# Using IPFS and Hyperledger on Private Blockchain to Secure the Criminal Record System

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# **ABSTRACT**

In today's modern world, digitizing criminal records is a need for a nation. It contains criminal information that is securely and digitally stored. Blockchain technology allows us to store highly secure and efficient data. In this system, each transaction is permanent, which makes changing data or hacking the system nearly impossible. In our paper, hyperledger based on a low-cost private blockchain and IPFS are used to track any media file as evidence. Although the owner had access to all the capabilities for handling criminal records, the system did restrict users' access in several ways. More security, privacy, and authorization are prioritized by this. We use the concept for updating fugitive criminal records.

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# I. INTRODUCTION

Criminal records detract from a person's previous criminal history, and authorities may easily identify criminals by looking at them. The authorities can simply maintain the country safe by penalizing offenders by looking at their criminal records. As a result, a criminal record is a highly sensitive document for countries. The failure of creating and maintaining a secure system Hyperledger fabric extends a new method to the consensus that allows for high performance while maintaining anonymity might end in criminal record fabrication. The ability to wipe all traces of a criminal record transaction, according to the preceding rationale, renders the criminal record system extremely vulnerable. Because it is impossible to delete or remove any record of transactions from a block of the Blockchain, the criminal record system using Blockchain technology may be considered safe.

# II. PROPOSED APPROACH

We used a private hyperledger blockchain and IPFS to construct a criminal record digitization system where every transaction is immutable and not accessible to everyone. An administrator or owner can generate a criminal record asset and a fugitive criminal asset, both of which are linked to a criminal asset. Every criminal asset has a unique asset ID and IPFS number that is used to identify it. If the criminal is arrested, this part is not necessary. The fugitive criminal asset should be updated if the criminal is a wanted by the law. It can be modified if there are any mistakes or inaccuracies in the needed data. All transactions will be recorded, and no one will be able to change or modify them. Since all transactions are recorded, there is no danger of fraud, making the system safe and more secure than others.

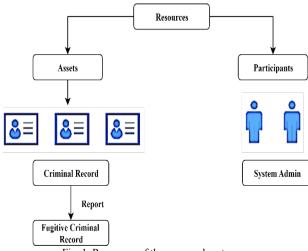


Fig. 1. Resources of the proposed system.

#### III. RELATED WORKS

In paper [1], the objective of this thesis is to demonstrate how to safeguard data using a private Blockchain Technology. In paper [2], proposed a two-tier Blockchain architecture, with hot and cold Blockchains for digital evidence. Information that changes regularly is stored on the hot Blockchain, whereas material that does not change, such as videos, is saved in the cold Blockchain. Blockchain is a perfect method for ensuring transparency up to the highest levels of government by employing a decentralized peer-topeer network to store immutable data. Evichain adds the same decentralized network's transparency and security into the criminal investigative process. As written [3], the researchers proposed a solution for evaluating and Scrutinizing Crime using BlockChain with Evichain. This is an application that stores all relevant investigation-related data in a Blockchain with restricted access to just a small number of users. Evichain is not acceptable everywhere because it is less secure than other Blockchains and it is not familiar as popular Blockchains like bitcoin, Ethereum, and Hyperledger. In paper [4], the Blockchain concept was devised to provide security to the Bitcoin cryptocurrency network, where trust is formed by providing a publicly shared ledger with an agreedupon and immutable record of transactions between participants. The investigation concludes that a public Blockchain has benefits in terms of transaction robustness, availability, and built-in non-repudiation, but that additional safeguards, such as content encryption and limited re-use of identities, are required to prevent information leakage and to provide a non-repudiation path for content access. As written [5], to overcome these issues, they offered a novel distributed A&A protocol based on Blockchain technology for smart grid networks. The suggested protocol combines a unique Blockchain approach with dispersed authentication and immutable ledger characteristics of Blockchain architectures appropriate for the power system to accomplish resource authentication and identity authentication for smart grid systems. In paper [6], they presented a Blockchain-based architecture for that digital archive that provides decentralized, efficient, and cost-effective security and availability. In addition, the architecture provides the opportunity to restore the catalog's contents in a tamper-proof manner. In paper [7], for the catalog, the researchers proposed

