# BLOCKX Smart Contract Audit Report



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## Introduction

## 1. About BLOCKX

SPX is the flagship token offered by BLOCKX. SPX is an ERC20 token that represents ownership in the stocks of the S&P 500 Index of the United States stock market, which is composed of 500 of the largest and most successful corporations that are publicly traded in the US. SPX accomplishes this goal through direct ownership of the SPDR® S&P 500® ETF Trust.

Visit https://blockx.finance/ to know more/

## 2. About ImmuneBytes

ImmuneBytes is a security start-up to provide professional services in the blockchain space. The team has hands-on experience in conducting smart contract audits, penetration testing, and security consulting. ImmuneBytes's security auditors have worked on various A-league projects and have a great understanding of DeFi projects like AAVE, Compound, 0x Protocol, Uniswap, dydx.

The team has been able to secure 15+ blockchain projects by providing security services on different frameworks. ImmuneBytes team helps start-up with a detailed analysis of the system ensuring security and managing the overall project.

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## **Documentation Details**

BLOCKX team has provided documentation for the purpose of conducting the audit via GitHub. The documents are:

- 1. SPX Whitepaper.pdf
- 2. SPX Token Specification.pdf
- 3. SPX Crowdsale Specification.pdf
- 4. SPX Contract deployment information.pdf



## **Audit Process & Methodology**

ImmuneBytes team has performed thorough testing of the project starting with analyzing the code design patterns in which we reviewed the smart contract architecture to ensure it is structured and safe use of third-party smart contracts and libraries.

Our team then performed a formal line by line inspection of the Smart Contract in order to find any potential issues like Signature Replay Attacks, Unchecked External Calls, External Contract Referencing, Variable Shadowing, Race conditions, Transaction-ordering dependence, timestamp dependence, DoS attacks, and others.

In the Unit testing phase, we run unit tests written by the developer in order to verify the functions work as intended. In Automated Testing, we tested the Smart Contract with our in-house developed tools to identify vulnerabilities and security flaws.

The code was audited by a team of independent auditors which includes -

- 1. Testing the functionality of the Smart Contract to determine proper logic has been followed throughout.
- 2. Analyzing the complexity of the code by thorough, manual review of the code, line-by-line.
- 3. Deploying the code on testnet using multiple clients to run live tests.
- 4. Analyzing failure preparations to check how the Smart Contract performs in case of bugs and vulnerabilities.
- 5. Checking whether all the libraries used in the code are on the latest version.
- 6. Analyzing the security of the on-chain data.

### **Audit Details**

- Project Name: BLOCKX
- Languages: Solidity(Smart contract), Javascript(Unit Testing)
- Github commit hash for audit: fd2e4a847f40a4b39da0a12db45367a318267221
- Github commit hash for audit: 480398fb30ab0e2fbeb2bf3a0e373540fca145de



## **Audit Goals**

The focus of the audit was to verify that the smart contract system is secure, resilient, and working according to its specifications. The audit activities can be grouped into the following three categories:

- 1. Security: Identifying security related issues within each contract and within the system of contracts.
- 2. Sound Architecture: Evaluation of the architecture of this system through the lens of established smart contract best practices and general software best practices.
- 3. Code Correctness and Quality: A full review of the contract source code. The primary areas of focus include:
  - a. Correctness
  - b. Readability
  - c. Sections of code with high complexity
  - d. Quantity and quality of test coverage

## **Security Level References**

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

High severity issues will bring problems and should be fixed.

**Medium severity issues** could potentially bring problems and should eventually be fixed.

Low severity issues are minor details and warnings that can remain unfixed but would be better fixed at some point in the future.

Issues	<u>High</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Low</u>
Open	-	-	2
Closed	-	-	4



## **High severity issues**

No Issues Found

## **Medium severity issues**

No Issue Found

## Low severity issues

#### 1. Redundant initialization of variables to their default value.

In the **constructor** of **SPX** smart contract (**Line 122**), **totalSupply\_** is assigned a **zero(0)** value which is the default value for **uint** type variables in Solidity. The same is the case with **exchangeRate uint** variable in **SPXCrowdsale** contract (**Line 24**).

#### Recommendation:

Consider removing the redundant initialization to save contract deployment gas.

