

Project Report [40 marks]

- A. Team Formation : [5 marks].
B. Progress Report [10 marks]: Include Introduction (i.e. sections 1-2) and any other parts of your work to show progress [you can update the remaining work later in the final report]. C. Final Report [25 marks]: Include the sections 1-6 of the Report template.

Project Report Template (4–6 Pages)

1. Title

- Project title: Blockchain-Based Supply Chain Tracking System (BSTS)
- Course name and code: ICS 440 – Cryptography and Blockchain Applications
- Section Number: F03

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2. Introduction (1 page): 10 points

Transparency is essential in modern supply chains because products pass through multiple intermediaries—producers, suppliers, distributors, retailers, and consumers. Without clear visibility, it becomes difficult to confirm a product's origin, handling conditions, or whether it was altered at any stage. This lack of transparency leads to inefficiencies, weak decision-making, and reduced customer trust.

A major challenge in traditional supply chains is the rise of fraud, counterfeiting, and data manipulation. Counterfeit items can enter the chain undetected, records can be falsified, and centralized databases are vulnerable to unauthorized changes. These issues can damage brand reputation, cause financial loss, and create safety risks—especially in sectors like pharmaceuticals, electronics, and food.

Blockchain provides a strong solution through **immutability and traceability**. Once data is added to the blockchain, it cannot be modified or deleted because of cryptographic hashing and decentralized storage. Every transaction is timestamped and linked to previous records, forming a permanent and verifiable audit trail. This ensures that every step—from production to final delivery—is securely documented.

By removing reliance on a central authority and enabling all parties to access the same shared ledger, blockchain reduces information asymmetry and limits opportunities for fraud. Participants can independently verify product data, track updates in real time, and trust the accuracy of the recorded information.

The **Blockchain-Based Supply Chain Tracking System (BSTS)** leverages these advantages to strengthen supply chain operations. Key benefits include:

- End-to-end traceability across all stages
- Tamper-proof records through blockchain immutability
- Higher trust among producers, suppliers, retailers, and consumers
- Strong protection against fraud and counterfeiting
- Real-time visibility of product movement
- Cryptographically secured data ensuring authenticity and integrity
- Full transparency without relying on centralized control

Overall, BSTS shows how blockchain can turn traditional supply chains into more transparent, secure, and reliable systems.

3. System Design and Architecture (1–2 pages): 9 points

This blockchain-based supply chain tracking system uses a decentralized architecture to ensure transparent product tracking, secure ownership transfers, and tamper-proof data. The system connects Producer, Supplier, and Consumer through a Solidity smart contract deployed on the Ethereum Sepolia test network, with all interactions performed through a MetaMask-enabled web interface.

3.1 Workflow Overview

1. Producer Stage

- Producer registers a product by entering a Product ID and product details.
- The smart contract:
 - Computes a keccak256 hash of the data.
 - Stores the product ID, owner address, timestamp, and hash on-chain.
- Blockchain immutably records the product creation and initial ownership.

2. Supplier / Retailer Stage

- Supplier receives the product and transfers ownership by providing:
 - Product ID
 - Next owner's Ethereum address
- Contract validates that only the current owner can transfer.
- Ownership is updated and appended to the ownershipHistory, and an event is emitted.

3. Consumer Stage

- Consumer verifies authenticity by submitting Product ID and product details.
- Contract recomputes the hash and compares it with stored data.
- Returns true if the information matches, and provides access to full ownership history.

4. Smart Contract Role

- Acts as the single decentralized source of truth by providing:
 - Immutable registration
 - Secure ownership transfer
 - Cryptographic verification
 - Public ownership history
- No centralized database or server controls product information

3.2 Functional Modules

1. User Interaction Module

- Web dashboard for Producer, Supplier, and Consumer.
- Forms for product registration, ownership transfer, verification, and history lookup.
- Uses Ethers.js to communicate with the smart contract through MetaMask.

2. Product Registration Module

- Handles new product creation.
- Generates and stores keccak256 hash, owner address, timestamp, and product ID.
- Verifies uniqueness of the Product ID.

3. Ownership Transfer Module

- Checks current owner authorization and existence of product.
- Updates products[_productId].owner and appends to ownershipHistory.
- Emits ProductTransferred event.

