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Abstract: *E-commerce has transformed global trade by increasing accessibility and convenience, but challenges such as fraud, data breaches, and high intermediary costs still affect trust and efficiency. In Nigeria, these issues are intensified by logistical barriers and low consumer confidence. This study developed a blockchain-based e-commerce platform using the Solana blockchain to enhance transparency, security, and cost efficiency. The system was built with Next.js and integrated with Solana for transaction execution, guided by a prototyping SDLC model. Core features included user authentication, product listings, secure payments, and merchant dashboards. Performance testing on Solana Playground showed an average throughput of 3.2 TPS and transaction confirmation times under one second, with costs below 0.015 SOL per transaction. The results demonstrate Solana's capability for scalable, low-latency digital commerce, providing empirical evidence of blockchain's potential for secure, real-time e-commerce operations in emerging markets like Nigeria*.

Keywords: blockchain, e-commerce, solana, transparency, scalability

INTRODUCTION

E-commerce has revolutionized global retail, offering unmatched convenience and accessibility for consumers and businesses. Emerging in the late 20th century and gaining momentum with the internet boom of the 1990s, platforms like Amazon and eBay set the foundation for today's digital marketplaces [1]. Technological advances, secure payment systems, and digital wallets have fueled its growth [2]. However, cybersecurity risks, fraud, and privacy issues persist, prompting interest in blockchain solutions to enhance security and trust [3]. In Nigeria, e-commerce has expanded rapidly due to rising internet use, mobile technology, and fintech innovation [4].

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Platforms like Jumia and Konga have reshaped consumer habits and supported entrepreneurship, yet challenges such as unreliable logistics, fraud, and weak regulation persist [5][6]. Blockchain offers a promising solution through transparent, immutable transaction records that reduce disputes and improve trust. Smart contracts automate secure payments, eliminating intermediaries and lowering costs [7]. Blockchain-based identity verification can further prevent fraud and ensure authenticity [8]. Successful implementations in countries like Estonia and Singapore highlight blockchain's potential for secure digital commerce [1]. For Nigeria, adopting such technologies could strengthen trust, reduce fraud, and drive sustainable growth in the e-commerce sector, paving the way for a more efficient and secure digital economy [2][3].

Current e-commerce platforms face challenges such as fraud, data breaches, transaction disputes, and high costs due to intermediaries. The absence of verifiable and tamper-proof transaction records increases the risk of scams, while inefficient payment systems result in delays and high fees, especially for cross-border transactions. Additionally, lack of transparency undermines trust between buyers and sellers. A blockchain-based solution can address these issues by eliminating intermediaries, enhancing security, automating transactions via smart contracts, and providing immutable transaction records, thereby improving trust, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness in the e-commerce ecosystem.

This study aims to develop a blockchain-based e-commerce platform using next.js and solana blockchain network. The objectives of this research are specifically aimed at:

i. designing the developed blockchain-based e-commerce system using the Waterfall Model.
ii. implement the model designed in (i) using Next.js and Anchor (Solana Blockchain platform).
iii. evaluate the developed system using speed and program deployment cost by testing the developed system's smart contracts on Solana Playground.

The rising incidence of data breaches in educational institutions underscores the need for innovative solutions to safeguard sensitive information. Blockchain technology offers a decentralized approach to securing data, which is inherently more resistant to tampering and unauthorized access. By leveraging blockchain for educational records, institutions can ensure that these records are immutable, verifiable, and accessible only to authorized parties. This research is justified by the need to protect the integrity of educational records, thereby enhancing the credibility of academic qualifications and reducing credential fraud. Furthermore, the findings from this study will contribute to the growing field of blockchain applications, extending beyond educational records to e-commerce, where it can address issues of trust and security, paving the way for a more efficient and fraud-resistant online marketplace, benefiting both consumers and businesses, and providing valuable insights for developers, policymakers, and business owners interested in integrating blockchain technology into their e-commerce platforms.

This study focuses on the development of a blockchain-based e-commerce platform using Next.js for the front-end framework and Solana blockchain for transaction processing. The platform will incorporate key e-commerce functionalities, including product listings, secure payment processing, and user authentication. The evaluation of the system was being based on two primary factors namely, transaction speed (block time) and deployment cost.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Blockchain technology is a decentralized and distributed ledger system that records and verifies transactions across multiple nodes securely and immutably. Unlike traditional centralized databases, blockchain ensures transparency, integrity, and security of data through peer-to-peer (P2P) networking, removing intermediaries and reducing fraud risks [9][10]. Some features of Blockchain are:

i. Decentralization: Blockchain's distributed architecture removes the need for a central authority, allowing data to be shared and verified across multiple nodes [11]. This structure enhances system reliability and prevents single points of failure or cyberattacks [12]. Decentralization also ensures censorship resistance, transparency, and equal access, which fosters trust and security in e-commerce transactions [13].

ii. Immutability: Once data is recorded on the blockchain, it cannot be altered or deleted, ensuring reliable and tamper-proof records [15]. Through cryptographic hashing, any attempt to modify data is easily detected, safeguarding against fraud and maintaining transaction integrity [12]. In e-commerce, this prevents false disputes and chargebacks [13].

iii. Transparency: All participants in a blockchain network can verify transactions on the shared ledger, promoting accountability and reducing fraud [16]. This visibility helps e-commerce users track payments, verify deliveries, and build trust between buyers and sellers [12][17].

iv. Cryptography: Blockchain relies on cryptographic methods mainly public-key cryptography and hash functions to secure transactions and ensure confidentiality [13]. These mechanisms protect user data, prevent unauthorized access, and guarantee that only legitimate parties can initiate transactions [18].

v. Smart Contracts: Introduced by [19], smart contracts are self-executing digital agreements that automatically enforce terms once conditions are met. They eliminate intermediaries, reduce transaction delays, and improve automation in e-commerce operations.

