

# Security Assessment

# Stargaze

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

#### **Executive Summary**

TYPES ECOSYSTEM METHODS

DeFi Cosmos (ATOM) Manual Review, Static Analysis

LANGUAGE TIMELINE KEY COMPONENTS

Golang Delivered on 04/17/2023 N/A

CODEBASE COMMITS

<u>https://github.com/public-</u>

<u>awesome/stargaze/tree/b31a13e81a927d11449d2e9a176cd9d5a91403</u> ...View All

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#### **Vulnerability Summary**

	4 Total Findings	4 Resolved	O Mitigated	O Partially Resolved	O Acknowledged	<b>O</b> Declined	<b>O</b> Unresolved
<b>0</b>	Critical				Critical risks are those to a platform and must be should not invest in any risks.	addressed before	launch. Users
<b>0</b>	Major				Major risks can include errors. Under specific c can lead to loss of fund	ircumstances, thes	se major risks
<b>1</b>	Medium	1 Resolved			Medium risks may not p but they can affect the o		
<b>2</b>	Minor	2 Resolved			Minor risks can be any scale. They generally d integrity of the project, I other solutions.	o not compromise	the overall
<b>1</b>	Informational	1 Resolved			Informational errors are improve the style of the within industry best pra the overall functioning of	code or certain op	perations to fall



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### CODEBASE STARGAZE

#### Repository

 $\underline{\text{https://github.com/public-awesome/stargaze/tree/b31a13e81a927d11449d2e9a176cd9d5a914039d}$ 

#### **Commit**

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### AUDIT SCOPE STARGAZE

21 files audited • 4 files with Resolved findings • 17 files without findings

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
• ABC	abci.go	05971b34a33574472c6087a407355fcadb196 cffada84297029ce9478d142c40
• TXC	client/cli/tx.go	8b871136b75b6808ac99fbd239194cad73ffd2 e2f046f4daa0442d4aa868776b
• TXR	client/rest/tx.go	f647aee7ead90f36d7bd942bcc744628d2a65 2ee1963bf9a438b175da5a99bd3
• PRI	keeper/privileged.go	8b380afe5084e8f661d8c240d9aca0bcba6b8 2b193eb39b49a49e4c8f3d53cbc
• GEN	genesis.go	bb532afdd04d17568e859704771769d02ceb7 f9d6ff8c8c10c53e3568d744c2e
MOD	module.go	55e9fd26c312f63440d351710f5ed00719c3da 2fea5f023d2dc148a38e152958
QUE	client/cli/query.go	9438df65640d1fd00062b652427b5ec510bef7 c3ba76bc832aa38ff139e239b9
• PRO	client/proposal_handler.go	c97ce47c3b8812bc94c0ec5b1ccea99c9707f0 569e818c4819f6d08a9c6f4ae3
• CAL	contract/callback_msgs.go	cd604479965b6d88f05365b5e2ad6028df035 88644eeef1f1d9f19aa772cf144
• GRP	keeper/grpc_query.go	a683dfb70d735cd8f479b37939282b14fb8684 188c93aa68f97041c1193dce6b
• KEE	keeper/keeper.go	239275fa53e19e221c7d1663bb4dd8066ad51 ab8fd68cfdb63862b3cbade35f9
• MSG	keeper/msg_server.go	b82487cf0fef5247a725c6ccd06a951e095200 3ac69e84751687f72771e6147e
COD	types/codec.go	0278f30ee7a98360840ebaeec8039c0165d34 2ce2b0ba8006957aa49163308d5
• ERR	types/errors.go	41a52535a620eee923ff3fbda2a69584626539 b92a2ced5e216da90169a14995



ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
• EVE	types/events.go	d25cafc3290a294a8d95d0b116b4ceccf04cf9 725370cdbacbfac13d583a0d4a
<ul><li>EXP</li></ul>	types/expected_keepers.go	a42fa476426e3f35a4b88547772c8e2f2a6f64 18220a84b74ed4389aee573b9b
• GEE	types/genesis.go	fb458e157b939c63b1e59495d077ce1839878 656250d4ed5d2494f5e819809af
• KEY	types/keys.go	bf42b4a9a82c674f70c6eebe45bcbbd5448e9 5dd5069c1dba57a480dd00f42b0
• PAR	types/params.go	4bc10cd1ab904b638aeaffa3b92a56cb75cfb2 a8aa06006ba7d3983fb3b0b89a
• PRP	types/proposal.go	aecf705da6520d43c3718213e854c0f3a8caa5 375ad269d1d43d01a015a04c46
• TYP	types/types.go	7c347886dbeed39a02f9f23d860ffb46fa1da70 151c2268a6289325c55acf415



### **APPROACH & METHODS** STARGAZE

This report has been prepared for Stargaze to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the Stargaze 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 STARGAZE



This report has been prepared to discover issues and vulnerabilities for Stargaze. Through this audit, we have uncovered 4 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
TXC-01	Commands Not Added	Control Flow	Medium	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>
ABC-01	Incorrect Key Used	Logical Issue	Minor	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>
TXR-01	A Mismatched Request Structure Is Used	Inconsistency	Minor	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>
TXC-02	Failure On Tx Cmd	Volatile Code	Informational	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>



### TXC-01 COMMANDS NOT ADDED

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Control Flow	<ul><li>Medium</li></ul>	client/cli/tx.go: 35, 76	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>

#### Description

The ProposalUnsetPrivilegeContractCmd and ProposalSetPrivilegeContractCmd commands are currently not properly integrated into the parent command, and as a result, they may not function correctly as tx commands.

