Blockchain Transforms the Retail Level by Using a Supply chain Rules and Regulation

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Abstract— *Food provenance is one of the most challenging problems that FSC companies face today. A global supply chain network with multiple operating procedures and asymmetrical food regulations between countries makes end-to-end food tracking incidental to the food industry. Blockchain empowers new kinds of distributed applications design. Initially, Blockchain technology has been embraced in electronic money, yet this tech is significantly more promising for different areas too. In this paper, we are getting to present Blockchain technology easily. Additionally, we are talking that Blockchain technological innovation is also utilized in the industrial process from the retail industry to its advantage towards the client and additionally for that merchant to fantastic scope. During its heart, Blockchain is mainly thrilling because of the ability that it must empower increased confidence, transparency, and cooperation round constituencies which will otherwise battle to reach up to now better. As distribution chain sophistication rises, there is an apparent chance to induce efficiency as a result of higher cooperation and transparency in between various constituencies like manufacturing companies, vendors and delivery carriers, insurance, importers, wholesalers, and merchants. Being aware of in Real-time the specific supply, spot, and condition of most inventory while in the machine might be quite a game-changer for most organizations, notably those working in perishable or luxury-goods. Unlike present systems, that rely heavily upon every element to keep its clear and dispersed database significance restricted and frequently postponed penetration to the standing of products anyplace from the machine Blockchain eases real-time and dependable information sharing one of the components and may provide consensus regarding the actual condition of their machine into parties.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

Through digital payments, a cryptocurrency and Bitcoin Blockchain is implemented but in 2008 through Satoshi Nakamoto [1] conceptualized, nine years back world know about it. Without the cryptocurrency store and verify transaction of Blockchain is leverages by generalized the concept to the distributed ledger [2]. These days due to new disruptive technology Blockchain is extensively used across industries from retail to finance to healthcare. Since August 2015, client inquiries are quadrupled on related topics of

Blockchain according to Gartner. The Blockchain is a transaction or public ledger of digital events or distributed a database of records that got executed, and in untrusted participants vast network, it is shared among participating parties [3]. Data is stored in blocks which is very difficult to hack and can verify. Any traditionally leverages sector is disrupted by Blockchain and for verification through the third party is eliminated by it. Information whenever enter into Blockchain it can never be immutable and erased. With the majority of participants in the system, consensus verified the transaction in public ledger [4].

Timestamped list of blocks is the data structure of Blockchain, in Blockchain network any transaction which might ever occur, blocks aggregates and records those data. To avoid any revision and tampering they did not provide in Blockchain to delete or updating of the existing transaction but allow to insert, it means it provides permanent data storage. At the point of the entire consensus network reached before in immutable data, storage transaction is included [5]. In non-financial and financial applications Blockchain is applied successfully over the years with flawlessly and non-controversial. In software architecture introducing Blockchain impact have little understanding and yet to be systematically explored Blockchain-based system design. In Blockchain technology a most famous example is bitcoin. Bitcoin also most controversial one since without any government control in the global market of anonymous transactions it helped enable a multibillion-dollar. In various domains, it has scope including retail. To benefit the retailers and customers by utilized Blockchain technology in some area of the local domain is the aim of this paper [3, 6].

II. WHAT IS BLOCKCHAIN?

As a distributed ledger Blockchain could be seen. Since added the last block in the chain, a strong network activity record is containing by blocks which are a chronological chain. We can also say block as an encrypted piece of information. Without adequate authorization, no one can change the data but at any time anyone can review data and by transacting in network data can be added by anyone in the chain of blocks. Blockchain, as a result, is a history of network activities which is immutable and complete and on all nodes of the distributed network it is shared. It provides a

facility that without a third party, two or more entities on the internet securely exchange value, whether entities trust or know each other or not, this facility is first time introduce by Blockchain. In a chain, information is added, and its validity and security are ensuring by a process called "mining" through which validation of transactions is achieved. It will not be wrong to say that the internet of the transaction is powered by Blockchain technology [6, 7].

