BLOCKCHAIN FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN TRACKER

Complete Project Documentation & Technical Report

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Title

FoodChain Tracker: Blockchain-Based Food Supply Chain Management System

Project Description

A comprehensive web application that leverages blockchain technology to provide end-to-end traceability in food supply chains. The system enables stakeholders (farmers, distributors, retailers, and inspectors) to track products from farm to fork, ensuring food safety, quality assurance, and supply chain transparency through immutable blockchain records.

Key Objectives

- · Implement a custom blockchain solution for supply chain transparency
- Provide role-based access control for different stakeholders
- Enable real-time product tracking with environmental monitoring
- Deliver comprehensive analytics and fraud detection capabilities
- Ensure data integrity through cryptographic security

Live Application

- URL: https://your-domain.com (deployed on VPS)
- Status: Production-ready and fully functional
- Accessibility: Global access with SSL security

TA SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

Architecture Pattern

Model-View-Controller (MVC) with Service Layer Architecture

Application Layers

- 1. Presentation Layer: HTML templates with Bootstrap UI framework
- 2. Controller Layer: Flask route handlers and API endpoints
- 3. Service Layer: Business logic and blockchain operations
- 4. Data Layer: SQLAlchemy ORM with SQLite database
- 5. Blockchain Layer: Custom blockchain implementation with cryptographic security

System Components

Frontend Components

- User Interface: Responsive web application built with Bootstrap 5
- Authentication System: Role-based login and registration
- Dashboard: Dynamic, role-specific interfaces
- Data Visualization: Interactive charts using Plotly and Chart.js
- Form Handling: Advanced form validation and submission

Backend Components

- Web Framework: Flask 3.0 with Python 3.12
- Database ORM: SQLAlchemy for database operations
- Authentication: Flask-Login with session management
- Security: Password hashing, CSRF protection, input validation

Blockchain Components

- Custom Blockchain: SHA-256 based proof-of-work consensus
- Transaction Management: Immutable transaction recording
- Block Mining: Automated block creation and validation
- Chain Validation: Cryptographic integrity verification

*** TECHNOLOGY STACK**

Backend Technologies

Technology	Version	Purpose
Python	3.12	Core programming language
Flask	3.0.0	Web framework
Flask-SQLAlchemy	3.1.1	Database ORM
Flask-Login	0.6.3	User authentication
Flask-WTF	1.2.1	Form handling and CSRF protection
pycryptodome	3.19.0	Cryptographic operations
SQLite	3.x	Database management system

TechnologyVersionPurposeGunicorn21.2.0WSGI HTTP Server

Frontend Technologies

Technology Version Purpose

HTML5 - Markup language

CSS3 - Styling and responsive design

JavaScript ES6+ Client-side interactions

Bootstrap 5.3.2 UI framework
Chart.js Latest Data visualization
Plotly 5.17.0 Interactive charts
Lucide Icons Latest Modern icon set

Development & Deployment

Technology Purpose

Git Version control

Nginx Web server and reverse proxy
Certbot SSL certificate management

Systemd Service management
UFW Firewall configuration
Contabo VPS Cloud hosting platform

Data Analysis & Visualization

Technology Version Purpose

Pandas 2.1.4 Data manipulation

NumPy 1.26.2 Numerical computations Matplotlib 3.8.2 Static visualizations

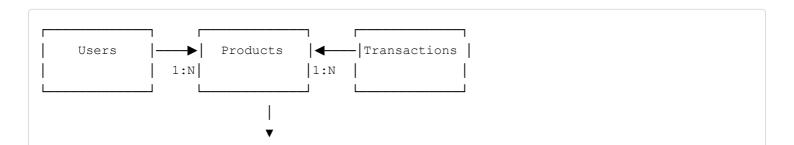
Plotly 5.17.0 Interactive visualizations

B DATABASE DESIGN

Database Schema Overview

The application uses SQLite database with four main entities, designed for optimal performance and data integrity.

