


# Secure Coding Practices

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# # Who We Are



- 🇩🇪 Team of security researchers
- Found and reported 80+ vulnerabilities in Solana Core
- Found and reported critical bugs in many of the largest Solana DeFi protocols
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# **The 80/20 of Solana Security**

# # Triple S Framework





Structure

Safety

Supervision


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# # Structure


```
✓  src
   lib.rs
   Cargo.toml
   Xargo.toml
```


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✓  src


✓  instructions


 cancel\_offer.rs


 create\_offer.rs


 mod.rs


 take\_offer.rs


✓  state

 mod.rs

 tradeoffer.rs

 lib.rs

 Cargo.toml

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# # Structure 📁



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# # Instruction File

- Single file contains:
  - Instruction Argument Structure
  - Accounts Structure
  - Instruction Implementation

```
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1 use anchor_lang::prelude::*;
2 use anchor_spl::associated_token::AssociatedToken;
3 use anchor_spl::token::{Mint, Token, TokenAccount};
4 use anchor_spl::token;
5 use crate::state::*;
6
7 #[derive(AnchorSerialize, AnchorDeserialize)]
8 pub struct CreateOfferArgs {
9     pub offer_amount: u64,
10    pub request_amount: u64,
11 }
12
13
14 pub struct CreateOfferInfo {
15     #account[mint]
16     owners: Signer<'info>,
17     #account[
18         init,
19         payer = owner,
20         space = 120,
21         seeds = [b"tradeoffer", owner.key().as_ref()],
22         bump
23     ]
24     offers: Account<'info, TradeOffer>,
25     #account[mint]
26     owner_offer_token: Account<'info, TokenAccount>,
27     #account[
28         init_if_needed,
29         payer = owner,
30         associated_token::mint = offer_mint,
31         associated_token::authority = offer,
32     ]
33     offer_escrow: Account<'info, TokenAccount>,
34     offer_mint: Account<'info, Mint>,
35     request_mint: Account<'info, Mint>,
36     token_program: Program<'info, Token>,
37     associated_token_program: Program<'info, AssociatedToken>,
38     system_program: Program<'info, System>,
39 }
40
41
42 impl CreateOffer {
43     pub fn handle(ctx: Context<Self>, args: CreateOfferArgs) -> Result<()> {
44         let offer = &mut ctx.accounts.offer;
45         let CreateOfferArgs { offer_amount, request_amount } = args;
46
47         offer.owner = ctx.accounts.owner.key();
48         offer.offer_mint = ctx.accounts.offer_mint.key();
49         offer.offer_amount = offer_amount;
50         offer.request_mint = ctx.accounts.request_mint.key();
51         offer.request_amount = request_amount;
52
53         // transfer from owner to escrow
54         token::transfer(
55             CpiContext::new(
56                 ctx.accounts.token_program.to_account_info(),
57                 token::Transfer {
58                     from: ctx.accounts.owner_offer_token.to_account_info(),
59                     to: ctx.accounts.offer_escrow.to_account_info(),
60                     authority: ctx.accounts.owner.to_account_info(),
61                 }, offer_amount
62             )
63         )
64     }
65 }
```

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# # State

- State Files contain:
  - Account struct definition
  - State implementations:
    - Verification logic
    - State transitions
    - Helper functions

```
1 use anchor_lang::prelude::*;
2
3 #[account]
4 ✓ pub struct TradeOffer {
5     pub owner: Pubkey,
6     pub offer_mint: Pubkey,
7     pub offer_amount: u64,
8     pub request_mint: Pubkey,
9     pub request_amount: u64,
10    // size = 8 + 32 + 32 + 8 + 32 + 8 = 120
11 }
12
13 ✓ impl TradeOffer {
14     //pub const SIZE = 120;
15     pub fn invariant() -> Result<()> {
16         Ok(())
17     }
18 }
```

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# # Safety

- Input validation
- Output validation
- Emergency mechanisms

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- Input validation
  - Constraints & Validation Function
- Output validation
  - Invariants & Assertions
- Emergency mechanisms
  - Program State & Circuit Breakers

