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Sherlock Security Review For Morph L2



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Morph L2

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Introduction

Morph is an optimistic zkevm layer2 with decentralized sequencers. We'll focus on the security of fund in smart contracts like bridge and staking. In terms of marketing, Morph is the Consumer Blockchain for Everyday Life.

Scope

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For the detailed scope, see the contest details.

Findings

Each issue has an assigned severity:

- Medium issues are security vulnerabilities that may not be directly exploitable or may require certain conditions in order to be exploited. All major issues should be addressed.
- High issues are directly exploitable security vulnerabilities that need to be fixed.

Issues found

Medium	High
11	3

Issues not fixed or acknowledged

Medium	High
0	0

Security experts who found valid issues

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Issue H-1: Incorrect implementation of the onDropMessage function in the L1ReverseCustomGateway contract

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-judging/issues/66

Found by

OxRajkumar, mstpr-brainbot, sammy

Summary and Vulnerability Detail

In the L1ReverseCustomGateway, tokens are burned during deposit and minted during the finalizeWithdrawERC20 process.

For failed deposits, we have the onDropMessage function to allow the user to retrieve their tokens.

It will not work now because instead of using safeTransfer we should mint the tokens to _receiver.

Impact

The impact is high because the dropMessage functionality will never work, preventing the user from recovering their tokens.

Tool used

Manual Review

Recommendation

My recommendation is to use IMorphERC20Upgradeable(_token).mint(_receiver,_amount) instead of transferring the tokens.

References

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2/blob/main/morph/contracts/contracts/ll/gateways/LlReverseCustomGateway.sol

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2/blob/main/morph/contracts/contracts/ll/gateways/LIERC20Gateway.sol#L74-L90

Discussion

sherlock-admin2

The protocol team fixed this issue in the following PRs/commits: https://github.com/morph-l2/morph/pull/562

Issue H-2: Attacker can freeze chain and steal challenge deposits using fake prevSt ateRoot

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-judging/issues/84

Found by

PapaPitufo

Summary

Because the prevStateRoot is not validated until a batch is finalized, a committed batch with a malicious prevStateRoot can be used to both (a) win challenges against honest challengers and (b) halt the chain since it will be approved but be unable to be finalized.

Root Cause

In Rollup.sol, if a malicious batch is proposed, the assumption is that the sequencer who proposed it will lose the challenge, get slashed, and the chain will be reset. These economic incentives prevent the chain from being regularly halted.

This is based on the assumption that a sequencer can only win challenges if the batch they proposed is valid.

However, the check that prevStateRoot is actually the postStateRoot of the previous batch only happens in finalizeBatch(). This check is sufficient to prevent batches with fake prevStateRoots from being finalized, but it does not stop these batches from being committed.

This allows a malicious sequencer to propose any batch that performs a valid state transaction on a fake prevStateRoot.

In most cases, a challenger will attack this invalid batch. However, it is possible for the sequencer to provide a valid proof of this state transition to steal the honest challenger's deposit and win the challenge.

In the case that this happens, or that no challenge is performed, the committed batch will not be able to finalized due to the following check:

```
"incorrect previous state root"
);
```

This will freeze the chain and not allow any new batches to be finalized, since batches are committed sequentially and must be finalized sequentially.

Internal Preconditions

None

External Preconditions

None

Attack Path

- 1. Attacker proposes a batch that contains a valid state transition from a fake prevSt ateRoot.
- 2. If an honest challenger challenges the batch, the attacker provides a valid proof of the state transition to win the challenge and steal the challenger's deposit.
- 3. Whether or not the above happens, the chain is now halted, as the attacker's batch cannot be finalized, and no other batches can be finalized without it being finalized first.
- 4. The attacker will not be slashed, due to the fact that they won the challenge.

Impact

- An honest challenge will lose their deposit when a dishonest sequencer beats them in a challenge.
- No new batches will be able to be finalized, so the chain will halt and have to be manually rolled back by the admins.

PoC

N/A

Mitigation

Check in commitBatch() that prevStateRoot is equal to the parentBatchHeader.postState Root.

Discussion

sherlock-admin2

The protocol team fixed this issue in the following PRs/commits: https://github.com/morph-l2/morph/pull/616

Issue H-3: Sequencer will be underpaid because of incorrect commitScalar

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-judging/issues/90
The protocol has acknowledged this issue.

Found by

PapaPitufo

Summary

GasPriceOracle.sol underprices the cost of calling commitBatch(), so the 11DataCost paid by users will be substantially less than the true cost to the sequencer. This is made worse when transactions are heavily weighted towards Ll cost, in which case the sequencer can be responsible for payments 100X as large as the revenue collected.

Root Cause

When new L2 transactions are submitted, the transaction cost is calculated as the L2 gas price plus an 11DataFee, which is intended to cover the cost of posting the data to L1.

The 11DataFee is actually calculated in go-ethereum rollup/fees/rollup_fee.go#L153, but is equivalent to this calculation in GasPriceOracle.sol as:

```
function getL1FeeCurie(bytes memory _data) internal view returns (uint256) {
    // We have bounded the value of `commitScalar` and `blobScalar`, the whole
    expression won't overflow.
    return (commitScalar * l1BaseFee + blobScalar * _data.length * l1BlobBaseFee) /
    PRECISION;
}
```

We can summarize as:

- We pay I gas per byte that goes into a blob (because GAS_PER_BLOB == 2**17), so we can calculate the cost of the blob as blobScalar*_data.length*11BlobBaseFee.
- We have to call <code>commitBatch()</code> as well, so we take the gas cost of that call and multiply by the <code>l1BaseFee</code>.

The config specifies that the blobScalar=0.4e9 and the commitScalar=230e9.

This commitScalar is underpriced by a margin of 100X, as it should be 230_000e9, not 230e9.

The result is that transactions that are largely weighted towards the L1 fee will cost the sequencer way more to commit to than the user paid.

In an extreme, we can imagine an attack where users performed the most L1 data intensive transactions possible, which consist of filling a full batch with a single transaction that uses 128kb of calldata.

Let's look at the relative costs for the attacker and the sequencer of such a transaction:

- The attacker's fee is calculated as intrinsicgas+calldata+l1DataFee.
- Since blobs are 128kb, we need 1024*128=131,072 bytes of calldata to fill the blob.
- Assuming we need half non-zero to avoid compression, we can calculate the calldata cost as: 1024*128*(4+16/2)=1,310,720.
- Therefore, the total gas used by the attacker is 21 000+1,310,720=1,331,720.
- The IIDataFee is calculated as above. If we assume an IIBaseFee of 30 gwei, this gives a cost of 52,428+(230*30)=59,328gwei.
- Assuming an L2 gas price of 0.001 gwei (estimate from L1 message queue), our total cost is (1,331,720*0.001)+59,328=60,659gwei=0.13.

On the other hands, let's look at the sequencer's cost:

- The blob cost is the same as the attacker's IDataFee, as that is calculated correctly at 52,428gwei.
- The transaction cost, based on the Foundry estimate, is 230,000 gas. At 30 gwei per gas, that equals 230_000*30=6,900,000gwei.
- The total cost to the sequencer is 6,900,000+52,428=6,952,428gwei=15.98.

This mismatch requires sequencers to spend more than 100X to progress the chain, when only X was collected in sequencer fees from the user.

Internal Preconditions

None

External Preconditions

None

Attack Path

Note that this mispricing will cause the chain to slowly bleed revenue, regardless of any "attack". However, the most accute version of this attack would be as follows:

- 1. User send a transfer of 0 value on L2 with 128kb of calldata.
- 2. This costs them approximately \$0.13 in L2 fees, but will require the sequencer to spent \$15.98 in L1 gas to commit the batch.

