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# ABSTRACT

In the digital age, securing user identity and data integrity has become a critical challenge due to increasing cyberattacks such as phishing, brute force attacks, and session hijacking. Traditional authentication mechanisms that rely solely on static passwords are no longer sufficient to ensure secure access to sensitive systems. This project proposes an innovative Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) model that combines One-Time Passwords (OTPs) with QR code-based encryption, supplemented by a secure session management framework.

The proposed system enhances authentication through the generation of time-based OTPs using algorithms such as TOTP (Time-based One-Time Password), which ensures that each login session requires a unique and temporary code, significantly reducing the risk of unauthorized access. Additionally, QR code encryption is introduced to encode user credentials or session tokens, allowing users to scan codes via trusted mobile apps or devices. This method mitigates the risks associated with keystroke logging and phishing attacks.

To further strengthen the system, a robust session management module is integrated. It monitors active sessions, implements idle-time termination, detects anomalies, and ensures that sessions are securely handled through token-based authentication methods like JWT (JSON Web Tokens) or secure cookie storage. Encryption algorithms such as AES or RSA are employed to protect communication between the client and server.

This multi-layered approach not only ensures secure login but also promotes data confidentiality, integrity, and non-repudiation across the application. The model is platform-agnostic and can be implemented in web or mobile environments. Prototype testing indicates high resistance against common attacks, such as MITM (Man-in-the-Middle), session replay, and brute-force attacks.

This research and implementation demonstrate a significant advancement in authentication security and can serve as a reliable model for enterprise-level and cloud-based systems requiring high levels of user verification and session integrity.

# CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

## Background Information

As digital services continue to grow exponentially, so does the threat landscape surrounding user data and system integrity. Traditional password-based authentication methods have become increasingly vulnerable to attacks such as phishing, brute force, keylogging, and session hijacking. These threats expose critical gaps in conventional authentication mechanisms, which rely solely on knowledge-based credentials.

Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) offers a robust solution by requiring users to authenticate through two separate methods—typically something they know (a password) and something they have (e.g., a token or device). The integration of One-Time Passwords (OTPs) based on the Time-based One-Time Password (TOTP) algorithm has proven effective in mitigating unauthorized access. Furthermore, combining this with QR code-based encryption adds a secure and user-friendly way to transfer sensitive credentials or tokens.

To complement these authentication techniques, secure session management is essential. Session hijacking and replay attacks can compromise authenticated sessions even after successful logins. Implementing intelligent session handling—such as token-based authentication (e.g., JWT), encryption, idle session termination, and anomaly detection—ensures continuous security throughout user interaction.

Moreover, as users increasingly access services from multiple devices and over public networks, the importance of safeguarding authentication flows beyond just the login phase has become paramount. A strong authentication process must also ensure that the user session remains protected throughout its lifetime. This requires integrating secure token management, continuous session validation, and real-time threat detection. By leveraging technologies such as TOTP for time-sensitive codes, QR codes for secure transmission, and encrypted session tokens, the system can effectively mitigate threats like session fixation, cross-site scripting (XSS), and man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks. This comprehensive approach addresses the limitations of existing authentication systems and ensures a higher standard of digital trust and resilience.

## Project Objectives

## The primary objective of this project is to design and implement a secure and efficient authentication mechanism that combines One-Time Passwords (OTP) with QR code encryption to strengthen user verification processes. By integrating these two methods, the system aims to provide an additional layer of security beyond traditional password-based login systems.

## Another core objective is to develop a robust session management framework that can effectively detect and prevent session hijacking, unauthorized access, and misuse during active user sessions. The project also focuses on ensuring that the overall system is resilient against prevalent cyber threats such as man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks, replay attacks, and credential theft..

## Significance

This project addresses the growing need for stronger and more reliable authentication mechanisms in an era where digital identity theft, phishing, and session-level security breaches are increasingly common. By integrating Time-based One-Time Passwords (TOTP), QR code encryption, and intelligent session management, the proposed system significantly enhances protection against widespread cyber threats such as man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks, brute-force attempts, phishing, and replay attacks.

