Crypto & Digital Asset Assessment

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Overview

Marinade.finance engaged Kudelski Security to perform a Crypto & Digital Asset Assessment.

The assessment was conducted remotely by the Kudelski Security Team. Testing took place on September 20 - October 15, 2021, with a re-review on October 30, and focused on the following objectives:

- Provide the customer with an assessment of their overall security posture and any risks that were discovered within the environment during the engagement.
- To provide a professional opinion on the maturity, adequacy, and efficiency of the security measures that are in place.
- To identify potential issues and include improvement recommendations based on the result of our tests.

This report summarizes the engagement, tests performed, and findings. It also contains detailed descriptions of the discovered vulnerabilities, steps the Kudelski Security Teams took to identify and validate each issue, as well as any applicable recommendations for remediation.

As of the issuance of this report, all findings have been remediated or have been risk accepted with compensating controls present.

Key Findings

The following are the major themes and issues identified during the testing period. These, along with other items, within the findings section, should be prioritized for remediation to reduce to the risk they pose.

- KS-MARINADE-01 – Validator unreferenced and unchecked in stake_reserve
- KS-MARINADE-02 – Use of panic causing calls (e.g. unwrap)
- KS-MARINADE-03 – Outdated dependencies

During the test, the following positive observations were noted regarding the scope of the engagement:

- The team was very supportive and open to discuss the design choices made

Based on the account relationship graphs or reference graphs and the formal verification we can conclude that the reviewed code implements the documented functionality.

Scope and Rules of Engagement

Kudelski performed a Crypto & Digital Asset Assessment. The following table documents the targets in scope for the engagement. No additional systems or resources were in scope for this assessment.

The source code was supplied through a private repository at https://github.com/marinade-finance/marinade-anchor with the commit hash 087aeed96a046f7693a553f982fdf95cf77d1845.

Files included in the code review

```
marinade-anchor/programs
└── marinade-finance/
    ├── src/
    │   ├── liq_pool/
    │   │   ├── add_liquidity.rs
    │   │   ├── initialize.rs
    │   │   ├── remove_liquidity.rs
    │   │   └── set_lp_params.rs
    │   ├── stake_system/
    │   │   ├── deactivate_stake.rs
    │   │   ├── deposit_stake_account.rs
    │   │   ├── emergency_unstake.rs
    │   │   ├── merge.rs
    │   │   └── stake_reserve.rs
    │   ├── state/
    │   │   ├── change_authority.rs
    │   │   ├── claim.rs
    │   │   ├── config_marinade.rs
    │   │   ├── deposit.rs
    │   │   ├── initialize.rs
    │   │   ├── liquid_unstake.rs
    │   │   ├── order_unstake.rs
    │   │   └── update.rs
    │   ├── validator_system/
    │   │   ├── add.rs
    │   │   ├── config_validator_system.rs
    │   │   ├── remove.rs
    │   │   └── set_score.rs
    │   ├── calc.rs
    │   ├── checks.rs
    │   ├── error.rs
    │   ├── lib.rs
    │   ├── liq_pool.rs
    │   ├── list.rs
    │   ├── located.rs
    │   ├── stake_system.rs
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    │   ├── stake_wrapper.rs
    │   ├── state.rs
    │   ├── ticket_account.rs
    │   └── validator_system.rs
    ├── Cargo.toml
    └── Xargo.toml
```

Table 1: Scope

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS & FINDINGS

During the Crypto & Digital Asset Assessment, we discovered:

- 1 finding with MEDIUM severity rating.
- 1 finding with LOW severity rating.
- 1 finding with INFORMATIONAL severity rating.

The following chart displays the findings by severity.