3. The user can repeat this attack indefinitely, causing the sequencer to spend more money than it receives.

Impact

Sequencers can be forced to spend 100X more than the fee revenue received in order to progress the chain, making the chain uneconomical.

PoC

N/A

Mitigation

commitBatch() should be set to 230_000e9.

Note that it appears that this value was pulled from Scroll's current on chain implementation. This issue has been reported directly to Scroll as well, and has been deemed valid and awarded with a bounty via their Immunefi bounty program.

Issue M-1: Rollup.sol cannot split batches across blobs, allowing inexpensive block stuffing

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-judging/issues/91

The protocol has acknowledged this issue.

Found by

PapaPitufo

Summary

The maximum amount of calldata that can be passed to an L2 transaction is too large to fit in a single blob. Because Rollup.sol does not allow splitting batches across blobs, L2 blocks are capped by their calldata size. This is not properly accounted for in the L2 gas prices, and leads to an attack where blocks can be inexpensively stuffed, blocking all L2 transactions on the chain.

Root Cause

Batches are expected to commit to many blocks. We can expect up to 100 blocks per chunk (MaxBlocksPerChunk in node/types/chunk.go), and 45 chunks per batch (maxChunks in Gov.sol). This means that a batch can commit to 4500 blocks.

However, Rollup.sol has the surprising quirk that a full batch must fit into a single blob. For that reason, the batch is not just limited based on blocks, but also by calldata. We can see this logic in miner/pipeline.go#L260-266, where the block size is being tracked, and we skip all transactions that push it over the limit for the blob.

In the event that a user submits a single transaction with enough calldata to fill a whole blob, this transaction will end the block, and the entire batch will consist of the single block with one transaction.

This has two important implications:

First, the gas cost of stuffing an entire block is loosely the price of sending 128kb of calldata. For a transaction with no execution or value, we can calculate the L2 gas cost as intrinsicgas+calldata+11DataFee.

If we assume an IIBaseFee of 30 gwei, an IIBlobBaseFee of 1, and the scalar and I2BaseFee values from the config file, we get:

• intrinsicgas=21 000gas=21gwei

- calldata=1024*128*(4+16)/2=1,310,720gas=1,310gwei (assumes half non-zero bytes to avoid compression)
- l1DataFee=(1024*128*1*0.4)+(230*30)=59,328gwei
- totalcost=21+1,310+59,328=60,659gwei=0.14

Second, and more importantly, block stuffing is usually protected by EIP1559 style gas pricing, where the base fee increases dramatically if sequential blocks are full. However, this block stuffing attack has the strange quirk that only 1.3mm gas (out of 30mm gas limit) will be used, which will actually lower the base fee over time.

Internal Preconditions

None

External Preconditions

None

Attack Path

- 1. Submit a large number of transactions on L2 that use 128kb of calldata.
- 2. Each time one is picked up (which should be each block), it costs only 1.3mm gas, but seals the block with no other L2 transactions.

Impact

L2 blocks will be stuffed and most activity on L2 will be blocked. This can cause major and unpredictable issues, such as oracles getting out of date, liquidations not occurring on time, and users being unable to take other important actions.

PoC

N/A

Mitigation

The architecture should be changed so that batches can be split across multiple blobs if needed.

Issue M-2: Possible wrong accounting in L1Staking.sol

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-judging/issues/104
The protocol has acknowledged this issue.

Found by

OxRajkumar, PASCAL, PapaPitufo, n4nika

Summary

Possible wrong accounting in L1Staking.sol during some slashing occasions.

Vulnerability Detail

Stakers are permitted to commit batches in the rollup contract and these batches can be challenged by challengers, if the challenge is successful the challenger gets part of the stakers ETH and staker is removed, the owner also takes the rest; if it wasn't succesful the prover takes all the challengeDeposit from the challenger. According to the readMe <a href="https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-Pascal4me#q-are-the-re-any-limitations-on-values-set-by-admins-or-other-roles-in-the-codebase-including-re-strictions-on-array-lengths proofWindow which is the time a challenged batch has to go without being proven for it to be successfully challenged can be set to as high as 604800 seconds which is 7 days and withdrawalLockBlocks default value is also 7 days(No relation between the two was done and owner can change proofWindow value in rollup contract). For this vulnerability we'll assume proofWindow is set to 7 days. The issue stems from a staker being able to commit a wrong batch and still being able to withdraw from the staking contract without that batch being finalized or proven. Let's site this example with proofWindow being set to 7 days

- Alice a staker commits a wrong batch and immediately goes ahead to withdraw her ETH from the staking contract, her 7 days period countdown start
- Bob a challenger sees that wrong batch and challenges it and it since it's a wrong batch theres no proof for it, then 7 days couuntdown starts. But remember the withdraw function 7 days started counting first so when it elapses Alice quickly goes ahead to withdraw her ETH, then when Bob calls proveState(), Alice is supposedly slashed but it's useless as she's already left the system. Then the contract is updated as though Alice's ETH is still in the contract

uint256reward=(valueSum*rewardPercentage)/100;slashRemaining+=valueSum-reward;
_transfer(rollupContract,reward);

So a current staker's ETH is the one being sent to the rollup contract and being assigned to the owner via slashRemaining. So there's less ETH than the contract is accounting for which already an issue. This will be detrimental when all the ETH is being withdrawn by stakers and owner the last person transaction will revert because that ETH is not in the contract.

Impact

Incorrect contract accounting

Code Snippet

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2/blob/main/morph/contracts/contracts/ll/staking/LlStaking.sol#L197-L201 https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2/blob/main/morph/contracts/contracts/ll/rollup/Rollup.sol#L484-L487 https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2/blob/main/morph/contracts/contracts/ll/rollup/Rollup.sol#L697-L707 https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2/blob/main/morph/contracts/contracts/ll/staking.sol#L307-L311 https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2/blob/main/morph/contracts/contracts/ll/staking/LlStaking.sol#L217-L237

Tool used

Manual Review

Recommendation

Ensure stakers can't withdraw if they have a batch that is unfinalized or unproven and always ensure that withdraw time block is > proofWindow

Issue M-3: The 255th staker in L1Staking.s ol can avoid getting slashed and inadvertently cause fund loss to stakers

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-judging/issues/142

Found by

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Summary

The 255th staker in L1Staking.sol can avoid getting slashed and inadvertently cause fund loss to stakers

Vulnerability Detail

The L1Staking.sol contract supports upto 255 stakers:

```
/// @notice all stakers (0-254)
address[255] public stakerSet;

/// @notice all stakers indexes (1-255). '0' means not exist. stakerIndexes[1]

\[
\to \text{ releated to stakerSet[0]} \]

mapping(address stakerAddr => uint8 index) public stakerIndexes;
```

Everytime a staker registers in L1Staking.sol they are added to the stakerSet and their index is stored in stakerIndexes as index+1

These stakers, while active, can commit batches in Rollup.sol using commitBatch() and the batchDataStore[] mapping is updated as follows:

```
batchDataStore[_batchIndex] = BatchData(
    block.timestamp,
    block.timestamp + finalizationPeriodSeconds,
    _loadL2BlockNumber(batchDataInput.chunks[_chunksLength - 1]),
    // Before BLS is implemented, the accuracy of the sequencer set uploaded by
    rollup cannot be guaranteed.
    // Therefore, if the batch is successfully challenged, only the submitter will
    be punished.
    IL1Staking(11StakingContract).getStakerBitmap(_msgSender()) // =>
    batchSignature.signedSequencersBitmap
);
```

