



EF's Bug Bounty Program

The past, the present and the future

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What is it?

Bug Bounty Program

- Let's start with the basics
- What's in scope
- BBPaaS vs. In-house
- <https://bounty.ethereum.org>



A screenshot of the Ethereum Bug Bounty Program website. The browser shows the URL https://ethereum.org/en/bug-bounty/. The page has a dark theme with a navigation bar at the top containing links like 'Use Ethereum', 'Learn', 'Developers', 'Enterprise', and 'Community'. A search bar is on the right. The main content area features a 'Bug Bounty Program' heading with a purple worm icon, followed by the text 'Earn up to \$250,000 USD and a place on the leaderboard by finding protocol, client and Solidity bugs affecting the Ethereum network.' Below this is an orange 'Submit a bug' button and a 'Read rules' button. On the right, a leaderboard shows the top 5 contributors: 1. protolambda (42400 points), 2. Guido Vranken (39350 points), 3. Martin Holst Swende (38000 points), 4. Sam Sun (35000 points), and 5. ChainSecurity (21000 points). A 'See full leaderboards' button is at the bottom right of the leaderboard.

A screenshot of the Ethereum Bug Bounty Program website showing the 'Specification' section. The page is divided into three columns. The first column is titled 'Deposit Contract' and contains the text 'The specifications and source code of the Deposit Contract is part of the Ethereum ecosystem.' and 'Helpful links' with links to 'Deposit Contract Specification' and 'Deposit Contract Source Code'. The second column is titled 'Solidity bugs' and contains the text 'See the Solidity SECURITY.MD file which is included in this scope. Solidity does not hold security guarantees for the compilation of untrusted input – rewards for crashes of the solc compiler are generated data.' The third column is titled 'Specification' and contains the text 'The Ethereum Specification is the Execution Layer Consensus Layer Specification. It might be helpful to read the Execution Layer Specification.' and a list of links: 'Ben Edgington's', 'Vitalik Buterin's', and 'Ethereum's'. Below the text, there is a section titled 'CLIENTS FEATURED IN THE BOUNTIES' with logos for Besu, Erigon, Geth, and others.



The Past

History

2015



Launch of the Ethereum Foundation Bug Bounty Program.

Max Reward: 5 BTC for consensus issues (~\$1500)

2020



CL Program started

Max Reward:
\$25/50,000 (x2)

2022



Merge of the two bounty programs.

Max Reward: \$250,000
(\$1 Million for Merge Related issues)



ETHEREUM Bounty Program

The Ethereum Bounty Program provides bounties for bugs. We call on our community and all bug bounty hunters to help identify bugs in the protocols and clients. Earn rewards for finding a vulnerability and get a place on our leaderboard. See Rules & Rewards section for details.

[Submit a Vulnerability](#)

LEADERBOARD

1.	 Sam Sun samczsun	35000 pts
2.	 Martin Holst Swende* holiman	33500 pts
3.	 ChainSecurity chainsecurity	21000 pts
4.	 Juno Im junorouse	20500 pts

Ethereum Bounty Program

- Submit via email (PGP)





The Present

Submissions

- Sent via Google forms or Email (PGP)



Ethereum Bug Bounty Submission

For more, visit <https://bounty.ethereum.org/>

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* Required

Email *

Your email

Name *

Note: for display on the bounty site; you may use a pseudonym

Your answer

Short description *

1 sentence description of the bug

Your answer

Attack scenario *

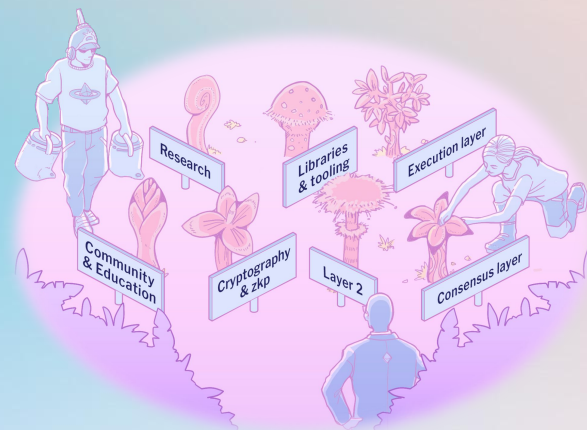
More detailed description of the attack/bug scenario and unexpected/buggy behaviour

200+ vulnerabilities reported and fixed.

