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Decentralized GPU Rental Platform

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1 Introduction

The Decentralized GPU Rental Platform is a blockchain-based marketplace designed to facilitate trustless GPU rentals with automated performance verification and fair payment distribution. By leveraging Ethereum smart contracts, Chainlink Functions, and IPFS (via Pinata), the platform addresses key challenges in traditional GPU rental systems, such as lack of transparency, trust issues, and manual verification processes. Users can rent GPUs through a web interface, with payments held in escrow until performance is verified, ensuring providers are compensated based on actual delivered performance while users are refunded for any under-performance.

The complete source code for the platform is available on GitHub: <https://github.com/NNPhaniCharan/RentGPU>

This report outlines the project's background, methodology, technical implementation, results, and conclusions, providing a comprehensive overview of the platform's design and functionality.

2 Background

2.1 Problem Statement

Traditional GPU rental systems often rely on centralized platforms, which can lead to:

- Lack of transparency in GPU performance claims.
- Disputes over payment due to unverifiable performance.
- High fees and manual verification processes.

2.2 Solution

The Decentralized GPU Rental Platform introduces a trustless, automated system where:

- Payments are held in a smart contract escrow.
- GPU performance is verified using Chainlink Functions, comparing actual performance (uploaded to IPFS) against promised specifications.
- Payments are distributed proportionally based on a fulfillment percentage, ensuring fairness.

2.3 Relevance

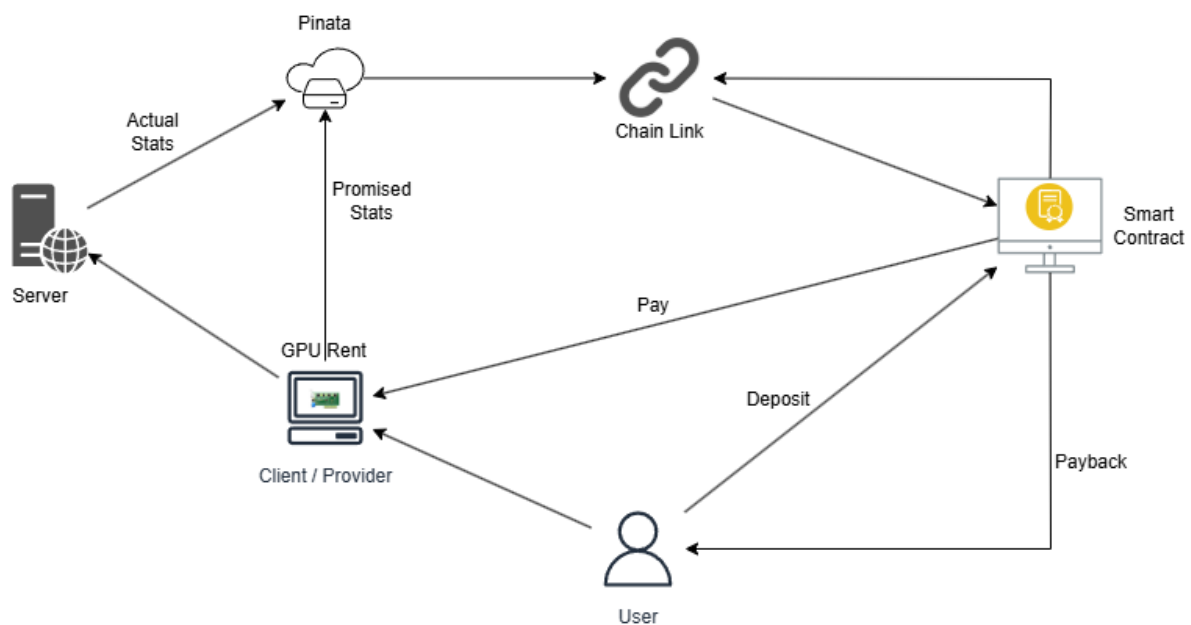
This platform is particularly relevant for industries requiring high-performance computing, such as machine learning, gaming, and cryptocurrency mining, where GPU performance directly impacts outcomes. By decentralizing the rental process, the platform reduces reliance on intermediaries and enhances trust through blockchain technology.

3 Methodology

3.1 System Architecture

The platform's architecture integrates multiple components to ensure a seamless rental and verification process. The key components are:

- **Frontend:** A React.js-based web interface for user interaction, built with Bootstrap for responsiveness.
- **Smart Contract:** Deployed on the Ethereum Sepolia Testnet, manages escrow, verification, and payment distribution.
- **Chainlink Functions:** Provides oracle services to fetch and compare GPU performance statistics.
- **IPFS (Pinata):** Stores immutable GPU specifications and performance metrics.
- **Client/Provider:** Supplies GPU resources for rental.
- **User:** Rents GPUs and provides ETH deposits.



System architecture illustrating the interaction between components.

3.2 Technology Stack

- **Blockchain:** Ethereum (Sepolia Testnet) for decentralized transaction management.
- **Smart Contracts:** Written in Solidity, deployed at address `0xE590ff0E4FB5fCE671053ED5091F215204F49433`
- **Frontend:** React.js, Web3.js/Ethers.js for blockchain interaction.

- **External Services:**
 - Chainlink Functions (Subscription ID: 4553) for performance verification.
 - IPFS via Pinata for decentralized storage.

3.3 Workflow

The platform operates in three phases:

1. Rental Process:

- User selects a GPU and pays in ETH.
- Payment held in smart contract escrow.
- Provider uploads promised performance metrics to IPFS.

2. Verification Process:

- Provider runs GPU, uploads actual stats to IPFS.
- Chainlink compares promised vs. actual stats.
- Smart contract records fulfillment percentage.

