

Ensuring Logistics Integrity: An Ethereum Framework

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Abstract—In this study, we examine the potential benefits and difficulties of integrating blockchain technology based on Ethereum into logistics management systems. Our goal is to offer a thorough grasp of this technology's influence on the logistics sector by looking at its theoretical underpinnings and real-world implementations. Significant outcomes from our research include greater logistic transparency, real-time updates, increased security, and automation of contractual duties. These findings underscore the need to embrace innovation and create a legislative framework that facilitates the implementation of blockchain technology, with broad ramifications for logistics firms and legislators. Our study adds to the expanding corpus of information on the application of blockchain technology in logistics, offering insightful information to scholars, policymakers, and business professionals.

Keywords—blockchain; Ethereum; smart contract; logistic system; Decentralized.

I. INTRODUCTION

Blockchain is a revolutionary force in the rapidly changing world of technology, providing unmatched security, transparency, and efficiency in digital transactions. Ethereum, a blockchain platform that expands the use of this technology beyond cryptocurrencies to a wide range of sectors, including transportation and logistic management, is at the center of this transformation. The purpose of this study is to investigate how blockchain technology based on Ethereum may be integrated with logistics management systems. By improving visibility, security, and efficiency throughout global logistics, this combination has the potential to completely transform the logistics business.

Global logistics involve numerous parties, intermediaries, regulatory organizations, and levels of complexity that are extraordinarily complex [1]. Blockchain technology can help tackle the problems that contemporary logistics and logistics confront [2]. Blockchain can facilitate the gathering, storing, and administration of large amounts of product and logistical data. Through two key changes—boosting efficiency and creating new business models—blockchain technology may simplify and shorten the duration of a complicated logistical operation [3].

The security offered by sophisticated cryptographic methods, the immutability of the prior records, and consensus processes among the involved agents are all significant features. Some of these properties of blockchain are shown in Figure 1.

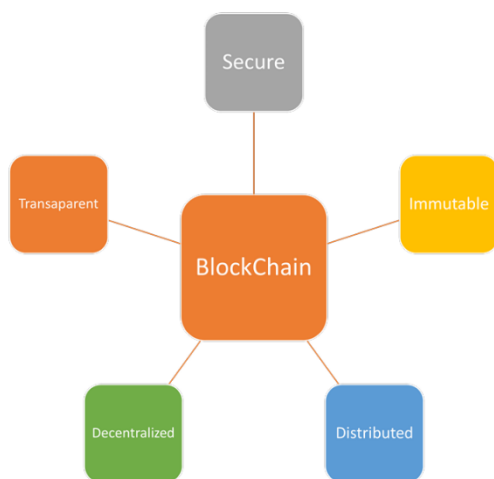


Figure 1 Characteristics of a blockchain system.

The purpose of this article is to develop an all-inclusive logistics management system for the manufacturing industry using the Ethereum Blockchain. For various logistic participant kinds, the system will offer services like ordering,

trade, information tracking, and inquiry using Node.js and smart contracts[5]. By developing a four-layered physical design for the consortium blockchain application and a four-tier logical architecture for the system, the paper will also solve the issues of data security, traceability, and responsibility.

The main contributions of this paper include:

1. Offering a design plan for an Ethereum blockchain-based integrated platform for logistical information services.
2. Smart contracts built on Ethereum are being used to streamline standard business procedures in logistics.
3. putting into practice a smart contract-based reputation assessment technique to gauge the legitimacy of logistic companies.
4. Blockchain technology with Internet of Things (IoT) integration to improve data security and expedite logistical procedures.

Future work, system architecture, design details, and related work will also be covered in this article. The suggested method might completely change logistic management by improving operational efficiency, security, and transparency.

