

# Security Assessment Internet Money (IM) PulseChain

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### **Executive Summary**

**TYPES ECOSYSTEM METHODS** 

DeFi Pulsechain (PLS) Formal Verification, Manual Review, Static Analysis

LANGUAGE TIMELINE **KEY COMPONENTS** 

Solidity Delivered on 06/21/2023 N/A

CODEBASE COMMITS

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### **Vulnerability Summary**

	1 Total Findings		O Resolved	1 Mitigated	C Partially R	Resolved	O Acknowledged	<b>O</b> Declined
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# CODEBASE INTERNET MONEY (IM) - PULSECHAIN

### Repository

 $\underline{https://scan.pulsechain.com/address/0xBBcF895BFCb57d0f457D050bb806d1499436c0CE}$ 

### **Commit**

0xBBcF895BFCb57d0f457D050bb806d1499436c0CE



# AUDIT SCOPE INTERNET MONEY (IM) - PULSECHAIN

1 file audited • 1 file with Mitigated findings

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
• BER	contracts/BaseERC20.sol	f2ca1e048fb8e06e14a96ba77d6917b268dbbf 586feb37f828155ef4390b09fc



# APPROACH & METHODS INTERNET MONEY (IM) - PULSECHAIN

This report has been prepared for Internet Money to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the Internet Money (IM) - PulseChain project as well as any contract dependencies that were not part of an officially recognized library. A comprehensive examination has been performed, utilizing Static Analysis and Manual Review 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.



# FINDINGS INTERNET MONEY (IM) - PULSECHAIN



This report has been prepared to discover issues and vulnerabilities for Internet Money (IM) - PulseChain. Through this audit, we have uncovered 1 issues ranging from different severity levels. Utilizing the techniques of Static Analysis & Manual Review to complement rigorous manual code reviews, we discovered the following findings:

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
BER-01	Initial Token Distribution	Centralization	Major	<ul><li>Mitigated</li></ul>



# **BER-01** INITIAL TOKEN DISTRIBUTION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization	<ul><li>Major</li></ul>	contracts/BaseERC20.sol: 13	<ul><li>Mitigated</li></ul>

### Description

All IM tokens are sent to the contract deployer when deploying the contract. This is a centralization risk because the deployer or the owner(s) of the EOAs can distribute tokens without obtaining the consensus of the community. Any compromise to the deployer account or EOAs may allow a hacker to steal and sell tokens on the market, resulting in severe damage to the project.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the team be transparent regarding the initial token distribution process. The token distribution plan should be published in a public location that the community can access. The team should make efforts to restrict access to the private keys of the deployer account or EOAs. 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. Additionally, the team can lock up a portion of tokens, release them with a vesting schedule for long-term success, and deanonymize the project team with a third-party KYC provider to create greater accountability.

In order for CertiK to update the status of this finding during the remediation phase, please kindly provide the URL to the published token distribution plan and the multi-signature wallet address that holds the undistributed tokens. We will verify the information and update the report. Thank you.

### Alleviation

### Internet Money Team:

The breakdown of the initial token distribution is available at https://scan.pulsechain.com/token/0xBBcF895BFCb57d0f457D050bb806d1499436c0CE/token-holders



# FORMAL VERIFICATION INTERNET MONEY (IM) - PULSECHAIN

Formal guarantees about the behavior of smart contracts can be obtained by reasoning about properties relating to the entire contract (e.g. contract invariants) or to specific functions of the contract. Once such properties are proven to be valid, they guarantee that the contract behaves as specified by the property. As part of this audit, we applied automated formal verification (symbolic model checking) to prove that well-known functions in the smart contracts adhere to their expected behavior.

### Considered Functions And Scope

In the following, we provide a description of the properties that have been used in this audit. They are grouped according to the type of contract they apply to.

### **Verification of ERC-20 Compliance**

We verified properties of the public interface of those token contracts that implement the ERC-20 interface. This covers

- Functions transfer and transferFrom that are widely used for token transfers,
- functions approve and allowance that enable the owner of an account to delegate a certain subset of her tokens to another account (i.e. to grant an allowance), and
- the functions balanceOf and totalSupply, which are verified to correctly reflect the internal state of the contract.

