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# **Executive Summary**

Type Upgradable ERC20 Token

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Languages Solidity

Methods Architecture Review, Unit Testing, Computer-Aided

Verification, Manual Review

ance/ERC20Base.sol

0 (0 Resolved)

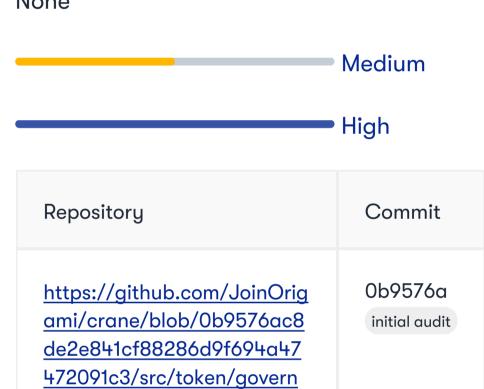
Specification None

Documentation Quality

**Undetermined Risk Issues** 

Test Quality

Source Code



Total Issues

4 (4 Resolved)

High Risk Issues

0 (0 Resolved)

Medium Risk Issues

1 (1 Resolved)

Low Risk Issues

3 (3 Resolved)

Informational Risk Issues

0 (0 Resolved)



A High Risk	The issue puts a large number of users' sensitive information at risk, or is reasonably likely to lead to catastrophic impact for client's reputation or serious financial implications for client and users.
^ Medium Risk	The issue puts a subset of users' sensitive information at risk, would be detrimental for the client's reputation if exploited, or is reasonably likely to lead to moderate financial impact.
➤ Low Risk	The risk is relatively small and could not be exploited on a recurring basis, or is a risk that the client has indicated is low- impact in view of the client's business circumstances.
<ul> <li>Informational</li> </ul>	The issue does not post an immediate risk, but is relevant to security best practices or Defence in Depth.
? Undetermined	The impact of the issue is uncertain.

<ul> <li>Unresolved</li> </ul>	Acknowledged the existence of the risk, and decided to accept it without engaging in special efforts to control it.			
• Acknowledged	The issue remains in the code but is a result of an intentional business or design decision. As such, it is supposed to be addressed outside the programmatic means, such as: 1) comments, documentation, README, FAQ; 2) business processes; 3) analyses showing that the issue shall have no negative consequences in practice (e.g., gas analysis, deployment settings).			
• Fixed	Adjusted program implementation, requirements or constraints to eliminate the risk.			
<ul><li>Mitigated</li></ul>	Implemented actions to minimize the impact or likelihood of the risk.			

## **Summary of Findings**

The reviewed file ERC20Base.sol is an upgradable ERC20 token. Overall the code is well-written, well-documented, and follows best practices (such as reusing existing libraries). We have not found any significant security vulnerabilities apart those related to the variety of roles used in the management of this contract.

Update: the team has mitigated the issues by renouncing roles for this contract deployed on Ethereum mainnet:

- 1. The PAUSER\_ROLE,
- 2. The MINTER\_ROLE,
- 3. The <a href="DEFAULT\_ADMIN\_ROLE">DEFAULT\_ADMIN\_ROLE</a>,
- 4. Creating a new ProxyAdmin,
- 5. Updating the token to use the new ProxyAdmin, and
- 6. Renouncing Ownership on the new ProxyAdmin.

ID	Description	Severity	Status
QSP-1	Burning/transfers Still Possible when Burning/transfers Are Disabled	^ Medium	Mitigated
QSP-2	Allowance Double-Spend Exploit	∨ Low	Mitigated
QSP-3	Upgradability	∨ Low	Mitigated
QSP-4	Privileged Roles and Ownership	∨ Low	Mitigated

## Quantstamp Review Breakdown

Quantstamp's objective was to evaluate the repository for security-related issues, code quality, and adherence to specification and best practices.

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

If the final commit hash provided by the client contains features that are not within the scope of the review or an associated fix review, those features are excluded from consideration in this report. The scope of this review has been limited to the file src/token/governance/ERC20Base.sol. Furthermore, mitigations to the various issues have been checked only on Ethereum mainnet.

