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Executive Summary

TYPES

Layer 1

ECOSYSTEM

Avalanche (AVAX)

METHODS

Manual Review

LANGUAGE

Other

TIMELINE

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Apertum is implemented as a sovereign Avalanche Layer-1 (Subnet) built entirely on the unmodified Avalanche consensus and validator framework.

The audit confirms that Apertum operates on the Avalanche framework with no modifications to core consensus or protocol logic, inheriting Avalanche's security and decentralization properties. No findings impact protocol integrity.

Vulnerability Summary



0 Centralization

Centralization findings highlight privileged roles & functions and their capabilities, or instances where the project takes custody of users' assets.

0 Critical

Critical risks are those that impact the safe functioning of a platform and must be addressed before launch. Users should not invest in any project with outstanding critical risks.

0 Major

Major risks may include logical errors that, under specific circumstances, could result in fund losses or loss of project control.

0 Medium

Medium risks may not pose a direct risk to users' funds, but they can affect the overall functioning of a platform.

0 Minor

Minor risks can be any of the above, but on a smaller scale. They generally do not compromise the overall integrity of the project, but they may be less efficient than other solutions.

0 Informational

Informational errors are often recommendations to improve the style of the code or certain operations to fall within industry best practices. They usually do not affect the overall functioning of the code.

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INTRODUCTION: OBJECTIVE & SCOPE | APERTUM

The primary objective of this technical review is to document and verify the [Apertum](#)'s on-chain parameters and operational status within the [Avalanche ecosystem](#), in response to the Apertum team's service request to validate that Apertum operates as an Avalanche Subnet.

This report goes beyond theoretical documentation by presenting Apertum's deployment data: first establishing a technical baseline via the [avalanche-cli](#) framework, and then performing on-chain queries through direct interactions with the Avalanche P-Chain, Glacier API, and Apertum's EVM endpoints.

To ensure data consistency, these raw findings are cross-checked with the official [Avascan](#) explorer and third-party registries like [Chainstack](#), documenting Apertum's registration and presence within the broader Web3 ecosystem.

For this analysis, we assume that all information obtained from the endpoints provided by the Apertum team is accurate. The data sources are as follows:

1. Avalanche Subnet Explorer: <https://subnetsavax.network/subnets/2Y83BEXg7zgSCJunL2KD2i1vjMfaMnU1QEpG4M7acqG44BnRto>
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PART 1: BUILDING ON AVALANCHE - ARCHITECTURE | APERTUM

I Avalanche Infrastructure

To understand the technical positioning of specific projects like **Apertum**, one must first grasp the underlying infrastructure of the Avalanche network. Avalanche is not merely another Layer-1 blockchain; it is architected as a Layer-0 Protocol or a Platform of Platforms.

At its core, Avalanche solves the blockchain scalability trilemma through a novel consensus mechanism based on Repeated Random Subsampling. Unlike PoW (Proof of Work) or traditional BFT (Byzantine Fault Tolerance) which can be slow or unscalable, Avalanche achieves sub-second finality and supports thousands of validators. This creates a highly decentralized environment where transactions are confirmed almost instantly, providing the bedrock for high-performance applications.

I Primary Network

The foundation of the ecosystem is the Primary Network, secured by the global validator set. Instead of forcing all activity onto a single chain (which causes congestion and high fees), the Primary Network utilizes a multi-chain framework to separate concerns:

- **P-Chain (Platform Chain):** This is the governance and coordination layer. It implements the Snowman consensus protocol to manage the validator set and track active Subnets. Critically, This is where custom blockchains (like Apertum) are registered and where their security models are defined.
- **C-Chain (Contract Chain):** An implementation of the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM) running on the high-speed Snowman consensus engine. It serves as the general-purpose smart contract layer, allowing developers to deploy Solidity contracts with significantly higher throughput than Ethereum.
- **X-Chain (Exchange Chain):** A DAG-based (Directed Acyclic Graph) chain optimized for the parallel processing of transactions, specifically for the creation and exchange of digital assets.

I Subnets and Avalanche L1s

The core innovation relevant to our review is the **Subnet** (Subnetwork). A Subnet is a dynamic set of validators working together to achieve consensus on the state of a set of blockchains.

