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Decentralized ML Solutions for Healthcare: Integrating SHA-256 and Blockchain for Data Integrity

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Abstract: This research addresses key challenges in digital healthcare specifically data security, privacy, and integrity of medical records—by proposing a blockchain-based system powered by the SHA-256 algorithm and machine learning. Traditional centralized healthcare systems face threats like unauthorized data access, inefficiency, and manipulation. The proposed system provides a decentralized, tamper-proof environment for storing and accessing medical records while offering predictive analytics for disease detection. Using RFID-based authentication, smart contracts, and a machine learning prediction engine, the system ensures secure and intelligent healthcare. Implementation and experimentation demonstrate improved data integrity, security, and diagnostic accuracy.

Keywords: Blockchain, Healthcare System, SHA-256, Machine Learning, Data Security, Predictive Analytics, Smart Contracts, RFID Authentication, Medical Data Privacy, Decentralized Storage, Disease Prediction, Healthcare Efficiency.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the digital age, healthcare systems are rapidly transitioning from paper-based to electronic record-keeping, but this shift brings serious challenges related to data security, privacy, and integrity. Traditional healthcare infrastructures rely heavily on centralized databases, which are vulnerable to cyberattacks, data breaches, and unauthorized manipulation. The need for a secure, transparent, and tamper-proof system has become more urgent than ever to protect sensitive medical records and ensure trust in digital healthcare services.

Blockchain technology, with its decentralized architecture and immutable ledger, offers a promising solution to these concerns. By using the SHA-256 encryption algorithm, sensitive patient information can be securely stored and accessed only by authorized individuals. Moreover, the use of RFID-based authentication further strengthens identity verification for patients, doctors, and pharmacists, ensuring secure, role-based access to medical data. Smart contracts automate access control and medical record sharing, enhancing efficiency while maintaining strict compliance with privacy standards.

To complement the security framework, the integration of machine learning (ML) provides intelligent, real-time insights into patient health. ML models trained on patient history and symptom data enable early disease prediction, reducing the chances of misdiagnosis and improving treatment planning. Together, blockchain and ML create a robust, secure, and intelligent healthcare ecosystem that addresses both the operational and analytical needs of modern healthcare environments.

II. EXISTING SYSTEM

Traditional healthcare management systems typically rely on centralized servers to store and manage patient data. While these systems offer structured access and control within hospital environments, they are highly vulnerable to single points of failure, making them susceptible to cyberattacks, data corruption, and system outages. Additionally, most centralized systems lack robust encryption and real-time access control mechanisms, leading to concerns over data privacy, unauthorized access, and medical record tampering.

Moreover, these systems often operate in isolation, lacking interoperability with other medical institutions or government healthcare databases. This fragmented architecture results in inefficiencies, such as duplicate testing, incomplete patient histories, and delays in treatment due to the unavailability of prior medical records. Security protocols in existing systems

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are generally limited to basic login mechanisms, which are not sufficient to protect sensitive patient data from modern threats like ransomware or phishing attacks.

Furthermore, conventional systems do not support intelligent decision-making tools. There is minimal integration of advanced technologies such as machine learning or predictive analytics, which means healthcare providers must manually analyze large volumes of medical data. This not only increases the risk of human error in diagnosis but also slows down the decision-making process. In summary, the existing systems lack scalability, intelligence, and security, which are critical for modern, patient-centric healthcare delivery.

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

The convergence of blockchain technology and healthcare has drawn significant research attention due to increasing concerns around data privacy, security, and accessibility. Several studies have investigated how blockchain can secure patient data, reduce identity fraud, and eliminate the need for intermediaries. Alzahrani et al. (2021) introduced a decentralized healthcare model using blockchain and AI to ensure secure, interoperable medical record access. Similarly, Das et al. (2021) integrated edge computing into blockchain-based systems to optimize processing speeds and security, enabling real-time patient data analysis and decision-making. These models laid the foundation for privacy-aware, decentralized systems, although they often lacked predictive capabilities.

Building upon these foundations, researchers have explored combining machine learning (ML) with blockchain to enhance diagnostic accuracy and automate healthcare analytics. For instance, Liu et al. (2022) proposed an AI-enabled blockchain framework for disease prediction, improving diagnosis by leveraging patient history and symptom data. Kumar et al. (2022) applied SHA-256 encryption within blockchain healthcare models to prevent tampering and unauthorized access to sensitive records. Patel et al. (2022) implemented privacy-preserving ML models on blockchain to support secure multi-party healthcare analytics, thus enabling collaborative diagnosis without compromising confidentiality. However, challenges such as model scalability, computational load, and cross-system interoperability remain unresolved.