Blockchain emerged in 2008 when Satoshi Nakamoto introduced Bitcoin a decentralized currency that used blockchain to ensure transparent and secure peer-to-peer exchanges. In 2013, Vitalik Buterin expanded its utility by creating Ethereum, introducing programmable smart contracts for broader applications [19]. Between 2015 and 2019, blockchain adoption spread across industries finance, healthcare, and supply chains enabling traceability, digital identity, and asset tokenization [19][20]. From 2020 onward, blockchain has powered innovations in decentralized finance (DeFi), cross-border payments, and eco-friendly systems, while governments have explored its use for secure records and governance.

Blockchain's integration into e-commerce transforms online transactions by enhancing security, transparency, and efficiency. Traditional e-commerce systems are centralized, making them prone to fraud, data breaches, and high transaction fees [17]. Blockchain's decentralized design resolves these challenges.

i. Trust and Security: By replacing intermediaries with smart contracts, blockchain enables direct peer-to-peer transactions, lowering costs and minimizing fraud [19]. Its immutable ledger prevents data tampering, while cryptographic encryption secures sensitive customer information.
ii. Supply Chain Transparency: Blockchain records every step of product movement, allowing real-time tracking and verification of authenticity [12]. This feature helps prevent counterfeiting and unethical sourcing, strengthening consumer confidence.
iii. Cross-Border Transactions: Cryptocurrency-based payments allow instant, low-cost global transactions without the need for traditional banking intermediaries [9]. Stablecoins and blockchain-based settlements simplify international e-commerce operations.
iv. Smart Contract Automation: Smart contracts streamline refunds, payments, and dispute resolution. For instance, automated refunds can be issued if delivery terms are not met, improving efficiency and customer satisfaction [22].
v. Decentralized Marketplaces: Platforms such as OpenBazaar and Origin Protocol exemplify blockchain-based e-commerce systems that eliminate intermediaries, reduce fees, and protect user privacy [23].

Despite its promise, blockchain faces scalability issues (slow transaction speeds, high gas fees), regulatory uncertainty, and user adoption barriers. Limited consumer protection, technical complexity, and environmental concerns due to energy use (in Proof of Work systems) further hinder mainstream integration [19][13]. However, emerging technologies Layer 2 scaling, Proof of Stake, and improved regulation are addressing these challenges.

i. Blockchain-based platforms have emerged to create secure, transparent, and cost-effective alternatives to traditional online marketplaces [16]. For instance:
ii. OpenBazaar: A decentralized marketplace enabling direct peer-to-peer trade without intermediaries, using cryptocurrencies for privacy and low fees.
iii. Origin Protocol: Built on Ethereum, it supports smart contract-based transactions for decentralized marketplace creation.
iv. VeChain: Focused on supply chain management, it uses blockchain and IoT integration for product authenticity and traceability.
v. Bitcart: Allows merchants to accept crypto payments without third-party processors, cutting transaction costs and promoting financial independence.
vi. Lolli: Integrates with online stores to reward shoppers with Bitcoin cashback, encouraging crypto adoption [13].

These platforms demonstrate blockchain's potential to improve transaction integrity, reduce costs, and empower both merchants and consumers but these current blockchain e-commerce platforms face key challenges, such as:

i. Scalability: Slow transaction speeds and high fees limit large-scale adoption [17].

ii. High Costs: Fluctuating gas fees on networks like Ethereum reduce cost-effectiveness [16].
iii. Regulatory Issues: Unclear global regulations around crypto transactions and smart contracts create compliance challenges.
iv. User Complexity: Managing wallets, private keys, and gas fees can discourage non-technical users [12].
v. Energy Use: Proof-of-Work systems consume large amounts of energy, raising environmental concerns [13].
vi. Consumer Protection: Lack of centralized dispute mechanisms can leave users vulnerable.

To overcome these issues, future systems should prioritize scalability, interoperability, and regulation-friendly frameworks. Enhanced user interfaces and decentralized identity systems can bridge the gap between blockchain innovation and mainstream e-commerce adoption.

Existing research demonstrates blockchain's versatility across diverse domains but highlights persistent scalability and usability challenges. Early works by [11] emphasized blockchain's transparency and security yet noted limitations in transaction speed and cost, restricting its e-commerce application. Subsequent studies proposed technical improvements such as sharding and Proof of Stake but did not explore newer, high-speed blockchains like Solana. Research by [25], [26] later demonstrated Solana's Proof of History mechanism as a scalable and low-cost alternative suitable for high-volume transactions. Recent works applied Solana and smart contracts in decentralized e-commerce prototypes, achieving real-time transaction efficiency and reduced intermediary dependence. Despite progress, integration challenges, regulatory uncertainty, and limited consumer-focused studies persist.

