



Audit Report

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Strike - Forwards

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1 - Summary

This report offers a thorough audit of the Strike Forwards protocol, which allows the decentralized creation of a binding agreement between two parties to exchange specified assets at a future date for a price agreed upon at the contract's creation.

The audit is conducted without warranties or guarantees of the quality or security of the code. It's important to note that this report only covers identified issues, and we do not claim to have detected all potential vulnerabilities.

1.a - Overview

The Forwards Protocol enables traders to establish short positions between two assets, anticipating that the price will rise. This allows them to acquire assets below the future market price.

Users can create Forwards by depositing collateral tokens and possibly Strike tokens. Then, another user can enter these Forwards by depositing their collateral tokens and some strike tokens. Afterward, for each Forward that isn't expired, the two involved parties can retire their collateral by depositing the tokens that they want to exchange. Otherwise, for the expired Forwards the remaining party can get the total amount of locked collaterals. In this last action, the Strike token locked in each Forward will be burnt.

1.b - Process

Our audit process involved a thorough examination of Strike Forwards validators. Areas vulnerable to potential security threats were closely scrutinized, including those where attackers could exploit the validator's functions to disrupt the platform and its users. This included evaluating potential risks such as the creation of a forward with a past date, or the liquidation with an upcoming date, among others. This also included the common vulnerabilities such as double satisfaction and minting policy vulnerabilities.

Findings and feedback from the audit were communicated regularly to the Strike team through Discord. Diagrams illustrating the necessary transaction structure for proper interaction with Strike are attached as part of this report. The Strike team addressed these issues in an efficient and timely manner, enhancing the overall security of the platform.

2 - Specification

2.a - UTxOs

2.a.a - Forward UTxO

One UTxO for each created Forward. Where the forward created locks collateral tokens, possible strike tokens and a forward control token.

- Address: Hash of validators/forwards:spend parameterized on the collateral validator validators/collateral, the asset name of the forward control token and the strike staking credential.

All Forwards in the protocol have the same address.

- Value:
 - Min ADA
 - Collateral tokens
 - 1 Forward token:
 - PolicyId: validators/forwards:mint
 - TokenName: forwards validator's parameter
- Datum: lib/types:ForwardsDatum

- Ref Script: None

2.a.b - Collateral UTxO

One UTxO for each accepted Forward. Where the collateral created locks both collaterals and possible strike tokens.

- Address: Hash of validators/collateral:spend parameterized on the agreement validator validators/agreement, the liquidate validator validators/always_fail, a fix strike address and the strike staking credential.

All Collaterals in the protocol have the same address.

- Value:
 - Min ADA
 - Collateral tokens
 - 2 Forward token:
 - PolicyId: validators/forwards:mint
 - TokenName: forwards validator's parameter
- Datum: lib/types:CollateralDatum
- Ref Script: None

2.a.c - Agreement UTxO

Two UTxO for each completed Forward. Where each agreement UTxO will have the deposited tokens and a forward control token.

- Address: Hash of validators/agreement:spend.

All Agreements in the protocol have the same address.

- Value:
 - Min ADA
 - Deposited tokens
 - 1 Forward token:
 - PolicyId: validators/forwards:mint
 - TokenName: forwards validator's parameter
- Datum: lib/types:AgreementDatum
- Ref Script: None

2.a.d - Liquidate UTxO

One UTxO for each liquidated Forward. Where each agreement UTxO will have strike tokens.

- Address: Hash of validators/always_fail:spend.

All Liquidates in the protocol have the same address.

- Value:
 - Min ADA
 - Strike tokens
- Datum: None
- Ref Script: None

2.b - Scripts

2.b.a - Forwards script

- **Parameters:** AssetName, Collateral script, Strike Stake Credential
- **Purpose:** Spend

- **Redeemer:** lib/types:ForwardsRedeemer
- **Datum:** lib/types:ForwardsDatum
- **Purpose:** Mint
 - **Redeemer:** lib/types:MintRedeemer

2.b.b - Collateral script

- **Parameters:** Agreement script, Liquidate script, Strike Address, Strike Stake Credential
- **Purpose:** Spend
 - **Redeemer:** lib/types:CollateralRedeemerAction
 - **Datum:** lib/types:CollateralDatum

2.b.c - Agreement script

- **Parameters:** None
- **Purpose:** Spend
 - **Redeemer:** Int (Not used)
 - **Datum:** lib/types:AgreementDatum

2.b.d - Liquidate script

- **Parameters:** None
- **Purpose:** Spend
 - **Redeemer:** Int (Not used)
 - **Datum:** Data

2.c - Transaction

2.c.a - Create Forward

User UTxO

Value:

- + minAda ADA
- + N_3 c_asset
- + Q_4 s_asset

Create Forward

Mint:

+1 forward

Forward UTxO

Address: forwards script + strike stake

Value:

- + minAda ADA
- + 1 forward
- + N_3 c_asset
- + Q_4 s_asset

Datum:

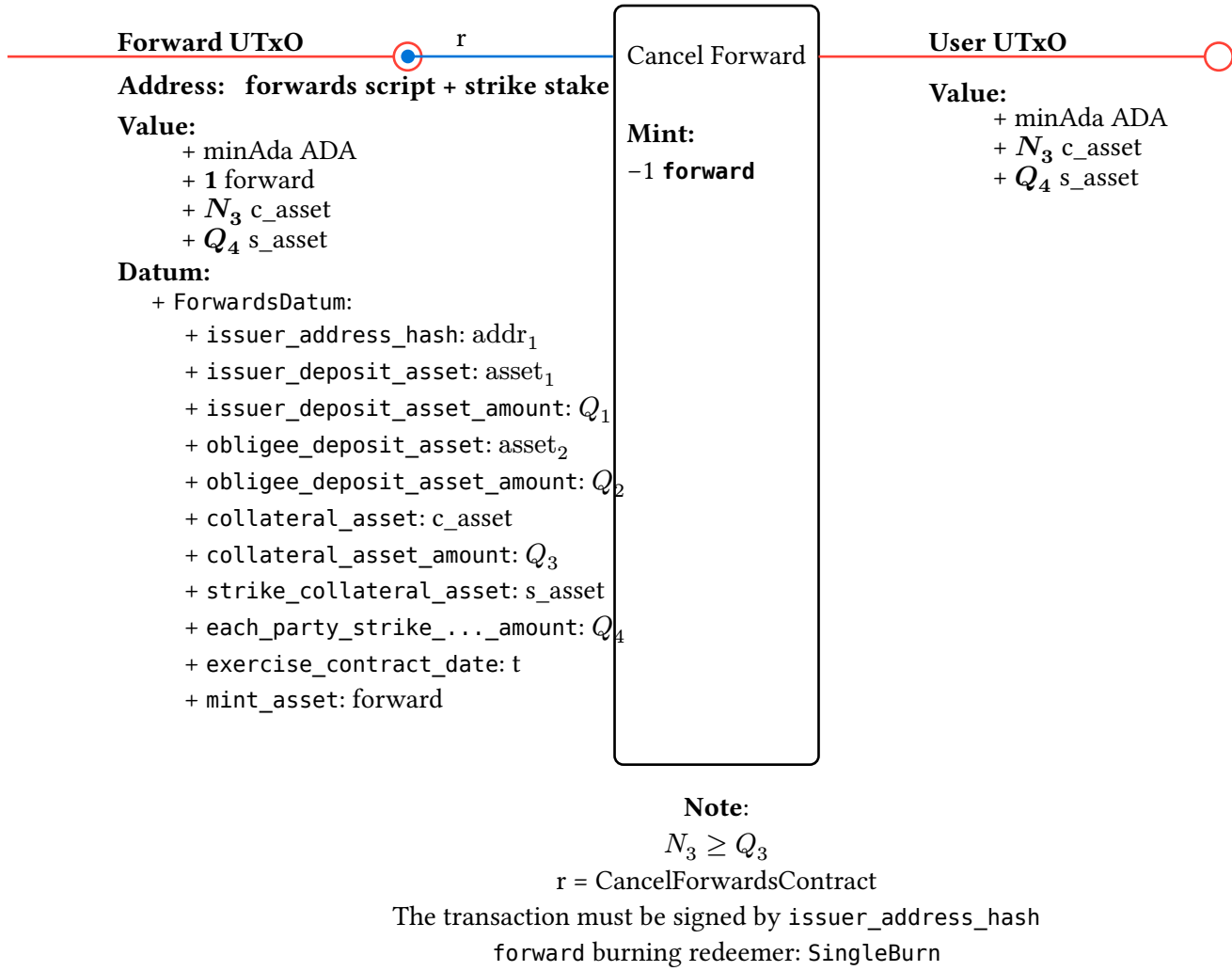
- + ForwardsDatum:
 - + issuer_address_hash: addr_1
 - + issuer_deposit_asset: asset_1
 - + issuer_deposit_asset_amount: Q_1
 - + obligee_deposit_asset: asset_2
 - + obligee_deposit_asset_amount: Q_2
 - + collateral_asset: c_asset
 - + collateral_asset_amount: Q_3
 - + strike_collateral_asset: s_asset
 - + each_party_strike..._amount: Q_4
 - + exercise_contract_date: t
 - + mint_asset: forward

Note:

$$N_3 \geq Q_3$$

forward minting redeemer: CreateForwardMint

2.c.b - Cancel Forward



2.c.c - Accept Forward

Forward UTxO

r

Address: forwards script + strike stake

Value:

- + minAda ADA
- + 1 forward
- + N_3 c_asset
- + Q_4 s_asset

Datum:

- + ForwardsDatum:
 - + issuer_address_hash: addr₁
 - + issuer_deposit_asset: asset₁
 - + issuer_deposit_asset_amount: Q_1
 - + obligee_deposit_asset: asset₂
 - + obligee_deposit_asset_amount: Q_2
 - + collateral_asset: c_asset
 - + collateral_asset_amount: Q_3
 - + strike_collateral_asset: s_asset
 - + each_party_strike..._amount: Q_4
 - + exercise_contract_date: t
 - + mint_asset: forward

User UTxO

Value:

- + minAda ADA
- + N_3 c_asset
- + Q_4 s_asset

Accept Forward

Mint:

- +1 forward

Collateral UTxO

Address: collateral script + strike stake

Value:

- + minAda ADA
- + 2 forward
- + M_3 c_asset
- + M_4 s_asset

Datum:

- + CollateralDatum:
 - + issuer_address_hash: addr₁
 - + issuer_has_deposited_asset: False
 - + issuer_deposit_asset: asset₁
 - + issuer_deposit_asset_amount: Q_1
 - + obligee_address_hash: addr₂
 - + obligee_has_deposited_asset: False
 - + obligee_deposit_asset: asset₂
 - + obligee_deposit_asset_amount: Q_2
 - + collateral_asset: c_asset
 - + each_party_coll..._amount: Q_3
 - + strike_collateral_asset: s_asset
 - + each_party_strike..._amount: Q_4
 - + exercise_contract_date: t
 - + mint_asset: forward

