

[H-1] Storing the password on-chain makes it visible to anyone

****Description:**** All data stored on-chain is visible to anyone and can be read by anyone, regardless of any Solidity visibility keywords applied to variables. The ``PasswordStore::s_password`` variable is intended to securely and privately store a password set by the user, and only read by the user through the ``PasswordStore::getPassword()`` function which has an only owner check and revert. However, the ``PasswordStore::s_password`` variable is not private because it is stored on-chain.

We demonstrate one such method to read any data off the chain below.

****Impact:**** Anybody can read the intended private password, severely breaking the functionality and intended service of the protocol.

****Proof of Concept:**** The below test case shows how we can read any data from the blockchain.

1. Create a local chain with anvil

```
```bash
$ make anvil
```

#### 2. Deploy the contract

```
$ make deploy
```

#### 3. Get value from storage location

We use **1** for storage slot because `s_password` is defined second in the contract, index starts at zero, and therefore occupies storage slot **1** in the contract.

```
cast storage <address> <storage slot> --rpc-url <RPC URL>
```

#### 4. Make value human readable

```
$ cast parse-bytes32-string
0x6d7950617373776f7264400014
```

#### 5. Private variable output

```
myPassword
```

**Recommended Mitigation:** All data on the blockchain is public. To store sensitive information, additional encryption or off-chain solutions should be considered. Sensitive and personal data should never be stored on the blockchain in plaintext or weakly encrypted or encoded format.

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[H-2] Missing access control for `PasswordStore::setPassword()`, allowing anyone to modify `PasswordStore::s_password`

**Description:** `PasswordStore::setPassword()` is an `external` function that can be called outside of the contract. This function is used to modify the `PasswordStore::s_password`. The intended use of this function is that only the owner of the contract can modify `PasswordStore::s_password` through this function, as detailed in the natspec of the contract - "This function allows only the owner to set a new password". However, the `PasswordStore::setPassword()` function does not carry out any checks if the caller of this function is the contract owner.

```
// @audit - no access control
function setPassword(string memory newPassword) external {
 s_password = newPassword;
 emit SetNetPassword();
}
```

**Impact:** Anybody can call this function to modify the stored password, severely breaking the intended functionality of the contract.

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### Proof of Concept:

#### ► Details

Proof of Concept Steps and Code

### Working Test Case

The `makeAddr` helper function is used to setup an `attacker` address to call the `setPasword()` function:

```
contract PasswordStoreTest is Test {
 PasswordStore public passwordStore;
 DeployPasswordStore public deployer;
 address public owner;
+ address public attacker;

 function setUp() public {
 deployer = new DeployPasswordStore();
 passwordStore = deployer.run();
 owner = msg.sender;
 // attacker address
+ attacker = makeAddr("attacker");
 }
}
```

```
}
}
```

The following test, sets the password to "attackerPassword" using the attacker address. When run, this test will pass, demonstrating that the attacker can set the password:

```
function test_poc_non_owner_set_password() public {
 // initiate the transaction from the non-owner attacker address
 vm.prank(attacker);
 string memory newPassword = "attackerPassword";
 // attacker attempts to set the password
 passwordStore.setPassword(newPassword);
 console.log("The attacker successfully set the password:" newPassword);
}
```

Run the test:

```
forge test --mt test_poc_non_owner_set_password -vvvv
```

Which yields the following output:

```
Running 1 test for test/PasswordStore.t.sol:PasswordStoreTest
[PASS] test_poc_non_owner_set_password() (gas: 20776)
Logs:
 The attacker successfully set the password: attackerPassword

Traces:
[20776] PasswordStoreTest::test_poc_non_owner_set_password()
 └─ [0] VM::prank(attacker: [0x9dF0C6b0066D5317aA5b38B36850548DaCCa6B4e])
 └─ ← ()
 └─ [6686] PasswordStore::setPassword(attackerPassword)
 └─ emit SetNetPassword()
 └─ ← ()
 └─ [0] console::log(The attacker successfully set the password:
attackerPassword) [staticcall]
 └─ ← ()
 └─ ← ()

Test result: ok. 1 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 1.36ms
```

## Recommended Mitigation

Include access control to restrict who can call the `setPassword` function to be only the owner: `s_owner`. This can be achieved in two ways:

1. Using an `if` statement, as used in the `getPassword` function, and revert with the `PasswordStore__NotOwner()` custom error if the address calling the function is not the owner:

```
function setPassword(string memory newPassword) external {
 // @audit check that the function caller is the owner of the contract
 if (msg.sender != s_owner) {
 revert PasswordStore__NotOwner();
 }
 s_password = newPassword;
 emit SetNetPassword();
}
```

2. Using an access modifier e.g. OpenZeppelin's `onlyOwner`. To use this modifier, the `PasswordStore` contract will need to inherit from OpenZeppelin's `Ownable` contract and call its constructor inside the constructor of `PasswordStore`:

```
// @audit import the ownable contract from OpenZeppelin
+ import "@openzeppelin/contracts/ownership/Ownable.sol";

// @audit inherit from the Ownable contract
+ contract PasswordStore is Ownable {
 error PasswordStore__NotOwner();

 address private s_owner;
 string private s_password;

 event SetNetPassword();

+ constructor() Ownable() {
 s_owner = msg.sender;
 }
}
```

As per the OpenZeppelin documentation, by default, the `owner` of an `Ownable` contract is the account that deployed it, meaning that the `s_owner` state variable can be removed.

Using `onlyOwner` modifier adds logic to check that the `msg.sender` is the `owner` of the contract before executing the function's

logic:

```
/*
 * @notice This function allows only the owner to set a new password.
 * @param newPassword The new password to set.
 */
```

```
+ function setPassword(string memory newPassword) external onlyOwner {
 s_password = newPassword;
 emit SetNetPassword();
}
```

[I-1] The `PasswordStore::getPassword()` function natspec indicates a parameter that doesn't exist, causing the natspec to be incorrect

**Description:** The `PasswordStore::getPassword()` function signature is `getPassword()` which the natspec says should actually be `getPassword(string)`.

```
/*
 * @notice This allows only the owner to retrieve the password.
 * @param newPassword The new password to set.
 */
//@audit-info - incorrect documentation for parameter inputs
function getPassword() external view returns (string memory) {
 if (msg.sender != s_owner) {
 revert PasswordStore__NotOwner();
 }
 return s_password;
}
```

**Impact:** The natspec of code is incorrect.

**Recommended Mitigation:** Remove incorrect natspec.

```
/*
 * @notice This allows only the owner to retrieve the password.
 * - * @param newPassword The new password to set.
 */
```