The properties that were considered within the scope of this audit are as follows:

Property Name	Title
erc20-transfer-revert-zero	transfer Prevents Transfers to the Zero Address
erc20-transfer-succeed-self	transfer Succeeds on Admissible Self Transfers
erc20-transfer-correct-amount	transfer Transfers the Correct Amount in Non-self Transfers
erc20-transfer-succeed-normal	transfer Succeeds on Admissible Non-self Transfers
erc20-transfer-change-state	transfer Has No Unexpected State Changes
erc20-transfer-correct-amount-self	transfer Transfers the Correct Amount in Self Transfers
erc20-transfer-exceed-balance	transfer Fails if Requested Amount Exceeds Available Balance
erc20-transfer-recipient-overflow	transfer Prevents Overflows in the Recipient's Balance
erc20-transfer-never-return-false	transfer Never Returns [false]
erc20-transfer-false	If transfer Returns false, the Contract State Is Not Changed



Property Name	Title
erc20-transferfrom-revert-from-zero	transferFrom Fails for Transfers From the Zero Address
erc20-transferfrom-revert-to-zero	transferFrom Fails for Transfers To the Zero Address
erc20-transferfrom-succeed-self	transferFrom Succeeds on Admissible Self Transfers
erc20-transferfrom-succeed-normal	transferFrom Succeeds on Admissible Non-self Transfers
erc20-transferfrom-correct-amount	transferFrom Transfers the Correct Amount in Non-self Transfers
erc20-transferfrom-correct-amount-self	transferFrom Performs Self Transfers Correctly
erc20-transferfrom-fail-exceed-balance	transferFrom Fails if the Requested Amount Exceeds the Available Balance
erc20-transferfrom-fail-exceed-allowance	transferFrom Fails if the Requested Amount Exceeds the Available Allowance
erc20-transferfrom-change-state	transferFrom Has No Unexpected State Changes
erc20-transferfrom-correct-allowance	transferFrom Updated the Allowance Correctly
erc20-totalsupply-succeed-always	totalSupply Always Succeeds
erc20-transferfrom-false	If [transferFrom] Returns [false], the Contract's State Is Unchanged
erc20-transferfrom-fail-recipient-overflow	transferFrom Prevents Overflows in the Recipient's Balance
erc20-transferfrom-never-return-false	transferFrom Never Returns false
erc20-totalsupply-correct-value	totalSupply Returns the Value of the Corresponding State Variable
erc20-balanceof-succeed-always	balanceOf Always Succeeds
erc20-totalsupply-change-state	totalSupply Does Not Change the Contract's State
erc20-balanceof-correct-value	balance0f Returns the Correct Value
erc20-balanceof-change-state	balance0f Does Not Change the Contract's State
erc20-allowance-succeed-always	allowance Always Succeeds
erc20-allowance-correct-value	allowance Returns Correct Value
erc20-allowance-change-state	allowance Does Not Change the Contract's State



Property Name	Title
erc20-approve-revert-zero	approve Prevents Approvals For the Zero Address
erc20-approve-succeed-normal	approve Succeeds for Admissible Inputs
erc20-approve-correct-amount	approve Updates the Approval Mapping Correctly
erc20-approve-change-state	approve Has No Unexpected State Changes
erc20-approve-false	If approve Returns false, the Contract's State Is Unchanged
erc20-approve-never-return-false	approve Never Returns false

### **Verification Results**

For the following contracts, model checking established that each of the properties that were in scope of this audit (see scope) are valid:

Detailed Results For Contract BaseERC20 (contracts/BaseERC20.sol) In Commit fbf873921d9da482913347b7fd49685b98ff9add

