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Payment Subscription Smart Contract

1. Overview

This Payment Subscription Smart Contract is developed using Aiken to facilitate automated recurring payments between Subscribers and Merchants on the Cardano blockchain. This smart contract enables users to set up, manage, and cancel subscriptions directly from their wallets.

2. Architecture

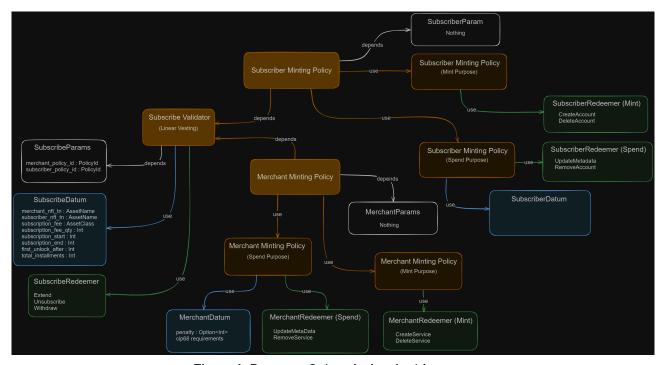


Figure 1: Payment Subscription Architecture

There are three contracts in this subscription system.

- **Merchant Contract:** A multi-validator responsible for creating an initial service by minting a single CIP-68 compliant MerchantNFT and sending it to the merchant while sending the reference NFT to the spending end point. It also updates the metadata for the merchant and deletes the service by burning the MerchantNFT.
- Subscriber Contract: A multi-validator responsible for creating the initial subscription to a service by minting a SubscriberNFT and sending it to the user, while sending the reference NFT to the spending



endpoint. It also updating the metadata for the subscriber and deletes the user account by burning a SubscriberNFT.

• **Subscribe Contract:** Responsible for holding the prepaid subscription fees for a service, renewing a subscription to a service, unsubscribing from a service and withdrawing subscription fees. This could also be a multi-validator to authenticate the UTxO.

3. Specification

3.1. System Actors

- **Merchant:** An entity who interacts with the Merchant Contract in order to create a service and receives subscription payments for the respective service or services.
- **Subscriber:** An entity who interacts with the Subscriber Contract in order to create an account and deposit prepaid subscription fees to the Subscribe Contract.

3.2. Tokens

- **Merchant NFT:** Can only be minted by a merchant when creating a subscription service and burned when merchant removes their service/services from the system. Datum is updated when a subscription is paid or the merchant withdraws from the Subscribe Contract.
 - ► TokenName: Defined in Merchant Multi-validator parameters with the hash of the Merchant Policy Id
- **Subscriber NFT:** Can only be minted when a subscription fee is paid to Subscribe Contract and burned when subscriber exits the system. Datum is updated when fees are deposited and withdrawn from Subscribe Contract.
 - TokenName: Defined in Subscriber Multi-validator parameters with hash of the Subscriber Policy Id

3.3. Smart Contract

3.3.1. Subscribe Validator

Subscribe validator is responsible for holding subscription fees and validating subscriptions.

3.3.1.1. Parameters

• merchant_policy_id : Hash of the PolicyId



• subscriber_policy_id : Hash of the PolicyId

3.3.1.2. Datum

This is a Sum type datum where one represents the main datum and the other one represents a penalty datum.

3.3.1.2.1. Main datum

- merchant_nft_tn: Merchant's token name encoding UTxO to be consumed when minting the NFT.
- subscriber_nft_tn: Subscriber's token name encoding UTxO to be consumed when minting the NFT.
- subscription_fee: AssetClass type for the subscription fee.
- **subscription_fee_qty:** Amount of the subscription fee.
- subscription_start: Start of the subscription.
- **subscription_end:** Expiry time of the subscription.
- total_installments: The number of periodic intervals over which to release subscription fees.

3.3.1.2.2. Penalty datum

• merchant_nft_tn: Merchant's token name encoding UTxO to be consumed when minting the NFT.

3.3.1.3. Redeemer

- Extend
- Unsubscribe
- Withdraw

3.3.1.4. Validation

- **Extend:** The redeemer will allow anyone to increase the subscription funds.
 - validate that the value of the UTxO is increased as long as the Datum is updated with the Merchant Token Name.



