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Code Security Assessment

Gala

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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	Gala
Platform	Ethereum
Website	https://gala.com/
Type	Governance
Language	TypeScript

Vulnerability Summary

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



Audit scope

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
File	blob/main/libs/voting/src/poll. controller.ts	bf9386c5a73304d6aafad6564c3967385bf9973c9fd497365ab16 c60320f9097



Findings

ID	Category	Severity	Status
GLOBAL-01	The "Poll/Cast" API Allows Voting With A Negative"Multiplier	Critical	Resolved
GLOBAL-02	Users Can Vote On A Completed Poll	Major	Resolved



Critical

GLOBAL-01 | The "Poll/Cast" API Allows Voting With A Negative"Multiplier."

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logic Flaws	Critical	Global	Resolved

Description

The "poll/cast" endpoint allows users to vote with their voting power. The number of votes the user wants to submit is referred to as the "multiplier" in the request body. Two issues are found regarding the API that, if used together, can allow the voter to have infinite voting power.

Issue 1: When a user supplies a negative "multiplier" in the API call, it will cause the "userVotesUsed" to become a negative number and effectively increase the user's total voting power.

Issue 2: Casting a vote to a non-existing option is allowed. For example, if there are only 3 options to vote on, the user can vote on option 100

Recommendation

Ensure the application server validates all the input users supply in the request before processing it. For example:

- Do not allow users to vote with a negative "multiplier."
- Do not allow users to vote on a non-existent option.
- Do not allow users to vote on a non-existent poll ID.
- Do not allow users to vote on a completed poll.
- Only allow users to vote on an active poll.



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GLOBAL-02 | USERS CAN VOTE ON A COMPLETED POLL

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logic Flaws	Major	GLOBAL	Resolved

Description

The "poll/cast" endpoint allows users to vote with their voting power. It was found that users can vote on a completed poll and modify the result

Recommendation

Ensure the application server validates all the input users supply in the request before processing it. Do not allow users to vote on a completed poll.



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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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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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