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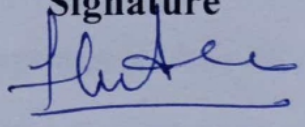
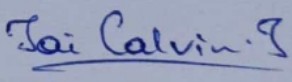
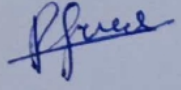
HARSHA D B	20201CCS0007	
JAI CALVIN J	20201CCS0011	
RAHUL N	20201CCS0044	

ABSTRACT

The project endeavors to revolutionize certificate management systems by leveraging blockchain technology for secure and decentralized validation. In response to the persistent challenges faced by institutions in storing and validating certificates, the proposed solution integrates a user-friendly web application with HTML and CSS, backed by the transparency and immutability of the blockchain.

The primary objectives encompass the development of an accessible web application, the integration of blockchain for decentralized storage, and the implementation of digital signatures and multi-sign mechanisms to enhance access control. The workflow involves uploading certificates, generating a unique hash stored in the blockchain, and enabling subsequent verification through a decentralized ledger.

Results demonstrate a marked enhancement in the efficiency of certificate storage and validation processes. The successful integration of blockchain technology is accompanied by an exploration of challenges faced during implementation and their effective resolutions. This project not only addresses immediate concerns in certificate management but also contributes to broader discussions on secure and decentralized data storage.

In conclusion, the project represents a significant advancement in certificate validation systems, combining web application technologies with blockchain to create a robust and secure solution. The implications extend beyond the immediate context, influencing conversations on the transformative potential of blockchain in diverse educational and professional domains.

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The landscape of certification systems has undergone a significant transformation with the advent of digitalization. The conventional practice of paper-based certificates has given way to digital formats, offering enhanced accessibility and efficiency. However, this shift brings forth challenges in ensuring the security and authenticity of certificates. Educational institutions, including schools and universities, grapple with the recurring process of storing certificates, while organizations face the daunting task of verifying their legitimacy.

1.1.1 Evolution of Certificate Systems

The digital era has witnessed a profound evolution in certificate systems. The transition from traditional paper-based certificates to digital formats has revolutionized how credentials are handled. While digital certificates offer convenience and accessibility, they also introduce complexities related to security and validation.

1.1.2 Importance of Secure Certificate Validation

Certificates are more than just documents; they represent an individual's accomplishments, qualifications, and expertise. Thus, the importance of establishing a robust and secure certificate validation system cannot be overstated. Ensuring the integrity of certificates is crucial for preventing fraudulent activities, upholding the reputation of educational institutions, and fostering trust in the professional sphere.

1.2 Problem Statement

Storing and validating certificates in a centralized manner pose challenges in terms of security, accessibility, and efficiency. The proposed project aims to address these challenges by introducing a decentralized approach. Blockchain technology, renowned for its transparency, immutability, and security features, is leveraged to create a tamper-proof and decentralized ledger for storing certificate information.

1.3 Objectives of the Project

The primary objective of this project is to develop a system that enhances the efficiency and security of certificate storage and validation. Specific goals include implementing a user-friendly web application using HTML and CSS, integrating blockchain technology to establish a decentralized storage system, and employing digital signatures and multi-sign mechanisms to enhance access control.

1.4 Scope and Limitations

1.4.1 Scope

This project's scope encompasses the design and implementation of a blockchain-based certificate validation system. It includes the development of a user-friendly web application and the integration of blockchain technology to facilitate secure, decentralized, and accessible certificate storage and validation.

1.4.2 Limitations

While the proposed solution offers significant improvements, certain limitations are acknowledged. These may include potential scalability challenges, the need for user education on blockchain technology, and the evolving regulatory landscape regarding digital certificates.

1.5 Structure of the Report

The remainder of this report is organized as follows: Chapter 2 provides a comprehensive review of blockchain technology and existing certificate validation systems. Chapter 3 delves into the system architecture, detailing its components and workflow. Chapter 4 explores the technology stack, including the specifics of blockchain technology and front-end technologies. Subsequent chapters cover implementation details, results, discussion, and conclusions.

In summary, this chapter has introduced the background, problem statement, objectives, and scope of the project, laying the foundation for a detailed exploration of the blockchain-based certificate validation system.

CHAPTER-2
LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Blockchain Technology for Secure Certificate Management

This survey delves into the core principles of blockchain technology, examining its features such as decentralization, immutability, and transparency. It specifically explores how these features can enhance the security and reliability of certificate management systems.

2.2 Decentralized Identity Management Systems: A Review

Investigating decentralized identity management, this survey explores various systems that leverage decentralized technologies. It discusses how these systems handle identity-related documents, with a focus on certificates, and assesses the advantages and challenges associated with decentralized approaches.

2.3 Digital Signatures and Multi-Sign Mechanisms in Certificate Validation

Focused on the cryptographic aspects of certificate validation, this survey provides an in-depth analysis of digital signatures and multi-sign mechanisms. It explores how these cryptographic techniques contribute to ensuring the authenticity and integrity of digital certificates within a blockchain context.

2.4 Blockchain Applications in Education: A Comprehensive Review

This survey takes a comprehensive look at the diverse applications of blockchain in the education sector. It specifically explores how blockchain technology can be applied to certificate storage, verification, and overall credential management, offering a broad perspective on its potential impact.

2.5 Challenges in Certificate Validation Systems: A Comparative Analysis

Conducting a comparative analysis, this survey identifies and analyzes challenges inherent in existing certificate validation systems. It aims to pinpoint common pain points faced by institutions and organizations, setting the stage for discussing how a blockchain-based solution might address these challenges.

2.6 User Experience in Blockchain-Based Applications for Certificate Validation

Focusing on the user interface and experience, this survey investigates the design considerations involved in implementing blockchain technology in certificate validation systems. It explores user perceptions, usability factors, and the overall user experience, shedding light on the importance of user-friendly interfaces.

2.7 Security Concerns in Decentralized Certificate Management

Addressing critical security and privacy issues, this survey explores potential threats and vulnerabilities associated with decentralized certificate management systems. It provides insights into strategies for mitigating risks and ensuring the overall security and privacy of digital certificates stored in a decentralized environment.

2.8 Adoption of Blockchain in Educational Institutions

Drawing on real-world case studies, this survey examines how educational institutions have implemented blockchain for various purposes, including certificate validation. It extracts lessons learned from these cases, providing valuable insights into the practical challenges and successes of adopting blockchain in educational settings.

2.9 Integration of Web-Based Certificate Validation Systems

This survey explores the role of HTML and CSS in the design and development of user interfaces for web-based certificate validation systems. It investigates how these technologies contribute to creating intuitive and visually appealing interfaces, enhancing the overall user experience.

2.10 Regulatory Landscape of Digital Certificates

Focused on the legal and regulatory aspects, this survey provides an overview of the current regulatory landscape concerning digital certificates and blockchain technology. It examines the compliance considerations and potential regulatory challenges that may impact the implementation of blockchain-based solutions for certificate validation.

