Online Voting System using Blockchain Technology

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Abstract: The advent of blockchain technology has sparked interest in its potential application to various domains, including voting systems. This paper proposes a novel online voting system leveraging blockchain technology to address critical challenges such as security, transparency, and verifiability in electoral processes. Our system employs a distributed ledger to record votes securely, ensuring immutability and tamper resistance. Smart contracts are utilized to automate voting processes, enhancing efficiency and reducing human errors. We present a comprehensive architecture for our blockchain-based online voting system, encompassing voter registration, ballot creation, voting, and result tabulation phases. A user-friendly interface ensures accessibility for voters, while robust authentication mechanisms prevent unauthorized access and ensure the integrity of the electoral process

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I. INTRODUCTION

In an era marked by rapid technological advancements, the traditional methods of conducting elections are being reevaluated in light of emerging digital solutions. The integration of blockchain technology into online voting systems presents a promising avenue to address longstanding concerns regarding security, transparency, and trust in electoral processes. Blockchain, originally devised as the underlying technology for cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, has garnered attention for its decentralized, immutable, and transparent nature.

This introduction sets the stage for exploring the potential of blockchain-based online voting systems to revolutionize democratic practices. The traditional paper-based voting systems have faced criticism due to vulnerabilities such as fraud, manipulation, and lack of transparency. In contrast, blockchain offers a decentralized ledger where transactions (in this case, votes) are recorded in a secure, tamper-proof manner across a network of nodes.

The concept of smart contracts further enhances the efficiency and reliability of online voting systems by automating key processes and ensuring adherence to predefined rules. Moreover, cryptographic techniques like homomorphic encryption and zero-knowledge proofs are employed to safeguard voter privacy while enabling verifiability and auditability of election results.

II. METHODOLOGY

A. EXISTING SYSTEM

The Existing System of Election is running manually. The Voter has to Visit to Booths to Vote a Candidate so there is wastage of Time. Due to this many people don't go out to cast their vote which is one of the most important and Worrying factor. In democracy Each and every vote is important. This Traditional system can be replaced by a new online system which will limit the voting frauds and make the voting as well as counting more efficient and transparent.

B. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed blockchain-based online voting system is designed to address the inherent challenges of traditional voting methods while leveraging the advantages of blockchain technology to ensure security, transparency, and verifiability in electoral processes. The Proposed Uses the combination of the modern technology and the security and transparency of blockchain Technology to implement a modern voting system. It uses a Decentralized Ledger to record and store votes in a tamper resistant and immutable manner. It is Implemented using a smart contract which cannot be altered or modify, making it one of the best choices to be implemented in a voting system. This system provides total anonymity throughout its process right from the registration phase till the result is displayed.

User can vote right from the comfort of his home, or from wherever he wishes, not only that he can also vote according to his convenience. This is exactly what you expect from an online voting system i.e. completely anonymous and completely secure.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation of the proposed blockchain-based online voting system involves a systematic approach to develop, deploy, and test the system components while ensuring adherence to best practices in blockchain technology and online security.

The implementation plan can be outlined as follows:

A. Smart Contract Development
Develop smart contracts to automate voting processes, manage voter registration, and enforce voting rules. Smart contracts are written in languages such as Solidity (for Ethereum) or Chain code (for Hyperledger) and are deployed on the blockchain to ensure transparent and secure execution of voting operations. The Smart Contract ensures immutability and tamper proof record of votes which in turn increases the trust of the voter that his vote in not tamper or modified in any way. It also provides a way to track down your votes.

B. Blockchain Implementation(locally)
To simulate blockchain locally we used the local blockchain tool "Ganache" which helped us to simulate the exact working of the blockchain in the real world. Developers can use Ganache which provides an isolated environment to create and control smart contracts. It also has a clear and smooth interface which explains the user the structure and architecture of the locally created blockchain network without any fees. Main attraction of the usage behind the Ganache is that it provides the user with the prefunded accounts of test Ethereum (ETHs) which is not a real cryptocurrency. Test Ethereum are nothing but a pseudo cryptocurrency used for any development of a blockchain based dApp.

C. User-Interface Design
Designed and developed a user-friendly interface for voters to access the online voting platform. This basically includes the Front-End of the system in technical terms. Easy UI provides ease to the user to interact more efficiently with the system. The Front-End of the system is developed using the latest and on-demand technology called "React" and "Framer-Motion". If the UI of the system is not promising enough it is likely that the user will not want to interact with it. Hence, we tried to keep the UI of the system as clean and user friendly as possible.

