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1 Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related source code of the <code>linch farming</code> 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 1inch farming

The user could stake specific tokens to get continuously distributed rewards, or own the derived tokens to have farming without the need of staking tokens into the pool. Note that the second approach allows the user to have multiple farms simultaneously. The basic information of the audited protocol is as follows:

Item Description

Name 1inch Protocol

Website https://app.1inch.io/

Type EVM Smart Contract

Platform Solidity

Audit Method Whitebox

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Table 1.1: Basic Information of 1inch Farming

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

• https://github.com/linch/farming.git (9c24d91)

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

https://github.com/1inch/farming.git (879448d)

1.2 About PeckShield

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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 [7]:

- <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 Coung 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		
Advanced Berr Scruting	Kill-Switch Mechanism		
	Operation Trails & Event Generation		
	ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling		
	Frontend-Contract Integration		
	Deployment Consistency		
	Holistic Risk Management		
	Avoiding Use of Variadic Byte Array		
Additional Recommendations	Using Fixed Compiler Version		
	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) [6], 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 <code>linch farming</code> protocol. 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	2		
Informational	1		
Total	3		

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 2 low-severity vulnerabilities and 1 informational recommendation.

Table 2.1: Key Audit Findings

ID	Severity	Title	Category	Status
PVE-001	Low	Incompatibility with Deflationary Tokens	Business Logic	Confirmed
PVE-002	Informational	Lack of Emitting Meaningful Events	Coding Practices	Confirmed
PVE-003	Low	Suggested Addition of rescueToken() to	Coding Practices	Confirmed
		BaseFarm		

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.

3 Detailed Results

3.1 Incompatibility with Deflationary Tokens

• ID: PVE-001

• Severity: Low

Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: FarmingPool

• Category: Business Logic [5]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

Description

In the 1inch farming protocol, the FarmingPool contract is designed to take users' assets and deliver rewards depending on their deposit amount. In particular, one interface, i.e., deposit(), accepts asset transfer-in and records the depositor's balance. Another interface, i.e, withdraw(), allows the user to withdraw the asset. For the above two operations, i.e., deposit() and withdraw(), the contract makes the use of safeTransferFrom() or safeTransfer() routines to transfer assets into or out of its pool. This routine works as expected with standard ERC20 tokens: namely the pool's internal asset balances are always consistent with actual token balances maintained in individual ERC20 token contract.

```
function deposit(uint256 amount) external override {
   __mint(msg.sender, amount);
   stakingToken.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), amount);
}

function withdraw(uint256 amount) public override {
   __burn(msg.sender, amount);
   stakingToken.safeTransfer(msg.sender, amount);
}
```

Listing 3.1: FarmingPool::deposit()/withdraw()

However, there exist other ERC20 tokens that may make certain customization to their ERC20 contracts. One type of these tokens is deflationary tokens that charge certain fee for every transfer.

As a result, this may not meet the assumption behind asset-transferring routines. In other words, the above operations, such as deposit() and withdraw(), may introduce unexpected balance inconsistencies when comparing internal asset records with external ERC20 token contracts. Apparently, these balance inconsistencies are damaging to accurate and precise portfolio management of the pool and affects protocol-wide operation and maintenance.

One mitigation is to measure the asset change right before and after the asset-transferring routines. In other words, instead of bluntly assuming the amount parameter in safeTransfer() or safeTransferFrom() will always result in full transfer, we need to ensure the increased or decreased amount in the pool before and after the safeTransfer() or safeTransferFrom() is expected and aligned well with our operation. Though these additional checks cost additional gas usage, we consider they are necessary to deal with deflationary tokens or other customized ones if their support is deemed necessary. Another mitigation is to regulate the set of ERC20 tokens that are permitted into Staking for support.

Recommendation Check the balance before and after the safeTransfer() or safeTransferFrom() call to ensure the book-keeping amount is accurate.

Status This issue has been confirmed. The team clarifies that they won't support deflationary tokens.