By mining process in the ongoing chain, new blocks of data are added through validation by each node on the network known as 'miners. After solving a cryptographic algorithm, each new block is added to the chain by a miner, (based on the definition of the block) which must be accepted as a valid data by all or majority nodes in the network. Network give rewards to a miner in the form of some digital credit for adding a valid block in the chain. Miner's primary incentive is that credit for which they throughout the network consists of data constantly maintain and validate [8]. As 'bad actor' without the rest of network detection, no single miner can add invalid or change data.

Miners are independent entities. A miner does not receive network reward when the network rejects a block, however, in system rejected block is logged so the network can recognize miner as a possible threat. Traceability in a system is significantly improved by this method [9].

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TABLE I. COMPARISON MATRIX FOR THE BLOCK CHAIN TECHNOLOGIES

Sr. No.	Properties	Hyperledger	Ethereum	Ripple	Bitcoin
1	Smart Contract	Multiprogramming languages	Multiprogramming languages	None	Possible but not obvious
2	Governance	Linux Foundation	Ethereum Developers	Ripple Lab	Bitcoin developers
3	Consensus N/W	Private or Public	Private or Public	Public	Public
4	Privacy	Open to Private	Open	Open	Open
5	State	Key Value database	Account Data	None	Transaction Data
6	Currency	None	Ether	XRP	BTC
7	Mining Reward	N/A	Yes	No	Yes
8	Description	General Purpose Blockchain	General Purpose Blockchain	Payment Blockchain	Payment Blockchain

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Every single node in a Blockchain comprises a person and a personal secret, and also every trade initiated comprises any essential advice about the sender, receiver, advantage info, timing plus also an identifier for that prior trade of their sender. An advantage can be some commodity in a distribution chain or perhaps a trade involving a seller and buyer. A cryptographic hash function called SHA 256 (Secure Hash Algorithm 256) [12] creates a 16-digit hexadecimal series identified as the "hash," with the sender's public key along with also the necessary info. The hash manufactured is exceptional into some public secret along with also a trade information combo. A set of trades grouped collectively blatantly is a block. This encoded trade data is deciphered to validate the credibility of the trades and its sender. Also, it might be decrypted solely by brute force (intentionally trying distinct potential mixtures). The procedure for resolving exactly the hash is also known as nodes and mining that affirm that these transactions are termed, miners. The moment the system makes a block out of the unverified swimming trades, readily available miners

would contend with checking the trades by resolving the cryptographic hash [13].

The procedure for choosing a miner at a Blockchain is regulated using a consensus algorithm (as an instance, Bitcoin works by using "proof operate"). It is diverse for additional Blockchain platforms such as Ethereum and also Hyperledger frameworks. Each cube at a Blockchain includes three key elements - a hash (a more distinctive electronic identifier), a time stamp, as well as the hash of this prior cube (to calculate the accounts harmony). The hash of this prior block connects that the whole series of cubes collectively and thus protecting against any block out of being upgraded or launched amongst 2 blocks that are supported. The moment a trade is confirmed, it has listed from the Blockchain. A big change at a printed trade worth is quite difficult at a people Blockchain system such as Bitcoin as an attacker has to acquire 51 percent or even more of the total computing energy readily available in the computer system. Thus, each succeeding block reinforces the confirmation of this prior block and so Blockchain during the entire whole. This mechanism leaves the Blockchain resistant to malicious actions and causing the crucial feature of immutability as shown in "Fig. 1".
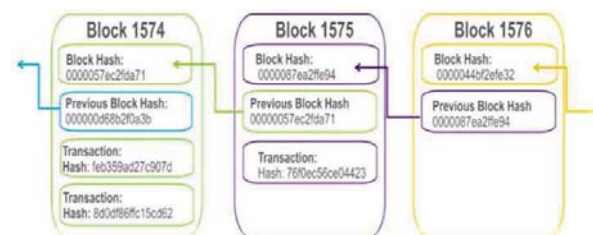

