

Security Assessment

Wormhole - Ethereum

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Executive Summary

TYPES ECOSYSTEM METHODS

Bridge Ethereum Manual Review, Static Analysis

LANGUAGE TIMELINE KEY COMPONENTS

Solidity Delivered on 03/08/2023 N/A

CODEBASE

https://github.com/certusone/wormhole

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COMMITS

- 545f35ed3b9ef15cb189936848b6f6578458466f
- 58cd031ea878c44359d4db244f6936d92b47ab7a

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Vulnerability Summary

	12 Total Findings	F	1 Resolved	O Mitigated	O Partially Resolved	1 Acknow	1 vledged	O Declined	O Unresolved
■ 0 Critica	al					a platform	and must be	hat impact the safe addressed before project with outsta	launch. Users
■ 0 Major						errors. Und	ler specific ci	centralization issue rcumstances, thes s and/or control of	e major risks
1 Mediu	ım	1 Acknow	rledged					oose a direct risk to	
4 Minor		1 Resolve	ed, 3 Acknov	wledged		scale. They	generally do	of the above, but on the order of the above, but on the order of the o	the overall
■ 7 Inform	national	7 Acknow	rledged			improve the	e style of the	often recommenda code or certain op ctices. They usually of the code.	erations to fall



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Repository

https://github.com/certusone/wormhole

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- 58cd031ea878c44359d4db244f6936d92b47ab7a



AUDIT SCOPE WORMHOLE - ETHEREUM

38 files audited • 38 files with Acknowledged findings

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
• IWB	contracts/interfaces/IWormhole.sol	7307fccee8d2f9fbe51e95d10822d3e386fa60 cd1d721561ac58d2ade5df750b
• BLB	contracts/libraries/external/BytesLib.sol	1b6f2ba238f9af311f917ddbf412edc565cfde0 2398d08727e8bbb98ad14d819
• GET	e contracts/Getters.sol	91d24680fc1885a1004de52b0f4a28501a2d6 30713c056cb9b83a1f2e92c44dd
• GOV	e contracts/Governance.sol	fec9ef082f1a655060bacb9ee1151dcd698bde aaeb6880e58a40213f9e822cbc
• GSB	contracts/GovernanceStructs.sol	ea357d4da8221fda40832faa5bbef4dbbf9674 55fb9b2b5757584e1cc092a73c
• IMP	contracts/Implementation.sol	cf5bb644f3c5644a3fa34c6e605f8e069e220e bf265782bf7404c25444d933bc
• MES	contracts/Messages.sol	cee1f1afebdff839c223a2932e5e973adb8c649 5d0fa86282ac2ece33914de27
• MIG	e contracts/Migrations.sol	0b5adea0a2aac87b2a6df5c2cc62761dcaa33f 6a42d72e1df6be46e9448d874b
• SET	contracts/Setters.sol	5ddca9c7addeea7e4c95459b3125ffc4456ef9 42dd4929bd0ed82d1fe54335e9
• SEU	contracts/Setup.sol	8602d05c8d48dce15f9788dff708a8c7803555 3e2b2f134af4b9815bf78a6bb4
• STA	contracts/State.sol	ab237ec95c2e4dc6ca650ea4f3d8874111fdd5 3b452406578e14e15313b634bd
• STR	a contracts/Structs.sol	d6da02e4ddf08e94417e007863b4b89040844 81e83587acfe6b134061ee1a98a
• WOR	contracts/Wormhole.sol	5e57e8d9cf7cf0738e1404e57e18cd3f21e81b 703eafaaa18cbad3ed57b7e9f2
• TON	contracts/bridge/token/Token.sol	ae3b3827585188c27bb6a35a43ed268e03b6 7ff58f3c2d90ed5176d430393a34



