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**Abstract**

Decision support systems (DSS) have a wide variety of applications in management decisions and optimization of engineering processes. Nowadays, the construction industry calls for state-of-the-art mechanisms to take control of the waste generated on construction sites. Executives need advanced systems and technologies to help them get instant information from construction sites and control the activities in a way that minimum waste is generated. This paper explains how real-time multi-agent DSS as robust information technology tools can be applied to help control the environmental risks posed by construction operations. DSS provides a platform in which courses of actions from several teams are coordinated and corresponding massive data from the construction site are analyzed and compiled to support judgments. A qualitative study was conducted to identify how to design such a system using both machine and human agents. The results of this study constitute a basis for the detailed design of a waste control DSS that can be developed by programming experts.

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- \*\*Design and Implementation\*\*

- Detailed description of the blockchain-based methodology for RAW collection and disposal

- Steps to integrate blockchain with existing WIRKs software

#### 5. Methodology for Collection and Disposal of RAW

- \*\*New Methodology Overview\*\*

- \*\*Data Collection and Recording\*\*

- How blockchain will record and secure data on RAW

- \*\*Smart Contracts for Disposal\*\*

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- \*\*Traceability and Auditability\*\*

- Ensuring complete traceability of RAW from collection to disposal

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- \*\*Recommendations for Implementation and Best Practices\*\*

#### 9. Conclusion

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- \*\*Significance of Blockchain Integration in RAW Management\*\*

- \*\*Final Thoughts and Future Directions\*\*

### Detailed Description of Blockchain Integration

#### Conceptual Framework

- \*\*Blockchain Ledger:\*\* Each transaction (collection or disposal of RAW) is recorded on a decentralized ledger that is immutable and transparent.

- \*\*Smart Contracts:\*\* Automated contracts that trigger actions (e.g., sending alerts, initiating disposal processes) when predefined conditions are met.

#### Design and Implementation

- \*\*Step 1: Data Recording\*\*

- Each RAW collection instance is recorded on the blockchain with details such as date, time, quantity, and source.

- \*\*Step 2: Verification and Validation\*\*

- Authorized personnel verify the data, and validation is performed via consensus mechanisms.

- \*\*Step 3: Storage and Access\*\*

- Data is stored in a secure, decentralized manner, accessible only to authorized users.

- \*\*Step 4: Disposal Process\*\*

- Smart contracts manage the disposal process, ensuring compliance with safety and regulatory standards.

### Methodology for Collection and Disposal of RAW

#### Data Collection and Recording

- \*\*Use of IoT Devices:\*\* Integrate IoT sensors to automatically collect data on RAW quantities and status.

- \*\*Blockchain Nodes:\*\* Each department handling RAW can have a blockchain node to record transactions.

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- \*\*Immutable Records:\*\* Every transaction is recorded permanently, providing a complete audit trail.

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By incorporating blockchain technology into the WIRKs software, you can significantly enhance the security, transparency, and efficiency of RAW management at AEMCK hospital. This integration will not only streamline the record-keeping process but also ensure compliance with stringent regulatory standards and improve overall accountability.

### Additional Tips for Writing the Report

- \*\*Use Visuals:\*\* Include diagrams and flowcharts to illustrate the blockchain integration process.

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To emulate blockchain-like immutability and decentralization using Microsoft Access and a File Sharing Server (FSS), you can adopt the following approach:

### 1. Conceptual Design

#### Emulating Blockchain Characteristics

- \*\*Decentralization:\*\* Each department acts as a node, recording transactions independently but synchronized.

- \*\*Immutability:\*\* Once a record is created, it cannot be altered without a trace.

- \*\*Consensus Mechanism:\*\* Implement a verification process before finalizing records.

