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## 1 Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related source code of the Solidly protocol, we outline in the report our systematic approach to evaluate potential security issues in the smart contract implementation, expose possible semantic inconsistencies between smart contract code and design document, and provide additional suggestions or recommendations for improvement. Our results show that the given version of smart contracts can be further improved due to the presence of several issues related to either security or performance. This document outlines our audit results.

### 1.1 About Solidly

Solidly is designed to allow low-cost, low-slippage trades on uncorrelated or tightly correlated assets. The protocol features a unique AMM, which is compatible with all the standard features as popularized by UniswapV2 with a number of novel improvements, including price oracles without upkeeps, a new curve  $(x^3y + xy^3 = k)$  for efficient stable swaps, as well as a built-in NFT-based voting mechanism and associated token emissions. The basic information of audited contracts is as follows:

ItemDescriptionNameSolidly ProtocolTypeSmart ContractLanguageSolidityAudit MethodWhiteboxLatest Audit ReportJanuary 30, 2022

Table 1.1: Basic Information of Solidly

In the following, we show the Git repository of reviewed files and the commit hash value used in this audit:

https://github.com/andrecronje/solidly.git (4d34f83)

And this is the commit ID after all fixes for the issues found in the audit have been checked in:

https://github.com/andrecronje/solidly.git (8d0ef5a)

#### 1.2 About PeckShield

PeckShield Inc. [9] is a leading blockchain security company with the goal of elevating the security, privacy, and usability of current blockchain ecosystems by offering top-notch, industry-leading services and products (including the service of smart contract auditing). We are reachable at Telegram (https://t.me/peckshield), Twitter (http://twitter.com/peckshield), or Email (contact@peckshield.com).

High Critical High Medium

High Medium

Low

Medium Low

High Medium

Low

High Medium

Low

Likelihood

Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification

## 1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [8]:

- <u>Likelihood</u> represents how likely a particular vulnerability is to be uncovered and exploited in the wild;
- Impact measures the technical loss and business damage of a successful attack;
- Severity demonstrates the overall criticality of the risk.

Likelihood and impact are categorized into three ratings: *H*, *M* and *L*, i.e., *high*, *medium* and *low* respectively. Severity is determined by likelihood and impact, and can be accordingly classified into four categories, i.e., *Critical*, *High*, *Medium*, *Low* shown in Table 1.2.

To evaluate the risk, we go through a list of check items and each would be labeled with a severity category. For one check item, if our tool or analysis does not identify any issue, the contract is considered safe regarding the check item. For any discovered issue, we might further

Table 1.3: The Full List of Check Items

Category	Check Item
	Constructor Mismatch
	Ownership Takeover
	Redundant Fallback Function
	Overflows & Underflows
	Reentrancy
	Money-Giving Bug
	Blackhole
	Unauthorized Self-Destruct
Basic Coding Bugs	Revert DoS
Dasic Couling Dugs	Unchecked External Call
	Gasless Send
	Send Instead Of Transfer
	Costly Loop
	(Unsafe) Use Of Untrusted Libraries
	(Unsafe) Use Of Predictable Variables
	Transaction Ordering Dependence
	Deprecated Uses
Semantic Consistency Checks	Semantic Consistency Checks
	Business Logics Review
	Functionality Checks
	Authentication Management
	Access Control & Authorization
	Oracle Security
Advanced DeFi Scrutiny	Digital Asset Escrow
ravancea Ber i Geraemi,	Kill-Switch Mechanism
	Operation Trails & Event Generation
	ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling
	Frontend-Contract Integration
	Deployment Consistency
	Holistic Risk Management
	Avoiding Use of Variadic Byte Array
	Using Fixed Compiler Version
Additional Recommendations	Making Visibility Level Explicit
	Making Type Inference Explicit
	Adhering To Function Declaration Strictly
	Following Other Best Practices

deploy contracts on our private testnet and run tests to confirm the findings. If necessary, we would additionally build a PoC to demonstrate the possibility of exploitation. The concrete list of check items is shown in Table 1.3.

