

Project name: Decentralized Crowdfunding DApp

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Stack: Solidity, JS, MetaMask, Ethereum Testnet

1) Project Overview:

This project implements a decentralized crowdfunding application that operates exclusively on the Ethereum testnet and uses only free test ETH and test tokens. The application supports creating campaigns, allowing users to contribute, and minting internal reward tokens to contributors. The use of Ethereum mainnet and real cryptocurrency is strictly prohibited and not used in this project

2) Application architecture:

The system consists of four main layers:

1. Frontend (HTML/JS):
Provides UI for connecting MetaMask, creating campaigns, contributing, finalizing campaigns, and viewing balances
2. MetaMask Wallet:
Handles account access permission requests, network selection, and user signing of transactions.
3. Ethereum Test Network:
The blockchain environment where contracts are deployed and transactions are executed
4. Smart contracts:
Crowdfunding.sol - manages campaigns, contributions, and campaign finalization
RewardToken.sol - mints internal reward tokens during participating

Data storage approach:

All campaign state (title, goal, deadline, raised amount, finalized status) and contribution tracking are stored on-chain inside Crowdfunding.sol Token balances are stored in the ERC-20 contract as standard balances.

3) Design and Implementation Decisions

The application is designed to run only on test network Sepolia and uses only free test ETH and tokens. This directly satisfies the constraint that mainnet and real cryptocurrency are not allowed.

A custom ERC-20 token is minted automatically when a user contributes, purely for educational demonstration and without monetary value

The contract provides the required stages:

- Create a campaign with parameters (title, goal, deadline)
- Accept contributions in test ETH
- Track individual contributions
- Finalize after the deadline

4) Smart Contract Logic

4.1) Campaign creation

The smart contract layer is responsible for all critical state and validation.

Function: createCampaign(string title, uint256 goalWei, uint256 durationSeconds)

Creates a new campaign with:

- title (string)
- goalWei (funding goal in wei)
- deadline = block.timestamp + durationSeconds

Validations (typical):

- Title is not empty
- Goal is greater than 0
- Duration is greater than 0

State changes:

- Increments campaignCount
- Stores a Campaign struct in campaigns[campaignId]
- Emits CampaignCreated(campaignId, creator, title, goalWei, deadline)

4.2) Contributing to a campaign

Function: contribute(uint256 campaignId) (payable)

Allows a user to send test ETH to an active campaign

Validations (typical):

campaignId exists

- msg.value > 0
- Current time is before deadline

- Campaign is not finalized

State changes:

- Updates contributions[campaignId][msg.sender] += msg.value
- Updates campaigns[campaignId].raisedWei += msg.value

Events:

Emits Contributed(campaignId, contributor, amountWei)

4.3) Finalizing a campaign

Function: finalize(uint256 campaignId)

Finalizes a campaign after the deadline

Validations (typical):

- campaignId exists
- block.timestamp >= deadline
- Not already finalized

State changes:

- Sets campaign.finalized = true
- Emits Finalized(campaignId)

5)Frontend-to-Blockchain Interaction

5.1) MetaMask connection and permissions

The client-side application interacts with the blockchain via MetaMask and a JavaScript Ethereum library (ethers.js)

The UI requests wallet access using MetaMask and reads the connected address.

The flow includes:

- Requesting permission to access accounts
- Reading the selected account address and displaying it

5.2) Network validation

The frontend verifies that the currently selected network is a supported test network (Sepolia) before sending transactions

5.3) Transactions and monitoring outcomes

The UI supports:

- Creating campaigns
- Contributing to campaigns
- Finalizing campaigns
- Monitoring transaction outcomes (e.g., tx hash, confirmation)

All transactions are executed through MetaMask (user signs and broadcasts)

5.4) Balance display

The frontend displays:

- User test ETH balance (from provider getBalance)
- Reward token balance (via ERC-20 balanceOf)

6) Deployment and Execution Instructions

These steps describe how to compile, deploy, and run the application

6.1) Prerequisites:

- Node.js + npm installed
- MetaMask installed in browser FINAL EXAMINATION PROJECT (1)
- A supported Ethereum test network selected in MetaMask (Sepolia/Holesky)

6.2) Install dependencies

From the project root (where package.json is located):

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npm install --legacy-peer-deps
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6.3) Compile contracts

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npx hardhat compile
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6.4) Configure environment for testnet deployment

Create a .env file (do not commit it) with:
SEPOLIA_RPC_URL=YOUR_RPC_URL

PRIVATE_KEY=YOUR_PRIVATE_KEY

6.5) Deploy to testnet

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PS C:\Users\Valeriy\Desktop\Desktop\VB3\Blockchain\FINAL> npx hardhat run scripts/deploy.js --network sepolia
[dotenv@17.2.3] injecting env (0) from .env -- tip: audit secrets and track compliance: https://dotenvx.com/ops
[dotenv@17.2.3] injecting env (0) from .env -- tip: sync secrets across teammates & machines: https://dotenvx.com/ops
HardhatError: HH117: Empty string `` for network or forking URL - Expected a non-empty string.
    at new HttpProvider (C:\Users\Valeriy\Desktop\Desktop\VB3\Blockchain\FINAL\node_modules\hardhat\src\internal\core\providers\http.ts:55:13)
    at @nomicfoundation\hardhat-ethers\src\internal\hardhat-ethers-provider.ts:105:34)
    at getSigners (C:\Users\Valeriy\Desktop\Desktop\VB3\Blockchain\FINAL\node_modules\@nomicfoundation\hardhat-ethers\src\internal\helpers.ts:46:42)
    at Proxy.getSigners (C:\Users\Valeriy\Desktop\Desktop\VB3\Blockchain\FINAL\node_modules\@nomicfoundation\hardhat-ethers\src\internal\index.ts:37:
35)
    at getContractFactoryByAbiAndBytecode (C:\Users\Valeriy\Desktop\Desktop\VB3\Blockchain\FINAL\node_modules\@nomicfoundation\hardhat-ethers\src\int
ernal\helpers.ts:318:38)
PS C:\Users\Valeriy\Desktop\Desktop\VB3\Blockchain\FINAL> npx hardhat run scripts/deploy.js --network sepolia
[dotenv@17.2.3] injecting env (2) from .env -- tip: prevent building .env in docker: https://dotenvx.com/prebuild
[dotenv@17.2.3] injecting env (0) from .env -- tip: specify custom .env file path with { path: '/custom/path/.env' }
ProviderError: insufficient funds for gas * price + value: balance 0, tx cost 1741636174221445, overshoot 1741636174221445
    at HttpProvider.request (C:\Users\Valeriy\Desktop\Desktop\VB3\Blockchain\FINAL\node_modules\hardhat\src\internal\core\providers\http.ts:116:21)
    at processTicksAndRejections (node:internal/process/task_queues:103:5)
    at HardhatEthersSigner.sendTransaction (C:\Users\Valeriy\Desktop\Desktop\VB3\Blockchain\FINAL\node_modules\@nomicfoundation\hardhat-ethers\src\si
gners.ts:185:18)
    at ContractFactory.deploy (C:\Users\Valeriy\Desktop\Desktop\VB3\Blockchain\FINAL\node_modules\ethers\src\contract\factory.ts:111:24)
    at main (file:///C:/Users/Valeriy/Desktop/Desktop/VB3/Blockchain/FINAL/scripts/deploy.js:7:17)
PS C:\Users\Valeriy\Desktop\Desktop\VB3\Blockchain\FINAL> npx hardhat run scripts/deploy.js --network sepolia
[dotenv@17.2.3] injecting env (2) from .env -- tip: add observability to secrets: https://dotenvx.com/ops
[dotenv@17.2.3] injecting env (0) from .env -- tip: enable debug logging with { debug: true }
TOKEN_ADDRESS = 0x0cbC71037f588fC662868B062a6d69AC5CbDcc48
CROWDFUNDING_ADDRESS = 0x14B2bFDbF6413FaF3448b28a4902873f99290c0b
PS C:\Users\Valeriy\Desktop\Desktop\VB3\Blockchain\FINAL>
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npx hardhat run scripts/deploy.js --network sepolia

After deployment, record:

TOKEN_ADDRESS = 0x...