### Verification of ERC-20 Compliance

Detailed results for function transfer

Property Name	Final Result	Remarks
erc20-transfer-revert-zero	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-transfer-succeed-self	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-transfer-correct-amount	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-transfer-succeed-normal	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-transfer-change-state	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-transfer-correct-amount-self	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-transfer-exceed-balance	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-transfer-recipient-overflow	• True	
erc20-transfer-never-return-false	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-transfer-false	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	



Detailed results for function transferFrom

Property Name	Final Result Remarks
erc20-transferfrom-revert-from-zero	• True
erc20-transferfrom-revert-to-zero	<ul><li>True</li></ul>
erc20-transferfrom-succeed-self	• True
erc20-transferfrom-succeed-normal	• True
erc20-transferfrom-correct-amount	• True
erc20-transferfrom-correct-amount-self	• True
erc20-transferfrom-fail-exceed-balance	• True
erc20-transferfrom-fail-exceed-allowance	• True
erc20-transferfrom-change-state	• True
erc20-transferfrom-correct-allowance	• True
erc20-transferfrom-false	• True
erc20-transferfrom-fail-recipient-overflow	• True
erc20-transferfrom-never-return-false	• True

Detailed results for function totalSupply

Property Name	Final Result	Remarks
erc20-totalsupply-succeed-always	• True	
erc20-totalsupply-correct-value	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-totalsupply-change-state	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	



Detailed results for function balanceOf

Property Name	Final Result	Remarks
erc20-balanceof-succeed-always	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-balanceof-correct-value	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-balanceof-change-state	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	

Detailed results for function allowance

Property Name	Final Result	Remarks
erc20-allowance-succeed-always	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-allowance-correct-value	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-allowance-change-state	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	

Detailed results for function approve

Property Name	Final Result	Remarks
erc20-approve-revert-zero	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-approve-succeed-normal	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-approve-correct-amount	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-approve-change-state	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-approve-false	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	
erc20-approve-never-return-false	<ul><li>True</li></ul>	



# APPENDIX INTERNET MONEY (IM) - PULSECHAIN

### I Finding Categories

Categories	Description
Centralization	Centralization / Privilege findings refer to either feature logic or implementation of components that act against the nature of decentralization, such as explicit ownership or specialized access roles in combination with a mechanism to relocate funds.

### 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.

### Details on Formal Verification

### **Technical description**

Some Solidity smart contracts from this project have been formally verified using symbolic model checking. Each such contract was compiled into a mathematical model which reflects all its possible behaviors with respect to the property. The model takes into account the semantics of the Solidity instructions found in the contract. All verification results that we report are based on that model.

The model also formalizes a simplified execution environment of the Ethereum blockchain and a verification harness that performs the initialization of the contract and all possible interactions with the contract. Initially, the contract state is initialized non-deterministically (i.e. by arbitrary values) and over-approximates the reachable state space of the contract throughout any actual deployment on chain. All valid results thus carry over to the contract's behavior in arbitrary states after it has been deployed.

### Assumptions and simplifications

The following assumptions and simplifications apply to our model:

- Gas consumption is not taken into account, i.e. we assume that executions do not terminate prematurely because they run out of gas.
- The contract's state variables are non-deterministically initialized before invocation of any of those functions. That ignores contract invariants and may lead to false positives. It is, however, a safe over-approximation.
- The verification engine reasons about unbounded integers. Machine arithmetic is modeled as operations on the
  congruence classes arising from the bit-width of the underlying numeric type. This ensures that over- and underflow
  characteristics are faithfully represented.



- Certain low-level calls and inline assembly are not supported and may lead to an ERC-20 token contract not being formally verified.
- We model the semantics of the Solidity source code and not the semantics of the EVM bytecode in a compiled contract.

### Formalism for property definitions

All properties are expressed in linear temporal logic (LTL). For that matter, we treat each invocation of and each return from a public or an external function as a discrete time steps. Our analysis reasons about the contract's state upon entering and upon leaving public or external functions.