CHAPTER-3

RESEARCH GAPS OF EXISTING METHODS

3.1 Limited Integration of Blockchain in Certificate Validation Systems

Existing certificate validation systems often lack comprehensive integration with blockchain technology, leading to missed opportunities in leveraging the security and transparency features offered by blockchain.

3.2 Inadequate Exploration of Decentralized Identity Management

Many methods do not sufficiently explore decentralized identity management systems, leaving gaps in understanding how these systems can revolutionize the validation and storage of certificates in a decentralized environment.

3.3 Scarcity of Solutions Addressing User Experience

There is a noticeable gap in addressing user experience concerns within existing methods. User interfaces are often overlooked, and solutions fail to provide an intuitive and user-friendly experience for individuals interacting with the certificate validation process.

3.4 Insufficient Focus on Cryptographic Techniques

Existing methods may not thoroughly investigate cryptographic techniques, such as digital signatures and multi-sign mechanisms, in the context of certificate validation. This gap leaves room for improving the cryptographic robustness of certificate validation systems.

3.5 Limited Exploration of Regulatory Compliance

Research often falls short in examining the regulatory landscape and compliance considerations associated with implementing blockchain in certificate validation. This gap hinders a comprehensive understanding of legal aspects, potentially leading to non-compliance issues.

3.6 Neglect of Scalability Challenges

Many existing methods overlook the challenges related to scalability in decentralized systems. Scalability concerns, especially in the context of managing a large volume of certificates, need more attention to ensure the practical viability of blockchain-based solutions.

3.7 Incomplete Examination of Security and Privacy Implications

There is a research gap in fully exploring the security and privacy implications of decentralized certificate management. Research often lacks a comprehensive analysis of

potential threats, vulnerabilities, and strategies for safeguarding sensitive certificate data.

3.8 Limited Consideration for Education-Specific Challenges

Existing methods may not sufficiently consider challenges specific to educational institutions, such as diverse certification types and the need for interoperability. Bridging this gap would enhance the applicability of blockchain in educational settings.

3.9 Insufficient Attention to Real-world Implementation Challenges

While there is theoretical exploration, there is a gap in understanding the practical challenges and considerations associated with implementing blockchain-based certificate validation systems in real-world scenarios, hindering successful adoption.

3.10 Underdeveloped Strategies for User Consent Management

Research gaps exist in the development of robust strategies for managing user consent in blockchain-based certificate validation systems. Methods often lack clear mechanisms for ensuring individuals have control over who accesses their certificates.

CHAPTER-4

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

4.1 Phases of the Project

4.1.1 Research

Conduct an extensive literature review to understand existing methods, challenges, and opportunities in blockchain-based certificate validation systems. Identify key technologies, frameworks, and cryptographic techniques relevant to decentralized identity management and secure certificate storage.

4.1.2 Requirement Analysis

Collaborate with stakeholders, including educational institutions and potential certificate validators, to gather requirements and understand specific use cases. Define functional and non-functional requirements, considering factors such as user experience, security, scalability, and regulatory compliance.

4.1.3 System Design

Develop a detailed system architecture that integrates blockchain technology for decentralized storage, HTML, and CSS for the web application, and cryptographic techniques for secure certificate validation. Design the user interface with a focus on usability, accessibility, and an intuitive experience for certificate upload and verification.

4.1.4 Implementation

Implement the proposed system using suitable programming languages and frameworks. Integrate the chosen blockchain platform, develop smart contracts for certificate storage, and ensure seamless communication between the front-end and blockchain back-end.

4.1.5 Testing

Conduct thorough testing to validate the functionality, security, and performance of the developed system. Perform unit testing, integration testing, and user acceptance testing to ensure all requirements are met.

4.1.6 Deployment

Deploy the blockchain-based certificate validation system on a suitable network or cloud infrastructure. Ensure proper configuration and address any deployment-related issues.

4.1.7 User Training

Develop training materials to educate users on interacting with the new system. Conduct training sessions for certificate issuers, validators, and end-users to ensure a smooth transition.

4.1.8 Monitoring and Maintenance

Implement monitoring tools to track system performance, identify potential issues, and ensure continuous operation. Establish a maintenance plan for addressing any updates, patches, or improvements required post-deployment.

4.2 Software and Tools Used

4.2.1 Blockchain Platform

Select a suitable blockchain platform (e.g., Ethereum, Hyperledger) for decentralized storage and smart contract execution.

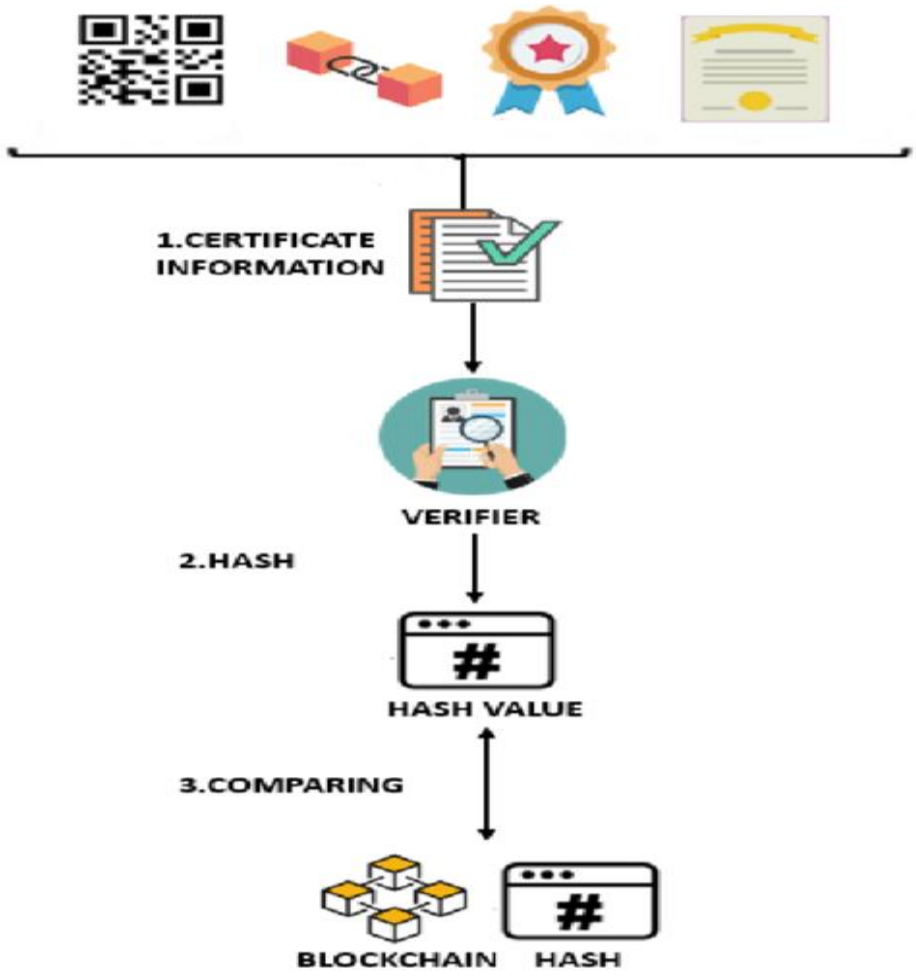

Figure 1.1 – The above diagram shows the flow of how Validator works

4.2.2 Programming Languages

Use relevant programming languages (e.g., Solidity for smart contracts, JavaScript for front-end development) for system implementation.