4. Product Verification Module

- Recomputes the hash using submitted product data.
- Compares with stored hash and returns a boolean authenticity result.

5. History Tracking Module

- Stores all past owners associated with each product.
- Exposes a function to retrieve the supply chain path for consumer verification.

6. Blockchain Transaction Module

- Requires MetaMask signature for all write operations.
- Provides transaction hash, gas fee confirmation, and ensures secure, tamper-proof execution.

3.3 Technology Stack

Technology Stack

- Blockchain: Ethereum Sepolia Testnet + PowFaucet for test ETH.
- Smart Contract: Solidity (0.8.x) deployed via Remix IDE.
- Frontend: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Ethers.js, MetaMask.
- Backend: PHP on XAMPP for routing and dashboards.
- Tools: VS Code for development, XAMPP for server hosting.

4. Implementation and Results (1–2 pages): **9 points**

All related screenshots are provided in the Appendix

4.1 Implementation Process

a) Smart Contract Design

The system was implemented using a Solidity smart contract deployed on the **Ethereum Sepolia** network. The contract handles four core functions:

- **Product Registration:** Stores each product using a **keccak256 hash** to protect original data while enabling authenticity checks.
- **Ownership Transfer:** Ensures only the **current owner** can transfer a product, preventing unauthorized updates.
- **Product Verification:** When a consumer enters the product ID and data, the contract recomputes the hash and compares it to the stored one to detect tampering.
- **History Logging:** Every transfer is recorded permanently to provide full traceability.

Deployment was done using **Remix IDE**, and SepoliaETH from **PowFaucet** was used for transaction execution.

b) Web Interface Integration

The frontend was built using **PHP, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, and Ethers.js**, with three role-based dashboards:

- **Producer Dashboard:** Register products and view their stored hash.
- **Supplier Dashboard:** Receive products and transfer them to the next party.
- **Consumer Dashboard:** Verify authenticity and view ownership history.

Ethers.js connects the UI to the blockchain through functions like `registerProduct()`, `transferProduct()`, `verifyProduct()`, and `getProductHistory()`.

All blockchain writes are securely signed using **MetaMask**, while PHP handles role access and session management.

4.2 Screenshots and Outputs

- **Product Registration:** Screenshot shows a confirmed blockchain transaction with product ID, hash, producer address, and timestamp. Figure 1 Figure 14

- **Ownership Transfer:** Screens illustrate transfers across entities, each generating an on-chain event and updating the owner. Figure 7 Figure 13 Figure 14
 - **Verification Result:** System outputs **true** for authentic products and **false** for tampered ones. Figure 9 Figure 10
 - **Traceability:** Full ownership history is displayed as a list of blockchain addresses representing each handler. Figure 8 Figure 20
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4.3 Transparency and Integrity in BSTS

Transparency

BSTS achieves transparency by storing all product actions—registration, transfer, verification—on the public Ethereum blockchain. Anyone can view:

- Stored product hash
- Current owner
- Complete ownership history

This creates an auditable, decentralized supply chain.

Integrity

Integrity is maintained through:

- **Immutable blockchain records:** No data can be altered or deleted.
- **Cryptographic hashing:** Any modification to product details is immediately detectable.
- **Strict ownership validation:** Only the legitimate owner can transfer the product.

End-to-End Trust Mechanism

1. Producer registers product → hash saved on-chain
2. Supplier transfers product → event logged
3. Consumer verifies → hash rechecked
4. History remains publicly traceable → prevents manipulation

This ensures secure, trusted, tamper-proof supply chain tracking from start to finish.

5. Discussion and Conclusion (1 page): 7 points

5.1 Discussion

The Blockchain Supply Tracking System (BSTS) shows how blockchain and cryptography enhance trust and transparency in supply chains. The system's core security mechanism is the **keccak256 hash function**, which protects product information by storing only a unique hash on-chain rather than raw data. This ensures:

- **Data Integrity:** Any modification to product details produces a different hash, making tampering easy to detect.
- **Non-Repudiation:** Each registered product is permanently linked to the wallet address that created it.
- **Lightweight Storage:** Hashing reduces gas cost and protects sensitive information.

