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)

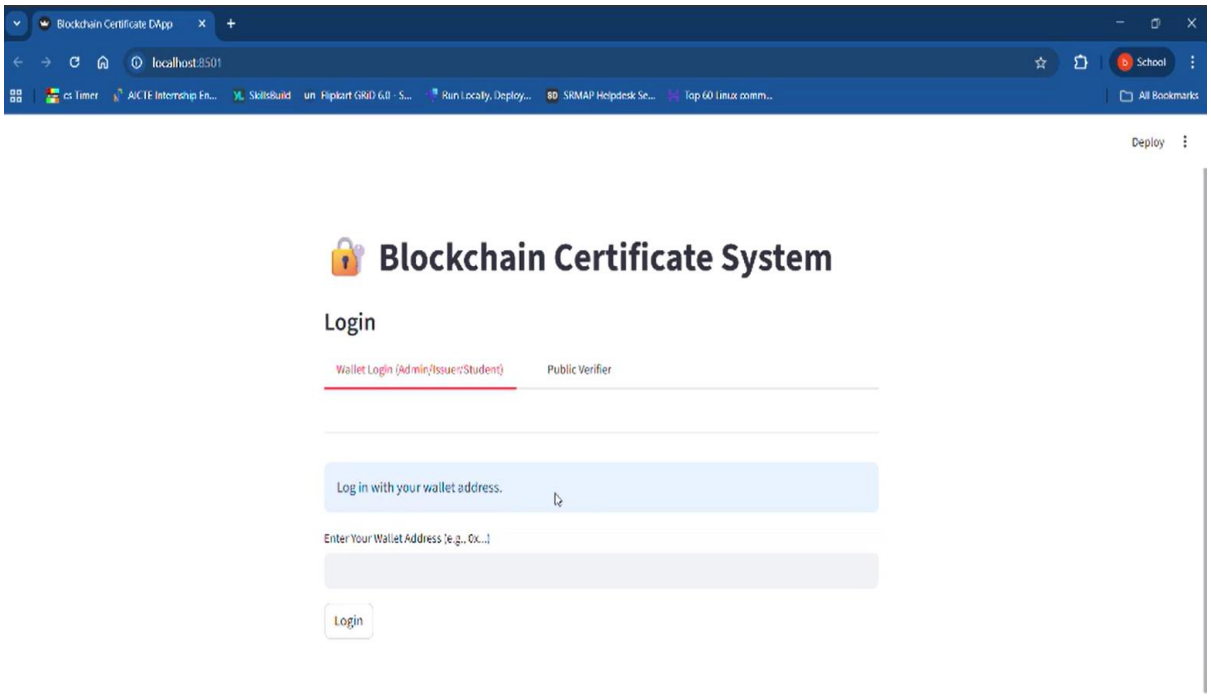
Blockchain Interaction: Web3.py (Python–Blockchain communication)

Blockchain Network: Ganache (Local Ethereum test blockchain)

Smart Contract:

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

7. Results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Public Verifier