- **Unsubscribe:** The redeemer will allow anyone with a subscriberNFT to spend Subscribe UTx0 to unlock funds back to their address.
 - validate the subscriberNFT is being spent.
 - validate that the penalty UTxO is being produced with the merchants Token Name.
- **Withdraw:** The redeemer will allow anyone with a merchant NFT to withdraw funds from the Subscribe contract
 - validate merchantNFT is being spent
 - validate whether the transaction contains a penalty datum or a normal datum.

3.3.2. Merchant Multi-validator

Merchant Multi-validator is responsible for registering a service creating, updating and removing a service for a merchant.

3.3.2.1. Parameter

Nothing

3.3.2.2. Minting Purpose

3.3.2.2.1. Redeemer

- CreateService
- RemoveAccount

3.3.2.2.1.1. Validation

- **CreateService:** The redeemer allows creating of a new subscription sevice by minting only one unique Token.
 - validate that out_ref must be present in the Transaction Inputs
 - validate that the redeemer only mints a single CIP68 compliant merchant Token

RemoveAccount:

• validate that the redeemer only burns a single CIP68 compliant merchant NFT Token.

3.3.2.3. Spend Purpose



3.3.2.3.1. Datum

- penalty_fee: AssetClass type for the amount of fees to be deducted when subscriber cancels the subscription.
- penalty_fee_qty: Amount of the penalty fees.
- cip-68 requirements

3.3.2.3.2. Redeemer

- UpdateMetaData
- RemoveService

3.3.2.3.2.1. Validation

- **UpdateMetaData:** The redeemer allows for updating the metadata attached to the UTxO sitting at the script address.
 - validate that merchantNFT is being spent.
 - updates the metadata of the Reference NFT token and sends the token to the spending end point
- **RemoveService:** The redeemer allows the removal of a service by a merchant from the subscription system.
 - validate merchentNFT is being spent.
 - Removes all the Reference NFT tokens to another external address.

3.3.3. Subscriber Multi-validator

3.3.3.1. Parameter

Nothing

3.3.3.2. Minting Purpose

3.3.3.2.1. Redeemer

- CreateAccount
- DeleteAccount



3.3.3.2.1.1. Validation

- **CreateAccount:** The redeemer allows creating of a new subscription service account by minting only one unique Token.
 - validate that out_ref must be present in the Transaction Inputs
 - ▶ validate that the redeemer only mints a single CIP68 compliant SubscriberNFT Token

• DeleteAccount:

validate that the redeemer only burns a single CIP68 compliant SubscriberNFT Token

3.3.4. Spend Purpose

3.3.4.1.1. Datum

• cip-68 requirements

3.3.4.1.2. Redeemer

- UpdateMetaData
- RemoveAccount

3.3.4.1.2.1. Validation

- **UpdateMetaData:** The redeemer allows for updating the metadata attached to the UTxO sitting at the script address.
 - validate that SubscriberNFT is being spent.
 - updates the metadata of the Reference NFT token and sends the token to the spending end point.
- **RemoveAccount:** The redeemer allows the removal of an account by a subscriber from the subscription system.
 - validate that SubscriberNFT is being spent.
 - validate that unlocked funds are sent back to the subscriber address.
 - validate that penalty is calculated accurately and fees are in the penalty UTxO
 - Removes all the Reference NFT tokens to athe spending endpoint.



4. Transactions

This section outlines the various transactions involved in the Payment Subscription Smart Contract on the Cardano blockchain.

4.1. Merchant Multi-validator

4.1.1. Mint :: CreateService

This transaction creates a new service by minting a Merchant NFT. This transaction is performed by the merchant to indicate that a new service is available.

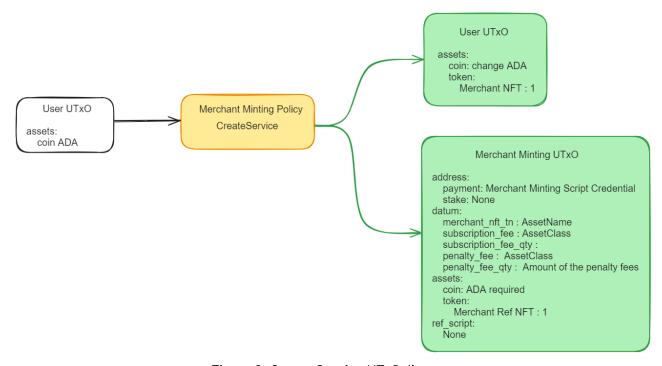


Figure 2: Create Service UTxO diagram

Inputs

1. Merchant Wallet UTx0.

- Address: Merchant's wallet address
- ► Value:
 - Minimum ADA
 - Any additional ADA required for the transaction

