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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This document provides a comprehensive architectural overview of the system, using several different architectural views to depict different aspects of the system. It is intended to capture and convey the significant architectural decisions which have been made on the system.

1.2 Scope

The proposed system is a digital person verification platform using blockchain. The system aims to solve current issues associated with digital person verification. With blockchain, decentralized storage is provided, giving users full control over their credentials. A mobile/desktop application is used to store and manage credentials and an API is provided to integrate the system with third-party service providers.

1.3 Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

UI – User Interface

UX – User Experience

GUI – Graphical User Interface

API – Application Programming Interface

1.4 Overview

This document will provide architectural diagrams and design details of the iBlock digital person verification platform.

The following information is provided in this document.

- Architectural Representation
- Architectural Goals and Constraints
- Use case view
- Logical view
- Process View
- Deployment View
- Implementation View
- Data View
- Size and Performance

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- Quality
- References

2. Architectural Representation

- Use Case View

The Use Case View is represented with the UML Use Case Diagram. This view is intended for users who need an explanation of the higher-level functionality of the system such as the clients as well as the system designers.

- Logical View

The Logical View consists of UML Class Diagram and UML State Diagrams, describing the important components of the system architecture such as classes and subsystems. This view is intended for system designers and system developers who will be needing more in-depth insight into the system.

- Process View

The Process View consists of UML Activity Diagrams and UML Sequence Diagrams, describing the interactions between the components mentioned in the logical view. Also, this is the view where most of the methods and parameters that will be used in the system will be represented. This view is also intended for the system designers and system developers, who will need an in-depth understanding of the system.

- Deployment View

The Deployment View is represented with the UML Deployment Diagram, describing the device that the system is using and the connections between such devices, also known as nodes. Also, this is the view where the required execution environments for the system will be represented. This view is intended for the members of the production team who are responsible for the release of the product.

3. Architectural Goals and Constraints

The distributed architecture of the product is considered to achieve the tamper-proofness of the system and to guarantee zero downtime whenever possible. The software requirements to develop the solution are any preferred code editor for writing and debugging, an emulator or a device for testing the mobile application, a web browser with web3 extensions or web3 support built in, and access to a private blockchain as the testing environment. Designed architecture not having a relational database setup will constrain some of the data querying functionalities and being a decentralized application may constrain the debugging of some functionalities to some extent.

4. Use-Case View

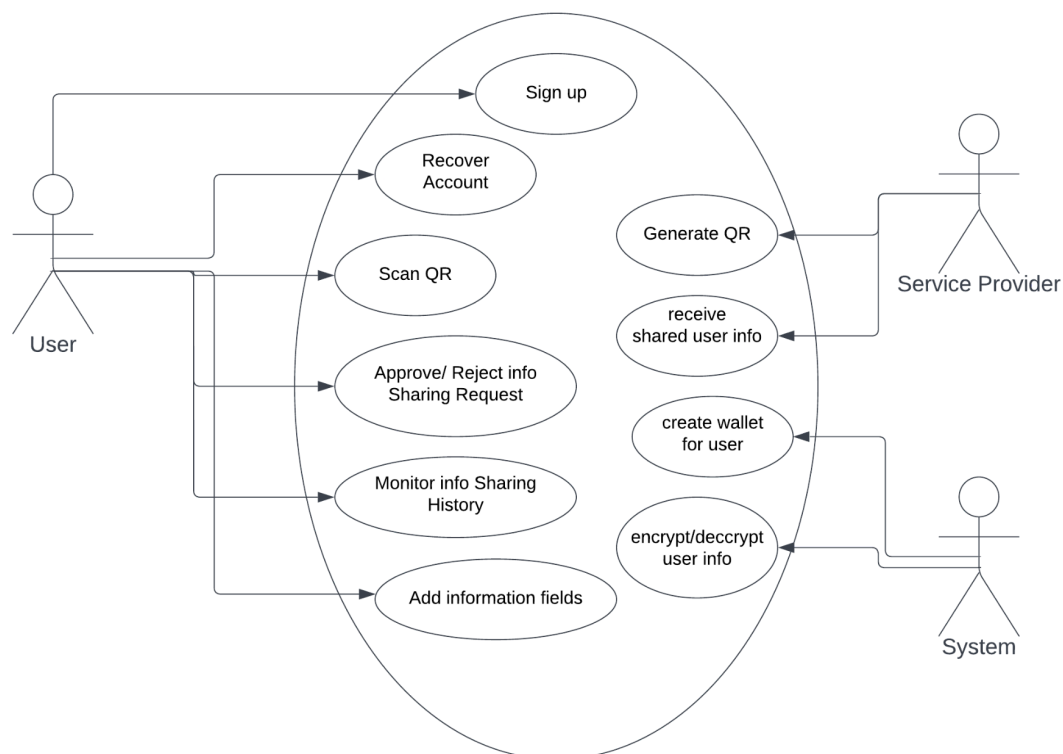


Figure 1. UML Use Case Diagram

UML Diagram for this project consists of three roles interacting with the platform performing ten use cases as shown in the diagram. A user can be any person who wants to use iBlock to verify his identity as a unique person. A service provider can be any vendor who wishes to use iBlock as a tool in their services to identify and verify people uniquely, and the role of the system is to perform the necessary use cases inside the platform.

4.1 Use-Case Realizations

4.1.1 Sign-up

Use case name	SignUp
Actor	User

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Description	Allows a user with the mobile application to create an account in the system and sign in.
preconditions	The mobile application has to be installed on the user's device, and the device should have a working internet connection. Also, the user is expected to have an accessible email account.
Main flow	The signup form is prompted to the user, and the user enters the required details and submits, The application validates the data, and a wallet gets created for the user.
Successful end/post condition	Sign Up successfully, landing view of the home.
Fail end/post condition	Sign Up failed, back to the sign in view.
Extensions	Encrypt user data, Create Wallet

4.1.2 Recover Account

Use case name	Recover Account
Actor	User
Description	Allows a user with the recovery phrase to restore the wallet and recover the account
preconditions	The mobile application has to be installed on the user's device, and the device should have a working internet connection. Also the user is expected to have the secret recovery phrase presented when the account is created.
Main flow	The recovery form is prompted to the user, User enters the secret recovery phrase and submits, The application validates the phrase, A wallet gets restored for the user.
Successful end/post condition	Restored successfully, landing view of the home.
Fail end/post condition	Restore failed, back to the sign in view.
Extensions	Restore Wallet

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4.1.3. Verify Identity

Use case name	Verify Identity
Actor	User, Service Provider
Description	Allows service providers to get the user's identity verified.
preconditions	<p>This main use case consists of the following sub-use cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provider generating the QR code. • User scans the QR code provided by the service provider • User approves verification information to be shared with service provider
Main flow	<p>If a user needs to verify identity to a service provider to get a service done.</p> <p>First, the user needs to scan the QR code provided by the service provider.</p> <p>Then, the application shows what is the information requested by the service provider.</p> <p>Finally, the user needs to approve or reject the information-sharing transaction.</p>
Successful end/post condition	Identity verified and can proceed with next steps.
Fail end/post condition	Identity verification failed and cannot proceed with the next steps.
Extensions	N/A

4.1.4. Monitor Sharing History

Use case name	Monitor Sharing History
Actor	User
Description	Allows a user with a created wallet to view the approvals and denials he has made to different service providers on a single click.

