

# Minting tokens on Aztec

In this step we will start writing our Aztec.nr bridge smart contract and write a function to consume the message from the token portal to mint funds on Aztec

## Initial contract setup

In our token-bridge Aztec project in aztec-contracts , under src there is an example main.nr file. Paste this to define imports and initialize the constructor:

```
token_bridge_imports mod

token_interface ;

// Minimal implementation of the token bridge that can move funds between L1 <> L2. // The bridge has a corresponding
// Portal contract on L1 that it is attached to // And corresponds to a Token on L2 that uses the AuthWit accounts pattern. //
// Bridge has to be set as a minter on the token before it can be used

contract TokenBridge

{ use

dep :: aztec :: prelude :: { FunctionSelector ,

AztecAddress ,

EthAddress ,

PublicMutable } ;

use

dep :: aztec :: { context :: Context ,

hash :: compute_secret_hash } ;

use

dep :: token_portal_content_hash_lib :: { get_mint_public_content_hash , get_mint_private_content_hash ,
get_withdraw_content_hash } ;

use

crate :: token_interface :: Token ; Source code: noir-projects/noir-contracts/contracts/token\_bridge\_contract/src/main.nr#L1-L17 token_bridge_storage_and_constructor // Storage structure, containing all storage, and specifying what slots they use.
struct

Storage

{ token :

PublicMutable < AztecAddress

, }

// Constructs the contract.
```

## [aztec(private)]

## [aztec(initializer)]

```
fn

constructor ( token :

AztecAddress )

{ let selector =
```

```
FunctionSelector :: from_signature ( "_initialize((Field))" ) ; context . call_public_function ( context . this_address ( ) , selector ,
```

```
[ token . to_field ( ) ] ) ; Source code: noir-projects/noir-contracts/contracts/token\_bridge\_contract/src/main.nr#L19-L32
```

This imports Aztec-related dependencies and our helper file `token_interface.nr` . (The code above will give errors right now - this is because we haven't implemented `util` and `token_interface` yet.)

In `token_interface.nr` , add this:

```
token_bridge_token_interface use
```

```
dep :: aztec :: prelude :: { FunctionSelector ,
```

```
AztecAddress ,
```

```
EthAddress ,
```

```
PrivateContext } ; use
```

```
dep :: aztec :: context :: { PublicContext ,
```

```
Context } ;
```

```
struct
```

```
Token
```

```
{ address :
```

```
AztecAddress , }
```

```
impl
```

```
Token
```

```
{ pub
```

```
fn
```

```
at ( address :
```

```
AztecAddress )
```

```
->
```

```
Self
```

```
{ Self
```

```
{ address } }
```

```
pub
```

```
fn
```

```
mint_public ( self :
```

```
Self , context :
```

```
& mut
```

```
PublicContext , to :
```

```
AztecAddress , amount :
```

```
Field )
```

```
{ let _return_values = context . call_public_function ( self . address , FunctionSelector :: from_signature ( "mint_public((Field),Field)" ) , [ to . to_field ( ) , amount ] ) ; }
```

```
pub
```

```
fn
```

```

burn_public ( self :
Self , context :
& mut
PublicContext , from :
AztecAddress , amount :
Field , nonce :
Field )

{ let _return_values = context . call_public_function ( self . address , FunctionSelector :: from_signature (
"burn_public(Field,Field,Field)" ) , [ from . to_field ( ) , amount , nonce ] ) ; }

pub
fn

mint_private ( self :
Self , context :
& mut
PublicContext , amount :
Field , secret_hash :
Field )

{ let _return_values = context . call_public_function ( self . address , FunctionSelector :: from_signature (
"mint_private(Field,Field)" ) , [ amount , secret_hash ] ) ; }

pub
fn

burn ( self :
Self , context :
& mut
PrivateContext , from :
AztecAddress , amount :
Field , nonce :
Field )

{ let _return_values = context . call_private_function ( self . address , FunctionSelector :: from_signature (
"burn(Field,Field,Field)" ) , [ from . to_field ( ) , amount , nonce ] ) ; } } Source code: noir-projects/noir-contracts/contracts/token\_bridge\_contract/src/token\_interface.nr#L1-L56

```

## Consume the L1 message

In the previous step, we have moved our funds to the portal and created a L1->L2 message. Upon building the next rollup, the sequencer asks the inbox for any incoming messages and adds them to Aztec's L1->L2 message tree, so an application on L2 can prove that the message exists and consumes it.

In `main.nr` , now paste this `claim_public` function:

`claim_public` // Consumes a L1->L2 message and calls the token contract to mint the appropriate amount publicly

**[aztec(public)]**

fn

```

claim_public ( to :
AztecAddress , amount :
Field , canceller :
EthAddress , secret :
Field )
{ let content_hash =
get_mint_public_content_hash ( to , amount , canceller ) ;

// Consume message and emit nullifier context . consume_l1_to_l2_message ( content_hash , secret , context .
this_portal_address ( ) ) ;

// Mint tokens Token :: at ( storage . token . read ( ) ) . mint_public ( & mut context , to , amount ) Source code: noir-projects/noir-contracts/contracts/token\_bridge\_contract/src/main.nr#L34-L46
Theclaim_public function enables anyone to consume the message on the user's behalf and mint tokens for them on L2. This is fine as the minting of tokens is done publicly anyway.

