



# QURAS BLOCKCHAIN Audit Report

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## 1. Executive Summary

QURAS is a secret contract platform that fulfills privacy protection needs. TECHFUND, a global technology accelerator which supported several hundreds of startups and large companies' new businesses in various domains worldwide mainly from technology aspect, had also conducted security audits and was asked to specify the issues from QURAS team. There were multiple low level issues and note level issues. QURAS team responded to the issues and TECHFUND verified the source code again on Github to make sure that the issues were fixed.

## 2. Scope

### i . Windows build (.exe)

We checked the dll and exe files generated for monkey testing and possible scenarios like DLL hijacking, strings exposed, files being accessed during run time, network interactions and so on.

### ii . Blockchain Source Code

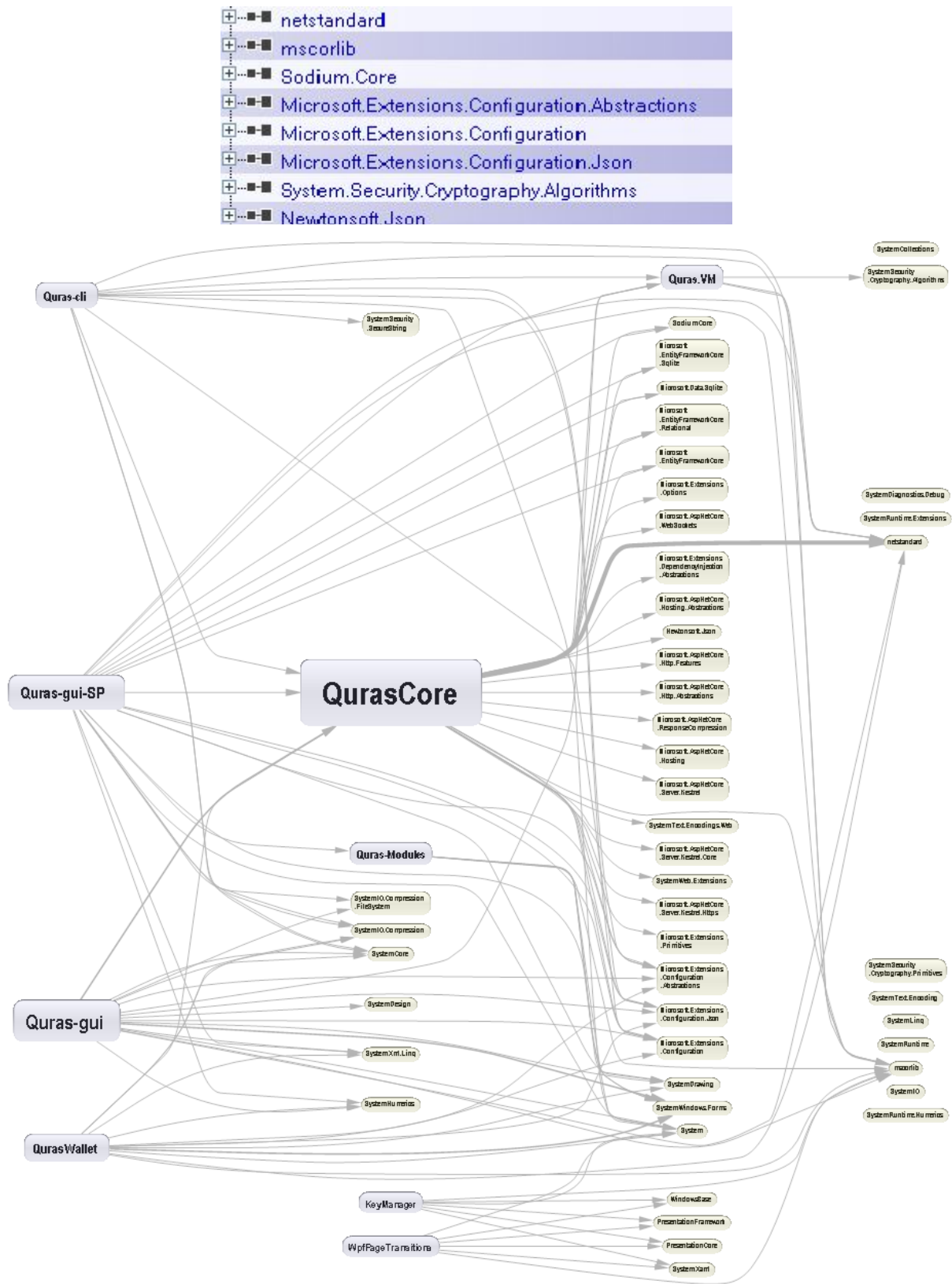
The target was provided by the QURAS team as a repository <https://github.com/quras-official/> . The code includes several third party dependencies like libSodium, levelDB and so on.

