Enhancing Your DApp: Minting, Approvals, and User Authentication

Objective:

- Build upon your basic ERC-20 token DApp by adding more advanced features.
- Implement token minting and approval mechanisms.
- Introduce user authentication using MetaMask integration.

Prerequisites:

- Completion of previous assignments, specifically Assignment 4: ERC-20 Token Creation and Interaction.
- Familiarity with basic HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
- Basic understanding of a frontend framework (e.g., React, Vue.js, or Svelte) is recommended.

Instructions:

1. Enhance the User Interface:

- Add new elements to your existing DApp frontend:
 - A form to input the amount of new tokens to mint.
 - A button to trigger the minting process.
 - A form to input the spender address and the amount of tokens to approve.
 - A button to trigger the approval process.
 - A display to show the user's connected MetaMask address (after authentication).

2. Implement Minting:

- Add a new function in your JavaScript code (or framework component) to handle the minting process.
- Use the mint function from your ERC-20 contract to create new tokens and assign them to the connected user's address.
- Update the token balance display after a successful mint.

3. Implement Approvals:

- Add a new function to handle the approval process.
- Use the approve function from your ERC-20 contract to allow a specified address (spender) to spend a certain amount of the user's tokens.
- Provide feedback to the user about the approval status.

4. User Authentication (MetaMask Integration):

- When the DApp loads, check if MetaMask is installed and prompt the user to connect their wallet if it's not already connected.
- Once connected, display the user's MetaMask address on the interface.
- Restrict access to minting and approval functions to the owner of the contract (the address that deployed it).

 You can use MetaMask's ethereum.request({ method: 'eth_requestAccounts' }) to request the user's accounts and verify ownership.

Deliverables:

- Submit your updated HTML, CSS, and JavaScript code files.
- Update your README file with instructions on how to run the enhanced DApp.
- Provide screenshots or a video demonstrating the new features (minting, approvals, authentication).
- Answer the following questions in your report:
 - What security considerations did you take into account when implementing minting and approvals?
 - How did you handle user authentication and restrict access to certain functions?
 - What are some potential use cases for the approval mechanism in real-world applications?

Grading Rubric:

- **Functionality:** Do the minting and approval functions work correctly? Is user authentication implemented effectively?
- **User Interface:** Is the interface clear, intuitive, and visually appealing, incorporating the new features seamlessly?
- **Code Quality:** Is the code well-structured, readable, and commented, reflecting good programming practices?
- **Error Handling:** Does the DApp handle potential errors gracefully and provide informative feedback to the user?
- **Security:** Are there any vulnerabilities in the minting or approval processes? Is user authentication robust?
- **Creativity and Innovation:** Did the student add any additional features or creative elements to the DApp?