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# **Security Review Report**

## **NM-0235 Monarch**

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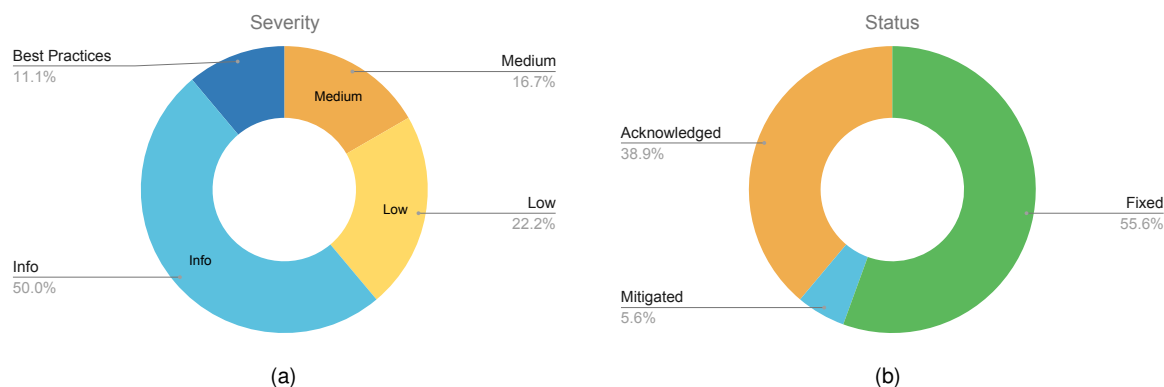
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# 1 Executive Summary

This document presents the security review performed by [Nethermind Security](#) for the [Monarch](#). It is a delegated staking protocol based on the [Pirex](#) that allows institutional investors to earn on their deposited Ether. Special security and compliance measures are taken to meet the institutional client needs. That involves restricting the deposit access only to the users that have verified their identity in the Know Your Customer (KYC) process. The earnings are gained from the Ethereum staking rewards, MEV, and block rewards. **Monarch** infrastructure performs all the necessary actions, like interaction with the Beacon Chain or running and maintaining the correct validation process. Monarch makes the whole process abstracted and convenient for the investor. The protocol consists of two main parts: InstitutionalPirexEth that maintains the staking process, including deposits, withdrawals, Validators maintenance, and the AutoPxEth Vault that accrues and distributes the rewards. The Monarch ensures investors' safety by employing a set of keepers that monitor the Beacon Chain state and act in critical scenarios such as slashing or inactivity leaks. Additionally, Monarch keeps part of the funds in the Burner Accounts that are used in those situations. The most important actions are performed by the Governance.

**The audit was performed using** (a) manual analysis of the codebase, (b) automated analysis tools, (c) simulation of the smart contract, and (d) creation of test cases. **Along this document, we report** eighteen points of attention, where three are classified as Medium, four are classified as Low, and eleven are classified as Informational or Best Practice. The issues are summarized in Fig. 1.

**This document is organized as follows.** Section 2 presents the files in the scope. Section 3 summarizes the issues. Section 4 presents the system overview. Section 5 discusses the risk rating methodology. Section 6 details the issues. Section 7 discusses the documentation provided by the client for this audit. Section 8 presents the compilation, tests, and automated tests. Section 9 concludes the document.



**Fig. 1: Distribution of issues: Critical (0), High (0), Medium (3), Low (4), Undetermined (0), Informational (9), Best Practices (2). Distribution of status: Fixed (10), Acknowledged (7), Mitigated (1), Unresolved (0)**

## Summary of the Audit

<b>Audit Type</b>	Security Review
<b>Initial Report</b>	May 29, 2024
<b>Response from Client</b>	Regular responses during audit engagement
<b>Final Report</b>	Jun 4, 2024
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">dinero-pirex-eth</a>
<b>Commit (Audit)</b>	<a href="#">4137f34d2b3d39ac5bf37e1e6bc87a7006f9a2b8</a>
<b>Commit (Final)</b>	<a href="#">912ddb295dc36c31b87af0d02edaa9fb2bbd00fa</a>
<b>Documentation Assessment</b>	High
<b>Test Suite Assessment</b>	High

## 2 Audited Files

	Contract	LoC	Comments	Ratio	Blank	Total
1	<a href="#">InstitutionalPirexEthValidators.sol</a>	344	193	56.1%	45	582
2	<a href="#">InstitutionalPirexEth.sol</a>	192	102	53.1%	16	310
3	<a href="#">RewardRecipientGateway.sol</a>	131	118	90.1%	25	274
4	<a href="#">AutoPxEth.sol</a>	206	198	96.1%	74	478
5	<a href="#">libraries/Errors.sol</a>	45	127	282.2%	42	214
6	<a href="#">libraries/InstitutionalPirexEthValidatorManagementLogic.sol</a>	40	27	67.5%	8	75
7	<a href="#">libraries/InstitutionalPirexEthWithdrawLogic.sol</a>	361	180	49.9%	55	596
8	<a href="#">libraries/DataTypes.sol</a>	107	131	122.4%	20	258
9	<a href="#">libraries/Constants.sol</a>	9	34	377.8%	6	49
10	<a href="#">libraries/InstitutionalPirexEthConfigurationLogic.sol</a>	248	166	66.9%	48	462
11	<a href="#">libraries/InstitutionalPirexEthValidationLogic.sol</a>	108	98	90.7%	17	223
12	<a href="#">libraries/InstitutionalPirexEthGenericLogic.sol</a>	14	15	107.1%	2	31
13	<a href="#">libraries/InstitutionalPirexEthDepositLogic.sol</a>	283	143	50.5%	41	467
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2088</b>	<b>1532</b>	<b>73.4%</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>4019</b>

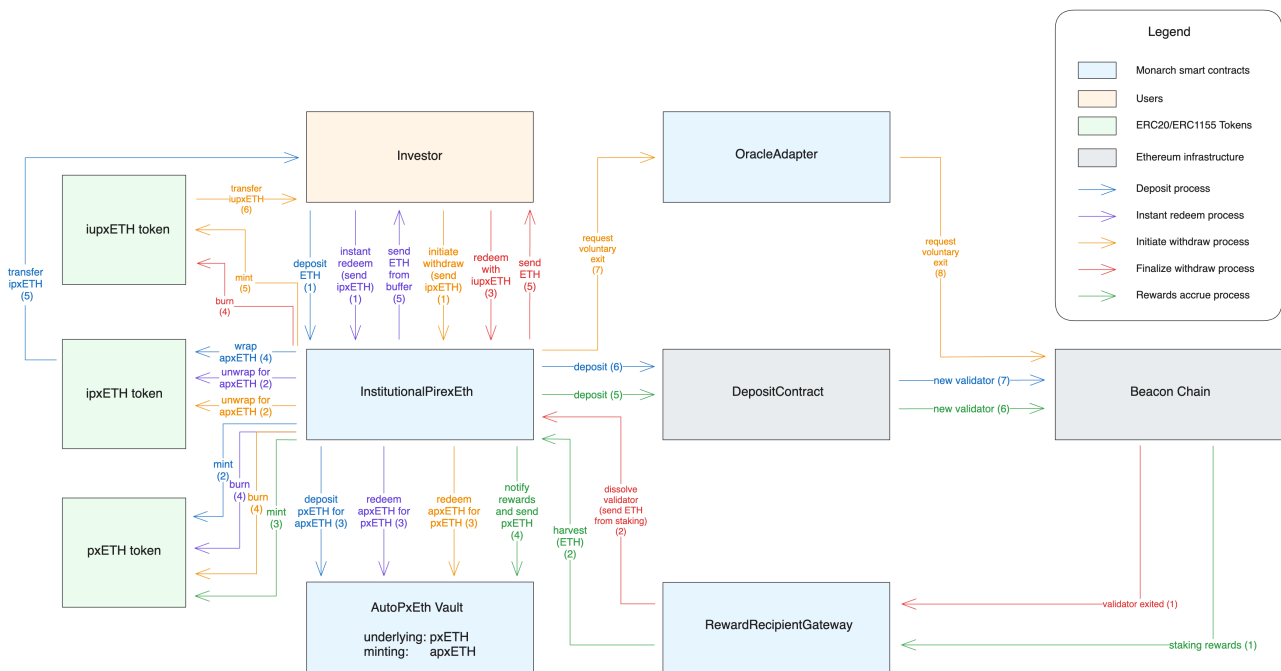
## 3 Summary of Issues

	Finding	Severity	Update
1	<a href="#">Emergency withdrawals are limited to buffer</a>	Medium	Fixed
2	<a href="#">Platform fee paid in pxETH can't be exchanged for ETH</a>	Medium	Fixed
3	<a href="#">Withdrawals can put the InstitutionalPirexEth contract in the incorrect state</a>	Medium	Mitigated
4	<a href="#">Implementation contracts can be initialized</a>	Low	Fixed
5	<a href="#">Investor's redemptions might cause Keeper's transactions to revert</a>	Low	Fixed
6	<a href="#">The logic to charge the deposit fee is missing</a>	Low	Acknowledged
7	<a href="#">Users are not able to withdraw under certain conditions</a>	Low	Acknowledged
8	<a href="#">Burner accounts are not ensured to hold ipxETH</a>	Info	Acknowledged
9	<a href="#">Cost of execution of the deposit(...) call is not constant</a>	Info	Fixed
10	<a href="#">Implementation contracts contain real data</a>	Info	Acknowledged
11	<a href="#">Lower boundary on the maxBufferSizePct is missing</a>	Info	Acknowledged
12	<a href="#">Pre-deposit amount should be bounded</a>	Info	Acknowledged
13	<a href="#">The Ether surplus from the max buffer decrease could be used for staking</a>	Info	Fixed
14	<a href="#">The implementation contract AutoPxEth can't be used for both retail and institutional versions</a>	Info	Acknowledged
15	<a href="#">executeEmergencyWithdraw(...) will revert due to overflow for some values</a>	Info	Fixed
16	<a href="#">iupxETH holders may wait 36 days until withdrawal in case of slashing</a>	Info	Fixed
17	<a href="#">Using _____gap</a>	Best Practices	Fixed
18	<a href="#">Using address(0) for ETH</a>	Best Practices	Fixed

## 4 System Overview

The **Monarch's** core functionality is defined in the contracts `InstitutionalPirexEth`, which is the main interface for the investors, and `InstitutionalPirexEthValidators`, which implements the logic related to operating the Validators. The `RewardRecipientGateway` contract receives the Beacon Chain staking rewards, from which they are distributed to other parts of the system. The `AutoPxEth Vault` handles all the reward calculation logic.

The diagram below showcases a high-level view of the system's architecture. The following sections delve into the system's components and their interactions.



**Fig. 2: Monarch - Structural Diagram of contracts.** Note that the diagram does not present flows for slashing, top-ups, and emergency withdrawals.

### 4.1 Actors of the system

The following actors participate in the Monarch protocol:

- **Investors:** Investors are the protocol users. They are institutional clients that have verified their identity in the *Know Your Customer* (KYC) process. They are allowed to interact with the protocol by depositing funds.
- **Keeper:** Part of the off-chain infrastructure operated by the Monarch team. The keeper performs important protocol operations such as distributing the Ether from rewards or withdrawals, monitoring Beacon Chain, spinning up new Validators when necessary, and reacting to critical scenarios such as slashing or top-ups.
- **Governance:** Redacted Cartel's governance controls the protocol parameters, such as fee and buffer percentages. Governance can pause and unpause the protocol, add or remove the validators, and burner accounts that can be used in the system.
- **Oracle:** Part of the off-chain infrastructure that submits the *voluntary exit request* to the Beacon Chain to trigger the Validator's exit. It monitors the Validator exit process and triggers the *dissolve process*, which allows investors to finish the withdrawal process.
- **Burner accounts:** Protocol-controlled accounts; they are no different from regular users. They hold `ipxETH` that will be redeemed for `pxETH` and burned in case the buffer is used to cover a slash or a top-up.