4.2.3 Web Development Tools

Employ HTML and CSS for developing the user interface of the web application.

4.2.4 Integrated Development Environment (IDE)

Choose a suitable IDE (e.g., Remix for smart contract development, Visual Studio Code for web development) for coding and debugging.

4.2.5 Testing Frameworks

Utilize testing frameworks (e.g., Truffle for smart contract testing, Selenium for web application testing) to ensure the reliability and functionality of the system.

4.2.6 Monitoring Tools

Implement monitoring tools (e.g., Prometheus, Grafana) to track the performance and health of the deployed system.

4.2.7 Deployment Platform

Select an appropriate deployment platform (e.g., AWS, Azure) for hosting the blockchain-based certificate validation system.

4.2.8 Version Control

Use version control systems (e.g., Git) to manage and track changes throughout the development lifecycle.

CHAPTER-5
OBJECTIVES

5.1 User-Centric Web Application Development with HTML and CSS

The primary backend objective of this project is to architect a user-friendly web application utilizing HTML and CSS, emphasizing an intuitive interface for individuals to seamlessly upload their certificates. This user-centric design approach aims to enhance the overall experience, making the certificate validation process accessible and straightforward for all users.

5.2 Integration of Truffle for Tamper-Proof Blockchain System

A pivotal focus in the backend development is the integration of Truffle, a robust development framework for Ethereum blockchain. Utilizing Truffle's capabilities, including smart contract development and testing, aims to establish a decentralized and tamper-proof system for secure certificate storage.

5.3 Implementation of Advanced Access Control Mechanisms

Another critical backend goal is the implementation of advanced access control mechanisms, including digital signatures and multi-sign functionalities. Leveraging Truffle, this objective enhances the security of the system, ensuring that only duly authorized entities, with explicit consent, can access and validate certificates stored in the blockchain.

5.4 Scalability Optimization with Truffle-Backed System Architecture

Addressing scalability challenges in the backend architecture is a paramount focus. This objective involves optimizing the Truffle-backed system architecture to anticipate and accommodate increased transaction loads efficiently. Leveraging Truffle's capabilities ensures the creation of a resilient and scalable blockchain-based certificate validation system.

5.5 Comprehensive Testing of Truffle-Backed System

A pivotal backend objective is the comprehensive testing of the developed system, including rigorous testing methodologies such as unit testing, integration testing, and user acceptance testing. The goal is to ensure the reliability, security, and usability of the Truffle-backed system, meeting predefined requirements and instilling confidence in users relying on the certificate validation process.

5.6 Integration of Additional Blockchain Networks

Explore and integrate compatibility with multiple blockchain networks to offer users flexibility and choice in blockchain platforms, enhancing interoperability and accommodating diverse user preferences.

5.7 Implementation of Automated Certificate Revocation

Develop and implement an automated certificate revocation mechanism based on predefined criteria, ensuring the system promptly responds to changes in certificate status, such as expiration or invalidation.

5.8 Enhancement of User Interface for Accessibility

Upgrade the user interface of the web application to comply with accessibility standards, ensuring an inclusive experience for users with disabilities and promoting a universally accessible certificate validation platform.

5.9 Exploration of Zero-Knowledge Proofs for Enhanced Privacy

Investigate the feasibility and implementation of zero-knowledge proofs within the blockchain network to enhance user privacy during certificate validation, providing a higher level of confidentiality without compromising security.

5.10 Development of Mobile Application for Certificate Management

Create a dedicated mobile application for seamless certificate management, allowing users to upload, access, and verify certificates conveniently from mobile devices, thereby expanding the accessibility and usability of the system.

CHAPTER-6

SYSTEM DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 Issuer

6.1.1 Issuer Login

Develop a secure login functionality for issuers, allowing them to access the system using unique credentials. Implement authentication measures, such as password hashing, to ensure the confidentiality of issuer login information.