Apart from the Boolean connectives and the modal operators "always" (written []) and "eventually" (written <>), we use the following predicates to reason about the validity of atomic propositions. They are evaluated on the contract's state whenever a discrete time step occurs:

- started(f, [cond]) Indicates an invocation of contract function | f | within a state satisfying formula | cond |.
- [willSucceed(f, [cond])] Indicates an invocation of contract function [f] within a state satisfying formula [cond] and considers only those executions that do not revert.
- finished(f, [cond]) Indicates that execution returns from contract function f in a state satisfying formula cond. Here, formula cond may refer to the contract's state variables and to the value they had upon entering the function (using the old function).
- reverted(f, [cond]) Indicates that execution of contract function f was interrupted by an exception in a contract state satisfying formula cond.

The verification performed in this audit operates on a harness that non-deterministically invokes a function of the contract's public or external interface. All formulas are analyzed w.r.t. the trace that corresponds to this function invocation.

### **Description of ERC-20 Properties**

The specifications are designed such that they capture the desired and admissible behaviors of the ERC-20 functions transfer, transferFrom, approve, allowance, balanceOf, and totalSupply.

In the following, we list those property specifications.

Properties for ERC-20 function transfer

### erc20-transfer-revert-zero

Function Transfer Prevents Transfers to the Zero Address.

Any call of the form transfer(recipient, amount) must fail if the recipient address is the zero address.



### erc20-transfer-succeed-normal

Function | transfer | Succeeds on Admissible Non-self Transfers.

All invocations of the form transfer(recipient, amount) must succeed and return true if

- the recipient address is not the zero address,
- amount does not exceed the balance of address msg.sender,
- transferring amount to the recipient address does not lead to an overflow of the recipient's balance, and
- the supplied gas suffices to complete the call.

### Specification:

```
[](started(contract.transfer(to, value), to != address(0)
    && to != msg.sender && value >= 0 && value <= _balances[msg.sender]
    && _balances[to] + value <= type(uint256).max && _balances[to] >= 0
    && _balances[msg.sender] <= type(uint256).max)
    ==> <>(finished(contract.transfer(to, value), return)))
```

### erc20-transfer-succeed-self

Function transfer Succeeds on Admissible Self Transfers.

All self-transfers, i.e. invocations of the form <code>[transfer(recipient, amount)]</code> where the <code>[recipient]</code> address equals the address in <code>[msg.sender]</code> must succeed and return <code>[true]</code> if

- the value in amount does not exceed the balance of msg.sender and
- the supplied gas suffices to complete the call.

### Specification:

```
[](started(contract.transfer(to, value), to != address(0)
    && to == msg.sender && value >= 0 && value <= _balances[msg.sender]
    && _balances[msg.sender] >= 0
    && _balances[msg.sender] <= type(uint256).max)
    ==> <>(finished(contract.transfer(to, value), return)))
```

### erc20-transfer-correct-amount

Function Transfer Transfers the Correct Amount in Non-self Transfers.



All non-reverting invocations of transfer(recipient, amount) that return true must subtract the value in amount from the balance of msg.sender and add the same value to the balance of the recipient address.

Specification:

### erc20-transfer-correct-amount-self

Function Transfer Transfers the Correct Amount in Self Transfers.

All non-reverting invocations of [transfer(recipient, amount)] that return [true] and where the [recipient] address equals [msg.sender] (i.e. self-transfers) must not change the balance of address [msg.sender].

Specification:

### erc20-transfer-change-state

Function transfer Has No Unexpected State Changes.

All non-reverting invocations of transfer(recipient, amount) that return true must only modify the balance entries of the msg.sender and the recipient addresses.

Specification:

### erc20-transfer-exceed-balance

Function transfer Fails if Requested Amount Exceeds Available Balance.

Any transfer of an amount of tokens that exceeds the balance of msg.sender must fail.



### erc20-transfer-recipient-overflow

Function transfer Prevents Overflows in the Recipient's Balance.

Any invocation of transfer(recipient, amount) must fail if it causes the balance of the recipient address to overflow.

Specification:

### erc20-transfer-false

If Function transfer Returns false, the Contract State Has Not Been Changed.

If the transfer function in contract contract fails by returning false, it must undo all state changes it incurred before returning to the caller.