### iii . API Source Code

We also tested the API source code provided by the QURAS team as repositories <https://github.com/quras-official/quras-nodejs-api> , <https://github.com/quras-official/quras-backend-service> . We performed security and performance tests on the endpoints to find bottleneck APIs and security of the whole system.

## 3. Source Summary

Quras-cli , Quaras-GUI and Quras Wallet have direct dependency on QurasCore.



#### 4. Issues and descriptions Detailed Analysis and Suggestions [ API Source code ]

These are the results of detailed analysis and suggestions derived from it. There are a total of 3 findings for API server.

Risk Level: Critical	0
Risk Level: High	0
Risk Level: Middle	1
Risk Level: Low	0
Risk Level: Note	2
Risk Level: None	1

#### 4.1. Potential SQL Injection

Risk Level: Middle

It could be noted at many places SQL queries are generated on the fly, although the input is from already stored IDs but another process that has access to local levelDb will be able to execute SQL injection with access rights of the QURAS Blockchain's process user.

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50     var index = 0;
51     var sqlIssued = "SELECT * FROM issue_transaction WHERE
52     txsResult.forEach(tx => {
53         if (index == 0) {
54             sqlIssued += "asset='" + tx.txid + "'";
55         }
56         else {
57             sqlIssued += " OR asset='" + tx.txid + "'";
58         }
59         index ++;
60     });

```

It is suggested to use **connection.escape** while handling any query generation.

api-service > routes > v1 > address > 126

api-service > routes > v1 > addresses > 87

api-service > routes > v1 > assets > 54

api-service > routes > v1 > txs > 89

#### Fixed

The issue was handled using mysql escape function provided by the library to prevent any potential injection to happen. TECHFUND verified that all queries generated on the fly were handling variables properly and no potential case of injection is now possible.

#### 4.2. Static content served via API server

Risk Level: None

API server is being used to serve static content, NodeJS is known to be bad performing to server static content as compared to Nginx. It is suggested to use a static server in production else it can lead to server performance bottleneck.

Fixed

TECHFUND verified that proper Nginx configuration is now being used to prevent any static content being served by Node.JS server.

#### 4.3. SQL Connection bottleneck

Risk Level: Note

There is a significant performance degradation of the APIs because of repetitive connection handshakes multiple times. It is suggested to create a `single`` connection Pool during server startup and share that across the platform, instead of connecting to the database multiple times.

Fixed

TECHFUND verified that connection pools are being used to handle SQL connection and APIs are no longer creating multiple connection requests to the database server.

### Detailed Analysis and Suggestions [ QURAS Blockchain / EXEs - DLLs ]

These are the results of detailed analysis and suggestions derived from it. There are a total of 3 findings for API server.

Risk Level: Critical	0
Risk Level: High	1
Risk Level: Middle	5
Risk Level: Low	0
Risk Level: Note	5
Risk Level: None	2

#### 4.4. DLL High jacking

Risk Level: High

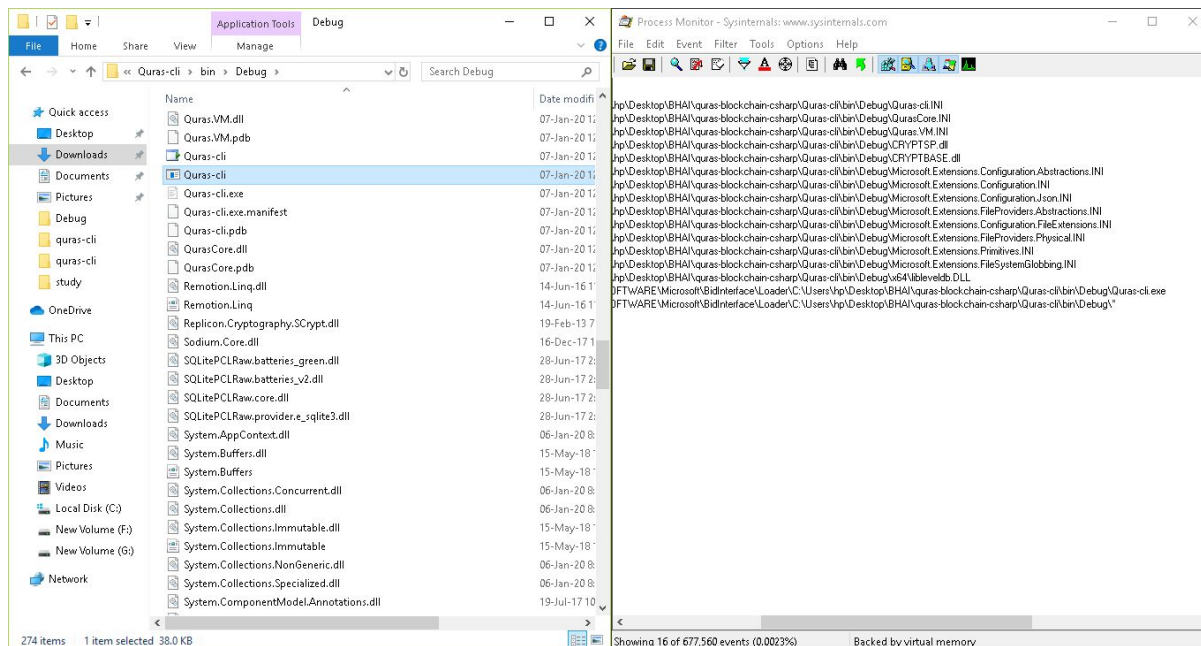
Dynamic-link library (DLL) side-loading is a popular cyber attack method that takes advantage of how Microsoft Windows applications handle DLL files.

Windows allows applications to load DLLs at runtime. Applications can specify the location of DLLs to load by specifying a **full path**, using DLL redirection, or by using a manifest. If none of these methods are used, Windows attempts to locate the DLL by searching a predefined set of directories in a set order.

It is possible for other applications to sideload DLL or corrupt the application by providing a corrupted DLL higher in the search from Windows OS.



We noticed it is possible to sideload DLLs in QURAS GUI and QURAS cli application. As a fix QURAS is suggested to check for DLL integrity and fix the location to prevent side loading.



### Fixed

TECHFUND was pleased to see that proper signature verification is now in place to decrease the effect of this issue and DLL side-loading will not be an issue for the QURAS binary.

## 4.5. Vulnerable Randomness

Risk Level: Middle

