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Code Security Assessment

ApeCoin Airdrop SmartContract

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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	ApeCoin Airdrop Smart Contract
Platform	Ethereum
Website	https://apecoin.com/
Type	ERC-20
Language	Solidity

Vulnerability Summary

Vulnerability Level	Total	Pending	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	2	0	0	2	0	0
Discussion	0	0	0	0	0	0



Audit scope

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
AGT	AirdropGrapesToken.sol	dcc0c5ef21dfb3c3f36a25379da87a56f1675988f34826f2603fbaee4d154c90
MCK	Migrations.sol	773e9056aee531c9f7a806d4bb7dc458fea321846dc830c73ffcbadcbb5831c



Findings

ID	Category	Severity	Status
AGT-01	Centralization / Privilege	Major	Acknowledged
AGT-02	Control Flow	informational	Acknowledged
AGT-03	Coding Style	informational	Acknowledged



Major

AGT-01| CENTRALIZATION RELATED RISKS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Major	AirdropGrapesToken.sol:88,99,189	Acknowledged

Description

In the function `claimUnclaimedTokens()`, when the function is triggered, the owner will transfer the remaining unclaimed token to the owner's address.

In the contract `AirdropGrapesToken.sol`, the role `onlyOwner` has authority over the following functions:

`claimUnclaimedTokens()`: when the function is triggered, the owner will transfer the remaining unclaimed token to the owner's address.

`startClaimablePeriod()`: The `onlyOwner` can start the claimable period at any time.

`pauseClaimablePeriod()`: The `onlyOwner` can pause the contract any time.

Any compromise to the `onlyOwner` account may allow a hacker to take advantage of this authority.

Exploit Scenario:

Note: Suppose the attacker gets the private key of the owner.

1. The attacker calls `pauseClaimablePeriod()` to pause the contract.
2. The attacker calls `startClaimablePeriod()` and set the `claimDuration` parameter to be a very small value (e.g., 1) in the contract.
3. The attacker calls `claimUnclaimedTokens()` to receive all the `grapesToken` and `ETH`.
4. The attacker sells `grapesToken`.



Recommendation

The risk describes the current project design and potentially makes iterations to improve in the security operation and level of decentralization, which in most cases cannot be resolved

entirely at the present stage. We advise the client to carefully manage the privileged account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., multi-signature wallets.

Indicatively, here are some feasible suggestions that would also mitigate the potential risk at a different level in terms of short-term, long-term and permanent:

Short Term:

Timelock and Multi sign (2/3, 3/5) combination mitigate by delaying the sensitive operation and avoiding a single point of key management failure:

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., hours for awareness on privileged operations;

- AND

- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure

- due to the private key compromised;

- AND

- A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract and multi-signers addresses information with the public audience.

Long Term

Timelock and DAO, the combination, mitigate by applying decentralization and transparency

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours for awareness on privileged;

- AND

- Introduction of a DAO/governance/voting module to increase transparency and user involvement;

- AND

- A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract, multi-signers addresses and DAO information with the public audience.

Permanent

Renouncing the ownership or removing the function can be considered fully resolved.

- Renounce the ownership and never claim back the privileged roles;

- OR

- Remove the risky functionality.

Noted: Recommend considering the long-term solution or the permanent solution. The project team shall make a decision based on the current state of their project, timeline, and project resources.



Informational

AGT-02| AVOID MULTIPLE INITIALIZATIONS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Control Flow	Informational	AirdropGrapesToken.sol :63~71	Acknowledged

Description

The contract is paused after the deployment and configuration initiation. The constructor initialization may not need to happen at the same time. It will be a good practice to avoid allowing multiple initializations.

Recommendation

Recommend separating the constructor and initialized operation and enabled when your workflow requires it. It will be easier for Etherscan verification as you do not have to deal with messy constructor arguments. It can be used to avoid the 'Stack too deep, try removing local variables' error when passing.

```
contract AirdropGrapesToken {
    bool isInitialized = false;

    function initialize(
        uint256 _param1,
        uint256 _param2,
        uint256 _param3,
        address _param4,
    ) public {
        require(!isInitialized, 'Contract is already initialized!');
        isInitialized = true;

        param1 = _param1;
        ...
        param4 = _param4;
    }
}
```



Informational

AGT-03| MISSING EMIT EVENTS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	Informational	AirdropGrapesToken.sol :99~101	Acknowledged

Description

The function `pauseClaimablePeriod()` affects the sensitive status of the contract and should emit events as notifications to users.

Recommendation

Consider adding an event for sensitive action and emit it in the function.



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Appendix

Finding Categories

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

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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