Blockchain meets Artificial Intelligence and Decentralized Storage: An Innovative Architecture for Decentralized Applications

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***Abstract*—This paper presents a novel architecture for developing Decentralized Applications (DApps) on Blockchain that integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) and decentralized storage for the age of Web3 applications. As these emerging technologies continue to evolve, the synergy among them offers not only unprecedented opportunities for innovation and advancement but also raises confusions, incompatibilities and unreliability. The proposed architecture aims to harness the strengths of Blockchain's distributed computation and ledger technology for transparency and security, AI's capabilities for fraud detection and penalization, and Social Media's network effects for user engagement and decentralized storage's reliability for trust. Through the integration of these technologies, DApps can offer enhanced privacy, autonomy, and trust while fostering inclusive and participatory ecosystems. The paper discusses the design principles, components, and potential use cases of such a hybrid architecture, highlighting its potential to revolutionize various domains, including content creation, social networking,land registration, and property market. To verify and validate the architecture, we have developed two DApps- one for social media and another for land registration and property market. Our developed DApps provided upto 100 fold gains in speed, 10 folds gains in cost, more reliably and automation than existing similar centralized applications.**

***Index Terms*—Blockchain, Dapps, Artificial Intelligence, Decentralized Storage, Smart Contracts, Decentralized Applications, Social Media,**

I. Introduction

The convergence of Blockchain, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and decentralized storage systems has ushered in a new era for decentralized applications (DApps) and Decentralized Autonomous Organizations (DAOs) [1]. DApps leverage blockchain for computation and decentralized storage for enhanced security and trust, while DAOs use smart contracts and AI to automate processes and eliminate intermediaries [2]. Web3 aims to create a decentralized internet that gives users more control over their data and transactions [3]. This paper presents a novel architecture that combines these technologies to build DApps emphasizing transparency, security, and inclusivity [4]. Despite the opportunities, rapid technological evolution poses challenges [5]. Our proposed architecture addresses these issues by integrating Blockchain, AI, and decentralized storage to support the next generation of DApps. Our framework addresses the limitations of current centralized systems and fully utilizes decentralized technologies to foster privacy, autonomy, and trust [6] [7]. We validate the architecture through two DApps: a social media platform and a land registration system, both of which offer significant improvements in speed, cost, reliability, and automation over centralized alternatives [8]. The paper details our architecture, its implementation in these DApps, and their performance, while discussing limitations and future work [9] [10].

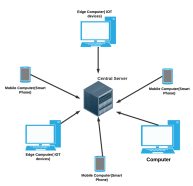
II. Related Works

Initially developed for cryptocurrencies, blockchain technology has expanded into diverse applications beyond finance. Foundational works like Satoshi Nakamoto's Bitcoin white paper [11] established its core principles, including distributed consensus, immutability, and transparency. Subsequent research has focused on scalability, privacy, and smart contracts [12] [13] [14], while efforts to integrate blockchain with technologies like IoT and decentralized identities have broadened its use cases [15]. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has advanced significantly with breakthroughs in machine learning and natural language processing, enhancing capabilities in image recognition, predictive analytics, and more. AI integration with blockchain aims to improve security, privacy, and functionality, employing AI for consensus mechanisms, anomaly detection, and resource optimization [16] [17] [18]

[19] [20]. Decentralized storage systems, such as IPFS and Filecoin, offer alternatives to centralized storage by using distributed architectures and data redundancy [21] [22]. Integrating these systems with blockchain enhances data integrity and availability [23] [24]. This paper explores the convergence of blockchain, AI, and decentralized storage, presenting a novel architecture for developing decentralized applications. By demonstrating real-world applications in social media and land registration, the paper contributes to understanding and advancing these technologies [25] [26] [27].

III. BACKGROUND

A. *Centralized Storage System*



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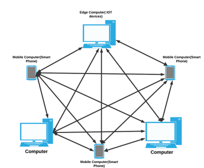

Fig. 2. Decentralized Storage System.