### 2. Implementation Steps

#### A. Database Design

1. \*\*Tables for Transactions:\*\*

- \*\*RAWCollection:\*\* To store collection records.

```sql

CREATE TABLE RAWCollection (

ID AUTOINCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,

Timestamp DATETIME DEFAULT NOW(),

Department VARCHAR(255),

Quantity DOUBLE,

Details VARCHAR(255),

Hash VARCHAR(255)

);

```

- \*\*RAWDisposal:\*\* To store disposal records.

```sql

CREATE TABLE RAWDisposal (

ID AUTOINCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,

Timestamp DATETIME DEFAULT NOW(),

Department VARCHAR(255),

Quantity DOUBLE,

Details VARCHAR(255),

Hash VARCHAR(255)

);

```

2. \*\*Hashing Function:\*\*

- Use VBA to generate a hash for each transaction, creating a pseudo-immutable record.

#### B. Hash Generation in VBA

```vba

Function GenerateHash(recordString As String) As String

' Implement a simple hashing mechanism

Dim hashValue As String

' Sample hash computation (simple for demonstration)

hashValue = CStr(Asc(Left(recordString, 1))) & CStr(Len(recordString))

GenerateHash = hashValue

End Function

```

#### C. Recording Transactions

1. \*\*Insert Transaction with Hash:\*\*

- When a new record is added, generate and store its hash.

```vba

Sub AddCollectionRecord(dept As String, qty As Double, details As String)

Dim db As Database

Dim rs As Recordset

Dim recordString As String

Dim hash As String

Set db = CurrentDb

recordString = dept & qty & details & Now()

hash = GenerateHash(recordString)

Set rs = db.OpenRecordset("RAWCollection")

rs.AddNew

rs!Department = dept

rs!Quantity = qty

rs!Details = details

rs!Hash = hash

rs.Update

rs.Close

Set rs = Nothing

Set db = Nothing

End Sub

```

#### D. File Sharing Server (FSS) Setup

1. \*\*Node Synchronization:\*\*

- Each department's node (Access database) is synced via FSS.

- Use scheduled tasks to copy and synchronize data across nodes.

2. \*\*Decentralized Verification:\*\*

- Implement a verification process where each department (node) verifies the transaction hash before accepting it.

### 3. Verification and Consensus

#### A. Verification Process

1. \*\*Verify Hash:\*\*

- Each node checks the hash of new transactions to ensure data integrity.

```vba

Function VerifyHash(recordID As Long, expectedHash As String) As Boolean

Dim db As Database

Dim rs As Recordset

Dim recordString As String

Dim actualHash As String

Set db = CurrentDb

Set rs = db.OpenRecordset("SELECT \* FROM RAWCollection WHERE ID=" & recordID)

If Not rs.EOF Then

recordString = rs!Department & rs!Quantity & rs!Details & rs!Timestamp

actualHash = GenerateHash(recordString)

If actualHash = expectedHash Then

VerifyHash = True

Else

VerifyHash = False

End If

End If

rs.Close

Set rs = Nothing

Set db = Nothing

End Function

```

#### B. Consensus Mechanism

1. \*\*Consensus Implementation:\*\*

- Before a record is finalized, a majority of nodes (departments) must verify and agree on the transaction’s validity.

- Implement a voting system or consensus algorithm in VBA.

### 4. Reporting and Audit

1. \*\*Audit Trail:\*\*

- Maintain a comprehensive log of all transactions and verification steps.

- Use Access reports to generate audit logs.

2. \*\*Data Security:\*\*

- Secure the Access databases with strong passwords.

- Ensure FSS access is restricted to authorized personnel only.

### Conclusion

By integrating these steps into your WIRKs software, you can simulate a blockchain-like environment using Microsoft Access and FSS. This approach enhances the security, transparency, and integrity of your RAW management system, providing decentralized, immutable record-keeping.

### Example Code and Setup

- \*\*Database Structure:\*\*

- Tables: `RAWCollection` and `RAWDisposal`

- Fields: ID, Timestamp, Department, Quantity, Details, Hash

- \*\*VBA Functions:\*\*

- `GenerateHash()`: Create a hash for each transaction.

- `AddCollectionRecord()`: Add a new collection record with a hash.

- `VerifyHash()`: Verify the hash of a record.

This method provides a practical way to achieve blockchain-like functionality within the constraints of Microsoft Access and your existing infrastructure.