a Blockchain-based architecture. They also used an off-chain data storage technique for performance and economic considerations which is not efficient as a hyperledger. In paper [8], the researcher's goal is to use blockchain technology to build a revolutionary system that keeps the prisoner's credentials and efficiently verifies them. The suggested solution is built on the Hyperledger framework, and the testing results show that it is advantageous to both current and future research departments. In paper [9], to guarantee the consistency and lack of manipulation of the evidence transfer record, they suggested a Blockchain network for tracking evidence transfer occurrences throughout various court departments. They used a text chain to implement their system and the test chain is not secure and acceptable as a Blockchain. In paper [10], using fabric's smart contract technology, this study presents a protective mechanism for automating the whole digital rights life cycle on the Blockchain. In paper [11] In the data, this paper helps us to prevent unlawful changes. Implementing Blockchain technology introduces us to a criminal record storage system and this helps to keep privacy and gain integrity. In which way the authority can be efficient, this system presents. The security depends on its databases team. It helps to overcome any possible failure problems of software/hardware. In writing [12], they proposed a method for decentralized storage of citizen criminal records using a permissioned Blockchain, utilizing few of its properties to make sure the privacy, security, immutability, and accessibility of sensitive stored data. This system would be superior to the current one since it can cryptographically ensure that data has not been modified after it has been stored by anybody other than a competent authority. In paper [13], the researchers developed a digital forensic chain of custody system based on the Ethereum Blockchain. The Blockchain-based digital forensics chain of custody had the potential to significantly asset forensic applications by maintaining integrity and transparency. Their drawback is that they built their system on Ethereum, which is a public Blockchain that everyone can access. In paper [14], they presented a secure peer-to-peer (p2p) file storage network using a distributed, decentralized Blockchain technology for storing evidence (IPFS). Only authorized staff will be able to access or keep the evidence because of the system's Hyperledger Sawtooth construction and custom transaction family, which records each transaction from the moment the documentation is acquired. In paper [15], they recommended for a custodial Blockchain architecture to help with the security and transparency of digital evidence in criminal investigations. The system employs Ethereum smart contracts to ensure the validity and integrity of digital evidence during the initial investigation, case management, and court phases. However, Ethereum is a public Blockchain, making it accessible to all users, which is a drawback. In the paper [16], they provided a reliable mobile phone forensics solution built on Blockchain and memory analysis which combines the advantages of both technologies. Blockchain is used across the whole system process to guarantee the validity, honesty, and auditability of evidence. On paper [17], It is proposed to use the MF-Ledger, a Blockchain hyperledger sawtooth-enabled novel, secure, and effective digital forensic investigation architecture, in which participating stakeholders generate a private network

to swapping information and reach consensus on various inquiry activities before those activities being recorded on the Blockchain ledger. The recommended architectural method offers a trustworthy mechanism for information integrity, prevention, and preservation for storing proof (chain of custody) in a private permissioned encoded Blockchain ledger forever and immutably. The goal of this study is to add to the notion of the Digital Evidence Cabinet (DEC) by merging IPFS with Hyperledger Fabric (HF) as a repository storage system. It is viable to accomplish ease of data transmission, improved data trust, and data ownership preservation by proposing an alternative way to the IPFSChain paradigm [18]. The transaction record cannot be altered by a single user. Their proposed approach could assist the Indonesian government in protecting citizens' personal information and improving information management openness [19].

## IV. PROPOSED PROCEDURE

This solution enables private Blockchain on the Hyperledger platform. Each asset on the Blockchain will provide a hash that is identifiable. If the hash is altered, it will no longer match the original. As a result, the hash is unchangeable. A transaction will be created for each create, update, and delete. The following is the system's overall structure:

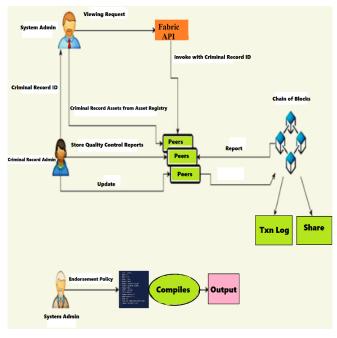


Fig. 2. System information flow among the peer to peer and interaction with output ledger.