**Amended (Dec 7th 2020):** Issue was fixed by BLOCKX team and is no longer present in commit: 480398fb30ab0e2fbeb2bf3a0e373540fca145de

#### 2. SafeMath library not used for an arithmetic operation.

In the **contribute**() function of **SPXCrowdsale** contract (**Line 81**), Solidity's **+=** operator is used instead of SafeMath's **add**() function. However, the chances of overflowing of **uint256 totalRaised** are rare but still, it is a standard practice to use SafeMath whenever arithmetic operations are performed.

#### Recommendation:

Consider using SafeMath's **add()** function at the mentioned statement.

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#### 3. Revert reason strings not provided.

At **Lines 79, 106, and 164** of **SPXCrowdsale** contract, **require**() statements are used however the revert strings are not provided in these require statements. It is a standard practice to always provide revert reasons in **require** statements.

#### Recommendation:

Consider adding revert strings in the mentioned statements.



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#### 4. No visibility specified for variables

In the SPXCrowdsale contract, most variables are declared without visibility specifier, hence by default, all those variables are marked as private. These variables include saleEndTime, exchangeRate, totalRaised, allowClaiming, SPXContractAddress, and mintingFee. Getters for these variables are also not implemented. It might get difficult for users and off-chain applications (frontends) to read these crucial values.

#### Recommendation:

Consider marking these mentioned variables as public or implement getter functions for these variables.

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#### 5. Arithmetic operations can be implemented in a gas efficient way.

**Lines 159 - 161** of **SPXCrowdsale** are implemented in a way that every arithmetic operation is executed in a separate statement and the intermediate results are stored in **userMintTotal** variable. Storing data in memory also costs gas in Ethereum. These statements can be chained together in a single statement.

#### 6. No mechanism to deal with unforeseen bugs

There is no logic implemented in **SPXCrowdsale** smart contract to deal with future unforeseen bugs/upgrades.

#### Recommendation:

Consider adding a mechanism to pause the functioning of the smart contract if any vulnerability is detected in the future. The ability to upgrade the code of smart contracts may also be considered.



## **Admin Privileges**

The **admin/owner** of **SPX** and **SPXCrowdsale** has various privileges over the smart contracts. These privileges can be misused either intentionally or unintentionally (in case the admin's private key gets hacked). We assume that these extra rights will always be used appropriately. Some of these admin rights are listed below.

- 1. The **setSPXContractAddress**() in **SPXCrowdsale** contract can be called any number of times. Also, any ethereum address can be set as **SPXContractAddress**.
- 2. The **setSaleEndTime**() in **SPXCrowdsale** contract can be called any number of times by which any **uint** value can be set as **saleEndTime**.
- 3. In **SPX** token contract **feeController** address has the ability to change the SPX token transfer fee anytime. The fee can range from 0% to 99%.

**Amended (Dec 7th 2020):** A maximum limit of 1% on SPX token transfer fee is imposed by the BLOCKX team in commit: 480398fb30ab0e2fbeb2bf3a0e373540fca145de

4. The **setMintingFee**() in **SPXCrowdsale** contract can be called any number of times by the admin/owner by which any **uint** value can be set as **mintingFee**. Also, **mintingFee** can be changed at the time of SPX token claiming.

Amended (Dec 7th 2020): A range limit from 9505 to 9905 is imposed on mintingFee by the BLOCKX team in commit: 480398fb30ab0e2fbeb2bf3a0e373540fca145de

5. The **setExchangeRate**() in **SPXCrowdsale** contract can be called any number of times by which any **uint** value can be set as **exchangeRate**.

#### Recommendation:

Consider hardcoding a predefined range for variables. Also, consider adding some governance for admin rights for smart contracts or at least use a multi-sig wallet as admin/owner address.