3. Payment Distribution:

- Payment disbursed based on fulfillment percentage.
- Refunds issued for underperformance.

3.4 Setup & Installation

1. Clone the repository: `git clone https://github.com/NNPhaniCharan/GPURental.git`
2. Install frontend dependencies: `cd frontend && npm install`
3. Configure environment variables in frontend/.env:

```
REACT_APP_PINATA_JWT=your_pinata_jwt
REACT_APP_GATEWAY_URL=your_pinata_gateway_url
REACT_APP_CONTRACT_ADDRESS=0xE590ff0E4FB5fCE671053ED5091F215204F49433
```
4. Start the development server: `npm start`
5. Connect MetaMask wallet with Sepolia ETH.


4 Results

4.1 Implementation Outcomes

The platform was successfully deployed on Sepolia Testnet. Key outcomes:

- **Automated Verification:** Chainlink Functions enabled trustless verification.
- **Fair Payments:** Payments/refunds based on fulfillment percentage.
- **Decentralized Storage:** IPFS ensured transparent data storage.

4.2 Performance Metrics



Rental Confirmed!

Your GPU rental has been successfully processed.

Rental Details

GPU Model	AMD Radeon RX 7900 XTX
Provider	GlobalGPU Solutions
Provider Address	0x475235a4D3180210980Fd84ccF7B5c86DE8232fa
Duration	1 hour(s)
Price	0.0003 ETH
Purchase Time	4/24/2025, 2:05:31 PM
Deposit Transaction	View on Etherscan
Verification Transaction	View on Etherscan
ChainLink Fulfillment	View Function Details
Resolution Transaction	View on Etherscan
Contract	View Contract on Etherscan

GPU Specifications

Cores	12288
Memory Size	24 GB GDDR6
Memory Bandwidth	960 GB/s
Performance	61 TFLOPS
Architecture	RDNA 3
Power Consumption	355W

API Access Details

Rental ID: GPU-M9VQG9P4

IPFS Hash: QmdNheFnUFhbbYc3s4kEQqrnc0AFeyxe2UZJo1WWJmG

Smart Contract: 0xE590ff0E4FB5fCE671053ED5091F215204F49433

Provider Address: 0x475235a4D3180210980Fd84ccF7B5c86DE8232fa


Status: Resolved

Payment Distribution

Based on GPU efficiency of 60%

Provider's Share (60%)	0.000180 ETH
Your Refund (40%)	0.000120 ETH

Gpu Rental Confirmation 1



Rental Confirmed!

Your GPU rental has been successfully processed.

Rental Details

GPU Model	NVIDIA RTX 4090
Provider	Quantum Computing Services
Provider Address	0x475235a4D3180210980Fd84ccF7B5c86DE8232fa
Duration	1 hour(s)
Price	0.0005 ETH
Purchase Time	4/15/2025, 10:19:25 AM
Deposit Transaction	View on Etherscan
Verification Transaction	View on Etherscan
ChainLink Fulfillment	View Function Details
Resolution Transaction	View on Etherscan
Contract	View Contract on Etherscan

GPU Specifications

Cores	16384
Memory Size	24 GB GDDR6X
Memory Bandwidth	1008 GB/s
Performance	82.6 TFLOPS
Architecture	Ada Lovelace
Power Consumption	450W

API Access Details

Rental ID: GPU-M9INEU2N

IPFS Hash: QmYBZ5shJebgPcCy6HnNfdkWpcCuTVdPNxqoT7zQNM2D

Smart Contract: 0xE590ff0E4FB5fCE671053ED5091F215204F49433

Provider Address: 0x475235a4D3180210980Fd84ccF7B5c86DE8232fa


Status: Resolved

Payment Distribution

Based on GPU efficiency of 50%

Provider's Share (50%)	0.000250 ETH
Your Refund (50%)	0.000250 ETH

Gpu Rental Confirmation 2



Rental Confirmed!
Your GPU rental has been successfully processed.

Rental Details		GPU Specifications	
GPU Model	NVIDIA RTX 4080	Cores	9728
Provider	DeepCompute Network	Memory Size	16 GB GDDR6X
Provider Address	0x475235a4D3180210980Fd84ccF7B5c86DE8232fa	Memory Bandwidth	716.8 GB/s
Duration	1 hour(s)	Performance	48.7 TFLOPS
Price	0.0003 ETH	Architecture	Ada Lovelace
Purchase Time	4/15/2025, 9:10:19 AM	Power Consumption	320W
Deposit Transaction	View on Etherscan	API Access Details Rental ID: GPU-M9IKXYL7 IPFS Hash: QmPCuubR7LtiMnwAK8yaPjN3Ueh3de6s67m3oINzLxBdNH Smart Contract: 0xE590f0E4FB5fCE671053ED5091F215204F49433 Provider Address: 0x475235a4D3180210980Fd84ccF7B5c86DE8232fa Status: Resolved	
Verification Transaction	View on Etherscan		
ChainLink Fulfillment	View Function Details		
Resolution Transaction	View on Etherscan		
Contract	View Contract on Etherscan	Payment Distribution Based on GPU efficiency of 70% Provider's Share (70%) 0.000245 ETH Your Refund (30%) 0.000105 ETH	

Gpu Rental Confirmation 3

5 Conclusion

The platform demonstrates a trustless, automated GPU rental solution by integrating Ethereum, Chainlink, and IPFS. It ensures fair, transparent transactions and is scalable for high-performance computing applications.

Future enhancements:

- Integration with layer-2 solutions.
- Real-time performance dashboards.

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