Fig. 1. *Blockchain recording mechanism [14]*

Even the miners are honored with bitcoins depending upon the sum of calculating power that they truly are leading to fixing the hash. Even the hashing algorithm occasionally transforms the issue by upgrading the essential minimum/maximum hash value (nonce). Therefore your miners tend not to receive way too many bitcoins because of benefit when fresh cubes are made, especially whenever the system computation electrical power rises as brand new users combine. In determine 2 3, the hash speed denominations come at PH/s (10 15). Also, it always increases. Also, it is clear this curve is all but proportional to the purchase price tendency of Bitcoin throughout the past 1-2 weeks in "Fig. 2". A contrast between two charts demonstrates the machine escalates the issue of resolving a hash, as many users connect this system. Right now, the typical period to check that a Bitcoin cube starts using 18 zeros also to use the combined processing capacity of each of the miners from the device normally requires somewhere around 9.8 seconds as shown in "Fig. 3".

Fig. 2. *Bitcoin Hash Rate (in Peta Hashes per second) vs. Difficult [15]*
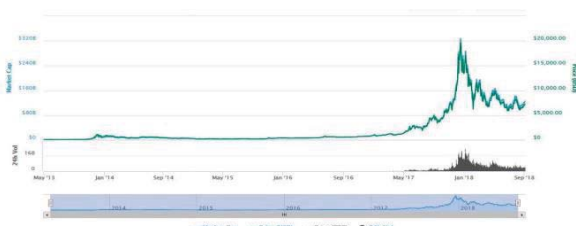

Fig. 3. *Fig.3. Bitcoin value (USD) over the last year [16]*

Back in Ethereum, the Block Chain Process is Regulated by Rules agreed from the system participants at the kind of wise contracts and has been introduced to managing the common accounting ledger from Bitcoin. Beyond that very first monetary app, it is trusted if lots of players using minimum confidence are a part of the trade; as an instance, fragmented distribution chains. The 3 crucial Features of Block Chain making it an increasingly appealing Alternate for distribution chain advantage monitoring are all,

- Distributed processing: Calls for no original commanding arrangement. This procedure is spread to each of the embedded chips or members of the system.

- Synchronized documents: The Ledger is spread to players ergo which makes it fraud-proof.

- Wise info: " We could Create cloud software that operates in the very top of their Blockchain structure, letting us personalize the exact arrangement of this

data observable to every phase of the distribution chain as shown in "Fig. 4".

III. TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANTAGES OF BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY

There are some critical technological benefits can be provided to the user by using a Blockchain inherently. These benefits are a suggestion for the structural architecture of the Blockchain. Some of which are described below as process integrity, immutability, transparency and durability.

A. Durability

As opposing the centralized system, the decentralized systems can remove the single point of failures. The distributed system among the nodes of the network makes the system more durable also the more suited to prevent malicious accesses to the network [17].

B. Transparency

In Blockchain, all the transaction is working in a real-time environment, and the copy of each transaction is referred to each node user; that is why users can audit and inspect data in a real-time. This act in Blockchain there is no need for trust has been reduced, and users can do their transaction in a clean and real-time environment [18].

C. Immutability

Whenever in the Blochian there is one traction has been occurring it cannot be changeable, or any immutable because of wherever any transition occurs in the network a copy of each transaction sends to each node user of the network. The user can not make any change due to the need for validation by other users; also the changes could be traceable. That is why the user can work with the highest degree of confidence and data of chain is accurate and unaltered [19].

D. Process Integrity

In the process, there are some different distributed protocols has been used and they are executed the same as they are Witten in code. There is no need for human intervention to execute the actions timely and correctly described in the protocol [20].

IV. BLOCKCHAIN MARKET

Technology gives many benefits in financial and non-financial areas. These benefits include the following ones.

- Transaction cost decreases and improves the robustness. It has a centralized solution that it communicates peer to peer in a "trustless" environment.

- Transactions provide the transparent evidence of provenance.

- Smart contracts provide complex business and contingent payments that are assurance that someone cannot deny something on both business processes and assets.

- It provides autonomous entities and these entities can create permissions, responsibilities, and rules.

