Blockchain-Based Banking System: A Secure Banking Transaction

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**Abstract-**Banking systems can transition from their traditional methodologies to a digital, immutable, distributed ledger that can be implemented via Blockchain, thanks to ever-evolving technologies. Blockchain technology is a peer-to-peer linked distributed structure that can solve the problem of maintaining and recording transactions in a banking system. Transparency, robustness, auditability, and security are all characteristics of blockchain. This paper aims to provide these functionalities in a distributed banking system based on blockchain that is comparable to current methodologies. It will also cover the limitations of blockchain implementation as well as the future scope.

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

A blockchain system may be considered as a simply incorruptible cryptographic database where vital and confidential user’s information will be recorded. The system is maintained by a net- work of computers, which is accessible to anyone running the software. Blockchain operates as a pseudo-anonymous system that has nonetheless privacy problem in view that all transactions are exposed to the general public, even though it is tamper-proof inside the sense of data integrity. The access control to manage heterogeneous user’s confidential records across a couple of MNC establishments and devices had to be cautiously designed. Blockchain itself isn’t designed as a massive-scale storage system. Within the context of framework for secure banking, a decentralized storage solution would significantly complement the weak point of blockchain within the perspective. The blockchain network as a decentralized system is extra resilient in that there is no single-point assault or failure compared to centralized systems. However, because all the bit coin transactions are public and everyone has got right of entry to, there already exists analytics equipment that picks out the members within the community based totally on the transaction records [2]. The most important module is blockchain implementation comprises two kinds of records: blocks and transactions. In every block contains a timestamp and a link to a preceding block is supplied via the secure hash algorithm. During the storage, the transaction information into the blockchain system executes various algorithms like SHA for hash generation, mining for generating a valid hash, smart contract for system policy, and consensus for validating current blockchain on all Peer to Peer nodes. Therefore, banking application is more secure. Second thing is that data storage and accessibility. For this point use the Secret Shamir hashing technique and keyword as well as content-based cryptography techniques.

**II. PROBLEM DEFINITION AND OBJECTIVES**

The world is changing incredibly fast, and we are not all aware of it. Blockchain technology and crypto-currencies are an irreversible advancement that is disrupting established industries and the ways in which we interact financially. For that reason, understanding and being aware of this blockchain wave is incredibly important. The existing systems work as centralized architecture in database system.

**2.1 Goals and Objectives**

The objectives of this research paper are as follows:

* Implement cryptographic techniques to secure transactions and user identities, reducing the risk of fraud and unauthorized access.
* Utilize smart contracts to automate and enforce secure transaction protocols, minimizing the potential for human errors.
* Establish a secure and tamper-resistant data structure using blockchain, ensuring the integrity of transaction records.
* To improve the efficiency operations at each stage.

**2.2 Project Scope and Limitations**

In order to overcome weaknesses and inconvenience of online banking security, our pro- posed authentication system is designed to provide greater security and convenience by using user & transaction verification, authentication server & authorization. To address existing security problem, we implementation of a trusted framework for online banking in public cloud using multi-factor authentication using Blockchain Framework. To design and develop an own (custom) blockchain to store all transaction records in se- cure manner. Deploy a dynamic smart contract with consensus algorithm to enhance the transaction clarity to end user.

**Limitations-**

* **Technology Maturity:** Blockchain technology is still evolving, and the maturity of certain features, protocols, and tools may limit the project's ability to leverage the latest advancements.
* **Speed of Transactions:** While blockchain ensures security, the time taken to reach a consensus on transactions may not meet the real-time processing expectations of the banking industry.
* **Data Privacy Concerns:**Despite cryptographic measures, concerns related to the privacy of sensitive customer data may arise, particularly in the context of adhering to stringent data protection regulations.
* **Human Error in Smart Contracts:** Smart contracts are code-based, and errors in the code or vulnerabilities may lead to unexpected outcomes, emphasizing the need for rigorous testing and auditing.
* **Limited Adoption:** The widespread adoption of blockchain in the banking sector may take time, and the project may face challenges in gaining industry-wide acceptance.

**III. LITERATURE REVIEW**

Satoshi Nakamoto et.al [4] mentioned a peer to peer electronic cash system (Bitcoin). 2016. Online Payments or transaction where directly send from one party to another without going through a financial institution which undergoes peer to peer communication. Digital signatures play a role in protection at a limit. The proposed system uses a verification of data and secure transmission of money through bank validation. Smart Contracts also called crypto-contract, it is a computer program used for transferring / controlling the property or digital currents in specific parties. It does not only determine the terms and conditions but may also implement that policy / agreement. These smart contracts are stored on block-chain and BC is an ideal technology to store these contracts due to the ambiguity and security. Whenever a transaction is considered, the smart-contract determines where the transaction should be transferred / returned or since the transaction actually happened. Currently CSIRRO team has proposed a new approach to integrate Block on IOT with [2]. In its initial endeavor, he uses smart-home technology to understand how IOT can be blocked. Block wheels are especially used to provide access control system for Smart- Devices Transactions located on Smart-Home. Introducing BC technology in IOT, this search again provides some additional security features; however, every mainstream BC technology must have a concept that does not include the concept of comprehensive algorithms. Moreover, this technology cannot provide a general form of block-chain solution in case of IOT usage.