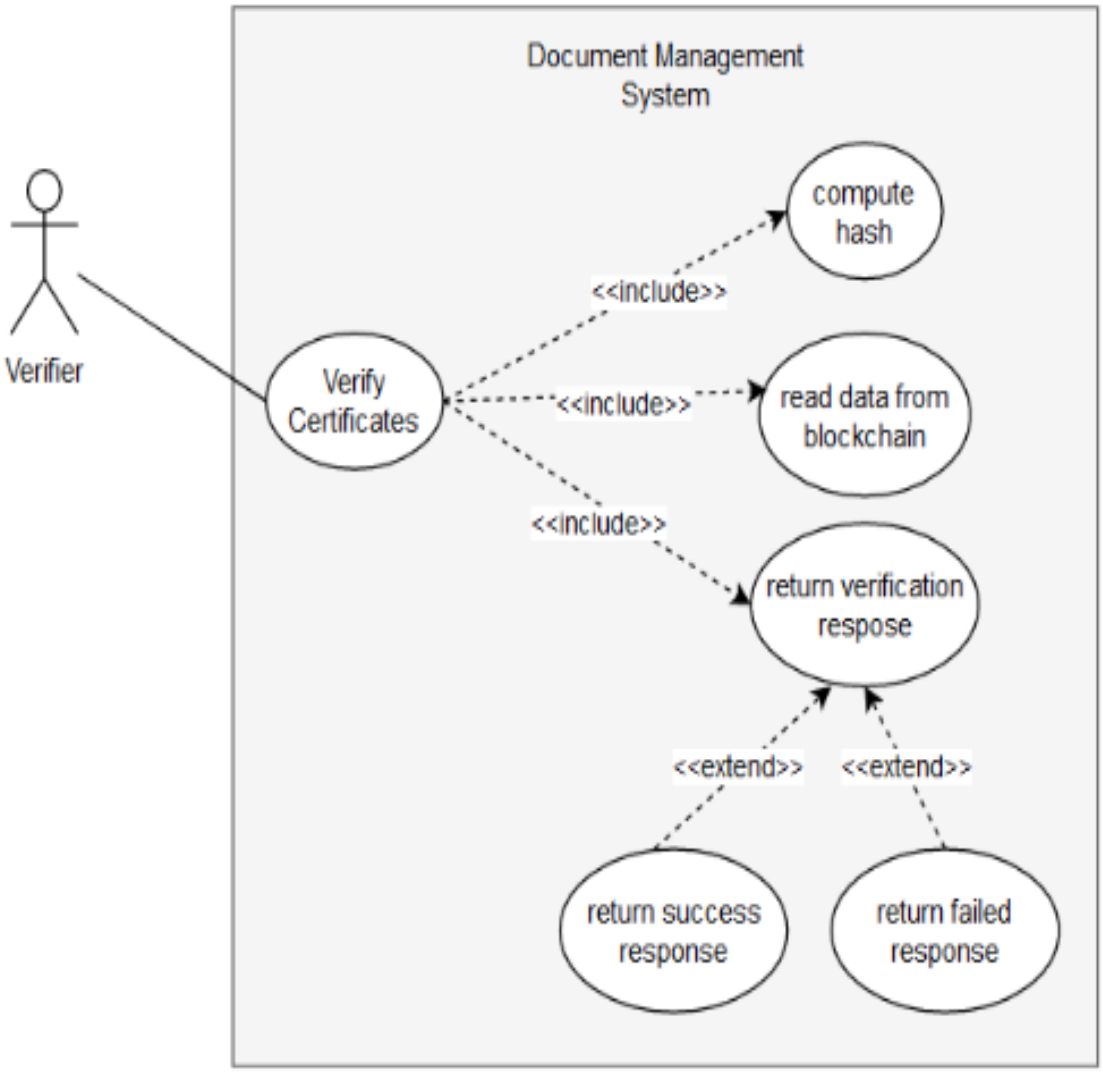

Figure 2.1 – ER Diagram for Verification System

6.2 Verifier

6.2.1 Verifier Interface

Design an intuitive interface for verifiers, providing them with the necessary tools to efficiently validate certificates. Incorporate user-friendly features to streamline the verification process, ensuring a seamless experience for verifiers.

6.3 Certificate Upload

6.3.1 User-Friendly Upload Interface

Create an easy-to-use interface for individuals to upload their certificates securely. Implement validation checks to ensure the integrity and authenticity of the uploaded certificates.

6.4 Blockchain Integration

6.4.1 Truffle Smart Contracts

Utilize Truffle to develop smart contracts for the storage and retrieval of certificate data on the blockchain. Integrate smart contracts seamlessly with the frontend to establish a robust connection between the web application and the blockchain.

6.5 Access Control Mechanisms

6.5.1 Digital Signatures

Implement digital signature mechanisms to enhance access control and ensure the authenticity of certificates. Integrate multi-sign features to add an extra layer of security, allowing only authorized entities to access and validate certificates.

6.6 User Consent Management

6.6.1 Consent Verification Process

Design a consent verification process to ensure that users explicitly grant permission for certificate access. Implement mechanisms to track and manage user consent within the system.

6.7 Scalability Optimization

6.7.1 Truffle-Backed Architecture

Optimize the system architecture using Truffle to address scalability challenges effectively. Ensure that the blockchain-based certificate validation system can handle increased transaction loads without compromising performance.

6.8 Comprehensive Testing

6.8.1 Unit Testing and Integration Testing

Conduct thorough unit testing and integration testing to validate the functionality of each module. Ensure seamless integration between frontend and backend components for a cohesive and reliable system.

6.9 Deployment and Monitoring

6.9.1 Deployment on Cloud Infrastructure

Deploy the system on a suitable cloud infrastructure for accessibility and scalability. Implement monitoring tools to track system performance and address any issues in real-time.

6.10 User Training and Support

6.10.1 Training Sessions

Develop training materials for users, including issuers, verifiers, and administrators. Conduct training sessions to ensure users are proficient in utilizing the blockchain-based certificate validation system.

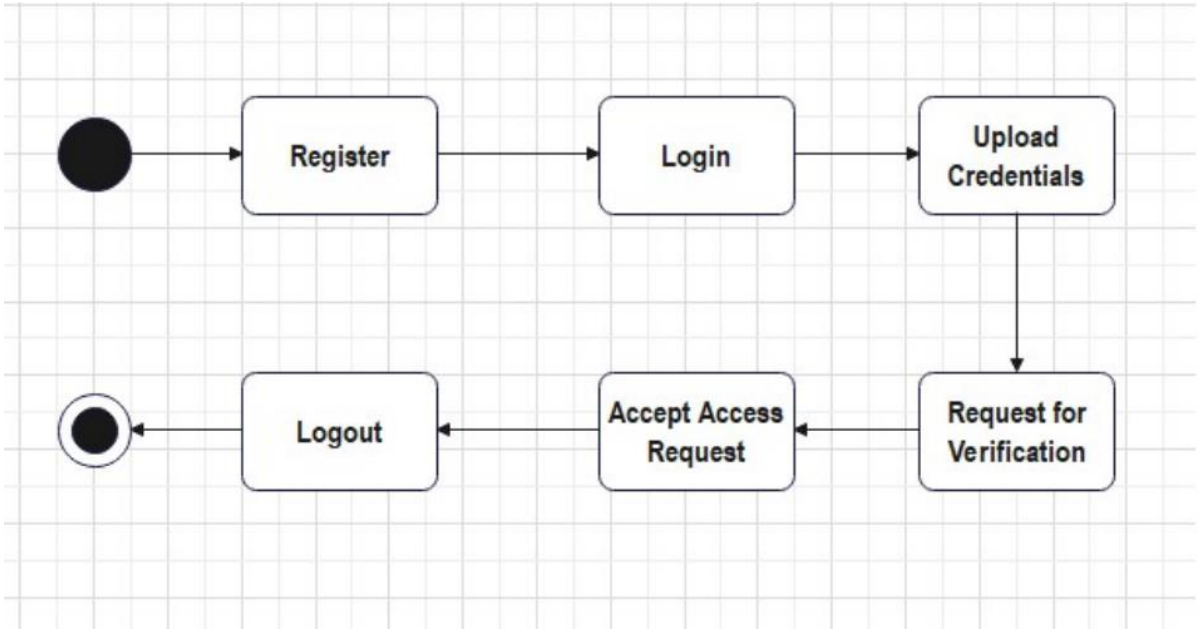

Figure 3.1 – Applicant Activity

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TIMELINE FOR EXECUTION OF PROJECT

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Stage of project	13 Oct 2023	7 Nov 2023	29 Nov 2023	27 Dec 2023	8 Jan-12 Jan 2023
Confirmation of Project title. (review 0)					
Hard copy of project (review1)					
50% Demonstration (review 2)					
100% Demonstration (review 3)					
Final Viva-Voice					

Table 1.1 – Gantt Chart

CHAPTER-8

OUTCOMES

8.1 Establishment of a Robust Blockchain-Based Infrastructure

Successful implementation of a robust blockchain infrastructure, leveraging the Truffle development framework, to ensure the secure and decentralized storage of certificates. This outcome guarantees the immutability and transparency of the entire certificate validation process.