In particular, we perform the audit according to the following procedure:

- <u>Basic Coding Bugs</u>: We first statically analyze given smart contracts with our proprietary static code analyzer for known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) all the issues found by our tool.
- <u>Semantic Consistency Checks</u>: We then manually check the logic of implemented smart contracts and compare with the description in the white paper.
- Advanced DeFi Scrutiny: We further review business logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.
- Additional Recommendations: We also provide additional suggestions regarding the coding and development of smart contracts from the perspective of proven programming practices.

To better describe each issue we identified, we categorize the findings with Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE-699) [7], which is a community-developed list of software weakness types to better delineate and organize weaknesses around concepts frequently encountered in software development. Though some categories used in CWE-699 may not be relevant in smart contracts, we use the CWE categories in Table 1.4 to classify our findings. Moreover, in case there is an issue that may affect an active protocol that has been deployed, the public version of this report may omit such issue, but will be amended with full details right after the affected protocol is upgraded with respective fixes.

#### 1.4 Disclaimer

Note that this security audit is not designed to replace functional tests required before any software release, and does not give any warranties on finding all possible security issues of the given smart contract(s) or blockchain software, i.e., the evaluation result does not guarantee the nonexistence of any further findings of security issues. As one audit-based assessment cannot be considered comprehensive, we always recommend proceeding with several independent audits and a public bug bounty program to ensure the security of smart contract(s). Last but not least, this security audit should not be used as investment advice.

Table 1.4: Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) Classifications Used in This Audit

Category	Summary
Configuration	Weaknesses in this category are typically introduced during
	the configuration of the software.
Data Processing Issues	Weaknesses in this category are typically found in functional-
	ity that processes data.
Numeric Errors	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper calcula-
	tion or conversion of numbers.
Security Features	Weaknesses in this category are concerned with topics like
	authentication, access control, confidentiality, cryptography,
	and privilege management. (Software security is not security
	software.)
Time and State	Weaknesses in this category are related to the improper man-
	agement of time and state in an environment that supports
	simultaneous or near-simultaneous computation by multiple
	systems, processes, or threads.
Error Conditions,	Weaknesses in this category include weaknesses that occur if
Return Values,	a function does not generate the correct return/status code,
Status Codes	or if the application does not handle all possible return/status
	codes that could be generated by a function.
Resource Management	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper manage-
	ment of system resources.
Behavioral Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to unexpected behav-
	iors from code that an application uses.
Business Logics	Weaknesses in this category identify some of the underlying
	problems that commonly allow attackers to manipulate the
	business logic of an application. Errors in business logic can
	be devastating to an entire application.
Initialization and Cleanup	Weaknesses in this category occur in behaviors that are used
	for initialization and breakdown.
Arguments and Parameters	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper use of
	arguments or parameters within function calls.
Expression Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to incorrectly written
	expressions within code.
Coding Practices	Weaknesses in this category are related to coding practices
	that are deemed unsafe and increase the chances that an ex-
	ploitable vulnerability will be present in the application. They
	may not directly introduce a vulnerability, but indicate the
	product has not been carefully developed or maintained.

# 2 | Findings

### 2.1 Summary

Here is a summary of our findings after analyzing the design and implementation of the Solidly protocol smart contracts. During the first phase of our audit, we study the smart contract source code and run our in-house static code analyzer through the codebase. The purpose here is to statically identify known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) issues reported by our tool. We further manually review business logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.

Severity	# of Findings
Critical	0
High	0
Medium	0
Low	5
Informational	1
Total	6

We have so far identified a list of potential issues: some of them involve subtle corner cases that might not be previously thought of, while others refer to unusual interactions among multiple contracts. For each uncovered issue, we have therefore developed test cases for reasoning, reproduction, and/or verification. After further analysis and internal discussion, we determined a few issues of varying severities need to be brought up and paid more attention to, which are categorized in the above table. More information can be found in the next subsection, and the detailed discussions of each of them are in Section 3.

