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### EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Composable Finance is a modular and interoperable platform for decentralized finance (DeFi) that is designed for developers and end-users who want to create new solutions across multiple blockchain infrastructures. Their technology stack is like lego blocks, allowing developers to add new logic and create novel solutions that can be deployed across different blockchain networks. The platform also aims to explore the ability to segment different aspects of a protocol into different layers, so that they can take advantage of specific benefits while still being able to natively communicate through Composable's infrastructure.

Composable Finance engaged Halborn to conduct a security audit on the ibc-go module, beginning on February 15th, 2023 and ending on February 28th, 2023.

#### 1.2 AUDIT SUMMARY

The team at Halborn was provided one week for the engagement and assigned a full-time security engineer to audit the security of the dynamic inflation feature. The security engineer is a blockchain and smart contract security expert with advanced penetration testing, smart contract hacking, and deep knowledge of multiple blockchain protocols.

The purpose of this audit is to:

- Ensure that the **IBC Go** operates as intended.
- Identify potential security issues with the custom modules used in the IBC Go.

In summary, Halborn identified some improvements to reduce the likelihood and impact of risks, which should be addressed by the Composable Finance team.

#### 1.3 TEST APPROACH & METHODOLOGY

Halborn performed a combination of manual and automated security testing to balance efficiency, timeliness, practicality, and accuracy in regard to the scope of the custom modules. While manual testing is recommended to uncover flaws in logic, process, and implementation; automated testing techniques help enhance coverage of structures and can quickly identify items that do not follow security best practices. The following phases and associated tools were used throughout the term of the audit:

- Research into architecture and purpose.
- Static Analysis of security for scoped repository, and imported functions. (e.g., staticcheck, gosec, unconvert, codeql, ineffassign and semgrep)
- Manual Assessment for discovering security vulnerabilities on codebase
- Ensuring correctness of the codebase.
- Dynamic Analysis on files and modules related to the IBC Go.

#### RISK METHODOLOGY:

Vulnerabilities or issues observed by Halborn are ranked based on the risk assessment methodology by measuring the LIKELIHOOD of a security incident and the IMPACT should an incident occur. This framework works for communicating the characteristics and impacts of technology vulnerabilities. The quantitative model ensures repeatable and accurate measurement while enabling users to see the underlying vulnerability characteristics that were used to generate the Risk scores. For every vulnerability, a risk level will be calculated on a scale of 5 to 1 with 5 being the highest likelihood or impact.

#### RISK SCALE - LIKELIHOOD

- 5 Almost certain an incident will occur.
- 4 High probability of an incident occurring.
- 3 Potential of a security incident in the long term.
- 2 Low probability of an incident occurring.

1 - Very unlikely issue will cause an incident.

#### RISK SCALE - IMPACT

- 5 May cause devastating and unrecoverable impact or loss.
- 4 May cause a significant level of impact or loss.
- 3 May cause a partial impact or loss to many.
- 2 May cause temporary impact or loss.
- 1 May cause minimal or un-noticeable impact.

The risk level is then calculated using a sum of these two values, creating a value of 10 to 1 with 10 being the highest level of security risk.

CRITICAL HIGH MEDIUM	LOW	INFORMATIONAL
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10 - CRITICAL

9 - 8 - HIGH

**7 - 6** - MEDIUM

**5 - 4** - LOW

3 - 1 - VERY LOW AND INFORMATIONAL

#### 1.4 SCOPE

- 1. IN-SCOPE TREE & COMMIT:
  - URL: /strangelove-ventures/ibc-go.
  - Commit hash: d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f.

The review was scoped to the ibc-go directory in the strangelove-ventures repository.

## 2. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY & FINDINGS OVERVIEW

CRITICAL	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	INFORMATIONAL
0	0	3	3	6

#### LIKELIHOOD

	(HAL-01)		
(HAL-04) (HAL-05) (HAL-06)		(HAL-02) (HAL-03)	
(HAL-10)			
(HAL-07) (HAL-08) (HAL-09) (HAL-11) (HAL-12)			

SECURITY ANALYSIS	RISK LEVEL	REMEDIATION DATE
HAL-01 - CONSENSUS STATE IS NOT SET IN THE WASM LIGHTCLIENT	Medium	-
HAL-02 - WASMVM PARAMETERS ARE NOT SET IN THE CONTRACT INTERACTIONS	Medium	-
HAL-03 - THE STATUS OF CLIENT STATE IS MARKED AS ACTIVE BY DEFAULT	Medium	_
HAL-04 - SIGNER IS NOT VALIDATED IN THE MSGPUSHNEWWASMCODE'S VALIDATEBASIC FUNCTION	Low	-
HAL-05 - GRPC-GATEWAY ROUTES ARE NOT REGISTERED	Low	-
HAL-06 - TEST DOCKER IMAGE RUNNING AS ROOT	Low	-
HAL-07 - OUT OF DATE GOLANG VERSION	Low	-
HAL-08 - CHANNEL DEFINITION IS MISSING ON THE MSGCHANNELOPENTRYRESPONSE	Informational	-
HAL-09 - LACK OF CONDITIONAL CHECK WHEN BLOCK HEIGHT - BLOCK TIMESTAMP EQUALS TO 0	Informational	-
HAL-10 - OPEN TO-DOS	Informational	-
HAL-11 - GOLANG LIBRARY IS IMPORTED MULTIPLE TIMES	Informational	-
HAL-12 - MATH RAND IS NOT SAFE FOR CONCURRENT USE	Informational	-

