Bitcoin Script Code Review And Security Analysis Report

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The GOAT Network is a decentralized Layer 2 scaling solution for Bitcoin, integrating Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM) technology.

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Review

Scope

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Audit Summary

The system users should acknowledge all the risks summed up in the risks section of the report

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Total Findings	Resolved	Accepted	Mitigated

Findings by Severity

Severity	Count
Critical	0
High	0
Medium	1
Low	1

Vulnerability	Severity
F-2024-5638 - Insufficient Minimum Fee Rate Handling in lockingTransaction Function	Medium
F-2024-5840 - Improper Enforcement of Sequence Number in Replace-by-Fee (RBF) Transactions	Low

Documentation quality

- The project includes TypeScript files that are usually well-suited for clear and structured code, providing a good basis for understanding the project's logic.
- The separation of concerns (bridge operations vs. locking operations) suggests a modular design that could be easier to document and understand.
- Without detailed comprehensive README file, it may be challenging for new developers or auditors to fully grasp the purpose and function of each script.
- If there are no examples or usage documentation, understanding the flow of operations from deposit to withdrawal across the Bitcoin and Ethereum chains might require a deep dive into the code.

Code quality

- The separation of different aspects of the system into separate files indicates a clean and modular approach to code organization.
- Using TypeScript adds type safety and helps prevent many common bugs that are typically present in JavaScript projects.
- The code include sufficient comments explaining the rationale behind key decisions.

Threat Modeling Cases and Outcomes

This section consolidates the results of all the security evaluations performed, detailing the specific tests conducted across various attack vectors. These tests assess the system's robustness against potential vulnerabilities in cross-chain environments, script execution, economic incentives, and more.

1. Cross-Chain Replay Attacks

- **Threat:** A transaction valid on one chain might be replayed on another chain, leading to unintended consequences.
- **Test Cases:**
  - **Cross-chain transaction replay:** Simulated replaying a Bitcoin network transaction on another blockchain (e.g., Litecoin) to test for replay prevention mechanisms.
  - **Cross-chain signature confusion:** Tested if signatures or transactions could be valid across different chains, ensuring chain-specific data prevent cross-chain replay attacks even though the protections aren't exactly implemented in the code like chain ID or nonce.
- **Outcome:** The scripts effectively prevented cross-chain replay attacks, ensuring secure transaction execution across different blockchains.

2. Script Injection Attacks

- **Threat:** Malicious users might attempt to inject or modify scripts in ways that pass validation but behave differently than intended.
- **Test Cases:**
  - **Script tampering:** Attempted to inject no-op operations (OP_NOP) or other operations into the script to test if it altered transaction behavior.

    - **Script overflows:** Tested the script's behavior with unusually large or nested scripts (e.g., P2SH within P2WSH).
- **Outcome:** The system rejected invalid script modifications, maintaining intended behavior and preventing unauthorized alterations.

3. Cross-Chain Atomicity Testing

- **Threat:** Atomicity in cross-chain operations can be exploited if one side of the operation fails or is delayed, leading to potential double-spends or lost funds.
- **Test Cases:**
    - **Failure handling in atomic swaps:** Simulated failures in atomic swaps or time-lock transactions to ensure funds are either locked or refunded on both chains.
    - **Delayed transaction processing:** Introduced delays between cross-chain transactions to assess handling of asynchronous processing.
- **Outcome:** The scripts maintained atomicity, preventing double-spends or fund loss in cross-chain transactions.

4. Blockchain Reorganization Testing

- **Threat:** Blockchain reorgs could alter the state after a cross-chain transaction initiation, potentially causing inconsistencies or losses.
- **Test Cases:**
    - **Reorg simulation:** Simulated a blockchain reorg after broadcasting a cross-chain transaction to evaluate the system’s response.
    - **Cross-chain reorg impact:** Tested simultaneous or asynchronous reorgs on involved blockchains to assess impact on cross-chain transactions.
- **Outcome:** The system handled reorg scenarios effectively, ensuring secure transaction outcomes.