While early Subnets were often static and permissioned, the ecosystem is evolving toward **Avalanche L1s** (formerly known as Elastic Subnets). An Avalanche L1 is a sovereign blockchain that offers:

1. **Infinite Horizontal Scalability:** Unlike Layer-2 rollups that still depend on L1 block space, an Avalanche L1 adds capacity to the network without competing for Primary Network resources.
2. **Custom Economic Models:** L1s can use their own native tokens for gas fees instead of AVAX, capturing value directly for their ecosystem.
3. **Sovereign & Permissionless Validation:** By utilizing PoS Precompiles (specialized smart contracts), L1s can manage their own staking logic, allowing anyone to become a validator without manual approval from a central authority.

I Builder's Toolkit: avalanche-cli

For developers and researchers, interacting with this complex infrastructure requires specialized tooling. `avalanche-cli` is the official command-line interface designed to orchestrate the lifecycle of an Avalanche L1. It abstracts the complexity of running nodes and interacting with the P-Chain.

In this section, we break down the standard workflow for building a Subnet. Understanding this process establishes the technical baseline for analyzing live projects like Apertum.

Phase 1: Blockchain Configuration

The first step in creating an L1 is defining its specifications.

Command: `avalanche blockchain create <BlockchainName>`

Technical Analysis: This command generates the `genesis.json` file. This file is the immutable "DNA" of the blockchain and includes:

- **Virtual Machine (VM) Selection:** Most L1s, including Apertum, utilize the - **Subnet-EVM**. This is a modified version of the `go-ethereum` (geth) EVM, stripped of PoW consensus and adapted for the high-speed Snowman consensus engine.
- **Chain ID:** A unique identifier (e.g., `2786`) to prevent replay attacks across different EVM networks.
- **Initial Allocation:** Defines the distribution of native tokens at the genesis block (e.g., airdrops to admin addresses).

Phase 2: Deployment and Orchestration

Once configured, the blockchain must be deployed to a network (Local, Fuji Testnet, or Mainnet).

Command: `avalanche blockchain deploy <BlockchainName> --local`

When a developer runs this command, `avalanche-cli` performs several critical operations that leave on-chain evidence:

1. **P-Chain Interaction:** It issues a transaction to the P-Chain to create a new **Subnet ID**.
2. **Chain Initialization:** It issues a `CreateChain` transaction, associating the new Subnet ID with the `genesis.json` and the VM binary.

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Verification Strategy

In Part 1, we established how Avalanche L1s are constructed. In this section, we shift from theory to practice. Our objective is to verify that **Apertum** exists as a registered Subnet on the Avalanche Mainnet and to extract its technical configuration directly from the chain.

To ensure the integrity of our data, we bypassed third-party explorers and interacted directly with the Avalanche network.

We utilized `curl` to issue HTTP requests directly to Avalanche's API endpoints. Our methodology follows the official technical standard outlined in Ava Labs' guide on [\[Issuing API Calls\]](#). This documentation defines the JSON-RPC 2.0 structure required to communicate with the node validators.

To establish a comprehensive chain of evidence, we will also perform a cross-verification step. We will compare our raw on-chain findings against the public data indexed by the official Avalanche Explorer on [\[Avascan\]](#), ensuring that the node-level data aligns perfectly with the publicly recognized network state.

Basic Registration (P-Chain RPC)

Our first query targeted the P-Chain (Platform Chain). This is the "root" ledger where all Subnets must be registered. We used the `platform.getSubnets` method to show if the Apertum Subnet ID is valid.

The Query

We issued a standard POST request to the P-Chain endpoint (`/ext/bc/P`):

```
curl -X POST --data '{
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",
  "id": 1,
  "method": "platform.getSubnets",
  "params": {
    "ids": ["2Y83BEXg7zgSCJunL2KD2i1vjMfaMnU1QEpG4M7acqG44BnRto"]
  }
}' -H 'content-type:application/json;' https://api.avax.network/ext/bc/P
```

Where `2Y83BEXg7zgSCJunL2KD2i1vjMfaMnU1QEpG4M7acqG44BnRto` is the claimed subnet ID of Apertum.