### 2.2 Key Findings

Overall, these smart contracts are well-designed and engineered, though the implementation can be improved by resolving the identified issues (shown in Table 2.1), including 5 low-severity vulnerabilities and 1 informational recommendation.

ID Title Severity Category Status PVE-001 of **Coding Practices** Fixed Low **Improved** Logic BaseV1core::current()/burn() **PVE-002** Informational Improved ERC20-Compliance of BaseV1 Coding Practices Fixed **Token Contracts** PVE-003 Low Implicit Assumption Enforcement In Ad-Coding Practices Fixed dLiquidity() PVE-004 Low Gas Optimization in BaseV1-**Coding Practices** Fixed gauge::deposit()/withdraw() PVE-005 Accommodation Confirmed Low Non-ERC20-**Business Logics** Compliant Tokens **PVE-006** Low Fork-Resistant Domain Separator in Ba-**Business Logic** Fixed

Table 2.1: Key Audit Findings

Beside the identified issues, we emphasize that for any user-facing applications and services, it is always important to develop necessary risk-control mechanisms and make contingency plans, which may need to be exercised before the mainnet deployment. The risk-control mechanisms should kick in at the very moment when the contracts are being deployed on mainnet. Please refer to Section 3 for details.

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## 3 Detailed Results

## 3.1 Improved Logic of BaseV1-core::current()/burn()

• ID: PVE-001

• Severity: Low

• Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: BaseV1-core

• Category: Coding Practices [5]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-563 [2]

#### Description

The Solidly protocol is compatible with all the standard features as popularized by UniswapV2 and further extends with a number of unique features. In the following, we analyze the self-contained price oracle feature without any upkeeps.

In particular, we show below the current() routine, which is designed to return the current twap price measured from the given amountIn \* tokenIn. The logic is implemented correctly but can be improved to eliminate one redundant adjustment on the timeElapsed variable. In particular, the current yield of timeElapsed (line 428) guarantees its non-zero value, which makes the adjustment at line 429 redundant.

```
420
        // gives the current twap price measured from amountIn * tokenIn gives amountOut
421
        function current (address tokenIn, uint amountIn) external view returns (uint
             amountOut) {
422
             Observation memory _observation = lastObservation();
423
             (uint priceOCumulative, uint price1Cumulative,) = currentCumulativePrices();
424
             if (block.timestamp == _observation.timestamp) {
425
                 _observation = observations[observations.length-2];
426
            }
427
428
             uint timeElapsed = block.timestamp - _observation.timestamp;
429
            timeElapsed = timeElapsed == 0 ? 1 : timeElapsed;
430
             if (token0 == tokenIn) {
431
                 return computeAmountOut(_observation.priceOCumulative, priceOCumulative,
                     timeElapsed, amountIn);
432
            } else {
```

```
433 return computeAmountOut(_observation.price1Cumulative, price1Cumulative,
timeElapsed, amountIn);
434 }
435 }
```

Listing 3.1: BaseV1-core::current()

A similar situation also occurs in the burn() function from the same contract. The internal variables of amount0/amount1 are guaranteed to be larger than 0, which therefore makes their positive checks unnecessary!

**Recommendation** Revise current execution logic of above mentioned functions to remove unnecessary validations or checks.

Status This issue has been fixed in the following commits: 723c5cd and e8e130f.

## 3.2 Improved ERC20-Compliance of BaseV1 Token Contracts

• ID: PVE-002

• Severity: Informational

Likelihood: N/A

Impact: N/A

• Target: BaseV1

• Category: Coding Practices [5]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [1]

#### Description

As mentioned earlier, the Solidly protocol is designed to allow low-cost, low-slippage trades on uncorrelated or tightly correlated assets. And the protocol has its own governance token BaseV1. And In the following, we examine the ERC20 compliance of the BaseV1 token contract.