A. Smart Contract

Smart contracts have gained popularity as blockchain technology has progressed from transaction-based logic to value pursuit through customisation (Govindan et al., 2022). Long before blockchain applications were developed, in the mid-1990s, the idea of smart contracts was first presented (Szabo 2016)[8]. It is defined as "a set of promises, specified in digital form, including protocols within which the parties perform on these promises." In actuality, smart contracts use cryptographic techniques to prevent agreement manipulation together with algorithmic contractual features that are encoded in computer programs. They become tamperproof, self-enforceable, and self-verifiable as a result (Manimuthu et al., 2021)[17]. The smart contracts serve a number of purposes. According to Manupati et al. (2022)[18], they automate the transaction process, monitor user agreements, facilitate asset transfer as soon as a specified agreement is satisfied, and ensure fair play among participants. They also facilitate utility to other contracts. The blockchain network stores smart contracts, each identified by a distinct address. They are created by first determining the understanding or intended result that every party hopes to attain. The contract then establishes the requirements that must be met for validation. Coding them and using them across various

blockchain nodes comes next. A consensus technique is used for validation, after which the ledger is updated (Swan 2015). The sort of blockchain network that a smart contract is connected to—public or private, permissioned or unpermissioned—determines the specifics of the validation process in that contract (Swan 2015)[11]. Consensus procedures for the validation of smart contracts are versatile in their application since the network partners have mutual understanding. Transaction-specific protocols or those governed by a selected body may be used. Contract validation and transaction posting can be done by partners using a third party (service provider) (Agrawal et al., 2021)[6]. Smart contracts enable participants in supply network cooperation to maintain the adaptability of unique relationships and customisation within a particular ecosystem. The specific contract type chosen is determined by the network design, the nature of the product, the degree of traceability and transparency, the underlying business model, and—as this study also examines—supply collaboration for better resource use (Dolgui et al. 2020).

B. Blockchain and smart contracts

The unique functions of smart contracts in supply networks have been emphasized in a number of studies, including (Saberri et al. 2019; Wang, Yan, and Wang 2021; Liu, Li, and Jiang 2021)[7]. (Ivanov, Dolgui, and Sokolov 2019; Vatankhah Barenji et al. 2020; Saberrietal.2019) These address a wide range of issues, including traceability, product safety, supply disruption, sustain ability, demand forecasting, scheduling, visibility, tariffs, compliance violation, transparency, certification, audits, and transaction settlements. Smart contracts verify the fulfillment of activities in blockchain-based supply networks to guarantee progress and identify irregularities. Smart contracts are well-suited to detect fraudulent transaction responsible partners and guarantee the provenance of goods and fair trade via the use of a distributed and decentralized network configuration and shared ledger. Data on the precise location and state (such as temperature) of assets, as well as their provenance, quality checks, ownership transfer, and transactional status, may all be kept and retrieved at any time via a blockchain network (Dubey et al. 2020). Because there is trust and confidence in the documents, auditing and regulatory operations are expedited and automated. This disrupts traditional governance procedures and saves time and costs by doing away with the need for an intermediary (Shermin 2017)[19]. But because configurable smart contracts must be mutually agreed upon, their automated nature may potentially ironically restrict supply network flexibility (Kim and Laskowski 2018). The contracts' terms and conditions must be carefully examined before being implemented when

switching from a manual to an automated real-time procedure (Swan 2015). A thorough literature search was carried out on Scopus to learn more about the literature on blockchains and the application of smart contracts in manufacturing supply networks. '(TITLE-ABS-KEY ("logistic") OR (logistic*)) AND ((smart AND contract) AND (blockchain) AND ((production) OR (manufacturing)))' served as the search string. After being sorted according to their importance and breadth in industrial logistics, the pieces were examined. The journal article published in English with the topic areas of engineering and business, management, and accounting was the only one that was found through search. 295 items were found in the first search. The list was narrowed to 61 papers in the first sorting stage by analyzing the abstracts, titles, and keywords[27]. Subsequently, four researchers scrutinized the content of these discovered publications to determine which ones were the most pertinent to the topic of smart contracts and its use in blockchain technology.

C. Importance of logistics management systems.

The seamless movement of products and information from the point of origin to the point of consumption is ensured by logistics management systems, which are essential to the effective operation of logistics. In order to efficiently satisfy client requests, these systems are critical to the coordination of intricate networks of manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and suppliers. The following main ideas emphasize how crucial logistics management systems are:

1) Enhanced Efficiency: Processes like order processing, transportation, inventory management, and warehousing are streamlined by logistics management systems, which increases operational effectiveness and lowers costs.

