

Security Assessment

Arcana Network

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Executive Summary

TYPES ECOSYSTEM METHODS

KMS(Key Management Other Manual Review, Static Analysis

System)

LANGUAGE TIMELINE KEY COMPONENTS

Golang Delivered on 02/28/2023 N/A

CODEBASE COMMITS

https://github.com/arcana-network/dkgnode/ 1dd34fb3b33380ea26ffadf4f848d765c34ec9ad

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Vulnerability Summary

13 Total Findings	Resolved Mitt	O O Qualified Partially Resolved	O Acknowledged	O Declined	O Unresolved
■ 0 Critical			Critical risks are those t a platform and must be should not invest in any risks.	addressed before	launch. Users
3 Major	3 Resolved	_	Major risks can include errors. Under specific c can lead to loss of fund	ircumstances, thes	se major risks
2 Medium	2 Resolved		Medium risks may not p		
5 Minor	5 Resolved		Minor risks can be any scale. They generally d integrity of the project, to ther solutions.	o not compromise	the overall
■ 3 Informational	3 Resolved		Informational errors are improve the style of the within industry best practite overall functioning of	code or certain op	perations to fall



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Repository

https://github.com/arcana-network/dkgnode/

Commit

1dd34fb3b33380ea26ffadf4f848d765c34ec9ad



AUDIT SCOPE | ARCANA NETWORK

27 files audited • 19 files with Resolved findings • 8 files without findings

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
• ACS	keygen/common/acss/acss.go	6986358c889f5c8954d809a37fbdff8fd114e1b 433751ff7650b6a5d89e5cb5d
• AUX	keygen/message_handlers/aba/aux1_handler.go	459495d77a4418ebdbcbcbf0f56377000d00d 6c8b6fd8602f1c6275b42f7d2f5
• AU2	keygen/message_handlers/aba/aux2_handler.go	722d8fe2626bae75949f275a5b8ea880d4e4b 57a61e46e6589340a30fcfb257b
• AUS	keygen/message_handlers/aba/auxset_handler.go	7d5ae15c335584c745f5160299b731c5bad51 14a127a884490adcf3eaa197141
• COI	keygen/message_handlers/aba/coin_handler.go	0bdcf527db61209d90739368169053a6d03d1 99662cbfbb931c1961927f8aacf
• CON	keygen/message_handlers/aba/coin_init_handler.go	3723934859b0454faa4d02fd70360656deced 3e8f3630886eda7f71560a4a238
• EST	keygen/message_handlers/aba/est1_handler.go	06a3740da84912c433a5a2a5f0e9ae2f8954b a47f5eab26fda69c89f945c64b3
• ES2	keygen/message_handlers/aba/est2_handler.go	94f144f1c984500059cd2735e0771bc8abf7e7 b28b6c713c3df1ddb413678aaa
• INI	keygen/message_handlers/aba/init_handler.go	d1964bac95cace70520b03c59329cfe97f81af 78ca5013f3ccc3c719d8664594
• ECH	keygen/message_handlers/acss/echo_handler.go	5cd6e3341bbeb6430aeb09102b66dd79cc3f1 7125fdfeba63509f6477e9f0d59
• OUT	keygen/message_handlers/acss/output_handler.go	f613181d9b0a38d4a2a21cc3f7fe92f1f217c95 39ab9454fb4917660c5287e70
• PRO	keygen/message_handlers/acss/propose_handler.g 0	8944e54e465734d20ecc6e23fe9f510d90c01 8474249783245349fce0708418c
• REA	keygen/message_handlers/acss/ready_handler.go	ba2fa80d9b2c48d5869343600511c7f6ab35e 631a3abee048a8aff2a24aaf4c8
• SHA	keygen/message_handlers/acss/share_handler.go	9d1e4b042a702e182098b68c5a7db78af5aaa 150a51578f76389d527875750e3



ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
• ECO	keygen/message_handlers/keyset/echo_handler.go	d69230f89bbc44111d5cc5dd1f701ae57d8fc1 a8f3049dc25e6913de330e629e
• PRP	keygen/message_handlers/keyset/propose_handler. go	23a2fb472a83ff2a46fa8f6a11fd2199260ccc11 f2f94b184aa40f7ce7d9e5e9
• RED	keygen/message_handlers/keyset/ready_handler.go	9d3c7f6901cf6c28546a6c9160784e913584e3 2a85fa1f622607a0f8a51c66dd
• KEG	keygen/keygen_service.go	31efbf6a0101cb1f21558b7ffba0040c8c7a078 9da6225a275e2a3b1bbc1a420
• TRA	keygen/transport.go	505884fc5412290ce587498e746c831865250 9909653d1d4137fd633b1ef8185
СОМ	keygen/common/common.go	fe782976ccf5d9cf2bfe0ffd93862379df008fcf3 de32c8dd2b0e07bd2272dbb
© COO	keygen/common/common_test.go	c1349f15f5820cee99874d1f6dd75e2d3254e9 12360a95d8392cd84bb327ce4d
ABA	keygen/common/aba/aba.go	916ceae01a04294315931f39f6955abf3a7e4e e1e94930438458bdd5aca110e0
СОК	keygen/message_handlers/keyset/common.go	e443f47b07cd0f6a9dbf7a83cbc7ed887197f6 b98048e6caeb843cbcb5368efd
• INT	keygen/message_handlers/keyset/init_handler.go	e1c4750152f9cf7224e1e5b9d9b4bd5ed3c34 af2ad5b5a219716b325ed9158a4
OUP	keygen/message_handlers/keyset/output_handler.g 0	75f5f41c43b92c8563616ba21400138b6f63a3 5b6e8824131b0252c1d0941174
• MEA	keygen/messages/messages.go	b601fd742fee7d9f4b0510d8fd949e16686bbb 2fb70acf6db9a01a1896040e51
• SIG	keygen/signature.go	c1f8e2eb6d68e6a272383fc1f0be099d0b5644 f3dbefa408099ee7391b8f7e79



APPROACH & METHODS ARCANA NETWORK

This report has been prepared for Arcana Network to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the Arcana Network project as well as any contract dependencies that were not part of an officially recognized library. A comprehensive examination has been performed, utilizing Manual Review and Static Analysis 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:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors;
- 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.



REVIEW NOTES | ARCANA NETWORK

Messages Handlers

Function	Descriptions	PASS
process ShareMessage	1. Receive a ShareMessage from its own node. 2. Create random secrets and ephemeral keypair. 3. Generate shares and commitments of corresponding length according to n, k and secret respectively. 4. Encrypt each share with node respective generated symmetric key, add to share map. 5. Create and Send ProposeMessage	
process ProposeMessage	1. Check the received Message. 2. Verify self share against commitments. 3. If verified, the data in the Message is encoded into n shares and also hashed, and the EchoMessage is constructed with node specific share and hash and self sent by each node.	•
process EchoMessage	 Check the received Message. 2. Count the echo messages received. If the number of echo received satisfies BFT or reconstructed need, Create and broadcast ReadMessage 	•
process ReadyMessage	1. Check the received Message. 2. Count the ready messages received, and store the share. 3. If the number of ready received satisfies BFT, verifies all the shares received against m.Hash. 4. If verified, create and send the OutputMessage	
process OutputMessage	1. Check if this round completeness has been accounted in current adkg. 2. If not, recover shared key and data, verifies if the share fits the polynomial commitments. 3. If verified, store share in session store	



Function	Descriptions	PASS
	4. If the number of stored share equals k, go on the next Round	

Security Concerns

Function	Descriptions	Pass
Protocol Soundness	Proper execution of the protocol and therefore the sub protocols under the assumption of n >= 3t + 1. Here t is the assumed number of malicious parties, every phase of the ADKG should follow a happy flow when the mentioned assumption is met.	
ACSS Soundness	The first phase of the ADKG involves the ACSS, which makes up the sharing of secrets involved in the generation of the key. Since the ACSS is the secret sharing phase, we need to make sure that this sub protocol has been implemented correctly and securely, so that any attempt at exploiting public messages to gain more than the intended information about the Key shares fails.	
Cryptographic Primitives	Correct implementation of Encryption, Decryption, NIZK, Commitments.	•
RBC Finality	The second phase, and even the ACSS, uses a Reliable Broadcast (RBC) protocol. We need to make sure this RBC has been put together correctly, in-order to avoid any potential stall in the middle of the protocol that might subsequently end up stalling the whole key generation process	
ABA Finality	The third phase, Asynchronous Binary Agreement (ABA) takes votes and involves some communication amongst the nodes. In some cases, a node might need to wait some iterations of the ABA to	



Function	Descriptions	Pass
	end, before it decides to input on	
	other ABAs. This might cause a	
	delay if enforced incorrectly. We	
	need to make sure that the ABA	
	phase always terminates.	
	We wish to ensure that the protocol	
	performs correctly under realistically	
	unstable (asynchronous) network	
	assumptions for each end node.	
Asynchronous Resilience	Essentially, random delays in	
Asylichionous Resilience	connections and varying network	•
	speeds should not force the protocol	
	to abort or stall, unless a significant	
	majority of the network is	
	experiencing severe difficulties.	