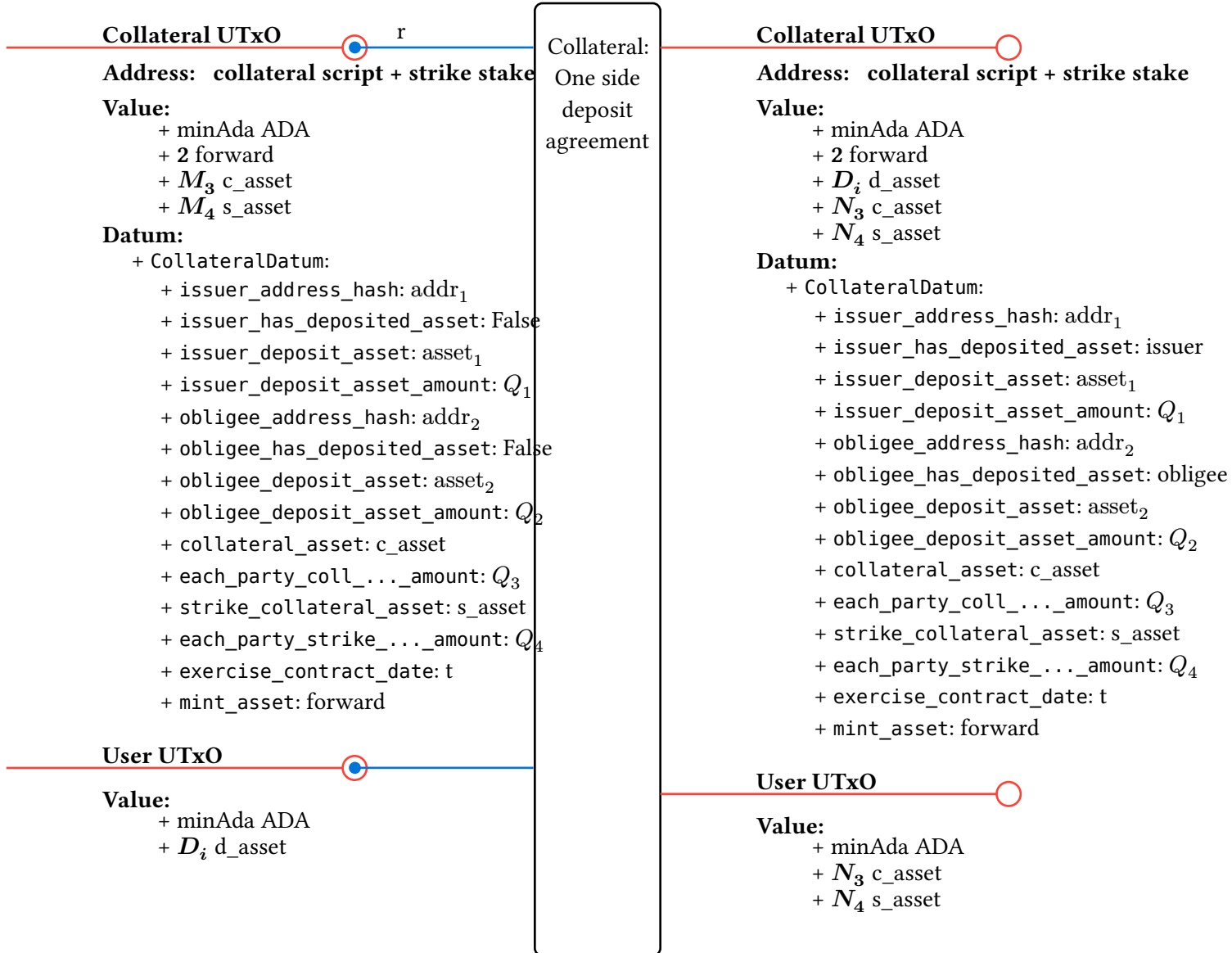
Note:

$$M_i \geq 2 * Q_i$$

r = AcceptForwardsContract(addr₂)

forward minting redeemer: EnterForwardMint

2.c.d - Collateral: One side deposit agreement



Note:

$$M_i \geq 2 * N_i$$

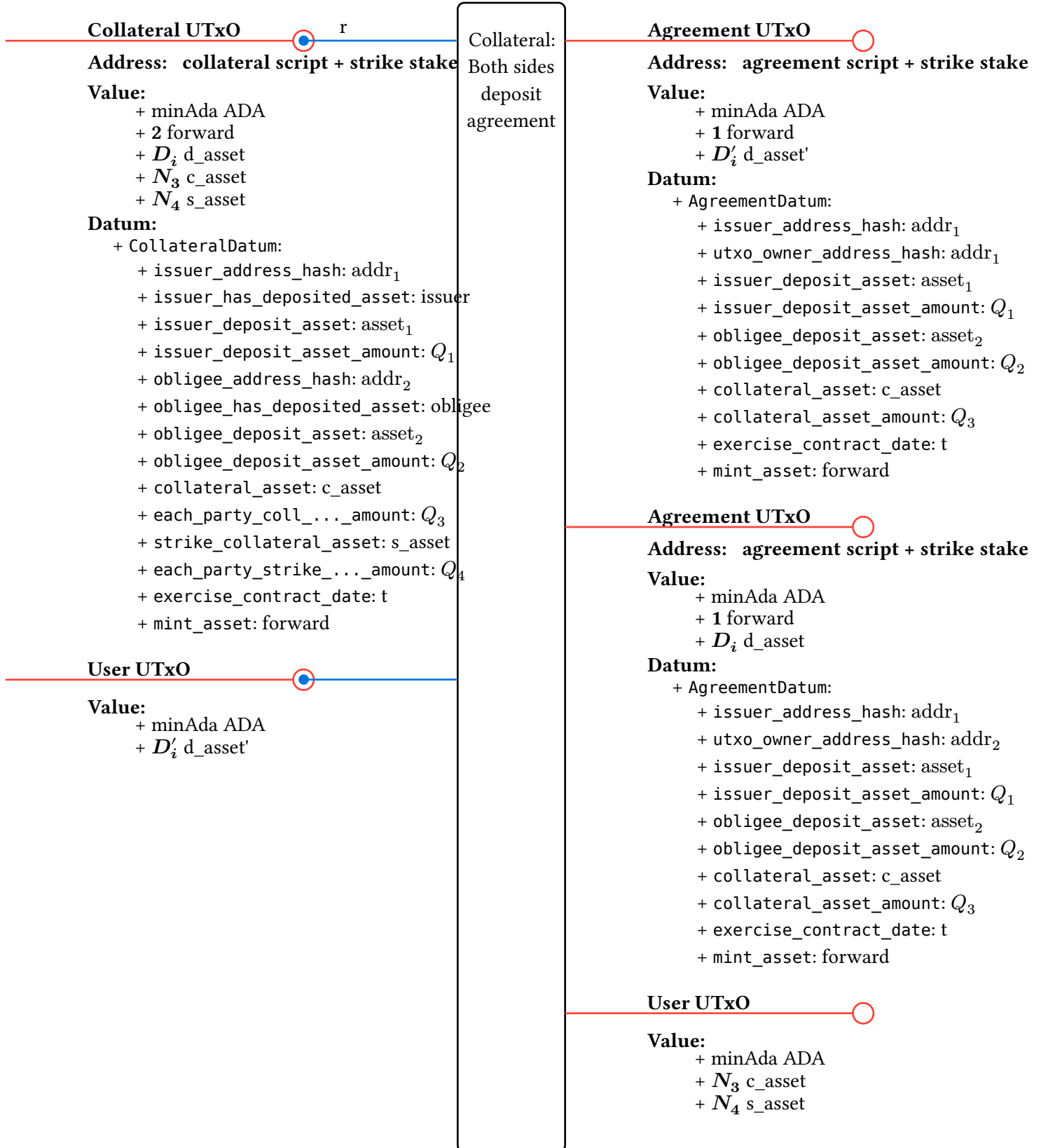
$r = \text{OneSideDepositAgreement}(n)$

$(\text{issuer}, \text{obligee}) = \text{if } n == 0 \text{ then } (\text{True}, \text{False}) \text{ else } (\text{False}, \text{True})$

$D_i \geq (\text{if } n == 0 \text{ then } Q_1 \text{ else } Q_2)$

$d_asset = \text{if } n == 0 \text{ then } asset_1 \text{ else } asset_2$

2.c.e - Collateral: Both sides deposit agreement



Note:

$r = \text{BothSidesDepositAgreement}$

$(D_i, D'_i) \geq \text{if issuer then } (Q_2, Q_1) \text{ else } (Q_1, Q_2)$

$(d_asset, d_asset') = \text{if issuer then } (asset_1, asset_2) \text{ else } (asset_2, asset_1)$

2.c.f - Collateral: Liquidate

Collateral UTxO

r

Address: collateral script + strike stake

Value:

- + minAda ADA
- + 2 forward
- + D_i d_asset
- + N_3 c_asset
- + N_4 s_asset

Datum:

- + CollateralDatum:
- + issuer_address_hash: addr₁
- + issuer_has_deposited_asset: issuer
- + issuer_deposit_asset: asset₁
- + issuer_deposit_asset_amount: Q_1
- + obligee_address_hash: addr₂
- + obligee_has_deposited_asset: obligee
- + obligee_deposit_asset: asset₂
- + obligee_deposit_asset_amount: Q_2
- + collateral_asset: c_asset
- + each_party_coll..._amount: Q_3
- + strike_collateral_asset: s_asset
- + each_party_strike..._amount: Q_4
- + exercise_contract_date: t
- + mint_asset: forward

Collateral:
Liquidate

Mint:

-2 forward

Liquidate UTxO

Address: false script

Value:

- + minAda ADA
- + N_4 s_asset

Party UTxO

Address: party_addr

Value:

- + minAda ADA
- + D_i d_asset
- + N_3 c_asset

Note:

$r = \text{LiquidateCollateral}(n)$

party_addr = if $n == 0$ then issuer_address_hash else obligee_address_hash

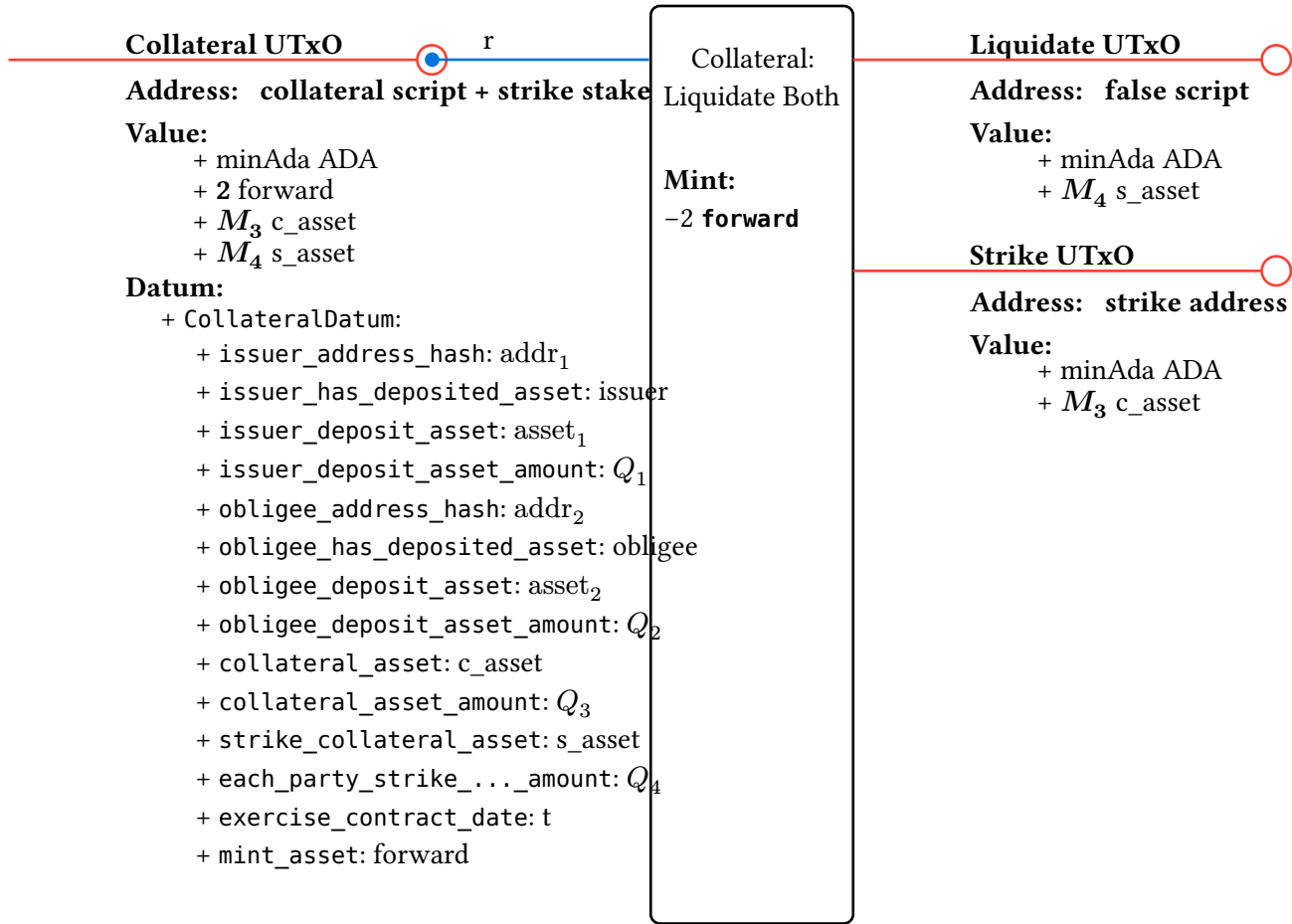
$D_i \geq$ if $n == 0$ then Q_1 else Q_2

