# **Security Review Report** NM-0328 Worldcoin Vault





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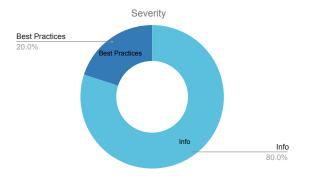


## 1 Executive Summary

This document outlines the security review conducted by Nethermind Security for the Worldcoin Vault. The Vault is a smart contract allowing World App users to deposit WLD tokens and earn interest for their deposited amounts. Interest accrual is calculated based on the time elapsed since the deposit or the last claimed rewards. Furthermore, the contract integrates with the WorldIDAddressBook, which maintains a registry of verified users alongside with their verification time. Rewards are only accrued during periods when users are verified.

The audited code comprises 252 lines of code in Solidity. The Worldcoin team has provided inline documentation that explains the purpose and functionality behind the audited contracts. The audit was performed using: (a) manual analysis of the codebase, (b) simulation of the smart contracts. Along this document, we report 5 points of attention, where five are classified as Informational or Best Practice. The issues are summarized in Fig. 1.

**This document is organized as follows.** Section 2 presents the files in the scope of this audit. Section 3 summarizes the issues. Section 4 presents the system overview. Section 5 discusses the risk rating methodology adopted for this audit. Section 6 details the issues. Section 7 discusses the documentation provided by the client for this audit. Section 8 presents the tests output. Section 9 concludes the document.





- (a) distribution of issues according to the severity
- (b) distribution of issues according to the status

Fig 1: (a) Distribution of issues: Critical (0), High (0), Medium (0), Low (0), Undetermined (0), Informational (4), Best Practices (1). (b) Distribution of status: Fixed (0), Acknowledged (5), Mitigated (0), Unresolved (0)

#### **Summary of the Audit**

Audit Type	Security Review
Initial Report	Sep 26, 2024
Final Report	May 16, 2025
Methods	Manual Review
Repository	worldcoin-vault
Commit (Audit)	fef27a34f404f1355978a1fccd1403d2600bdf55
Commit (Final)	fef27a34f404f1355978a1fccd1403d2600bdf55
Documentation	Inline comments
<b>Documentation Assessment</b>	Low
Test Suite Assessment	Medium



# 2 Audited Files

	Contract	LoC	Comments	Ratio	Blank	Total
1	src/WLDVault.sol	252	119	47.2%	94	465
	Total	252	119	47.2%	94	465

# 3 Summary of Issues

	Finding	Severity	Update
1	Changes to yieldRate cause wrong computation of rewards	Info	Acknowledged
2	The AllowanceModule cannot be changed after it is set	Info	Acknowledged
3	Users must trigger calculateInterest() whenever their verified endTime changes to receive the correct rewards	Info	Acknowledged
4	Users that refresh interest often, accrue the yield faster due to compounding	Info	Acknowledged
5	Missing address(0) checks	Best Practices	Acknowledged



### 4 System Overview

The WLDVault enables World App users to deposit WLD tokens and earn yield over time. It interacts with the WorldIDAddressBook contract, which maintains a registry of verified users along with their verification timestamps. This ensures that only verified users can accrue interest based on their deposits.

#### 4.1 WorldIDAddressBook

The WorldIDAddressBook contract is responsible for the verification of user addresses that can earn yield in WLDVault. This contract integrates with the WorldID proof verification system to authenticate users using zero-knowledge proofs.

The WorldIDAddressBook contract is initialized with several key parameters that control the verification process. These parameters are set during the contract's deployment:

- worldIdRouter: The instance of the WorldID router responsible for managing groups and verifying zero-knowledge proofs.
- groupId: A unique identifier for the group within the WorldID system.
- externalNullifierHash: A hash used to prevent double-signaling by ensuring each proof is unique.
- verificationLength: The duration, in seconds, for which a verification is considered valid.
- maxProofTime: The maximum allowable time, in seconds, in which a proof must be validated to be considered legitimate.

