

# Gateway

## Overview

Wormhole Gateway is a Cosmos-SDK chain that provides a way to bridge non-native assets into the Cosmos ecosystem and serves as a source for unified liquidity across Cosmos chains.

Because IBC is used to bridge assets from Gateway to Cosmos chains, liquidity fragmentation is avoided and liquidity for foreign assets bridged via Wormhole into Cosmos is unified across Cosmos chains. In addition to facilitating asset transfers, Wormhole Gateway (FKA wormchain, AKASHai-Hulud) allows Wormhole to ensure proper accounting with the [accountant](#).

## Details

Wormhole Gateway is implemented as a set of contracts and modules.

The contract addresses for these components are:

Contract	Mainnet Address	Testnet Address	Wormhole core bridge
wormhole1	ufs3tlq4umljk0qfe8k5ya0x6hpavn897u2cnf9k0en9jr7qarqqaqfk2j		
wormhole16	jzpxp0e8550c9aht6q9svcux30vtyyyyxv5w2l2djra46580wsazcjwp		Wormhole token bridge
wormhole14	66nf3zuxpya8q9emxukd7vftaf6h4psr0a07srl5zw74zh84yjq4lyjmh		
wormhole1a	af9r6s7nxhysuegqrxv0wpm27ypyv4886medd3mrkrw6t4yfcnst3qpex		IBC Translator
wormhole14	ejqjyq8um4p3xfqj74yld5waqljf88fz25yxnma0cngspxe3les00fpjx		
wormhole1c	tnjk7an90lz5wjfvr3cf6x984a8cjin8dpmztmlpcq4xteaa2xs9pwmzk		

## Wormhole Core Contracts

The [core contracts](#) to emit messages and verify [Guardian](#) signatures are still required on each Cosmos chain that requires generic message passing. Notably, for Gateway token bridging, no core contracts need be deployed.

## IBC Shim Contract

A CosmWasm contract that handles bridging into and out of the Cosmos ecosystem by translating between Wormhole and IBC message formats. It maintains a mapping of chainId -> channelId for whitelisted IBC channels to send packets over and accept packets from.

The contract supports transfers into the Cosmos ecosystem by receiving [Contract Controlled Transfer VAAs](#).

The logical flow of this type of transfer is as follows:

- Redeem the VAA against the [Token Bridge](#)
- Mint [Token Factory](#)
- tokens
- Decode the additional payload as a [GatewayIbcTokenBridgePayload](#)
- Send tokens via IBC to destination cosmos chains
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The contract also supports transfers out of the Cosmos ecosystem by implementing an execute handler which accepts a [GatewayIbcTokenBridgePayload](#) and an amount of tokenfactory tokens in info.funds (which are the tokens to be bridged out).

The logical flow for this type of transfer is as follows:

- Burn the [Token Factory](#)
- tokens
- Unlock the CW20 tokens
- Grant approval to the [Token Bridge](#)
- to spend the CW20 Tokens
- Call InitiateTransfer
- or InitiateTransferWithPayload
- based on whether the [GatewayIbcTokenBridgePayload](#)
- is of type Simple
- or ContractControlled
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## Token Factory Module

A deployment of the canonical [Token Factory](#) module on Wormhole Gateway to create new tokens.

## IBC Composability Middleware

The IBC Composability Middleware sits on top of the [PFM \(Packet Forwarding Module\)](#) and IBC Hooks middleware to compose the two together. It enables integrators on Cosmos chains to support both the Cosmos -> Cosmos and Cosmos -> External flows with a single payload structure.

It accepts a payload of [GatewayIbcTokenBridgePayload](#) and determines whether to call the PFM or IBC Hooks middleware by looking up the chainId in the payload.

1. If the chainId
2. is an IBC-enabled chain, it formats a payload for the PFM to forward the ICS20 transfer to the IBC-enabled destination chain.
3. If the chainId
4. is an external chain, it will format a payload for the IBC Hooks middleware to call the IBC Shim contract's execute handler to bridge out.
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## IBC Hooks Middleware

A deployment of the [IBC Hooks Middleware](#) on Wormhole Gateway allows ICS-20 token transfers to also initiate contract calls.

### Integration

Integration with Wormhole Gateway can be accomplished with a few lines of code and supports

- Transfers from an External Chain
- to any supported Cosmos Chain
- , see [Into Cosmos](#)
- Transfers from any supported Cosmos Chain
- to an External Chain
- , see [Out of Cosmos](#)
- Transfers between any supported Cosmos Chains
- , see [Between Cosmos Chains](#)
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### Into Cosmos

To bridge assets into a Cosmos chain, an asset transfer is initiated on the foreign chain with [payload](#) that is understood by the Gateway, or more specifically, the [IBC Shim Contract](#).

Once received on the Gateway, the asset's CW20 representation is sent to the destination chain through IBC using the well established [ICS20 protocol](#).

