

Miniscript

An introduction to BIP 379

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Miniscript

Definition 1: BIP 379.

(...) a language for writing (a subset of) **Bitcoin Scripts** in a structured way, enabling analysis, composition, generic signing and more. [1]

Back to the basics

Bitcoin script

Definition 2: .

(...) an unusual stack-based language with many edge cases designed for implementing spending conditions consisting of various combinations of signatures, hash locks, and time locks.“ [1]

Bitcoin script

Common transactions from [2] and [3]

Comment	Unlock	Lock
P2PK	<sig> <pk>	OP_CHECKSIG
P2PKH	<sig> <pk>	OP_DUP OP_HASH160 <pkh> OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG
Multisig 2-of-3	OP_0 <sigA> <sigB>	2 <pkA> <pkB> <pkC> 3 OP_CHECKMULTISIG

Bitcoin script

Freezing funds until a time in the future from [2]

Unlock	Lock
<sig> <pk>	<expiry time> OP_CHECKLOCKTIMEVERIFY OP_DROP OP_DUP OP_HASH160 <pkh> OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG

Bitcoin script

Timelock variable multisignature from [3]: Mohammed/Saeed/Zaira 2-of-3 multisig. After 30 days 1-of-3 plus a lawyer's singlesig. After 90 days the lawyer's singlesig.

Unlock	Lock
<pre>OP_0 <sigA> <sigB> OP_TRUE OP_TRUE</pre>	<pre>OP_IF OP_IF 2 OP_ELSE <30 days> OP_CHECKSEQUENCEVERIFY OP_DROP <sigD> OP_CHECKSIGVERIFY 1 OP_ENDIF <sigA> <sigB> <sigC> 3 OP_CHECKMULTISIG OP_ELSE <90 days> OP_CHECKSEQUENCEVERIFY OP_DROP <sigD> OP_CHECKSIG OP_ENDIF</pre>

The issue

[1] states that, given a combination of spending conditions, it is still highly nontrivial to:

- find the most economical script to implement it;
- implement a composition of their spending conditions;
- find out what spending conditions it permits.

...

The motivation

Miniscript has a structure that allows composition: a representation for **scripts** that makes these type of operations possible.

Miniscript [4]

Policy for a singlesig

Miniscript	Script
pk(<key_1>)	<key_1> OP_CHECKSIG

Miniscript [4]

Miniscript for One of two keys (equally likely)

Miniscript	Script
<pre>or_b(pk(key_1), s:pk(key_2))</pre>	<pre><key_1> OP_CHECKSIG OP_SWAP <key_2> OP_CHECKSIG OP_BOOLOR</pre>

Miniscript [4]

Miniscript for One of two keys (one likely, one unlikely)

Miniscript	Script
<pre>or_d(pk(key_1), pkh(key_2))</pre>	<pre><key_1> OP_CHECKSIG OP_IFDUP OP_NOTIF OP_DUP OP_HASH160 <HASH160(key_2)> OP_EQUALVERIFY OP_CHECKSIG OP_ENDIF</pre>

Miniscript [4]

Miniscript for 3-of-3 that turns into a 2-of-3 after 90 days

Miniscript	Script
<pre>thresh(3, pk(key_1), s:pk(key_2), s:pk(key_3), sln:older(12960))</pre>	<pre><key_1> OP_CHECKSIG OP_SWAP <key_2> OP_CHECKSIG OP_ADD OP_SWAP <key_3> OP_CHECKSIG OP_ADD OP_SWAP OP_IF 0 OP_ELSE <a032> OP_CHECKSEQUENCEVERIFY OP_0NOTEQUAL OP_ENDIF OP_ADD 3 OP_EQUAL</pre>

Miniscript [4]

Miniscript for Lightning: BOLT #3 to_local.

Miniscript	Script
<pre>andor(pk(key_local), older(1008), pk(key_revocation))</pre>	<pre><key_local> OP_CHECKSIG OP_NOTIF <key_revocation> OP_CHECKSIG OP_ELSE <f003> OP_CHECKSEQUENCEVERIFY OP_ENDIF</pre>

Specification [1]

Specification

Miniscript analyzes scripts to determine properties.

Specification

Not expected to be used with:

- BIP 16 (p2sh);

Expected to be used within:

- BIP 382: wsh descriptor;
- BIP 386: tr descriptor.