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preconditions	The mobile application has to be installed on the user's device, and the device should have a working internet connection. Also the user is expected to be logged in to the wallet.
Main flow	User requests to view his information sharing history, The application calls the smart contract to get the transactions under the user's wallet address, Application receives the transaction list, processes it and returns a map of information sharing history.
Successful end/post condition	View of all the transactions of information sharing.
Fail end/post condition	Fetching information history failed, back to home view
Extensions	N/A

4.1.5. Add New Information Field

Use case name	Add Information Fields
Actor	User
Description	Allows a user with the created wallet to add a new personal information field as preferred.
preconditions	The mobile application has to be installed on the user's device, and the device should have a working internet connection. Also the user is expected to be logged in to the wallet.
Main flow	The add information form is prompted to the user, User enters the new information (key - value pair) and submits, The application validates the information, New information field gets stored in the wallet.
Successful end/post condition	Information added successfully, landing view of the home.
Fail end/post condition	Adding information failed, back to home view
Extensions	N/A

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5. Logical View

This section describes the architecturally significant parts of the design model, such as its decomposition into subsystems and packages. And for each significant package, its decomposition into classes and class utilities.

5.1 Overview

When decomposing the system following are the main classes identified in the system.

1. User
2. App user (Inherited by User)
3. Service provider (Inherited by User)
4. App
5. Wallet
6. Smart Contract

Here, app users and service providers are identified to have common attributes. It is the reason for creating a superclass called user.

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5.2 Architecturally Significant Design Packages