Users submit their verification proof through the verify(...) function, providing necessary details such as account address, nullifier hash, proof, and proof time.

```
function verify(
   address account,
   uint256 root,
   uint256 nullifierHash,
   uint256[8] calldata proof,
   uint256 proofTime
   ) external payable override;
```

The contract verifies the proof's validity with the worldIdRouter and updates the (nullifierHashes and addressVerifiedUntil) mappings to reflect the user's verification status and validity period.

#### 4.2 WLDVault

The WLDVault contract is a savings vault designed to allow verified users within the Worldcoin ecosystem to deposit their WLD tokens and earn yield over time. The WLDVault contract's functionality include:

- Deposits: Users can deposit WLD tokens into the vault. Upon deposit, the tokens start accruing interest immediately if the user is verified. The contract maintains a record of each user's deposited amount.
- Withdrawals: Users can withdraw their deposited tokens along with the accrued interest at any time. The contract ensures that
  the correct amount of interest is calculated and distributed upon withdrawal.
- Interest Calculation: Interest is computed based on a predefined yield rate, the amount deposited, and the duration for which the
  tokens have been saved in the vault.

#### 4.2.1 Deposits and Withdrawals

Users primarily engage with the WLDVault contract through its deposit and withdrawal functions. These functionalities allow users to deposit their WLD tokens and subsequently withdraw them along with any accrued interest. The accrued interest is calculated and immediately added to the user's balance during each deposit operation.

The deposit(...) function allows users to deposit WLD tokens into the vault. This function can be called with or without specifying an account, allowing deposits for other users.

During the deposits, the vault interacts with WorldIDAddressBook to query the addressVerifiedUntil mapping to obtain a timestamp, which will be saved to the user's deposit struct Deposit as endTime variable. This timestamp refers to the point to which the user can accrue interest for his deposited amount.

```
function deposit(uint256 amount) external virtual;
```



The withdraw(...) and withdrawAll(...) functions allow users to withdraw their tokens from the vault. Users can also use the withdrawWithSig(...) function to authorize withdrawals with an off-chain signature.

```
function withdraw(uint256 amount) external virtual;
1
2
     function withdrawAll() external virtual;
3
     function withdrawWithSig(
5
         address receiver,
6
         uint256 amount,
         uint256 nonce,
8
         bytes calldata signature
9
     ) external virtual;
10
```

Moreover, users can use the recoverDeposit() function to withdraw their deposited amounts only, excluding the accrued interests.

```
function recoverDeposit() external virtual;
```

#### 4.2.2 Interest Calculation

Interest in the WLDVault contract is calculated based on several key parameters:

- Yield Rate: The annual percentage yield for the vault. This value is set by the owners of the WLDVault contract.
- **Deposit Amount**: The amount of WLD tokens deposited by the user.
- Time Elapsed: The time (in seconds) that has elapsed since the last interest calculation.

The formula for the interest calculation is as follows:

$$Interest = \left(\frac{\text{Deposit Amount} \times \text{Yield Rate} \times \text{Time Elapsed}}{\text{Seconds Per Year} \times 10000}\right)$$

Additionally, users' interests are controlled by additional parameters managed by the contract owner:

- a. maxYieldAmount: The maximum amount of tokens for which the user is able to earn interest.
- b. yieldAccrualDeadline: The maximum timestamp to which the user is able to accrue rewards.



## 5 Risk Rating Methodology

The risk rating methodology used by Nethermind Security follows the principles established by the OWASP Foundation. The severity of each finding is determined by two factors: **Likelihood** and **Impact**.

Likelihood measures how likely an attacker will uncover and exploit the finding. This factor will be one of the following values:

- a) High: The issue is trivial to exploit and has no specific conditions that need to be met;
- b) Medium: The issue is moderately complex and may have some conditions that need to be met;
- c) Low: The issue is very complex and requires very specific conditions to be met.

When defining the likelihood of a finding, other factors are also considered. These can include but are not limited to Motive, opportunity, exploit accessibility, ease of discovery, and ease of exploit.

