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HOPR Audit

This document presents the finding of a smart contract audit conducted by Côme du Crest for Gnosis.

Scope

The scope includes selected contracts within hoprnet/hoprnet/smart-contract-v3 as of commit a55fa71.

As specified in the overview document, contracts in scope are:

```
|---- Channels.sol # payment channels between nodes in the HOPR network
   |---- Crypto.sol # cryptographic primitives used by the HOPR protocol
   |---- MultiSig.sol # abstraction of interaction between nodes and Safes in the
      HOPR network
   |---- interfaces
4
      |---- IAvatar.sol # interface for Avatar (Safe).
       |---- INetworkRegistryRequirement.sol # interface for logics used in "
       network registry"
       |---- INodeManagementModule.sol # interface for node management Module
       ---- INodeSafeRegistry.sol # interface for node safe registry
8
9
       -- node-stake
      |---- NodeSafeRegistry.sol # registry for nodes and Safes in the HOPR
10
      network
      |---- NodeStakeFactory.sol # factory contract to deploy Safe and node
11
       management Module for node runners
12
      |---- permissioned-module
13
           |---- CapabilityPermissions.sol # library for capability management of
       node management Module
          |---- NodeManagementModule.sol # implementation logics for node
14
       management Module
          |---- SimplifiedModule.sol # simplified implementation of Module
15
   I---- utils
       |---- EnumerableStringSet.sol # enumerable sets for String type
17
       |--- EnumerableTargetSet.sol # enumerable sets for Target type
18
19
       |---- SafeSuiteLib.sol # deployment addresses for Safe v.1.4.1
       |---- TargetUtils.sol # utilities for Target type
   |---- Announcements.sol # node announcement scheme which is independent from
   |---- Ledger.sol # snapshot-based indexing of HOPR Channels
   |---- NetworkRegistry.sol # implements network gate which will be removed
23
      eventually
   |---- TicketPriceOracle.sol # standalone oracle to change HOPR ticket price
24
      network-wide
   |---- proxy # implementations of adapters between network registry and staking
       |---- DummyProxyForNetworkRegistry.sol
27
       |---- SafeProxyForNetworkRegistry.sol
28
       |---- StakingProxyForNetworkRegistry.sol
```

Context

The repository implements three sets of features. The first one is a permission and access control module using Safe and a NodeManagementModule to enable / disable actions for a chain key. The second one is a set of cryptographic primitives using secp256k1 to expose a VRF. The third one implements payment channels with probabilistic payments using the VRF.

Status

The report has been sent to the core developer.

The report has been reviewed and fixes implemented in branch q/response-to-audit-20240826/.

The fixes have been reviewed and every issue has been responded to. Response comments have been added to the corresponding issues.

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Issues

[High] Incorrect implementation of ecAdd() when a is not 0

Summary

The function to add two elliptic curve points together ecAdd() does not implement point doubling correctly. The used formula is incorrect but does not differentiate with the correct formula in the case where a = 0 so the result only differs when a != 0.

Vulnerability Detail

The formula for doubling a point (x, y) on an elliptic curve $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ is as follows:

```
1 lambda = (3 * x^2 + a) / (2 * y)
2 xr = lamba ^ 2 - 2 * x
3 yr = lambda * (x - xr) - y
```

The code incorrectly implements:

```
1 lambda = (3 * x^2) / (2 * y + a)
2 xr = lamba ^ 2 - 2 * x
3 yr = lambda * (x - xr) - y
```