2) Improved Customer Satisfaction: Logistics management solutions help to increase customer satisfaction and loyalty by guaranteeing correct order fulfillment and prompt product delivery.

3) Optimized Inventory Control: By offering real-time visibility into stock levels, demand forecasting, and inventory tracking, these systems aid in maintaining ideal inventory levels.

4) Risk Mitigation: Logistics management systems offer data-driven insights into possible disruptions in the logistics, which facilitates improved risk assessment and mitigation measures.

5) Data Accuracy and Transparency: Logistics management solutions guarantee data integrity, transparency, and security throughout the logistic network by utilizing blockchain technology, like Ethereum.

6) Logistic Collaboration: These systems facilitate collaboration among various stakeholders in the logistic by

enabling seamless communication, information sharing, and coordination.

7) Adaptability and Scalability: Systems for managing logistics may expand operations to effectively meet increasing demand and adjust to shifting market circumstances.

D. The Potential of Integrating Blockchain with Logistics Management

The potential for resolving several persistent issues encountered by the logistics management sector through the integration of blockchain technology, especially Ethereum, with these systems is substantial. Important regions of influence consist of:

- **Transparency and Traceability:** The unchangeable record of blockchain technology makes it possible to trace items safely and transparently as they go through logistics. By guaranteeing that everyone has access to the same information, this degree of visibility helps to build confidence among stakeholders and lessen disagreements.
- **Smart Contracts for Efficiency:** Many contractual requirements in logistics operations, such as payments, customs clearance, and compliance, may be automated with Ethereum's smart contracts. This automation decreases human mistake and lowers administrative expenses while also expediting the process.
- **Security and Fraud Prevention:** Blockchain technology's decentralized structure makes data manipulation practically impossible, providing a strong defense against fraud and theft—two major issues facing the logistics sector.
- **Real-time Updates and Alerts:** Stakeholders may get real-time information on their shipments using Ethereum-based apps. This function may greatly increase customer satisfaction and is very helpful in handling deliveries that have a tight deadline.

The interdependence of the blocks that make up a blockchain's structure is seen in Figure 2. Every block has a hash that was calculated using the information in the block before it. Every brick is therefore dependent upon every other block. Any modification made to one block will also affect the hash of the blocks that follow.

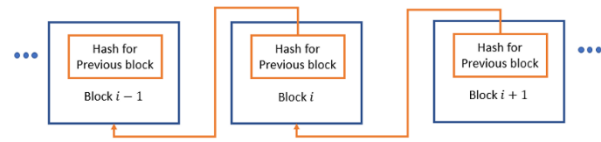


Figure 2 Structure of a blockchain demonstrating the dependency of each block on the previous one.

This exploration highlights the need for more research and development in the intersection of blockchain and logistics to fully unlock the potential benefits of this technological integration. As this technology continues to evolve and mature, it is poised to redefine logistics management and set a new standard for global logistic operations[11]. The integration of Ethereum-based blockchain technology into logistics management systems marks a pivotal shift towards more secure, transparent, and efficient logistics. The inherent characteristics of blockchain, combined with the sophisticated functionality of Ethereum's smart contracts, present a compelling solution to many of the logistical challenges faced by industries worldwide.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The convergence of blockchain technology with logistics and logistic management has attracted a lot of attention from academics, technologists, and business professionals in recent times. An increasing amount of scholarly works have begun delineating the conceptual models and pragmatic implementations of this integrated methodology. The purpose of this study of the literature is to summarize the current state of knowledge on Ethereum-based logistics management systems and to point out any important gaps that may require further research.

A. Existing Research on the Topic

A significant amount of current research is on the theoretical foundations and possible usage of blockchain technology in the logistics industry. Saberi et al. (2019) and Korpela et al. (2020)[8] offer thorough analyses of how blockchain technology might improve security, efficiency, and transparency in the logistics industry. Similarly, Hackius and Petersen (2017)[10] draw attention to how blockchain technology may be used to solve enduring problems in logistics, such as fraud, mistakes, and inefficiencies.