Ethereum's public ledger further strengthens transparency by recording all actions—registration, transfers, and verification—with timestamps. Using MetaMask for digital signatures ensures secure authentication without managing centralized credentials.

5.2 Potential Improvements

Although BSTS achieves functional traceability and verification, several enhancements could increase its scalability and usability:

1. **Encrypted Off-Chain Storage (IPFS):** Supports larger product metadata while reducing on-chain load.
 2. **On-Chain Role-Based Access:** Enforces strict permissions for producers, suppliers, and consumers.
 3. **Analytics Dashboard:** Automatically visualizes transfer events and product lifetime metrics.
 4. **QR Code Scanning:** Simplifies data entry and reduces human error.
 5. **Multi-Product Management:** Enables batch operations for industrial-scale use.
 6. **Anomaly Detection:** Flags suspicious transfers or counterfeit patterns.
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5.3 Conclusion

The BSTS prototype demonstrates how blockchain, hashing, and decentralized identities can create a transparent and tamper-proof supply-chain ecosystem. By combining a Solidity smart contract with a functional web interface, the system delivers reliable traceability, enhances consumer trust, and protects against fraud. Blockchain immutability ensures every event in the product lifecycle remains permanently recorded. With future enhancements, BSTS can scale into an industry-ready solution capable of supporting real-world logistics and authentication challenges.

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7. Appendix

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Figure 1: Sepolia PoW Faucet Used to Obtain Test ETH for Smart Contract Transactions

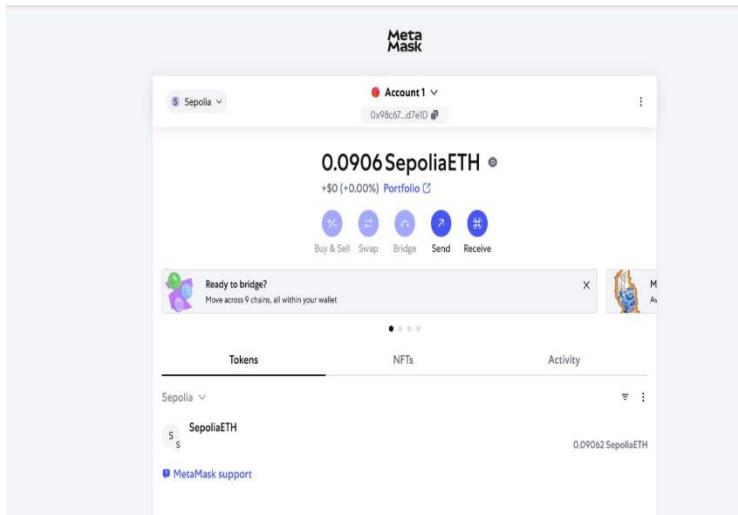


Figure 2: MetaMask Wallet Showing SepoliaETH Balance Used for Blockchain Transactions

