

Security Assessment

POXO

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Summary

This report has been prepared for POXO to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the POXO 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:

- 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.



Overview

Project Summary

Project Name	POXO
Description	Sparkso ERC20 ICO
Platform	Ethereum
Language	Solidity
Codebase	https://github.com/vachmara/sparkso- token/tree/f09dc212f2308712fbd9213e2e1206062a9dfbc1/contracts
Commit	f09dc212f2308712fbd9213e2e1206062a9dfbc1

Audit Summary

Delivery Date	Jun 22, 2022 UTC
Audit Methodology	Static Analysis, Manual Review

Vulnerability Summary

Vulnerability Level	Total	Pending	Declined	Acknowledged	Mitigated	Partially Resolved	Resolved
Critical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Major	7	0	0	3	0	0	4
Medium	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Minor	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Optimization	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Informational	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Discussion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

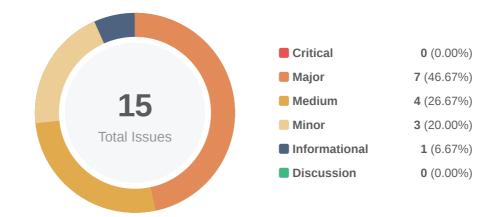


Audit Scope

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
TVB	TokenVesting.sol	24c70f7fa06c9803f35baf653952bad43a0ad2605dafe896b7d19538bef36c24
STB	SparksoToken.sol	1d9e732a14854ab82dddf2e608c890d159d3801d333aa8002072b4a81baaadbf
SIC	SparksolCO.sol	c2e46355a7631c704665e4d3fb2291cd432c0e4fc8bb99633afcaab1d283a617



Findings



ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
GLOBAL-01	Centralization Related Risks	Centralization <i>l</i> Privilege	Major	(i) Acknowledged
GLOBAL-02	Centralization Related Risks	Centralization <i>l</i> Privilege	Major	(i) Acknowledged
<u>CON-01</u>	Unnecessary Usage Of Safemath Library	Mathematical Operations, Gas Optimization	Minor	⊗ Resolved
<u>SIC-01</u>	The Defined ICO Opening Time Has Already Passed	Volatile Code	Major	⊗ Resolved
<u>SIC-02</u>	Incorrect Calculation	Mathematical Operations	Major	⊗ Resolved
<u>SIC-03</u>	Incorrect Calculation Of Current Stage Remaining Toke Amount	Mathematical Operations	Major	⊗ Resolved
<u>SIC-04</u>	Potentially Incorrect Signature Scheme	Logical Issue	Major	⊗ Resolved
<u>SIC-05</u>	Usage Of transfer() For Sending Ether	Volatile Code	Medium	⊗ Resolved
<u>SIC-06</u>	Loss Of Precision For Rate	Mathematical Operations	Medium	⊗ Resolved
<u>SIC-07</u>	Unnecessary Condition Checking	Logical Issue	Minor	



ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
STB-01	Initial Token Distribution	Centralization <i>l</i> Privilege	Major	(i) Acknowledged
TVB-01	Lack Of Input Validation	Logical Issue	Medium	
TVB-02	Unnecessary Receive() And Fallback() Functions	Logical Issue	Medium	⊗ Resolved
TVB-03	Public Functions Should Be Called Without this. When Being Called Internally	Gas Optimization	Minor	⊗ Resolved
TVB-04	Internal Function Names Should Start With	Coding Style	Informational	⊗ Resolved



GLOBAL-01 | Centralization Related Risks

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Major		① Acknowledged

Description

In the contract [TokenVesting], the role [owner] has authority over the following functions:

- revoke()
- withdraw()
- release()

Any compromise to the <code>[owner]</code> account may allow a hacker to take advantage of this authority and make the contract malfunction, steal tokens from the contract.

Recommendation

The risk describes the current project design and potentially makes iterations to improve in the security operation and level of decentralization, which in most cases cannot be resolved entirely at the present stage. We advise the client to carefully manage the privileged account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., multi-signature wallets.

