

Security Assessment

GENEX

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The security assessment was prepared by CertiK, the leader in Web3.0 security.

Executive Summary

TYPES ECOSYSTEM METHODS

ERC-20 Binance Smart Chain Formal Verification, Manual Review, Static Analysis

(BSC)

LANGUAGE **TIMELINE KEY COMPONENTS**

Delivered on 08/01/2024 Solidity N/A

CODEBASE COMMITS

<u>0x98f06352dc8a40dd6d94d4cde3b384e2276c991a</u> <u>mainnet</u>

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Highlighted Centralization Risks

• Initial owner token share is 100%

Vulnerability Summary

4 Total Findings	O Resolved	O Mitigated	O Partially Resolved	4 Acknowledged	O Declined
0 Critical			a platform an	are those that impact the safe d must be addressed before la vest in any project with outstan	aunch. Users
■ 1 Major	1 Acknowledged		errors. Under	an include centralization issue specific circumstances, these ass of funds and/or control of the	e major risks
0 Medium				may not pose a direct risk to affect the overall functioning o	
1 Minor	1 Acknowledged		scale. They g	an be any of the above, but or generally do not compromise the e project, but they may be less as.	he overall
■ 2 Informational	2 Acknowledged		improve the s	errors are often recommenda style of the code or certain ope y best practices. They usually nctioning of the code.	erations to fall



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Repository

<u>mainnet</u>

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AUDIT SCOPE GENEX

1 file audited $\, ullet$ 1 file with Acknowledged findings

ID	Repo	File	SHA256 Checksum
• GEN	mainnet	GENEX.sol	e960baf13dcccbcd519b2ad0eacbb34e20ebb d264ffa13b513d79ecf3309f8f8



APPROACH & METHODS GENEX

This report has been prepared for GENEX to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the GENEX project as well as any contract dependencies that were not part of an officially recognized library. A comprehensive examination has been performed, utilizing Static Analysis and Manual Review techniques.

The auditing process pays special attention to the following considerations:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors.
- Assessing the codebase to ensure compliance with current best practices and industry standards.
- · Ensuring contract logic meets the specifications and intentions of the client.
- · Cross referencing contract structure and implementation against similar smart contracts produced by industry leaders.
- Thorough line-by-line manual review of the entire codebase by industry experts.

The security assessment resulted in findings that ranged from critical to informational. We recommend addressing these findings to ensure a high level of security standards and industry practices. We suggest recommendations that could better serve the project from the security perspective:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors;
- Enhance general coding practices for better structures of source codes;
- Add enough unit tests to cover the possible use cases;
- · Provide more comments per each function for readability, especially contracts that are verified in public;
- Provide more transparency on privileged activities once the protocol is live.

FINDINGS GENEX



This report has been prepared to discover issues and vulnerabilities for GENEX. Through this audit, we have uncovered 4 issues ranging from different severity levels. Utilizing the techniques of Static Analysis & Manual Review to complement rigorous manual code reviews, we discovered the following findings:

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
GEN-02	Initial Token Distribution	Centralization	Major	Acknowledged
GLOBAL-01	Potential Front-Run On Token Allowance Approval	Logical Issue	Minor	Acknowledged
GEN-03	Unlocked Compiler Version	Language Version	Informational	Acknowledged
GEN-04	Big Numbers Could Be Written In A Clearer Way	Coding Style	Informational	Acknowledged



GEN-02 INITIAL TOKEN DISTRIBUTION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization	Major	GENEX.sol: 2184~2185	Acknowledged

Description

All of the GENEX 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.

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 (%, %) 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 deanonymize the project team with a third-party KYC provider to create greater accountability.

Alleviation

[Certix , 08/01/2024]: The team acknowledged the issue and decided the keep the current codebase.



GLOBAL-01 POTENTIAL FRONT-RUN ON TOKEN ALLOWANCE **APPROVAL**

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Minor		 Acknowledged

Description

The OpenZeppelin v5 ERC20 contract strictly implements the EIP-20 specification only and it omits the increaseAllowance() and decreaseAllowance() methods which were meant to mitigate issues on the front-run of the approve() call.