CROWDFUNDING_ADDRESS = 0x...

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PS C:\Users\Valeriy\Desktop\Desktop\Д3\Blockchain\FINAL> npx hardhat test test/Crowdfunding.test.cjs
[dotenv@17.2.3] injecting env (2) from .env -- tip: 🔒 encrypt with Dotenvx: https://dotenvx.com

Crowdfunding
  ✓ Should create a campaign
  ✓ Should allow contribution

2 passing (130ms)
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Solidity and Network Configuration					
Solidity: 0.8.20	Optim: false	Runs: 200	viaIR: false	Block: 60,000,000 gas	
Methods					
Contracts / Methods	Min	Max	Avg	# calls	usd (avg)
Crowdfunding					
contribute	-	-	135,279	2	-
createCampaign	-	-	143,419	3	-
RewardToken					
setMinter	46,394	46,406	46,400	2	-
Deployments					
				% of limit	
Crowdfunding	-	-	1,860,634	3.1 %	-
RewardToken	-	-	1,223,474	2 %	-
Key					
0 Execution gas for this method does not include intrinsic gas overhead					
^ Cost was non-zero but below the precision setting for the currency display (see options)					
Toolchain: hardhat					


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PS C:\Users\Valeriy\Desktop\Desktop\B3\Blockchain\FINAL> npx hardhat test test/RewardToken.test.cjs
[dotenv@17.2.3] injecting env (2) from .env -- tip: 🗝 add access controls to secrets: https://dotenvx.com/ops

RewardToken Contract
  Deployment
    ✓ Should set the right owner
    ✓ Should have correct name and symbol
  Minting
    ✓ Should allow owner to mint
    ✓ Should allow designated minter to mint
    ✓ Should fail if unauthorized account tries to mint
  Access Control
    ✓ Should only allow owner to set minter

6 passing (145ms)

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| Solidity and Network Configuration |
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| Solidity: 0.8.20 | Optim: false | Runs: 200 | viaIR: false | Block: 60,000,000 gas |
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| Methods |
|-----|
| Contracts / Methods | Min | Max | Avg | # calls | usd (avg) |
|-----|
| RewardToken |
| mint | 71,223 | 73,416 | 72,320 | 2 | - |
| setMinter | - | - | 46,406 | 1 | - |
|-----|
| Deployments | | | | % of limit |
| RewardToken | - | - | 1,223,474 | 2 % | - |
|-----|
| Key |
|-----|
| 0 Execution gas for this method does not include intrinsic gas overhead |
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| ⚠ Cost was non-zero but below the precision setting for the currency display (see options) |
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| Toolchain: hardhat |
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PS C:\Users\Valeriy\Desktop\Desktop\B3\Blockchain\FINAL>

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6.6) Configure frontend contract addresses

Update the frontend config (example: frontend/js/config.js) with the deployed addresses and expected chainId: Sepolia chainId - 11155111

6.7) Run the frontend

Open the frontend using a static server or VS Code Live Server. Then:

1. Connect MetaMask
2. Confirm network validation
3. Create a campaign
4. Contribute test ETH
5. Finalize after deadline
6. Check ETH and token balances

7) Obtaining Test ETH

The application requires free test ETH to pay gas and contribute to campaigns

Process used:

1. Select the correct test network in MetaMask (Sepolia)
2. Copy your wallet address.
3. Use a faucet for that network to request test ETH.
4. Wait for the faucet transaction to complete and verify balance in MetaMask.

link for getting free ETH (faucet): [Ethereum Sepolia Faucet](#)