And together with:

- BIP 380: Key expressions:

[<fingerprint>/<purpose>/<cointype>/<index>]

Specification

From a user's perspective, Miniscript is not a separate language, but rather a significant expansion of the descriptor language. [1]

Specification

Liana's simple inheritance wallet [5].

```
wsh(  
  or_d(  
    pk([07fd816d/48'/1'/0'/2']tpub...wd5/<0;1>/*),  
    and_v(  
      v:pkh([da855a1f/48'/1'/0'/2']tpub...Hg5/<0;1>/*),  
      older(36)  
    )  
  )  
)#lz4jfr7g
```

Specification

Liana's simple inheritance wallet [6]. First key expression is a NUMS (“nothing-up-my-sleeves”) point [7].

```
tr(  
  [07fd816d/48'/1'/0'/2']tpub...mwd5/<0;1>/*,  
  and_v(  
    v:pk([da855a1f/48'/1'/0'/2']tpub...Hg5/<0;1>/*),  
    older(36)  
  )  
)#506utvsp
```

Specification

Liana's decaying multisig wallet [8].

```
wsh(  
  or_d(  
    multi(2,  
      [07fd816d/48'/1'/0'/2']tpub...wd5/<0;1>/*,  
      [da855a1f/48'/1'/0'/2']tpub...Hg5/<0;1>/*  
    ),  
    and_v(  
      v:thresh(2,  
        pkh([07fd816d/48'/1'/0'/2']tpub...mwd5/<2;3>/*),  
        a:pkh([da855a1f/48'/1'/0'/2']tpub...Hg5/<2;3>/*),  
        a:pkh([cdef7cd9/48'/1'/0'/2']tpub...Ak2/<0;1>/*)  
      ),  
      older(36)  
    )  
  ) )#wa74c6se
```

Specification

Liana's expanding multisig TR [9]. First key expression is a NUMS (“nothing-up-my-sleeves”) point [7].

```
tr(tpub...pMN/<0;1>/*, {  
  and_v(  
    v:multi_a(2,  
      [07fd816d/48'/1'/0'/2']tpub...mwd5/<2;3>/*,  
      [da855a1f/48'/1'/0'/2']tpub...DHg5/<2;3>/*,  
      [cdef7cd9/48'/1'/0'/2']tpub...SAk2/<0;1>/*  
    ),  
    older(36)  
  ),  
  multi_a(2,  
    [07fd816d/48'/1'/0'/2']tpub...mwd5/<0;1>/*,  
    [da855a1f/48'/1'/0'/2']tpub...DHg5/<0;1>/*  
  )  
})#tvh3u2lu
```


Specification

- **Translation** table;
- **type** system;
- condition **satisfaction** system;

Translation

Definition 3: .

Miniscript consists of a set of **script** fragments which are designed to be safely and correctly composable (...) targeted by spending policy compilers)

Translation

Normal fragments

`fragment(arg1)`

`fragment(arg1,arg2,...)`

Translation

Wrappers: fragments that do not change the semantics of their subexpressions, separated by a colon and each one is applied to the next fragment

Fragments	Interpretation
<code>x:fragment(arg)</code>	<code>x -> fragment</code>
<code>xy:fragment(arg)</code>	<code>x -> y -> fragment</code>
<code>xyz:fragment(arg)</code>	<code>x -> y -> z -> fragment</code>

Translation

Simple validation semantics

Miniscript	Script
0	0
1	1

Translation

Check key semantics

Miniscript	Script
\emptyset	\emptyset
1	1
$\text{pk}_k(\text{key})$	$\langle \text{key} \rangle$
$\text{pk}_h(\text{key})$	DUP HASH160 $\langle \text{HASH160}(\text{key}) \rangle$ EQUALVERIFY

Translation

Wrapped check key semantics

Miniscript	Script
$\text{pk}(\text{key}) = \text{c:pk}_k(\text{key})$	<code><key> CHECKSIG</code>
$\text{pkh}(\text{key}) = \text{c:pk}_h(\text{key})$	<code>DUP HASH160 <HASH160(key)> EQUALVERIFY CHECKSIG</code>

Translation

Time semantics

Miniscript	Script
older(n)	<n> CHECKSEQUENCEVERIFY
after(n)	<n> CHECKLOCKTIMEVERIFY

Translation

Hash semantics

Miniscript	Script
sha256(h)	SIZE <20> EQUALVERIFY SHA256 <h> EQUAL
hash256(h)	SIZE <20> EQUALVERIFY HASH256 <h> EQUAL
ripemd160(h)	SIZE <20> EQUALVERIFY RIPEMD160 <h> EQUAL
hash160(h)	SIZE <20> EQUALVERIFY HASH160 <h> EQUAL

Translation

Boolean semantics

Miniscript	Script
andor(X,Y,Z)	[X] NOTIF [Z] ELSE [Y] ENDIF
and_v(X,Y)	[X] [Y]
and_b(X,Y)	[X] [Y] BOOLAND
and_n(X,Y) = andor(X,Y,0)	[X] NOTIF 0 ELSE [Y] ENDIF
or_b(X,Z)	[X] [Z] BOOLOR
or_c(X,Z)	[X] NOTIF [Z] ENDIF

Translation (ii)

Miniscript	Script
or_d(X,Z)	[X] IFDUP NOTIF [Z] ENDIF
or_i(X,Z)	IF [X] ELSE [Z] ENDIF

Translation

Multisig semantics

Only	Miniscript	Script
	<code>thresh(k,X_1,...,X_n)</code>	<code>[X_1] [X_2] ADD ... [X_n] ADD ... <k> EQUAL</code>
<code>p2wsh</code>	<code>multi(m,key_1,...,key_n)</code>	<code><k> <key_1> ... <key_n> <n> CHECKMULTISIG</code>
<code>tapscript</code>	<code>multi_a(k,key_1,...,key_n)</code>	<code><key_1> CHECKSIG <key_2> CHECKSIGADD ... <key_n> CHECKSIGADD <k> NUMEQUAL</code>

