Quantstamp Smart Contract Audit

PlusCoin Token Audit

This smart contract audit was prepared by Quantstamp, the protocol for securing smart contracts. This security audit report follows a generic template. Future Quantstamp reports will follow a similar template and they will be fully generated by automated tools.

Quantstamp helps to secure blockchain applications such as smart contracts. We are developing a new protocol for smart contract verification, performing professional audits and consultations, and developing security tools. Quantstamp also has expertise in application security and secure software development.

Executive Summary

Type	Token Contract Audit
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Solidity, Javascript Languages

Architecture Review, Unit Testing, Functional Testing, Methods

Computer-Aided Verification, Manual Review

PlusCoin Whitepaper Specification(s)

Source Code

Repository	Commit
NPLC	<u>12fbe86</u>

Total Issues High Risk Issues 0 Medium Risk Issues 0 4 issues Low Risk Issues Informational Risk Issues Undetermined Risk Issues 0

Severity Categories	
A High	The issue puts a large number of users' sensitive information at risk, or is reasonably likely to lead to catastrophic impact for client's reputation or serious financial implications for client and users.
^ Medium	The issue puts a subset of users' sensitive information at risk, would be detrimental for the client's reputation if exploited, or is reasonably likely to lead to moderate financial impact.
∨ Low	The risk is relatively small and could not be exploited on a recurring basis, or is a risk that the client has indicated is low-impact in view of the client's business circumstances.
 Informational 	The issue does not pose an immediate threat to continued operation or usage, but is relevant for security best practices, software engineering best practices, or defensive redundancy.
Undetermined	The impact of the issue is uncertain.

Quantstamp Audit Breakdown

Quantstamp's objective was to evaluate the PlusCoin Token repository for security-related issues, code quality, and adherence to specification and bestpractices.

Possible issues we looked for include (but are not limited to):

- Transaction-ordering dependence
- Timestamp dependence
- Mishandled exceptions and call stack limits
- Unsafe external calls
- Integer overflow / underflow
- Number rounding errors
- Reentrancy and cross-function vulnerabilities
- Denial of service / logical oversights
- Access control
- Centralization of power
- Business logic contradicting the specification
- Code clones, functionality duplication
- Gas usage
- Arbitrary token minting

Methodology

The Quantstamp auditing process follows a routine series of steps:

- 1. Code review that includes the following:
 - i. Review of the specifications, sources, and instructions provided to Quantstamp to make sure we understand the size, scope, and functionality of the smart contract.
 - ii. Manual review of code, which is the process of reading source code line-by-line in an attempt to identify potential vulnerabilities.
 - iii. Comparison to specification, which is the process of checking whether the code does what the specifications, sources, and instructions provided to Quantstamp describe.
- 2. Testing and automated analysis that includes the following:
 - i. Test coverage analysis, which is the process of determining whether the test cases are actually covering the code and how much code is exercised when we run those test cases.
 - ii. Symbolic execution, which is analyzing a program to determine what inputs cause each part of a program to execute.
- 3. Best-practices review, which is a review of the smart contracts to improve efficiency, effectiveness, clarify, maintainability, security, and control based on the established industry and academic practices, recommendations, and research.
- 4. Specific, itemized, and actionable recommendations to help you take steps to secure your smart contracts.

Toolset

The below notes outline the setup and steps performed in the process of this audit.

Setup

Testing setup:

- <u>Truffle</u> v4.1.12
- Ganache v1.1.0
- <u>truffle-flattener</u> v1.2.5
- Oyente v0.2.7
- Mythril v0.18.9
- MAIAN commit sha: ab387e171bf99969676e60a0e5c59de80af15010

Steps

Steps taken to run the full test suite:

- Installed Truffle: npm install -g truffle
- Installed Ganache: npm install -g ganache-cli
- Installed the solidity-coverage tool (within the project's root directory): npm install --save-dev solidity-coverage
- Ran the coverage tool from the project's root directory: ./node_modules/.bin/solidity-coverage
- Flattened the source code using truffle-flattener to accommodate the auditing tools.
- Installed the Mythril tool from Pypi: pip3 install mythril
- Ran the Mythril tool on each contract: myth -x path/to/contract
- Installed the Oyente tool from Docker: docker pull luongnguyen/oyente
- Migrated files into Oyente (root directory): docker run -v \$(pwd):/tmp it luongnguyen/oyente
- Ran the Oyente tool on each contract: cd /oyente/oyente && python oyente.py /tmp/path/to/contract
- Cloned the MAIAN tool: git clone --depth 1 https://github.com/ MAIAN-tool/MAIAN.git maian
- Ran the MAIAN tool on each contract: cd maian/tool/ && python3 maian.py -s path/to/contract contract.sol

