

Blockchain-Based Certificate Issuance and Verification System

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1. Introduction

In the digital era, academic institutions, organizations, and training platforms frequently issue certificates to validate a learner's achievements and qualifications. Traditionally, certificates were issued in physical form or as PDFs stored in centralized databases. With the rapid growth of online education and remote learning, the demand for digital certification has increased significantly. However, along with this growth, the risk of certificate fraud and unauthorized duplication has also risen.

To overcome these challenges, this project implements a **blockchain-based certificate verification** that ensures: Transparency, Immutability, Easy, instant verification, Secure identity management.

2. Problem Statement

To eliminate certificate fraud and enable instant verification by developing a secure blockchain-based platform for issuing and validating academic certificates.

3. Objectives

The objectives of this project are:

- To build a secure and tamper-proof certificate management system using blockchain technology.
- To prevent certificate forgery by storing academic records on an immutable ledger.
- To enable institutions (issuers) to issue and revoke certificates digitally with full transparency.
- To allow students to safely access and verify their certificates anytime.
- To create a public verification system that allows employers or anyone to validate certificates instantly.
- To implement role-based access (Admin, Issuer, Student, Public) for enhanced security and controlled operations.
- To provide an easy-to-use Streamlit interface for interacting with the blockchain.

3.1 Key Features

- Role-Based Access Control (Admin, Issuer, Student)
- On-chain certificate storage using bytes32 certificate hashes
- Issuance, revocation, verification of certificates
- Public certificate verification without login
- Student dashboard displaying all issued certificates
- Issuer dashboard for creating and revoking certificates
- Admin dashboard managing users and permissions

4. Methodology

The project follows a structured decentralised application development method:

4.1 Requirement Analysis

- Need for secure certificate verification.
- Blockchain for immutability and transparency.
- Role-based access control (Admin, Issuer, Student, Public).

4.2 Smart Contract Design (Solidity)

The smart contract includes:

- Certificate issuance and revocation.
- Role management for Admin, Issuer, Students.
- Certificate storage using bytes32 hashed identifiers.
- Getter functions for certificate details.

4.3 Blockchain Network Setup

- Ganache used to simulate an Ethereum local blockchain.
- RPC connection established via Web3.py.

4.4. Frontend Development (Streamlit)

Streamlit provides a clean, interactive UI with multiple dashboards:

- Login page
- Admin panel
- Issuer panel
- Student dashboard
- Public certificate verification page

4.5 Integration of Frontend with Smart Contract

- The ABI from OCertificate.json is loaded.
- Contract functions are accessed using Web3.py.
- Transactions are signed from Ganache wallet addresses.

5. Implementation Details

5.1 System Architecture

The architecture follows a 3-tier DApp structure:

- Frontend: Streamlit UI
- Middleware: Web3.py connecting Python to smart contract
- Backend: Ethereum blockchain via Ganache

5.2 Key Functionalities Implemented

Admin Functionalities

- Add / remove issuer
- Add / remove student
- Verify certificates

Issuer Functionalities

- Issue certificate to a student
- Revoke certificate they issued.

Student Functionalities

- View all certificates issued to them
- View their certificate details using certificate ID

Public Verifier

- Check validity of any certificate using its hash

5.3 Code Structure

- Login System: Detects role using wallet address
- Role-Based Routing: Redirects to respective dashboard
- Hex to bytes32 conversion: Ensures correct blockchain format
- Transaction handling: `.transact({from: address})` pattern used for writing data
- Smart contract calls: `.call()` for reading data

5.4 Smart Contract ABI Usage

The ABI in OCertificate.json is loaded to enable:

- CertificateIssued event
- CertificateRevoked event
- Role checks (isIssuer, isStudent)
- Certificate storage & retrieval

6. Technology Stack

Languages: Python, Solidity

Frontend: Streamlit (UI Framework)