Although blockchain adoption in e-commerce is increasing, significant research gaps remain. Existing studies primarily emphasize financial transactions and supply chain applications, while the effects of blockchain on consumer trust, engagement, and overall experience are often neglected. Moreover, high-performance blockchains such as Solana known for their scalability and cost efficiency have received far less attention compared to Ethereum or Bitcoin. Key challenges, including high transaction costs, limited interoperability with conventional e-commerce systems, and uncertain regulatory frameworks, continue to slow widespread use. Further research is needed to evaluate Solana's capacity for delivering fast, low-cost transactions, its compatibility with existing e-commerce infrastructures, and the establishment of robust compliance frameworks to enable broader adoption.

METHODOLOGY

The blockchain-based e-commerce platform was developed through a structured methodology that ensured precision, security, and transparency at every stage. The Waterfall Model of the System Development Life Cycle (SDLC) guided the project's execution, offering a linear and well-documented progression from requirements gathering to maintenance. This model was ideal for ensuring that each development phase was completed and validated before transitioning to the next, minimizing integration errors and reinforcing system reliability. Fig. 1 illustrates the Waterfall Model adopted in the project, showing its sequential phases requirements analysis, design, implementation, testing, deployment, and maintenance each forming the foundation for the subsequent stage. In the requirements phase, input was gathered from potential stakeholders, including buyers, sellers, and administrators, to define core functionalities such as secure authentication, decentralized transaction management, and immutable record storage. Particular attention was paid to the platform's need for cryptographic security, identity verification, and transparent data management. These requirements formed the basis for ensuring the blockchain infrastructure could support trustworthy e-commerce operations with verifiable and tamper-proof records.

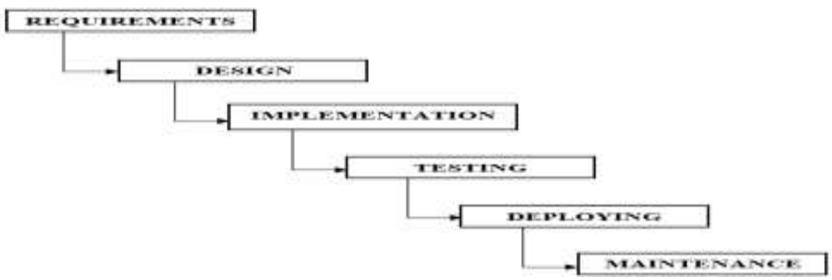

Fig. 1: Waterfall Model

The system design phase translated these requirements into a detailed architectural plan. The architecture was divided into three primary layers: the user interface, application logic, and blockchain network. This layered approach was structured to promote modularity and scalability, enabling each layer to function independently while maintaining seamless interaction across the system. The interface, built using Next.js, was designed for simplicity and accessibility, allowing buyers to browse products, make purchases, and view transaction histories, while sellers could upload, edit, and manage their listings. The application logic handled operations such as order processing and data communication, whereas the blockchain layer, built on Solana, ensured decentralized transaction recording and validation through smart contracts developed using Rust and the Anchor Framework. During implementation, the development team began coding the system according to the established design specifications. The frontend, developed with Next.js, provided responsive web interfaces for buyers and sellers, incorporating wallet connectivity through Phantom Wallet for secure identity and payment verification. The backend utilized Solana's SDKs to handle data transactions and smart contract execution. Smart contracts written in Rust automated key business processes, including escrow management, payment release, and product verification. Each contract was deployed using the Solana CLI and Cargo tools, ensuring efficient interaction with the blockchain network.

Fig. 2 presents the implementation flow of the developed e-commerce platform, illustrating the interaction between the frontend (user interface), middleware (wallet and API layers), and blockchain (smart contracts and transaction ledger). This diagram highlights the flow of information from user actions on the interface, through the wallet middleware, to execution and confirmation on the blockchain. Once development was completed, the integration and testing phase ensured the system's operational integrity. Components were combined and tested collectively to verify that user interfaces, blockchain transactions, and middleware services worked cohesively. Testing focused on confirming that product listings, order placements, payment verifications, and refund processes performed accurately and securely. Penetration testing and vulnerability scanning were conducted to identify security risks, while performance tests assessed transaction speed, block finality time, and system scalability on Solana's network.