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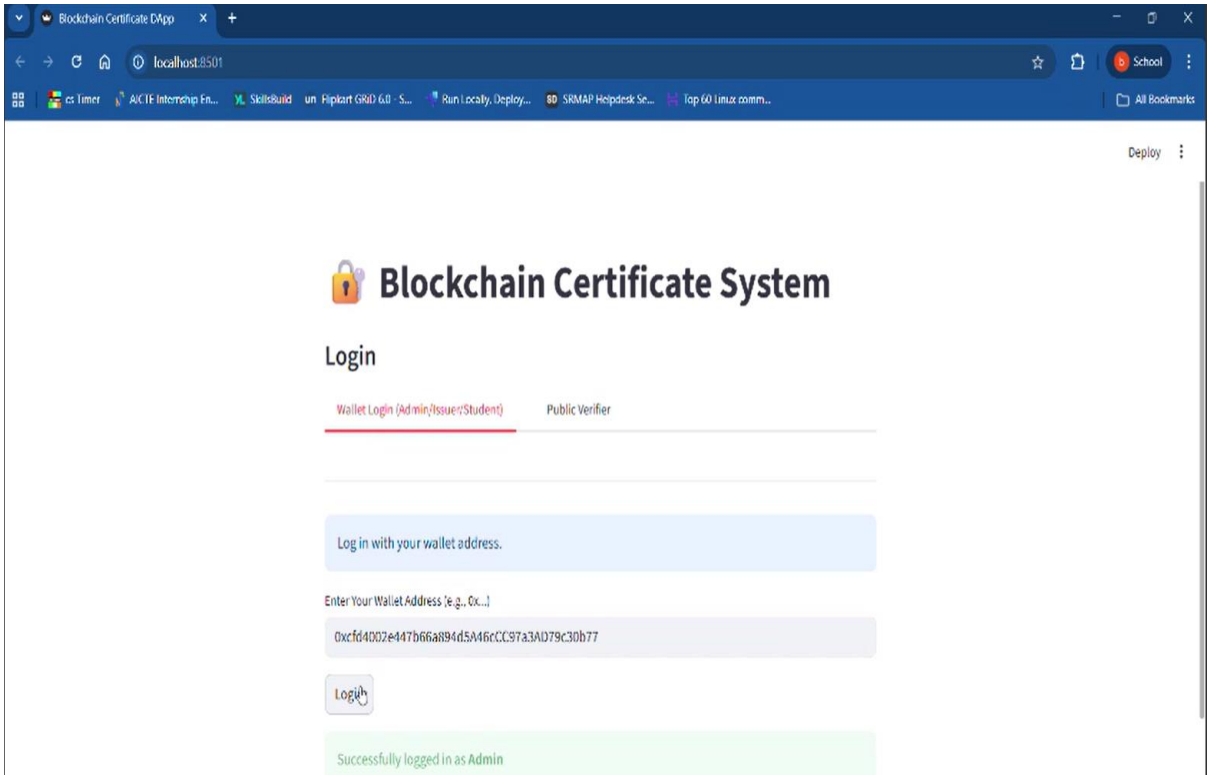
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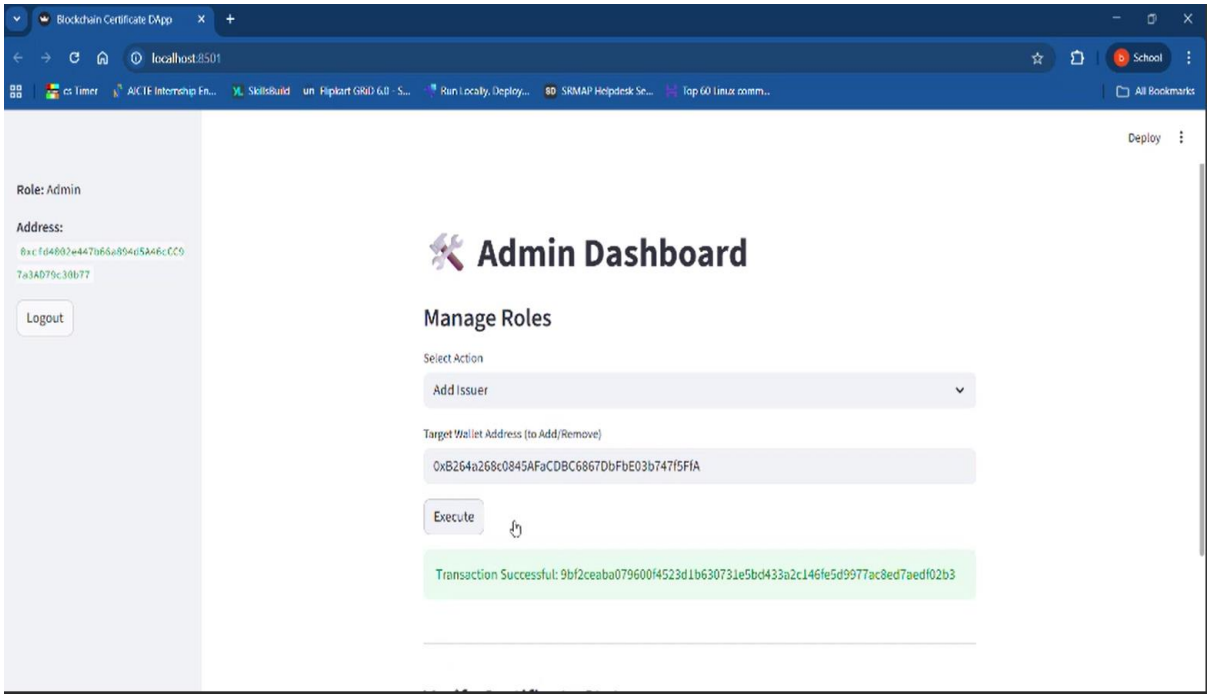
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Admin Dashboard
Manage Roles
Select Action
Add Issuer
Target Wallet Address (to Add/Remove)
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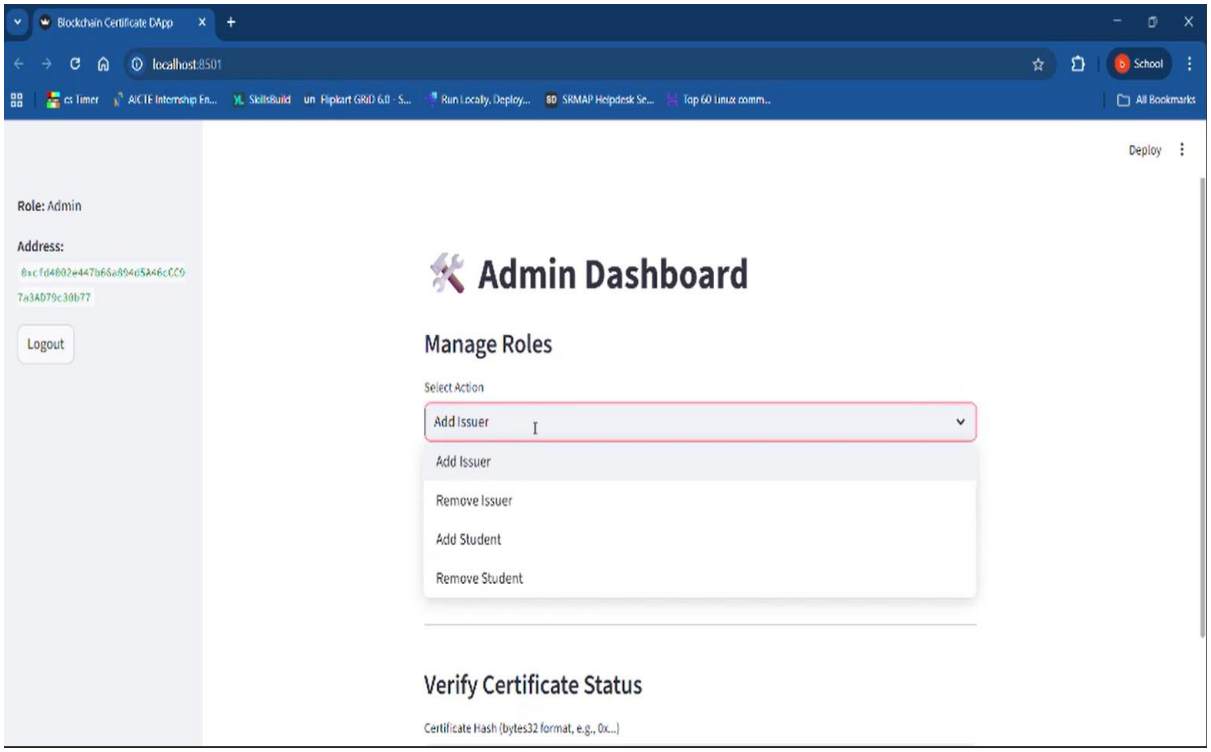