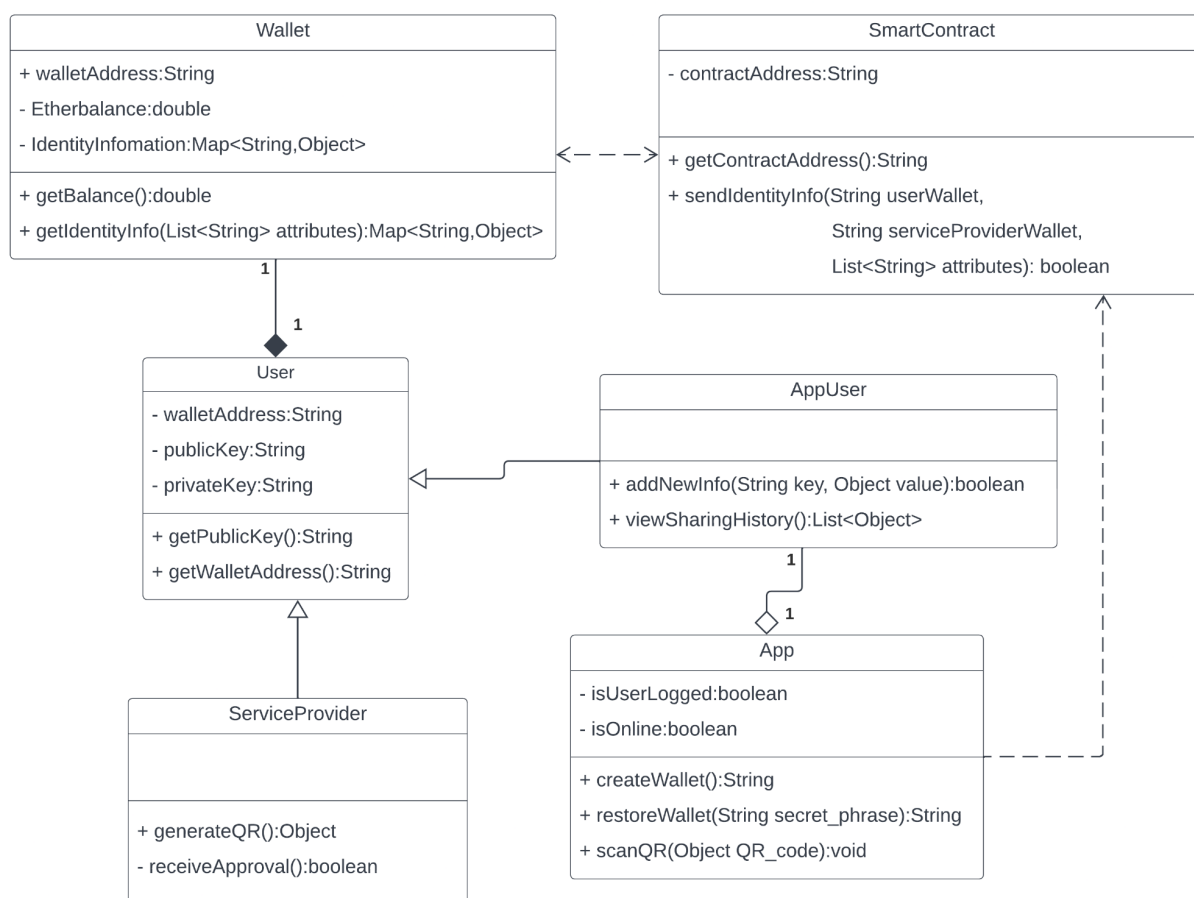


Figure 2. UML Class Diagram

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6. Process View

6.1. Sign-up

6.1.1. Activity Diagram (Sign-up)

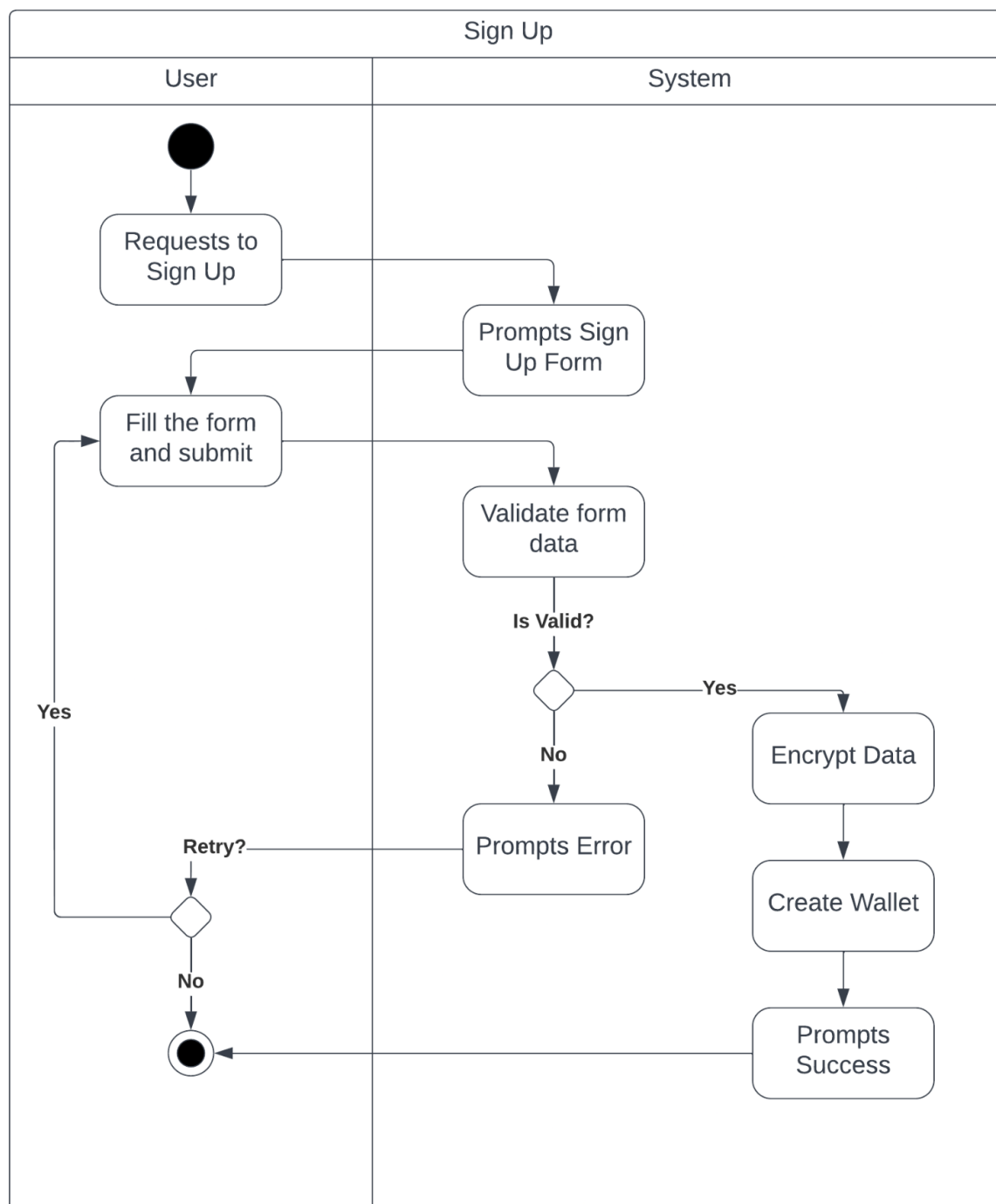


Figure 3. UML Activity Diagram for Sign Up

6.1.2. Sequence Diagram (Sign-up)

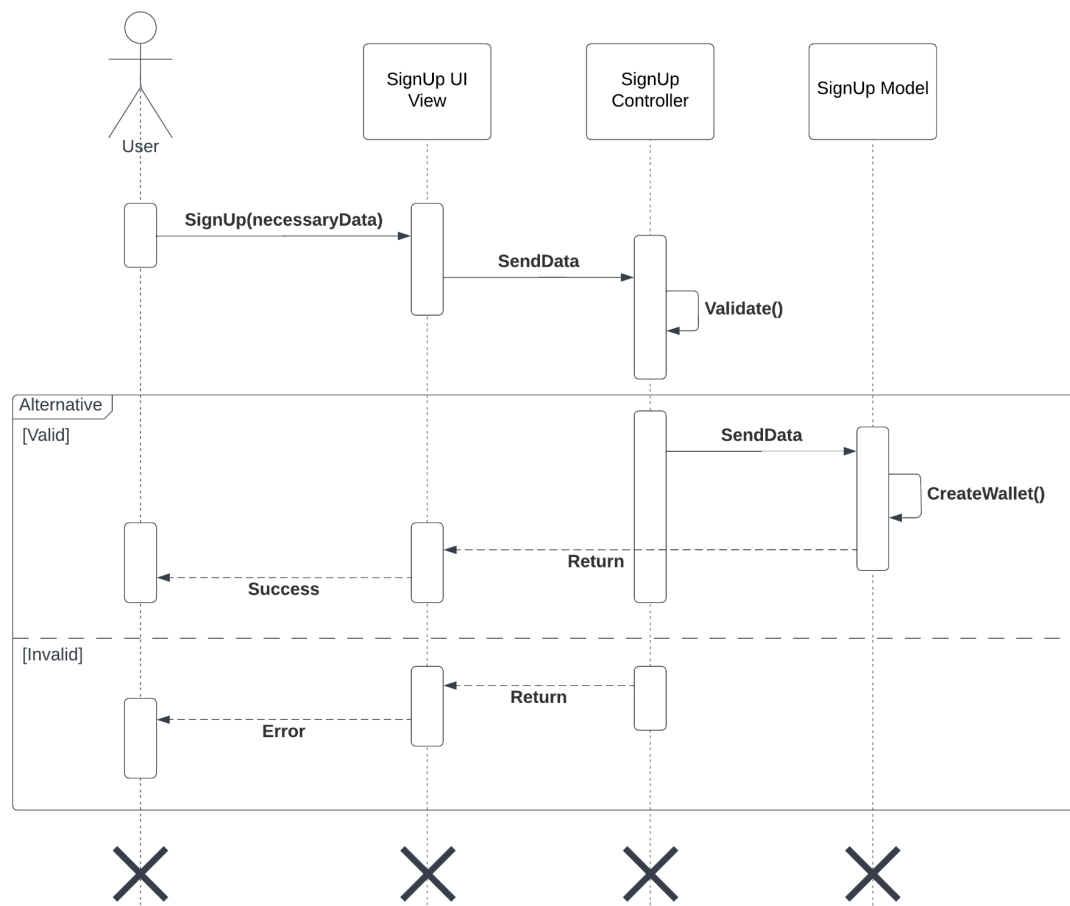


Figure 4. UML Sequence Diagram for Sign Up

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6.2. Recover Account

6.2.1. Activity Diagram (Recover Account)

