

Cheap Contract Deployment

Through Clones

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Families of smart contracts

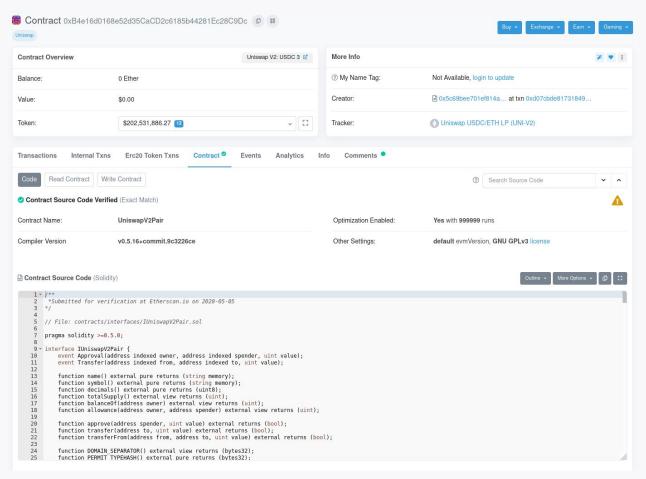
A brief overview

UniswapV2 has over 30k registered pairs

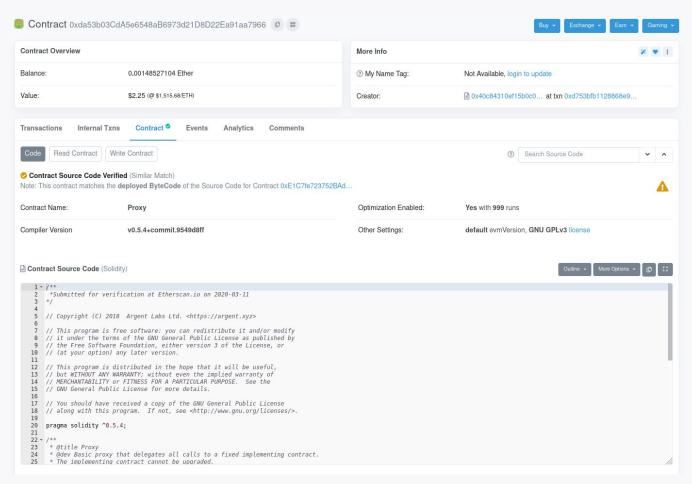
Argent factories have been called over 35k times

are contracts deployed on mainnet

In both cases, these adoption numbers



Creation cost: 2,513,386 gas



Creation cost: 919,704 gas

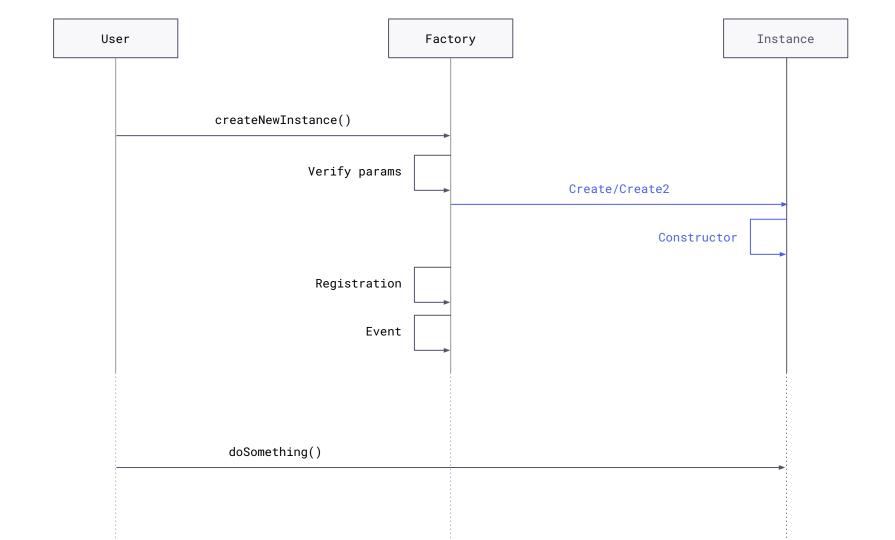
Why so expensive?

