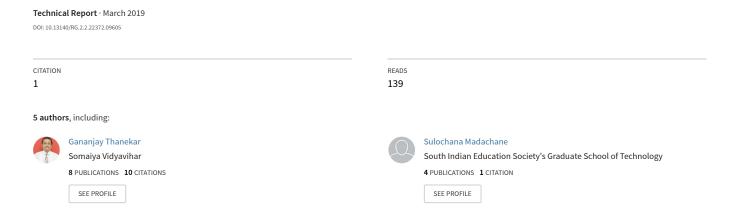
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# **ABSTRACT**

The voting system in India as well as in some countries abroad is flawed and can be easily manipulated and hampered by those with power to suit their personal benefits. It allows people with money to buy the votes or tamper the machine that record it. A current example can be the recent elections in Uttar Pradesh where the ruling party manipulated the voting machines to gain unfair advantage

A voting system which is unhackable or which cannot be tampered. Using blockchain based distributed networks to store and record votes which allows voting to be almost 99.9% secure as it is distributed among a cluster of networks and requires computing power of over 500 supercomputers to even get hold of the network which is currently impossible to achieve. The system has a user friendly interface and can be used to run polls and elections with total security and zero percent chance of manipulation

## Introduction

Block chain is a peer-to-peer connection of nodes that talk to each other. On the block chain the data doesn't reside in a single server. It is distributed across every node. All of this data is contained in bundles of records called blocks which are chained together to create a pubic ledger and all of the nodes work together to ensure that data in the publication because it means that our account sent the transaction when we vote and our vote will go to the candidate and be recorded forever. Because all of the data is shared across devices in the block chain, it is database and as each node talk to each other it is a network so instead of traditional web model you can think of block chain as database and network all in one. The Ethereum allows us write code that get executed on the ethereum virtual machine with smart contracts. This is where our business logic of our application will lie. This is the code that'll responsible for reading and writing the data transfer the value and executing any business logic that we program.

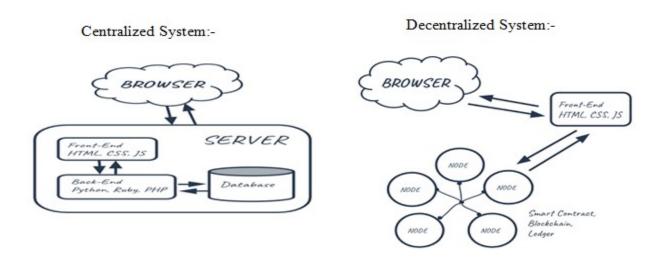


Figure 1.1- Centralized System Vs Decentralized System

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2	15-16 Dec. 2017	B Madhuri ,M G Adarsha , K R Pradhyumna , B M Prajwal	Secured Smart Voting System using Aadhar	Proposed system is App based Biometric online voting system, which determines whether a particular person is eligible for casting vote by authenticating his/her finger print. Voter details are retrieved from the Aadhar Database and verified. Detail about the casted vote is updated to the respective Database.
3	26-27 Oct. 2017	Rifa Hanifatunnisa , Budi Rahardjo	Blockchain based e- voting recording system design	Permission Blockchain inversely proportional to the previous type, operated by known entities such as consortium blockchains, where consortium members or stakeholders in a particular business context operate a Blockchain permission network. This Blockchain permission system has means to identify nodes that can control and update data together, and often has ways to control who can issue transactions.
4	27 May-3 June 2018	Péter Hegedus	Towards Analyzing the Complexity Landscape of Solidity Based Ethereum Smart	The primary concepts enabling such general use of the blockchain are the so-called smart contracts, which are special programs that run on the blockchain. One of the most popular blockchain platforms

			Contracts	that supports smart contracts are Ethereum. As smart contracts typically handle money, ensuring their low number of faults and vulnerabilities are essential. To aid smart contract developers and help maturing the technology, we need analysis tools and studies for smart contracts
5	07 March 2018	Jason Paul Cruz Yuichi Kaji Naoto Yanai	Role-Based Access Control Using Smart Contract	We present a role-based access control using smart contract (RBAC-SC), a platform that makes use of Ethereum's smart contract technology to realize a transorganizational utilization of roles. Ethereum is an open blockchain platform that is designed to be secure, adaptable, and flexible. It pioneered smart contracts, which are decentralized applications that serve as "autonomous agents" running exactly as programmed and are deployed on a blockchain.
6	iacr.org 2017	Patrick McCorry, Siamak F. Shahandashti and Feng Hao	A Smart Contract for Boardroom Voting with Maximum Voter Privacy	Ethereum's blockchain provides a natural platform for the Open Vote Network. It provides a public bulletin board and an authenticated broadcast channel which are necessary in decentralized internet voting protocols to support coordination amongst voters. As well, almost all computations in the Open Vote Network are public computations that can be written as a smart contract.

