

SMART CONTRACT AUDIT REPORT

for

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1 Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related source code of the ERC20 MultiSender contract, we outline in the report our systematic approach to evaluate potential security issues in the smart contract implementation, expose possible semantic inconsistencies between smart contract code and design document, and provide additional suggestions or recommendations for improvement. Our results show that the given version of smart contracts can be further improved due to the presence of several issues related to either security or performance. This document outlines our audit results.

1.1 About ERC20 MultiSender

ERC20 MultiSender, alternatively called a multi-transfer or bulk sender, is a smart contract or tool that allows to send ERC20 tokens to many addresses in a single transaction, instead of sending tokens one by one. The basic information of audited contracts is as follows:

Item Description

Name UXLINK

Type Smart Contract

Language Solidity

Audit Method Whitebox

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Table 1.1: Basic Information of UXLINK ERC20 MultiSender

In the following, we show the deployment address of the audited contract.

https://sepolia.etherscan.io/address/0xc45B7f627feF5979760aECF10bC73065dD250FF8

And this is the new deployment address after all fixes for the issues found in the audit have been checked in:

https://sepolia.etherscan.io/address/0x7D10deDe472f482dE67227e3f83DBf574F5F9347

1.2 About PeckShield

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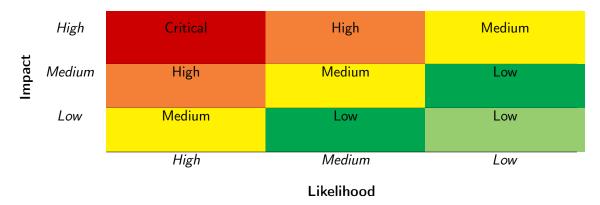


Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification

1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [4]:

- <u>Likelihood</u> represents how likely a particular vulnerability is to be uncovered and exploited in the wild;
- Impact measures the technical loss and business damage of a successful attack;
- Severity demonstrates the overall criticality of the risk.

Likelihood and impact are categorized into three ratings: *H*, *M* and *L*, i.e., *high*, *medium* and *low* respectively. Severity is determined by likelihood and impact, and can be accordingly classified into four categories, i.e., *Critical*, *High*, *Medium*, *Low* shown in Table 1.2.

To evaluate the risk, we go through a list of check items and each would be labeled with a severity category. For one check item, if our tool or analysis does not identify any issue, the contract is considered safe regarding the check item. For any discovered issue, we might further deploy contracts on our private testnet and run tests to confirm the findings. If necessary, we would

Table 1.3: The Full List of Check Items

Category	Check Item		
	Constructor Mismatch		
	Ownership Takeover		
	Redundant Fallback Function		
	Overflows & Underflows		
	Reentrancy		
	Money-Giving Bug		
	Blackhole		
	Unauthorized Self-Destruct		
Basic Coding Bugs	Revert DoS		
Dasic Coung Dugs	Unchecked External Call		
	Gasless Send		
	Send Instead Of Transfer		
	Costly Loop		
	(Unsafe) Use Of Untrusted Libraries		
	(Unsafe) Use Of Predictable Variables		
	Transaction Ordering Dependence		
	Deprecated Uses		
Semantic Consistency Checks			
	Business Logics Review		
	Functionality Checks		
	Authentication Management		
	Access Control & Authorization		
	Oracle Security		
Advanced DeFi Scrutiny	Digital Asset Escrow		
Advanced Berr Scruting	Kill-Switch Mechanism		
	Operation Trails & Event Generation		
	ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling		
	Frontend-Contract Integration		
	Deployment Consistency		
	Holistic Risk Management		
	Avoiding Use of Variadic Byte Array		
	Using Fixed Compiler Version		
Additional Recommendations	Making Visibility Level Explicit		
	Making Type Inference Explicit		
	Adhering To Function Declaration Strictly		
	Following Other Best Practices		

additionally build a PoC to demonstrate the possibility of exploitation. The concrete list of check items is shown in Table 1.3.

In particular, we perform the audit according to the following procedure:

- Basic Coding Bugs: We first statically analyze given smart contracts with our proprietary static code analyzer for known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) all the issues found by our tool.
- <u>Semantic Consistency Checks</u>: We then manually check the logic of implemented smart contracts and compare with the description in the white paper.
- Advanced DeFi Scrutiny: We further review business logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.
- Additional Recommendations: We also provide additional suggestions regarding the coding and development of smart contracts from the perspective of proven programming practices.

To better describe each issue we identified, we categorize the findings with Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE-699) [3], which is a community-developed list of software weakness types to better delineate and organize weaknesses around concepts frequently encountered in software development. Though some categories used in CWE-699 may not be relevant in smart contracts, we use the CWE categories in Table 1.4 to classify our findings. Moreover, in case there is an issue that may affect an active protocol that has been deployed, the public version of this report may omit such issue, but will be amended with full details right after the affected protocol is upgraded with respective fixes.