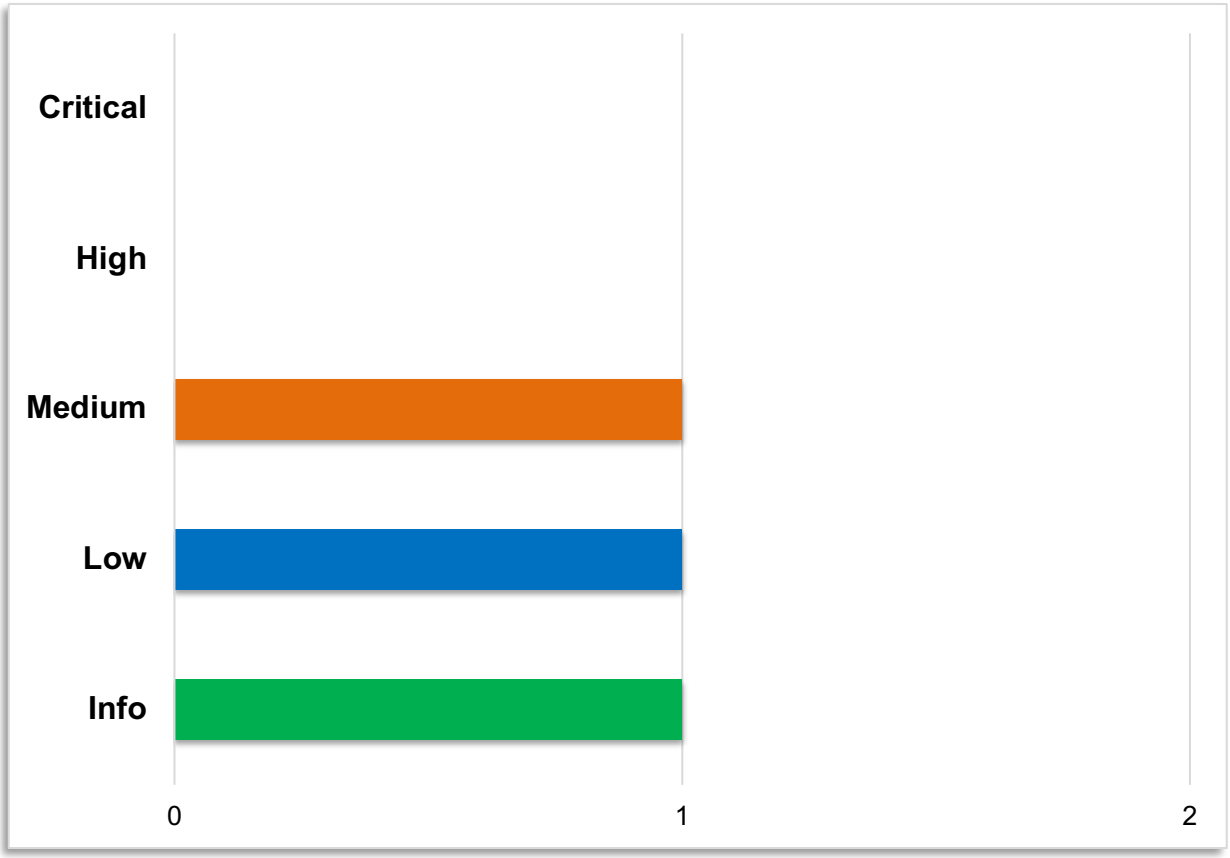

Figure 1: Findings by Severity

Findings

The *Findings* section provides detailed information on each of the findings, including methods of discovery, explanation of severity determination, recommendations, and applicable references.

The following table provides an overview of the findings.

#	Severity	Description
KS-MARINADE-01	Medium	Validator unreferenced and unchecked in stake_reserve
KS-MARINADE-02	Low	Use of panic causing calls (e.g. unwrap)
KS-MARINADE-03	Informational	Outdated dependencies

Table 2: Findings Overview

Technical analysis

Based on the source code the following account relationship graphs or reference graphs was made to verify the validity of the code as well as confirmation that the intended functionality was implemented correctly and to the extent that the state of the repository allowed.

Further investigations were made which concluded that they did not pose a risk to the application. They were:

- No internal unintentional unsafe references

Authorization

The review used relationship graphs to show the relations between account input passed to the instructions of the program. The relations are used to verify if the authorization is sufficient for invoking each instruction. The graphs show if any unreferenced accounts exist. Accounts that are not referred to by trusted accounts can be replaced by any account of an attacker's choosing and thus pose a security risk.

In particular, the graphs will show if signing accounts are referred to. If a signing account is not referred to then any account can be used to sign the transaction causing insufficient authorization.

