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Risk Classification

The criticality of findings in Cyberscope's smart contract audits is determined by evaluating multiple variables. The two primary variables are:

1. **Likelihood of Exploitation:** This considers how easily an attack can be executed, including the economic feasibility for an attacker.
2. **Impact of Exploitation:** This assesses the potential consequences of an attack, particularly in terms of the loss of funds or disruption to the contract's functionality.

Based on these variables, findings are categorized into the following severity levels:

1. **Critical:** Indicates a vulnerability that is both highly likely to be exploited and can result in significant fund loss or severe disruption. Immediate action is required to address these issues.
2. **Medium:** Refers to vulnerabilities that are either less likely to be exploited or would have a moderate impact if exploited. These issues should be addressed in due course to ensure overall contract security.
3. **Minor:** Involves vulnerabilities that are unlikely to be exploited and would have a minor impact. These findings should still be considered for resolution to maintain best practices in security.
4. **Informative:** Points out potential improvements or informational notes that do not pose an immediate risk. Addressing these can enhance the overall quality and robustness of the contract.

| Severity | Likelihood / Impact of Exploitation |
|-----------------------|--|
| ● Critical | Highly Likely / High Impact |
| ● Medium | Less Likely / High Impact or Highly Likely/ Lower Impact |
| ● Minor / Informative | Unlikely / Low to no Impact |

Review

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|-------------------|---|
| Repository | https://github.com/Mohammadali-Ghods/UnipolyChain |
| Commit | fe3b387cf07c1590eecad106fe40674c6e7e454d |

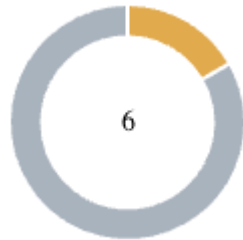
Audit Updates

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| Initial Audit | 07 Oct 2025 |
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Assessment Scope

The scope of this assessment encompasses a comprehensive static analysis of the application's source code repository. The objective is to identify security vulnerabilities, code weaknesses, and potential misconfigurations that could impact the integrity, confidentiality, or availability of the application. The evaluation included the review of backend and frontend components (where applicable), with a focus on detecting insecure coding patterns, dependency risks, and deviations from best security practices. The assessment was performed using automated analysis techniques to ensure accurate and actionable results.

Findings Breakdown



| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| ● Critical | 0 |
| ● Medium | 1 |
| ● Minor / Informative | 5 |

| Severity | Unresolved | Acknowledged | Resolved | Other |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------|----------|-------|
| ● Critical | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ● Medium | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ● Minor / Informative | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Diagnostics

● Critical ● Medium ● Minor / Informative

| Severity | Code | Description | Status |
|----------|------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| ● | MNUS | Missing Non-Root User Specification | Unresolved |
| ● | DREU | Dynamic Regular Expression Usage | Unresolved |
| ● | HCU | Hardcoded Credentials Usage | Unresolved |
| ● | UIM | Unsafe IFS Modification | Unresolved |
| ● | UMU | Unsafe MemoryMarshal.CreateSpan Usage | Unresolved |
| ● | UCI | Unsanitized Command-Line Input | Unresolved |

MNUS - Missing Non-Root User Specification

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Criticality | Medium |
| Status | Unresolved |

Description

The Dockerfile does not specify a non-root USER, causing all processes within the container to run with root privileges by default. Running containers as root increases the risk of privilege escalation and potential container escape attacks if the application or a dependency is compromised. This configuration violates container security best practices and weakens isolation between the container and the host system.

Recommendation

The team is recommended to modify the Dockerfile to create and switch to a non-root user for running the application. The team could ensure that all application files and directories have appropriate ownership and permissions. Running containers as a non-root user significantly reduces the impact of potential vulnerabilities and enhances overall container security.

DREU - Dynamic Regular Expression Usage

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Criticality | Minor / Informative |
| Location | src/Nethermind/Nethermind.Runner/wwwroot/.../bundle.js#L2,3 |
| Status | Unresolved |

Description

The codebase constructs a regular expression dynamically using a non-literal argument passed to `RegExp()`. This approach can expose the application to Regular Expression Denial-of-Service (ReDoS) attacks, as maliciously crafted patterns could trigger excessive backtracking and block the event loop. Since `RegExp` execution in JavaScript runs on the main thread, such behavior can cause performance degradation or complete service unavailability.

Recommendation

Avoid constructing regular expressions from variable or user-controlled input. Use hardcoded, precompiled regex literals whenever possible. If dynamic construction is unavoidable, validate or sanitize the input before use. Consider employing a regex safety library such as `recheck` to analyze and prevent unsafe patterns. Additionally, enforce input constraints (e.g., maximum length) and consider using timeouts or sandboxing mechanisms for regex evaluation.