Specifically, the ERC20 specification defines a list of API functions (and relevant events) that each token contract is expected to implement (and emit). The failure to meet these requirements means the token contract cannot be considered to be ERC20-compliant. Naturally, as part of our audit, we examine the list of API functions defined by the ERC20 specification and validate whether there exist any inconsistency or incompatibility in the implementation or the inherent business logic of the audited contract(s).

Our analysis shows that there is a minor ERC20 inconsistency or incompatibility issue. Specifically, the current implementation has defined the decimals state with the uint256 type. The ERC20 specification indicates the type of uint8 for the decimals state. Note that this incompatibility issue does not necessarily affect the functionality of BaseV1 in any negative way.

In the surrounding two tables, we outline the respective list of basic view-only functions (Table 3.1) and key state-changing functions (Table 3.2) according to the widely-adopted ERC20 spec-

Table 3.1: Basic View-Only Functions Defined in The ERC20 Specification

ltem	Description	Status
name()	Is declared as a public view function	✓
name()	Returns a string, for example "Tether USD"	✓
symbol()	Is declared as a public view function	✓
Syllibol()	Returns the symbol by which the token contract should be known, for	✓
	example "USDT". It is usually 3 or 4 characters in length	
decimals()	Is declared as a public view function	1
uecimais()	Returns decimals, which refers to how divisible a token can be, from $0$	✓
	(not at all divisible) to 18 (pretty much continuous) and even higher if	
	required	
totalSupply()	Is declared as a public view function	✓
totalSupply()	Returns the number of total supplied tokens, including the total minted	<b>✓</b>
	tokens (minus the total burned tokens) ever since the deployment	
balanceOf()	Is declared as a public view function	✓
balanceO1()	Anyone can query any address' balance, as all data on the blockchain is	<b>✓</b>
	public	
allowance()	Is declared as a public view function	1
anowance()	Returns the amount which the spender is still allowed to withdraw from	1
	the owner	

ification. In addition, we perform a further examination on certain features that are permitted by the ERC20 specification or even further extended in follow-up refinements and enhancements (e.g., ERC777/ERC2222), but not required for implementation. These features are generally helpful, but may also impact or bring certain incompatibility with current DeFi protocols. Therefore, we consider it is important to highlight them as well. This list is shown in Table 3.3.

Recommendation Revise the BaseV1 implementation to ensure its ERC20-compliance.

Status This issue has been fixed in the following commit: 6cb64e6.

Table 3.2: Key State-Changing Functions Defined in The ERC20 Specification

Item	Description	Status
	Is declared as a public function	✓
	Returns a boolean value which accurately reflects the token transfer	✓
transfer()	status	
transier()	Reverts if the caller does not have enough tokens to spend	✓
	Allows zero amount transfers	✓
	Emits Transfer() event when tokens are transferred successfully (include	✓
	0 amount transfers)	
	Reverts while transferring to zero address	
	Is declared as a public function	✓
	Returns a boolean value which accurately reflects the token transfer	✓
	status	
	Reverts if the spender does not have enough token allowances to spend	✓
transferFrom()	Updates the spender's token allowances when tokens are transferred	✓
	successfully	
	Reverts if the from address does not have enough tokens to spend	✓
	Allows zero amount transfers	✓
	Emits Transfer() event when tokens are transferred successfully (include	✓
	0 amount transfers)	
	Reverts while transferring from zero address	_
	Reverts while transferring to zero address	
	Is declared as a public function	✓
approve()	Returns a boolean value which accurately reflects the token approval	✓
αρριστοί	status	
	Emits Approval() event when tokens are approved successfully	✓
	Reverts while approving to zero address	_
Transfer() event	Is emitted when tokens are transferred, including zero value transfers	✓
Transfer () event	Is emitted with the from address set to $address(0x0)$ when new tokens	✓
	are generated	
Approval() event	Is emitted on any successful call to approve()	✓