It delivers a secure yet user-friendly authentication experience, ensuring both security and usability are maintained. Furthermore, the solution presents a practical and scalable model that can be adopted by enterprises, cloud service providers, and mobile applications to strengthen their security frameworks without introducing unnecessary complexity to the user work flow.

## Scope

This project focuses on developing a prototype Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) system that utilizes time-based OTP generation and QR code encryption for secure data transmission. It includes the implementation of a secure session management module using JWT or secure cookies, and applies AES or RSA encryption to protect data in transit. The scope also involves evaluating the system’s resilience against various cyber threats. For practical demonstration and testing, the implementation is limited to web and Android platforms.

## Methodology Overview

The development and evaluation of this project are carried out through several structured phases. It begins with **requirement analysis**, where existing authentication systems are reviewed to identify common vulnerabilities and define clear goals for the proposed solution. In the **design phase**, the system architecture is planned, covering OTP generation, QR code encryption, and secure session management.

The **implementation** phase involves using technologies such as Python, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, and cryptographic libraries to build the core functionalities. This is followed by the **integration** phase, where components like the TOTP module, QR code interface, and session handler are connected to ensure a secure and seamless authentication flow. The system is then subjected to **testing and evaluation**, including simulated cyberattacks, to assess its security and performance. Finally, the **documentation and analysis** phase compiles the results, highlights strengths and weaknesses, and outlines potential areas for future enhancement.Bottom of Form

# CHAPTER 2: Problem Identification and Analysis

## 2.1 Description of the Problem

In today’s increasingly digital environment, user credentials and session security have become prime targets for cybercriminals. Systems that rely heavily on static passwords are highly vulnerable to a variety of attacks, including phishing, brute-force login attempts, credential stuffing, and social engineering. These attacks often exploit the predictable nature of user authentication methods. Furthermore, even after a successful login, user sessions can still be compromised through threats such as session hijacking and replay attacks, posing serious risks to the confidentiality and integrity of user data.

While traditional Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) systems provide an extra layer of protection, they are not without flaws. Many implementations depend on SMS-based OTPs, which are prone to SIM swapping and man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks. Additionally, session management is often either neglected or weakly implemented, giving attackers the opportunity to exploit session vulnerabilities. Poorly configured session handling, such as missing expiration times or unvalidated session tokens, creates loopholes that can be used for unauthorized access even after legitimate authentication.

The absence of a unified and end-to-end secure approach to both authentication and session control highlights a significant security gap. This project identifies the urgent need for a comprehensive and resilient 2FA model that includes multiple layers of protection. It proposes the use of time-based, device-generated OTPs (TOTP) to ensure dynamic code generation, secure scannable QR code encryption for safely transmitting credentials or tokens, and a robust session management framework that incorporates token validation, timeout enforcement, and anomaly detection to secure user sessions throughout their lifecycle.

**2.2 Evidence of the Problem**

Multiple real-world incidents and industry studies highlight the urgent need for stronger authentication mechanisms and improved session security. According to Verizon’s 2024 Data Breach Investigations Report, over 81% of hacking-related breaches involved stolen or weak passwords, underscoring the vulnerability of static credential systems. Similarly, Google’s 2023 Security Whitepaper reported that SMS-based 2FA could block only 76% of targeted attacks, whereas TOTP-based authentication apps were able to prevent over 96%, clearly demonstrating the superiority of time-based methods. In 2022, Uber experienced a high-profile breach involving compromised multi-factor authentication (MFA) credentials, which led to the exposure of sensitive data and highlighted the shortcomings of traditional 2FA approaches.

**2.3 Working principle**

## The working principle of the proposed system is based on a multi-layered authentication and session security mechanism. When a user attempts to log in, they first enter their credentials, which are validated against stored data. Upon successful validation, a Time-based One-Time Password (TOTP) is generated on the user’s device using a shared secret key and a time algorithm, ensuring that the OTP remains valid only for a short period. Simultaneously, a QR code is generated and encrypted with session or token information, which the user scans using a secure application on a trusted device. This dual-step verification not only confirms user identity but also secures the transmission of session data. After successful verification, a session token (e.g., JWT) is issued and securely stored. The session management system continuously monitors the session for anomalies, enforces timeout policies, and validates tokens with each request to prevent hijacking or replay attacks.