Specification:

### erc20-transfer-never-return-false

Function transfe Never Returns false.

The transfer function must never return false to signal a failure.

Specification:

```
[](!(finished(contract.transfer, !return)))
```

Properties for ERC-20 function transferFrom



### erc20-transferfrom-revert-from-zero

Function transferFrom Fails for Transfers From the Zero Address.

All calls of the form transferFrom(from, dest, amount) where the from address is zero, must fail.

Specification:

### erc20-transferfrom-revert-to-zero

Function transferFrom Fails for Transfers To the Zero Address.

All calls of the form transferFrom(from, dest, amount) where the dest address is zero, must fail.

Specification:

### erc20-transferfrom-succeed-normal

Function transferFrom Succeeds on Admissible Non-self Transfers. All invocations of transferFrom(from, dest, amount) must succeed and return true if

- the value of amount does not exceed the balance of address from ,
- the value of amount does not exceed the allowance of msg.sender for address from,
- transferring a value of amount to the address in dest does not lead to an overflow of the recipient's balance, and
- the supplied gas suffices to complete the call.

```
[](started(contract.transferFrom(from, to, value), from != address(0)
    && to != address(0) && from != to && value <= _balances[from]
    && value <= _allowances[from][msg.sender]
    && _balances[to] + value <= type(uint256).max
    && value >= 0 && _balances[to] >= 0 && _balances[from] >= 0
    && _balances[from] <= type(uint256).max
    && _allowances[from][msg.sender] >= 0
    && _allowances[from][msg.sender] <= type(uint256).max)
    ==> <>(finished(contract.transferFrom(from, to, value), return)))
```



### erc20-transferfrom-succeed-self

Function transferFrom Succeeds on Admissible Self Transfers.

All invocations of transferFrom(from, dest, amount) where the dest address equals the from address (i.e. self-transfers) must succeed and return true if:

- The value of amount does not exceed the balance of address from ,
- the value of amount does not exceed the allowance of msg.sender for address from , and
- the supplied gas suffices to complete the call.

### Specification:

```
[](started(contract.transferFrom(from, to, value), from != address(0)
    && from == to && value <= _balances[from]
    && value <= _allowances[from][msg.sender]
    && value >= 0 && _balances[from] <= type(uint256).max
    && _allowances[from][msg.sender] <= type(uint256).max)
    ==> <>(finished(contract.transferFrom(from, to, value), return)))
```

### erc20-transferfrom-correct-amount

Function TransferFrom Transfers the Correct Amount in Non-self Transfers.

All invocations of transferFrom(from, dest, amount) that succeed and that return true subtract the value in amount from the balance of address from and add the same value to the balance of address dest.

Specification:

### erc20-transferfrom-correct-amount-self

Function transferFrom Performs Self Transfers Correctly.

All non-reverting invocations of transferFrom(from, dest, amount) that return true and where the address in from equals the address in dest (i.e. self-transfers) do not change the balance entry of the from address (which equals dest).



### erc20-transferfrom-correct-allowance

Function transferFrom Updated the Allowance Correctly.

All non-reverting invocations of transferFrom(from, dest, amount) that return true must decrease the allowance for address msg.sender over address from by the value in amount.

Specification:

### erc20-transferfrom-change-state

Function | transferFrom | Has No Unexpected State Changes.

All non-reverting invocations of transferFrom(from, dest, amount) that return true may only modify the following state variables:

- The balance entry for the address in dest,
- The balance entry for the address in from,
- The allowance for the address in msg.sender for the address in from . Specification:

```
[](willSucceed(contract.transferFrom(from, to, amount), p1 != from && p1 != to
    && (p2 != from || p3 != msg.sender))
    ==> <>(finished(contract.transferFrom(from, to, amount), return
    ==> (_totalSupply == old(_totalSupply) && _balances[p1] == old(_balances[p1])
    && _allowances[p2][p3] == old(_allowances[p2][p3]) ))))
```



### erc20-transferfrom-fail-exceed-balance

Any call of the form transferFrom(from, dest, amount) with a value for amount that exceeds the balance of address from must fail.

