Ape in altcoins but fall into a honeypot. What you should pay attention to in the meme season?



Recently, the Meme coin fever has pumped various altcoins.

Unaware of what is going on, plenty of people aped in altcoins, but ended up in a honeypot scam and were unable to get their money back. The picture below is a recent victim of honeypot scams who sought help from Beosin.



This happens all the time, and for those who are in FOMO, it's time to calm down and raise your awareness of self-prevention. Let us debunk the tricks of honeypot scams for

What is a honeypot

"Pixiu" is a mythical wild animal in ancient Chinese legend. It can swallow everything (mostly jewelry) and not discharge. So "honeypot", also called "Pixiu Scam" in Chinese, is used to describe a token that can only be bought but not be sold. Because of the secrecy, even for experienced investors, it is not easy to identify a honeypot scam. Usually the price of a honeypot will rise rapidly. Therefore, people just ape in and are easily deceived. Once you bought it, it can hardly be sold.

Straying into honeypot, why users still increase their positions?

On April 25, 2023, Beosin EagleEye security risk monitoring, alerting and blocking platform found a **counterfeit fraudulent project with the same name as EDU**. The suspected fraudulent project contract address 0x4749a5f83F6F003440cB4B6aD1628d39E900D0c4. Token owner 0xac150dfd7991622d9f89d505504c572c8eb2282b buys and sells tokens in EDU pair 0xE3f26c1aDC28f9C85D4B8AB4a995637ad6684862 address and sends tokens to Binance hot wallets, **creating the illusion that there are many people involved** (**shown in the figure below**).

PancakeSwap V2: ED	OUT	0xac150dfd7991622d	2,295.08	Binance-Peg (BSC-US)
0xac150dfd7991622d	IN	PancakeSwap V2: ED	13,986.353322687673635784	⊚ BEP-20: Opepus
PancakeSwap V2: ED	OUT	0xac150dfd7991622d	3,791.03	(BSC-US)
0xac150dfd7991622d	IN	PancakeSwap V2: ED	462.171307528039109455	⊚ BEP-20: Opepus
PancakeSwap V2: ED	OUT	0xac150dfd7991622d	129.07	(BSC-US)
0xac150dfd7991622d	IN	PancakeSwap V2: ED	2,620.93	(BSC-US)
PancakeSwap V2: ED	OUT	0xac150dfd7991622d	9,506.703647229805884449	⊗ BEP-20. Opepus
0xac150dfd7991622d	IN	PancakeSwap V2: ED	2,885.22	(BSC-US)
PancakeSwap V2: ED	OUT	0xac150dfd7991622d	10,915.789329475979251736	BEP-20: Opepus
0xac150dfd7991622d	IN	PancakeSwap V2: ED	973.63	Binance-Peg (BSC-US)
PancakeSwap V2: ED	OUT	0xac150dfd7991622d	3,795.456646255896015538	BEP-20: Opepus
0xac150dfd7991622d	IN	PancakeSwap V2: ED	574.243781343303112114	⊚ BEP-20: Opepus
PancakeSwap V2: ED	OUT	0xac150dfd7991622d	145.48	(BSC-US)
0xac150dfd7991622d	IN	PancakeSwap V2: ED	11,796.246163211243784773	BEP-20: Opepus
PancakeSwap V2: ED	OUT	0xac150dfd7991622d	3,064.37	(BSC-US)
0xac150dfd7991622d	IN	PancakeSwap V2: ED	13,235.062130239556601353	⊚ BEP-20: Opepus
PancakeSwap V2: ED	OUT	0xac150dfd7991622d	3,619.5	(BSC-US)
0xac150dfd7991622d	IN	PancakeSwap V2: ED	1,934.69	(BSC-US)

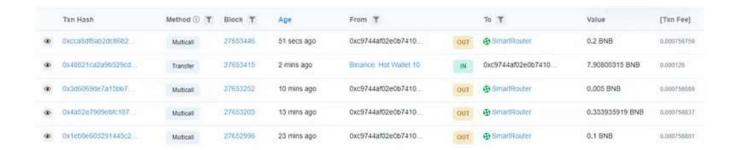
However, because the whitelist address status is not disclosed in the code, the switch function cannot be called twice, and the switch status and whitelist address are controlled by the owner. Users who participate in the project are not able to sell tokens in the default state.