• Outputs:

1. Merchant Wallet UTx0:



- Address: Merchant wallet address
- Datum:
 - merchant_nft_tn: Merchant's token name encoding UTx0 to be consumed when minting the NFT.
 - **subscription_fee:** AssetClass type for the subscription fee.
 - **subscription_fee_qty:** Amount of the subscription fee.
 - penalty_fee: AssetClass type for the amount of funds to be deducted when subscriber cancels the subscription.
 - penalty_fee_qty: Amount of the penalty fees.
- Value:
 - minimum ADA
 - 1 Merchant NFT Asset

2. Merchant Validator UTx0:

- Address: Merchant Multi-validator Address (Mint)
- Datum:
 - merchant_nft_tn: Merchant's token name encoding UTx0 to be consumed when minting the NFT
 - **subscription_fee:** AssetClass type for the subscription fee.
 - **subscription_fee_qty:** Amount of the subscription fee.
 - **penalty_fee**: AssetClass type for the amount of funds to be deducted when subscriber cancels the subscription.
 - penalty_fee_qty: Amount of the penalty fees.
- Value:
 - 1 Reference NFT Asset

3. Change UTx0:

Any remaining ADA or other tokens from the transaction inputs that are not used in the transaction are returned to the merchant's address as change.

4.1.2. Mint :: DeleteService

This transaction deletes an existing service by burning the associated Merchant NFT by the merchant.



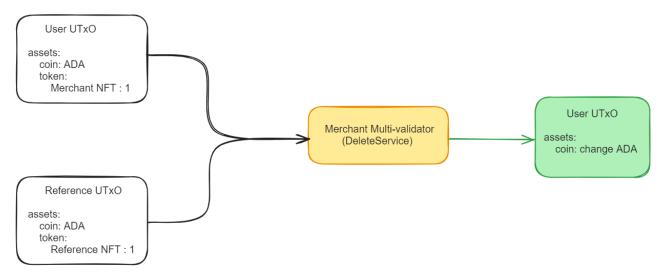


Figure 3: Delete Service UTxO diagram

Inputs

1. Merchant Wallet UTx0

Address: Merchant's wallet address

- Value:
 - Minimum ADA
 - 1 Merchant NFT Asset

2. Merchant Validator UTx0

- Address: Merchant validator script address
- Value:
 - Minimum ADA
 - 1Reference NFT Asset

Outputs

1. Merchant Wallet UTx0

- Address: Merchant wallet address
- Value:
 - Minimum ADA (remaining after burning the NFT)

4.1.3. Spend :: UpdateMetaData



This transaction updates the metadata attached to the UTxO at the script address. It consumes the Merchant NFT and the Reference NFT and sends the updated tokens to the user wallet and spending endpoint respectively.

User UTxO
assets:
coin: change ADA

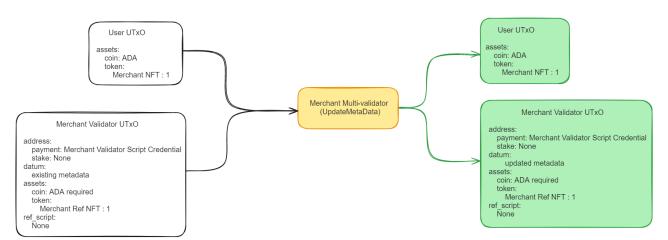


Figure 4: Update MetaData UTxO diagram

Inputs

1. Merchant Wallet UTx0

Address: Merchant's wallet address

- Value:
 - Minimum ADA
 - Merchant NFT Asset

2. Merchant Validator UTx0

- Address: Merchant validator script address
- Datum:
 - existing_metadata: Current metadata for the service.
- Value:
 - Minimum ADA
 - Reference NFT Asset

Outputs

1. Merchant Wallet UTx0



- Address: Merchant wallet address
- Datum:
 - updated_metadata: New metadata for the subscription.
- Value:
 - Minimum ADA
 - Updated Merchant NFT Asset

2. Merchant Validator UTx0:

- Address: Spending endpoint address
- Datum:
 - updated_metadata: New metadata for the subscription.
- Value:
 - Minimum ADA
 - 1 Updated Reference Merchant NFT Asset

4.1.4. Spend :: RemoveService

This transaction spends the Merchant NFT to remove the service.

