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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
11    order exists
12  if (order.seller != msg.sender) revert NotOrderSeller();
13  if (!order.isActive) revert OrderAlreadyInactive();
14  if (block.timestamp >= order.deadlineTimestamp) revert OrderExpired
15    (); // Cannot amend expired order
16  if (_newAmountToSell == 0) revert InvalidAmount();
17  if (_newPriceInUSDC == 0) revert InvalidPrice();
18  if (_newDeadlineDuration == 0 || _newDeadlineDuration >
19    MAX_DEADLINE_DURATION) revert InvalidDeadline();
20
21  uint256 newDeadlineTimestamp = block.timestamp +
22    _newDeadlineDuration;
23  IERC20 token = IERC20(order.tokenToSell);
24
25  // Handle token amount changes
26  if (_newAmountToSell > order.amountToSell) {
27    // Increasing amount: Transfer additional tokens from seller
28    uint256 diff = _newAmountToSell - order.amountToSell;
29    token.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), diff);
30  } else if (_newAmountToSell < order.amountToSell) {
31    // Decreasing amount: Transfer excess tokens back to seller
32    uint256 diff = order.amountToSell - _newAmountToSell;
33    token.safeTransfer(order.seller, diff);
34
35  // Update order details
36  order.amountToSell = _newAmountToSell;
37  order.priceInUSDC = _newPriceInUSDC;
38  order.deadlineTimestamp = newDeadlineTimestamp;
39  emit OrderAmended(_orderId, _newAmountToSell, _newPriceInUSDC,
40    newDeadlineTimestamp);
41
42  .
43  .
44  .
45
46 @> function buyOrder(uint256 _orderId) public {
47  Order storage order = orders[_orderId];
48  // Validation checks
49  if (order.seller == address(0)) revert OrderNotFound();
50  if (!order.isActive) revert OrderNotActive();
51  if (block.timestamp >= order.deadlineTimestamp) revert OrderExpired
52    ();
53  order.isActive = false;
54  uint256 protocolFee = (order.priceInUSDC * FEE) / PRECISION;
55  uint256 sellerReceives = order.priceInUSDC - protocolFee;
56
57  iUSDC.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), protocolFee);
58  iUSDC.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, order.seller, sellerReceives);
59  IERC20(order.tokenToSell).safeTransfer(msg.sender, order.
60    amountToSell);

```

```

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

```

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     ();
9
10    if (_amountToBuy != order.amountToSell) revert InvalidAmount(); // Prevents front-run changes
11
12    order.isActive = false;
13    uint256 protocolFee = (order.priceInUSDC * FEE) / PRECISION;
14    uint256 sellerReceives = order.priceInUSDC - protocolFee;
15
16    iUSDC.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), protocolFee);
17    iUSDC.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, order.seller, sellerReceives);
18    IERC20(order.tokenToSell).safeTransfer(msg.sender, order.
19         amountToSell);
20
21    totalFees += protocolFee;
22
23    emit OrderFilled(_orderId, msg.sender, order.seller);
24 }
```

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.