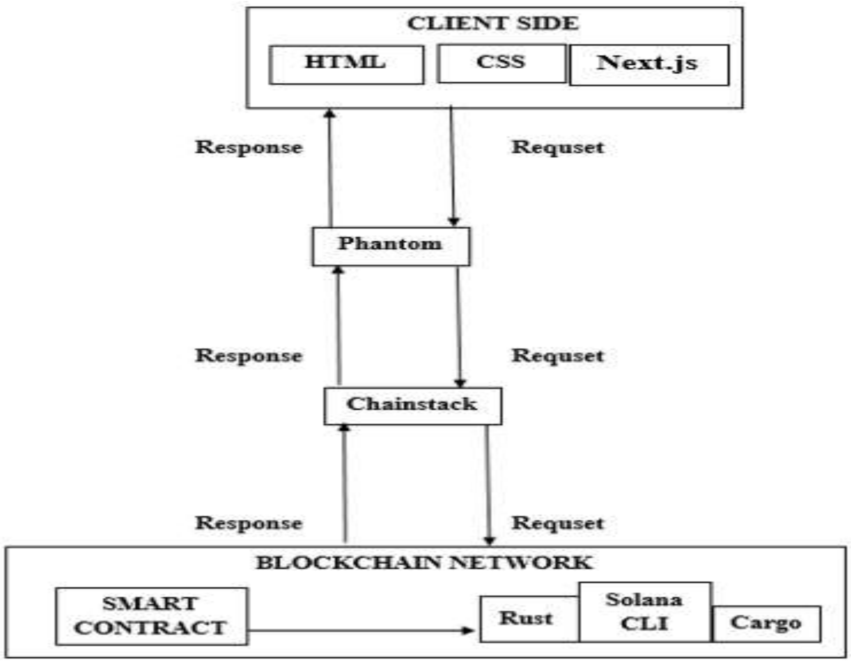

Fig. 2: Implementation Flow of the Developed E-commence Platform

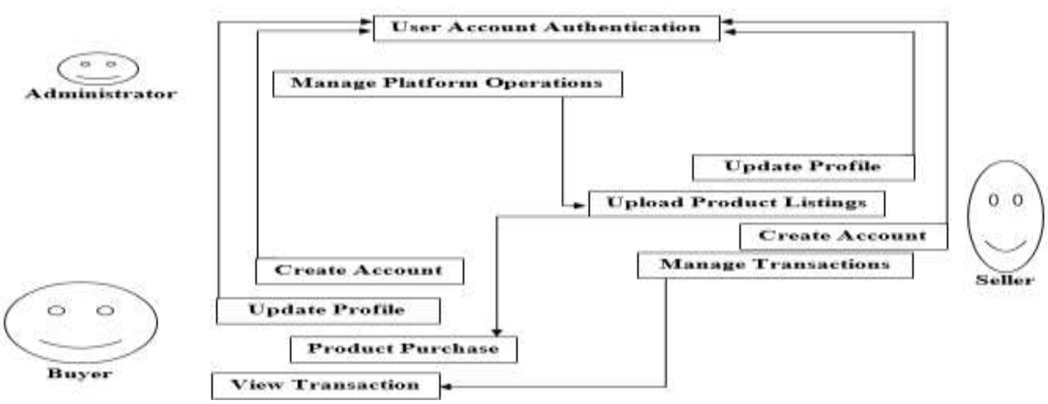

Fig. 3: UML Diagram for the Developed Blockchain-Based E-Commerce Platform

The deployment phase followed successful testing. The completed system was launched on Solana's mainnet, where real-time transaction processing began. Smart contracts were configured to handle live purchases, and wallet integration was optimized to support fast and low-cost payment verification. Finally, the maintenance phase emphasized continuous monitoring, auditing, and enhancement of the system. Smart contract audits ensured sustained security, while software updates introduced usability improvements and new functionalities. The system's operational logic centers around three key roles administrator, seller, and buyer each with specific permissions and functionalities. Fig. 3 illustrates this multi-role interaction within the developed platform, showing how these roles communicate with the blockchain through the application's layered design.

The administrator serves as the supervisory entity overseeing platform integrity and user management. The administrator verifies new user accounts through Algorithm 1 (User Account Authentication), which begins when a registration request is received from a buyer or seller through the Next.js frontend. The submitted details are transmitted to the Anchor smart contract for verification to prevent duplicate or fraudulent accounts. Once validated, the administrator approves the account, which is then permanently recorded on the blockchain. The smart contract generates a confirmation token as proof of activation. If the request is invalid, a rejection message is issued. This algorithm ensures that all accounts stored on the blockchain are authentic and verifiable, forming the backbone of the platform's security model. Administrators also manage system operations and dispute resolution by monitoring smart contract activities, reviewing flagged transactions, and adjusting configuration parameters to ensure smooth performance.

Algorithm 1: Administrator Account Authentication

Input: User details

Output: Confirmation token

1. The administrator receives a request for a new account (buyer or seller).
2. The Anchor smart contract validates the request and stores it temporarily in a pending state.
3. The administrator reviews the request and either approves or rejects it.
4. Upon approval, the smart contract activates the account and stores the details on the blockchain.
5. A confirmation token is sent to the account holder.

The seller role involves product management and transaction processing. Sellers can register an account and upload product listings through the frontend interface. Each listing is validated by a smart contract, which records product details and metadata onto the blockchain. The seller workflow is summarized in Algorithm 2 (Upload Product Listing): when a seller logs in, product details such as name, description, price, and image are entered. The smart contract then verifies the listing data and stores the associated metadata on IPFS, while linking the product information to the blockchain for immutability. Sellers can also manage their transactions by confirming shipments and triggering automatic payment releases once buyers confirm delivery. This structure ensures accountability and transparency for both parties. Buyers interact with the system primarily to browse products, make secure purchases, and review transaction histories. The process begins with account registration through the Phantom Wallet, which generates a blockchain-based wallet ID for identity and payment processing. When making a purchase, the buyer selects a product, and the payment is handled by a smart contract that temporarily holds funds in escrow until the seller confirms shipment. Upon confirmation, the contract automatically releases the payment to the seller. This decentralized escrow mechanism replaces traditional intermediaries, ensuring trust through verifiable blockchain transactions. Buyers can also view their full order and payment history, which is stored immutably on the Solana blockchain for reference.