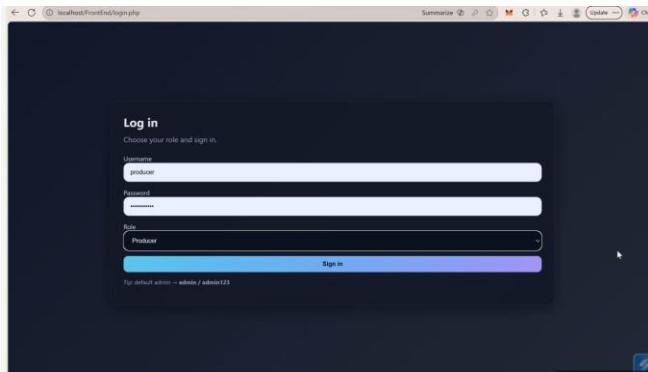


Figure 3 – User Login Interface with Role-Based Authentication

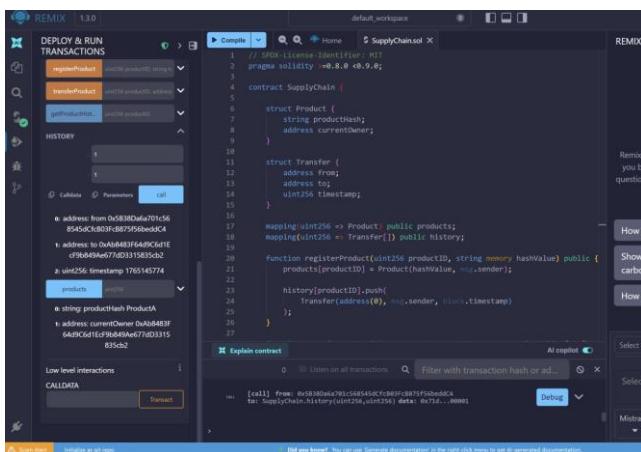


Figure 4: Smart Contract Execution in Remix Showing Successful Product Registration

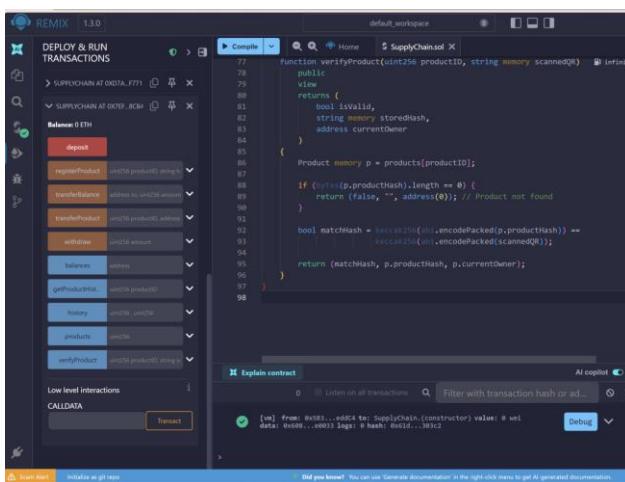


Figure 5: Remix Screenshot Showing verifyProduct() Execution and Hash-Based Product Verification

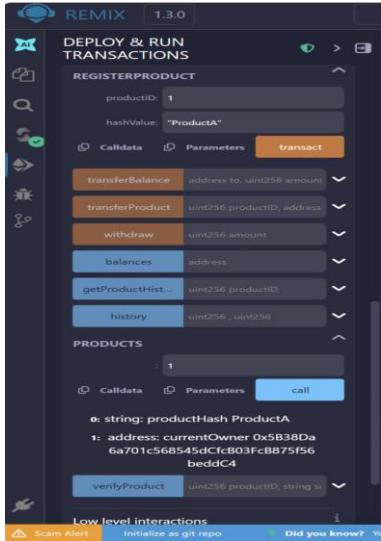


Figure 6: registerProduct() Execution and On-Chain Product Data Displayed in Remix

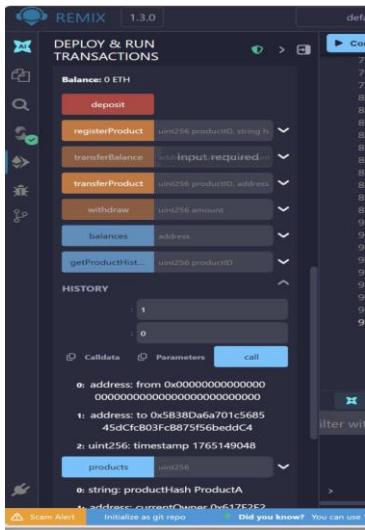


Figure 7: On-Chain Ownership History Retrieved Using getProductHistory() in Remix