8.2 Enhanced Security & Data Integrity Through Truffle Smart Contracts

Integration of Truffle smart contracts into the blockchain, providing a foundation for enhanced security and data integrity. The utilization of smart contracts ensures that certificate transactions are executed securely and transparently.

8.3 Improved Accessibility and Seamless User Experience

The development of a user-friendly web application, coupled with blockchain integration, ensures not only heightened security but also an improved and seamless user experience. This outcome focuses on making the certificate upload and verification processes intuitive and user-centric.

8.4 Immutable Certificate Storage Ensuring Tamper-Proof Records

The use of blockchain technology, particularly Truffle-backed Ethereum, guarantees immutable certificate storage. This outcome ensures that once certificates are stored on the blockchain, they become tamper-proof, eliminating the risk of unauthorized modifications.

8.5 Advanced Access Control Mechanisms Enhancing Certificate Security

Implementation of advanced access control mechanisms, including digital signatures and multi-sign functionalities within Truffle smart contracts, elevates the overall security of the certificate validation process. This outcome ensures that only authorized entities, with explicit consent, can access and validate certificates.

8.6 Transparent User Consent Management System

A transparent user consent management system is established, allowing individuals to explicitly control who can access and verify their certificates. This outcome aligns with privacy and consent principles, providing users with a clear understanding of and control over their data.

8.7 Scalable Architecture Adaptable to Growing Certificate Volumes

The development of a scalable architecture, optimized with Truffle, ensures the efficient handling of increased transaction loads. This outcome positions the system to gracefully accommodate a growing volume of certificates without compromising performance or security.

8.8 Comprehensive Testing Ensuring System Reliability

Rigorous testing methodologies, including unit testing, integration testing, and user acceptance testing, are conducted to ensure the reliability and functionality of the blockchain-based certificate validation system. This outcome guarantees a system that performs consistently under various conditions.

8.9 Deployment on Secure Cloud Infrastructure

The deployment of the system on a secure cloud infrastructure ensures accessibility, scalability, and robust security measures. This outcome is crucial for providing a dependable and continuously available service.

8.10 Continuous Monitoring for Real-Time Security and Performance

Implementation of monitoring tools enables real-time tracking of system performance and security. This outcome ensures proactive identification and resolution of any potential issues, contributing to the overall resilience and security of the deployed system.

CHAPTER-9

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

9.1 Improved Certificate Security and Fraud Prevention

The incorporation of blockchain technology, particularly the integration of Truffle-backed Ethereum, serves as a robust defense against certificate tampering and fraudulent activities. By ensuring immutable and tamper-proof storage, the system establishes a secure foundation that significantly reduces the risk of unauthorized modifications. This proactive security measure is expected to instill confidence among institutions and individuals, fostering a heightened sense of trust in the authenticity of stored certificates.

9.2 Enhanced Verification Efficiency and Access Control

Through the implementation of advanced access control mechanisms, including digital signatures and multi-sign functionalities within Truffle smart contracts, the system enhances the efficiency of the certificate verification process. Authorized entities, with explicit user consent, benefit from streamlined access to certificate data, contributing to an expedited and controlled verification experience. This technological intervention is poised to improve the overall efficiency of the validation process.

9.3 Transparent User Consent Management

The establishment of a transparent user consent management system ensures that individuals maintain explicit control over who can access and verify their certificates. This transparent approach aligns with privacy principles, emphasizing the importance of user consent in the certificate validation process. By providing users with clear visibility and autonomy over access permissions, the system fosters a culture of transparency and individual data control.

9.4 Scalable Architecture for Growing Certificate Volumes

The development of a scalable architecture, optimized with Truffle, positions the system to efficiently handle increased transaction loads and growing volumes of certificates. This scalability ensures that the system can adapt to the evolving needs of users and institutions without sacrificing performance. The robust architecture lays the groundwork for sustained growth and continued success in managing a diverse range of certificates.

9.5 User Proficiency Through Training Initiatives

The successful execution of training sessions for issuers, verifiers, and administrators contributes to improved user proficiency in utilizing the blockchain-based certificate validation system. Training initiatives play a pivotal role in ensuring that stakeholders are adept at navigating the system, contributing to a smooth and effective user experience. This focus on user proficiency reinforces the system's accessibility and usability.

9.6 Comprehensive Testing Ensuring System Reliability

The rigorous testing methodologies, including unit testing, integration testing, and user acceptance testing, culminate in a system that demonstrates high reliability and functionality. Thorough testing ensures that the system performs consistently under various conditions, instilling confidence in its overall reliability. The comprehensive testing approach underscores the commitment to delivering a dependable and resilient certificate validation solution.

9.7 Deployment on Secure Cloud Infrastructure for Accessibility

The successful deployment of the system on a secure cloud infrastructure enhances accessibility, scalability, and ease of maintenance. Leveraging a secure cloud environment ensures that the system remains accessible to users while providing the scalability required for potential growth. This strategic deployment contributes to the system's reliability and availability.

9.8 Proactive Monitoring for Real-Time Security and Performance

The implementation of monitoring tools facilitates real-time tracking of system performance and security, enabling proactive issue resolution. Real-time monitoring plays a crucial role in identifying and addressing potential issues promptly, contributing to the overall resilience and security of the deployed system. This proactive approach ensures a vigilant stance against potential threats and disruptions.

CHAPTER-10
CONCLUSION

The blockchain-based certificate validation system serves as an innovative solution designed to address the persistent challenges associated with traditional certificate storage and verification processes. By leveraging the power of blockchain, specifically integrating the Truffle-backed Ethereum framework, the project ensures a secure and decentralized environment for storing academic and professional certificates. This transformative approach not only establishes immutability in certificate storage but also introduces advanced access control mechanisms, such as digital signatures and multi-sign functionalities, enhancing the overall security of the validation process.

The project's success lies in the creation of a user-friendly web application, meticulously developed using HTML and CSS, which facilitates seamless interactions for individuals uploading certificates and organizations verifying their authenticity. The incorporation of Truffle for blockchain integration plays a pivotal role in securing the certificate data and ensuring transparency in the verification process.

Furthermore, the system places a significant emphasis on user consent management, providing individuals with explicit control over who can access and validate their certificates. This transparent and privacy-centric approach aligns with contemporary data protection principles, instilling a sense of trust and confidence among users.

The scalability of the system is addressed through a well-optimized architecture, bolstered by Truffle's capabilities, ensuring that the platform can efficiently handle increased transaction loads and accommodate the growing volume of certificates. Additionally, the comprehensive testing methodologies applied throughout the development lifecycle underscore the commitment to delivering a reliable and robust system.