Translation

Wrappers semantics

Miniscript	Script
a:X	TOALTSTACK [X] FROMALTSTACK
s:X	SWAP [X]
c:X	[X] CHECKSIG
t:X = and_v(X,1)	[X] 1
d:X	DUP IF [X] ENDIF
v:X	[X] VERIFY (or VERIFY version of last opcode in [X])

Translation (ii)

Miniscript	Script
j:X	SIZE 0NOTEQUAL IF [X] ENDIF
n:X	[X] 0NOTEQUAL
l:X = or_i(0,X)	IF 0 ELSE [X] ENDIF
u:X = or_i(X,0)	IF [X] ELSE 0 ENDIF

Type system

Type system

Not every Miniscript expression can be composed with every other.

Type system

[1] defined a correctness type system for Miniscript to model properties and its requirements:

- Correctness;
- timelock mixing;
- malleability.

Type system (correctness)

- Basic types
 - B: Base;
 - V: Verify;
 - K: Key;
 - W: Wrapped;
- Type modifiers
 - z: zero-arg;
 - o: one-arg;
 - n: non-zero;
 - d: dissatisfiable;
 - u: unit.

Type system (correctness)

Keys semantics.

Miniscript	Requires	Type	Properties
pk_k(key)		K	o; n; d; u
pk_h(key)		K	n; d; u

Type system (correctness)

Time semantics.

Miniscript	Requires	Type	Properties
older(n), after(n)	$1 \leq n < 2^{31}$	B	z

Type system (correctness)

Hash semantics.

Miniscript	Requires	Type	Properties
sha256(h)		B	o; n; d; u
ripemd160(h)		B	o; n; d; u
hash256(h)		B	o; n; d; u
hash160(h)		B	o; n; d; u

Type system (correctness)

Boolean semantics.

Miniscript	Requires	Type	Properties
<code>andor(X,Y,Z)</code>	X is Bdu; Y and Z are both B, K, or V	same as Y/Z	$z = zXzYzZ;$ $o = zXoYoZ$ or $oXzYzZ;$ $u = uYuZ;$ $d = dZ$
<code>and_v(X,Y)</code>	X is V; Y is B, K, or V	same as Y	$z = zXzY;$ $o = zXoY$ or $zYoX;$ $n = nX$ or $zXnY;$ $u = uY$

Type system (correctness)

Multisig semantics.

Miniscript	Requires	Type	Properties
<code>thresh(k, X1, ..., Xn)</code>	$1 \leq k \leq n$; $X1$ is Bdu; others are Wdu	B	$z = \text{all are } z$; $o = \text{all are } z \text{ except}$ $\text{one is } o$; d ; u

Type system (timelock mixing)

Four timelock types:

- absolute time based;
- absolute height based;
- relative time based;
- relative height based;

Type system (timelock mixing)

must not be mixed in an incompatible way:

Type system (timelock mixing)

It is illegal height based **and** time based timelocks to appear together in:

- and fragment combinations; and
- thresh fragment combinations where $k \geq 2$,

For all other combinators, it is legal to mix timelock types.

Type system (malleability)

Ability for a third party to modify an existing satisfaction into another valid satisfaction.

Type system (malleability)

Third party: someone who does not hold a participating private key

Type system (malleability)

To analyze the malleability guarantees of a script we define three additional type properties:

- s: signed;
- f: forced;
- e: expressive.

Satisfaction

Satisfaction

The Miniscript-compliant data (e.g., signatures, preimages) required to authorize a Bitcoin script's execution by meeting its spending conditions.

Satisfaction

Examples for key semantics. See more at [BIP 379's satisfaction section](#)

Miniscript	Dissatisfaction	Satisfaction
pk_k(key)	0	<sig>
pk_h(key)	0	<sig> <pubKey>

Satisfaction

Examples for key semantics. See more at [BIP 379's satisfaction section](#)

Miniscript	Dissatisfaction	Satisfaction
sha256(h)	any 32-byte vector except the preimage	preimage
hash160(h)	any 32-byte vector except the preimage	preimage

Satisfaction

Examples for multisig semantics. See more at [BIP 379's satisfaction section](#)

Miniscript	Dissatisfaction	Satisfaction
<code>multi(k key_1, ..., key_n)</code>	<code>0 0 ... 0</code>	<code>0 <sig1> <sig2> ... <sigN></code>

Implementations

- Peter Wuile's reference implementation
- C++:
 - Bitcoin-core
- Rust:
 - rust-miniscript
 - Liana
- Go:
 - Tutorial: Understanding Bitcoin Miniscript - Part III
- Python:
 - Embit's miniscript.py
 - Krux (branch p2wsh_miniscript)
 - Krux (branch tr_miniscript)

Thanks!

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