Assessment



Centralization of Power

Severity: Low

The token contract features the following centralization characteristic:

- The owner can enable and disable transfer-related functionalities at will through the use of the isNotFrozen and isNotFrozenFrom modifier.
 - While not necessarily a vulnerability, if the contract owner's private key is compromised or the owner becomes malicious, then token holders may be unable to transfer their tokens. This issue is magnified in that it can be performed by all super admins, not only the contract owner. In the spirit of decentralization, we recommend taking away these functionalities.
- o The PlusCoin team has communicated to Quantstamp that the ability to freeze the token and specific accounts is implemented for AML purposes. This should also be communicated clearly to token holders upfront.

Adherence to Specification

Severity: Informational

With minimal written specification we were unable to judge to what degree the code conforms to the specification. Private conversation with the PlusCoin team convinced us that the contract code implements the desired functionality within the context of its intended usage.

Unused Event

Severity: Informational

The event Burn (PlusCoin.sol L12) doesn't appear to be used anywhere and should be removed.

Allowance Double-Spend Exploit

Severity: Informational

As it presently is constructed, the contract is vulnerable to the allowance doublespend exploit, similarly to other ERC20 tokens.

The exploit (as described below) is mitigated through use of functions that increase/decrease the allowance relative to its current value, such as increaseApproval() and decreaseApproval().

The following is a description of the exploit:

- 1. Alice allows Bob to transfer N amount of Alice's tokens (N>0) by calling the approve method on Token smart contract (passing Bob's address and N as method arguments)
- 2. After some time, Alice decides to change from N to M (M>0) the number of Alice's tokens Bob is allowed to transfer, so she calls the approve method again, this time passing Bob's address and M as method arguments
- 3. Bob notices Alice's second transaction before it was mined and quickly sends another transaction that calls the transferFrom method to transfer N Alice's tokens somewhere
- 4. If Bob's transaction will be executed before Alice's transaction, then Bob will successfully transfer N Alice's tokens and will gain an ability to transfer another M tokens
- 5. Before Alice notices any irregularities, Bob calls transferFrom method again, this time to transfer M Alice's tokens.

Pending community agreement on an ERC standard that would protect against this exploit, we recommend that developers of applications dependent on approve() / transferFrom() should keep in mind that they have to set allowance to 0 first and verify if it was used before setting the new value. Teams who decide to wait for such a standard should make these recommendations to application developers who work with their token contract.

Test Results



Test Suite Results

Contract: Administratable addSuperAdmin ✓ contract owner can add a super Admin (45260 gas) ✓ a super admin can not add another super admin (23292 gas) ✓ a non super admin cannot add another super admin (23292 gas) ✓ cannot add a super admin that is already a super admin (68994 gas) removeSuperAdmin ✓ contract owner can remove a super Admin (60407 gas) ✓ a super admin can not remove another super admin (184329 gas) ✓ a non super admin cannot add another super admin (23292 gas) ✓ cannot add a super admin that is already a super admin (68994 gas) Contract: Freezable freezeAccount ✓ contract owner can freeze token (66246 gas) ✓ non owner can not freeze token (22379 gas) ✓ contract owner can add a frozen account (45912 gas) ✓ a non super admin can not freeze another account (23952) gas) ✓ cannot add a frozen account that is already a frozen account (69994 gas) Contract: PlusCoin constructor ✓ validate token minting transfer ✓ simple transfer case should succeed and change balance (52961 gas) ✓ transferFrom case should succeed and change balance (144945 gas) √ transfer fails when token is frozen (68331 gas) ✓ transfer fails if sender is frozen (70829 gas) √ transfer fails if destination is frozen (71163 gas) ✓ transfer fails if destination is not a valid address (22256 gas) ✓ when the spender is the frozen account (70061 gas) ✓ when the spender is the frozen token (92521 gas) ✓ when the spender is the frozen account(message sender) (95744 gas)

√ increase allowance (78722 gas)

√ decrease allowance (78986 gas)

✓ change owner and add super admin (115350 gas)

✓ try to drain contract from admin address (27765 gas)