The transaction must be signed by party_addr

$t <$ transaction validity range lower bound

forward minting redeemer: LiquidateBurn

2.c.g - Collateral: Liquidate Both



Note:

r = LiquidateBothParties
 t < transaction validity range lower bound
 forward minting redeemer: LiquidateBurn

2.c.h - Agreement Consumption

Agreement UTxO

Address: agreement script + strike stake

Value:

- + minAda ADA
- + 1 forward
- + D_i d_asset

Datum:

- + AgreementDatum:
 - + issuer_address_hash: addr₁
 - + utxo_owner_address_hash
 - + issuer_deposit_asset: asset₁
 - + issuer_deposit_asset_amount: Q_1
 - + obligee_deposit_asset: asset₂
 - + obligee_deposit_asset_amount: Q_2
 - + collateral_asset: c_asset
 - + collateral_asset_amount: Q_3
 - + exercise_contract_date: t
 - + mint_asset: forward

Agreement
Consumption

Mint:

-1 forward

User UTxO

Address: utxo_owner_address_hash

Value:

- + minAda ADA
- + D_i d_asset

Note:

The transaction must be signed by utxo_owner_address_hash
forward minting redeemer: SingleBurn

2.c.i - Audited Files

Below is a list of all audited files in this report. Any files **not** listed here were **not** audited. The final state of the files for the purposes of this report is considered to be commit 18c2d8539ca6351a33f1d1f21d373356424e0461.

Filename
./lib/constants.ak
./lib/types.ak
./lib/utils.ak
./validators/collateral.ak
./validators/agreement.ak
./validators/always_fail.ak
./validators/forwards.ak

3 - Findings

ID	Title	Severity	Status
STF-001	UTxO address not validated in Create Forward operation	Critical	Resolved
STF-002	Potential loss of collateral if neither party deposits the asset	Critical	Resolved
STF-003	Double satisfaction in operations that require token burning	Critical	Resolved
STF-004	Missing validations in Accept Forward operation	Critical	Resolved
STF-005	Double counting of tokens in values	Critical	Resolved
STF-006	One Side Deposit can be performed multiple times	Critical	Resolved
STF-007	Missing datum fields validation in Create Forward	Critical	Resolved
STF-101	Users could deposit assets after the exercise date has passed	Major	Resolved
STF-201	Prevent inclusion of reference scripts	Minor	Resolved
STF-202	One Side Deposit can be bypassed	Minor	Resolved
STF-203	Party identity can be forged	Minor	Resolved
STF-301	Do Datum comparissons in Data	Info	Resolved

STF-302	Clean up output lookup in Both Sides Deposit	Info	Resolved
STF-303	Standardize the output lookups	Info	Resolved
STF-304	Cleanup output lookup in Accept Forwards	Info	Resolved
STF-305	Various recommendations for the Types module	Info	Resolved

4 - STF-001 UTxO address not validated in Create Forward operation

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Bug	589b55f9a53c363ad4e636e037cc31e354700e86	Critical	Resolved

4.a - Description

During the Forward Create operation, a token is minted. The minting policy of this token validates certain aspects of the datum and value of the UTxO where it is paid. But there's a missing validation for the address of the UTxO. This token should always be paid to the Forwards contract address, but with the current code an attacker could send it to any arbitrary address, given the datum and value checks still pass. This would give full control of the token to the attacker, which could create an UTxO at the forwards address now breaking the minting policy preconditions.

4.b - Recommendation

We recommend adding a check that the payment credential of the address of the `output_to_forward_contract` UTxO is the same as the Forwards script. Given that the minting policy is a multivalidator of the forwards script, the address can be calculated using the `policy_id`

4.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit `a36a503bc7f3e84e3cca4e039d790be71d693a35`

5 - STF-002 Potential loss of collateral if neither party deposits the asset

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Bug	589b55f9a53c363ad4e636e037cc31e354700e86	Critical	Resolved

5.a - Description

Once a Forward has been accepted, a new UTxO is created at the Collateral script address. This UTxO holds the collateral tokens for both the issuer and the obligee. Before the exercise date, parties can deposit their assets to this UTxO, unlocking their collateral. If when the exercise date comes, only one party has deposit their assets, they can use the Liquidate Collateral operation to recover their assets and the collateral of the other party. However, if by the exercise date, neither party has deposited the assets, both `issuer_has_deposited_asset` and `obligee_has_deposited_asset` will be false, so the Collateral UTxO won't be able to be consumed, locking the collaterals and ADAs forever.