## FINDINGS & TECH DETAILS

## 3.1 (HAL-01) CONSENSUS STATE IS NOT SET IN THE WASM LIGHTCLIENT - MEDIUM

#### Description:

The IBC clients are lightweight clients that operate on the blockchain. Each of these clients is distinguished by a unique client-id, which is automatically generated by appending the client type and the global client counter in the format of client-type-N. The clients keep track of consensus states on other blockchains, including the proof spec required to validate proofs against the client's consensus state. Clients can have multiple connections to the counterparty chain. In the context of a WebAssembly (WASM) lightclient, the consensus state is not being properly set, which can lead to inconsistencies in the state of the network and potential security vulnerabilities. The failure to set the consensus state in the WASM lightclient can result in a range of negative impacts on the blockchain network. For example, it can lead to forked chains, where different nodes have different views of the network's state, and transactions may be processed incorrectly or not at all.

#### Code Location:

/modules/light-clients/08-wasm/client\_state.go#L242

```
Listing 1

1 func (c ClientState) UpdateState(ctx sdk.Context, cdc codec.
L BinaryCodec, clientStore sdk.KVStore, clientMsg exported.
L ClientMessage) []exported.Height {
2    const VerifyClientMessage = "update_state"
3    inner := make(map[string]interface{})
4    inner["client_state"] = c
5    clientMsgConcrete := make(map[string]interface{}))
6    switch clientMsg := clientMsg.(type) {
7    case *Header:
8     clientMsgConcrete["header"] = clientMsg
```

```
clientMsgConcrete["misbehaviour"] = clientMsg
      }
      inner["client_message"] = clientMsgConcrete
      payload := make(map[string]map[string]interface{})
      payload[VerifyClientMessage] = inner
      output, err := call[contractResult](payload, &c, ctx

    clientStore)

      if err != nil {
          panic(err)
      if err := json.Unmarshal(output.Data, &c); err != nil {
          panic(sdkerrors.Wrapf(ErrUnableToUnmarshalPayload, fmt.
setClientState(clientStore, cdc, &c)
      // TODO: do we need to set consensus state?
      // setConsensusState(clientStore, cdc, consensusState, header.
      // setConsensusMetadata(ctx, clientStore, header.GetHeight())
      return []exported.Height{c.LatestHeight}
30 }
```

```
Risk Level:
```

Likelihood - 2 Impact - 4

#### Recommendation:

To address this issue, the Composable Finance team should ensure that the consensus state is properly set in the WASM lightclient. This may involve implementing additional checks or procedures to verify the consensus states of other blockchains.

## 3.2 (HAL-02) WASMVM PARAMETERS ARE NOT SET IN THE CONTRACT INTERACTIONS - MEDIUM

#### Description:

During the code review, It has been noticed that some variables are not set in the functions of the WASMVM interactions. For instance, The system experiences an issue where the Querier is not defined on the func (\*VM) Instantiate function. This can occur when the system attempts to access the Querier object before it is initialized or when the object is not defined in the code. As a result, the system is unable to perform certain operations that require access to the Querier object, which can lead to errors and malfunctions.

#### Code Location:

/modules/light-clients/08-wasm/vm.go#L119

```
Listing 2
 1 func initContract(codeID []byte, ctx sdk.Context, store sdk.

    KVStore) (*types.Response, error) {
      gasMeter := ctx.GasMeter()
       chainID := ctx.BlockHeader().ChainID
       height := ctx.BlockHeader().Height
       // safety checks before casting below
       if height < 0 {
           panic("Block height must never be negative")
       sec := ctx.BlockTime().Unix()
       if sec < 0 {
           panic("Block (unix) time must never be negative ")
       env := types.Env{
           Block: types.BlockInfo{
               Height: uint64(height),
                        uint64(sec),
```

/modules/light-clients/08-wasm/vm.go#L162

```
Listing 3
 1 func callContractWithEnvAndMeter(codeID cosmwasm.Checksum, ctx sdk
msg []byte) (*types.Response, error) {
     msgInfo := types.MessageInfo{
         Sender: "",
         Funds: nil,
     // TODO: fix this
     // mockFailureAPI := *api.NewMockFailureAPI()
     // mockQuerier := api.MockQuerier{}
     desercost := types.UFraction{Numerator: 1, Denominator: 1}
     resp, gasUsed, err := WasmVM.Execute(codeID, env, msgInfo, msg

    desercost)

     if &ctx != nil {
         consumeGas(ctx, gasUsed)
     return resp, err
```

```
15 }
```

