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Audit Report
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For

Demex

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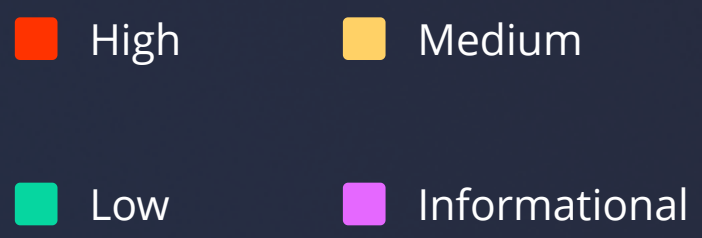
Executive Summary

Project Name	Demex
Project URL	https://dem.exchange/
Overview	Carbon Bridge employs proxy upgrade pattern to ensure that key contracts are upgradable and compatible with Axelar's gateways and Carbon's Bridge module. Carbon bridge consists of a gateway contract and its auxiliary contracts that facilitate additional functionalities such as token deployment.
Audit Scope	The Scope of this Audit is to Review changes in Demex Codebase for Security,Quality and Fnctionality.
Contracts In-Scope	https://github.com/Switcheo/carbon-axelar-evm/commit/f9ba707c694220e83fc59c1b2a94b4a188d66fa5
Commit Hash	f9ba707c694220e83fc59c1b2a94b4a188d66fa5
Language	Solidity
Blockchain	EVM
Method	Manual Analysis, Functional Testing, Automated Testing
First Review	24th October 2024 - 30th October 2024
Updated Code Received	7th November 2024
Second Review	7th November 2024

Number of Security Issues per Severity



	High	Medium	Low	Informational
Open Issues	0	0	0	0
Acknowledged Issues	0	0	0	0
Partially Resolved Issues	0	0	0	0
Resolved Issues	0	0	1	0

Checked Vulnerabilities

- Access Management
- Arbitrary write to storage
- Centralization of control
- Ether theft
- Improper or missing events
- Logical issues and flaws
- Arithmetic Correctness
- Race conditions/front running
- SWC Registry
- Re-entrancy
- Timestamp Dependence
- Gas Limit and Loops
- Exception Disorder
- Gasless Send
- Use of tx.origin
- Malicious libraries
- Compiler version not fixed
- Address hardcoded
- Divide before multiply
- Integer overflow/underflow
- ERC's conformance
- Dangerous strict equalities
- Tautology or contradiction
- Return values of low-level calls
- Missing Zero Address Validation
- Private modifier
- Revert/require functions
- Multiple Sends
- Using suicide
- Using delegatecall
- Upgradeable safety
- Using throw

Checked Vulnerabilities

- Using inline assembly
- Style guide violation
- Unsafe type inference
- Implicit visibility level

Techniques and Methods

Throughout the audit of smart contracts, care was taken to ensure:

- The overall quality of code.
- Use of best practices.
- Code documentation and comments, match logic and expected behavior.
- Token distribution and calculations are as per the intended behavior mentioned in the whitepaper.
- Implementation of ERC standards.
- Efficient use of gas.
- Code is safe from re-entrancy and other vulnerabilities.

The following techniques, methods, and tools were used to review all the smart contracts.

Structural Analysis

In this step, we have analyzed the design patterns and structure of smart contracts. A thorough check was done to ensure the smart contract is structured in a way that will not result in future problems.

Static Analysis

A static Analysis of Smart Contracts was done to identify contract vulnerabilities. In this step, a series of automated tools are used to test the security of smart contracts.

Code Review / Manual Analysis

Manual Analysis or review of code was done to identify new vulnerabilities or verify the vulnerabilities found during the static analysis. Contracts were completely manually analyzed, their logic was checked and compared with the one described in the whitepaper. Besides, the results of the automated analysis were manually verified.

Gas Consumption

In this step, we have checked the behavior of smart contracts in production. Checks were done to know how much gas gets consumed and the possibilities of optimization of code to reduce gas consumption.

Tools and Platforms used for Audit

Remix IDE, Foundry, Solhint, Mythril, Slither, Solidity statistic analysis.

Types of Severity

Every issue in this report has been assigned to a severity level. There are four levels of severity, and each of them has been explained below.

High Severity Issues

A high severity issue or vulnerability means that your smart contract can be exploited. Issues on this level are critical to the smart contract's performance or functionality, and we recommend these issues be fixed before moving to a live environment.

Medium Severity Issues

The issues marked as medium severity usually arise because of errors and deficiencies in the smart contract code. Issues on this level could potentially bring problems, and they should still be fixed.

Low Severity Issues

Low-level severity issues can cause minor impact and are just warnings that can remain unfixed for now. It would be better to fix these issues at some point in the future.

Informational

These are four severity issues that indicate an improvement request, a general question, a cosmetic or documentation error, or a request for information. There is low-to-no impact.

Types of Issues

Open

Security vulnerabilities identified that must be resolved and are currently unresolved.

Resolved

These are the issues identified in the initial audit and have been successfully fixed.

Acknowledged

Vulnerabilities which have been acknowledged but are yet to be resolved.

Partially Resolved

Considerable efforts have been invested to reduce the risk/impact of the security issue, but are not completely resolved.

Low Severity Issues

1. Use Call instead of transfer

Path

NativeTokenGateway.sol

Function

_unwrapAndSendNativeToken

Description

transfer() function is used in _unwrapAndSendNativeToken for native ETH transfer. The transfer and send functions forward a fixed amount of 2300 gas. Historically, it has often been recommended to use these functions for value transfers to guard against reentrancy attacks. However, the gas cost of EVM instructions may change significantly during hard forks which may break already deployed contract systems that make fixed assumptions about gas costs. For example, EIP 1884 broke several existing smart contracts due to a cost increase of the SLOAD instruction.

The use of the deprecated transfer() function for an address will inevitably make the transaction fail when unwrapping and sending the native token to the receiver.

Recommendation

Use call{value: wd.amount}(“”) instead of transfer(wd.amount).

Status

Resolved

Automated Tests

No major issues were found. Some false positive errors were reported by the tools. All the other issues have been categorized above according to their level of severity.

Closing Summary

In this report, we have considered the security of Demex. We performed our audit according to the procedure described above.

one issue of low severity was found. Some suggestions, gas optimizations and best practices are also provided in order to improve the code quality and security posture.

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Therefore, it is recommended that multiple audits and bug bounty programs be conducted to ensure the ongoing security of Demex. One audit is not enough to guarantee complete protection against all possible security threats. It is important to implement proper risk management strategies and stay vigilant in monitoring your smart contracts for potential security risks.

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Audits Completed

$30B
Secured

1M+
Lines of Code Audited

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