

Code Assessment of the NameWrapper Smart Contracts

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1 Executive Summary

Dear ENS team,

First and foremost we would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to assess the current state of your NameWrapper system. This document outlines the findings, limitations, and methodology of our assessment.

We hope that this assessment provided valuable findings. All identified findings have been resolved. We are happy to receive questions and feedback to improve our service.

Sincerely yours,

ChainSecurity

1.1 Overview of the Findings

Below we provide a brief numerical overview of the findings and how they have been addressed.

Critical -Severity Findings	0
High -Severity Findings	0
Medium -Severity Findings	2
• Code Corrected	1
• Specification Changed	1
Low -Severity Findings	4
• Code Corrected	3
• Specification Changed	1

2 Assessment Overview

In this section we briefly describe the overall structure and scope of the engagement including the code commit which is referenced throughout this report.

2.1 Scope

The assessment was performed on the source code files inside the NameWrapper repository based on the documentation files. The table below indicates the code versions relevant to this report and when they were received.

V	Date	Commit Hash	Note
1	June 01 2021	429d8c4b86f93c10827fcef2dd16a744db4f3fb6	Initial Version
2	June 21 2021	c624466bb8566c705bc76724e3267d09f52f0e49	Second Version
3	June 30 2021	0ec2823a4b54a79ba0e9e736c8b92d451d5b1bc6	Third Version
4	August 11 2021	2aad2c92150b7ed56e3247f2218b7a6babb78b3e	Final Version

For the solidity smart contracts, the compiler version 0.8.4 was chosen.

2.1.1 Excluded from scope

The existing contracts of ENS, including but not limited to the registry and the registrar, are out of the scope of this engagement.

2.1.2 Excluded from report

Independently, a vulnerability was discovered by samczsun which is hence not part of this report. For more information please visit: <https://samczsun.com/the-dangers-of-surprising-code/>

2.2 System Overview

This system overview describes the *last* received version (**Version 3**) of the contracts as defined in the [Assessment Overview](#). Furthermore, in the findings section we have added a version icon to each of the findings to increase the readability of the report.

The provided contracts implement a wrapper which allows for ENS names to be wrapped as ERC1155 tokens. Moreover, it introduces a set of fuses for each domain name which facilitate permission control. The exposed interface allows for the following actions:

wrap:

These functions wrap a non-.eth second-level domain or any other subdomain. During wrapping, the NameWrapper directly interacts with the ENS Registry and not with a registrar. The ENS Registry owner entry for the domain is set to be the NameWrapper contract. Then, the initial state of the fuses is set and an ERC1155 token is emitted.

unwrap:

The wrap functionality is being reverted meaning that the ERC1155 token is burned and that the owner entry inside the ENS Registry is reset.

wrapETH2LD:



This function wraps a second-level .eth domain into an ERC1155 token. These domains are currently represented by an ERC721 token. The ERC721 token is transferred and the ENS Registry entry is changed so that the NameWrapper contract becomes the owner. The value of the fuses can then freely be set. The case of .eth domains is handled differently due to the fact that the domain is wrapped by a registrar.

The NameWrapper also implements the onERC721Received hook. This means that an .eth domain, represented as the ERC721 token, can be sent to the NameWrapper contract to trigger the wrapping. Appropriate metadata needs to be supplied for the data parameter of the safeTransfer.

unwrapETH2LD:

At the unwrapping the inverse procedure takes place. Hence the ERC721 token is released while the ERC1155 token is burned. Additionally, the ENS Registry entry is updated accordingly.

The NameWrapper exposes wrapped actions for the ENS. These include setTTL, setResolver, setRecord, setSubnodeOwner, and setSubnodeRecord. The aforementioned actions can be executed only if the appropriate fuses are not burned.

2.2.1 Fuses

The permissions for each domain is handled by a set of fuses. Fuses are represented by a uint96 where each bit represents a different permission. Owners of a domains can burn fuses (by calling burnFuses) to define permissions. If any of the fuses are burned then CANNOT_UNWRAP must also be burned and CANNOT_REPLACE_SUBDOMAIN must be burned on the parent node. The available fuses to burn from the NameWrapper interface are the following:

- CANNOT_UNWRAP = 1: If burned, the name cannot be unwrapped. This fuse must be burned if any other fuse has been burned.
- CANNOT_BURN_FUSES = 2: If burned, no further fuses can be burned.
- CANNOT_TRANSFER = 4: If burned, the name cannot be transferred. It leads to not being able to unwrap.
- CANNOT_SET_RESOLVER = 8: If burned, the resolver cannot be changed. Calls to setResolver and setRecord will fail.
- CANNOT_SET_TTL = 16: If burned, the TTL cannot be changed. Calls to setTTL and setRecord will fail.
- CANNOT_CREATE_SUBDOMAIN = 32: If burned, no new subdomains can be created under the current node. Calls to setSubnodeOwner, setSubnodeRecord, setSubnodeOwnerAndWrap and setSubnodeRecordAndWrap will fail if they reference a name that does not already exist.
- CANNOT_REPLACE_SUBDOMAIN = 64: If burned, existing subdomains cannot be replaced. Calls to setSubnodeOwner, setSubnodeRecord, setSubnodeOwnerAndWrap and setSubnodeRecordAndWrap will fail if they reference a name that already exists. Please note that a previously (before the last expiry) wrapped instance of a subdomain counts as existing and cannot be replaced.

2.2.1.1 Checking Fuses

When querying a fuse value, the domain hierarchy also needs to be considered. This is due to the fact that domains might be re-wrapped after expiry. For more information see our [Resolved Findings](#) regarding earlier versions below.

Hence, given a (sub)domain the function getFuses returns the raw fuse values along with a vulnerability type. A domain or a subdomain can be "vulnerable" under certain conditions. For a vulnerable domain the returned values cannot be trusted as they could be manipulated through re-wrapping. In case that getFuses declares that a (sub)domain is safe, however, it is sufficient to query the fuse values from this domain without the need for further hierarchical checks. Please note that the safety of a domain is only given until it or any parent domain expires next. Hence, it needs to be rechecked in due time.

2.2.2 Controller Functions

The NameWrapper contract has certain privileged functions that can only be executed by addresses with the Controller role:

- In order to streamline the registration process for wrapped domains, the NameWrapper has the capability to directly register and wrap an .eth domain through the `registerAndWrapETH2LD` function. The successful execution of this function requires the correct configuration of the Registrar contract.
- The NameWrapper contract can trigger the renewal of domains. This also requires the NameWrapper contract to have the necessary permissions inside the Registrar contract.

2.2.3 Trust Model

In the current scope the existing ENS contracts, including Registry and Registrar, are considered to be trusted and to work correctly.

The NameWrapper has a privileged owner role, however, the owner can only do two things. First, the owner can do set the metadata URI as this might need adjustment in the future. Second, the owner can set addresses that should receive the Controller role. All addresses that have the Controller role can call the [Controller Functions](#) described above.

In summary:

- Controllers can register and renew .eth domains without need for payment. Note that they can also renew non-wrapped domains.
- The owner controls the controllers and thereby has all their powers. Additionally, the owner can set the metadata service.

3 Limitations and use of report

Security assessments cannot uncover all existing vulnerabilities; even an assessment in which no vulnerabilities are found is not a guarantee of a secure system. However, code assessments enable discovery of vulnerabilities that were overlooked during development and areas where additional security measures are necessary. In most cases, applications are either fully protected against a certain type of attack, or they are completely unprotected against it. Some of the issues may affect the entire application, while some lack protection only in certain areas. This is why we carry out a source code assessment aimed at determining all locations that need to be fixed. Within the customer-determined time frame, ChainSecurity has performed an assessment in order to discover as many vulnerabilities as possible.

The focus of our assessment was limited to the code parts associated with the items defined in the engagement letter on whether it is used in accordance with its specifications by the user meeting the criteria predefined in the business specification. We draw attention to the fact that due to inherent limitations in any software development process and software product an inherent risk exists that even major failures or malfunctions can remain undetected. Further uncertainties exist in any software product or application used during the development, which itself cannot be free from any error or failures. These preconditions can have an impact on the system's code and/or functions and/or operation. We did not assess the underlying third party infrastructure which adds further inherent risks as we rely on the correct execution of the included third party technology stack itself. Report readers should also take into account the facts that over the life cycle of any software product changes to the product itself or to its environment, in which it is operated, can have an impact leading to operational behaviours other than initially determined in the business specification.

4 Terminology

For the purpose of this assessment, we adopt the following terminology. To classify the severity of our findings, we determine the likelihood and impact (according to the CVSS risk rating methodology).

- *Likelihood* represents the likelihood of a finding to be triggered or exploited in practice
- *Impact* specifies the technical and business-related consequences of a finding
- *Severity* is derived based on the likelihood and the impact

We categorize the findings into four distinct categories, depending on their severities. These severities are derived from the likelihood and the impact using the following table, following a standard risk assessment procedure.

