

Smart Contract Code Review And Security Analysis Report

Customer:

Societe Generale Forge (SG Forge)

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Platform: EVM

Language: Solidity

Tags: ERC20

Timeline: 23/05/2024 - 06/06/2024

Methodology: https://hackenio.cc/sc_methodology

Review Scope

| Repository | Code provided in a zip file. |
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| Commit | - |



Audit Summary

10/10

9/10

95.45%

89/10

Security score

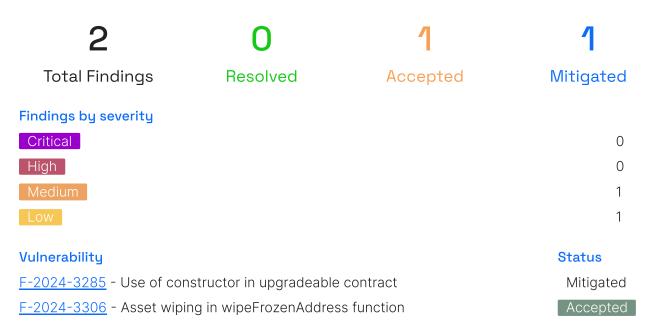
Code quality score

Test coverage

Documentation quality score

Total 9.5/10

The system users should acknowledge all the risks summed up in the risks section of the report





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System Overview

SMART_COIN is an ERC20, with the following contracts:

- SmartCoin ERC20 extended with:
 - UUPS upgrade mechanism
 - Operator Roles: registrar, operations, technical. These roles are introduced to manage the upgrade to new implementations and control transfers of tokens amongst these roles.
- EncodingUtils a library that has the functionality to compute the hash of transfer requests
- AccessControlUpgradeable an abstract contract that handles the access control for the SmartCoin contract.

Privileged roles

- Registrar operator:
 - Manages Whitelist of authorized users.
 - Validates/Rejects transfers to registrar and operations operators.
 - Names the operators for the new implementation.
 - Authorizes the upgrade to the next implementation.
 - Cannot be used as spender or destination of transferFrom().
 - Can retrieve tokens from any address to itself.
 - Can mint and burn SmartCoin tokens.
- Operations operator:
 - Cannot be used as spender or destination of transferFrom().
 - Transfers to operations must be validated by the registrar.
- Technical operator:
 - Launches a previously authorized (by registrar) implementation upgrade.



Executive Summary

This report presents an in-depth analysis and scoring of the customer's smart contract project. Detailed scoring criteria can be referenced in the <u>scoring methodology</u>.

Documentation quality

The total Documentation quality score is 9 out of 10.

- Functional requirements are mostly provided.
- Technical description is not provided.
- NatSpec is sufficient.

Code quality

The total Code quality score is 9 out of 10.

• Gas consumption could be optimized.

Test coverage

Code coverage of the project is **95.45%** (branch coverage).

Security score

Upon auditing, the code was found to contain **0** critical, **0** high, **1** medium, and **1** low severity issues. Out of these, **0** issues have been addressed and resolved, leading to a security score of **10** out of **10**.

All identified issues are detailed in the "Findings" section of this report.

Summary

The comprehensive audit of the customer's smart contract yields an overall score of **9.5**. This score reflects the combined evaluation of documentation, code quality, test coverage, and security aspects of the project.



Risks

- SmartCoin is an ERC20 token that has centralized features, the tokens can be frozen or burned by the admins of the protocol.
- This audit covers the **SmartCoin.sol** contract, which is designed to be upgradeable. However, the audit does not cover the reliability of the first version (v1) of the contract, future versions, or potential mistakes that could be made by the admin during the upgrade process. This limitation could leave potential vulnerabilities undetected in the contract's lifecycle.