The cost of deploying a contract

Common factory workflow: the naive approach

- Initiate transaction
- (Verify parameters)
- Create a new contract
 - Constructor
- (New contract registration)
- (Emit event)

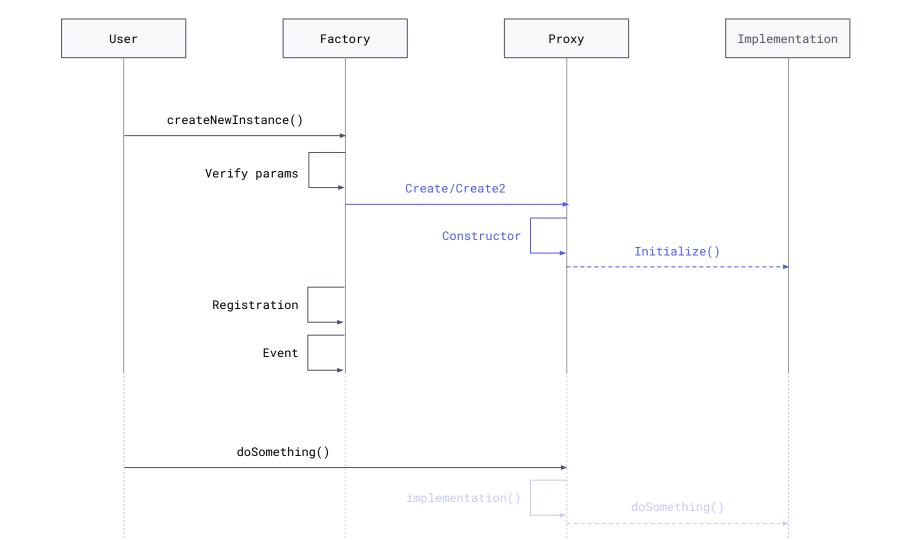
The very expensive part*



Alternative factory workflow: the proxy approach

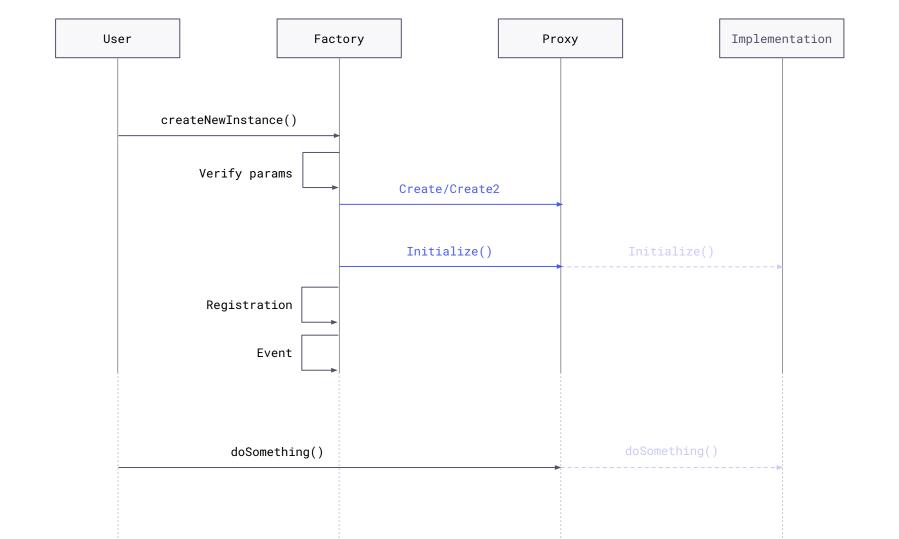
- Initiate transaction
- (Verify parameters)
- Create a new proxy
 - Constructor
- Initialize the underlying logic
- (New contract registration)
- (Emit event)

The expensive part*



Alternative factory workflow: the clone approach

- Initiate transaction
- (Verify parameters)
- Create a new clone (EIP1167)
- Initialize the underlying logic
 The not quite as expensive part*
- (New contract registration)
- (Emit event)



Demo Time

Hands-on with the code

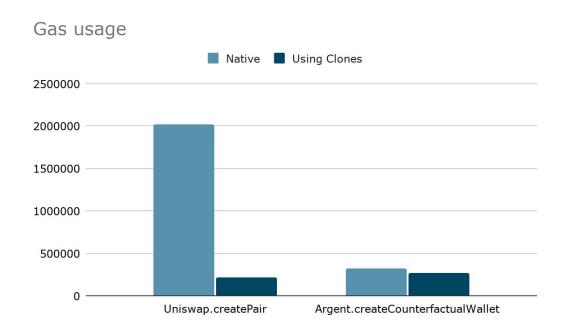
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Clones are part of @openzeppelin/contracts

import "@openzeppelin/contracts/proxy/Clones.sol";

- function clone(address) returns (address)
- function cloneDeterministic(address, bytes32) returns (address)
- function predictDeterministicAddress(address, bytes32) view returns (address)
- function predictDeterministicAddress(address, bytes32, address) pure returns (address)

Cost of using clones compared to other methods





Advantages and drawbacks of clones

- Very cheap deployment
- Easily compatible current proxy based factories
- Cheaper to call than a "storage based" proxy
- Non upgradeable
- More expensive to call than a native contract (+700 gas/call)

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