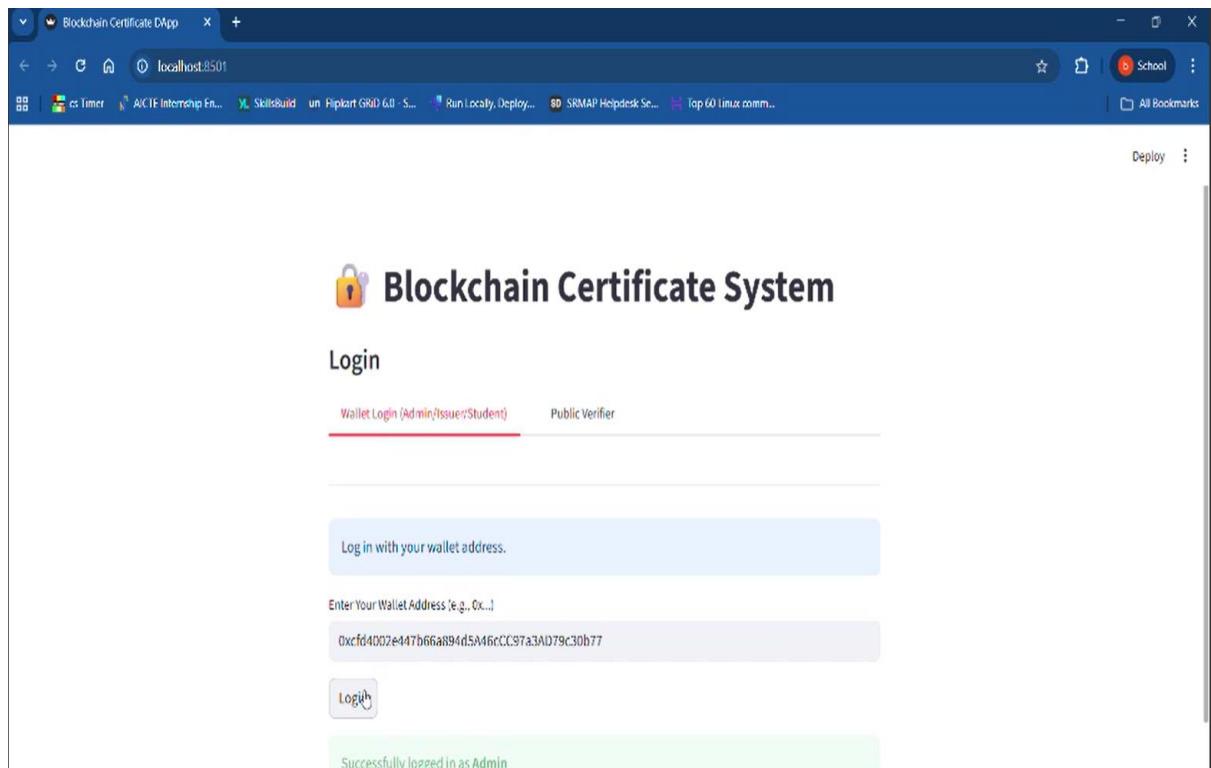
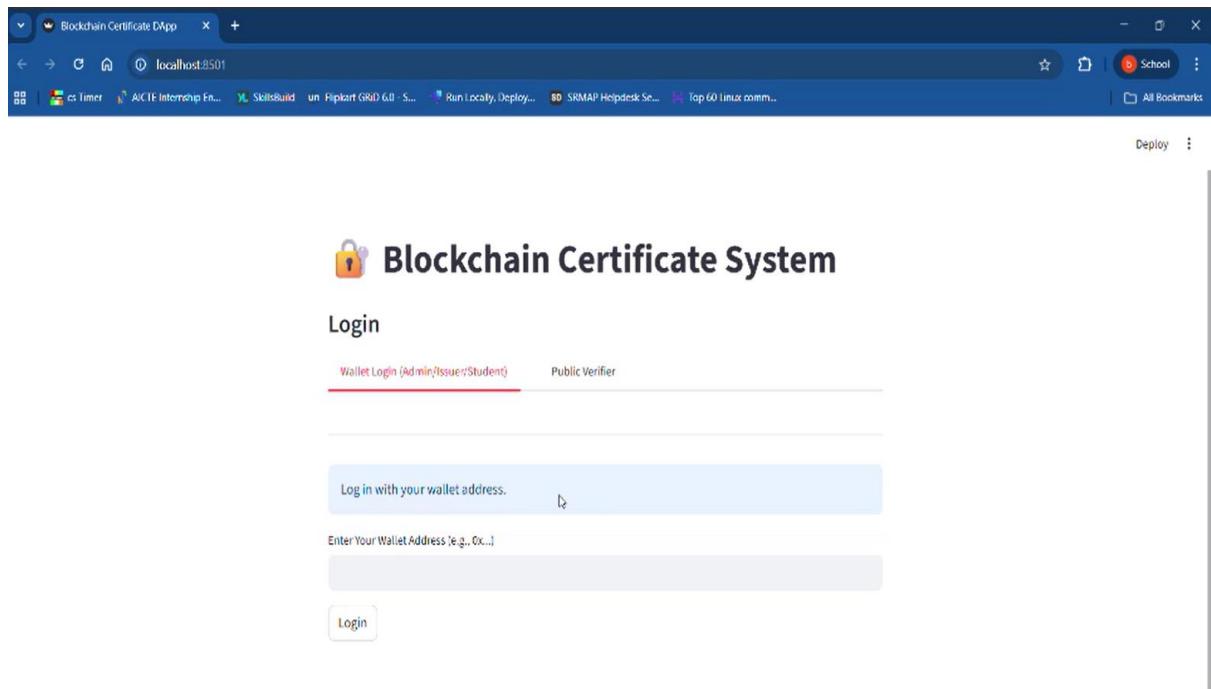
Blockchain Interaction: Web3.py (Python–Blockchain communication)