```
104         boost::winapi::CRYPT_VERIFYCONTEXT_ | boost::winapi::
105     {
106         random_ = 0;
107     }
108     #else
109     random_ = std::fopen( "/dev/urandom", "rb" );
110     #endif
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112     std::memset(rd_, 0, sizeof(rd_));
113 }
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115 ~seed_rng() BOOST_NOEXCEPT
116 {
117     if (random_) {
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/dev/urandom is an insecure way of generating random string and has been known to cause issues in the past. It is suggested to use more secure random number generators as compared to the present method. (<https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2003-0094>)

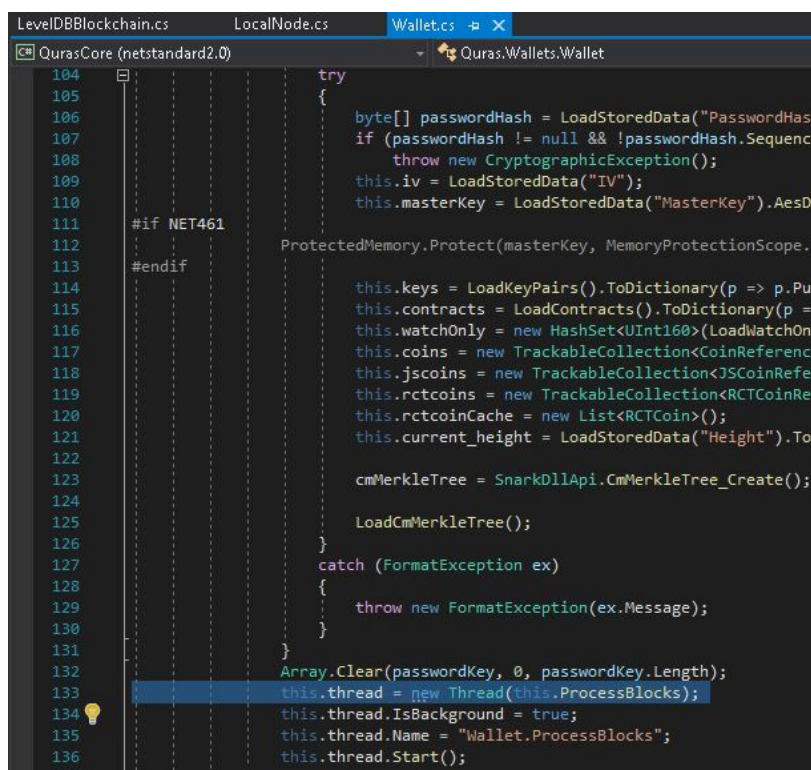
quras-anonymous-library > Common > include > boost > uuid > detail > seed\_rng.hpp