# **Report on Present Investigation**

## 3.1 Requirement Analysis

#### 1. Scope

The Ethereum allows us write code that get executed on the ethereum virtual machine with smart contracts. This is where our business logic of our application will lie. This is the code that'll responsible for reading and writing the data transfer the value and executing any business logic that we program. We can think of smart contract as micro-service that lives on the web. If public ledger represents data layer, then smart contract represents the layer reads and writes the data, does stuff with it and talk to other services. Also its called a smart contract because it represents some kind of covenant or agreement.

#### 2. Feasibility study

A voting system which is unhackable or which cannot be tampered. Using blockchain based distributed networks to store and record votes which allows voting to be almost 99.9% secure as it is distributed among a cluster of networks. The system has a user friendly interface and can be used to run polls and elections with total security and zero percent chance of manipulation.

#### 3. Technical feasibility

The technical feasibility assessment is focused on gaining an understanding of the present technical resources of the organization and their applicability to the expected needs of the proposed system. Compact and offline system

#### 4. Economic feasibility

The project is economically feasible as it's weighed against the current tangible and intangible benefits. Overall cost reduced.

#### 5. Operational feasibility

Operational feasibility is a measure of how well a proposed system solves the problem. To ensure success, desired operational outcomes are imparted during design and development.

#### 6. Hardware and Software requirements

#### Hardware requirements:

CPU: Intel Core i5 5th gen or above

Ram: 4GB or above

HDD: 10 GB or more

#### Software requirements:

OS: Windows 7, 8, 10, Linux

Web Browser: Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome

Ganache

Metamask Extension

#### 3.2 Problem Statement

The voting system in India as well as in some countries abroad is flawed and can be easily manipulated and hampered by those with power to suit their personal benefits. A current example can be the recent elections in Uttar Pradesh where the ruling party manipulated the voting machines to gain unfair advantage. The Voting System that we are making is an Online Web-Application. Our System is more secure as, once the votes are given to the candidates it cannot be tempered. The System which we have made is decentralized in nature, which adds more advantage to our system than the traditional centralized system which is currently present.

