



Security Assessment

# Manifold Reference

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The security assessment was prepared by CertiK, the leader in Web3.0 security.

### Executive Summary

**TYPES**

DeFi

**ECOSYSTEM**

EVM Compatible

**METHODS**

Manual Review, Static Analysis

**LANGUAGE**

Solidity

**TIMELINE**

Delivered on 07/03/2023

**KEY COMPONENTS**

N/A

**CODEBASE**<https://github.com/erc6551/reference/tree/main/src>[View All in Codebase Page](#)**COMMITTS**

1a5b0054577436cac920a52816e297f804961aa2

d79a49e99fee1154a2023bd164850c5d0c34c208

f2e98f272e4133b161e5617896578e26189c8e1e

[View All in Codebase Page](#)

### Vulnerability Summary

6  
Total Findings2  
Resolved0  
Mitigated0  
Partially Resolved4  
Acknowledged0  
Declined

0 Critical

Critical risks are those that impact the safe functioning of a platform and must be addressed before launch. Users should not invest in any project with outstanding critical risks.

2 Major

2 Acknowledged

Major risks can include centralization issues and logical errors. Under specific circumstances, these major risks can lead to loss of funds and/or control of the project.

0 Medium

Medium risks may not pose a direct risk to users' funds, but they can affect the overall functioning of a platform.

2 Minor

2 Acknowledged

Minor risks can be any of the above, but on a smaller scale. They generally do not compromise the overall integrity of the project, but they may be less efficient than other solutions.

2 Informational

2 Resolved

Informational errors are often recommendations to improve the style of the code or certain operations to fall within industry best practices. They usually do not affect the overall functioning of the code.

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## Repository

<https://github.com/erc6551/reference/tree/main/src>

## Commit

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AUDIT SCOPE

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12 files audited

2 files with Acknowledged findings

3 files with Resolved findings

7 files without findings

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
<div></div> SER	<div></div> src/examples/simple/SimpleERC6551Account.sol	4168ffa60155d9c176c21e7f79089068c702e16bd8619c7304ca105d62060c6e
<div></div> ERU	<div></div> src/examples/upgradeable/ERC6551AccountUpgradeable.sol	add6f688aed75cca3552d642fad6e67074863667f0c75013ae648a887ea8ebc8
<div></div> ERP	<div></div> src/examples/upgradeable/ERC6551AccountProxy.sol	7d836187bebe12fece5b21897a948a428929ace11fe20ba61e27e9651da64971
<div></div> ERA	<div></div> src/lib/ERC6551AccountLib.sol	0259c4f0de1917e529fc684ac5bc6510406da696ae45df8760b5d57eded693db
<div></div> ERC	<div></div> src/ERC6551Registry.sol	e7b7fbd6b39e1b3fa0b75bf4ce73cb06b8448a33c15f55e14a153c0d480cff3
<div></div> ERB	<div></div> src/lib/ERC6551BytecodeLib.sol	d1da34d949913257eb0d5605160c87937399c6ed9c61b9353b0217177c3497d3
<div></div> SEC	<div></div> examples/simple/SimpleERC6551Account.sol	84833081f2e3290a72b693e227bc5a746bb975b55fbfa9acc308f1f3767c6662
<div></div> ECA	<div></div> examples/upgradeable/ERC6551AccountProxy.sol	36cbe4b441837fc44f90252362b783428daa16869bb541ee06d547cd726ece75
<div></div> ECU	<div></div> examples/upgradeable/ERC6551AccountUpgradeable.sol	add6f688aed75cca3552d642fad6e67074863667f0c75013ae648a887ea8ebc8
<div></div> ERL	<div></div> lib/ERC6551AccountLib.sol	7de886dcc7ac02c4236ea355700bf783bda589e199a9e160b186fed156692ed6
<div></div> ECB	<div></div> lib/ERC6551BytecodeLib.sol	d1da34d949913257eb0d5605160c87937399c6ed9c61b9353b0217177c3497d3
<div></div> ERR	<div></div> ERC6551Registry.sol	723318466d847e9d360f86ec04ce11bdf5ef9d490b6ac241d328fc0a444cfa76

## APPROACH & METHODS | MANIFOLD REFERENCE

This report has been prepared for Manifold to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the Manifold Reference 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.

