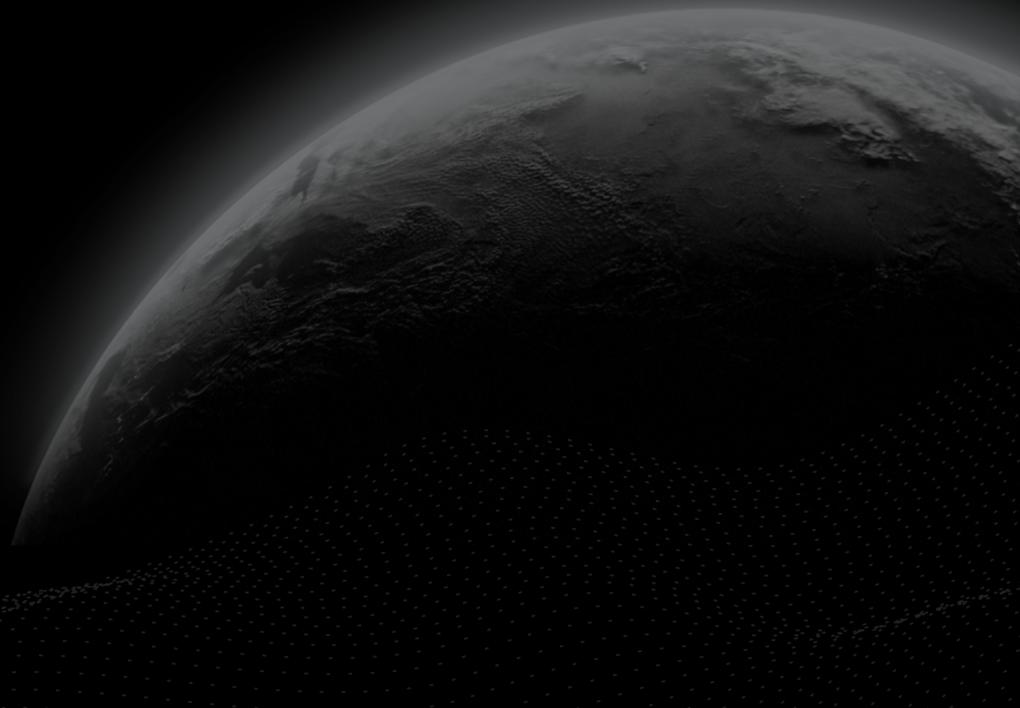




Preliminary Comments

NodeReal - BAS

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Executive Summary

TYPES

Chain, Chain-Consensus, Other-Contract

ECOSYSTEM

Binancé Smart Chain (BSC)

METHODS

Manual Review, Static Analysis

LANGUAGE

Golang, Solidity

TIMELINE

Delivered on 09/08/2022

KEY COMPONENTS

N/A

CODE BASE

github.com/node-real/semita-bas-genesis-config/tree/652...

CODE BASE

N/A

Vulnerability Summary



0 Critical

2 Major 2 Unresolved

2 Medium 2 Unresolved

1 Minor 10 Unresolved

1 Informational 1 Unresolved

0 Discussion

Critical risks are those that impact the safe functioning of a platform and must be addressed before launch. Users should not invest in any project with outstanding critical risks.

Major risks can include centralization issues and logical errors. Under specific circumstances, these major risks can lead to loss of funds and/or control of the project.

Medium risks may not pose a direct risk to users' funds, but they can affect the overall functioning of a platform.

Minor risks can be any of the above, but on a smaller scale. They generally do not compromise the overall integrity of the project, but they may be less efficient than other solutions.

Informational errors are often recommendations to improve the style of the code or certain operations to fall within industry best practices. They usually do not affect the overall functioning of the code.

The impact of the issue is yet to be determined, hence requires further clarifications from the project team.