### Fixed

TECHFUND verified that weak random number generator are now not being used and the issue has been fixed by the QURAS team.

## 4.6. Prevent creating threads explicitly

Risk Level: Note



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    try
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        byte[] passwordHash = LoadStoredData("PasswordHash");
        if (passwordHash != null && !passwordHash.SequenceEqual(
            throw new CryptographicException();
        this.iv = LoadStoredData("IV");
        this.masterKey = LoadStoredData("MasterKey").AesDe

        ProtectedMemory.Protect(masterKey, MemoryProtectionScope.S

    }

    this.keys = LoadKeyPairs().ToDictionary(p => p.Pub
    this.contracts = LoadContracts().ToDictionary(p =>
    this.watchOnly = new HashSet<UInt160>(LoadWatchOnl
    this.coins = new TrackableCollection<CoinReference
    this.jscoins = new TrackableCollection<JSCoinRefer
    this.rctcoins = new TrackableCollection<RCTCoinRef
    this.rctcoinCache = new List<RCTCoin>();
    this.current_height = LoadStoredData("Height").To

    cmMerkleTree = SnarkDllApi.CmMerkleTree_Create();

    LoadCmMerkleTree();
    }
    catch (FormatException ex)
    {
        throw new FormatException(ex.Message);
    }
}

Array.Clear(passwordKey, 0, passwordKey.Length);
this.thread = new Thread(this.ProcessBlocks);
this.thread.IsBackground = true;
this.thread.Name = "Wallet.ProcessBlocks";
this.thread.Start();

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LevelDBBlockchain.cs  LocalNode.cs  Wallet.cs
└─ QurasCore (netstandard2.0) ── Quras.Network.LocalNode
47     private Thread connectThread;
48     private Thread poolThread;
49     private readonly AutoResetEvent new_tx_event = new AutoResetEvent(1);
50     private int started = 0;
51     private int disposed = 0;
52     private CancellationTokenSource cancellationTokenSource = new CancellationTokenSource();
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54     public bool GlobalMissionsEnabled { get; set; } = true;
55     public int RemoteNodeCount => connectedPeers.Count;
56     public bool ServiceEnabled { get; set; } = true;
57     public bool UpnpEnabled { get; set; } = false;
58     public string UserAgent { get; set; }
59
60     static LocalNode()
61     {
62         LocalAddresses.UnionWith(NetworkInterface.GetAllNetworkInterfaces().Select(i => i.IPv4Address));
63     }
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65     public LocalNode()
66     {
67         Random rand = new Random();
68         this.Nonce = (uint)rand.Next();
69         this.connectThread = new Thread(ConnectToPeersLoop);
70     }

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### Fixed

TECHFUND suggested a couple of methods and QURAS team implemented an overall memory Stack limit on the processes handled by newly created threads to make sure the binary does not behave abruptly in systems with low system configuration. TECHFUND finds the fix satisfactory to handle the situation.

## 4.7. Prevent sleeping in the thread

Risk Level: Note

Threads are a limited resource, they take approximately 200,000 cycles to create and about 100,000 cycles to destroy. By default they reserve 1 megabyte of virtual memory for its stack and use 2,000-8,000 cycles for each context switch. This makes any waiting thread a \*huge\* waste.

It is strongly suggested to \*not\* use thread.sleep in the code and switch to Task Parallel library.