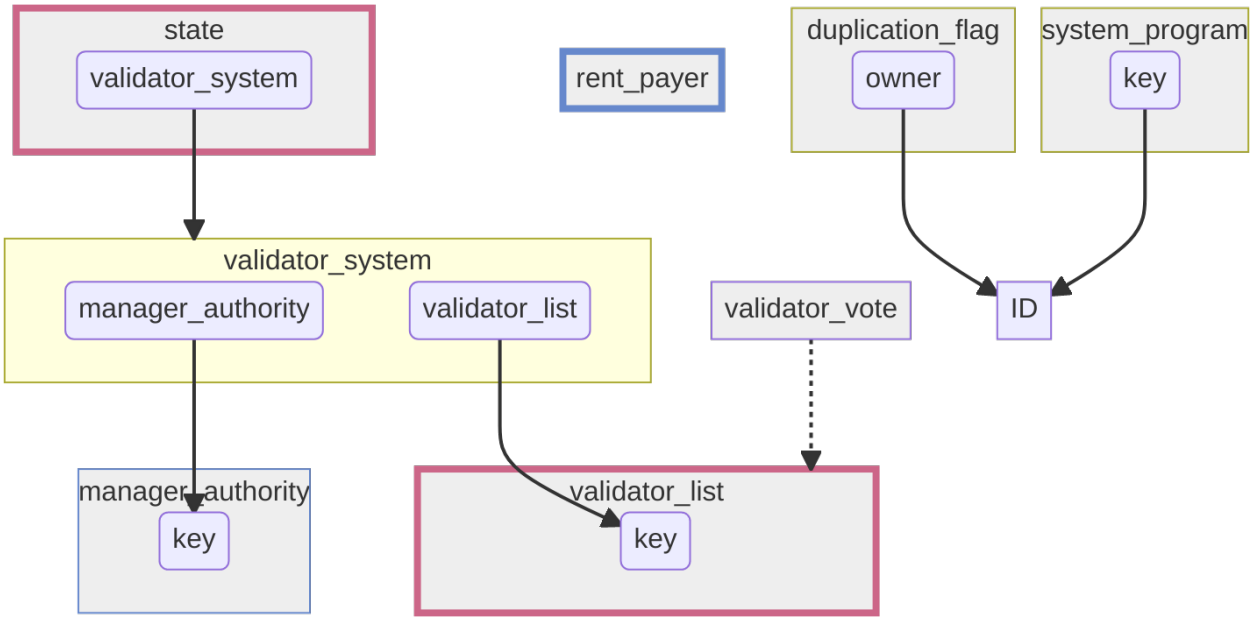

Figure 2: Account relationships for AddValidator

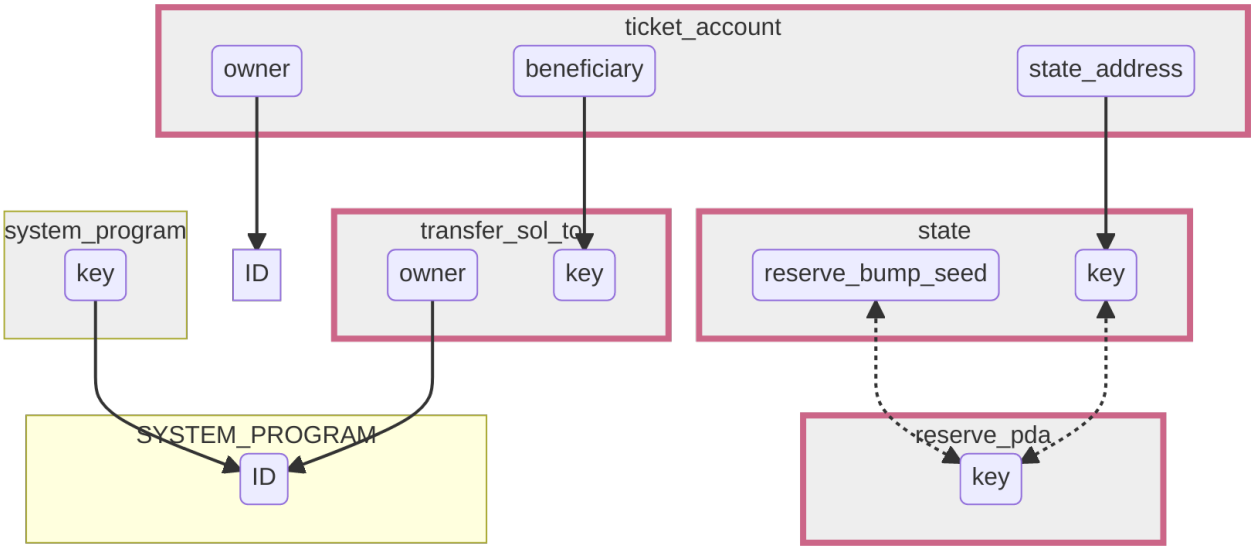

Figure 3: Account relationships for Claim

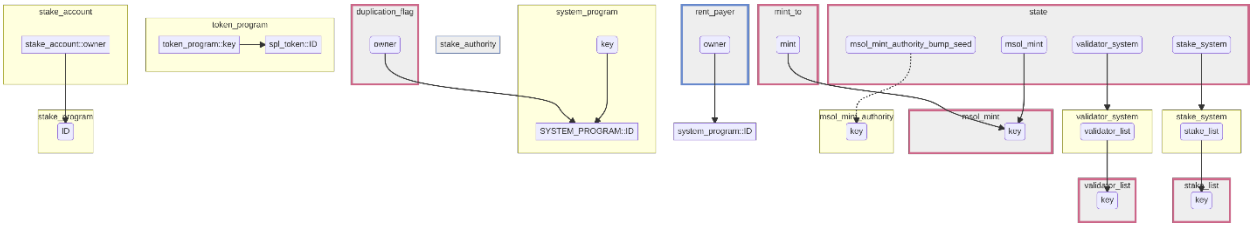

Figure 4: Account relationships for DepositStateAccount

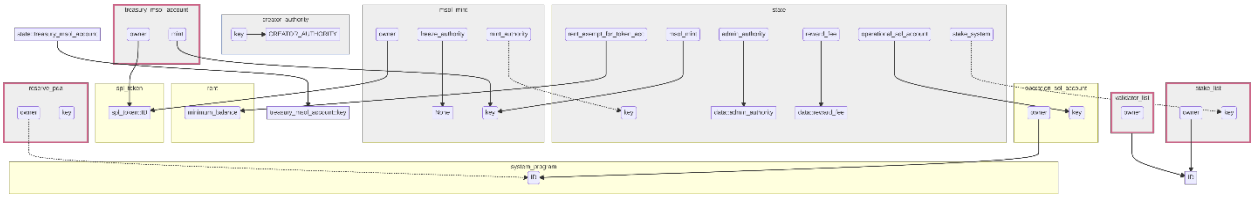

Figure 5: Account relationships for Initialize

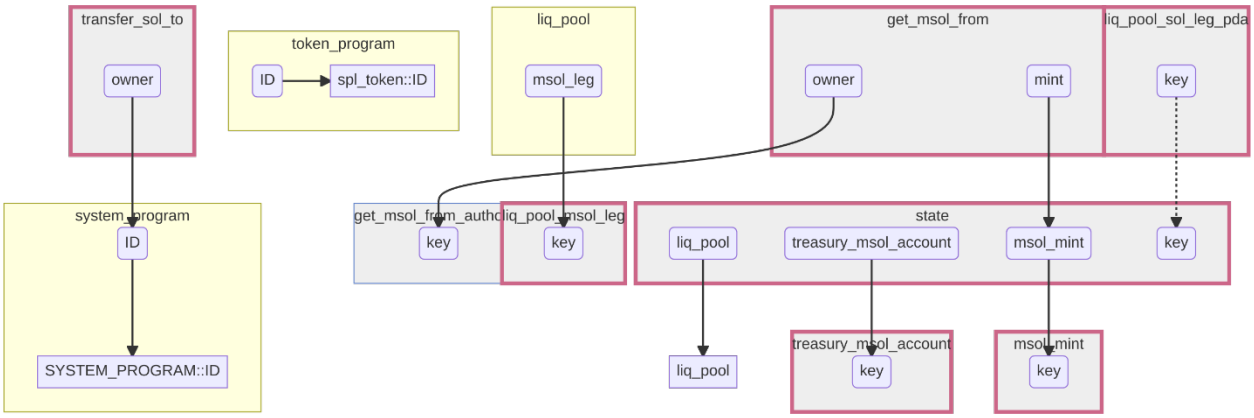

Figure 6: Account relationships for LiquidUnstake

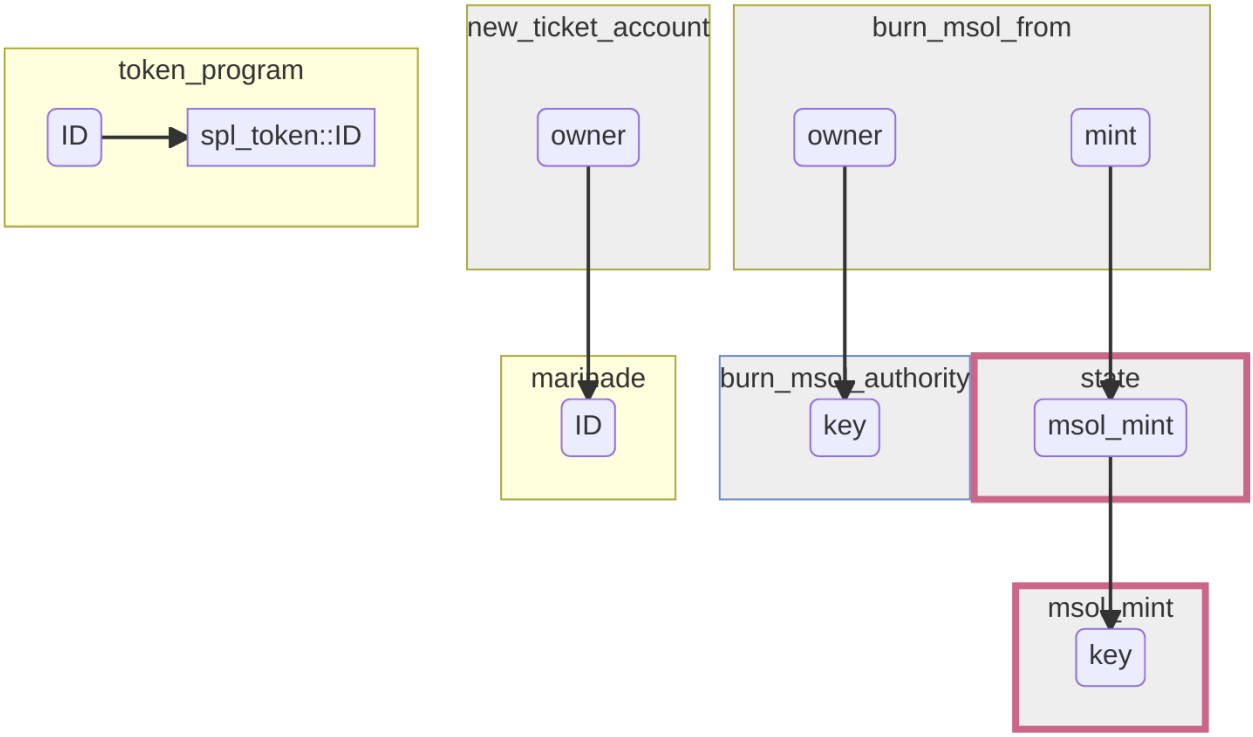

Figure 7: Account relationships for OrderUnstake

Conclusion

Based on the account relationship graphs or reference graphs and the formal verification we can conclude that the code implements the documented functionality to the extent of the code reviewed.

Technical Findings

General Observations

The code is extremely well structured. All instructions share the same underlying structure which makes the entire project much easier to follow. The team was also extremely collaborative in the entire audit process, assisting the reviewer to understand different aspects of the code when asked.

The unit test coverage is low, which is a repeating feature on projects built on the Solana blockchain. While unit tests may be hard, and end-to-end tests preferred, we strongly recommend implementing unit tests when and where possible, with CI/CD and maintainability in mind.

Relations between accounts are checked in extreme detail in the project. This is of the upmost importance for projects on Solana. The developers use the Anchor-lang framework but do not use one of its most important features: account and access control. This greatly simplifies the checking process. While some of the checks in the code may not be implementable using anchor, we also recommend the developers use this facility.

Other checks between accounts in the project are not implemented explicitly because they are already checked by the Solana runtime or Solana program library. The reviewer suggests making sure that these features are not changed in future versions.

Validator unreferenced and unchecked in stake_reserve

Finding ID: KS-MARINADE-01
Severity: **Medium**
Status: **Resolved**

Description

In `stake_reserve` the `validator_vote` goes unchecked. This particular member is passed into a `delegate_stake` instruction and the stake is delegated to this account. The delegate_stake instruction is signed by `staker`, which comes from the `stake_deposit_authority`.