Algorithm 2: Product Listing and Verification

Input: Product details

Output: Verified product listing

1. The seller logs in and submits product details via the Next.js front-end.
2. The smart contract validates the listing and checks for completeness.
3. Upon verification, the product is added to the blockchain marketplace.
4. Buyers can now view and purchase the product.

The platform's architecture ensures secure communication and efficient data flow across its three layers. The client-side interface developed in Next.js facilitates user actions such as registration, product management, and transaction initiation. The middleware layer, composed of Phantom Wallet and Chainstack, bridges the gap between the interface and the blockchain. Phantom Wallet enables secure user authentication and transaction signing, while Chainstack manages the reliable transmission of data to the Solana blockchain, ensuring stable performance even during high-volume activity. At the core lies the blockchain layer, which employs Solana's Proof of History (PoH) consensus mechanism for high-speed transaction processing and minimal costs. This layer executes smart contracts, stores immutable transaction records, and enforces all business logic governing the platform. Solana's infrastructure provides scalability and resilience, ensuring that every transaction is transparent, traceable, and tamper-resistant.

Fig. 1, representing the Waterfall Model, underpins this entire process by emphasizing the importance of sequential development and documentation. Fig. 2 illustrates the interaction between the frontend, middleware, and blockchain during system implementation, while Fig. 3 depicts the user interaction model showing how administrators, sellers, and buyers interact with the decentralized platform. Algorithm 1 and Algorithm 2 demonstrate the structured, automated procedures that enforce security and transparency through smart contracts. By combining these architectural components, the developed blockchain-based e-commerce platform achieves a decentralized, trustless environment where transactions occur without intermediaries yet maintain full verifiability. Buyers and sellers engage confidently, knowing that all interactions are securely stored on the blockchain. Solana's high throughput, combined with the use of Rust-based smart contracts and the Anchor Framework, ensures efficiency, low costs, and reliability. The inclusion of Phantom Wallet and Chainstack strengthens communication security, while the Next.js interface guarantees a user-friendly experience.

Ultimately, this integration of blockchain, smart contracts, and layered architecture demonstrates a robust approach to solving key challenges in e-commerce namely trust, security, and transparency. The result is a decentralized platform that not only enhances user confidence but also sets a foundation for future innovations in blockchain-powered digital commerce.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The blockchain-based e-commerce platform was developed and presented as a functional prototype using Next.js, showcasing how Solana blockchain technology can be integrated into a decentralized online marketplace. The implemented system operates in a simulated environment using dummy data and mock wallet interactions, yet it effectively mirrors the intended user experience and architectural flow of a fully deployed blockchain marketplace. The design prioritizes simplicity, accessibility, and blockchain-readiness, ensuring that users and administrators can navigate intuitively while interacting securely through blockchain authentication. As illustrated in Fig. 4, the Home Page of the E-Commerce DApp acts as the central entry point for customers. The interface presents a clean layout with navigation tools that allow users to browse products by category, search specific listings, or explore featured items. A prominently displayed “Connect Wallet” button on the top-right corner of the homepage prompts users to authenticate via their Phantom Wallet before accessing advanced features such as purchases or order tracking. This blockchain-based authentication replaces the conventional username - password model, offering enhanced security through cryptographic wallet verification rather than centralized credential storage. Once a user clicks the wallet connection button, the system displays the Phantom Wallet Login Prompt, as shown in Fig. 5, which simulates the authentication process. Here, the user must authorize wallet access to complete the login procedure, ensuring that every action taken on the platform is cryptographically tied to a unique wallet address.