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• TIB	contracts/bridge/token/TokenImplementation.sol	dc15fda91189bb6b7b4bf621100682453132f8 050280583630c30eeefb82009c
• TSB	contracts/bridge/token/TokenState.sol	fbd432ef2cd30a508acd845a822533a502421 b7cfb2496432f8acbb1c258f27b
• MIR	contracts/bridge/utils/Migrator.sol	42919a9b7fe93b7ca493ab705bb37bb862249 6c7d2516eee8f36db95ab94dccf
• BRI	contracts/bridge/Bridge.sol	a6f7d45ee2cb24761789207d4f66b185d5cb0 e4994a4f8353728ec47294b2378
• BGB	contracts/bridge/BridgeGetters.sol	19b0d56634dc58d53a010b721723a7c4ace5c caa9f037164e724cdaf793e9158
• BGU	contracts/bridge/BridgeGovernance.sol	420551c9ee4ae8d4abefe0fda157b1522cac9 ee7c8307451c7f091820ae9ba65
• BIB	contracts/bridge/BridgeImplementation.sol	ed6c4ed1cd7b63e1deaa2ea947643f8b86c19 667ca5aabc4dc72bcb0d6351e02
• BSB	contracts/bridge/BridgeSetters.sol	376e35c5bd4ebeda1b4283a512211f6dcd49a beab9a73a6171b3553935ac5ed7
• BSU	contracts/bridge/BridgeSetup.sol	72402994988e8caaebf2a825543e15e6523b5 ad24d2ededc12bc7fa448369d2e
• BSH	contracts/bridge/BridgeState.sol	2654d563a5aff82c8ba131e5cc1d6ec8aa21f4 b762265707081ea62c057e3073
• BST	contracts/bridge/BridgeStructs.sol	1c194d6f396415d2245ba3357ed0709b67687 d0cdc29d15177b6cd15dd82a0d2
• ТВВ	contracts/bridge/TokenBridge.sol	8f5e8bafb11f447b0e2455a8ecd6d00afc5ba5 7f4c7eec516f445584ea0bce21
• NFO	contracts/nft/token/NFT.sol	6cb40d0fa1709a5b68a8e76f6511213c6a50c d00095afb0ba305bf04f4f51b7c
• NTI	contracts/nft/token/NFTImplementation.sol	4108781e6d6cc19b7f6a4f97ee01c9bb6064f9 e1bac66b87caa66c4a33bc9bc9
• FTS	contracts/nft/token/NFTState.sol	03810d3d45d33ac801fc78367ec92ec1a7de0 e9e80f1238ceea2a27c1630b35e
• NFT	contracts/nft/NFTBridge.sol	bbeb744ba59042a0be5595476003cd727470 87a9811a5935823bdbc49d05e9e6
NFB	contracts/nft/NFTBridgeEntrypoint.sol	967f4151c6e47ff6aa80157b013f5eb9ba90ff8 67fba8f1c7c822371cffce343



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• NFG	contracts/nft/NFTBridgeGetters.sol	f012f6b8b4dea0b22d6488800d0be46b25faa3 bfaac0904141574971d694c930
NTB	contracts/nft/NFTBridgeGovernance.sol	337f6484eb9868c3a6fcd7e1ea55d3474d5ba a762ee6baf1c4db56ebf7d2f3ef
• NFI	contracts/nft/NFTBridgeImplementation.sol	612f851d8edc2d652fb860e67ca542e294692 8cde4ddd54bfcdf1e9ee9a9df01
• NFS	contracts/nft/NFTBridgeSetters.sol	586fe4312c62d73c736a34497029d0bca22ea f568aef573f9af22269530461e0
• NTS	contracts/nft/NFTBridgeSetup.sol	15381c24904a2d2b94cc10c9e2e1d5414d40f 5230992c82d4b6ef80e2e5a25b1
NBS	contracts/nft/NFTBridgeState.sol	60870694131adbf3f6f2084978615705afb6cf4 098961ebbea2a1a1d6fd4d132
• FTB	contracts/nft/NFTBridgeStructs.sol	cb5a60b4bcf3f1518762f811fc37a599cfa1138 5a9a2509079c68418159a3046



APPROACH & METHODS WORMHOLE - ETHEREUM

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

The auditing process pays special attention to the following considerations:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors.
- Assessing the codebase to ensure compliance with current best practices and industry standards.
- Ensuring contract logic meets the specifications and intentions of the client.
- Cross referencing contract structure and implementation against similar smart contracts produced by industry leaders.
- Thorough line-by-line manual review of the entire codebase by industry experts.

The security assessment resulted in findings that ranged from critical to informational. We recommend addressing these findings to ensure a high level of security standards and industry practices. We suggest recommendations that could better serve the project from the security perspective:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors;
- Enhance general coding practices for better structures of source codes;
- Add enough unit tests to cover the possible use cases;
- Provide more comments per each function for readability, especially contracts that are verified in public;
- Provide more transparency on privileged activities once the protocol is live.



REVIEW NOTES WORMHOLE - ETHEREUM

Overview

The wormhole is a generic message-passing protocol that connects to multiple chains including Ethereum, Solana, Terra, Binance Smart Chain, Polygon, Avalanche, Oasis, Fantom, Karura, Celo, and Aurora.