FINDINGS

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6

Total Findings

0

Critical

2

Major

0

Medium

2

Minor

2

Informational

This report has been prepared to discover issues and vulnerabilities for Manifold Reference. Through this audit, we have uncovered 6 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
ERU-01	Centralized Control Of Contract Upgrade	Centralization	Major	Acknowledged
GLOBAL-01	Centralization Related Risks	Centralization	Major	Acknowledged
EXA-01	Potential Fraud Risk Associated With The ERC721 Token Contract Code	Volatile Code	Minor	Acknowledged
EXA-02	Third-Party Dependency Usage	Design Issue	Minor	Acknowledged
ERA-01	Misuse Of <code>extcodecopy()</code> In <code>salt()</code> And <code>token()</code> Functions	Coding Issue	Informational	Resolved
SRC-01	Missing Zero Address Validation	Volatile Code	Informational	Resolved

## ERU-01 | CENTRALIZED CONTROL OF CONTRACT UPGRADE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization	● Major	src/examples/upgradeable/ERC6551AccountUpgradeable.sol (v1)	● Acknowledged

### Description

The `ERC6551AccountUpgradeable` is an upgradeable contract, the owner can upgrade the contract without the community's commitment. If an attacker compromises the account, they can change the implementation of the contract and drain tokens from the contract.

It is important to note that in practical use cases, the owners of upgradeable contracts are typically **NOT** the client. Instead, they should be the users themselves.

### Recommendation

The risk describes the current project design and potentially makes iterations to improve in the security operation and level of decentralization, which in most cases cannot be resolved entirely at the present stage. We advise the client to carefully manage the privileged account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., multisignature wallets. Indicatively, here are some feasible suggestions that would also mitigate the potential risk at a different level in terms of short-term, long-term and permanent:

#### Short Term:

Timelock and Multi sign (2/3, 3/5) combination *mitigate* by delaying the sensitive operation and avoiding a single point of key management failure.

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;  
AND
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to the private key compromised;  
AND
- A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract and multi-signers addresses information with the public audience.

#### Long Term:

Timelock and DAO, the combination, *mitigate* by applying decentralization and transparency.



- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;  
AND
- Introduction of a DAO/governance/voting module to increase transparency and user involvement.  
AND
- A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract, multi-signers addresses, and DAO information with the public audience.

**Permanent:**

Renouncing the ownership or removing the function can be considered *fully resolved*.

- Renounce the ownership and never claim back the privileged roles.  
OR
- Remove the risky functionality.

**I Alleviation**

The client has acknowledged the finding.

## GLOBAL-01 | CENTRALIZATION RELATED RISKS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization	● Major		● Acknowledged

### Description

In the contracts `SimpleERC6551Account` and `ERC6551AccountUpgradeable`, the role `owner()` has authority over the `executeCall()` function, which can perform low-level calls. Any compromise to the `owner()` account may allow the hacker to take advantage of the above authorities.

It is important to note that in practical use cases, the `owner()` is typically **NOT** the client. Instead, they should be the users themselves.

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## EXA-01 | POTENTIAL FRAUD RISK ASSOCIATED WITH THE ERC721 TOKEN CONTRACT CODE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	src/examples/simple/SimpleERC6551Account.sol (v1); src/examples/upgradeable/ERC6551AccountUpgradeable.sol (v1)	Acknowledged

### Description

The existing contract design relies on the accuracy and reliability of the ERC721 token contract. A potential vulnerability could arise if a malicious actor were to supply a fraudulent token. For instance, they might manipulate the `ownerOf()` function in the ERC721 token contract to perpetually return their own address. This means that even when the `safeTransfer()` function is invoked and the `to` address is designated to another account, the actual ownership of the token remains unchanged. This loophole could allow the malicious actor to maintain control over the token and any associated assets within the token-bound account, leading to potential scams and asset losses for other users.

### Scenario

Consider the following scenario:

- Alice owns an ERC-721 token X, which owns token bound account Y.
- Bob offers to purchase token X via a decentralized marketplace, assuming he will receive the account Y along with the token.
- The marketplace invokes the `safeTransferFrom()` function and sets the `to` address to Bob's account.
- Due to the token contract's `ownerOf()` function consistently returning Alice's account address, Alice remains the true owner.
- Consequently, Bob cannot exert control over account Y.

### Recommendation

This issue underscores the importance of conducting thorough audits and evaluations of any third-party contracts that your contract interacts with, including ERC721 token contracts. It is also recommended to consider implementing additional safeguards within the contract to detect and mitigate such potential exploits.