Impact is a measure of the damage that may be caused if an attacker exploits the finding. This factor will be one of the following values:

- a) High: The issue can cause significant damage such as loss of funds or the protocol entering an unrecoverable state;
- b) **Medium**: The issue can cause moderate damage such as impacts that only affect a small group of users or only a particular part of the protocol;
- c) **Low**: The issue can cause little to no damage such as bugs that are easily recoverable or cause unexpected interactions that cause minor inconveniences.

When defining the impact of a finding, other factors are also considered. These can include but are not limited to Data/state integrity, loss of availability, financial loss, and reputation damage. After defining the likelihood and impact of an issue, the severity can be determined according to the table below.

		Severity Risk		
	High	Medium	High	Critical
Impact	Medium	Low	Medium	High
шраст	Low	Info/Best Practices	Low	Medium
	Undetermined	Undetermined	Undetermined Undetermined	
	·	Low	Medium	High
		Likelihood		

To address issues that do not fit a High/Medium/Low severity, Nethermind Security also uses three more finding severities: Informational, Best Practices, and Undetermined.

- a) **Informational** findings do not pose any risk to the application, but they carry some information that the audit team intends to formally pass to the client;
- b) Best Practice findings are used when some piece of code does not conform with smart contract development best practices;
- c) Undetermined findings are used when we cannot predict the impact or likelihood of the issue.



#### 6 Issues

#### 6.1 [Info] Changes to yieldRate cause wrong computation of rewards

File(s): src/WLDVault.sol

**Description**: The interest computed in the calculateInterest(...) function is based on the currently set yieldRate and is not tied to any time periods. This means that after the yieldRate is increased, the protocol will pay more to users who have not yet triggered the interest calculation for the current period.

```
function calculateInterest(
    Deposit memory userDeposit

    internal view returns (uint256) {
        // ...
        // @audit When yieldRate goes up,
        // the interest for the current timeElapsed goes up as well
    return
        (userDeposit.amount * yieldRate * timeElapsed) /
        (SECONDS_PER_YEAR * ONE_HUNDRED_PERCENT);
}
```

Users who don't call refresh(...) and don't extend their verification are at an advantage compared to users who do since they benefit from the higher yield for the past period.

Recommendation(s): Consider revisiting the interest calculation logic to correctly account for changes to the yieldRate.

Status: Acknowledged.

#### 6.2 [Info] The AllowanceModule cannot be changed after it is set

File(s): src/WLDVault.sol

**Description**: The AllowanceModule is set once during the WLDVault contract's construction. The WLDVault contract does not define the functionality to change the address of the AllowanceModule similar to the setter functions for other key parameters. A lack of a dedicated setter function might cause inconvenience when the Safe module must be updated to a new version. Since the AllowanceModule is not an upgradeable contract, a new version would have to be redeployed at a new address, forcing the redeployment of the WLDVault contract as well.

**Recommendation(s)**: If the AllowanceModule contract is expected to change in the future, consider implementing a setter function to change the AllowanceModule address after the initial deployment.

Status: Acknowledged.



# 6.3 [Info] Users must trigger calculateInterest(...) whenever their verified endTime changes to receive the correct rewards

File(s): src/WLDVault.sol

**Description**: Whenever users call refresh(...) their current verification endTime is attached to their deposit and marked as the end timestamp of interest accrual. Since only the endTime is tracked, users can miss the reward period if they extend the verification time but forget to call refresh(...). Consider the following scenario:

- Alice verifies herself at time T and calls refresh(...);
- Her verification endTime is set to T+1;
- Between T and T+1, she extends her verification in the AddressBook until T+2 but does not call refresh(...);
- Between T+1 and T+2, she extends the verification to T+3 and calls refresh(...) towards the end of the period at T+2;

```
Timeline (T, T+1, T+2, T+3):
1
                            -----T+3->
2
    -T----T+1---
        Period T \rightarrow T + 1 | Period T+1 \rightarrow T+2 | Period T+2 \rightarrow T+3
3
                                           | (user is verified)
4
       (user is verified) | (user is verified)
     |call refresh(...) at T |
                                           |call refresh(...) at T+2|
6
                         Interest Accrual
        9
10
         Period T->T+1
                        | No interest accrued | New endTime=T+3
     | Extends Verif to T+2 | Extends Verif to T+3 | Missed yield T+1 \rightarrow T+2 |
11
12
```

Since Alice didn't call refresh(...) after extending the verification endTime to T+2, from the perspective of the WLDVault contract, it looks like she skipped T+2 and went straight from T+1 to T+3. Even though Alice was verified from T+1 to T+2, she won't earn the interest for that period.

**Recommendation(s)**: Consider documenting this behavior so that users are aware of the need to call refresh(...) to earn the rewards for all time periods when verified.

Status: Acknowledged.



# 6.4 [Info] Users that refresh interest often, accrue the yield faster due to compounding

File(s): src/WLDVault.sol

Description: Whenever the interest is refreshed for a verified user, the interest accrued for the current period is added to the user's balance.

```
function refreshInterest(Deposit storage userDeposit) internal {
   if (userDeposit.amount == 0) return;

uint256 interest = calculateInterest(userDeposit);

// @audit Interest is added to the user's balance
userDeposit.amount += interest;
userDeposit.lastInterestCalculation = block.timestamp;
}
```

Subsequently, when interest is refreshed again, the user's balance is used to compute the interest for that period.

```
function calculateInterest(
    Deposit memory userDeposit

    internal view returns (uint256) {
        // ...
        // @audit
    return
        (userDeposit.amount * yieldRate * timeElapsed) /
        (SECONDS_PER_YEAR * ONE_HUNDRED_PERCENT);
}
```

This setup leads to a compounding effect, where users who refresh their interest frequently will accrue interest faster than users who refresh less often. This happens because each time the interest is refreshed, the newly accumulated interest is added to the balance, which increases the principal for the following interest calculation. The more frequently interest is compounded, the faster the overall balance grows.

This behavior may lead to an uneven distribution of yields, favoring users who call the refresh function more frequently. The overall impact of this mechanism on the protocol is minimized because of the maxYieldAmount cap that limits the amount of tokens the users can earn. However, some users can reach the cap faster than others in the current setup.

Recommendation(s): Consider revisiting the yield strategy to make it stable for the users.

Status: Acknowledged.

#### 6.5 [Best Practices] Missing address(0) checks

File(s): src/WLDVault.sol

**Description**: The AlowanceModule address can be set to address(0) in the WLDVault contract's constructor. In this state, the withdrawals from the yield source would revert since the address(0) does not have the executeAllowanceTransfer(...) function defined. The WLDVault contract would have to be re-deployed to work correctly.

**Recommendation(s)**: To keep the logic consistent with the rest of the existing code, consider implementing an address(0) check for the AllowanceModule address in the constructor.

Status: Acknowledged.



#### 7 Documentation Evaluation

Software documentation refers to the written or visual information describing software's functionality, architecture, design, and implementation. It provides a comprehensive overview of the software system and helps users, developers, and stakeholders understand how the software works, how to use it, and how to maintain it. Software documentation can take different forms, such as user manuals, system manuals, technical specifications, requirements documents, design documents, and code comments. Software documentation is critical in software development, enabling effective communication between developers, testers, users, and other stakeholders. It helps to ensure that everyone involved in the development process has a shared understanding of the software system and its functionality. Moreover, software documentation can improve software maintenance by providing a clear and complete understanding of the software system, making it easier for developers to maintain, modify, and update the software over time. Smart contracts can use various types of software documentation. Some of the most common types include:

- Technical whitepaper: A technical whitepaper is a comprehensive document describing the smart contract's design and technical details. It includes information about the purpose of the contract, its architecture, its components, and how they interact with each other;
- User manual: A user manual is a document that provides information about how to use the smart contract. It includes step-by-step
  instructions on how to perform various tasks and explains the different features and functionalities of the contract;
- Code documentation: Code documentation is a document that provides details about the code of the smart contract. It includes information about the functions, variables, and classes used in the code, as well as explanations of how they work;
- API documentation: API documentation is a document that provides information about the API (Application Programming Interface)
  of the smart contract. It includes details about the methods, parameters, and responses that can be used to interact with the
  contract:
- Testing documentation: Testing documentation is a document that provides information about how the smart contract was tested.
   It includes details about the test cases that were used, the results of the tests, and any issues that were identified during testing:
- Audit documentation: Audit documentation includes reports, notes, and other materials related to the security audit of the smart contract. This type of documentation is critical in ensuring that the smart contract is secure and free from vulnerabilities.

These types of documentation are essential for smart contract development and maintenance. They help ensure that the contract is properly designed, implemented, and tested, and they provide a reference for developers who need to modify or maintain the contract in the future.

#### Remarks about Worldcoin documentation

The **Worldcoin** team has provided documentation about their protocol in the form of in-line comments within the code. However, these comments did not provide a comprehensive explanation of the architecture and decisions behind various functionalities. Despite this, the Worldcoin team was available to address any questions or concerns from the Nethermind Security team.