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LevelDBBlockchain.cs  LocalNode.cs  Wallet.cs
QuorasCore (netstandard2.0)  Quoras.Wallets.Wallet
8 references
protected abstract void OnSaveTransaction(Transaction tx,
    IEnumerable<Coin> added,
    IEnumerable<Coin> changed,
    IEnumerable<JSCoin> jsadded,
    IEnumerable<JSCoin> jschanged,
    IEnumerable<JSCoin> jsdeleted,
    IEnumerable<JSCoin> jswitnesschanged,
    IEnumerable<RCTCoin> rctadded,
    IEnumerable<RCTCoin> rctchanged,
    IEnumerable<RCTCoin> rctdeleted);
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private void ProcessBlocks()
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        while (current_height <= Blockchain.Default?.Height && isrunning)
        {
            lock (SyncRoot)
            {
                Block block = Blockchain.Default.GetBlock(current_height);
                if (block != null) ProcessNewBlock(block);
            }
        }
        for (int i = 0; i < 20 && isrunning; i++)
        {
            Thread.Sleep(100);
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RemoteNode.cs*  LevelDBBlockchain.cs  LocalNode.cs  Wallet.cs
QuorasCore (netstandard2.0)  Quoras.Network.LocalNode
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258     tasks = endpoints.Select(p => ConnectToPeer(p));
259 }
260     else if (connectedCount > 0)
261     {
262         lock (connectedPeers)
263         {
264             foreach (RemoteNode node in connectedPeers)
265                 node.RequestPeers();
266         }
267     }
268     else
269     {
270         tasks = Settings.Default.SeedList.OfType<string>().Select(p => ConnectToPeer(p));
271     }
272     try
273     {
274         Task.WaitAll(tasks, cancellationTokenSource.Token);
275     }
276     catch (OperationCanceledException)
277     {
278         break;
279     }
280 }
281     for (int i = 0; i < 50 && !cancellationTokenSource.IsCancellationRequested; i++)
282     {
283         Thread.Sleep(100);
284     }
285 }

```

Fixed

TECHFUND verifies that the QURAS team handled the thread sleeping and moved to a more robust async-await / delay model.

#### 4.8. Buggy comparison in wallet witness

Risk Level: Middle

Identical expressions should not be used on both sides of a binary operator. It is wrong by design and should not be used in code to return a TRUE value. This will lead to completely wrong equality of Witnessifo.



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WitnessInfo.cs  RemoteNode.cs*  LevelDBBlockchain.cs  LocalNode.cs  W
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16     {
17     public byte[] ScriptHash;
18     public IntPtr Witness;
19     public int WitnessHeight;
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21     0 references
22     public WitnessInfo(byte[] sHash, IntPtr w, int nHeight)
23     {
24         ScriptHash = sHash;
25         Witness = w;
26         WitnessHeight = nHeight;
27     }
28
29     0 references
30     public WitnessInfo(byte[] sHash, byte[] byWitness, int nHeight)
31     {
32         Witness = SnarkDllApi.CmWitness_Create();
33         SnarkDllApi.SetCmWitnessFromBinary(Witness, byWitness,
34         ScriptHash = sHash;
35         WitnessHeight = nHeight;
36     }
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38     -references
39     public bool Equals(WitnessInfo other)
40     {
41         if (ReferenceEquals(this, other)) return true;
42         if (ReferenceEquals(null, other)) return false;
43         return Witness.Equals(Witness);
44     }
45
46 }

```

Fixed

TECHFUND verifies that this potential misleading code has been fixed and a clearer function equality is implemented. This should help developers understand code in a better way and prevent any potential issues.

#### 4.9. Non required for loop

Risk Level: None

It is suggested to prevent “for loops” just to run a piece of code in a normal way. If this was not intended by QURAS, it should be fixed from code sanity point of view.

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WitnessInfo.cs  RemoteNode.cs*  LevelDBBlockchain.cs  LocalNode.cs  Wallet.cs
QuarasCore (netstandard2.0)  Quaras.Wallets.Wallet
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tx.Outputs = outputs_new.ToArray();
foreach (var key in pay_coins.Keys)
{
    List<CTCommitment> inSK = new List<CTCommitment>();
    List<CTKey> inPK = new List<CTKey>();
    List<MixRingCTKey> inPKIndex = new List<MixRingCTKey>();
    List<Cryptography.ECC.ECPoint> destinations = new List<Cryptography.ECC.ECPoint>();
    List<Fixed8> amounts = new List<Fixed8>();
    // 00. Calculate the input values
    Fixed8 vPubOld = pay_coins[key].Unspents.Sum(p => p.Output.Value);
    // 01. Construct inSK and pubs_index
    var asset_ids = tx.Output.Where(p => p.AssetId == key);
    for (int i = 0; i < 1; i++)
    {
        byte[] privKey = new byte[32];
        Cryptography.ECC.ECPoint pubKey = Cryptography.ECC.ECCurve.Secp256r1.G * privKey;
        byte[] mask = new byte[32];
        Fixed8 amount = vPubOld;
        byte[] b_amount = amount.ToBinaryFormat().ToBinary();
        Cryptography.ECC.ECPoint C_i_in = RingCTSsignature.GetCommitment(mask, b_amount);
        CTKey ctKey = new CTKey(pubKey, C_i_in);
    }
}