In fact, the ERC20 interface exposes a vulnerability according to which approve() calls may be front-run allowing a malicious spender to:

- 1. spend the already granted allowance,
- 2. have the allowance restored by the approve() call,
- 3. leverage more allowance than though by the token owner.

The usage of increaseAllowance() and decreaseAllowance() do not solve the issue, but mitigates it by bounding the maximum amount of spendable tokens to the sum of the previous and newly granted allowance, avoiding any value replacement.

Recommendation

We recommend including the increaseAllowance() and decreaseAllowance() methods in the GENEX token implementation to mitigate the described front-run condition.

The ERC-20 implementation in the OpenZeppelin v4 library can be taken as a reference. REF.

Alternatively, the approve() method may implement an additional constraint in which updates can only happen from a zero value, forcing a double transaction for each change.

In any case, the front-run risk is unchanged for the decrease scenario.

Alleviation

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GEN-03 UNLOCKED COMPILER VERSION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Language Version	Informational	GENEX.sol: 6, 88, 116, 146, 311, 629, 670, 763, 940, 135 8, 1404, 1500, 1589, 1726, 1851, 1882, 2043, 2093, 2177	Acknowledged

Description

The contract in scope has an 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 differing compiler version numbers. This can lead to 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 recommend the compiler version is instead locked at the lowest version possible that the contract can be compiled at. For example, for version vo.8.2 the contract should contain the following line:

pragma solidity 0.8.2;

Alleviation

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GEN-04 BIG NUMBERS COULD BE WRITTEN IN A CLEARER WAY

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	Informational	GENEX.sol: 2185	Acknowledged

Description

The big number linked is hard to read, and it is hard to identify the order of magnitude of the numbers, decreasing the readability of the code. In particular, the following numbers could be rewritten more clearly:

Recommendation

We recommend rewriting the big number more clearly, for example, the previous numbers could be rewritten as $7_{000}_{000}_{000}$.

Alleviation

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OPTIMIZATIONS GENEX

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
<u>GEN-01</u>	Inefficient view Functions	Coding Issue	Optimization	 Acknowledged



GEN-01 INEFFICIENT view FUNCTIONS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Issue	Optimization	GENEX.sol: 137~139	Acknowledged

Description

One or more view functions always return the same constant value, leading to unnecessary gas costs.

function _contextSuffixLength() internal view virtual returns (uint256) {

• Context._contextSuffixLength always returns 0.

Recommendation

It is recommended to declare those functions as pure to save gas and improve contract efficiency.

Alleviation

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FORMAL VERIFICATION GENEX

Formal guarantees about the behavior of smart contracts can be obtained by reasoning about properties relating to the entire contract (e.g. contract invariants) or to specific functions of the contract. Once such properties are proven to be valid, they guarantee that the contract behaves as specified by the property. As part of this audit, we applied formal verification to prove that important functions in the smart contracts adhere to their expected behaviors.

Considered Functions And Scope

In the following, we provide a description of the properties that have been used in this audit. They are grouped according to the type of contract they apply to.

Verification of ERC-20 Compliance

We verified properties of the public interface of those token contracts that implement the ERC-20 interface. This covers

- Functions transfer and transferFrom that are widely used for token transfers,
- functions approve and allowance that enable the owner of an account to delegate a certain subset of her tokens to another account (i.e. to grant an allowance), and
- the functions balanceOf and totalSupply, which are verified to correctly reflect the internal state of the contract.

The properties that were considered within the scope of this audit are as follows:

Property Name	Title
erc20-transferfrom-fail-exceed-allowance	transferFrom Fails if the Requested Amount Exceeds the Available Allowance
erc20-allowance-change-state	allowance Does Not Change the Contract's State
erc20-transfer-correct-amount	transfer Transfers the Correct Amount in Transfers
erc20-transferfrom-correct-amount	transferFrom Transfers the Correct Amount in Transfers
erc20-transferfrom-correct-allowance	transferFrom Updated the Allowance Correctly
erc20-transferfrom-fail-recipient-overflow	transferFrom Prevents Overflows in the Recipient's Balance
erc20-transfer-recipient-overflow	transfer Prevents Overflows in the Recipient's Balance
erc20-approve-false	If approve Returns false, the Contract's State Is Unchanged
erc20-allowance-succeed-always	allowance Always Succeeds
erc20-approve-revert-zero	approve Prevents Approvals For the Zero Address