Blockchain Network: Ganache (Local Ethereum test blockchain)

Smart Contract:

OCertificate.sol - ABI used for interacting with the contract from Streamlit/Python

7. Results



Blockchain Certificate DApp X +

localhost:8501

School

All Bookmarks

Role: Admin

Address: 0x1fd4802e4470f66e894d5a46cc9
7a3d079c30b77

Logout Deploy

Admin Dashboard

Manage Roles

Select Action

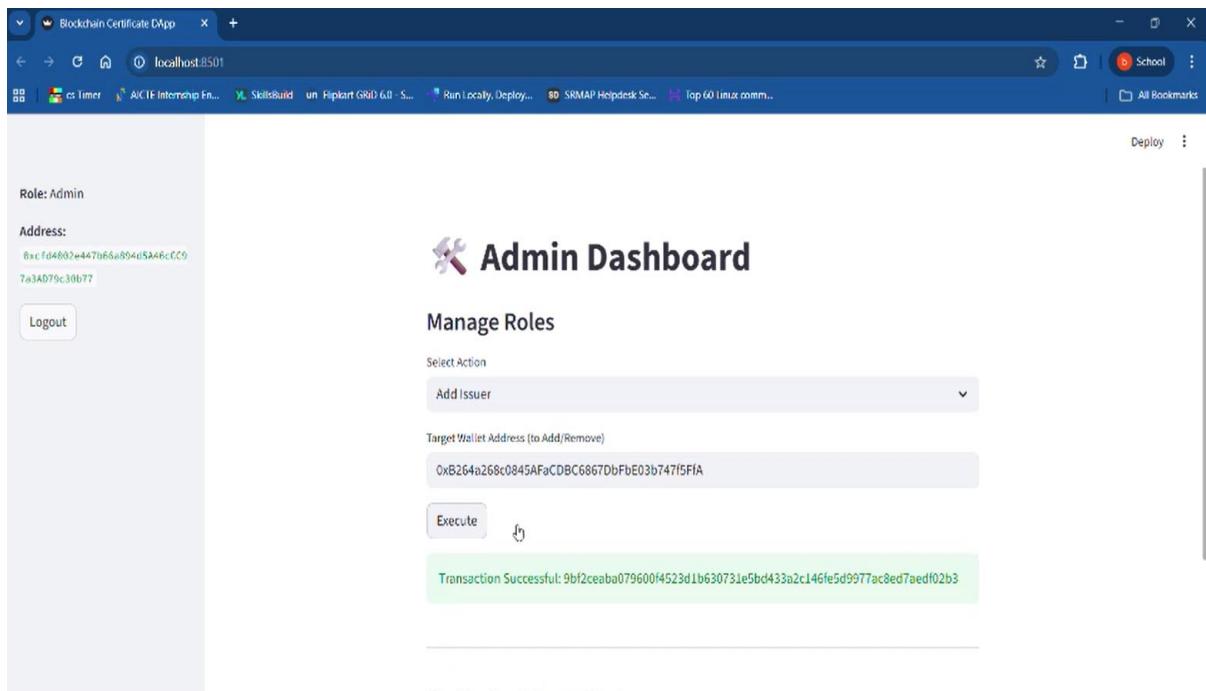