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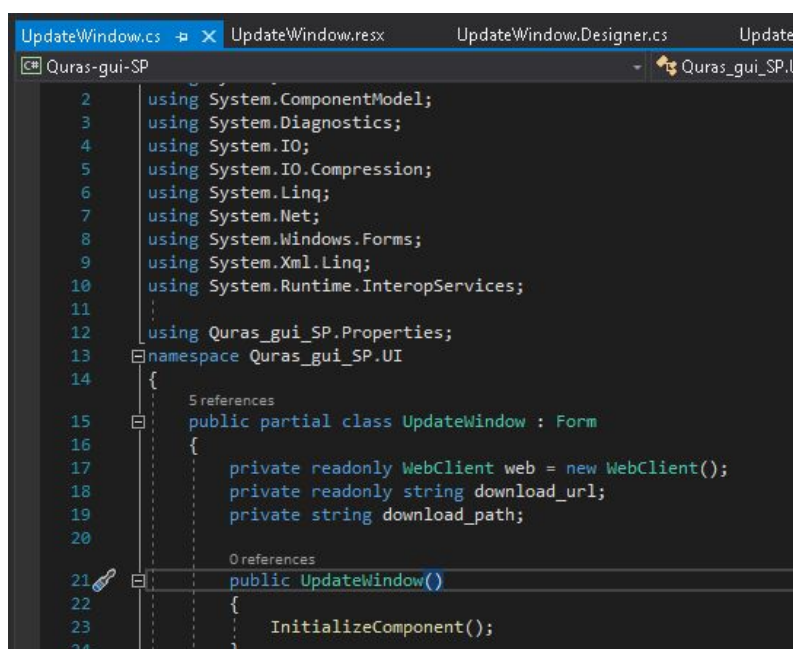
Fixed

TECHFUND verified that the code has been fixed and ambiguity has been removed.

## 4.10. WebClient should be disposed

Risk Level: Note

The operating system can only handle having so many sockets (. WebClient ) open at any given time. Therefore, it is important to Dispose of them as soon as they are no longer needed, rather than relying on the garbage collector to call these objects' finalizers at some nondeterministic point in the future.



```
UpdateWindow.cs  UpdateWindow.resx  UpdateWindow.Designer.cs  UpdateV
Quras-gui-SP
2  using System.ComponentModel;
3  using System.Diagnostics;
4  using System.IO;
5  using System.IO.Compression;
6  using System.Linq;
7  using System.Net;
8  using System.Windows.Forms;
9  using System.Xml.Linq;
10 using System.Runtime.InteropServices;
11
12 using Quras_gui_SP.Properties;
13 namespace Quras_gui_SP.UI
14 {
15     5 references
16     public partial class UpdateWindow : Form
17     {
18         private readonly WebClient web = new WebClient();
19         private readonly string download_url;
20         private string download_path;
21
22     0 references
23     public UpdateWindow()
24     {
25         InitializeComponent();
26     }
27 }
```

Similar behaviour should be corrected in

**QurasCore > Core > InvocationTransaction.cs**

**QurasWallet > Cryptography > CertificateQueryService.cs**

**Fixed**

TECHFUND verified that now proper handling webclient is in place and they are being disposed off after the usage. This should help manage memory in a better way after utilization of WebClient.

## 4.11. Potential memory overflow

Risk Level: Middle

Infinite recursion is possible in some cases in following code that may lead the recursion to continue until the stack overflows and the program crashes.