1.4 Disclaimer

Note that this security audit is not designed to replace functional tests required before any software release, and does not give any warranties on finding all possible security issues of the given smart contract(s) or blockchain software, i.e., the evaluation result does not guarantee the nonexistence of any further findings of security issues. As one audit-based assessment cannot be considered comprehensive, we always recommend proceeding with several independent audits and a public bug bounty program to ensure the security of smart contract(s). Last but not least, this security audit should not be used as investment advice.

Table 1.4: Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) Classifications Used in This Audit

Category	Summary		
Configuration	Weaknesses in this category are typically introduced during		
	the configuration of the software.		
Data Processing Issues	Weaknesses in this category are typically found in functional-		
	ity that processes data.		
Numeric Errors	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper calcula-		
	tion or conversion of numbers.		
Security Features	Weaknesses in this category are concerned with topics like		
	authentication, access control, confidentiality, cryptography,		
	and privilege management. (Software security is not security		
	software.)		
Time and State	Weaknesses in this category are related to the improper man-		
	agement of time and state in an environment that supports		
	simultaneous or near-simultaneous computation by multiple		
Funcio Con d'Alons	systems, processes, or threads.		
Error Conditions,	Weaknesses in this category include weaknesses that occur if		
Return Values, Status Codes	a function does not generate the correct return/status code, or if the application does not handle all possible return/status		
Status Codes	codes that could be generated by a function.		
Resource Management	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper manage-		
Nesource Management	ment of system resources.		
Behavioral Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to unexpected behav-		
Deliavioral issues	iors from code that an application uses.		
Business Logics	Weaknesses in this category identify some of the underlying		
Dusiness Togics	problems that commonly allow attackers to manipulate the		
	business logic of an application. Errors in business logic can		
	be devastating to an entire application.		
Initialization and Cleanup	Weaknesses in this category occur in behaviors that are used		
	for initialization and breakdown.		
Arguments and Parameters	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper use of		
_	arguments or parameters within function calls.		
Expression Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to incorrectly written		
	expressions within code.		
Coding Practices	Weaknesses in this category are related to coding practices		
	that are deemed unsafe and increase the chances that an ex-		
	ploitable vulnerability will be present in the application. They		
	may not directly introduce a vulnerability, but indicate the		
	product has not been carefully developed or maintained.		

2 | Findings

2.1 Summary

Here is a summary of our findings after analyzing the implementation of the ERC20 MultiSender smart contract. During the first phase of our audit, we study the smart contract source code and run our in-house static code analyzer through the codebase. The purpose here is to statically identify known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) issues reported by our tool. We further manually review business logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.

Severity	# of Findings		
Critical	0		
High	0		
Medium	0		
Low	1		
Informational	1		
Total	2		

We have so far identified a list of potential issues: some of them involve subtle corner cases that might not be previously thought of. For each uncovered issue, we have therefore developed test cases for reasoning, reproduction, and/or verification. After further analysis and internal discussion, we determined a few issues of varying severities need to be brought up and paid more attention to, which are categorized in the above table. More information can be found in the next subsection, and the detailed discussions of each of them are in Section 3.

2.2 Key Findings

Overall, this smart contract is well-designed and engineered, though the implementation can be improved by resolving the identified issues (shown in Table 2.1), including 1 low-severity vulnerability and 1 informational issue.

Table 2.1: Key Audit Findings in UXLINK ERC20 MultiSender

ID	Severity	Title	Category	Status
PVE-001	Low	Accommodation of Non-ERC20-Compliant	Coding Practice	Resolved
		Tokens		
PVE-002	Informational	Improved Gas Efficiency in Batch Transfers	Coding Practice	Resolved

Beside the identified issues, we emphasize that for any user-facing applications and services, it is always important to develop necessary risk-control mechanisms and make contingency plans, which may need to be exercised before the mainnet deployment. The risk-control mechanisms should kick in at the very moment when the contract is being deployed on mainnet. Please refer to Section 3 for details.



3 Detailed Results

3.1 Accommodation of Non-ERC20-Compliant Tokens

• ID: PVE-001

• Severity: Low

• Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: UXLINKERC20MultiSender

• Category: Coding Practice [2]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-563 [1]

Description

Though there is a standardized ERC-20 specification, many token contracts may not strictly follow the specification or have additional functionalities beyond the specification. In the following, we examine the transfer() routine and related idiosyncrasies from current widely-used token contracts.

In particular, we use the popular token, i.e., ZRX, as our example. We show the related code snippet below. On its entry of transfer(), there is a check, i.e., if (balances[msg.sender] >= _value && balances[_to] + _value >= balances[_to]). If the check fails, it returns false. However, the transaction still proceeds successfully without being reverted. This is not compliant with the ERC20 standard and may cause issues if not handled properly. Specifically, the ERC20 standard specifies the following: "Transfers _ value amount of tokens to address _ to, and MUST fire the Transfer event. The function SHOULD throw if the message caller's account balance does not have enough tokens to spend."

```
64
       function transfer(address _to, uint _value) returns (bool) {
65
            //Default assumes totalSupply can't be over max (2^256 - 1).
66
            if (balances[msg.sender] >= value && balances[ to] + value >= balances[ to]) {
67
                balances [msg.sender] -=
                                         value;
68
                balances [_to] += _value;
69
                Transfer(msg.sender, _to, _value);
70
                return true;
71
           } else { return false; }
72
       }
       function transferFrom(address _from, address _to, uint _value) returns (bool) {
```

```
75
            if (balances[from] >= value && allowed[from][msg.sender] >= value &&
                balances[_to] + _value >= balances[_to]) {
76
                balances [ to] += value;
77
                balances [ from ] -= value;
78
                allowed [ from ] [msg.sender] -= value;
79
                Transfer ( from, to, value);
                return true;
80
81
            } else { return false; }
82
```

