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2 Introduction

This is the official Shield Network Auditing audit report for the Meta Arcade token contract. The scope of this audit is the MetaArcade contract and directly inherited contracts. External contracts and libraries such as Pancakeswap were taken into account but not audited directly. An initial report document was provided to the Meta Arcade team and this final audit contains all findings with resolutions and responses from the team.

2.1 Project Overview

Project Name	Meta Arcade	
Website	https://meta-arcade.net/	
Description	Meta Arcade is a P2E game that aims to be a multi chain token and NFT provider. We will raise funds from nft sales as well as tokens on BSC, Fantom, Avalanche and Solana. The game is playable on multiple platforms including the Google Play and Windows Store.	
Platform	Binance Smart Chain (as audited)	
Language	Solidity (v0.8.11)	
Audited Contract	0xC737742Bb7e246227Aa70FC9469f8b26B900fE1D	
Final Contract	0x761ed73a9dd31cd82a017504ea7c19fd21b07c86	
Audit Conducted by	0xherman — Shield Network Auditing	
Report Date	March 1, 2022	

2.2 Risk Classifications

Severity	Definition
Critical	Critical risk level should be fixed immediately. These findings cause severe failure in desired functionality or can be exploited easily leading to loss and manipulation of funds and data.
Major	Major risk level findings are very important to fix. These findings detail vulnerabilities that are hard or privileged to exploit but can lead to critical risk level issues of loss and manipulation of funds and data.
Medium	Medium risk level finding fixes are highly recommended. These findings may or may not directly impact the desired functionality but carry a risk of future exploits or manipulation.
Minor	Minor risk level findings fixes are recommended. These findings will likely not cause any impact to desired contract functionality, but could lead to unexpected issues in the future.
Informational	Informational level findings can be safely ignored. These generally fall into code style recommendations, minor optimizations, or basic discussions and do not affect desired functionality of contract.

2.3 Audit Methodology

Manual Code Review, Testnet Deployment, Automated Tests

When performing an audit, Shield Network Auditing utilizes three main methodologies to create an initial report for the project team. The team then has a chance to resolve, partially resolve, or acknowledge all findings in the initial report. After continuing use of audit methodologies on any contract changes returned by the project team, a final audit report is published by Shield Network Auditing. Audit methodologies used for this report generally fall into three main categories:

1. Manual code review

During this process, the contract code is reviewed line-by-line to understand desired smart contract functionality and check for any visible vulnerabilities or bugs per auditor knowledge or a common issue checklist. This process is often repeated over multiple sessions and generally produces the majority of audit findings. These findings are then verified through other processes. Manual code review is always active and integrated into all other processes.

2. Testnet deployment

For this process, the smart contract code under audit is deployed to a testnet or test environment which best mimics the current or expected future mainnet environment. After deployment to testnet, manual tests are run first targeting all at risk functionality and then performed ad hoc to ensure all general functionality performs as expected.

3. Automated tests

If any automated tests (unit or integration tests) are provided by the project under audit, all tests will be run to ensure they pass and reviewed to ensure they accurately cover and test desired functionality. If no automated tests exist or tests do not adequately cover functionality, new tests are written under this process to better test the contract. Automated tests are also written to prove findings (if possible with an automated test), and to ensure any changes made by the project team fully resolve the issue.

These methodologies are the bare minimum performed in any audit by Shield Network Auditing and do not necessarily constitute the full audit performance. If the project team decides to make changes to the contract to resolve findings from an initial audit report, all methodologies are performed again on the updated codebase.

3 Audit Findings



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Severity	Found	Resolved	Partially Resolved	Acknowledged
Critical	0	0	0	0
Major	2	2	0	0
Medium	4	3	1	0
Minor	4	4	0	0
Informational	10	8	0	2
Total	20	17	1	2

3.1 Critical Findings (0)

None

3.2 Major Findings (2)

Issue #1	No Maximum Fee			
Severity	Major Resolved			
Description	The owner can set various fees to any value, including a total tax greater than 100% of transaction amount which would revert due to a subtraction overflow. This would halt trading except for addresses the owner excludes from fees.			
Location	setLiquidityFeePercent setMarketingFeePercent setDevFeePercent setGameRewardsFeePercent			
Recommendation	Recommended to require fees be less than a maximum value (e.g. 10%).			
Resolution	Resolved by limiting each fee to maximum value of 10% and total fees to a maximum of 30% .			

Issue #2	No Minimum Maximum Transaction		
Severity	MajorResolved		
Description	The owner can set maximum transaction to any value including 0. This would halt trading except for addresses the owner whitelists to avoid maximum transaction.		
Location	setMaxTxPercent setMaxTxAmount		
Recommendation	Recommended to require maximum transaction be greater than a minimum value.		
Resolution	Resolved by limiting maximum transaction to minimum value of 0.01% of total supply.		