On a successful challenge, the _challengerWin() function is called, and here the sequenc ersBitmap is the one that was stored in batchDataStore[]

```
function _challengerWin(uint256 batchIndex, uint256 sequencersBitmap, string memory
    _type) internal {
    revertReqIndex = batchIndex;
    address challenger = challenges[batchIndex].challenger;
    uint256 reward = IL1Staking(11StakingContract).slash(sequencersBitmap);
    batchChallengeReward[challenges[batchIndex].challenger] +=
    (challenges[batchIndex].challengeDeposit + reward);
    emit ChallengeRes(batchIndex, challenger, _type);
}
```

This function calls the slash() function in L1Staking.sol:

```
function slash(uint256 sequencersBitmap) external onlyRollupContract nonReentrant
→ returns (uint256) {
    address[] memory sequencers = getStakersFromBitmap(sequencersBitmap);
   uint256 valueSum;
    for (uint256 i = 0; i < sequencers.length; i++) {</pre>
        if (withdrawals[sequencers[i]] > 0) {
            delete withdrawals[sequencers[i]];
            valueSum += stakingValue;
        } else if (!isStakerInDeleteList(sequencers[i])) {
            // If it is the first time to be slashed
            valueSum += stakingValue;
            _removeStaker(sequencers[i]);
            // remove from whitelist
            delete whitelist[sequencers[i]];
            removedList[sequencers[i]] = true;
    uint256 reward = (valueSum * rewardPercentage) / 100;
    slashRemaining += valueSum - reward;
    _transfer(rollupContract, reward);
    emit Slashed(sequencers);
    emit StakersRemoved(sequencers);
    // send message to remove stakers on 12
    _msgRemoveStakers(sequencers);
    return reward;
```

The function converts the sequencersBitmap into an array by calling:

```
function getStakersFromBitmap(uint256 bitmap) public view returns (address[] memory
\hookrightarrow stakerAddrs) {
   // skip first bit
   uint256 _bitmap = bitmap >> 1;
   uint256 stakersLength = 0;
   while (_bitmap > 0) {
        stakersLength = stakersLength + 1;
        _bitmap = _bitmap & (_bitmap - 1);
   stakerAddrs = new address[](stakersLength);
   uint256 index = 0;
   for (uint8 i = 1; i < 255; i++) {
        if ((bitmap & (1 << i)) > 0) {
            stakerAddrs[index] = stakerSet[i - 1];
            index = index + 1;
            if (index >= stakersLength) {
                break;
```

Since bitmap will only contain I staker's bit, the stakersLength here will be 1. The loop then checks every single bit of the bitmap to see if it's active. Notice, however, that i only goes up to 254, and 255 is skipped. This means that for the 255th staker having index of 254, the array will contain address (0).

This means that in slash(), this code will be execued:

removeStaker() is called with addr=address(0):

```
function _removeStaker(address addr) internal {
    require(deleteableHeight[addr] == 0, "already in deleteList");
    deleteList.push(addr);
    deleteableHeight[addr] = block.number + withdrawalLockBlocks;
}
```

This means that the staker avoids being removed and the intended state changes are

made to address(0) instead. The staker can continue committing invalid batches to the Rollup and not get slashed. Additionally, the stakingValue is still rewarded to the challenger, while the staker isn't actually removed from the protocol. Over time, the ETH of L1Staking.sol will run out and it won't be possible for stakers to withdraw or for them to get slashed.

Impact

Critical - loss of funds and breaks protocol functionality

Coded POC

```
function test_poc_255() external{
      address[] memory add = new address[](255);
      for(uint256 i = 0; i < 255; i++)
         add[i] = address(bytes20(bytes32(keccak256(abi.encodePacked(1500 +
i)))));
     hevm.prank(multisig);
     11Staking.updateWhitelist(add, new address[](0));
     // register all the 255 stakers
     for(uint256 i = 0 ; i < 255 ; i++)
     Types.StakerInfo memory info;
     info.tmKey = bytes32(i+1);
     bytes memory blsKey = new bytes(256);
     blsKey[31] = bytes1(uint8(i));
     info.blsKey = blsKey;
     assert(info.blsKey.length == 256);
     hevm.deal(add[i], 5 * STAKING_VALUE);
     hevm.prank(add[i]);
     11Staking.register{value: STAKING_VALUE}(info.tmKey, info.blsKey);
     assertEq(add.length, 255);
     address[] memory arr = new address[](1);
     arr[0] = add[254];
     uint256 _bitmap = l1Staking.getStakersBitmap(arr); // this bitmap will
contain the 255th staker only
     address[] memory stakers = l1Staking.getStakersFromBitmap(_bitmap);
     // as you can see the array is {address(0)}
     assertEq(stakers[0], address(0));
```

```
// simulate the challenger win flow
hevm.prank(l1Staking.rollupContract());
uint256 balanceBefore = address(l1Staking).balance;
uint256 reward = l1Staking.slash(_bitmap);
uint256 balanceAfter = address(l1Staking).balance;

// the contract loses "reward" amount of ETH
assertEq(balanceBefore, balanceAfter + reward);

// the 255th staker still remains an active staker
assert(l1Staking.isActiveStaker(arr[0]) == true);
}
```

To run the test, copy the above in L1Staking.t.sol and run forgetest--match-test"test_poc_255"

Code Snippet

Tool used

Manual Review

Recommendation

Make the following change:

```
- for (uint8 i = 1; i < 255; i++) {
+ for (uint8 i = 1; i <= 255; i++) {
```

Discussion

sherlock-admin2

The protocol team fixed this issue in the following PRs/commits: https://github.com/morph-I2/morph/pull/562

Issue M-4: Batches committed during an on going challenge can avoid being challenged

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-judging/issues/143

Found by

PapaPitufo, sammy NOTE: This finding is not the same as Known issue # 10, that is about an invalid batch getting finalized due to challengeState() reverting (OOG error)

Summary

Batches committed during an ongoing challenge can avoid being challenged and pre-maturely finalize if the defender wins

Vulnerability Detail

After a batch is committed, there is a finalization window, in which challengers can challenge the batch's validity, after the period has elapsed, the batch can be finalized.

A batch can be challenged using challengeState():

```
function challengeState(uint64 batchIndex) external payable onlyChallenger
→ nonRegRevert whenNotPaused {
   require(!inChallenge, "already in challenge");
   require(lastFinalizedBatchIndex < batchIndex, "batch already finalized");</pre>
   require(committedBatches[batchIndex] != 0, "batch not exist");
   require(challenges[batchIndex].challenger == address(0), "batch already

    challenged");
   // check challenge window
   require(batchInsideChallengeWindow(batchIndex), "cannot challenge batch outside

    the challenge window");

   // check challenge amount
   require(msg.value >= IL1Staking(11StakingContract).challengeDeposit(),
batchChallenged = batchIndex;
   challenges[batchIndex] = BatchChallenge(batchIndex, _msgSender(), msg.value,
→ block.timestamp, false, false);
   emit ChallengeState(batchIndex, _msgSender(), msg.value);
   for (uint256 i = lastFinalizedBatchIndex + 1; i <= lastCommittedBatchIndex;</pre>
→ i++) {
```

```
if (i != batchIndex) {
          batchDataStore[i].finalizeTimestamp += proofWindow;
    }
}
inChallenge = true;
}
```

As you can see, the function loops through all the unfinalized batches, except the batch being challenged and adds a proofWindow to their finalization timestamp. This is to compensate for the amount of time these batches cannot be challenged, which is the duration of the current challenge, i.e, proofWindow (only one batch can be challenged at a time).