### 4.2 Tokens used within the system

The following tokens are used within the Monarch protocol:

- **Native Ether:** Investors deposit native Ether into the `InstitutionalPirexEth` contract. A portion of Ether stays in the contract in the form of a security buffer, and the rest is sent to the `Deposit Contract` to register and activate new validators.

- **pxETH:** The underlying token of the AutoPxEth vault. For each Ether deposited, there is an equivalent amount of pxETH tokens minted and automatically deposited into the autocompounding vault. As opposed to the retail version of the system, in the institutional one, no one except for the vault should hold pxETH tokens. For the institutional version, a new separate deployment of pxETH ERC20 will be made.
- **apxETH:** The AutoPxEth vault share token minted in return for pxETH deposits. Its value increases with the higher amount of pxETH tokens in the vault. Similarly to pxETH, apxETH is an intermediary token, and no user should hold it. It is always minted for the InstitutionalPirexEth contract and immediately wrapped for the ipxETH.
- **ipxETH:** The apxETH share tokens get wrapped into ipxETH and sent back to the investor. Because only the Monarch's smart contracts can wrap and unwrap ipxETH, no user can obtain apxETH and pxETH. This ensures that the institutional funds can only go through the flows defined in the code and are isolated from the retail users.
- **iupxETH:** The unlocked version of the ipxETH token that the investor receives after initiating the redemption process. It entitles its holder to withdraw Ether once the Validator finishes the exit procedure. The iupxETH token is an ERC1155, where each token ID is connected to a particular Validator's public key.

### 4.3 Deposits

The `deposit(...)` function of the `InstitutionalPirexEth` contract is the system's entry point for the users. Investors deposit native Ether into the protocol, and in return, they receive the `ipxETH` tokens. Based on the maximum buffer percentage set by the governance, part of the deposited Ether is set aside as a buffer. The keeper can utilize the buffer to fulfill his duties. Investors can use the buffer to instantly redeem their `ipxETH` tokens for Ether. The rest of the Ether is added to the `pendingDeposit`, ready to be sent to the `Deposit` Contract. Whenever 32 ETH is gathered, a deposit will be made, and a new validator will enter the activation queue. Once the validator starts validating, all the staking rewards will go to the `RewardRecipientGateway` contract's address. From there, the keeper will distribute them as protocol rewards by calling the `harvest(...)` function.

### 4.4 Rewards

The `RewardRecipientGateway` contract receives the staking rewards from all validators operated by the protocol team - both retail and institutional. It is the only component shared between the two systems. Once the keeper calls `harvest(...)`, the rewards will be distributed among retail and institutions proportionally to the total assets staked in their respective vaults. Since the staking rewards are granted in the native Ether, once they are distributed, they will be reinvested into the protocol to launch new validators. An equivalent amount of pxETH will be minted and deposited into the AutoPxEth vault as a reward for existing investors.

### 4.5 Redemptions and withdrawals

Investors holding `ipxETH` tokens have two ways to exit the investment:

- Instant redemption:** Users can redeem their `ipxETH` tokens directly for Ether using the liquidity stored in the buffer. This option is faster since it does not require spinning down the validators and waiting for them to exit.
- Redemption and withdrawal:** The standard flow is a two step process. The investor first initiates the redemption with the `initiateRedemption(...)` function. This call triggers the oracle to send the voluntary exit request to the Beacon Chain. The investor receives the ERC1155 `iupxETH` tokens in return for his `ipxETH`. Each token ID is minted in the amount of 32, where each token ID is assigned to a particular validator that entered the exit queue. Once the keeper confirms that Ether from staking returned to the `RewardRecipientGateway` contract, the investor can call `redeemWithIupxEth(...)` to exchange the `iupxETH` tokens for Ether.

In both flows, the `ipxETH` tokens are first unwrapped into the vault share token `apxETH`. If there was a previous reward distribution, the shares would be worth more in terms of assets. During the redemption process, `apxETH` would be redeemed for more pxETH. Since the pxETH tokens represent Ether in a 1:1 ratio, the investor would earn Ether.

### 4.6 Validator slashing and top-ups

Validators get the staking rewards for attesting to blocks. Misbehavior, on the other hand, results in penalties. The penalties can be incurred due to a software bug or the off-chain infrastructure going offline. They don't necessarily have to be caused by malicious behavior. The keeper monitors the validators to ensure that the yield is generated in the protocol and that there are enough funds for every user to withdraw. If the validator's balance falls below 32 ETH e.g., due to the inactivity leak, the keeper will call the `topUpStake(...)` function to add the missing Ether. In case of a slash, a validator that was previously staking will be forced to exit. In such a situation, the keeper would call the `slashValidator(...)` function that would mark that validator as slashed. After the staked ETH (minus penalty) is unlocked and sent to the recipient contract, the keeper would forward it to deploy a new validator. The amount of ETH must be 32, so the missing part is taken from the treasury or the buffer. To compensate for the net outflow of Ether from the system, whenever the buffer is used to cover a slash or a top-up, an equivalent amount of pxETH is burned from the burner accounts. This ensures that the 1:1 ratio between pxETH and Ether is kept.

## 5 Risk Rating Methodology

The risk rating methodology used by [Nethermind Security](#) follows the principles established by the [OWASP Foundation](#). The severity of each finding is determined by two factors: **Likelihood** and **Impact**.

**Likelihood** measures how likely the finding is to be uncovered and exploited by an attacker. This factor will be one of the following values:

- a) **High**: The issue is trivial to exploit and has no specific conditions that need to be met;
- b) **Medium**: The issue is moderately complex and may have some conditions that need to be met;
- c) **Low**: The issue is very complex and requires very specific conditions to be met.

When defining the likelihood of a finding, other factors are also considered. These can include but are not limited to motive, opportunity, exploit accessibility, ease of discovery, and ease of exploit.

**Impact** is a measure of the damage that may be caused if an attacker exploits the finding. This factor will be one of the following values:

- a) **High**: The issue can cause significant damage, such as loss of funds or the protocol entering an unrecoverable state;
- b) **Medium**: The issue can cause moderate damage, such as impacts that only affect a small group of users or only a particular part of the protocol;
- c) **Low**: The issue can cause little to no damage, such as bugs that are easily recoverable or cause unexpected interactions that cause minor inconveniences.

When defining the impact of a finding, other factors are also considered. These can include but are not limited to Data/state integrity, loss of availability, financial loss, and reputation damage. After defining the likelihood and impact of an issue, the severity can be determined according to the table below.

		Severity Risk		
Impact	High	Medium	High	Critical
	Medium	Low	Medium	High
	Low	Info/Best Practices	Low	Medium
	Undetermined	Undetermined	Undetermined	Undetermined
		Low	Medium	High
		Likelihood		

To address issues that do not fit a High/Medium/Low severity, [Nethermind Security](#) also uses three more finding severities: **Informational**, **Best Practices**, and **Undetermined**.

- a) **Informational** findings do not pose any risk to the application, but they carry some information that the audit team intends to pass to the client formally;
- b) **Best Practice** findings are used when some piece of code does not conform with smart contract development best practices;
- c) **Undetermined** findings are used when we cannot predict the impact or likelihood of the issue.

## 6 Issues

### 6.1 [Medium] Emergency withdrawals are limited to buffer

**File(s):** InstitutionalPirexEthWithdrawLogic.sol

**Description:** The function `emergencyWithdraw(...)` allows to withdraw the funds in case of an emergency. The `InstitutionalPirexEth` contract can contain three types of ETH funds: pending deposits, redemptions and buffer. The function `emergencyWithdraw(...)` validates parameters, and then calls `executeEmergencyWithdraw(...)`, which is presented below:

```

1  function executeEmergencyWithdraw(
2      DataTypes.PirexEthValidatorVars storage pirexEthValidatorVars, DataTypes.PirexEthValidatorContracts storage
3      → pirexEthValidatorContracts,
4      uint256 amount, address token, address ipxEth, address receiver, mapping(address => bool) storage burnerAccounts,
5      DataTypes.BurnerAccount[] memory $burnerAccounts ) external {
6      InstitutionalPirexEthValidationLogic.validateEmergencyWithdraw(
7          pirexEthValidatorVars.paused,
8          amount,
9          token,
10         ipxEth,
11         receiver
12     );
13     if (token == address(0)) {
14         // Update pendingDeposit and outstandingRedemptions when
15         // affected by emergency withdrawal
16         uint256 remainingBalance = address(this).balance - amount - pirexEthValidatorVars.outstandingRedemptions;
17
18         if (pirexEthValidatorVars.pendingDeposit > remainingBalance) {
19             pirexEthValidatorVars.pendingDeposit = remainingBalance;
20         }
21         // burn pxEth
22         InstitutionalPirexEthConfigurationLogic.updateBuffer( pirexEthValidatorVars, pirexEthValidatorContracts,
23             → burnerAccounts, amount, $burnerAccounts );
24
25         // Handle ETH withdrawal
26         (bool _success, ) = payable(receiver).call{value: amount}("");
27         assert(_success);
28     } else {
29         ERC20_0(token).safeTransfer(receiver, amount);
30     }
31     emit EmergencyWithdrawal(receiver, token, amount);
32 }

```

At the end of a function, the amount of ETH specified in the amount is sent to the receiver. However, before the ETH transfer, the function `updateBuffer(...)` is called. It updates the buffer and burns the corresponding ipxEth. If the provided amount is less than the current buffer, the function reverts.

```

1  function updateBuffer(...) public {
2      // @audit: reverts if the available buffer is lower than requested amount
3      // @audit: reverts if the available buffer is lower than requested amount
4      // @audit: reverts if the available buffer is lower than requested amount
5      if (pirexEthValidatorVars.buffer < amount) {
6          revert Errors.NotEnoughBuffer();
7      }
8      batchBurnPxEth( pirexEthValidatorVars, pirexEthValidatorContracts, burnerAccounts, amount, $burnerAccounts );
9      pirexEthValidatorVars.buffer -= amount;
10 }

```

This effectively allows the function to burn buffer, but not to emergency withdraw the ETH in the contract. Note, that the buffer is planned to be around 5% of the whole deposited funds. This means, that if the contract holds funds as pending deposit and/or redemptions, and emergency withdrawal of ETH is needed, only funds in buffer can be withdrawn by burning, but no other funds.

**Recommendation(s):** Consider reviewing to define its purpose. If it should only burn buffer, then the update of `pendingDeposit` is not needed, since it will never be reached. Alternatively, if the function should allow for withdrawal of ERC20 tokens and ETH, consider modifying the function so it allows for withdrawing funds outside the buffer.

**Status:** Fixed

**Update from the client:** Emergency withdraw performs withdrawal of funds in preference from buffer, `pendingDeposit` and `outstandingRedemptions`.



**Update from Nethermind Security:** The issue is fixed, as governance will be able to transfer all funds in case of emergency. However, in the current implementation, there is a redundant code in the `executeEmergencyWithdraw(...)`. During the ETH withdrawal, the last branch `else if (_remainingAmount > 0)` that updates `outstandingRedemptions` won't ever be executed because reaching this part of the function means that all funds are transferred out from the contract. But, the logic for transferring all funds is executed earlier in the branch `if (amount == _totalEthBalance)`.