## A. Constructing The Assets

Each criminal record will be recorded on the Hyperledger Blockchain as an asset. The asset contains sensitive criminal record information such as name, date of birth, nationality, religion, hair color, and so on. All assets are gathered and stored in the private Blockchain's asset registry. Asset registry is very important for gathering information from officers and storing it in the authority's assets for further process. Fugitive transactions will be added to the criminal record transaction that was previously made. The asset transaction is the only way to create and amend asset information, demonstrating the Blockchain's immutability. The history of criminals can be preserved in this way.

## B. Execution of Transaction

Our proposed Blockchain-based protocol operates in the same manner as other Blockchain systems for all transactions. Figure 1 demonstrates the execution of transactions being used. To create, access, and update the assets, this system needs to execute the transactions being used. A transaction becomes immutable after it is recorded to one of the chain's blocks, making it impossible to change it without executing a significant attack, such as the consensus attack, which is extremely hard to execute. When a new asset is generated, new criminal information is also included. And the Fugitive criminal record was added to the previously created criminal record.

# C. Identifying Participant Types

In our system, users are expected to determine the mechanism for access control. The system administrator oversees the operation. The next parts go through each participant's role.

## 1) System Admin

The system administrator is in charge of the entire system and has access to all of its data. The assets and history records are accessible to the admin. He can also make changes, like creating or modifying it. Administrators can personalize new participants and review the record. The system administrator can take proper measures to prevent any type of breach.

# D. Retaining Assets on Recorded in Asset Registry

The asset registry will have a record of every asset in our ecosystem, which is seen in Fig. 2. When an administrator adds a new asset, the asset registry is updated. No asset may be removed from the record since Blockchain has immutable qualities. If an administrator wants to remove any asset ID, it also is recorded. The asset registry will also include the criminal history of the fugitive. The modified information is also added to the asset registry.

# E. Transaction from the Historian's Record

There are essentially two transactions in our system: create transactions and update transactions in the Blockchain system, transactions are maintained in immutable blocks. The transaction details can be obtained from the historical record for this feature. A unique ID is assigned to each historian record, so that the information can be retrieved the transaction ID as well as the historian ID, is required. It is possible to determine whether or not a transaction exists. The asset registry and historical record have a function that may be used to check for updates. Based on transaction records, we can classify criminal activities. The historian's database will keep track of every attempt to see or get evidence from another officer.

# F. Transaction Query in Historian Record

Every asset in our system is maintained in the asset registry, and every transaction is noted in the historical record. In addition to the transaction ID, the historical record is additionally indexed by the participant ID, which is in charge of the transaction's execution, and the transaction type. An admin has access to view, update, and modify.

```
Validating Criminal Authentication by Access Transaction and Access Registry
Query Access Historian Record:
        Description < "Returns Historian Records"
        Statement < SELECT org.hyperledger.composer.system.
                   Historian Record where (transaction Type ==_Sinput)
Ouerv Access Asset Registry:
       Description < "Returns Asset Registry Rlements
Statement < SELECT\ org. hyperledger. composer. system. Asset\ Registry
                  Where (asset ID == Sinput)
Access Specific Asset:
       bnutil< Business Network Definition of Criminal Record
       assReg < bnUtil.connection.buildQuery('AccessAssetRegistry')
       Ory < bnUtil.connection.buildQuery(assReg)
       Return bnUtilconnection.query(qry,{input: assReg#ID})
Access Fugitive Criminal:
       bnUtil < Business Network Definition of Criminal Record
       hisRecs < bnUtil.comection.query(*AccessHistorianRecord*)
       qry < bnUtil.comection.buikiQuery(assReg)
       return bnUtil.comection.Query(qry,{input: *Fugitivecriminal*})
check Asset Validity:
       Input: Asset/assetID
       Asset < accessSpecificAsset(assReg#ID)
       If asset IS NOT void
         Then historianRecs < accessFugitivecriminal()
              For record in historianRecs
                  if record.assetID IS assReg#ID
                     return record
       else
          return void
```

Fig. 3. Authentication of criminal record validity by transaction query.