3.3 Medium Findings (4)

Issue #3	No Tax Transfer Events		
Severity	Medium Resolved		
Description	No Transfer events are emitted when taking taxes from a transfer amount and sending to contract, and wallets for liquidity, marketing, development, and game rewards fees. Without a Transfer event, the movement of tokens can only be seen by checking balances of the accounts; it is otherwise an entirely blind movement of tokens and can't be tracked. Transfer events must be emitted even for zero value transfers to be compliant with the EIP-20 Token Standard.		
Location	_takeLiquidity _takeMarketing _takeDev _takeGameRewards		
Recommendation	Recommended to emit a Transfer event for tax transfers.		
Resolution	Resolution Resolved by emitting a Transfer event for all fee transfers.		

Issue #4	Incorrect Transfer Event Value		
Severity	Medium Resolved		
Description	If game reward taxes are greater than 0% and taken from a transfer, the Transfer event emits with incorrect transfer amount value. The actual tokens transferred are not affected, but the event emits with the total request amount, minus all fees except the game rewards fee. It is expected that the event would emit the total amount requested to transfer minus all fees, showing the actual value transferred to recipient.		
Location	_transferStandard		
Recommendation	Recommended to emit actual value transferred to recipient. This should be fixed by also resolving Issue #12. See that issue for more information.		
Resolution	Resolved by fixing Issue #12 to ensure all fees are removed from transfer value emitted in Transfer event.		

Issue #5	Burn Function		
Severity	Medium Resolved		
Description	Contract contains a burn function which removes tokens from total supply without reducing total supply value or easily identifying burned amount. This will likely not cause any internal issues, but will lead to inaccurate results from calculations that utilize total supply. For example: market cap, percentage of total tokens held by a given address, etc.		
Location	burn		
Recommendation	Recommended to reduce total supply with burn and emit Transfer event to address(0).		
Resolution	Resolved by reducing total supply with burn and emitting Transfer to address(0).		

Issue #6	Liquidity Recipient	
Severity	Medium Partially Resolved	
Description	The addLiquidity function is called with contract owner specified as new LP recipient. As a result, if enough liquidity is generated over time, the contract owner will eventually hold a large portion of total liquidity.	
Location	addLiquidity	
Recommendation	Consider sending LP tokens to the token contract (or a custom contract) with added functions that can lock or otherwise restrict the tokens from being misused by a single entity. Alternatively, renouncing ownership of the contract will permanently lock the LP tokens in address(0). At the very least, LP tokens should be manually added to a lock as they are collected over time. This is less secure for investors and all investors should do their own research to ensure majority of liquidity is locked at all times.	
Resolution	The team has committed to manually locking any large amount of generated LP over time.	

3.4 Minor Findings (4)

Issue #7	Receive Function	
Severity	Minor Resolved	
Description	Contract contains a receive function which will accept BNB sent from any address.	
Location	receive	
Recommendation	Recommended to only allow router or owner address in receive function to avoid accidental BNB sent to contract.	
Resolution	Resolved by limiting receive function to owner and router addresses.	

Issue #8	Permanently Locked BNB
Severity	Minor Resolved
	Contract has no method defined to allow withdrawing BNB. Due to current finding in receive function (Issue #7), funds can be sent to contract and essentially burned since there is no method to retrieve.
Description	When swapAndLiquify is performed, there will also be some BNB left on contract which can't currently be withdrawn. This extra BNB is generated due to token price difference when swapping to BNB and then pairing tokens and BNB to add liquidity.
Location	swapAndLiquify receive
Recommendation	Recommended to add a withdraw function to withdraw accumulated BNB or have some other manually invoked functions to use the BNB such as adding liquidity without selling stored tokens or performing a buy back and burning purchased tokens.
Resolution	Resolved by fixing Issue #7 and adding a withdrawBNB function to allow withdrawing any extra accumulated BNB from swapAndLiquify events.

Issue #9	Regaining Renounced Ownership
Severity	Minor Resolved
Description	Due to a logical issue with utilized Ownable contract, it is possible for contract owner to renounce or transfer the contract ownership and then reclaim ownership at a later date. This is performed by first locking ownership (temporarily renouncing to zero address), then calling unlock which checks if caller was previous owner, but does not reset previous owner value. This then allows the owner to renounce ownership or transfer ownership to another address, and then call the unlock function again at any point to regain ownership since they are still counted as previous owner until a lock event happens again.
Location	contract Ownable: lock unlock
Recommendation	Recommended to use OpenZeppelin Ownable implementation or similar. If ability to temporarily renounce contract is needed, the issue can be fixed by setting _previousOwner = address(0) in the unlock function. Alternatively, also consider using TimelockController from OpenZeppelin.
Resolution	Resolved by adding _previousOwner = address(0); in the unlock function.