See code:

```
1
       function ecAdd(
          uint256 pX,
           uint256 pY,
3
          uint256 qX,
          uint256 qY,
          uint256 a
7
8
          internal
9
          view
          returns (uint256 rx, uint256 ry)
11
          // solhint-disable-next-line no-inline-assembly
12
           assembly {
13
14
               . . .
               let lambda
15
               let toInvert
16
17
               switch and(eq(pX, qX), eq(pY, qY))
18
               // P == Q ?
               case true {
19
                   // Point double
                   toInvert := addmod(mulmod(2, pY, SECP256K1_BASE_FIELD_ORDER), a
                       , SECP256K1_BASE_FIELD_ORDER) // 2 * p.y // @audit 2*p.y
```

```
23
                  // compute (2 * p.y) ^ -1 using expmod precompile
                  let payload := mload(0x40)
24
                  mstore(payload, 0x20) // Length of Base
                  mstore(add(payload, 0x20), 0x20) // Length of Exponent
26
27
                  mstore(add(payload, 0x40), 0x20) // Length of Modulus
28
                  mstore(add(payload, 0x60), toInvert) // Base
29
                  mstore(add(payload, 0x80), 0
                      ) // p - 1
                  mstore(add(payload, 0xa0), SECP256K1_BASE_FIELD_ORDER) //
                      Modulus
                  if iszero(staticcall(not(0), 0x05, payload, 0xC0, payload, 0x20
                      )) {
                      // 0x05 == expmod precompile
                      revert(0, 0)
34
                  lambda :=
                      mulmod( // (3 * p.x ^ 2) * (2 * p.y) ^ -1
                          mulmod( // 3 * p.x ^ 2
                          3, mulmod(pX, pX, SECP256K1_BASE_FIELD_ORDER),
38
                             SECP256K1_BASE_FIELD_ORDER), // @audit lambda should
                              be (3*p.x ^2 + a)/(2*p.y)
                          mload(payload),
                          SECP256K1_BASE_FIELD_ORDER
40
41
              }
43
              case false {
44
              }
45
46
47
          }
48
       }
```

Impact

ecAdd() is used with a != 0 in the hashToCurve() function which is used by vrfVerify() to produce a pseudo-random point. Incorrectly implementing this cryptographic primitive could lead to manipulable randomness resulting in biased probabilistic payment tickets.

Code Snippets

https://github.com/hoprnet/hoprnet/blob/a55fa71461851d0e5d5a3cb090a5bfcc6da11fcb/ethereu m/contracts/src/Crypto.sol#L211-L317

Recommendation

Update the ecAdd() function to implement correct point doubling. Add a test with a simple point doubling on a curve where a !=0 for example on $y^2=x^3+2*x+2$ mod 17 where (5, 1) + (5, 1) = (6, 3) which fails to be verified by this implementation.

Response

Fixed by commit 1e8b9cf.

[Low] Channels does not completely follow ERC1820

Summary

The function canImplementInterfaceForAddress() must return the ERC1820_ACCEPT_MAGIC value when called on the implementer with the given address and interface hash. That is HoprChannels.canImplementInterfaceForAddress(TOKENS_RECIPIENT_INTERFACE_HASH, address(HoprChannels)) = keccak256(abi.encodePacked("ERC1820_ACCEPT_MAGIC")) which is not the case currently.

Vulnerability Detail

HoprChannels inherits from ERC1820Implementer:

```
1 contract HoprChannels is
   IERC777Recipient,
3
      ERC1820Implementer,
4
     Multicall,
      HoprLedger(INDEX_SNAPSHOT_INTERVAL),
5
      HoprMultiSig,
6
7
       HoprCrypto,
      HoprChannelsEvents
8
9 {
11
```

In its constructor it calls the ERC1820 registry to register itself as implementer for the interface:

It fails to call _registerInterfaceForAddress() to register the interface on itself, which would return the proper magic value when canImplementInterfaceForAddress() is called:

```
public view virtual override returns (bytes32) {
    return _supportedInterfaces[interfaceHash][account] ?
    __ERC1820_ACCEPT_MAGIC : bytes32(0x00);
}

...
function _registerInterfaceForAddress(bytes32 interfaceHash, address account) internal virtual {
    __supportedInterfaces[interfaceHash][account] = true;
}
```

Impact

Discrepancy with ERC1820.

Code Snippets

https://github.com/hoprnet/hoprnet/blob/a55fa71461851d0e5d5a3cb090a5bfcc6da11fcb/ethereu m/contracts/src/Channels.sol#L84

https://github.com/hoprnet/hoprnet/blob/a55fa71461851d0e5d5a3cb090a5bfcc6da11fcb/ethereu m/contracts/src/Channels.sol#L248

https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/blob/release-v4.9/contracts/utils/introspection/ERC1820Implementer.sol

Recommendation

```
Call _registerInterfaceForAddress(TOKENS_RECIPIENT_INTERFACE_HASH,
address(this)) in constructor.
```

Response

Acknowledge the issue. The eip actually state that canImplementInterfaceForAddress() must return the magic value only when the address of the implementer is different from the address for the which the interface is set.