Although there's always an incentive for at least one party to deposit the asset, not having an operation in case neither party does can create an unspendable UTxO, essentially burning ADAs and the collateral tokens, which should always be disincentivized.

5.b - Recommendation

We recommend adding an operation that would allow collaterals to be unlocked if this situation arises. The new operation should burn the forward tokens and send each party their collateral tokens.

5.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit `cc11f977bfdec7d960151ae472e2a40cd539470b`

6 - STF-003 Double satisfaction in operations that require token burning

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Bug	b10b0f5f44cf01d3f507938141754135e823ec50	Critical	Resolved

6.a - Description

Multiple actions in the protocol require tokens to be minted or burned. In the validators, this is checked using the `validate_token_mint` function, where one of the parameters is the expected mint for that operation. For example, in `CancelForwardsContract`, one token is expected to be burned, so the mint field of the transaction is validated to contain exactly one token being burned.

The problem arises in certain operations, where multiple similar actions can be performed in the same transaction, but all of them expecting the same number of burns. In these cases, a double satisfaction attack can be performed and the attacker would take control of already minted tokens.

The affected operations are: `CancelForwardsContract`, `LiquidateCollateral` and `Agreement`.

6.b - Recommendation

We recommend adding to all three operations mentioned in the finding description the `only_one_validator_input` validation that is seen in operations like `LiquidateBothParties` or `AcceptForwardsContract`.

6.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit `f53a3605c053d44b9fe6b42e0ac41f9798cb631e`

7 - STF-004 Missing validations in Accept Forward operation

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Bug	f53a3605c053d44b9fe6b42e0ac41f9798cb631e	Critical	Resolved

7.a - Description

In the Accept Forward operation, a new UTxO is created at the collateral script address. That UTxO must contain two “forward tokens”. One of them will be gathered from the consumed Forward UTxO, and the other one has to be minted.

The forwards minting policy contains the `enter_forward_mint_valid` operation, but the forwards validator never makes sure that this is actually called. So it can be ignored, and the token stolen.

Another missing validation is regarding the `exercise_contract_date`. With the current implementation, a user can accept a forward that has the exercise date in the past. This would result in both users losing their collateral.

7.b - Recommendation

We recommend adding three validations to the Accept Forward operation:

- Check that one and only one token is being minted
- Check that the collateral UTxO contains two tokens
- Check that the `exercise_contract_date` is in the future.

7.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit `fc4a6d5cc690b3ece300ec2a9088d91633a85d49`

8 - STF-005 Double counting of tokens in values

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Bug	f53a3605c053d44b9fe6b42e0ac41f9798cb631e	Critical	Resolved

8.a - Description

In the Strike Forwards protocol, all validations regarding UTxO values are done using `quantity_of`. This can create a couple of issues. The first one is that it allows for other, unrelated tokens, to be added to all values. An attacker could then fill a UTxO with a collection of “trash” tokens, increasing the min lovelace required, fees and execution units of the contract.

Another, more important issue that arises is a double counting of assets in the case that the `collateral_asset` is equal to the issuer or obligee assets. For example, let's use the following scenario:

```
obligee_asset: USDM
obligee_asset_amount: 4.000
```

```
issuer_asset: ADA
issuer_asset_amount: 8.000
```

```
collateral_asset: ADA
collateral_asset_amount: 5.000
```

Let's imagine that the forward has been accepted and now it's the turn of someone to deposit their assets. In this case, if the issuer were to deposit first, it could use the fact that 5.000 ADAs are already in the contract to only deposit 3.000 ADAs themselves. This would pass all validations, because each check is done independently. Then, when the obligee goes to deposit their assets, they would need to cover the other 5.000 ADAs to send to the agreement validator, or they could choose not to deposit their asset and lose their collateral. In both situations the obligee lost 5.000 ADAs.

8.b - Recommendation

We recommend refactoring how the value validations are done in the protocol, changing the multiple calls to `quantity_of` to a single call to match for each value, constructing the expected value before hand. In the above case, when building the expected value, both the 5.000 ADAs of collateral and the 8.000 ADAs of the issuer should be added together (Using the `value.add` function), mitigating the issue. Also, with this approach, no other tokens could be added.

8.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit `fc4a6d5cc690b3ece300ec2a9088d91633a85d49`

9 - STF-006 One Side Deposit can be performed multiple times

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Bug	fc4a6d5cc690b3ece300ec2a9088d91633a85d49	Critical	Resolved

9.a - Description

The One Side Deposit Operation is meant to be done once, by the first party that deposits funds into the collateral UTxO. For this purpose, there's a couple of boolean fields in the `CollateralDatum`, `issuer_has_deposited_asset` and `obligee_has_deposited_asset`. Once a party deposits their assets, the corresponding boolean is set to `True`, and it is also validated that the other boolean stays `False`.

But these values are not checked in the datum of the UTxO being consumed. This means that a party could run the One Side Deposit operation even if they or the other party has already deposited.

An attacker (for the sake of the example let's say they have the role of issuer, but the attack works with either role) could wait until the obligee deposits their asset, then, run the One Side deposit operation, depositing their asset, resetting the `obligee_has_deposited_asset` to `False` and stealing the assets the obligee deposited.

9.b - Recommendation

We recommend adding a check that both `*_has_deposited_asset` are set to `False`.

9.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit `3eeaf82c9babfc83386a4e2b6ca8c1867257f9a7`

10 - STF-007 Missing datum fields validation in Create Forward

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Bug	fc4a6d5cc690b3ece300ec2a9088d91633a85d49	Critical	Resolved

10.a - Description

During the Create Forward operation, the fields of the output datum are not validated, this could cause invalid or unreasonable Forwards to be created.

10.b - Recommendation

These are the list of validations that we recommend adding:

- issuer_deposit_asset must not be the same that obligee_deposit_asset
- issuer_deposit_asset_amount and obligee_deposit_asset_amount should not be negative
- exercise_contract_date should be in the future
- mint_asset must correspond with the asset being minted

We also recommend removing the strike_collateral_asset from the datum and adding it as a parameter, given that the policy will not change at any point in the future and it is already known.

