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Protocol Summary

PasswordStore is a protocol dedicated to starage and retrieval of a user's passwords. The protocol is designed to be sued by a single user, and is not designed to be used by multiple users. Only tyhe owner should be able to set and access this password.

Disclaimer

The APex Developments team makes all effort to find as many vulnerabilities in the code in the given time period, but holds no responsibilities for the findings provided in this document. A security audit by the team is not an endorsement of the underlying business or product. The audit was time-boxed and the review of the code was solely on the security aspects of the Solidity implementation of the contracts.

Risk Classification

		Impact		
		High	Medium	Low
Likelihood	High	Н	H/M	М
	Medium	H/M	М	M/L
	Low	М	M/L	L

We use the CodeHawks severity matrix to determine severity. See the documentation for more details.

Audit Details

The findings described in this document correspond to the following commit hash Commit Hash:

1 7d55682ddc4301a7b13ae9413095feffd9924566

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Scope

• Commit Hash: 7d55682ddc4301a7b13ae9413095feffd9924566

• In Scope:

```
1 ./src/
2 *--PasswordStore.sol
```

• Solc Version: 0.8.18

• Chain(s) to deploy contract to: Ethereum

Roles

• Owner: The user who can set the password and read the password.

• Outsiders: No one else should be able to set or read the password.

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Executive Summary

**Add some notes about how the audit went, types of things you found, etc.*

We spend X horus with Z auditors using Y tools. etc

Issues found

Severity	Number of issues found
High	2
Medium	0
Low	1
Info	1
Gas Optimizations	0
Total	0

Findings

High

[H-1] Storing the password on-chain makes it visible to anyone and no longer private.

Description: All data stored on-chain is visible to anyone and can be read directly from the blockchain. The PasswordStore::s_password is intended to be a private variable and only accessed through the PasswordStore::getPassword function, which is intended to be only called by the owner of the contract.

We show one such method of reading any data off chain below.

Impact: Anyone can read the private password, severly breaking the functionality of the protocol.

Proof of Concept: (Proof of Code)

The below test case shows how anyone can read the password directly from the blockchain.

1. Create a locally running chain

```
1 make anvil
```

2. Deploy the contract to a chain

```
1 make deploy
```

3. Run the storage tool We use 1 because that's the storage slot of s_password in the contract.

```
1 cast storage <ADDRESS_HERE> 1 --rpc-url http://127.0.0.1:8545
```

You'll get an output that looks like this:

And get an output of:

```
1 myPassword
```

Recommended Mitigation: Due to this, the overall architecture of the contract should be rethought. One could encrypt the password off-chain, then store the encrypted password on-chain. This would require the user to remember another password off-chain to decrypt the password. However you'd

also likely want to remove teh view function as you wouldn't want the user to accidentally send a transaction with teh password that decrypts your password.

[H-2] PasswordStore::setPassword has no access controls, meaning a non-owner could change the password.

Description: The PasswordStore::setPassword function is set to be an external function, however, the natspace of the function and overall purpose of the smart contract is that This function allows only the owner toset a **new** password.

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

Impact: Anyone can set / change the password of the contract, severly breaking the contract intended functionality.

Proof of Concept: (Proof of Code) Add the following to the PasswordStore.t.sol test file.

Code

```
function test_anyone_can_set_password(address randomAddress) public
           vm.assume(randomAddress != owner);
           vm.prank(randomAddress);
3
           string memory expectedPassword = "myNewPassword";
4
5
           passwordStore.setPassword(expectedPassword);
6
           vm.prank(owner);
           string memory actualPassword = passwordStore.getPassword();
7
           assertEq(actualPassword, expectedPassword);
8
9
10
       }
```

Recommended Mitigation: Add an access control conditional to the setPassword function.

```
if(msg.sender != s_owner){
    revert PasswordStore__NotOwner();
}
```

Informational

[I-1] The PasswordStore: getpassword natspec indicates a parameter that doesn't exist, causing the natspec to be incorrect.

Description:

```
1  /*
2  *@notice This allows only the owner to retrieve the password.
3 @> *@param newPassword The password to set.
4  */
5  function getPassword() external view returns(string memory) {
```

The PasswordStore::getPassword function signature is getPassword(), while the natspec incorrectly indicates getPassword(string).

Impact: The natspec is inncorrect.

Recommended Mitigation: Remove the incorrect natspec line.

```
1 - *@param newPassword The new password to set.
```