The Wormhole Ethereum project concerns the Wormhole bridge on many EVM-compatible blockchains, such as Ethereum, BSC, Polygon, and so on. It includes three components:

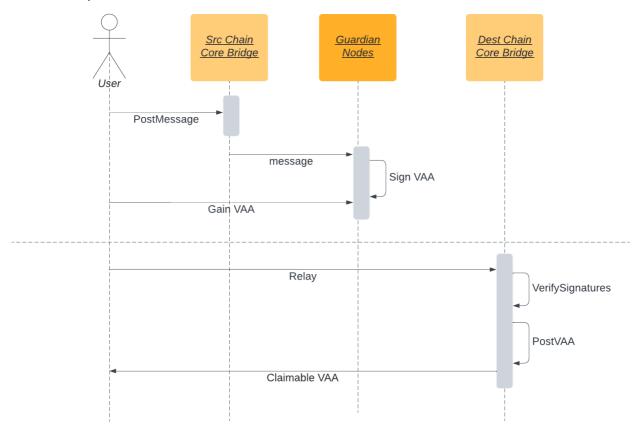
- Core Bridge
- Token Bridge
- NFT Bridge

Core Bridge

The core bridge is the backbone component for the Wormhole protocol on each chain. It mainly maintains two important functionalities:

- post message: post messages and allow the guardian network to observe and verify;
- verify VAA: verify signed VAAs from the relayer.

Here is an example of the workflow from one chain to another:





Governance Flows

The core bridge contains the following governance flows:

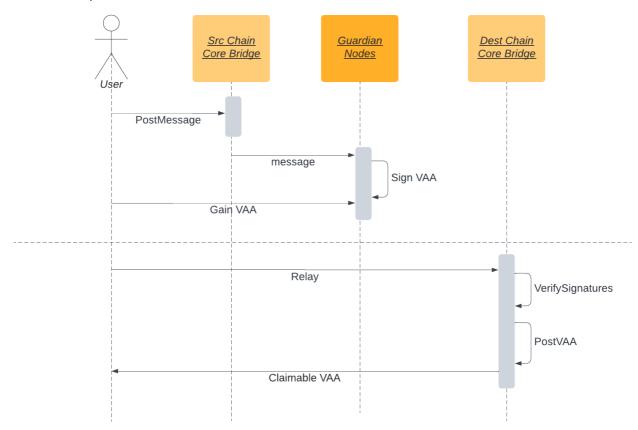
- Upgrade the core contract
- Config message fee
- Upgrade the new guardian set
- Withdraw transfer fees

Token Bridge

The token bridge is an application built on top of the core bridge. It has the following functionalities:

- Attest a token to the target chain
- Create/Update a wrapped token
- Transfer native or ERC20 tokens
- Complete native or ERC20 tokens transfers

Here is an example of the workflow from one chain to another:



Governance Flows

The token bridge contains the following governance flows:



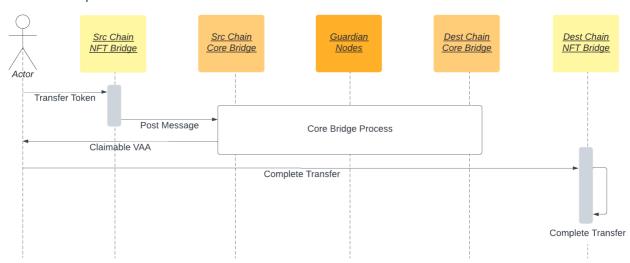
- · Register a new blockchain
- Upgrade the token bridge contract

NFT Bridge

The NFT bridge is another application built on top of the core bridge. It has the following functionalities:

- Transfer an NFT
- Complete an NFT transfer

Here is an example workflow:



Governance Flows

The NFT bridge contains the same governance flows as the token bridge.

Privileged Functions

The core bridge, token bridge, and NFT bridge highly rely on the Wormhole network, especially the guardian nodes.

Once compromised guardian nodes reach the threshold for consensus (2/3 of all guardian nodes) the whole bridge will be compromised. Hence, it is important for all guardians to manage their keypairs.

To improve the trustworthiness of the project, dynamic runtime updates in the project should be notified as soon as possible to the community.



FINDINGS WORMHOLE - ETHEREUM



This report has been prepared to discover issues and vulnerabilities for Wormhole - Ethereum. Through this audit, we have uncovered 12 issues ranging from different severity levels. Utilizing the techniques of Manual Review & Static Analysis to complement rigorous manual code reviews, we discovered the following findings:

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
BRI-01	Contract Gains Non-Withdrawable Tokens Via The Function _transferTokens()	Logical Issue	Medium	Acknowledged
BRI-02	Lack Of Input Validation For payload	Volatile Code	Minor	Acknowledged
CON-01	Usage Of transfer() For Sending Ether	Volatile Code	Minor	Acknowledged
CON-08	Lack Of Access Control	Control Flow	Minor	Resolved
GSB-01	Not Checking Duplicated Addresses	Volatile Code	Minor	Acknowledged
CON-05	Redundant Statements	Volatile Code	Informational	Acknowledged
CON-06	Declaration Naming Convention	Coding Style	Informational	Acknowledged
CON-07	Different Solidity Versions	Language Specific	Informational	Acknowledged
MES-01	Missing Check For v And s	Volatile Code	Informational	Acknowledged
MIR-02	Incompatibility With Deflationary Tokens	Volatile Code	Informational	Acknowledged
NBS-01	Mismatch Between Comment And Code	Coding Style	Informational	Acknowledged



ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
SET-01	Guardian Expiration Time	Inconsistency	Informational	Acknowledged



BRI-01 CONTRACT GAINS NON-WITHDRAWABLE TOKENS VIA THE FUNCTION _transferTokens()

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Medium	contracts/bridge/Bridge.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 160	Acknowledged

Description

The _transferTokens() function normalizes the transferred token amount by setting the last 8 digit as zero via deNormalizeAmount() and normalizeAmount().

```
136 // don't deposit dust that can not be bridged due to the decimal shift
137 amount = deNormalizeAmount(normalizeAmount(amount, decimals), decimals);
```

When transferring a standard ERC20 token, the normalization in L137 will ensure the transferred amount (calculated in L152) aligns with the transferResult specified in L171.

```
amount = balanceAfter - balanceBefore;

transferResult = BridgeStructs.TransferResult({
    tokenChain : tokenChain,
    tokenAddress : tokenAddress,
    normalizedAmount : normalizedAmount,
    normalizedArbiterFee : normalizedArbiterFee,
    wormholeFee : msg.value
});
```

However, when transferring tokens that charge fees during transfer (i.e., deflationary tokens), the normalizing process in L137 cannot ensure the amount calculated in L152 is normalized because of the fee charged. Therefore, normalizing the result in L160 could lead to a potential precision loss.

```
160 uint256 normalizedAmount = normalizeAmount(amount, decimals);
```

In this case, a small number of deflationary tokens will be left in the contract. Since the contract does not provide a method to withdraw these locked tokens, these tokens will be locked in the contract forever.

Recommendation

It is not ideal that more and more deflationary tokens are locked in the contract over time. The simplest solution is to add a withdraw function in the contract to withdraw corresponding tokens periodically.



Alleviation

[Wormhole Team, 08/28/2022]:

The team stated the fee-burning / rebasing / non-standard tokens are explicitly unsupported by the token bridge.

Reference: https://github.com/certusone/wormhole/blob/dev.v2/whitepapers/0003_token_bridge.md



BRI-02 LACK OF INPUT VALIDATION FOR payload

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	contracts/bridge/Bridge.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 69~73, 114~115	Acknowledged

Description

In the Wormhole guardian node, Unmarshal(data []byte) from structs.go will get the first 1000 bytes from the payload.

```
func Unmarshal(data []byte) (*VAA, error) {
//...
    payload := make([]byte, 1000)
    n, err := reader.Read(payload)
    if err != nil || n == 0 {
        return nil, fmt.Errorf("failed to read payload [%d]: %w", n, err)
    }
    v.Payload = payload[:n]
    return v, nil
}
```

In addition, there is also a size limit of 1232 bytes for transactions containing the payload on Solana, see <u>Solana Facts</u>. However, there is no size limit for the input payload in transferTokensWithPayload or wrapAndTransferETHWithPayload and thus part of the payload info may be lost when doing a cross-chain transaction.

Recommendation

The auditing team recommends adding proper size checks to avoid unexpected errors.

Alleviation

[Wormhole Team, 03/08/2023]:



CON-01 USAGE OF transfer() FOR SENDING ETHER

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	contracts/Governance.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 88; contracts/bridge/ Bridge.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 89, 366, 386	Acknowledged

Description

After <u>EIP-1884</u> was included in the Istanbul hard fork, it is not recommended to use <code>.transfer()</code> or <code>.send()</code> for transferring ether as these functions have a hard-coded value for gas costs making them obsolete as they are forwarding a fixed amount of gas, specifically <code>2300</code>. This can cause issues in case the linked statements are meant to be able to transfer funds to other contracts instead of EOAs.

Recommendation

We advise that the linked <code>.transfer()</code> and <code>.send()</code> calls are substituted with the utilization of <code>the sendvalue()</code> function from the <code>Address.sol</code> implementation of OpenZeppelin either by directly importing the library or copying the linked code.

Alleviation

[Wormhole Team, 03/08/2023]:



CON-08 LACK OF ACCESS CONTROL

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Control Flow	Minor	contracts/Setup.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 12~35; contracts/bridge/BridgeS etup.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 12~33; contracts/nft/NFTBridgeSetup.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 12~19	Resolved

Description

The setup function from setup, BridgeSetup, and NFTBridgeSetup is a public function and lacks of access control, which can be called many times by anyone.

Recommendation

The auditing team would like to confirm with the client if the current implementation aligns with the original project design.

Alleviation

[Wormhole Team, 03/03/2023]:

The Wormhole team declares that these setup functions post-initial deployment are no longer accessible by design.