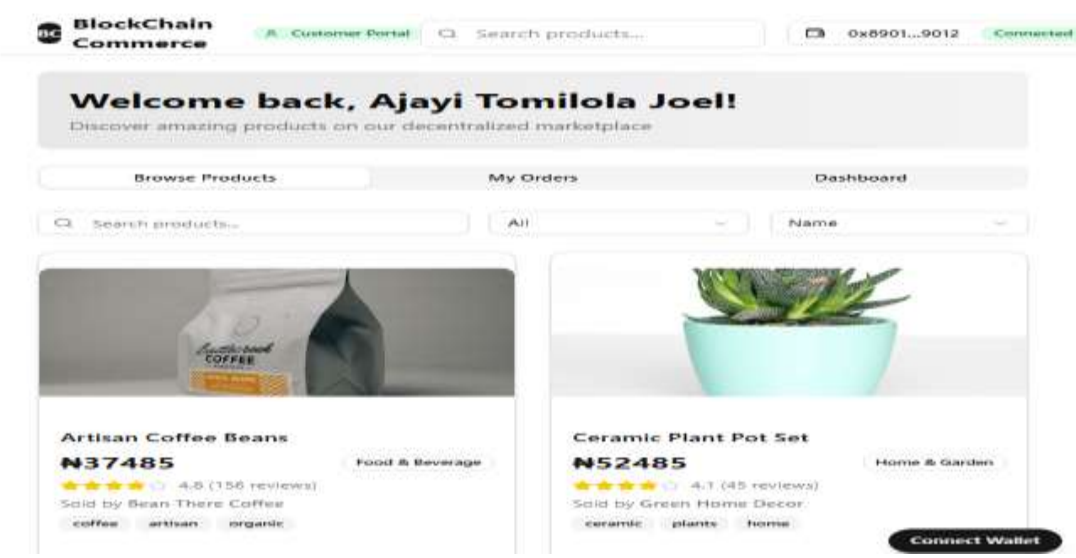

Fig. 4: Home Page of the E-commence DApp

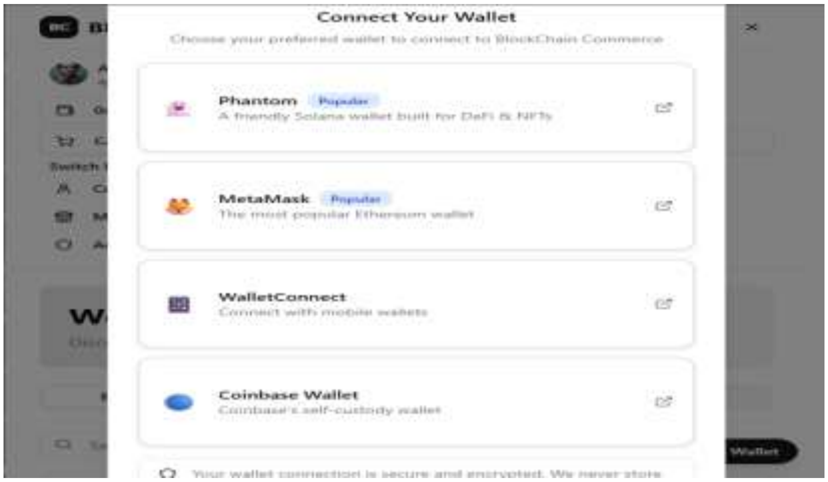

Fig. 5: Phantom Wallet Login Prompt

By associating user activity directly with verified wallet identities, the platform effectively prevents impersonation and unauthorized transactions. This decentralized authentication mechanism also enhances privacy by eliminating the need for sensitive user information to be stored on a central server. All subsequent purchases and transactions are linked directly to the wallet address, allowing for immutable transaction histories and verifiable proof of ownership on the blockchain. The Merchant's Dashboard Page, illustrated in Fig. 6, serves as the primary workspace for sellers. The dashboard is designed to enable merchants to upload new product listings, modify existing entries, and monitor customer orders efficiently. Product details including title, description, price, quantity, and metadata can be entered through structured forms. Once submitted, these entries are simulated as being stored on the blockchain to demonstrate decentralized data management. The dashboard also integrates simulated smart contract interactions that mimic real-world blockchain automation. For example, when a buyer purchases a product, the order is automatically recorded in a simulated ledger, and a notification appears on the seller's dashboard. This automated tracking replaces manual order management while ensuring immutability and auditability.

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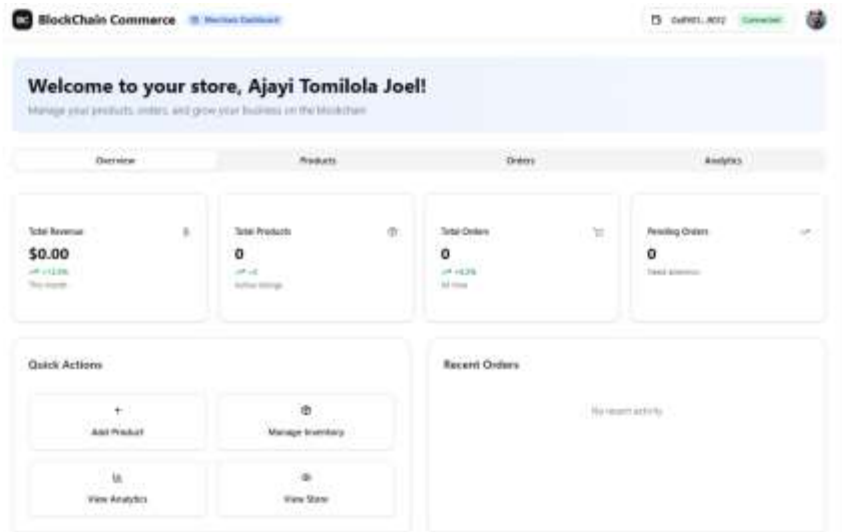