However, allows batches to get committed even when a challenge is going on and does not compensate for time spent inside the challenge:

```
batchDataStore[_batchIndex] = BatchData(
    block.timestamp,
    block.timestamp + finalizationPeriodSeconds,
    _loadL2BlockNumber(batchDataInput.chunks[_chunksLength - 1]),
    // Before BLS is implemented, the accuracy of the sequencer set uploaded by
    rollup cannot be guaranteed.
    // Therefore, if the batch is successfully challenged, only the submitter will
    be punished.
    IL1Staking(l1StakingContract).getStakerBitmap(_msgSender()) // =>
    batchSignature.signedSequencersBitmap
);
```

As you can see, the new batch can be finalized after finalizationPeriodSeconds.

Currently the value of finalizationPeriodSeconds is 86400, i.e, 1Day and proofWindow is 17 2800, i.e, 2Days Source. This means that a batch committed just after the start of a challenge will be ready to be finalized in just 1 day, before the ongoing challenge even ends.

Now, consider the following scenario:

- A batch is finalized
- A challenger challenges this batch, challenge will end 2 days from the start
- A staker commits a new batch
- After I day, this new batch is ready to be finalized, but can't be finalized yet as the parent batch (the challenged batch) needs to be finalized first
- After 1.5 days, the original batch finishes its challenge, the defender wins(by providing a valid ZK proof), and the batch is ready to be finalized
- Right after the original batch is finalized, the new batch is finalized

This leaves no time for a challenger to challenge the new batch, and this can lead to invalid batches getting committed, even if the batch committer (sequencer) doesn't act maliciously.

Since finalizeBatch() is permissionless and only checks whether a batch is in the finalization window, anyone can batch the two finalizeBatch() calls which finalize both the original batch and the invalid batch, right after the challenge ends (by back running proveState()), leaving no time for a challenger to call challengeState()

If a sequencer is malicious, they can easily exploit this to commit invalid batches

Impact

Critical - Can brick the entire Morph L2 protocol

Code Snippet

Tool used

Manual Review

Recommendation

You can make the following change, which correctly compensates for the lost finalization time:

Discussion

sherlock-admin2

The protocol team fixed this issue in the following PRs/commits: https://github.com/morph-l2/morph/pull/577

Issue M-5: Malicious challenger can brick f inalizeTimestamp of unfinalized batches

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-judging/issues/145
The protocol has acknowledged this issue.

Found by

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Summary

A malicious challenger can brick the delay for the finalization of batches. This is possible due to the uncapped extension of the finalization period for all unfinalized batches within the challengeState function.

Vulnerability Detail

The challengeState function extends the finalizeTimestamp by doing an addition with the proofWindow variable (2 days) for each index (all unfinalized batches) except the challenged one, with not a single check or safeguard:

```
for (uint256 i = lastFinalizedBatchIndex + 1; i <= lastCommittedBatchIndex; i++) {
   if (i != batchIndex) {
      batchDataStore[i].finalizeTimestamp += proofWindow;
   }
}</pre>
```

The permissionless proveState function allows anyone including challengers to provide a ZK-proof and immediate resolution of a challenge, setting inChallenge to false:

```
// Mark challenge as finished
challenges[_batchIndex].finished = true;
inChallenge = false;
```

Attack details:

- An attack window of 15 minutes (could be longer)
 - 15 minutes = ~ 75 Ethereum blocks (12 seconds per block)
 - Challenge-prove cycle (due to inChallenge flag) => 2 blocks per cycle => 37 batches

- Each cycle extends the finalization period for all other batches by proofWindow
 2 days (37 cycles * 2 days per cycle) means that each batch would inccur an additional extension of ~74 days!
- Attackers capital: 37 ETH => while risking only 1 ETH!
 - Or maybe not, because the malicious challenger could get his deposit back whenever admin pauses the contract see Rollup::L444
 - claimReward function doesn't have a whenNotPaused modifier meaning that the owner has no ability to freeze attackers funds see Rollup::L543

This combination allows an attacker to:

- 1. Pre-generate ZK proofs for multiple batches (32 unfinalized batch)
- 2. Call challengeState function Initiate a challenge on a batch
- 3. Call proveState function Immediately prove the batch in the next block
- Repeat steps 2-3 for multiple batches (32 times)

Result: Each cycle extends the finalization period for all other batches by proofWindow (2 days), finalizeTimestamp accumulate a significant delay due to repetitive extension.

Impact

 Massive delay for unfinalized batches (uncapped delay) - Huge impact on L2 -Short-term: loss of time and money

Code Snippet

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2/blob/98e0ec4c5bbd0b28f3d3a9e9159d1184bc45b38d/morph/contracts/contracts/l1/rollup/Rollup.sol#L383

Tool used

Manual Review

Recommendation

Fix the current design by implementing some of these mitigation (mainly safguards):

- Implement a cooldown period between challenges for the same challenger address
- Cap the maximum extension of the finalization period
- Check which unfinalized batches requires a extension within the loop

- Break this attack incentive? Implement withdrawal lock period for withrawal request to monitor any suspicious activity Add a whenNotPaused modifier on the claimReward function, incase of exploit could freeze funds
- Ultimately restrict the "prover" actor (mitigation from sponsor discussed in private thread).

Issue M-6: A batch can be unintentionally be challenged during L1 reorg leading to loss of funds

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-judging/issues/146

Found by

HaxSecurity, PASCAL, PapaPitufo, sammy

Summary

A batch can be unintentionally be challenged during L1 reorg leading to loss of funds

Root Cause

The incorrect batch can be challenged during L1 reorg leading to loss of funds. Firstly the README states:

But if there is any issue about Ethereum L1 re-org leading to financial loss, that issue is valid.

In the challengeBatch function, the batch that is challenged is referenced by the batchIn dex.

Rollup.sol#L366-L388

```
/// @dev challengeState challenges a batch by submitting a deposit.
function challengeState(uint64 batchIndex) external payable onlyChallenger

→ nonReqRevert whenNotPaused {
   require(!inChallenge, "already in challenge");
   require(lastFinalizedBatchIndex < batchIndex, "batch already finalized");</pre>
   require(committedBatches[batchIndex] != 0, "batch not exist");
   require(challenges[batchIndex].challenger == address(0), "batch already
// check challenge window
   require(batchInsideChallengeWindow(batchIndex), "cannot challenge batch outside

    the challenge window");

   // check challenge amount
   require(msg.value >= IL1Staking(l1StakingContract).challengeDeposit(),
batchChallenged = batchIndex;
   challenges[batchIndex] = BatchChallenge(batchIndex, _msgSender(), msg.value,
→ block.timestamp, false, false);
```

```
emit ChallengeState(batchIndex, _msgSender(), msg.value);

for (uint256 i = lastFinalizedBatchIndex + 1; i <= lastCommittedBatchIndex;

i++) {
    if (i != batchIndex) {
        batchDataStore[i].finalizeTimestamp += proofWindow;
    }
}

inChallenge = true;
}</pre>
```

However, this poses a problem because a reorg can cause the batch present in the committedBatches[batchIndex] to change and the challenger unintentionally challenging the incorrect batch, losing the challenge and their ETH.

For instance, consider the scenario where the sequencers upload two different batches at the same <code>batchIndex</code>, a correct batch and an incorrect batch. The initial transaction ordering is:

- 1. Transaction to upload a incorrect batch at batchIndex=x
- 2. Transaction to upload a correct batch (it will revert, as it is already occupied) at bat chIndex=x
- 3. Challenger calls challengeState at batchIndex=x.