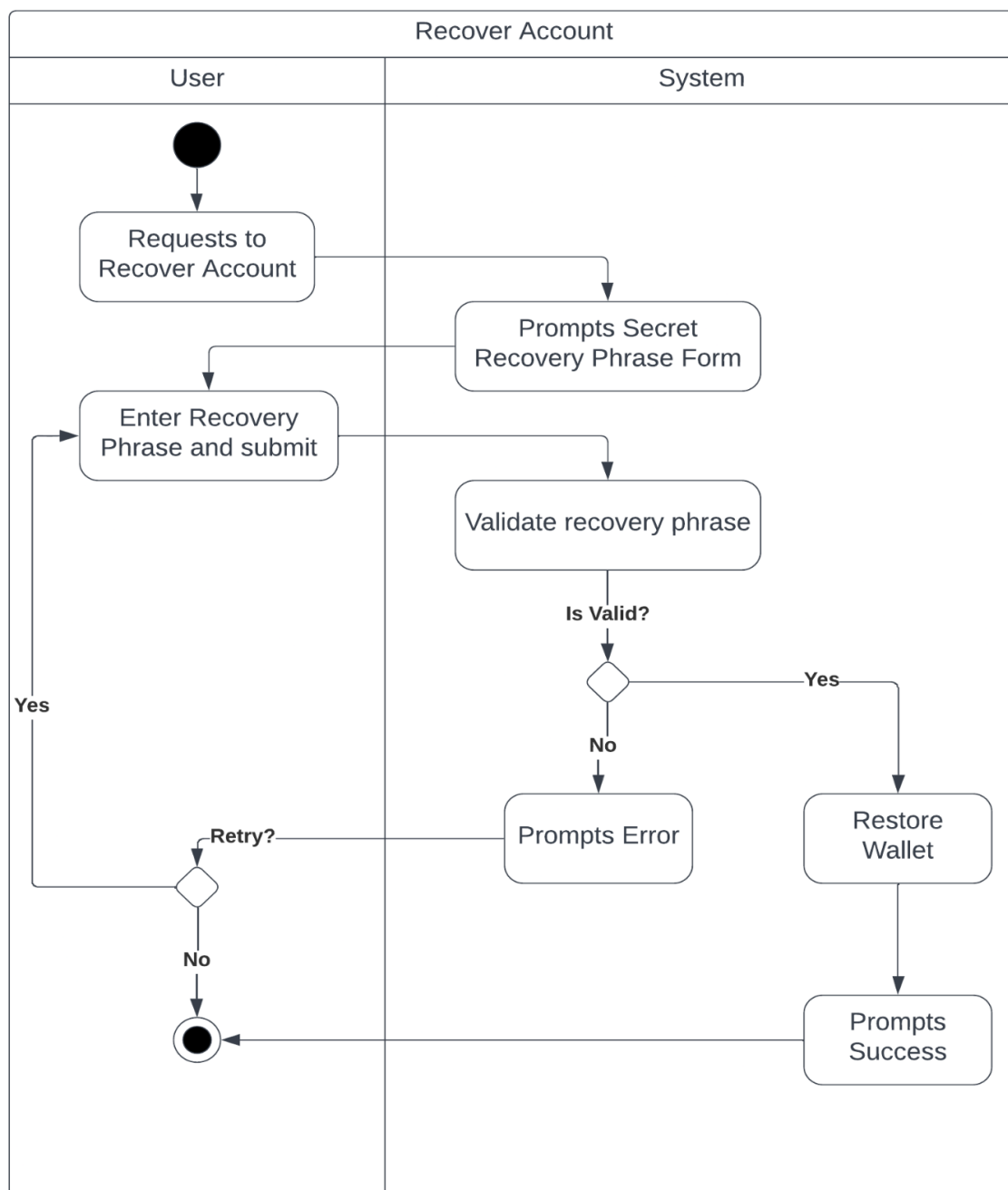


Figure 5. UML Activity Diagram for Recover Account

6.2.2. Sequence Diagram (Recover Account)

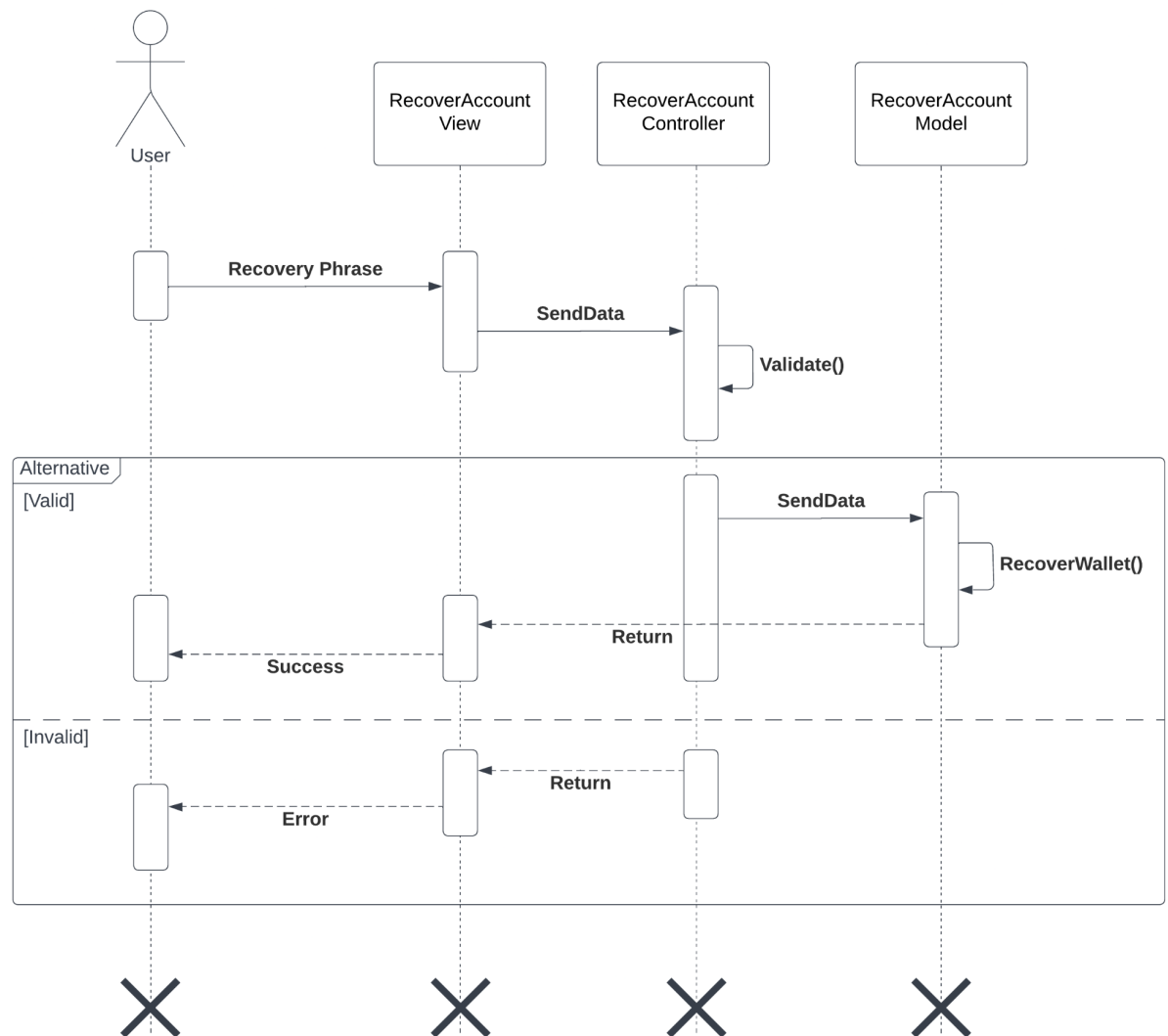


Figure 6. UML Sequence Diagram for Recover Account

6.3. Verify Identity

6.3.1. Activity Diagram (Verify Identity)

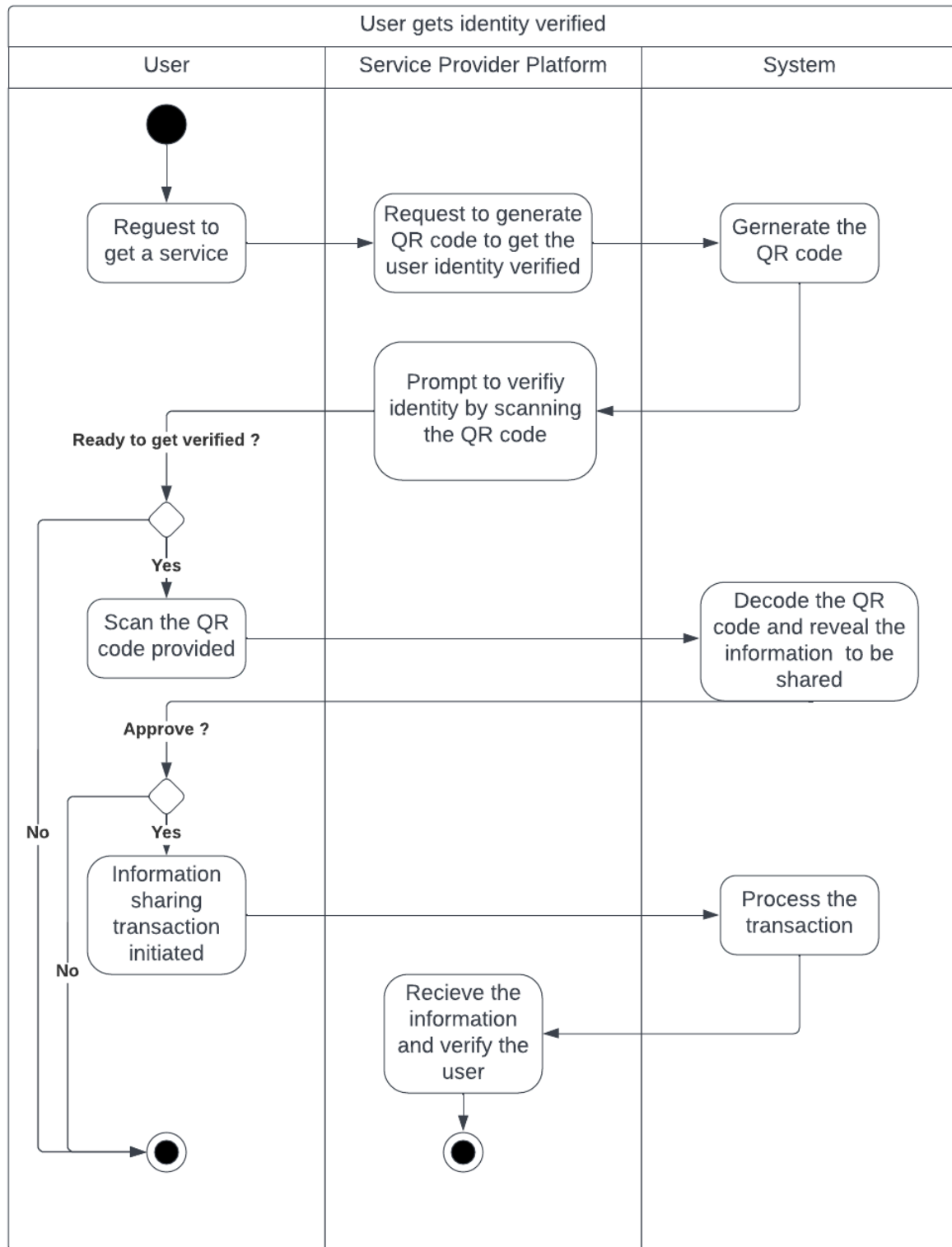


Figure 7. UML Activity Diagram for Verify Identity

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6.3.2. Sequence Diagram (Verify Identity)