In conclusion, the blockchain-based certificate validation system emerges as a transformative solution, offering a secure, user-centric, and scalable platform for certificate management. Through the successful integration of blockchain technology, advanced security measures, and a focus on user experience, the project not only addresses the stated problem statement but also contributes to advancing the landscape of decentralized certificate validation systems

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APPENDIX-A

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Solidity Smart Contract:

```
// State variable
issuer: address
// Custom data structure
Certificate:
    userName: string
    certificateHash: bytes32
    exists: bool
// Mapping to store certificates
certificates: mapping(bytes32 => Certificate)
// Modifier to restrict function access to the issuer
Modifier onlyIssuer():
    Require msg.sender == issuer, "Only issuer can call this function"
    _;
// Constructor to set the issuer as the contract deployer
Constructor():
    issuer = msg.sender
// Function to store a certificate
Function storeCertificate(string userName, bytes32 certificateHash) Public onlyIssuer:
    certificates[certificateHash] = Certificate({
        userName: userName,
        certificateHash: certificateHash,
        exists: true
    })
// Function to retrieve certificate details
Function getCertificateDetails(bytes32 certificateHash) Public View returns (string, bytes32, bool):
    Return (certificates[certificateHash].userName, certificates[certificateHash].certificateHash, certificates[certificateHash].exists)
```

```
    function calculateFileHash(file) {
        return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
            const reader = new FileReader();

            reader.onload = function (event) {
                const buffer = event.target.result;

                // Use the Web Crypto API to calculate the SHA-256 hash
                crypto.subtle.digest('SHA-256', buffer)
                    .then(hashArrayBuffer => {
                        const hashArray = Array.from(new Uint8Array(hashArrayBuffer));
                        const hashHex = hashArray.map(byte => byte.toString(16).padStart(2, '0')).join('');
                        resolve(hashHex);
                    })
                    .catch(reject);
            };

            reader.onerror = function (error) {
                reject(error);
            };

            reader.readAsArrayBuffer(file);
        });
    }

    function reload() {
        // Add any specific logic for handling file upload if needed
        // This function is not modified in this example
        location.reload();
    }
});
```

Figure 4.1 – Hash Calculator Code

```
pragma solidity ^0.8.0;

contract MyCertificateContract {
    address public issuer;

    struct Certificate {
        string userName;
        bytes32 certificateHash;
        bool exists;
    }

    mapping(bytes32 => Certificate) public certificates;

    modifier onlyIssuer() {
        require(msg.sender == issuer, "Only issuer can call this function");
        _;
    }

    constructor() {
        issuer = msg.sender;
    }

    function storeCertificate(string memory userName, bytes32 certificateHash) public onlyIssuer {
        certificates[certificateHash] = Certificate({
            userName: userName,
            certificateHash: certificateHash,
            exists: true
        });
    }

    function getCertificateDetails(bytes32 certificateHash) public view returns (string memory, bytes32, bool) {
        return (certificates[certificateHash].userName, certificates[certificateHash].certificateHash, certificates[certificat
    }
```

Figure 4.2 - Solidity Code

APPENDIX-B

SCREENSHOTS

Commands Used:

nvm use 20.5.0
ganache-cli

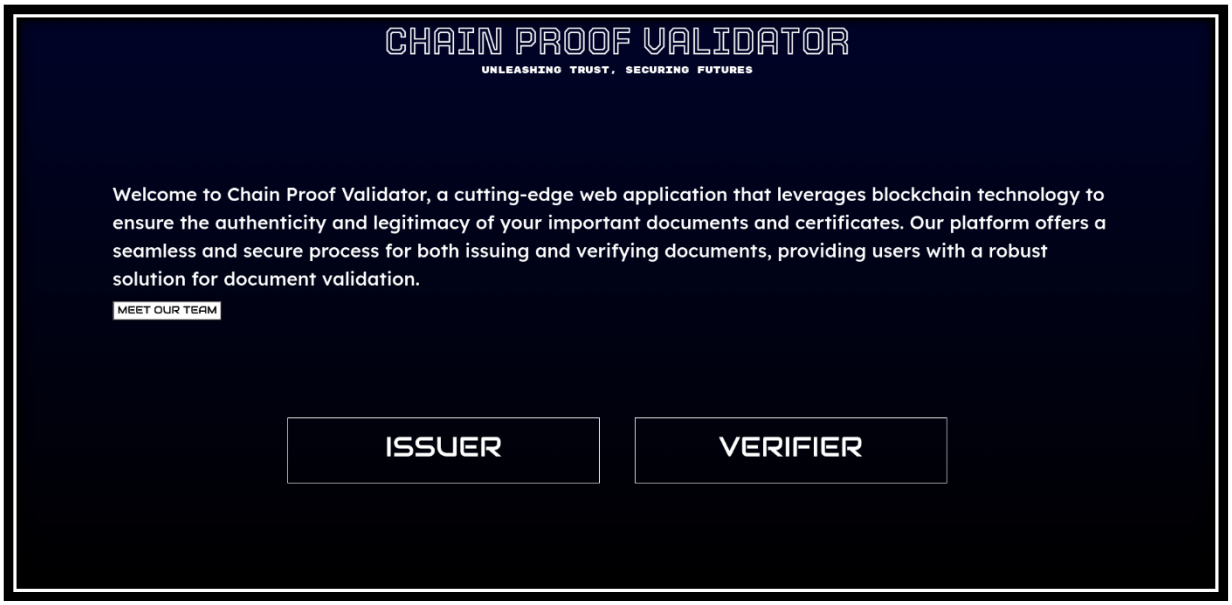


Figure 5.1 – Home Page of Chain Proof Validator

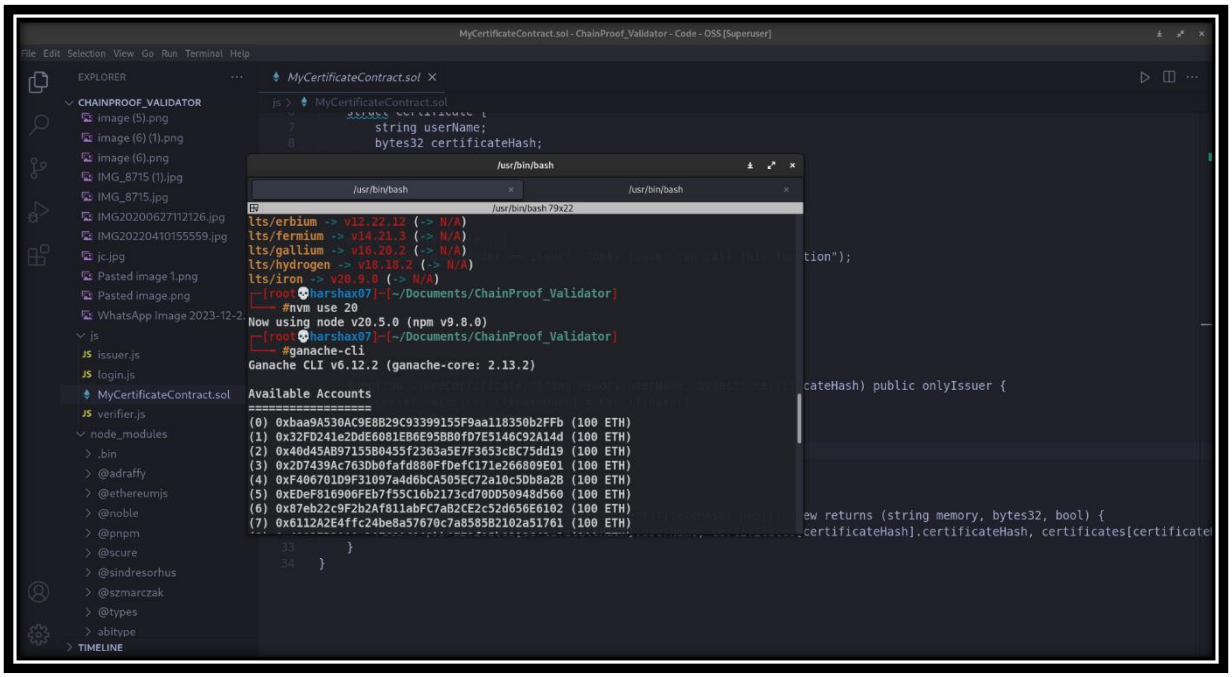
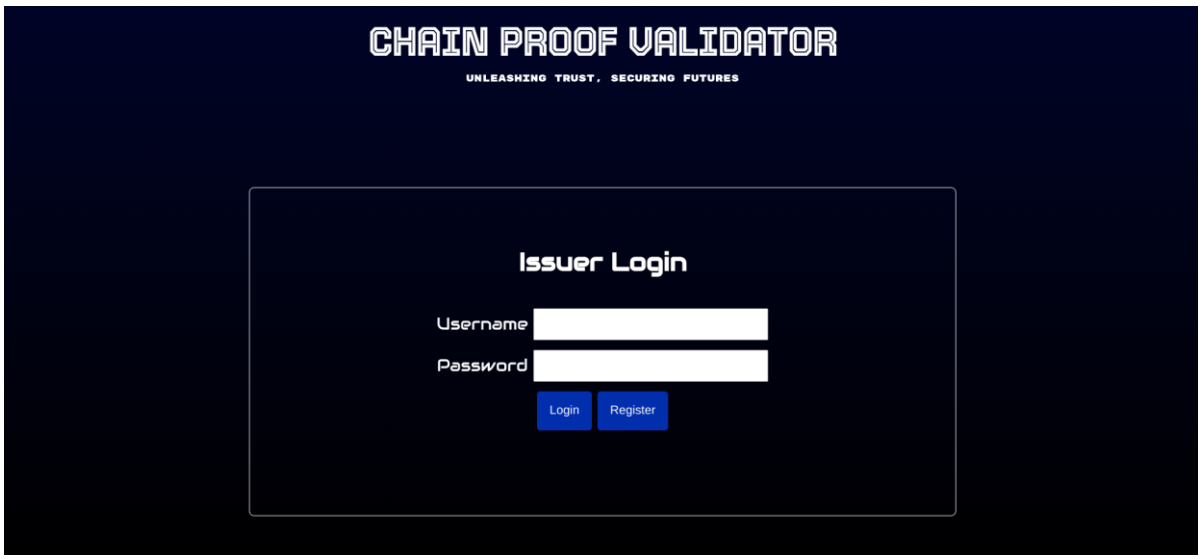


Figure 5.2 – Starting Ganache Client



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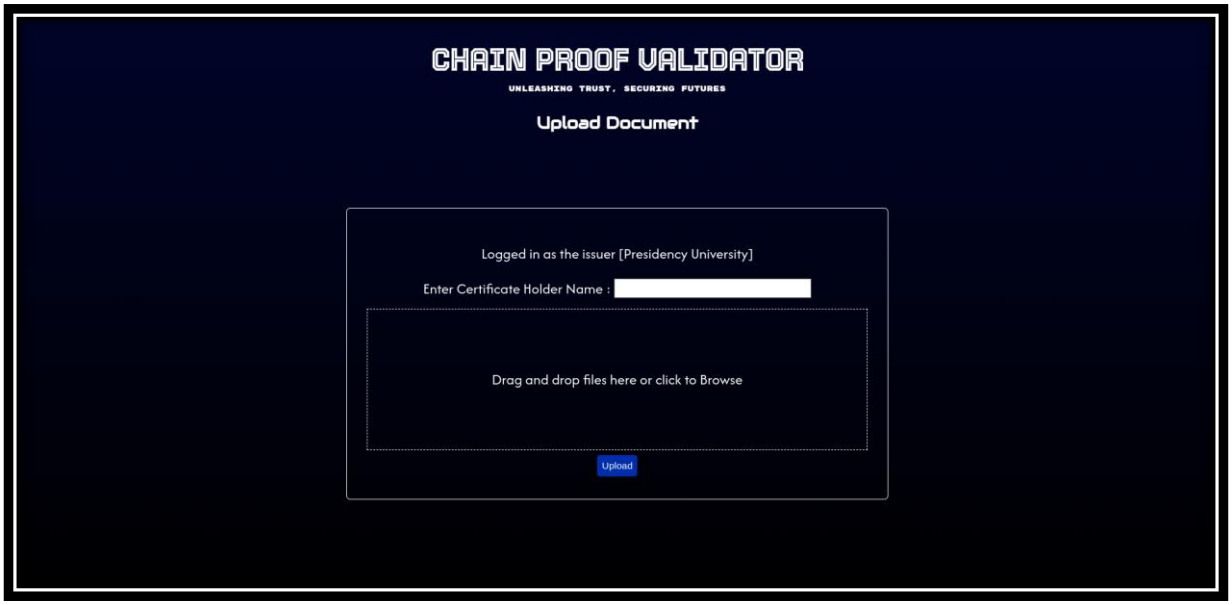