## 6.2 [Medium] Platform fee paid in pxETH can't be exchanged for ETH

**File(s):** `AutoPxEth.sol`

**Description:** The AutoPxEth vault is a modified ERC4626 with pxETH as the underlying token. The pxETH token is a one-to-one representation of the staked ETH and is a crucial component in the Monarch protocol. Deposited pxETH represents two forms of ETH: the staked ETH, and ETH from staking rewards. The rewards are taxed with the platform fee, which can be set up maximally to 20%. This fee is deduced during a call to the `harvest(...)` function. The fee is paid with the pxETH token and transferred to the governance-controlled address.

```

1  function harvest() public updateReward(true) {
2      uint256 _rewards = rewards;
3
4      if (_rewards != 0) {
5          rewards = 0;
6
7          // Fee for platform
8          uint256 feeAmount = (_rewards * platformFee) / FEE_DENOMINATOR;
9
10         // Deduct fee from reward balance
11         _rewards -= feeAmount;
12
13         // Claimed rewards should be in pxETH
14         ERC20(asset()).safeTransfer(platform, feeAmount);
15
16         // Stake rewards sans fee
17         _stake(_rewards);
18
19         emit Harvest(msg.sender, _rewards);
20     }
21 }

```

However, this transferred pxETH can't be exchanged for ETH and therefore is worthless. This is because the Monarch allows for exchanging ETH to ipxETH and ipxETH to ETH. The pxETH and apxETH are intermediary tokens and should never be outside of the AutoPxEth or InstitutionalPirexEth contracts. Consider the token paths for deposit and withdrawal:

- deposit: ETH -> pxETH -> apxETH -> ipxETH;
- withdraw (instant): ipxETH -> apxETH -> pxETH -> ETH;
- withdraw (two-step): ipxETH -> iupxETH -> apxETH -> pxETH -> ETH;

When the pxETH is transferred to the governance-controlled address, it can't be exchanged for ETH, since the only way to get ETH is to redeem the ipxETH through the InstitutionalPirexEth, and the only way to get ipxETH is by providing ETH to the InstitutionalPirexEth as well. Note that pxETH for institutions is a different token than pxETH for retail. The only thing that can be done with this pxETH is to transfer it back to the AutoPxEth vault, which would increase the value of ipxETH. With the current setup, the platform fee freezes funds and can't be effectively deducted from rewards for the governance.

**Recommendation(s):** Consider removing the platform fee or charging it in a way that allows exchanging it for ETH. One possible approach could be implementing the function in InstitutionalPirexEth that would allow sending the fee amount of pxETH to burn it for an equivalent amount of ETH from the buffer.

**Status:** Fixed

**Update from the client:** We have created a separate vault to receive platform fee in pxEth which can allow redemption directly into ETH to iupxEth. The reason for the same is not held pxEth outside of institutional PirexEth system.

**Update from Nethermind Security:** Since a new contract and role have been introduced with this fix, consider reviewing the deployment scripts to make sure that the new contract `InstitutionalPlatformFeeReceiver` is correctly granted required roles (e.g., minter and burner roles for ipxEth token) and that the new role `INSTITUTIONAL_PLATFORM_ROLE` is correctly granted.

## 6.3 [Medium] Withdrawals can put the InstitutionalPirexEth contract in the incorrect state

**File(s):** InstitutionalPirexEth.sol

**Description:** Withdrawal call to the InstitutionalPirexEth may result in an incorrect voluntary exit request to the beacon chain, which would lead to minting iupxEth, removing the validator from the stakingValidators queue, and setting the status of the validator as Withdrawable, while the validator does not enter exit queue on the beacon chain. This will happen if the withdrawal is made within 28 hours from the deposit of the full amount of ETH. InstitutionalPirexEth marks the validator with the status Staking right after the full amount is collected in the pendingDeposits and sent to the DepositContract, as presented in the function below:

```

1  function deposit(...) public {
2      uint256 remainingCount = pirexEthValidatorVars
3          .maxProcessedValidatorCount;
4      uint256 _remainingdepositAmount = depositSize - preDepositAmount;
5
6      while (
7          initializedValidators.count() != 0 &&
8          pirexEthValidatorVars.pendingDeposit >= _remainingdepositAmount &&
9          remainingCount > 0
10     ) {
11         // ...
12
13         (bool success, ) = beaconChainDepositContract.call{
14             value: _remainingdepositAmount
15         }(
16             abi.encodeCall(
17                 IDepositContract.deposit,
18                 (
19                     validatorParams.pubKey,
20                     validatorParams.withdrawalCredentials,
21                     validatorParams.signature,
22                     validatorParams.depositDataRoot
23                 )
24             )
25         );
26
27         // ...
28         // @audit-note: Validator is marked as Staking right after the deposit of the full amount
29         status[validatorParams.pubKey] = DataTypes.ValidatorStatus.Staking;
30
31         stakingValidators.add(
32             DataTypes.Validator(
33                 validatorParams.pubKey,
34                 validatorParams.signature,
35                 validatorParams.depositDataRoot,
36                 validatorParams.receiver
37             ),
38             validatorParams.withdrawalCredentials
39         );
40
41         emit ValidatorDeposit(validatorParams.pubKey);
42     }
43 }
```

However, from the moment of depositing the 32 ETH to the beacon chain, there are two stages in which the voluntary exit request of the validator can't be processed. The first stage is an [activation queue](#) which lasts for about 26 minutes ([MAX\\_SEED\\_LOOKAHEAD](#)). After that, the validator is activated, but to be [allowed for the voluntarily exit](#) it must be active for 27 hours ([SHARD\\_COMMITTEE\\_PERIOD](#)). The [process\\_voluntary\\_exit\(...\)](#) function from the beacon chain specification:

```

1 def process_voluntary_exit(state: BeaconState, signed_voluntary_exit: SignedVoluntaryExit) -> None:
2     voluntary_exit = signed_voluntary_exit.message
3     validator = state.validators[voluntary_exit.validator_index]
4     # @audit-note: Validator must be active (exit activation queue) to request voluntary exit
5     assert is_active_validator(validator, get_current_epoch(state))
6     assert validator.exit_epoch == FAR_FUTURE_EPOCH
7     assert get_current_epoch(state) >= voluntary_exit.epoch
8     # @audit-note: Validator must be active for 27 hours to request voluntary exit
9     assert get_current_epoch(state) >= validator.activation_epoch + SHARD_COMMITTEE_PERIOD
10    domain = get_domain(state, DOMAIN_VOLUNTARY_EXIT, voluntary_exit.epoch)
11    signing_root = compute_signing_root(voluntary_exit, domain)
12    assert bls.Verify(validator.pubkey, signing_root, signed_voluntary_exit.signature)
13    initiate_validator_exit(state, voluntary_exit.validator_index)

```

As can be seen, a voluntary exit request won't be processed if made under 28 hours from depositing. But the `initiateRedemption(...)` in `InstitutionalPirxEth` assumes that the request is always successful:

```

1 function initiateRedemption(...) public {
2     pxEthValidatorVars.pendingWithdrawal += pxEthAmount;
3
4     while (piroxEthValidatorVars.pendingWithdrawal / depositSize != 0) {
5         // ...
6         // @audit-note: Exit request through the oracle assumes always success
7         piroxEthValidatorContracts.oracleAdapter.requestVoluntaryExit(
8             _pubKey
9         );
10
11         batchIdToValidator[piroxEthValidatorVars.batchId++] = _pubKey;
12         status[_pubKey] = DataTypes.ValidatorStatus.Withdrawable;
13     }
14 }

```

The consequence of this assumption is that the `initiateRedemption(...)` function can change the validator state to `Withdrawable`, remove the validator from the `stakingValidators` queue, and mint the `iupxEth`, but leave the validator status as active on the beacon chain. This would leave `iupxEth` holders expecting that the validator is in the exit queue, which, in reality, is not. Additionally, depending on how the Monarch's off-chain infrastructure is set up, the exit request from the oracle may cause Monarch to stop validating the transactions, leading to an inactivity leak and loss of funds. However, if the Monarch team had noticed that situation and correctly sent the exit request to the beacon chain, the issue would have been resolved.

**Recommendation(s):** Consider allowing to initiate a withdrawal for a given validator only after 28 hours (or more) from the deposit of the full amount to the `DepositContract`.

**Status:** Mitigated

**Update from the client:** Decided to keep as is. The off-chain keeper job will handle the voluntary exit of the validator yet to be in `active_ongoing` state.

## 6.4 [Low] Implementation contracts can be initialized

**File(s):** [InstitutionalPirxEth.sol](#), [AutoPxEth.sol](#), [RewardRecipientGateway.sol](#)

**Description:** The contracts `InstitutionalPirxEth`, `AutoPxEth`, and `RewardRecipientGateway` do not disable the `initialize(...)` functions. This allows anyone to call `initialize(...)` with arbitrary values, which may lead to unwanted behavior. One example of such malicious behavior is initiating a call from the implementation contracts to sanctioned or black-listed contracts, which may lead to legal issues for the Monarch protocol, which could be especially dangerous for institutions using the project.

**Recommendation(s):** Consider removing the possibility of calling the initializers directly on the implementation contracts. This may be done by calling the `_disableInitializers(...)` in the constructor, which will disable calling functions with the `initializer` modifier.

**Status:** Fixed

**Update from the client:** Added a call to `_disableInitializers` to the constructor of implementation contracts viz `WrappedToken`, `InstitutionalPirxEth`, `RewardRecipientGateway` and `AutoPxEth`.

## 6.5 [Low] Investor's redemptions might cause Keeper's transactions to revert

**File(s):** [InstitutionalPirxEthConfigurationLogic.sol](#)

**Description:** Some operations performed by the Keeper, such as topping up and slashing the validator, are allowed to use the ETH buffer. The ETH amount taken from the buffer must be compensated by burning an equivalent amount of `pxETH` from the burner accounts. Whenever buffer is used, both `executeTopUpStake(...)` and `slashValidator(...)` functions call the `updateBuffer(...)` function from the `InstitutionalPirxEthConfigurationLogic` library to first check if there is enough Ether in the buffer to fulfill the operation and later to burn the `pxETH` tokens.

```

1 function updateBuffer(
2     DataTypes.PirexEthValidatorVars storage pirexEthValidatorVars, DataTypes.PirexEthValidatorContracts storage
3     → pirexEthValidatorContracts,
4     mapping(address => bool) storage burnerAccounts, uint256 amount, DataTypes.BurnerAccount[] memory $burnerAccounts
5 ) public {
6     // @audit We want to use `amount` of ETH from the buffer.
7     if (pirexEthValidatorVars.buffer < amount) {
8         revert Errors.NotEnoughBuffer();
9     }
10    // @audit Burn `amount` of pxETH from burner accounts
11    // to compensate for the outflow of ETH.
12    batchBurnPxEth( ..., burnerAccounts, amount, $burnerAccounts );
13    // @audit Use the buffer
14    pirexEthValidatorVars.buffer -= amount;
15 }

```

The batchBurnPxEth(...) function transfers the ipxETH tokens from the burner accounts, unwraps them into the apxETH share tokens, and then redeems the shares in the AutoPxEth vault for pxETH tokens to be burned.

```

1 function batchBurnPxEth( ..., mapping(address => bool) storage burnerAccounts, uint256 amount,
2     DataTypes.BurnerAccount[] memory $burnerAccounts ) public {
3     uint256 _len = $burnerAccounts.length;
4     uint256 _sum;
5     ...
6     for (uint256 _i; _i < _len;) {
7         // ...
8         // @audit Transfer ipxETH from burner account to this contract
9         _ipxEthERC20.safeTransferFrom(
10             $burnerAccounts[_i].account, address(this), $burnerAccounts[_i].amount
11         );
12         // @audit Unwrap ipxETH to apxETH
13         pirexEthValidatorContracts.institutionalPxEth.unwrap(
14             address(this), $burnerAccounts[_i].amount
15         );
16         // @audit Redeem apxETH for pxETH
17         uint256 _pxEthAmount = pirexEthValidatorContracts.autoPxEth.redeem(
18             $burnerAccounts[_i].amount, address(this), address(this)
19         );
20         // @audit Burn pxETH
21         burnPxEth( ..., _pxEthAmount );
22         // @audit The sum gets increased by the amount redeemed from the vault.
23         _sum += _pxEthAmount;
24         unchecked {
25             ++_i;
26         }
27     }
28     // @audit Strict equality check might revert when the sum of the actual
29     // redeemed pxETH was different than initially expected.
30     assert(_sum == amount);
31 }

```

The problem present in the batchBurnPxEth(...) is that, in some cases, the transaction might revert due to a slight change in the assets to shares ratio in the vault, which will impact the amount of pxETH redeemed. Consider the following scenario:

- Keeper calls the slashValidator(...) function. He wants to use the buffer to cover the slash. He computed the amount of Ether that needs to be taken from the buffer off-chain and expects that the sum of ipxETH unwrapped, redeemed, and burned from burner accounts to cover that Ether amount;
- At the same time, the Investor initiates a redemption process. His ipxETH gets unwrapped to apxETH, which gets redeemed in the vault for pxETH minus the withdrawal penalty that stays in the vault;

If the Investor specifies a higher gas price for his transaction than the Keeper, the redemption TX will be included in the block first. The withdrawal penalty paid by the Investor in pxETH works like a reward for other vault shareholders. When redeeming, they will get more pxETH for the same amount of shares. This causes an issue when the Keeper's transaction gets executed. Because there is more pxETH in the vault, the total sum of assets redeemed on behalf of the burner accounts will be higher than what Keeper initially calculated. The strict equality check at the end of the batchBurnPxEth(...) function will revert, and the gas spent by the Keeper will be wasted.