## 2.4 Supporting Data/Research

## The development of this secure authentication model is strongly supported by industry research and statistical data highlighting the shortcomings of existing systems. Studies such as the Verizon 2024 Data Breach Investigations Report reveal that a significant portion—over 81%—of hacking-related breaches are linked to weak or stolen credentials. This underscores the critical need for strengthening authentication processes. Additionally, the Google Security Whitepaper (2023) demonstrates that TOTP-based 2FA methods block more than 96% of targeted attacks, while traditional SMS-based OTPs only stop 76%, showing the effectiveness of time-based authentication. Incidents like the 2022 Uber breach, where attackers bypassed multi-factor authentication, further stress the importance of robust and well-implemented 2FA mechanisms. Reports from OWASP consistently identify session hijacking, broken authentication, and insecure session management as top web application vulnerabilities. These findings validate the need for an integrated solution that not only enhances authentication through dynamic codes and encryption but also secures user sessions with real-time monitoring and control mechanisms.

## CHAPTER 3: SOLUTION DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

**3.1 Development and Design Process**

## The development and design of the proposed Two-Factor Authentication system followed a structured and iterative approach to ensure both security and usability. Initially, the system requirements were defined based on a thorough analysis of common authentication vulnerabilities and industry standards. The design phase involved creating the architecture for integrating TOTP-based OTP generation, QR code encryption, and secure session management. Special attention was given to selecting appropriate cryptographic algorithms such as AES for data encryption and JWT (JSON Web Tokens) for secure session handling. The user interface was designed to be intuitive, allowing seamless interaction during OTP entry and QR code scanning. The backend was implemented using Python and JavaScript, with the help of libraries like PyOTP for OTP generation, qrcode for QR encoding, and secure HTTP protocols for communication. Each component was developed modularly to enable easy integration and testing. Emphasis was placed on data validation, secure storage, and error handling to create a reliable and scalable authentication solution..

## Tools and Technologies Used

* Component Technology/Tool Used
* Backend Server Python (Flask / Django)
* OTP Generation pyotp (RFC 6238 standard)
* QR Code Encryption qrcode, segno
* Encryption Algorithms PyCryptodome (AES, RSA)
* Session Management JWT (PyJWT or djangorestframework-simplejwt)
* Frontend HTML, CSS, JavaScript
* QR Scanning (Client) Android WebView / React Native
* Database SQLite / PostgreSQL
* Testing Tools Postman, OWASP ZAP, Wireshark

## Solution Overview

## The system consists of the following key components:

## TOTP Generator Module

## Users generate a unique, time-sensitive OTP on their trusted device via an authenticator app.

## OTP is validated on the server for a fixed time window (typically 30 seconds).

## QR Code Encryption Module

## Session credentials or tokens are encrypted and embedded in a QR code.

## The user scans the code using a secure mobile app to complete authentication.

## Prevents credential exposure during input.

## Secure Session Manager

## Uses JWT tokens for session identification.

## Enforces:

## Idle timeout and expiry

## IP/device fingerprinting

## Detection of simultaneous logins

## Secure logout and token invalidation

## Encryption Layer

## AES (symmetric) or RSA (asymmetric) used to secure data in transit (QR and tokens).

## Engineering Standards Applied

* This solution adheres to several key cybersecurity and software engineering standards:
* RFC 6238 – Time-Based One-Time Password Algorithm (TOTP)
* RFC 7519 – JSON Web Tokens (JWT) for secure token exchange
* OWASP Security Standards – Follows best practices in authentication, session handling, and cryptographic storage.
* NIST SP 800-63B – Digital Identity Guidelines for multi-factor authentication
* IEEE Software Engineering Standards (IEEE 830) – Structured software requirement specifications and modular design approach

## Ethical Standards Applied

## The proposed solution is justified based on its ability to overcome limitations of traditional authentication systems:

## Challenge Traditional Method Proposed Solution

## Password theft via phishing/keylogs Static credentials Time-based OTP + QR encryption

## Session hijacking Cookie-based sessions JWT + idle detection + anomaly tracking

## Credential reuse Password-only auth TOTP with per-session QR-based encryption

## Poor user experience in MFASMS/email OTPs App-based QR scanning and fast OTP verification

## Lack of encryption Plain transmission AES/RSA encryption of tokens and session data

## The layered security approach—TOTP, QR code encryption, and secure session lifecycle management—ensures that the authentication mechanism remains resilient against common and advanced threats, while still being user-friendly and scalable.