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CODE BASE | NODEREAL - BAS

Repository

<https://github.com/node-real/semita-bas-genesis-config/tree/652deaeaa4b4197e3d02d163d6e76b58569ce000>

<https://github.com/node-real/semita-bas-template-bsc/tree/4ef88cb69162d1b28a502118ddd418176cb47fab>

AUDIT SCOPE | NODEREAL - BAS

17 files audited ● 9 files with Unresolved findings ● 8 files without findings

| ID | File | SHA256 Checksum |
|-------|---|--|
| ● TXP | core/tx_pool.go | a515eaab4a08eb42aaa6ef8c8e2f062b2bf3adbf825fbfee087b40a360f6911 |
| ● BAC | eth/backend.go | e52785358d0236a28cd94a4ec70e48eed1d7712fa7b0a144d6553d93aa1e34a |
| ● CRE | create-genesis.go | 93e3d6a19fad39e3396e8c48573609b387918b4d6c830d7a1a0308b26f3b5890 |
| ● CCB | contracts/ChainConfig.sol | c3be0557947f8e8af0840d62a9f1491158d919ac3fbc821429ac5a71786a42eb |
| ● RES | contracts/Reserve.sol | bb487f38737d07a04e87264b5899c94b651a93cc702b0d79f2acb932aab52a2 |
| ● REW | contracts/Reward.sol | 1d3f541196183f6ba3a73ec49afd70d0fa981465e1a2f1a23208938883e4cbab |
| ● SPB | contracts/StakingPool.sol | 7cd12d26b5f2fa7d913dfd7ff84c371b8b401f08e2782be78fddc67eb5027a0f |
| ● SRB | contracts/SystemReward.sol | 5bd0c2bac7b2402171b073ed937d78b6dcb6cef25ca41ec58c368367a557e8de |
| ● TLB | contracts/TimeLock.sol | 3b49fd1d9880b4b9e3a9154f7530fc1a1cd400af29684595f594ea078bc868a4 |
| ● CON | common/systemcontract/cons t.go | 1d5904e1a07eb9527a99c7ce23011babf9457eafd008c7a595fc2923c915152c |
| ● PAR | consensus/parlia/parlia.go | 78a3ea99c2bfd278dd95e915b685a92d929b50668a8822e4b3e7dcb510d8432 |
| ● DPB | contracts/DeployerProxy.sol | ce4331ec3d14841d5075a753e8518a29fde7635fd40fb71966bdd9ec4d63ef75 |
| ● GOV | contracts/Governance.sol | 776505f816a9c4cf74075b1ea088db39caa61b5c50cd12b7afabfab8f9722440 |
| ● ICH | contracts/InjectorContextHold er.sol | 59cbc8adae75619c477c6249142c5771a928e1301b1fe9103c716c15653c9928 |

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- RUB  contracts/RuntimeUpgrade.sol 407c9b4c24573cfe284a57194cede8e0b1b164a9f292ad606a99159586f0d862
- SIB  contracts/SlashingIndicator.sol 4572e0dfb21c03bd7153f3ee787fef46e15edec38f680cb7f24bdb1b1210dd39
- STA  contracts/Staking.sol b9f35efd61b4502075a6b3dd21729fc1c4c22eec21d0eeb31632a4054d68f59f

APPROACH & METHODS | NODEREAL - BAS

This report has been prepared for NodeReal to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the NodeReal - BAS project as well as any contract dependencies that were not part of an officially recognized library. A comprehensive examination has been performed, utilizing Manual Review and Static Analysis techniques.

The auditing process pays special attention to the following considerations:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors.
- Assessing the codebase to ensure compliance with current best practices and industry standards.
- Ensuring contract logic meets the specifications and intentions of the client.
- Cross referencing contract structure and implementation against similar smart contracts produced by industry leaders.
- Thorough line-by-line manual review of the entire codebase by industry experts.