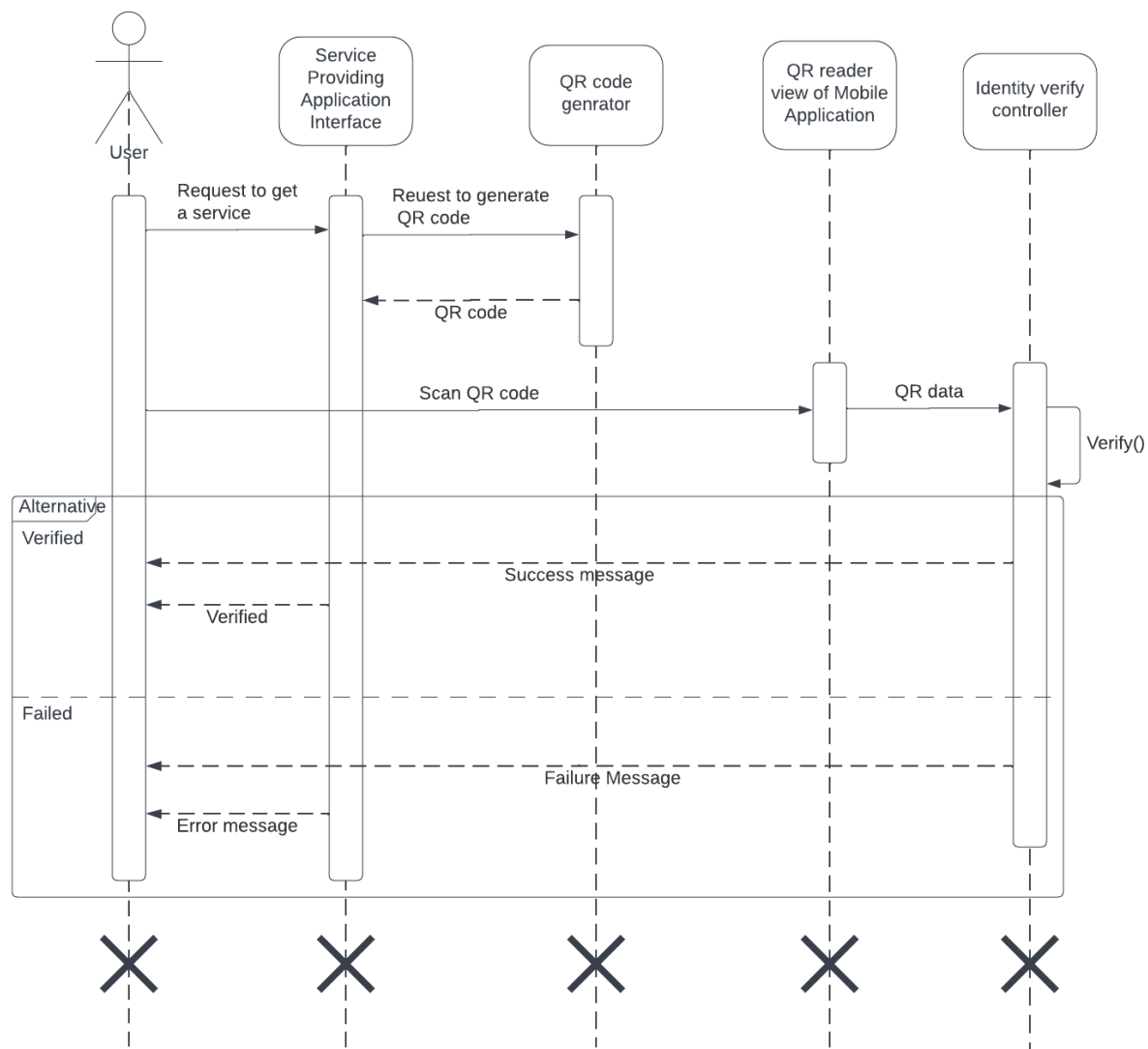


Figure 8. UML Sequence Diagram for Verify Identity

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6.4. Monitor Sharing History