GSB-01 NOT CHECKING DUPLICATED ADDRESSES

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	contracts/GovernanceStructs.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 96~99	Acknowledged

Description

The parseGuardianSetUpgrade() function from GovernanceStructs.sol decodes encodedUpgrade to acquire a new guardian set.

```
for(uint i = 0; i < guardianLength; i++) {
    gsu.newGuardianSet.keys[i] = encodedUpgrade.toAddress(index);
    index += 20;
}</pre>
```

However, if many duplicate guardian addresses exist in the new guardian set and the contract successfully upgrades to the new guardian set, it might increase the risk of an attacker compromising the multi-signature validation in the verifySignatures function.

Recommendation

The auditing team recommends checking the duplicate addresses when upgrading to a new guardian set.

Alleviation

[Wormhole Team, 03/03/2023]:

The Wormhole team declares that governance messages are generated by the Guardian, which does ensure this behavior in the verifySignatures code.



CON-05 REDUNDANT STATEMENTS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Informational	contracts/Governance.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 15; contracts/ State.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 8~19; contracts/bridge/BridgeS tate.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 16~19; contracts/nft/NFTBridge State.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 15~18	Acknowledged

Description

```
event LogMessagePublished(

address emitter_address,

uint32 nonce,

bytes payload

);
```

• LogMessagePublished is declared in Events but never emitted.

```
event GuardianSetAdded(uint32 indexed index);
```

• GuardianSetAdded is declared in Governance but never emitted.

```
9    event LogGuardianSetChanged(
10         uint32 oldGuardianIndex,
11         uint32 newGuardianIndex
12    );
```

• LogGuardianSetChanged is declared in Events but never emitted.

```
struct Asset {
    uint16 chainId;
    bytes32 assetAddress;
}
```

The linked statements above do not affect the functionality of the codebase and appear to be either leftovers from test code or older functionality.



Recommendation

The auditing team recommends removing the redundant statements.

Alleviation

[Wormhole Team, 03/08/2023]:



CON-06 DECLARATION NAMING CONVENTION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	Informational	contracts/Governance.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 18; contracts/bridge/BridgeGovernance.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 25; contracts/nft/NFTBridgeGovernance.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 24	Acknowledged

Description

One or more declarations do not conform to the <u>Solidity style guide</u> with regards to its naming convention.

Particularly:

UPPER_CASE : Should be applied to constant variables

Constant variable module is not in UPPER_CASE.

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• Constant variable module is not in UPPER_CASE.

Recommendation

The auditing team recommends adjusting those variable and function names to properly conform to Solidity's naming convention.

Alleviation



[Wormhole Team, 03/08/2023]:



CON-07 DIFFERENT SOLIDITY VERSIONS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Language Specific	 Informational 	contracts/Getters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/Governance.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/Implementation.sol (2 022/06/15 - 545f3): 4, 5; contracts/Implementation.sol (2 022/06/15 - 545f3): 4, 5; contracts/Messages.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4, 5; contracts/Migrations.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 2; contracts/Setters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/Setters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/Settup.s ol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/State.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/State.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridge/BridgeSol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridge/BridgeGetter s.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridge/BridgeBridgeSetters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridge/BridgeBridgeSetters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridge/BridgeBridgeSetters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridge/BridgeState.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridge/BridgeState.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridge/TokenBridge.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridge/TokenBridge.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridge/token/Token.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridge/token/TokenState.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridge/token/TokenState.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridge/token/TokenState.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridgeBetters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridgeBetters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridgeBetters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridgeGetters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridyNFTBridgeGetters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridyNFTBridgeGetters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridyNFTBridgeSetters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridyNFTBridgeSetters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/bridyNFTBridgeSetters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 4; contracts/b	 Acknowledged



Description

Multiple Solidity versions are used in the codebase.

Versions used: \(\cdot 0.8.0 \), \(\cdot 0.8.2 \), \(>=0.8.0 < 0.9.0 \), \(>=0.4.22 < 0.9.0 \), \(\cdot 0.8.1 \)

Other directives used: ABIEncoderV2

^0.8.0 is used in ethereum/contracts/bridge/BridgeGovernance.sol file.

```
4 pragma solidity ^0.8.0;
```

^0.8.2 is used in ethereum/node_modules/@openzeppelin/contracts/proxy/ERC1967/ERC1967Upgrade.sol file.

```
4 pragma solidity ^0.8.2;
```

>=0.8.0<0.9.0 is used in ethereum/contracts/libraries/external/BytesLib.sol file.

```
9 pragma solidity >=0.8.0 <0.9.0;
```

>=0.4.22<0.9.0 is used in ethereum/contracts/Migrations.sol file.

```
2 pragma solidity >=0.4.22 <0.9.0;</pre>
```

^0.8.1 is used in ethereum/node_modules/@openzeppelin/contracts/utils/Address.sol file.

```
4 pragma solidity ^0.8.1;
```

ABIEncoderV2 is used in ethereum/contracts/Messages.sol file.

```
5 pragma experimental ABIEncoderV2;
```

Recommendation

The auditing team recommends using one Solidity version.