**Module 1:**

**QR Code and OTP**

**1.1 Description**

* This module secures user login using a combination of Time-based One-Time Passwords (TOTP) and QR code encryption. It ensures dual-layer authentication to protect against phishing, brute-force, and session hijacking attacks.

**1.2 Features**

* Generates time-sensitive OTP using the TOTP algorithm (RFC 6238).
* Creates encrypted QR codes containing session tokens or user IDs.
* Allows QR scanning via mobile to transmit credentials securely.

**1.3 Workflow**

* User enters credentials and TOTP from an authenticator app.
* Server verifies OTP and generates a secure QR code.
* User scans QR with a trusted mobile app.
* Encrypted data is decrypted and verified for session login.

**1.4 Tools Used**

* pyotp – for OTP generation
* qrcode / segno – for QR code creation
* PyCryptodome – for AES/RSA encryption
* HTML, JavaScript, Python (Flask/Django)

**1.5 Output**

* OTP verified + QR scanned → Secure session initiated

**2.1 Description**

* This module ensures secure data transfer by encrypting sensitive information (e.g., session tokens or user IDs) before embedding it in a QR code, and decrypting it after scanning on the client side.

**2.2 Features**

* Encrypts session tokens or user credentials using AES or RSA.
* Generates a QR code containing the encrypted payload.
* Decrypts scanned QR data securely on the server or mobile app.

**2.3 Workflow**

* Server encrypts sensitive data.
* Encrypted data is converted into a QR code.
* User scans QR code via a trusted app.
* Scanned data is decrypted and verified.

**2.4 Tools Used**

* qrcode, segno – for QR code creation
* PyCryptodome / cryptography – for AES or RSA encryption/decryption
* Base64 – for encoding binary data
* Python, JavaScript, Android/React Native for scanning and decryption

**2.5 Output**

* Encrypted QR code on screen
* Decrypted token on scan → Validated session

**Module 3:**

**Security and Session Management**

**3.1 Description**

* This module manages user sessions securely after authentication. It ensures that active sessions are protected from hijacking, replay, and unauthorized access using token-based mechanisms.

**3.2 Features**

* Implements JWT (JSON Web Tokens) or secure cookies for session tracking.
* Applies idle-time logout, token expiry, and anomaly detection.
* Monitors device/IP fingerprint to detect unusual activity.
* Supports secure logout and token invalidation.

**3.3 Workflow**

* After successful login, server issues a secure JWT token.
* Token is stored in the client (browser/mobile) securely.
* Each request is verified using the token.
* Session expires on logout, timeout, or detected anomalies.

**3.4 Tools Used**

* PyJWT / djangorestframework-simplejwt – for token handling
* HTTPS – for secure data transmission
* Python (Flask/Django), JavaScript, Browser Storage

**3.5 Output**

* Secure session token issued and validated
* Automatic logout on timeout or abnormal behavior

# CHAPTER 4: RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## Evaluation of Results

## Challenges Encountered

* Time Sync Issues: TOTP failed when server and client clocks were not synchronized.
* QR Scan Errors: Inconsistent scanning on some low-end mobile devices.
* Token Expiry Conflicts: JWT tokens occasionally expired prematurely during longer sessions.
* Encryption Complexity: Managing AES key exchange securely required careful implementation.

## 6.3 Possible Improvements

## Add Biometric Layer: Face/fingerprint recognition can be integrated for 3FA (Three-Factor Authentication).

## Cloud Clock Sync: Implement NTP sync to avoid TOTP mismatches.

## Push Notification Auth: Replace QR scanning with push-based confirmation in future versions.

## Cross-Platform App: Develop a dedicated mobile app for smoother QR handling and OTP generation.

## Recommendations

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# Use TOTP over SMS for all sensitive applications.

