

Summary

Audit Report prepared by Solidified covering the Dopex options protocol smart contracts.

Process and Delivery

Three (3) independent Solidified experts performed an unbiased and isolated audit of the code in several rounds. The debrief took place on 24 May 2021.

Audited Files

The source code has been supplied in an audit-specific branch of the following source code repository:

https://github.com/dopex-io/core-contracts/tree/audit

Commit number: b9711a6c4f9c791e0e6a9bad53b15e308f5e2bad

The scope of the audit was limited to the following files:

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contracts

MockContract.sol

dopex

Dopex.sol

asset-swapper

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Intended Behavior

The smart contracts implement a permissionless options protocol. Option pools are created which allow users to deposit base and quote assets. The smart contracts include a Uniswap integration, and a governance token and protocol.



Code Complexity and Test Coverage

Smart contract audits are an important step to improve the security of smart contracts and can find many issues. However, auditing complex codebases has its limits and a remaining risk is present (see disclaimer).

Users of a smart contract system should exercise caution. In order to help with the evaluation of the remaining risk, we provide a measure of the following key indicators: **code complexity**, **code readability**, **level of documentation**, and **test coverage**.

Note, that high complexity or lower test coverage does equate to a higher risk. Certain bugs are more easily detected in unit testing than a security audit and vice versa. It is, therefore, more likely that undetected issues remain if the test coverage is low or non-existent.

Criteria	Status	Comment
Code complexity	High	-
Code readability and clarity	Low	-
Level of Documentation	Low	-
Test Coverage	Medium	-

Issues Found

Solidified found that the Dopex contracts contain 2 critical issues, 3 major issues, 5 minor issues, in addition to 2 informational notes.

Two general warnings have been added.

We recommend all issues are amended, while the notes are up to the team's discretion, as they refer to best practices.

Issue #	Description	Severity	Status
1	Complex Architecture with several parts that appear unfinished	Warning	Pending
2	Mathematical Implementation of Black Scholes/Pricing could not be Validated	Warning	Pending
3	OptionPool.sol: Inability for Pool to be marked ready until all previous options contracts expire leads to griefing issue	Critical	Pending
4	OPCore: getOrAddOptionsContract() lacks access control, leading to a number of issues	Critical	Pending
5	Missing checks for ERC-20 return values throughout the codebase	Major	Pending
6	OptionPricing.sol: Time threshold is always zero and described inconsistently	Major	Pending
7	Protocol is unsafe with ERC-777 tokens and susceptible to malicious ERC-20 implementations	Major	Pending
8	DpxToken.sol and OPStats.sol: Potentially unbounded loop iteration	Major	Pending
9	IVJobRequest.sol and PriceJobRequest.sol: Chainlink oracles shadow superclass oracle address	Minor	Pending



10	Order of arithmetic operation may decrease precision	Minor	Pending
11	assetSwapper.sol: Payable function may lead to stuck ETH, since it does not process ETH	Minor	Pending
12	Dopex.sol: Governance operations lack zero checks	Minor	Pending
13	OptionPricing.sol: Penalties tracker is never used	Minor	Pending
14	Duplicate Libraries	Note	-
15	OPWithdraw.sol: Contract inherits unnecessary contracts	Note	-



Warnings

1. Complex Architecture with several parts that appear unfinished

The code organization is very complex, leading to a large number of contracts with a complex inheritance tree (which is a cyclic graph in places). In several places, this seems to be the result of architectural changes. There are also a number of unused constructs (see issues below), contradictory or unrelated comments, and hard-coded values. Whilst the protocol seems well thought out, the implementation seems unfished and not ready for deployment. One particular component that seems unfinished is the governance module. Whilst there are many governance-only functionalities, it is unclear who can call these since the governance contract is unimplemented.

Recommendation

Consider simplifying the overall architecture and targeting a staged release.

2. Mathematical Implementation of Black Scholes/Pricing could not be Validated

The mathematical model used by the options protocol has not been specified outside the codebase. It has therefore not been possible for the auditor team to verify that the implementation corresponds to the specification. The overall arithmetic implementation uses a number of hard-coded constants and has a large number of deeply nested equations. A substantial risk, therefore, remains, in terms of the validity of the implementation. This applies particularly to the pricing model implemented in OptionPricing.sol.

Recommendation

Consider providing a clear specification for the mathematical model, using a cleaner nesting model with well-named constants. It is also often a good idea to generate Solidity math implementations from a higher-level programming language, for example, a Python script, particularly when the safeMath library is used.



Critical Issues

OptionPool.sol: Inability for Pool to be marked ready until all previous options contracts expire leads to griefing issue

The fact that an <code>OptionPool</code> contract cannot be marked as ready until all contracts in the previous epoch are manually set to expire can be griefed by endlessly entering into low-value options each epoch that cost more in gas to execute than the amount redeemed from their vaults. Even with the <code>minimumOptionPrice</code> guard, this can create an arbitrary gas burden to finalize an epoch.

Recommendation

The functionality should be modified such that the entire pool's funds are not locked from withdrawal if not all previous contracts have been manually marked as expired.