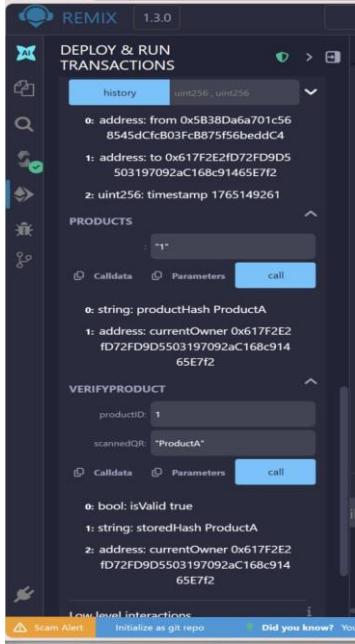


Figure 8: On-Chain Product History and Verification Output Displayed in Remix

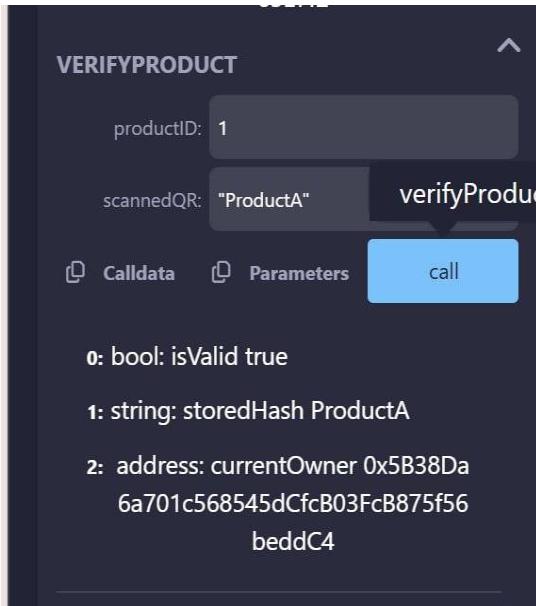


Figure 9: verifyProduct() Output Showing Successful Product Authentication in Remix

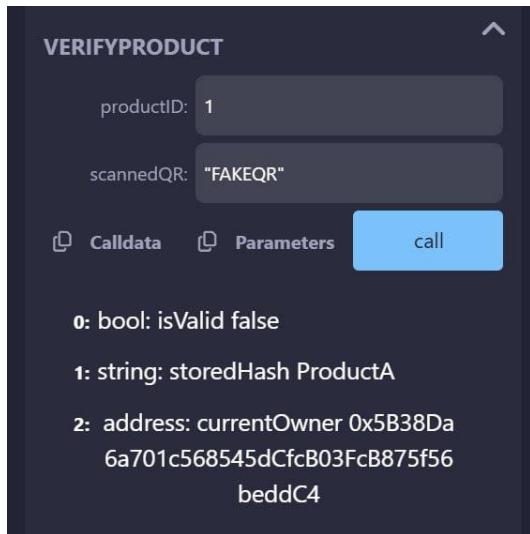


Figure 10: Failed Product Verification Showing `isValid = false` for Incorrect QR/Data

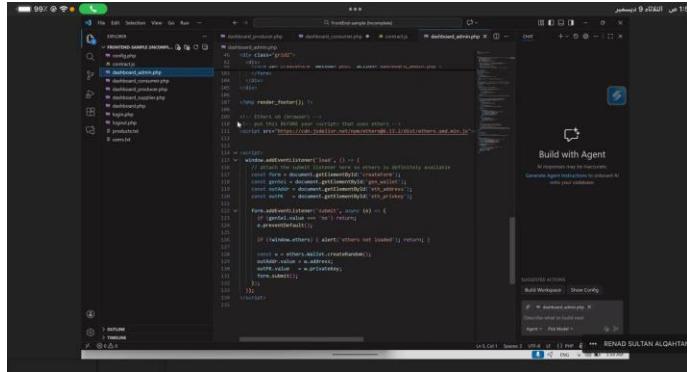


Figure 11: Frontend Development Session in VS Code Showing Integration with Ethers.js for Wallet and User Management

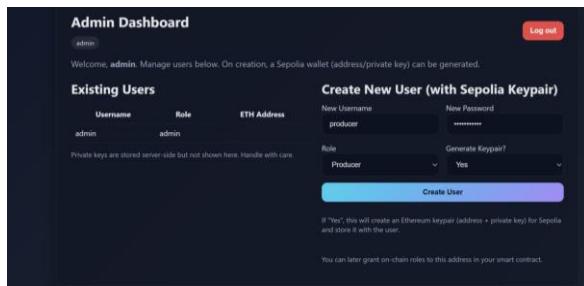


Figure 12: Admin Dashboard Interface for Managing Users and Generating Sepolia Keypairs