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# # Input Validation

- Happens in the Instruction definition
- Use a mix of:
  1. Anchor constraints
  2. Separate Validation Function
- Constraints:
  - has\_one, seeds
- Validation Function:
  - Everything else
- Screenshot tries to do everything in constraints 🦴 →

```
#[derive(Accounts)]
pub struct DepositPositionForLiquidity<'info> {
    #[account(mut)]
    pub signer: Signer<'info>,

    #[account(mut, address = lockbox.position, has_one = whirlpool, has_one = position_mint)]
    pub position: Box<Account<'info, Position>>,

    #[account(address = position.position_mint, constraint = position_mint.supply == 1)]
    pub position_mint: Box<Account<'info, Mint>>,

    #[account(mut,
        address = lockbox.pda_position_account.key(),
        constraint = lockbox.key() == pda_position_account.owner,
        constraint = pda_position_account.mint == position_mint.key(),
        constraint = pda_position_account.amount == 1
    )]
    pub pda_position_account: Box<Account<'info, TokenAccount>>,

    #[account(mut, address = position.whirlpool)]
    pub whirlpool: Box<Account<'info, Whirlpool>>,

    #[account(mut,
        constraint = token_owner_account_a.mint == whirlpool.token_mint_a,
        constraint = token_owner_account_a.mint != token_owner_account_b.mint,
        constraint = signer.key == &token_owner_account_a.owner
    )]
    pub token_owner_account_a: Box<Account<'info, TokenAccount>>,
    #[account(mut,
        constraint = token_owner_account_b.mint == whirlpool.token_mint_b,
        constraint = signer.key == &token_owner_account_b.owner
    )]
    pub token_owner_account_b: Box<Account<'info, TokenAccount>>,

    #[account(mut,
        constraint = token_vault_a.key() == whirlpool.token_vault_a,
        constraint = token_vault_a.key() != token_vault_b.key()
    )]
    pub token_vault_a: Box<Account<'info, TokenAccount>>,
    #[account(mut, constraint = token_vault_b.key() == whirlpool.token_vault_b)]
    pub token_vault_b: Box<Account<'info, TokenAccount>>,

    #[account(mut, has_one = whirlpool,
        constraint = tick_array_lower.key() != tick_array_upper.key(),
        constraint = tick_array_lower.to_account_info().owner == &whirlpool_program.key()
    )]
    pub tick_array_lower: AccountLoader<'info, TickArray>,
    #[account(mut, has_one = whirlpool,
        constraint = tick_array_upper.to_account_info().owner == &whirlpool_program.key()
    )]
    pub tick_array_upper: AccountLoader<'info, TickArray>,

    #[account(mut, address = lockbox.bridged_token_mint)]
    pub bridged_token_mint: Box<Account<'info, Mint>>,
    #[account(mut,
        constraint = bridged_token_account.mint == lockbox.bridged_token_mint,
        constraint = bridged_token_account.mint == bridged_token_mint.key(),
        constraint = signer.key == &bridged_token_account.owner,
    )]
    pub bridged_token_account: Box<Account<'info, TokenAccount>>,

    #[account(mut)]
    pub lockbox: Box<Account<'info, LiquidityLockbox>>,
    pub whirlpool_program: Program<'info, whirlpool::program::Whirlpool>,

    #[account(address = token::ID)]
    pub token_program: Program<'info, Token>
}
```

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# # Validation Function

- Seed checks done in **constraints**
- **validate()** function separate from business logic for additional checks
- Add the following before your ix handler function
  - `#[access_control(ctx.accounts.validate())]`

```
#[derive(Accounts)]
pub struct MultisigAddSpendingLimitInfo {
    #[account]
    seeds = [SEED_PREFIX, SEED_MULTISIG, multisig.create_key.as_ref()],
    bump = multisig.bump,
}

multisig: AccountInfo, Multisig,

/// Multisig 'config_authority' that must authorize the configuration change.
pub config_authority: SignerInfo,

#(account)
init,
seeds = [
    SEED_PREFIX,
    multisig.key().as_ref(),
    SEED_SPENDING_LIMIT,
    args.create_key.as_ref(),
],
bump,
space = SpendingLimit::size(args.members.len(), args.destinations.len()),
payer = rent_payer
}

pub spending_limit: AccountInfo, SpendingLimit,

/// This is usually the same as 'config_authority', but can be a different account if needed.
#(account(mut))
pub rent_payer: SignerInfo,

pub system_program: ProgramInfo, System,
}

fn validate(&self) -> Result<> {
    // config_authority
    require_keys_eq! {
        self.config_authority.key(),
        self.multisig.config_authority,
        MultisigError::Unauthorized
    };

    // 'spending_limit' is partially checked via its seeds.

    // SpendingLimit members must all be members of the multisig.
    for sl_member in self.spending_limit.members.iter() {
        require! {
            self.multisig.is_member(sl_member).is_some(),
            MultisigError::NotAMember
        };
    }

    Ok(())
}

/// Create a new spending limit for the controlled multisig.
/// NOTE: This instruction must be called only by the 'config authority' if one is set (controlled Multisig).
/// Uncontrolled Multisig should use 'config_transaction_create' instead.
#[access_control(ctx.accounts.validate())]
pub fn multisig_add_spending_limit(
    ctx: Context<Self>,
) -> Result<> {
    // ...
}
```