As a result, during periods of high network activity, when gas prices dynamically change, top-ups and slashing operations performed by the Keeper might often revert.

**Recommendation(s):** To keep the pxETH amount aligned with Keeper's assumptions, the call to redeem(...) could be replaced with a call to withdraw(...). The former accepts the shares to redeem and the latter the assets to receive. The exact amount of ipxETH to transfer

from the burner accounts could be computed with the help of the `previewWithdraw(...)` function. It would ensure that after the `ipxETH` is unwrapped into `apxETH` and withdrawn from the Vault, there are no leftover `apxETH` tokens in the contract.

Batching similar operations together could simplify the logic inside the `batchBurnPxEth(...)` function. For example, first transfer `ipxETH` from all the burner accounts and then perform the unwrapping, withdrawing, and burning with all the tokens once.

**Status:** Fixed

**Update from the client:** Refactored `InstitutionalPirexEthConfigurationLogic.batchBurnPxEth(...)` as per recommendation.

**Update from Nethermind Security:** The issue is not fixed. Introduced changes prevent unexpected revert. However, the problem of difference of `ipxETH` worth is still present and may lead to loss of funds. The `batchBurnPxEth(...)` function takes two amounts as an input: amount and `$burnerAccounts.amount`, where the first one represents the desired amount of `pxETH`, and the second the amount of `ipxETH` that will be transferred from burner accounts. The amount of `ipxETH` is computed off-chain, so the scenario described in the issue above, where the `ipxETH` is worth more due to realizing rewards, is still possible. In such case, if the provided amount of `ipxETH` is worth more than the provided amount of `pxETH`, the `ipxETH` will be unwrapped to `apxETH`, but then not all `apxETH` will be used to redeem in a vault since the specified amount of `pxETH` is lower than the worth of given `apxETH`. As a result, the additional `apxETH` stays in the `Pirex` contract and is not utilized. To fix this problem, consider specifying only the desired `pxETH` amount as the input parameter. Then, using `previewWithdraw(...)`, compute the amount of `ipxETH` that needs to be transferred from burner accounts. Next, transfer `ipxETH` looping through burner accounts, checking their balances, and updating the remaining amount. Unwrap collected `ipxETH`, redeem, and burn `pxETH`.

**Update from Nethermind Security:** The issue has been fixed.

## 6.6 [Low] The logic to charge the deposit fee is missing

**File(s):** `InstitutionalPirexEthDepositLogic.sol`

**Description:** The `InstitutionalPirexEth` contract uses a set of fees that users will be charged when performing certain operations. The possible fee types declared in the `Fees` enum in the `DataTypes` library are: `Deposit`, `Redemption`, and `InstantRedemption`. The fee amounts are controlled with the `setFee(...)` and `setMaxFee(...)` functions. The problem present in the `InstitutionalPirexEth` contract is that the `Deposit` fee is not being charged on the deposit operations. Given the fact that the max value for the `Deposit` fee is being set in the `initialize(...)` function of the `InstitutionalPirexEth` contract, we assume that the value of this fee might change over time when the governance decides to change it with the `setFee(...)` function.

```

1  function initialize(...) public override initializer {
2      // ...
3      // @audit The max deposit fee is set but
4      // the fee is not charged in the protocol
5      maxFees[DataTypes.Fees.Deposit] = 200_000;
6      maxFees[DataTypes.Fees.Redemption] = 200_000;
7      maxFees[DataTypes.Fees.InstantRedemption] = 200_000;
8      // ...
9  }
```

The effect of such change will have no effect since the logic to charge the deposit fee is missing in the `deposit(...)` flow.

```

1  // @audit assets is msg.value sent by the Investor.
2  function executeDeposit(..., uint256 assets, ...)
3      external returns (uint256 amount) {
4      // ...
5
6      // @audit Mint assets amount of pxETH to address(this).
7      InstitutionalPirexEthConfigurationLogic.mintPxEth(...);
8
9      // @audit Deposit all pxETH into the vault and receive apxETH vault shares.
10     uint256 apxEthShares =
11         pirexEthValidatorContracts.autoPxEth.deposit(...);
12
13     // @audit Wrap vault shares into ipxETH and transfer to the receiver.
14     // The logic for taking a deposit fee in ipxETH is missing.
15     // The receiver will receive everything.
16     pirexEthValidatorContracts.institutionalPxEth.wrap(
17         receiver, apxEthShares
18     );
19
20     // @audit Proceed with the deposit.
21     addPendingDeposit(...);
22
23     // @audit The investor did not pay the deposit fee.
24     emit Deposit(msg.sender, receiver, assets, apxEthShares);
25
26     // ...
27 }
```

**Recommendation(s):** Even if it is a conscious design decision not to charge the institutional clients with a deposit fee, consider either adding logic to charge the fee and set its value explicitly to 0 or removing the redundant logic regarding the Deposit fee.

**Status:** Acknowledged

**Update from the client:** Removed redundant logic regarding the Deposit fee

**Update from Nethermind Security:** The `maxFees[DataTypes.Fees.Deposit]` was removed from the `initialize(...)` function, but the `Deposit` fee type is still present in the `Fees` enum. It is still possible to set the `Deposit` fee even though it is not being used.

## 6.7 [Low] Users are not able to withdraw under certain conditions

**File(s):** [InstitutionalPirexEth.sol](#)

**Description:** Users that deposit ETH in the `InstitutionalPirexEth` contract in exchange for the `ipxEth` token should be able to exchange it back to the ETH. This exchange can be instant or with a delay that requires holding the `iupxEth` token while the validator is waiting in the exit queue. However, under some circumstances, users won't be able to withdraw ETH for the `ipxEth`. Below, we list those situations:

- The contract may pause deposits by setting `depositEtherPaused == PAUSED`. In such a state, the users may deposit ETH to receive `ipxEth`, but new validators are not activated. If there are no currently running validators, users can deposit ETH, but the amount of withdrawn ETH is only up to a buffer size. The withdrawal of the rest of ETH requires spinning down the validators, which were not activated in the first place, and therefore, the ETH can't be withdrawn;
- There is an edge case where the `initializedValidators` queue is empty, and only one active validator gets slashed. In this case, after the keeper calls `slashValidator(...)`, the amount of ETH is kept in the `pendingDeposit`, but the new validator is not activated because there are no validators in the `initializedValidators` queue. This leads to a state where investors hold the `ipxEth` token, but it can't be exchanged for ETH (except the buffer amount);

**Recommendation(s):** Consider documenting cases where the user cannot withdraw ETH. Alternatively, consider allowing investors to withdraw ETH in presented cases. This can be done by providing changes, which may include:

- Allowing investors to instantly redeem `ipxEth` using the ETH registered in `pendingDeposit` during the deposit pause;
- In the described slashing scenario, allowing investors to redeem `ipxEth` without registering and activating a new validator, if there are no validators in the `initializedValidators` queue;

**Status:** Acknowledged

**Update from the client:** The theme Ethereum proof of stake is mirrored in Monarch's institutional liquid staking protocol, which means the user deposits must face the validator life cycle. Moreover, the depositors who actually deposited during the state where the initialized validator queue is empty might not be able to take advantage of withdrawing ETH from `pendingDeposit` due to race conditions. We can have the governance role to pause user deposits by setting `pirexEthValidatorVars.paused = PAUSED` if planning to discontinue this protocol or in case of initialized validator staking queue to be empty.

## 6.8 [Info] Burner accounts are not ensured to hold ipxEth

**File(s):** [InstitutionalPirexEth.sol](#)

**Description:** The burner accounts are special addresses that hold `ipxEth` tokens, which can be burned when using buffer funds. However, the contract does not ensure that those accounts hold any `ipxEth` tokens, increasing the size of a buffer.

**Recommendation(s):** Consider ensuring that burner accounts hold enough `ipxEth` during buffer updates.

**Status:** Acknowledged

**Update from the client:** Decided to keep it as is. The burner accounts holding `ipxEth` are for compensating any ETH used from buffer during `topUpStake(...)` or `slashValidator(...)`. However, the governance might also supply the required ETH from, say, multi-sig treasury, thereby not using from the buffer.

## 6.9 [Info] Cost of execution of the deposit(...) call is not constant

**File(s):** [InstitutionalPirexEth.sol](#)

**Description:** The investors calling the `deposit(...)` function would pay different amounts of gas depending on the collected pending deposit. If the value in `pendingDeposit` is high enough, after minting `ipxEth` to the investor, the `while` loop in the `InstitutionalPirexEth-DepositLogic.deposit(...)` function will be executed. This would involve costly actions such as modifying the contract's storage, calling the `DepositContract`, and minting an additional amount of `ipxEth` for pre-deposit. This disincentivizes the investors to make large deposits, which would result in executing the actions in the `while` loop once or multiple times. Instead, the small deposits that won't trigger additional actions are incentivized.

**Recommendation(s):** Consider modifying deposit logic, so that it does not penalise large deposits. This can be done by introducing optional validator activation during deposit. Alternatively, the activation of validators may be done exclusively by keepers.

**Status:** Fixed

**Update from the client:** Added an argument `_allowBeaconDeposit` to `deposit(...)` where deposit can opt-in to stake validator.



## 6.10 [Info] Implementation contracts contain real data

**File(s):** [InstitutionalPirexEth.sol](#), [InstitutionalPirexEthValidators.sol](#), [RewardRecipientGateway.sol](#)

**Description:** At the construction time, the implementation contracts set immutable variables, which include addresses of crucial contracts for the Monarch protocol. However, storing important data in the implementation contract cause a confusion of users and integrators and lead to using implementation contract instead of proxy.

**Recommendation(s):** Consider leaving the data in the implementation contract empty and setting them only for the proxy contract.

**Status:** Acknowledged

**Update from the client:** Decided to keep as is.

## 6.11 [Info] Lower boundary on the maxBufferSizePct is missing

**File(s):** [InstitutionalPirexEthConfigurationLogic.sol](#)

**Description:** The Monarch protocol employs the buffer, a part of Ether that is set aside and not used in the staking process. The buffer provides liquidity for instant redeems but can also be used by the Keeper to compensate for the Ether lost due to slashing or inactivity leaks. The `setMaxBufferSizePct(...)` function is used to control the buffer size as a percentage of total Ether deposited into the protocol. The problem with this function is that it does not constrain the lower boundary of the new buffer percentage. Therefore, it is possible for the Governance to set the buffer to zero percent either by accident or due to a governance attack. In such a scenario, there would be no instant liquidity available for institutional clients to exit the investment without waiting for the spin-down of the validators. With no buffer, it wouldn't also be possible to use burner accounts for critical operations such as slashing and top-ups.