Issue #10	Router Calls
Severity	Minor Resolved
Description	External calls to swapExactTokensForETHSupportingFeeOnTransferTokens and addLiquidityETH may fail and cause an investor's transfer to fail.
Location	swapTokensForEth addLiquidity
Recommendation	Recommended to wrap the external calls in a try/catch statement to ensure all transfers will succeed even if swap and liquify event fails.
Resolution	Resolved by wrapping external calls to swapExactTokensForETHSupportingFeeOnTransferTokens and addLiquidityETH in try/catch statements.

3.5 Informational Findings (10)

Issue #11	No State Change Events
Severity	■ Informational ■ Resolved
Description	There are a number of state affecting functions in contract that do not emit an event.
Location	excludeFromFee includeInFee excludeFromWhitelist includeInWhitelist setLiquidityFeePercent setMarketingFeePercent setDevFeePercent setGameRewardsFeePercent setMaxTxPercent setMaxTxAmount
Recommendation	Recommended to always emit an event when state is updated by a function.
Resolution	Resolved by emitting events for all given events.

Issue #12	Game Rewards Fee Code
Severity	■ Informational ■ Resolved
Description	In _getTValues function, there is code to take a game rewards fee that has been commented out and moved to parent calling function, probably to avoid a Stack too deep error. This is confusing scope wise for the two functions and could cause bugs if further token versions are developed from this contract code and developer is not aware of function responsibilities. In fact, this likely lead to Issue #4.
Location	_getTValues _transferStandard
Recommendation	Recommended to calculate all fees inside _getTValues function.
Resolution	Resolved by calculating all fees inside of _getTValues function.

Issue #13	Transfer Exceeded Balance
Severity	■ Informational ■ Resolved
Description	Transfer function does not check sender balance before attempting to send. Send fails due to subtraction overflow instead of transfer amount exceeding balance.
Location	_transfer
Recommendation	Recommended to ensure sender has enough tokens before attempting to perform math on balances and return more specific ERC20: transfer amount exceeds balance error message.
Resolution	Resolved by explicitly checking sender balance and returning more specific error message.

Issue #14	Hardcoded Swap Threshold and Unused Event
Severity	■ Informational ■ Resolved
Description	Variable numTokensSellToAddToLiquidity cannot be modified after contract deployment, and there is a related event MinTokensBeforeSwapUpdated which is not used. It may be beneficial to have ability to change swap amount if contract is selling too often. There is also the possibility, especially if massive burns happen in the future, that contract could be swapping too rarely and dumping the charts with a large sell.
Location	${\tt numTokensSellToAddToLiquidity}$
Recommendation	Consider adding a function to allow changing the value of variable and utilize existing event.
Resolution	Resolved by adding a function to allow changing the value of numTokensSellToAddToLiquidity and renaming and emitting the existing event.

Issue #15	Hardcoded Fee Wallets
Severity	Informational
Description	The contract contains hardcoded addresses for the wallets collecting fees for marketing, development, and game rewards taxes. While these addresses may never need to be changed, it may be desired to change them in the future, for example to send game rewards to a contract instead of the hardcoded wallet for better security. It is also possible the addresses could be compromised in the future and the only way to avoid losing collected fees with current design is to stop collecting them.
Location	contract MetaArcade
Recommendation	Consider adding functions to allow changing the fee collecting addresses.
Resolution	Acknowledged

Issue #16	Potential Swap on Regular Transfer
Severity	■ Informational ■ Resolved
Description	The swap and liquify event sells contract owned tokens during a transfer event if the transfer is not a purchase from the token pool. By avoiding swapping tokens on purchases, no sells will be linked to purchase events, even if the sell is only the contract swapping tokens to create liquidity. That is as desired, but by only checking for a purchase from the pool, the contract does not check anything else, so a swap and liquify event may happen on other non-sell actions such as staking tokens or sending tokens to one of your other wallets. Some websites that read from the blockchain will accidentally show those non-sell transfers as a sell event, when it is only the contract selling its own tokens and not a sell event by the holder.
Location	_transfer
Recommendation	Recommended to limit swap and liquify event to happen on sells only.
Resolution	Resolved by checking transfer recipient is the token pair before initiating swap and liquify event.