5. Timing Attacks on Locktime and Sequence Numbers

- **Threat:** Attackers might exploit timing mechanisms, like locktimes and sequence numbers, to gain an advantage, such as executing a transaction prematurely or bypassing time-based restrictions.
- **Test Cases:**
    - **Race condition exploitation:** Simulated scenarios where multiple parties execute or revoke a time-locked transaction simultaneously to test for race conditions.
    - **Sequence number manipulation:** Tested the impact of sequence numbers on transaction validity in high-latency environments to ensure that sequence numbers properly enforce locktime restrictions.
- **Outcome: Vulnerable.** The tests revealed two critical vulnerabilities:
    - **Locktime Enforcement Vulnerability:** Despite setting a valid locktime, the transaction was finalized prematurely, indicating that the locktime was not properly enforced. This allows attackers to finalize a transaction before the intended locktime, leading to potential unauthorized fund transfers or other unintended behavior.
    - **Sequence Number Manipulation Vulnerability:** The transaction was finalized even after manipulating the sequence number to a value that should still enforce the locktime. This failure in ensuring that the sequence number properly restricts transaction finalization could be exploited to bypass time locks and execute transactions prematurely.

6. Oracle Manipulation and Dependency Attacks

- **Threat:** Scripts relying on external data (oracles) or cross-chain events could be compromised if the data is manipulated.
- **Test Cases:**
  - **Oracle data poisoning:** Simulated incorrect or manipulated oracle data to observe script behavior.
  - **Cross-chain event delays:** Tested delayed or missing cross-chain events on time-sensitive script operations.
- **Outcome:** The system effectively handled manipulated oracle data and cross-chain event delays, preventing catastrophic failures.

7. Nonce Reuse and Collision Testing

- **Threat:** Nonce values could be reused or collide, especially in cross-chain contexts, leading to vulnerabilities like double-spending.
- **Test Cases:**
  - **Nonce collision detection:** Attempted to reuse nonces in different scripts or cross-chain transactions to assess system behavior.
  - **Cross-chain nonce tracking:** Tested if nonces are tracked and prevented from reuse across chains.
- **Outcome:** The system successfully prevented nonce reuse and collisions, maintaining transaction integrity.

8. Environmental and Dependency Vulnerability Testing

- **Threat:** Scripts relying on specific library versions or network conditions might become vulnerable if these environments change.
- **Test Cases:**
  - **Library downgrades/upgrade impacts:** Tested scripts with different versions of `bitcoinjs-lib` or other dependencies to observe any changes in behavior.
  - **Network partitioning:** Simulated network partitions to evaluate script behavior under isolation conditions.
- **Outcome:** The system maintained consistent behavior across different library versions and handled network partitions effectively.

9. Interoperability and Compatibility Testing

- **Threat:** Differences in script execution between nodes with different software versions or configurations can lead to inconsistent outcomes.
- **Test Cases:**
  - **Node software variations:** Tested the script on nodes running different versions of Bitcoin Core and alternative implementations like BTCD.
  - **Cross-client compatibility:** Simulated scenarios with participants using different Bitcoin clients to ensure compatibility.
- **Outcome:** The scripts demonstrated consistent behavior across different clients and software versions.

10. Economic Incentive Analysis

- **Threat:** Economic incentives in scripts (like fees or time-lock rewards) could be manipulated or exploited.
- **Test Cases:**
    - **Fee exploitation:** Analyzed fee structures to test for scenarios where an attacker could gain unfairly, such as by submitting transactions with extremely low fees.
    - **Incentive misalignment:** Tested scenarios with misaligned participant incentives to check if the script prevents exploitation.
- **Outcome: Vulnerable.** The following vulnerability was identified:
    - **Insufficient Minimum Fee Rate Handling:** The lockingTransaction function does not enforce a minimum fee rate, allowing transactions to be created with very low fees. This oversight can lead to potential network congestion, denial of service (DoS) risks, and delayed transaction processing, as miners are unlikely to prioritize low-fee transactions.

11. Collusion and Sybil Attack Scenarios

- **Threat:** In a cross-chain or multi-signature environment, parties might collude or simulate multiple identities (Sybil attack) to manipulate outcomes.
- **Test Cases:**
    - **Multi-signature collusion:** Simulated collusion in a multi-signature setup to test control over funds.
    - **Sybil resistance testing:** Created multiple identities to simulate a Sybil attack and assess the system's resistance.
- **Outcome:** The system resisted collusion and Sybil attacks, maintaining transaction integrity.

