Solana Security 101

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DeFi disasters: $31M drained from MonoX and BadgerDAO losses top $120M

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Popular bridge linking Ethereum and Solana later retrieved the stolen assets

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$100 million worth of crypto has been stolen in another major hack

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According to DefiLlama, total value hacked this year is ~1.3 billion

Why I Prefer Solana?

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- No “gas stress”
- Super fast
- Safer smart contracts (written in Rust)
- Code and data decoupling

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Accounts

```rust
#[derive(Clone)]
pub struct AccountInfo<'a> {
    /// Public key of the account
    pub key: &'a Pubkey,
    /// Was the transaction signed by this account's public key?
    pub is_signer: bool,
    /// Is the account writable?
    pub is_writable: bool,
    /// The lamports in the account.  Modifiable by programs.
    pub lamports: Rc<RefCell<&'a mut u64>>,
    /// The data held in this account.  Modifiable by programs.
    pub data: Rc<RefCell<&'a mut [u8]>>,
    /// Program that owns this account
    pub owner: &'a Pubkey,
    /// This account's data contains a loaded program (and is now read-only)
    pub executable: bool,
    /// The epoch at which this account will next owe rent
    pub rent_epoch: Epoch,
}
```

Program Derived Addresses (PDAs)

- PDAs are 32-byte strings that look like public keys, but don't have corresponding private keys
- findProgramAddress will deterministically derive a PDA from a programId and seeds (collection of bytes)
- A bump (one byte) is used to push a potential PDA off the ed25519 elliptic curve
- Programs can sign for their PDAs by providing the seeds and bump to invoke_signed
- A PDA can only be signed by the program from which it was derived

Transactions

Signature	2tdRmSExF3rYQNfHGgAPEcQoaig1CiZRJ83TfXZjrK2nr61zzzMkeUirJwr6P3JAcYTspjzUtmAVSY7GbwUvGekG
Block	# 233484472
Timestamp	21 minutes ago | December 02, 2023 05:10:15 +UTC
Result	Success | Finalized (MAX confirmations)
Signer	Hqo1t5oFRfKkHCPuf5rTPvcnUQPbk9zVGshyRtB71NnN
Fee	0.000014333 SOL
Main Actions	**Swap 9,169,100,434.59 ACL** for **0.2935615 SOL** on Raydium Liquidity Pool V4

Tx Map

Transfer from Hqo1t5...B71NnN to Raydium Authority V4 for **9,169,100,434.59** ACL

Transfer from Raydium Authority V4 to As6ByN...ZNLYtZ for **0.2935615** SOL

#3 - Create Associated Account

Interact With	Associated Token Account Program - ATokenGPvbdGVxr1b2hvZbsiqW5xWH25efTNsLJA8knL
Input Accounts	#1 - Authority - Hqo1t5oFRfKkHCPuf5rTPvcnUQPbk9zVGshyRtB71NnN Writable Signer Fee Payer
	#2 - AssociatedAccount - As6ByNm1bDP48p8741AsvXVgAf7FZQbbvBc2WRZNLYtZ Writable
	#3 - TokenAddress - So11111111111111111111111111111111111111112
	#4 - TokenProgramId - Token Program
Inner Instructions	#3.1 GetAccountDataSize

Interact With	Token Program - TokenkegQfeZyiNwAJbNbGKPFXCWuBvf9Ss623VQ5DA	
Input Accounts	ExtensionTypes	immutableOwner
	Mint	So11111111111111111111111111111111111111112

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Utility Payment Service

```
let base_fee = 15_u16;
if escrow_data.amount >= 10 {
    if amount < base_fee {
        escrow_data.amount -= base_fee;
    } else {
        assert!(escrow_data.amount >= amount);
        escrow_data.amount -= amount;
    }
} else {
    msg!("ABORT: Cannot make payments");
}

escrow_data
    .serialize(&mut &mut (*escrow_account.data).borrow_mut()[..])
    .unwrap();
```

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Simple Staking

Simple Staking

- Initialize
- Register (org_name, employee_id)
- Deposit (org_name, employee_id, amount)
- Withdraw (org_name, employee_id, amount)


```rust
#[account]
#[repr(C, align(8))]
#[derive(Default)]
pub struct Catalog {
    pub orgs: Vec<String>,
    pub ids: Vec<String>,
}
```

```rust
#[account]
#[repr(C, align(8))]
#[derive(Default)]
pub struct EmployeeRecord {
    pub org: String,
    pub id: String,
    pub key: Pubkey,
}
```

