

# Integrating Blockchain for Immutable Digital Twin Records

To ensure trust, security, and immutability in Digital Twin data, we will

1. Use Blockchain to store digital twin state changes securely
2. Create a smart contract for tamper-proof updates
3. Implement a decentralized ledger to track real-time congruence shifts.

## 1. Install Required Libraries

```
pip install web3 eth_account fastapi uvicorn sqlite3
```

## 2. Setting Up a Local Ethereum Blockchain

Use Ganache (for testing) or Ethereum Testnet (Goerli, Sepolia, etc.) for real-world deployment.

- Install Ganache:

```
npm install -g ganache  
ganache-cli
```

- Connect MetaMask to Ganache or a Testnet for deployment.

## 3. Deploying a Smart Contract for Digital Twin Data

This Ethereum Smart Contract ensures that digital twin records are tamper-proof.

### Smart Contract (Solidity)

```
// DigitalTwinStorage.sol  
pragma solidity ^0.8.0;  
  
contract DigitalTwinStorage {  
    struct TwinData {  
        string id;  
        string timestamp;  
        string dataHash; // Stores the hash of digital twin data
```

```

}

mapping(string => TwinData) private twins;
event TwinUpdated(string indexed id, string timestamp, string dataHash);

function updateTwin(string memory _id, string memory _timestamp, string memory _dataHash)
public {
    twins[_id] = TwinData(_id, _timestamp, _dataHash);
    emit TwinUpdated(_id, _timestamp, _dataHash);
}

function getTwin(string memory _id) public view returns (string memory, string memory, string
memory) {
    TwinData memory twin = twins[_id];
    return (twin.id, twin.timestamp, twin.dataHash);
}
}

```

## Compile & Deploy the Contract

```

solc --bin --abi DigitalTwinStorage.sol -o build
web3 deploy build/DigitalTwinStorage.bin --rpc http://localhost:8545

```

## 4. FastAPI Integration for Blockchain Transactions

Now, we connect **FastAPI** to **Ethereum blockchain** using **Web3.py**.

### Web3 Configuration

```

from web3 import Web3
import json
import sqlite3
import hashlib
from fastapi import FastAPI
from pydantic import BaseModel

# Connect to Ethereum Node (Ganache or Testnet)
w3 = Web3(Web3.HTTPProvider("http://127.0.0.1:8545"))

```

```

contract_address = "0xYourDeployedContractAddress"
contract_abi = json.load(open("DigitalTwinStorage.abi")) # Load compiled contract ABI

# Load Smart Contract
contract = w3.eth.contract(address=contract_address, abi=contract_abi)

# Connect to SQLite for local storage
conn = sqlite3.connect("digital_twins.db", check_same_thread=False)
cursor = conn.cursor()

app = FastAPI()

```

## 5. Hashing Digital Twin Data for Blockchain Integrity

We use **SHA-256** to generate immutable hashes of digital twin data before storing it on the **blockchain**.

```

def generate_data_hash(data):
    """Hashes digital twin data using SHA-256."""
    return hashlib.sha256(json.dumps(data, sort_keys=True).encode()).hexdigest()

```

## 6. API to Store Digital Twin Data on Blockchain

This endpoint **computes a hash and sends the transaction to the blockchain**.

```

class TwinUpdate(BaseModel):
    twin_id: str
    data: dict

@app.post("/update_twin_on_blockchain/")
def update_twin(data: TwinUpdate):
    """Hashes digital twin data and stores it on blockchain."""
    data_hash = generate_data_hash(data.data)
    timestamp = w3.eth.getBlock('latest')['timestamp'] # Get current blockchain time

    tx = contract.functions.updateTwin(data.twin_id, str(timestamp), data_hash).transact({'from':
w3.eth.accounts[0]})
    w3.eth.waitForTransactionReceipt(tx)

```

```
# Update SQLite database
```

```
cursor.execute("UPDATE digital_twins SET expertise=?, last_updated=? WHERE id=?",  
              (json.dumps(data.data), timestamp, data.twin_id))  
conn.commit()
```

```
return {"message": "Digital Twin updated on blockchain", "tx_hash": tx.hex()}}
```

## 7. API to Retrieve Digital Twin Data from Blockchain

This endpoint **verifies stored data integrity**.

```
@app.get("/get_twin_from_blockchain/{twin_id}")  
def get_twin_from_blockchain(twin_id: str):  
    """Retrieves twin data from blockchain and compares with local storage."""  
    twin_id, timestamp, blockchain_hash = contract.functions.getTwin(twin_id).call()  
  
    # Fetch from local DB  
    cursor.execute("SELECT expertise FROM digital_twins WHERE id=?", (twin_id,))  
    local_data = cursor.fetchone()  
  
    if not local_data:  
        return {"error": "Twin not found in local storage"}  
  
    local_hash = generate_data_hash(json.loads(local_data[0]))  
  
    # Compare blockchain data hash with local hash  
    integrity_status = "Valid" if blockchain_hash == local_hash else "Tampered"  
  
    return {"twin_id": twin_id, "timestamp": timestamp, "integrity": integrity_status}
```

## 8. Running the Blockchain-Enabled Digital Twin System

### 1. Start Ganache (or Ethereum Testnet Node):

```
ganache-cli
```

### 2. Deploy Smart Contract:

```
solc --bin --abi DigitalTwinStorage.sol -o build
```

web3 deploy build/DigitalTwinStorage.bin --rpc <http://localhost:8545>

### 3. Run FastAPI Server:

```
uvicorn script_name:app --reload
```

### 4. Test Blockchain Update:

```
POST /update_twin_on_blockchain/
{
  "twin_id": "expert_123",
  "data": {"temperature": 25.3, "status": "operational"}
}
```

## 9. Features & Benefits

- ✅ Immutable Data → Prevents unauthorized changes to digital twins.
- ✅ Tamper Detection → Ensures real-world & digital twin consistency.
- ✅ Decentralized Security → No single entity can alter records.

## 10. Future Enhancements

- Zero-Knowledge Proofs → Ensure data privacy while storing proofs on-chain.
- AI-Blockchain Fusion → Use smart contracts to trigger automatic twin corrections.
- Decentralized Oracle Networks → Fetch real-time data from IoT devices on-chain.

Would you like to integrate decentralized AI decision-making for Digital Twins?