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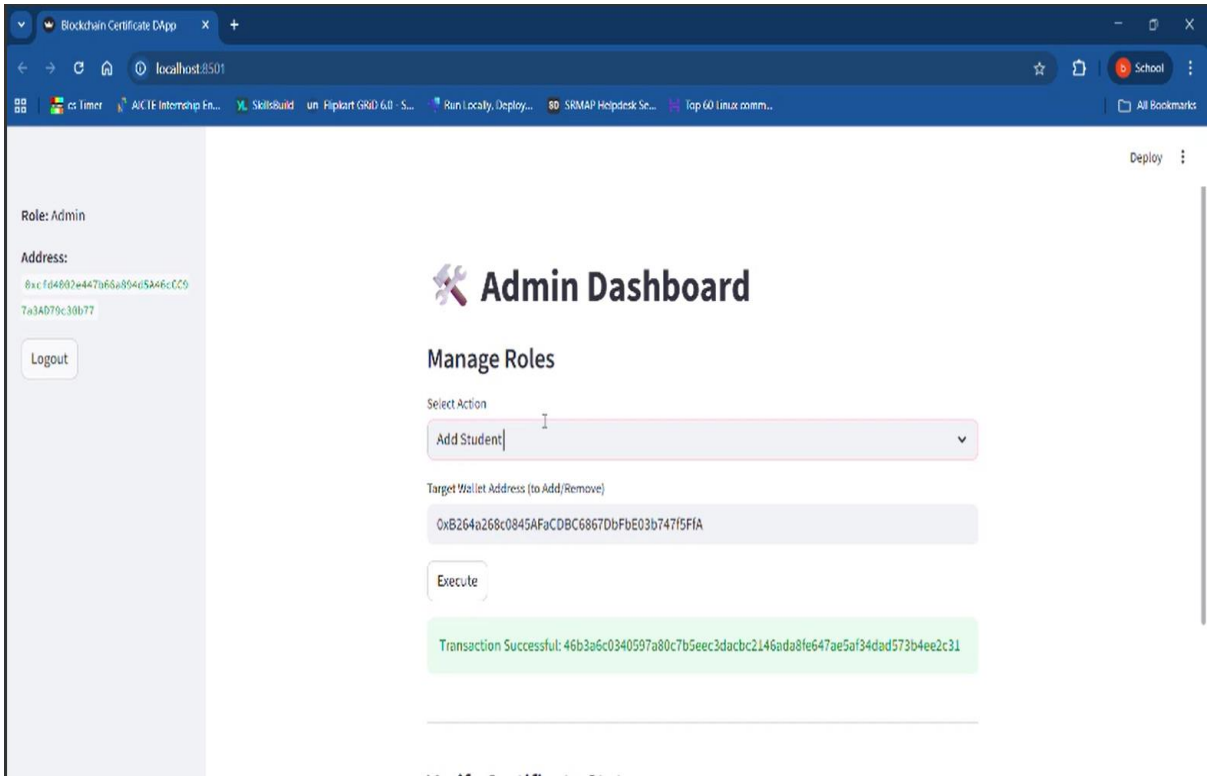
Verify Certificate Status
Certificate Hash (bytes32 format, e.g., 0x...)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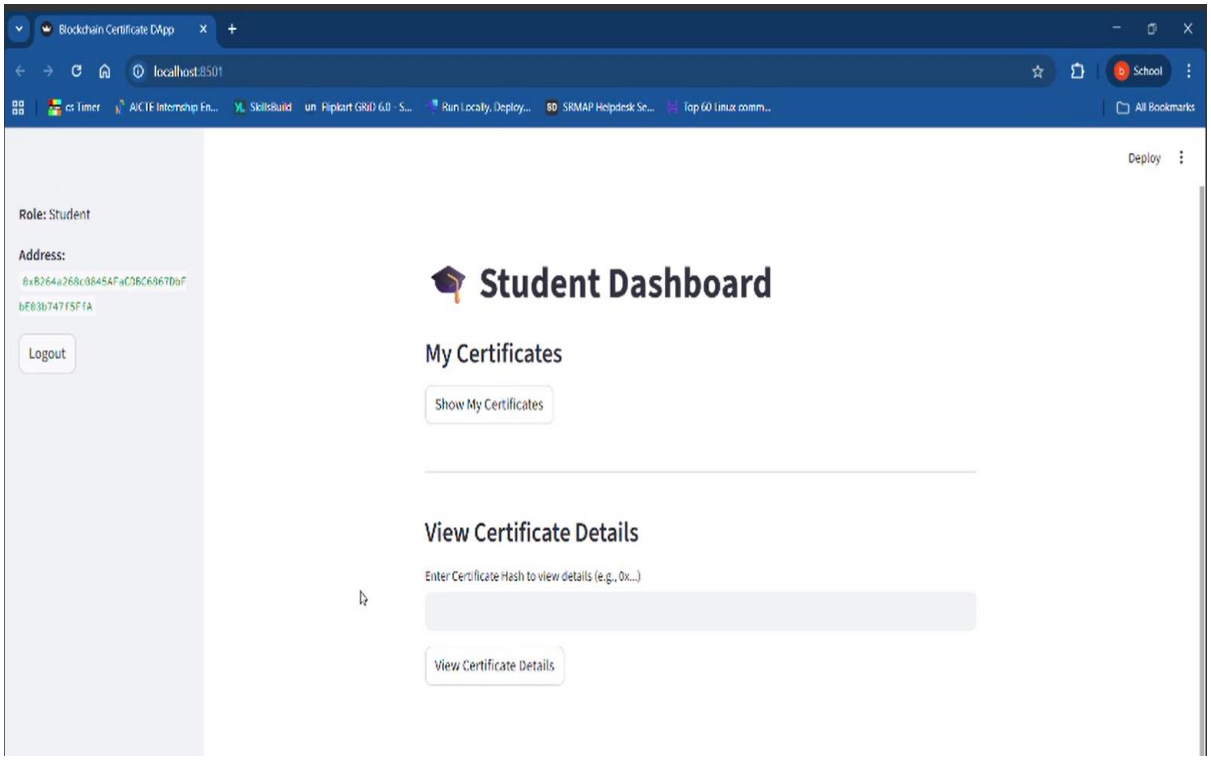
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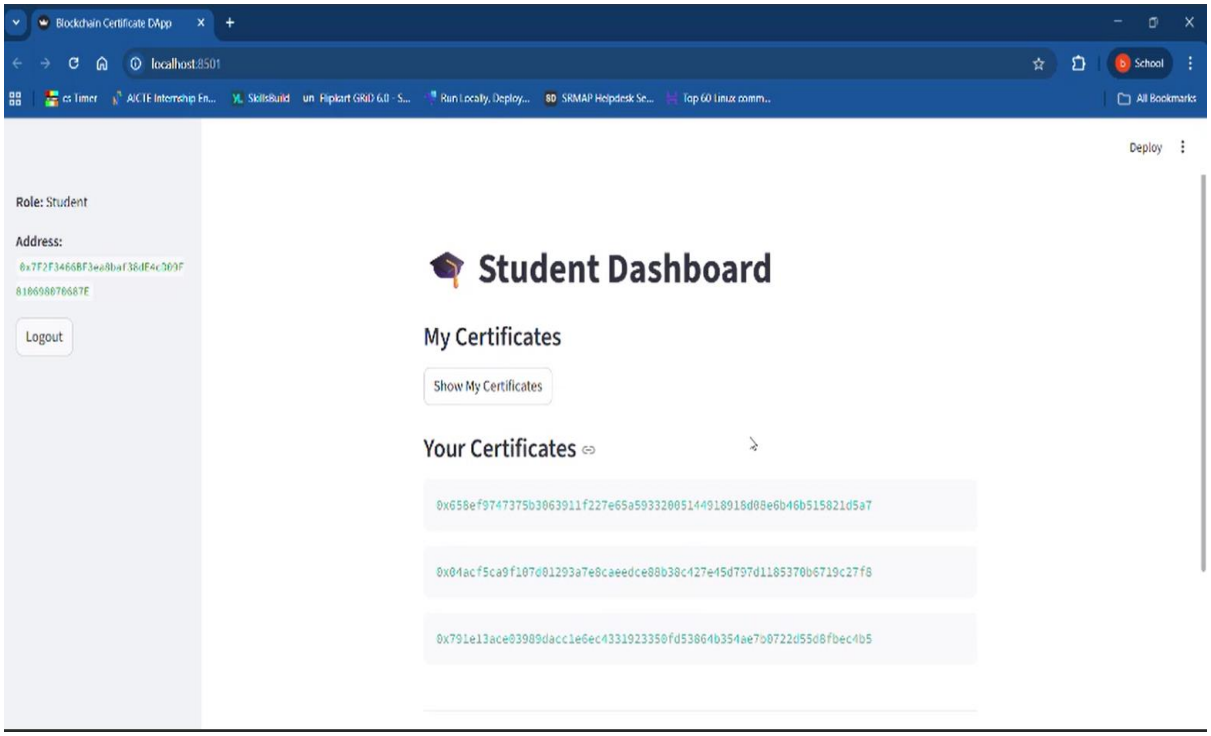