Add Issuer

Target Wallet Address (to Add/Remove)

0xB264a268c0845AFaCDBC6867DbFbE03b747f5FIA

Execute

Transaction Successful: 9bf2ceaba079600f4523d1b630731e5bd433a2c146fe5d9977ac8ed7aedf02b3



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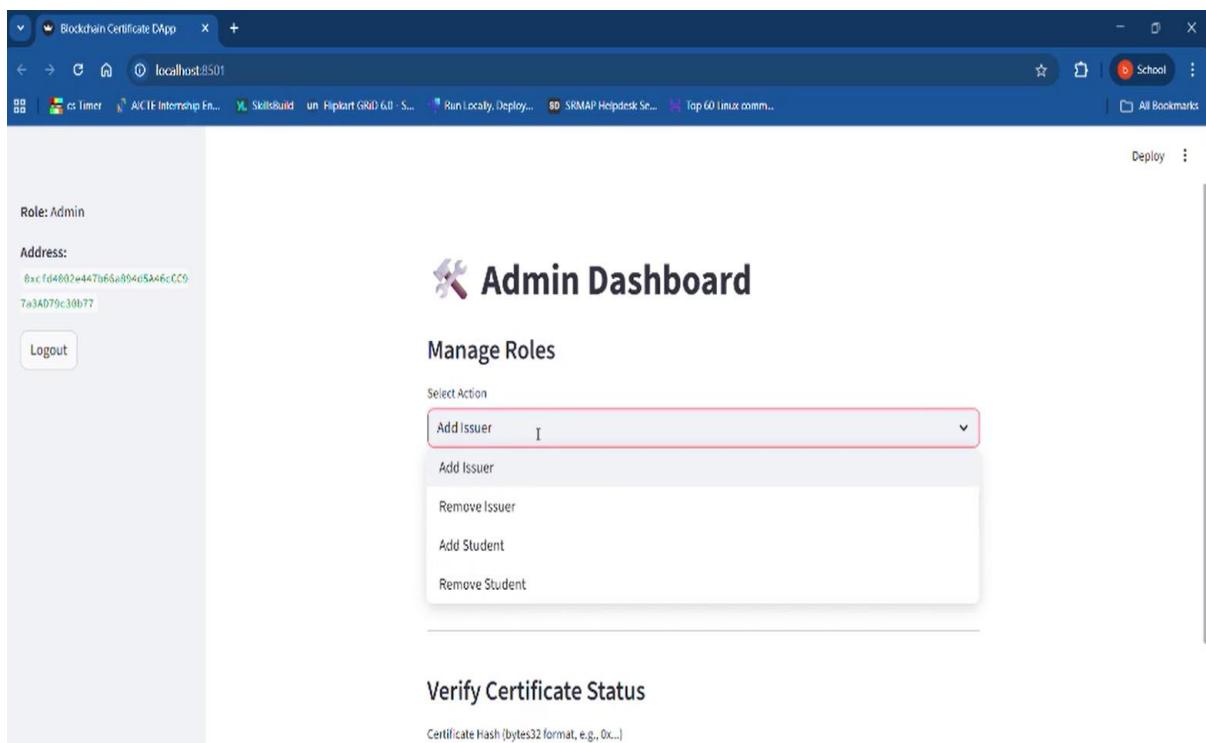
Remove Issuer

Add Student

Remove Student

Verify Certificate Status

Certificate Hash (bytes32 format, e.g., 0x...)