# 3.3 Project Design

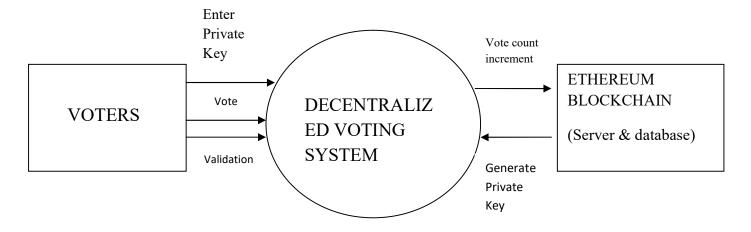


Figure 3.1 - DFD Level 0

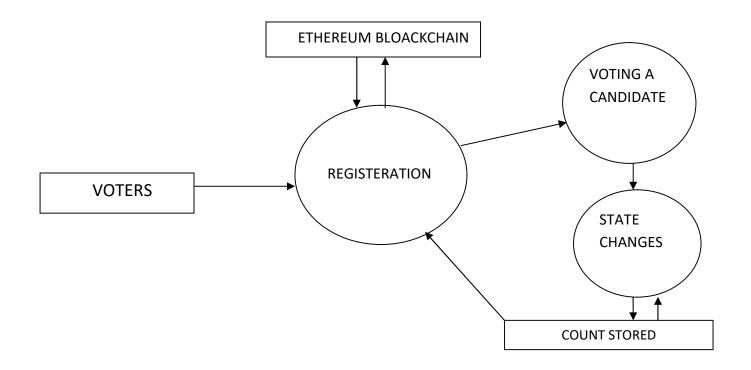


Figure 3.2 – DFD Level 1

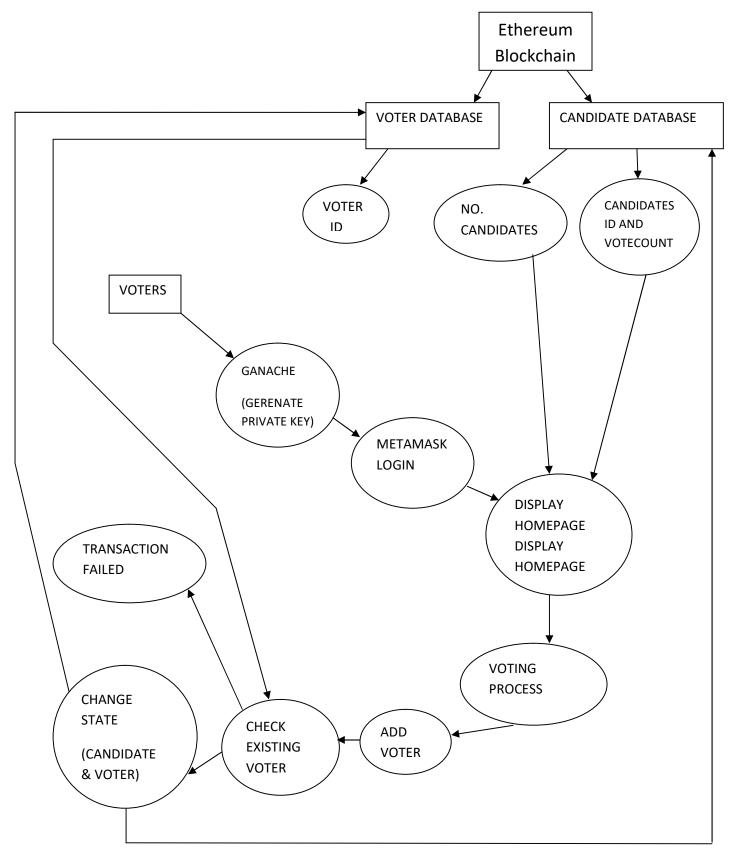


Figure 3.3 – DFD Level 2

## 3.4 Methodology

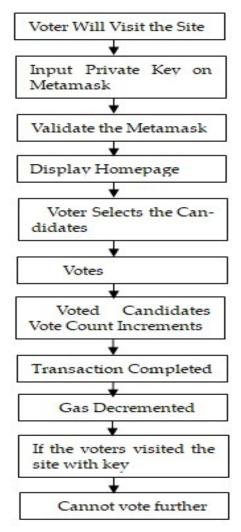


Figure 3.4 – System Flow

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## 3.4.1 Setting up the development environment

- O Instead of developing the app against the live blockchain, we will use an in-memory blockchain (think of it as a blockchain simulator) called ganache.
- We will interact with the real blockchain. Below are the steps to install ganache, web3js and start the test blockchain on a linux operating system.
- O Notice that the ganache-cli creates 10 test accounts to play with automatically. These accounts come preloaded with 100 (fake) ethers.

## 3.4.2 Create a project using truffle

- O To use most Truffle commands, you need to run them against an existing Truffle project. So the first step is to create a Truffle project.
- O You can create a bare project template, but for those just getting started, you can use Truffle Boxes, which are example applications and project templates. We'll use the petshop box, which creates a token that can be transferred between accounts.
- o Create a new directory for your truffle project:

mkdir pet-shop

cd pet-shop

O Download ("unbox") the pet-shop box:

truffle unbox pet-shop

- Once this operation is completed, you'll now have a project structure with the following items:
  - 1. Contracts/: Directory for Solidity Contracts
  - 2. Migrations/: Directory for scriptable deployment files
  - 3. Test/: Directory for test files for testing your application and contracts
  - 4. Truffle.js/: Truffle configuration file

