

Security Assessment

Irena Coin

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Summary

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

- 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.

Overview

Project Summary

Project Name	Irena Coin
Platform	BSC
Language	Solidity
Codebase	https://bscscan.com/token/0x9eeb6c5ff183e6001c65a12d70026b900ae76781
Commit	

Audit Summary

Delivery Date	May 07, 2022 UTC
Audit Methodology	Static Analysis, Manual Review

Vulnerability Summary

Vulnerability Level	Total	Pending	Declined	Acknowledged	Mitigated	Partially Resolved	Resolved
Critical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
 Major 	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Medium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minor	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
 Informational 	6	0	0	6	0	0	0
 Discussion 	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Audit Scope

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
CTC	CoinToken.sol	263533caa72e05edb5b9e6f76acc617e31d0cda84a7a0277f742637317dc87b3

Understandings

IRENA has implemented a deflationary token. The contract has been deployed at the address <u>0x9eeb6c5ff183e6001c65a12d70026b900ae76781</u> by deployer <u>0x3ee42e5e41aa543eb7b95a3473a393e03561ccba</u>

Privileged Functions

There are a few privileged roles that are adopted in the Project:

• The role _owner is adopted to update the configurations of the contract.

We summarized the contract role-related event below:

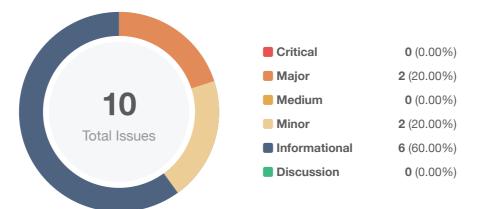
As Initial distribution IRENA tokens are sent to the deployer address in the tx as initial distribution.

The deployer was set as the fee address in \underline{tx}

In April 27th 2022, the balance of the deployer address <u>0x3ee42e5e41aa543eb7b95a3473a393e03561ccba</u> is 214020348326034389.

To improve the trustworthiness of the project, dynamic runtime updates in the project should be notified to the community. Any plan to invoke the aforementioned functions should be also considered to move to the execution queue of the Timelock contract.

Findings



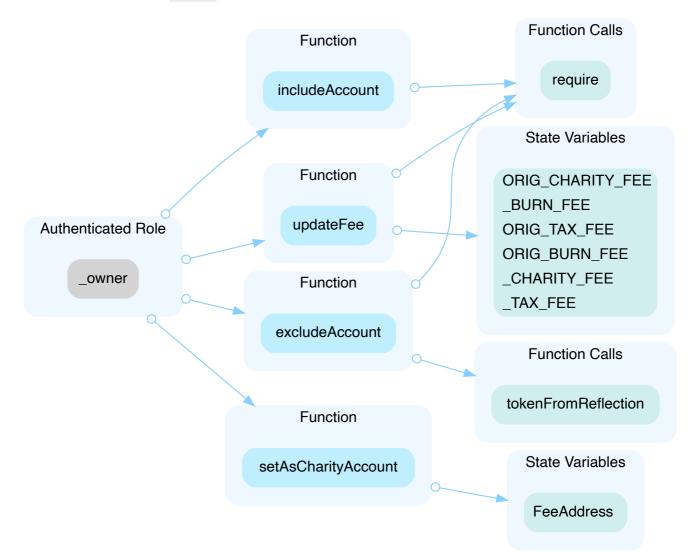
ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
CTC-01	Centralization Risks In CoinToken.sol	Centralization / Privilege	• Major	(i) Acknowledged
CTC-02	Initial Token Distribution	Centralization / Privilege	 Major 	(i) Acknowledged
CTC-03	Usage Of transfer() For Sending Ether	Volatile Code	 Minor 	Acknowledged
CTC-04	Lack Of Check Whether FeeAddress Is Excluded	Logical Issue	Minor	(i) Acknowledged
CTC-05	Missing Emit Events	Coding Style	 Informational 	(i) Acknowledged
CTC-06	Missing Error Messages	Coding Style	 Informational 	(i) Acknowledged
CTC-07	Variables That Could Be Declared As constant	Gas Optimization	Informational	(i) Acknowledged
CTC-08	Variables That Could Be Declared As Immutable	Gas Optimization	Informational	(i) Acknowledged
CTC-09	Unlocked Compiler Version	Language Specific	 Informational 	Acknowledged
CTC-10	Redundant Code	Logical Issue	 Informational 	Acknowledged