**IV. MOTIVATION**

**1. Enhanced Security:**

Traditional banking systems are susceptible to security breaches, fraud, and unauthorized access. Implementing blockchain technology provides an opportunity to enhance security through decentralized ledgers, cryptographic techniques, and smart contracts, reducing the risk of cyber threats.

**2. Increased Transparency:**

Blockchain's transparent and immutable nature allows for real-time visibility into transaction details. This transparency fosters trust among users, regulators, and other stakeholders, addressing concerns related to opaque financial processes in traditional banking.

**3. Efficiency Improvement:**

The inefficiencies and delays in traditional banking transactions, especially in cross-border payments, can be mitigated by leveraging blockchain. Smart contracts and decentralized consensus mechanisms streamline processes, reducing transaction times and operational costs.

**4. Regulatory Compliance:**

Compliance with regulatory requirements is a paramount concern in the banking sector. Blockchain's ability to automate and enforce regulatory protocols, including KYC/AML processes, ensures adherence to legal standards, reducing the risk of regulatory penalties.

**5. Decentralized Identity Management:**

Blockchain offers a decentralized and secure way to manage user identities. This is particularly valuable in banking, where identity theft and fraud are persistent challenges. Blockchain-based identity management enhances the accuracy and security of customer information.

**6. Global Financial Inclusion:**

Blockchain facilitates financial transactions without the need for traditional banking infrastructure. This has the potential to extend financial services to unbanked and underbanked populations globally, promoting financial inclusion.

**7. Innovation and Future-Proofing:**

Blockchain represents a paradigm shift in the financial industry. Implementing a blockchain-based banking system showcases a commitment to innovation and positions the institution for future technological advancements.

**8. Cost Reduction:**

Traditional banking systems often involve multiple intermediaries, leading to higher transaction costs. Blockchain's decentralized nature reduces the need for intermediaries, resulting in cost savings for both financial institutions and their customers.

**9. Competitive Edge:**

Being an early adopter of blockchain technology in the banking sector can provide a competitive advantage. It demonstrates a commitment to technological leadership and positions the institution as forward-thinking in the eyes of customers and investors.

**10. Environmental Sustainability:**

Some consensus mechanisms in blockchain, like Proof-of-Stake, are more environmentally friendly compared to traditional Proof-of-Work systems.

**V. PROPOSED SYSTEM**

In the security system developed using blockchain, there are four essential modules that play key roles: user authentication, user and transaction verification, authentication server, and authorization. Blockchain, in this context, is a digital and unchangeable ledger that records transactions in a chronological order, almost instantly. Think of it like an uneditable digital notebook where every transaction gets written down in the order it occurs.

in the blockchain implementation, we have two main types of records: blocks and transactions. A block is like a page in the notebook, and each page has a timestamp, showing when the transactions on that page happened. Importantly, each page is linked to the one before it through a secure hash algorithm. This linkage creates a chain, making it hard for anyone to tamper with past transactions because it would change the entire chain, and everyone in the network would notice. It's a bit like having a notary public for every page of your digital notebook, ensuring the authenticity of every transaction.

The protection gateway is an extension of this blockchain framework, adding an extra layer of security. It's like a virtual gatekeeper that uses the information in the blockchain to check and verify users and transactions. This way, the system ensures that only authorized users can access certain information or perform specific transactions, adding a robust layer of security to the overall process. So, in simple terms, the security system is like a super-secure digital notebook with a vigilant gatekeeper, ensuring that all transactions are authentic, transparent, and tamper-proof.

**VI. ARCHITECTURE OF BLOCKCHAIN**

The blockchain is sequence of blocks which hold the information about transactions between nodes of a network. Block Header consists of Block version, Merkle tree, Time Stamp, n Bit, Nonce, and Parent Block Hash.

**Block Version:** This is like a set of rules that the block must follow. It ensures that everyone in the network is on the same page regarding how a block should be created and validated.

**Merkle Tree**: Imagine this as a way to organize all the transactions in the block. It's like a structure that summarizes and securely combines all the individual transaction details.

**Time Stamp:** This is just the time when the block is created. It helps to organize the blocks chronologically.

n Bit and Target Threshold: These are technical details that involve creating a hash (a unique code) for the block. Miners (participants who validate and add blocks) need to adjust some parameters to make sure the hash meets certain criteria, ensuring the security of the blockchain.

**Nonce:** Nonce is like a special tool that miners use to find the right combination of numbers needed to create a valid hash. They adjust the Nonce until they get the correct hash that meets the criteria.

**Parent Block Hash:** This is the hash value of the previous block in the chain. It's like a connection between blocks, making sure they are linked in a secure and unbreakable way.

**Mining and Hash Calculation:** Miners are like puzzle solvers. They adjust the Nonce and use the information in the block header to calculate a unique hash for the block. This process is called mining. It ensures that each block is secure, unchangeable, and fits perfectly into the existing blockchain.

Transaction Counter stores the number of transactions that are completed by the block [12].

**VII. CONCLUSION**

This system proposes a secure and efficient method for storing data on the cloud using blockchain technology and encryption. By decentralizing the structure, it ensures data security. The security model, inspired by banking transactions, employs efficient algorithms, minimizing time requirements while providing high-level data security on the cloud. This architecture makes the system robust against unauthorized users attempting to steal or expose user information. In conclusion, the security level of banking transactions has significantly improved, enhancing the overall convenience of the banking process.

of blockchain-based voting systems represent an important step towards modernizing electoral processes and fostering trust in democratic institutions.

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