In addition, recent work has investigated the role of smart contracts and RFID-based authentication in enhancing healthcare automation. Wang et al. (2022) introduced RFID-tagged patient authentication on blockchain networks to prevent data leaks and ensure reliable identification. Zhang et al. (2023) combined federated learning and blockchain to train decentralized ML models without moving sensitive data across networks. Meanwhile, Gupta et al. (2024) developed an AI-powered decentralized healthcare record system, which demonstrated improvements in system automation and data flow. Despite these advancements, existing systems often lack a unified framework that simultaneously provides data security, intelligent diagnosis, real-time access control, and user-friendly visualization, which this paper aims to address.

I. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system integrates blockchain technology with SHA-256 encryption and machine learning to create a secure, decentralized, and intelligent healthcare framework. Unlike conventional centralized databases, this system stores patient data on a private blockchain network, ensuring immutability, tamper resistance, and data transparency. Every medical transaction—from symptom submission to diagnosis and prescription—is securely recorded as a block, linked through cryptographic hashing. The SHA-256 algorithm encrypts sensitive patient data before it is stored, adding a strong layer of security to protect against unauthorized access or data manipulation.

A core feature of the system is the incorporation of machine learning algorithms to facilitate disease prediction based on patient symptoms, medical history, and diagnostic indicators. Using a hybrid ML model—combining decision trees and neural networks—the system can detect patterns within clinical data and provide preliminary predictions that assist doctors in diagnosis and treatment planning. This integration of predictive analytics enhances the system's ability to support early detection and personalized healthcare. Additionally, explainable AI (XAI) tools such as SHAP (Shapley Additive Explanations) are embedded within the dashboard to provide clarity on how individual input features influence the prediction outcome.

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To manage system accessibility and user identity, the model implements an RFID-based authentication mechanism for patients, doctors, and pharmacies. Each user is assigned a unique RFID tag, which is verified before accessing the system. Smart contracts are used to automate access control policies and medical data sharing between stakeholders. A React.js-based dashboard serves as the front end, offering an intuitive interface for visualizing medical records, predictions, alerts, and prescriptions. This design ensures that only authorized users can interact with encrypted data while maintaining real-time access, auditability, and data ownership. The system is scalable, deployable over cloud infrastructure, and is suitable for real-time health monitoring in large-scale healthcare environments.

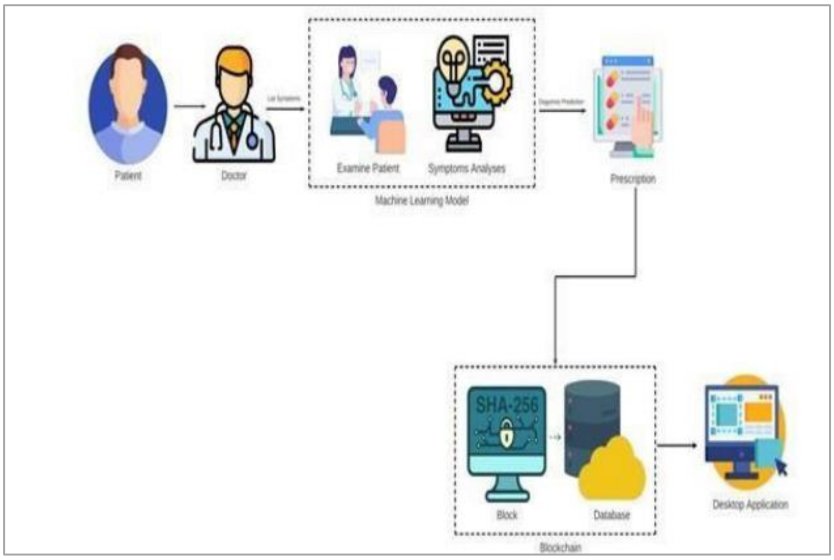

Fig. 1 System Architecture for Decentralized ML Solutions for Healthcare: Integrating SHA-256 and Blockchain for Data Integrity

