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SECURITY ASSESSMENT

# EthosX

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## PROJECT

# Introduction

EthosX is building infrastructure for trading financial derivatives on blockchains for crypto companies and financial institutions.

EthosX is a decentralized finance platform creating end-to-end financial derivatives on blockchains. No centralized exchanges, clearinghouses, depositories, clearing banks, CSD participants etc. required. Starting with cryptocurrency options first, with the intention to move towards other crypto derivatives and traditional finance derivatives eventually.

*Project Name* **EthosX**

*Contract Name* -

*Contract Address* -

*Contract Chain Not Yet Deployed on Mainnet*

*Contract Type* **Smart Contract**

*Platform* **EVM**

*Language* **Solidity**

*Network* **Ethereum (ERC20)**

*Codebase* **Private GitHub Repository**

*Total Token Supply* -

## INFO

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AUDIT  
Score

◆ Issues	5
◆ Critical	0
◆ Major	0
◆ Medium	1
◆ Low	4
◆ Informational	0
◆ Discussion	0

All issues are described in further detail on  
the following pages.

# AUDIT Scope

## CODEBASE FILES

ethosx-yc/otc-options/packages/hardhat/contracts /Derivatives/

ethosx-yc/otc-options/packages/hardhat/contracts /Factories/

ethosx-yc/otc-options/packages/hardhat/contracts /FactoryManager/

ethosx-yc/otc-options/packages/hardhat/contracts /PriceFeed/

ethosx-yc/otc-options/packages/hardhat/contracts /SettlementManager/

ethosx-yc/otc-options/packages/hardhat/contracts /ThirdParty/

ethosx-yc/otc-options/packages/hardhat/contracts /Tokens/

## LOCATION

◆ Private GitHub Repository

# REVIEW Methodology

## TECHNIQUES

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

## TIMESTAMP

Version	v1.0
Date	2022/12/23
Description	<i>Layout project</i> <i>Architecture / Manual review / Static &amp; dynamic security testing</i>

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# KEY Finding

TITLE	SEVERITY	STATUS
Floating and Outdated Pragma	◆ Low	Fixed
Missing Multiple Zero Address Validations	◆ Low	Fixed
Approve Fruntrunning Attack	◆ Medium	Fixed
Missing Events in Important Functions	◆ Low	Fixed
Missing Input Validation in Payoffs and Premiums	◆ Low	Fixed

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# IN - DEPTH Vulnerabilities

## DESCRIPTION

Locking the pragma helps ensure that the contracts do not accidentally get deployed using an older version of the Solidity compiler affected by vulnerabilities.

The contracts found in the repository allowed floating or unlocked pragma to be used, i.e., ^0.8.0. This allows the contracts to be compiled with all the solidity compiler versions above 0.8.0.

## AFFECTED CODE

- ChainlinkKeeperFactory/ChainlinkKeeperFactory.sol [L02](#)
- Derivatives/Misc/DerivativeEnums.sol [L03](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/BarrierOptions.sol [L03](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/DigitalOptions.sol [L03](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/KeeperCallable.sol [L03](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/RampedOptions.sol [L03](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/Trustless.sol [L03](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/TrustlessOptions.sol [L03](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/DeployableContracts/TrustlessAmericanDoubleBarrierOptions.sol [L03](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/DeployableContracts/TrustlessAmericanKnockInOptions.sol [L03](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/DeployableContracts/TrustlessAmericanKnockOutOptions.sol [L03](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/DeployableContracts/TrustlessAmericanOptions.sol [L03](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/DeployableContracts/TrustlessEuropeanKnockInOptions.sol [L03](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/DeployableContracts/TrustlessEuropeanKnockOutOptions.sol [L03](#)

**Issue :** Floating and Outdated Pragma

**Type :** Floating Pragma (SWC-103)

<https://swcregistry.io/docs/SWC-103>

**Level :** Low

**Remediation :** Keep the compiler versions consistent in all the smart contract files. Do not allow floating pragmas anywhere.

**Alleviation / Retest :** Strict Pragma is in use with version 0.8.4

## IMPACTS

If the smart contract gets compiled and deployed with an older or too recent version of the solidity compiler, there's a chance that it may get compromised due to the bugs present in the older versions or unidentified exploits in the new versions. Incompatibility issues may also arise if the contract code does not support features in other compiler versions, therefore, breaking the logic. The likelihood of exploitation is really low.