Fig. 6: Merchant's Dashboard Page

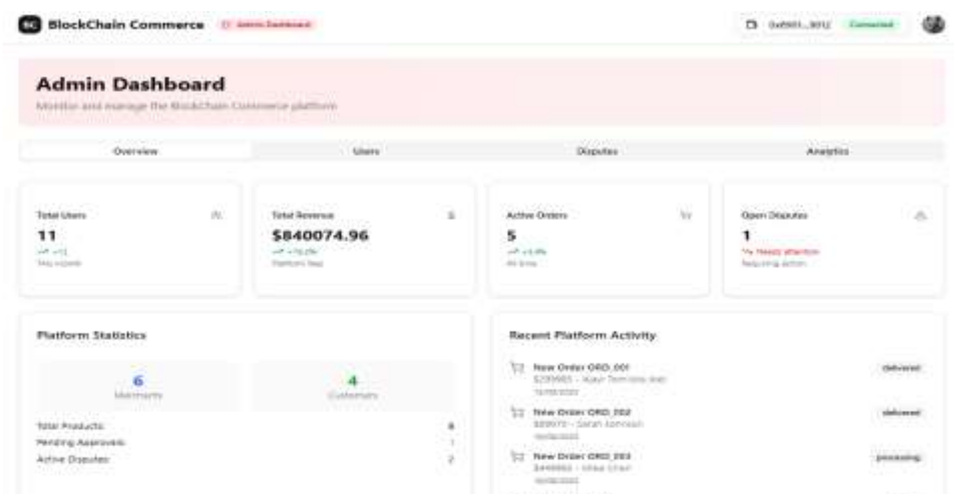

Fig. 7: Admin Dashboard

Sellers can use the dashboard to manage all order states from pending payment to shipment confirmation. Smart contracts, represented in the prototype through backend simulations, act as escrow mechanisms, temporarily holding payments until the buyer verifies delivery. Once confirmation is received, funds are automatically released to the seller, ensuring fairness for both parties. This process demonstrates how blockchain removes intermediaries while guaranteeing secure, verifiable exchanges. The Merchant's Dashboard thus represents a key component of the platform, embodying the trustless and transparent nature of blockchain commerce.

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The Administrator Dashboard, displayed in Fig. 7, is designed for users with elevated privileges, such as platform managers or system operators. The administrator interface provides tools for product management, order validation, and dispute resolution. It simulates the ability to audit transaction logs recorded on the blockchain, ensuring that all activities are verifiable and tamper-resistant. Through this dashboard, administrators can resolve disputes, process refunds, and ensure compliance with platform policies. Smart contract logic (simulated in the prototype) enforces transparent handling of such processes, ensuring that all changes are visible on the blockchain. This architecture demonstrates how decentralized automation can reduce fraud and strengthen accountability across stakeholders. Collectively, the prototype's graphical interfaces the Home Page, Wallet Authentication Prompt, Merchant Dashboard, and Administrator Dashboard illustrate the end-to-end flow of a blockchain-driven marketplace, from user onboarding to order fulfillment and management. They emphasize how decentralization enhances security, transparency, and efficiency in digital commerce.

To evaluate the platform's deployment performance and cost efficiency, tests were conducted on the Solana Playground to measure smart contract execution costs across various core operations, including product listings, transaction validation, payments, and dispute resolution. The results, summarized in Table 1, indicate that the blockchain-based e-commerce DApp operates with remarkable cost efficiency. A single product listing transaction required 0.0132 SOL ($1.50), while order validation and logging averaged 0.0125 SOL ($1.42) per operation. Payment confirmation cost approximately 0.0148 SOL ($1.67), and smart contract deployment the most resource-intensive process averaged 0.0181 SOL ($2.05) as a one-time configuration cost. Dispute resolution processes were similarly affordable at 0.0139 SOL ($1.57) per transaction.

Table 1: Program Deployment Costs for the E-Commerce DApp

Contract Function	Crypto Cost (SOL)	Approx. Cost (USD)
Product Listing	0.0132 SOL	$1.50
Order Validation & Logging	0.0125 SOL	$1.42
Payment Confirmation	0.0148 SOL	$1.67
Smart Contract Deployment	0.0181 SOL	$2.05
Dispute Resolution	0.0139 SOL	$1.57

Table 2: Comparative Deployment Costs Between Solana and Ethereum

Contract Function	Solana-Based System (USD)	Ethereum-Based System (USD)	Approx. Cost Reduction (%)
Product Listing Transaction	$1.50	$12.40	87.9%
Payment Processing	$1.67	$13.30	87.4%
Smart Contract Deployment	$2.05	$30.10	93.2%
Order Validation & Logging	$1.42	$11.20	87.3%
Dispute Resolution	$1.57	$11.50	86.4%

These figures demonstrate that blockchain-enabled operations on Solana are not only transparent but also cost-effective when compared to traditional e-commerce gateways that typically impose 2 - 5% fees per transaction. Even under simulated high-traffic conditions, transaction costs remained consistent, confirming the predictability and scalability of Solana's pricing model. Further benchmarking against Ethereum-based systems revealed a dramatic reduction in operational costs when using Solana. As shown in Table 2, the Solana platform achieved between 87% and 93% cost savings across core functionalities. For example, while Solana processed payment transactions for about $1.67, the equivalent Ethereum transaction averaged $13.30, with smart contract deployment costing as much as $30.10 compared to Solana's $2.05. These disparities stem from Ethereum's gas fee volatility, whereas Solana's Proof-of-History (PoH) and Proof-of-Stake (PoS) hybrid mechanism ensures consistently low costs and higher scalability.

These results confirm that Solana's transaction efficiency and low-cost framework make it well-suited for e-commerce platforms requiring frequent transactions, rapid order validation, and minimal overhead costs. The consistent cost pattern across varying load scenarios also indicates high scalability ideal for handling events such as promotional sales or shopping seasons without a spike in fees. The transaction performance of the platform was assessed based on two main metrics: block finality time (how fast a transaction is confirmed) and transactions per second (TPS) (the rate of processed operations). Tests showed an average block confirmation time of 0.6 to 0.8 seconds, depending on transaction complexity. Basic operations such as product purchases confirmed within 0.6 seconds, while more elaborate smart contract executions like payouts and dispute resolution averaged 0.8 seconds due to multiple state updates. Throughput analysis revealed the platform's ability to sustain 3.3 TPS during product listing operations and 2.7 TPS during payment confirmation. Dispute resolution and other computation-heavy activities averaged 2.8 TPS, while background updates maintained 3.4 TPS showing stable performance across diverse tasks. These results, summarized in Table 3, indicate that the system can process real-time e-commerce transactions seamlessly.

