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'DECA' DEcentralized CARbon tokens - ITDE (initial token distribution event)

This smart contract audit was prepared by Quantstamp, the protocol for securing smart contracts.

## Executive Summary

**Type** Token sale

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**Timeline** 2019-09-30 through 2020-06-30

**EVM** Byzantium

**Languages** Solidity

**Methods** Architecture Review, Computer-Aided Verification, Manual Review

**Specification**

Repository	Commit
<a href="#">DCC</a>	<a href="#">fc1c6377</a>

**Goals**

- Can users purchase tokens?
- Does the sale conform to the provided specification?
- Can owner take advantage of the sale?

**Total Issues** 9 (9 Resolved)

**High Risk Issues** 4 (4 Resolved)

**Medium Risk Issues** 1 (1 Resolved)

**Low Risk Issues** 2 (2 Resolved)

**Informational Risk Issues** 2 (2 Resolved)

**Undetermined Risk Issues** 0 (0 Resolved)



⚠ High Risk	The issue puts a large number of users' sensitive information at risk, or is reasonably likely to lead to catastrophic impact for client's reputation or serious financial implications for client and users.
⚠ Medium Risk	The issue puts a subset of users' sensitive information at risk, would be detrimental for the client's reputation if exploited, or is reasonably likely to lead to moderate financial impact.
✓ Low Risk	The risk is relatively small and could not be exploited on a recurring basis, or is a risk that the client has indicated is low-impact in view of the client's business circumstances.
ℹ Informational	The issue does not post an immediate risk, but is relevant to security best practices or Defence in Depth.
❓ Undetermined	The impact of the issue is uncertain.
⚠ Unresolved	Acknowledged the existence of the risk, and decided to accept it without engaging in special efforts to control it.
⚠ Acknowledged	The issue remains in the code but is a result of an intentional business or design decision. As such, it is supposed to be addressed outside the programmatic means, such as: 1) comments, documentation, README, FAQ; 2) business processes; 3) analyses showing that the issue shall have no negative consequences in practice (e.g., gas analysis, deployment settings).
✓ Resolved	Adjusted program implementation, requirements or constraints to eliminate the risk.

◦ Mitigated

Implemented actions to minimize the impact or likelihood of the risk.

## Summary of Findings

We have found a number of issues with the code. Importantly, the owner can perform arbitrary token minting and will receive a much higher number of tokens than the comment in the code would suggest. The code adheres to some best practices, but lacks a test suite.

**Update (1):** although the previously found issues have been mostly addressed, the team introduced two new high-severity issues. One of the issues could've been avoided, had the team not relied on clone-and-own code reuse and used OpenZeppelin ERC20 implementation instead. Furthermore, as is, the code is not fully ERC20-compatible. We recommend against deploying the current code.

**Update (2):** the two new high-severity issues have been addressed. We limited re-audit to [DECA\\_ERC20\\_0.5.3.sol](#). [DECA\\_ERC20\\_0.4.26.sol](#) remains vulnerable.

**Update (3):** the team has addressed all our findings.

**Update (4):** we have reviewed the changed up to commit [efc8046](#). One medium-severity issue was found.

**Update (5):** All issues have been addressed as of commit [bcf24df](#).

ID	Description	Severity	Status
QSP-1	The owner would receive significantly more tokens than they should	^ High	Resolved
QSP-2	Arbitrary token minting by the owner	^ High	Resolved
QSP-3	Testing code manages bonus sales	^ High	Resolved
QSP-4	The function <code>approve()</code> does not set an allowance	^ High	Resolved
QSP-5	Integer Overflow / Underflow	^ Medium	Fixed
QSP-6	Allowance Double-Spend Exploit	^ Low	Resolved
QSP-7	Outdated Syntax	^ Low	Resolved
QSP-8	Unlocked Pragma	o Informational	Resolved
QSP-9	Clone-and-Own	o Informational	Resolved

## Quantstamp Audit Breakdown

Quantstamp's objective was to evaluate the repository for security-related issues, code quality, and adherence to specification and best practices.

### Toolset

The notes below outline the setup and steps performed in the process of this audit.