Specification:

### erc20-transferfrom-fail-exceed-allowance

Any call of the form transferFrom(from, dest, amount) with a value for amount that exceeds the allowance of address msg.sender must fail.

Specification:

### erc20-transferfrom-fail-recipient-overflow

Function | transferFrom | Prevents Overflows in the Recipient's Balance.

Any call of transferFrom(from, dest, amount) with a value in amount whose transfer would cause an overflow of the balance of address dest must fail.



### erc20-transferfrom-false

If Function transferFrom Returns false, the Contract's State Has Not Been Changed.

If transferFrom returns false to signal a failure, it must undo all incurred state changes before returning to the caller.

Specification:

### erc20-transferfrom-never-return-false

Function transferFrom Never Returns false.

The transferFrom function must never return false.

Specification:

```
[](!(finished(contract.transferFrom, !return)))
```

Properties related to function totalSupply

### erc20-totalsupply-succeed-always

Function totalSupply Always Succeeds.

The function totalSupply must always succeeds, assuming that its execution does not run out of gas.

Specification:

```
[](started(contract.totalSupply) ==> <>(finished(contract.totalSupply)))
```

### erc20-totalsupply-correct-value

Function totalSupply Returns the Value of the Corresponding State Variable.

The totalSupply function must return the value that is held in the corresponding state variable of contract contract.



Function totalSupply Does Not Change the Contract's State.

The totalSupply function in contract contract must not change any state variables.

Specification:

Properties related to function balanceOf

### erc20-balanceof-succeed-always

Function balanceOf Always Succeeds.

Function balanceOf must always succeed if it does not run out of gas.

Specification:

```
[](started(contract.balanceOf) ==> <>(finished(contract.balanceOf)))
```

### erc20-balanceof-correct-value

Function balanceOf Returns the Correct Value.

Invocations of balanceOf(owner) must return the value that is held in the contract's balance mapping for address owner.

Specification:

### erc20-balanceof-change-state

Function | balance0f | Does Not Change the Contract's State.

Function balanceof must not change any of the contract's state variables.

Specification:

Properties related to function allowance



### erc20-allowance-succeed-always

Function allowance Always Succeeds.

Function allowance must always succeed, assuming that its execution does not run out of gas.

Specification:

```
[](started(contract.allowance) ==> <>(finished(contract.allowance)))
```

### erc20-allowance-correct-value

Function allowance Returns Correct Value.

Invocations of [allowance(owner, spender)] must return the allowance that address [spender] has over tokens held by address [owner].

Specification:

### erc20-allowance-change-state

Function allowance Does Not Change the Contract's State.

Function allowance must not change any of the contract's state variables.

Specification:

### Properties related to function approve

### erc20-approve-revert-zero

Function approve Prevents Giving Approvals For the Zero Address.

All calls of the form approve(spender, amount) must fail if the address in spender is the zero address.



### erc20-approve-succeed-normal

Function | approve | Succeeds for Admissible Inputs.

All calls of the form approve(spender, amount) must succeed, if

- the address in spender is not the zero address and
- the execution does not run out of gas.

Specification:

### erc20-approve-correct-amount

Function | approve | Updates the Approval Mapping Correctly.

All non-reverting calls of the form approve(spender, amount) that return true must correctly update the allowance mapping according to the address msg.sender and the values of spender and amount.

Specification:

### erc20-approve-change-state

Function approve Has No Unexpected State Changes.

All calls of the form approve(spender, amount) must only update the allowance mapping according to the address msg.sender and the values of spender and amount and incur no other state changes.



### erc20-approve-false

If Function approve Returns false, the Contract's State Has Not Been Changed.

If function approve returns false to signal a failure, it must undo all state changes that it incurred before returning to the caller.

Specification:

### erc20-approve-never-return-false

Function approve Never Returns false.

The function approve must never returns false.

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[](!(finished(contract.approve, !return)))
```



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