FINDINGS | ARCANA NETWORK



13
Total Findings

O Critical 3

Major

2 Medium 5 Minor 3 Informational

This report has been prepared to discover issues and vulnerabilities for Arcana Network. Through this audit, we have uncovered 13 issues ranging from different severity levels. Utilizing the techniques of Manual Review & Static Analysis to complement rigorous manual code reviews, we discovered the following findings:

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
ACS-01	Logic Issue On [acss.Decode()]	Logical Issue	Major	Resolved
MES-01	Potential nil Pointer Dereference	Volatile Code	Major	Resolved
OUT-01	Missing Validation For Sender	Logical Issue	Major	Resolved
COI-01	Unlocked Session Store	Volatile Code	Medium	Resolved
MES-02	Unreasonable Defer Code Order	Logical Issue	Medium	Resolved
EST-01	Missing Necessary Lock	Volatile Code	Minor	Resolved
KEG-01	Hardcode In Start()	Volatile Code	Minor	Resolved
KEY-01	Dead Code	Logical Issue	Minor	Resolved
KEY-02	Lack Of Log Tracking	Coding Style	Minor	Resolved
REA-01	Confusing Logic	Logical Issue	Minor	Resolved
KEG-02	The TODO Comment	Coding Style	Informational	Resolved



ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
MES-03	Туро	Coding Style	Informational	Resolved
MES-04	Incorrect Comments	Coding Style	Informational	Resolved



ACS-01 LOGIC ISSUE ON acss.Decode()

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Major	keygen/common/acss/acss.go: 217~222	Resolved

Description

- 1. We understand that due to the logic of <code>FEC.Encode()</code>, it is necessary to append <code>msg</code> so that the length of <code>msg</code> is divisible by <code>k</code>. Therefore, the logic of the function <code>acss.Decode()</code> will remove the <code>0</code> byte at the end.
- 2. The [m.Data] would be [acss.Encode()] in the [propose_handler.go] and [acss.Decode()] in the [ready_handler.go].
- 3. But if m.Data ends with 0, acss.Decode() may remove the 0 belonging to m.Data. The result of acss.Decode() will be different from m.Data. So the L135 of acss/ready_handler.go will be false and the following program will not work. In this case, it may cause the program to be blocked.

Recommendation

We recommend modifying the solution of <code>acss.Encode()</code> and <code>acss.Decode()</code> to avoid validation failures.

Alleviation

Arcana team heeded the advice and resolved the finding in the commit hash 364c142df8dfb285abba61b5760dea507970880b.



MES-01 POTENTIAL nil POINTER DEREFERENCE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Major	keygen/message_handlers/aba/coin_init_handler.go: 47~52; keygen/message_handlers/keyset/propose_handler.go: 55~61	Resolved

Description

In file ./keygen/message_handlers/aba/coin_init_handler.go , if the err handled at line 47 is not nil , the statement at line 48 will cause to panic because the pointer of ADKGSession we got will be nil .

```
s, err := common.GetSessionStoreFromRoundID(m.RoundID, p)
s.Lock()
defer s.Unlock()
if err != nil {
return
}
```

This issue also happens in file ./keygen/message_handlers/keyset/propose_handler.go at line 55.

```
store, err := common.GetSessionStoreFromRoundID(m.RoundID, p)
store.Lock()
defer store.Unlock()
if err != nil {
    log.Infof("Could not get session store from roundID, err=%s", err)
    return
}
```

Recommendation

We recommend handling the error err before using the pointer s.

Alleviation

Arcana team heeded the advice and resolved the finding in the commit hash 79588d652273b3f0a7f8dc0ccd3e8cee1768c579.



OUT-01 MISSING VALIDATION FOR SENDER

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Major	keygen/message_handlers/acss/output_handler.go: 42	Resolved

Description

The process() function in acss.output_handler.go does not check the senderIndex of the output message, which is sent by the ready_handler. However, the ready_handler only sends this message to the self-node. If the output_handler does not include a self-check, an attacker could exploit this vulnerability by constructing an output message and sending it to the node, potentially disrupting the protocol process. It is important to ensure that the output_handler includes a self-check to prevent such attacks.

Recommendation

To add a sender check to the process() function in acss.output_handler.go.

```
42  if sender.Index != self.ID() {
43    return
44  }
```

Alleviation

Arcana team heeded the advice and resolved the finding in the commit hash 2db0683b968a60c461ade2e1610f38a51aaf82c2.