Centralized systems is based on their reliance on a singular entity or central authority which streamline decision-making processes and resource allocation, and hence, enhance operational efficiency. However, their inherent vulnerability to single points of failure poses significant risks to data security and integrity. In centralized systems, the concentration of power within a single entity increases the likelihood of abuses of authority such as censorship, manipulation potentially undermining trust in the system. Centralized systems streamline efficiency through a single authority but are vulnerable to single points of failure, risking data security and integrity. This concentration of power also increases the risk of abuse, potentially undermining trust [28]. On the other hand, decentralized systems distribute control and authority across a network of participants that provide better security, resilience, and transparency. By dispersing control among multiple nodes in the network, decentralized systems effectively mitigate the risks associated with data tampering and censorship. Without a central authority that is capable of unilaterally altering or deleting information, these systems offer greater assurance of data integrity and censorship resistance. Moreover, decentralization also cultivates collaboration and trust among participants, as control and benefits are democratically distributed, promoting inclusively and empowerment within the network's participants. The transition from centralized to decentralized models represents a profound paradigm shift in data- storage, management and governance. It challenges traditional hierarchical structures, instead advocates for a more equitable, transparent, and resilient approach to governance and decision-making about data. This shift not only enhances data security and integrity but also inspires innovation and democratizes access to information and resources, thereby empowering individuals and communities on a global scale. Decentralized systems distribute control, enhancing security, resilience, and transparency by reducing tampering and censorship risks. This fosters trust and collaboration with shared benefits. Shifting from centralized to decentralized models revolutionizes data management, promoting equitable governance, innovation, and global empowerment. [29]. Seminal examples of decentralized storages are IPFS, Storj, Filecoin, Siacoin etc.

B. *Blockchain as a Distributed Ledger Technology*

Blockchain technology underpins decentralized applications (DApps) with its immutable and transparent ledger system, initially popularized by cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin [11]. Beyond finance, it now extends to fields such as supply chain and healthcare, using cryptographic hashing and consensus mechanisms like Proof-of-Work (PoW) and Proof-of-Stake (PoS) for security [43]. Examples include Bitcoin, Ethereum, and Solana. Blockchain's immutability ensures data integrity and transparency by cryptographically linking transactions, making it ideal for tamper-proof records. It eliminates the need for intermediaries and central authorities, with smart contracts automating agreements and simple computations like transaction enforcement [14] [46]. In addition to secure data storage for DApps and DAOs, blockchains enable effective interaction among AI agents, decentralized storage systems, and users [33] [34].

C. *Smart Contract & Artificial Intelligence*

DApps and DAOs use smart contracts to automate and enforce transaction terms on blockchains, ensuring transparent, immutable execution without intermediaries [35]. These contracts offer innovative solutions and drive the advancement of decentralized applications [39] [40] [41]. For effective smart contract implementation, best practices must focus on security, efficiency, and scalability. This includes optimizing code, managing transaction costs (e.g., gas in Ethereum), mitigating vulnerabilities, and allowing for updates to meet changing requirements and regulations [14] [37] [38]. Artificial Intelligence (AI) mimics human intelligence through machine learning and other techniques, advancing fields like finance and healthcare. In DApps and DAOs, AI boosts automation and decision-making, providing predictive analytics and personalized experiences. It is essential for innovation in Web3.

IV. PROPOSED DAPP ARCHITECTURE

The proposed architecture for decentralized applications (DApps) integrates emerging Web3 technologies, combining Artificial Intelligence (AI) and blockchain to enhance DApp capabilities with automation and analytics. It features a front-end interface, built with web technologies like JavaScript and React, which interacts with blockchain through user-friendly tools such as MetaMask or Trust Wallet. This front-end communicates with blockchain smart contracts, ensuring secure and transparent transactions. AI within these smart contracts aids in fraud detection and automates contract verification.

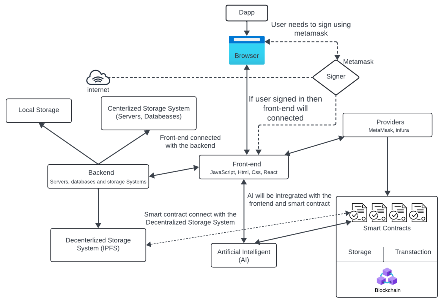

Fig. 3. Dapp Architecture.

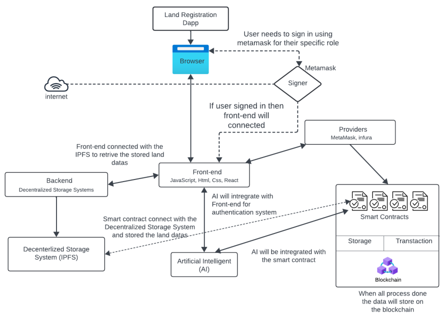

Fig. 4. Land Registration System Dapp Architecture.