[Info] Cryptographic implementation states using p - 1 but uses p - 2

Summary

In multiple places of Crypto.sol the comments state using p-1 to compute the inverse of an element of the field of order p but uses p-2. To my understanding p-2 is the correct value to use following Fermat's little theorem $a^p = a \mod p$ which means $a^(p-2) = a^(-1) \mod p$. That means the comment is incorrect and the code is correct.

Detail

One example in the code would be:

```
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3
           uint256 pY,
           uint256 qX,
           uint256 qY,
           uint256 a
           internal
8
9
           view
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18
               // P == Q ?
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               case true {
                   // Point double
                   toInvert := addmod(mulmod(2, pY, SECP256K1_BASE_FIELD_ORDER), a
21
                       , SECP256K1_BASE_FIELD_ORDER) // 2 * p.y
22
23
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mstore(add(payload, 0x40), 0x20) // Length of Modulus
27
28
                   mstore(add(payload, 0x60), toInvert) // Base
29
                   mstore(add(payload, 0x80), 0
                       ) // p - 1 // @audit not p-1
                   mstore(add(payload, 0xa0), SECP256K1_BASE_FIELD_ORDER) //
                       Modulus
                   if iszero(staticcall(not(0), 0x05, payload, 0xC0, payload, 0x20
31
                       // 0x05 == expmod precompile
                        revert(0, 0)
```

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https://github.com/hoprnet/hoprnet/blob/a55fa71461851d0e5d5a3cb090a5bfcc6da11fcb/ethereu m/contracts/src/Crypto.sol#L243

https://github.com/hoprnet/hoprnet/blob/a55fa71461851d0e5d5a3cb090a5bfcc6da11fcb/ethereum/contracts/src/Crypto.sol#L272

https://github.com/hoprnet/hoprnet/blob/a55fa71461851d0e5d5a3cb090a5bfcc6da11fcb/ethereu m/contracts/src/Crypto.sol#L393

https://github.com/hoprnet/hoprnet/blob/a55fa71461851d0e5d5a3cb090a5bfcc6da11fcb/ethereum/contracts/src/Crypto.sol#L431

Recommendation

Make sure you indeed want to use p-2 and not p-1 and fix comment, or better define and use a constant.

Response

The faulty comments have been updated in commit 943c01c.

[Info] Revoking a target does not delete its capabilities

Summary

In the HoprNodeManagementModule contract, revoking a target does not remove its granular capabilities. If a target is added and setup with custom capabilities, removed, and added once again, it will retain its custom granular capabilities which may be unexpected to the user.

Vulnerability Detail

The function revokeTarget() only removes the target from the setTargetSet. It does not revoke GranularPermission:

```
1 contract HoprNodeManagementModule {
       function revokeTarget(address targetAddress) external onlyOwner {
3
           HoprCapabilityPermissions.revokeTarget(role, targetAddress);
4
       }
5
6 }
7
8 struct Role {
       TargetSet targets; // target addresses that can be called
9
10
       mapping(address => bool) members; // eligible caller. May be able to
           receive native tokens (e.g. xDAI), if set to
           // allowed
11
       // For CHANNELS target: capabilityKey (bytes32) => channel Id (keccak256(
           src, dest)) => GranularPermission
       // For TOKEN target: capabilityKey (bytes32) => pair Id (keccak256(node
13
           address, spender address)) =>
       // GranularPermission
14
       // For SEND target: bytes32(0x00) => pair Id (keccak256(node address,
15
           spender address)) => GranularPermission
       mapping(bytes32 => mapping(bytes32 => GranularPermission)) capabilities;
16
17 }
18
19 library HoprCapabilityPermissions {
       function revokeTarget(Role storage role, address targetAddress) internal {
21
22
           bool result = role.targets.remove(targetAddress);
23
           if (result) {
               emit RevokedTarget(targetAddress);
24
25
           } else {
26
               revert TargetIsNotScoped();
27
           }
28
       }
29 }
```

Impact

If a target with custom permissions is removed and added once again, it will retain its custom permissions.