As a rule of thumb it is always suggested to provide a method to break out of recursion.

```

RCTCoin.cs UpdateWindow.cs UpdateWindow.resx UpdateWindow.Designer.cs
QuorasCore (netstandard2.0) Quoras.Wallets.RCTCoin
28         state = value;
29         ITrackable<RCTCoinReference> _this = this;
30         if (_this.TrackState == TrackState.None)
31             _this.TrackState = TrackState.Changed;
32     }
33 }
34 }
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36     0 references
37     public void SetTrackState(TrackState state)
38     {
39         ITrackable<RCTCoinReference> _this = this;
40         _this.TrackState = state;
41     }
42
43     99+ references
44     public bool Equals(RCTCoin other)
45     {
46         if (ReferenceEquals(this, other)) return true;
47         if (ReferenceEquals(null, other)) return false;
48         return ReferenceEquals(other, Reference);
49     }
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51     -references
52     public override bool Equals(object obj)
53     {
54         return Equals(obj as JSCoin);
55     }
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57     -references
58     public override int GetHashCode()
59     {
60         return Reference.GetHashCode();
61     }
62 }

```

Fixed

TECHFUND verifies that the code has been fixed and no longer is an issue for overflow to happen.

## 4.12. Wrong removal of Pan History

Risk Level: Middle

It looks like a faulty logic to remove from pan\_history, potentially this will lead to logic errors and might not work as intended. It is suggested to verify the bitwise operator of the if syntax.

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TransactionsPan.cs TransactionsPan.cs [Design] RCTCoin.cs UpdateWindow.cs UpdateWin
Quoras-gui-SP Quoras_gui_SP.MainPans.TransactionsP
21     InitializeComponent();
22
23     InitInstance();
24     InitInterface();
25 }
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27     1 reference
28     public void Reset()
29     {
30         bool ret = false;
31         int index = 0;
32         while (ret == false)
33         {
34             if (this.pan_history.Controls.Count > 2)
35             {
36                 Control control = this.pan_history.Controls[index];
37
38                 if (!(control == vsb_history | control == lbl_no_history))
39                 {
40                     this.pan_history.Controls.Remove(control);
41                 }
42                 else
43                 {
44                     index++;
45                 }
46             }
47             else
48             {
49                 ret = true;
50             }
51         }
52     }

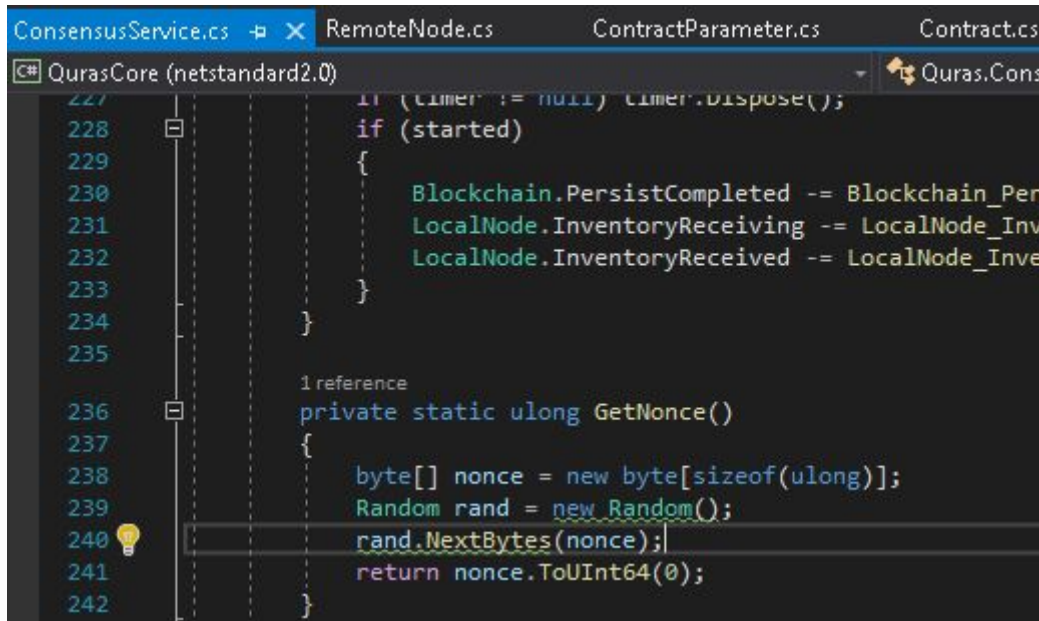
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Fixed TECHFUND verifies that the logic is now correct for pan\_history removal.

