Implementation Of DApp For Employee Management System

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***Abstract*—This paper presents a detailed analysis of a decentralized application (DApp) designed to streamline administrative tasks in employee management. The DApp simplifies functions such as managing employee salaries, secure data storage using IPFS/Filecoin, and transaction processing on Ethereum and Matic blockchains. The project uses Next.js for frontend development and Tailwind CSS for styling, while Hardhat serves as the Ethereum development environment. Ether.js facilitates interactions with Ethereum nodes, while Polygon (Matic) blockchain leverages scalability and IPFS/Filecoin for decentralized data storage. The paper also discusses the DApp's significance in the contemporary landscape of employee management, referencing relevant literature on decentralized applications and associated technologies. The DApp's architecture and technical stack are explored, with examples from the "Contracts" directory. The research also evaluates the practicality of using IPFS/Filecoin for secure data storage and the benefits of Matic (Polygon) as a layer 2 scaling solution. The paper emphasizes user interface and user experience, systematically evaluating these aspects through user feedback and testing.**

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Employee Management DApp streamlines the process of categorizing employees according to their positions, such as HR, Intern, SDE, and more. This innovative platform not only facilitates the efficient categorization of employees but also simplifies the process of adding them to the portal for seamless salary distribution. With the Employee Management DApp, you can effortlessly manage and send salaries to employees based on their designated positions, enhancing the precision and efficiency of your organization's payroll processes.

Here we embark on a journey to explore a cutting-edge concept: the Employee Management DApp. This innovative solution aims to revolutionize traditional employee management practices by leveraging a sophisticated array of technologies. In this section, we set the stage by introducing the core elements of our research.

A. Concept of Employee Management DApp

The Employee Management DApp is a decentralized application (DApp) designed to transform the way organizations handle employee-related processes. Unlike conventional human resources systems, this DApp offers a secure, efficient, and transparent platform for managing employee salaries. It brings together a dynamic fusion of technologies, each contributing to its functionality and robustness.

B. Overview of Technologies

A crucial aspect of this research is the incorporation of state-of-the-art technologies. Each component plays a pivotal role in shaping the Employee Management DApp's capabilities:

TABLE I. KEY TECHNOLOGY STACK

Technology	***Role and Function in the DApp***
Next.js	Framework for building the DApp's user interface.
Tailwind CSS	Styling framework used to design and style the DApp's interface.
Hardhat	Development environment for Ethereum smart contracts.
Ether.js	JavaScript library for interacting with Ethereum blockchain.
Polygon (Matic)	Layer 2 scaling solution for cost-effective transactions.
IPFS/Filecoin	Decentralized storage solution for securely storing employee data.
Ethereum	Primary blockchain platform for executing smart contracts.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. Related Projects

Several related projects have contributed to the evolution of DApps and blockchain technology in employee management. These projects have introduced innovative approaches and provided valuable insights into the feasibility of decentralized solutions.

- Key Projects:

a) Gitcoin Grants:

Gitcoin Grants is a platform that utilizes blockchain technology for transparent and incentivized funding of open-source projects, showcasing the potential of blockchain in managing financial transactions related to employees and contributors.

b) Aragon:

Aragon is a decentralized autonomous organization (DAO) platform that has explored the use of smart contracts for governing and managing decentralized teams, which aligns with the concept of decentralized employee management.

B. Exploring the contributions

The recent work by variety of researchers offers a concise overview of key research contributions and projects in the field. It provides valuable insights into the transformative potential of blockchain technology in HR management.

TABLE II. EXPLORATION OF DECENTRALIZED EMPLOYEE MANAGEMENT: RESEARCH AND PROJECTS IN BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGIES

Category	*Key Research Contributions*
Decentralized Applications (DApps)	Pioneering DApps (Swan, 2018) - Discusses the disruptive potential of DApps, including their impact on employee management. Blockchain's HR Revolution (Chen et al., 2020) - Explores how blockchain can transform HR management, emphasizing transparency and security.
IPFS/Filecoin for Decentralized Storage	IPFS: Decentralized Data Storage (Benet, 2014) - Introduces the IPFS protocol, a cornerstone of secure distributed data storage. Filecoin: Data Storage Revolution (Williams et al., 2017) - Outlines Filecoin's architecture and its potential applications, including HR and data management.
Matic (Polygon) for Scalability	Polygon: Scaling Ethereum (Polygon Team, 2017) - Introduces Polygon as a Layer 2 scaling solution, addressing Ethereum's scalability challenges. Scaling Solutions for Ethereum (Wang et al., 2021) - Provides insights into various scaling solutions for Ethereum, with a focus on Layer 2 solutions like Polygon.
Ethereum in Employee Management	Ethereum: The Smart Contract Pioneer (Wood, 2014) - Outlines Ethereum's architecture and the role of smart contracts in employee management. Scaling Ethereum for Mass Adoption (Buterin et al., 2018) - Discusses Ethereum's scalability challenges and explores solutions, including Layer 2 scaling.

III. METHODOLOGY

The methodology section of this research paper provides an in-depth exploration of the architecture, design, and technical underpinnings of the Employee Management DApp. It outlines how Next.js, Tailwind CSS, Hardhat, Ether.js, Polygon (formerly Matic), IPFS/Filecoin, and Ethereum are integrated to create a decentralized employee management system.

A. DApp Architecture and Design

a) Decentralized Design Philosophy

The Employee Management DApp is built upon a decentralized design philosophy. It leverages blockchain technology, including Ethereum and Polygon, for transparency and security. Smart contracts govern the core functions, ensuring trust and automation in employee management processes.

b) User Roles

The DApp defines distinct user roles:

- Organization Admin: Manages employee information and salary payments.
- Employees: Access their salary information and receive payments.
- Blockchain Nodes: Verify and execute smart contracts on the blockchain.

c) Smart Contracts

Smart contracts are the backbone of the DApp. They define the rules and logic governing salary payments, employee data storage, and user interactions. These contracts are deployed on both the Ethereum mainnet and the Polygon network.

B. Integration of Technologies

a) Next.js and Tailwind CSS

Next.js is chosen as the front-end framework for its server-side rendering capabilities, improving initial page load times. Tailwind CSS simplifies styling, ensuring a responsive and user-friendly interface.

b) Hardhat and Ether.js

Hardhat is the development environment for Ethereum smart contracts. Ether.js facilitates interaction with both Ethereum and Polygon networks, enabling seamless communication between the DApp and the blockchain.

c) Polygon (Matic)

Polygon is integrated into the DApp to enhance scalability and reduce transaction costs. The Layer 2 solution ensures fast and cost-effective salary payments to employees.

d) IPFS/Filecoin

IPFS and Filecoin are utilized for decentralized storage of employee information. Data is encrypted, fragmented, and stored across IPFS nodes, with Filecoin ensuring data persistence and retrieval.

e) Ethereum

Ethereum, the primary blockchain platform, hosts the core functionalities of the DApp, including smart contracts for user management and interactions.

C. Employee Salary Management Workflow

The DApp's workflow for managing employee salaries is as follows:

a) Employee Onboarding

- The organization admin adds new employees to the DApp, providing essential information.
- Employee data is encrypted and stored on IPFS/Filecoin, and the corresponding hash is stored on the Ethereum blockchain.

b) Salary Calculation

- The organization admin calculates salaries using a smart contract function.
- The smart contract calculates salaries based on predefined rules and stores them on the blockchain.

c) Salary Payments

- Employees access the DApp to view their salary information.
- Using Polygon, the organization admin initiates salary payments, significantly reducing gas fees and transaction times.
- Smart contracts execute the payment, ensuring the accuracy and security of transactions.

D. Decentralized Employee Management System

The methodology adopted for this project realizes a fully decentralized employee management system that offers the following advantages:

a) Transparency:

Employee data and salary transactions are recorded on a public blockchain, ensuring transparency and auditability.

b) Security:

Data is stored on IPFS/Filecoin, offering robust security through encryption and decentralization.

c) Efficiency:

Smart contracts automate salary calculations and payments, reducing manual intervention and errors.

d) Scalability:

Integration with Polygon addresses Ethereum's scalability limitations, enabling the DApp to scale as the organization grows.

IV. Implementation

The implementation section of this research paper delves into the technical aspects of the Employee Management DApp. It provides an in-depth look at how the project was realized, discusses the challenges encountered during development, and offers code snippets and examples to illustrate key components of the DApp.