4. OPCore: getOrAddOptionsContract() lacks access control, leading to a number of issues

The function <code>getOrAddOptionsContract()</code> is completely unprotected and can be called by anyone. This could be exploited in a grievance attack, by someone adding a large number of option contracts without providing collateral, and rendering the epoch unrealizable due to making <code>redeemVaultBalance()</code> revert. This is particularly critical since option contract ids can collide meaning several option contracts with the same base- and quote assets cannot exit for the same timeframe.

Recommendation

Limit the function to be only callable from the broker contract.



Major Issues

5. Missing checks for ERC-20 return values throughout the codebase

Throughout the codebase, the ERC-20 return values are ignored when making token transfers. Instead, the code assumes that ERC-20 token implementations revert on error. However, this is not always the case and there are a large number of tokens that return false instead of reverting.

This is an issue when interacting with external tokens.

Recommendation

It is recommended to check the return value of token transfers or use OpenZeppelin's SafeERC20 extension.

6. OptionPricing.sol: Time threshold is always zero and described inconsistently

The variable **timeThreshold** is never initialized and always remains zero, resulting the following statement used when a quote is proposed never applying:

if (timeThreshold > block.timestamp.sub(proposedQuotes[msg.sender][_optionPool].lastUpdated))

In addition, the comment in the variable declaration does not match the comment in the use of the variable, casting doubts on its purpose.

Recommendation

initialize the variable and clarify its usage.

7. Protocol is unsafe with ERC-777 tokens and susceptible to malicious ERC-20 implementations



The protocol makes several calls to external tokens that are susceptible to reentrancy vulnerabilities due to state changes after the external call. This makes the protocol unsafe in conjunction with ERC-777 tokens due to the hooks that may be used to inject code and more vulnerable to malicious tokens. Note, that not all side effects of malicious token implementations are avoidable but preventing reentrancy protection would significantly reduce the risk.

Reentrancy is an issue in the following functions:

OptionsContract.addERC20Collateral()
OPWithdraw.emergencyWithdrawFromPool()
OptionsContract.purchase()

Recommendation

Avoid state changes after external calls to untrusted code or implement a reentrancy guard.

8. DpxToken.sol and OPStats.sol: Potentially unbounded loop iteration

_moveDelegates() in DpxToken and various functions in OPStats iterate over loops that can potentially become unbounded depending on user behavior, causing the calling code to be unable to execute.

Recommendation

Implement clear bounds for functions that loop over a range to ensure there is no scenario where the function can fail to execute.

Minor Issues

9. IVJobRequest.sol and PriceJobRequest.sol: Chainlink oracles shadow superclass oracle address

The two contracts inherit from ChainlinkClient but shadow the oracle state variable. Whilst this seems to have no adverse effect on the way the oracle is invoked by specifying the oracle address explicitly, it means that the underlying oracle address is never initialized, which could lead to some oracle methods not functioning as expected.



Recommendation

Consider setting the superclass oracle address and changing the variable name to avoid shadowing for better maintainability.

10. Order of arithmetic operation may decrease precision

Throughout the codebase, multiplications are performed on the result of division. In integer arithmetic, this decreases the precision slightly. In some of these cases, the operations are performed over several lines of code and the small decrease in efficiency might be acceptable for improved readability. However, in other cases, the operation is performed in a single statement and reversal would not affect readability.

Recommendation

Consider reversing the order of operations to increase precision where appropriate.

11. assetSwapper.sol: Payable function may lead to stuck ETH, since it does not process ETH

The function swapAsset() is declared payable. However the function does not allow swapping
ETH, nor does the contract provide a means of withdrawing any ETH sent to it, meaning that
any ETH sent to this contract will be stuck.

The comment

// Trade 2: Execute swap of the ERC20 token back into ETH on Sushiswap to complete the arb

indicates that this might be due to code reuse from a different source.

Recommendation

Consider removing the payable keyword.

12. Dopex.sol: Governance operations lack zero checks

The functions setting various essential parameters by the governance contract do check for address(0). This is not an important issue, since most operations can be undone, however in the case of setGovernanceContract(), an address(0) parameter would irrevocably disable governance.



Recommendation

Consider adding zero checks, at least in setGovernanceContract().

13. OptionPricing.sol: Penalties tracker is never used

The mapping of penalties is incremented if a user proposes after the threshold, however, the penalty "score" is never used. The mapping does not have an access modifier, so by default is private.

Recommendation

Consider either removing the penalty tracker or implement the restrictive consequences on-chain.

Informational Notes

14. Duplicate Libraries

The codebase includes duplicate libraries. Several versions of SafeMath and ERC20 base implementations are included. This increases the complexity of the codebase and complicates maintainability.

Recommendation

Consider cleaning up the codebase to use a single version of libraries for improved maintainability.

15. OPWithdraw.sol: Contract inherits unnecessary contracts

The OPWithdraw contract inherits from both the OPCore and OPStats. This is unnecessary as OPStats inherits OPCore.

Recommendation

Consider removing unnecessary inheritance.



Disclaimer

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