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92 +
         function transfer(address _to, uint256 _value) public returns (bool) {
 93 -
             if(!tokenWhitelist[msg.sender]&&!tokenWhitelist[_to]){
 94
                 require(tokenBlacklist[msg.sender] == false);
 95
                 require(tokenBlacklist[_to] == false);
 96
 97
                 require(tokenGreylist[msg.sender] == false);
 98
                  // require(tokenGreylist[_to] == false);
99
             if(msg.sender==LP&&ab&&!tokenWhitelist[_to]){
100 -
101
                 tokenGreylist[ to] = true;
                 emit Gerylist(_to, true);
103
104
105
             require(_to != address(0));
106
             require(_to != msg.sender);
107
             require(_value <= balances[msg.sender]);
108
             balances[msg.sender] = balances[msg.sender].sub(_value);
             // SafeMath.sub will throw if there is not enough balance.
109
110
             balances[_to] = balances[_to].add(_value);
             emit Transfer(msg.sender, _to, _value);
111
112
             return true;
113
114
115
116 *
         function balanceOf(address _owner) public view returns (uint256 balance) {
117
             return balances[_owner];
118
119
120 -
         function transferFrom(address _from, address _to, uint256 _value) public returns (bool) {
121 -
             if(!tokenWhitelist[_from]&&!tokenWhitelist[_to]){
122
                 require(tokenBlacklist[msg.sender] == false);
123
                 require(tokenBlacklist[_from] == false);
                 require(tokenBlacklist[_to] == false);
124
125
126
                 require(tokenGreylist[_from] == false);
127
128
             if(_from==LP&&ab&&!tokenWhitelist[_to]){
129 *
                 tokenGreylist[_to] = true;
130
131
                 emit Gerylist(_to, true);
132
133
             require(_to != _from);
134
             require(_to != address(0));
135
             require(_value <= balances[_from]);
             require(_value <= allowed[_from][msg.sender]);
136
             balances[_from] = balances[_from].sub(_value);
137
138
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140
             balances[_to] = balances[_to].add(_value);
141
             allowed[_from][msg.sender] = allowed[_from][msg.sender].sub(_value);
142
             emit Transfer(_from, _to, _value);
143
             return true;
144
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At that time, this honeypot scam had already attracted a number of participants, and while Beosin security team was analyzing it, another poor person appeared and continued to buy another 100U, and withdrew 8 BNBs to buy more. At this time, our analysis teammate said, "I feel like he's going to buy more."



Sure enough, before the words were finished, this user bought more. He probably felt that the upward trend would continue and then increased his position.



This is the mentality of many users who follow suit to buy, but end up in a honeypot.

How to prevent a honeypot?

To prevent crypto scams like honeypot, we summarize the following points to note.

- 1 Pay attention to cryptos with ultra-high return. Ultra-high return usually means ultra-high risk. In the meme season, pay attention not to be the last buyer.
- 2 Check the background of a crypto project team, and judge the virtual currency information carefully. There is a lot of inaccurate information and exaggerated propaganda in the virtual currency market, and investors need to maintain a skeptical and prudent attitude and strictly identify the information.
- 3 Some scams use KOLs to promote themselves. Investors need to maintain a rational judgment and do not follow the trend blindly.
- 4 Do not believe in "inside information" or "confidential information". These are usually scams that set traps to lure investors into risky investments.
- 5 Above all, it is important to enhance your awareness of self-prevention and prudent investment philosophy.

If you want to check how safe a project is, you can enter Beosin EagleEye security risk monitoring, warning and blocking platform, which can monitor the operation status of the chain, real-time transaction behavior, automatically identify abnormal transactions, comprehensively assess the security operation status of the project, and help users judge the security of a project. In the News Alerts function, we will also warn some "honeypot" security risks and share safety precaution knowledge with you.



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