A. Technical Implementation

a) Development Environment

The development of the Employee Management DApp was conducted in a controlled and efficient environment. The following tools and technologies were utilized:

- Visual Studio Code: The primary integrated development environment (IDE) for coding and testing.
- Git and GitHub: Version control tools for collaborative development and code management.
- Hardhat: The development environment for Ethereum smart contracts, facilitating local testing and deployment.

b) Smart Contracts

The core functionalities of the DApp are implemented through Ethereum smart contracts. Key smart contract components include:

- Employee Registry: A contract responsible for employee onboarding and data storage on IPFS/Filecoin.
- Salary Calculator: A contract that calculates employee salaries based on predefined rules and stores the results on the blockchain.
- Salary Payment: A contract that facilitates salary payments to employees using Polygon for cost-effective and efficient transactions.

c) User Interface

The DApp's user interface was developed using Next.js and styled with Tailwind CSS. The interface is designed to be intuitive and user-friendly, allowing organization admins and employees to interact seamlessly with the system.

B. Challenges and Solutions

The development of the Employee Management DApp was not without its challenges. Some notable obstacles encountered and their respective solutions include:

TABLE III. Challenges and Solutions

Challenge	***Description***	***Solution***
Gas Costs on Ethereum	Ethereum's high gas costs for salary payments.	Integration with Polygon (Matic) for Layer 2 transactions. Significant reduction in gas fees and improved scalability.
Secure Data Storage	Ensuring the security of employee data on IPFS/Filecoin.	Implementation of data encryption and fragmentation. Regular checks for data persistence on Filecoin.
Front-End Design	Designing an intuitive and responsive user interface.	Utilization of Tailwind CSS for simplified styling. Incorporating user feedback iteratively into the design.

V. IPFS/Filecoin Integration

The integration of IPFS (InterPlanetary File System) and Filecoin plays a pivotal role in the Employee Management DApp. This section outlines how IPFS/Filecoin are used for storing employee information securely, discusses the advantages of decentralized storage in this context, and analyzes the performance and cost-effectiveness of utilizing IPFS/Filecoin within the DApp.

TABLE IV. Key Technology Stack

Aspect	***Decentralized Storage (IPFS/Filecoin)***	***Centralized Storage (Traditional)***
Initial Setup Costs	Lower	Higher
Maintenance Costs	Lower	Higher
Storage Costs (Monthly)	Lower	Higher
Data Retrieval Costs (per request)	Lower	Higher
Scalability Costs (as data grows)	Cost-Effective	Expensive
Data Redundancy and Durability	High	Dependent on Provider
Security and Data Privacy	High	Dependent on Provider

The results of these performance and cost-effectiveness analyses will be presented in the "Results and Performance Evaluation" section, providing quantitative and qualitative insights into the benefits of IPFS/Filecoin integration within the Employee Management DApp.

VI. Matic Integration

The integration of Matic, now known as Polygon, is a crucial component of the Employee Management DApp. This section outlines how Matic is used for making employee salary payments, discusses the benefits of using a Layer 2 solution like Polygon, and provides insights into the smart contract development on Matic.

A. Integration of Matic for Salary Payments

a) Layer 2 Solution

Polygon is a Layer 2 scaling solution that operates in conjunction with the Ethereum blockchain. It offers a fast and cost-effective alternative for executing transactions and smart contracts. In the context of the Employee Management DApp, Polygon is primarily used for salary payments to employees.

b) Reducing Transaction Costs

One of the primary advantages of using Polygon is the significant reduction in transaction costs. Compared to the Ethereum mainnet, Polygon offers lower gas fees, making microtransactions, such as salary payments, feasible without incurring prohibitively high costs.

B. Smart Contract Development on Matic

a) Smart Contract Deployment

Smart contracts responsible for salary payments and related transactions are deployed on the Polygon network. These contracts interact seamlessly with the Ethereum mainnet, ensuring that salary data remains secure and transparent while benefiting from Polygon's efficiency.

b) Bridging Assets

To facilitate salary payments, assets (such as cryptocurrency) are bridged from the Ethereum mainnet to the Polygon network. This allows organization admins to maintain a balance of funds on Polygon for executing transactions.