# IN - DEPTH Vulnerabilities

- Derivatives/Primitives/DeployableContracts/TrustlessEuropeanOptions.sol [L03](#)
- Derivatives/Structures/BaseContracts/TrustlessStructures.sol [L02](#)
- Derivatives/Structures/DeployableContracts/Collars.sol [L03](#)
- Factories/DigitalOptionFactory.sol [L03](#)
- Factories/FactoryBase.sol [L03](#)
- Factories/RampedOptionFactory.sol [L03](#)
- FactoryManager/DigitalOptionFactoryManager.sol [L03](#)
- FactoryManager/RampedOptionFactoryManager.sol [L03](#)
- PriceFeed/ITellor.sol [L02](#)
- PriceFeed/InstrumentRegistry.sol [L03](#)
- PriceFeed/PriceFeed.sol [L03](#)
- PriceFeed/PriceFeedTester.sol [L03](#)
- PriceFeed/TellorCaller.sol [L03](#)
- SettlementManager/SettlementManager.sol [L02](#)
- ThirdParty/Actions/ActionTokenApprove.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Actions/ActionTokenTransfer.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Actions/Liquity/ActionLiquityClose.sol [L02](#)
- ThirdParty/Actions/Liquity/ActionLiquityOpen.sol [L02](#)
- ThirdParty/Actions/Liquity/ActionLiquityPayback.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Actions/Liquity/ActionLiquityPaybackClose.sol [L02](#)
- ThirdParty/Addresses/Addresses.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Addresses/GoerliAddresses.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Addresses/LocalhostAddresses.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/DSProxy/DS/DSAuth.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/DSProxy/DS/DSGuard.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/DSProxy/DS/DSNote.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/DSProxy/DS/DSProxy.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/DSProxy/ProxyAuth.sol [L02](#)
- ThirdParty/DSProxy/ProxyPermission.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/DSProxy/TestAction.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/DSProxy/TestTarget.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Interfaces/IDSProxy.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Interfaces/IERC20.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Interfaces/IWETH.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Interfaces/Liquity/IBorrowerOperations.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Interfaces/Liquity/ITroveManager.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Mock/Liquity/MockBorrowerOperations.sol [L04](#)
- ThirdParty/Mock/Liquity/MockLUSD.sol [L02](#)
- ThirdParty/Mock/Liquity/MockTroveManager.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/SettlementManagers/Liquity/SettlementManagerLiquityDigital.sol [L02](#)
- ThirdParty/SettlementManagers/Liquity/SettlementManagerLiquityRamped.sol [L02](#)
- ThirdParty/Utils/Address.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Utils/SafeERC20.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Utils/SortedCache.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Utils/SortedCache1000.sol [L03](#)
- ThirdParty/Utils/TokenUtils.sol [L03](#)
- Tokens/ProxyUSDC.sol [L02](#)

# IN - DEPTH Vulnerabilities

## DESCRIPTION

Multiple Solidity contracts were found to be setting new addresses without proper validations for zero addresses.

Address type parameters should include a zero-address check otherwise contract functionality may become inaccessible or tokens burned forever.

Depending on the logic of the contract, this could prove fatal and the users or the contracts could lose their funds, or the ownership of the contract could be lost forever.

## AFFECTED VARIABLES

- ChainlinkKeeperFactory/ChainlinkKeeperFactory.sol - \_registrar [L147](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/TrustlessOptions.sol - buyer\_ [L132](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/TrustlessOptions.sol - seller\_ [L136](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/TrustlessOptions.sol - settlement\_manager\_ [L147](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/TrustlessOptions.sol - fees\_collector\_ [L166](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/Trustless.sol - admin\_ [L21](#)
- Derivatives/Structures/DeployableContracts/Collars.sol - buyer\_ [L126](#)
- Derivatives/Structures/DeployableContracts/Collars.sol - seller\_ [L133](#)
- Derivatives/Structures/DeployableContracts/Collars.sol - settlement\_manager\_ [L144](#)
- ThirdParty/DSProxy/DS/DSAuth.sol - owner\_ [L28](#)

**Issue :** Missing Multiple Zero Address Validations

**Type :** Missing Input Validation

**Level :** Low

**Remediation :** Add a zero address validation to all the functions where addresses are being set.

**Alleviation / Retest :** Zero address validations have been added.

## IMPACTS

If address type parameters do not include a zero-address check, contract functionality may become unavailable or tokens may be burned permanently.