While less common, research focusing on Ethereum's function in this integration is just as important. Tian (2022), for example, investigates the automation of logistical processes using Ethereum smart contracts, highlighting the potential for improved productivity and less human error. In a similar vein, Queiroz and Wamba (2019)[20] talk about how Ethereum has the ability to revolutionize the logistics industry

by guaranteeing product authenticity and preventing counterfeiting.

Critical insights into the real-world uses and difficulties of deploying Ethereum-based solutions in logistics are offered via case studies and empirical research. For instance, a research by Petersen et al. (2021)[15] looks at a pilot project that tracked freight in real time using Ethereum smart contracts, showing notable increases in accountability and transparency.

B. Identification of Gaps in Current Knowledge

Even with the growing interest and insightful information provided by current research, there are still a number of gaps that call for more study:

- **Lack of Comprehensive Frameworks:** Although some research has focused on particular areas of Ethereum-based logistics systems, there is a noticeable lack of complete, integrative frameworks that cover the wide range of implementation elements of blockchain, from technological to regulatory[30].
- **Scalability Concerns:** Scalability issues that are intrinsic to Ethereum and blockchain technology in general are frequently ignored in the present corpus of literature[14]. It is imperative to address these constraints and look into alternatives or solutions given the enormous transaction volumes that are usual in global logistics.
- **Empirical Evidence:** Empirical studies on the long-term effects of incorporating Ethereum-based solutions into current logistical operations are scarce[16]. Studies that follow the development and results of these integrations over time are necessary to verify theoretical claims and offer verifiable proof of advantages, difficulties, and optimal procedures.

- **Regulatory and Ethical Considerations:** There is still much to learn about the moral and legal ramifications of using blockchain technology in logistics. Given that these systems cut across national borders, it is critical to comprehend and navigate the intricate web of international laws and moral issues.
- **Interoperability:** The little investigation of interoperability issues between various blockchain systems and between blockchain-based and conventional logistics management systems is another significant void. In order to achieve seamless integration and fully utilize the potential of the technology, this is imperative[17].

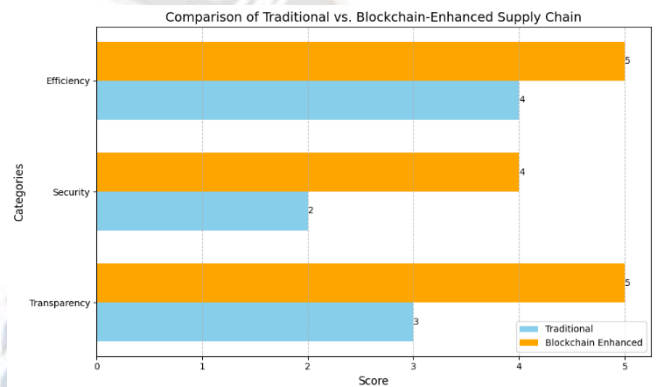


Figure 3 Comparison of traditional and blockchain logistic

C. Analysis of blockchain projects in logistic management

First, the nomenclature used to categorize the found literature is explained in this section. After that, a broad summary is displayed, displaying a categorization of all the sources that were looked at. Table 1 provides definitions and a list of pertinent terms.

Table 1 Classification regarding the investigated complexity.

Term	Description
Visibility	"The extent to which actors within [emphasis added] a supply chain have access to or share information which they consider as key or useful to their operations and which they consider will be of mutual benefit" [21].
Transparency	
Automation	Comparatively speaking, supply chain transparency expands on the idea of supply chain visibility by disclosing all relevant information to all parties involved, including customers [22]. As per Klan and Yu's [23] assertion, transparency encompasses even the capability of clients to obtain information without their active involvement in the supply chain system architecture or landscape.
Disintermediation	
Assembling	
Transformation	The phrase refers to the automation of supply chain operations in this context.
Final Product	In this context, disintermediation describes the elimination of Individual stages 111 the value cham.
Single parts	explains how parts that can have their modular compositions changed are mapped out along the supply chain.
Complex parts	

	<p>refers to situations that have the potential to alter and modify end products, intermediate components, or raw materials without affecting their modular makeup. (For instance, temperature treatments or processing stages)</p> <p>Products that do not experience any changes in their modular composition or transformation processes,</p> <p>A categorization for parts that do not change their modular composition but can experience transformation events.</p> <p>A categorization for parts that can experience changes in their modular composition.</p>
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III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The study techniques used to investigate the incorporation of blockchain technology based on Ethereum into logistics management systems are outlined in the methodology section. The purpose of this study is to fill in the gaps in the literature by addressing scalability issues, testing Ethereum's feasibility in logistics empirically, and evaluating the regulatory and interoperability issues related to its use.