Issue #17	Constant Values
Severity	■ Informational ■ Resolved
Description	There are a number of variables that are never changed that could be declared as constants.
Location	_tTotal, _name, _symbol, _decimals, numTokensSellToAddToLiquidity
Recommendation	Recommended to declare the variables as constant or utilize pure getter functions where applicable
Resolution	Resolved by making _name, _symbol, _decimals into constants and convert the related view functions into pure functionstTotal and numTokensSellToAddToLiquidity are no longer constant due to resolutions for issues #5 and #14

Issue #18	Public Functions
Severity	■ Informational ■ Resolved
Description	The contract contains many public functions which can all be converted to external functions with very little change. external functions can not be called internally like public functions can leading to potentially cheaper execution.
Location	name symbol decimals totalSupply balanceOf transfer allowance approve transferFrom increaseAllowance decreaseAllowance excludeFromFee includeInFee excludeFromWhitelist includeInWhitelist setSwapAndLiquifyEnabled isExcludedFromFee isWhitelisted burn
Recommendation	Recommended to convert all public functions to external functions.
Resolution	Resolved by converting all listed public functions to external functions.

Issue #19	Order of Functions
Severity	■ Informational ■ Resolved
	The contract orders functions in a semi-random order with some external functions coming after some private functions, etc. To help readers find information, it is recommended to group functions according to visibility in the following order:
	• constructor
Description	• receive function (if exists)
	• fallback function (if exists)
	• external
	• public
	• internal
	• private
Location	contract MetaArcade
Recommendation	Recommended to order all functions in MetaArcade contract per given ordering.
Resolution	Resolved by ordering all functions by visibility per given ordering.

Issue #20	Inadequate Documentation
Severity	Informational
Description	The majority of the contract contains no comments for documentation. It is good practice to fully annotate Solidity contracts using NatSpec Format for all public interfaces. Inline comments to document sections of the code as appropriate is also recommended.
Location	contract MetaArcade
Recommendation	Recommended to fully annotate using NatSpec format all public interfaces (everything in the ABI) and add inline comments for clarification if necessary.
Resolution	Acknowledged

4 Owner Privileges

Owner privileges are not inherently an issue, and any known issues were presented and resolved in audit findings, but it is always good to be aware of the abilities a contract owner has over the contract state. The following functions are the available abilities in the final tested version of the audited contract that the owner of Meta Arcade token has while the contract is not renounced:

- renounceOwnership The owner can renounce ownership, meaning none of the owner only functions can be successfully called anymore.
- transferOwnership The owner can transfer ownership to a new address.
- lock The owner can "lock" the contract, meaning they can't call any owner only functions until the specified unlock time.
- unlock The owner can "unlock" the contract after lock time has elapsed, meaning they can once again call owner only functions.
- excludeFromFee The owner can exclude any address from fees on transfers.
- includeInFee The owner can include any address in fees on transfers.
- excludeFromWhitelist The owner can exclude any address from whitelist, meaning they cannot make transfers greater than defined maximum transaction amount.
- includeInWhitelist The owner can include any address in a whitelist which allows the address to make transfers of any size.
- setLiquidityFeePercent The owner can set the liquidity fee to a maximum value of 10% for a total maximum tax of 30%.
- setMarketingFeePercent The owner can set the marketing fee to a maximum value of 10% for a total maximum tax of 30%.
- setDevFeePercent The owner can set the development fee to a maximum value of 10% for a total maximum tax of 30%.
- setGameRewardsFeePercent The owner can set the game rewards fee to a maximum value of 10% for a total maximum tax of 30%.
- setMaxTxPercent The owner can set the maximum transaction amount by providing desired percent greater than or equal to 1.
- setMaxTxAmount The owner can set a maximum transaction amount greater than or equal to 0.1% of total supply.
- setSwapThreshold The owner can set the number of tokens the contract gathers before selling half and pairing for liquidity.
- setSwapAndLiquifyEnabled The owner can enable or disable converting the tokens gathered from liquidity fee into liquidity by selling half of the tokens and pairing.
- withdrawBNB The owner can withdraw any extra BNB gathered on the contract due to price fluctuations when converting to liquidity.

5 Summary



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The Meta Arcade token is an EIP-20 compliant liquidity generating token. The token can take fees from all transfers to generate liquidity or send tokens directly to marketing, development, and game reward wallets. As of writing, a 2% fee is taken for each of the 4 taxes for a total fee on transfers of 8%. Liquidity is generated by selling gathered tokens from the liquidity tax on a sell event when a swap threshold is reached.

Shield Network Auditing performed an audit of the Meta Arcade token contract through a process of manual line-by-line code review, testnet deployment and testing, and automated test review and development. A total of 20 findings were documented through the audit process.

There were no Critical findings in the audit and the majority of findings were Informational level. All Major, Medium, and Minor findings were resolved except for the medium finding of newly generated liquidity being sent to the owner wallet. This finding has been marked as Partially Resolved since the team has committed to locking any significant liquidity amount held by the owner wallet.