12. State Machine and Lifecycle Testing

- **Threat:** Improper state transitions or lifecycle events in cross-chain transactions could lead to deadlocks, inconsistent states, or fund loss.
- **Test Cases:**
    - **State machine consistency:** Tested all state transitions to ensure they could not be skipped, reversed, or corrupted.
    - **Lifecycle failure simulation:** Simulated failures at various stages of the script lifecycle to verify recovery or rollback mechanisms.
- **Outcome:** The state machine handled all transitions correctly, and the system successfully recovered from simulated failures.

13. Side-Channel Attack Analysis

- **Threat:** Side-channel attacks might allow an attacker to gain information about private keys or the internal state of the transaction by observing system behavior (e.g., timing attacks).
- **Test Cases:**
    - **Timing consistency in signature generation:** Performed timing analysis on script execution to ensure consistent operation time.
- **Outcome:** The timing tests confirmed that operations related to private key handling and signature generation are consistent, preventing timing attacks.

14. Recursion Check

- **Threat:** Recursion attacks could exploit recursive conditions in complex Bitcoin scripts.
- **Test Cases:**
  - **Recursive conditions:** Simulated recursive scenarios (e.g., recursive OP_IF conditions) and checked script behavior.
- **Outcome:** The script handled recursive conditions correctly, with no vulnerabilities detected.

15. Double-Spend with RBF (Replace-by-Fee) Attack

- **Threat:** An attacker could replace a low-fee transaction with a higher-fee one (using RBF) to alter the behavior of dependent transactions.
- **Test Cases:**
  - **RBF attack simulation:** Created a low-fee transaction and replaced it with a higher-fee one, observing how dependent transactions handled this scenario.
- **Outcome:** The script was resilient to RBF attacks, ensuring consistent handling of transactions even when fees were modified.

16. Chain Split Handling

- **Threat:** In the event of a chain split (e.g., a hard fork), transactions might be replayed or behave differently on different chains.
- **Test Cases:**
  - **Chain split simulation:** Duplicated transactions on a different chain (e.g., Bitcoin Cash or testnet fork) and checked the script's behavior.
- **Outcome:** The scripts correctly handled chain splits, preventing unintended behavior on different chains.

17. Privacy Analysis

- **Threat:** Scripts might inadvertently reveal information that could be used to de-anonymize users or transactions.
- **Test Cases:**
  - **Privacy assessment:** Analyzed scripts for any data that could track users or link transactions, including unnecessary data in scripts or repeated addresses.
- **Outcome:** The privacy analysis confirmed that no sensitive data was directly included in the script, ensuring user anonymity.

18. Orphaned Transactions Handling

- **Threat:** Orphaned transactions (not included in the blockchain) might cause inconsistencies or unintended behavior.
- **Test Cases:**
  - **Orphaned transaction simulation:** Simulated an orphaned transaction scenario to observe how the script handles it, ensuring proper recovery or retries.
- **Outcome:** The system correctly handled orphaned transactions, allowing safe retries without inconsistencies.

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System Overview

The GOAT Network is a decentralized Layer 2 scaling solution for Bitcoin, integrating Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM) technology. It enables efficient, low-cost, and scalable Bitcoin transactions through decentralized sequencers while maintaining security using Bitcoin’s proof-of-work model. GOAT Network's native tokens, such as goatBTC, $yBTC, and $GOAT, facilitate staking, yield generation, and decentralized governance. This Layer 2 solution is designed to enhance Bitcoin's scalability, interoperability, and efficiency, making it suitable for DeFi, NFTs, and other decentralized applications.

Project Overview

The project is written with TypeScript that define the logic for creating and managing Bitcoin transactions in the context of cross-chain interactions with Ethereum. Below is an overview of each file:

`bridge.ts`:

- **Purpose**: This file contains the logic for managing the cross-chain bridge operations between Bitcoin and Ethereum. It include functions for initiating cross-chain transactions, verifying conditions on both chains, and ensuring the integrity of the transactions.
- **Functionality**: Handles the orchestration of cross-chain transactions, including the interaction with the Ethereum smart contracts and Bitcoin scripts.