Blockchain Certificate DApp

localhost:8501

Role: Admin

Address:
0x1fd4e892e4470b66a854d52a6cCC9
7a3AD79c30b77

Logout

Admin Dashboard

Manage Roles

Select Action: Add Student

Target Wallet Address (to Add/Remove): 0xB264a268c0845AFaCDBC6867DbFbE03b747f5F1A

Execute

Transaction Successful: 46b3a6c0340597a80c7b5eeec3dacbc2146ada8fe647ae5af34dad573b4ee2c31

Deploy

This screenshot shows the Admin Dashboard interface. On the left sidebar, the role is listed as 'Admin' with a wallet address. A dropdown menu under 'Select Action' has 'Add Student' selected. Below it, a target wallet address is specified: '0xB264a268c0845AFaCDBC6867DbFbE03b747f5F1A'. A large green button labeled 'Execute' is present. At the bottom, a green box displays a success message: 'Transaction Successful: 46b3a6c0340597a80c7b5eeec3dacbc2146ada8fe647ae5af34dad573b4ee2c31'.

Blockchain Certificate DApp

localhost:8501

Role: Student

Address:
0x8264a268c0845AFaCDBC6867DbFbE03b747f5F1A

Logout

Student Dashboard

My Certificates

Show My Certificates

View Certificate Details

Enter Certificate Hash to view details (e.g., 0x...)

View Certificate Details

This screenshot shows the Student Dashboard interface. On the left sidebar, the role is listed as 'Student' with a wallet address. A button labeled 'Show My Certificates' is visible. Below it, a section titled 'View Certificate Details' contains a text input field with placeholder text 'Enter Certificate Hash to view details (e.g., 0x...)'. A large green button labeled 'View Certificate Details' is located below the input field.

Blockchain Certificate DApp X +

localhost:8501

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Role: Student

Address:
0x7F2F3466BF3ea8baF38dF4c303F
810698076687E

Logout

Student Dashboard

My Certificates

Show My Certificates

Your Certificates ↗

0x658ef9747375b3063911f227e65a59332005144918918d08e6b46b515821d5a7

0x01acf5ca9f107d01293a7e8caeecd88b38c427e45d797d1185370b6719c27f8

0x791e13ace03909dac1e6ec4331923350fd53064b354ae7b0722d55d8fbec4b5

Blockchain Certificate DApp X +

localhost:8501

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Role: Student

Address:
0x7F2F3466BF3ea8baF38dF4c303F
810698076687E

Logout

View Certificate Details

Enter Certificate Hash to view details (e.g., 0x...)

0x658ef9747375b3063911f227e65a59332005144918918d08e6b46b515821d5a7

View Certificate Details

```
▼ { ↴
  "Name": "slice",
  "UID": "AP2154",
  "Course": "block chain",
  "Issue Date": "2025-12-01",
  "Student": "0x7F2F3466BF3ea8baF38dF4c089F810698076687E",
  "Issuer": "0xf4fd6cF24e4bc9dd04B0F1B370e7C9c7B3788c9",
  "Valid": "VALID" ↵
}
```

Blockchain Certificate DApp

localhost:8501

Role: Issuer

Address: 0x14fd8cE24e4bc9dd04B8F16379e7C9c7783788c9

Logout Deploy

Issuer Dashboard

Issue Certificate Revoke Certificate

Issue New Certificate

Student Address (e.g., 0x...)