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

### Methodology

The Quantstamp reviewing process follows a routine series of steps:

- 1. Code review that includes the following
  - i. Review of the specifications, sources, and instructions provided to Quantstamp to make sure we understand the size, scope, and functionality of the smart contract.
  - ii. Manual review of code, which is the process of reading source code line-by-line in an attempt to identify potential vulnerabilities.
  - iii. Comparison to specification, which is the process of checking whether the code does what the specifications, sources, and instructions provided to Quantstamp describe.
- 2. Testing and automated analysis that includes the following:
  - i. Test coverage analysis, which is the process of determining whether the test cases are actually covering the code and how much code is exercised when we run those test cases.
  - ii. Symbolic execution, which is analyzing a program to determine what inputs cause each part of a program to execute.
- 3. Best practices review, which is a review of the smart contracts to improve efficiency, effectiveness, clarity, maintainability, security, and control based on the established industry and academic practices, recommendations, and research.
- 4. Specific, itemized, and actionable recommendations to help you take steps to secure your smart contracts.

## Toolset

The notes below outline the setup and steps performed in the process of this security review.

#### Tool Setup:

• Slither v0.8.3

#### Steps taken to run the tools:

- 1. Install the Slither tool: pip3 install slither-analyzer
- 2. Run Slither from the project directory: slither .

## **Findings**

### QSP-1 Burning/transfers Still Possible when Burning/transfers Are Disabled

Severity: Medium Risk

**Status:** Mitigated

File(s) affected: ERC20Base.sol

Description: This issue stems from the fact that the modifer specifications and implementations are not aligned for the following two modifiers:

- 1. whenBurnable is said to "allows us to ensure that something may only occur when burning is enabled". However, the implementation contains the following condition: hasRole(BURNER\_ROLE, \_msgSender()) || burnable(), which is true also when burning is disabled and the message sender has the BURNER\_ROLE.
- 2. whenTransferrable is said to "allows us to ensure that something may only occur when the transfers are enabled". However, the implementation contains the following condition: hasRole(TRANSFERRER\_ROLE, \_msgSender()) || transferrable(), which is true also when transfers are disabled and the message sender has the TRANSFERRER\_ROLE.

This means that even if the DEFAULT\_ADMIN\_ROLE disables burning and/or transfers, users that have the BURNER\_ROLE or the TRANSFERRER\_ROLE will still be able to burn or transfer tokens.

**Recommendation:** The semantics of these two modifiers is overloaded in the sense that it wants to be a fast way of checking if transfers are enabled and if the message sender had the appropriate role to perform this action. However, this should be done by separate modifiers in order to function properly.

Note that the "obvious fix" of changing the | | into a && may not work as intended because it will result in the modifier returning false even if burning or transfers are enabled, but the message sender does not have the corresponding role to perform that action.

**Update:** The team has clarified that this behavior is intended despite the comments stating otherwise. Furthermore, the team never enabled BURNER\_ROLE and TRANSFERRER\_ROLE, <u>disabled</u> <u>burning</u>, renounced the <u>admin role</u>, and renounced <u>proxy ownership</u>.

### QSP-2 Allowance Double-Spend Exploit

#### Severity: Low Risk

Status: Mitigated

File(s) affected: ERC20Base.sol

**Description:** As it presently is constructed, the contract is vulnerable to the <u>allowance double-spend exploit</u>, as with other ERC20 tokens. Please note that this is inherent to the ERC20 standard and not specific to this contract.

## Exploit Scenario:

- 1. Alice allows Bob to transfer N amount of Alice's tokens (N>0) by calling the approve() method on Token smart contract (passing Bob's address and N as method arguments)
- 2. After some time, Alice decides to change from N to M (M>0) the number of Alice's tokens Bob is allowed to transfer, so she calls the approve() method again, this time passing Bob's address and M as method arguments
- 3. Bob notices Alice's second transaction before it was mined and quickly sends another transaction that calls the transferFrom() method to transfer N Alice's tokens somewhere
- 4. If Bob's transaction will be executed before Alice's transaction, then Bob will successfully transfer N Alice's tokens and will gain the ability to transfer another M tokens
- 5. Before Alice notices any irregularities, Bob calls the transferFrom() method again, this time to transfer M Alice's tokens.