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# # Output Validation

- Last step of an instruction fails → whole instruction fails
- So let's validate our state at the very end!
  - Invariant functions
  - Assertions

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# # Invariant Function

- Defined for some state account
- Called at the end of any instruction that changes this state
- Defines a list of requirements to the state
- If any requirement fails → rollback!
- Examples:
  - Multisig always has at least 1 member who can Execute proposals
  - Borrows never exceed deposits

```
// This must be called at the end of every instruction that modifies a Multisig account.
pub fn invariant(&self) -> Result<()> {
    let Self {
        threshold,
        members,
        transaction_index,
        state_transaction_index,
        ..
    } = self;
    // Max number of members is u16::MAX.
    require!(
        members.len() <= u16::from(u16::MAX),
        MultisigError::TooManyMembers
    );

    // There must be no duplicate members.
    let has_duplicates = members.windows(2).any(|win| win[0].key == win[1].key);
    require!(!has_duplicates, MultisigError::DuplicateMember);

    // Members must not have unknown permissions.
    require!(
        members.iter().all(|m| m.permissions.mask < 0), // 8 = Initiate | Vote | Execute
        MultisigError::UnknownPermission
    );

    // There must be at least one member with Initiate permission.
    let num_proposers = Self::num_proposers(members);
    require!(num_proposers > 0, MultisigError::NoProposers);

    // There must be at least one member with Execute permission.
    let num_executors = Self::num_executors(members);
    require!(num_executors > 0, MultisigError::NoExecutors);

    // There must be at least one member with Vote permission.
    let num_voters = Self::num_voters(members);
    require!(num_voters > 0, MultisigError::NoVoters);

    // Threshold must be greater than 0.
    require!(threshold > 0, MultisigError::InvalidThreshold);

    // Threshold must not exceed the number of voters.
    require!(
        u16::from(threshold) <= num_voters,
        MultisigError::InvalidThreshold
    );

    // 'state_transaction_index' must be less than or equal to 'state.transaction_index'.
    require!(
        state_transaction_index <= transaction_index,
        MultisigError::InvalidStateTransactionIndex
    );

    // Time Lock must not exceed the maximum allowed to prevent bricking the multisig.
    require!(
        self.time_lock <= MAX_TIME_LOCK,
        MultisigError::TimeLockExceedsMaxAllowed
    );

    Ok(())
}
```

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# # Assertions

- Like invariants, but instruction-specific
- What effect would an exploit cause?
- Example:
  - Add Liquidity IX:
  - Check pool value at beginning and end
  - If value has decreased, fail!

```
let end_total_sol_value = accounts.pool_state.total_sol_value()?;  
if end_total_sol_value < start_total_sol_value {  
  return Err(SControllerError::PoolWouldLoseSolValue.into());  
}
```

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# # Emergency Mechanisms

- Have a global program state
  - Fully Operational
  - Fully Halted
  - Withdraw Only
  - Sunset
- Changeable by admin/multisig/dao...
- Consider Timelocks

```
#[derive(AnchorSerialize, AnchorDeserialize, Clone, Debug, Copy)]  
pub enum ProgramState {  
    /// Fully Operational  
    Running,  
    /// Fully Stopped, Except for Admin  
    Stopped,  
    /// No more CreateOffer. Only Cancel And Take  
    WithdrawOnly,  
    /// No more CreateOffer or Take. Only Cancel.  
    CancelOnly,  
    /// No more CreateOffer. Also, ProgramState Locked forever.  
    Sunset,  
}
```

# # Supervision

- Remember the Synthetify DAO hack?
  - Attacker prepared hack over multiple months
  - No one noticed ...
- You need to keep track of your on-chain programs!
  - Monitor its state and usage
  - Monitor for anomalies
  - Detect attacks early

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# # Logging

- Don't use `solana_program::log`
  - CU expensive
  - Length limited
  - Hard to parse
  - Can be faked by other programs
- Use `anchor's event-cpi` instead!
  - CU cheap
  - Verifiable
  - API ready

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# # Monitoring

- Constantly running bot 🤖 that monitors your program
- Easily done with anchor events!
- Log events to discord/telegram
- Add sanity checks and alerts!
  - Large deposits/withdrawals
  - Abnormal behavior
  - Many hacks: Active user notices abnormal behaviour → hacks later from different account

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# # Tests

1. Test for each instructions success case
2. Test for valid special cases
3. Test for each custom error (and have lots of custom errors!)
  - Just testing for blueprint-execution, won't do anything for security

# # Summary

Structure 

Safety 

Supervision 

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