Feature	Description	Opt-in
Deflationary	Part of the tokens are burned or transferred as fee while on trans-	_
	fer()/transferFrom() calls	
Rebasing	The balanceOf() function returns a re-based balance instead of the actual	_
	stored amount of tokens owned by the specific address	
Pausable	The token contract allows the owner or privileged users to pause the token	_
	transfers and other operations	
Blacklistable	The token contract allows the owner or privileged users to blacklist a	_
	specific address such that token transfers and other operations related to	
	that address are prohibited	
Mintable	The token contract allows the owner or privileged users to mint tokens to	✓
	a specific address	
Burnable	The token contract allows the owner or privileged users to burn tokens of	✓
	a specific address	

Table 3.3: Additional Opt-in Features Examined in Our Audit

## 3.3 Implicit Assumption Enforcement In AddLiquidity()

• ID: PVE-003

• Severity: Low

• Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: BaseV1Router01

• Category: Coding Practices [5]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-628 [3]

### Description

In the Solidly protocol, the addLiquidity() routine (see the code snippet below) is provided to add amountADesired amount of tokenA and amountBDesired amount of tokenB into the pool as liquidity via the BaseV1Router01::addLiquidity() routine. To elaborate, we show below the related code snippet.

```
186
         function _addLiquidity(
187
             address tokenA,
188
             address tokenB,
189
             bool stable,
190
             uint amountADesired,
191
             uint amountBDesired,
192
             uint amountAMin,
193
             uint amountBMin
        ) internal returns (uint amountA, uint amountB) {
194
195
             // create the pair if it doesn't exist yet
196
             address _pair = IBaseV1Factory(factory).getPair(tokenA, tokenB, stable);
197
             if (_pair == address(0)) {
198
                 _pair = IBaseV1Factory(factory).createPair(tokenA, tokenB, stable);
199
```

```
200
             (uint reserveA, uint reserveB) = getReserves(tokenA, tokenB, stable);
201
             if (reserveA == 0 && reserveB == 0) {
202
                 (amountA, amountB) = (amountADesired, amountBDesired);
203
             } else {
204
                 uint amountBOptimal = quote(amountADesired, reserveA, reserveB);
205
                 if (amountBOptimal <= amountBDesired) {</pre>
206
                     require(amountBOptimal >= amountBMin, 'BaseV1Router:
                         INSUFFICIENT_B_AMOUNT');
207
                     (amountA, amountB) = (amountADesired, amountBOptimal);
208
                 } else {
209
                     uint amountAOptimal = quote(amountBDesired, reserveB, reserveA);
210
                     assert(amountAOptimal <= amountADesired);</pre>
211
                     require(amountAOptimal >= amountAMin, 'BaseV1Router:
                         INSUFFICIENT_A_AMOUNT');
212
                     (amountA, amountB) = (amountAOptimal, amountBDesired);
213
                }
214
             }
215
        }
217
         function addLiquidity(
218
             address tokenA,
219
             address tokenB,
220
             bool stable,
221
             uint amountADesired,
222
             uint amountBDesired,
223
             uint amountAMin,
224
             uint amountBMin,
225
             address to,
226
             uint deadline
227
         ) external ensure(deadline) returns (uint amountA, uint amountB, uint liquidity) {
228
             (amountA, amountB) = _addLiquidity(tokenA, tokenB, stable, amountADesired,
                 amountBDesired, amountAMin, amountBMin);
229
             address pair = pairFor(tokenA, tokenB, stable);
230
             _safeTransferFrom(tokenA, msg.sender, pair, amountA);
231
             _safeTransferFrom(tokenB, msg.sender, pair, amountB);
232
             liquidity = IBaseV1Pair(pair).mint(to);
233
```