#### 3.4.3 Compiling Contracts

- Location: All of your contracts are located in your project's contracts/ directory. As
  contracts are written in Solidity, all files containing contracts will have a file extension
  of .sol. Associated Solidity libraries will also have a .sol extension.
- o Command: To compile a Truffle project, change to the root of the directory where the project is located and then type the following into a terminal "truffle compile"
- O Build artifacts: Artifacts of your compilation will be placed in the build/contracts/ directory, relative to your project root. (This directory will be created if it does not exist.). These artifacts are integral to the inner workings of Truffle, and they play an important part in the successful deployment of your application.
- Dependencies: You can declare contract dependencies using Solidity's import command.
   Truffle will compile contracts in the correct order and ensure all dependencies are sent to the compiler.
- o Dependencies can be specified in two ways:
  - 1. Importing dependencies via file name
  - 2. Importing contracts from an external package

# 3.4.4 Running Migrations

- o Migrations are JavaScript files that help you deploy contracts to the Ethereum network.
- These files are responsible for staging your deployment tasks, and they're written under the assumption that your deployment needs will change over time.
- As your project evolves, you'll create new migration scripts to further this evolution on the blockchain.
- o A history of previously run migrations is recorded on-chain through a special Migrations contract
- o To run your migrations, write the command:
  - \$ truffle migrate

#### 3.4.5 Testing the contracts

- Framework: Truffle comes standard with an automated testing framework to make testing your contracts a breeze. This framework lets you write simple and manageable tests in two different ways:
  - 1. In Javascript and TypeScript, for exercising your contracts from the outside world, just like your application.
  - 2. In Solidity, for exercising your contracts in advanced, bare-to-the-metal scenarios.
- Location: All test files should be located in the ./test directory. Truffle will only run test files with the following file extensions: .js, .ts, .es, .es6, and .jsx, and .sol. All other files are ignored.
- o Command: To run all tests, simply run "\$ truffle test"
- Clean-room environment: Truffle provides a clean room environment when running your test files. When running your tests against Ganache or Truffle Develop, Truffle will use advanced snapshotting features to ensure your test files don't share state with each other. When running against other Ethereum clients like go-ethereum, Truffle will re-deploy all of your migrations at the beginning of every test file to ensure you have a fresh set of contracts to test against.
- O Speed and reliability considerations: Both Ganache and Truffle Develop are significantly faster than other clients when running automated tests. Moreover, they contain special features which Truffle takes advantage of to speed up test runtime by almost 90%. As a general workflow, we recommend you use Ganache or Truffle Develop during normal development and testing, and then run your tests once against go-ethereum or another official Ethereum client when you're gearing up to deploy to live or production networks.

# 3.4.6 Setup Ganache (Ethereum client)

- o Ganache is a personal blockchain for Ethereum development you can use to deploy contracts, develop your applications, and run tests.
- When you launch Ganache, the screen will show some details about the server, and also list out a number of accounts. Each account is given 100 ether. Having ether automatically in all accounts allows you to focus on developing your application.
- o Ganache is a personal blockchain for Ethereum development you can use to deploy contracts, develop your applications, and run tests.

- o It is available as both a desktop application as well as a command-line tool (formerly known as the TestRPC). Ganache is available for Windows, Mac, and Linux.
- o Ganache CLI: If you are interested in the command-line version (formerly known as the TestRPC), you can get it through npm

npm install -g ganache-cli

- o Ganache Accounts, There are four pages available:
  - 1. The Accounts page shows the accounts generated and their balances. This is the default view.
  - 2. The Blocks page shows each block as mined on the blockchain, along with gas used and transactions.
  - 3. The Transactions page lists all transactions run against the blockchain.
  - 4. The Logs page shows the logs for the server, which is useful for debugging.

Also note that you can search for block numbers or transaction hashes from a search box at the top.

#### Ganache Settings

- 1. The Server page shows details about the network connection, including hostname, port, network ID, and whether to automatically mine each transaction into a block.
- 2. The Accounts & Keys page sets details about the number of accounts created, and whether to use a specific mnemonic or let Ganache generate its own.
- 3. The Chain page sets details about the actual workings of the generated blockchain, including gas limit and gas price.
- 4. The Advanced page toggles Google Analytics, which is useful for the Ganache team to track usage of the application.

After making changes, you will have to click Restart on the application for the changes to take effect.