An L1 reorg occurs, resulting in the new transaction ordering

- 1. Transaction to upload a correct batch (it will revert, as it is already occupied) at bat chIndex=x
- 2. Transaction to upload a incorrect batch at batchIndex=x
- 3. Challenger calls challengeState at batchIndex=x.

Due to the L1 reorg, the challenger will now be challenging a correct batch and will proceed to lose their challenge stake as it can be proven by the sequencer.

This issue is really similar to the Optimism reorg finding: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-02-optimism-2024-judging/issues/201, where the incorrect state root can also be challenged leading to loss of bonds.

Internal pre-conditions

1. L1 reorg

External pre-conditions

n/a

Attack Path

n/a

Impact

A batch can be unintentionally challenged leading to loss of funds for the challenger

PoC

No response

Mitigation

In the challengeState function, allow loading the batchHeader and verifying that the comm ittedBatches [_batchIndex] is equal to the _batchHash as is done in the other functions such as revertBatch

```
/// @dev challengeState challenges a batch by submitting a deposit.
    function challengeState(uint64 batchIndex) external payable onlyChallenger
  nonRegRevert whenNotPaused {
    function challengeState(bytes calldata _batchHeader) external payable
   onlyChallenger nonReqRevert whenNotPaused {
       require(!inChallenge, "already in challenge");
       (uint256 memPtr, bytes32 _batchHash) = _loadBatchHeader(_batchHeader);
       // check batch hash
       uint256 _batchIndex = BatchHeaderCodecVO.getBatchIndex(memPtr);
       require(committedBatches[_batchIndex] == _batchHash, "incorrect batch
→ hash");
       require(lastFinalizedBatchIndex < batchIndex, "batch already finalized");</pre>
       require(committedBatches[batchIndex] != 0, "batch not exist");
       require(challenges[batchIndex].challenger == address(0), "batch already
  challenged");
       // check challenge window
       require(batchInsideChallengeWindow(batchIndex), "cannot challenge batch
   outside the challenge window");
       // check challenge amount
       require(msg.value >= IL1Staking(l1StakingContract).challengeDeposit(),
  "insufficient value");
       batchChallenged = batchIndex;
       challenges[batchIndex] = BatchChallenge(batchIndex, _msgSender(),
   msg.value, block.timestamp, false, false);
       emit ChallengeState(batchIndex, _msgSender(), msg.value);
```

```
for (uint256 i = lastFinalizedBatchIndex + 1; i <= lastCommittedBatchIndex;

    if (i != batchIndex) {
        batchDataStore[i].finalizeTimestamp += proofWindow;
    }
}
inChallenge = true;
}</pre>
```

Discussion

sherlock-admin2

The protocol team fixed this issue in the following PRs/commits: https://github.com/morph-l2/morph/pull/558

Issue M-7: Delegators can lose their rewards when a delegator has removed a delegatee and claims all of his rewards before delegating again to a previous removed delegatee.

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-judging/issues/157

Found by

OxStalin

Summary

The lose of funds is the result of two bugs, which are:

- The first bug occurs when a delegator claims all his rewards after he removed one or more delegatees. This first bug is about the logic implemented to <u>claim all the delegator's rewards</u>. When claiming all the rewards after a delegator has removed a delegatee, the undelegated delegatee is removed from the AddressSet of delegatees.
- The problem is that when a delegatee is removed, the length of the AddressSet is reduced, which it affects the total number of delegatees that will be iterated to claim the rewards. As the AddressSet shrinks, the i variable controlling the iterations of the for loop grows, which at some point, i will be equals to the new length of the shrinked AddressSet, causing the for to exit the iteration and leaving some delegatees without claiming their rewards.

```
//@audit-issue => Removing the delegatee from the AddressSet causes
   the Set to shrink!
            reward += _claim(delegatee, delegator, endEpochIndex);
function _claim(address delegatee, address delegator, uint256 endEpochIndex)
   internal returns (uint256 reward) {
   for (uint256 i = unclaimed[delegator].unclaimedStart[delegatee]; i <=</pre>
  endEpochIndex; i++) {
       // if undelegated, remove delegator unclaimed info after claimed all
        if (unclaimed[delegator].undelegated[delegatee] &&
   unclaimed[delegator].unclaimedEnd[delegatee] == i) {
            //@audit-issue => Removing the delegatee from the AddressSet causes the
   Set to shrink!
           unclaimed[delegator].delegatees.remove(delegatee);
            delete unclaimed[delegator].undelegated[delegatee];
            delete unclaimed[delegator].unclaimedStart[delegatee];
            delete unclaimed[delegator].unclaimedEnd[delegatee];
            break:
```

Find below a simple PoC where it is demonstrated this bug. It basically adds and undelegates some delegatees to one delegator, then, the delegator claims all of his rewards, and, because the delegator has some undelegated delegatees, the bug will occur causing the function to not claim the rewards of all the delegatees.

• Create a new file on the test/folder and add the below code in it:

```
EnumerableSetUpgradeable.AddressSet delegatees;
     mapping(address delegator => bool undelegated) undelegated;
     // mapping(address delegator => uint256 startEpoch) unclaimedStart;
     // mapping(address delegator => uint256 endEpoch) unclaimedEnd;
 mapping(address delegator => Unclaimed) private unclaimed;
 function addDelegatee(address delegatee) external {
   unclaimed[msg.sender].delegatees.add(delegatee);
 function undelegate(address delegatee) external {
   unclaimed[msg.sender].undelegated[delegatee] = true;
 //@audit-issue => Existing logic that causes to not claim all the delegatees
→ will be removed from the delegator in the `_claim()`, which makes the
→ `unclaimed.delegatees` AddressSet lenght to shrink, which unintentionally
\hookrightarrow causes the for loop to do less iterations than the original amount of
→ delegatees at the begining of the call!
 function claimAll() external returns (uint256 reward) {
   for (uint256 i = 0; i < unclaimed[msg.sender].delegatees.length(); i++) {</pre>
     console2.log("delegatees.lenght: ",

    unclaimed[msg.sender].delegatees.length());

     address delegatee = unclaimed[msg.sender].delegatees.at(i);
     console2.log("delegatee: ", delegatee);
     if (
         unclaimed[msg.sender].delegatees.contains(delegatee)
         // unclaimed[delegator].unclaimedStart[delegatee] <= endEpochIndex
         reward += _claim(delegatee, msg.sender);
 //@audit-recommendation => This would be the fix for the first bug!
 // function claimAll() external returns (uint256 reward) {
      uint256 totalDelegatees = unclaimed[msg.sender].delegatees.length();
      address[] memory delegatees = new address[](totalDelegatees);
      //@audit => Make a temporal copy of the current delegates of the delegator
      for (uint256 i = 0; i < unclaimed[msg.sender].delegatees.length(); i++) {</pre>
          delegatees[i] = unclaimed[msg.sender].delegatees.at(i);
```

```
//@audit => Iterate over the temporal copy, in this way, if a delegatee is
→ delegatees at the start of the call!
       for (uint256 i = 0; i < delegatees.length; i++) {</pre>
         // console2.log("delegatee: ", delegatees[i]);
             unclaimed[msg.sender].delegatees.contains(delegatees[i])
             // unclaimed[delegator].unclaimedStart[delegatees[i]] <= endEpochIndex</pre>
            reward += _claim(delegatees[i], msg.sender);
 function _claim(address delegatee, address delegator) internal returns(uint256
   require(unclaimed[delegator].delegatees.contains(delegatee), "no remaining
→ reward");
   reward = 10;
   //@audit-issue => Removes an undelegated delegatee from the delegator's
   if (unclaimed[delegator].undelegated[delegatee]) {
      //@audit-issue => The `unclaimed[delegator].delegatees.length()` shrinks,
→ causing the for loop to not iterate over all the delegatees!
     unclaimed[delegator].delegatees.remove(delegatee);
     delete unclaimed[delegator].undelegated[delegatee];
 function getDelegatees() external view returns (address[] memory) {
    return unclaimed[msg.sender].delegatees.values();
contract BugWhenClaimingAllRewards is Test {
 function test_claimingAllRewardsReproducingBug() public {
    SimpleDelegations delegations = new SimpleDelegations();
    delegations.addDelegatee(address(1));
   delegations.addDelegatee(address(2));
   delegations.addDelegatee(address(3));
   delegations.undelegate(address(1));
   delegations.undelegate(address(3));
→ delegatee gives 10 of rewards
   uint256 rewards = delegations.claimAll();
```

```
console2.log("Total rewards: ", rewards);

console2.log("delegatees list after claiming");
address[] memory delegatees = delegations.getDelegatees();
for(uint i = 0; i < delegatees.length; i++) {
   console2.log("delegatee: ", delegatees[i]);
}

//@audit => If all delegatees would have been claimed, then, delegatees 1 & 3

would have been deleted from the `unclaimed.delegatees` AddressSet, but because the delegatee 3 was never reached, (and the rewards of this delegatee were not claimed), this delegatee is still part of the list of delegatees for the delegator with unclaimed rewards!
}
```