Proof of issue

File name: programs/marinade-finance/stake_system/stake_reserve.rs
Line number: From line 41
Function name: `process`

Severity and Impact summary

Unreferenced accounts can me maliciously replaced, leading to function failures or in the worst-case scenario loss of funds. Appropriate checks (of ownership, authority, or relationship to other checked accounts) should be implemented, explicitly or implicitly using anchor-lang tags and macros.

Recommendation

Implementation of the appropriate check on this account. The issue was discussed with the development team, a check of the form `self.validator_vote==validator.validator_account` was agreed on.

Use of panic causing calls (e.g. unwrap)

Finding ID: KS-MARINADE-02
Severity: **Low**
Status: **Risk Accepted – None returned during any failure**

Description

- Up to 21 uses of `unwrap` were found in key instructions.
- Up to 16 uses of `expect` were found in key instructions.

Proof of issue

Uses of unwrap:

- `liq_pool.rs` –> lines 58, 82, 155, 169
- `stake_system.rs` –> lines 91, 178
- `stake.rs` –> lines 85, 102, 106, 308, 321
- `validator_system.rs` –> lines 52, 118
- `remove_liquidity.rs` –> line 107
- `deactivate_stake.rs` –> line 304
- `deposit_stake.rs` –> lines 76, 100, 105, 112, 198, 247
- `merge.rs` –> lines 103, 146, 154, 176
- `update.rs` –> lines 190, 297

Uses of expect:

- `liq_pool/add_liquitidy.rs` –> lines 74, 78
- `remove_liquidity.rs` –> lines 113, 121
- `liq_pool.rs` –> line 92
- `deactivate_stake.rs` –> lines 78, 350
- `emergency_unstake.rs` –> line 85
- `stake_reserve.rs` –> lines 89, 95
- `state/order_unstake` –> line 84
- `state/update.rs` –> lines 26, 45
- `state.rs` –> lines 187, 189, 259, 273

Severity and Impact summary

`unwrap` and `expect` calls can cause system panics. This can affect uptime or potentially lead to memory dumping of private or critical information.

Recommendation

We recommend the developer team ensure that these calls will not lead to panics (if the functions execute correctly and the output is well understood) then these calls are not an issue. However, if the success of the functions cannot be guaranteed then explicit matching and error management.

Outdated dependencies

Finding ID: KS-MARINADE-03
Severity: **Informational**
Status: **Risk Accepted – Protected Program in Solana Ecosystem, no upgrade planned**

Description

The following crates should be updated/removed (note that these are third party crates which may be dependencies of dependencies: if the changes cannot be implemented directly in `marinade-finance` then the development team must be aware of them).

- `zeroize_derive` –> upgrade to version `>=1.2.0`
- `net2` crate has been deprecated and is unmaintained; (Rustsec ID `RUSTSEC-2020-0016`). Rustsec recommendation is to use `socket2` instead.
- `stdweb` is unmaintained (Rustsec issue `RUSTSEC-2020-0056`)
- `failure` is officially deprecated/unmaintained `(Rustsec ID`RUSTSEC-2020-0036`)

References

- RustSec Advisory Database

METHODOLOGY

Kudelski Security uses the following high-level methodology when approaching engagements. They are broken up into the following phases.

Figure 8: Methodology Flow

Kickoff

The project is kicked all of the sales process has concluded. We typically set up a kickoff meeting where project stakeholders are gathered to discuss the project as well as the responsibilities of participants. During this meeting we verify the scope of the engagement and discuss the project activities. It's an opportunity for both sides to ask questions and get to know each other. By the end of the kickoff there is an understanding of the following:

- Designated points of contact
- Communication methods and frequency
- Shared documentation
- Code and/or any other artifacts necessary for project success
- Follow-up meeting schedule, such as a technical walkthrough
- Understanding of timeline and duration

Ramp-up

Ramp-up consists of the activities necessary to gain proficiency on the particular project. This can include the steps needed for familiarity with the codebase or technological innovation utilized. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Reviewing previous work in the area including academic papers
- Reviewing programming language constructs for specific languages
- Researching common flaws and recent technological advancements

Review

The review phase is where most of the work on the engagement is completed. This is the phase where we analyze the project for flaws and issues that impact the security posture. Depending on the project this may include an analysis of the architecture, a review of the code, and a specification matching to match the architecture to the implemented code.