6.4.1. Activity Diagram (Monitor Sharing History)

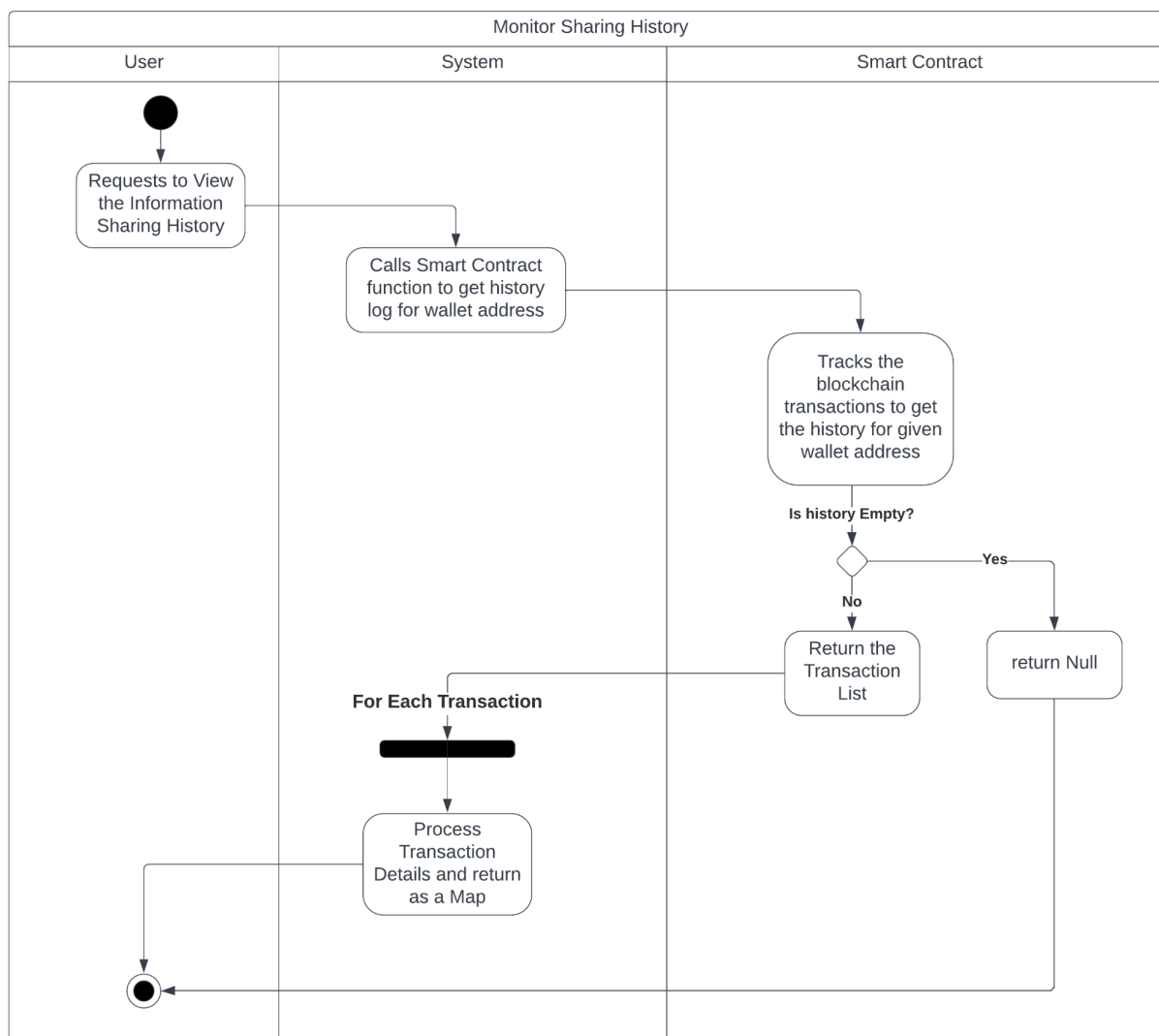


Figure 9. UML Activity Diagram for Monitor Sharing History

6.4.2. Sequence Diagram (Monitor Sharing History)

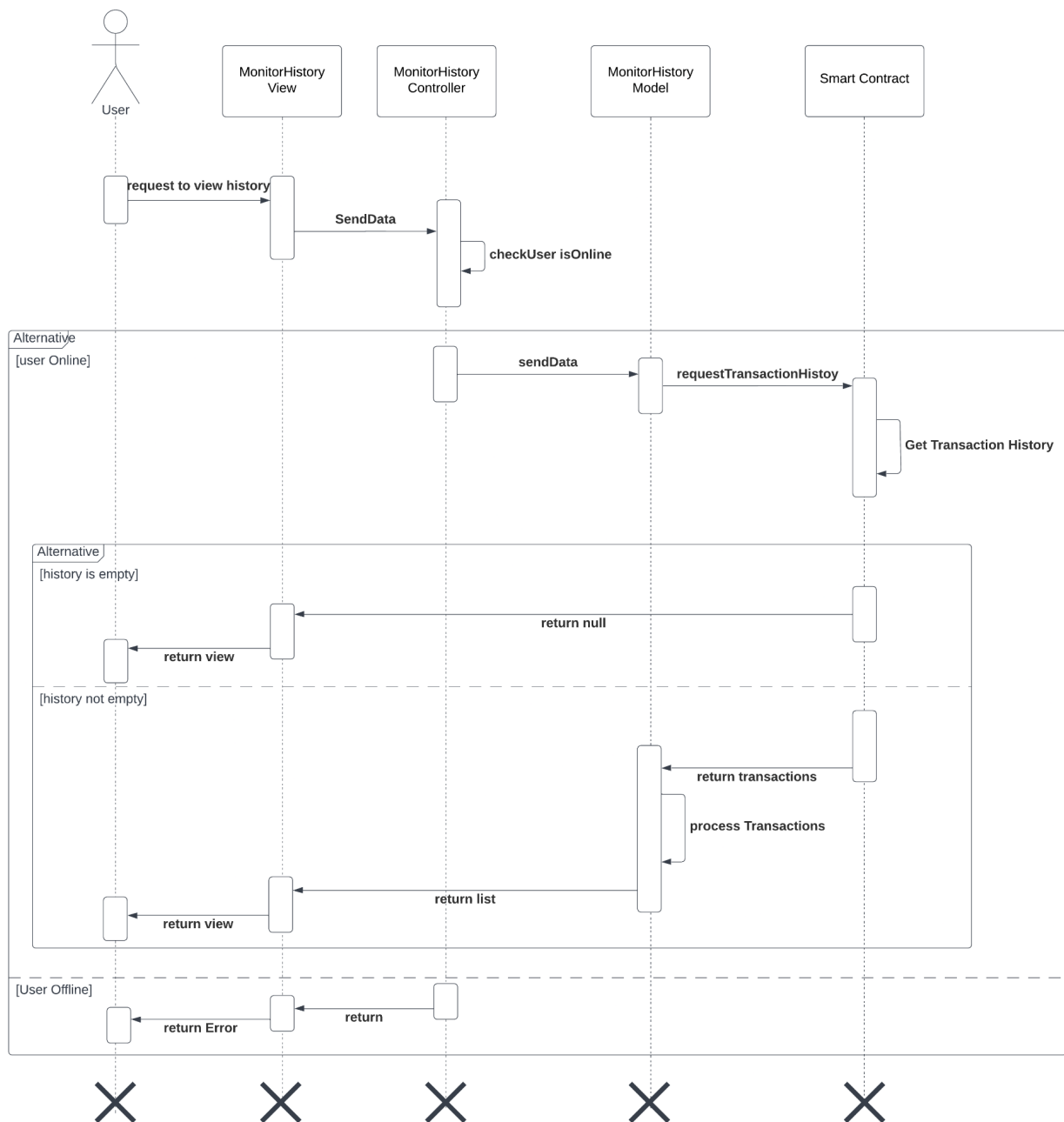


Figure 10. UML Sequence Diagram for Monitor Sharing History

6.5. Add New Information Field

6.5.1. Activity Diagram (Add New Information Field)

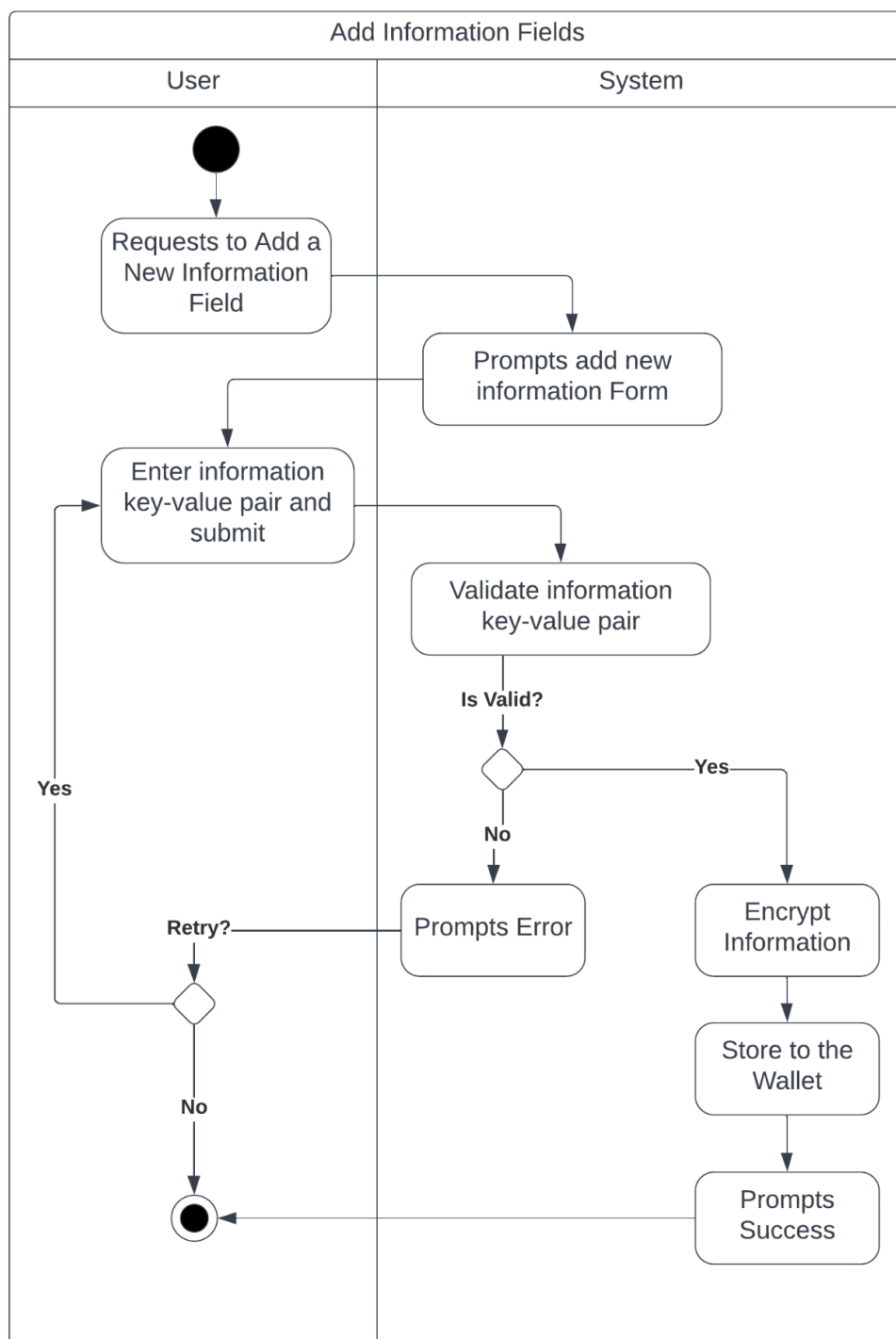


Figure 11. UML Activity Diagram for Add New Information Field

6.5.2. Sequence Diagram (Add New Information Field)

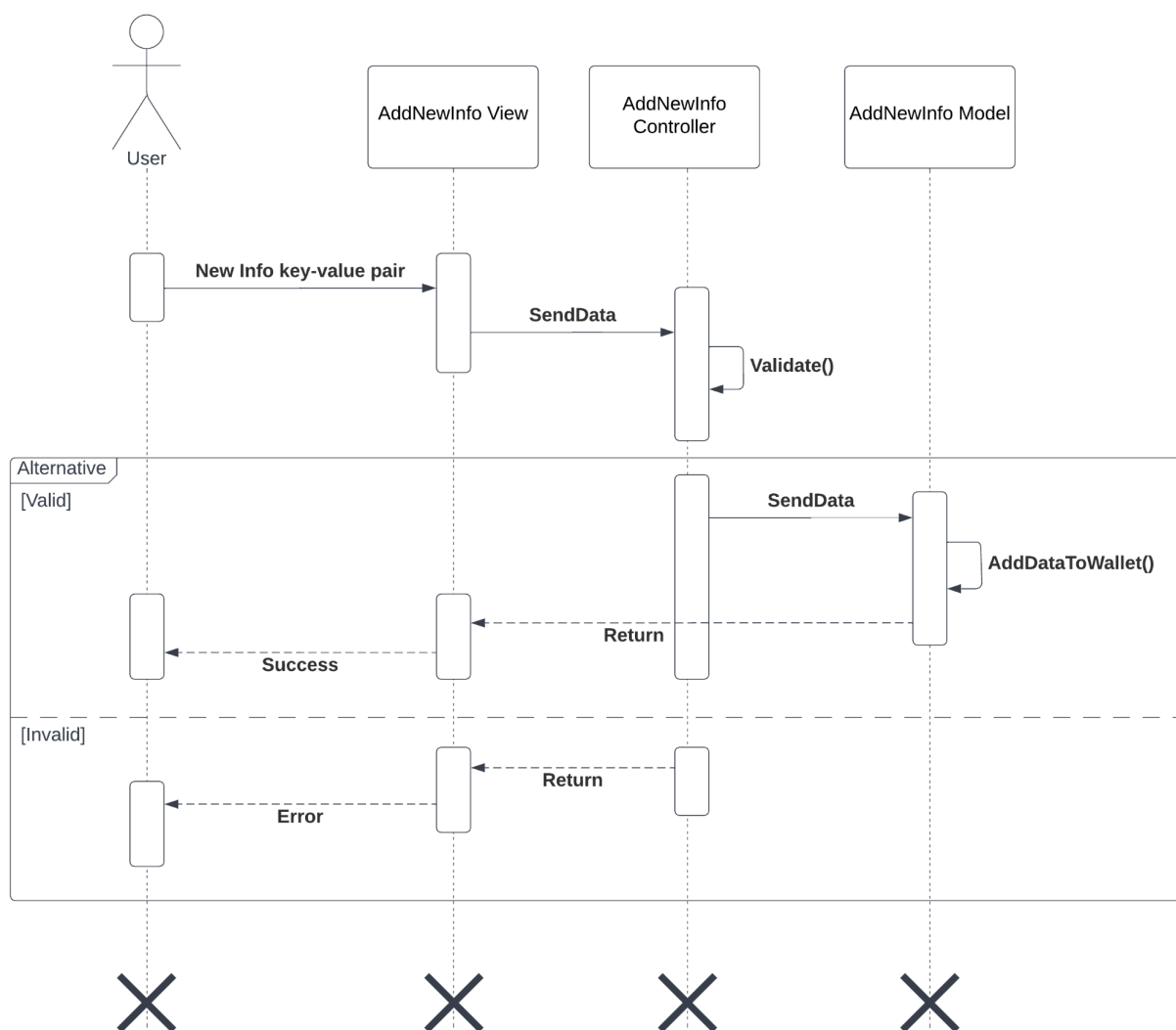