10.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit eb2eeadcea73d82ff7528f98755696eachb11e50a

11 - STF-101 Users could deposit assets after the exercise date has passed

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Bug	b10b0f5f44cf01d3f507938141754135e823ec50	Major	Resolved

11.a - Description

In the Strike Forwards protocol, most actions have to happen either before or after the `exercise_contract_date`. To validate this, the validators use the transaction validity range, and compare it against the timestamp stored in the datum.

But all checks are done against the lower bound of the validity range. Given that the range of the transaction can be arbitrarily configured, this could cause issues. In particular, the `OneSideDepositAgreement` and `BothSidesDepositAgreement` actions need to check that the exercise date is in the future. With the current validations, an attacker could set the lower bound of the transaction to an arbitrary point in the past, and even if the exercise date has passed, the validation would return `True`.

11.b - Recommendation

We recommend changing the validations in the `OneSideDepositAgreement` and `BothSidesDepositAgreement` actions to compare against the upper bound of the transaction, this way the validator can make sure that the transaction is submitted before the exercise date. The modified code would look like this:

```
let deadline_not_passed: Bool =  
    datum.exercise_contract_date > get_upper_bound(transaction.validity_range)
```

11.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit `f53a3605c053d44b9fe6b42e0ac41f9798cb631e`

12 - STF-201 Prevent inclusion of reference scripts

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Improvement	fc4a6d5cc690b3ece300ec2a9088d91633a85d49	Minor	Resolved

12.a - Description

With the addition of the `minFeeRefScriptsCoinsPerByte` protocol parameter in the upcoming Voltaire era, including a reference script in any input (whether it's a reference or not) will impact the transaction fees, regardless of whether the script is executed.

Given that the reference script field is not validated in any output of the protocol, there's an attack vector where a malicious party includes a huge reference script in every output of a transaction, costing more fees to the next party interacting with those UTxOs.

12.b - Recommendation

We recommend ensuring that any UTxO belonging to the protocol does not include a reference script.

12.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit 5283d644e579ac85406896303de5455282eb78b0

13 - STF-202 One Side Deposit can be bypassed

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Bug	fc4a6d5cc690b3ece300ec2a9088d91633a85d49	Minor	Resolved

13.a - Description

The Both Sides Deposit operation is meant to be run when one party has already deposited their assets. In this operation the other party provides their assets and creates two UTXOs at the agreement script address. But there's no check that assures that a party has deposited before.

So a situation can happen where a user runs the Both Sides Deposit operation, when neither party has deposited. This results in the user having to provide both sets of assets and taking control of both sets of collaterals (collateral tokens and strike).

13.b - Recommendation

We recommend adding a parameter to the `both_sides_deposit_agreement` function that indicated which party is doing the deposit. Then, make sure that the other party has already deposited.

13.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit 69a11cea9228c345df4b6da38e5d45a2c98c798a

14 - STF-203 Party identity can be forged

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Bug	5283d644e579ac85406896303de5455282eb78b0	Minor	Resolved

14.a - Description

During the One Side Deposit and Both Sides Deposit operations, the party executing them is specified in the redeemer. But this party is never validated, so any user can submit the transaction. This could allow a third party to participate in the protocol, or for one party to deposit the other's asset, incurring unwanted costs.

14.b - Recommendation

We recommend adding some validation to make sure the party that is specified in the redeemer is signing the transaction. The implementation should follow how `must_be_signed_by_owner` is implemented in the Liquidate Collateral operation.

14.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit 18c2d8539ca6351a33f1d1f21d373356424e0461

15 - STF-301 Do Datum comparissons in Data

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Optimiza- tion	fc4a6d5cc690b3ece300ec2a9088d91633a85d49	Info	Resolved

15.a - Description

At multiple points of the protocol, the datum field of an output is compared to the expected datum value to make sure all fields have valid values. For this comparissons, the expected datum is built using the corresponding type, then, the datum field of the output (That is given as Data) is casted to the corresponding type and compared to the expected value. This operation can be costly if the type is complex and has many fields, as it is the case in the Strike protocol.

This process can be optimized if, instead of casting from Data to each datum's type, the expected datum is casted to Data, as the downcasting is faster and cheaper

15.b - Recommendation

We recommend refactoring all places where output datums are compared to an expected datum to use Data.

15.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit 18c2d8539ca6351a33f1d1f21d373356424e0461

16 - STF-302 Clean up output lookup in Both Sides Deposit

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Optimization	fc4a6d5cc690b3ece300ec2a9088d91633a85d49	Info	Resolved

16.a - Description

In the Both Sides Deposit operation, two outputs must be created at the agreement validator address. The current implementation has a filter to lookup the outputs at the specific address, and a check to make sure the resulting list has only 2 elements. But to identify each one, a complicated setup involving two more `list.filter` calls and the `expect` datums is used.

16.b - Recommendation

We recommend refactoring the current implementation to something like the following:

```
expect [expected_issuer_utxo, expected_obligee_utxo] =  
find_script_outputs(transaction.outputs, agreement_validator)
```

Then, having all the usual checks for those UTxOs, including checking that the datum matches. This solution required that the issuer output UTxO is always the first output to the agreement address and the obligee UTxO is always the second output, but results in a more simple and optimized implementation.

16.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit 18c2d8539ca6351a33f1d1f21d373356424e0461

17 - STF-303 Standarize the output lookups

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Code Style	5283d644e579ac85406896303de5455282eb78b0	Info	Resolved

17.a - Description

Most operations in the protocol involve looking at the outputs that are paid to the script address. In most cases, this lookup is done by filtering outputs by script hash. But there are two operations where this pattern is broken. The first one is One Side deposit, where the full address is used to filter, the second one is Create Forward Mint check where the token is used to filter.

17.b - Recommendation

We recommend standarizing the lookup to always use the script hash. Then, for the Create Forward operation, a new check should be added to make sure the value contains the token, and the `output_is_to_forward_validator` can be removed.