The security assessment resulted in findings that ranged from critical to informational. We recommend addressing these findings to ensure a high level of security standards and industry practices. We suggest recommendations that could better serve the project from the security perspective:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors;
- Enhance general coding practices for better structures of source codes;
- Add enough unit tests to cover the possible use cases;
- Provide more comments per each function for readability, especially contracts that are verified in public;
- Provide more transparency on privileged activities once the protocol is live.

FINDINGS | NODEREAL - BAS



15

Total Findings

0

Critical

2

Major

2

Medium

10

Minor

1

Informational

0

Discussion

This report has been prepared to discover issues and vulnerabilities for NodeReal - BAS. Through this audit, we have uncovered 15 issues ranging from different severity levels. Utilizing Static Analysis techniques to complement rigorous manual code reviews, we discovered the following findings:

| ID | Title | Category | Severity | Status |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------|------------|
| BAC-01 | Returned Error Not Checked | Control Flow | Minor | Unresolved |
| CCB-01 | Centralization Risks In ChainConfig.Sol | Centralization / Privilege | Major | Unresolved |
| CCB-02 | Potential DOS Attack | Logical Issue | Informational | Unresolved |
| CON-01 | Unprotected Upgradeable Contract | Language Specific | Minor | Unresolved |
| CON-02 | Missing Zero Address Validation | Volatile Code | Minor | Unresolved |
| CON-03 | Usage Of <code>transfer</code> / <code>send</code> For Sending Ether | Volatile Code | Minor | Unresolved |
| CRE-01 | Incorrect Comment About Token Amount | Inconsistency | Minor | Unresolved |
| REW-01 | <code>burnAndRelease()</code> Algorithm Is Not Deterministic | Logical Issue | Medium | Unresolved |
| REW-02 | Unnecessary Use Of <code>return</code> | Language Specific | Minor | Unresolved |
| TLB-01 | Centralization Risks In TimeLock.Sol | Centralization / Privilege | Major | Unresolved |
| TLB-02 | Lack Of Storage Gap In Upgradeable Contracts | Language Specific | Medium | Unresolved |

| ID | Title | Category | Severity | Status |
|------------------------|--|---------------|----------|--------------|
| TLB-03 | Unused Import Library <code>Strings.sol</code> | Volatile Code | Minor | ● Unresolved |
| TLB-04 | Unused State Variable | Volatile Code | Minor | ● Unresolved |
| TLB-05 | Missing Zero Address Validation On <code>admin</code> | Logical Issue | Minor | ● Unresolved |
| TXP-01 | Local Accounts Can Not Be Added/Removed To/From Gas Free Account Set | Logical Issue | Minor | ● Unresolved |

BAC-01 | FINDING DETAILS

Finding Title

Returned Error Not Checked

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|--------------|----------|---|-----------|
| Control Flow | ● Minor | eth/backend.go (template-bsc-v1): 615~616 | ● Pending |

Description

The error returned by `abi.JSON()` is not checked. If `abi.JSON()` returns error, the current function should return with the error immediately. Otherwise, invalid `chainConfig` will be used by subsequent code and may cause confusion since different error may be returned.

Recommendation

We recommend handling returned error properly.

CCB-01 | FINDING DETAILS

Finding Title

Centralization Risks In ChainConfig.Sol

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|----------------------------|----------|---|-----------|
| Centralization / Privilege | ● Major | contracts/ChainConfig.sol (genesis-config-v1): 203, 215 | ● Pending |

Description

In the contract `ChainConfig` the role `freeGasAddressAdmin` has authority over the functions shown in the diagram below. Any compromise to the `freeGasAddressAdmin` account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this authority and add/remove gas free addresses at will.



Recommendation

The risk describes the current project design and potentially makes iterations to improve in the security operation and level of decentralization, which in most cases cannot be resolved entirely at the present stage. We advise the client to carefully manage the privileged account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., multisignature wallets. Indicatively, here are some feasible suggestions that would also mitigate the potential risk at a different level in terms of short-term, long-term and permanent:

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AND

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Permanent:

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- Renounce the ownership and never claim back the privileged roles.
OR
- Remove the risky functionality.