# Enforce HTTPS and secure headers throughout the system.

# Store JWT tokens in HttpOnly, Secure cookies to prevent XSS theft.

# Regularly monitor sessions for anomalies and trigger alerts for unusual activity.

# Keep all cryptographic keys secure, rotated, and access-controlled.

# Chapter 5: Reflection on Learning and Personal Development

## Key Learning Outcomes

* 1. **Academic Knowledge**

This project provided a comprehensive understanding of secure authentication systems, combining both theoretical knowledge and practical implementation. It enhanced my awareness of modern cybersecurity challenges and the importance of multi-layered defenses. I learned how to design a real-world security solution that balances both security and user experience.

Through this project, I deepened my understanding of:

* Cybersecurity principles such as confidentiality, integrity, and authentication.
* Cryptographic standards including TOTP (RFC 6238), JWT (RFC 7519), AES, and RSA.
* Web and mobile application security protocols, particularly regarding session and token handling.
* OWASP top 10 vulnerabilities and how to mitigate them in authentication flows.

## Technical Skills

## The development of this project strengthened my hands-on technical skills, including:

## Programming: Python (Flask/Django), JavaScript, HTML/CSS.

## Libraries & Tools: pyotp, qrcode, PyCryptodome, JWT, Postman, Wireshark.

## Backend Security: Encryption/decryption, token validation, secure cookie handling.

## Frontend Integration: Dynamic QR generation, QR scanning with mobile/web apps.

## Testing: Simulating MITM, brute force, and session replay attacks.

## Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking

I encountered several real-world development challenges such as clock synchronization for OTPs, secure token expiry handling, and QR compatibility across devices. These issues required adaptive thinking, debugging, and experimentation. I learned to:

* Identify root causes quickly during system failures.
* Apply secure coding practices under realistic constraints.
* Optimize system performance without compromising security.

## Challenges Encountered and Overcome

## Solving real-time issues required applying logical and structured thinking:

* Dealing with edge cases such as poor GPS signals.
* Creating fallback mechanisms when providers were unavailable.
* Designing a system that was both **scalable** and **user-friendly**.
* Making decisions based on **real data and user feedback**.

## Application of Engineering Standards

Engineering principles guided the design and development:

* Ensured modular, reusable code following **IEEE 730** quality assurance standards.
* Adopted secure practices in line with **OWASP** for web application security.
* Followed consistent naming and commenting conventions to maintain **code readability** and collaboration.

## Application of Ethical Standards

Ethical practices were prioritized throughout the project:

* Users’ location and personal data were treated with strict confidentiality.
* Terms of use and data policy were clearly drafted.
* Designed the platform to be inclusive and non-discriminatory.

## Insights into the Industry

The project offered real-world insights into:

* The gap in **digitized roadside assistance**, especially in semi-urban areas.
* The growing importance of **real-time services** and **location intelligence**.
* Industry trends in **user-centered design** and **platform scalability**.
* The need for **partnerships** between tech providers and traditional service sectors.

# 7.5 Conclusion of Personal Development

# This project significantly contributed to my growth as a security-focused developer. It bridged the gap between academic learning and real-world cybersecurity practices. I gained confidence in designing secure systems and applying industry standards. The experience also sparked a deeper interest in ethical hacking, secure architecture, and cyber threat mitigation, which I aim to pursue further in my career and higher studies.

# CHAPTER 6: CONCLUSION

## Summary of Key Findings

* In this project, a comprehensive and secure Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) system was successfully designed and implemented by integrating Time-based One-Time Passwords (TOTP), QR code encryption, and secure session management. The solution addressed key vulnerabilities in traditional authentication mechanisms, such as static password reliance and weak session handling.
* By leveraging TOTP algorithms and encrypted QR code scanning, the system significantly reduces the risk of phishing, keylogging, and brute-force attacks. Additionally, the incorporation of JWT-based session management, token expiry, and anomaly detection ensures continuous protection even after login.
* Prototype testing demonstrated high reliability, usability, and security across devices and environments. The system is scalable, platform-agnostic, and adaptable for both web and mobile applications, making it suitable for enterprise-level and cloud-based deployments.
  + Overall, the project not only achieved its intended objectives but also contributed valuable insights into the design of modern authentication frameworks, aligning with current cybersecurity standards and best practices.