A. Research Methods Used

A mixed-methods strategy is used, combining quantitative and qualitative research techniques to provide a thorough analysis of the topic, given the multidimensional nature of this study. The following is the structure of the methodology:

- **Literature Review:** a thorough analysis of previous scholarly works, industry reports, and case studies in order to establish the theoretical framework and contextualize the study.
- **Survey and Interviews:** surveying logistics experts and practitioners to get quantitative information about blockchain technology views, difficulties, and present practices. A limited number of participants will be interviewed in-depth in order to obtain qualitative insights into the advantages, disadvantages, and practical consequences of deploying Ethereum-based systems in logistics.
- **Case Study Analysis:** a thorough analysis of one or more companies that have integrated Ethereum-based apps into their logistical processes, either completely or as a pilot project. This will show real-world applications and offer empirical support for theoretical conclusions.
- **Technical Evaluation:** a technical evaluation of Ethereum's security features, interoperability, and scalability achieved by creating simulation models or prototypes. The purpose of this exercise is to uncover technological obstacles and investigate possible fixes.

B. Justification for the Chosen Methods

The need to address the research subject from both a theoretical and practical perspective justifies the use of mixed techniques.

- **Literature Review:** vital for establishing the research's foundation in the body of knowledge, recognizing the accomplishments and the gaps in the field.
- **Survey and Interviews:** Large-scale quantitative data collecting is made possible via surveys, and this is essential for comprehending the overall situation. These conclusions have depth, subtlety, and context that interviews add. These insights are difficult to get from merely numerical data.
- **Case Study Analysis:** The selection of case studies is based on their capacity to offer tangible instances of execution, exhibiting practical uses, obstacles, and consequences of Ethereum in logistics management systems. This approach gives the research a real-world perspective and empirical support.
- **Technical Evaluation:** Given that Ethereum's scalability and interoperability are two of the gaps that have been found, a technical assessment is required to objectively evaluate the system against these difficulties. Simulations and prototyping provide a practical evaluation of technological capabilities and constraints.

Table 2 Five steps methodology employed in the study.

	FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT	PURPOSE	ACTION/ACTIVITY
Step 1	Blockchain network architecture	To illustrate network architecture and partner interaction	Network architecture based on industry knowledge and literature

Step 2	Defining smart contract rules	To list down the rules for the working principle of the blockchain network	created with consideration for the needs of current logistical collaboration
Step 3	Logical view	To specify the smart contract's functionality and interaction sequence	Using UML sequence diagram based on identified functionality
Step 4	Smart contract algorithms	Process for validating transactions and verifying smart contracts	Algorithm written in a language that is easy to understand
Step 5	Framework demonstration	In order to confirm the created framework	Using an Ethereum Blockchain sample data set

This technique provides a thorough way to comprehend the advantages and disadvantages of using blockchain technology based on Ethereum in logistics. It integrates technical, empirical, and theoretical analyses to provide a comprehensive study that can offer significant new information to the subject.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

A number of features and techniques are included in the Ethereum-based logistics management system that is explained in the research paper "Manufacturing Industry Logistic Management Based on the Ethereum Blockchain" to improve logistic operations. The following is a thorough explanation of the main elements and operations of the system:

1) User Rights Authorization:

- A member structure is defined by the system, and user access to certain information is indicated by Boolean values.
- To maintain access control, administrators can give permissions by changing user variables.

2) Information Recording:

- Every product has an ID, which is used to hash registration details, create cryptographic signatures, gather timestamps, and save all data.

3) Order Taking:

- Verifies that requests are up to date and rejected, logs the price and estimated delivery time, creates receipt records, and associates them with matching IDs.