#### /modules/light-clients/08-wasm/vm.go#L178

```
Listing 4

1 func queryContractWithStore(codeID cosmwasm.Checksum, store sdk.
L KVStore, msg []byte) ([]byte, error) {
2    // TODO: fix this
3    // mockEnv := api.MockEnv()
4    // mockGasMeter := api.NewMockGasMeter(1)
5    // mockFailureAPI := *api.NewMockFailureAPI()
6    // mockQuerier := api.MockQuerier{}
7    // TODO: figure out what this is for
8    desercost := types.UFraction{Numerator: 1, Denominator: 1}
9    resp, _, err := WasmVM.Query(codeID, types.Env{}, msg, store,
L cosmwasm.GoAPI{}, nil, nil, maxGasLimit, desercost)
10    return resp, err
11 }
```

Undefined Parameters:

- Querier
- GO API
- MsgInfo
- Gas Meter
- Env

```
Listing 5

1 func (vm *VM) Execute(
2 checksum Checksum,
3 env types.Env,
4 info types.MessageInfo,
5 executeMsg []byte,
6 store KVStore,
7 goapi GoAPI,
8 querier Querier,
9 gasMeter GasMeter,
10 gasLimit uint64,
```

```
12 ) (*types.Response, uint64, error)
14 func (vm *VM) Instantiate(
       initMsg []byte,
       gasLimit uint64,
       deserCost types.UFraction,
25 ) (*types.Response, uint64, error)
27 func (vm *VM) Query(
       queryMsg []byte,
       gasMeter GasMeter,
       gasLimit uint64,
       deserCost types.UFraction,
37 ) ([]byte, uint64, error)
```

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 3 Impact - 3

#### Recommendation:

To address this issue, it is recommended to review the system's code to ensure that all the objects are properly defined and initialized. This may involve adding appropriate checks and error handling mechanisms to prevent the system from accessing the relative objects before it is defined.

## 3.3 (HAL-03) THE STATUS OF CLIENT STATE IS MARKED AS ACTIVE BY DEFAULT - MEDIUM

#### Description:

The IBC clients are lightweight clients that operate on the blockchain. Each of these clients is distinguished by a unique client-id, which is automatically generated by appending the client type and the global client counter in the format of client-type-N. The clients keep track of consensus states on other blockchains, including the proof spec required to validate proofs against the client's consensus state. Clients can have multiple connections to the counterparty chain.

The ClientState contains information specific to the blockchain and the lightweight client that is necessary to verify updates and upgrades to the IBC client. This information can include chain-id, latest height, proof specs, unbonding periods, or the status of the lightweight client. The client state in a lightweight client is marked as Active by default, which means that it is assumed to be functioning properly and able to receive and process transactions. However, this assumption can be dangerous as it can lead to the network being vulnerable to attacks or errors that may occur in the client state.

#### Code Location:

/modules/light-clients/08-wasm/client\_state.go#L38

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 3

Impact - 3

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended to implement a more robust approach to the client state status.

## 3.4 (HAL-04) SIGNER IS NOT VALIDATED IN THE MSGPUSHNEWWASMCODE'S VALIDATEBASIC FUNCTION - LOW

#### Description:

The validate basic function is responsible for checking the basic validity of a transaction message, including verifying that the signer address is valid and that the transaction payload conforms to the expected format. However, the validate basic function does not properly validate the signer address.

#### Code Location:

/modules/light-clients/08-wasm/msgs.go#L12

```
Listing 7

1 package wasm
2
3 import (
4 sdk "github.com/cosmos/cosmos-sdk/types"
5 sdkerrors "github.com/cosmos/cosmos-sdk/types/errors"
6 )
7
8 var (
9 _ sdk.Msg = &MsgPushNewWasmCode{}
10 )
11
12 func (m MsgPushNewWasmCode) ValidateBasic() error {
13 if len(m.Code) == 0 {
14 return sdkerrors.Wrapf(ErrWasmEmptyCode,
15 "empty wasm code",
16 )
17 }
18
19 return nil
20 }
21
```

```
22
23 func (m MsgPushNewWasmCode) GetSigners() []sdk.AccAddress {
24    signer, err := sdk.AccAddressFromBech32(m.Signer)
25    if err != nil {
26        panic(err)
27    }
28    return []sdk.AccAddress{signer}
29 }
```

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 3

#### Recommendation:

To address this issue, the validate basic function should include additional checks to verify the authenticity of the signer address, such as checking that the address corresponds to a valid public key.