Logout
Student Dashboard
My Certificates
Show My Certificates
View Certificate Details
Enter Certificate Hash to view details (e.g., 0x...)
View Certificate Details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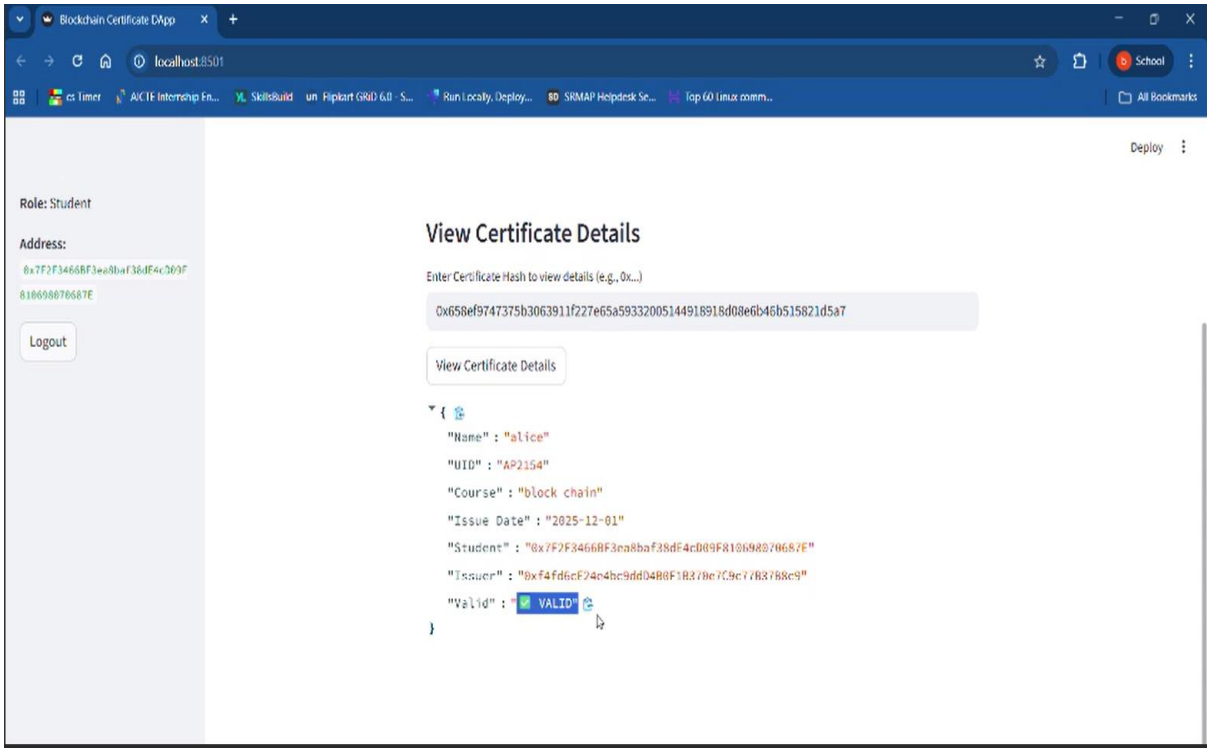
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View Certificate Details
Enter Certificate Hash to view details (e.g., 0x...)