**Recommendation(s):** Consider setting a reasonable lower bound for the new maximum buffer size percentage to eliminate the above-mentioned risks.

**Status:** Acknowledged

**Update from the client:** Decided to keep it as is. `topUpStake(...)` and `slashValidator(...)` do have an option where it can be supplied with external ETH.

## 6.12 [Info] Pre-deposit amount should be bounded

**File(s):** [InstitutionalPirexEth.sol](#)

**Description:** The pre-deposit amount is not bound to any maximum value. However, if the pre-deposit is high, due to the [hysteresis](#) added to the calculation of the effective validator balance, there is an [edge case](#) which can keep validator inactive even though the full amount of 32 ETH was sent. In effect, if the pre-deposit would be 31 ETH and the remaining 1 ETH would be provided through the Monarch contracts, the validator wouldn't be considered active, even with the provided full 32 ETH, and would require additional funds to activate.

**Recommendation(s):** Consider limiting the amount of pre-deposit to avoid the presented scenario.

**Status:** Acknowledged

**Update from the client:** Decided to keep as is. The workaround will be to call `topUp(...)` if such an edge case happens.

## 6.13 [Info] The Ether surplus from the max buffer decrease could be used for staking

**File(s):** [InstitutionalPirexEthValidators.sol](#)

**Description:** The Governance uses the `setMaxBufferSizePct(...)` function to set the maximum percentage the buffer can constitute of the whole Ether deposit. The acceptable values range from 0 to 100 percent. Only the `maxBufferSizePct` and `maxBufferSize` change when updating the maximum buffer. The current buffer remains the same.

```

1  function executeSetMaxBufferSizePct(
2      DataTypes.PirexEthValidatorVars storage pirexEthValidatorVars,
3      DataTypes.PirexEthValidatorContracts storage pirexEthValidatorContracts,
4      uint256 pct
5  ) external {
6      InstitutionalPirexEthValidationLogic.validateSetMaxBufferSizePct(pct);
7      // ...
8      // @audit Max buffer percentage and value get updated, but the current buffer is not.
9      pirexEthValidatorVars.maxBufferSizePct = pct;
10     pirexEthValidatorVars.maxBufferSize = (
11         pirexEthValidatorContracts.pxEth.totalSupply() * pct
12     ) / Constants.DENOMINATOR;
13 }

```

When the new max buffer percentage is set to a lower value than before, the max buffer will be updated, but the buffer itself will remain above the new maximum. This situation is not problematic since the buffer can still be utilized as usual. However, the excess of the current buffer over the new maximum could be used to spin up new validators and generate a higher yield for the protocol's users. Not utilizing this surplus of Ether means that possible earnings are lost.

**Recommendation(s):** The described issue poses no security risk, but the current behavior might result in an unexpected yield loss. Therefore, the client may want to use that Ether to increase the amount of staking funds. However, note that such an operation would decrease the buffer that acts as a security fund for important cases.

**Status:** Fixed

**Update from the client:** We have refactored `InstitutionalPirexEth.setMaxBufferSizePct(...)` so that any excess buffer upon decrease in `maxBufferSize` can be transferred to `pendingDeposit` and hence used for staking new validators. Moreover, the update to `pendingDeposit`, `buffer` and `maxBufferSize` is made system wide upon change in `pxEth totalSupply` (mint and burn).

## 6.14 [Info] The implementation contract AutoPxEth can't be used for both retail and institutional versions

**File(s):** [AutoPxEth.sol](#)

**Description:** The AutoPxEth contract is an implementation contract that will be used in a proxy. During a contract construction time, the immutable variable `redirectEnabled` is set. It specifies if, during the transfer of the `apxEth` tokens (vault shares), the `PirexEth` contract should be called.

```

1  function transfer(
2      address to,
3      uint256 amount
4  ) public override(ERC20Upgradeable, IERC20) returns (bool) {
5      super.transfer(to, amount);
6
7      if (redirectEnabled && to == address(pirexEth)) {
8          pirexEth.initiateRedemption(amount, msg.sender, false);
9      }
10
11     return true;
12 }

```

Such design suggests, that this contract will be used as the implementation for the retail and institution vaults. However, because the immutable variable `redirectEnabled` is set at the construction time, this value can't be set up differently for different proxies. This leads to the conclusion that the AutoPxEth contract can't be used for both retail and institutional vault proxies, and two separate implementations are needed. Note that in this case, the variable `redirectEnabled` is unnecessary for both versions, as well as the modifications to the `transfer(...)` and `transferFrom(...)` for the institutional version.

**Recommendation(s):** Consider setting the value `redirectEnabled` during the initialization of the proxy contract to reuse the AutoPxEth implementation contract. Alternatively, separate implementation contracts for retail and institutions. The latter can be created without the redundant code, as proposed above.

**Status:** Acknowledged

**Update from the client:** Different AutoPxEth is being used for Retail and Institution already.

## 6.15 [Info] executeEmergencyWithdraw(...) will revert due to overflow for some values

**File(s):** [InstitutionalPirexEth.sol](#)

**Description:** The `emergencyWithdrawal(...)` does the following subtraction:

```

1  uint256 remainingBalance = address(this).balance -
2      amount -
3      pirexEthValidatorVars.outstandingRedemptions;

```

This may result in overflow since the input parameter `amount` may be higher than `address(this).balance` minus `pirexEthValidatorVars.outstandingRedemptions`. The resulting error won't be informative which can be especially important in case of emergency.

**Recommendation(s):** Consider ensuring that the input parameter `amount` is higher or equal to `address(this).balance` - `pirexEthValidatorVars.outstandingRedemptions` to mitigate the possible overflow.

**Status:** Fixed

**Update from the client:** This would become irrelevant as now emergency withdraw would withdraw all of the ETH held in InstitutionalPirexEth contract.



## 6.16 [Info] iupxETH holders may wait 36 days until withdrawal in case of slashing

**File(s):** InstitutionalPirexEth.sol

**Description:** The investors can call `initiateRedemption(...)` to initiate the process of the validator voluntary exit and receive `iupxETH` tokens. The investors may expect the validator to exit after about 28 hours, and their `iupxETH` tokens will be redeemable for Ether. However, while the validator waits for the exit, it can still be slashed, and the waiting period would change from 28 hours to 36 days since this is the time that the validator waits after it gets slashed. This significant time difference can affect institutional investors' processes and procedures. This particular scenario is not currently described in the documentation for the Pirex retail, which may leave some users unaware of this possible scenario.

**Recommendation(s):** Consider clearly documenting that such a scenario is possible and the predicted behavior of the Monarch platform to ensure that institutional investors are aware of and understand that mechanism.

**Status:** Fixed

**Update from the client:** Added documentation to `bulkRedeemWithIUpxEth(...)` as well `redeemWithIUpxEth(...)` for the delay in `iupxEth` during validator slashing while exiting

## 6.17 [Best Practice] Using \_\_\_\_\_gap

**File(s):** AutoPxEthStorage.sol, InstitutionPirexEthStorage.sol

**Description:** The contracts `AutoPxEthStorage` and `InstitutionPxEthStorage` introduce `_____gap`, which allows for allocating storage space that can be utilized with new variables during upgrades of inherited contracts without shifting down the storage. However, below we list some best practices that can be applied for the `_____gap`:

- the size of a gap should sum with the number of already allocated storage slots to a round number (e.g., 50). Consider this [OZ ERC20 contract](#);
- gap can be used as the first variable in a contract to allow for the safe inheriting of new contracts;

**Recommendation(s):** Consider applying listed best practices for the \_\_\_\_\_ gap.

**Status:** Fixed

**Update from the client:** Added \_\_\_\_\_gap as the first variable of the storage layout.

**Update from Nethermind Security:** The issue is fixed. To make future upgrades easier to perform, consider keeping the number of taken storage slots to an even number. For example, contract A defines three state variables, so the `_____gap` could use 47 slots (`_____gap[47]`). This way, the count of all state variables sums up to an even number of 50. Future addition of 1 new state variable would simply require decreasing the gap slots by one from 47 to 46 (`_____gap[46]`).

## 6.18 [Best Practice] Using `address(0)` for ETH

**File(s):** InstitutionalPirexEthWithdrawLogic.sol

**Description:** In the `executeEmergencyWithdraw(...)` function the ETH is defined as `address(0)`. This may lead to accidental pointing to ETH where, in fact, the token address parameter was missed during the function call.

**Recommendation(s):** Consider using the non-zero special address to identify ETH. A popular choice is address(0xEeeeeEeeeEeEeeEeEeEeeFFeEeeEeeeeEeeEeeEeE).

**Status:** Fixed

**Update from the client:** Using 0xEeeeeEeeeEeEeeEeEeEeEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE to represent ETH.

## 7 Documentation Evaluation

Software documentation refers to the written or visual information that describes the functionality, architecture, design, and implementation of software. It provides a comprehensive overview of the software system and helps users, developers, and stakeholders understand how the software works, how to use it, and how to maintain it. Software documentation can take different forms, such as user manuals, system manuals, technical specifications, requirements documents, design documents, and code comments. Software documentation is critical in software development, enabling effective communication between developers, testers, users, and other stakeholders. It helps to ensure that everyone involved in the development process has a shared understanding of the software system and its functionality. Moreover, software documentation can improve software maintenance by providing a clear and complete understanding of the software system, making it easier for developers to maintain, modify, and update the software over time. Smart contracts can use various types of software documentation. Some of the most common types include:

- **Technical whitepaper:** A technical whitepaper is a comprehensive document describing the smart contract's design and technical details. It includes information about the purpose of the contract, its architecture, its components, and how they interact with each other;
- **User manual:** A user manual is a document that provides information about how to use the smart contract. It includes step-by-step instructions on how to perform various tasks and explains the different features and functionalities of the contract;
- **Code documentation:** Code documentation is a document that provides details about the code of the smart contract. It includes information about the functions, variables, and classes used in the code, as well as explanations of how they work;
- **API documentation:** API documentation is a document that provides information about the API (Application Programming Interface) of the smart contract. It includes details about the methods, parameters, and responses that can be used to interact with the contract;
- **Testing documentation:** Testing documentation is a document that provides information about how the smart contract was tested. It includes details about the test cases that were used, the results of the tests, and any issues that were identified during testing;
- **Audit documentation:** Audit documentation includes reports, notes, and other materials related to the security audit of the smart contract. This type of documentation is critical in ensuring that the smart contract is secure and free from vulnerabilities.

These types of documentation are essential for smart contract development and maintenance. They help ensure that the contract is properly designed, implemented, and tested, and they provide a reference for developers who need to modify or maintain the contract in the future.

### Remarks about the Monarch documentation

**The documentation for the Monarch is contained on the Dinero website.** It refers to the retail version, which is similar to the audited project in general.

**The team answered every question during meetings or through messages,** which gave the auditing team a lot of insight and a deep understanding of the technical aspects of the project

**Code comments are also of high quality,** with explanations for every function describing the purpose, context, and situations where the function will be called. Other than functions, some comments exist in other areas of the code where extra information is necessary, allowing readers to understand the codebase at a faster pace.