As stated in a report of the market research, a distributed ledger of Blockchain is globally anticipated to reach $5430M by 2023 and has accounted for $228M in 2016, from 2017 to 2023 the compound annual growth rate growing to 57.6%. Reduced cost, Immutability and transparency of ownership are the primary forces for driving this market. In the market, Blockchain technology is growing very fast because of the increased adoption of ledger across various applications that are digital identities, exchanges, smart contracts, and other entities. The Blockchain is a solution, and every industry is adopting it like entertainment & media, automotive, e-commerce & retail, life science & healthcare, public sector & government, insurance & financial services, banking and so on. The industry level is being transformed by digital technology and the media to witness the highest CAGR. According to Goldman Sachs, the stock trading cost saving by using the Blockchain reached $6B globally per year [21].
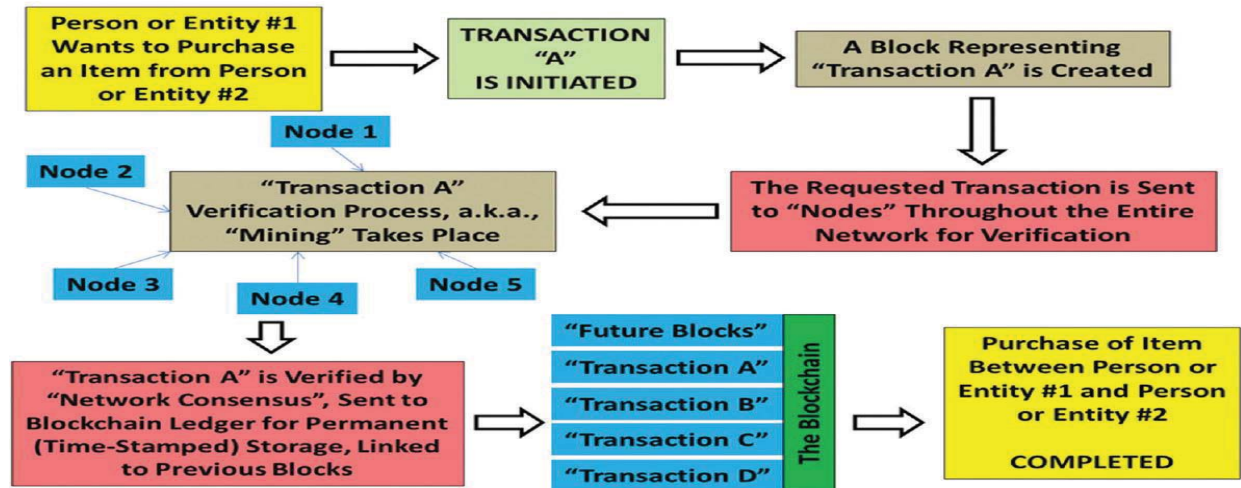
Fig. 4. . *Blockchain Transaction process [19]*

V. RAPID GROWTH IN NEW APPLICATION DOMAINS

Within 7 years because the discovery of Blockchain technological innovation, this discipline has witnessed tremendous increase through numerous brand new technical and innovative theories ahead. Initially, this tech gained an adverse standing as a result of its affiliation with high-value purchases over the 'darknet' whereby users might utilize digital monies like Bitcoin to produce anonymous buys.

Nevertheless, lately have found lots of large businesses like IBM, JPMorgan, and Barclays investment at the investigation and evolution of this Blockchain tech. As a result of such fascination from leading associations, and also a whole lot of income getting circulated within cryptocurrencies, creative and innovative entrepreneurs and organizations are brought for the new area of information tech. This accelerated increase within the discipline has transformed the view of several authorities to observe the capacity with the technology within its preliminary affiliation with prohibited pursuits. A few existing software and utilize examples of Blockchain are outlined.

A. Financial Applications

1) Currencies

BitCoin was That the Earliest Utilize the event of this Blockchain tech, which offers the track-able payment procedures and the entirely decentralized issuance of this Forex. After the popularity and growing of this Bitcoin, one additional more significant quantity of monies is designed. All these currencies utilized the Blockchain tech supporting the job [14].