## 3.5 (HAL-05) GRPC-GATEWAY ROUTES ARE NOT REGISTERED - LOW

#### Description:

The HTTP handlers in the module are responsible for handling incoming queries and requests from other nodes in the network. However, if the HTTP handlers are not properly registered for the service query to mux, all gRPC queries will fail. This can prevent the network from processing transactions, retrieving data, or executing other functions.

#### Code Location:

/modules/light-clients/08-wasm/module.go#L47

#### 

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 3

#### Recommendation:

To address this issue, it is recommended to review the HTTP handlers carefully in the wasm module and ensure that they are properly registered for the service query to mux.

## 3.6 (HAL-06) TEST DOCKER IMAGE RUNNING AS ROOT - LOW

#### Description:

Docker containers usually run with root privileges by default. This allows for unrestricted container management, which means a user could install system packages, edit configuration files, bind privileged ports, etc. During the static analysis, it has been observed that docker image is maintained via root user.

#### Code Location:

#### Dockerfile

```
Listing 9

1 FROM golang:1.19 as builder
2
3 ARG IBC_GO_VERSION
4
5 ENV GOPATH=""
6 ENV GOMODULE="on"
7
8 # ensure the ibc go version is being specified for this image.
9 RUN test -n "${IBC_GO_VERSION}"
10
11 COPY go.mod .
12 COPY go.sum .
13
14 RUN go mod download
15
16 ADD internal internal
17 ADD testing testing
18 ADD modules modules
19 ADD LICENSE LICENSE
20
21 COPY contrib/devtools/Makefile contrib/devtools/Makefile
22 COPY Makefile .
```

## 3.7 (HAL-07) OUT OF DATE GOLANG VERSION - INFORMATIONAL

#### Description:

Go 1.20 was released about a week ago, and for those of us in the blockchain community, there are some important notes to take note of go1.20. Specifically, the update includes performance improvements in garbage collection by up to 2%, stronger cryptography operations against side-channel attacks due to constant-time cryptography, and a warning about the math/big package, which is often used heavily in blockchain projects. It's also important to remember that Go's support policy only includes the two newest major releases, which means that as of now, 1.19 and 1.20 are supported, while 1.18 has been deprecated.

#### Code Location:

#### /go.mod#L1

```
Listing 11

1 go 1.19
2
3 module github.com/cosmos/ibc-go/v7
```

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 1

#### Recommendation:

Consider upgrading the go version.

```
cbs, ok := k.Router.GetRoute(module)
     if !ok {
         ctx.Logger().Error("channel open try callback failed", "
→ port-id", msg.PortId, "error", sdkerrors.Wrapf(porttypes.
→ ErrInvalidRoute, "route not found to module: %s", module))
         return nil, sdkerrors.Wrapf(porttypes.ErrInvalidRoute, "
→ route not found to module: %s", module)
     channelID, cap, err := k.ChannelKeeper.ChanOpenTry(ctx, msg.
└ Channel.Ordering, msg.Channel.ConnectionHops, msg.PortId,
         portCap, msg.Channel.Counterparty, msg.CounterpartyVersion
     if err != nil {
         ctx.Logger().Error("channel open try callback failed", "
□ error", sdkerrors.Wrap(err, "channel handshake open try failed"))
         return nil, sdkerrors.Wrap(err, "channel handshake open

    try failed")

     }
     // Perform application logic callback
     version, err := cbs.OnChanOpenTry(ctx, msg.Channel.Ordering,
if err != nil {
         ctx.Logger().Error("channel open try callback failed", "
∟ port-id", msg.PortId, "channel-id", channelID, "error", err.Error
५ ())
         return nil, sdkerrors. Wrapf(err, "channel open try
Ly callback failed for port ID: %s, channel ID: %s", msg.PortId,
}
     // Write channel into state
     k.ChannelKeeper.WriteOpenTryChannel(ctx, msg.PortId, channelID
ctx.Logger().Info("channel open try callback succeeded", "
└ channel-id", channelID, "port-id", msg.PortId, "version", version)
     return &channeltypes.MsgChannelOpenTryResponse{
```

```
40 Version: version,
41 }, nil
42 }
```

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 1

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended to include the new channel id parameter in the MsgChannelOpenTryResponse message type. Additionally, they should take advantage of this parameter to improve the security and usability of their IBC implementations. It is also recommended to update any relevant documentation or communication protocols to ensure that all parties involved in the IBC communication are aware of the new parameter and its importance.

## 3.9 (HAL-09) LACK OF CONDITIONAL CHECK WHEN BLOCK HEIGHT - BLOCK TIMESTAMP EQUALS TO 0 - INFORMATIONAL

#### Description:

During the testing, It has been noticed that The VM module lack a conditional check when the block height and block timestamp equal to zero.