CTC-01 | Centralization Risks In CoinToken.sol

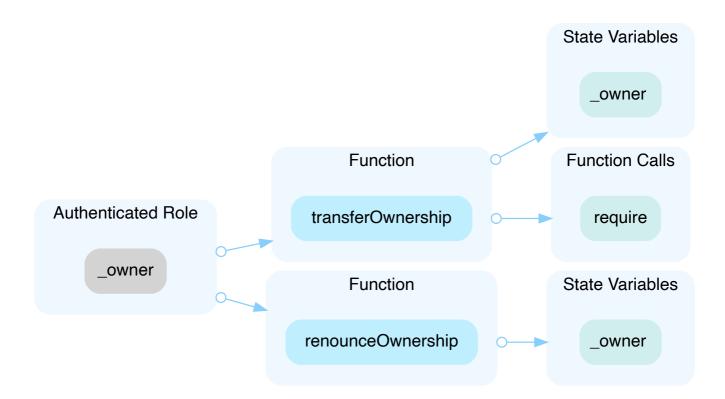
Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Major	CoinToken.sol: 425, 434, 591, 600, 613, 618	(i) Acknowledged

Description

In the contract CoinToken the role _owner has authority over the functions shown in the diagram below. Any compromise to the _owner account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this authority.



In the contract Ownable the role _owner has authority over the functions shown in the diagram below. Any compromise to the _owner account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this authority.



Since the ownership is renounced, it will not cause any actual issue for the contract deployed at the address <u>0x9eeb6c5ff183e6001c65a12d70026b900ae76781</u>. This finding only serves as a warning and will be marked as resolved in the final report.

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:

Short Term:

Timelock and Multi sign (²/₃, ³/₅) combination *mitigate* by delaying the sensitive operation and avoiding a single point of key management failure.

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations; AND
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to the private key compromised;

AND

• A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract and multi-signers addresses information with the public audience.

Long Term:

Timelock and DAO, the combination, *mitigate* by applying decentralization and transparency.

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations; AND
- Introduction of a DAO/governance/voting module to increase transparency and user involvement. AND
- A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract, multi-signers addresses, and DAO information with the public audience.

Permanent:

Renouncing the ownership or removing the function can be considered *fully resolved*.

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

Alleviation

CTC-02 | Initial Token Distribution

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Major	CoinToken.sol: 492	(i) Acknowledged

Description

All of the CoinToken tokens are sent to the token0wner when deploying the contract. This could be a centralization risk as the token0wner can distribute CoinToken tokens without obtaining the consensus of the community.

According to the <u>tx</u> of the deployment of this contract, all the tokens were transferred to the address 0x3ee42e5e41aa543eb7b95a3473a393e03561ccba.

As of April-27 2022, the balance of the address <u>0x3ee42e5e41aa543eb7b95a3473a393e03561ccba</u> is 214020348326034389.

More information can be found here.

Recommendation

We recommend the team to be transparent regarding the initial token distribution process, and the team shall make enough efforts to restrict the access of the private key.

Alleviation

CTC-03 | Usage Of transfer() For Sending Ether

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	CoinToken.sol: 493	(i) Acknowledged

Description

After <u>EIP-1884</u> was included in the Istanbul hard fork, it is not recommended to use .transfer() or .send() for transferring ether as these functions have a hard-coded value for gas costs making them obsolete as they are forwarding a fixed amount of gas, specifically 2300. This can cause issues in case the linked statements are meant to be able to transfer funds to other contracts instead of EOAs.

Recommendation

We advise that the linked .transfer() and .send() calls are substituted with the utilization of <u>the</u> <u>sendValue()</u> function from the Address.sol implementation of OpenZeppelin either by directly importing the library or copying the linked code.