CCB-02 | FINDING DETAILS

Finding Title

Potential DOS Attack

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|---------------|-----------------|--|-----------|
| Logical Issue | ● Informational | contracts/ChainConfig.sol (genesis-config-v1): 203 | ● Pending |

Description

The owners of gas free addresses can send transactions without any cost. So if they become malicious or their private keys are stolen, the hackers can shut down the blockchain network by flooding the network with numerous gas free transactions.

Recommendation

We recommend carefully protecting private keys of gas free addresses.

CON-01 | FINDING DETAILS

Finding Title

Unprotected Upgradeable Contract

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|-------------------|----------|--|---------|
| Language Specific | Minor | contracts/ChainConfig.sol (genesis-config-v1): 67; contracts/Reserve.sol (genesis-config-v1): 35; contracts/Reward.sol (genesis-config-v1): 49 | Pending |

Description

"Do not leave an implementation contract uninitialized. An uninitialized implementation contract can be taken over by an attacker, which may impact the proxy." See https://docs.openzeppelin.com/upgrades-plugins/1.x/writing-upgradeable#initializing_the_implementation_contract

Recommendation

We recommend invoking the `_disableInitializers()` function in the constructor to automatically lock it when it is deployed.

CON-02 | FINDING DETAILS

Finding Title

Missing Zero Address Validation

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|---------------|----------|---|---------|
| Volatile Code | Minor | contracts/ChainConfig.sol (genesis-config-v1): 96, 188, 207; contracts/Reward.sol (genesis-config-v1): 50, 69 | Pending |

Description

Addresses should be checked before assignment or external call to make sure they are not zero addresses.

```
96      freeGasAddressAdmin = _freeGasAddressAdmin;
```

- `_freeGasAddressAdmin` is not zero-checked before being used.

```
50      foundationAddress = _foundationAddress;
```

- `_foundationAddress` is not zero-checked before being used.

```
69      foundationAddress = _foundationAddress;
```

- `_foundationAddress` is not zero-checked before being used.

Recommendation

We advise adding a zero-check for the passed-in address value to prevent unexpected errors.

CON-03 | FINDING DETAILS

Finding Title

Usage Of `transfer` / `send` For Sending Ether

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|---------------|----------|---|---------|
| Volatile Code | Minor | contracts/Reserve.sol (genesis-config-v1): 39; contracts/Reward.sol (genesis-config-v1): 138; contracts/StakingPool.sol (genesis-config-v1): 188; contracts/SystemReward.sol (genesis-config-v1): 126 | Pending |

Description

It is not recommended to use Solidity's `transfer()` and `send()` functions for transferring Ether, since some contracts may not be able to receive the funds. Those functions forward only a fixed amount of gas (2300 specifically) and the receiving contracts may run out of gas before finishing the transfer. Also, EVM instructions' gas costs may increase in the future. Thus, some contracts that can receive now may stop working in the future due to the gas limitation.

```
39 payable(address(addr)).transfer(amount);
```

- `Reserve.release` uses `transfer()`.

```
138 payable(deadAddress).transfer(burned);
```

- `Reward.burnAndRelease` uses `transfer()`.

```
188 payable(address(msg.sender)).transfer(amount);
```

- `StakingPool.claim` uses `transfer()`.

```
126 payableTreasury.transfer(amountToPay);
```

- `SystemReward._claimSystemFee` uses `transfer()`.

Recommendation

We recommend using the `Address.sendValue()` function from OpenZeppelin.

Since `Address.sendValue()` may allow reentrancy, we also recommend guarding against reentrancy attacks by utilizing the Checks-Effects-Interactions Pattern or applying OpenZeppelin ReentrancyGuard.