Property Name	Title
erc20-approve-never-return-false	approve Never Returns false
erc20-approve-succeed-normal	approve Succeeds for Valid Inputs
erc20-totalsupply-correct-value	totalSupply Returns the Value of the Corresponding State Variable
erc20-balanceof-succeed-always	balanceOf Always Succeeds
erc20-balanceof-correct-value	balanceOf Returns the Correct Value
erc20-transfer-false	If transfer Returns false, the Contract State Is Not Changed
erc20-totalsupply-succeed-always	totalSupply Always Succeeds
erc20-allowance-correct-value	allowance Returns Correct Value
erc20-transferfrom-false	If [transferFrom] Returns [false], the Contract's State Is Unchanged
erc20-transferfrom-never-return-false	transferFrom Never Returns [false]
erc20-approve-correct-amount	approve Updates the Approval Mapping Correctly
erc20-transfer-never-return-false	transfer Never Returns [false]
erc20-transfer-revert-zero	transfer Prevents Transfers to the Zero Address
erc20-transferfrom-revert-zero-argument	transferFrom Fails for Transfers with Zero Address Arguments
erc20-transfer-exceed-balance	transfer Fails if Requested Amount Exceeds Available Balance
erc20-balanceof-change-state	balanceOf Does Not Change the Contract's State
erc20-totalsupply-change-state	totalSupply Does Not Change the Contract's State
erc20-transferfrom-fail-exceed-balance	transferFrom Fails if the Requested Amount Exceeds the Available Balance

Verification Results

In the remainder of this section, we list all contracts where formal verification of at least one property was not successful. There are several reasons why this could happen:

- False: The property is violated by the project.
- Inconclusive: The proof engine cannot prove or disprove the property due to timeouts or exceptions.
- Inapplicable: The property does not apply to the project.



Detailed Results For Contract GENEX (GENEX.sol) In Commit 0x98f06352dc8a40dd6d94d4cde3b384e2276c991a

Verification of ERC-20 Compliance

Property Name	Final Result Remarks
erc20-transferfrom-fail-exceed-allowance	• True
erc20-transferfrom-correct-amount	• True
erc20-transferfrom-correct-allowance	• True
erc20-transferfrom-fail-recipient-overflow	Inconclusive
erc20-transferfrom-false	• True
erc20-transferfrom-never-return-false	• True
erc20-transferfrom-revert-zero-argument	• True
erc20-transferfrom-fail-exceed-balance	• True

Detailed Results for Function allowance

Property Name	Final Result	Remarks
erc20-allowance-change-state	• True	
erc20-allowance-succeed-always	• True	
erc20-allowance-correct-value	• True	



Property Name	Final Result Remarks
erc20-transfer-correct-amount	True
erc20-transfer-recipient-overflow	Inconclusive
erc20-transfer-false	• True
erc20-transfer-never-return-false	• True
erc20-transfer-revert-zero	• True
erc20-transfer-exceed-balance	• True

Detailed Results for Function approve

Property Name	Final Result	Remarks
erc20-approve-false	• True	
erc20-approve-revert-zero	• True	
erc20-approve-never-return-false	• True	
erc20-approve-succeed-normal	• True	
erc20-approve-correct-amount	• True	

Detailed Results for Function totalSupply

Property Name	Final Result	Remarks
erc20-totalsupply-correct-value	True	
erc20-totalsupply-succeed-always	True	
erc20-totalsupply-change-state	True	



Detailed Results for Function balance0f

Property Name	Final Result	Remarks
erc20-balanceof-succeed-always	True	
erc20-balanceof-correct-value	True	
erc20-balanceof-change-state	True	



APPENDIX GENEX

I Finding Categories

Categories	Description
Coding Style	Coding Style findings may not affect code behavior, but indicate areas where coding practices can be improved to make the code more understandable and maintainable.
Language Version	Language Version findings indicate that the code uses certain compiler versions or language features with known security issues.
Coding Issue	Coding Issue findings are about general code quality including, but not limited to, coding mistakes, compile errors, and performance issues.
Logical Issue	Logical Issue findings indicate general implementation issues related to the program logic.
Centralization	Centralization findings detail the design choices of designating privileged roles or other centralized controls over the code.