#### 8 Test Suite Evaluation

```
forge test
[] Compiling...
[] Compiling 2 files with Solc 0.8.25
[] Solc 0.8.25 finished in 1.06s
Compiler run successful with warnings:
Warning (3420): Source file does not specify required compiler version! Consider adding "pragma solidity ^0.8.25;"
--> src/interfaces/IAllowanceModule.sol
Warning (5667): Unused function parameter. Remove or comment out the variable name to silence this warning.
 --> src/test/mock/MockAllowanceModule.sol:16:9:
16
             address safe,
             ^^^^
  - [
Warning (5667): Unused function parameter. Remove or comment out the variable name to silence this warning.
  --> src/test/mock/MockAllowanceModule.sol:17:9:
17 I
             address token.
Ran 16 tests for src/test/USDVault.t.sol:USDVaultTest
[PASS] testFuzz_convertSDAIToUSDC(uint256,uint256) (runs: 256, : 37512, ~: 37496)
[PASS] testFuzz_convertSDAIToUSDC_RevertsIf_InsufficientSDAIAmount(uint256,uint256) (runs: 256, : 37435, ~: 37441)
[PASS] testFuzz_convertUSDCToSDAI(uint256,uint256) (runs: 256, : 38289, ~: 38297)
[PASS] testFuzz_depositUSDC(address,uint256,uint256) (runs: 256, : 237277, ~: 237284)
[PASS] testFuzz_redeemSDAI(uint256,address,uint256) (runs: 256, : 338478, ~: 338504)
[PASS] testFuzz_redeemSDAI_RevertsIf_AmountInIsZero(address,uint256) (runs: 256, : 9747, ~: 9747)
[PASS] testFuzz_redeemSDAI_RevertsIf_AmountOutMinIsZero(address,uint256) (runs: 256, : 10219, ~: 10219)
[PASS] testFuzz_redeemSDAI_RevertsIf_InsufficientBalance(address,uint256,uint256,uint256) (runs: 256, : 270698, ~:
→ 270706)
[PASS] testFuzz_redeemSDAI_RevertsIf_InsufficientOutputAmount(address,uint256,uint256,uint256) (runs: 256, : 238177, ~:
→ 238186)
[PASS] testFuzz_redeemSDAI_RevertsIf_UserIsUnverified(address,uint256,uint256) (runs: 256, : 16444, ~: 16444)
[PASS] test_LP_fullFlow() (gas: 343768)
[PASS] test_LP_initAndRebalanceRightAway() (gas: 339246)
[PASS] test_getDSRConversionRate(uint256) (runs: 256, : 37086, ~: 37073)
[PASS] test_getDSRConversionRate_RevertsIf_GtMaxDSRConversionRate(uint256) (runs: 256, : 37350, ~: 37350)
[PASS] test_getDSRConversionRate_RevertsIf_LtMinDSRConversionRate(uint256) (runs: 256, : 37072, ~: 37306)
[PASS] test_redeemSDAI_RevertsIf_VolumeLimitExceeded() (gas: 419589)
Suite result: ok. 16 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 174.01ms (383.24ms CPU time)
Ran 34 tests for src/test/WLDVault.t.sol:WLDVaultTest
[PASS] testCanDepositForUnverifiedUser() (gas: 144416)
[PASS] testCanDepositIfUnverified() (gas: 141270)
[PASS] testCanRefreshForOtherUser() (gas: 52025)
[PASS] testCanRefreshWithoutDeposit() (gas: 42469)
[PASS] testCannotDepositZeroTokens() (gas: 10970)
[PASS] testCannotDepositZeroTokensForOtherUser() (gas: 13379)
[PASS] testCannotDowngradeVerificationTime() (gas: 175671)
[PASS] testCannotRecoverDepositIfNoDeposit() (gas: 13107)
[PASS] testCannotRenounceOwnership() (gas: 17137)
[PASS] testCannotWithdrawIfNoDeposit() (gas: 13341)
[PASS] testCannotWithdrawLessThanBalance() (gas: 153690)
[PASS] testContractInsolvent() (gas: 164352)
[PASS] testDepositForOtherUser() (gas: 192433)
[PASS] testDepositForOtherUserEarnsInterest() (gas: 162855)
[PASS] testDepositForOtherUserIncreasesExistingDeposit() (gas: 182145)
[PASS] testDepositForOtherUserRespectsCap() (gas: 163008)
[PASS] testDepositYieldIsCapped() (gas: 148270)
[PASS] testInterestIsPausedWhenUnverified() (gas: 173660)
[PASS] testOwnerCanSetYieldRate() (gas: 29814)
[PASS] testOwnerCanUpdateAddressBook() (gas: 33084)
[PASS] \ testOwnerCanUpdateMaxYieldAmount() \ (gas: 24491)
[PASS] testOwnerCanUpdateYieldAccrualDeadline(uint256) (runs: 256, : 46523, ~: 46523)
[PASS] testOwnerCanUpdateYieldSource() (gas: 33251)
[PASS] testRecoverDeposit() (gas: 130176)
[PASS] testSimpleFlow(uint256, uint256) (runs: 256, : 173337, ~: 173944)
[PASS] testUserCanWithdrawAtAnyTime(uint8) (runs: 256, : 126993, ~: 126993)
```



```
[PASS] testUsersCanIncreaseTheirDeposit() (gas: 168629)
[PASS] testWithdrawAll() (gas: 159824)
[PASS] testWithdrawWithAccruedInterestWhenInsolvent() (gas: 374635)
[PASS] testWithdrawWithSig(uint256,uint256,uint256) (runs: 256, : 177734, ~: 177745)
[PASS] testWithdrawWithSigInvalidSignature(uint256,uint256,uint256) (runs: 256, : 162098) ~: 162098)
[PASS] testWithdrawWithSigNonceReuse(uint256,uint256,uint256) (runs: 256, : 196542, ~: 196542)
[PASS] testYieldAccrualDeadlineAffectsInterestCalculation() (gas: 177637)
[PASS] testYieldAccrualDeadlineDoesNotAffectPrincipal() (gas: 146539)
Suite result: ok. 34 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 179.61ms (344.98ms CPU time)
Ran 13 tests for src/test/WorldIDAddressBook.t.sol:WorldIDAddressBookTest
[PASS] testCanReverifyAnytime(uint256) (runs: 256, : 115242, ~: 115242)
[PASS] testCanSwitchVerificationAddressWhenItExpires(address) (runs: 256, : 134736, ~: 134721)
[PASS] testCannotRenounceOwnership() (gas: 16404)
[PASS] testCannotReverifyDifferentAddressBeforeExpiry(address,uint256) (runs: 256, : 130435, ~: 130435)
[PASS] testCannotVerifyWithAProofInTheFuture() (gas: 60110)
[PASS] testCannotVerifyWithInvalidProof() (gas: 92316)
[PASS] testConstructorVerifiesArguments() (gas: 779459)
[PASS] testOwnerCanSetVerificationLength() (gas: 27217)
[PASS] testOwnerCanUpdateGroupId() (gas: 23865)
[PASS] testOwnerCanUpdateMaxProofTime() (gas: 27161)
[PASS] testOwnerCanUpdateRouterAddress() (gas: 30097)
[PASS] testUserCanGetVerified() (gas: 95322)
[PASS] testUserCannotGetVerifiedWithOldProof() (gas: 62756)
Suite result: ok. 13 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 470.96ms (874.37ms CPU time)
Ran 3 tests for src/test/USDVault.t.sol:USDVaultForkTest
[PASS] testForkFuzz_depositUSDC(address,uint256) (runs: 100, : 269302, ~: 269302)
[PASS] testForkFuzz_redeemSDAI(uint256) (runs: 100, : 357709, ~: 357709)
[FAIL: VolumeLimitExceeded()] testFork_depositUSDC_RevertsIf_VolumeLimitExceeded() (gas: 324563)
Suite result: FAILED. 2 passed; 1 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 65.67s (65.16s CPU time)
Ran 4 test suites in 65.68s (66.49s CPU time): 65 tests passed, 1 failed, 0 skipped (66 total tests)
Failing tests:
Encountered 1 failing test in src/test/USDVault.t.sol:USDVaultForkTest
[FAIL: VolumeLimitExceeded()] testFork_depositUSDC_RevertsIf_VolumeLimitExceeded() (gas: 324563)
Encountered a total of 1 failing tests, 65 tests succeeded
```