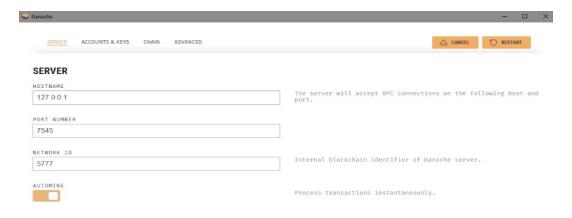


Figure 3.5 – Setup IP Address

#### 3.4.7 Setup Metamask

- MetaMask is the easiest way to interact with dapps in a browser. It is an extension for Chrome or Firefox that connects to an Ethereum network without running a full node on the browser's machine.
- o It can connect to the main Ethereum network, any of the test nets (Ropsten, Kovan, and Rinkeby), or a local blockchain such as the one created by Ganache or Truffle Develop.
- Setting up MetaMask
  - 1. Click Import with seed phrase. In the box marked Wallet Seed, enter the mnemonic that was displayed when launching Ganache.
  - 2. Enter a password below that and click OK
  - 3. Now we need to connect MetaMask to the blockchain created by Ganache. Click the menu that shows "Main Network" and select Custom RPC.
- MetaMask network menu: In the box titled "New RPC URL" (to the right of "New Network") enter http://127.0.0.1:7545 and click Save. The network name at the top will switch to say "Private Network". Click the cross in the top-right of the current window close out of the page and return to the Accounts page. Now that we've connected MetaMask to Ganache, you'll be taken to the accounts screen. Each account created by Ganache is given 100 ether. The first account should have less than the others because that account supplies the gas for smart contract deployment. Since you've deployed your smart contract to the network, this account paid for it. Click the account icon in the upper-right to create new accounts, the first 10 of which will correspond to the 10 accounts displayed when you launched Ganache.

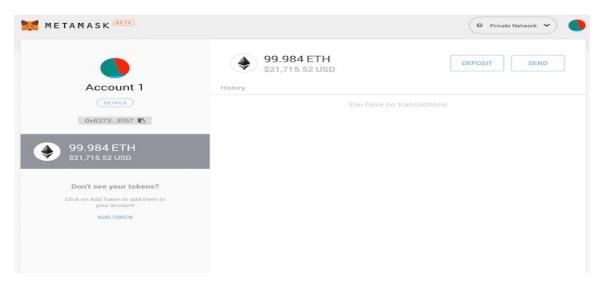


Figure 3.6 – Creation Of Account

## 3.4.8 Pay Eth And Vote

- One of the friction points for Ethereum dapp adoption is that the users have to pay gas(txn fee) to get their transactions recorded on the blockchain.
- o A user who wants to record her vote on the blockchain has to pay a transaction/gas fee.
- O This is not ideal because as a dapp owner, you are expecting your application users to have Ether to pay for gas when all they want to do is perform a simple action which has nothing to do with transferring money.
- o But if the transaction needs to be executed on the blockchain, there is no other option but to pay the fee.

# 3.5 Implementation plan

# 3.5.1 Semester VII Activity Table

Activity	Days	Start Date	End date
Guide meeting	1	08/24/18	08/24/18
Research on Dapp	10	08/25/18	09/06/18
Testing Solidity Js	11	09/07/18	09/21/18
Testing GAS	11	09/22/18	10/05/18

# 3.5.2 Semester VIII Activity Table

Activity	Days	Start Date	End date
Setting up the development environment	8	01/05/19	01/12/18
Create a project using truffle	8	01/14/19	01/21/19
Compiling Contracts	6	01/26/19	01/31/19
Running Migrations	8	02/02/19	02/09/19
Testing The contracts		02/11/2019	02/17/19
Setup ganache	8	02/19/2019	02/26/2019
Setup metamask	5	02/28/2019	03/04/2019
Voting Demo	4	03/07/2019	03/10/2019

# Results

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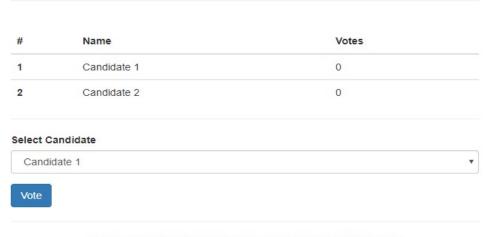
Figure 4.1 – Migrating Application