Run the previous PoC with the next command: forgetest--match-testtest_claimingAllR ewardsReproducingBug-vvvv @note => This PoC simply reproduces the first bug. The next PoC will be a full coded PoC working with the contracts of the system where the full scenario that causes the users to lose their rewards is reproduced.

2. The second bug occurs when a delegator delegates to a previously undelegated delegatee. When delegating to a previous undelegated delegatee, the logic does not check if there are any pending rewards of this delegatee to be claimed, it simply updates the to the effectiveEpoch.

Setting the unclaimedStart without verifying if there are any pending rewards causes that rewards can only be claimed starting at the effectiveEpoch, any pending rewards that were earned prior to the effectiveEpoch will be lost, since the enforces that the epoch been claimed must not be <= the unclaimedStart.

```
function _claim(address delegatee, address delegator, uint256 endEpochIndex)

internal returns (uint256 reward) {
```

```
require(unclaimed[delegator].delegatees.contains(delegatee), "no remaining
    reward");
    //@audit-info => Rewards can be claimed only from the `unclaimedStart` epoch
    onwards!
    require(unclaimed[delegator].unclaimedStart[delegatee] <= endEpochIndex, "all
    reward claimed");
}</pre>
```

As we will see in the next coded PoC, the user did everything correctly, he claimed all of his rewards, but due to the first bug, some rewards were left unclaimed. And then, the user claims his undelegation for an undelegated delegatee, afterwards, he proceeded to delegate a lower amount to an undelegated delegatee. The combination of the two bugs is what causes the lose of the rewards that were not claimed when the user indicated to claim all of his rewards. The user did not make any misstake, the bugs present on the contract caused the user to lose his rewards.

Root Cause

Bug when claiming all delegator's rewards after a delegatee(s) were removed.

Bug when a delegator delegatees to a delegatee that was previously undelegated.

Internal pre-conditions

User claims all his rewards after one or more delegatees were removed, and afterwards, it delegates to a delegatee that was previously removed.

External pre-conditions

none

Attack Path

- 1. Delegator undelegates to one or more of his delegatees.
- 2. Delegator claims all of his rewards.
- 3. Delegator claims his undelegations on the L2Staking contract.
- 4. Delegator delegates again to a previous removed delegatee.

Impact

User's rewards are lost and become unclaimable, those rewards get stuck on the Distribute contract.

PoC

Add the next PoC in the test file:

```
function test_DelegatorLosesRewardsPoC() public {
    hevm.startPrank(alice);
    morphToken.approve(address(12Staking), type(uint256).max);
    12Staking.delegateStake(firstStaker, 5 ether);
    12Staking.delegateStake(secondStaker, 5 ether);
    hevm.stopPrank();
    //@audit => Bob delegates to the 3 stakers
    hevm.startPrank(bob);
    morphToken.approve(address(12Staking), type(uint256).max);
    12Staking.delegateStake(firstStaker, 5 ether);
    12Staking.delegateStake(secondStaker, 5 ether);
    12Staking.delegateStake(thirdStaker, 5 ether);
    hevm.stopPrank();
    uint256 time = REWARD_EPOCH;
    hevm.warp(time);
    hevm.prank(multisig);
    12Staking.startReward();
    hevm.prank(firstStaker);
    12Staking.setCommissionRate(1);
    hevm.prank(secondStaker);
    12Staking.setCommissionRate(1);
    hevm.prank(thirdStaker);
    12Staking.setCommissionRate(1);
    time = REWARD_EPOCH * 2;
    hevm.warp(time);
    uint256 blocksCountOfEpoch = REWARD_EPOCH / 3;
    hevm.roll(blocksCountOfEpoch * 2);
    hevm.prank(oracleAddress);
    record.setLatestRewardEpochBlock(blocksCountOfEpoch);
    _updateDistribute(0);
    // ********** epoch = 2 ****************************//
    time = REWARD_EPOCH * 3;
    hevm.roll(blocksCountOfEpoch * 3);
    hevm.warp(time);
    updateDistribute(1);
```

```
time = REWARD_EPOCH * 4;
   hevm.roll(blocksCountOfEpoch * 4);
   hevm.warp(time);
   _updateDistribute(2);
   uint256 bobReward1;
   uint256 bobReward2;
   uint256 bobReward3;
        (address[] memory delegetees, uint256[] memory bobRewards) =
   distribute.queryAllUnclaimed(bob);
       bobReward1 = distribute.queryUnclaimed(firstStaker, bob);
       bobReward2 = distribute.queryUnclaimed(secondStaker, bob);
       bobReward3 = distribute.queryUnclaimed(thirdStaker, bob);
       assertEq(delegetees[0], firstStaker);
       assertEq(delegetees[1], secondStaker);
       assertEq(delegetees[2], thirdStaker);
       assertEq(bobRewards[0], bobReward1);
       assertEq(bobRewards[1], bobReward2);
       assertEq(bobRewards[2], bobReward3);
   time = REWARD_EPOCH * 5;
   hevm.roll(blocksCountOfEpoch * 5);
   hevm.warp(time);
   _updateDistribute(3);
   //@audit => Bob undelegates to 1st and 3rd staker at epoch 4 (effective epoch
   hevm.startPrank(bob);
   12Staking.undelegateStake(firstStaker);
   12Staking.undelegateStake(thirdStaker);
   // 12Staking.undelegateStake(secondStaker);
   IL2Staking.Undelegation[] memory undelegations =
→ 12Staking.getUndelegations(bob);
   assertEq(undelegations.length, 2);
   time = REWARD_EPOCH * 6;
   hevm.roll(blocksCountOfEpoch * 6);
   hevm.warp(time);
   _updateDistribute(4);
   //@audit => Undelegation happened on epoch 4 (effective epoch 5)
   time = rewardStartTime + REWARD_EPOCH * (ROLLUP_EPOCH + 5);
   hevm.warp(time);
   bobReward1 = distribute.queryUnclaimed(firstStaker, bob);
```

```
bobReward2 = distribute.queryUnclaimed(secondStaker, bob);
   bobReward3 = distribute.queryUnclaimed(thirdStaker, bob);
   //@audit => Bob claims all of his rewards for all the epochs
   hevm.startPrank(bob);
   uint256 balanceBefore = morphToken.balanceOf(bob);
   12Staking.claimReward(address(0), 0);
   uint256 balanceAfter = morphToken.balanceOf(bob);
   //@audit => assert that balanceAfter is less than balanceBefore + all the
\rightarrow rewards that Bob has earned.
   assert(balanceAfter < balanceBefore + bobReward1 + bobReward2 + bobReward3);</pre>
   //@audit => Bob claims his undelegations on the L2Staking
   12Staking.claimUndelegation();
\hookrightarrow undelegeated in the past
   //@audit => This value will be used to validate that Bob will lose rewards
→ after he delegates to the 3rd staker (because the bug when claiming all the
\rightarrow rewards while the delegator has undelegated delegatees), in combination with
\rightarrow the bug when delegating to a delegatee that the user has pending rewards to
\hookrightarrow claim.
   uint256 bobRewardsBeforeLosing;
        (address[] memory delegetees, uint256[] memory bobRewards) =

→ distribute.queryAllUnclaimed(bob);
        for(uint i = 0; i < bobRewards.length; i++) {</pre>
            bobRewardsBeforeLosing += bobRewards[i];
   //@audit => Substracting 1 ether because that will be the new delegation for
\hookrightarrow the thirdStaker
   uint256 bobMorphBalanceBeforeDelegating = morphToken.balanceOf(bob) - 1 ether;
   //@audit => Bob delegates again to 3rd staker a lower amount than the previous
\hookrightarrow delegation
   12Staking.delegateStake(thirdStaker, 1 ether);
   //@audit => Bob's rewards after delegating to the 3rd staker.
   uint256 bobRewardsAfterLosing;
        (address[] memory delegetees, uint256[] memory bobRewards) =

→ distribute.queryAllUnclaimed(bob);
        for(uint i = 0; i < bobRewards.length; i++) {</pre>
            bobRewardsAfterLosing += bobRewards[i];
   uint256 bobMorphBalanceAfterDelegating = morphToken.balanceOf(bob);
```

```
//@audit-issue => This assertion validates that Bob lost rewards after the
delegation to the 3rd staker.
assert(bobRewardsBeforeLosing > bobRewardsAfterLosing &&
bobMorphBalanceBeforeDelegating == bobMorphBalanceAfterDelegating);
}
```