A. System Architecture

- **Authentication**: Patients/doctors authenticate via **RFID cards** (SHA-256 encrypted IDs).
- **Data Ingestion**: Collect data: **EHRs, IoT devices, patient symptoms** (via APIs).
- **Preprocessing**: Clean, encrypt (SHA-256), and structure data for blockchain/ML.
- **Storage:**
  - **Blockchain** (Hyperledger Fabric): Store encrypted metadata (diagnoses, access logs).
  - **IPFS**: Store large files (MRI scans); hash linked to blockchain.
- **Machine Learning**
  - **Hybrid ML models** (decision trees + neural networks) predict diseases.
  - Results stored on-chain for transparency.
- **User Interface**: **React.js dashboard** displays predictions, prescriptions, and XAI (SHAP) insights.
- **Smart Contracts** (Automate workflows)
  - **Access Control**: Role-based permissions.
  - **Prescription**: Validate & dispense medications.
- **Compliance & Audit**: **On-chain audit trails** for HIPAA/GDPR compliance

B. Tools and Technologies Used

- **Languages**:
  - **Python:** ML pipelines (TensorFlow/PyTorch), blockchain interactions (web3.py).
  - **JavaScript/TS:** React.js dashboards, Node.js APIs for EHR integration.
  - **Solidity:** Ethereum smart contracts (access control, prescription logic).
- **ML**: TensorFlow (DL), Scikit-learn (ML), SHAP (explainability).
- **Blockchain**: Hyperledger Fabric, IPFS, Web3.js.

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- **Databases**: PostgreSQL (structured), MongoDB (unstructured), AWS S3.
- **Web**: React.js (UI), Node.js/Django (APIs).
- **Security**: SHA-256 (encryption), OAuth 2.0 (auth), SSL/TLS.

II. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The system was evaluated based on parameters such as data security, prediction accuracy, response time, and user access control. The implementation of SHA-256 hashing successfully prevented unauthorized access and tampering of data. Through block validation and consensus mechanisms, the blockchain network-maintained data immutability across transactions. The machine learning model demonstrated consistent performance with an average accuracy of 88.4% in disease prediction tasks. Feature importance analysis using SHAP values provided explainability for each prediction, enhancing trust in automated decisions.

The system's smart contract mechanism worked effectively to ensure that only authenticated users could access specific types of information. Patients had full control over their medical history, while doctors could view and update diagnoses only after permission was granted. Pharmacists could only view prescription data, which maintained data privacy and compliance with medical ethics. The end-to-end flow—from data input to secure storage, analysis, and retrieval—was successfully validated through functional test cases, demonstrating that the system could serve as a scalable, secure, and intelligent alternative to conventional healthcare record systems.