4) Service Provider Selection:

- involves creating order records containing order-taking and requirement information, updating receipt records, and entering the ID of the selected service provider.

5) Reputation Calculation:

- retrieves values from blockchain storage and uses algorithms to assess the reputation of logistical companies in real time.

The design of the system consists of smart contracts for improved information sharing, digital signatures for authenticity verification, and a four-layered physical architecture for effective data querying. The application, service, contract, and data layers make up the logical architecture, which maximizes processing efficiency and scalability.

The elements that make up the system include Reputation Management (reputation assessment), Process Management (order management, balance/fund management), Tracing (information registration, inquiry, and signature verification), and System Management (member registration, authority control). These modules provide efficient transaction administration, real-time reputation evaluation, tracking of items, and member authentication.

Data integrity is maintained through the use of signatures and verification procedures, and the Ethereum blockchain is employed in the implementation to provide dependable information storage and retrieval. Verifiable signatures on the blockchain are maintained while original data is stored in databases for comparison in tracing procedures[22]. Reputation management provides trustworthy reputation values for decision-making by dynamically assessing the trustworthiness of suppliers.

The Ethereum-based logistics management system, in general, combines blockchain technology with strong functionalities such as user authorization, information recording, order processing, service provider selection, reputation calculation, and secure data handling mechanisms to improve transparency, security, and efficiency in logistic operations.

A. Integration of blockchain technology

Blockchain technology is integrated into the Ethereum-based logistics management system that is explained in the research paper "Manufacturing Industry Logistic

Management Based on the Ethereum Blockchain" to improve efficiency, security, and transparency in logistic operations. This is an explanation of the system's integration of blockchain technology:

1. System Architecture:

- System administrators and logistic members establish a consensus network within the consortium blockchain network that makes up the system.
- Every company has an Ethereum node, and administrators are in charge of the database server.
- Customers do not take part in the blockchain network consensus, but they can use the system to perform query activities.

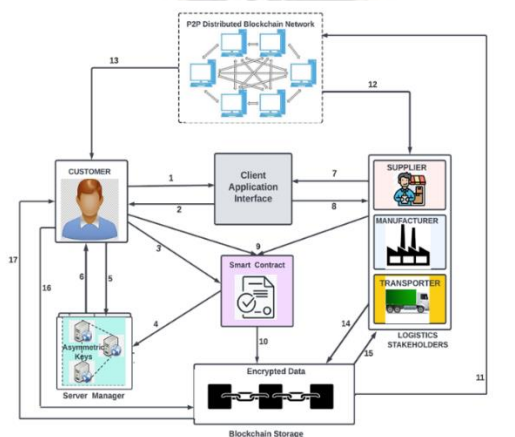


Figure 4 Proposed blockchain-based secure and efficient logistics management system architecture

2. Blockchain Operations:

- New transaction data is created by each entity's node, which then distributes it over a peer-to-peer network. All nodes then create new blocks in accordance with the Ethereum consensus process.
- The first node to complete broadcasting the hash and signature calculations wins the privilege to record the transaction in a new block.
- The new block contains the previously hashed transaction data, timestamp, difficulty, and other variables.
- The node recording the transaction transmits the new block to the whole network for verification and inclusion in local blockchains of other nodes.

3. Logical Architecture:

- The Ethereum blockchain, web3.js library, JavaScript on the browser side, and HTML pages make up the logical architecture of the system.
- The application layer (user interface), service layer (Node.js web services), contract layer (smart contracts for business logic control), and data layer (blockchain and database data storage) are the four layers of the suggested architecture.

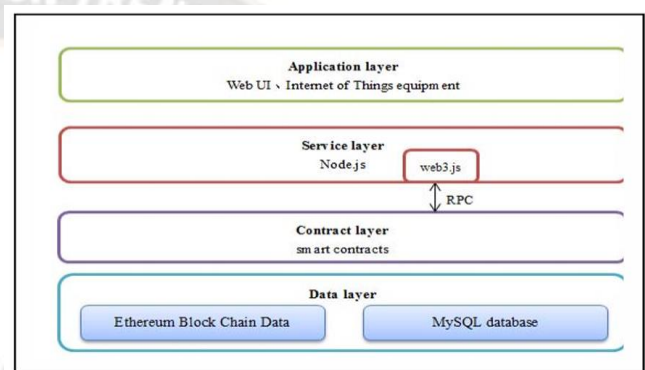


Figure 5 System logic architecture diagram.

