

CredShields Smart Contract Audit

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Description

This document details the process and result of the Smart Contract audit performed by CredShields Technologies PTE. LTD. on behalf of Asset Chain between June 5th, 2024, and June 12th, 2024. And a retest was performed on June 12th, 2024.

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1. Executive Summary

Asset Chain engaged CredShields to perform a smart contract audit from June 5th, 2024, to June 12th, 2024. During this timeframe, One (1) vulnerabilities were identified. **A retest was performed on June 12th, 2024, and all the bugs have been addressed.**

During the audit, Zero (0) vulnerabilities were found with a severity rating of either High or Critical. These vulnerabilities represent the greatest immediate risk to "Asset Chain" and should be prioritized for remediation, and fortunately, none were found.

The table below shows the in-scope assets and a breakdown of findings by severity per asset. Section 2.3 contains more information on how severity is calculated.

Assets in Scope	Critical	High	Medium	Low	info	Gas	Σ
Smart Contract	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

Table: Vulnerabilities Per Asset in Scope

The CredShields team conducted the security audit to focus on identifying vulnerabilities in Smart Contract's scope during the testing window while abiding by the policies set forth by Asset Chains's team.



State of Security

To maintain a robust security posture, it is essential to continuously review and improve upon current security processes. Utilizing CredShields' continuous audit feature allows both Asset Chain's internal security and development teams to not only identify specific vulnerabilities, but also gain a deeper understanding of the current security threat landscape.

To ensure that vulnerabilities are not introduced when new features are added, or code is refactored, we recommend conducting regular security assessments. Additionally, by analyzing the root cause of resolved vulnerabilities, the internal teams at Asset Chain can implement both manual and automated procedures to eliminate entire classes of vulnerabilities in the future. By taking a proactive approach, Asset Chain can future-proof its security posture and protect its assets.



2. Methodology

Asset Chain engaged CredShields to perform Asset Chain Smart Contract audit. The following sections cover how the engagement was put together and executed.

2.1 Preparation phase

The CredShields team meticulously reviewed all provided documents and comments in the smart-contract code to gain a thorough understanding of the contract's features and functionalities. They meticulously examined all functions and created a mind map to systematically identify potential security vulnerabilities, prioritizing those that were more critical and business-sensitive for the refactored code. To confirm their findings, the team deployed a self-hosted version of the smart contract and performed verifications and validations during the audit phase.

A testing window from June 5th, 2024, to June 12th, 2024, was agreed upon during the preparation phase.



2.1.1 Scope

During the preparation phase, the following scope for the engagement was agreed-upon:

IN SCOPE ASSETS				
https://bscscan.com/address/0xfe	e9bd67eb9525d4981ad2291d7261501782da24c#cod			
<u>e</u>				

Table: List of Files in Scope

2.1.2 Documentation

Documentation was not required as the code was self-sufficient for understanding the project.

2.1.3 Audit Goals

CredShields uses both in-house tools and manual methods for comprehensive smart contract security auditing. The majority of the audit is done by manually reviewing the contract source code, following SWC registry standards, and an extended industry standard self-developed checklist. The team places emphasis on understanding core concepts, preparing test cases, and evaluating business logic for potential vulnerabilities.



2.2 Retesting phase

Asset Chain is actively partnering with CredShields to validate the remediations implemented towards the discovered vulnerabilities.

2.3 Vulnerability classification and severity

CredShields follows OWASP's Risk Rating Methodology to determine the risk associated with discovered vulnerabilities. This approach considers two factors - Likelihood and Impact - which are evaluated with three possible values - **Low**, **Medium**, and **High**, based on factors such as Threat agents, Vulnerability factors, Technical and Business Impacts. The overall severity of the risk is calculated by combining the likelihood and impact estimates.



Overall, the categories can be defined as described below -

1. Informational

We prioritize technical excellence and pay attention to detail in our coding practices. Our guidelines, standards, and best practices help ensure software stability and reliability. Informational vulnerabilities are opportunities for improvement and do



not pose a direct risk to the contract. Code maintainers should use their own judgment on whether to address them.