## **Initial Unit Tests**

All unit tests provided by the BLOCKX team are passing without any issues.

```
approve, transferFrom, and altowance

**Abundance**

**Abundance**
```



## **Final Unit Tests**

All unit tests provided by the BLOCKX team are passing without any issues.

```
✓ should fail on call by nonowner (68ms)

    should fail on call by nonowner (osms)
    should fail on call by owner to set proposedOwner as owner (122ms)
    should fail on call by owner to set proposedOwner as address 0 (174
    should pass on call by owner with valid address (69ms)

disregardProposeOwner

    ✓ should fail if no proposedOwner set (92ms)
    ✓ should fail on call by anyone other than owner or proposedOwner (2:
    ✓ should pass on call by owner or proposedOwner (373ms)

 ✓ should fail on non-proposedOwner call (168m 
✓ should pass on proposedOwner call (266ms)
reclaimSPX

    should fail on call by nonowner (151ms)
    should pass on call by owner, check that transfer occurs (557ms)

  Should fail on call by nonowner (168mm) should fail on call by nonowner (197mm)
unpause
  ripause

✓ should fail on call by nonowner (224mg)
setSupplyController

    should fail on call if not owner or SupplyController (2
    should fail on setting to address 0 (301ms)
    should pass on call by owner (293ms)

    ✓ should fail on call if not SupplyController (276m
    ✓ should pass on call by SupplyController (593ms)

decreaseSupply
  ✓ should fail on call if not SupplyController (29
✓ should fail if insufficient supply (591ms)
setFeeController

    ✓ should fail on call by nonowner (305ms)
    ✓ should fail on setting to address 0 (414ms)
    ✓ should pass on call by owner (437ms)

setFeeRecipient
 ✓ should fail on call by non FeeController (356m
✓ should pass on call by FeeController (314ms)

    ✓ should fail on call by non FeeController (294ms)
    ✓ should fail on setting feeRate > 10000 (262ms)
    ✓ should pass on call by FeeController (189ms)
```



# **Initial Coverage Report**

File	% Stmts	% Branch	% Funcs	% Lines	Uncovered Lines
contracts/ SPXCrowdsale.sol spx.sol	99.22 100 98.91	81.43 75 84	100 100 100	99.24 100 98.96	414
All files	99.22	81.43	100	99.24	

# **Final Coverage Report**

ile 	% Stmts	% Branch	% Funcs	% Lines	Uncovered Lines
contracts/ SPXCrowdsale.sol spx.sol	100 100 100	94.44 90.91 96	100 100 100	100 100 100	
All files	100	94.44	100	100	

#### Recommendation:

We recommend 100% branch coverage for unit test cases.



#### **Slither Tool Result**

```
Low level call in SPXCrowdsale.allowClaims() (SPXCrowdsale.sol#136-146):
- (success,returnData) = SPXContractAddress.call(payload) (SPXCrowdsale.sol#144)

SPXCrowdsale.allowClaims() (SPXCrowdsale.sol#136-146) uses timestamp for comparisons

Dangerous comparisons:
- require(bool,string)(now >= saleEndTime,Claims only allowed at end of sale) (SPXCrowdsale.sol#137)
```

The warning emitted by slither tool for using **now(block.timestamp)** can be safely ignored as the **SPXCrowdsale** contract won't be impacted significantly if the crowdsale ends a few minutes earlier or later.

## **Notes**

- Our team at ImmuneBytes confirms that the two low-level calls in claim() and allowClaim() functions of the SPXCrowdsale contract are implemented correctly. The return value of these low-level calls is checked explicitly.
- 2. The reentrancy warning at claim() function can be safely ignored. While updating ethBalance[msg.sender] before the external call is the right thing to do, it should also be noted that reentrancy occurs when an external call is made to an untrusted contract or when some Ether amount is transferred. As the external call is made to SPX token contract which is a trusted contract, there are no chances of reentrancy.



## **Concluding Remarks**

While conducting the audits of BLOCKX smart contracts, it was observed that the contracts contain only Low severity issues, along with several areas of recommendations.

Our auditors suggest that issues should be resolved by BLOCKX developers. Resolving the areas of recommendations are up to BLOCKX's discretion. The recommendations given will improve the operations of the smart contract.

## **Disclaimer**

ImmuneBytes's audit does not provide a security or correctness guarantee of the audited smart contract. Securing smart contracts is a multistep process, therefore running a bug bounty program as a complement to this audit is strongly recommended.

Our team does not endorse the BLOCKX platform or its product neither this audit is investment advice.

#### Notes:

- Please make sure contracts deployed on the mainnet are the one audited.
- Check for the code refactor by the team on critical issues.

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