The Next 700 EVM Languages

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Background

Repository of secure code

Library of abstractions

Safe abstractions

Example

ERC20 Mint

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        emit Transfer(0, premint, amount);
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Real consequences: sDAI

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Extensibility
Modularity

Example

Transfer Hook

Goal: Consistent extension

```
contract ERC20Votes is ERC20 {
    function transfer(from, to, amount) override {
        _moveVotingPower(from, to, amount);
        super.transfer(from, to, amount);
    }

    function transferFrom(from, to, amount) override {
        _moveVotingPower(from, to, amount);
        super.transferFrom(from, to, amount);
    }
}
```

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Abstraction: `_beforeTokenTransfer`

Abstraction leak: `super`

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contract ERC20Votes is ERC20 {
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Istanbul

Congestion

2020

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Rust

Cairo

Noir

Move

Sway

Stylus

Solana

Example

Merkle Proof Hash

High Level Abstraction: `bytes.concat`

Penalty: Overuse of memory

```
function processProof(bytes32[] memory proof, bytes32 leaf) pure returns (bytes32) {
    bytes32 computedHash = leaf;
    for (uint256 i = 0; i < proof.length; i++) {
        computedHash = keccak256(bytes.concat(computedHash, proof[i]));
    }
    return computedHash;
}
```

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function processProof(bytes32[] memory proof, bytes32 leaf) pure returns (bytes32) {
    bytes32 computedHash = leaf;
    for (uint256 i = 0; i < proof.length; i++) {
        computedHash = efficientKeccak256(computedHash, proof[i]);
    }
    return computedHash;
}

function efficientKeccak256(bytes32 a, bytes32 b) pure returns (bytes32 value) {
    assembly ("memory-safe") {
        mstore(0x00, a)
        mstore(0x20, b)
        value := keccak256(0x00, 0x40)
    }
}
```

High Level Goals

Low Level Details

Compiler Risk

Still

Work Underway

Solidity

IR Pipeline

“Experimental” Solidity

Alternative compilers

Vyper

Security processes

Optimizations

Venom IR

Modules

EVML

First-class functions

Algebraic data types

Expressive type system

} Swiss army knife

Zero-cost (*TBC*)

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