The architecture ensures data integrity and security through distributed consensus and cryptographic methods, enabling peer-to-peer transactions without intermediaries. It uses dual storage systems, including both centralized for speed and decentralized systems like IPFS for security. Users engage with DApps via modern browsers and digital wallets. Tested through DApps in social media and land registration, the architecture demonstrates improved speed and cost-efficiency over traditional systems. By integrating blockchain with AI and decentralized storage, it fosters a secure, transparent, and inclusive framework for Web3 applications across various domains.

A. Land Registration and Property Market DApp

The ”Land Registration and Property Market DApp” intends to revolutionize digital land registration by using blockchain's decentralization technique. It also utilizes AI for verification, and decentralized storage for transparency and reliability. Smart contracts (e.g. ERC 20 protocol on Ethereum) in blockchain record land registration and transactions securely, facilitated through front-end interfaces. AI integration enhances user experiences through speeding up authentification and verification. The back-end stores land registration documents using decentralized storage (e.g. IPFS) ensuring resilient, distributed data storage. This, combined with blockchain's immutability, guarantees the security and permanence of land registration data. Usage of AI (e.g. detection of user based on stored image) architecture optimizes land registration processes, offering accurate, fraud-resistant records. With scalability and user-friendly design, it aims to surpass traditional systems, providing efficient, cost-effective, and trustworthy land transactions. Incorporating smart contracts into the proposed architecture expands the possibilities beyond traditional financial transactions, to include decentralized finance (DeFi), supply chain management, digital identity, and decentralized governance. The details of the DApp is provided in future sections.

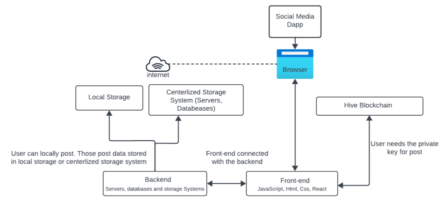

Fig. 5. Socila Media Dapp Architecture.

B. Social Media Dapp

”Social Media Dapp” illustrated in the figure 5 is an idea for a decentralized social media network based on the Hive blockchain. [44] It demonstrates a dual storage method in which users' posts may be saved both locally on the user's device and in a centralized system consisting of servers and databases for secondary data such as audio or video media. This improves data redundancy and availability. Users interact with the platform through a web browser and postings are created using a private key to emphasize data protection and ownership. The frontend, built using web technologies including as JavaScript, HTML, CSS, and React, connects to the backend and interacts with the Hive blockchain. This configuration combines the usability of regular social media interfaces with the security and decentralized advantages of blockchain technology. By leveraging the Hive blockchain, the platform ensures that user's primary data (e.g. blogs) on the blockchain is immutable and resistant to censorship. Moreover, this DApp illustrates a open and more inclusive approach to social media, where the integration of blockchain technology allows for a transparent and user-governed experience, shifting away from centralized control and towards a more democratic, user-centric model.

V. System Design and Algorithmic Workflow

A. System Design for Land Registration and Property Market DApp

1) Process of Adding Users: In Fig. 6, users log in using MetaMask, provide personal information, and submit identification papers. After verification, they gain limited platform access until their information is reviewed by a land inspector. Once confirmed, users have full permission to engage in all activities.

2) Process of Land Registration: Since adding land is a regulated process, lots of cautionary processes are needed to be applied. In Fig. 7, the process of land registration is shown in details. After initial registration and verification via MetaMask,

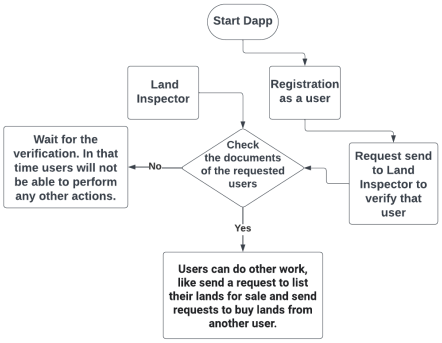

Fig. 6. Process of Adding Users.

users can add land by providing detailed information and relevant documents.