In this code audit, we performed the following tasks:

1. Security analysis and architecture review of the original protocol
2. Review of the code written for the project
3. Compliance of the code with the provided technical documentation

The review for this project was performed using manual methods and utilizing the experience of the reviewer. No dynamic testing was performed, only the use of custom-built scripts and tools were used to assist the reviewer during the testing. We discuss our methodology in more detail in the following sections.

Code Safety

We analyzed the provided code, checking for issues related to the following categories:

- General code safety and susceptibility to known issues
- Poor coding practices and unsafe behavior
- Leakage of secrets or other sensitive data through memory mismanagement
- Susceptibility to misuse and system errors
- Error management and logging

This list is general list and not comprehensive, meant only to give an understanding of the issues we are looking for.

Technical Specification Matching

We analyzed the provided documentation and checked that the code matches the specification. We checked for things such as:

- Proper implementation of the documented protocol phases
- Proper error handling
- Adherence to the protocol logical description

Reporting

Kudelski Security delivers a preliminary report in PDF format that contains an executive summary, technical details, and observations about the project.

The executive summary contains an overview of the engagement including the number of findings as well as a statement about our general risk assessment of the project as a whole. We may conclude that the overall risk is low, but depending on what was assessed we may conclude that more scrutiny of the project is needed.

We not only report security issues identified but also informational findings for improvement categorized into several buckets:

- Critical
- High
- Medium
- Low
- Informational

The technical details are aimed more at developers, describing the issues, the severity ranking and recommendations for mitigation.

As we perform the audit, we may identify issues that aren't security related, but are general best practices and steps, that can be taken to lower the attack surface of the project. We will call those out as we encounter them and as time permits.

As an optional step, we can agree on the creation of a public report that can be shared and distributed with a larger audience.

Verify

After the preliminary findings have been delivered, this could be in the form of the approved communication channel or delivery of the draft report, we will verify any fixes withing a window of time specified in the project. After the fixes have been verified, we will change the status of the finding in the report from open to remediated.

The output of this phase will be a final report with any mitigated findings noted.

Additional Note

It is important to note that, although we did our best in our analysis, no code audit or assessment is a guarantee of the absence of flaws. Our effort was constrained by resource and time limits along with the scope of the agreement.

While assessment the severity of the findings, we considered the impact, ease of exploitability, and the probability of attack. These is a solid baseline for severity determination.

The Classification of identified problems and vulnerabilities

There are four severity levels of an identified security vulnerability.

Critical – vulnerability that will lead to loss of protected assets

- This is a vulnerability that would lead to immediate loss of protected assets
- The complexity to exploit is low
- The probablillty of exploit is high

High - A vulnerability that can lead to loss of protected assets

- All discrepancies found where there is a security claim made in the documentation that can not be found in the code
- All mismatches from the stated and actual functionality
- Unprotected key material
- Weak encryption of keys
- Badly generated key materials
- Tx signatures not verified
- Spending of funds through logic errors
- Calculation errors overflows and underflows

Medium - a vulnerability that hampers the uptime of the system or can lead to other problems

- Insecure calls to third party libraries
- Use of untested or nonstandard or non-peer-revied crypto functions
- Program crashes leaves core dumps or write sensitive data to log files

Low - Problems that have a security impact but does not directly impact the protected assets

- Overly complex functions
- Unchecked return values from 3rd party libraries that could alter the execution flow

Informational

- General recommendations

Tools

The following tools were used during this portion of the test. A link for more information about the tool is provided as well.

Tools used during the code review and assessment

- Rust – cargo tools
- IDE modules for Rust and analysis of source code
- Cargo audit which uses https://rustsec.org/advisories/ to find vulnerabilities cargo.

RustSec.org

About RustSec

The RustSec Advisory Database is a repository of security advisories filed against Rust crates published and maintained by the Rust Secure Code Working Group.

The RustSec Tool-set used in projects and CI/CD pipelines

‘cargo-audit’ - audit Cargo.lock files for crates with security vulnerabilities.

‘cargo-deny’ - audit `Cargo.lock` files for crates with security vulnerabilities, limit the usage of particular dependencies, their licenses, sources to download from, detect multiple versions of same packages in the dependency tree and more.

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