Alleviation

CTC-04 | Lack Of Check Whether FeeAddress Is Excluded

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Minor	CoinToken.sol: 798	(i) Acknowledged

Description

According to the logic of this contract, the _t0wned value of an address should only be updated when this address is excluded. In _sendToCharity function, there is no validation that the FeeAddress is excluded.

Recommendation

Consider checking whether the FeeAddress is excluded in _sendToCharity function:

```
function _sendToCharity(uint256 tCharity, address sender) private {
    uint256 currentRate = _getRate();
    uint256 rCharity = tCharity.mul(currentRate);
    _rOwned[FeeAddress] = _rOwned[FeeAddress].add(rCharity);
    if(_isExcluded[FeeAddress]){
        _tOwned[FeeAddress] = _tOwned[FeeAddress].add(tCharity);
    }
    emit Transfer(sender, FeeAddress, tCharity);
}
```

Alleviation

CTC-05 | Missing Emit Events

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	Informational	CoinToken.sol: 591, 600, 613, 618	(i) Acknowledged

Description

There should always be events emitted in the sensitive functions that are controlled by centralization roles:

- excludeAccount()
- includeAccount()
- setAsCharityAccount()
- updateFee()

Recommendation

It is recommended emitting events for the sensitive functions that are controlled by centralization roles.

Alleviation

CTC-06 | Missing Error Messages

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	Informational	CoinToken.sol: 619	(i) Acknowledged

Description

The **require** can be used to check for conditions and throw an exception if the condition is not met. It is better to provide a string message containing details about the error that will be passed back to the caller.

Recommendation

We advise adding error messages to the linked **require** statements.

Alleviation

CTC-07 | Variables That Could Be Declared As constant

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	 Informational 	CoinToken.sol: 457, 459	(i) Acknowledged

Description

The linked variables could be declared as constant since these state variables are never modified.

Recommendation

We recommend to declare these variables as constant.

Alleviation

CTC-08 | Variables That Could Be Declared As Immutable

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	Informational	CoinToken.sol: 454, 458	(i) Acknowledged

Description

The linked variables assigned in the constructor can be declared as immutable. Immutable state variables can be assigned during contract creation but will remain constant throughout the lifetime of a deployed contract. A big advantage of immutable variables is that reading them is significantly cheaper than reading from regular state variables since they will not be stored in storage.

Recommendation

We recommend declaring these variables as immutable. Please note that the immutable keyword only works in Solidity version v0.6.5 and up.

Alleviation

CTC-09 | Unlocked Compiler Version

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Language Specific	Informational	CoinToken.sol: 3	(i) Acknowledged

Description

The contract has unlocked compiler version. An unlocked compiler version in the source code of the contract permits the user to compile it at or above a particular version. This, in turn, leads to differences in the generated bytecode between compilations due to differing compiler version numbers. This can lead to an ambiguity when debugging as compiler specific bugs may occur in the codebase that would be hard to identify over a span of multiple compiler versions rather than a specific one.

Recommendation

We advise that the compiler version is instead locked at the lowest version possible that the contract can be compiled at. For example, for version v0.8.2 the contract should contain the following line:

pragma solidity 0.8.2;

Alleviation

CTC-10 | Redundant Code

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Informational	CoinToken.sol: 659	(i) Acknowledged

Description

The condition <code>!_isExcluded[sender] && !_isExcluded[recipient]</code> can be included in else .

Recommendation

The following code can be removed:

```
1 ... else if (!_isExcluded[sender] && !_isExcluded[recipient]) {
2    _transferStandard(sender, recipient, amount);
3 } ...
```

Alleviation

Appendix

Finding Categories

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.

Gas Optimization

Gas Optimization findings do not affect the functionality of the code but generate different, more optimal EVM opcodes resulting in a reduction on the total gas cost of a transaction.

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.

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.

Coding Style

Coding Style findings usually do not affect the generated byte-code but rather comment on how to make the codebase more legible and, as a result, easily maintainable.

Checksum Calculation Method

The "Checksum" field in the "Audit Scope" section is calculated as the SHA-256 (Secure Hash Algorithm 2 with digest size of 256 bits) digest of the content of each file hosted in the listed source repository under the specified commit.

The result is hexadecimal encoded and is the same as the output of the Linux "sha256sum" command against the target file.

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