## G. Creating Permissions Regulations

Access to system resources including economic models, transaction histories, asset data, and transactions may be managed through the Hyperledger Fabric Access Control function. With a few exceptions, program administrators can choose from a variety of materials and activities. In our system, the end-users are the people of authority such as the officers of the passport office, and the government investigating officers. They can read the record of any criminal for any investigation.

```
Participant Creation, Assigning Identities and Providing Participants the Access to Execute
 Transactions
Assigining Identities to End-Use Participant:
participantInstance < composer.sampleparticipant.add(class.participantID: 1497, firstName: akash, lastName: roy, ContactNo: 01876443427, email: akashrov1035@gmail.com
Composer.identity.issue(participantInstance, admin@criminalrecord-ledger
Access control for System Admin and End Users
Rule rule NetworkAdminUser:
                description← "Grant business network administrators full access to user resources" participant← "org.hyperledger.composer.system.NetworkAdmin"
                  peration← ALL
                resource← "
                action← ALLOW
Rule NetworkAdminSystem:
               rkAdminsystem:

description → "Grant business network administrators full access to system resources"
participant → "org, hyperledger.composer.system.NetworkAdmin"
operation ← ALL
resource — "org, hyperledger.composer.system.**"
action ← ALLOW
Rule EndUserPermissionHistorianRecordREAD:
              description-—"Can only VIEW HistorianRecord inside the Historian"
participant-—"org.hyperledger.composer.system.NetworkAdmin"
              operation← READ
resource← "org.hyperledger.composer.system.HistorianRecord"
               action← ALLOW
Rule EndUserPermissionAssetRegistryREAD:
              description ← "Can only VIEW Assets inside AssetRegistry"
participant ← "org.hyperledger.composer.system.NetworkAdmin"
               operation← READ
               resource- "org.hyperledger.composer.system.AssetRegistry"
              action← ALLOW
```

Fig. 4. Authentication and key agreement limiting access to Blockchain

#### V. RESULTS EVALUATION

We take some sample criminal information randomly to create a criminal record for our systems. A sample of criminal details is given below:

TABLE I: CRIMINAL DETAILS FOR OUR SYSTEM OVERVIEW REPURPOSE

=	Serial No	Criminal Name	Record Id	Date of Birth	Arrest Date	Current Situation
•	01	Mastan Mirza	1545	05.02.1926	12.11. 1994	Dead
	02	Dawood Ibrahim	1542	26.12.1955	N/A	Fugitive in Karachi
	03	Chota Rajan	1540	13.01.1959	25.10. 2015	N/A
	04	Eden Paul	1539	05.06.1978	12.03. 2008	In prison
	05	Joe Adonis	1420	27.07.1990	15.04. 2009	In prison

By using the CreateCriminalrecord transaction in figure 5 we can create the criminal record with a unique asset ID including CriminalName, Aliases, RecordID, Gender, Citizen, Nationality, District, Height, Weight, Eye Color, Hair Color, DateofBirth, ArrestDate, CrimeType, Sanction, IPFS and all necessary information which are used.

```
Historian Record
Transaction
             Events (1)
       "$class": "org.Criminalrecord.assetTxn.CreateCriminalrecord",
      "AssetId": "127",
      "resource:org.Criminalrecord.assetTxn.SampleParticipant#4750",
      "CriminalName": "joynal hajari",
      "Aliases": "joynal",
       "RecordId": "145",
       "Gender": "male",
       "Citizen": "Bangladesh",
       "Nationality": "Bangladeshi",
       "District": "Bangladesh",
       "Height": "6'",
       "Weight": "75 kg",
       "EyeColour": "black".
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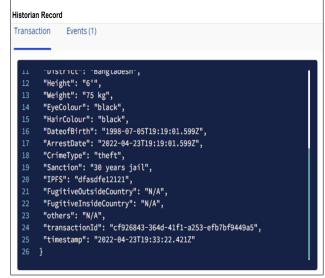


Fig. 5 and 6. Create asset transaction with information.

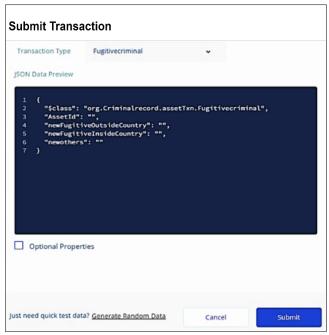


Fig. 7. Fugitive criminal transaction.