An example using the [SDK](#) :

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```
Copy import*aswhfrom'@certusone/wormhole-sdk';
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```
// ...
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```
consttransferDetails={ gateway_transfer://{ This is a simple transfer, no additional payload chain:4000,// Chain Id of the Cosmos chain we're sending to recipient:"",// Address of recipient (base64 encoded bech32) fee:0,// Fee for transfer (0 for now) nonce:0, } }
```

```
constibcTranslatorAddress="wormhole14ejqjyq8um4p3xfqj74yld5waqljf88fz25yxnma0cngspxe3les00fpjx" // Convert the transfer details to a Uint8Array for sending constpayload=newUint8Array(Buffer.from(JSON.stringify(transferDetails)))
```

```
// Send transfer transaction on Ethereum awaittxReceipt=wh.transferFromEth( wh.consts.TESTNET.eth.token_bridge// source chain token bridge address wallet,// signer for eth tx "0xdeadbeef...",// address of token being transferred 10000000n,// amount of token in its base units wh.consts.CHAINS.wormchain,// chain id we're sending to ibcTranslatorAddress,// The address of the ibc-translator contract on the Gateway 0,// relay fee, 0 for now {},// tx overrides (gas fees, etc...) payload// The payload Gateway uses to route transfers );
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// ...
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### Out of Cosmos

To bridge assets out of the Cosmos ecosystem or between Cosmos chains, an IBC transfer is initiated on the source chain to the Gateway with a payload containing details about the transfer in the memo field.

For example, using [cosmjs](#) :

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```
Copy const wallet = await DirectSecp256k1HdWallet.fromMnemonic(faucet.mnemonic);
const client = await SigningStargateClient.connectWithSigner( simapp.tendermintUrl, wallet, defaultSigningClientOptions );

const memo = JSON.stringify({ gateway_ibc_token_bridge_payload: { gateway_transfer: { chain: 0, // chain id of receiver
recipient: "", // address of receiver
fee: 0, // fee to cover transfer
nonce: 0, // } } }
const ibcTranslatorAddress = "wormhole14ejqjyq8um4p3xfqj74yld5waqljf88fz25yxnma0cngspxe3les00fpjx"
const result = await client.sendIbcTokens( faucet.address0, // sender address
ibcTranslatorAddress, // receiver address
coin(1234, "ucosm"), // amount and coin
"transfer", // source port
"channel-2186", // source channel, TODO: fill in once
deployedTimeoutHeight, // timeoutTimestamp, // 0, // fee to cover transaction
memo // formatted payload with details about
transfer );
```

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## Between Cosmos Chains

Transfers between Cosmos chains work exactly the same as [bridging out of Cosmos](#) from an implementation perspective. The exception being that the chain id passed is a Cosmos chain.

## Data Structures

Core data structures that are used by the Gateway protocol.

### GatewayIbcTokenBridgePayload

The core data structure of Gateway token transfers is the `GatewayIbcTokenBridgePayload` , containing details about the transfer that the Gateway uses to perform the transfer.

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```
Copy pub enum GatewayIbcTokenBridgePayload {
  GatewayTransfer { chain: u16, recipient: Binary, fee: u128, nonce: u32, },
  GatewayTransferWithPayload { chain: u16, contract: Binary, payload: Binary, nonce: u32, }, }
```

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When sending a `GatewayIbcTokenBridge` payload, it must be serialized as json.

For a proper json, encoding the binary values are base64 encoded.

The recipient for cosmos chain chains are base64 encoded bech32 addresses. For example, if the recipient is `wormhole1f3jshdszmzl03v03w2hswqcfmwqf2j5csw223ls` , the encoding will be the direct base64 encoding `ofd29ybWhvbGUxZjNqc2hkc216bDAzdjAzdzc3dxY2Ztd3FmMmo1Y3N3MjJzbHM=` .

The chain values map to [Wormhole chain IDs](#) .

The fee and nonce are Wormhole-specific parameters, both of which are unused today.

For incoming IBC messages from Cosmos/IBC chains, the receiver field will be base64 encoded in the `Simple.recipient` field, and the channel-id will be included as the equivalent wormhole chain id.

## Fee Structure

The fees for using Gateway are minimal. At the moment, the source chain gas is the only cost.

### Fees Required

- Source Chain Gas
- : Gas fees on the source chain (e.g. Ethereum) must be covered.
- Relay Fee [Source Chain => Gateway]
- : The cost for a wormhole message to be processed. This is currently 0
- but may change in the future.
- Destination Chain Gas [Non Cosmos]
- : Gas fees on a destination chain (e.g. Ethereum) must be covered by either the relayer or, in the case of manual redemption, the user.
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## Fees Not Required

- Gateway
- : Gateway doesn't have token-priced metering or require gas fees to be paid by the user.
- Relay Fee [Gateway => Cosmos]
- : Relayers aren't incentivized by user fees.
- Destination Chain [Cosmos]
- : IBC relayers cover the processing cost on the destination chain.
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## See Also

[Gateway Block Explorer](#)

Wormhole Gateway is, of course, open source and the source is available [here](#)

The contracts that make this possible are available [here](#)

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