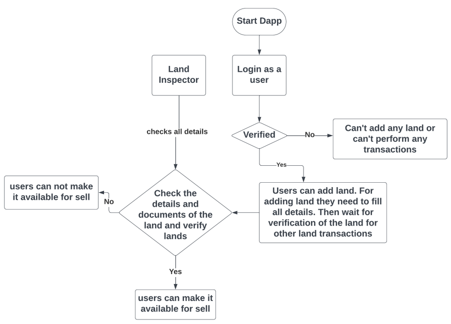

Fig. 7. Process of Adding Lands.

A designated land inspector validates the information against Government's record and prompts users to upload required documents. Once verified, the land is seamlessly integrated into the user's profile and Non-Fungible-Token (NFT) based proof of ownership of the land is assigned. The NFT is stored in decentralized storage to ensure security and reliability.

3) Process of Transferring Ownership: In Fig. 7, ownership transfer is depicted as follows: a seller post an asking price for his land in the DApp. Then the buyer sends a buy request to the seller by putting asked amount in digital currencies in the DApp. If seller accepts it, then payment is sent to the seller's wallet. The ownership NFT for buyer is created and sent to land inspector for authorization, ensuring a smooth and secure transaction process. However, instead of land inspector personnel, AI is employed to verify the seller's land ownership (i.e. ownership of NFT) and buyer's authentication. Implementation of AI part is work in progress.

B. System Design and Workflow for Social Media DApp

Users begin their journey on Hive by creating an account, where they are assigned a username and a unique posting key, which are then used for subsequent logins. With these credentials, users gain the ability to both read and create posts on the platform. When it comes to posting content, the platform is designed to offer two distinct post pages, one of which is hive.blog the other one is peakd.com. In the fronend of our DApp, users can also submit their content by completing a form that includes their username, posting key, and the post content itself. After their content is live, users retain the capability to edit their posts. Any content posted in this way becomes visible on hive.blog for the community. Furthermore, the platform supports a feature that allows users to search for and retrieve posts made by any user simply by entering the corresponding username, making it easy to access and enjoy content created by others.

TABLE I
COMPARISON OF TIME IN DIFFERENT LAND REGISTRATION SYSTEMS

System	Time (min)	Log Time
Traditional Method	420480	5.62
Digitized Method	144000	5.15
Blockchain System	30	1.47

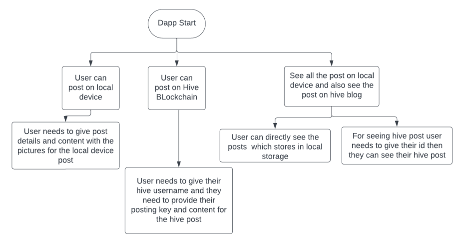

Fig. 8. System workflow of the Social Media Dapp.

VI. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

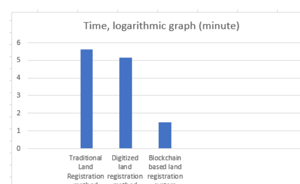

Fig. 9. Cost comparison of different Land Registration System.

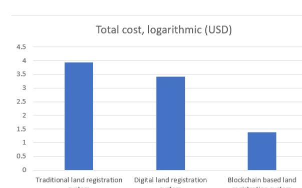

Fig. 10. Rough estimation of the total cost.

In the landscape of land registration, the estimated timeframes for each system in Figure 9 provide a vivid picture of the varying efficiency levels. The traditional land registration method typically extends over several months to years, contingent upon bureaucratic processes, document verification,

TABLE II
COMPARISON OF COSTS BETWEEN TRADITIONAL AND BLOCKCHAIN-BASED LAND REGISTRATION SYSTEMS

Fees	Perc.	Trad.System	Digital Sys.	Blockchain Sys.
Registration Fee	1%	$960	$960	$0
Stamp Fee	2%	$1440	$1440	$0
Transaction Fee	–	$240	$240	$24
Middleman	–	$6000	$0	$0
Transport	–	$60	$0	$0
Total (USD)	–	$8700	$2640	$24