Recommendation: The exploit (as described above) is mitigated through the use of functions that increase/decrease the allowance relative to its current value, such as increaseAllowance() and decreaseAllowance(). Furthermore, we recommend that developers of applications dependent on approve() / transferFrom() should keep in mind that they have to set the allowance to 0 first and verify if it was used before setting the new value.

Update: The team has informed us that besides the inline comments in the code, they are going to put that information into documentation.

### **QSP-3 Upgradability**

### Severity: Low Risk

Status: Mitigated

File(s) affected: ERC20Base.sol

**Description:** While upgradability is not a vulnerability in itself, token holders should be aware that the token contract can be upgraded at any given time. This audit does not guarantee the behavior of future contracts that the token may be upgraded to.

Recommendation: The fact that the contract can be upgraded and reasons for future upgrades should be communicated to users beforehand.

**Update:** The team disabled upgradability by changing the <u>ProxyAdmin</u>, and then <u>renouncing ownership</u>.

### QSP-4 Privileged Roles and Ownership

Severity: Low Risk

Status: Mitigated

File(s) affected: ERC20Base.sol

**Description:** Smart contracts will often have owner variables to designate the person with special privileges to make modifications to the smart contract. Specifically, the contract features the following roles:

- 1. PAUSER\_ROLE can pause the contract (admin by default)
- 2. MINTER\_ROLE can mint new governance tokens (admin by default). Note that there is a cap on the total supply.
- 3. BURNER\_ROLE can burn governance tokens. No user is granted this role by default.
- 4. TRANSFERRER\_ROLE can transfer governance tokens (admin + DAO treasury multisig).

Recommendation: This centralization of power needs to be made clear to the users, especially depending on the level of privilege the contract allows to the owner.

Update: The team renounced the privileged roles: PAUSER ROLE, MINTER ROLE, and DEFAULT ADMIN ROLE.

## **Automated Analyses**

Slither

Slither did not report any issues.

## Adherence to Best Practices

The semantics of the TransferEnabled and BurnEnabled events is inaccurate because the Boolean parameter value indicates if the transfers/burning is enabled (when value=true) or disabled (when value=false). We recommend considering renaming these events to something like TransferStatus and BurnStatus.

## **Test Results**

#### **Test Suite Results**

```
Running 7 tests for test/token/governance/ERC20Base.t.sol:MintingGovernanceTokenTest
[PASS] testEmitsAnEventWhenMinting() (gas: 73270)

[PASS] testMinting(uint96) (runs: 256, µ: 75429, ~: 76829)

[PASS] testMintingRevertsWhenMintingMoreThanCap() (gas: 24812)

[PASS] testMintingRevertsWhenMintingMoreThanCapAfterMinting() (gas: 73856)

[PASS] testMintingRevertsWhenMintingToZeroAddress() (gas: 22779)

[PASS] testMintingRevertsWhenNotMinter() (gas: 62302)

[PASS] testMintingRevertsWhenPaused() (gas: 57738)

Test result: ok. 7 passed; 0 failed; finished in 26.16ms
```

## Code Coverage

Code coverage for ERC20Base.sol is close to 100% in all categories.

File	% Lines	% Statements	% Branches	% Funcs
src/token/governance/ ERC20Base.sol	96.77% (30/31)	96.77% (30/31)	100.00% (2/2)	94.12% (16/17)

## Appendix

## File Signatures

The following are the SHA-256 hashes of the reviewed files. A file with a different SHA-256 hash has been modified, intentionally or otherwise, after the security review. You are cautioned that a different SHA-256 hash could be (but is not necessarily) an indication of a changed condition or potential vulnerability that was not within the scope of the review.

### Contracts

2b95289277f7388eeb62fa3d09087b41cb7e466d9f0156f128a13bb4f4c0387f ./governance/ERC20Base.sol

### Tests

bd5a1c900c863df476f7e63268d7bce377dfc8989260b6af4e409b08beae8cd1 ./governance/ERC20Base.t.sol

## Changelog

• 2023-02-23 - Initial report

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