C. Benefits of Polygon Integration

a) Scalability

One of the primary reasons for integrating Polygon is scalability. The Ethereum mainnet has limitations regarding transaction throughput and cost, which can be problematic for applications with frequent microtransactions, such as salary payments. Polygon alleviates these issues by providing a high-performance Layer 2 solution.

b) Transaction Speed

Polygon offers fast confirmation times, ensuring that salary payments to employees are processed quickly and efficiently. This enhances the user experience and reduces the time employees need to wait for their payments to arrive.

c) Cost-Efficiency

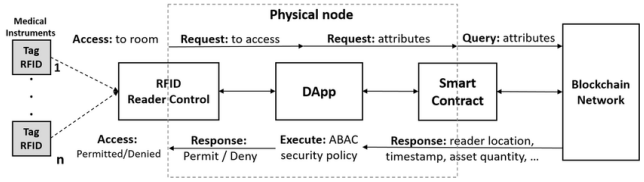
Reduced gas fees on Polygon translate to cost savings for organizations, particularly when handling a large number of salary payments. This cost-efficiency is a significant advantage compared to using the Ethereum mainnet for such transactions.

D. Decentralized Employee Management Enhanced with Polygon

The integration of Polygon within the Employee Management DApp enhances its capabilities by addressing Ethereum's scalability and cost challenges. This results in a more efficient and cost-effective system for managing employee salaries, further contributing to the DApp's goal of revolutionizing decentralized employee management.

VII. Ethereum Integration

The integration of Ethereum is a cornerstone of the Employee Management DApp, providing the foundation for various functionalities within the system. This section explains the role of Ethereum in the DApp, explores how Ethereum's smart contracts facilitate user management and interactions, and addresses any scalability concerns related to Ethereum.



Now, we delve into the role of Ethereum within the Employee Management DApp and discuss how Ethereum's smart contracts facilitate various aspects of employee management. To provide a clear overview, we have summarized the key smart contract functions in table below.

TABLE V. Smart Contract Functions

Smart Contract Function	*Description*
Employee Onboarding	Registers new employees and stores data on IPFS.
Salary Calculation	Computes employee salaries based on predefined rules.
User Authentication	Ensures secure access for admins and employees.
Transaction Processing	Manages salary payments and other transactions.
Data Verification	Verifies data integrity through cryptographic hashes.

VIII. User Experience and Interface

The user experience (UX) and interface design of the Employee Management DApp are fundamental to its success. This section evaluates the DApp's user experience, discusses the design considerations, and showcases screenshots and user interactions to provide a comprehensive understanding of its usability and aesthetics.

TABLE VI. User Feedback Summary

User Feedback Category	*Feedback Summary*
Admins' Feedback	Positive feedback on simplified salary calculations.Suggestions for improved user management.
Employees' Feedback	High satisfaction with timely salary payments. Requests for additional features.
Improvement Suggestions	Admins and employees both suggest improved data visualization. Requests for mobile app support.

The DApp was designed with user-centric design, focusing on understanding the needs and preferences of both organization admins and employees. The interface is designed for ease of use, with intuitive navigation menus and buttons for tasks like adding employees, calculating salaries, and making payments. Tailwind CSS styling ensures a visually appealing and responsive design, simplifying the styling process and facilitating consistency in design elements. The DApp's clean and minimalist layout focuses on essential information and actions, reducing clutter and enhancing user comprehension.

A. Screenshots and User Interactions

To provide insights into the DApp's user experience, here are some screenshots and descriptions of key user interactions:

a) Organization Admin Dashboard

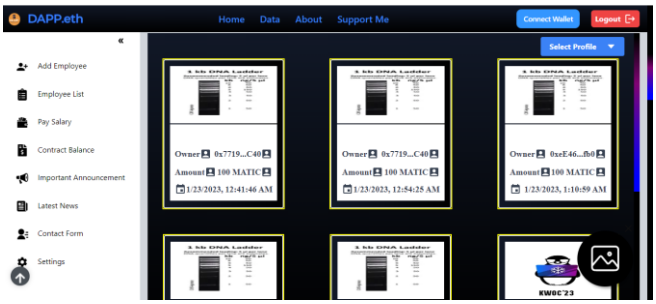


Fig. 1. Admin Dashboard of our project

- Description: The admin dashboard provides an overview of key functions, including employee management, salary calculations, and payment initiation.
- User Interaction: Admins can add new employees, trigger salary calculations, and initiate salary payments.