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```
#[account(
    init_if_needed,
    seeds = [org_name.as_bytes(), employee_id.as_bytes()],
    bump,
    space = Vault::SIZE,
    payer = user
)]
pub vault: Account<'info, Vault>,

#[account(
    seeds = [user.key().as_ref()],
    bump,
    constraint = employee_record.org == org_name,
    constraint = employee_record.id == employee_id,
    constraint = employee_record.key == user.key(),
)]
pub employee_record: Account<'info, EmployeeRecord>,
```

Simple Staking

- Rich victim:
  - org_name = “product”,
  - employee_id = “employ_A”

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- Rich victim:
  - org_name = “product”,
  - employee_id = “employ_A”
- Malicious user:
  - org_name = “producte”,
  - employee_id = “mploy_A”

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Pool

Pool

- InitPool (args)
- Deposit (amount, account_name)
- Withdraw (amount, account_name)

```rust
#[repr(C)]
#[derive(BorshSerialize, BorshDeserialize, PartialEq, Debug, Clone)]
pub struct DepositRecord {
    /// Deposit amount
    pub amount: u64,
    /// LP token amount
    pub lp_token_amount: u64,
    /// Pool address
    pub pool: Pubkey,
    /// User address
    pub user: Pubkey,
}

impl DepositRecord {
    pub const SEED_PREFIX: &'static str = "RECOOORD";
    pub const LEN: usize = 0x2000; // I'm too lazy to calculate this
}
```

```
// Fund the deposit record account
let lamports_required_for_deposit_record =
        (Rent::get()?).minimum_balance(DepositRecord::LEN);
**pool_account.lamports.borrow_mut()
        -= lamports_required_for_deposit_record;
**deposit_record_account.lamports.borrow_mut()
        += lamports_required_for_deposit_record;
```


```rust
// Calculate the amount of SOL to withdraw
let total_supply = Mint::unpack(&lp_token_mint.data.borrow())?.supply;
let mut lamport_amount = (amount as u128)
    .checked_mul(**pool_account.lamports.borrow() as u128)
    .and_then(|mul_result| mul_result.checked_div(total_supply as u128))
    .unwrap() as u64;
```

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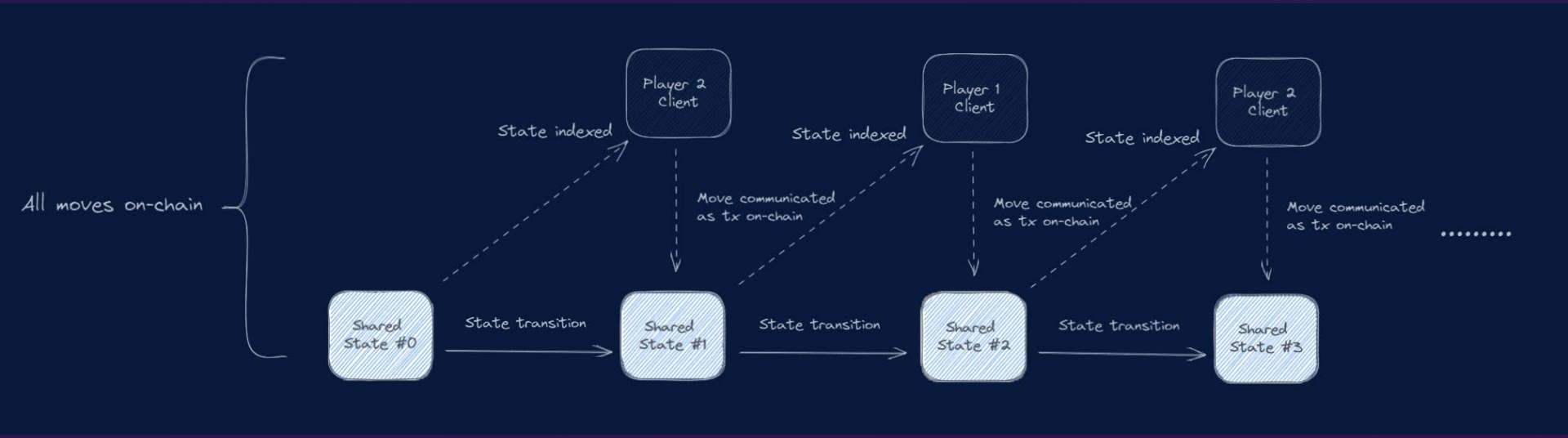

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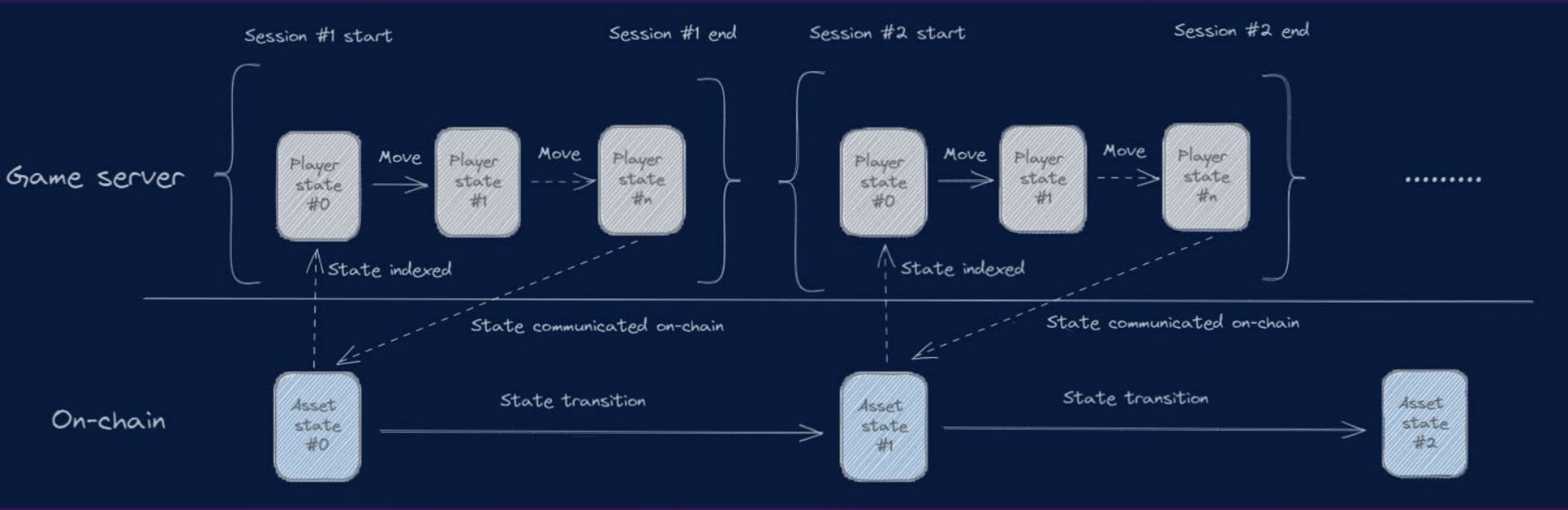

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CTFDAO

CTFDAO

- CreateDao (quorum_votes)
- CreateProposal (description)
- Vote (amount, support)
- CloseProposal