Findings

Vulnerability Details

| <u>F-2024-3285</u> - L | <u>F-2024-3285</u> - Use of constructor in upgradeable contract - Medium | |
|------------------------|--|--|
| Description: | The AccessControlUpgradeable.sol contract uses a constructor to initialize the registrar, operations, and technical addresses. However, in the context of upgradeable contracts in Solidity, constructors should not be used. This is because the constructor code is only run when the contract is first created and will not be included in the deployed bytecode. As a result, when the contract is upgraded, the constructor will not be run again, and the state variables will not be re-initialized. Additionally, constructors in upgradeable contracts should call _disableInitializers() to prevent the initializer from being called more than once. | |
| Assets: | smartCoin/AccessControlUpgradeable.sol [N/A] | |
| Status: | Mitigated | |
| Classification | | |
| Impact: | 5/5 | |
| Likelihood: | 2/5 | |
| Exploitability: | Independent | |
| Complexity: | Simple | |
| | Likelihood [1-5]: 2 | |
| | Impact [1-5]: 5 | |
| | Exploitability [0-2]: 0 | |
| | Complexity [0-2]: 0 | |
| | Final Score: 3.5 (Medium) | |
| | Hacken Calculator Version: 0.6 | |
| Severity: | Medium | |

Recommendations



| Remediation: | To resolve this issue, consider using an initializer function instead of a constructor. The initializer function can be run manually after the contract is deployed to set the initial state. Also, ensure that the registrar , operations , and technical variables are not declared as immutable since immutable variables can only be set in the constructor and cannot be changed later, which is not suitable for upgradeable contracts. |
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| Resolution: | The client has mitigated the inherent risk of sharing the same immutable value throughout all proxies that share that implementation contract. Team declared that this behaviour would not affect their contract upgrade |

processes.



F-2024-3306 - Asset wiping in wipeFrozenAddress function - Low

| Description: | The wipeFrozenAddress function in the SmartCoin.sol contract |
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| | transfers the balance of a frozen address to the registrar and then burns |
| | the transferred amount. However, if there is a transaction pending |
| | approval or rejection when an address gets frozen, and the |
| | wipeFrozenAddress function is called, the assets involved in the |
| | pending transaction will not be wiped. This is because the |
| | wipeFrozenAddress function only considers the current balance of the |
| | frozen address, not the assets in pending transactions. This could result in |
| | the frozen address retaining assets if the pending transaction is rejected |
| | after the address has been wiped. |

Assets:

• smartCoin/SmartCoin.sol [N/A]

Status:

Accepted

Classification

| Impact: | 2/5 |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Likelihood: | 3/5 |
| Exploitability: | Dependent |
| Complexity: | Simple |
| | Likelihood [1-5]: 2 |
| | Impact [1-5]: 3 |
| | Exploitability [0-2]: 2 |
| | Complexity [0-2]: 0 |
| | Final Score: 1.8 (Low) |
| | Hacken Calculator Version: 0.6 |
| Severity: | Low |

Recommendations

Remediation:

To ensure all assets are wiped from a frozen address, the registrar should first reject any pending transactions from the frozen address before calling the wipeFrozenAddress function. Alternatively, the wipeFrozenAddress function could be modified to automatically reject any pending transactions from the frozen address.



Observation Details

| <u>F-2024-3283</u> - Unnecessary gas consumption in wipeFrozenAddress | |
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| function - Info | |
| Description: | The wipeFrozenAddress function in the SmartCoin.sol contract transfers the balance of a frozen address to the registrar, and then burns the transferred amount. This two-step process of transferring and then burning tokens results in unnecessary gas consumption, as each operation requires its own transaction and gas fees. |
| Assets: | • smartCoin/SmartCoin.sol [N/A] |
| Status: | Fixed |
| Recommendations | |
| Remediation: | To optimize gas usage, consider implementing a direct burn function that can burn tokens from the frozen address in a single operation. This would eliminate the need for the intermediary transfer to the registrar, thereby reducing the overall gas cost. |



| F-2024-3284 - Redundant gas consumption in decreaseAllowance | |
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| function - Info | |
| Description: | The decreaseAllowance function in the SmartCoin.sol contract includes the forbiddenForRegistrar and forbiddenForOperations modifiers. These modifiers check whether the _spender is the registrar or an operator. However, since the allowance cannot be approved or increased for the registrar and the operator, these checks are unnecessary and result in a waste of gas. |
| Assets: | • smartCoin/SmartCoin.sol [N/A] |
| Status: | Fixed |
| Recommendations | |
| Remediation: | To optimize gas usage, consider removing the forbiddenForRegistrar and forbiddenForOperations modifiers from the decreaseAllowance function. |