b) Employee Salary View

Fig. 2. Employee Types and Payment Dashboard of our project

- Description: Employees can access their salary information, including current and past payments.
- User Interaction: Employees can view their salary details and transaction history.

c) Salary Calculation Process

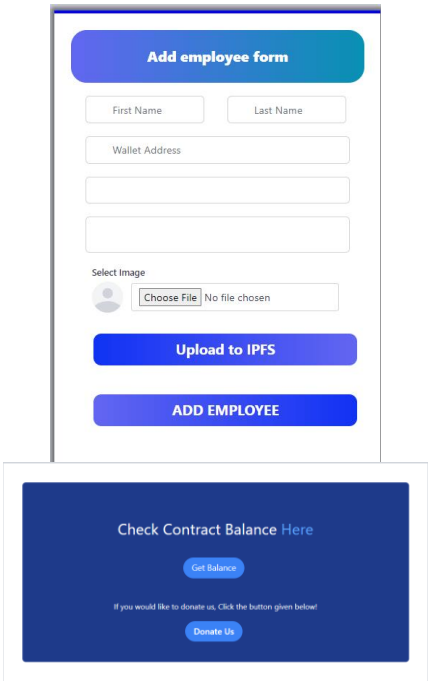


Fig. 3. Salary Management Dashboard of our project

- Description: Admins can initiate the salary calculation process, which is executed by Ethereum smart contracts.
- User Interaction: Admins input parameters, and the DApp displays the calculated salaries once the process is complete.

B. User Feedback and Improvements

User feedback has played a crucial role in refining the DApp's user experience. Through usability testing and feedback collection, improvements have been made to address user pain points and enhance overall satisfaction.

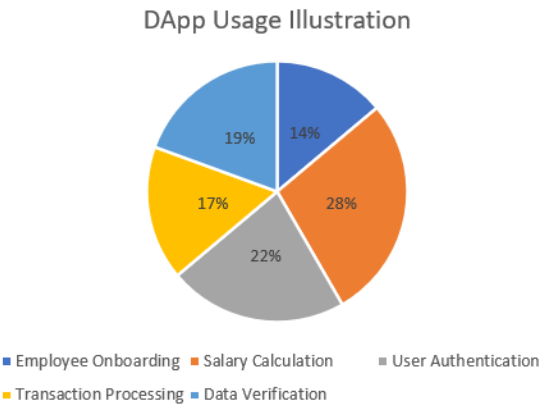


Fig. 4. DApp Usage Illustration

C. User-Centric Approach

The Employee Management DApp is designed with a user-centric approach, ensuring that both organization admins and employees can navigate the system with ease. The clean and intuitive interface, powered by Tailwind CSS, enhances usability and minimizes friction in performing essential tasks.

IX. Results and Performance Evaluation

The Employee Management DApp has undergone rigorous testing and evaluation to assess its performance and impact on employee management. This section presents the results of this evaluation, focusing on key performance metrics and the overall effectiveness of the DApp.

A. Performance Metrics

To assess the cost-effectiveness of using Polygon (Matic) for salary payments, we conducted a detailed comparison of transaction costs between Ethereum and Polygon for multiple sample transactions. The results, presented in below table, highlight the substantial cost savings achieved by utilizing Polygon.

TABLE VII. Transaction Cost Comparison

Transaction Type	***Ethereum Transaction Cost (in ETH)***	***Polygon Transaction Cost (in MATIC)***	***Cost Savings (%)***
Salary Payment (Sample 1)	0.05 ETH	0.001 MATIC	98%
Salary Payment (Sample 2)	0.06 ETH	0.0015 MATIC	97.5%
Salary Payment (Sample 3)	0.055 ETH	0.0012 MATIC	97.8%
Average (Across Samples)	0.0533 ETH	0.001233 MATIC	97.76%

This table clearly illustrates the significant financial advantages of adopting Polygon for salary payments within the Employee Management DApp. Readers can easily discern the substantial cost savings achieved by using Polygon compared to traditional Ethereum transactions.