The Output

The node returned the following raw data:

```
{
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",
  "result": {
    "subnets": [
      {
        "id": "2Y83BEXg7zgSCJunL2KD2i1vjMfaMnU1QEpG4M7acqG44BnRto",
        "controlKeys": [
          "P-avax138usvdatdk6syvjzkwmla9n39535zex8t0kr9m"
        ],
        "threshold": "1"
      }
    ]
  },
  "id": 1
}
```

Analysis of Findings

- **Existence:** The non-empty subnets array shows that ID `2Y83BEXg7zgSCJunL2KD2i1vjMfaMnU1QEpG4M7acqG44BnRto` is present on the Avalanche Mainnet.
- **Governance & Ownership:** The threshold: `1` combined with the single address in controlKeys (`P-avax138usvdatdk6syvjzkwmla9n39535zex8t0kr9m`) indicates a Single-Sig governance model. This specific address holds the root administrative rights for the Subnet on the P-Chain, serving as the ultimate owner responsible for the network's lifecycle.

The presence of a Subnet owner key reflects administrative control at the Subnet-registration layer and does not modify or influence base Avalanche consensus logic.

This raw data aligns with the official network information indexed on [Avalanche Subnet Explorer](#), showing the consistency between the node-level state and the public explorer.

Advanced Configuration (Glacier API)

While the P-Chain RPC shows the existence, it lacks architectural details. To understand what kind of Subnet Apertum is, we queried the [Glacier API](#), Ava Labs' high-performance indexer service.

The Query

We executed a GET request targeting the specific Subnet ID `2Y83BEXg7zgSCJunL2KD2i1vjMfaMnU1QEpG4M7acqG44BnRto`:

```
curl -X 'GET' \
  'https://glacier-
  api.avax.network/v1/networks/mainnet/subnets/2Y83BEXg7zgSCJunL2KD2i1vjMfaMnU1QEpG4M7
  acqG44BnRto' \
  -H 'accept: application/json'
```

The Output

This query provided a rich dataset revealing the internal architecture of Apertum:

```
{
  "subnetId": "2Y83BEXg7zgSCJunL2KD2i1vjMfaMnU1QEpG4M7acqG44BnRto",
  "createBlockTimestamp": 1738225810,
  "createBlockIndex": "20622860",
  "ownerAddresses": [
    "P-avax138usvdatdk6syvjzkwm1a9n39535zex8t0kr9m"
  ],
  "threshold": 1,
  "locktime": 0,
  "subnetOwnershipInfo": {
    "addresses": [
      "P-avax138usvdatdk6syvjzkwm1a9n39535zex8t0kr9m"
    ],
    "locktime": 0,
    "threshold": 1
  },
  "isL1": true,
  "l1ConversionTransactionHash":
  "2to9mahNx825sJntcmq2VAqNDKZaTkkCiTud4dTSpCBaQePZEu",
  "l1ValidatorManagerDetails": {
    "blockchainId": "YDJ1r9RMkewATmA7B35q1bdV18aywzmdiXwd9zGBq3uQjsCnn",
    "contractAddress": "0x0feedc0de000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000"
  },
  "blockchains": [
    {
      "createBlockTimestamp": 1738225820,
      "createBlockNumber": "20622863",
      "blockchainId": "YDJ1r9RMkewATmA7B35q1bdV18aywzmdiXwd9zGBq3uQjsCnn",
      "vmId": "VpZ47y5KN9XLDsaBQWEemUCse5UyBSa5kKuN5pALTzoETEena",
      "subnetId": "2Y83BEXg7zgSCJunL2KD2i1vjMfaMnU1QEpG4M7acqG44BnRto",
      "blockchainName": "ApertumMainnet",
      "evmChainId": 2786
    }
  ]
}
```

Analysis of Findings

This API response provides a wealth of "hidden" technical details. By decoding specific parameters, we can infer the network's consensus engine and governance evolution:

1. Consensus Mechanism:

- **Observation:** The `vmId` is `"VpZ47y5KN9XLDsaBQWEemUCse5UyBSa5kKuN5pALTzoETEena"`.

- **Analysis:** This specific ID is the unique fingerprint for Ava Labs' official Subnet-EVM. Usage of this VM binary mandates the use of the Snowman++ consensus protocol (a linear chain optimized implementation of Snowman). This explains why explorers like [Avascan](#) classify the consensus as Snowman++ even without an explicit API tag. Apertum's implementation uses the standard, unmodified Subnet-EVM with Snowman++ consensus, ensuring that all trust assumptions and security guarantees of Avalanche's validator set are directly inherited.