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View Certificate Details
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"Course" : "block chain"
"Issue Date" : "2025-12-01"
"Student" : "0x7F2F3466BF3ea8baf38dF4cD09F818698870687E"
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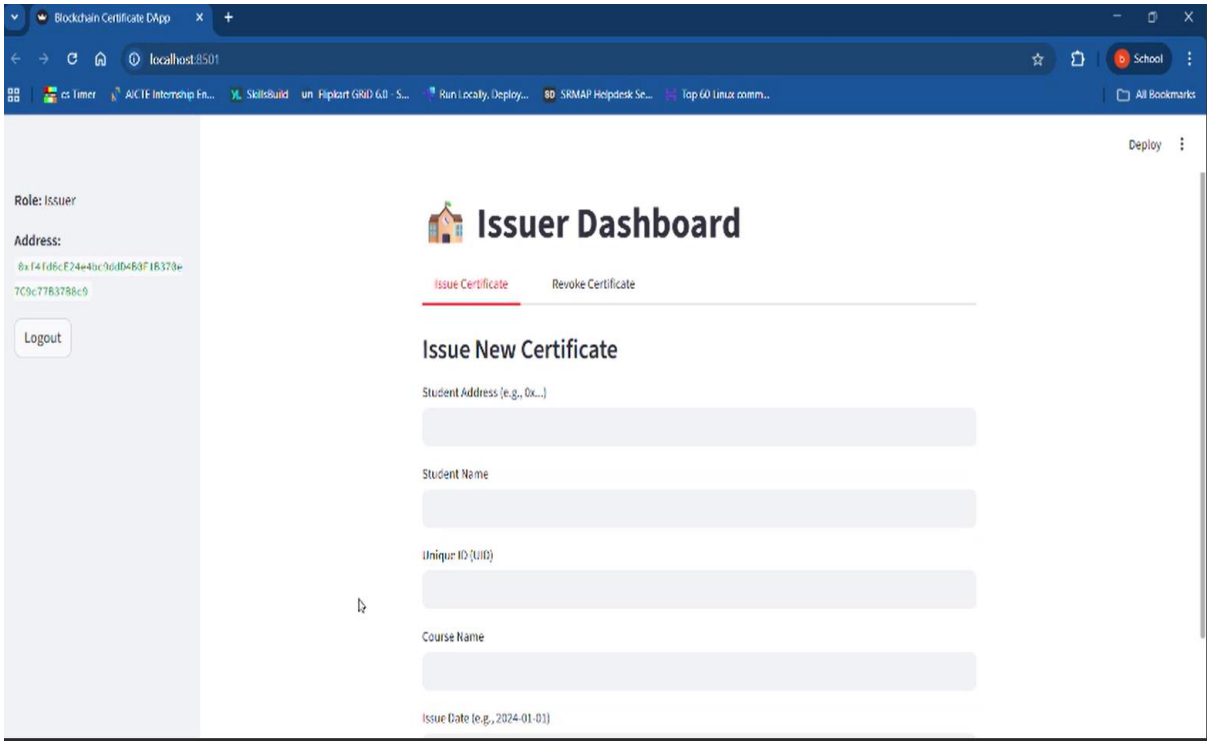
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Logout