COI-01 UNLOCKED SESSION STORE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Medium	keygen/message_handlers/aba/coin_handler.go: 47	Resolved

Description

The session store $\[\]$, which is obtained at line 47 in the file $\[\]$./keygen/message_handlers/aba/coin_handler.go $\]$, is unlocked.

Recommendation

We recommend that locks are required for both reading and writing.

Alleviation



MES-02 UNREASONABLE DEFER CODE ORDER

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Medium	keygen/message_handlers/acss/echo_handler.go: 79~81; keygen/message_handlers/keyset/echo_handler.go: 81~83	Resolved

Description

The defer keygen.Unlcok() comes after defer func() { keygen.State.ReceivedEcho[sender.Index] = true}(). We all know that the order of execution of the defer function is The Last Execute First. So keygen.Unlock() will be executed before func() { keygen.State.ReceivedEcho[sender.Index] = true}().

It doesn't make sense to write data after the lock is released. So it might be better to change the order of these two procedures.

Recommendation

We recommend swapping the order of these two lines of code.

Alleviation



EST-01 MISSING NECESSARY LOCK

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	keygen/message_handlers/aba/est1_handler.go: 48~53	Resolved

Description

The file in the aba package does not add a read lock to ABAStore. Since it has a write lock on ABAStore, concurrency problems may occur when multiple threads read and write to the same variable.

For example, in est1_handler.go (L48 and L53), L48 checks if the store contains senderIndex and L53 adds senderIndex to the store. The same senderIndex may be added twice in L53 if there are multiple threads with the same senderIndex entering the process function. So, to be more secure, we recommend that locks are required for both reading and writing.

Recommendation

We recommend adding a lock for to the ABAStore.

Alleviation



KEG-01 HARDCODE IN Start()

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	keygen/keygen_service.go: 46~47	Resolved

Description

```
func (service *KeygenService) Start() error {
    ChainMethods := service.broker.ChainMethods()
    selfIndex := ChainMethods.GetSelfIndex()
    selfPubKey := ChainMethods.GetSelfPublicKey()
    currNodeList := ChainMethods.AwaitCompleteNodeList(1)
    currEpoch := ChainMethods.GetCurrentEpoch()
```

On line 46, the fixed value 1 is passed to the ChainMethods. AwaitCompleteNodeList() method, is this test code?

We think it would be better to execute the ChainMethods.GetCurrentEpoch() method on line 47 and then pass the resulting value currEpoch as a parameter to the ChainMethods.AwaitCompleteNodeList() method.

Recommendation

We recommend swapping the order of codes on lines 46 and 47 and using the resulting value <code>currEpoch</code> as an argument to the <code>ChainMethods.AwaitCompleteNodeList()</code> method.

Alleviation

Arcana team heeded the advice and resolved the finding in the commit hash 364c142df8dfb285abba61b5760dea507970880b.



KEY-01 DEAD CODE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Minor	keygen/keygen_service.go: 118~123, 357~359; keygen/message_handler s/aba/aux2_handler.go: 113~115; keygen/transport.go: 24~30	Resolved

Description

1. Un-reached Case

It seems to us that <code>[receive_BFT_message]</code> is only reached when executing the <code>[ReceiveBFTMessage()]</code> method in the file <code>[common/service_broker.go]</code>, but we did not find the <code>[location of the ReceiveBFTMessage()]</code> method call.

2. Unused Method ReceiveBroadcast()

The method ReceiveBroadcast() for KeygenTransport is only used in the un-reached case "receive BFT message" (item 1 in this description), therefore this method can be removed.

3. Unused Method ProcessBroadcastMessage()

The method ProcessBroadcastMessage() [for] *KeygenNode is only called in unused method ReceiveBroadcast()`(item 2 in this description), therefore this method can be removed.

4. Redundant if statement

The if statement in file ./keygen/message_handlers/aba/aux2_handler.go at line 113 will catch the occurred error and return without printing log and the if statement at line 116 will never be reached. Based on the contents of the log output in the if statement at line 116, we believe that the if statement at line 113 is redundant and should be removed.

Recommendation

We recommend reviewing the logic to ensure it meets the design intent.

Alleviation

Arcana team heeded the advice and resolved the finding in the commit hash 364c142df8dfb285abba61b5760dea507970880b.