| <u>F-2024-3304</u> - Redundant gas consumption in pause and unpause | |
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| functions - Info | |
| Description: | The pause and unpause functions in the AccessControlUpgradeable.sol contract include the onlyWhenNotPaused and onlyWhenPaused modifiers respectively. These modifiers check the current state of the contract before allowing the functions to proceed. However, since these functions are only callable by the registrar who should be aware of the contract's state, these checks are unnecessary and result in a waste of gas. |
| Assets: | smartCoin/AccessControlUpgradeable.sol [N/A] |
| Status: | Accepted |
| Recommendations | |
| Remediation: | To optimize gas usage, consider removing the onlyWhenNotPaused and onlyWhenPaused modifiers from the pause and unpause functions respectively. |



F-2024-3305 - Incorrect comment in ISmartCoin.sol - Info

| Description: | The comment above the ISmartCoin.sol interface states that all transfers need to be validated by an operator (the registrar operator) before the tokens are actually transferred. However, this is not accurate. Only transfers to the operator or registrar need to be validated, not normal transfers. |
|-----------------|---|
| | <pre>/** * @dev This interface is a slightly modified version of the IERC20 standard inte * To comply with the financial regulations(KYC, AML, Sanctions&Embargos), transfe * before the tokens are actually transferred */</pre> |
| Assets: | • smartCoin/ISmartCoin.sol [N/A] |
| Status: | Fixed |
| Recommendations | |
| Remediation: | To avoid confusion and potential misuse of the interface, the comment should be corrected to accurately reflect the functionality of the contract. |



Disclaimers

Hacken Disclaimer

The smart contracts given for audit have been analyzed based on best industry practices at the time of the writing of this report, with cybersecurity vulnerabilities and issues in smart contract source code, the details of which are disclosed in this report (Source Code); the Source Code compilation, deployment, and functionality (performing the intended functions).

The report contains no statements or warranties on the identification of all vulnerabilities and security of the code. The report covers the code submitted and reviewed, so it may not be relevant after any modifications. Do not consider this report as a final and sufficient assessment regarding the utility and safety of the code, bug-free status, or any other contract statements.

While we have done our best in conducting the analysis and producing this report, it is important to note that you should not rely on this report only — we recommend proceeding with several independent audits and a public bug bounty program to ensure the security of smart contracts.

English is the original language of the report. The Consultant is not responsible for the correctness of the translated versions.

Technical Disclaimer

Smart contracts are deployed and executed on a blockchain platform. The platform, its programming language, and other software related to the smart contract can have vulnerabilities that can lead to hacks. Thus, the Consultant cannot guarantee the explicit security of the audited smart contracts.



Appendix 1. Severity Definitions

When auditing smart contracts, Hacken is using a risk-based approach that considers **Likelihood**, **Impact**, **Exploitability** and **Complexity** metrics to evaluate findings and score severities.

Reference on how risk scoring is done is available through the repository in our Github organization:

hknio/severity-formula

| Severity | Description |
|----------|--|
| Critical | Critical vulnerabilities are usually straightforward to exploit and can lead to the loss of user funds or contract state manipulation. |
| High | High vulnerabilities are usually harder to exploit, requiring specific conditions, or have a more limited scope, but can still lead to the loss of user funds or contract state manipulation. |
| Medium | Medium vulnerabilities are usually limited to state manipulations and, in most cases, cannot lead to asset loss. Contradictions and requirements violations. Major deviations from best practices are also in this category. |
| Low | Major deviations from best practices or major Gas inefficiency. These issues will not have a significant impact on code execution, do not affect security score but can affect code quality score. |



Appendix 2. Scope

The scope of the project includes the following smart contracts from the provided repository:

Scope Details

| Repository | Code provided in a zip file. |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Commit | - |
| Whitepaper | - |
| Requirements | - |
| Technical Requirements | - |

Contracts in Scope

libraries/EncodingUtils.sol smartCoin/ISmartCoin.sol smartCoin/IAccessControl.sol smartCoin/SmartCoinDataLayout.sol smartCoin/SmartCoin.sol smartCoin/AccessControlUpgradeable.sol smartCoin/AccessControlDataLayout.sol