Listing 3.1: ZRX.sol

Because of that, a normal call to transfer() is suggested to use the safe version, i.e., safeTransfer (), In essence, it is a wrapper around ERC20 operations that may either throw on failure or return false without reverts. Moreover, the safe version also supports tokens that return no value (and instead revert or throw on failure). Note that non-reverting calls are assumed to be successful. Similarly, there is a safe version of approve()/transferFrom() as well, i.e., safeApprove()/safeTransferFrom().

In the following, we show the batch_transfer() routine in the UXLINKERC20MultiSender contract. If the USDT token is supported as token, the unsafe version of token.transferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), fee) (lines 127 and 129) may revert as there is no return value in the USDT token contract's transfer()/transferFrom() implementation (but the IERC20 interface expects a return value)!

```
121
         function batch_transfer(address _token, address[] memory to, uint256 amount) public
122
             IERC20 token = IERC20(_token);
123
             uint256 fee = calculateWithdrawalFee(amount);
             uint256 amountAfterFee = amount - fee;
124
125
             for (uint256 i = 0; i < to.length; i++) {</pre>
126
                 if (fee > 0) {
127
                     token.transferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), fee);
128
129
                 token.transferFrom(msg.sender, to[i], amountAfterFee);
130
             }
131
```

Listing 3.2: UXLINKERC20MultiSender::batch_transfer()

Recommendation Accommodate the above-mentioned idiosyncrasy about ERC20-related approve()/transfer()/transferFrom(). Note another function batch_transfer_diffent_amount() shares the same issue.

Status This issue has been resolved by following the above suggestion.

3.2 Improved Gas Efficiency in Batch Transfers

• ID: PVE-002

• Severity: Informational

Likelihood: N/A

• Impact: N/A

• Target: UXLINKERC20MultiSender

• Category: Coding Practice [2]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-563 [1]

Description

The bulk-sending feature of the audited multi-sender contract is convenient and gas-friendly when compared to the need of sending separate transactions for each recipient. While reviewing the current implementation, we notice an opportunity to further reduce gas cost.

In the following, we show the implementation of a related function <code>batch_transfer()</code>. By design, the batch transfer feature allows to charge certain withdrawal fee. Our analysis shows that the withdraw fee is collected from the calling user to the contract itself multiple times (line 127), not once. As a result, we can revise it by calculating the total withdraw fee and collecting the fee once.

```
function batch_transfer(address _token, address[] memory to, uint256 amount) public
121
122
             IERC20 token = IERC20(_token);
123
             uint256 fee = calculateWithdrawalFee(amount);
124
             uint256 amountAfterFee = amount - fee;
125
             for (uint256 i = 0; i < to.length; i++) {</pre>
126
                 if (fee > 0) {
127
                     token.transferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), fee);
128
129
                 token.transferFrom(msg.sender, to[i], amountAfterFee);
130
             }
131
```

Listing 3.3: UXLINKERC20MultiSender::batch_transfer()

Recommendation Revise the above logic to efficiently collect withdraw fee. Note the same suggestion is also applicable to the batch_transfer_diffent_amount() routine. Their revisions are show below:

```
if (fee > 0) {
    token.transferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), fee * to.length);
}

131 }
132
133 }
```

Listing 3.4: Revised UXLINKERC20MultiSender::batch_transfer()

```
133
         function batch_transfer_diffent_amount(address _token, address[] memory to, uint[]
             memory amount) public {
134
             IERC20 token = IERC20(_token);
135
             require(to.length == amount.length, "address.len must equal amount.len ");
136
137
             uint256 total_fee;
138
             for (uint256 i = 0; i < to.length; i++) {</pre>
139
                 uint256 fee = calculateWithdrawalFee(amount[i]);
140
                 uint256 amountAfterFee = amount[i] - fee;
141
142
                 total_fee += fee;
143
                 token.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, to[i], amountAfterFee);
144
             }
145
146
             if (total_fee > 0) {
147
                 token.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), total_fee);
148
             }
149
150
```

Listing 3.5: Revised UXLINKERC20MultiSender::batch_transfer_diffent_amount()

Status This issue has been resolved by following the above suggestion.

4 Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of the ERC20 MultiSender contract, which is used to batch transfer ERC20 tokens to multiple recipient addresses in a single transaction, instead of sending tokens one by one. The current code base is well structured and neatly organized. Those identified issues are promptly confirmed and addressed.

Meanwhile, we need to emphasize that Solidity-based smart contracts as a whole are still in an early, but exciting stage of development. To improve this report, we greatly appreciate any constructive feedbacks or suggestions, on our methodology, audit findings, or potential gaps in scope/coverage.



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