Figure 4.2 – Serving Application To The Browser

## Output2:

# **Election Results**



Your Account: 0x2786848b3f0ba7deaba39b72c3ba77f4dda0e55d

Figure 4.3 – Election Homepage

#### Output3:

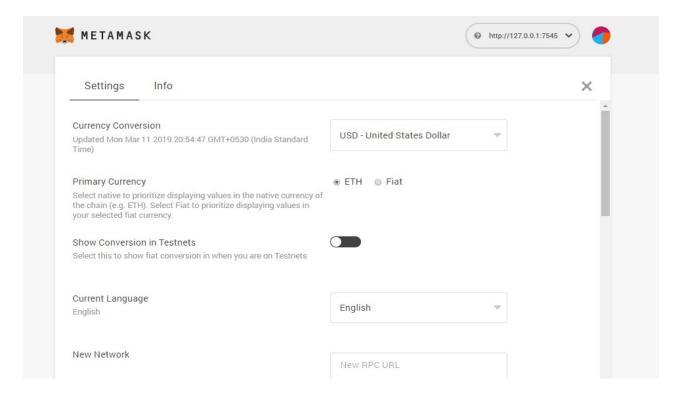


Figure 4.4 – Setting Up New IP Address

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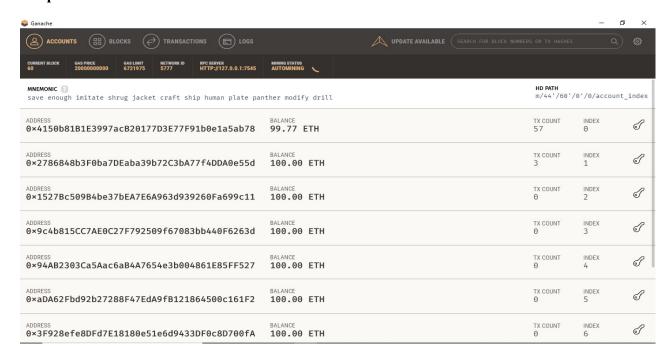


Figure 4.5 – Ganache Dummy Accounts

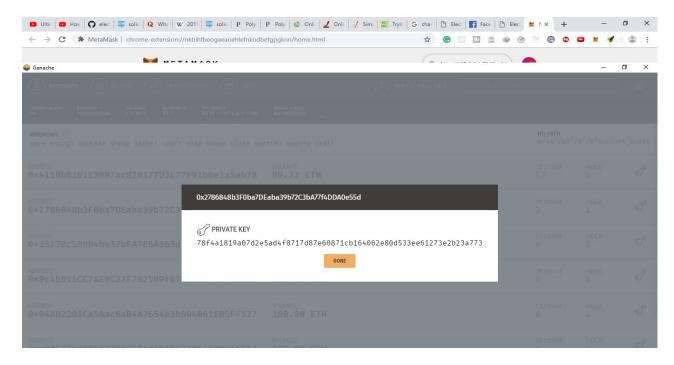


Figure 4.6 – Private Key Of Individual Account

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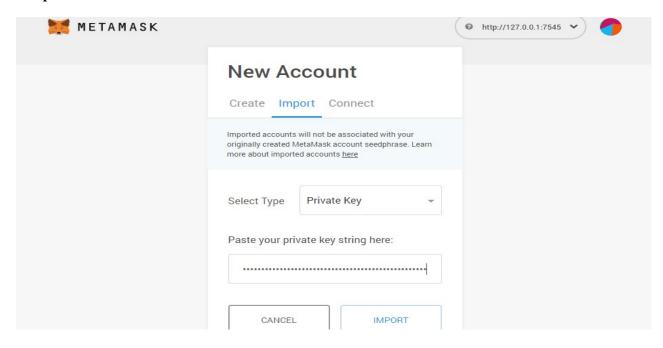


Figure 4.7 – Importing New Account

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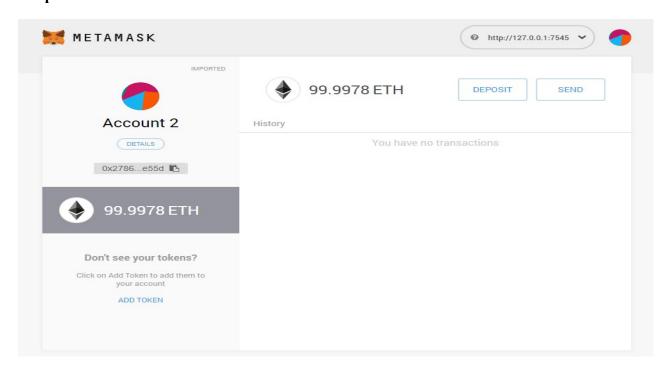