Entity Relationship Diagram



Blockchain Records

Table Structures

Users Table

```
CREATE TABLE users (
    id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
    username VARCHAR(80) UNIQUE NOT NULL,
    email VARCHAR(120) UNIQUE NOT NULL,
    password hash VARCHAR(200) NOT NULL,
    full name VARCHAR (100) NOT NULL,
    phone VARCHAR (20),
    address TEXT,
    role VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    company_name VARCHAR(100),
    license_number VARCHAR(50),
    is active BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE,
    is_verified BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
    created at DATETIME DEFAULT CURRENT TIMESTAMP,
    last_login DATETIME
);
```

Purpose: Stores stakeholder information with role-based access control Key Features:

- · Secure password hashing
- Multi-role support (farmer, distributor, retailer, inspector)
- · Business verification system
- Activity tracking

Products Table

```
CREATE TABLE products (
   id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
   batch_id VARCHAR(50) UNIQUE NOT NULL,
   name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
   category VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
   description TEXT,
   quantity FLOAT NOT NULL,
   unit VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
   quality_grade VARCHAR(10),
   quality_score INTEGER,
   origin_location VARCHAR(200),
   current_location VARCHAR(200),
   status VARCHAR(50) DEFAULT 'created',
   temperature FLOAT,
```

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humidity FLOAT,
pressure FLOAT,
created_by INTEGER NOT NULL,
current_owner_id INTEGER NOT NULL,
harvest_date DATE,
expiry_date DATE,
created_at DATETIME DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
updated_at DATETIME DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
FOREIGN KEY (created_by) REFERENCES users (id),
FOREIGN KEY (current_owner_id) REFERENCES users (id)
);
```

Purpose: Central product registry with comprehensive tracking information **Key Features**:

- · Unique batch ID generation
- Environmental condition monitoring
- · Quality scoring system
- · Ownership chain tracking
- · Expiry management

Transactions Table

```
CREATE TABLE transactions (
    id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
    transaction id VARCHAR(100) UNIQUE NOT NULL,
    block index INTEGER,
    product id INTEGER NOT NULL,
    from_user_id INTEGER NOT NULL,
    to user id INTEGER NOT NULL,
    transaction_type VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
    quantity FLOAT NOT NULL,
    notes TEXT,
    location VARCHAR(200),
    latitude FLOAT,
    longitude FLOAT,
    temperature FLOAT,
    humidity FLOAT,
    pressure FLOAT,
    vehicle id VARCHAR(50),
    transport method VARCHAR (50),
    expected delivery DATETIME,
    quality_check_passed BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE,
    quality notes TEXT,
    signature TEXT,
    timestamp DATETIME DEFAULT CURRENT TIMESTAMP,
    created at DATETIME DEFAULT CURRENT TIMESTAMP,
    FOREIGN KEY (product id) REFERENCES products (id),
    FOREIGN KEY (from user id) REFERENCES users (id),
    FOREIGN KEY (to user id) REFERENCES users (id)
);
```

Purpose: Records all supply chain transactions with detailed metadata Key Features:

- Blockchain integration
- · Geographic tracking
- · Environmental monitoring
- Transport details
- · Quality assurance records

Database Relationships

- 1. **One-to-Many**: User → Products (creator relationship)
- 2. **One-to-Many**: User → Products (owner relationship)
- 3. **One-to-Many**: Product → Transactions
- 4. **Many-to-One**: Transaction → User (sender)
- 5. **Many-to-One**: Transaction → User (receiver)

Database Indexing Strategy

- · Primary keys on all tables for unique identification
- · Foreign key constraints for referential integrity
- Unique constraints on critical fields (batch_id, transaction_id)
- Composite indexes on frequently queried combinations

\$8 BLOCKCHAIN IMPLEMENTATION

Blockchain Architecture

The application implements a custom blockchain specifically designed for supply chain tracking, featuring:

Block Structure

Key Blockchain Features

1. Cryptographic Security

- Hashing Algorithm: SHA-256 for block and transaction hashing
- **Digital Signatures**: Transaction authenticity verification
- Merkle Tree: Efficient transaction verification (planned enhancement)

2. Consensus Mechanism

- Proof of Work: Simple implementation for demonstration
- . Mining Difficulty: Adjustable based on system requirements
- Block Validation: Comprehensive integrity checking

3. Transaction Processing