#### Recommendation

To ensure proper functionality of the ProposalUnsetPrivilegeContractCmd and ProposalSetPrivilegeContractCmd commands as tx commands, it is recommended to add them to the GetTxCmd() function. Please see the code snippet below for reference, and be sure to thoroughly test the implementation:

#### Alleviation

[Stargaze]: Governance tx commands are added under starsd tx gov submit-proposal command wired in app.go line 174.



### ABC-01 INCORRECT KEY USED

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	<ul><li>Minor</li></ul>	abci.go: 20	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>

#### Description

In Cosmos, the telemetry.ModuleMeasureSince function is used to measure the elapsed time since a specific event occurred in a module. When using this function in the BeginBlocker() function of a Cosmos SDK module, it is important to use the correct metric key for the event being measured.

```
func BeginBlocker(ctx sdk.Context, k keeper.Keeper, w types.WasmKeeper) {
    defer telemetry.ModuleMeasureSince(types.ModuleName, time.Now(),
    telemetry.MetricKeyEndBlocker)
        sudoMsg := contract.SudoMsg{BeginBlock: &struct{}{}}
        k.IteratePrivileged(ctx, abciContractCallback(ctx, w, sudoMsg))
}
```

The correct metric key for measuring the elapsed time of the BeginBlocker() function is telemetry.MetricKeyBeginBlocker.

#### Recommendation

It's recommended to change the second argument of  $\begin{bmatrix} telemetry.ModuleMeasureSince \end{bmatrix}$  to  $telemetry.MetricKeyBeginBlocker \end{bmatrix}$ .

#### Alleviation

 $[\texttt{CertiK}]: \textbf{The team heeded the advice and resolved this issue in commit} \quad \underline{38430119e1e62d1582d5be97fecc873bb26524bd} \; .$ 



### TXR-01 A MISMATCHED REQUEST STRUCTURE IS USED

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Inconsistency	<ul><li>Minor</li></ul>	client/rest/tx.go: 32	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>

#### Description

The type of req should be UnsetPrivilegeProposalJSONReq, the below code segment uses a mismatched request.

#### Recommendation

While the code logic appears to be working correctly at present, it is strongly recommended that the client double-checks it to ensure there are no issues in the future.

#### Alleviation

[CertiK]: The team heeded the advice and resolved this issue in commit 38430119e1e62d1582d5be97fecc873bb26524bd.



### TXC-02 FAILURE ON TX CMD

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	<ul><li>Informational</li></ul>	client/cli/tx.go: 58	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>

#### Description

The <u>readme</u> for the current module provides some helpful tx command examples, but it has been found that some of them may not function as expected. For instance, the <u>promote-contract</u> command example is shown below:

```
starsd tx cron promote-contract {contractAddr} --title {proposalTitle} --deposit {depositAmount} starsd tx cron promote-contract stars19jq6mj84cnt9p7sagjxqf8hxtczwc8wlpuwe4sh62w45aheseues57n420 --title "Promote Contract Proposal" --deposit 1000ustars
```

When executing this command directly, it generates an error message indicating an invalid address. Upon further investigation, it has been determined that this error is due to the lack of a proposer, i.e., it cannot obtain the from address of the clientCtx. Additionally, the from flag for this command is not recognized.

#### Recommendation

We recommend reviewing the logic again.

#### Alleviation

[Stargaze]: The correct usage of this command should be through the gov module, the commands are starsd tx gov submit-proposal promote-contract and starsd tx gov submit-proposal demote-contract.



### OPTIMIZATIONS STARGAZE

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
PRI-01	Optimization On Function SetPrivileged()	Gas Optimization	Optimization	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>



### PRI-01 OPTIMIZATION ON FUNCTION SetPrivileged()

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	<ul><li>Optimization</li></ul>	keeper/privileged.go: 12	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>

#### Description

The SetPrivileged() function is used to add a contract to the list of privileged contracts or update it if it is already in the list. However, if the contract is already privileged, there is no need to update the store and this can be an unnecessary gas cost.

#### Recommendation

To optimize the SetPrivileged() function, it can first check if the given contract is already privileged, and if so, do nothing. Here's an example of how you can modify the function to include this optimization:

```
func (k Keeper) SetPrivileged(ctx sdk.Context, contractAddr sdk.AccAddress) error {
   if k.wasmKeeper.HasContractInfo(ctx, contractAddr) {
      if !k.IsPrivileged(ctx, contractAddr) {
            // coding here ...
      else {
            return nil
            }
      } else {
            return types.ErrContractDoesNotExist
      }
      return nil
}
```

#### Alleviation

 $\begin{tabular}{l} \hline [CertiK] : The team heeded the advice and resolved this issue in commit \hline $38430119e1e62d1582d5be97fecc873bb26524bd $\ .$ \\ \hline \end{tabular}$ 



### APPENDIX STARGAZE

#### **I** Finding Categories

Categories	Description
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.
Logical Issue	Logical Issue findings detail a fault in the logic of the linked code, such as an incorrect notion on how block.timestamp works.
Control Flow	Control Flow findings concern the access control imposed on functions, such as owner-only functions being invoke-able by anyone under certain circumstances.
Volatile Code	Volatile Code findings refer to segments of code that behave unexpectedly on certain edge cases that may result in a vulnerability.
Inconsistency	Inconsistency findings refer to functions that should seemingly behave similarly yet contain different code, such as a constructor assignment imposing different require statements on the input variables than a setter function.

#### I 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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