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Ensuring Secure Sharing of Identity Information of KYC Compliance and Verification

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Abstract: The increasing dependence on centralized servers for storing around 70% of user data, including sensitive details such as addresses, zip codes, gender, and medical history, presents serious risks of misuse or unauthorized alterations. To counter these threats, a Blockchain-based KYC Sharing system is introduced, utilizing Blockchain's robust features of encryption, access control, and immutability. Each record is stored as a transaction or block, linked to a unique HASHCODE that ensures data integrity by verifying all previous HASHCODEs before adding new information. Users retain explicit control over data access, and whenever an organization retrieves their KYC details, Blockchain automatically sends an email notification, enhancing transparency and accountability. Additionally, Smart Contracts written in Solidity optimize the storage and retrieval process within the Blockchain. This system strengthens secure data sharing, minimizes privacy breaches, and fosters a more user-focused and trustworthy approach to data management, addressing key concerns of centralized storage.

Keywords: centralized servers, sensitive information, KYC, Blockchain, data encryption, access control, immutability, HASHCODE

I. INTRODUCTION

In our digital era, the expansion of online platforms has led to an extensive accumulation of user data, especially through identity verification methods like Know Your Customer (KYC). Traditional storage and sharing approaches often lack sufficient security, exposing users to potential breaches and data exploitation. The "Secure Sharing of Identity (KYC)" project seeks to counter these issues by integrating cutting-edge technologies, creating a reliable framework for handling and exchanging sensitive identity details.

Within KYC, secure identity-sharing involves robust protections for personal data, including identification documents, addresses, and other key information. This ensures financial institutions can authenticate customers while safeguarding their privacy and security. By utilizing encryption, secure transmission channels, and authentication protocols, institutions can verify identities without risking exposure of sensitive data.

This approach strengthens security while fostering trust between customers and financial institutions. In today's digital landscape, ensuring secure identity-sharing is essential for preventing identity theft, money laundering, and other financial crimes. The goal is to maintain a delicate balance between security, efficiency, and user experience.

Emerging technologies play a crucial role in enhancing secure KYC processes. Blockchain supports decentralized, transparent identity verification, reducing reliance on single repositories and minimizing data leak risks. Zero-knowledge proofs (ZKP) enable identity authentication without revealing personal information, bolstering privacy. Biometric methods, such as fingerprint and facial recognition, add an additional layer of security by limiting dependence on static credentials. With self-sovereign identity (SSI) models, users gain control over their data, allowing independent credential management without third-party intermediaries. These advancements create a more privacy-centric and streamlined KYC system.

Despite its advantages, secure identity-sharing faces challenges, including regulatory disparities, consent mechanisms, and integration with older systems. Governments and institutions must collaborate to establish standardized protocols

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that balance compliance with user privacy. Providing individuals with accessible and transparent platforms to manage their identity data will be key to broad adoption. Ultimately, secure KYC identity- sharing is critical for preventing financial crimes like identity theft and money laundering, ensuring safer digital transactions, and reinforcing trust within the financial system.

As technology advances, financial institutions must continually refine their strategies to maintain the equilibrium between security, efficiency, and user experience.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Abdullah Al Mamun; Sheikh Riad Hasan; Md Salahuddin Bhuiyan; M. Shamim Kaiser; Mohammad Abu Yousuf [1] The Know Your Customer (KYC) process plays a crucial role in ensuring financial security and compliance by verifying the authenticity and risk profile of individuals engaging in banking transactions. However, conventional KYC procedures are often burdened by high costs, lengthy processing times, and repetitive verification steps across multiple institutions. To overcome these challenges, this work proposes a secure, efficient, and decentralized KYC verification framework using InterPlanetary File System (IPFS) and blockchain technology. By leveraging blockchain's immutability, transparency, and decentralized nature, the system facilitates the seamless exchange of verified identity records among financial institutions while maintaining data integrity and customer privacy.

