Taler Auditor Report

Christian Grothoff

March 5, 2020

This report is based on a template licensed under the Affero General Public License, either version 3, or (at your option) any later version. The source code for the template is available at https://git.taler.net/.

1 Operations

The balance of the escrow account should be **TESTKUDOS:5**. The active operational risk stands at **TESTKUDOS:0**.

2 Income

This section analyzes the income of the exchange operator from fees.

Table 1: Fee revenue summary

Category	Amount
Withdraw fees	TESTKUDOS:0
Deposit fees	TESTKUDOS:0
Melt fees	TESTKUDOS:0
Refund fees	TESTKUDOS:0
Aggregation fees	TESTKUDOS:0
Total	TESTKUDOS:0

3 Lag

This section analyzes the lag, which is by how much the exchange's aggregator is behind in making wire transfers that have been due.

The total amount the exchange currently lags behind is ${\bf TESTKUDOS:0}.$

Note that some lag is perfectly normal, as tiny amounts that are too small to be wired are deferred beyond the due date, hoping that additional transfers will push them above the tiny threshold. Below, we report *non-tiny* wire transfers that are lagging behind.

No non-tiny wire transfers that are lagging behind detected.

4 Deposit confirmation lag

This section analyzes the lag, which is by how much the exchange's database reporting is behind in providing us with information about deposit confirmations. Merchants probabilistically report deposit confirmations to the auditor directly, so if the exchange is slow at synchronizing its database with the auditor, some deposit confirmations may be known at the auditor only directly. However, any delta not accounted for by database synchronization delays is an indicator of a malicious exchange (or online singing key compromise) and should be answered by revoking the exchange's online signing keys.

The total amount the exchange currently lags behind is ${\bf TESTKUDOS:0}$ or ${\bf 0}$ deposit confirmations.

Note that some lag is perfectly normal. Below, we report *all* deposit confirmations that are lagging behind.

No deposit confirmations that are lagging behind detected.

5 Major irregularities

This section describes the possible major irregularities that the auditor has checked, and lists all of the actual irregularities encountered in detail.

5.1 Emergencies

Emergencies are errors where more coins were deposited than the exchange remembers issuing. This usually means that the private keys of the exchange were compromised (stolen or factored) and subsequently used to sign coins off the books. If this happens, all coins of the respective denomination that the exchange has redeemed so far may have been created by the attacker, and the exchange would have to refund all of the outstanding coins from ordinary users. Thus, the **risk exposure** is the amount of coins in circulation for a particular denominatin and the maximum loss for the exchange from this type of compromise.

No emergencies detected.

5.2 Arithmetic problems

This section lists cases where the arithmetic of the exchange involving amounts disagrees with the arithmetic of the auditor. Disagreements imply that either the exchange made a loss (sending out too much money), or screwed a customer (and thus at least needs to fix the financial damage done to the customer).

No arithmetic problems detected.

5.3 Reserve withdrawals exceeding balance

This section highlights cases where more coins were withdrawn from a reserve than the reserve contained funding for. This is a serious compromise resulting in proportional financial losses to the exchange.

All withdrawals were covered by sufficient reserve funding.

5.4 Claimed outgoing wire transfer inconsistencies

This section is about the exchange's database containing a justification to make an outgoing wire transfer for an aggregated amount for various deposits. It is reported as an inconsistency if the amount claimed for the wire transfer does not match up the deposits aggregated. This is about a *claimed* outgoing wire transfer as violations do not imply that the wire transfer was actually made (as that is a separate check). Note that not making the wire transfer would be reported separately in Section ??.

All aggregations matched up.

5.5 Coin history inconsistencies

This section lists cases where the exchange made arithmetic errors found when looking at the transaction history of a coin. The totals sum up the differences in amounts that matter for profit/loss calculations of the exchange. When an exchange merely shifted money from customers to merchants (or vice versa) without any effects on its own balance, those entries are excluded from the total.

All coin histories were unproblematic.

5.6 Operations with bad signatures

This section lists operations that the exchange performed, but for which the signatures provided are invalid. Hence the operations were invalid and the amount involved should be considered lost.

The key given is always the key for which the signature verification step failed. This is the reserve public key for "withdraw" operations, the coin public key for "deposit" and "melt" operations, the merchant's public key for "melt" operations, the (hash of the) denomination public key for "payback-verify" and "deposit-verify" operations, and the master public key for "payback-master" operations.

All signatures were valid.

5.7 Actual incoming wire transfers

This section highlights cases where the exchange's record about incoming wire transfers does not match with that of the bank.

All incoming wire transfer amounts and subjects matched up.

5.8 Missattributed incoming wire transfers

This section lists cases where the sender account record of an incoming wire transfer differs between the exchange and the bank. This will cause funds to be sent to the wrong account when the reserve is closed and the remaining balance is refunded to the original account.

All incoming wire transfer sender accounts matched up.

5.9 Actual outgoing wire transfers

This section highlights cases where the exchange missbehaved with respect to outgoing wire transfers.

All outgoing wire transfers matched up.

6 Minor irregularities

6.1 Incorrect reserve balance summary in database

This section highlights cases where the reserve balance summary in the database does not match the calculations made by the auditor. Deltas may indicate a corrupt database, but do not necessarily translate into a financial loss (yet).

All balances matched up.

6.2 Wire table issues

This section describes issues found by the wire auditor that do not have a clear financial impact.

No wire row inconsistencies found.

6.3 Outgoing wire transfer subject issues

This section describes issues found by the wire auditor that relate to outgoing wire transfers being malformed. This happens if the exchange somehow creates wire transfers with duplicate or malformed wire transfer subjects.

No wire format inconsistencies found.

6.4 Wire fee structure inconsistencies

This section lists cases where the exchange's database may be ambiguous with respect to what wire fee it charges at what time.

No wire fee timing issues detected.

6.5 Other issues

This section describes issues found that do not have a clear financial impact. No row inconsistencies found.

7 Delays and timing

This section describes issues that are likely caused simply by some job process of the exchange not running properly or not having caught up with the work load yet.

7.1 Delayed closure of reserves

This section describes cases where the exchange did not close a reserve and wire back the remaining funds when the reserve expired.

All expired reserves were closed.

7.2 Hanging refresh operations

This section describes cases where the exchange booked a coin as spent from /refresh/melt but where the wallet did not yet complete /refresh/reveal. This may happen even if the exchange is correct.

All melted coins were refreshed.

7.3 Denomination key invalid at time of withdrawal

This section lists cases where a denomination key was not valid for withdrawal at the time when the exchange claims to have signed a coin with it. This would be irregular, but has no obvious financial implications.

All denomination keys were valid at the time of withdrawals.

7.4 Wire transfer timestamp issues

This section lists issues with wire transfers related to timestamps. No timestamp issues detected.