2. Low

Low-risk vulnerabilities are those that either have a small impact or can't be exploited repeatedly or those the client considers insignificant based on their specific business circumstances.

3. Medium

Medium-severity vulnerabilities are those caused by weak or flawed logic in the code and can lead to exfiltration or modification of private user information. These vulnerabilities can harm the client's reputation under certain conditions and should be fixed within a specified timeframe.

4. High

High-severity vulnerabilities pose a significant risk to the Smart Contract and the organization. They can result in the loss of funds for some users, may or may not require specific conditions, and are more complex to exploit. These vulnerabilities can harm the client's reputation and should be fixed immediately.

5. Critical

Critical issues are directly exploitable bugs or security vulnerabilities that do not require specific conditions. They often result in the loss of funds and Ether from Smart Contracts or users and put sensitive user information at risk of compromise



or modification. The client's reputation and financial stability will be severely impacted if these issues are not addressed immediately.

6. Gas

To address the risk and volatility of smart contracts and the use of gas as a method of payment, CredShields has introduced a "Gas" severity category. This category deals with optimizing code and refactoring to conserve gas.



2.4 CredShields staff

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3. Findings

This chapter contains the results of the security assessment. Findings are sorted by their severity and grouped by the asset and SWC classification. Each asset section will include a summary. The table in the executive summary contains the total number of identified security vulnerabilities per asset per risk indication.

3.1 Findings Overview

3.1.1 Vulnerability Summary

During the security assessment, One (1) security vulnerabilities were identified in the asset.

VULNERABILITY TITLE	SEVERITY	SWC Vulnerability Type
Use Ownable2Step	Low	Missing Best Practices

Table: Findings in Smart Contracts



3.1.2 Findings Summary

SWC ID	SWC Checklist	Test Result	Notes	
SWC-100	Function Default Visibility	Not Vulnerable	Not applicable after v0.5.X (Currently using solidity v >= 0.8.6)	
SWC-101	Integer Overflow and Underflow	Not Vulnerable	The issue persists in versions before v0.8.X.	
SWC-102	Outdated Compiler Version	Not Vulnerable	Version 0^.8.0 and above is used	
SWC-103	Floating Pragma	Not Vulnerable	Contract uses floating pragma	
SWC-104	<u>Unchecked Call Return Value</u>	Not Vulnerable	call() is not used	
SWC-105	<u>Unprotected Ether Withdrawal</u>	Not Vulnerable	Appropriate function modifiers and require validations are used on sensitive functions that allow token or ether withdrawal.	
SWC-106	Unprotected SELFDESTRUCT Instruction	Not Vulnerable	selfdestruct() is not used anywhere	
SWC-107	Reentrancy	Not Vulnerable	No notable functions were vulnerable to it.	
SWC-108	State Variable Default Visibility	Not Vulnerable	Not Vulnerable	
SWC-109	Uninitialized Storage Pointer	Not Vulnerable	Not vulnerable after compiler version, v0.5.0	



SWC-110	Assert Violation	Not Vulnerable	Asserts are not in use.	
SWC-111	<u>Use of Deprecated Solidity</u> <u>Functions</u>	Not Vulnerable	None of the deprecated functions like block.blockhash(), msg.gas, throw, sha3(), callcode(), suicide() are in use	
SWC-112	Delegatecall to Untrusted Callee	Not Vulnerable	Not Vulnerable.	
SWC-113	DoS with Failed Call	Not Vulnerable	No such function was found.	
SWC-114	Transaction Order Dependence	Not Vulnerable	Not Vulnerable.	
SWC-115	Authorization through tx.origin	Not Vulnerable	tx.origin is not used anywhere in the code	
SWC-116	<u>Block values as a proxy for time</u>	Not Vulnerable	Block.timestamp is not used	
SWC-117	Signature Malleability	Not Vulnerable	Not used anywhere	
SWC-118	Incorrect Constructor Name	Not Vulnerable	All the constructors are created using the constructor keyword rather than functions.	
SWC-119	Shadowing State Variables	Not Vulnerable	Not applicable as this won't work during compile time after version 0.6.0	
SWC-120	<u>Weak Sources of Randomness</u> <u>from Chain Attributes</u>	Not Vulnerable	Random generators are not used.	
SWC-121	<u>Missing Protection against</u> <u>Signature Replay Attacks</u>	Not Vulnerable	No such scenario was found	



