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## Protocol Summary

The [OrderBook](#) contract is a peer-to-peer trading system designed for [ERC20](#) tokens like [wETH](#), [wBTC](#), and [wSOL](#). Sellers can list tokens at their desired price in [USDC](#), and buyers can fill them directly on-chain.

## Disclaimer

The @AlexScherbatyuk 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	H	H/M	M
	Medium	H/M	M	M/L
	Low	M	M/L	L

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

## Audit Details

### Scope

```
1 src/  
2 --- OrderBook.sol
```

## Executive Summary

### Issues found

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

## Findings

### High

#### [H-01] Critical Front-Running Vulnerability in OrderBook : : `amendSellOrder` Allows Theft of Buyer Funds via Order Amount Manipulation

##### Description

The contract permits the seller to amend an active sell order, including drastically reducing `amountToSell`, at any time before the transaction is mined. The `buyOrder` function performs no verification of the current `amountToSell` against what the buyer expects.

An attacker can:

1. Create a legitimate-looking sell order.
2. Monitor the mempool for an incoming `buyOrder` transaction targeting their order.
3. Front-run the buy transaction with `amendSellOrder`, reducing `amountToSell` to a minimal value (e.g., 1 wei) while keeping `priceInUSDC` unchanged.
4. The buyer's transaction still executes, transferring nearly the full original `priceInUSDC` to the attacker while delivering almost no tokens.
5. The attacker simultaneously receives a refund of almost all originally deposited tokens.

```
1 @> function amendSellOrder(  
2     uint256 _orderId,  
3     uint256 _newAmountToSell,  
4     uint256 _newPriceInUSDC,  
5     uint256 _newDeadlineDuration  
6 ) public {  
7     Order storage order = orders[_orderId];  
8 }
```

```
9      // Validation checks
10     if (order.seller == address(0)) revert OrderNotFound(); // Check if
      order exists
11     if (order.seller != msg.sender) revert NotOrderSeller();
12     if (!order.isActive) revert OrderAlreadyInactive();
13     if (block.timestamp >= order.deadlineTimestamp) revert OrderExpired
      (); // Cannot amend expired order
14     if (_newAmountToSell == 0) revert InvalidAmount();
15     if (_newPriceInUSDC == 0) revert InvalidPrice();
16     if (_newDeadlineDuration == 0 || _newDeadlineDuration >
      MAX_DEADLINE_DURATION) revert InvalidDeadline();
17
18     uint256 newDeadlineTimestamp = block.timestamp +
      _newDeadlineDuration;
19     IERC20 token = IERC20(order.tokenToSell);
20
21     // Handle token amount changes
22     if (_newAmountToSell > order.amountToSell) {
23         // Increasing amount: Transfer additional tokens from seller
24         uint256 diff = _newAmountToSell - order.amountToSell;
25         token.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), diff);
26     } else if (_newAmountToSell < order.amountToSell) {
27         // Decreasing amount: Transfer excess tokens back to seller
28         uint256 diff = order.amountToSell - _newAmountToSell;
29         token.safeTransfer(order.seller, diff);
30     }
31     // Update order details
32     order.amountToSell = _newAmountToSell;
33     order.priceInUSDC = _newPriceInUSDC;
34     order.deadlineTimestamp = newDeadlineTimestamp;
35     emit OrderAmended(_orderId, _newAmountToSell, _newPriceInUSDC,
      newDeadlineTimestamp);
36 }
37 .
38 .
39 .
40 @> function buyOrder(uint256 _orderId) public {
41     Order storage order = orders[_orderId];
42     // Validation checks
43     if (order.seller == address(0)) revert OrderNotFound();
44     if (!order.isActive) revert OrderNotActive();
45     if (block.timestamp >= order.deadlineTimestamp) revert OrderExpired
      ();
46     order.isActive = false;
47     uint256 protocolFee = (order.priceInUSDC * FEE) / PRECISION;
48     uint256 sellerReceives = order.priceInUSDC - protocolFee;
49
50     iUSDC.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), protocolFee);
51     iUSDC.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, order.seller, sellerReceives);
52     IERC20(order.tokenToSell).safeTransfer(msg.sender, order.
      amountToSell);
```

```
53
54     totalFees += protocolFee;
55
56     emit OrderFilled(_orderId, msg.sender, order.seller);
57 }
```

### Impact

Buyers can lose ~100% of their funds. The attacker receives full payment (minus protocol fee) for delivering a negligible amount of tokens, effectively stealing from every buyer. This renders the marketplace completely untrustworthy.

### Proof of Concept

The following Foundry test demonstrates the exploit: Add the following code snippet to the `TestOrderBook.t.sol` test file.

This test verifies that the `buyOrder` function lacks an order amount check, allowing the owner to modify the order before the buy.

```
1 function test_amendSellOrderToZero() public {
2     // Alice creates sell order: 2e8 WBTC for 180_000 USDC
3     vm.startPrank(alice);
4     wbtc.approve(address(book), 2e8);
5     uint256 aliceId = book.createSellOrder(address(wbtc), 2e8, 180
6         _000e6, 2 days);
7     vm.stopPrank();
8
9     // Attacker (Alice) front-runs the buy and reduces amount to 1 unit
10    vm.prank(alice);
11    book.amendSellOrder(aliceId, 1, 180_000e6, 2 days);
12    vm.stopPrank();
13
14    // Dan buys, expecting 2e8 WBTC but receives only 1 unit
15    vm.startPrank(dan);
16    usdc.approve(address(book), 200_000e6);
17    book.buyOrder(aliceId);
18    vm.stopPrank();
19
20    assertEq(wbtc.balanceOf(alice), 199999999); // Got almost all WBTC
21    back
22    assertEq(usdc.balanceOf(alice), 180_000e6 - (180_000e6 * book.FEE()
23        / book.PRECISION()));
24    assertEq(wbtc.balanceOf(dan), 1); // Dan paid full price
25    for 1 unit
26 }
```

**Recommended mitigation** Require the buyer to specify the exact amount they expect to purchase and validate it against the current order state:

```
1 - function buyOrder(uint256 _orderId) public {
```

```
2 + function buyOrder(uint256 _orderId, uint256 _amountToBuy) public {
3     Order storage order = orders[_orderId];
4
5     if (order.seller == address(0)) revert OrderNotFound();
6     if (!order.isActive) revert OrderNotActive();
7     if (block.timestamp >= order.deadlineTimestamp) revert OrderExpired
8 +     if (_amountToBuy != order.amountToSell) revert InvalidAmount(); //
    Prevents front-run changes
9
10    order.isActive = false;
11    uint256 protocolFee = (order.priceInUSDC * FEE) / PRECISION;
12    uint256 sellerReceives = order.priceInUSDC - protocolFee;
13
14    iUSDC.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), protocolFee);
15    iUSDC.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, order.seller, sellerReceives);
16    IERC20(order.tokenToSell).safeTransfer(msg.sender, order.
        amountToSell);
17
18    totalFees += protocolFee;
19
20    emit OrderFilled(_orderId, msg.sender, order.seller);
21 }
```

Additional stronger options (recommended to combine with the above):

Disallow decreasing amountToSell after order creation. Lock price and amount once the order is live (allow only deadline extensions). Use a commit-reveal or signed order scheme for off-chain orders.