D. Backend Implementation
Although the Blockchain basically covers the most part of the backend, but for some minor requirements we created our very own backend server. The server is created "Node" which is a very reliable technology for backend. The server is capable to handle multiple user requests simultaneously without any performance drop. As for the Database , In order to have a secure Database with encryption and which robust against any vulnerabilities we have chosen MongoDB as our database. This Ensures not only the UI but the performance of the system is very reliable even in the worst case scenarios.

IV. LITERATURE SURVEY

A. Blockchain-Based Online Voting System: A comprehensive Review:
This literature survey provides an in-depth analysis of existing research on online voting systems leveraging blockchain technology. It explores various blockchain architectures, consensus mechanisms, and security features implemented in different proposals, offering a comprehensive understanding of the evolving landscape.

B. Security challenges and solutions in blockchain-enabled e-voting systems
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*C. User experience and adoption of blockchain -based e-voting system*
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D.   *Legal and regulatory consideration in blockchain-enabled e-voting*

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*E.*   *Comparative analysis of blockchain consensus mechanism for e-voting system*

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V.   SCREENSHOT

A.   HOMEPAGE
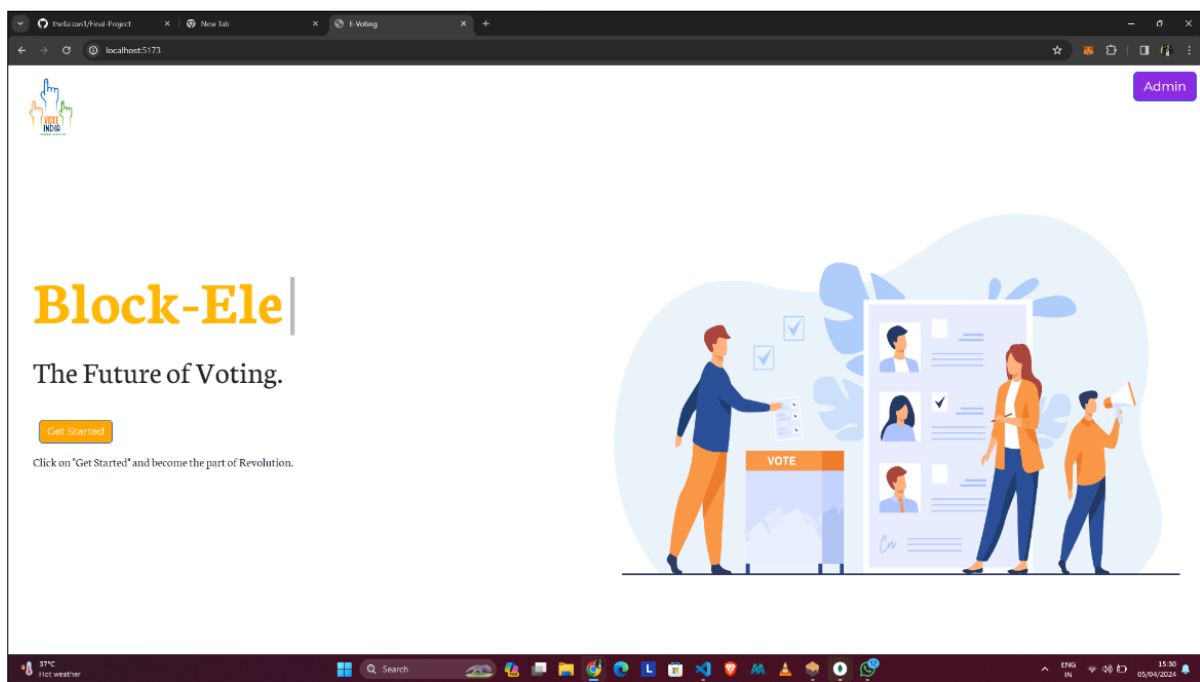
This is the homepage of or the landing page of our system. This is the first Impression the user gets he visits the website. When a user wants to register himself he can do so by clicking the "Get-Started" button that is located on the screen.
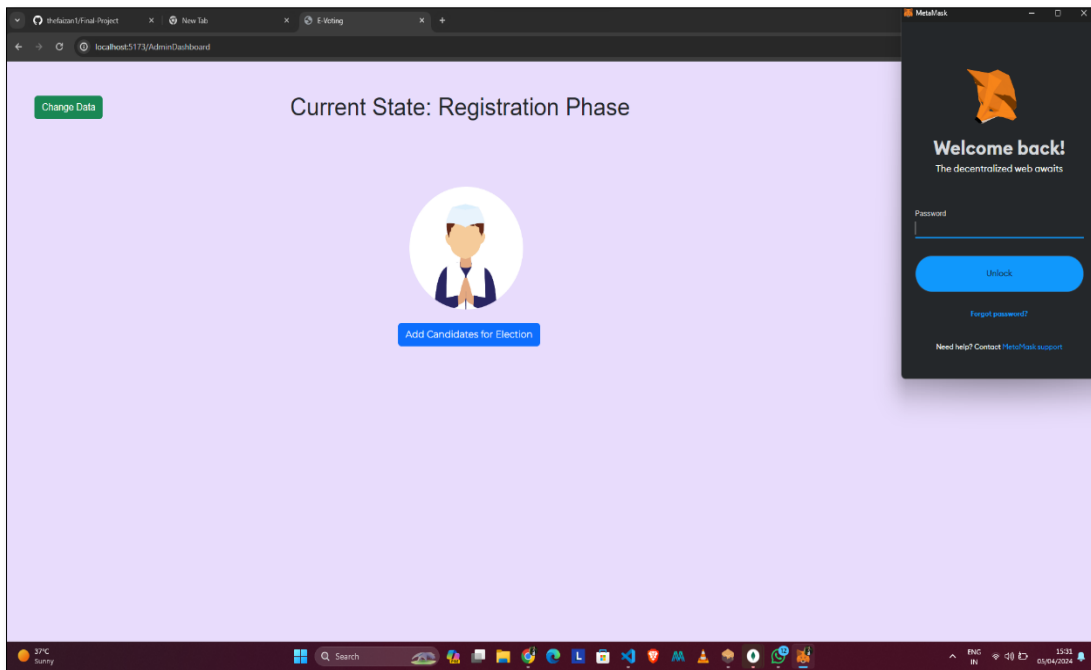
B. Admin Login Page
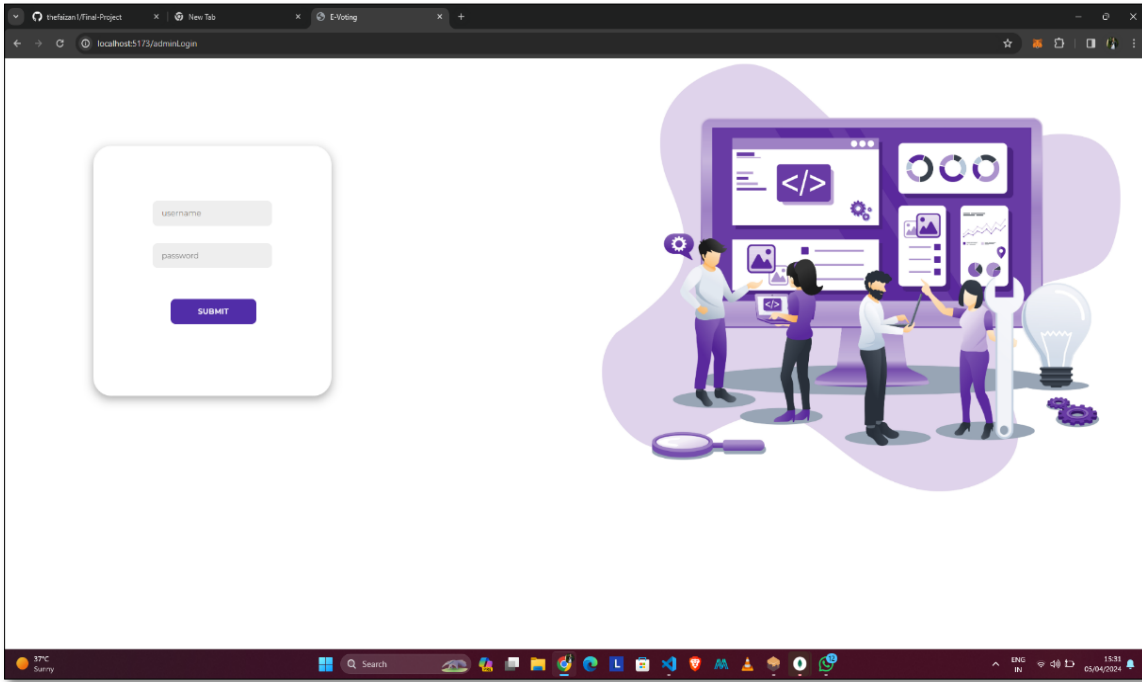
This is the admin Login Page. Here the Admin can log in to use the system by providing his credentials. Admin is the backbone of the system so it is responsibility of the admin to keep his credentials safe.
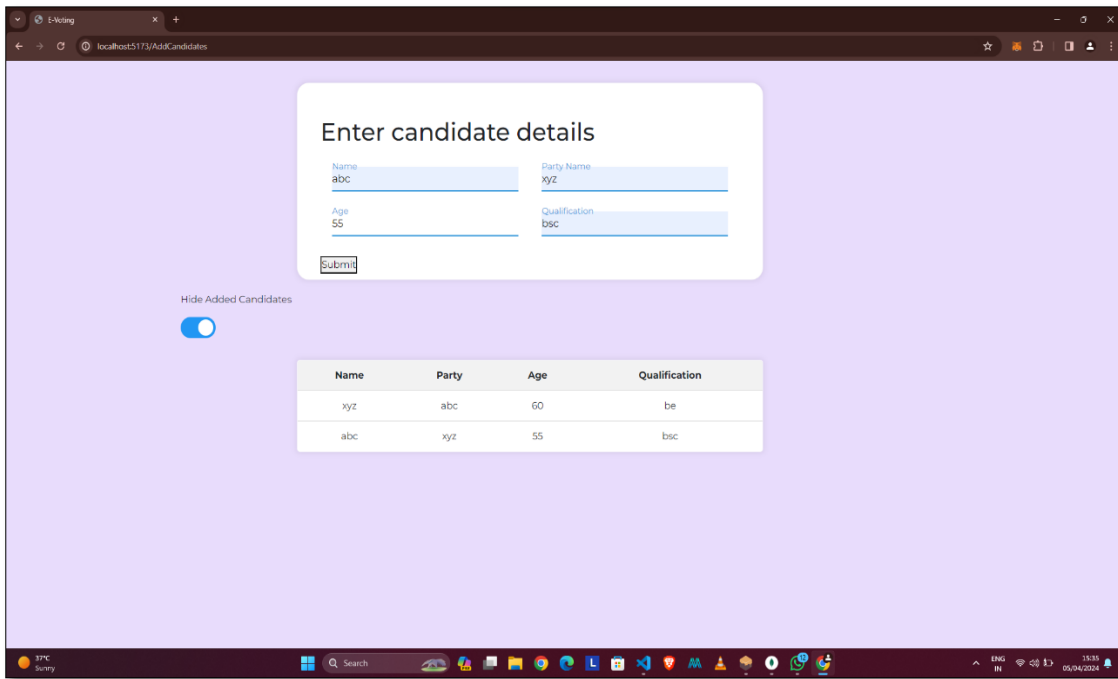
C. Admin Dashboard