## 8 Test Suite Evaluation

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forge test
[] Compiling...
[] Compiling 155 files with 0.8.25
[] Solc 0.8.25 finished in 32.97s
Compiler run successful with warnings:
Warning (3420): Source file does not specify required compiler version! Consider adding "pragma solidity ^0.8.25;"
--> test/ZapCurveIpxEthStEth.t.sol

Warning (3420): Source file does not specify required compiler version! Consider adding "pragma solidity ^0.8.25;"
--> test/ZapEigenLayerIpxEth.t.sol

Warning (2519): This declaration shadows an existing declaration.
--> src/scripts/InstitutionalDeploy.s.sol:292:9:
|
|          address _institutionalPirexEth,
|          ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
Note: The shadowed declaration is here:
--> src/scripts/InstitutionalDeploy.s.sol:40:5:
|
|      InstitutionalPirexEth _institutionalPirexEth;
|      ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
Warning (2519): This declaration shadows an existing declaration.
--> src/scripts/InstitutionalDeploy.s.sol:294:9:
|
|          address _institutionalApxEth,
|          ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
Note: The shadowed declaration is here:
--> src/scripts/InstitutionalDeploy.s.sol:38:5:
|
|      AutoPxEth _institutionalApxEth;
|      ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
Warning (2519): This declaration shadows an existing declaration.
--> src/scripts/InstitutionalDeploy.s.sol:347:9:
|
|          address _institutionalApxEth
|          ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
Note: The shadowed declaration is here:
--> src/scripts/InstitutionalDeploy.s.sol:38:5:
|
|      AutoPxEth _institutionalApxEth;
|      ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
Warning (2018): Function state mutability can be restricted to view
--> test/AutoPxEth.t.sol:288:5:
|
|      function testAssetsPerShare() external {
|      ^ (Relevant source part starts here and spans across multiple lines).
Warning (2018): Function state mutability can be restricted to view
--> test/UpxEth.t.sol:57:5:
|
|      function testSupportInterface() external {
|      ^ (Relevant source part starts here and spans across multiple lines).

Ran 3 tests for test/UpxEth.t.sol:UpxEthTest
[PASS] testBurnBatch() (gas: 90406)
[PASS] testMintBatch() (gas: 73659)
[PASS] testSupportInterface() (gas: 9356)
Suite result: ok. 3 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 13.91ms (1.04ms CPU time)
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Ran 7 tests for test/OracleAdapter.t.sol:OracleAdapterTest
[PASS] testCannotDissolveValidatorUnauthorised() (gas: 12437)
[PASS] testCannotSetContractUnauthorized() (gas: 15654)
[PASS] testCannotSetContractUnrecognised() (gas: 10456)
[PASS] testCannotSetContractZeroAddress() (gas: 8863)
[PASS] testRequestVoluntaryExitUnauthorised() (gas: 11492)
[PASS] testSetContract() (gas: 23811)
[PASS] testVountaryExit(bytes) (runs: 101, : 20884, ~: 20558)
Suite result: ok. 7 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 28.80ms (15.64ms CPU time)

Ran 9 tests for test/PxEth.t.sol:PxEthTest
[PASS] testBurn(uint224) (runs: 101, : 93853, ~: 93874)
[PASS] testCannotBurnNoBurnerRole() (gas: 12018)
[PASS] testCannotBurnZeroAddress() (gas: 37092)
[PASS] testCannotBurnZeroAmount() (gas: 37029)
[PASS] testCannotMintNoMinterRole() (gas: 12029)
[PASS] testCannotMintZeroAddress() (gas: 36949)
[PASS] testCannotMintZeroAmount() (gas: 37084)
[PASS] testCannotOperatorApproveZeroAddress() (gas: 38918)
[PASS] testMint(uint224) (runs: 101, : 90662, ~: 90662)
Suite result: ok. 9 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 42.37ms (28.39ms CPU time)

Ran 22 tests for test/AutoPxEth.t.sol:AutoPxEthTest
[PASS] testAssetsPerShare() (gas: 30621)
[PASS] testBeforeWithdrawAssetsGreaterThanOrEqualToTotalStaked() (gas: 319558)
[PASS] testCannotSetPirexEthUnauthorised() (gas: 34310)
[PASS] testCannotSetPirexEthZeroAddress() (gas: 13666)
[PASS] testCannotSetPlatformFeeUnauthorised() (gas: 34254)
[PASS] testCannotSetPlatformUnauthorised() (gas: 34318)
[PASS] testCannotSetPlatformZeroAddress() (gas: 13709)
[PASS] testCannotSetSetPlatformFeeGreaterThanMaxPlatformFee() (gas: 13539)
[PASS] testCannotSetWithdrawPenaltyGreaterThanMaxWithdrawalPenalty() (gas: 13604)
[PASS] testCannotSetWithdrawalPenaltyUnauthorised() (gas: 34340)
[PASS] testDeposit(uint96) (runs: 100, : 179660, ~: 179660)
[PASS] testDepositWithPendingRewards(uint96,uint96,uint32) (runs: 100, : 249188, ~: 249188)
[PASS] testPreviewWithdraw() (gas: 140032)
[PASS] testRevertNotifyRewardAmountUnathorised() (gas: 32692)
[PASS] testRevertNotifyRewardAmountnoRewards() (gas: 46616)
[PASS] testSetPirexEth() (gas: 19840)
[PASS] testSetPlatform() (gas: 22722)
[PASS] testSetPlatformFee() (gas: 22295)
[PASS] testSetWithdrawalPenalty() (gas: 22413)
[PASS] testTransfer() (gas: 155379)
[PASS] testTransferFrom() (gas: 177117)
[PASS] testVaultHarvest(uint96,uint32) (runs: 100, : 251084, ~: 251007)
Suite result: ok. 22 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 200.40ms (185.51ms CPU time)

Ran 4 tests for test/PirexFees.t.sol:PirexFeesTest
[PASS] testCannotSetRecipientNotAuthorized() (gas: 11609)
[PASS] testCannotSetRecipientZeroAddress() (gas: 8473)
[PASS] testDistributeFees(uint96) (runs: 101, : 169707, ~: 169707)
[PASS] testSetRecipient() (gas: 19123)
Suite result: ok. 4 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 25.19ms (19.23ms CPU time)

Ran 29 tests for test/ValidatorQueue.t.sol:ValidatorQueueTest
[PASS] testAddInitializedValidators() (gas: 4945431)
[PASS] testCannotAddInitializedValidatorsDepositEtherUnpaused() (gas: 21490)
[PASS] testCannotAddInitializedValidatorsUnauthorized() (gas: 35868)
[PASS] testCannotAddUsedInitializedValidators() (gas: 707810)
[PASS] testCannotClearInitializedValidatorsDepositEtherUnpaused() (gas: 8488)
[PASS] testCannotClearInitializedValidatorsUnauthorized() (gas: 22927)
[PASS] testCannotGetNextValidatorQueueEmpty() (gas: 20964)
[PASS] testCannotPopInitializedValidatorOutOfBounds(uint256) (runs: 101, : 5008740, ~: 5069553)
[PASS] testCannotPopInitializedValidatorsDepositEtherUnpaused() (gas: 8493)
[PASS] testCannotPopInitializedValidatorsUnauthorized() (gas: 22994)
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[PASS] testCannotPopValidatorQueueEmpty() (gas: 11501)
[PASS] testCannotRemoveInitializedMismatchValidators(uint256,bool) (runs: 101, : 5227093, ~: 5227097)
[PASS] testCannotRemoveInitializedValidatorsDepositEtherUnpaused() (gas: 9359)
[PASS] testCannotRemoveInitializedValidatorsUnauthorized() (gas: 23760)
[PASS] testCannotRemoveOrderedOutOfBounds() (gas: 10961)
[PASS] testCannotRemoveUnorderedOutOfBounds() (gas: 11102)
[PASS] testCannotSwapInitializedValidatorsDepositingEtherUnpaused() (gas: 8632)
[PASS] testCannotSwapInitializedValidatorsInvalidIndex() (gas: 19353)
[PASS] testCannotSwapInitializedValidatorsUnauthorized() (gas: 23111)
[PASS] testCannotSwapOutOfBounds() (gas: 455113)
[PASS] testCannotSwapValidatorQueueEmpty() (gas: 8600)
[PASS] testClearInitializedValidator() (gas: 5217295)
[PASS] testGetInitializedValidatorAt(uint8) (runs: 101, : 5241650, ~: 5241650)
[PASS] testGetInitializedValidatorCount() (gas: 5226350)
[PASS] testGetStakingValidatorAt(uint8) (runs: 101, : 8539785, ~: 8539785)
[PASS] testPopInitializedValidator(uint256) (runs: 101, : 5287872, ~: 5218495)
[PASS] testRemoveInitializedValidator(uint256,bool) (runs: 101, : 5141683, ~: 5164944)
[PASS] testStakingValidatorCount(uint8) (runs: 101, : 6005489, ~: 5727418)
[PASS] testSwapInitializedValidator(uint256,uint256) (runs: 100, : 5288626, ~: 5288626)
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Suite result: ok. 29 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 33.84s (28.73s CPU time)

Ran 8 tests for test/RewardRecipientGateway.t.sol:RewardRecipientGatewayTest

```
[PASS] testCannotDissolveValidatorUnauthorised() (gas: 17653)
[PASS] testCannotHarvestUnauthorised() (gas: 17038)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorNoEthAllowed() (gas: 22256)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorUnauthorised() (gas: 18429)
[PASS] testDissolveValidator(uint96,bool) (runs: 100, : 6727924, ~: 6164673)
[PASS] testHarvest(uint96,uint96,uint96,uint8,uint96) (runs: 100, : 828622, ~: 930586)
[PASS] testReceiveEther() (gas: 18113)
[PASS] testSlashValidator(uint96,uint96,bool,bool,bool) (runs: 101, : 9294854, ~: 8742265)
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Suite result: ok. 8 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 61.44s (27.54s CPU time)

Ran 9 tests for test/RewardRecipient.t.sol:RewardRecipientTest

```
[PASS] testCannotDissolveValidatorUnauthorised() (gas: 11604)
[PASS] testCannotHarvestUnauthorised() (gas: 11974)
[PASS] testCannotSetContractUnauthorized() (gas: 15575)
[PASS] testCannotSetContractUnrecognised() (gas: 10550)
[PASS] testCannotSetContractZeroAddress() (gas: 8979)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorNoEthAllowed() (gas: 17169)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorUnauthorised() (gas: 13288)
[PASS] testReceiveEther() (gas: 13217)
[PASS] testSetContract() (gas: 23737)
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Suite result: ok. 9 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 61.44s (490.79µs CPU time)