#### 9 About Nethermind

Nethermind is a Blockchain Research and Software Engineering company. Our work touches every part of the web3 ecosystem - from layer 1 and layer 2 engineering, cryptography research, and security to application-layer protocol development. We offer strategic support to our institutional and enterprise partners across the blockchain, digital assets, and DeFi sectors, guiding them through all stages of the research and development procehttps://www.overleaf.com/project/65c0e737f41a29601bda5c48ss, from initial concepts to successful implementation.

We offer security audits of projects built on EVM-compatible chains and Starknet. We are active builders of the Starknet ecosystem, delivering a node implementation, a block explorer, a Solidity-to-Cairo transpiler, and formal verification tooling. Nethermind also provides strategic support to our institutional and enterprise partners in blockchain, digital assets, and decentralized finance (DeFi). In the next paragraphs, we introduce the company in more detail.

**Blockchain Security:** At Nethermind, we believe security is vital to the health and longevity of the entire Web3 ecosystem. We provide security services related to Smart Contract Audits, Formal Verification, and Real-Time Monitoring. Our Security Team comprises blockchain security experts in each field, often collaborating to produce comprehensive and robust security solutions. The team has a strong academic background, can apply state-of-the-art techniques, and is experienced in analyzing cutting-edge Solidity and Cairo smart contracts, such as ArgentX and StarkGate (the bridge connecting Ethereum and StarkNet). Most team members hold a Ph.D. degree and actively participate in the research community, accounting for 240+ articles published and 1,450+ citations in Google Scholar. The security team adopts customer-oriented and interactive processes where clients are involved in all stages of the work.

Blockchain Core Development: Our core engineering team, consisting of over 20 developers, maintains, improves, and upgrades our flagship product - the Nethermind Ethereum Execution Client. The client has been successfully operating for several years, supporting both the Ethereum Mainnet and its testnets, and now accounts for nearly a quarter of all synced Mainnet nodes. Our unwavering commitment to Ethereum's growth and stability extends to sidechains and layer 2 solutions. Notably, we were the sole execution layer client to facilitate Gnosis Chain's Merge, transitioning from Aura to Proof of Stake (PoS), and we are actively developing a full-node client to bolster Starknet's decentralization efforts. Our core team equips partners with tools for seamless node set-up, using generated docker-compose scripts tailored to their chosen execution client and preferred configurations for various network types.