This is the Admin Dashboard. Here are all the functionalities that Admin can perform in the system. In this system the Admin can change the various phases viz. The Registration Phase, The Voting Phase and Result Announcement Phase. Admin can also add Candidates for Election
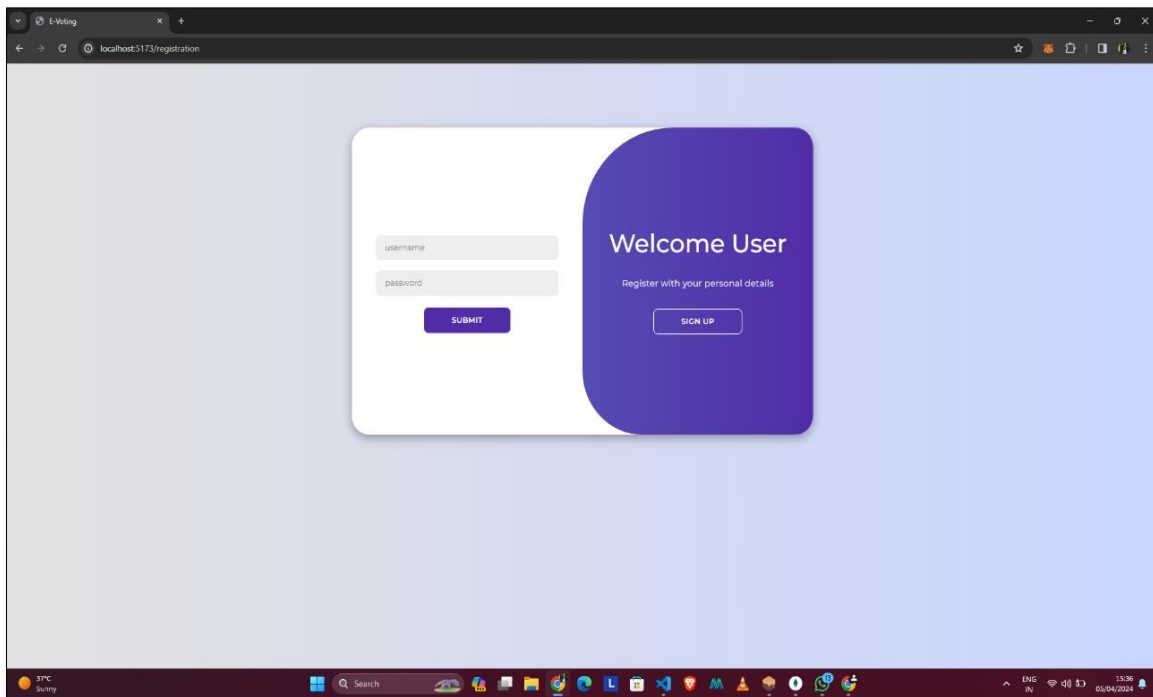
D. Add Candidate Page