Figure 12. UML Sequence Diagram for Add New Information Field

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7. Deployment View

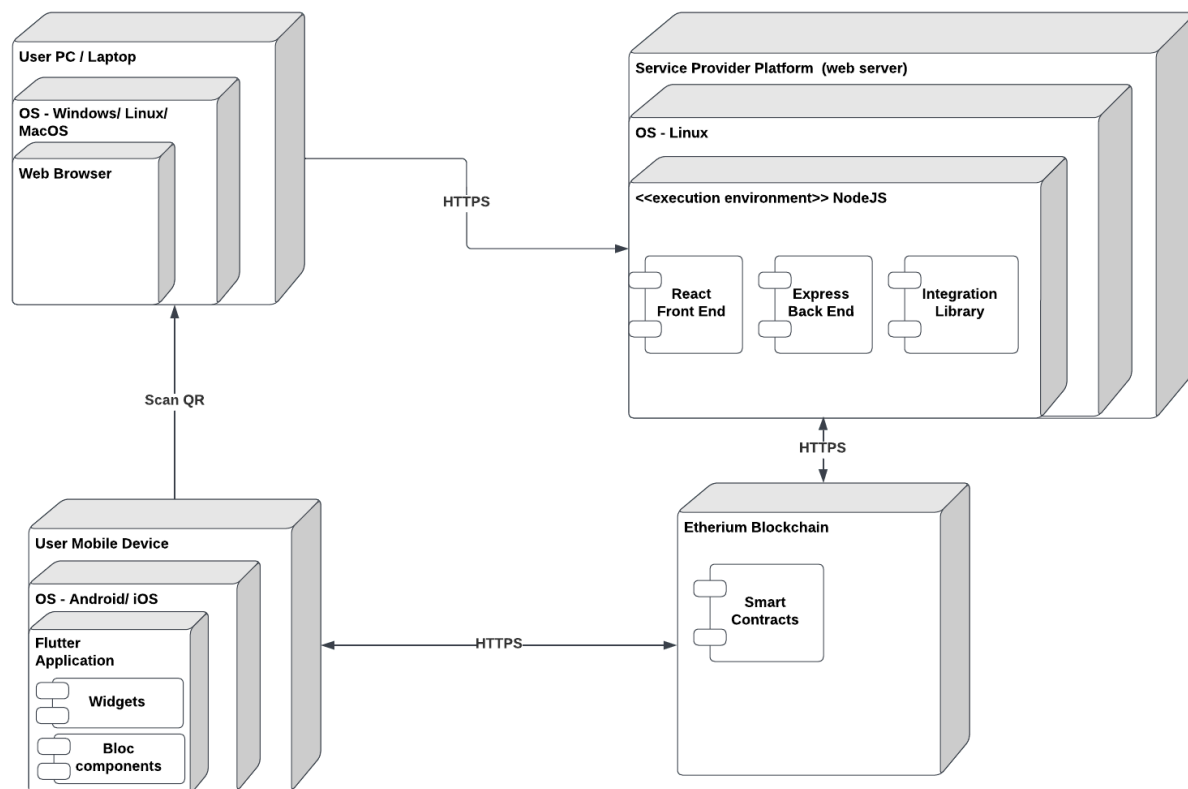


Figure 13. UML Deployment Diagram

iBlock will be deployed as a mobile application that can be installed on both android and iOS devices for users to verify their identity. The smart contracts deal with both users' and service providers' wallets will be deployed on the Ethereum Blockchain (a testnet), and the integration API will be provided to service vendors deployed on Github.