Likelihood	Impact		
	High	Medium	Low
High	Critical	High	Medium
Medium	High	Medium	Low
Low	Medium	Low	Low

As seen in the table above, findings that have both a high likelihood and a high impact are classified as critical. Intuitively, such findings are likely to be triggered and cause significant disruption. Overall, the severity correlates with the associated risk. However, every finding's risk should always be closely checked, regardless of severity.

5 Findings

In this section, we describe any open findings. Findings that have been resolved, have been moved to the [Resolved Findings](#) section. All of the findings are split into these different categories:

- **Design**: Architectural shortcomings and design inefficiencies
- **Correctness**: Mismatches between specification and implementation

Below we provide a numerical overview of the identified findings, split up by their severity.

Critical -Severity Findings	0
High -Severity Findings	0
Medium -Severity Findings	0
Low -Severity Findings	0

6 Resolved Findings

Here, we list findings that have been resolved during the course of the engagement. Their categories are explained in the [Findings](#) section.

Below we provide a numerical overview of the identified findings, split up by their severity.

Critical -Severity Findings	0
High -Severity Findings	0
Medium -Severity Findings	2
- Expired Domains Look Valid for the Subdomains Code Corrected - Old State From Expired Domains Can Block Legitimate Actions Specification Changed	
Low -Severity Findings	4
- Variable node Assigned but Never Used in wrapETH2LD Code Corrected - Incorrect Specification for Unwrapping Functions Specification Changed - Repetitive Code Code Corrected - Specification Unclear for setSubnode* Functions Code Corrected	

6.1 Expired Domains Look Valid for the Subdomains

Correctness **Medium** **Version 1** **Code Corrected**

The desired invariant that fuses can be inspected individually and care only needs to be taken when domains expire, can be broken. This is because an expired domain can be rewrapped with new fuses and wrapped subdomains are not aware of the expiry of higher-level domains. Please consider the following scenario:

1. User U controls `example.eth`, wraps it and burns the `CANNOT_REPLACE_SUBDOMAIN` fuse.
2. The domain expires and user V takes control of it and makes sure it will not expire any time soon.
3. User V assigns control to W over `sub.example.org`.
4. User W wraps `sub.example.org`:
 1. W also decides to burn the `CANNOT_UNWRAP` fuse.
 2. During the execution the parent node (`example.eth`) is checked where the `CANNOT_REPLACE_SUBDOMAIN` fuse has been burnt.
 3. Hence, the wrapping succeeds.
5. Now third parties check the wrapped state of `sub.example.org`: According to the invariant it cannot be unwrapped as it will not expire any time soon and as the `CANNOT_UNWRAP` fuse has been burnt.
6. User V can freely reassign `sub.example.org` (independently of the NameWrapper). Hence, the permission system has been bypassed as a non-wrapped and a wrapped version exists for `sub.example.org`.

Hence, fuses are indifferent to the expiry of domains and they enforce the corresponding permissions only for never-expired domains.

Code corrected:

The code was rewritten so that it checks the hierarchy of a name for safety.

6.2 Old State From Expired Domains Can Block Legitimate Actions

Correctness **Medium** **Version 1** **Specification Changed**

In case a domain is wrapped, then expires and is later controlled by another user and wrapped again, the following problem can arise, which blocks the new legitimate owner from performing an action they would have been allowed to.

Please consider the following sequence:

1. User U controls `example.eth` and wraps it.
2. User U creates a subnode `sub.example.org` and sets themselves as owner.
3. The domain expires and user V takes control of it.
4. User V wraps `example.eth` again and burns the `CANNOT_REPLACE_SUBDOMAIN` fuse.
5. Now, user V tries to create `sub.example.org`:
 1. The function `canCallSetSubnodeOwner` is evaluated, it should return `true` as V has the permission to create new subdomains.
 2. The owner of `sub.example.org` is queried and it returns U.
 3. As the owner is non-zero, the `CANNOT_REPLACE_SUBDOMAIN` fuse is checked.
 4. Finally, `canCallSetSubnodeOwner` returns `false` and hence the legitimate creation of the subnode fails.

Specification corrected:

The specification has been made more explicit so that it covers the case above.

6.3 Variable node Assigned but Never Used in wrapETH2LD

Design **Low** **Version 2** **Code Corrected**

In the `wrapETH2LD` functions, the new node is calculated using `_makeNode(ETH_NODE, labelhash)`. However, this value is never used.

Code corrected:

The redundant variable was removed.