**DevOps and Infrastructure Management:** Our infrastructure team ensures our partners' systems operate securely, reliably, and efficiently. We provide infrastructure design, deployment, monitoring, maintenance, and troubleshooting support, allowing you to focus on your core business operations. Boasting extensive expertise in Blockchain as a Service, private blockchain implementations, and node management, our infrastructure and DevOps engineers are proficient with major cloud solution providers and can host applications inhouse or on clients' premises. Our global in-house SRE teams offer 24/7 monitoring and alerts for both infrastructure and application levels. We manage over 5,000 public and private validators and maintain nodes on major public blockchains such as Polygon, Gnosis, Solana, Cosmos, Near, Avalanche, Polkadot, Aptos, and StarkWare L2. Sedge is an open-source tool developed by our infrastructure experts, designed to simplify the complex process of setting up a proof-of-stake (PoS) network or chain validator. Sedge generates docker-compose scripts for the entire validator set-up based on the chosen client, making the process easier and quicker while following best practices to avoid downtime and being slashed.

Cryptography Research: At Nethermind, our Cryptography Research team is dedicated to continuous internal research while fostering close collaboration with external partners. The team has expertise across a wide range of domains, including cryptography protocols, consensus design, decentralized identity, verifiable credentials, Sybil resistance, oracles, and credentials, distributed validator technology (DVT), and Zero-knowledge proofs. This diverse skill set, combined with strong collaboration between our engineering teams, enables us to deliver cutting-edge solutions to our partners and clients.

**Smart Contract Development & DeFi Research:** Our smart contract development and DeFi research team comprises 40+ world-class engineers who collaborate closely with partners to identify needs and work on value-adding projects. The team specializes in Solidity and Cairo development, architecture design, and DeFi solutions, including DEXs, AMMs, structured products, derivatives, and money market protocols, as well as ERC20, 721, and 1155 token design. Our research and data analytics focuses on three key areas: technical due diligence, market research, and DeFi research. Utilizing a data-driven approach, we offer in-depth insights and outlooks on various industry themes.

**Our suite of L2 tooling:** Warp is Starknet's approach to EVM compatibility. It allows developers to take their Solidity smart contracts and transpile them to Cairo, Starknet's smart contract language. In the short time since its inception, the project has accomplished many achievements, including successfully transpiling Uniswap v3 onto Starknet using Warp.

- Voyager is a user-friendly Starknet block explorer that offers comprehensive insights into the Starknet network. With its intuitive interface and powerful features, Voyager allows users to easily search for and examine transactions, addresses, and contract details. As an essential tool for navigating the Starknet ecosystem, Voyager is the go-to solution for users seeking in-depth information and analysis;
- Horus is an open-source formal verification tool for StarkNet smart contracts. It simplifies the process of formally verifying Starknet smart contracts, allowing developers to express various assertions about the behavior of their code using a simple assertion language;
- Juno is a full-node client implementation for Starknet, drawing on the expertise gained from developing the Nethermind Client. Written in Golang and open-sourced from the outset, Juno verifies the validity of the data received from Starknet by comparing it to proofs retrieved from Ethereum, thus maintaining the integrity and security of the entire ecosystem.

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As auditors, we recommend that any changes or updates made to the audited codebase undergo a re-audit or security review to address potential vulnerabilities or risks introduced by the modifications. By conducting a re-audit or security review of the modified codebase, you can significantly enhance the overall security of your system and reduce the likelihood of exploitation. However, we do not possess the authority or right to impose obligations or restrictions on our clients regarding codebase updates, modifications, or subsequent audits. Accordingly, the decision to seek a re-audit or security review lies solely with you.

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