Listing 3.2: BaseV1Router01::addLiquidity()

It comes to our attention that the BaseV1RouterO1 contract has implicit assumptions on the \_addLiquidity() routine. The above routine takes two sets of arguments: amountADesired/amountBDesired and amountAMin/amountBMin. The first set amountADesired/amountBDesired determines the desired amount for adding liquidity to the pool and the second set amountAMin/amountBMin determines the minimum amount of used assets. There are two implicit conditions, i.e., amountADesired >= amountAMin and amountBDesired >= amountBMin. However, if these two conditions are not met, current logic will not trigger reverts because the code above performs asymmetric checks for these amounts. Hence, without stating these assumptions, slippage control for certain trades on BaseV1RouterO1 may not be checked and may not be taken into account at all in certain scenarios.

Recommendation Make the requirement of amountADesired >= amountAMin and amountBDesired >= amountBMin explicitly in the \_addLiquidity() function.

**Status** The issue has been fixed by adding the suggested requirement as shown in the following commit: 372a2cd.

## 3.4 Gas Optimization in BaseV1-gauge::deposit()/withdraw()

• ID: PVE-004

• Severity: Low

Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: BaseV1-gauge

• Category: Coding Practices [5]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-563 [2]

#### Description

The Solidly protocol also features a built-in voting mechanism that tokenizes the lock positions. By doing so, the feature allows a single address to own more than one lock, and lock balances are cumulative and each lock contributes to the overall balance. While examining the current deposit logic, we notice the current implementation can be improved for gas efficiency.

To elaborate, we show below the related implementation of the deposit() function. As the name indicates, this function allows users to deposit their assets into the gauge for rewards. It comes to our attention that the checkpoint support reads the derived balance from the storage derivedBalances[msg.sender] (line 399) while the storage content is already available at the local variable \_derivedBalance (line 393).

```
387
        function deposit(uint amount, uint tokenId) public lock {
388
             tokenIds[msg.sender] = tokenId;
             _safeTransferFrom(stake, msg.sender, address(this), amount);
389
390
             totalSupply += amount;
             balanceOf[msg.sender] += amount;
391
393
             uint _derivedBalance = derivedBalances[msg.sender];
394
             derivedSupply -= _derivedBalance;
395
             _derivedBalance = derivedBalance(msg.sender);
396
             derivedBalances[msg.sender] = _derivedBalance;
397
             derivedSupply += _derivedBalance;
399
             _writeCheckpoint(msg.sender, derivedBalances[msg.sender]);
400
             _writeSupplyCheckpoint();
401
```

Listing 3.3: BaseV1-gauge::deposit()

A similar optimization is also applicable to other routines, including getReward() in BaseV1-gauge and BaseV1-voter contracts.

Recommendation Avoid unnecessary storage reads in the above routines for gas efficiency.

Status The issue has been fixed in the following commits: c93dc74 and 5cc90fc.

### 3.5 Accommodation of Non-ERC20-Compliant Tokens

ID: PVE-005

• Severity: Low

• Likelihood: Low

Impact: High

• Target: Multiple Contracts

• Category: Business Logic [6]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [4]

#### Description

Though there is a standardized ERC-20 specification, many token contracts may not strictly follow the specification or have additional functionalities beyond the specification. In the following, we examine the transfer() routine and related idiosyncrasies from current widely-used token contracts.