Ran 101 tests for test/InstitutionalPirexEth.t.sol:InstitutionalPirexEthTest

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[PASS] testBulkRedeemWithIUpxEth(uint96,uint32,bool) (runs: 100, : 7340353, ~: 6651385)
[PASS] testCannotBulkRedeemWithIUpxEthEmptyArray() (gas: 29074)
[PASS] testCannotBulkRedeemWithIUpxEthMismatchArrayLength() (gas: 29072)
[PASS] testCannotBulkRedeemWithIUpxEthNotDissolved() (gas: 35449)
[PASS] testCannotBulkRedeemWithIUpxEthPaused() (gas: 25945)
[PASS] testCannotBulkRedeemWithIUpxEthZeroAddress() (gas: 30715)
[PASS] testCannotBulkRedeemWithIUpxEthZeroAmount() (gas: 30636)
[FAIL. Reason: call did not revert as expected] testCannotDepositIncorrectValidatorParam() (gas: 1018422)
[PASS] testCannotDepositPaused() (gas: 31186)
[PASS] testCannotDepositPrivilegedDepositEtherPaused() (gas: 38247)
[PASS] testCannotDepositPrivilegedUnauthorized() (gas: 26392)
[PASS] testCannotDepositReusePubKeyForInitializedValidator() (gas: 1264362)
[PASS] testCannotDepositUnauthorised() (gas: 24347)
[PASS] testCannotDepositZeroAddress() (gas: 36330)
[PASS] testCannotDepositZeroAmount() (gas: 27786)
[PASS] testCannotDissolveValidatorInvalidAmount() (gas: 263481)
[PASS] testCannotDissolveValidatorNotWithdrawable() (gas: 265920)
[PASS] testCannotDissolveValidatorUnauthorized() (gas: 225455)
[PASS] testCannotEmergencyWithdrawDepositEtherNotPaused() (gas: 16781)
[PASS] testCannotEmergencyWithdrawInvalidToken() (gas: 41961)
[PASS] testCannotEmergencyWithdrawNotPaused() (gas: 32888)
[PASS] testCannotEmergencyWithdrawUnauthorised() (gas: 22223)
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[PASS] testCannotEmergencyWithdrawZeroAddress() (gas: 41903)
[PASS] testCannotEmergencyWithdrawZeroAmount() (gas: 41947)
[PASS] testCannotHarvestUnauthorized() (gas: 13526)
[PASS] testCannotInitiateRedemptionNotEnoughValidators() (gas: 9929323)
[PASS] testCannotInitiateRedemptionNoPartialInitiateRedemption() (gas: 11735066)
[PASS] testCannotInitiateRedemptionNoValidatorExit() (gas: 5801172)
[PASS] testCannotInitiateRedemptionPaused() (gas: 24762)
[PASS] testCannotInitiateRedemptionZeroAddress() (gas: 26184)
[PASS] testCannotInitiateRedemptionZeroAmount() (gas: 26148)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithIPxEthBuffer() (gas: 489870)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithIPxEthPaused() (gas: 24686)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithIPxEthTransferFailure() (gas: 390535)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithIPxEthZeroAddress() (gas: 25523)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithIPxEthZeroAmount() (gas: 25486)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithIUpxEthEthTransferFailed() (gas: 5910993)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithIUpxEthNotDissolved() (gas: 30308)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithIUpxEthNotEnoughETH() (gas: 5895835)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithIUpxEthPaused() (gas: 24718)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithIUpxEthZeroAddress() (gas: 25573)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithIUpxEthZeroAmount() (gas: 25580)
[PASS] testCannotRemoveInitializedMismatchValidators(uint256,bool) (runs: 101, : 5348986, ~: 5348989)
[PASS] testCannotSetContractUnauthorized() (gas: 47843)
[PASS] testCannotSetContractUnrecognised() (gas: 22597)
[PASS] testCannotSetContractZeroAddress() (gas: 20854)
[PASS] testCannotSetFeeGreaterThanDenominator(uint8) (runs: 101, : 23776, ~: 23776)
[PASS] testCannotSetFeeInvalidFee(uint8) (runs: 101, : 25340, ~: 25340)
[PASS] testCannotSetFeeInvalidMaxFee(uint8) (runs: 101, : 53073, ~: 53073)
[PASS] testCannotSetFeeUnauthorized() (gas: 21611)
[PASS] testCannotSetMaxBufferPctExceedsMax() (gas: 22357)
[PASS] testCannotSetMaxBufferPctUnauthorized() (gas: 21504)
[PASS] testCannotSetMaxFeeUnauthorized(uint8) (runs: 101, : 22152, ~: 22152)
[PASS] testCannotSetMaxProcessedValidatorCountInvalidValue() (gas: 20063)
[PASS] testCannotSetMaxProcessedValidatorCountUnauthorized() (gas: 21375)
[PASS] testCannotSlashMismatchValidator(uint96,uint96,bool,bool) (runs: 101, : 9809181, ~: 9809183)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorAccountNotApproved(uint96,uint96,bool) (runs: 101, : 9855368, ~: 9855370)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorInvalidAmount(uint96,uint96,bool) (runs: 101, : 9816586, ~: 9816588)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorNotEnoughBuffer(uint96,uint96,bool) (runs: 101, : 9858653, ~: 9858657)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorStatusNotWithdrawableOrStaking(uint96,uint96,bool) (runs: 101, : 5382984, ~: 5382984)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorSumMismatch(uint96,uint96,bool) (runs: 101, : 9858628, ~: 9858630)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorUnauthorized() (gas: 22743)
[PASS] testCannotToggleBurnerAccountsUnauthorised() (gas: 24334)
[PASS] testCannotToggleDepositEtherUnauthorized() (gas: 21247)
[PASS] testCannotTogglePauseStateUnauthorized() (gas: 21294)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeAccountNotApproved(uint8,uint96) (runs: 101, : 9080323, ~: 9183748)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeInvalidParams() (gas: 5807911)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeNoEth(uint8,uint96) (runs: 101, : 8812322, ~: 9081147)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeNoEthAllowed(uint8,uint96) (runs: 101, : 9077323, ~: 9185909)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeNotEnoughBuffer(uint8,uint96) (runs: 101, : 9091643, ~: 9448312)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeSumMismatch(uint8,uint8,uint96) (runs: 100, : 9075544, ~: 9206257)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeUnauthorized() (gas: 38470)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeValidatorNotStaking() (gas: 42478)
[PASS] testClearInitializedValidator() (gas: 5341104)
[PASS] testDeposit(uint96,uint32) (runs: 100, : 445971, ~: 456111)
[PASS] testDepositPaused() (gas: 27373)
[PASS] testDepositPrivileged(uint96) (runs: 101, : 5662200, ~: 5662200)
[PASS] testDepositWithBufferNoFee(uint96,uint96) (runs: 100, : 5724262, ~: 5725077)
[PASS] testDissolveValidator(uint96) (runs: 100, : 6817879, ~: 6358302)
[PASS] testEmergencyWithdraw(uint96) (runs: 101, : 2078459, ~: 2078459)
[PASS] testHarvest(uint96,uint96,uint96,uint96) (runs: 100, : 8105044, ~: 9990855)
[PASS] testInitiateRedemptionByIPxEth(uint96,uint32,bool) (runs: 100, : 7217024, ~: 6451134)
[PASS] testInstantRedeemWithIPxEth(uint96,uint8,uint32,uint32) (runs: 100, : 641180, ~: 655424)
[PASS] testPopInitializedValidator(uint256) (runs: 101, : 5435280, ~: 5361801)
[PASS] testRedeemWithIUpxEth(uint96,uint32,bool) (runs: 100, : 7165896, ~: 6434709)
[PASS] testRemoveInitializedValidator(uint256,bool) (runs: 101, : 5262587, ~: 5230871)
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[PASS] testRevertEmergencyWithdrawEthTransferFailure() (gas: 72883)
[PASS] testSetContract() (gas: 184251)
[PASS] testSetFee(uint8,uint32) (runs: 100, : 46840, ~: 51019)
[PASS] testSetMaxBufferSizePct(uint256) (runs: 101, : 91800, ~: 93574)
[PASS] testSetMaxFee(uint8,uint32) (runs: 100, : 33481, ~: 34441)
[PASS] testSetMaxProcessedValidatorCount(uint8) (runs: 101, : 58768, ~: 58768)
[PASS] testSlashValidator(uint96,uint96,bool,bool) (runs: 101, : 10066619, ~: 10138476)
[PASS] testSlashValidatorWhenExiting(uint96,bool,bool) (runs: 101, : 10278842, ~: 10371128)
[PASS] testSwapInitializedValidator(uint256,uint256) (runs: 100, : 5413728, ~: 5413728)
[PASS] testToggleBurnerAccounts() (gas: 42053)
[PASS] testTogglePauseDepositEther() (gas: 64053)
[PASS] testTogglePauseState() (gas: 27353)
[FAIL. Reason: EvmError: Revert; counterexample: calldata=0xb97902a8... args=[1, 50000 [5e4], false]]
  ↳ testTopUpStake(uint8,uint96,bool) (runs: 0, : 0, ~: 0)
[FAIL. Reason: EvmError: Revert] testValidatorSpinup() (gas: 418173)
[FAIL. Reason: EvmError: Revert; counterexample: calldata=0xa38860e1... args=[1]] testValidatorSpinupWithLimit(uint8)
  ↳ (runs: 0, : 0, ~: 0)
Suite result: FAILED. 97 passed; 4 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 61.44s (130.42s CPU time)