Issuer Dashboard
Issue Certificate
Revoke Certificate
Issue New Certificate
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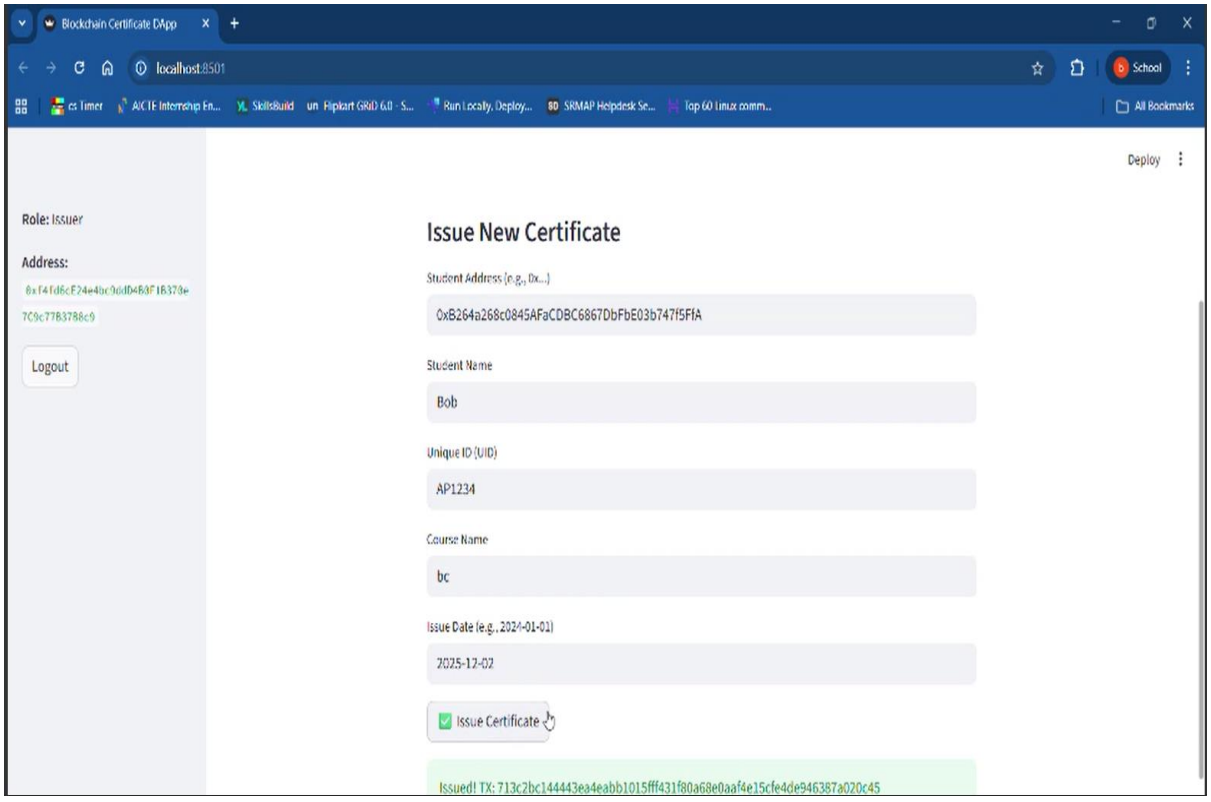
Course Name
Issue Date (e.g., 2024-01-01)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Bob
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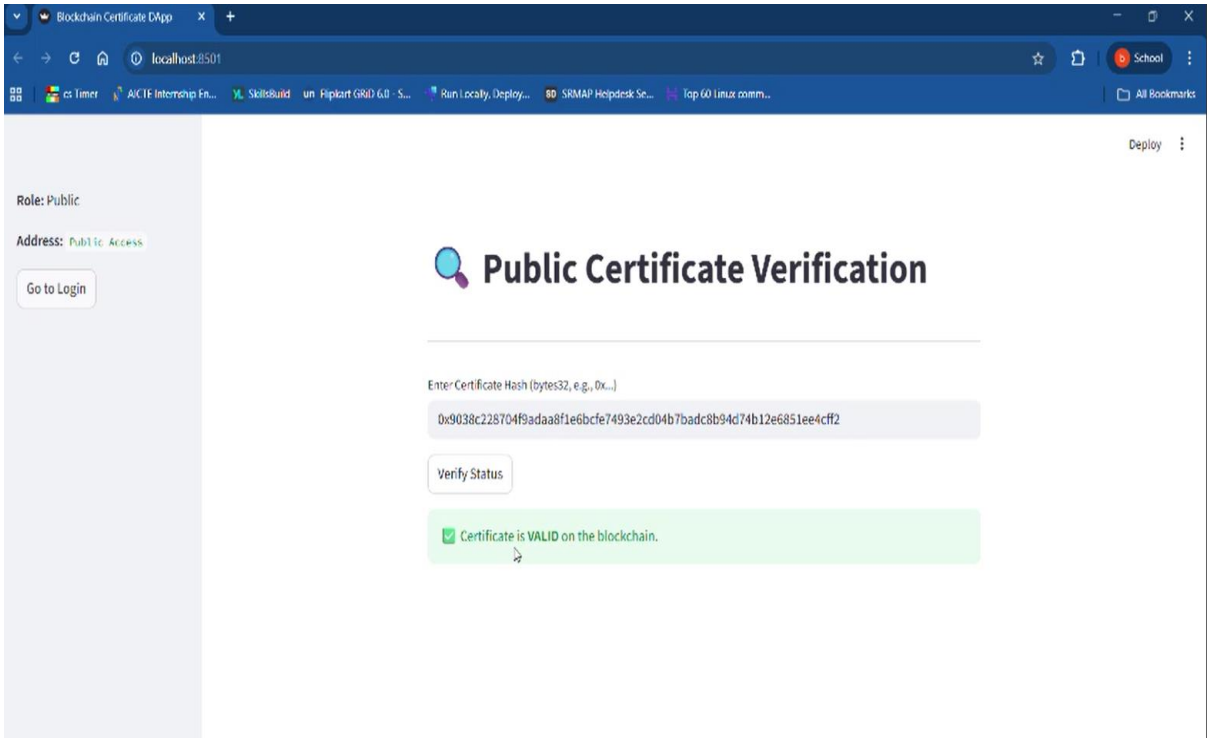
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School