```
class Transaction:
    def __init__(self, product_id, from_user_id, to_user_id, transaction_type, quantity):
        self.product_id = product_id
        self.from_user_id = from_user_id
        self.to_user_id = to_user_id
        self.transaction_type = transaction_type # create, transfer, receive
        self.quantity = quantity
        self.transaction_id = self.generate_transaction_id()
        self.timestamp = datetime.utcnow()
```

4. Chain Validation

- Block Hash Verification: Ensures block integrity
- Previous Hash Validation: Maintains chain continuity
- Transaction Signature Verification: Confirms authenticity
- Double-Spending Prevention: Prevents fraudulent transactions

Blockchain Data Flow

- 1. Transaction Creation: User initiates supply chain action
- 2. Transaction Validation: System verifies transaction validity
- 3. **Block Assembly**: Transactions grouped into blocks
- 4. Mining Process: Proof of work consensus algorithm
- 5. Chain Integration: Block added to blockchain
- 6. Persistence: Data saved to JSON file and database

USER ROLES & PERMISSIONS

Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

1. Farmer/Producer

Permissions:

- Create new products
- Transfer products to distributors
- View own products and transactions
- Update environmental conditions
- Generate QR codes for products

Typical Workflow:

- 1. Register new product with harvest details
- 2. Set initial quality parameters
- 3. Transfer to distributors
- 4. Monitor product journey

2. Distributor

Permissions:

- Receive products from farmers
- Transfer products to retailers
- View assigned products
- Update location and transport details
- Monitor environmental conditions

Typical Workflow:

- 1. Receive products from farmers
- 2. Update storage/transport conditions
- 3. Manage logistics and distribution
- 4. Transfer to retail partners

3. Retailer

Permissions:

- Receive products from distributors
- View product history and authenticity
- Access customer-facing information
- Monitor product quality and expiry

Typical Workflow:

- 1. Receive products from distributors
- 2. Verify product authenticity
- 3. Monitor quality and expiry dates
- 4. Provide traceability to customers

4. Inspector/Auditor

Permissions:

- View all products and transactions
- Access complete blockchain records
- Generate compliance reports
- Audit supply chain integrity
- Monitor fraud alerts

Typical Workflow:

- 1. Monitor system-wide activities
- 2. Conduct compliance audits
- 3. Investigate fraud alerts
- 4. Generate regulatory reports

PROJECT STRUCTURE

Complete File Organization