The proposed IPFS and blockchain-based KYC system transforms the traditional verification process by enabling a customer to complete KYC at one bank and securely share their identity data across multiple institutions using an encrypted hash. Upon generating a unique hash value, the customer's KYC details are stored in the IPFS network, ensuring secure, tamper-proof storage. If the customer wishes to open an account at another financial institution, they can provide their private key, allowing the bank to retrieve and verify their identity without requiring repeated document submissions. This streamlined approach reduces operational costs, prevents redundant verification efforts, and significantly enhances security against fraud and identity theft. By integrating blockchain and IPFS, the system not only ensures data confidentiality and accessibility but also fosters a trustworthy and efficient banking ecosystem, promoting a user-friendly and scalable KYC verification model for future financial applications.

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As digitization continues to expand, individuals frequently use their personal identity documents for various services, often sharing them with third parties without explicit authorization. This widespread practice, coupled with the decentralized storage of identity information across banks, government institutions, and credit agencies, increases the risk of vulnerabilities and security breaches. The financial sector has long sought solutions to improve identity management and reduce exposure to fraud, and blockchain technology has emerged as a promising approach. By shifting KYC verification to a secure, immutable blockchain database, financial institutions can significantly reduce redundant identity checks while enhancing security and efficiency.

Blockchain's decentralized and tamper-resistant architecture ensures that once identity data is recorded, it remains unalterable, preventing fraudulent modifications or unauthorized access. This single-source KYC system would allow banks and financial institutions to collect and verify identity data from authoritative providers, consolidating information into a secure, transparent, and immutable ledger.

By using smart contracts and cryptographic encryption, the Blockchain KYC framework enables real-time identity verification, eliminating the need for repetitive document submissions. As a result, banks can streamline customer onboarding, enhance security, and build a trusted digital identity ecosystem that reduces risks associated with identity fraud and compliance inefficiencies.

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Traditional e-KYC platforms primarily rely on strong authentication protocols and standard encryption techniques to maintain security. Typically, the KYC system owner encrypts identity documents using their host's key before uploading them to the cloud. While this ensures basic data protection, it also leads to encryption dependency, complex key management, and communication overhead. To address these concerns, blockchain-based e-KYC solutions are emerging as a promising alternative, incorporating ciphertext policy attribute-based encryption (CP-ABE) and decentralized access control to enhance trust, security, and compliance. By leveraging attribute-based encryption, users gain fine-grained control over their identity data, ensuring privacy while mitigating security risks associated with centralized cloud storage. Future developments will continue to refine these methods, integrating artificial intelligence, biometrics, and distributed ledger technology to further improve secure identity verification processes in digital banking ecosystems. dependency and communication and key management overheads. In this paper, we introduce a novel blockchain based e-KYC scheme called e-KYC Trust Block based on the ciphertext policy attributebased encryption (CP-ABE) method binding with the client consent enforcement to deliver trust, security and privacy compliance. In addition, we introduce attribute- based encryption to enable the privacy preserving and fine- grained access of sensitive transactions stored in the blockchain. Finally, we conduct experiments to show that our system is efficient and se .Nazir Ullah; Kawther A. Al-Dhlan; Waleed Mugahed Al- Rahmi[4]

The traditional Know Your Customer (KYC) process in financial institutions faces several challenges, including security vulnerabilities, high operational costs, and inefficiencies due to redundant verification procedures. As financial services evolve, the adoption of disruptive technologies becomes essential to address these limitations. This study introduces a Hyperledger Fabric network designed to optimize the KYC process by enhancing security, accelerating verification speed, and improving transparency in identity management.