Inputs

- ► UTxO containing the MerchantNFT being spent to remove the service.
- ► Reference UTxO holding the Reference NFT and service metadata.

Outputs

1. Merchant UTx0

► Address: Merchant wallet address

2. Merchant Policy UTx0:

Address: Merchant Policy address

3. Change UTx0:

• Any remaining ADA or other tokens from the transaction inputs that are not used in the transaction are returned to the merchant's address as change.



4.2. Subscriber Multi-validator

4.2.1. Mint :: CreateAccount

This endpoint mints a new subscription NFT for a subscriber, establishing a new subscription account. It transfers the subscription fee to the merchant and provides the subscriber with a unique subscription token.

Inputs

- A subscriber UTx0 from the subscriber wallet address.
- Merchant Policy UTx0:

Outputs

- 1. Subscription UTx0:
 - Address: Subscriber's wallet address
 - Datum:
 - subscription_token_name: Subscription token name
 - start_date: Subscription start date
 - end_date: Subscription end date
 - Value:
 - Minimum ADA
 - 1Subscription Token Asset
- 2. Merchant UTx0:
 - Address: Merchant's wallet address
 - Value:
 - Minimum ADA
 - Subscription fee amount
- 3. Change UTx0:

Any remaining ADA or other tokens from the transaction inputs that are not used in the transaction are returned to the subscriber's address as change.

4.2.2. Mint :: DeleteAccount

This endpoint burns the subscription NFT, effectively canceling the subscription. It deducts a penalty fee from the subscriber's balance and transfers it to the merchant.

Inputs

1. Subscriber UTx0:



- Address: Subscriber's wallet address
- Value: Minimum ADA + Subscription Token Asset
- 2. Merchant Policy UTx0:
 - Address: Merchant Multi-validator Address (Mint)
 - Datum:
 - merchant_nft_tn: Merchant's token name encoding UTx0 to be consumed when burning the NFT.
 - subscription_fee: AssetClass type for the subscription fee.
 - subscription_fee_qty: Amount of the subscription fee.
 - penalty_fee: AssetClass type for the amount of funds to be deducted when subscriber cancels the subscription.
 - penalty_fee_qty: Amount of the penalty fees.
 - Value:
 - 1 Reference NFT Asset

Outputs

- 1. Merchant UTx0:
 - Address: Merchant's wallet address
 - Value:
 - Minimum ADA
 - Penalty fee amount
- 2. Change UTx0:

Any remaining ADA or other tokens from the transaction inputs that are not used in the transaction are returned to the subscriber's address as change.

4.2.3. Spend :: UpdateMetaData

This endpoint updates the metadata of the subscription NFT, allowing modifications to the subscription details without altering the subscription token itself.

Inputs

- 1. Subscriber UTx0:
 - Address: Subscriber's wallet address
 - Value: Minimum ADA + Subscription Token Asset

Outputs

- 1. Subscription UTx0:
 - Address: Subscriber's wallet address



- Datum:
 - subscription_token_name: Subscription token name
 - updated_metadata: New metadata for the subscription
- Value:
 - Minimum ADA
 - Updated Subscription Token Asset

4.2.4. Spend :: RemoveAccount

This endpoint spends (removes) the subscription NFT, effectively terminating the subscription and removing the subscriber's account from the system.

Inputs

- 1. Subscriber UTx0:
 - Address: Subscriber's wallet address
 - ► Value: Minimum ADA + Subscription Token Asset
- 2. Merchant Policy UTx0:
- Address: Merchant Multi-validator Address (Spend)
- Datum:
 - merchant_nft_tn: Merchant's token name encoding UTx0 to be consumed when spending the NFT
 - subscription_fee: AssetClass type for the subscription fee.
 - subscription_fee_qty: Amount of the subscription fee.
 - penalty_fee: AssetClass type for the amount of funds to be deducted when subscriber cancels the subscription.
 - penalty_fee_qty: Amount of the penalty fees.
- Value: 1 Reference NFT Asset

Outputs

- 1. Merchant UTx0:
 - Address: Merchant's wallet address
- 2. Merchant Policy UTx0:
 - Address: Merchant Policy address
- 3. Change UTx0:

Any remaining ADA or other tokens from the transaction inputs that are not used in the transaction are returned to the subscriber's address as change.

4.3. Subscribe Contract