## 4.13. Dependence on weak Randomness

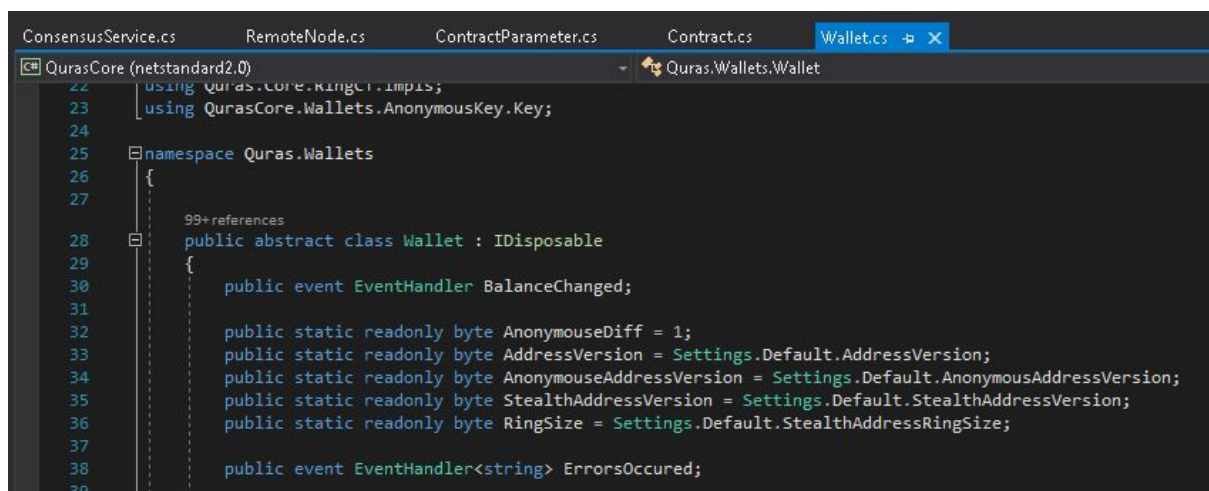
Risk Level: Note

QURAS utilizes weak randomness at a lot of places and is strongly suggested against it. The algorithm used by the implementation of System.Random is weak because random numbers generated can be predicted.



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ConsensusService.cs RemoteNode.cs ContractParameter.cs Contract.cs
C# QurasCore (netstandard2.0)
227 if (timer != null) timer.Dispose();
228 if (started)
229 {
230     Blockchain.PersistCompleted -= Blockchain_Per
231     LocalNode.InventoryReceiving -= LocalNode_Inve
232     LocalNode.InventoryReceived -= LocalNode_Inve
233 }
234 }
235
236 1 reference
private static ulong GetNonce()
237 {
238     byte[] nonce = new byte[sizeof(ulong)];
239     Random rand = new Random();
240     rand.NextBytes(nonce);
241     return nonce.ToUInt64(0);
242 }
    
```



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ConsensusService.cs RemoteNode.cs ContractParameter.cs Contract.cs Wallet.cs
C# QurasCore (netstandard2.0)
22 using QurasCore.RingCT.ImpIs;
23 using QurasCore.Wallets.AnonymousKey.Key;
24
25 namespace Quras.Wallets
26 {
27
28     99+ references
public abstract class Wallet : IDisposable
29 {
30     public event EventHandler BalanceChanged;
31
32     public static readonly byte AnonymouseDiff = 1;
33     public static readonly byte AddressVersion = Settings.Default.AddressVersion;
34     public static readonly byte AnonymouseAddressVersion = Settings.Default.AnonymousAddressVersion;
35     public static readonly byte StealthAddressVersion = Settings.Default.StealthAddressVersion;
36     public static readonly byte RingSize = Settings.Default.StealthAddressRingSize;
37
38     public event EventHandler<string> ErrorsOccured;
39 }
    
```

Quras Network > Local Node

Quras Network > Remote Node

Quras Core > Ring CT



Fixed

TECHFUND verifies that the code for RingCT / Local Node and Remote Node now handles random generators properly and dependence on weak randomness has been removed.

Apart from above we found that code practices can be improved and optimized overall, and can be simplified a lot, but they don't portray any security threat, but QURAS team might have to work towards making code more cleaner. Some areas of improvement might be avoiding big methods and many parameters, avoiding types that are too long, removing dead code and dead types, handling errors in a better way to output relevant error code and so on.