8. Implementation View

8.1. Overview

Implementation of the iBlock project is divided into the following components.

1. iBlock application
2. Demo application and Integration library

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8.2. Layers

8.2.1. Implementation view of iBlock application

Bloc design pattern[4] is proposed to use for the implementation of the application. This design pattern separates the user interface from the business logic of the application. The business logic further makes use of events to make transitions between application states. The view is mapped with the state of the business logic

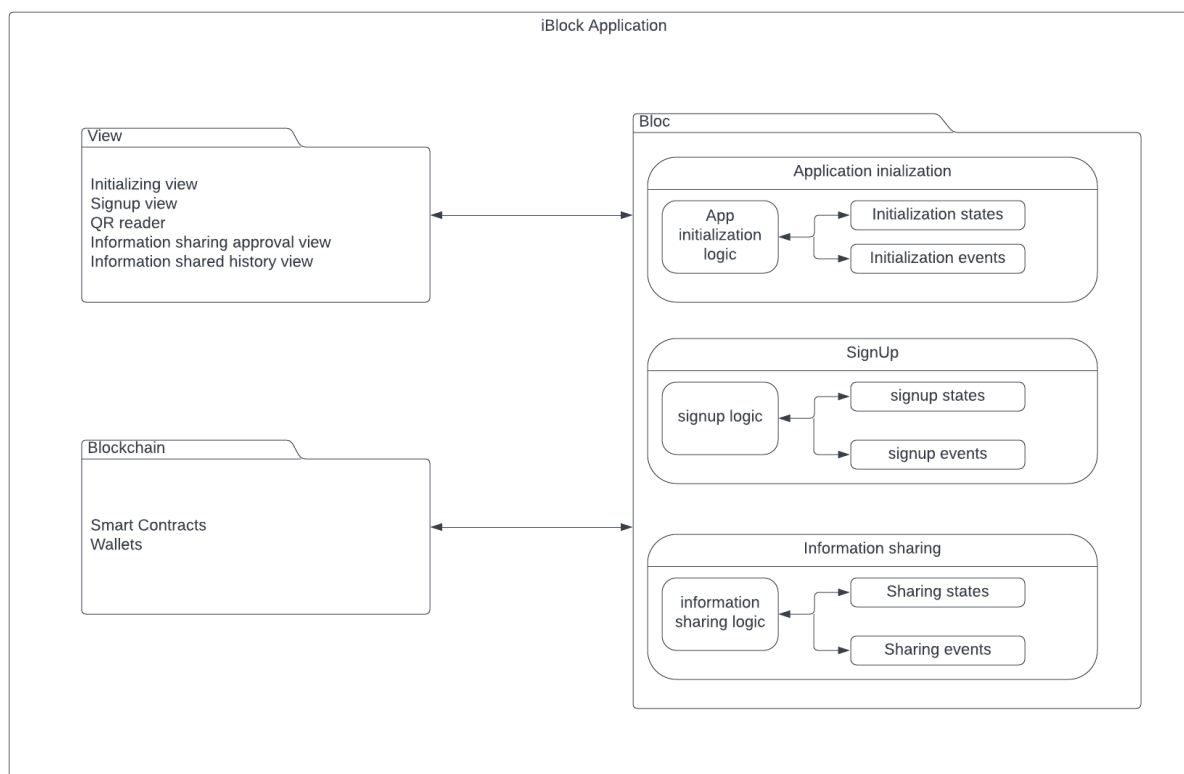


Figure 14. UML Package Diagram for Mobile Application

8.2.2. Implementation view of demo application and integration library

Proposed to develop the demo application as front-end and back-end. The front end is to be built with react and the back end with expressJS. The back-end will interact with the blockchain.

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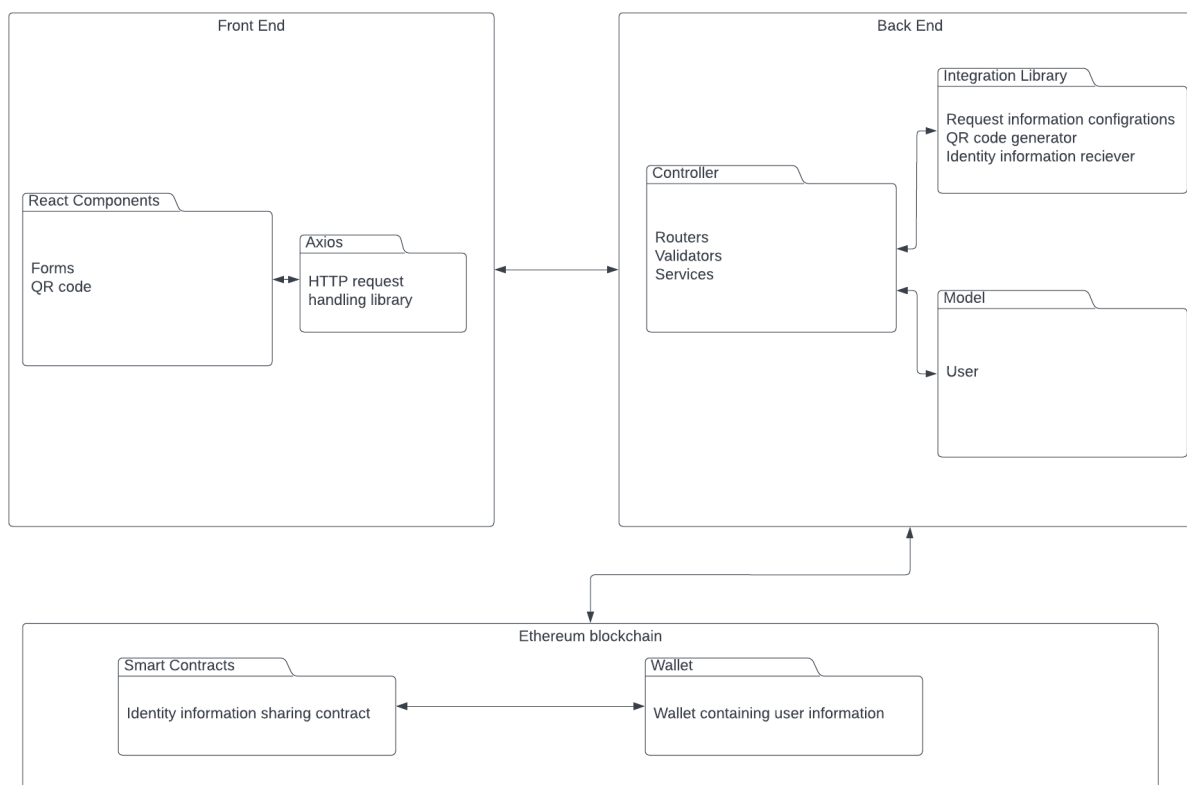


Figure 15. UML Package Diagram for Service Provider and Integration API

9. Data View

Being a decentralized application, iBlock is not storing users' personal information on any kind of centralized database server. All the information is stored in the user's wallet which can only be accessed by the owner itself and is allowed to be shared by the owner only.

10. Size and Performance

Security

As this software system is related to confidential information and security sensitive activities, a very high priority should be placed on security.

User Experience

The proposed software solution intends to provide useful services to normal people.

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Therefore a high emphasis needs to be on user experience.

Processing latencies

Minimizing processing latencies can provide a smoother experience for the users.

Concurrency

A major part of the software system can benefit from concurrent operations, as in Smart Contracts and API. Improving the performance by using a maximum number of concurrent operations should be prioritized.

11. Quality

Usability

A simple UI with steps taken to improve the user experience will be used in the iBlock Application Program. This application is cross platform which further enhances the usability.

The software interface of the API will be simple providing easier integration with third-party service providers web interfaces.

Reliability

The modular architecture used in the system will provide better maintainability and a simpler design. These characteristics will provide a reliable end-product.

Scalability

As the system is modularized, each module can be improved separately which will make the system highly scalable.

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