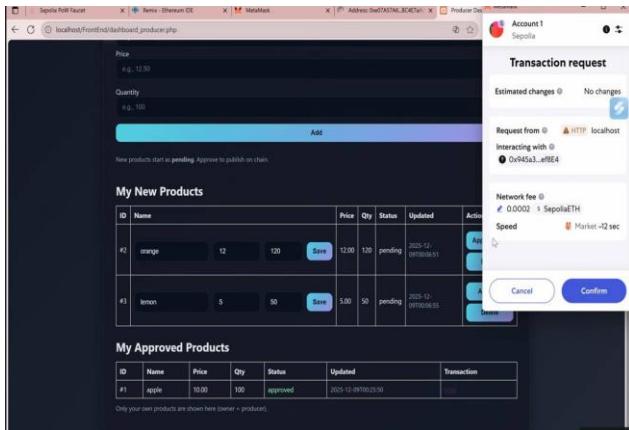


Figure 13: Producer Dashboard Triggering an On-Chain Transaction Confirmed Through MetaMask

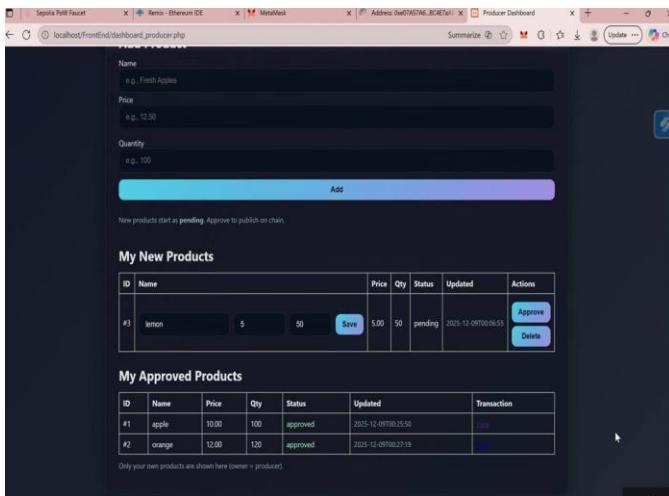


Figure 14: Producer Dashboard Displaying Pending and Approved Products with On-Chain Transaction Links

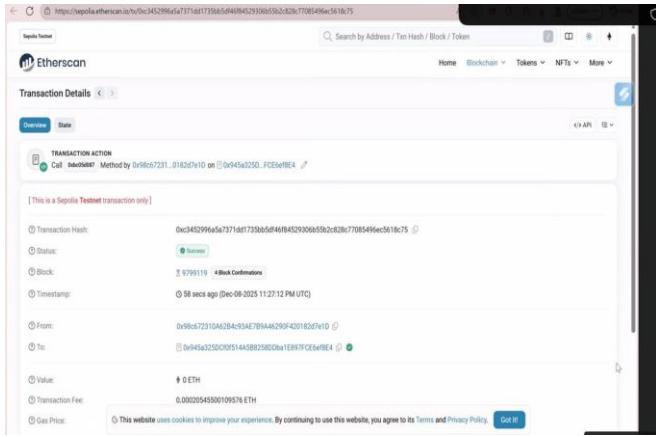


Figure 15: Etherscan Record Showing Successful On-Chain Transaction Executed by the BSTS System