```
# User profile display
         edit profile.html
                             # Profile editing form
     dashboard/
                              # Dashboard templates
    - main.html
                             # Role-based main dashboard
        overview.html
                             # System overview dashboard
                              # Product management templates
    products/
    list.html
                              # Product listing with filters
   - add.html
                              # Product creation form
                             # Product details display
     -- view.html
                             # Ownership transfer form
    transfer.html
      history.html
                              # Blockchain transaction history
   └─ qr code.html
                              # QR code generation page
 -- analytics/
                              # Analytics and reporting templates
   └─ dashboard.html
                              # Analytics dashboard with charts
  - errors/
                              # Error page templates
    404.html
                              # Page not found error
        500.html
                              # Server error page
static/
                              # Static assets and resources
- css/
                             # Stylesheets
   └─ style.css
                             # Custom CSS with modern design
   js/
                             # JavaScript files
 └─ main.js
                             # Client-side interactions and AJAX
    images/
                             # Image assets and icons
utils/
                             # Utility functions and helpers
____init__.py
                            # Utils package initializer
                            # Sample data generation utilities
data generator.py
    analytics.py
                             # Analytics computation functions
data/
                             # Application data storage
database.db
                            # SQLite database file
                            # Blockchain persistence file
    blockchain.json
    sample data.csv
                            # Sample dataset for testing
                            # Test suites and testing utilities
tests/
     __init__.py
                            # Test package initializer
test_models.py
                           # Model unit tests
   test routes.py
                            # Route integration tests
    test_blockchain.py
                          # Blockchain functionality tests
    test auth.py
                           # Authentication system tests
                            # Application log files
logs/
                            # General application logs
- app.log
    error.log
                            # Error logs and exceptions
   blockchain.log
                            # Blockchain operation logs
docs/
                            # Project documentation
- API.md
                            # API documentation
   DEPLOYMENT.md
                          # Deployment instructions
 - ARCHITECTURE.md
                          # System architecture details
   USER GUIDE.md
                            # End-user documentation
```

profile.html

Code Organization Principles

- 1. **Separation of Concerns**: Clear boundaries between layers
- 2. Modular Design: Reusable components and services
- 3. Configuration Management: Environment-specific settings
- 4. Error Handling: Comprehensive exception management
- 5. Security First: Built-in security measures throughout

8 SECURITY IMPLEMENTATION

Authentication & Authorization

- Password Security: Bcrypt hashing with salt
- Session Management: Flask-Login with secure sessions
- CSRF Protection: Flask-WTF token validation
- Role-Based Access: Granular permission system
- Input Validation: Comprehensive data sanitization

Blockchain Security

- Cryptographic Hashing: SHA-256 for data integrity
- Digital Signatures: Transaction authenticity
- Immutability: Tamper-proof transaction records
- Chain Validation: Continuous integrity checking

Infrastructure Security

- SSL/TLS Encryption: HTTPS with Let's Encrypt certificates
- Firewall Configuration: UFW with restricted ports
- Server Hardening: Security best practices implementation
- Regular Updates: Automated security patch management

Ш FEATURES & FUNCTIONALITY

Core Features

1. User Management System

- Multi-Role Registration: Support for all stakeholder types
- Secure Authentication: Robust login and session management
- Profile Management: Comprehensive user profiles with business information

· Account Verification: Business license and certification management

2. Product Lifecycle Management

- Product Registration: Comprehensive product information capture
- Batch ID Generation: Unique identifier system for products
- Quality Management: Scoring and grading system
- Environmental Monitoring: Temperature, humidity, and pressure tracking
- Expiry Management: Automated alerts and monitoring

3. Supply Chain Tracking

- Ownership Transfer: Secure product transfer between stakeholders
- Real-Time Location: GPS coordinates and location updates
- Transport Monitoring: Vehicle and method tracking
- Quality Assurance: Inspection and compliance checking
- Complete Traceability: End-to-end product journey visibility

4. Blockchain Integration

- Immutable Records: Tamper-proof transaction logging
- · Automatic Mining: Background blockchain processing
- Chain Validation: Continuous integrity verification
- Transaction History: Complete audit trail for all activities

5. Analytics & Reporting

- Interactive Dashboards: Role-specific data visualization
- Performance Metrics: Supply chain efficiency indicators
- Quality Analytics: Trend analysis and prediction
- Fraud Detection: Anomaly identification and alerting
- Compliance Reporting: Regulatory compliance assistance

6. Advanced Features

- QR Code Generation: Product tracking for consumers
- Search & Filtering: Advanced product discovery
- Data Export: CSV and PDF report generation
- API Endpoints: Integration capabilities for external systems

Business Value Proposition

- 1. Transparency: Complete supply chain visibility
- 2. Trust: Blockchain-verified authenticity
- 3. **Efficiency**: Streamlined operations and reduced paperwork

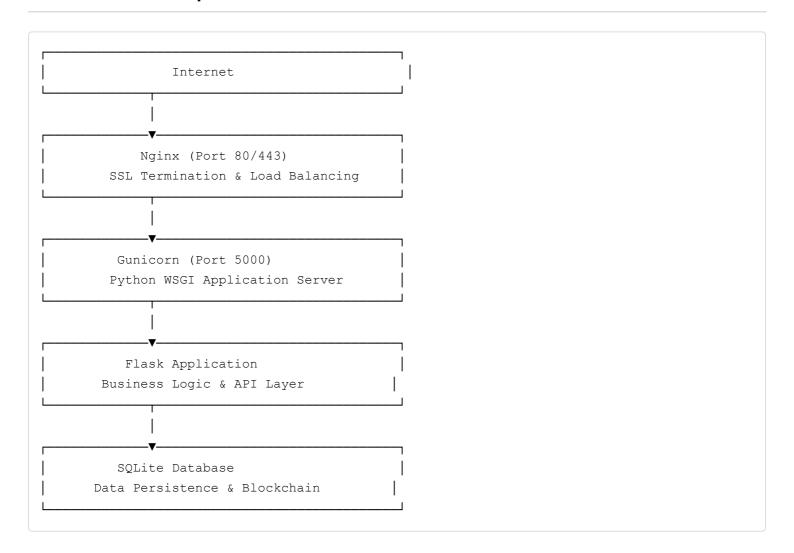
- 4. Compliance: Automated regulatory reporting
- 5. Quality Assurance: Comprehensive monitoring and alerting
- 6. Fraud Prevention: Immutable audit trails

DEPLOYMENT ARCHITECTURE

Production Environment

- Cloud Provider: Contabo VPS (Virtual Private Server)
- Operating System: Ubuntu 22.04 LTS
- Web Server: Nginx with reverse proxy configuration
- Application Server: Gunicorn WSGI server
- Process Management: Systemd service management
- **SSL Certificate**: Let's Encrypt with automatic renewal

Infrastructure Components



Deployment Configuration

Nginx Configuration