Run the previous PoC with the next command: forgetest--match-testtest_DelegatorLos esRewardsPoC-vvvv

Mitigation

Since there are two bugs involved in this problem, it is required to fix each of them.

The mitigation for the first bug (problem when claiming all the rewards):

• Refactor the as follows:

```
function claimAll(address delegator, uint256 targetEpochIndex) external returns
require(mintedEpochCount != 0, "not minted yet");
 uint256 endEpochIndex = (targetEpochIndex == 0 || targetEpochIndex >

→ mintedEpochCount - 1)
     ? mintedEpochCount - 1
      : targetEpochIndex;
 uint256 reward;
 //Qaudit => Make a temporal copy of the current delegates of the delegator
 uint256 totalDelegatees = unclaimed[delegator].delegatees.length();
 address[] memory delegatees = new address[](totalDelegatees);
 for (uint256 i = 0; i < unclaimed[delegator].delegatees.length(); i++) {</pre>
       delegatees[i] = unclaimed[delegator].delegatees.at(i);
 //@audit => Iterate over the temporal copy, in this way, if a delegatee is

→ delegatees at the start of the call!

 for (uint256 i = 0; i < delegatees.length; i++) {</pre>
   if (
         unclaimed[delegator].delegatees.contains(delegatees[i]) &&
              unclaimed[delegator].unclaimedStart[delegatee] <= endEpochIndex
         reward += _claim(delegatees[i], delegator);
 if (reward > 0) {
     _transfer(delegator, reward);
```

```
}
}
```

The mitigation for the second bug (delegating to a previous undelegated delegatee causes all pending rewards to be lost):

• <u>Before setting the</u>, check if there is any pending rewards, and if there are any, either revert the tx or proceed to claim the rewards of the delegatee on behalf of the delegator.

Discussion

sherlock-admin2

The protocol team fixed this issue in the following PRs/commits: https://github.com/morph-l2/morph/pull/594

Issue M-8: Stakers lose their commission if they unstake as they cannot claim their pending rewards anymore after unstaking

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-judging/issues/168

Found by

0xStalin, mstpr-brainbot, n4nika, p0wd3r, sammy, underdog, zraxx

Summary

Once a staker unstakes or gets removed, they permanently lose access to all their accrued commissions.

This is a problem as it can either happen mistakenly or if the staker gets removed by an admin or slashed. However even in that case, they should still be able to claim their previously accrued rewards since they did not act negatively during that period.

Root Cause

has the onlyStaker modifier, making it only callable by stakers.

Internal pre-conditions

None

External pre-conditions

None

Attack Path

Issue path in this case

- Staker stakes and accrues commissions over a few epochs
- Now either the staker unstakes or gets removed forcibly by the admin
- The staker has now lost access to all previously accrued rewards

Impact

Loss of unclaimed rewards

PoC

No response

Mitigation

Consider removing the onlyStaker modifier and allow anyone to call it. This should not be a problem since normal users do not have any claimable commission anyways except if they were a staker before.

Discussion

sherlock-admin2

The protocol team fixed this issue in the following PRs/commits: https://github.com/morph-l2/morph/pull/516

Issue M-9: Attacker can fill merkle tree in L2ToL1MessagePasser, blocking any future withdrawals

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-judging/issues/178
The protocol has acknowledged this issue.

Found by

mstpr-brainbot, n4nika

Summary

An attacker can fill the merkle tree used for withdrawals from L2->L1, preventing any withdrawals from L2 to L1.

Root Cause

The protocol uses one single merkle tree with a maximum of 2**32-1 entries for all ever happening withdrawals. Once that tree is full, any calls made to L2CrossDomainMessenger .sol::_sendMessage will fail, since, called in L2ToL1MessagePasser.sol::appendMessage will revert.

```
function _appendMessageHash(bytes32 leafHash) internal {
    bytes32 node = leafHash;

    // Avoid overflowing the Merkle tree (and prevent edge case in computing
    `_branch`)
    if (leafNodesCount >= _MAX_DEPOSIT_COUNT) {
        revert MerkleTreeFull();
    }
    // [...]
}
```

Internal pre-conditions

None

External pre-conditions

None

Attack Path

- attacker deploys a contract with a function which initiates 200 withdrawals from L2 to L1 per transaction by calling 12CrossDomainMessenger.sendMessage(payable(0),0,"",0) 200 times
- they then automate calling that contract as many times as it takes to fill the 2**321 entries of the withdrawal merkel tree in Tree.sol (21_000_000times)
- this fills the merkle tree and once it is full, any withdrawals are blocked permanently

Cost for a DoS with the lowest gas cost: 51152USD at 2400USD/ETH

Note that this exploit takes some time to execute. However with the low gas costs and block times on L2, it is absolutely feasible to do so causing massive damage to the protocol. Additionally, if the ether price goes down, this will cost even less to execute.

Impact

Permanent DoS of the rollup as no L2->L1 withdrawals/messages will be possible anymore.