Figure 4.8 – Account Homepage

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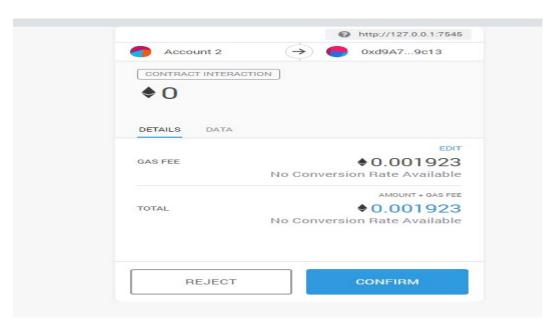


Figure 4.9 – Confirmation Page

## Output8:

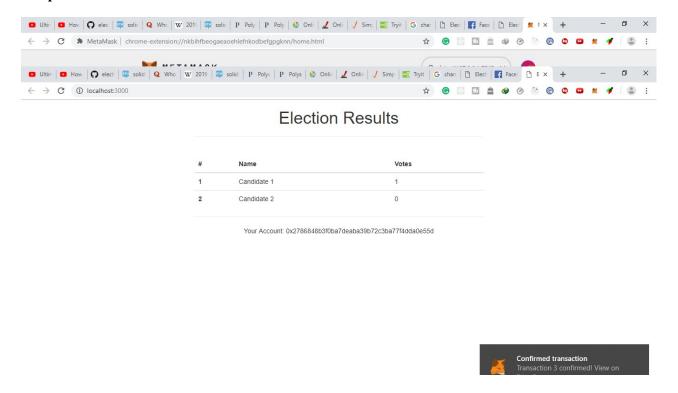


Figure 4.10 – Candidate Dashboard

## Output9:

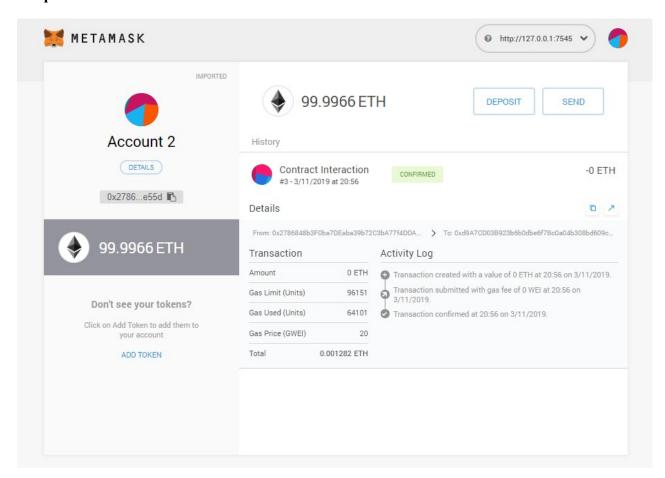


Figure 4.11 – Transaction Details

# **Conclusion**

In a traditional web application, a hacker can hack into code that is residing in the central server or the database. Voting has been always offline due to the fact that making the voting process online can result in tampering of votes leading to victory of wrong candidate. DAPP stands for Decentralized web application solves the problem of a traditional web application. Blockchain is a peer-to-peer connection of nodes that talk to each other. If you have a device and it's connected to the blockchain network then you are a node and you talk to all the other nodes. Ethereum blockchain technology makes the web application secure and decentralized by applying the concept of cryptography and decentralization. Each user has to connect to Ethereum blockchain so that it can be a node of the ethereum network and can contribute to keeping the public ledger and contribute in voting process. The voting count that is stored on the public ledger available to all the nodes but is encrypted so no one can edit it neither the rules that are defined in the code or the data in public ledger that act as the database. Thus we conclude that we believe that the traditional web application should be replaced by decentralized web application so that developer of the website shouldn't have all of the user's data They may use them to manipulate the user for their own benefits. The rules defined in the application are applicable to all users whether it is normal user or admin.

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