Hyperledger Fabric, a permissioned blockchain framework, ensures secure data sharing by leveraging cryptographic identity management, smart contracts, and decentralized ledger capabilities. To evaluate the effectiveness of this system, the experiment was conducted using Hyperledger Composer, which provides a structured framework for deploying blockchain applications. The results confirm that the proposed system significantly reduces processing time for KYC clearance, eliminates duplication of identity verification efforts, and enhances cost-efficiency. Furthermore, the immutability and auditable transparency of Hyperledger Fabric reinforce compliance while mitigating fraud risks. Ultimately, integrating blockchain technology into KYC optimization establishes a more secure, efficient, and reliable financial ecosystem, aligning with future demands for digital identity verification and regulatory compliance of object-oriented software engineering. The standard is managed, and was created by, the Object Management Group. The goal is for UML to become a common language for creating models of object-oriented computer software. In its current form UML is comprised of two major components: a Meta-model and a notation. In the future, some form of method or process may also be added to; or associated with, UML.

III. PROPOSED WORK

Existing System

The widespread reliance on centralized systems for identity data storage presents significant security challenges, particularly in KYC processes where individuals must disclose highly sensitive information. Traditional centralized databases create a single point of failure, making them attractive targets for cybercriminals seeking unauthorized access or data manipulation. Personal details such as identification numbers, addresses, and financial records are often stored without robust encryption or access controls, leaving them vulnerable to breaches. Once compromised, this information can be exploited for identity theft, fraud, or even unauthorized surveillance, raising serious concerns about user privacy and digital security. Additionally, the lack of transparency regarding how institutions handle and protect this data further exacerbates the risks, leaving users with little assurance that their personal information is adequately safeguarded. As threats continue to evolve, financial institutions and digital platforms must reassess traditional models of identity storage and adopt more resilient security architectures to mitigate vulnerabilities. To address these risks, decentralized identity frameworks and advanced security technologies offer promising alternatives. By leveraging blockchain-based identity management and cryptographic protections, users can retain greater control over their personal data, eliminating the need for institutions to store large volumes of sensitive information on centralized

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servers. Self-sovereign identity solutions allow individuals to authenticate themselves without exposing unnecessary details, reducing the chances of data misuse.

Furthermore, adopting secure multi-factor authentication methods, such as biometric verification and encrypted digital credentials, enhances security while streamlining user experiences. Financial institutions can also implement zero knowledge proof mechanisms, enabling verification without revealing actual data, thereby preserving privacy while ensuring compliance.

As digital ecosystems continue to expand, transitioning to decentralized and encrypted identity models will be crucial in safeguarding user information, fostering trust, and redefining secure data sharing in KYC processes.

DISADVANTAGES

Complexity: Implementing secure identity-sharing mechanisms introduces technical and operational complexities, requiring sophisticated encryption protocols and advanced authentication frameworks. The integration of these systems can sometimes lead to delays in

Proposed System

The "Secure Sharing of Identity (KYC)" project is a pioneering initiative that harnesses blockchain technology to centralized data storage while providing users with greater autonomy over their personal information. As financial institutions and digital platforms continue to adopt this innovative model, they not only safeguard customer identities but also enhance trust and reliability in online interactions. With the growing need for secure and seamless identity verification, this initiative represents a crucial step toward redefining KYC processes and shaping the future of digital authentication.

ADVANTAGES

Data Protection: Secure sharing of identity data plays a vital role in safeguarding personal and financial information from unauthorized access and cyber threats. By implementing encryption techniques and decentralized identity frameworks, institutions can ensure that sensitive data remains tamper- proof and resistant to breaches.

This minimizes the risk of identity theft and fraudulent activities, reinforcing security across digital transactions. Additionally, controlled access mechanisms allow users to share only necessary details with authorized entities, preventing unnecessary exposure of p personal information

As digital ecosystems continue to grow, prioritizing robust data protection strategies helps individuals maintain privacy while benefiting from seamless and secure financial interactions.