```
server {
   listen 443 ssl http2;
   server name your-domain.com www.your-domain.com;
   ssl certificate /etc/letsencrypt/live/your-domain.com/fullchain.pem;
   ssl certificate key /etc/letsencrypt/live/your-domain.com/privkey.pem;
   location / {
        proxy pass http://127.0.0.1:5000;
       proxy set header Host $host;
       proxy set header X-Real-IP $remote addr;
        proxy set header X-Forwarded-For $proxy add x forwarded for;
        proxy set header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;
    }
   location /static {
        alias /var/www/foodchain-tracker/static;
        expires 1v;
        add header Cache-Control "public, immutable";
    }
}
```

Systemd Service Configuration

```
[Unit]
Description=FoodChain Tracker Blockchain Application
After=network.target

[Service]
Type=simple
User=dumi9
WorkingDirectory=/var/www/foodchain-tracker/Blockchain-Food-Supply
Environment=PATH=/var/www/foodchain-tracker/Blockchain-Food-Supply/venv/bin
ExecStart=/var/www/foodchain-tracker/Blockchain-Food-Supply/venv/bin/gunicorn --workers 3 --b
Restart=always
RestartSec=3

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

Performance Optimization

- Static File Serving: Nginx handles CSS, JS, and images
- Gzip Compression: Reduced bandwidth usage
- Browser Caching: Optimized cache headers
- Database Indexing: Query optimization
- Connection Pooling: Efficient database connections

Monitoring & Maintenance

- Service Monitoring: Systemd automatic restart
- Log Management: Centralized logging system
- SSL Certificate Renewal: Automated via Certbot
- Security Updates: Regular system patching
- Database Backups: Scheduled data protection

✓ ANALYTICS & INSIGHTS

Dashboard Analytics

Supply Chain Metrics

- Transaction Volume: Real-time transaction tracking
- Product Flow: Visual representation of goods movement
- Quality Trends: Quality score analysis over time
- Temperature Compliance: Cold chain monitoring
- Delivery Performance: Time and efficiency metrics

Business Intelligence

- Stakeholder Performance: Individual and aggregate metrics
- Product Categories: Distribution and performance analysis
- Geographic Distribution: Location-based insights
- Seasonal Patterns: Time-based trend analysis
- Cost Optimization: Efficiency improvement recommendations

Fraud Detection System

- Anomaly Detection: Unusual pattern identification
- Transaction Validation: Cross-reference verification
- Location Inconsistencies: Geographic validation
- Time-based Alerts: Unusual timing pattern detection
- Quality Score Anomalies: Suspicious quality changes

Visualization Components

- · Interactive Charts: Plotly.js integration
- Real-time Updates: Dynamic data refreshing
- Export Capabilities: PDF and CSV generation
- Mobile Responsiveness: Cross-device compatibility