Code Snippets

https://github.com/hoprnet/hoprnet/blob/a55fa71461851d0e5d5a3cb090a5bfcc6da11fcb/ethereum/contracts/src/node-stake/permissioned-module/NodeManagementModule.sol#L222-L224

https://github.com/hoprnet/hoprnet/blob/a55fa71461851d0e5d5a3cb090a5bfcc6da11fcb/ethereum/contracts/src/node-stake/permissioned-module/CapabilityPermissions.sol#L491-L498

Recommendation

Acknowledge the issue and document the behaviour.

Response

The issue has been acknowledged and comments have been added in commit 943c01c.

[Info] ensureNodeIsSafeModuleMember() can be tricked

Summary

The function NodeSafeRegistry.ensureNodeIsSafeModuleMember() can be tricked to return true by a safe enabling a simple dummy module that returns true for both isHoprNodeManagementModule () and isNode(address).

Vulnerability Detail

The function ensureNodeIsSafeModuleMember() relies on the modules installed by the safe which are controlled by the safe owners:

```
function ensureNodeIsSafeModuleMember(address safeAddress, address
           nodeChainKeyAddress) internal view {
           // nodeChainKeyAddress must be a member of the enabled node management
2
               module
3
           address nextModule;
           address[] memory modules;
4
           // there may be many modules, loop through them. Stop at the end point
5
               of the linked list
           while (nextModule != SENTINEL_MODULES) {
6
                // get modules for safe
                (modules, nextModule) = IAvatar(safeAddress).getModulesPaginated(
                   SENTINEL_MODULES, pageSize);
                for (uint256 i = 0; i < modules.length; i++) {</pre>
9
                    if (
                        IHoprNodeManagementModule(modules[i]).
11
                            isHoprNodeManagementModule()
                            && IHoprNodeManagementModule(modules[i]).isNode(
                               nodeChainKeyAddress)
13
                    ) {
14
                        return;
                    } // @audit this can be faked by installing an attack module
               }
17
           }
18
19
           // if nodeChainKeyAddress is not a member of a valid
               HoprNodeManagementModule to the safe, revert
           revert NodeNotModuleMember();
21
       }
```

This function is used in when registering and deregistering a node by a safe to ensure the node has the safe module endabled and the chain key address is registered as a member of the module.

Impact

I am not sure why this check is important as registering a node requires signature from the node in any case. I don't see the impact deregistering a node by a safe that had the module enabled and chain key address as a member and no longer does would have.

Code Snippets

https://github.com/hoprnet/hoprnet/blob/a55fa71461851d0e5d5a3cb090a5bfcc6da11fcb/ethereum/contracts/src/node-stake/NodeSafeRegistry.sol#L266-L286

https://github.com/hoprnet/hoprnet/blob/a55fa71461851d0e5d5a3cb090a5bfcc6da11fcb/ethereu m/contracts/src/node-stake/NodeSafeRegistry.sol#L177-L189

https://github.com/hoprnet/hoprnet/blob/a55fa71461851d0e5d5a3cb090a5bfcc6da11fcb/ethereum/contracts/src/node-stake/NodeSafeRegistry.sol#L227-L258

Recommendation

Ensure that this check is not critical if manipulated by the owners of the safe and acknowledge the issue.

Response

The function has been removed in commit f6a1700.

Optimisations and miscellaneous

This part lists minor gas/code optimizations that shouldn't make the code less readable or improve overall readability. It also lists questions about unclear code segments.

AccessControl._setupRole() is deprecated

Openzeppelin deprecated _setupRole() in favour of _grantRole() (same arguments, same logic):

```
1    /*
2     * ...
3     * NOTE: This function is deprecated in favor of {_grantRole}.
4     */
5     function _setupRole(bytes32 role, address account) internal virtual {
        _grantRole(role, account);
7     }
```

https://github.com/hoprnet/hoprnet/blob/a55fa71461851d0e5d5a3cb090a5bfcc6da11fcb/ethereu m/contracts/src/NetworkRegistry.sol#L96-L98

https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/blob/dc44c9f1a4c3b10af99492eed84f8 3ed244203f6/contracts/access/AccessControl.sol#L204

[Response] deprecated function replaced in commit 6334cfb.