Alleviation

[Wormhole Team, 03/08/2023]:



MES-01 MISSING CHECK FOR v AND s

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Informational	contracts/Messages.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 115~120	Acknowledged

Description

EIP-2 still allows signature malleability for ecrecover(). Remove this possibility and make the signature unique. Appendix F in the Ethereum Yellow paper, defines the valid range for s in (281): $0 < s < secp256k1n \div 2 + 1$, and for v in (282): $v \in \{27, 28\}$. Most signatures from current libraries generate a unique signature with an s-value in the lower half order.

Recommendation

The auditing team recommends refactoring the linked statement as below:

Alleviation

[Wormhole Team, 03/08/2023]:



MIR-02 INCOMPATIBILITY WITH DEFLATIONARY TOKENS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Informational	contracts/bridge/utils/Migrator.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 29~42	Acknowledged

Description

When transferring standard ERC20 deflationary tokens, the input amount may not be equal to the received amount due to the charged transaction fee. For example, if toAsset is a deflationary token and a user adds 100 deflationary tokens (with a 10% transaction fee) to the contract, 100 LP tokens are minted but only 90 tokens actually arrived in the contract. However, when the user wants to burn 100 LP tokens and withdraw 100 tokens, the program blocks due to a lack of toAsset tokens.

Recommendation

The auditing team recommends regulating to Asset and from Asset and add necessary mitigation mechanisms to keep track of accurate balances if there is a need to support deflationary tokens.

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[Wormhole Team, 03/08/2023]:



NBS-01 MISMATCH BETWEEN COMMENT AND CODE

Category	Se	verity	Location	Status
Coding Style	•	Informational	contracts/nft/NFTBridgeState.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 49~ 50	Acknowledged

Description

The comment on splcache describes that splcache is a nested mapping, while the code implies otherwise.

Recommendation

The auditing team recommends correcting either the comment or the code.

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[Wormhole Team, 03/08/2023]:



SET-01 GUARDIAN EXPIRATION TIME

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Inconsistency	Informational	contracts/Setters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 14	Acknowledged

Description

When expiring a guardian set, the guardian set is set to expire after a day.

```
function expireGuardianSet(uint32 index) internal {
    __state.guardianSets[index].expirationTime = uint32(block.timestamp) +
86400;
}
```

However, the WormholeState struct has a guardianSetExpiry field, which decides how long it takes for guardian sets to expire. Since the value in this field may be different from a day, guardian sets may expire earlier or later than expected.

Recommendation

We recommend fixing the <code>guardianSetExpiry</code> to 86400 if it is not meant to be changed, otherwise changing the <code>expireGuardianSet()</code> function to use the value in <code>guardianSetExpiry</code>.

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[Wormhole Team, 03/08/2023]:



OPTIMIZATIONS WORMHOLE - ETHEREUM

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
CON-02	Logical Issue Of The Check Of messageFee In Function publishMessage()	Logical Issue, Gas Optimization	Optimization	Acknowledged
CON-03	Function Should Be Declared External	Gas Optimization	Optimization	Acknowledged
CON-04	Inefficient Require Statement Location	Gas Optimization	Optimization	Acknowledged
MIR-01	Variables That Could Be Declared As Immutable	Gas Optimization	Optimization	Acknowledged



CON-02 LOGICAL ISSUE OF THE CHECK OF messageFee IN FUNCTION publishMessage()

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue, Gas Optimization	Optimization	contracts/Implementation.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 15; contracts/bridge/Bridge.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 59, 2 06, 227; contracts/nft/NFTBridge.sol (2022/06/15 - 545 f3): 95	Acknowledged

Description

According to the following code, the check on <code>messageFee</code> in the function <code>publishMessage()</code> uses <code>==</code> to check whether the <code>msg.value</code> is equal to the <code>messageFee</code>.

```
function publishMessage(
    uint32 nonce,
    bytes memory payload,
    uint8 consistencyLevel
) public payable returns (uint64 sequence) {
    // check fee
    require(msg.value == messageFee(), "invalid fee");

    sequence = useSequence(msg.sender);
    // emit log
    emit LogMessagePublished(msg.sender, sequence, nonce, payload,
consistencyLevel);
}
```

The function <code>publishMessage()</code> is called in the functions <code>Bridge.attestToken()</code>, <code>Bridge.logTransfer()</code>, <code>Bridge.logTransfer()</code>, <code>Bridge.logTransfer()</code>. In these calls, the <code>msg.value</code> is not checked or limited. As a result, if <code>msg.value</code> is not equal to <code>messageFee</code>, the call will be rolled back and all processes will be invalidated.

We would like to confirm with the client if the current implementation aligns with the original project design.

Recommendation

The auditing team recommends checking the <code>msg.value</code> in these calls or using <code>>=</code> to check <code>msg.value</code> and refunding the excess amount.