In particular, we use the popular stablecoin, i.e., USDT, as our example. We show the related code snippet below. On its entry of approve(), there is a requirement, i.e., require(!((\_value != 0) && (allowed[msg.sender][\_spender] != 0))). This specific requirement essentially indicates the need of reducing the allowance to 0 first (by calling approve(\_spender, 0)) if it is not, and then calling a second one to set the proper allowance. This requirement is in place to mitigate the known approve()/transferFrom() race condition (https://github.com/ethereum/EIPs/issues/20#issuecomment-263524729).

```
194
195
         * @dev Approve the passed address to spend the specified amount of tokens on behalf
              of msg.sender.
         * @param _spender The address which will spend the funds.
196
197
         * @param _value The amount of tokens to be spent.
198
199
         function approve(address _spender, uint _value) public onlyPayloadSize(2 * 32) {
201
              // To change the approve amount you first have to reduce the addresses '
202
              // allowance to zero by calling 'approve(_spender, 0)' if it is not
203
                  already 0 to mitigate the race condition described here:
204
                 https://github.com/ethereum/EIPs/issues/20#issuecomment-263524729
205
              require (!(( value != 0) && (allowed [msg.sender][ spender] != 0)));
              {\sf allowed} \, [\, {\sf msg} \, . \, {\sf sender} \, ] \, [\, \_ {\sf spender} \, ] \, = \, \_ {\sf value} \, ;
207
208
              Approval (msg. sender, _spender, _value);
```

209 }

Listing 3.4: USDT Token Contract

Because of that, a normal call to approve() is suggested to use the safe version, i.e., safeApprove(), In essence, it is a wrapper around ERC20 operations that may either throw on failure or return false without reverts. Moreover, the safe version also supports tokens that return no value (and instead revert or throw on failure). Note that non-reverting calls are assumed to be successful. Similarly, there is a safe version of transfer() as well, i.e., safeTransfe().

```
38
39
         st @dev Deprecated. This function has issues similar to the ones found in
40
         * {IERC20-approve}, and its usage is discouraged.
41
42
         * Whenever possible, use {safeIncreaseAllowance} and
43
         * {safeDecreaseAllowance} instead.
44
        */
45
        function safeApprove(
46
            IERC20 token,
47
            address spender,
48
            uint256 value
49
       ) internal {
50
            \ensuremath{//} safeApprove should only be called when setting an initial allowance,
51
            // or when resetting it to zero. To increase and decrease it, use
52
            // 'safeIncreaseAllowance' and 'safeDecreaseAllowance'
53
            require(
54
                (value == 0) (token.allowance(address(this), spender) == 0),
55
                "SafeERC20: approve from non-zero to non-zero allowance"
56
57
            _callOptionalReturn(token, abi.encodeWithSelector(token.approve.selector,
                spender, value));
58
```

Listing 3.5: SafeERC20::safeApprove()

In the following, we show the update\_period() routine from the BaseV1Minter contract. If the USDT token is supported as token, the unsafe version of token.transfer(to, amount) (line 121) may revert as there is no return value in the USDT token contract's transfer()/transferFrom() implementation (but the IERC20 interface expects a return value)!

```
107
         function update_period() external returns (uint) {
108
             uint _period = active_period;
109
             if (block.timestamp >= _period + week) { // only trigger if new week
110
                 _period = block.timestamp / week * week;
111
                 active_period = _period;
112
                 weekly = weekly_emission();
113
114
                 uint _growth = calculate_growth(weekly);
115
                 uint _required = _growth + weekly;
116
                 uint _balanceOf = _token.balanceOf(address(this));
117
                 if (_balanceOf < _required) {</pre>
```

```
118
                     _token.mint(address(this), _required-_balanceOf);
119
                 }
120
                 require(_token.transfer(address(_ve_dist), _growth));
121
122
                 _ve_dist.checkpoint_token(); // checkpoint token balance that was just
                     minted in ve_dist
123
                 _ve_dist.checkpoint_total_supply(); // checkpoint supply
124
125
                 _token.approve(address(_voter), weekly);
126
                 _voter.notifyRewardAmount(weekly);
127
128
                 emit Mint(msg.sender, weekly, circulating_supply(), circulating_emission());
129
             }
130
             return _period;
131
```

Listing 3.6: BaseV1Minter::update\_period()

Note this issue is also applicable to other routines in BaseV1-minter and BaseV1-voter contracts. For the safeApprove() support, there is a need to approve twice: the first time resets the allowance to zero and the second time approves the intended amount.