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.

Details on Formal Verification

Some Solidity smart contracts from this project have been formally verified. Each such contract was compiled into a mathematical model that reflects all its possible behaviors with respect to the property. The model takes into account the semantics of the Solidity instructions found in the contract. All verification results that we report are based on that model.

The following assumptions and simplifications apply to our model:

- · Certain low-level calls and inline assembly are not supported and may lead to a contract not being formally verified.
- We model the semantics of the Solidity source code and not the semantics of the EVM bytecode in a compiled contract.

Formalism for property specifications

All properties are expressed in a behavioral interface specification language that CertiK has developed for Solidity, which allows us to specify the behavior of each function in terms of the contract state and its parameters and return values, as well as contract properties that are maintained by every observable state transition. Observable state transitions occur when the



Apart from the Boolean connectives and the modal operators "always" (written []) and "eventually" (written <>), we use the following predicates to reason about the validity of atomic propositions. They are evaluated on the contract's state whenever a discrete time step occurs:

- [requires [cond]] the condition [cond], which refers to a function's parameters, return values, and contract state variables, must hold when a function is invoked in order for it to exhibit a specified behavior.
- ensures [cond] the condition cond, which refers to a function's parameters, return values, and both \old and current contract state variables, is guaranteed to hold when a function returns if the corresponding requires condition held when it was invoked.
- <code>invariant [cond]</code> the condition <code>cond</code>, which refers only to contract state variables, is guaranteed to hold at every observable contract state.
- constraint [cond] the condition cond, which refers to both \old and current contract state variables, is
 guaranteed to hold at every observable contract state except for the initial state after construction (because there is
 no previous state); constraints are used to restrict how contract state can change over time.

Description of the Analyzed ERC-20 Properties

Properties related to function transferFrom

erc20-transferfrom-correct-allowance

All non-reverting invocations of transferFrom(from, dest, amount) that return true must decrease the allowance for address msg.sender over address from by the value in amount.

Specification:

erc20-transferfrom-correct-amount

All invocations of transferFrom(from, dest, amount) that succeed and that return true subtract the value in amount from the balance of address from and add the same value to the balance of address dest.

Specification:



erc20-transferfrom-fail-exceed-allowance

Any call of the form transferFrom(from, dest, amount) with a value for amount that exceeds the allowance of address msg.sender must fail.

Specification:

```
requires msg.sender != sender;
requires amount > allowance(sender, msg.sender);
ensures !\result;
```

erc20-transferfrom-fail-exceed-balance

Any call of the form transferFrom(from, dest, amount) with a value for amount that exceeds the balance of address from must fail.

Specification:

```
requires amount > balanceOf(sender);
ensures !\result;
```

erc20-transferfrom-fail-recipient-overflow

Any call of transferFrom(from, dest, amount) with a value in amount whose transfer would cause an overflow of the balance of address dest must fail.

Specification:

```
requires recipient != sender;
requires balanceOf(recipient) + amount > type(uint256).max;
ensures !\result;
```

erc20-transferfrom-false

If transferFrom returns false to signal a failure, it must undo all incurred state changes before returning to the caller.

Specification:



```
ensures !\result ==> \assigned (\nothing);
```

erc20-transferfrom-never-return-false

The transferFrom function must never return false.

Specification:

```
ensures \result;
```

erc20-transferfrom-revert-zero-argument

All calls of the form <code>transferFrom(from, dest, amount)</code> must fail for transfers from or to the zero address.

Specification:

```
ensures \old(sender) == address(0) ==> !\result;
also
ensures \old(recipient) == address(0) ==> !\result;
```

Properties related to function allowance

erc20-allowance-change-state

Function allowance must not change any of the contract's state variables.