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[Wormhole Team, 03/08/2023]:



CON-03 FUNCTION SHOULD BE DECLARED EXTERNAL

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	 Optimization 	contracts/Getters.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 17; contracts/Governance.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 20, 36, 52, 73; contracts/ Implementation.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 15; contracts/Mess ages.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 16; contracts/Migrations.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 16; contracts/Setup.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 12; contracts/bridge/Bridge.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 24, 64, 69, 109, 114, 300, 304, 308, 312; contracts/bridge/BridgeGovernance.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 28, 43; contracts/ bridge/BridgeImplementation.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 14, 18; contracts/bridge/BridgeSetup.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 1 2; contracts/bridge/IndeeSetup.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 1 2; contracts/bridge/IndeeSetup.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 1 2; contracts/bridge/IndeeSetup.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 1 3; contracts/bridge/IndeeSetup.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 1 4, 49, 91, 119, 131, 154; contracts/nft/NFTBridgeGovernance.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 23, 100; contracts/nft/NFTBridgeGovernance.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 27, 41; contracts/nft/NFTBridgeImple mentation.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 14, 18; contracts/nft/NFTBridgeSetup.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 12; contracts/nft/NFTBridgeSetup.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 12; contracts/nft/token/NFTImplementation.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 22, 47, 58, 62, 66, 72, 76, 84, 102, 113, 124, 162, 177	 Acknowledged

Description

The functions which are never called internally within the contract should have external visibility for gas optimization.

```
function completeTransfer(bytes memory encodedVm) public {

function setApprovalForAll(address operator, bool approved) public override
{
```

function transferTokens(address token, uint256 amount, uint16 recipientChain, bytes32 recipient, uint256 arbiterFee, uint32 nonce) public payable nonReentrant returns (uint64 sequence) {

113 function transferFrom(



```
function transferTokensWithPayload(address token, uint256 amount, uint16
recipientChain, bytes32 recipient, uint256 arbiterFee, uint32 nonce, bytes memory
payload) public payable nonReentrant returns (uint64 sequence) {
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         function mint(address account_, uint256 amount_) public onlyOwner {
       function setup(
       function setup(
       function setup(
         function safeTransferFrom(
         function burn(address account_, uint256 amount_) public onlyOwner {
       function implementation() public view returns (address) {
       function implementation() public view returns (address) {
       function publishMessage(
         function updateDetails(string memory name_, string memory symbol_, uint64
sequence_) public onlyOwner {
       function initialize(
       function parseAndVerifyVM(bytes calldata encodedVM) public view returns
(Structs.VM memory vm, bool valid, string memory reason) {
       function setCompleted(uint completed) public restricted {
```



```
function mint(address to, uint256 tokenId, string memory uri) public
onlyOwner {
       function getGuardianSetExpiry() public view returns (uint32) {
         function burn(uint256 tokenId) public onlyOwner {
       function initialize() initializer public virtual {
       function initialize() initializer public virtual {
       function submitContractUpgrade(bytes memory _vm) public {
       function initialize(
       function transferNFT(address token, uint256 tokenID, uint16 recipientChain,
bytes32 recipient, uint32 nonce) public payable returns (uint64 sequence) {
       function attestToken(address tokenAddress, uint32 nonce) public payable
returns (uint64 sequence){
       function registerChain(bytes memory encodedVM) public {
       function registerChain(bytes memory encodedVM) public {
         function completeTransferWithPayload(bytes memory encodedVm, address
feeRecipient) public returns (bytes memory) {
         function completeTransferAndUnwrapETHWithPayload(bytes memory encodedVm,
address feeRecipient) public returns (bytes memory) {
         function completeTransfer(bytes memory encodedVm) public {
```



```
function completeTransferAndUnwrapETH(bytes memory encodedVm) public {
       function submitSetMessageFee(bytes memory _vm) public {
       function name() public view returns (string memory) {
       function upgrade(bytes memory encodedVM) public {
       function symbol() public view returns (string memory) {
       function upgrade(bytes memory encodedVM) public {
       function balanceOf(address owner_) public view override returns (uint256) {
       function decimals() public view returns (uint8) {
       function submitNewGuardianSet(bytes memory _vm) public {
       function totalSupply() public view returns (uint256) {
       function chainId() public view returns (uint16) {
       function name() public view override returns (string memory) {
       function nativeContract() public view returns (bytes32) {
       function symbol() public view override returns (string memory) {
        function wrapAndTransferETH(uint16 recipientChain, bytes32 recipient,
uint256 arbiterFee, uint32 nonce) public payable returns (uint64 sequence) {
```



```
function balanceOf(address account_) public view returns (uint256) {
       function tokenURI(uint256 tokenId) public view override returns (string
memory) {
         function wrapAndTransferETHWithPayload(uint16 recipientChain, bytes32
recipient, uint256 arbiterFee, uint32 nonce, bytes memory payload) public payable
returns (uint64 sequence) {
       function transfer(address recipient_, uint256 amount_) public returns (bool)
       function chainId() public view returns (uint16) {
       function submitTransferFees(bytes memory _vm) public {
       function allowance(address owner_, address spender_) public view returns
(uint256) {
       function nativeContract() public view returns (bytes32) {
         function approve(address spender_, uint256 amount_) public returns (bool) {
         function approve(address to, uint256 tokenId) public override {
         function transferFrom(address sender_, address recipient_, uint256 amount_)
public returns (bool) {
         function increaseAllowance(address spender_, uint256 addedValue_) public
returns (bool) {
         function decreaseAllowance(address spender_, uint256 subtractedValue_)
public returns (bool) {
```