Table 3: Block Time (Transactions per Second - TPS) for the Solana-Based System

Contract Operation	Block Time (seconds)	Throughput (Transaction Per Second)
Product Listing	0.6 s	3.3 TPS
Order Validation	0.7 s	3.0 TPS
Payment Processing	0.8 s	2.7 TPS
Dispute Resolution	0.8 s	2.8 TPS
System Update	0.6 s	3.4 TPS

Table 4: Comparative Transaction Performance (Solana vs Ethereum)

Metric	Solana-Based System	Ethereum-Based System
Average Block Time (seconds)	0.6 s - 0.8 s	13 s – 15 s
Average Throughput (TPS)	3.0 TPS – 3.4 TPS	0.15 TPS – 0.30 TPS
Transaction Confirmation Speed	Instant (<1s)	Delayed (12–15s)
Transaction Cost Stability	Stable, < $0.02	Variable, $0.80–$2.00
Network Scalability	High (Parallel TXNs)	Moderate (Sequential)

During normal operational loads (30 - 50 active users), throughput consistently exceeded 3 TPS, ensuring smooth transaction experiences. Even under stress tests simulating over 100 simultaneous transactions within 10 seconds, the platform maintained a minimum throughput of 2.6 TPS, demonstrating resilience and scalability. The combination of sub-second block times and high throughput makes the platform suitable for fast-paced e-commerce environments where transaction speed directly impacts user satisfaction. To further validate these findings, comparative tests were performed against an Ethereum-based system. As summarized in Table 4, Solana achieved an average block finality time of 0.6 - 0.8 seconds and throughput above 3 TPS, while Ethereum averaged 13 - 15 seconds per block and 0.15 - 0.30 TPS. These differences clearly highlight Solana's superiority for e-commerce platforms requiring rapid and cost-effective transaction handling.

The platform's responsiveness and reliability confirm Solana's suitability as the blockchain foundation for decentralized commerce. Buyers benefit from instant payment confirmations and transparent order tracking, while sellers gain assurance of prompt and verifiable fund transfers. Additionally, the platform's stability under heavy load proves its readiness for real-world applications, offering an optimal balance between speed, cost, and scalability.

The developed prototype successfully demonstrates the viability of a blockchain-based e-commerce ecosystem that merges the convenience of traditional marketplaces with the transparency and security of decentralized technologies. The user interfaces (Fig. 4 - 7) represent the seamless interaction flow between customers, merchants, and administrators. The quantitative evaluations (Tables 1 - 4) confirm that the Solana blockchain offers unmatched performance in transaction cost efficiency, speed, and throughput compared to legacy systems like Ethereum. Together, these results provide compelling evidence that blockchain can fundamentally transform digital commerce by delivering secure, scalable, and economically sustainable online marketplaces.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This research developed a prototype blockchain-based e-commerce platform using Next.js for the frontend and Solana for decentralized transaction processing. Aimed at addressing high fees, fraud, and limited transparency in traditional systems, the platform integrates immutable records, smart contracts, and Phantom Wallet authentication to ensure secure, verifiable, and transparent transactions without intermediaries. Core functions product listings, payments, and dispute resolution are automated through smart contracts. Performance evaluation showed block finality times of 0.6 - 0.8 seconds and throughput above 2.6 TPS, demonstrating real-time responsiveness under high-demand conditions. Deployment tests confirmed low, stable costs across all operations, validating Solana's cost-efficiency and scalability. Comparative analysis with Ethereum systems further highlighted Solana's superior speed, affordability, and performance, making it a robust framework for next-generation decentralized e-commerce that combines trust, efficiency, and transparency.

Although the prototype achieved its core objectives, several enhancements are recommended to improve its performance, usability, and readiness for real-world deployment. A transition from Solana Devnet to Mainnet is crucial for large-scale adoption, but this should follow a thorough smart contract audit to ensure security and reliability. The platform's user experience could be strengthened through advanced features such as improved navigation, product search, and filtering, as well as support for multi-vendor operations and dispute resolution to align with established e-commerce standards. Integrating on-chain analytics dashboards would provide merchants with real-time insights into sales and customer behavior, while compliance features such as geolocation checks and tax reporting would help meet regulatory requirements across regions. Finally, expanding accessibility through mobile optimization or the development of a native mobile app would ensure broader reach and engagement, particularly in mobile-driven markets.

This study makes the following contributions to blockchain-based e-commerce research and practice by:

i. Developing a blockchain-powered e-commerce platform on the Solana blockchain, showcasing how decentralized payments and smart contracts can enhance transaction speed, transparency, and trust.
ii. Providing an empirical insight into Solana's efficiency for e-commerce applications by evaluating transaction throughput (TPS) and deployment costs, offering a foundation for future scalability studies.

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