2) Exchanges

The organization of the Blockchain can facilitate the exchange program of the currencies and digital currencies too. As we can see that bitcoin can be exchanged with any other form of asset and can be used as its own digital identity within the network of the Blockchain. Those company who are currently involved in the digital currency exchange businesses are Kraken, It bit, and Coinbase.

3) Stock Market

The Stock market can be transforming by using the Blockchain technology, as opposing to the current system we can see them when the stock is traded on the platform there is no single body is involved like there is some governing people has been involved. These applications are adopted yet because the user is satisfied that can be entertained by the exchanges correctly.

B. Social Applications

1) Digital Identity

The infrastructure of the security can be enhancing and also make some significant improvement in security by using the Blockchain. Instead of using the number of governments issuing identities like a CNIC and passport, by using the decentralized system of Blockchain the user can get the digital identity all over the world. There is a many government organization is working on it.

2) Voting

Democracy is created from public elections, for the public, it is essential that the government should conduct elections on a fair basis in which there will be no fraud. Multiple methods are there in which citizens can cast their votes like Electronic Voting Machine, purely electronic methods, and Ballot-based voting and so on. However electronic methods are not as good as they provide the

disappointing result to voters; this will harm the trust of the voter and hence known as voter confidence.

C. Legal Applications

1) Smart Contracts

Smart contracts are the emerging technology in the Blockchain technology. This idea is more straightforward than the other complex ideas of the Blockchain. A Blockchain protocol can perform some actions like makes purchase, sends information and release funds and so on. When some actions and conditions are performed like the outcome of an event is determined, and payment is received. The primary purpose and benefit of the Blockchain in the smart contract the third person or human's involvement has been removed, enforce a contract and execute.

2) Smart Property

The transacting all property on Blockchain platform is the general concept of a smart contract. In Blockchain, digital identities can be a design that is created for physical world hard asset. By using these identities that are defined in a Blockchain the ownership can be managed in smart contracts

VI. The framework of Blockchain in Retail

By using a Blockchain in retailing, a user can detect the destination and the exact location of the item. By this transparency of transaction increase and the complexity of transaction will decrease by using a Blockchain also the efficiency of work could be increasing more rapidly also the advantages of the Blockchain in retail is Supply Chain Authenticity and anti-counterfeiting, Customer Profiling, and loyalty. In this paper, we are going to take the item from the manufacturing point to that point where the user can scan the item at the time of purchasing. Fig.2 shows the complete framework diagram about the implementation of the Blockchain in retail. The detail about the steps performed in the working of Blockchain in retail is shown in "Fig. 5".

A. Item manufacturing point

The place where any item in the retail is produced

B. Store

A store is a place where the item has been stored after manufacture in the industry.

C. Carrier

Carrier is those companies who take an item from store to the specific destination

D. Insurance of item

The owner can also place the insurance of that item in the case of any emergency owner can ensure the value of that item.

E. Importer

Importers are those users who import item in the countries also within the country for sale this importation of the item always on the significant level where the one item could be imported in the vast amount.

F. Wholesaler / Retailer

Wholesalers and retailers always work on a small level. After the importation of item in the country. Wholesalers buy the item and sale this item to retailers at a wholesale rate. After this retailer can scale this item on marts and any other local shops at some rate that could be defined by the government or some other private companies.

G. Customer

The customer can scan item through RFID, QR code and any digital device this can be used by using a public key. The user can also get information about the item throughout from the manufacturing item place also check the price of the item. Check information about the item on which date it could be expired. After user scans the item to purchase it, a system generated SMS sent to user along with complete info of item and transaction details too.
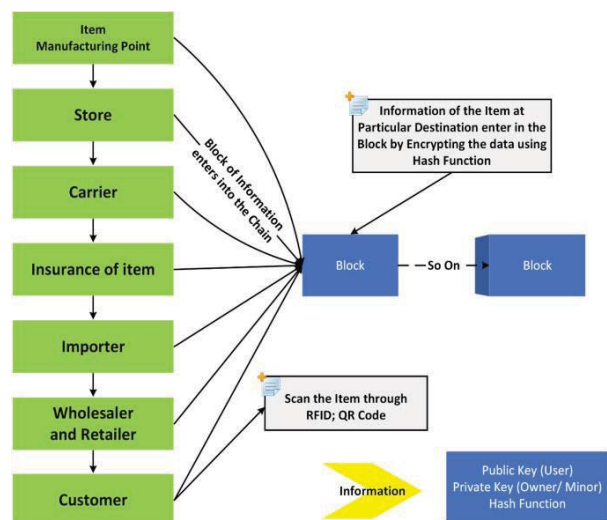