### Setup

Tool Setup:

- [Maian](#) commit sha: ab387e1
- [Mythril](#) v0.2.7
- [Securify](#) None
- [Slither](#) v0.6.6



Steps taken to run the tools:

1. Cloned the MAIAN tool: `git clone --depth 1 https://github.com/MAIAN-tool/MAIAN.git maian`
2. Ran the MAIAN tool on each contract: `cd maian/tool/ && python3 maian.py -s path/to/contract contract.sol`
3. Installed the Mythril tool from Pypi: `pip3 install mythril`
4. Ran the Mythril tool on each contract: `myth -x path/to/contract`
5. Ran the Securify tool: `java -Xmx6048m -jar securify-0.1.jar -fs contract.sol`
6. Installed the Slither tool: `pip install slither-analyzer`
7. Run Slither from the project directory: `slither .s`

## Findings

QSP-1 The owner would receive significantly more tokens than they should

**Severity:** *High Risk*

**Status:** Resolved

**File(s) affected:** `DECA_ERC20_0.4.18.sol`

**Description:** According to the comment in line 232, the owner is entitled to 2% of the tokens. In the implementation, however, (in lines 243 and 247: `safeDiv(tokens, percentage)`), the owner will actually get 50% of the tokens.

**Recommendation:** We recommend updating the code so that the owner is entitled to the 2% supply instead of 50%.

**Update:** the code has been updated, however, the line 126 refers to `README.md`, but the file contains no relevant information.

QSP-2 Arbitrary token minting by the owner

**Severity:** *High Risk*

**Status:** Resolved

**File(s) affected:** `DECA_ERC20_0.4.18.sol`

**Description:** The owner can mint an arbitrary amount of tokens for themselves by simply calling the payable function repeatedly (which sends the ETH right back to the owner). Since this is an uncapped token, users cannot know in advance what percentage of the total supply they will have at the end of the token sale.

**Recommendation:** We recommend updating the code in a way so that the fallback function does not send the funds to the owner but keeps them in the contract for as long as the token sale is pending.

QSP-3 Testing code manages bonus sales

**Severity:** *High Risk*

**Status:** Resolved

**File(s) affected:** `DECA_ERC20_0.5.3.sol`

**Description:** The lines 112-116 contain testing code as opposed to production code. Specifically, time-dependent bonuses are given according to intervals determined by hours instead of weeks.

**Recommendation:** We recommend updating the code so that it uses weeks instead of hours to determine bonuses.

QSP-4 The function `approve()` does not set an allowance

**Severity:** *High Risk*

**Status:** Resolved

**File(s) affected:** `DECA_ERC20_0.5.3.sol`

**Description:** The ERC20 function `approve()` is supposed to set an allowance. In the current implementation it only emits an event and returns a boolean value. Furthermore, it cannot be called if there is any existing allowance, which does not

conform to the ERC20 standard.

**Recommendation:** We recommend: 1) adding the statement `allowed[msg.sender][spender] = tokens;` before line 156; and 2) removing the condition in line 155.

This issue could've been avoided, had the team followed our initial advice on using OpenZeppelin ERC20 implementation instead of clone-and-own code reuse.

#### QSP-5 Integer Overflow / Underflow

**Severity:** *Medium Risk*

**Status:** Fixed

**File(s) affected:** `DECA.sol`

**Description:** Integer overflow/underflow occur when an integer hits its bit-size limit. Every integer has a set range; when that range is passed, the value loops back around. A clock is a good analogy: at 11:59, the minute hand goes to 0, not 60, because 59 is the largest possible minute. Integer overflow and underflow may cause many unexpected kinds of behavior and was the core reason for the `batchOverflow` attack. Here's an example with `uint8` variables, meaning unsigned integers with a range of `0..255`.  

```
function under_overflow() public { uint8 num_players = 0;
num_players = num_players - 1; // 0 - 1 now equals 255!
if (num_players == 255) { emit LogUnderflow(); // underflow occurred }
uint8 jackpot = 255;
jackpot = jackpot + 1; // 255 + 1 now equals 0!
if (jackpot == 0) { emit LogOverflow(); // overflow occurred } }
```

  
In the function `appendWeeks()`, if the argument `appendWeeks` is too large, the `endDate` computation on L160 may overflow and cause the sale to immediately end.

**Recommendation:** Use the OpenZeppelin SafeMath library, or add a `require`-statement ensuring that the updated `endDate` will be greater than its previous value.