```

What's happening here?

1. We first recompute the L1->L2 message content by calling `get_mint_public_content_hash()`
2. . Note that the method does exactly the same as what the `TokenPortal` contract does in `depositToAztecPublic()`
3. to create the content hash.
4. We then attempt to consume the L1->L2 message by passing `msg_key`
5. , the content hash, and the "secret". Since we are depositing to Aztec publicly, this secret is public, anyone can know this and is usually 0.\* `context.consume_l1_to_l2_message()`
6.
  - takes in the `content_hash` and `secret` to recreate the original message. The L1 to L2 message consists of:\*  
Sender - who on L1 sent the message + chain ID of L1. The context variable knows the portal address on L1 and adds that
7.
  - - Recipient - i.e. this aztec contract address which is consuming the message + the current version of the aztec rollup.
8.
  - - The content - which is reconstructed in the `get_mint_public_content_hash()`
9.
  - Note that the `content_hash`
10.
  - requires to
11.
  - , `amount`
12.
  - and `canceller`
13.
  - . If a malicious user tries to mint tokens to their address by changing the `to` address, the content hash will be different to what the token portal had calculated on L1 and `msg_Key`
14.
  - will also be different, thus preventing the L1->L2 message from being consumed. This is why we add these parameters into the content.
15. Then we call `Token::at(storage.token.read()).mint_public()`
16. to mint the tokens to the `to` address.

## Private flow

Now we will create a function to mint the amount privately. Paste this into your `main.nr`

```

claim_private // Consumes a L1->L2 message and calls the token contract to mint the appropriate amount in private assets //
User needs to call token.redeem_shield() to get the private assets

```

## [aztec(private)]

fn

claim\_private ( secret\_hash\_for\_redeeming\_minted\_notes :

Field ,

// secret hash used to redeem minted notes at a later time. This enables anyone to call this function and mint tokens to a user on their behalf amount :

Field , canceller :

EthAddress , secret\_for\_L1\_to\_L2\_message\_consumption :

Field

// secret used to consume the L1 to L2 message )

{ // Consume L1 to L2 message and emit nullifier let content\_hash =

get\_mint\_private\_content\_hash ( secret\_hash\_for\_redeeming\_minted\_notes , amount , canceller ) ; context .  
consume\_l1\_to\_l2\_message ( content\_hash , secret\_for\_L1\_to\_L2\_message\_consumption , context . this\_portal\_address ( ) ) ;

// Mint tokens on L2 //mint\_private on token is public. So we call an internal public function // which then calls the public method on the token contract. // Since the secret\_hash is passed, no secret is leaked. context . call\_public\_function ( context . this\_address ( ) , FunctionSelector :: from\_signature ( "\_call\_mint\_on\_token(Field,Field)" ) , [ amount , secret\_hash\_for\_redeeming\_minted\_notes ] ) ; } [Source code: noir-projects/noir-contracts/contracts/token\\_bridge\\_contract/src/main.nr#L66-L94](#) call\_mint\_on\_token // This is a public call as we need to read from public storage. // Also, note that user hashes their secret in private and only sends the hash in public // meaning only user can redeem\_shield at a later time with their secret.

## [aztec(public)]

## [aztec(internal)]

fn

\_call\_mint\_on\_token ( amount :

Field , secret\_hash :

Field )

{ Token :: at ( storage . token . read ( ) ) . mint\_private ( & mut context , amount , secret\_hash ) [Source code: noir-projects/noir-contracts/contracts/token\\_bridge\\_contract/src/main.nr#L147-L156](#) Theget\_mint\_private\_content\_hash function is imported from thetoken\_portal\_content\_hash\_lib .

If the content hashes were constructed similarly formint\_private andmint\_publicly , then content intended for private execution could have been consumed by calling theclaim\_public method. By making these two content hashes distinct, we prevent this scenario.

While we mint the tokens on L2, westill don't actually mint them to a certain address . Instead we continue to pass thesecret\_hash\_for\_redeeming\_minted\_notes like we did on L1. This means that a user could reveal their secret for L2 message consumption for anyone to mint tokens on L2 but they can redeem these notes at a later time.This enables a paradigm where an app can manage user's secrets for L2 message consumption on their behalf .The app or any external party can also mint tokens on the user's behalf should they be comfortable with leaking the secret for L2 Message consumption. This doesn't leak any new information to the app because their smart contract on L1 knew that a user wanted to move some amount of tokens to L2. The app still doesn't know which address on L2 the user wants these notes to be in, but they can mint tokens nevertheless on their behalf.

To mint tokens privately,claim\_private calls an internal function\_call\_mint\_on\_token() which then calls[token.mint\\_private\(\)](#) which is a public method since it operates on public storage. Note that mint\_private (on the token contract) is public because it too reads from public storage. Since thesecret\_hash\_for\_redeeming\_minted\_notes is passed publicly (and not the secret), nothing that should be leaked is, and the only the person that knows the secret can actually redeem their notes at a later time by calling[Token.redeem\\_shield\(secret, amount\)](#) .

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