Ran 95 tests for test/PirexEth.t.sol:PirexEthTest
[PASS] testBulkRedeemWithUpxEth(uint96,uint32,bool) (runs: 100, : 6360936, ~: 5679232)
[PASS] testCannotBulkRedeemWithUpxEthNotDissolved() (gas: 20079)
[PASS] testCannotBulkRedeemWithUpxEthPaused() (gas: 17411)
[PASS] testCannotBulkRedeemWithUpxEthZeroAddress() (gas: 15397)
[PASS] testCannotBulkRedeemWithUpxEthZeroAmount() (gas: 15296)
[FAIL. Reason: call did not revert as expected] testCannotDepositIncorrectValidatorParam() (gas: 710579)
[PASS] testCannotDepositPaused() (gas: 22952)
[PASS] testCannotDepositPrivilegedDepositEtherPaused() (gas: 22994)
[PASS] testCannotDepositPrivilegedUnauthorized() (gas: 20736)
[PASS] testCannotDepositReusePubKeyForInitializedValidator() (gas: 759265)
[PASS] testCannotDepositZeroAddress() (gas: 22515)
[PASS] testCannotDepositZeroAmount() (gas: 13950)
[PASS] testCannotDissolveValidatorInvalidAmount() (gas: 241628)
[PASS] testCannotDissolveValidatorNotWithdrawable() (gas: 243860)
[PASS] testCannotDissolveValidatorUnauthorized() (gas: 220870)
[PASS] testCannotEmergencyWithdrawDepositEtherNotPaused() (gas: 11351)
[PASS] testCannotEmergencyWithdrawInvalidToken() (gas: 24717)
[PASS] testCannotEmergencyWithdrawNotPaused() (gas: 17152)
[PASS] testCannotEmergencyWithdrawUnauthorized() (gas: 16226)
[PASS] testCannotEmergencyWithdrawZeroAddress() (gas: 22544)
[PASS] testCannotEmergencyWithdrawZeroAmount() (gas: 22543)
[PASS] testCannotHarvestUnauthorized() (gas: 8583)
[PASS] testCannotInitiateRedemptionNotEnoughValidators() (gas: 8446651)
[PASS] testCannotInitiateRedemptionNoPartialInitiateRedemption() (gas: 8673441)
[PASS] testCannotInitiateRedemptionNoValidatorExit() (gas: 8445267)
[PASS] testCannotInitiateRedemptionPaused() (gas: 16269)
[PASS] testCannotInitiateRedemptionZeroAddress() (gas: 14051)
[PASS] testCannotInitiateRedemptionZeroAmount() (gas: 13993)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithPxEthBuffer() (gas: 132335)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithPxEthPaused() (gas: 16086)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithPxEthTransferFailure() (gas: 188266)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithPxEthZeroAddress() (gas: 13825)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithPxEthZeroAmount() (gas: 13832)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithUpxEthEthTransferFailed() (gas: 5466458)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithUpxEthNotDissolved() (gas: 18621)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithUpxEthNotEnoughETH() (gas: 5492771)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithUpxEthPaused() (gas: 16165)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithUpxEthZeroAddress() (gas: 13919)
[PASS] testCannotRedeemWithUpxEthZeroAmount() (gas: 13904)
[PASS] testCannotSetContractUnauthorized() (gas: 41730)
[PASS] testCannotSetContractUnrecognised() (gas: 10865)
[PASS] testCannotSetContractZeroAddress() (gas: 9167)
[PASS] testCannotSetFeeGreaterThanDenominator(uint8) (runs: 101, : 12088, ~: 12088)
[PASS] testCannotSetFeeInvalidFee(uint8) (runs: 101, : 13212, ~: 13212)
[PASS] testCannotSetFeeInvalidMaxFee(uint8) (runs: 101, : 38675, ~: 38675)
[PASS] testCannotSetFeeUnauthorized() (gas: 16035)
[PASS] testCannotSetMaxBufferSizePctExceedsMax() (gas: 11026)
[PASS] testCannotSetMaxBufferSizePctUnauthorized() (gas: 15842)
[PASS] testCannotSetMaxFeeUnauthorized(uint8) (runs: 101, : 16708, ~: 16708)
[PASS] testCannotSetMaxProcessedValidatorCountInvalidValue() (gas: 8860)
[PASS] testCannotSetMaxProcessedValidatorCountUnauthorized() (gas: 15823)
[PASS] testCannotSlashMismatchValidator(uint96,uint96,bool,bool) (runs: 101, : 8549278, ~: 8549281)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorAccountNotApproved(uint96,uint96,bool) (runs: 101, : 8592879, ~: 8592881)
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[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorInvalidAmount(uint96,uint96,bool) (runs: 101, : 8556312, ~: 8556312)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorNotEnoughBuffer(uint96,uint96,bool) (runs: 101, : 8594844, ~: 8594848)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorStatusNotWithdrawableOrStaking(uint96,uint96,bool) (runs: 101, : 5264965, ~: 5264965)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorSumMismatch(uint96,uint96,bool) (runs: 101, : 8594872, ~: 8594876)
[PASS] testCannotSlashValidatorUnauthorized() (gas: 17103)
[PASS] testCannotToggleBurnerAccountsUnauthorised() (gas: 18747)
[PASS] testCannotToggleDepositEtherUnauthorized() (gas: 15742)
[PASS] testCannotTogglePauseStateUnauthorized() (gas: 15745)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeAccountNotApproved(uint8,uint96) (runs: 101, : 7854963, ~: 7912146)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeInvalidParams() (gas: 5600855)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeNoEth(uint8,uint96) (runs: 101, : 7701501, ~: 7885219)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeNoEthAllowed(uint8,uint96) (runs: 101, : 7860656, ~: 8121926)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeNotEnoughBuffer(uint8,uint96) (runs: 101, : 7853897, ~: 7911073)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeSumMismatch(uint8,uint8,uint96) (runs: 100, : 7886044, ~: 8040746)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeUnauthorized() (gas: 32802)
[PASS] testCannotTopUpStakeValidatorNotStaking() (gas: 28186)
[PASS] testDeposit(uint96,uint32,bool,uint32) (runs: 100, : 319924, ~: 281438)
[PASS] testDepositPaused() (gas: 18237)
[PASS] testDepositPrivileged(uint96) (runs: 101, : 5364878, ~: 5362909)
[PASS] testDepositWithBufferNoFeeNoCompound(uint96,uint96) (runs: 100, : 5426095, ~: 5426514)
[PASS] testDissolveValidator(uint96) (runs: 100, : 6679227, ~: 5865730)
[PASS] testEmergencyWithdraw() (gas: 1550046)
[PASS] testHarvest(uint96,uint96,uint96,uint96) (runs: 100, : 7479172, ~: 8701025)
[PASS] testInitiateRedemptionByApxEthTransfer(uint96,uint32) (runs: 100, : 6948796, ~: 5837193)
[PASS] testInitiateRedemptionByApxEthTransferFrom(uint96,uint32) (runs: 100, : 6466423, ~: 5735391)
[PASS] testInitiateRedemptionByPxEth(uint96,uint32,bool) (runs: 100, : 6393462, ~: 5675103)
[PASS] testInstantRedeemWithPxEth(uint96,uint8,uint32,uint32) (runs: 100, : 304639, ~: 312829)
[PASS] testRedeemWithUpxEth(uint96,uint32,bool) (runs: 100, : 6344730, ~: 5677758)
[PASS] testRevertEmergencyWithdrawEthTransferFailure() (gas: 42779)
[PASS] testSetContract() (gas: 79067)
[PASS] testSetFee(uint8,uint32) (runs: 100, : 35757, ~: 38941)
[PASS] testSetMaxBufferSizePct(uint256) (runs: 101, : 34975, ~: 36946)
[PASS] testSetMaxFee(uint8,uint32) (runs: 100, : 20025, ~: 20697)
[PASS] testSetMaxProcessedValidatorCount(uint8) (runs: 101, : 17693, ~: 17693)
[PASS] testSlashValidator(uint96,uint96,bool,bool) (runs: 101, : 8666161, ~: 8672632)
[PASS] testSlashValidatorWhenExiting(uint96,bool,bool) (runs: 101, : 8676103, ~: 8687688)
[PASS] testToggleBurnerAccounts() (gas: 32452)
[PASS] testTogglePauseDepositEther() (gas: 19437)
[PASS] testTogglePauseState() (gas: 18195)
[FAIL. Reason: EvmError: Revert; counterexample: calldata=0xb97902a800... args=[1, 50000 [5e4], false]]
→ testTopUpStake(uint8,uint96,bool) (runs: 0, : 0, ~: 0)
[FAIL. Reason: EvmError: Revert] testValidatorSpinup() (gas: 340428)
[FAIL. Reason: EvmError: Revert; counterexample: calldata=0xa38860e1... args=[1]] testValidatorSpinupWithLimit(uint8)
→ (runs: 0, : 0, ~: 0)
Suite result: FAILED. 91 passed; 4 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 61.41s (163.01s CPU time)
```

Ran 10 test suites in 61.45s (279.87s CPU time): 279 tests passed, 8 failed, 0 skipped (287 total tests)

Failing tests:

Encountered 4 failing tests in test/InstitutionalPirexEth.t.sol:InstitutionalPirexEthTest

```
[FAIL. Reason: call did not revert as expected] testCannotDepositIncorrectValidatorParam() (gas: 1018422)
```

```
[FAIL. Reason: EvmError: Revert; counterexample: calldata=0xb97902a80... args=[1, 50000 [5e4], false]]
```

```
→ testTopUpStake(uint8,uint96,bool) (runs: 0, : 0, ~: 0)
```

```
[FAIL. Reason: EvmError: Revert] testValidatorSpinup() (gas: 418173)
```

```
[FAIL: Reason: EvmError: Revert; counterexample: calldata=0xa38860e100... args=[1]] testValidatorSpinupWithLimit(uint8)
→ (runs: 0, : 0, ~: 0)
```

Encountered 4 failing tests in test/PirexEth.t.sol:PirexEthTest

```
[FAIL. Reason: call did not revert as expected] testCannotDepositIncorrectValidatorParam() (gas: 710579)
```

```
[FAIL. Reason: EvmError: Revert; counterexample: calldata=0xb97902a8000000... args=[1, 50000 [5e4], false]]
```

```
→ testTopUpStake(uint8,uint96,bool) (runs: 0, : 0, ~: 0)
```

```
[FAIL. Reason: EvmError: Revert] testValidatorSpinup() (gas: 340428)
```

```
[FAIL: Reason: EvmError: Revert: testvalidator.sp
[FAIL: Reason: EvmError: Revert: counterexample:
```

[illegible]

```
testValidatorSpinupWithLimit(uint8) (runs: 0. : 0. ~: 0)
```

Encountered a total of 8 failing tests, 279 tests succeeded



## 9 About Nethermind

Nethermind is a Blockchain Research and Software Engineering company. Our work touches every part of the web3 ecosystem - from layer 1 and layer 2 engineering, cryptography research, and security to application-layer protocol development. We offer strategic support to our institutional and enterprise partners across the blockchain, digital assets, and DeFi sectors, guiding them through all stages of the research and development process, from initial concepts to successful implementation.

We offer security audits of projects built on EVM-compatible chains and Starknet. We are active builders of the Starknet ecosystem, delivering a node implementation, a block explorer, a Solidity-to-Cairo transpiler, and formal verification tooling. Nethermind also provides strategic support to our institutional and enterprise partners in blockchain, digital assets, and decentralized finance (DeFi). In the next paragraphs, we introduce the company in more detail.

**Blockchain Security:** At Nethermind, we believe security is vital to the health and longevity of the entire Web3 ecosystem. We provide security services related to Smart Contract Audits, Formal Verification, and Real-Time Monitoring. Our Security Team comprises blockchain security experts in each field, often collaborating to produce comprehensive and robust security solutions. The team has a strong academic background, can apply state-of-the-art techniques, and is experienced in analyzing cutting-edge Solidity and Cairo smart contracts, such as ArgentX and StarkGate (the bridge connecting Ethereum and StarkNet). Most team members hold a Ph.D. degree and actively participate in the research community, accounting for 240+ articles published and 1,450+ citations in Google Scholar. The security team adopts customer-oriented and interactive processes where clients are involved in all stages of the work.

**Blockchain Core Development:** Our core engineering team, consisting of over 20 developers, maintains, improves, and upgrades our flagship product - the Nethermind Ethereum Execution Client. The client has been successfully operating for several years, supporting both the Ethereum Mainnet and its testnets, and now accounts for nearly a quarter of all synced Mainnet nodes. Our unwavering commitment to Ethereum's growth and stability extends to sidechains and layer 2 solutions. Notably, we were the sole execution layer client to facilitate Gnosis Chain's Merge, transitioning from Aura to Proof of Stake (PoS), and we are actively developing a full-node client to bolster Starknet's decentralization efforts. Our core team equips partners with tools for seamless node set-up, using generated docker-compose scripts tailored to their chosen execution client and preferred configurations for various network types.

**DevOps and Infrastructure Management:** Our infrastructure team ensures our partners' systems operate securely, reliably, and efficiently. We provide infrastructure design, deployment, monitoring, maintenance, and troubleshooting support, allowing you to focus on your core business operations. Boasting extensive expertise in Blockchain as a Service, private blockchain implementations, and node management, our infrastructure and DevOps engineers are proficient with major cloud solution providers and can host applications in-house or on clients' premises. Our global in-house SRE teams offer 24/7 monitoring and alerts for both infrastructure and application levels. We manage over 5,000 public and private validators and maintain nodes on major public blockchains such as Polygon, Gnosis, Solana, Cosmos, Near, Avalanche, Polkadot, Aptos, and StarkWare L2. Sedge is an open-source tool developed by our infrastructure experts, designed to simplify the complex process of setting up a proof-of-stake (PoS) network or chain validator. Sedge generates docker-compose scripts for the entire validator set-up based on the chosen client, making the process easier and quicker while following best practices to avoid downtime and being slashed.

**Cryptography Research:** At Nethermind, our Cryptography Research team is dedicated to continuous internal research while fostering close collaboration with external partners. The team has expertise across a wide range of domains, including cryptography protocols, consensus design, decentralized identity, verifiable credentials, Sybil resistance, oracles, and credentials, distributed validator technology (DVT), and Zero-knowledge proofs. This diverse skill set, combined with strong collaboration between our engineering teams, enables us to deliver cutting-edge solutions to our partners and clients.

**Smart Contract Development & DeFi Research:** Our smart contract development and DeFi research team comprises 40+ world-class engineers who collaborate closely with partners to identify needs and work on value-adding projects. The team specializes in Solidity and Cairo development, architecture design, and DeFi solutions, including DEXs, AMMs, structured products, derivatives, and money market protocols, as well as ERC20, 721, and 1155 token design. Our research and data analytics focuses on three key areas: technical due diligence, market research, and DeFi research. Utilizing a data-driven approach, we offer in-depth insights and outlooks on various industry themes.

**Our suite of L2 tooling:** Warp is Starknet's approach to EVM compatibility. It allows developers to take their Solidity smart contracts and transpile them to Cairo, Starknet's smart contract language. In the short time since its inception, the project has accomplished many achievements, including successfully transpiling Uniswap v3 onto Starknet using Warp.

- **Voyager** is a user-friendly Starknet block explorer that offers comprehensive insights into the Starknet network. With its intuitive interface and powerful features, Voyager allows users to easily search for and examine transactions, addresses, and contract details. As an essential tool for navigating the Starknet ecosystem, Voyager is the go-to solution for users seeking in-depth information and analysis;
- **Horus** is an open-source formal verification tool for StarkNet smart contracts. It simplifies the process of formally verifying Starknet smart contracts, allowing developers to express various assertions about the behavior of their code using a simple assertion language;
- **Juno** is a full-node client implementation for Starknet, drawing on the expertise gained from developing the Nethermind Client. Written in Golang and open-sourced from the outset, Juno verifies the validity of the data received from Starknet by comparing it to proofs retrieved from Ethereum, thus maintaining the integrity and security of the entire ecosystem.

Learn more about us at [nethermind.io](https://nethermind.io).

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