	Gas				· Block limit:	6721975 gas
Methods				257610.97	krw/eth	
Contract .	Method	· Min	Max	· Avg	· # calls	krw (avg)
Administratable ·	addSuperAdmin			· 45260	• 6	58.30
Administratable ·	removeSuperAdmin		_	• 15147	. 1	19.51
Freezable ·	freezeAccount			· 45912	. 2	59.14
Freezable .	freezeToken	• - •		• 43917	. 1	56.57
PlusCoin .	addSuperAdmin			45590	. 1	58.72
PlusCoin .	approve	• 46381	46445	• 46402	• 3	59.77
·	decreaseAllowance				•	
PlusCoin .	freezeAccount	· 46220 ·	46550	• 46385	. 4	59.75
·	freezeToken				•	
·	increaseAllowance				•	
	removeSuperAdmin					
·	transfer				•	68.22
·	transferFrom				•	
·	transferOwnership				•	
Deployments		•			· % of limit	
Administratable				• 615857	9.2 %	793.26
Freezable				930766	. 13.8 %	1198.88
PlusCoin	••••••				46.4 %	
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27 passing (11s)

Code Coverage

The PlusCoin repository has very high test coverage.

File	% Stmts	% Branch	% Funcs	% Lines	Uncovered Lines
contracts/	100	100	100	100	
Administratable.sol	100	100	100	100	
Freezable.sol	100	100	100	100	
PlusCoin.sol	100	100	100	100	
All files	100	100	100	100	

Automated Analyses

Oyente

Symbolic execution (the Oyente tool) did not detect any vulnerabilities of types Parity Multisig Bug 2, Transaction-Ordering Dependence (TOD), Callstack Depth Attack, Timestamp Dependency, Re-Entrancy Vulnerability, and Integer Over/ Underflow.

Mythril

The Mythril tool detects defects such as Integer underflow, Unprotected functions, Missing check on call return value, Re-entrancy, Multiple sends in a single transaction, External call to untrusted contract, delegatecall or callcode to untrusted contract, Timestamp dependence, Use of tx.origin, Predictable RNG, Transaction order dependence, Use of assert() instead of require(), Use of deprecated functions, Detect tautologies. The tool found a potential integer underflow issue in the add() method of SafeMath.sol, but Quantstamp determined that it was a false positive. Mythril did not find any other issues.

MAIAIN

The MAIAIN tool detects three kinds of bad contracts, Greedy, Prodigal and Suicidal. It found no defects.

Appendix

File Signatures

Below are SHA256 file signatures of the relevant files reviewed in the audit.

Contracts

\$ shasum -a 256 ./contracts/* 105236f1f4649fdfddbe7aa4857cc8466c2406e6ea30b668836e0f8f88f2cd27 ./contracts/Administratable.sol

2cf21015089404778ecb5a4ad22a3bfb7dac64709ec8444ab2d6bd5c4d3e7ab7 ./contracts/Freezable.sol

700c0904cfbc20dba65f774f54a476803a624372cc95d926b3eba9b4d0f0312e ./contracts/Migrations.sol

7a60bbce9324841a5534206bf2c0fe998c211e71fedb161c16889c51058275fe ./contracts/PlusCoin.sol

Tests

\$ shasum -a 256 ./test/* 42b4e37d142c1232023e30efaa659f6785019704fce61022a29fcd782cccbded ./test/Administratable.test.js

5dc8653aa162669f1f8651ac25effd79c96b06814a10297cdf0cc6dcb32dba0e ./test/Freezable.test.js

6f222918c590e3f2ced22b752649aebfe7819c412b02c0db2954077ef3cb14c3 ./test/PlusCoin.test.js

About Quantstamp



Quantstamp is a Y Combinator-backed company that helps to secure smart contracts at scale using computer-aided reasoning tools, with a mission to help boost adoption of this exponentially growing technology.

Quantstamp's team boasts decades of combined experience in formal verification, static analysis, and software verification. Collectively, our individuals have over 500 Google scholar citations and numerous published papers. In its mission to proliferate development and adoption of blockchain applications, Quantstamp is also developing a new protocol for smart contract verification to help smart contract developers and projects worldwide to perform cost-effective smart contract security audits.

To date, Quantstamp has helped to secure hundreds of millions of dollars of transaction value in smart contracts and has assisted dozens of blockchain projects globally with its white glove security auditing services. As an evangelist of the blockchain ecosystem, Quantstamp assists core infrastructure projects and leading community initiatives such as the Ethereum Community Fund to expedite the adoption of blockchain technology.

Finally, Quantstamp's dedication to research and development in the form of collaborations with leading academic institutions such as National University of Singapore and MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) reflects Quantstamp's commitment to enable world-class smart contract innovation.

Disclosure

Purpose of report

The scope of our review is limited to a review of Solidity code and only the source code we note as being within the scope of our review within this report. Cryptographic tokens are emergent technologies and carry with them high levels of technical risk and uncertainty. The Solidity language itself remains under development and is subject to unknown risks and flaws. The review does not extend to the compiler layer, or any other areas beyond Solidity that could present security risks.

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