Code Location:

/light-clients/08-wasm/vm.go#L93-L97

```
Listing 13

1 func initContract(codeID []byte, ctx sdk.Context, store sdk.
L KVStore) (*types.Response, error) {
2    gasMeter := ctx.GasMeter()
3    chainID := ctx.BlockHeader().ChainID
4    height := ctx.BlockHeader().Height
5    // safety checks before casting below
6    if height < 0 {
7        panic("Block height must never be negative")
8    }
9    sec := ctx.BlockTime().Unix()
10    if sec < 0 {
11        panic("Block (unix) time must never be negative ")
12    }
13 }</pre>
```

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 1

#### Recommendation:

To address this issue, it is recommended to modify the system's code to handle the scenario when the block height and block timestamp are equal to 0. This can involve adding appropriate checks and error handling mechanisms to prevent unexpected behavior on the vm.



## 3.10 (HAL-10) OPEN TO-DOS - INFORMATIONAL

#### Description:

Open To-dos can point to architecture or programming issues that still need to be resolved. Often these kinds of comments indicate areas of complexity or confusion for developers. This provides value and insight to an attacker who aims to cause damage to the protocol.

#### Code Location:

#### Listing 14 1 ./proto/buf.yaml:4: # TODO: update sdk buf dependency when v0 $\rightarrow$ .47.0 is tagged and pushed to BSR 2 ./docs/DOCS\_README.md:92:TODO: update or remove 3 ./docs/ibc/light-clients/setup.md:101:- TODO: update when params → are managed by ibc-go 4 ./docs/architecture/adr-015-ibc-packet-receiver.md:253: 5 ./docs/.vuepress/config.js:56: 6 ./testing/simapp/sim\_test.go:277:// TODO: Make another test for → the fuzzer itself, which just has noOp txs 7 ./testing/simapp/config.go:23: FlagOnOperationValue └ // TODO: Remove in favor of binary search for invariant violation 8 ./testing/simapp/app.go:921: // TODO: update git tag in link → below 9 ./testing/simapp/state.go:101: → should we panic in this case 10 ./testing/wasm.go:89: // TODO: Wasm.CreateMisbehaviour 11 ./testing/endpoint.go:100: 12 ./testing/endpoint.go:169:// TODO: implement actual upgrade chain 13 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/client\_state.go:37:// TODO call 14 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/client\_state.go:241:

```
15 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/vm.go:13:// TODO: figure out
16 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/vm.go:56:// TODO: Move this into
17 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/vm.go:87:// TODO: Move this into a
18 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/vm.go:124:// TODO: Move this into
19 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/vm.go:152:// TODO: Move this into
20 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/vm.go:158: // TODO: fix this
21 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/vm.go:169:// TODO: Move this into
22 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/vm.go:171: // TODO: fix this
23 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/vm.go:176: // TODO: figure out
24 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/wasm_test.go:51:
→ deprecate usage in favor of testing package
25 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/wasm_test.go:321:// TODO:
→ uncomment when test data is aquired
26 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/wasm_test.go:381:// TODO:
→ uncomment when fisherman is merged
27 ./modules/light-clients/08-wasm/wasm_test.go:429:// TODO:
→ uncomment when test data is aquired
28 ./modules/light-clients/07-tendermint/tendermint_test.go:46:
→ TODO: deprecate usage in favor of testing package
29 ./modules/light-clients/07-tendermint/tendermint_test.go:67:
30 ./modules/core/02-client/keeper/keeper_test.go:71: // TODO:

        → deprecate

31 ./modules/core/02-client/keeper/keeper_test.go:127: // TODO:
→ deprecate
32 ./modules/core/04-channel/client/cli/cli.go:32:
→ sequence Send ?
33 ./modules/core/keeper/keeper_test.go:35:
34 ./modules/core/module.go:122: // TODO:
35 ./modules/apps/transfer/keeper/mbt_relay_test.go:160:
36 ./modules/apps/transfer/module.go:99: // TODO
37 ./e2e/go.mod:208:// TODO: using version v1.0.0 causes a build
```

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 2

#### Recommendation:

Consider resolving the To-dos before deploying code to a production context. Use an independent issue tracker or other project management software to track development tasks.

# 3.11 (HAL-11) GOLANG LIBRARY IS IMPORTED MULTIPLE TIMES - INFORMATIONAL

### Description:

When a Golang library is imported multiple times in a codebase, it leads to redundant code and can result in larger binary sizes. In some cases, it can also cause conflicts between different versions of the same library that may have been imported.

### Code Location:

/modules/light-clients/08-wasm/client\_state.go#L8-L9

```
Listing 15

1
2 import (
3 ...
4 "github.com/cosmos/cosmos-sdk/types"
5 sdk "github.com/cosmos/cosmos-sdk/types"
6 ...
7 )
8
```

### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 1

### Recommendation:

It is recommended to avoid importing the same library multiple times.