# IN - DEPTH Vulnerabilities

## DESCRIPTION

The contract ActionTokenApprove is defining an approve function inside \_lusdApprove(), which is vulnerable to a front-running attack. Approve is well known to be vulnerable to front-running attacks. This may be exploited in cases where in case the user decides to modify the spending amount in quick succession, and the attacker sees the change and transfers more tokens than required. The exploitation involves two parties – a victim and an attacker and the attacker must be monitoring the transactions to front-run approval calls.

## VULNERABLE CODE

- ThirdParty/Actions/ActionsTokenApprove.sol L43

## IMPACTS

Front-running attacks might allow attackers to front-run a user transaction and withdraw/transfer more tokens than the victim initially intended to allow.

**Issue :** Approve Frunrunning Attack

**Type :** Frontrunning

**Level :** Medium

**Remediation :** Use safeApprove() instead of approve(). safeApprove() should only be called when setting an initial allowance or when resetting it to 0. it is recommended to use safIncreaseAllowance() and safeDecreaseAllowance() to increase and decrease it.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YLPtQxZu1UAvO9cZlO2RPXBbT0mooh4DYKjA\\_jp-RLM/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YLPtQxZu1UAvO9cZlO2RPXBbT0mooh4DYKjA_jp-RLM/edit)

**Alleviation / Retest :** Now a tokenapprove function is used which uses safeApprove()

# IN - DEPTH Vulnerabilities

## DESCRIPTION

Events are inheritable members of contracts. When you call them, they cause the arguments to be stored in the transaction's log – a special data structure in the blockchain. These logs are associated with the address of the contract which can then be used by developers and auditors to keep track of the transactions. The contract was found to be missing these events on certain critical functions which would make it difficult or impossible to track these transactions off-chain.

## AFFECTED CODE

The following functions were affected

- ChainlinkKeeperFactory/ChainlinkKeeperFactory.sol - allowAccess() [L206](#)
- ChainlinkKeeperFactory/ChainlinkKeeperFactory.sol - revokeAccess() [L210](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/TrustlessOptions.sol - setSettlementManager() [L147](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/TrustlessOptions.sol - setFees() [L156](#)
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/TrustlessOptions.sol - setFeesCollector() [L166](#)

## IMPACTS

Events are used to track the transactions off-chain and missing these events on critical functions makes it difficult to audit these logs if they're needed at a later stage.

**Issue :** Missing Events in Important Functions

**Type :** Missing Best Practices

**Level :** Low

**Remediation :** Consider emitting events for the functions mentioned above. It is also recommended to have the addresses indexed.

**Alleviation / Retest :** The functions mentioned above are now emitting events.

# IN - DEPTH Vulnerabilities

## DESCRIPTION

The functions to set premiums and payoffs lacked a 0 value input validation allowing buyers and sellers to set the amount to 0.

## AFFECTED CODE

The following functions were affected

- Derivatives/Primitives/DeployableContracts/TrustlessAmericanOptions.sol - setPayoff() L122
- Derivatives/Primitives/DeployableContracts/TrustlessEuropeanOptions.sol - setPayoff() L103
- Derivatives/Primitives/BaseContracts/TrustlessOptions.sol - setPremium() L175

## IMPACTS

Payoffs and premium amounts should always have a boundary value validation so that buyers or sellers can't set it to 0.

**Issue :** Missing Input Validation in Payoffs and Premiums

**Type :** Missing Input Validation

**Level :** Low

**Remediation :** Implement boundary value validations on the functions to set payoffs and premiums.

**Alleviation / Retest :** The function has been removed from the code.



# SOURCE Code

*Private GitHub Repository*

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# REPORT Appendix

## FINDING CATEGORIES

The assessment process will utilize a mixture of static analysis, dynamic analysis, in-depth manual review and/or other security techniques.

This report has been prepared for EthosX project using the above techniques to examine and discover vulnerabilities and safe coding practices in EthosX's smart contract including the libraries used by the contract that are not officially recognized.

A comprehensive static and dynamic analysis has been performed on the solidity code in order to find vulnerabilities ranging from minor gas optimizations to major vulnerabilities leading to the loss of funds.

Various common and uncommon attack vectors will be investigated to ensure that the smart contracts are secure from malicious actors. The testing methods find and flag issues related to gas optimizations that help in reducing the overall gas cost It scans and evaluates the codebase against industry best practices and standards to ensure compliance It makes sure that the officially recognized libraries used in the code are secure and up to date.

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