Student Name

Unique ID (UUID)

Course Name

Issue Date (e.g., 2024-01-01)

This screenshot shows the Issuer Dashboard interface. On the left sidebar, the role is set to 'Issuer' and the address is listed as '0x14fd8cE24e4bc9dd04B8F16379e7C9c7783788c9'. A 'Logout' button is available. On the right, the main area features a house icon and the title 'Issuer Dashboard'. Below it are two buttons: 'Issue Certificate' (highlighted in red) and 'Revoke Certificate'. The central part of the screen is titled 'Issue New Certificate' and contains four input fields: 'Student Address (e.g., 0x...)' with the value '0x14fd8cE24e4bc9dd04B8F16379e7C9c7783788c9', 'Student Name' (empty), 'Unique ID (UUID)' with the value 'AP1234', and 'Course Name' with the value 'bc'. At the bottom, there is a field for 'Issue Date (e.g., 2024-01-01)' with the value '2024-01-01'.

Blockchain Certificate DApp

localhost:8501

Role: Issuer

Address: 0x14fd8cE24e4bc9dd04B8F16379e7C9c7783788c9

Logout Deploy

Issue New Certificate

Student Address (e.g., 0x...)

Student Name

Unique ID (UUID)

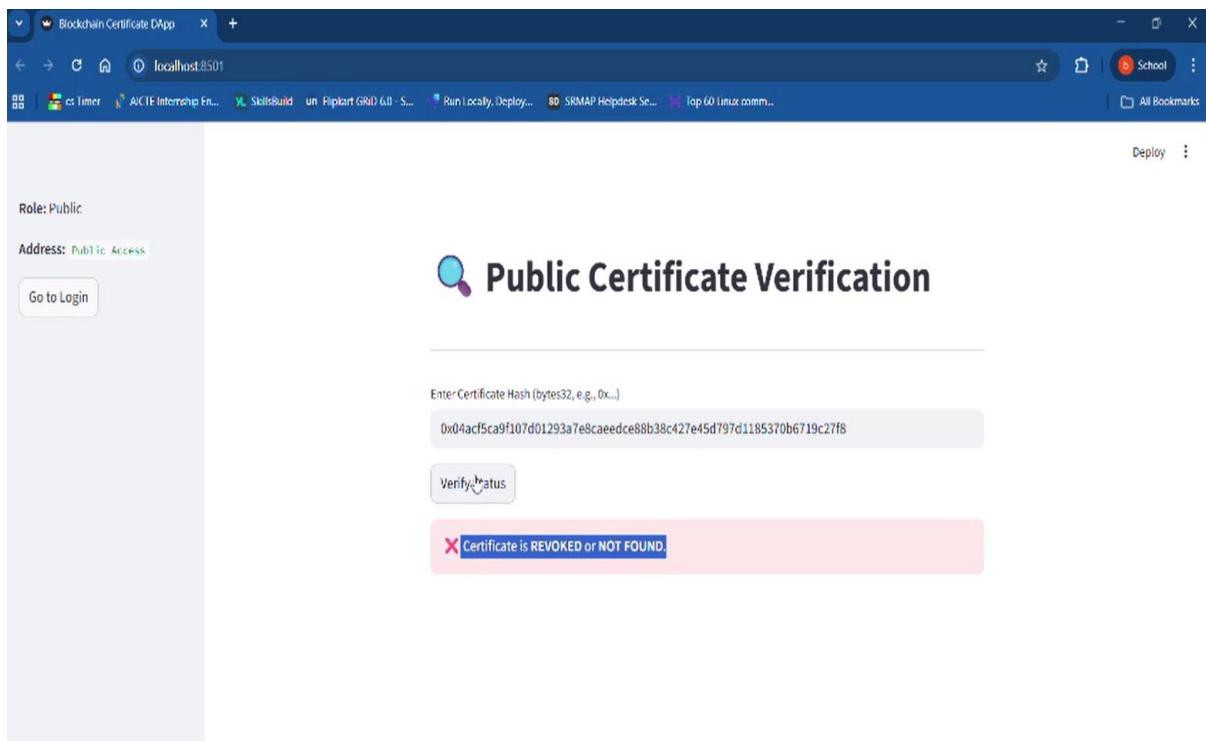
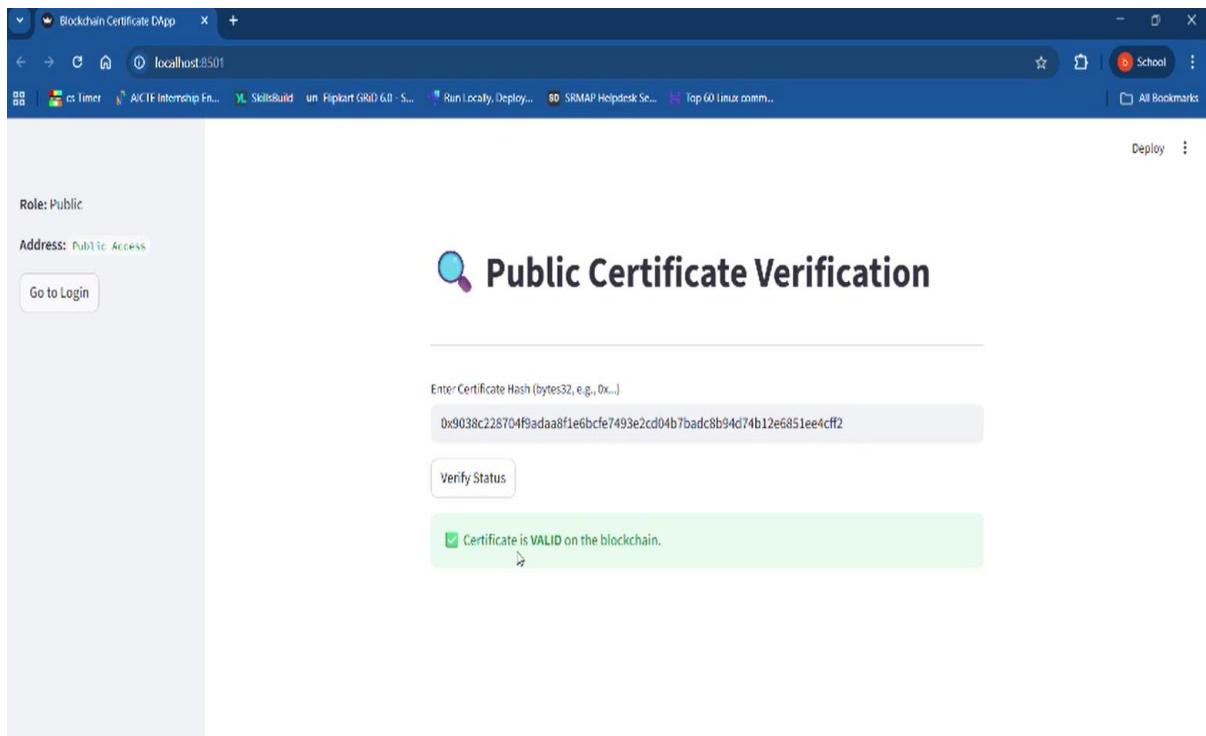
Course Name

Issue Date (e.g., 2024-01-01)

Issue Certificate

Issued! TX: 713c2bc144443ea4eahb1015fff431f80a68e0aafe15cf4de946387a020c45

This screenshot shows the same Issuer Dashboard interface as the previous one, but with different input values. The student address is now '0x14fd8cE24e4bc9dd04B8F16379e7C9c7783788c9'. The student name is 'Bob', the unique ID is 'AP1234', the course name is 'bc', and the issue date is '2025-12-02'. The 'Issue Certificate' button is highlighted with a green checkmark. A green success message at the bottom of the form area reads 'Issued! TX: 713c2bc144443ea4eahb1015fff431f80a68e0aafe15cf4de946387a020c45'.