17.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit 18c2d8539ca6351a33f1d1f21d373356424e0461

18 - STF-304 Cleanup output lookup in Accept Forwards

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Code Style	5283d644e579ac85406896303de5455282eb78b0	Info	Resolved

18.a - Description

Similar to STF-302, the Accept Forwards operation implements a roundabout way to get the `output_to_collateral_utxo`.

18.b - Recommendation

We recommend removing the `find` implementation and using `expect` to make sure that `outputs_to_collateral_validator` has only one element

18.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit `18c2d8539ca6351a33f1d1f21d373356424e0461`

19 - STF-305 Various recommendations for the Types module

Category	Commit	Severity	Status
Code Style	5283d644e579ac85406896303de5455282eb78b0	Info	Resolved

19.a - Description

The Types module defines the types used in the rest of the code. We identified a list of improvements that can be made to cleanup and simplify the types and the code that uses them. They are:

- Define a new type with two constructors instead of using Int to differentiate between Issuer and Obligee.
- Replace AddressHash and ScriptHash with types from stdlib: ScriptHash and VerificationKeyHash
- Refactor the CollateralDatum to include the ForwardsDatum inside. The proposed type looks like this:

```
pub type CollateralDatum {  
    issuer_has_deposited_asset: Bool,  
    obligee_address_hash: AddressHash,  
    obligee_has_deposited_asset: Bool,  
    associated_forwards_datum: ForwardsDatum  
}
```

All data would still be available and it would simplify code when creating and updating the expected collateral datum

- Remove unused fields from AgreementDatum. The only fields that are used are:
utxo_owner_address_hash, mint_asset and exercise_contract_date
- Rename ObligeeInfo to ObligeeAddress to make it clearer what info it represents.

19.b - Recommendation

We recommend applying all mentioned improvements.

19.c - Resolution

Resolved in commit 18c2d8539ca6351a33f1d1f21d373356424e0461

20 - Style Recommendations

This section summarizes mostly style recommendations and some possible optimizations. None of the following suggestions are critical aspects that the Strike team must address. They are focused on improving readability and, in some cases, making minor performance improvements. The applied suggestions are marked in bold and the no longer relevant are marked with strikethroughs.

File names and line numbers mentioned were collected in commit fc4a6d5cc690b3ece300ec2a9088d91633a85d49, they might not be accurate in other commits.

20.a - General Recommendations

- Standarize the `only_one_validator_input` check
- Prefer using patternmatching instead of the dot operator if accessing multiple fields on the same variable to improve readability and optimization
- Prefer using and `{...}` expressions instead of multiple `&&` operators to increase readability
- Avoid variable name shadowing, for example, in the `let Some(datum) = datum` cases
- Move the `validator` code blocks to the top of the module to increase readability of the files
- Consider adding code comments and documentation to each function
- Standarize the use or no use of the `strike_is_used_as_collateral` variable

20.b - Naming

- Standarize the use of the `_valid` suffix in validator functions.

20.c - Comments

- `collateral.ak`, line 29. Remove double comment mark and trailing space

20.d - Code Style

- `collateral.ak`, lines 33-35, 41. Refactor to expect `[output_to_validator] = get_address_outputs(transaction, input_from_validator.output.address)`
- `collateral.ak`, lines 119-131, 154-166. Refactor `expected_obligee_datum` to be built from `expected_issuer_datum` and just modifying the `utxo_owner_address_hash` to make it clearer that most fields are shared.
- `utils.ak`, lines 101-123. Merge `get_asset_locked_based_on_party` and `get_asset_amount_locked_based_on_party` into a single function
- `forwards.ak`, lines 217-221. Refactor to expect `[input] = get_validators_inputs(transaction)`
- `forwards.ak`, lines 239-241, 251-253. Remove `valid_mint` variable, leave just the `validate_token_mint` call as the last expression
- `forwards.ak`, lines 232-254. Consider merging `single_burn_valid` and `liquidate_burn_valid` into a single function with an extra “amount” parameter indicating how many tokens to burn.
- `utils.ak`, lines 55-99. Refactor to creating a base `CollateralDatum` with both `*_has_deposited` set to false and just modifying the necessary fields inside each branch of the if expression.
- `utils.ak`, lines 149-196. Remove unused `get_asset_to_address` and `get_asset_to_address_valid` functions
- `utils.ak`, lines 198-215. Refactor using the `assets.tokens` function and an expect expression.

20.e - Optimization

- `collateral.ak`, 307-308. Move the `outputs_to_liquidate_validator` lookup inside the strike collateral branch of the if expression below.

21 - Appendix

21.a - Terms and Conditions of the Commercial Agreement

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Filename: ./lib/constants.ak
Hash: 145313a974aa463a98300ff41b4c8fc745b19935dddee24c264b6d666d595814
Filename: ./lib/types.ak
Hash: 19e1fa059e299bb230b40d54abc2474da4450d26649dff421dad0cbb88903749
Filename: ./lib/utils.ak
Hash: 59e484260c988c2496d3cc65b37b7bd8fd423a8fe31aabd285f463343bde190e
Filename: ./validators/collateral.ak
Hash: 6190ac72c89a1a3a74ae7794fd87370de40e0b6d8090359c70a43cdaff13f884
Filename: ./validators/agreement.ak
Hash: 0546c18ceda4386c6a4a081328659b8d003b61aae1fbc0b80497023e33d0bdc6
Filename: ./validators/always_fail.ak
Hash: ad29861920e98f60d7234553e7b169d7bc8ebb3988e464a6d0164f521e2a36ca
Filename: ./validators/forwards.ak
Hash: 9bceec287a9fb4d5e937f4eae44f2d5cd0a965c75f3373b0033850d4d94d6081

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21.b - Issue Guide

21.b.a - Severity

Severity	Description
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21.b.b - Status

Status	Description
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Identified	Issues that have been identified by the audit team. These are waiting for a response from the project team.

21.c - Revisions

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