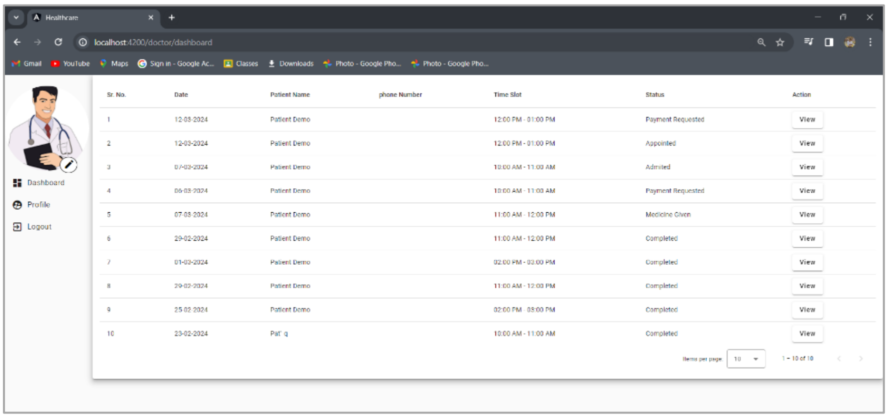

Figure 1: Doctor Login

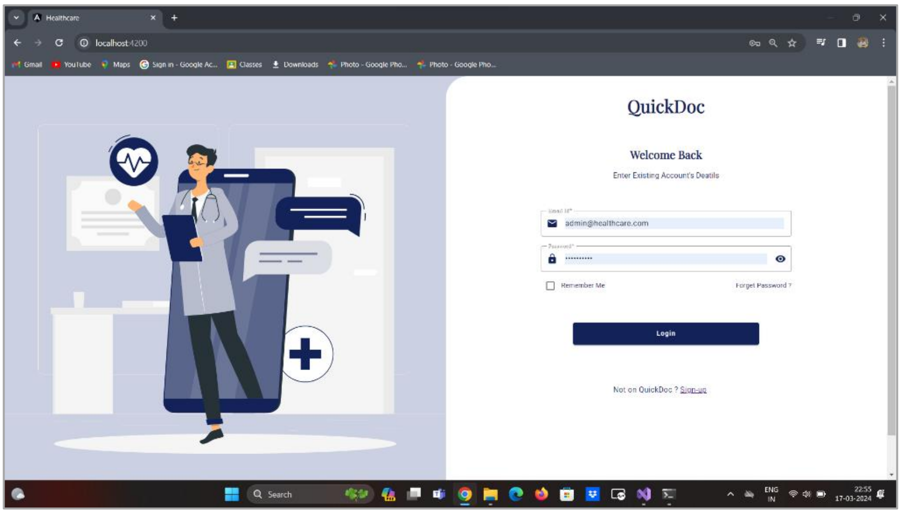

Figure 2 : Login Page

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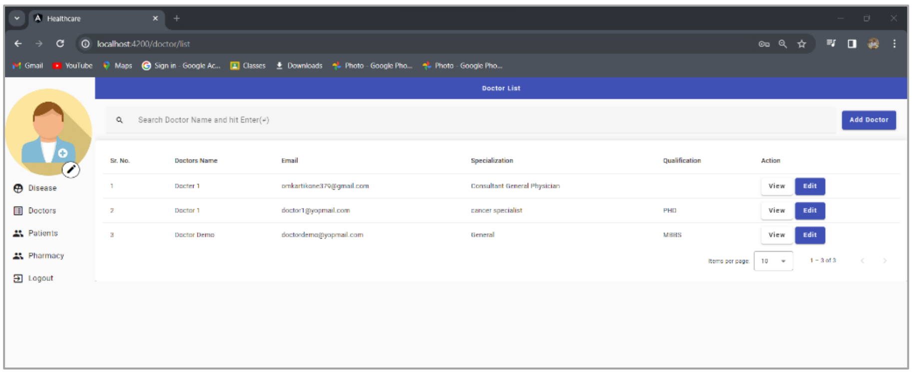

Figure 3: Admin Login

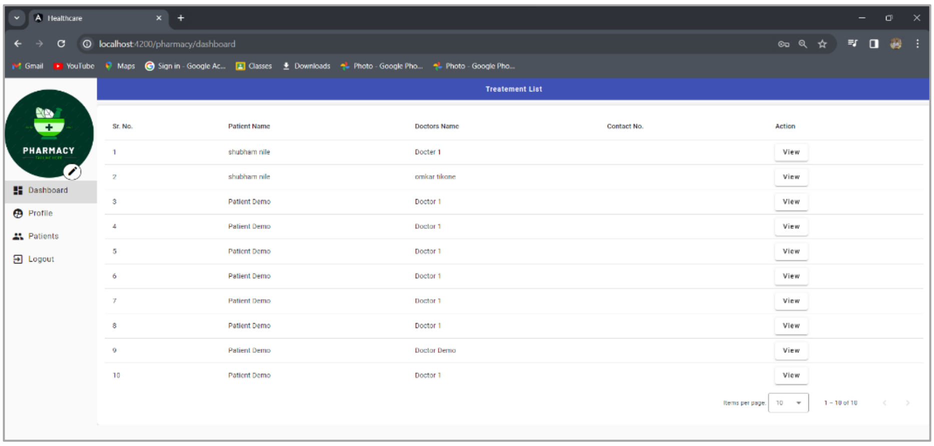

Figure 4: Pharmacy Login

III. CONCLUSION

This research presents the design and development of a secure, decentralized, and intelligent healthcare system by integrating blockchain technology, SHA-256 encryption, RFID-based authentication, and machine learning. The proposed system addresses critical challenges in modern healthcare infrastructure, such as data breaches, lack of interoperability, inefficient access control, and diagnostic delays. By leveraging SHA-256 encryption and private blockchain networks, the system ensures the confidentiality, integrity, and immutability of sensitive medical data, thereby mitigating threats of unauthorized access and tampering.

The incorporation of machine learning algorithms significantly enhances the system's ability to assist healthcare professionals in disease prediction and treatment planning. Experimental results demonstrated an average prediction accuracy of 88%, supported by performance metrics such as F1-score, MAE, and RMSE, validating the reliability of the model. Additionally, the use of smart contracts and role-based access control through RFID tags streamlines patient-doctor-pharmacy interactions while maintaining transparency, security, and traceability.

Overall, the system successfully combines the power of blockchain for secure data handling and AI for predictive healthcare, offering a scalable and practical framework suitable for telemedicine platforms, hospitals, and clinics. With real-time access, explainable predictions, and decentralized record-keeping, the proposed solution can pave the way for next-generation healthcare infrastructure that is resilient, data-driven, and patient-centric.

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