`locking.ts`:

- **Purpose**: This file is responsible for managing the locking of Bitcoin funds. Locking funds is crucial in cross-chain operations to ensure that funds are securely held until the appropriate conditions are met.
- **Functionality**: Implements the logic for time-locked or conditionally locked Bitcoin transactions, which can then be unlocked based on the fulfillment of certain criteria, possibly verified on the Ethereum side.

`bridge.script.ts`:

- **Purpose**: This script file contains the Bitcoin Script necessary for handling bridge operations at the Bitcoin protocol level. This include scripts for verifying signatures, enforcing time locks, or ensuring that only valid transactions are executed.
- **Functionality**: Provides the Bitcoin-side logic necessary to enforce the rules of cross-chain transactions, including validation and execution of locked transactions.

`locking.script.ts`:

- **Purpose**: This file contains the Bitcoin Script specific to managing the locking of funds. It include scripts that enforce the locking conditions defined in the `locking.ts` file.
- **Functionality**: Implements the Bitcoin Script that corresponds to the locking mechanisms, ensuring that funds are released only when the defined conditions are met.

Findings

Vulnerability Details

F-2024-5638 - Insufficient Minimum Fee Rate Handling in lockingTransaction Function - Medium

Description:	The `lockingTransaction` function in the `locking.ts` file does not enforce a minimum fee rate when constructing Bitcoin transactions. This oversight can lead to the creation of transactions with extremely low fees, which pose significant risks:

Fee Manipulation Vulnerability:

- Allowing transactions with very low fees can lead to scenarios where transactions are either delayed in confirmation or not confirmed at all, as miners are unlikely to prioritize them. This could be exploited by attackers to manipulate the fee structure and create network congestion or delays.

Denial of Service (DoS) Risks:

- Without a minimum fee threshold, an attacker could flood the network with low-fee transactions, potentially clogging the mempool and delaying the processing of legitimate transactions. This scenario could degrade the performance of the Bitcoin network and negatively impact user experience.

User Experience Concerns:

- Users might inadvertently create transactions with fees too low for timely processing. This can lead to transactions being stuck in the mempool for extended periods, causing confusion and frustration, especially for users unfamiliar with Bitcoin's fee mechanics.

Assets:

- BTC Script [https://github.com/GOATNetwork/btc-script-factory/tree/main/src/covenantV1]

Status: Fixed

Classification

CVSS 4.0: 5.3 (/AV:N/AC:L/AT:N/PR:N/UI:P/VC:N/VI:L/VA:N/SC:N/SI:N/SA:N)

Severity: Medium

Recommendations

Remediation:

Implement a minimum fee rate check within the `lockingTransaction` function to ensure that no transaction is created with fees that fall below an acceptable threshold. This will help prevent potential DoS attacks, ensure better network performance, and improve overall user experience.

Sample Fix:

The introduction of a minimum fee rate check ensures that all transactions are created with fees that align with network norms, reducing the risk of delays and preventing the potential abuse of low-fee transactions. This adjustment will help maintain the integrity and efficiency of the network while providing a better experience for users.

```
const MINIMUM_FEE_RATE = 10; // Set a minimum fee rate, e.g., 10 sa
toshis per byte

export function lockingTransaction(
scripts: { lockingScript: Buffer },
amount: number,
changeAddress: string,
inputUTXOs: UTXO[],
network: networks.Network,
feeRate: number
) {
if (feeRate < MINIMUM_FEE_RATE) {
throw new Error(`Fee rate too low: must be at least ${MINIMUM_FEE_R
ATE} satoshis per byte`);
}

const psbt = new Psbt({ network });

// Transaction creation logic remains the same...

return { psbt, fee };
}
```

Resolution:

The issue of insufficient minimum fee rate handling in the `lockingTransaction` function has been addressed by adding appropriate validation checks and adjustments to the transaction creation process.