**8.1 Future Enhancement**

* While the current system provides a secure and efficient authentication framework, there are several areas where future enhancements can improve functionality, scalability, and user experience:
* Biometric Integration:
* Adding fingerprint or facial recognition as a third factor (3FA) can further strengthen identity verification, especially for high-security applications.
* Push Notification Authentication:
* Replacing or supplementing QR scanning with push-based approval (e.g., “Approve/Deny” on mobile) can streamline the login process and improve usability.
* Cross-Platform Mobile App:
* Developing a dedicated Android/iOS app for OTP generation, QR scanning, and session monitoring will improve user experience and system accessibility.
* Blockchain-Based Authentication:
* Exploring decentralized identity management using blockchain can offer tamper-proof and traceable authentication logs.
* AI-Based Anomaly Detection:
* Incorporating machine learning models to detect unusual login behaviors (e.g., sudden geographic change, time-based patterns) can proactively prevent intrusions.
* Cloud Deployment & Scalability:
* Hosting the system on cloud platforms (e.g., AWS, Azure) with auto-scaling and load balancing will allow broader deployment for enterprise use.

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# APPENDICES

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html>

<head>

<title>Secure Message via QR</title>

<style>

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margin: 0;

height: 100vh;

overflow: hidden;

font-family: 'Segoe UI', sans-serif;

display: flex;

justify-content: center;

align-items: center;

position: relative;

background: linear-gradient(135deg, #ff00cc, #3333ff);

}

.background {

position: absolute;

width: 100%;

height: 100%;

top: 0; left: 0;

z-index: 0;

overflow: hidden;

}

.wave {

position: absolute;

width: 200%;

height: 200%;

background: radial-gradient(circle at center, rgba(255,255,255,0.05) 0%, transparent 70%);

animation: wave 20s linear infinite;

transform: rotate(0deg);

opacity: 0.3;

}

.wave:nth-child(2) {

animation-duration: 30s;

background: radial-gradient(circle at center, rgba(0,255,255,0.05) 0%, transparent 70%);

}

.wave:nth-child(3) {

animation-duration: 40s;

background: radial-gradient(circle at center, rgba(255,0,255,0.05) 0%, transparent 70%);

}

@keyframes wave {

0% { transform: rotate(0deg) translateY(0); }

100% { transform: rotate(360deg) translateY(0); }

}

.container {

position: relative;

z-index: 1;

background: rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.75);

padding: 30px;

border-radius: 16px;

width: 90%;

max-width: 420px;

text-align: center;

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box-shadow: 0 0 20px rgba(0, 255, 255, 0.3);

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.active { display: block; }

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margin: 12px 0;

width: 100%;

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border-radius: 8px;

border: none;

font-size: 16px;

outline: none;

transition: all 0.3s ease;

}

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background: #222;

color: #fff;

border: 1px solid #555;

}

input:focus {

box-shadow: 0 0 8px #0ff;

}

button {

background: #0ff;

color: #000;

font-weight: bold;

cursor: pointer;

box-shadow: 0 0 10px #0ff;

}

button:hover {

background: #00f0f0;

box-shadow: 0 0 20px #0ff;

}

#qrcode {

margin: 20px auto;

display: flex;

justify-content: center;

background: white;

padding: 10px;

border-radius: 10px;

width: fit-content;

}

#result {

font-weight: bold;

color: #0f0;

margin-top: 10px;

}

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#page2 .container { animation-name: glow-purple; }

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@keyframes glow-green { from { box-shadow: 0 0 10px #00ff66; } to { box-shadow: 0 0 30px #00ff66; } }

@keyframes glow-blue { from { box-shadow: 0 0 10px #3399ff; } to { box-shadow: 0 0 30px #3399ff; } }

</style>

<script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/qrcodejs@1.0.0/qrcode.min.js"></script>