For the avoidance of doubt, Apertum does not alter AvalancheGo consensus logic, validator behavior, or underlying security primitives; it inherits these directly from the Avalanche framework. Because the Subnet-EVM VM is used without customization, Apertum relies entirely on Avalanche's native Snowman++ consensus engine with no protocol-level deviations.

2. Architecture & Evolution:

- **Observation:** `isL1: true` and the presence of `L1ConversionTransactionHash` (`2to9mahNx825sJntcmq2VAqNDKZaTkkCiTud4dTSpCBaQePZEu`).
- **Analysis:** Apertum operates as a sovereign **Avalanche L1&& (Elastic Subnet). The transaction hash indicates that the network likely started as a standard Subnet and executed an on-chain transformation transaction to upgrade its status. This enables it to define its own staking economics independent of the primary network.

3. Permissionless Validation Logic:

- **Observation:** `l1ValidatorManagerDetails` points to contract `0x0feedc0de00`.
- **Analysis:** This "vanity address" is the standard precompiled contract for PoS management in Avalanche L1s. It shows that validator entry/exit is handled programmatically via smart contracts on the Apertum chain itself, allowing for a truly permissionless validator set.

4. Network Identifiers:

- **Observation:** `blockchainId` is `"YDJ1r9RMkewATmA7B35q1bdV18aywzmdiXwd9zGBq3uQjsCnn"` and `evmChainId` is `2786`.
- **Analysis:** It is crucial to distinguish between these two IDs. The `blockchainId` is the unique handle on the Avalanche P-Chain (used to construct RPC URLs like `.../ext/bc/YDJ1.../rpc`), while the `evmChainId` is used internally by the VM for transaction signing and replay protection.

5. Genesis & Lifecycle:

- **Observation:** `createBlockTimestamp` is `1738225810`.
- **Analysis:** This timestamp converts to **January 30, 2025, at 08:30:10 UTC**. This precise genesis time provides a clear starting point for the network's history, allowing auditors to calculate the exact age and uptime of the blockchain.

This raw data perfectly aligns with the official network information indexed on [Avascan](#), showing the consistency between the node-level state and the public explorer.

Apertum should not be interpreted as a Layer-2 or rollup. It is a sovereign Layer-1 blockchain within the Avalanche ecosystem. Apertum does not rely on external data availability layers, shared security models, or settlement chains. All consensus and state transitions occur natively within the Apertum Layer-1 environment. Because Apertum operates atop

Avalanche's unmodified consensus and validator framework, the trust assumptions and security guarantees of the base Avalanche protocol are directly inherited without dilution or deviation.

■ Liveness & On-Chain Activity

Establishing the Connection

Before diving into the chain's state, we performed two preliminary checks to ensure a secure connection. First, we verified the **Chain ID** via RPC, showing it matches the expected `2786`. Second, we briefly reviewed the **Consensus Layer** on the P-Chain, identifying a healthy set of **11 active validators** securing the network.

With the identity and security of the endpoint confirmed, we proceeded to the core of our review: interacting with the Apertum EVM to verify real-time block production and user activity.

To examine that Apertum is an active ledger and not a dormant chain, we queried the full details of the latest block. This provides more granular evidence than a simple height check, as it reveals the actual content of the ledger (transactions, miner, timestamps).

The Query

We used the standard `eth_getBlockByNumber` method with the boolean flag set to `true` to retrieve full transaction objects.

RPC Endpoint: <https://rpc.apertum.io/ext/bc/YDJ1r9RMkewATmA7B35q1bdV18aywzmdiXwd9zGBq3uQjsCnn/rpc>

```
curl -X POST --data '{
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",
  "method": "eth_getBlockByNumber",
  "params": ["latest", true],
  "id": 1
}' -H "Content-Type: application/json"
https://rpc.apertum.io/ext/bc/YDJ1r9RMkewATmA7B35q1bdV18aywzmdiXwd9zGBq3uQjsCnn/rpc
```

Key Output Data

The node returned the following critical data points (excerpted for clarity):

3. Identity Verification

- The transaction data includes the field `chainId: 0xae2`.
- **Decimal Conversion:** 2786.
- **Conclusion:** This shows that the RPC endpoint we connected to is indeed the correct Apertum Mainnet, matching the Chain ID registered in the genesis metadata.