KEY-02 | LACK OF LOG TRACKING

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	Minor	keygen/keygen_service.go: 128~130, 258~261; keygen/message_handlers/aba/aux1_handler.go: 85~87; keygen/message_handlers/aba/aux2_handle r.go: 106~108, 152~154, 163~165; keygen/message_handlers/aba/auxset_handler.go: 76~78; keygen/message_handlers/aba/coin_handler.go: 43~45, 48~50, 56~58, 84~86, 88~90; keygen/message_handlers/aba/coin_init_handler.go: 50~52, 55~57, 75~77; keygen/message_handlers/aba/est1_handle r.go: 63~65, 80~82; keygen/message_handlers/aba/est2_handler.go: 62~64, 80~82; keygen/message_handlers/aba/init_handler.go: 57~59; keygen/message_handlers/acss/echo_handler.go: 110~112; keygen/message_handlers/acss/propose_handler.go: 53~55; keygen/message_handlers/acss/ready_handler.go: 140~142; keygen/message_handlers/acss/share_handler.go: 37~39	Resolved

Description

- 1. The <code>stop()</code> method will be called when the blockchain was stoped in any case. But it only returns <code>nil</code> without any valuable response or log.
- 2. There is no processing or log output when some errors occur.

Recommendation

We recommend reviewing the logic to ensure it meets the design intent and printing a log to improve the maintainability of the system.

Alleviation

Arcana team heeded the advice and resolved the finding in the commit hashes 4bb306f0f04b775b92051c1923d679d6328d2fac and 57cfd03e9f740dec42702ca91ba22eece1ef0be3.



REA-01 CONFUSING LOGIC

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Minor	keygen/message_handlers/acss/ready_handler.go: 119	Resolved

Description

If the condition [len(keygen.ReadyStore) < (2*f + 1)] is [true], the for loop does not need to continue, because the condition is always [true].

- 1. Let's assume that len(keygen.ReadyStore) > 2*f + 1 is true. In this case, the loop will break on the first entry into the loop. No matter what len(keygen.ReadyStore) is, as long as it is greater than 2*f + 1, the loop will execute only once.
- 2. But if the condition len(keygen.ReadyStore) > 2*f + 1 is false, each loop will do nothing.

It appears that the for loop is not working. So, what is the design intent of the statement?

Recommendation

We recommend reviewing the logic to ensure it meets the design intent.

Alleviation

[Arcana]: The statement is supposed to run only once. That's expected, if the hash doesn't match there is no point in going forward, you can check out the practical <u>ADKG paper</u> for more details on the loop.



KEG-02 THE TODO COMMENT

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	Informational	keygen/keygen_service.go: 93~105	Resolved

Description

There is a TODO comment in the keygen_service.go file. Based on the comment, it looks like there is an unfinished function. If not, consider removing the extra TODO comment. A good practice is to have no TODO comments in the product code.

Recommendation

We recommend removing the TODO comment on the above line, or adding the unfinished code and then removing the comment.

Alleviation



MES-03 TYPO

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	Informational	keygen/message_handlers/acss/echo_handler.go: 84; keygen/message_handlers/keyset/echo_handler.go: 86	Resolved

Description

The comments should be $\begin{tabular}{ll} // & check if the echo has already been received . \end{tabular}$

Recommendation

We recommend correcting these comments to improve the readability of the code.

Alleviation



MES-04 INCORRECT COMMENTS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	Informational	keygen/message_handlers/acss/ready_handler.go: 82, 101; keyge n/message_handlers/keyset/ready_handler.go: 82, 97	Resolved

Description

File: ./keygen/message_handlers/acss/ready_handler.go

- 1. "Make sure the echo received from a node is set to true" in line 82 should be "ready received".
- 2. "increment the echo messages received" in line 101 should be "ready message".

File:./keygen/message_handlers/keyset/ready_handler.go

- 1. "Make sure the echo received from a node is set to true" in line 82 should be "ready received".
- 2. "increment the echo messages received" in line 97 should be "ready message".

Recommendation

We recommend correcting the comments to improve readability.

Alleviation

Arcana team heeded the advice and resolved the finding in the commit hash 79588d652273b3f0a7f8dc0ccd3e8cee1768c579.



OPTIMIZATIONS | ARCANA NETWORK

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
KEG-03	Unused Argument nodeIndex	Gas Optimization	Optimization	Resolved



KEG-03 UNUSED ARGUMENT nodeIndex

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	Optimization	keygen/keygen_service.go: 305	Resolved

Description

The <code>nodeIndex int</code> argument is not used in the <code>NewKeygenNode()</code> method.

Recommendation

We recommend reviewing the logic to ensure it meets the design intent.

Alleviation



APPENDIX ARCANA NETWORK

I Finding Categories

Categories	Description
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.
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.

I 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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