**Recommendation** Accommodate the above-mentioned idiosyncrasy about ERC20-related approve()/transfer()/transferFrom().

**Status** This issue has been confirmed and the team clarifies that the supported tokens are expected to have the full ERC20-compliance.

## 3.6 Fork-Resistant Domain Separator in BaseV1Pair

• ID: PVE-006

Severity: Low

• Likelihood: Low

• Impact: High

• Target: BaseV1Pair

• Category: Business Logic [6]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [4]

#### Description

The Solidly protocol token as well as the related pool tokens strictly follows the widely-accepted ERC20 specification (Section 3.2). In the meantime, we notice the support of EIP-2612 with the permit() function that allows for approvals to be made via secp256k1 signatures. Interestingly, we notice the state variable DOMAIN\_SEPARATOR is initialized once inside the constructor() function (lines 236-244).

```
234 constructor() {
```

```
235
             uint chainId = block.chainid;
236
             DOMAIN_SEPARATOR = keccak256 (
237
238
                     keccak256('EIP712Domain(string name, string version, uint256 chainId,
                          address verifyingContract)'),
239
                     keccak256 (bytes (name)),
240
                     keccak256(bytes('1')),
241
                     chainId,
242
                     address(this)
243
                 )
244
             );
245
246
             (address _token0, address _token1, bool _stable) = BaseV1Factory(msg.sender).
                 getInitializable();
247
             (token0, token1, stable) = (_token0, _token1, _stable);
248
             fees = address(new BaseV1Fees(_token0, _token1));
249
250
        }
```

Listing 3.7: BaseV1Pair::constructor()

The DOMAIN\_SEPARATOR is used in the permit() function and should be unique to the contract and chain in order to prevent replay attacks from other domains. However, when analyzing this permit() routine, we realize the current implementation needs to be improved by recalculating the value of DOMAIN\_SEPARATOR inside the permit() function, for the very purpose of preventing cross-chain replay attacks. Specifically, when there is a chain-level hard-fork, because of the pre-computed DOMAIN\_SEPARATOR, a valid signature for one chain could be replayed on the other.

```
function permit(address owner, address spender, uint value, uint deadline, uint8 v,
671
             bytes32 r, bytes32 s) external {
672
             require(deadline >= block.timestamp, 'BaseV1: EXPIRED');
673
             bytes32 digest = keccak256(
674
                 abi.encodePacked(
675
                     '\x19\x01',
676
                     DOMAIN_SEPARATOR,
677
                     keccak256 (abi.encode (PERMIT_TYPEHASH, owner, spender, value, nonces[
                         owner]++, deadline))
678
                 )
679
            );
680
             address recoveredAddress = ecrecover(digest, v, r, s);
681
             require(recoveredAddress != address(0) && recoveredAddress == owner, 'BaseV1:
                 INVALID_SIGNATURE');
682
             allowance[owner][spender] = value;
683
684
             emit Approval(owner, spender, value);
685
```

Listing 3.8: BaseV1Pair::permit()

Recommendation Recalculate the value of DOMAIN\_SEPARATOR inside the permit() function.

**Status** The issue has been fixed in the following commit: 3e3de10.



# 4 Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of the Solidly protocol, which is designed to allow low-cost, low-slippage trades on uncorrelated or tightly correlated assets. The protocol features a unique AMM, which is compatible with all the standard features as popularized by UniswapV2 with a number of novel improvements. The current code base is well structured and neatly organized. Those identified issues are promptly confirmed and addressed.

Meanwhile, we need to emphasize that Solidity-based smart contracts as a whole are still in an early, but exciting stage of development. To improve this report, we greatly appreciate any constructive feedbacks or suggestions, on our methodology, audit findings, or potential gaps in scope/coverage.



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