Indicatively, here are some feasible suggestions that would also mitigate the potential risk at a different level in terms of short-term, long-term and permanent:

Short Term:

Timelock and Multi sign $(\frac{3}{3}, \frac{3}{5})$ combination *mitigate* by delaying the sensitive operation and avoiding a single point of key management failure.

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
 AND
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to the private key compromised;

AND

 A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract and multi-signers addresses information with the public audience.



Long Term:

Timelock and DAO, the combination, *mitigate* by applying decentralization and transparency.

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
 AND
- Introduction of a DAO/governance/voting module to increase transparency and user involvement;
 AND
- A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract, multi-signers addresses, and DAO information with the public audience.

Permanent:

Renouncing the ownership or removing the function can be considered *fully resolved*.

- Renounce the ownership and never claim back the privileged roles;
 OR
- · Remove the risky functionality.

Noted: Recommend considering the long-term solution or the permanent solution. The project team shall make a decision based on the current state of their project, timeline, and project resources.



GLOBAL-02 | Centralization Related Risks

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Major		① Acknowledged

Description

In the contract [SparksoICO], the role [owner] has authority over the following functions:

- delayICO()
- updateICO()

Any compromise to the <code>[owner]</code> account may allow a hacker to take advantage of this authority and make the contract malfunction.

Recommendation

The risk describes the current project design and potentially makes iterations to improve in the security operation and level of decentralization, which in most cases cannot be resolved entirely at the present stage. We advise the client to carefully manage the privileged account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., multi-signature wallets.

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Short Term:

Timelock and Multi sign (¾, ¾s) combination *mitigate* by delaying the sensitive operation and avoiding a single point of key management failure.

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
 AND
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to the private key compromised;

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 A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract and multi-signers addresses information with the public audience.



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CON-01 | Unnecessary Usage Of Safemath Library

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Mathematical Operations, Gas Optimization	Minor	SparksolCO.sol: 15~17; TokenVesting.sol: 16	⊗ Resolved

Description

For Solidity version 0.8.x, Safemath library is no longer needed because native math operations are already safe and cheaper.

Recommendation

We advise the client to remove the usage of Safemath library.

Alleviation



SIC-01 | The Defined ICO Opening Time Has Already Passed

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Major	SparksolCO.sol: 197	⊗ Resolved

Description

The defined ICO opening time 5th march 2022 has already passed.

Recommendation

We recommend using a new ICO opening time.

Alleviation

Fixed in commit 7b22f522c9dbfbe62c22f56b5c1ddaf888d456ff



SIC-02 | Incorrect Calculation

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Mathematical Operations	Major	SparksoICO.sol: 473	

Description

The identified calculation is incorrect and unnecessary because both ethers and Sparkso token have the same 18 decimals. 1 wei ether = rate * 1 wei Sparkso.

Recommendation

We recommend removing the identified calculation.

Alleviation



SIC-03 | Incorrect Calculation Of Current Stage Remaining Toke Amount

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Mathematical Operations	Major	SparksolCO.sol: 390~394	⊗ Resolved

Description

The calculation TOKENS_ALLOCATED[_currentStage] - (this.getVestingSchedulesTotalAmount() * 10**18) is incorrect and will underflow. The correct steps to calculate current stage remaining toke amount is:

- currentStageVestingTokens = vestingSchedulesTotalAmount (sum of allocated tokens in previous stages)
- 2. currentStageTokensRemaining = (current stage allocated tokens) currentStageVestingTokens

Recommendation

We recommend using the correct steps to calculate currentStageTokensRemaining.

Alleviation



SIC-04 | Potentially Incorrect Signature Scheme

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Major	SparksolCO.sol: 276	⊗ Resolved

Description

Normally a signature can only be used once. But first, a signature is not bound to specific blockchain and specific contract address. So if the contract is intended to be deployed on multiple blockchains, a signature can be replayed on multiple blockchains. Second, a signature can be used to buy tokens multiple times. To defend against signature replay attack, the proper way should be like

https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-

contracts/blob/v4.4.2/contracts/token/ERC20/extensions/draft-ERC20Permit.sol

Recommendation

We recommend using EIP712 and nonce/deadline for the signature scheme.