PoC

The following exploit puts 200calls into one transaction, using close to the block gas limit of 10_000_000gas. To run it please add it to L2Staking.t.sol and execute it with forg etest--match-testtest_lowGasSendMessage.

```
function test_lowGasSendMessage() public {
   for (uint256 i = 0; i < 200; ++i) {
        12CrossDomainMessenger.sendMessage(payable(0), 0, "", 0);
   }
}</pre>
```

The forge output will show it costing about 9_924_957gas with which the calculations in A ttackPath were made.

Mitigation

Consider adding different handling for when a merkle tree is full, not bricking the rollup because of a filled merkle tree.

Issue M-10: Malicious sequencer can DoS proposal execution by inflating the amount of proposals to be pruned

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-judging/issues/186

Found by

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Summary

A malicious sequencer can inflate the amount of proposals in <code>Gov.sol</code> in order to force the previous proposals invalidation process in <code>_executeProposal()</code> to run out of gas, making it impossible to execute proposals.

Root Cause

Found in Gov.sol#L257-L260.

The Gov.sol contract incorporates a "proposal pruning process". Every time a proposal is executed, all the previous proposals since undeletedProposalStart will be pruned (even if they are executed or not). This is done in order to avoid a situation where older proposals get executed, overriding the governance values of newly executed proposals.

As shown in the following code snippet, the "pruning process" works by iterating all proposals since the latest undeletedProposalStart, and until the current proposal ID. It is also worth noting that undeletedProposalStart is only updated when executing a proposal, and is set to the ID of the proposal being executed so that next proposal executions don't need to prune from the first proposal ID:

```
undeletedProposalStart = proposalID;
...
}
```

However, this iteration can lead to an out-of-gas error, as a malicious sequencer can inflate the amount of proposal ID's due to the lack of limits in proposal creations:

```
// Gov.sol
function createProposal(ProposalData calldata proposal) external onlySequencer
→ returns (uint256) {
        require(proposal.rollupEpoch != 0, "invalid rollup epoch");
        require(proposal.maxChunks > 0, "invalid max chunks");
            proposal.batchBlockInterval != 0 || proposal.batchMaxBytes != 0 ||
→ proposal.batchTimeout != 0,
            "invalid batch params"
        );
        currentProposalID++;
        proposalData[currentProposalID] = proposal;
        proposalInfos[currentProposalID] = ProposalInfo(block.timestamp +
→ votingDuration, false);
        emit ProposalCreated(
            currentProposalID,
            msgSender(),
            proposal.batchBlockInterval,
            proposal.batchMaxBytes,
            proposal.batchTimeout,
            proposal.maxChunks,
            proposal.rollupEpoch
        );
        return (currentProposalID);
```

As shown in the snippet, any sequencer can create a proposal, and there's no limit to proposal creation, allowing the proposal inflation scenario to occur.

Internal pre-conditions

- A staker in Morph needs to be a sequencer in the sequencer set (achieved by obtaining delegations, or by simply being added as a staker in the L2Staking contract if rewards have not started)
- The sequencer needs to call <code>createProposal()</code> several times so the amount of proposals created is inflated, and the <code>currentProposalID</code> tracker becomes a

External pre-conditions

None.

Attack Path

- 1. A staker stakes in L1Staking. A cross-layer message is sent from L1 to L2, and the staker is registered to the L2Staking contract as a staker.
- 2. If rewards have not started and the sequencer set is not filled, the staker will be directly added to the sequencer set, becoming a sequencer. Otherwise, the staker needs to have some MORPH tokens delegated so that he can become a sequencer.
- 3. After becoming a sequencer, createProposal() is called several times to inflate the amount of proposal ID's. The sequencer can set unreasonable values so that voting and executing any of the proposals leads the system to behave dangerously, making it disappealing for sequencers to vote for any of the proposals and avoid the OOG issue by executing certain proposals.
- 4. Because currentProposalID has been inflated, any proposal created after the inflation will try to prune all the previous fake proposals, leading to a DoS and running out of gas. This will effectively DoS proposal creation.

Impact

Sequencers won't be able to execute proposals in the governance contract, making it impossible to update global network parameters used by Morph.

PoC

No response

Mitigation

Implement a cooldown period between proposal creations. This will prevent creating a huge amount of proposals, as the attacker will need to wait for the cooldown period to finish in order to create another proposal. If the owner identifies suspicious behavior, he can then remove him in the L1 staking contract, and effectively removing the attacker as sequencer in the L2.

Discussion

sherlock-admin2

The protocol team fixed this issue in the following PRs/commits: https://github.com/morph-l2/morph/pull/603

Issue M-II: In the revertBatch function, in Challenge is set to false incorrectly, causing challenges to continue after the protocol is paused.

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2024-08-morphl2-judging/issues/220

Found by

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Summary

An unchecked batch reversion will cause challenge invalidation for any committed batch, leading to batch rollback issues for challengers, as the isChallenged flag will reset unexpectedly.

Root Cause

In the revertBatch function, the inChallenge state is set to false even if the batch that was challenged is not part of the reverted batch set. This causes ongoing challenges to be incorrectly invalidated:

In the above code, if (!challenges [_batchIndex].finished) will hold true for challenges that doesn't exist. If there are no challenges for a specific _batchIndex, then challenges [_batchIndex].finished will be false which in turn will make the if condition true.

This will cause inChallenge to be set to false even when there are ongoing challenges. Lets assume the following batches were commit to L1 Rollup::

Batch 123 Batch 124 Batch 125 Batch 126

Challenger calls challengeState on batch 123. This sets isChallenged storage variable to true.

Batch 123 Batch 124 Batch 125 Batch 126

challenged
isChallenged = true

While the challenge is ongoing owner calls revertBatch on Batch 125 to revert both Batch 125 and Batch 126.

Batch 123 Batch 124 Batch 125 Batch 126

challenged revert batch
isChallenged = true

Due to the bug in the revertBatch function, isChallenged is set to false even though the challenged batch wasn't in the reverted batches.

Batch 123 Batch 124

challenged
isChallenged = false

This will lead to issues when the protocol is paused. Due to the following check in the set

Pause function, the challenge will not be deleted while the protocol is paused:

During the protocol pause, the prover will not be able to verify the proof and if the pause period is larger than the proof window, prover will lose the challenge and gets slashed.

Internal pre-conditions

- 1. Owner calls revertBatch on batch n, reverting the nth batch.
- 2. Challenger monitors the mempool and initiates a challenge on the n-1 batch.
- 3. Due to the bug in revertBatch, the inChallenge flag is reset to false, even though batch n-l is under challenge.
- 4. Owner calls setPause and the protocol is paused longer than the challenge window.

External pre-conditions

No response

Attack Path

- 1. The owner calls revertBatch on batch n, reverting batch n.
- 2. A challenger monitors the mempool and calls challengeBatch on batch n-l.
- 3. The revertBatch function incorrectly resets the inChallenge flag to false despite batch n-l being under challenge.
- 4. The protocol is paused, preventing the challenge from being deleted.
- 5. The prover cannot prove the batch in time due to the paused protocol.
- 6. The prover gets slashed, even though the batch is valid.

Impact

If the protocol is paused when there's an ongoing challenge (albeit inChallenge is set to false due to the vulnerability explained above), the protocol slashes the batch submitter for failing to prove the batch within the challenge window, even though the batch is valid. The challenger may incorrectly receive the challenge reward + slash reward despite no actual issue in the batch.

PoC

No response

Mitigation

Use batchInChallenge function to verify the batch is indeed challenged:

Discussion

sherlock-admin2

The protocol team fixed this issue in the following PRs/commits: https://github.com/morph-l2/morph/pull/561

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