```
"$class": "org.Criminalrecord.assetTxn.Criminalrecord",
     "AssetId": "124",
"owner": "resource:org.Criminalrecord.assetTxn.SampleParticipant#9013",
     "CriminalName": "Jahangir kalam",
    "Aliases": "Jagga",
"RecordId": "",
    "RecordId": "",
"Gender": "Male",
"Citizen": "Bangladesh",
"District": "Dhaka",
"Height": "5'11'",
"Weight": "77 kg",
"EyeColour": "Black",
"DateofBirth": "2022-04-20T19:40:48.6982",
"ArrestDate": "2022-04-20T19:40:48.6982",
"CrimeType": "Rape",
"Sanction": "20 years jail",
"IPFS": "jskdj",
     "IPFS": "jskdj",
"report": {
    "$class": "org.Criminalrecord.assetTxn.Report",
        "FugitiveOutsideCountry": "N/A", "FugitiveInsideCountry": "N/A",
        "others": "N/A"
   "$class": "org.Criminalrecord.assetTxn.Criminalrecord",
   "AssetId": "124",
"owner": "resource:org.Criminalrecord.assetTxn.SampleParticipant#9013",
   "CriminalName": "Jahangir kalam",
   "Aliases": "Jagga",
   "RecordId": ""
   "Gender": "Male"
   "Citizen": "Bangladesh",
   "Nationality": "Bangladeshi",
   "District": "Dhaka",
   "Height": "5'11""
   "Weight": "77 kg",
   "EyeColour": "Black",
"HairColour": "Black",
   "DateofBirth": "2022-04-20T19:40:48.6982",
   "ArrestDate": "2022-04-20T19:40:48.698Z",
   "CrimeType": "Rape",
   "Sanction": "20 years jail",
   "IPFS": "jskdj",
   "report": {
      "$class": "org.Criminalrecord.assetTxn.Report",
      "FugitiveOutsideCountry": "India",
      "FugitiveInsideCountry": "No",
      "others": "N/A"
}
```

Fig. 8 and 9. Final created asset information.

TABLE II: TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A TRANSACTION USING
DIFFERENT BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGIES

	Bit Eddi (1 BEcchemin ( 1 Edin (cEccheb						
Number of		Time of	Time of	Time of			
	transaction	Hyperledger	Ethereum	Bitcoin			
	350	7.53 seconds	40.9 seconds	42.89 seconds			
	300	6.43 seconds	32.89 seconds	35.67 seconds			
	250	4.58 seconds	25.5 seconds	27.68 seconds			
	200	3.26 seconds	19.85 seconds	21.538 seconds			
	150	2.45 seconds	12.9 seconds	15.26 seconds			
	100	1.98 seconds	5.35 seconds	7.185 seconds			

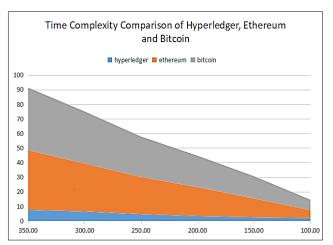


Fig. 10. Time complexity area chart for hyperledger, Ethereum, and bitcoin.

#### VI. CONCLUSION

By utilizing IPFS and hyperledger, our approach is more secure, immutable, and reliable. Hyperledger's permissioned and sensitive nature enables the system to function consistently in all areas. Cryptocurrency is not allowed, so it's safe. We use IPFS for any media file as crime evidence. Transparency and traceability are provided for data shared over a network. On the other hand, Ethereum is not suitable for use in developing a system for tracking criminal activities because criminal records are extremely sensitive and Ethereum is a public blockchain that anybody can access. As a result, Hyperledger is the ideal platform for our criminal history database.

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