This raw data aligns with the information indexed on [Apertum's official explorer](#), showing the consistency between the node-level state and the public explorer.

PART 3: THIRD-PARTY VALIDATION | APERTUM

Beyond the Avalanche Boundary

While our previous queries verified Apertum's existence on the Avalanche P-Chain, a mature blockchain requires recognition from the broader Web3 ecosystem. In this section, we validate Apertum's status through independent, non-Avalanche third-party registries.

These listings serve two purposes: they provide social proof of the network's legitimacy, and more importantly, they offer an opportunity for **cross-verification**. By comparing the data registered on these external platforms with the raw data we queried earlier, we can show the consistency and accuracy of Apertum's public configuration.

Chain Registries

Among the various listings, two stand out for their critical importance to the EVM ecosystem. These repositories act as the trust sources for developers and infrastructure providers globally.

Ethereum Lists

- **Source:** `ethereum-lists/chains` [GitHub](#)
- **Evidence:** [Github Commit](#)

This repository is the industry-standard source of truth for EVM Chain IDs. It is maintained by the Ethereum community and underpins **EIP-155 replay protection**. Critical infrastructure, including [MetaMask](#), [WalletConnect](#), and hardware wallets ([Ledger/Trezor](#)), pulls metadata directly from here. A merged PR signifies that the network has claimed a unique global identifier, preventing ID collisions with other blockchains.

Consistency Check:

- **Registry Data:** Lists Chain ID as **2786**.
- **RPC Finding:** Our earlier `eth_chainId` query returned `0xae2` (Decimal: **2786**).

Chainstack

- **Source:** `chainstacklabs/subnetlist` [GitHub](#)
- **Evidence:** [Pull Request #28](#)

Chainstack is a top-tier provider of "Node-as-a-Service" infrastructure. Their subnet repository contains the technical specifications required to spin up enterprise-grade nodes. Inclusion here implies that Apertum's technical architecture has been reviewed and standardized for automated deployment. It signals that the network is structurally ready for professional node operators.

Consistency Check:

- **Registry Data:** Lists Chain ID as **2786**.

- **RPC Finding:** Our earlier `eth_chainId` query returned `0xae2` (Decimal: **2786**).

■ Broader Ecosystem Availability

Following the validation from authoritative sources, Apertum's data has propagated to numerous downstream aggregators. These platforms are crucial for end-user accessibility, allowing users to add the network to their wallets with a single click.

The information listed on the following platforms (RPC URLs, Ticker Symbols, Explorer Links) is consistent with our findings:

- **ChainID.network:** <https://chainid.network/chain/2786/>
- **Chainlist.wtf:** <https://chainlist.wtf/chain/2786/>
- **EVM Chain Info:** <https://evmchain.info/?search=2786>
- **EVMChainList.org:** <https://evmchainlist.org/?search=2786>
- **Networks.vercel.app:** <https://networks.vercel.app/> — Search for 2786
- **Chainlist.simplr.sh:** <https://chainlist.simplr.sh/> — Search for 2786

CONCLUSION | APERTUM

This review utilized the `avalanche-cli` framework as a technical reference to query the on-chain status of the Apertum network. Direct API interactions with the Avalanche Mainnet showed the registration of Apertum as an **Avalanche L1** with ID `2Y83BEXg7zgSCJunL2KD2i1vjMfaMnU1QEpG4M7acqG44BnRto`, currently supported by a set of **11 active validators**. Internal network metrics retrieved via RPC indicate a block height exceeding **4.87 million** with recorded smart contract transactions. These on-chain parameters align with the data indexed in external registries including **Ethereum Lists** and **Chainstack**, documenting the network's operational state and its integration within the broader ecosystem. Specifically, Apertum operates as a sovereign Avalanche Layer-1 (Subnet) built on the fully standard and unmodified Avalanche Subnet-EVM, without introducing any changes to Avalanche's consensus engine, validator framework, or core security assumptions. As Apertum utilizes the unmodified Avalanche Subnet-EVM architecture and Snowman++ consensus, the network inherits Avalanche's security, decentralization, and consensus guarantees by design.

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