Alleviation



SIC-05 | Usage Of transfer() For Sending Ether

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Medium	SparksolCO.sol: 347	○ Resolved

Description

After <u>EIP-1884</u> was included in the Istanbul hard fork, it is not recommended to use .transfer() or .send() for transferring ether as these functions have a hard-coded value for gas costs making them obsolete as they are forwarding a fixed amount of gas, specifically <u>2300</u>. This can cause issues in case destination address is contract instead of EOA.

Recommendation

We recommend using the sendvalue() function in library Address from OpenZeppelin. See https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/blob/v4.4.2/contracts/utils/Address.sol

Alleviation



SIC-06 | Loss Of Precision For Rate

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Mathematical Operations	Medium	SparksolCO.sol: 53	

Description

Normally price information like token exchange rate is NOT integer. Using integer to represent rate will lose precision and make token amount calculation inaccurate. For example, for stage 3, the actual rate = 49245000/1708 = 28831.967. But since rate is an integer, the rate variable value in Solidity is 28831, and 1708*28831 = 49243348 < 49245000.

Recommendation

We recommend using numerator/denominator to represent ether/Sparkso rate.

Alleviation

Fixed in commit e9b2ab2e53e9f02273f9a693c6c7957c8ee41ea0



SIC-07 | Unnecessary Condition Checking

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Minor	SparksolCO.sol: 331~334, 384~387	⊗ Resolved

Description

uint256 type value is always >= 0.

Recommendation

We recommend removing the identified condition checking.

Alleviation



STB-01 | Initial Token Distribution

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Major	SparksoToken.sol: 29	① Acknowledged

Description

All of the [Sparkso] tokens are sent to the wallet_ address when deploying the contract. This could be a centralization risk as the owner of wallet_ address can distribute [Sparkso] tokens without obtaining the consensus of the community.

Recommendation

We recommend the team to be transparent regarding the initial token distribution process, and the team shall make enough efforts to restrict the access of the private key.



TVB-01 | Lack Of Input Validation

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Medium	TokenVesting.sol: 284~285	

Description

The parameter _cliff must be less than _duration. Otherwise users can not withdraw vested tokens even if vesting duration has ended.

Recommendation

We recommend adding a check to make sure _cliff < _duration.

Alleviation



TVB-02 | Unnecessary Receive() And Fallback() Functions

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Medium	TokenVesting.sol: 77~79	

Description

The payable receive() and fallback() functions allow ethers to be transferred to the contract by mistake; those ethers are locked in the contract and lost forever.

Recommendation

We recommend removing the receive() and fallback() functions.

Alleviation



TVB-03 | Public Functions Should Be Called Without this. When Being Called Internally

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	Minor	TokenVesting.sol: 164, 296, 299	

Description

The public functions <code>getWithdrawableAmount()</code> and <code>computeNextVestingScheduleIdForHolder()</code> are called internally by the contract using message call <code>this.</code>, which is not gas efficient.

Recommendation

We recommend removing this..

Alleviation



TVB-04 | Internal Function Names Should Start With

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	Informational	TokenVesting.sol: 281, 290, 344, 345	⊗ Resolved

Description

Solidity naming convention requires internal function names to start with _, which makes the code more clear and readable.

Recommendation

We advise the client to follow Solidity naming convention.

Alleviation



Appendix

Finding Categories

Centralization / Privilege

Centralization / Privilege findings refer to either feature logic or implementation of components that act against the nature of decentralization, such as explicit ownership or specialized access roles in combination with a mechanism to relocate funds.

Gas Optimization

Gas Optimization findings do not affect the functionality of the code but generate different, more optimal EVM opcodes resulting in a reduction on the total gas cost of a transaction.

Mathematical Operations

Mathematical Operation findings relate to mishandling of math formulas, such as overflows, incorrect operations etc.

Logical Issue

Logical Issue findings detail a fault in the logic of the linked code, such as an incorrect notion on how block.timestamp works.

Volatile Code

Volatile Code findings refer to segments of code that behave unexpectedly on certain edge cases that may result in a vulnerability.

Coding Style

Coding Style findings usually do not affect the generated byte-code but rather comment on how to make the codebase more legible and, as a result, easily maintainable.

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.



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