All Bookmarks
Deploy
Role: Public
Address: Public Access
Go to Login
Public Certificate Verification
Enter Certificate Hash (bytes32, e.g., 0x...)
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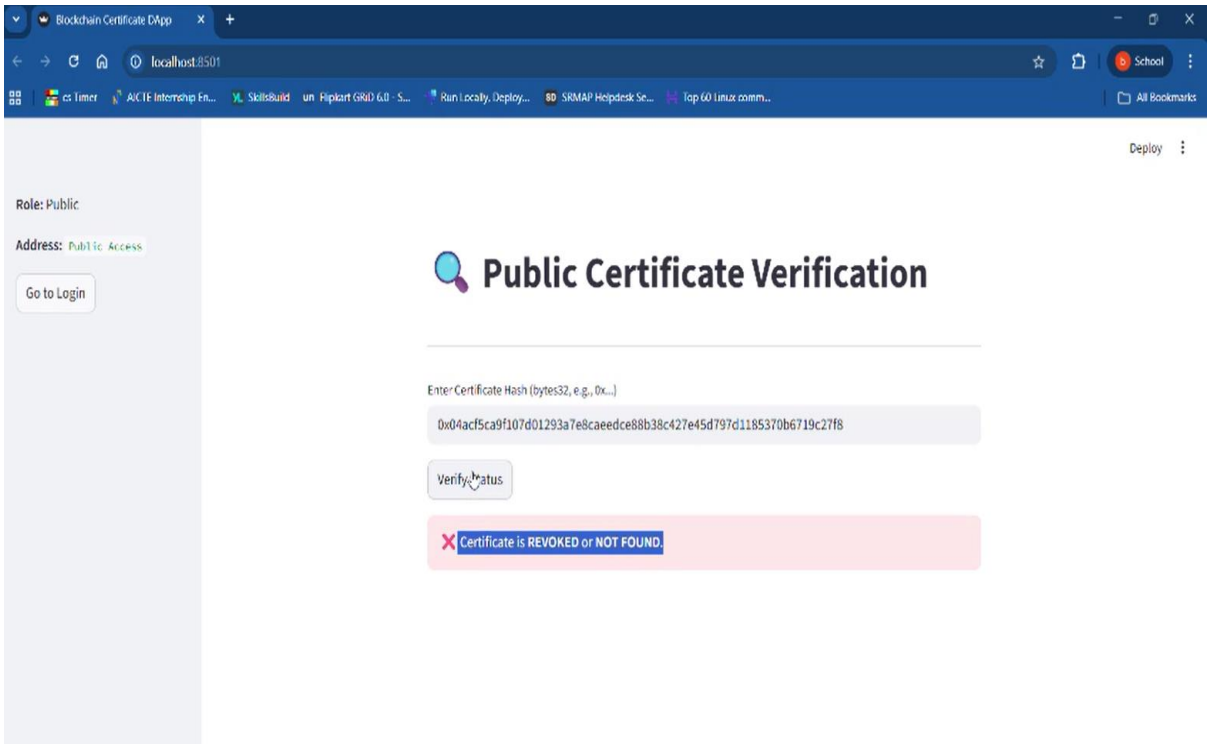
Certificate is VALID on the blockchain.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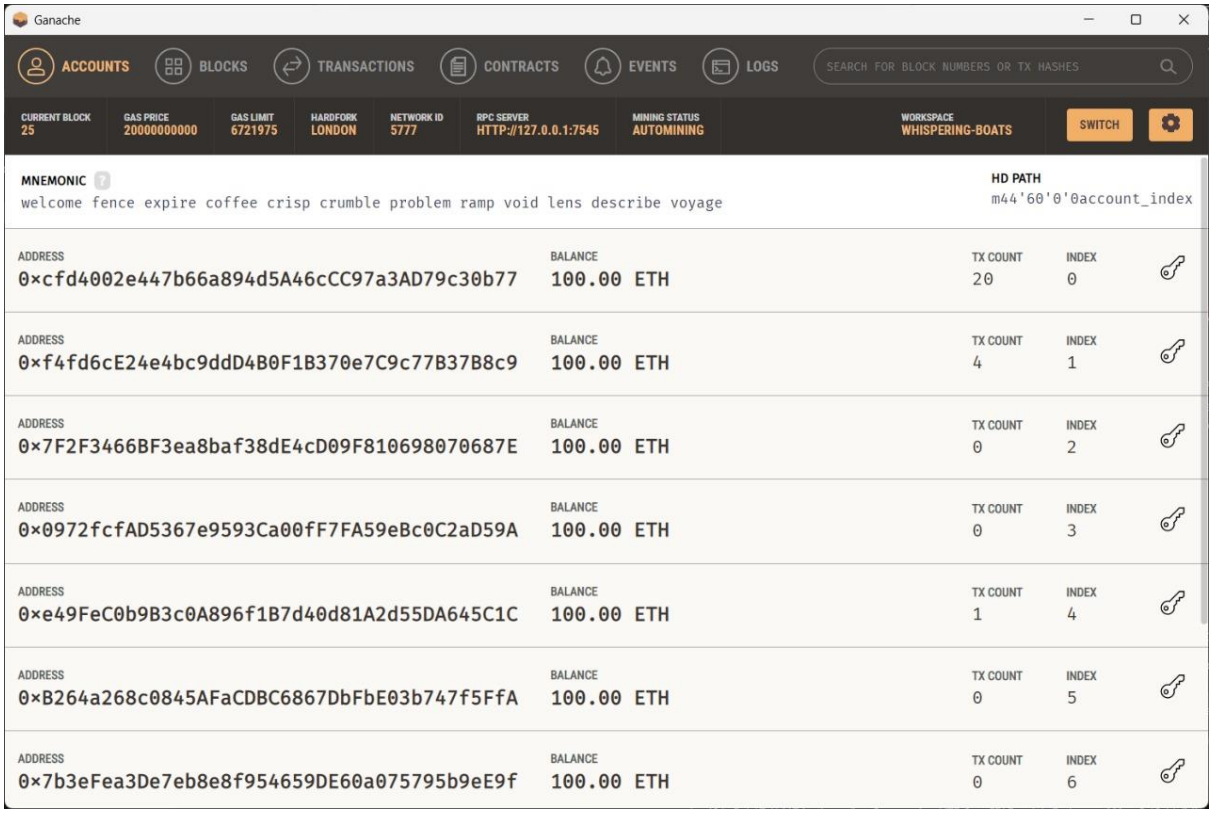
