskbar to open it.
- 2. Follow the on-screen instructions to create a new account
- 3. During the setup, MetaMask will generate a 12-word Secret Recovery Phrase (SRP).
 - a. This phrase is extremely important—it is the only way to recover your account if you forget your password or lose access to your device. Write down your Secret Recovery Phrase on a piece of paper and store it in a secure place. Once you have securely stored your Secret Recovery Phrase, follow the remaining prompts to complete the account creation process. After setup, MetaMask will take you to your wallet interface as shown in the figure, where you can start interacting with decentralized applications (dApps).