### Alleviation

**[Client]:** Issue acknowledged. The security model of ERC-6551 assumes that token contracts conform to the ERC-721 specification and accurately report token ownership. Users should only use token bound accounts owned by tokens whose contract implementations are trusted. No changes will be made for the current version.

## EXA-02 | THIRD-PARTY DEPENDENCY USAGE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Design Issue	Minor	src/examples/simple/SimpleERC6551Account.sol (v1); src/example/s/upgradeable/ERC6551AccountUpgradeable.sol (v1)	Acknowledged

### Description

The contracts are serving as the underlying entities to interact with one or more third party protocols. The scope of the audit treats third party entities as black boxes and assume their functional correctness. However, in the real world, third parties can be compromised and this may lead to lost or stolen assets. In addition, upgrades of third parties can possibly create severe impacts, such as increasing fees of third parties, migrating to new LP pools, etc.

```
address contractAddress,
```

- The contract `ERC6551AccountUpgradeable` interacts with third party contract with `IERC721` interface via `contractAddress`.

```
(uint256 chainId, address tokenContract, uint256 tokenId) = this.token();
```

- The contract `SimpleERC6551Account` interacts with third party contract with `IERC721` interface via `tokenContract`.

### Recommendation

The auditors understood that the business logic requires interaction with third parties. It is recommended for the team to constantly monitor the statuses of third parties to mitigate the side effects when unexpected activities are observed.

### Alleviation

**[Client]:** Issue acknowledged. The security model of ERC-6551 assumes that token contracts conform to the ERC-721 specification and accurately report token ownership. No changes will be made for the current version.

ERA-01

MISUSE OF `extcodecopy()` IN `salt()` AND `token()` FUNCTIONS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Issue	<div><div></div>Informational</div>	src/lib/ERC6551AccountLib.sol (v1): 42, 53	<div><div></div>Resolved</div>

### Description

The `salt()` function uses `extcodecopy()` with `0x4d` as the last parameter. This is intended to copy `0x20` bytes from code at position `0x2d` into the variable `footer`. However, as per the [Ethereum Virtual Machine \(EVM\) Opcodes documentation](#), the last parameter of `extcodecopy()` should represent the length of the section to be copied rather than the "end position + 1". This confusion also exists in the `token()` function.

```
48                                     function salt()
                                     49 internal view returns
                                     (uint256) {
    bytes memory footer = new bytes(0x20);

    assembly {
        // copy 0x20 bytes from beginning of footer
        extcodecopy(address(), add(footer, 0x20), 0x2d, 0x4d)
    }

    return abi.decode(footer, (uint256));
}
```

### Recommendation

Although the function is working as intended due to the length of footer being `0x20` and the last parameter `0x4d` being larger than `0x20`, it's recommended to correct this for the sake of accuracy and readability. Updating the last parameter of `extcodecopy()` to accurately represent the length of the code to be copied can prevent potential misunderstandings or errors.

### Alleviation

The client has resolved this issue in the commit <https://github.com/erc6551/reference/tree/d79a49e99fee1154a2023bd164850c5d0c34c208/src/lib>.

# SRC-01 | MISSING ZERO ADDRESS VALIDATION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	<div><div></div>Informational</div>	src/ERC6551Registry.sol (v1): 21; src/examples/upgradeable/ERC6551AccountProxy.sol (v1): 11	<div><div></div>Resolved</div>

## Description

The following addresses are not validated before being used, potentially allowing the implementation of a proxy contract to be the zero address.

11

defaultImplementation = \_defaultImplementation;

- `_defaultImplementation` is not zero-checked before being used.

21

implementation,

- `implementation` is not zero-checked before being used.

## Recommendation

It is recommended to add a zero-check for the passed-in address value to prevent unexpected errors.

## Alleviation

The client has resolved the issue in the commit <https://github.com/erc6551/reference/commit/f2e98f272e4133b161e5617896578e26189c8e1e>.

## APPENDIX | MANIFOLD REFERENCE

### Finding Categories

Categories	Description
Coding Issue	Coding Issue findings are about general code quality including, but not limited to, coding mistakes, compile errors, and performance issues.
Volatile Code	Volatile Code findings refer to segments of code that behave unexpectedly on certain edge cases and may result in vulnerabilities.
Centralization	Centralization findings detail the design choices of designating privileged roles or other centralized controls over the code.
Design Issue	Design Issue findings indicate general issues at the design level beyond program logic that are not covered by other finding categories.

### Checksum Calculation Method

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.

The result is hexadecimal encoded and is the same as the output of the Linux "sha256sum" command against the target file.



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