Fig. 5. *Framework diagram of the Blockchain in Retail*

VII. Blockchain in Retail

Info is currently driving the retail marketplace nowadays. The sellers are working to target more about personalized imports to better their consumer base and boost solutions for the consumer. Even the Blockchain tech will serve as an enabler that will aid the shops to reach their aims economically. From the retail realm, the Blockchain may give lots to help the merchants at advancing their current industry procedures that'll result in their organization increase, and a few such procedures are clarified.

A. Supply Chain

Shipment monitoring has a significant function within the distribution series. Blockchain may be utilized to put away data in regards to the dispatch at each period of monitoring for example spot, time and date, dispatch handling individual information, fever and also a status of the package/product and so on. That helps 1 assess in Real-time in the event the dispatch was handled precisely also it comes punctually in any specific area. It is also going to aid the merchants in locating the damaged or lost services and products from the market. Throughout the item remember, an official listing of this distribution series will permit the shops to spot the exact foundation of the matter and also these merchandises which

are influenced, which include the difficulties and so on. Additionally, Blockchain-based exchanges will permit the suppliers to purchase or offer from each other and vendors throughout the Blockchain-shared ledger.

B. Customer Profiling

Blockchain may be utilized to collect data associated with customer acquiring design, dictate positioning fashion and so on. This info is utilized to predict the location-specific requirements and implied stock on hand to better their hassle-free stock center. All over again, advanced level data warehousing approaches are manufactured to its retailers utilizing Blockchain technology as the information are all invisibly along with numerous analytic tools may operate about it. At the repayment, Blockchain will decrease the chance of fraudulent fiscal trades. As Blockchain stores every trade, it helps associations assess for cost routines at Real-time if required. Bonus factors, cashback, personalized retail promotions & price as well as other supplies on clients' cost styles might be assessed along with distinct supplies could be shared with them a real-time foundation.

C. Transparency

The info saved in Blockchain will undoubtedly be observable for clients, shops, providers plus they'll soon be capable of seeing the item supply, perhaps these services and products are all built through kid labor or in case some hidden or dangerous components will be existing; these assisting the retailers/customers choose on the services and products. This Blockchain enhanced transparency will probably signify customer behavior patterns far more appropriately.

D. Authenticity and anti-counterfeiting

An individual may use Blockchain to confirm the item credibility. Therefore, customers may walk throughout the documents around these goods and give a wide berth to counterfeiting, therefore raising the purchaser confidence in regards to the item caliber.

E. Loyalty

Blockchain can re-vamp the loyalty strategy by keeping the encoded purchaser data coupons, discounts and coupons also earning the info open to most of the shops offering more comprehensive information about purchaser documents. A dedication guarantee on Blockchain may additionally enable clients to view their devotion advice at 1 place round the suppliers. The Blockchain mentioned above-allowed procedures will cause higher client satisfaction, enhanced client buying customs, a lot of more procured trades and higher income to its merchants.

VIII. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In this paper, we are discussing the Blockchain technology with benefits in retail market/business and along with some of its significant features. With time, it is still evolving to different domains of IT and many other industries. In the retail industry will start the benefits of Blockchain through the improved better loyalty management system, more efficient supply chain management and improved transparency of products. By using Blockchain,

customer satisfaction increased also make a high margin of profit for retailers. Nowadays Blockchain is becoming a more dominant type of retailing.

As we come to know that to implement this Blockchain framework we need to develop a system using solidity language in Ethereum based platform. Furthermore, we need to implement SMS API to send items info at some destination that enters into Blockchain with the help of some hash function for it.

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