Recommendation

The auditing team recommends changing the visibility of the aforementioned functions to <code>external</code>.

Alleviation

[Wormhole Team, 03/08/2023]:



CON-04 INEFFICIENT REQUIRE STATEMENT LOCATION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	Optimization	contracts/bridge/Bridge.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 323~33 2; contracts/nft/NFTBridge.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 111~ 114	Acknowledged

Description

The parseAndVerifyVM() method from the core bridge of Wormhole decodes encodedVm and returns vm as the output. Then _completeTransfer will decode vm.payload and check whether vm is completed or not by its hash attribute.

```
(IWormhole.VM memory vm, bool valid, string memory reason) =
wormhole().parseAndVerifyVM(encodedVm);

require(valid, reason);
require(verifyBridgeVM(vm), "invalid emitter");

BridgeStructs.Transfer memory transfer = parseTransfer(vm.payload);

// payload 3 must be redeemed by the designated proxy contract
address transferRecipient = address(uint160(uint256(transfer.to)));
if (transfer.payloadID == 3) {
    require(msg.sender == transferRecipient, "invalid sender");
}

require(!isTransferCompleted(vm.hash), "transfer already completed");
setTransferCompleted(vm.hash);
```

If the transfer is already completed, the invocation will revert in the require statement

require(!isTransferCompleted(vm.hash), "transfer already completed"); However, considering the gas consumption, it is recommended to perform an early revert to save gas.

Recommendation

The auditing team recommends adjusting the inspection sequence to save gas. As an example:



```
require(!isTransferCompleted(vm.hash), "transfer already completed");
setTransferCompleted(vm.hash);

BridgeStructs.Transfer memory transfer = parseTransfer(vm.payload);

// payload 3 must be redeemed by the designated proxy contract
address transferRecipient = address(uint160(uint256(transfer.to)));
if (transfer.payloadID == 3) {
    require(msg.sender == transferRecipient, "invalid sender");
}
```

Alleviation

[Wormhole Team, 03/08/2023]:



MIR-01 VARIABLES THAT COULD BE DECLARED AS IMMUTABLE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	Optimization	contracts/bridge/utils/Migrator.sol (2022/06/15 - 545f3): 13, 14	 Acknowledged

Description

The linked variables assigned in the constructor can be declared as <code>immutable</code>. Immutable state variables can be assigned during contract creation but will remain constant throughout the lifetime of a deployed contract. A big advantage of immutable variables is that reading them is significantly cheaper than reading from regular state variables since they will not be stored in storage.

Recommendation

We recommend declaring these variables as immutable. Please note that the <code>immutable</code> keyword only works in Solidity version <code>v0.6.5</code> and up.

Alleviation

[Wormhole Team, 03/08/2023]:



APPENDIX WORMHOLE - ETHEREUM

I Finding Categories

Categories	Description
Gas Optimization	Gas Optimization findings do not affect the functionality of the code but generate different, more optimal EVM opcodes resulting in a reduction on the total gas cost of a transaction.
Logical Issue	Logical Issue findings detail a fault in the logic of the linked code, such as an incorrect notion on how block.timestamp works.
Control Flow	Control Flow findings concern the access control imposed on functions, such as owner-only functions being invoke-able by anyone under certain circumstances.
Volatile Code	Volatile Code findings refer to segments of code that behave unexpectedly on certain edge cases that may result in a vulnerability.
Language Specific	Language Specific findings are issues that would only arise within Solidity, i.e. incorrect usage of private or delete.
Coding Style	Coding Style findings usually do not affect the generated byte-code but rather comment on how to make the codebase more legible and, as a result, easily maintainable.
Inconsistency	Inconsistency findings refer to functions that should seemingly behave similarly yet contain different code, such as a constructor assignment imposing different require statements on the input variables than a setter function.

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The "Checksum" field in the "Audit Scope" section is calculated as the SHA-256 (Secure Hash Algorithm 2 with digest size of 256 bits) digest of the content of each file hosted in the listed source repository under the specified commit.

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