and administrative approvals, resulting in prolonged timelines. The digitized land registration method seeks to streamline this process, potentially reducing the duration to several weeks or a few months. This is achieved through the utilization of digital documentation and streamlined workflows, significantly enhancing efficiency. In stark contrast, the implementation of a blockchain-based land registration system offers expedited timelines, potentially cutting the registration duration from a few months to a few minutes. The decentralized ledger system and automated verification mechanisms inherent in blockchain drastically reduce intermediary steps, providing near real-time updates and accelerating land registration processes. Taking assumption based on existing literature traditional land registration can take 420,480 minutes (about 292 days; log time: 5.62). Digitized system reduces it to 144,000 minutes (around 100 days; log time: 5.16). Blockchain-based system completes in just 30 minutes (log time: 1.48). Our data is based on traditional land based systems in Bangladesh and other digital land registration systems in the world [45]. In monthly terms (assuming 30 days), Traditional system is about 9.73 months, Digitized is roughly 3.33 months, while Blockchain-based system is practically instant. This highlights technology's transformative impact, ushering in more efficient land registration processes. Table **??** compares the time efficiency of three land registration methods, showing significant disparities. Traditional registration takes five and half months (i.e. 240,480 minutes-logarithmic value: 5.624), while digitized methods require 3.33 months (i.e. 144,000 minutes- logarithmic value: 5.158). In contrast, blockchain-based registration completes in just 30 minutes (logarithmic value: 1.477), showcasing remarkable efficiency improvements. From figure 10 we can understand the costs of land registration methods is crucial for making informed decisions. The traditional land registration method typically involves various expenses such as various fees, cost of offices and salaries of administrators, paper documentation, and ongoing maintenance, leading to substantial long-term expenditures. Though digitization of the system may reduces cost paper documentation and provide speediness but incur unreliability due to centralized storage. On the other hand, adopting a blockchain-based system incurs a initial cost for technology and training, but it has very low maintainability cost and requires very small infrastructure. The decentralized nature of blockchain thus reduce ongoing expenses over time by minimizing the need for middlemen, improving security, and limiting fraud, potentially resulting in significant long-term cost savings. In simpler terms, traditional land registration comes with higher total costs (around 3.94), indicating enduring financial commitments. and also the digital land registration system total costs also kind of similar of the traditional system which is (around 3.42) In contrast, the blockchain system has a lower total cost (approximately 1.38), suggesting it might be more cost-effective in the long run. Just to clarify, these values, 3.94, 3.48 and 1.38, are derived from the total cost and are converted into a logarithmic scale for a clearer comparison. A bar chart comparing the total costs of traditional and blockchain systems could visually illustrate the economic differences between the two methods in an easy-to-understand way. Table 2 compares the costs of traditional land registration and digital land registration systems with those of a blockchain-based system. The traditional model has multiple fees: a 1% registration fee (960 USD), a 2% stamp fee (1440 USD), transaction fees (240 USD), middleman fees (6000 USD), and transportation costs (60 USD), totaling 8700 USD. Conversely, the digital land registration system has fees like a 1% registration fee (960 USD), a 2% stamp fee (1440 USD), and transaction fees (240 USD). Unlike the traditional system, it has no intermediary and transportation costs. Furthermore, the blockchain-based system eliminates all these fees except for a reduced transaction fee of 24 USD. This stark reduction to a mere fraction of the traditional cost showcases blockchain's capacity to streamline processes, remove intermediaries, and digitize transactions, leading to significant cost savings.

VII. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

In conclusion, the integration of blockchain, storage infrastructure, and AI capabilities has led to the creation of revolutionary DApps and DAOs poised to transform multiple industries. These innovations address security concerns and offer features like cryptocurrency rewards for engagement, highlighting the potential of Blockchain as a social revolution. Moreover, in the proposed architecture, incorporating machine learning-based facial recognition technology exemplifies the user security and convenience for security issues in crucial service such as land registration. Usage of blockchain streamlines the user registration process and ensures secure land transactions by verifying the identities of buyers and sellers. More over, secured and important documents for land storage is stored in a decentralized storage that ensures no manipulation and stealing is possible. Looking ahead, our future work of the proposed architecture involves collaborations with regulatory organizations such as Governments to test and validate the real-world applicability of DApps. By engaging with regulatory bodies, we aim to gather valuable feedback and insights to further refine and optimize our architecture of DApps for practical use. These collaborations will enable us to assess the scalability, reliability, and usability of our proposed DApp architecture in diverse real-world scenarios, paving the way for their widespread adoption and impact. Our DApp architecture combines Blockchain, decentralized storage, and AI for user-centric innovation, ensuring speed, cost efficiency, reliability, and automation. Compared to centralized counterparts, our DApps using the architecture offer faster speeds, many fold cost savings, and superior reliability.

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