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SMART CONTRACT "MINI SOCIAL NETWORK" IN SOLIDITY



Introduction:

The purpose of this task is to develop a basic smart contract in Solidity for a "Mini Social Network" that allows users to publish, view, and count posts. The project is designed to be deployed on a test network and includes the ability to manage posts in a decentralized way, using the Ethereum blockchain. This report provides a step-by-step overview of each development phase, including source code creation, deployment, testing, and results.

Task Details and Implementation:

Step 1: Declaration of the Smart Contract

After the creation of 'MiniSocial.sol' file in Remix IDE, lets define the Contract, The smart contract 'MiniSocial' was declared. The Post structure was defined to contain two essential pieces of information:

- message: A string variable to hold the content of the post.
- author: An address variable to store the Ethereum address of the user who published the post.

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT

pragma solidity ^0.8.0;

contract MiniSocial {
    struct Post {
        string message;
        address author;
    }
}
```

Step 2: Declaring the List of Posts

 Let's declare a dynamic array named posts of type Post[] was declared to store all published messages. This array will hold instances of the Post structure.

```
Post[] public posts;
```

Step 3: Publish Post Function

Creates a 'publishPost(string memory _message)' function that allows users to publish a
message. This function should create a new Post with the user's message and address
(msg.sender) and then add it to the posts array.

```
function publishPost(string memory _message) public {
   Post memory newPost = Post({
        message: _message,
        author: msg.sender
   });
   posts.push(newPost);
}
```

Step 4: Retrieve a Specific Post

- The 'getPost' function allows users to retrieve a post by its index.
 - o **Parameters**: Accepts an 'uint' parameter index to specify the post location in the array.
 - o Return Values: Returns the message and author fields of the specified Post.
 - Access Type: The function is public view, meaning it can only read data and cannot modify the state.

```
function getPost(uint index) public view returns (string memory, address) {
    require(index < posts.length, "Index out of bounds");
    Post storage post = posts[index];
    return (post.message, post.author);
}</pre>
```

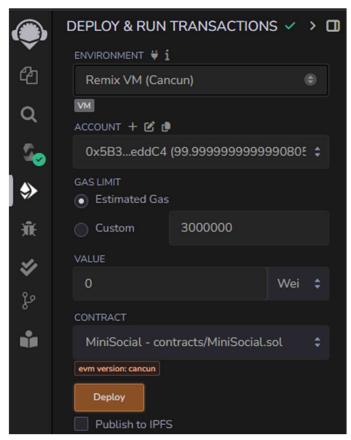
Step 5: Function to Retrieve the Total Number of Posts

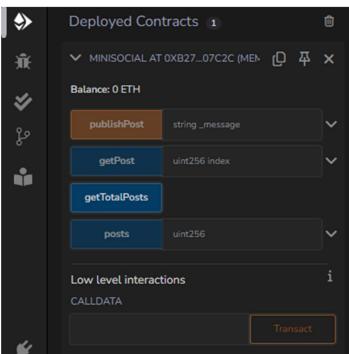
- 'getTotalPosts' function returns the total number of posts in the posts array.

```
function getTotalPosts() public view returns (uint) {
   return posts.length;
}
```

Step 6: Deployment and Testing

- **Deployment:** After writing the smart contract, Let's deploy it on a test network in Remix

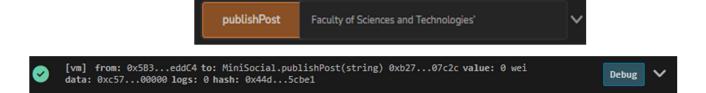




- Testing:
 - Publishing Messages: Let's publish 2 post :
 - o Post 1: 'Idriss Khattabi'



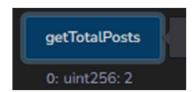
Post 2: 'Faculty of Sciences and Technologies'



Retrieving Messages: Let's retrieve the second Post



Counting Messages: Let's get the Total of Posts



Conclusion:

The "Mini Social Network" smart contract provides a foundational implementation for decentralized social media. This task demonstrated several key Solidity programming principles, including data storage, user interaction, and state retrieval. This mini social network could be expanded with additional features, such as editing or deleting posts, adding timestamps, and implementing a like or comment system.