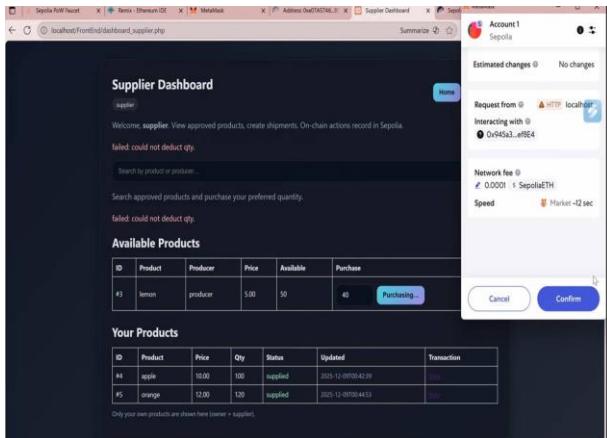


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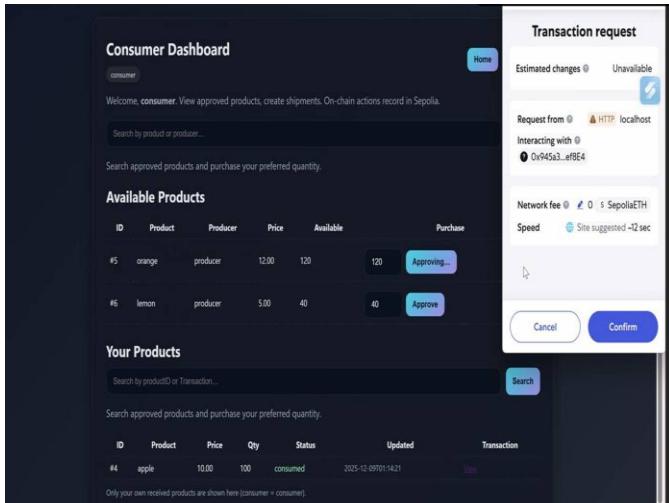


Figure 17: Consumer Dashboard Purchase Flow Triggering an On-Chain MetaMask Transaction

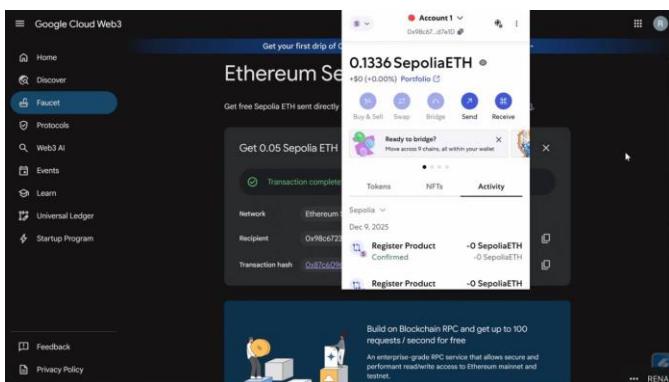


Figure 18: Google Cloud Web3 Faucet Funding and MetaMask Activity Showing Successful SepoliaETH Transactions

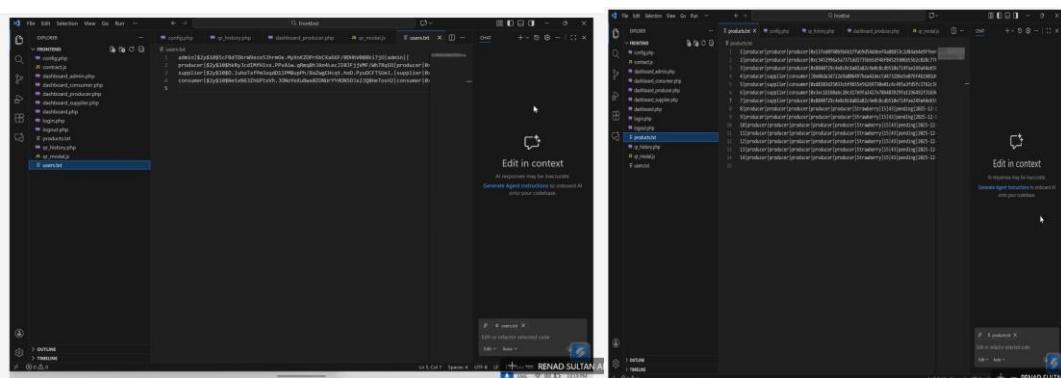
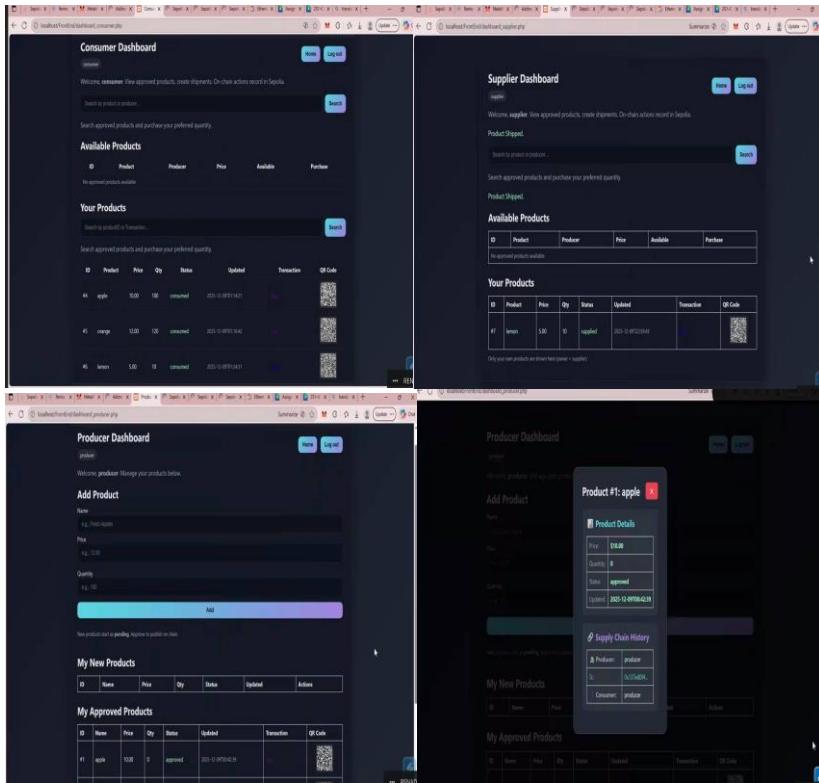