Validation of Fee Rate and Amount: The updated code ensures that the `amount` and `feeRate` are non-negative integers greater than 0. This prevents transactions from being created with unreasonably low or zero fees, addressing the risk of network congestion and denial-of-service attacks.

```
if (!Number.isInteger(amount) || amount <= 0 || !Number.isInteger(f
eeRate) || feeRate <= 0) {
throw new Error("Amount and fee rate must be non-negative integers
greater than 0");
}
```

Dynamic Fee and Change Calculation: The code ensures that if the calculated change is lower than the dust threshold, it is added to the fee instead. This avoids the creation of dust outputs and ensures that the fee is always adequate.

```
const change = inputsSum - (amount + fee);
if (change > BTC_DUST_SAT) {
psbt.addOutput({
address: changeAddress,
value: change
});
} else {
const newFee = fee + change; // Increase the fee by the amount of d
ust
return {
psbt,
fee: newFee
};
}
```

Evidences

Proof of Concept (PoC):

Location: src/covenantV1/locking.ts

Reproduce:

The lack of enforcement for a minimum fee rate exposes the system to potential abuse where attackers can submit transactions with unreasonably low fees. This not only risks network congestion but can also result in user transactions being delayed or ignored by miners. Moreover, the absence of fee validation could lead to a negative user experience, particularly for those unfamiliar with the fee structures required for timely transaction processing.

```
export function lockingTransaction(
scripts: { lockingScript: Buffer },
amount: number,
changeAddress: string,
inputUTXOs: UTXO[],
network: networks.Network,
feeRate: number
) {
const psbt = new Psbt({ network });

// The function does not validate if the provided fee rate is too l
ow.
// Rest of the transaction creation code...

return { psbt, fee };
}
```

F-2024-5840 - Improper Enforcement of Sequence Number in Replace-by-Fee (RBF) Transactions - Low

Description: The `lockingTransaction` function in the `locking.ts` file is responsible for creating Bitcoin transactions that include time locks and sequence numbers. The sequence number is crucial for supporting Replace-by-Fee (RBF) functionality, which allows users to replace unconfirmed transactions by increasing their fee.

Sequence Number Manipulation Vulnerability: Tests have revealed that manipulating the sequence number can result in a transaction bypassing locktime enforcement. Even when the sequence number should enforce the locktime, it is possible to prematurely execute or replace transactions. This undermines the integrity of time-locked transactions and could potentially be exploited to bypass RBF restrictions.

Assets:

- BTC Script [https://github.com/GOATNetwork/btc-script-factory/tree/main/src/covenantV1]

Status: Fixed

Classification

CVSS 4.0: 2.1 (/AV:N/AC:H/AT:N/PR:L/UI:P/VC:N/VI:L/VA:N/SC:N/SI:N/SA:N)

Severity: Low

Recommendations

Remediation: To address this vulnerability, it is necessary to ensure proper validation and enforcement of the sequence number when using RBF. The sequence number must be checked against the locktime to prevent premature execution of transactions. By ensuring strict adherence to the rules governing locktime and sequence numbers, RBF functionality can be secured.

Sample Fix:

Ensure the sequence number is explicitly set and validated in relation to the locktime. This would guarantee that RBF transactions follow the expected locktime restrictions and are not prematurely executed.

```
selectedUTXOs.forEach((input) => {
psbt.addInput({
```

```
hash: input.txid,
index: input.vout,
witnessUtxo: {
script: Buffer.from(input.scriptPubKey, "hex"),
value: input.value
},
sequence: 0xfffffffd // Enable locktime by setting the sequence val
ue to support RBF
});
});
```

Resolution: The sequence number for each transaction input is explicitly set to `0xfffffffd`. This sequence value enables Replace-by-Fee (RBF) functionality while still enforcing locktime, ensuring that transactions cannot be finalized before the specified locktime is reached.

```
},
// this is needed only if the wallet is in taproot mode
...(publicKeyNoCoord && { tapInternalKey: publicKeyNoCoord }),
sequence: 0xfffffffd // Enable locktime by setting the sequence val
ue to (RBF-able)
});
});
```

Evidences

Proof of Concept (PoC):

Location: src/covenantV1/locking.ts

Reproduce:

The failure to properly enforce locktime and sequence numbers can lead to serious security risks:

- **Premature Finalization:** If a transaction can be finalized before the specified locktime, it can lead to unauthorized access to funds and bypass critical time-based restrictions.
- **Sequence Number Bypass:** Manipulating the sequence number to bypass the locktime enforcement undermines the integrity of time-locked transactions, potentially allowing transactions to be executed earlier than intended.

```
selectedUTXOs.forEach((input) => {
psbt.addInput({
hash: input.txid,
index: input.vout,
witnessUtxo: {
script: Buffer.from(input.scriptPubKey, "hex"),
value: input.value
},
sequence: 0xfffffffd // Enable locktime by setting the sequence val
ue to (RBF-able)
});
});

// Set the locktime field if provided. If not provided, the locktim
e will be set to 0 by default
if (lockHeight) {
if (lockHeight >= BTC_LOCKTIME_HEIGHT_TIME_CUTOFF) {
throw new Error("Invalid lock height");
}
```

```
  psbt.setLocktime(lockHeight);
  }
```

Observation Details

F-2024-5601 - Implement Replay Attack Protection Mechanism (Intra-Chain and Cross-Chain) - Info

Description: While the current implementation in `bridge.ts` and `locking.ts` does not explicitly demonstrate vulnerability to replay attacks through the series of tests we conducted, there remains a theoretical risk. Replay attacks, both intra-chain and cross-chain, might be possible if certain protective mechanisms are not employed.

- **Intra-Chain Replay Attacks:** Although Bitcoin's UTXO model inherently prevents replaying an identical transaction, there is a risk that transactions with different UTXOs but similar details could be replayed, leading to unintended actions.
- **Cross-Chain Replay Attacks:** Transactions valid on one blockchain (e.g., Bitcoin mainnet) could be replayed on another blockchain (e.g., a testnet or forked network) if the transaction scripts do not include chain-specific identifiers.

Assets:

- BTC Script [https://github.com/GOATNetwork/btc-script-factory/tree/main/src/covenantV1]

Status: Accepted

Recommendations

Remediation: **Implement Chain-Specific Identifiers (Cross-Chain Protection):**

- **Why:** Chain-specific identifiers ensure that transactions are valid only on their intended blockchain. Without them, a transaction valid on one chain might also be valid on another, leading to unintended or unauthorized actions.
- **How:** Embed a unique identifier for the specific blockchain into each transaction. This could involve utilizing network-specific characteristics, such as `network.bech32`, or adopting BIP-115 (Chain Locks) to embed a recent block hash from the intended chain.

Sample Fix:

```
import { Psbt, payments, networks } from 'bitcoinjs-lib';

function addChainIdentifier(psbt: Psbt, network: networks.Network)
{
const chainId = Buffer.from(network.bech32, 'utf8');
psbt.addOutput({
```

```
script: payments.embed({ data: [chainId] }).output!,
value: 0
});
}

const psbt = new Psbt({ network: networks.bitcoin });
addChainIdentifier(psbt, networks.bitcoin);
```

Implement Nonce-Based or Time-Based Replay Protection (Intra-Chain Protection):

- **Why:** Nonces or timestamps can make each transaction unique, preventing them from being replayed, even with different UTXOs.
- **How:** Incorporate a nonce or timestamp in each transaction to ensure it cannot be maliciously reused.

Sample Fix:

```
// Adding a nonce to prevent replay attacks
export function depositTransaction(
scripts: { depositScript: Buffer },
amount: number,
changeAddress: string,
inputUTXOs: UTXO[],
network: networks.Network,
feeRate: number,
nonce: number
) {
const psbt = new Psbt({ network });

// Add nonce to OP_RETURN output
psbt.addOutput({
script: script.compile([
opcodes.OP_RETURN,
Buffer.from(`nonce:${nonce}`, 'utf8')
]),
value: 0
});

return { psbt, fee, nonce };
}

// Adding block height for time-based replay protection
export function lockingTransaction(
scripts: { lockingScript: Buffer },
amount: number,
changeAddress: string,
inputUTXOs: UTXO[],
network: networks.Network,
feeRate: number,
currentBlockHeight: number
) {
const psbt = new Psbt({ network });
psbt.setLocktime(currentBlockHeight);

return { psbt, fee };
}
```

Resolution:

Instead of directly embedding chain-specific identifiers or nonces into the transaction outputs (as suggested), the client introduced an **application-level mitigation**. This strategy provides replay protection without increasing transaction costs.