As you can see Admin can add candidates by Entering various details about the Candidates. Admin can also observe the added candidates.
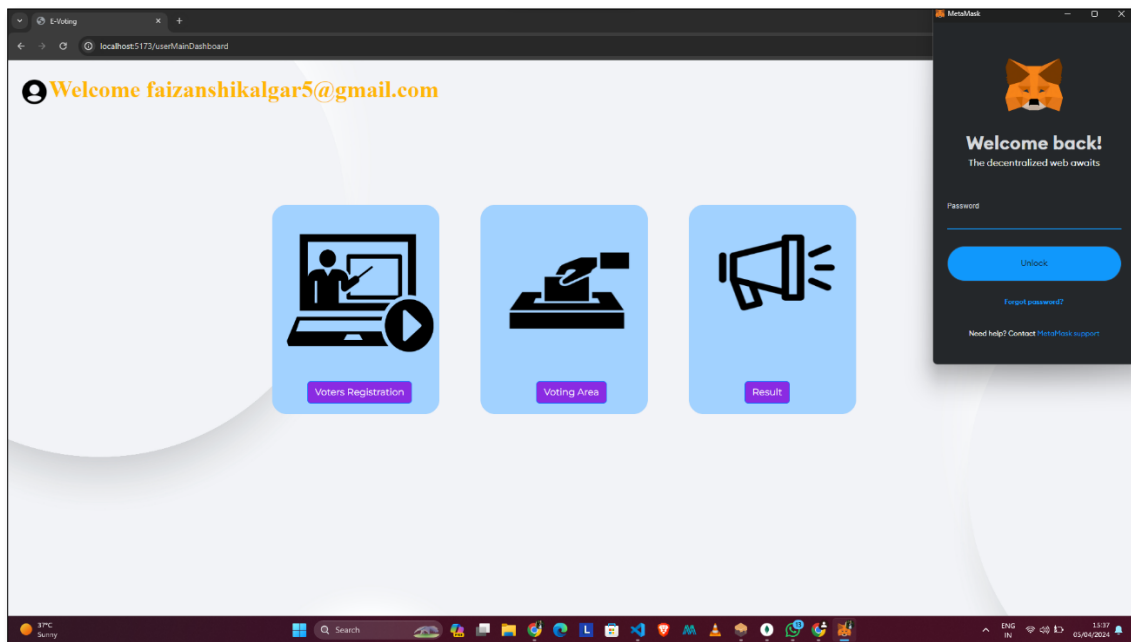
E. User Registration/User Login Page

User Can Register if it is not already register. Once the user is Register he can log in to use the system.

F. User-Main Dashboard

This is main Dashboard of the user. Here the user can interact with various services of the application.

VI. CONCLUSION

Overall, the blockchain-based online voting system presented in this paper holds promise for revolutionizing democratic processes, instilling public trust, and advancing democratic values in the digital era. By leveraging innovative technologies and best practices, we can pave the way for a more inclusive, accountable, and resilient electoral ecosystem. Moving forward, continued research and development in blockchain technology, cryptography, and online security will further enhance the capabilities and scalability of online voting systems. Collaboration between academia, industry, and government entities is essential to address challenges, promote standards, and ensure the widespread adoption of secure and transparent electoral solutions.

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