4. System Modules:

- The modules of the system are for Reputation Management (reputation assessment), Process Management (order management, balance/fund management), Tracing (information registration, inquiry, and signature verification), and System Management (member registration, authority management).

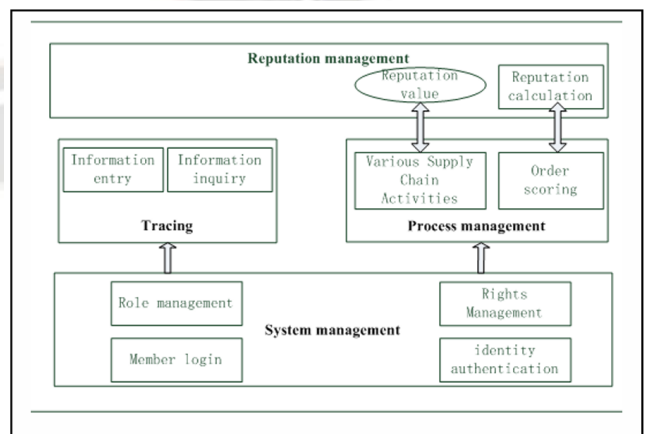


Figure 6 Organization diagram for system's module.

5. Key Functions:

- Within the logistics, reputation computation, trading, authority control, and tracking are essential tasks.
- Tracing procedures save original data in databases with verifiable signatures on the blockchain to provide trustworthy and tamper-proof information retrieval[30].

This Ethereum-based logistics management system guarantees safe data storage, transparent transactions, effective information sharing among logistic participants, and real-time reputation evaluation for improved logistic management decision-making by incorporating blockchain technology into its architecture and operations.

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Findings:

The findings of the study paper "Manufacturing Industry Logistic Management Based on the Ethereum Blockchain" demonstrate how blockchain technology may be integrated to solve logistic management problems. The main conclusions and points raised in the study are as follows:

1. Challenges in Traditional Logistic Management:

- The study uncovers constraints in the logistics of the conventional manufacturing sector, such as slow information transfer, vulnerable data, and trouble tracing responsibility.
- Problems with unlawful tampering and accountability provide a barrier to centralized data management, resulting in inefficient information exchange and traceability.

2. Role of Blockchain Technology:

- Blockchain technology is known for its capacity to facilitate multi-party maintenance, provide easy traceability, tamper-proof data storage, and improve transparency.
- The study highlights how blockchain may be used to manage all logistical ties, strengthen security, eliminate information silos, increase the effectiveness of teamwork, and make information traceability and oversight easier.

3. Integration of IoT with Blockchain:

- The combination of blockchain and the Internet of Things (IoT) in industrial applications, particularly in manufacturing industry logistic management, is highlighted as a way to enhance data security and manage logistic processes effectively.
- Data security from IoT devices is improved by blockchain technology, and IoT data may be

used as input for smart contracts on the blockchain to effectively handle logistical processes.

4. Ethereum Blockchain Implementation:

- In order to enable the execution of logical services, the study focuses on using the Ethereum Blockchain platform for smart contract development.
- Solidity-written smart contracts offer logistic parties a handy means of business assistance by enabling the implementation of agreed-upon rules on the blockchain for cooperative interactions.

5. System Architecture and Design:

- To increase the effectiveness of data queries, a four-layered physical design is suggested for the consortium blockchain application.
- With the addition of digital signatures to connected data for authenticity verification, multi-node data consistency on blockchains improves information sharing.

6. System Modules and Functions:

- To support member registration, authority control, information tracking, trade facilitation, and reputation evaluation, the system has modules for system management, tracing, process management, and reputation management.
- To improve logistic operations, the system places a strong emphasis on essential features including reputation calculation, tracking, trading, and authority management.

Overall, the study's conclusions show how incorporating blockchain technology into logistics management in the industrial sector may help overcome important issues by enhancing participant cooperation, security, efficiency, and transparency.