Local Cache for Transaction Data:

- The client's solution involves storing transaction details temporarily in the user's browser cache. This allows the system

  to recognize when the user attempts to submit a new transaction within a short time period.
- If a subsequent transaction is initiated shortly after the first, the user is notified to avoid submitting potentially redundant or replayable transactions.

User Tips for Rapid Transactions:

- When the system detects that a user is trying to submit multiple transactions in a short time frame, it provides a tip or warning to prevent replay attacks, giving the user time to review their actions before submitting another transaction.
- This mitigates intra-chain replay risks by preventing accidental rapid submission of similar transactions with different UTXOs.

Evidences

Proof of Concept (PoC):

Location: src/covenantV1/bridge.ts, src/covenantV1/locking.ts

Reproduce:

File: `src/covenantV1/bridge.ts` and `src/covenantV1/locking.ts`

Location: Affects all transaction creation functions

F-2024-5625 - Possible Output Index Mismatch - Info

Description: The `outputIndex` parameter in `withdrawalUnbondingTransaction` defaults to 0. However, if the actual transaction structure changes or the output index is incorrect, this can result in incorrect transactions being signed or executed.

Assets:

- BTC Script [https://github.com/GOATNetwork/btc-script-factory/tree/main/src/covenantV1]

Status: Fixed

Recommendations

Remediation: Validate the `outputIndex` against the actual number of outputs in the `lockingTransaction` to ensure the correct index is being used.

Sample Fix:

This sample fix ensures that the provided output index is valid within the context of the transaction, preventing errors due to out-of-bounds indices.

```
if (outputIndex < 0 || outputIndex >= lockingTransaction.outs.lengt
h) {
throw new Error("Output index is out of bounds");
}
```

Resolution: The refactored code now includes a check to ensure that the `outputIndex` is valid by comparing it to the number of outputs in the `lockingTransaction`. If the `outputIndex` is out of bounds (either negative or exceeding the available outputs), the function throws an error.

```
if (outputIndex < 0 || outputIndex >= lockingTransaction.outs.lengt
h) {
throw new Error("Output index is out of bounds");
}
```

Evidences

Proof of Concept (PoC):

Location: src/covenantV1/locking.ts

Reproduce: Affected code: lines 153-155

```
const outputValue = lockingTransaction.outs[outputIndex].value - es
timatedFee

if (outputValue < 0) {
throw new Error("Output value is smaller than minimum fee");
}
```

Disclaimers

Hacken Disclaimer

The application given for audit has been analyzed based on best industry practices at the time of the writing of this report, with cybersecurity vulnerabilities and issues in the application's source code, its deployment, and functionality (performing the intended functions) being the focus of our analysis.

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While we have exerted our best efforts in conducting the analysis and producing this report, it is crucial to understand that this report should not be the sole source of reliance for ensuring the security of the application. We strongly recommend undertaking multiple independent audits and establishing a public bug bounty program to enhance the security posture of the application.

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Appendix 1. Severity Definitions

Severity	Description
Critical	These issues present a major security vulnerability that poses a severe risk to the system. They require immediate attention and must be resolved to prevent a potential security breach or other significant harm.
High	These issues present a significant risk to the system, but may not require immediate attention. They should be addressed in a timely manner to reduce the risk of the potential security breach.
Medium	These issues present a moderate risk to the system and cannot have a great impact on its function. They should be addressed in a reasonable time frame, but may not require immediate attention.
Low	These issues present no risk to the system and typically relate to the code quality problems or general recommendations. They do not require immediate attention and should be viewed as a minor recommendation.

Appendix 2. Scope

The scope of the project includes the following files from the provided repository:

Scope Details	
Repository	https://github.com/GOATNetwork/btc-script-factory/tree/main/src/covenantV1
Commit	7bf25eaab8b6c6e29af8486746f0adc7de961235