Verify Status
Certificate is REVOKED or NOT FOUND.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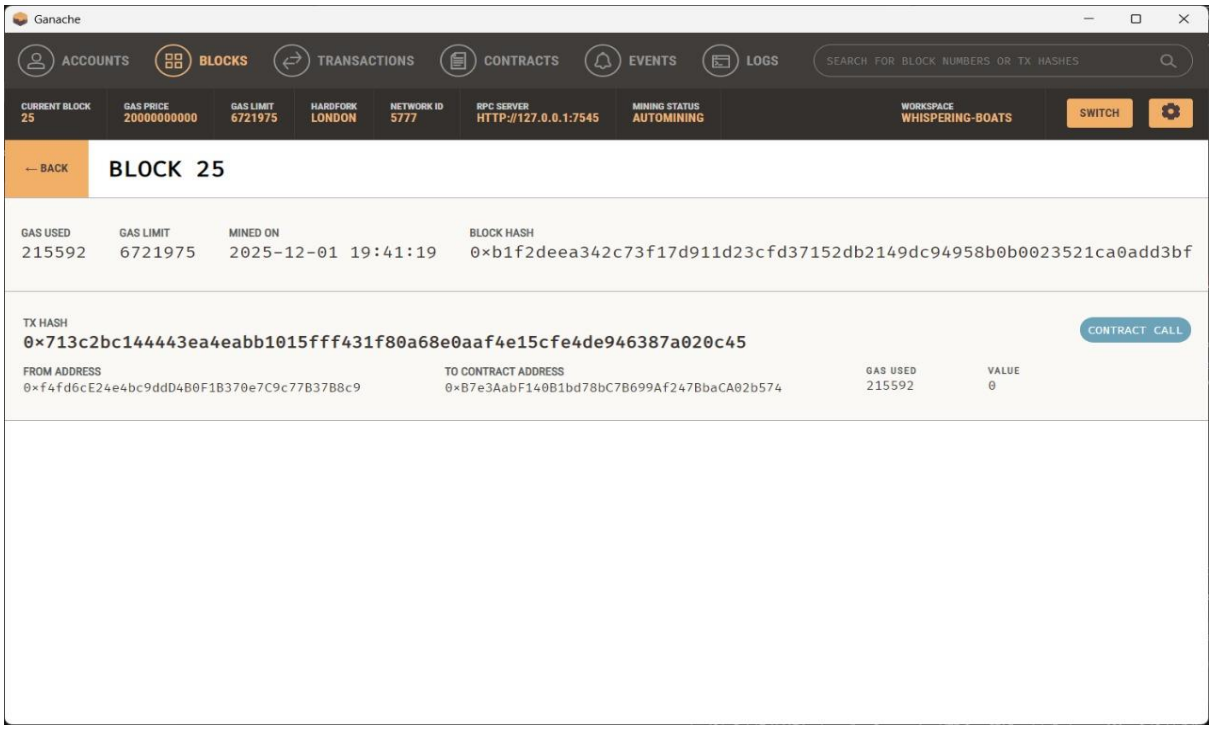
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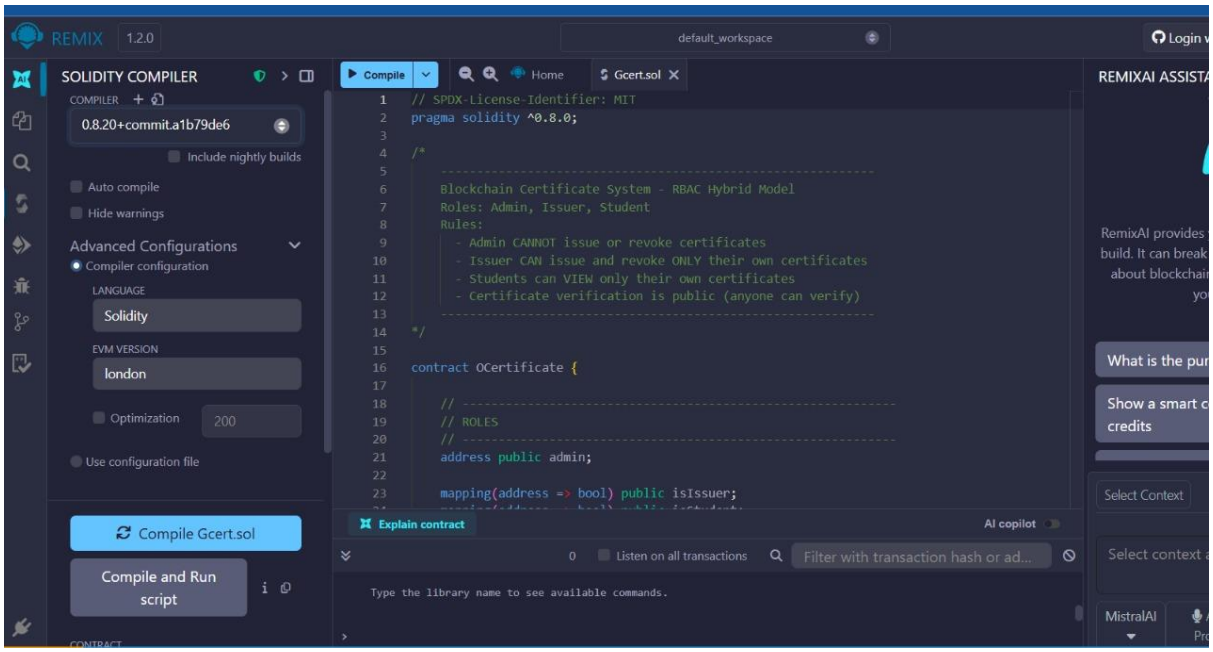

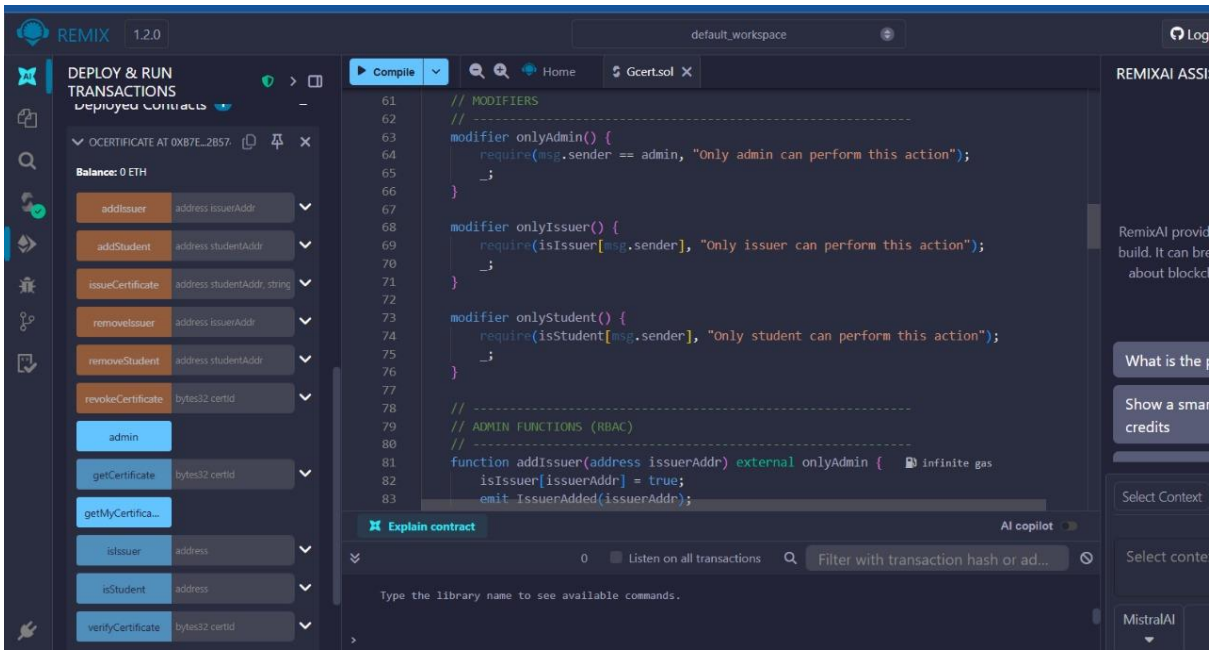

8. Future Scope

- 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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