CRE-01 | FINDING DETAILS

Finding Title

Incorrect Comment About Token Amount

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|---------------|----------|---|-----------|
| Inconsistency | ● Minor | create-genesis.go (genesis-config-v1): 491, 492 | ● Pending |

Description

The relevant token amount number in code is actually in wei, NOT in ether.

Recommendation

We recommend changing the identified comments to (in wei) .

REW-01 | FINDING DETAILS

Finding Title

`burnAndRelease()` Algorithm Is Not Deterministic

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|---------------|----------|---|-----------|
| Logical Issue | ● Medium | contracts/Reward.sol (genesis-config-v1): 132~147 | ● Pending |

Description

The result depends on timing of transactions. It is possible that the same queue of transactions can lead to different results due to different timing of transactions. For example, if the timing of calls to `burnAndRelease()` is carefully designed, it is possible that no token will be burned. This behavior will make the promise of deflationary token economy broken.

Recommendation

We recommend reviewing the `burnAndRelease()` function to make sure it works as intended.

REW-02 | FINDING DETAILS

Finding Title

Unnecessary Use Of `return`

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|-------------------|----------|--|-----------|
| Language Specific | ● Minor | contracts/Reward.sol (genesis-config-v1): 78, 101, 125 | ● Pending |

Description

The function `cancelTransaction()` returns nothing. Thus the use of `return` is unnecessary.

Recommendation

We recommend removing the use of `return`.

TLB-01 | FINDING DETAILS

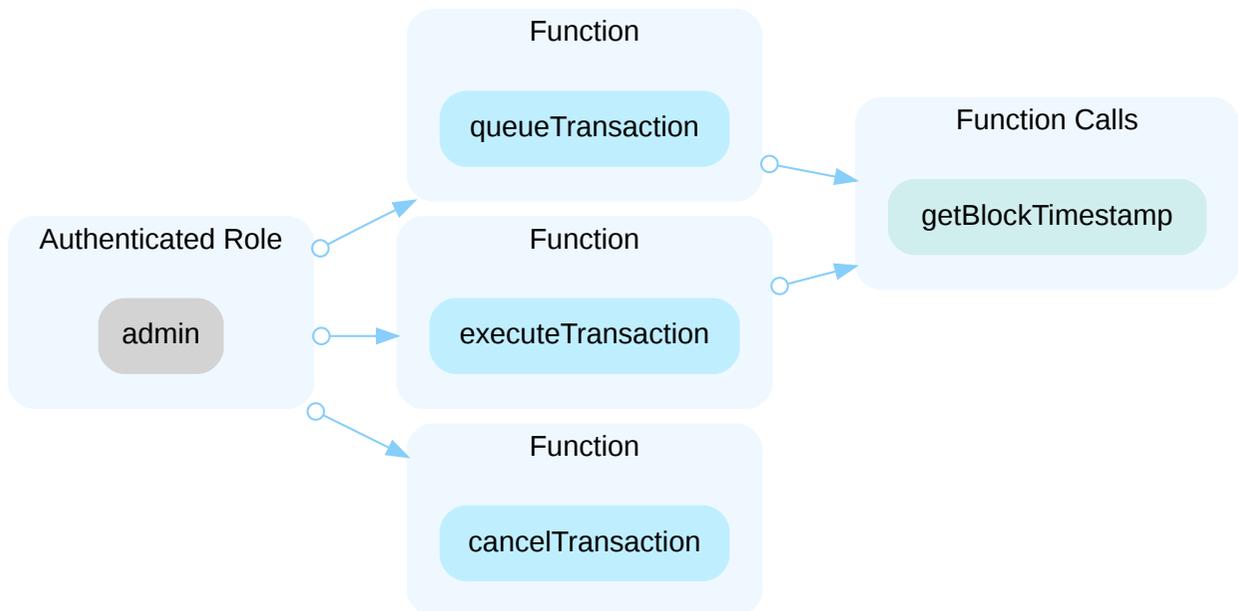
Finding Title

Centralization Risks In TimeLock.Sol

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|----------------------------|----------|---|-----------|
| Centralization / Privilege | ● Major | contracts/TimeLock.sol (genesis-config-v1): 124, 144, 159 | ● Pending |

Description

In the contract `TimeLock` the role `admin` has authority over the functions shown in the diagram below. Any compromise to the `admin` account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this authority and change admin and delay at will.