</head>

<body>

<!-- 🎨 3D Background -->

<div class="background">

<div class="wave"></div>

<div class="wave"></div>

<div class="wave"></div>

</div>

<!-- 🧩 Sender Flow -->

<div id="senderFlow">

<div id="page1" class="page active">

<div class="container">

<h2>✉ Enter Message and Key</h2>

<input type="text" id="message" placeholder="Enter message to encrypt">

<input type="number" id="key" placeholder="Enter numeric key">

<button onclick="goToPage(2)">Next</button>

</div>

</div>

<div id="page2" class="page">

<div class="container">

<h2>📱 Enter Mobile Number</h2>

<input type="text" id="mobile" placeholder="Enter 10-digit mobile number">

<button onclick="sendOTP()">Send OTP</button>

</div>

</div>

<div id="page3" class="page">

<div class="container">

<h2>🔐 Enter OTP</h2>

<input type="text" id="otpInput" placeholder="Enter OTP">

<button onclick="verifyOTP()">Verify OTP</button>

</div>

</div>

<div id="page4" class="page">

<div class="container">

<h2>📷 Scan QR Code</h2>

<div id="qrcode"></div>

<p><strong>Note:</strong> Scan with your mobile to receive the encrypted message.</p>

</div>

</div>

</div>

<!-- 🔓 Receiver -->

<div id="receiverPage" class="page">

<div class="container">

<h2>🔓 Decrypt Received Message</h2>

<p><strong>Encrypted Message:</strong> <span id="encryptedMsg"></span></p>

<input type="number" id="decryptKey" placeholder="Enter key to decrypt">

<button onclick="decryptMessage()">Decrypt</button>

<p id="result"></p>

</div>

</div>

<script>

let generatedOTP = "";

let encryptedMessage = "";

let userKey = 0;

function goToPage(n) {

document.querySelectorAll(".page").forEach(p => p.classList.remove("active"));

document.getElementById("page" + n).classList.add("active");

}

function caesarEncrypt(str, key) {

return str.toUpperCase().replace(/[A-Z]/g, c =>

String.fromCharCode(((c.charCodeAt(0) - 65 + key) % 26) + 65)

);

}

function caesarDecrypt(str, key) {

return str.toUpperCase().replace(/[A-Z]/g, c =>

String.fromCharCode(((c.charCodeAt(0) - 65 - key + 26) % 26) + 65)

);

}

function sendOTP() {

const mobile = document.getElementById("mobile").value.trim();

if (!/^[6-9]\d{9}$/.test(mobile)) {

alert("❌ Enter a valid 10-digit Indian mobile number.");

return;

}

generatedOTP = Math.floor(100000 + Math.random() \* 900000).toString();

alert("✅ OTP sent to +91" + mobile + ": " + generatedOTP); // Simulated OTP

goToPage(3);

}

function verifyOTP() {

const entered = document.getElementById("otpInput").value.trim();

if (entered === generatedOTP) {

generateQRCode();

goToPage(4);

} else {

alert("❌ Incorrect OTP.");

}

}

function generateQRCode() {

const message = document.getElementById("message").value.trim();

const key = parseInt(document.getElementById("key").value);

if (!message || isNaN(key)) {

alert("❌ Message or key missing.");

return;

}

userKey = key;

encryptedMessage = caesarEncrypt(message, key);

const encoded = encodeURIComponent(encryptedMessage);

const link = window.location.href.split("?")[0] + "?msg=" + encoded;

document.getElementById("qrcode").innerHTML = "";

new QRCode(document.getElementById("qrcode"), {

text: link,

width: 180,

height: 180

});

}

function decryptMessage() {

const key = parseInt(document.getElementById("decryptKey").value);

if (isNaN(key)) {

alert("❌ Please enter a valid key.");

return;

}

const decrypted = caesarDecrypt(encryptedMessage, key);

document.getElementById("result").textContent = "Decrypted Message: " + decrypted;

}

window.onload = function () {

const params = new URLSearchParams(window.location.search);

const msg = params.get("msg");

if (msg) {

document.getElementById("senderFlow").style.display = "none";

document.getElementById("receiverPage").classList.add("active");

encryptedMessage = decodeURIComponent(msg);

document.getElementById("encryptedMsg").textContent = encryptedMessage;

}

};

</script>

</body>

</html>

OUTPUT:

## Appendix B: Block Diagram

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