B. Interpretation and discussion of the results

In terms of the use of blockchain technology to logistic management, the study paper "Manufacturing Industry Logistic Management Based on the Ethereum Blockchain" offers important findings and discussions. The results are interpreted and discussed as follows:

1. Challenges Addressed:

- The study highlights issues with traditional logistic management, including delays in information transfer, data insecurity, and problems with accountability tracking.

- It is widely acknowledged that blockchain technology has the ability to address these issues by offering transparent, safe, and effective logistical management solutions.
2. Role of Blockchain Technology:
 - The fundamental properties of blockchain, which facilitate dispersed networking, data immutability, traceability, and transparency, are in line with the requirements of multi-party logistics management collaboration.
 - Blockchain technology integration can improve the logistic network's traceability, efficiency in collaboration, security, and information sharing.
 3. Ethereum Blockchain Implementation:
 - In order to facilitate the execution of logical services, the study focuses on using the Ethereum Blockchain platform for smart contract programming.
 - Solidity-written smart contracts offer a strong foundation for carrying out company policies and guaranteeing safe transactions inside the logistic network.
 4. System Architecture and Design:
 - For the consortium blockchain application, a four-layered physical design is suggested in order to boost information exchange and optimize data query performance.
 - Digital signatures are used in the logistic network to verify authenticity and maintain data security and integrity.
 5. System Modules and Functions:
 - The system supports a number of essential features for efficient logistical operations, including modules for System Management, Tracing, Process Management, and Reputation Management.
 - Logistic management prioritizes core operations such as reputation calculation, tracking, trading, and authority control in order to improve efficiency, security, and transparency.
 6. Technical Solutions:
 - The tracing procedure stores original data in blockchain-based databases with verifiable signatures to guarantee trustworthy and unaltered information retrieval.
 - A dynamic assessment technique is used in reputation management to determine the

reliability of suppliers and to give decision-makers access to up-to-date reputation values.

The study's conclusions highlight how blockchain technology has the ability to completely alter the industrial sector's logistic management by tackling important issues and fostering more efficiency, security, transparency, and cooperation among logistic actors.

VI. CONCLUSION

Numerous important conclusions have been drawn from the investigation on the incorporation of blockchain technology based on Ethereum into logistics management systems. These observations are noteworthy because they offer a thorough grasp of the possible benefits and difficulties related to the application of Ethereum-based systems in logistics.

Effective Monitoring and Following:** Blockchain technology's immutability makes it possible to track and trace commodities with ease throughout the logistics process, encouraging accountability and transparency[12].

Automation of Contractual requirements:** By eliminating administrative expenses and avoiding mistakes, smart contracts on Ethereum enable the automation of a number of contractual requirements, such as payment and customs clearance.

****Enhanced protection**:** Blockchain technology's decentralized and tamper-proof structure offers an unmatched degree of protection for logistics, lowering the possibility of fraud and mistakes.

****Real-time Updates:** Ethereum-based apps enable stakeholders to get up-to-date information on their shipments in real-time, guaranteeing punctual delivery and augmenting consumer contentment [32].

The discipline of logistics and logistic management will be significantly impacted by the research's conclusions. They draw attention to how blockchain technology built on Ethereum has the power to completely change the sector by boosting productivity, security, and transparency. Adopting these advances is going to be more and more important for logistics organizations looking to stay competitive as the technology environment changes.

Enterprises may use the benefits of blockchain technology built on Ethereum to optimize their supply chain processes, boost client happiness, and reduce risks. Logistics firms may save expenses, increase market reputation, and generate new income streams by adopting these advances.

The regulatory landscape may be significantly shaped by legislators and regulatory agencies in order to promote the uptake and extensive application of blockchain technology based on Ethereum in the logistics industry. Adequate rules have the potential to mitigate worries over data privacy,

security, and interoperability, while promoting fairness and equality for all parties involved.

To sum up, the incorporation of blockchain technology based on Ethereum into logistics management systems represents a significant and thrilling advancement in the field of logistics development. The integration has the ability to completely transform the logistics sector by improving security, efficiency, and transparency in international logistics, as the research makes clear.

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