SWC-122	Lack of Proper Signature Verification	Not Vulnerable	Not used anywhere	
SWC-123	Requirement Violation	Not Vulnerable	Not vulnerable	
SWC-124	<u>Write to Arbitrary Storage</u> Location	Not Vulnerable	No such scenario was found	
SWC-125	Incorrect Inheritance Order	Not Vulnerable	No such scenario was found	
SWC-126	Insufficient Gas Griefing	Not Vulnerable	No such scenario was found	
SWC-127	Arbitrary Jump with Function Type Variable	Not Vulnerable	Jump is not used.	
SWC-128	DoS With Block Gas Limit	Not Vulnerable	Not Vulnerable.	
SWC-129	Typographical Error	Not Vulnerable	No such scenario was found	
SWC-130	<u>Right-To-Left-Override control</u> <u>character (U+202E)</u>	Not Vulnerable	No such scenario was found	
SWC-131	Presence of unused variables	Not Vulnerable	No such scenario was found	
SWC-132	<u>Unexpected Ether balance</u>	Not Vulnerable	No such scenario was found	
SWC-133	<u>Hash Collisions With Multiple</u> <u>Variable Length Arguments</u>	Not Vulnerable	abi.encodePacked() or other functions are not used.	
SWC-134	<u>Message call with hardcoded gas</u> <u>amount</u>	Not Vulnerable	Not used anywhere in the code	
SWC-135	Code With No Effects	Not Vulnerable	No such scenario was found	
SWC-136	<u>Unencrypted Private Data</u> <u>On-Chain</u>	Not Vulnerable	No such scenario was found	



4. Remediation Status

Asset Chain is actively partnering with CredShields from this engagement to validate the discovered vulnerabilities' remediations. **A retest was performed on June 12th, 2024**, **and all the issues have been addressed**.

Also, the table shows the remediation status of each finding.

	VULNERABILITY TITLE	SEVERITY	REMEDIATION STATUS
Use Ownable	2Step	Low	Won't Fix [12/05/2024]

Table: Summary of findings and status of remediation



5. Bug Reports

Bug ID #1 [Won't Fix]

Use Ownable2Step

Vulnerability Type

Missing Best Practices

Severity

Low

Description

The "Ownable2Step" pattern is an improvement over the traditional "Ownable" pattern, designed to enhance the security of ownership transfer functionality in a smart contract. Unlike the original "Ownable" pattern, where ownership can be transferred directly to a specified address, the "Ownable2Step" pattern introduces an additional step in the ownership transfer process. Ownership transfer only completes when the proposed new owner explicitly accepts the ownership, mitigating the risk of accidental or unintended ownership transfers to mistyped addresses.

Affected Code

 https://bscscan.com/address/0xfe9bd67eb9525d4981ad2291d7261501782da24c#c ode#F1#L16

Impacts

Without the "Ownable2Step" pattern, the contract owner might inadvertently transfer ownership to an unintended or mistyped address, potentially leading to a loss of control over the contract. By adopting the "Ownable2Step" pattern, the smart contract becomes more resilient against external attacks aimed at seizing ownership or manipulating the contract's behaviour.



Remediation

It is recommended to use either Ownable2Step or Ownable2StepUpgradeable depending on the smart contract.

Retest:

Since this is not a severe issue, they won't be making changes to the live contracts and CredShields team agrees with the decision.



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