### 3.12 (HAL-12) MATH RAND IS NOT SAFE FOR CONCURRENT USE - INFORMATIONAL

### Description:

Using math/rand is deterministic random by default, and it is dangerous. During the code review, It has been noticed that several code locations uses math/rand function.

### Code Location:

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Listing 16
 1 ./modules/core/module.go:7: "math/rand"
 2 ./modules/apps/transfer/simulation/genesis_test.go:5:
 3 ./modules/apps/transfer/simulation/params.go:5: "math/rand"
 4 ./modules/apps/transfer/simulation/params_test.go:4:
 5 ./modules/apps/transfer/simulation/genesis.go:6:
 6 ./modules/apps/transfer/module.go:7: "math/rand"
 7 ./modules/apps/27-interchain-accounts/simulation/genesis_test.go
 8 ./modules/apps/27-interchain-accounts/simulation/params.go:5:
→ math/rand"
 9 ./modules/apps/27-interchain-accounts/simulation/params_test.go:5:
⊔ "math/rand"
10 ./modules/apps/27-interchain-accounts/simulation/genesis.go:6:
→ math/rand"
11 ./modules/apps/27-interchain-accounts/module.go:7: "math/rand"
12 ./modules/apps/29-fee/module.go:7: "math/rand"
```

### Risk Level:

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 1

### Recommendation:

It is recommended to use crypto/rand instead of math/rand.



## AUTOMATED TESTING

### Description:

Halborn used automated testing techniques to enhance coverage of certain areas of the scoped component. Among the tools used were **staticcheck**, **gosec**, **semgrep**, **unconvert**, **codeql** and **nancy**. After Halborn verified all the code and scoped structures in the repository and was able to compile them correctly, these tools were leveraged on scoped structures. With these tools, Halborn can statically verify security related issues across the entire codebase.



Gosec - Security Analysis Output Sample:

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Listing 17
 2 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/testing/simapp/

    test_helpers.go:216] - G404 (CWE-338): Use of weak random number

 → Severity: HIGH)
              tx, err := simtestutil.GenSignedMockTx(
      215:
    > 216:
                  rand.New(rand.NewSource(time.Now().UnixNano())),
      217:
 9 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/testing/simapp/
 → helpers/test_helpers.go:27] - G404 (CWE-338): Use of weak random
 ∟ number generator (math/rand instead of crypto/rand) (Confidence:
 → MEDIUM, Severity: HIGH)
              // create a random length memo
      26:
    > 27:
              r := rand.New(rand.NewSource(time.Now().UnixNano()))
      28:
16 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/testing/simapp/
 ⇒ state.go:187] - G304 (CWE-22): Potential file inclusion via
 186: func AppStateFromGenesisFileFn(r io.Reader, cdc codec.
 → JSONCodec, genesisFile string) (tmtypes.GenesisDoc, []simtypes.

    Account) {
   > 187:
              bytes, err := os.ReadFile(genesisFile)
      188:
              if err != nil {
23 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/modules/light-
 L, clients/08-wasm/cli/tx.go:27] - G304 (CWE-22): Potential file
 inclusion via variable (Confidence: HIGH, Severity: MEDIUM)
      26:
    > 27:
                     code, err := ioutil.ReadFile(fileName)
      28:
```

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30 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/modules/core/03-
└ connection/client/utils/utils.go:207] - G304 (CWE-22): Potential
→ file inclusion via variable (Confidence: HIGH, Severity: MEDIUM)
    > 207:
                 contents, err := os.ReadFile(arg)
      208:
37 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/modules/core/03-
→ file inclusion via variable (Confidence: HIGH, Severity: MEDIUM)
                 // check for file path if JSON input is not
      188:
                 contents, err := os.ReadFile(arg)
    > 189:
      190:
44 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/modules/core/03-

    □ connection/client/utils/utils.go:172] - G304 (CWE-22): Potential

└ file inclusion via variable (Confidence: HIGH, Severity: MEDIUM)
                 // check for file path if JSON input is not
    > 172:
                 contents, err := os.ReadFile(arg)
      173:
                 if err != nil {
51 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/modules/core/02-
□ client/client/cli/tx.go:357] - G304 (CWE-22): Potential file
→ inclusion via variable (Confidence: HIGH, Severity: MEDIUM)
     356:
                         // check for file path if JSON input is
→ not provided
    > 357:
                         contents, err := os.ReadFile(
358:
58 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/modules/core/02-
└ client/client/cli/tx.go:217] - G304 (CWE-22): Potential file
→ inclusion via variable (Confidence: HIGH, Severity: MEDIUM)
```

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216:
                         // check for file path if JSON input is
    > 217:
                         contents, err := os.ReadFile(
218:
65 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/modules/core/02-
└ client/client/cli/tx.go:201] - G304 (CWE-22): Potential file
→ inclusion via variable (Confidence: HIGH, Severity: MEDIÙM)
      200:
                         // check for file path if JSON input is
    > 201:
                         contents, err := os.ReadFile(
202:
                         if err != nil {
72 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/modules/core/02-
→ client/client/cli/tx.go:154] - G304 (CWE-22): Potential file

    inclusion via variable (Confidence: HIGH, Severity: MEDIUM)

                         // check for file path if JSON input is
      153:

    not provided

    > 154:
                         contents, err := os.ReadFile(

    misbehaviourContentOrFileName)

                         if err != nil {
79 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/modules/core/02-
□ client/client/cli/tx.go:107] - G304 (CWE-22): Potential file
→ inclusion via variable (Confidence: HIGH, Severity: MEDIUM)
     106:
                         // check for file path if JSON input is
→ not provided
    > 107:
                         contents, err := os.ReadFile(
108:
86 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/modules/core/02-
└ client/client/cli/tx.go:62] - G304 (CWE-22): Potential file
→ inclusion via variable (Confidence: HIGH, Severity: MEDIUM)
```