HCU - Hardcoded Credentials Usage

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Criticality | Minor / Informative |
| Location | src/Nethermind/Nethermind.Wallet/DevWallet.cs#L19 |
| Status | Unresolved |

Description

Storing credentials directly in source code exposes sensitive data and poses a significant security risk. Attackers with access to the codebase (e.g., through repository leaks, insider threats, or dependency compromises) could easily retrieve and misuse the credentials to gain unauthorized access to systems, wallets, or other resources.

```
private const string AnyPassword = "#DEV_ACCOUNT_NETHERMIND_ANY_PASSWORD#";
```

Recommendation

The team is advised to remove all hardcoded credentials from the codebase. Instead, the team could store passwords and other sensitive information in a secure external configuration mechanism such as environment variables, a secrets manager (e.g., Azure Key Vault, AWS Secrets Manager, or HashiCorp Vault), or encrypted configuration files. Ensure credentials are loaded securely at runtime and not exposed in logs or version control.

UIM - Unsafe IFS Modification

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Criticality | Minor / Informative |
| Status | Unresolved |

Description

The `hive-results.sh` script modifies the special shell variable IFS (Internal Field Separator) globally to change how word splitting occurs. Changing IFS globally can have unintended side effects on other parts of the script or on sourced scripts, potentially altering how input is parsed and leading to logic errors or command injection vulnerabilities.

```
IFS=$'\n' results=$(sort -f <<<"${tmp[*]}"); unset IFS
```

Recommendation

Modifying IFS globally should be avoided. Instead, the team could set it locally within a command substitution or read statement to limit its scope. Alternatively, the team could use dedicated utilities such as `cut`, `awk`, or `mapfile` to safely process input without altering global shell behavior.

UMU - Unsafe MemoryMarshal.CreateSpan Usage

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Criticality | Minor / Informative |
| Location | src/Nethermind/Nethermind.Blockchain/Find/BlockParameter.cs#L240 src/Nethermind/Nethermind.Consensus.Ethash/EthashCache.cs#L34,108 src/Nethermind/Nethermind.Core/Bloom.cs#L227 src/Nethermind/Nethermind.Core/Crypto/Hash256.cs#L32,33,137 src/Nethermind/Nethermind.Core/Crypto/Keccak.cs#L60,67 src/Nethermind/Nethermind.Core/Crypto/KeccakCache.cs#L116,152 |
| Status | Unresolved |

Description

The codebase uses `MemoryMarshal.CreateSpan` (or `MemoryMarshal.CreateReadOnlySpan`) without validating the length argument. These methods do not perform bounds checking, meaning that an incorrect or untrusted length value could lead to out-of-bounds memory access. This may result in undefined behavior, data corruption, or application crashes, compromising the program's stability and reliability.

```
public Span<byte> AsSpan() => MemoryMarshal.CreateSpan(ref _element0, ByteLength);
public Span<byte> BytesAsSpan => MemoryMarshal.AsBytes(MemoryMarshal.CreateSpan(ref
Unsafe.AsRef(in _bytes), 1));
public ReadOnlySpan<byte> Bytes =>
MemoryMarshal.AsBytes(MemoryMarshal.CreateReadOnlySpan(ref Unsafe.AsRef(in _bytes),
1));
public Span<byte> Bytes => MemoryMarshal.AsBytes(MemoryMarshal.CreateSpan(ref
Unsafe.AsRef(in _hash256), 1));
...
```

Recommendation

Before calling `MemoryMarshal.CreateSpan` or `MemoryMarshal.CreateReadOnlySpan`, the team could ensure the provided length is validated against the actual buffer size or data source boundaries. Only use these methods when absolutely necessary and when the memory region's size and lifetime are well-defined and controlled. Consider safer alternatives such as `Span` or `ReadOnlySpan` constructors when possible.

UCI - Unsanitized Command-Line Input

| | |
|-------------|---------------------|
| Criticality | Minor / Informative |
| Status | Unresolved |

Description

The `superchain.py` script uses unsanitized command-line input as a file path in `json.dump` and `open`. This introduces a Path Traversal vulnerability, where an attacker could manipulate file paths (e.g., using `../` sequences) to write or overwrite arbitrary files outside the intended directory. Such behavior can lead to unauthorized file modification, data corruption, or even remote code execution if critical files are affected.

```
with open(path.join(output_dir, "runner", f"{chainName}-{l1}.json"), "w+") as f:
    json.dump(runner, f, indent=2)

with open(path.join(output_dir, "chainspec", "dictionary"), "wb+") as
nethermind_dict_file:
    nethermind_dict_file.write(nethermind_dict.as_bytes())
```

Recommendation

The team is advised to validate and sanitize all file path inputs received from command-line arguments before using them in file operations. The team could restrict file access to specific directories and use safe path resolution methods such as `os.path.abspath` and `os.path.normpath` to ensure paths remain within allowed boundaries. Additionally, implement allowlists for valid filenames or extensions and avoid directly concatenating user input into file paths.

Summary

A comprehensive static analysis was conducted on the application's source code repository to evaluate its overall security posture. The assessment aimed to identify vulnerabilities, insecure coding practices, and configuration issues that could expose the application to potential threats. Using automated tools, the analysis covered core components of the repository, including backend logic and frontend implementations. The findings highlight key areas requiring remediation to enhance code security, reduce attack surface, and ensure adherence to industry best practices. Overall, the assessment provides actionable insights to guide the development team in improving the robustness and security of the codebase.

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