Specification:

```
assignable \nothing;
```

erc20-allowance-correct-value

Invocations of allowance(owner, spender) must return the allowance that address spender has over tokens held by address owner.

Specification:

```
ensures \result == allowance(\old(owner), \old(spender));
```

erc20-allowance-succeed-always

Function allowance must always succeed, assuming that its execution does not run out of gas.

Specification:

```
reverts_only_when false;
```



Properties related to function transfer

erc20-transfer-correct-amount

All non-reverting invocations of transfer(recipient, amount) that return true must subtract the value in amount from the balance of msg.sender and add the same value to the balance of the recipient address.

Specification:

```
requires recipient != msg.sender;
requires balanceOf(recipient) + amount <= type(uint256).max;
ensures \result ==> balanceOf(recipient) == \old(balanceOf(recipient) + amount)
&& balanceOf(msg.sender) == \old(balanceOf(msg.sender) - amount);
    also
requires recipient == msg.sender;
ensures \result ==> balanceOf(msg.sender) == \old(balanceOf(msg.sender));
```

erc20-transfer-exceed-balance

Any transfer of an amount of tokens that exceeds the balance of msg.sender must fail.

Specification:

```
requires amount > balanceOf(msg.sender);
ensures !\result;
```

erc20-transfer-false

If the transfer function in contract GENEX fails by returning false, it must undo all state changes it incurred before returning to the caller.

Specification:

```
ensures !\result ==> \assigned (\nothing);
```

erc20-transfer-never-return-false

The transfer function must never return false to signal a failure.

Specification:

```
ensures \result;
```

erc20-transfer-recipient-overflow

Any invocation of transfer (recipient, amount) must fail if it causes the balance of the recipient address to overflow.



Specification:

```
requires recipient != msg.sender;
requires balanceOf(recipient) + amount > type(uint256).max;
ensures !\result;
```

erc20-transfer-revert-zero

Any call of the form transfer (recipient, amount) must fail if the recipient address is the zero address.

Specification:

```
ensures \old(recipient) == address(0) ==> !\result;
```

Properties related to function approve

erc20-approve-correct-amount

All non-reverting calls of the form [approve(spender, amount)] that return [true] must correctly update the allowance mapping according to the address [msg.sender] and the values of [spender] and [amount].

Specification:

```
requires spender != address(0);
ensures \result ==> allowance(msg.sender, \old(spender)) == \old(amount);
```

erc20-approve-false

If function approve returns false to signal a failure, it must undo all state changes that it incurred before returning to the caller.

Specification:

```
ensures !\result ==> \assigned (\nothing);
```

erc20-approve-never-return-false

The function approve must never returns false.

Specification:

```
ensures \result;
```

erc20-approve-revert-zero

All calls of the form approve(spender, amount) must fail if the address in spender is the zero address.



Specification:

```
ensures \old(spender) == address(0) ==> !\result;
```

erc20-approve-succeed-normal

All calls of the form approve(spender, amount) must succeed, if

- the address in spender is not the zero address and
- the execution does not run out of gas.

Specification:

```
requires spender != address(0);
ensures \result;
reverts_only_when false;
```

Properties related to function totalSupply

erc20-totalsupply-change-state

The totalSupply function in contract GENEX must not change any state variables.

Specification:

```
assignable \nothing;
```

erc20-totalsupply-correct-value

The totalSupply function must return the value that is held in the corresponding state variable of contract GENEX.

Specification:

```
ensures \result == totalSupply();
```

erc20-totalsupply-succeed-always

The function totalSupply must always succeeds, assuming that its execution does not run out of gas.

Specification:

```
reverts_only_when false;
```

Properties related to function balanceOf



erc20-balanceof-change-state

Function balanceOf must not change any of the contract's state variables.

Specification:

assignable \nothing;

erc20-balanceof-correct-value

Invocations of balanceOf(owner) must return the value that is held in the contract's balance mapping for address owner.

Specification:

ensures \result == balanceOf(\old(account));

erc20-balanceof-succeed-always

Function balanceOf must always succeed if it does not run out of gas.

Specification:

reverts_only_when false;



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