Public Disclosures

<https://github.com/ethereum/public-disclosures/>

public-disclosures / disclosures / CL.md												Go to file			
wong tianfeng												Latest commit updates on Mar 16		History	
83 Lines (183 x1ac) 188 KB															
Raw												Binary			
Affected Clients	USD	Bug	Type	Summary	Links	Security Advisory	Reported	Fixed	Date Published	CVE/Severity	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Points	Revenue (USD)		
Lighthouse	CL-2020-01	Network agent crashes	lighthouse discovery DoS	A network agent, capable of creating a large number of discv5 sessions, crashed the discovery service on several lighthouse nodes.	ethereum/public-attacknet#4		2020-03-27	2020-07-21	2021-12-01	Medium	Jonny Pines	500	1000		
Prism	CL-2020-02	DoS Attack	DoS	Prism nodes are vulnerable to a DoS attack that prevents them from participating in consensus.	ethereum/public-attacknet#12	https://groups.google.com/g/lightning-announce/c/4yH7uud4y6/m/GduyGf9GAAAJ	2020-07-01	2020-08-06	2021-12-01	High	Jonny Pines	1250	2500		
Toku	CL-2020-03	DoS Attack	DoS	Toku nodes are vulnerable to a simple DoS attack that prevents them from participating in consensus.	ethereum/public-attacknet#7		2020-07-26	2020-07-31	2021-12-01	High	Jonny Pines	1250	2500		
Prism	CL-2020-04	L4 Distributed Denial of Service attack ruins the P2P connectivity and stops thrally	DoS	Prism nodes are vulnerable to L4 DoS attacks. The attacker can stop thrally for any ethereum/public-attacknet#9 amount of time.	ethereum/public-attacknet#9		2020-07-26	2020-07-30	2021-12-01	High	Alexander Sedovskiy	2500	5000		
Prism	CL-2020-05	Remote crash nodes over p2p	DoS	There is (was) a bug in Prism that made it possible for an attacker to crash arbitrary remote nodes via p2p protocol.	ethereum/public-attacknet#11		2020-07-26	2020-07-29	2021-12-01	High	Martin Haidl	2500	0		
All clients	CL-2020-06	DoS Attack due to discv5 spec	DoS	A DoS attack that exploits an RLP decoding error (and lack of packet size validation) that eventually causes client crash and reply with https://hackmd.io/Bmq_GfVXQzUz2YVVFuA?view a flood of INVALID/NOU messages that are larger than the attackers message.			2020-08-25	2020-10-07	2021-12-01	High	Jonny Pines	5000	10000		
				Toku nodes are vulnerable to a resource											

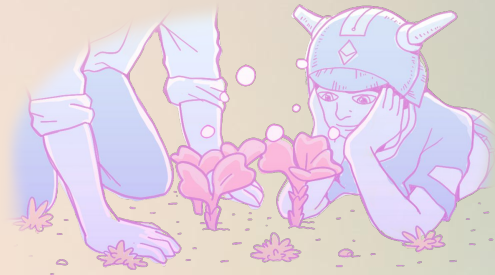




The Future

Secure Submission Form

- Client side encryption in browser
- OpenPGP.js
- Modular
- Small server side app handling transfer of data to destinations
- Soon™ available in a public repository



Secure Contact Form

Search with DuckDuckGo or enter address

50%

Ethereum Foundation Bug Bounty Submission

For more, visit <https://bounty.ethereum.org/>

Name *

Note: You may use a pseudonym for the leader

Email *

Target *

Client: Lighthouse

Short description *

1 sentence description of the bug

Attack scenario *

More detailed description of the attack/bug scenario and unexpected/buggy behaviour

Impact *

Describe the effect this may have in a production setting

Components *

Point to the files, functions, and/or specific line numbers where the bug occurs

Reproduction *

If used any sort of tools/simulations to find the bug, describe in detail how to reproduce the buggy behaviour

Fix

Description of suggested fix, if available

Additional details

Any details not covered above

File Upload

Browse... No files selected.

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Send



Secure Submission Form

Please use this form when instructed by the EF team member from @ethereum.org email to submit documents. You can submit any kind of file and an accompanying message.

Your file and message will be strongly encrypted before leaving your device. You will get an ID for your submission. You can use this ID to refer to the submission in future correspondence. Please record it somewhere, it's not a secret.

Recipient team:

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Message:

Write a message. You could mention your name or email and short description of the file contents.

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Submit

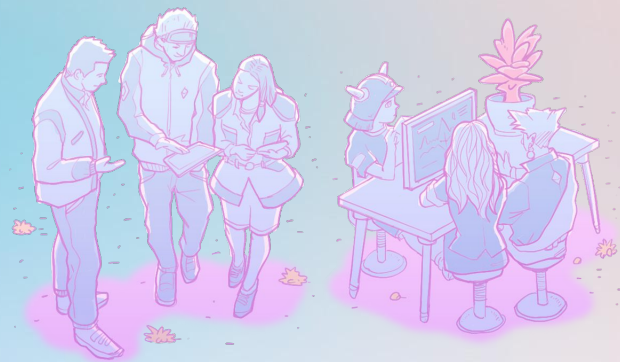


Secure Drop

- Built on Secure Submission Form
- Easy way for users to submit data that must be kept confidential
- Available at <https://github.com/ethereum/secure-drop/>

Looking ahead

- Encrypted vulnerability lifecycle system
- Additional incentives for bounty hunters
 - Remix Team



Thank you!

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