Figure 19 – User Credentials Stored in Hashed Format



Figures 20 – QR Codes Across All User Roles

The QR code feature is available across all system roles — **Producer, Supplier, and Consumer** — enabling each user to scan, verify, and track product information at different stages of the supply chain. This unified QR mechanism enhances transparency and ensures end-to-end traceability throughout the BSTS workflow.

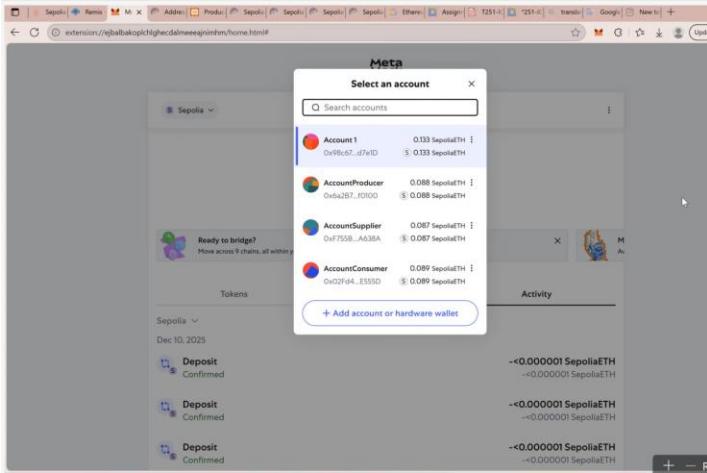


Figure 21: MetaMask accounts for producer, supplier, and consumer—each pre-funded with SepoliaETH to support blockchain transactions

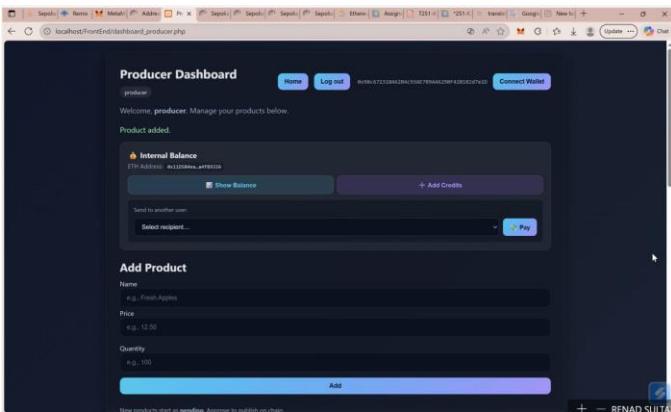


Figure 22 – Producer Dashboard Showing Internal Wallet Balance and Product Registration Interface

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- Keep explanations concise and focused on your implementation.
- Include diagrams and clear screenshots to highlight and illustrate key points, if necessary.
- Use bullet points for clarity, if applicable.
- Write in your own words — avoid copy-pasting from sources
- **Attach Smart Contract file and Web Implementation code in a separate folder**