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61:
                          // check for file path if JSON input is
     > 62:
                          contents, err := os.ReadFile(
if err != nil {
       63:
93 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/modules/core/02-
└ client/client/cli/tx.go:46] - G304 (CWE-22): Potential file
→ inclusion via variable (Confidence: HIGH, Severity: MEDIUM)
       45:
                          // check for file path if JSON input is
     > 46:
                          contents, err := os.ReadFile(
if err != nil {
       47:
100 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/modules/apps/27-
→ interchain-accounts/controller/client/cli/tx.go:84] - G304 (CWE

    → -22): Potential file inclusion via variable (Confidence: HIGH,
→ Severity: MEDIUM)
       83:
                          // check for file path if JSON input is
     > 84:
                          contents, err := os.ReadFile(

    msgContentOrFileName)

       85:
                          if err != nil {
107 [ibc-go-d0c9da3694668330c1f04bf9c82e994491894a3f/testing/simapp/
→ export.go:180] - G104 (CWE-703): Errors unhandled. (Confidence:
→ HIGH, Severity: LOW)
       179:
     > 180:
              iter.Close()
       181:
     Gosec : 2.15.0
            : 363
           : 110117
```

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118 Nosec : 0
119 Issues : 16
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Semgrep - Security Analysis Output Sample:

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Listing 18
       <multilang> | 52 rules Œ 1334 files
                go | 86 rules Œ 364 files
                                   67 files
              yaml | 27 rules Œ
                                   18 files
              bash | 4 rules Œ
                                    5 files
            python | 244 rules Œ
                js | 179 rules Œ
     100%||1791/1791 tasks
     modules/apps/27-interchain-accounts/controller/types/query.pb.gw
        trailofbits.go.questionable-assignment.questionable-

    assignment

           Should 'protoReg' be modified when an error could be
 → returned?
         Details: https://sg.run/qq6y
            52 protoReq.Owner, err = runtime.String(val)
            63 protoReq.ConnectionId, err = runtime.String(val)
            90 protoReq.Owner, err = runtime.String(val)
           101 protoReq.ConnectionId, err = runtime.String(val)
```

```
modules/apps/29-fee/types/query.pb.gw.go
   trailofbits.go.questionable-assignment.questionable-
returned?
     Details: https://sg.run/qq6y
     208 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
     219 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
      253 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
       ______
     264 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
       -----
     646 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
      _____
     657 protoReq.Relayer, err = runtime.String(val)
      -----
     684 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
      ______
     695 protoReq.Relayer, err = runtime.String(val)
       _____
     722 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
      _____
     733 protoReq.Relayer, err = runtime.String(val)
       _____
     760 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
       -----
     771 protoReq.Relayer, err = runtime.String(val)
      _____
     834 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
      _____
     845 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
      _____
     872 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
       -----
     883 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
 modules/apps/transfer/keeper/grpc_query.go
```

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Details: https://sg.run/WWQ2
         26 hash, err := types.ParseHexHash(strings.TrimPrefix(req
27 if err != nil {
              return nil, status. Error (codes. Invalid Argument, fmt
  .Sprintf("invalid denom trace hash: %s, error: %s", hash.String(),
   err))
         29 }
   modules/apps/transfer/types/query.pb.gw.go
      trailofbits.go.questionable-assignment.questionable-
         Should 'protoReq' be modified when an error could be
  returned?
        Details: https://sg.run/qq6y
         52 protoReq.Hash, err = runtime.String(val)
         79 protoReq.Hash, err = runtime.String(val)
          _____
         160 protoReq.Trace, err = runtime.String(val)
          _____
         187 protoReq.Trace, err = runtime.String(val)
            _____
         214 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
          -----
         225 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
99
          -----
         252 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
         263 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
   modules/core/02-client/types/query.pb.gw.go
→ returned?
        Details: https://sg.run/qq6y
```