6.4 Incorrect Specification for Unwrapping Functions

Correctness **Low** **Version 1** **Specification Changed**

The README says about unwrapping:

Wrapped names can be unwrapped by calling either `unwrapETH2LD(label, newRegistrant, newController)` or `unwrap(parentNode, label, newController)` as appropriate. `label` and `parentNode` have meanings as described under "Wrapping a name"

Furthermore, the docstring says:

- @param label label as a string of the .eth domain to wrap e.g. vitalik.xyz would be 'vitalik'

However, the implementation works differently. Instead of passing a label, a labelhash should be passed to the unwrapping functions, as seen for `unwrapETH2LD` below:

```
function unwrapETH2LD(
    bytes32 label,
    address newRegistrant,
    address newController
) public override onlyTokenOwner(_makeNode(ETH_NODE, label)) {
    _unwrap(_makeNode(ETH_NODE, label), newController);
}
```

Specification changed:

The documentation has been updated.

6.5 Repetitive Code

Design **Low** **Version 1** **Code Corrected**

There are multiple instances of repetitive code that could be avoided. These instances include:

- Within the function `wrapETH2LD`, two calls are made to `registrar.ownerOf(tokenId)`.
- Within the functions `unwrapETH2LD`, `unwrap`, and `burnFuses`, two calls are made to `_makeNode(parentNode, labelhash)`.
- Within the function `burnFuses`, `getData` is called multiple times in different spots.

The cost impact of these repetitions has been lowered by the recently introduced EIP-2929, however gas optimizations remain possible.

Code corrected:

The superfluous call to `registrar.ownerOf(tokenId)` has been removed as well as the duplicate call to `getData` in `burnFuses`.

6.6 Specification Unclear for setSubnode* Functions

Correctness

Low

Version 1

Code Corrected

The docstring for the setSubnodeRecord function says:

- @notice Sets records for the subdomain in the ENS Registry
- @param node namehash of the name

However, the node parameter should contain the namehash for the parent node. This is not entirely clear from the description. Especially, in comparison with the setSubnodeRecordAndWrap function, where the docstring says:

- @notice Sets the subdomain owner in the registry with records and then wraps the subdomain
- @param parentNode parent namehash of the subdomain

A consistent naming of node versus parentNode for these very similar functions would be beneficial to avoid confusion. This also extends to the setSubnodeOwner and setSubnodeOwnerAndWrap functions. Furthermore, the label parameter is missing from the setSubnodeRecord description.

Code corrected:

The parameter names were changed to reflect their status.

7 Notes

We leverage this section to highlight further findings that are not necessarily issues. The mentioned topics serve to clarify or support the report, but do not require an immediate modification inside the project. Instead, they should raise awareness in order to improve the overall understanding.

7.1 Dirty Bits in Return Value of `getData`

Note **Version 1**

The `getData` function is one of the most important functions of the `NameWrapper` as it retrieves information about the different nodes.

```
function getData(uint256 tokenId)
    public
    view
    returns (address owner, uint96 fuses)
{
    uint256 t = _tokens[tokenId];
    owner = address(uint160(t));
    fuses = uint96(t >> 160);
}
```

Functions calling `getData` need to be aware that the owner return value will contain "dirty bits". This is dangerous if assembly is being used, because assembly will access the raw data. Writing normal solidity code should be fine.

Hence, we recommend to avoid assembly in connection with `getData`. We have attached an example file for this behaviour.

7.2 Note to Integrators: `onERC1155Received` Hook

Note **Version 1**

This note is meant for any developers wanting to build upon the `NameWrapper`. Similarly to ERC223, ERC721, ERC777, and others the implementation of ERC1155 invokes the `onERC1155Received` hook at the end of `safeTransferFrom`. Developers building services which interact with the `NameWrapper` should be aware of that and implement the hook, as these hooks have historically led to reentrancy attacks.

7.3 Restrictions on Custom Permissions

Note **Version 1**

The README documents that additional fuses might be designated to additional permissions. While this generally can be implemented with the current contract, not all types of permissions will be feasible this way.

Any permissions, requiring checks "up the chain" of custody would not work without modifications to the contract or without breaking the invariant that fuses can be inspected individually. As a somewhat

contrived example, a permission enforcing that TTL values of subnodes must be strictly larger than TTL values of parent nodes, currently could not be enforced.

7.4 The Transitive Permission Structure

Note Version 1

Users should be aware of the transitive permission structure of the system. This permission structure involves the NameWrapper, Registry and Registrar. Given a typical user setup, setting an operator 0 using `NameWrapper.setApprovalForAll` does not only pass control over all wrapped domains but 0 also controls all non-wrapped domains. Furthermore, domains that are acquired in the future, can be controlled by 0.

In short becoming an operator for a particular account on the NameWrapper is more powerful than becoming an operator for the same account on the Registrar or the Registry. Hence, operator permissions should be given out with great care.