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Code Security Assessment

C-patex

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## Summary

DeHacker's objective was to evaluate the repository for security-related issues, code quality, and adherence to specification and best practices.

Possible issues we looked for included (but are not limited to):

- Transaction-ordering dependence
- Timestamp dependence
- Mishandled exceptions and call stack limits
- Unsafe external calls
- Integer overflow/underflow
- Number rounding errors
- Reentrancy and cross-function vulnerabilities
- Denial of service/logical oversights
- Access control
- Centralization of power
- Business logic contradicting the specification
- Code clones, functionality duplication
- Gas usage
- Arbitrary token minting



## Issue Categories

Every issue in this report was assigned a severity level from the following:

### **Critical severity issues**

A vulnerability that can disrupt the contract functioning in a number of scenarios or creates a risk that the contract may be broken.

### **Major severity issues**

A vulnerability that affects the desired outcome when using a contract or provides the opportunity to use a contract in an unintended way.

### **Medium severity issues**

A vulnerability that could affect the desired outcome of executing the contract in a specific scenario.

### **Minor severity issues**

A vulnerability that does not have a significant impact on possible scenarios for the use of the contract and is probably subjective.

### **Informational**

A vulnerability that has informational character but is not affecting any of the code.



# Overview

## Project Summary

Project Name	C-patex
Platform	Ethereum
Website	<a href="https://c-patex.com/">https://c-patex.com/</a>
Type	DeFi
Language	Solidity

## Vulnerability Summary

Vulnerability Level	Total	Mitigated	Declined	Acknowledged	Partially Resolved	Resolved
Critical	0	0	0	0	0	0
Major	1	0	0	1	0	0
Medium	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Informational	1	0	0	1	0	0
Discussion	0	0	0	0	0	0



## Audit scope

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ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
PTH	PatexToken.sol	4de72bc51806434736b39924c715fbc307def68 c59dd1493e2d530dc88f197ea



## Findings

ID	Category	Severity	Status
PTH-01	Centralization	Major	Acknowledged
PTH-02	Coding Style	Informational	Acknowledged



# MAJOR

## PTH-01|INITIAL TOKEN DISTRIBUTION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization	Major	PatexToken.sol: 568	Acknowledged

### Description

All of the PATEX tokens are sent to the contract deployer or one or several externally-owned account (EOA) addresses. This is a centralization risk because the deployer or the owner(s) of the EOAs can distribute tokens without obtaining the consensus of the community. Any compromise to these addresses may allow a hacker to steal and sell tokens on the market, resulting in severe damage to the project.

The token contract has been deployed on Ethereum Mainnet and holders are as follows:  
<https://etherscan.io/token/0xfd4f2caf941b6d737382dce420b368de3fc7f2d4#balances>

All PATEX token is held by address [0xFd6D74809A95237eB567FB37555A05f105BcC366](#) as of 06/30/2023.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the team be transparent regarding the initial token distribution process. The token distribution plan should be published in a public location that the community can access. The team should make efforts to restrict access to the private keys of the deployer account or EOAs. A multi-signature (2/3, 3/5) wallet can be used to prevent a single point of failure due to a private key compromise. Additionally, the team can lock up a portion of tokens, release them with a vesting schedule for long-term success, and de-anonymize the project team with a third-party KYC provider to create greater accountability.





# INFORMATIONAL

## PTH-02|UNLOCKED COMPILER VERSION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	Informational	PatexToken.sol: 563	Acknowledged

### Description

The contract has unlocked compiler version. An unlocked compiler version in the source code of the contract permits the user to compile it at or above a particular version. This, in turn, leads to differences in the generated bytecode between compilations due to different compiler versions. This can lead to an ambiguity when debugging as compiler specific bugs may occur in the codebase that would be hard to identify over a span of multiple compiler versions rather than a specific one.

### Recommendation

We advise that the compiler version is instead locked at the lowest version possible that the contract can be compiled at. For example, for version v0.6.2 the contract should contain the following line:

```
pragma solidity 0.8.9;
```



## Disclaimer

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# Appendix

## Finding Categories

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### Centralization / Privilege

Centralization / Privilege findings refer to either feature logic or implementation of components that act against the nature of decentralization, such as explicit ownership or specialized access roles in combination with a mechanism to relocate funds.

### Coding Style

Coding Style findings usually do not affect the generated bytecode but rather comment on how to make the codebase more legible and, as a result, easily maintainable.

### Volatile Code

Volatile Code findings refer to segments of code that behave unexpectedly on certain edge cases that may result in a vulnerability.

### Logical Issue

Logical Issue findings detail a fault in the logic of the linked code, such as an incorrect notion on how block.timestamp works.

## Checksum Calculation Method

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The "Checksum" field in the "Audit Scope" section is calculated as the SHA-256 (Secure Hash Algorithm 2 with digest size of 256 bits) digest of the content of each file hosted in the listed source repository under the specified commit.

The result is hexadecimal encoded and is the same as the output of the Linux "sha256sum" command against the target file.



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DeHacker is a team of auditors and white hat hackers who perform security audits and assessments. With decades of experience in security and distributed systems, our experts focus on the ins and outs of system security. Our services follow clear and prudent industry standards. Whether it's reviewing the smallest modifications or a new platform, we'll provide an in-depth security survey at every stage of your company's project. We provide comprehensive vulnerability reports and identify structural inefficiencies in smart contract code, combining high-end security research with a real-world attacker mindset to reduce risk and harden code.

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