```
52 protoReq.ClientId, err = runtime.String(val)
         79 protoReq.ClientId, err = runtime.String(val)
        146 protoReq.ClientId, err = runtime.String(val)
          -----
        157 protoReq.RevisionNumber, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
        168 protoReq.RevisionHeight, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
          -------
        202 protoReq.ClientId, err = runtime.String(val)
          ______
        213 protoReq.RevisionNumber, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
          224 protoReq.RevisionHeight, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
          ______
        262 protoReq.ClientId, err = runtime.String(val)
          _____
        296 protoReq.ClientId, err = runtime.String(val)
          334 protoReq.ClientId, err = runtime.String(val)
          ______
        368 protoReg.ClientId, err = runtime.String(val)
          _____
        402 protoReq.ClientId, err = runtime.String(val)
          -----
        429 protoReq.ClientId, err = runtime.String(val)
    modules/core/03-connection/types/query.pb.gw.go
141
      trailofbits.go.questionable-assignment.questionable-

    assignment

        Should 'protoReg' be modified when an error could be
→ returned?
        Details: https://sg.run/qq6y
         52 protoReq.ConnectionId, err = runtime.String(val)
         79 protoReq.ConnectionId, err = runtime.String(val)
        142 protoReq.ClientId, err = runtime.String(val)
        169 protoReq.ClientId, err = runtime.String(val)
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196 protoReq.ConnectionId, err = runtime.String(val)
        223 protoReq.ConnectionId, err = runtime.String(val)
        250 protoReg.ConnectionId, err = runtime.String(val)
          -----
        261 protoReq.RevisionNumber, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
        272 protoReq.RevisionHeight, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
          -------
        299 protoReq.ConnectionId, err = runtime.String(val)
          ______
        310 protoReq.RevisionNumber, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
          321 protoReq.RevisionHeight, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
    modules/core/04-channel/types/query.pb.gw.go
      trailofbits.go.questionable-assignment.questionable-
        Should 'protoReg' be modified when an error could be
→ returned?
        Details: https://sg.run/qq6y
         52 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
             63 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
          -----
         90 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
          -----
181
        101 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
          -----
        168 protoReq.Connection, err = runtime.String(val)
             ----
        202 protoReq.Connection, err = runtime.String(val)
          ____
        236 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
        247 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
        274 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
        285 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
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312 protoReg.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
323 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
334 protoReg.RevisionNumber, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
 _____
345 protoReq.RevisionHeight, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
372 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
 ______
383 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
 ______
394 protoReq.RevisionNumber, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
 405 protoReq.RevisionHeight, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
 ______
432 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
 ______
443 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
 -----
454 protoReq.Sequence, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
 ______
481 protoReg.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
 _____
492 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
 _____
503 protoReq. Sequence, err = runtime. Uint64(val)
 -----
534 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
 -----
545 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
 _____
579 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
 590 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
 ------
624 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
635 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
646 protoReq. Sequence, err = runtime. Uint64(val)
673 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
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684 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
       695 protoReg.Sequence, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
         _____
       722 protoReg.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
       733 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
       744 protoReq. Sequence, err = runtime. Uint64(val)
         ______
       771 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
         ______
       782 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
         793 protoReq.Sequence, err = runtime.Uint64(val)
         ______
       824 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
         _____
       835 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
         _____
       869 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
         ______
       880 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
         _____
       914 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
         _____
       925 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
         _____
       936 protoReg.PacketCommitmentSequences, err = runtime.
  Uint64Slice(val, ",")
268
       963 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
         -----
       974 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
         ____
       985 protoReq.PacketCommitmentSequences, err = runtime.

    Uint64Slice(val, ",")

       1012 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
         -----
       1023 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
         _____
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1034 protoReg.PacketAckSequences, err = runtime.Uint64Slice
1061 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
         1072 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
         1083 protoReq.PacketAckSequences, err = runtime.Uint64Slice
1110 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
            -----<del>-</del>
         1121 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
         1148 protoReq.ChannelId, err = runtime.String(val)
            _____
         1159 protoReq.PortId, err = runtime.String(val)
    modules/light-clients/08-wasm/query.pb.gw.go
       trailofbits.go.questionable-assignment.questionable-
          Should 'protoReg' be modified when an error could be
  returned?
          Details: https://sg.run/qq6y
           52 protoReq.CodeId, err = runtime.String(val)
           79 protoReq.CodeId, err = runtime.String(val)
    testing/endpoint.go
306
       trailofbits.go.questionable-assignment.questionable-
→ assignment
          Should 'endpoint' be modified when an error could be
→ returned?
          Details: https://sg.run/qq6y
          131 endpoint.ClientID, err = ParseClientIDFromEvents(res.

    GetEvents())
          233 endpoint.ConnectionID, err =
→ ParseConnectionIDFromEvents(res.GetEvents())
```



THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING

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