3.2 Lack of Emitting Meaningful Events

• ID: PVE-002

Severity: Informational

Likelihood: N/A

Impact: N/A

• Target: Multiple Contracts

Category: Coding Practices [4]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-563 [2]

Description

In Ethereum, the event is an indispensable part of a contract and is mainly used to record a variety of runtime dynamics. In particular, when an event is emitted, it stores the arguments passed in transaction logs and these logs are made accessible to external analytics and reporting tools. Events can be emitted in a number of scenarios. One particular case is when system-wide parameters or settings are being changed. Another case is when tokens are being minted, transferred, or burned.

As mentioned before, the ERC20Farmable contract allows the user to have multiple farms simultaneously and receive rewards depending on their deposit amount. While examining the events that reflect the farming and rewards changes, we notice there is a lack of emitting related events that reflect important state changes. Specifically, when userFarms[account] or info.corrections[account]

is being updated, there is no respective event being emitted to reflect the change (line 39, 47 and 59).

```
38
        function farm(address farm_) external override {
39
            require(_userFarms[msg.sender].add(farm_), "ERC20Farmable: already farming");
40
41
            uint256 balance = balanceOf(msg.sender);
42
            infos[farm_].updateBalances(farmedPerToken(farm_), address(0), msg.sender,
                balance, false, true);
43
            farmTotalSupply[farm_] += balance;
44
       }
45
46
       function exit(address farm_) external override {
47
            require(_userFarms[msg.sender].remove(address(farm_)), "ERC20Farmable: already
                exited");
48
49
            uint256 balance = balanceOf(msg.sender);
50
            infos[farm_].updateBalances(farmedPerToken(farm_), msg.sender, address(0),
                balance, true, false);
51
            farmTotalSupply[farm_] -= balance;
52
53
54
        function claim(address farm_) external override {
55
            uint256 fpt = farmedPerToken(farm_);
56
            uint256 balance = farmBalanceOf(farm_, msg.sender);
57
            uint256 amount = infos[farm_].farmed(msg.sender, balance, fpt);
58
            if (amount > 0) {
59
                infos[farm_].eraseFarmed(msg.sender, balance, fpt);
60
                IFarm(farm_).claimFor(msg.sender, amount);
61
62
```

Listing 3.2: ERC20Farmable::farm(), exit()and claim()

Note another routine FarmingPool::claim() shares the same issue.

Recommendation Properly emit the related event when the farm(), exit() or claim() is being updated.

Status This issue has been confirmed by the team.

3.3 Suggested Addition of rescueToken() to BaseFarm

• ID: PVE-003

Severity: LowLikelihood: Low

Impact: Low

Target: BaseFarm

• Category: Coding Practices [4]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-1099 [1]

Description

By design, the linch farming protocol supports multiple BaseFarm contracts and holds various types of reward assets. From past experience with current popular DeFi protocols, e.g., YFI/Curve, we notice that there is always non-trivial possibilities that non-related tokens may be accidentally sent to the pool contract(s). Moreover, the BaseFarm contract allows dynamic adjustment of finished, reward and duration of a farming pool, which inevitably introduces the possibility of having leftover amount in BaseFarm contracts. To avoid unnecessary loss of protocol users, we suggest to add the support of rescuing remaining reward tokens. This is a design choice for the benefit of protocol users.

Recommendation Add the support of rescuing remaining tokens in BaseFarm. An example addition is shown below:

```
function rescueToken(address _token, uint256 _amount) external onlyOwner {
    require(_token != stakingToken, "Should not withdraw staking Token");
    IERC20(_token).safeTransfer(owner(), _amount);
    emit Recovered(_token, _amount);
}
```

Listing 3.3: BaseFarm::rescueToken()

Status This issue has been confirmed by the team and they will consider adding it.

4 Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of the <code>linch farming</code> protocol, which is a decentralized farming protocol that provides two ways to have incentives. 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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