#### QSP-6 Allowance Double-Spend Exploit

**Severity:** *Low Risk*

**Status:** Resolved

**File(s) affected:** `DECA_ERC20_0.4.18.sol`

**Related Issue(s):** [SWC-114](#)

**Description:** As it presently is constructed, the contract is vulnerable to the [allowance double-spend exploit](#), as with other ERC20 tokens.

#### Exploit Scenario:

1. Alice allows Bob to transfer `N` amount of Alice's tokens ( $N > 0$ ) by calling the `approve()` method on `Token` smart contract (passing Bob's address and `N` as method arguments)
2. After some time, Alice decides to change from `N` to `M` ( $M > 0$ ) the number of Alice's tokens Bob is allowed to transfer, so she calls the `approve()` method again, this time passing Bob's address and `M` as method arguments
3. Bob notices Alice's second transaction before it was mined and quickly sends another transaction that calls the `transferFrom()` method to transfer `N` Alice's tokens somewhere
4. If Bob's transaction will be executed before Alice's transaction, then Bob will successfully transfer `N` Alice's tokens and will gain an ability to transfer another `M` tokens
5. Before Alice notices any irregularities, Bob calls `transferFrom()` method again, this time to transfer `M` Alice's tokens.

**Recommendation:** The exploit (as described above) is mitigated through use of functions that increase/decrease the allowance relative to its current value, such as `increaseAllowance` and `decreaseAllowance`.

Pending community agreement on an ERC standard that would protect against this exploit, we recommend that developers of applications dependent on `approve()` / `transferFrom()` should keep in mind that they have to set allowance to 0 first and verify if it was used before setting the new value. Teams who decide to wait for such a standard should make these recommendations to app developers who work with their token contract.

#### QSP-7 Outdated Syntax



**Severity:** *Low Risk*

**Status:** Resolved

**File(s) affected:** [DECA\\_ERC20\\_0.4.18.sol](#)

**Related Issue(s):** [SWC-102](#)

**Description:** As security standards develop, so does the Solidity language. In order to stay up to date with current practices, it's important to use a recent version of Solidity and recent conventions. For example, the attribute `constant` on functions is deprecated.

**Recommendation:** We recommend updating the required compiler version to at least 0.5.3.

#### QSP-8 Unlocked Pragma

**Severity:** *Informational*

**Status:** Resolved

**File(s) affected:** [DECA\\_ERC20\\_0.4.18.sol](#)

**Related Issue(s):** [SWC-103](#)

**Description:** Every Solidity file specifies in the header a version number of the format `pragma solidity (^)0.4.*`. The caret (^) before the version number implies an unlocked pragma, meaning that the compiler will use the specified version *and above*, hence the term "unlocked".

**Recommendation:** For consistency and to prevent unexpected behavior in the future, it is recommended to remove the caret to lock the file onto a specific Solidity version.

#### QSP-9 Clone-and-Own

**Severity:** *Informational*

**Status:** Resolved

**File(s) affected:** [DECA\\_ERC20\\_0.4.18.sol](#)

**Description:** The clone-and-own approach involves copying and adjusting open source code at one's own discretion. From the development perspective, it is initially beneficial as it reduces the amount of effort. However, from the security perspective, it involves some risks as the code may not follow the best practices, may contain a security vulnerability, or may include intentionally or unintentionally modified upstream libraries. Specifically, we noticed code cloned from OpenZeppelin libraries.

**Recommendation:** Rather than the clone-and-own approach, a good industry practice is to use the Truffle framework for managing library dependencies. This eliminates the clone-and-own risks yet allows for following best practices, such as, using libraries.

**Update:** as of commit [f609015](#) the contract cloned the code of OpenZeppelin `Ownable` and `Pausable` contracts because the owner is not `payable` in OpenZeppelin contracts. Another possibility would be to reuse the OpenZeppelin contracts and then convert the owner address to `payable` as needed.

#### Adherence to Specification

There is no specification besides some inline comments in the code.

Although it is not clear whether the token should support burning or not, tokens can be "effectively burned" by sending them to address `0x0`. It is possible since the function `transfer()` does not enforce that the value of `to` is different from `0x0`. Furthermore, the function `totalSupply()`, in line 144 excludes the balance of the address `0x0` from the total supply. **Update:** fixed.

The meaning of `_CCDBAddress` is unclear. If it is meant to be a URL, the `string` type is fine, but if it's an Ethereum address, it should not be of type `string`. **Update:** fixed.

#### [Code Documentation](#)











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