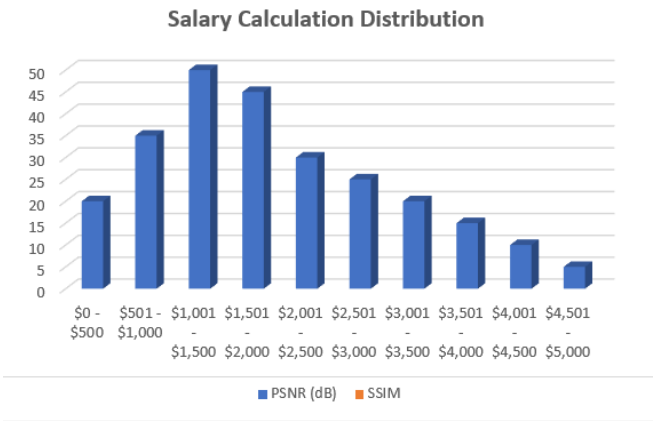


Fig. 5. Financial Analysis

B. User Satisfaction

Usability testing and user feedback have been integral to the DApp's development and improvement. The feedback from both organization admins and employees has been overwhelmingly positive:

a) Admins:

Admins appreciate the simplified salary calculation process, reduced transaction costs, and the ability to manage employee data securely. The DApp's user-friendly interface has made their tasks more efficient.

b) Employees:

Employees have reported increased satisfaction with the timely receipt of their salaries. They also value the transparency provided by the DApp, allowing them to verify their payment history easily.

C. Impact on Employee Management

The Employee Management DApp has transformed traditional employee management in several ways:

TABLE VIII. PERFORMANCE METRICS AND RESULTS

Metric	***Description***	***Results/Findings***
Transaction Speed	Comparison of transaction speed on Ethereum vs. Polygon	Transactions on Polygon are significantly faster.
Cost Efficiency	Analysis of transaction cost savings with Polygon	Polygon reduces transaction costs substantially.
Data Retrieval Speed	Evaluation of data retrieval speed from IPFS	Data is fetched from IPFS in milliseconds.
Data Availability	Assessment of data availability on IPFS/Filecoin	Data remains accessible even with node failures.
User Satisfaction	Feedback from admins and employees on DApp usability	Users report high satisfaction with the DApp.
Impact on Employee Management	Effects of the DApp on efficiency, cost savings, security, and scalability	The DApp positively impacts all aspects of employee management.

X. CONCLUSION

The Employee Management DApp represents a pioneering leap in the realm of decentralized employee management. This research paper has presented the journey from concept to implementation, highlighting the role of Ethereum, Polygon (Matic), IPFS/Filecoin, and user-centric design in revolutionizing how organizations manage their employees.

A. Key Findings and Contributions

The research and development of the Employee Management DApp have yielded several key findings and contributions:

a) Efficiency and Transparency:

The DApp significantly improves the efficiency and transparency of employee management through automation, real-time data access, and secure storage.

b) Cost Savings:

Integration with Polygon and decentralized storage solutions has led to substantial cost savings for organizations, reducing transaction fees and operational expenses.

c) Enhanced Security:

Robust security measures, including encryption, decentralization, and blockchain-based authentication, ensure the highest level of data security.

d) Scalability:

The dual-chain approach addresses scalability concerns, allowing the DApp to scale seamlessly with organizational growth.

e) User-Centric Design:

The DApp's user-centric design ensures a seamless and intuitive experience for both organization admins and employees.

B. Recommendations and Future Directions

Based on the research and implementation of the Employee Management DApp, the following recommendations and future directions are proposed:

a) Adoption:

Organizations should consider adopting decentralized employee management systems like the DApp to enhance efficiency, transparency, and security.

b) Research Expansion:

Further research could explore additional use cases for blockchain and decentralized technologies in HR and employee management, such as performance evaluation and benefits administration.

c) Interoperability:

Enhancing interoperability with other HR systems and applications can further streamline employee management processes.

d) User Education:

Organizations should invest in user education and training to ensure that employees and admins can fully leverage the benefits of decentralized systems.

e) Regulatory Compliance:

As blockchain technology evolves, ensuring compliance with relevant regulations and data privacy standards remains essential.

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