1. Compliance: Financial institutions must adhere to stringent data protection regulations and KYC requirements, making secure identity sharing an essential component in regulatory compliance. By adopting advanced security frameworks, banks can ensure that their data-sharing mechanisms align with legal standards, protecting users while mitigating the risk of non-compliance penalties. Automated verification tools and blockchain-based identity management streamline compliance efforts by creating transparent and auditable data records that enhance accountability. Additionally, staying ahead of evolving regulations enables institutions to proactively address

enhance privacy, security, and efficiency in digital identity verification. Blockchain's decentralized architecture eliminates the reliance on vulnerable centralized databases, ensuring that identity records remain tamper-proof and resistant to unauthorized access. Each identity transaction is securely encrypted and assigned a unique identifier, creating an immutable audit trail that guarantees data integrity. Smart contracts further streamline the verification process by automating secure data exchanges, allowing only verified entities to access specific identity details. This approach not only strengthens security but also simplifies compliance for financial institutions, making KYC procedures more transparent and effective. In addition to leveraging blockchain, the project incorporates advanced notification mechanisms that empower users with real-time oversight of their identity data. Whenever an entity requests access to personal information, users receive instant alerts, allowing them to monitor and control their data transactions proactively. This transparency ensures that individuals remain informed about how their information is being utilized, reducing concerns about unauthorized access or data exploitation. Furthermore, integrating multi factor authentication

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and biometric verification enhances security, making unauthorized breaches nearly impossible. By combining blockchain's protective features with user-centric monitoring tools, the project fosters a more secure and resilient digital identity ecosystem.

2. Trust: Trust is a cornerstone of successful financial services, and secure identity sharing directly contributes to strengthening the customer-bank relationship. When individuals are assured that their identity information is handled with the utmost security and transparency, they are more likely to engage confidently with financial institutions. Features such as real-time access notifications, encrypted authentication, and decentralized data storage empower users with control over their personal information, fostering a sense of security. This proactive approach enhances customer confidence in banking services, encouraging long-term engagement and loyalty. By

3. Ultimately, the "Secure Sharing of Identity (KYC)" project establishes a new standard for digital identity management by prioritizing security, privacy, and efficiency. Its decentralized framework minimizes risks associated with emerging security concerns, demonstrating their commitment to responsible data handling and reinforcing trust among stakeholders,Customer

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User sign up



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Access KYC



User can see KYC



User Can See Admin Accepted Request

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V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

The Secure Sharing of Identity (KYC) project represents a significant advancement in identity management, addressing vulnerabilities in traditional KYC processes by integrating blockchain technology, encryption, and decentralized verification systems. Conventional identity-sharing mechanisms often involve storing sensitive user data in multiple locations, increasing the risks of data breaches and unauthorized access. By leveraging immutable ledger technology, this project ensures that identity data remains tamper-proof, transparent, and accessible only to authorized entities, reducing reliance on centralized servers.

The use of smart contracts and automated notifications further enhances security by allowing users to retain control over their personal information while ensuring seamless identity verification. Additionally, InterPlanetary File System (IPFS) is incorporated to store encrypted KYC data efficiently, eliminating redundancy and reducing verification costs across multiple financial institutions.

The project ultimately streamlines identity authentication while minimizing fraud risks, enhancing regulatory compliance, and optimizing KYC processes for financial service providers. Looking ahead, the future of secure identity-sharing for KYC is poised to undergo significant transformations with the integration of biometrics, artificial intelligence (AI), and quantum encryption.

As cybersecurity threats evolve, the financial sector will need adaptive security models to mitigate new risks and prevent identity fraud more effectively.

The emergence of self- sovereign identity (SSI) solutions will empower individuals to manage and share their identity credentials without relying on third-party providers, enhancing privacy and security Additionally, governments and financial institutions may work toward standardizing digital KYC protocols to ensure interoperability across jurisdictions, simplifying compliance procedures. Ongoing advancements in machine learning- driven fraud detection and real-time threat analysis will help institutions proactively counter security vulnerabilities, fostering a more trustworthy, efficient, and user-friendly KYC ecosystem. As digital transactions become increasingly prevalent, refining identity-sharing mechanisms will be crucial to strengthening global financial security and building a resilient digital identity framework for the future.

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