

Security Assessment

DGMV

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Summary

This report has been prepared for LCX-AG to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the DGMV project as well as any contract dependencies that were not part of an officially recognized library. A comprehensive examination has been performed, utilizing Static Analysis and Manual Review 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:

- 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.



Overview

Project Summary

Project Name	DGMV
Description	An ERC20 token
Platform	Ethereum
Language	Solidity
Codebase	https://github.com/LCX-AG/DGMV-Token
Commit	 b94382369064f70f0408348af2a4f0589c87631f 6883ffdb6f87fe8079044f77ecb0f3a9db809ed6

Audit Summary

Delivery Date	Oct 08, 2021
Audit Methodology	Static Analysis, Manual Review
Key Components	

Vulnerability Summary

Vulnerability Level	Total	! Pending	⊗ Declined	(i) Acknowledged	① Partially Resolved	
Critical	0	0	0	0	0	0
Major	2	0	0	1	0	1
Medium	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Informational	3	0	0	0	0	3
Discussion	0	0	0	0	0	0



Audit Scope

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
DGM	DGMV.sol	90adbb3f010f54a91b9ff85b8c1a09e534bc68293ca485c384658a4ff3d925fe



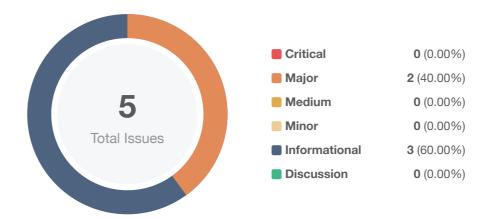
To bridge the gap of trust between owner and users, the owner needs to express a sincere attitude regarding the considerations of the administrator team's anonymity.

The owner of DGMV has the responsibility to notify users with the following capability of the administrator:

• 1,000,000,000e18 amount of tokens are sent to the owner when deploying the contract.



Findings



ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
DGM-01	Unlocked Compiler Version	Language Specific	Informational	
DGM-02	Centralization Risk	Centralization / Privilege	Major	
DGM-03	Mutability Specifiers Missing	Gas Optimization	Informational	
DGM-04	Function Visibility Optimization	Gas Optimization	Informational	
DGM-05	Initial Token Distribution	Centralization / Privilege	Major	(i) Acknowledged



DGM-01 | Unlocked Compiler Version

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Language Specific	Informational	DGMV.sol: 2	

Description

The contract has unlocked compiler version. An unlocked compiler version in the source code of the contract permits the user to compile it at or above a particular version. This, in turn, leads to differences in the generated bytecode between compilations due to differing compiler version numbers. This can lead to an ambiguity when debugging as compiler specific bugs may occur in the codebase that would be hard to identify over a span of multiple compiler versions rather than a specific one.

Recommendation

We advise that the compiler version is instead locked at the lowest version possible that the contract can be compiled at.

Alleviation

The client locked the compiler version as we suggested in commit 6883ffdb6f87fe8079044f77ecb0f3a9db809ed6.



DGM-02 | Centralization Risk

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Major	DGMV.sol: 400, 409, 159, 166	⊗ Resolved

Description

In the contract DGMV, the role owner has the authority over the following function:

- pause() and unpause(), which can be used to freeze and unfreeze operations.
- propose0wnership() and renounce0wnership() which allows the owner to drop or transfer owner role

Any compromise to the owner account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this.

Recommendation

We advise the client to carefully manage the DGMV account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol to be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., Multisignature wallets.

Indicatively, here is some feasible suggestions that would also mitigate the potential risk at the different level in term of short-term and long-term:

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to the private key;
- Introduction of a DAO/governance/voting module to increase transparency and user involvement.

Alleviation

The client removed all functions related to owner capability in commit 6883ffdb6f87fe8079044f77ecb0f3a9db809ed6.



DGM-03 | Mutability Specifiers Missing

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	Informational	DGMV.sol: 280, 282, 283, 284	⊗ Resolved

Description

The linked variables are assigned only once, either during their contract-level declaration or during the constructor's execution.

Recommendation

For the former, we advise that the <code>constant</code> keyword is introduced in the variable declaration to greatly optimize the gas cost involved in utilizing the variable. For the latter, we advise that the <code>immutable</code> mutability specifier is set at the variable's contract-level declaration to greatly optimize the gas cost of utilizing the variables. Please note that the <code>immutable</code> keyword only works in Solidity versions <code>v0.6.5</code> and up.

Alleviation

The client declared them as constants and resolved this issue in commit 6883ffdb6f87fe8079044f77ecb0f3a9db809ed6.



DGM-04 | Function Visibility Optimization

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	Informational	DGMV.sol: 301, 308, 315, 322, 329, 336, 344, 351	⊗ Resolved

Description

The following functions are declared as public, contain array function arguments, and are not invoked in any of the contracts contained within the project's scope. The functions that are never called internally within the contract should have external visibility.

- name()
- symbol()
- decimals()
- balanceOf()
- transfer()
- allowance()
- approve()
- transferFrom()
- increaseAllowance()
- decreaseAllowance()

Recommendation

We advise that the functions' visibility specifiers are set to external and the array-based arguments change their data location from memory to calldata, optimizing the gas cost of the function.

Alleviation

The client changed visibility to external as we suggested in commit 6883ffdb6f87fe8079044f77ecb0f3a9db809ed6.



DGM-05 | Initial Token Distribution

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Major	DGMV.sol: 294	① Acknowledged

Description

1,000,000,000e18 amount of tokens are sent to the owner when deploying the contract. This could be a centralization risk as the owner can distribute tokens without obtaining the consensus of the community.

Recommendation

We recommend the team to be transparent regarding the initial token distribution process.

Alleviation

No alleviation.



Appendix

Finding Categories

Centralization / Privilege

Centralization / Privilege findings refer to either feature logic or implementation of components that act against the nature of decentralization, such as explicit ownership or specialized access roles in combination with a mechanism to relocate funds.

Gas Optimization

Gas Optimization findings do not affect the functionality of the code but generate different, more optimal EVM opcodes resulting in a reduction on the total gas cost of a transaction.

Language Specific

Language Specific findings are issues that would only arise within Solidity, i.e. incorrect usage of private or delete.

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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