Recommendation

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TLB-02 | FINDING DETAILS

Finding Title

Lack Of Storage Gap In Upgradeable Contracts

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|-------------------|----------|---|-----------|
| Language Specific | ● Medium | contracts/TimeLock.sol (genesis-config-v1): 196 | ● Pending |

Description

For upgradeable contracts, there must be storage gap to "allow developers to freely add new state variables in the future without compromising the storage compatibility with existing deployments". Otherwise it may be very difficult to write new implementation code. See https://docs.openzeppelin.com/contracts/4.x/upgradeable#storage_gaps

Recommendation

We recommend adding storage gap at the end of upgradeable contracts.

TLB-03 | FINDING DETAILS

Finding Title

Unused Import Library `Strings.sol`

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|---------------|----------|--|-----------|
| Volatile Code | ● Minor | contracts/TimeLock.sol (genesis-config-v1): 15 | ● Pending |

Description

The imported library `Strings.sol` is not used in the contract.

Recommendation

We recommend removing the unused import.

TLB-04 | FINDING DETAILS

Finding Title

Unused State Variable

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|---------------|----------|--|-----------|
| Volatile Code | ● Minor | contracts/TimeLock.sol (genesis-config-v1): 53 | ● Pending |

Description

The state variable `_admin_initialized` is not used in the contract.

Recommendation

We recommend removing the unused variable.

TLB-05 | FINDING DETAILS

Finding Title

Missing Zero Address Validation On `admin`

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|---------------|----------|--|-----------|
| Logical Issue | ● Minor | contracts/TimeLock.sol (genesis-config-v1): 65 | ● Pending |

Description

`admin` can not be invalid zero address. Otherwise, the modifier `onlyAdmin` and functions `queueTransaction()/cancelTransaction()/executeTransaction()` will not work.

Recommendation

We recommend adding a check to make sure `admin` is not zero address.

TXP-01 | FINDING DETAILS

Finding Title

Local Accounts Can Not Be Added/Removed To/From Gas Free Account Set

| Category | Severity | Location | Status |
|---------------|----------|--|-----------|
| Logical Issue | ● Minor | core/tx_pool.go (template-bsc-v1): 723~726, 1282 | ● Pending |

Description

If a local account becomes a gas free account, it can not be added/removed to/from gas free account set. And local account set can not shrink. This may deviate from intended design.

Recommendation

We recommend reviewing the mentioned situation and make sure it is intended.

APPENDIX | NODEREAL - BAS

Finding Categories

| Categories | Description |
|----------------------------|--|
| Centralization / Privilege | Centralization / Privilege findings refer to either feature logic or implementation of components that act against the nature of decentralization, such as explicit ownership or specialized access roles in combination with a mechanism to relocate funds. |
| Logical Issue | Logical Issue findings detail a fault in the logic of the linked code, such as an incorrect notion on how block.timestamp works. |
| Control Flow | Control Flow findings concern the access control imposed on functions, such as owner-only functions being invoke-able by anyone under certain circumstances. |
| Volatile Code | Volatile Code findings refer to segments of code that behave unexpectedly on certain edge cases that may result in a vulnerability. |
| Language Specific | Language Specific findings are issues that would only arise within Solidity, i.e. incorrect usage of private or delete. |
| Inconsistency | Inconsistency findings refer to functions that should seemingly behave similarly yet contain different code, such as a constructor assignment imposing different require statements on the input variables than a setter function. |

Checksum Calculation Method

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