```rust
/// Event emitted when a proposal is finalized
#[event]
#[derive(Debug)]
pub struct ProposalFinalized {
    /// The public key of the DAO that owns this proposal
    #[index]
    pub dao: Pubkey,
    /// The unique identifier of this proposal
    #[index]
    pub id: u64,
    /// The public key of the proposal's creator
    pub proposer: Pubkey,
    /// The number of votes in support required for this proposal to succeed
    pub quorum_votes: u64,
    /// The number of votes in support of this proposal
    pub for_votes: u64,
    /// The number of votes in opposition to this proposal
    pub against_votes: u64,
    /// Whether the proposal succeeded
    pub did_pass: bool,
}
```

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```rust
for log in logs {
  if let Some(data) = log.strip_prefix("Program data: ") {
    let bytes = general_purpose::STANDARD.decode(data.as_bytes())?;
    let (discriminantor, event) = bytes.split_at(8);
    let discriminantor: [u8; 8] = discriminantor.try_into()?;
    match discriminantor {
      ...
      chall::ProposalFinalized::DISCRIMINATOR => {
        let event = chall::ProposalFinalized::try_from_slice(event)?;
        if event.did_pass && event.dao == dao && event.id == 0 {
          writeln!(socket, "Congrats!")?;
          ...
        }
      },
      _ => {}
    }
  }
}
```

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```
1 if (item.type === 'exp') {
2     player_gold = BigInt(player.gold)
3     player_exp = parseFloat(player.exp)
4     if (player_gold < BigInt(cost) || BigInt(cost) <= 0) {
5         return res.status(400).json({ error: 'Insufficient gold.' });
6     }
7     player_gold -=  BigInt(cost);
8     player.gold = player_gold.toString();
9     player_exp += cost;
10    player.exp = player_exp.toString();
11    await player.save();
12    await levelUp(player);
```


```
1 > BigInt(233) - BigInt([1])
2 232n
3 > BigInt(233) + [1]
4 '2331'
```

JS is weird (.com)


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