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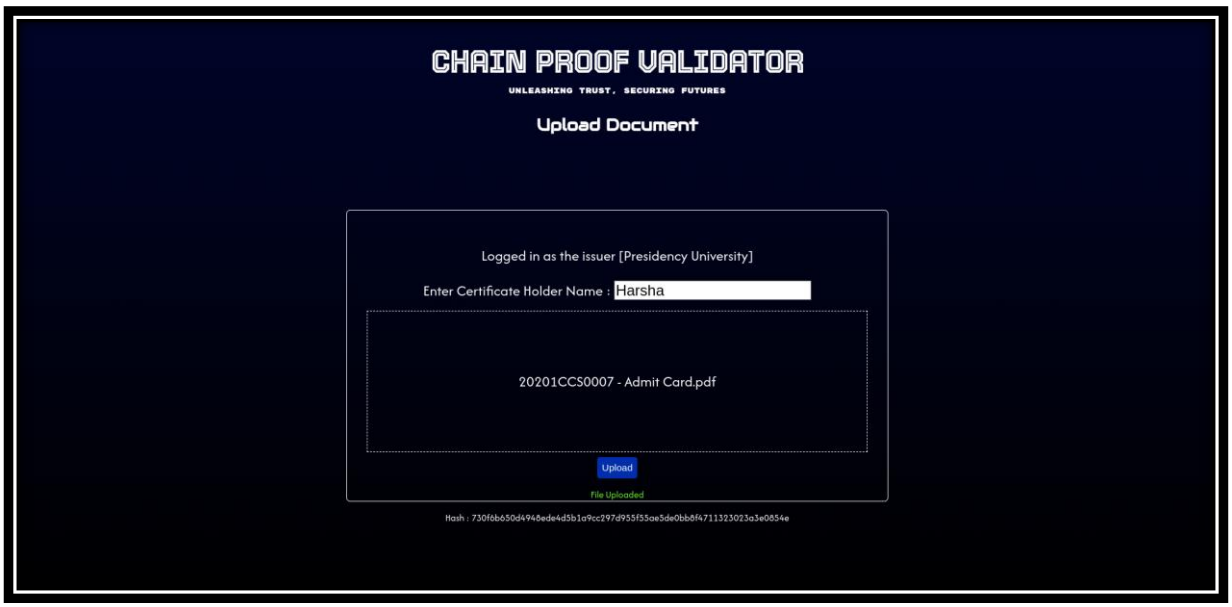
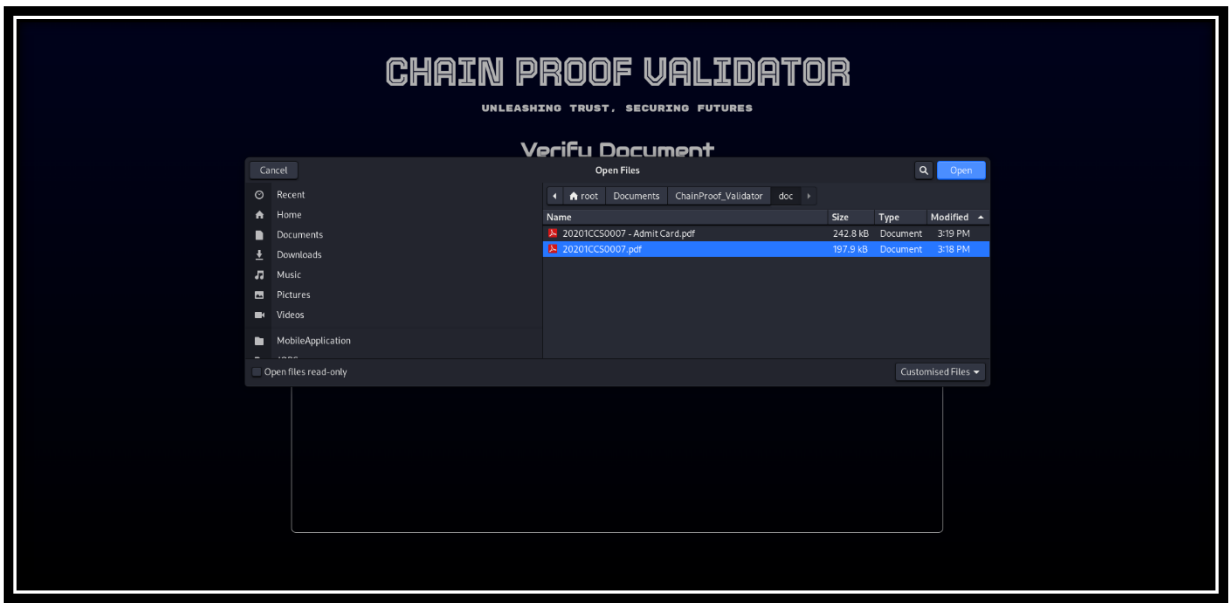


Figure 5.5.1 – Document Upload

Figure 5.5 – Verifier Page



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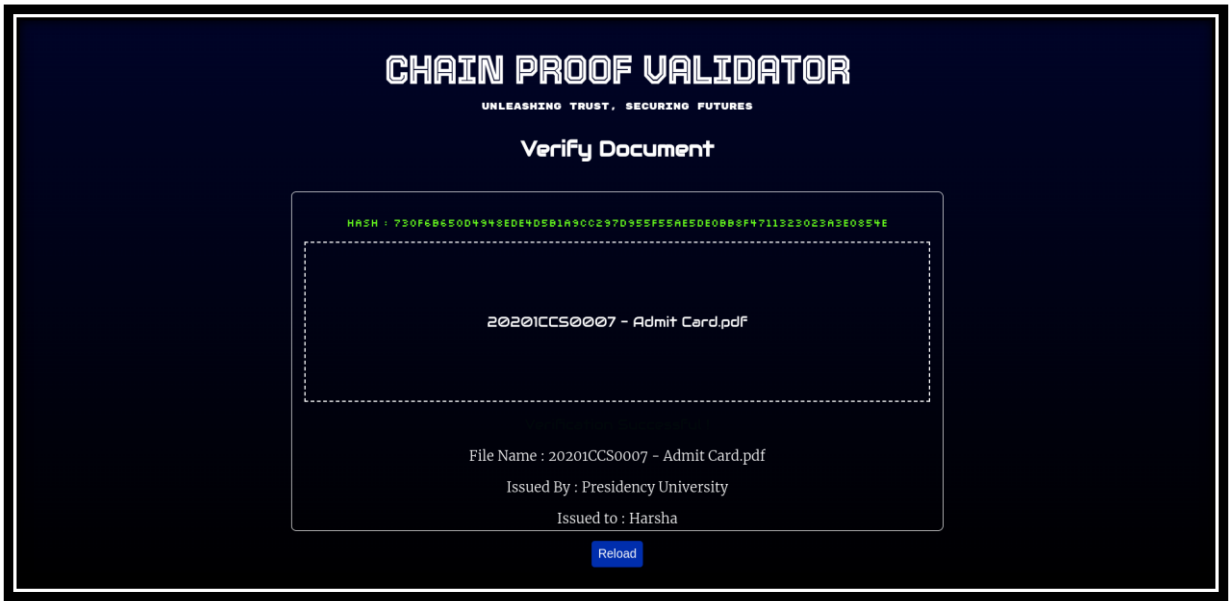

Figure 5.7 – Document Verified

Figure 5.8 – Document Verification Failed

Figure 5.9 – About Us

APPENDIX-C

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