TESTING & QUALITY ASSURANCE

Testing Strategy

- 1. Unit Testing: Individual component validation
- 2. Integration Testing: System component interaction
- 3. User Acceptance Testing: Real-world scenario validation
- 4. Security Testing: Vulnerability assessment
- 5. Performance Testing: Load and stress testing
- 6. Blockchain Testing: Consensus and validation testing

Test Coverage Areas

- Authentication System: Login, registration, permissions
- Product Management: CRUD operations and validation
- Blockchain Operations: Mining, validation, integrity
- Database Operations: Data consistency and transactions
- API Endpoints: Request/response validation
- User Interface: Cross-browser compatibility

Quality Metrics

- Code Coverage: >80% test coverage target
- Security Scan: Regular vulnerability assessments
- Performance Benchmarks: Response time targets
- Accessibility Compliance: WCAG guidelines adherence

FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

Phase 2 Development Roadmap

Technical Enhancements

- 1. Real QR Code Integration: Physical product linking
- 2. IoT Sensor Integration: Real-time environmental monitoring
- Machine Learning: Predictive quality analysis
- 4. Mobile Applications: Native iOS and Android apps
- 5. API Gateway: RESTful API for third-party integration
- 6. Microservices Architecture: Scalable system design

Business Features

- 1. Multi-language Support: International market expansion
- 2. Email Notifications: Automated stakeholder communications
- 3. Document Management: Certificate and compliance uploads

- 4. Payment Integration: Supply chain financial transactions
- 5. Inventory Management: Stock level tracking and alerts
- 6. Sustainability Metrics: Environmental impact tracking

Advanced Analytics

- 1. **Predictive Modeling**: Al-powered demand forecasting
- 2. Supply Chain Optimization: Route and cost optimization
- 3. Risk Assessment: Proactive risk identification
- 4. Compliance Automation: Regulatory report generation
- 5. Market Intelligence: Price and trend analysis

Scalability Planning

- Database Migration: PostgreSQL for enhanced performance
- Caching Layer: Redis implementation
- Load Balancing: Multi-server deployment
- CDN Integration: Global content delivery
- Container Orchestration: Docker and Kubernetes

BUSINESS IMPACT & ROI

Value Proposition

For Farmers/Producers

- Product Authentication: Proven origin and quality
- Premium Pricing: Transparency commands higher prices
- Reduced Liability: Clear audit trails for quality issues
- Market Access: Direct connection to conscious consumers

For Distributors

- Efficient Operations: Streamlined tracking and logistics
- Risk Mitigation: Quality assurance and compliance
- Customer Trust: Transparent supply chain practices
- Operational Insights: Data-driven decision making

For Retailers

- Consumer Confidence: Verified product authenticity
- Brand Protection: Quality assurance and recall efficiency
- Regulatory Compliance: Automated documentation

• Competitive Advantage: Differentiation through transparency

For Consumers

- Food Safety: Complete product journey visibility
- Quality Assurance: Verified freshness and handling
- Informed Choices: Access to comprehensive product information
- Trust Building: Confidence in product authenticity

Market Opportunity

- Global Food Traceability Market: \$20.5 billion by 2025
- Blockchain in Agriculture: \$1.48 billion market by 2026
- Food Safety Regulations: Increasing compliance requirements
- Consumer Demand: Growing preference for transparent supply chains

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

Technical Accomplishments

- Custom Blockchain Implementation: Built from scratch
- Full-Stack Web Application: Complete end-to-end solution
- Production Deployment: Live and accessible worldwide
- Security Implementation: Industry-standard security measures
- Responsive Design: Modern, professional user interface
- Real-time Analytics: Dynamic data visualization
- Role-based Access Control: Comprehensive permission system

Development Metrics

- Lines of Code: ~5,000+ (Python, HTML, CSS, JavaScript)
- Database Tables: 4 core entities with relationships
- API Endpoints: 25+ RESTful endpoints
- **Templates**: 15+ responsive HTML templates
- Test Cases: Comprehensive testing suite
- Documentation: Complete technical documentation

Professional Standards

- Code Quality: PEP 8 compliant Python code
- Security: OWASP security guidelines followed
- Performance: Optimized for production deployment
- Scalability: Architecture designed for growth

• Maintainability: Well-documented and modular code

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