Ganache

This screenshot shows the Ganache interface with the following details:

- Accounts:** CURRENT BLOCK 25, GAS PRICE 20000000000, GAS LIMIT 6721975, HARDFORK LONDON, NETWORK ID 5777, RPC SERVER HTTP://127.0.0.1:7545, MINING STATUS AUTOMINING.
- Logs:** WORKSPACE WHISPERING-BOATS, SWITCH, Gears icon.
- MNEMONIC:** welcome fence expire coffee crisp crumble problem ramp void lens describe voyage
- HD PATH:** m/44'/60'0'@account_index
- Accounts List:**

| ADDRESS | BALANCE | TX COUNT | INDEX | Key icon |
|---|------------|----------|-------|----------|
| 0xfcfd4002e447b66a894d5A46cCC97a3AD79c30b77 | 100.00 ETH | 20 | 0 | 🔗 |
| 0xf4fd6cE24e4bc9ddD4B0F1B370e7C9c77B37B8c9 | 100.00 ETH | 4 | 1 | 🔗 |
| 0x7F2F3466BF3ea8baf38dE4cD09F810698070687E | 100.00 ETH | 0 | 2 | 🔗 |
| 0x0972fcfAD5367e9593Ca00ff7FA59eBc0C2aD59A | 100.00 ETH | 0 | 3 | 🔗 |
| 0xe49FeC0b9B3c0A896f1B7d40d81A2d55DA645C1C | 100.00 ETH | 1 | 4 | 🔗 |
| 0xB264a268c0845AFaCDDBC6867DbFbE03b747f5FFa | 100.00 ETH | 0 | 5 | 🔗 |
| 0x7b3eFea3De7eb8e8f954659DE60a075795b9eE9f | 100.00 ETH | 0 | 6 | 🔗 |

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- Logs:** WORKSPACE WHISPERING-BOATS, SWITCH, Gears icon.
- Block 25 Details:**
 - BACK**
 - Block 25**
 - GAS USED:** 215592, **GAS LIMIT:** 6721975, **MINED ON:** 2025-12-01 19:41:19, **BLOCK HASH:** 0xb1f2deea342c73f17d911d23cf37152db2149dc94958b0b0023521ca0add3bf
- Transactions:**
 - TX HASH:** 0x713c2bc144443ea4eabb1015fff431f80a68e0aaaf4e15cf4e4de946387a020c45, **CONTRACT CALL**
 - FROM ADDRESS:** 0xf4fd6cE24e4bc9ddD4B0F1B370e7C9c77B37B8c9, **TO CONTRACT ADDRESS:** 0xB7e3AbF140B1bd78bc7B699Af247BbaCA02b574, **GAS USED:** 215592, **VALUE:** 0

```

1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.8.0;
3
4 /*
5  -----
6  Blockchain Certificate System - RBAC Hybrid Model
7  Roles: Admin, Issuer, Student
8  Rules:
9  - Admin CANNOT issue or revoke certificates
10 - Issuer CAN issue and revoke ONLY their own certificates
11 - Students can VIEW only their own certificates
12 - Certificate verification is public (anyone can verify)
13
14 */
15 contract OCertificate {
16
17     // -----
18     // ROLES
19     // -----
20     address public admin;
21
22     mapping(address => bool) public isIssuer;
23
24 }

```

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61 // MODIFIERS
62 // -
63 modifier onlyAdmin() {
64     require(msg.sender == admin, "Only admin can perform this action");
65     ;
66 }
67
68 modifier onlyIssuer() {
69     require(isIssuer[msg.sender], "Only issuer can perform this action");
70     ;
71 }
72
73 modifier onlyStudent() {
74     require(isStudent[msg.sender], "Only student can perform this action");
75     ;
76 }
77
78 // -
79 // ADMIN FUNCTIONS (RBAC)
80 // -----
81 function addIssuer(address issuerAddr) external onlyAdmin {
82     isIssuer[issuerAddr] = true;
83     emit IssuerAdded(issuerAddr);
}

```

8. Future Scope

- Integration with IPFS for Decentralized Storage

- Deployment on Public Blockchain Networks
- QR Code-Based Instant Verification
- Multi-Institution and Large-Scale Expansion

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