



Security Assessment Report  
**Monaco Protocol v0.12.0**  
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# Summary

The sec3 team (formerly Soteria) was engaged to do a thorough security analysis of the Monaco Protocol Solana smart contract at <https://github.com/MonacoProtocol/protocol>. The initial audit was done on the source code of the following version

- **Contract "monaco\_protocol":**
  - v0.12.0, commit `e2e9c881c07c1cc98de658939fa0866e7c6141e0`

The review revealed 6 issues. The team responded with a second version for the post-audit review to check if the reported issues have been addressed. The audit is concluded after reviewing commit `a9b4d24c4388db3a8df0af02d59cd3a737232f0f` with all fixes applied.

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## Result Overview

In total, the audit team found the following issues.

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Issue	Impact	Status
[ L-1 ] Inconsistent handling of cancelled orders	Low	Resolved
[ L-2 ] The same position in update_product_commission_contributions	Low	Resolved
[ I-1 ] Seed collision	Info	Resolved
[ I-2 ] Redundant range check	Info	Resolved
[ I-3 ] market_type_discriminator validation	Info	Resolved
[ I-4 ] Surplus transfer when MarketStatus::ReadyToClose	Info	Resolved

# Findings in Detail

## [L-1] Inconsistent handling of cancelled orders

```

/* monaco_protocol/src/instructions/order/cancel_order.rs */
009 | pub fn cancel_order(ctx: Context<CancelOrder>) -> Result<()> {
033 |     ctx.accounts.order.void_stake_unmatched();
045 |     // if never matched close
046 |     if order.stake == order.voided_stake {
047 |         ctx.accounts.market.decrement_account_counts()?;
048 |         ctx.accounts
049 |             .order
050 |             .close(ctx.accounts.purchaser.to_account_info()?);
051 |     }

/* MonacoProtocol/programs/monaco_protocol/src/state/order_account.rs */
063 |
064 | pub fn void_stake_unmatched(&mut self) {
065 |     self.voided_stake = self.stake_unmatched;
066 |     self.stake_unmatched = 0_u64;
067 |     if self.order_status == OrderStatus::Open {
068 |         self.order_status = OrderStatus::Cancelled;
069 |     }
070 | }

```

For orders that are never matched (with `Open` status), `cancel_order()` will update their status to `Cancelled` in `void_stake_unmatched()`. Then, `decrement_account_counts()` will update the unsettled and unclosed account counters. Finally, these never-matched order accounts will be closed. So, the protocol doesn't have to deal with them in the settlements and market closures.

```

/* monaco_protocol/src/instructions/order/settle_order.rs */
009 | pub fn settle_order(ctx: Context<SettleOrder>) -> Result<()> {
028 |     // if never matched close
029 |     if Open.eq(&ctx.accounts.order.order_status) {
030 |         market_account.decrement_account_counts()?;
031 |         return ctx
032 |             .accounts
033 |             .order
034 |             .close(ctx.accounts.purchaser.to_account_info());
035 |     }
037 |     if ctx.accounts.order.stake_unmatched > 0_u64 {

```

```

038 |         ctx.accounts.order.void_stake_unmatched();
039 |     }
040 |     match is_winning_order(&ctx.accounts.order, market_account) {
041 |         true => ctx.accounts.order.order_status = SettledWin,
042 |         false => ctx.accounts.order.order_status = SettledLose,
043 |     };
044 |     market_account.decrement_unsettled_accounts_count()?;

```

The behavior is similar in `settle_order()`. In lines 29-34, never-matched orders will be closed and the market unsettled/unclosed account counters will be updated.

```

/* monaco_protocol/src/instructions/order/cancel_preplay_order_post_event_start.rs */
011 | pub fn cancel_preplay_order_post_event_start(
012 |     market: &Market,
013 |     market_matching_pool: &mut MarketMatchingPool,
014 |     order: &mut Order,
015 |     market_position: &mut MarketPosition,
016 | ) -> Result<u64> {
017 |     order.void_stake_unmatched(); // <-- void needs to happen before refund calculation
018 |     let refund = market_position::update_on_order_cancellation(market_position, order)?;
019 |     Ok(refund)
020 | }

```

However, the behavior in `cancel_preplay_order_post_event_start()` is different. The status of never-matched orders will be set to `OrderStatus::Cancelled`. The accounts will not be closed and the unsettled/unclosed account counters will not be updated either.

For these unclosed orders with `Cancelled` status, as the unclosed account counter will be updated in `close_order()`, the unsettled account counter needs to be updated. `cancel_order()` cannot do that because the account doesn't satisfy the condition `order.stake_unmatched > 0_u64`. `void_order()` does not do so as the market status doesn't match (`MarketStatus::ReadyToVoid` required).

Therefore, the only option is `settle_order()`. However, the order status of these never-matched orders will become `SettledWin` or `SettledLose`, which seems inconsistent.

## Resolution

This issue has been fixed by 07c6faaa.

## [L-2] The same position in update\_product\_commission\_contributions

```
/* monaco_protocol/src/state/market_position_account.rs */
007 | pub struct MarketPosition {
008 |     pub purchaser: Pubkey,
009 |     pub market: Pubkey,
010 |     pub paid: bool,
011 |     pub market_outcome_sums: Vec<i128>,
012 |     pub unmatched_exposures: Vec<u64>,
013 |     pub payer: Pubkey, // solana account fee payer
014 |     pub matched_risk: u64,
015 |     pub matched_risk_per_product: Vec<ProductMatchedRiskAndRate>,
016 | }

/* monaco_protocol/src/instructions/matching/matching_one_to_one.rs */
014 | pub fn match_orders(ctx: &mut Context<MatchOrders>) -> Result<()> {
119 |     // update product commission tracking for matched risk
120 |     update_product_commission_contributions(market_position_for, order_for, stake_matched)?;
121 |     update_product_commission_contributions(
122 |         market_position_against,
123 |         order_against,
124 |         calculate_risk_from_stake(stake_matched, selected_price),
125 |     );
```

The function `update_product_commission_contributions()` will update the `matched_risk` and `matched_risk_per_product` fields in both `market_position_for` and `market_position_against` accounts.

However, when they are referring to the same `market_position` account, they should be synchronized after each `update_product_commission_contributions`, similar to calling `copy_market_position()` after each `order::match_order()`

### Resolution

This issue has been fixed commit `d2064c14` and `89e2807f`.

## [ I-1 ] Seed collision

```

/* monaco_protocol/src/context.rs */
531 | #[derive(Accounts)]
532 | #[instruction(
533 |     event_account: Pubkey,
534 |     market_type_discriminator: String,
535 |     market_type_value: String,
536 | )]
537 | pub struct CreateMarket<'info> {
538 |     pub existing_market: Option<Account<'info, Market>>,
539 |
540 |     #[account(
541 |         init,
542 |         seeds = [
543 |             event_account.as_ref(),
544 |             market_type.key().as_ref(),
545 |             market_type_discriminator.as_ref(),
546 |             b"-".as_ref(),
547 |             market_type_value.as_ref(),
548 |             b"-".as_ref(),
549 |             get_create_market_version(&existing_market).to_string().as_ref(),
550 |             mint.key().as_ref(),
551 |         ],
552 |         bump,
553 |         payer = market_operator,
554 |         space = Market::SIZE
555 |     )]
556 |     pub market: Box<Account<'info, Market>>,

```

The seeds of the market account are expanded with [..., market\_type\_discriminator.as\_ref(), b"-".as\_ref(), market\_type\_value.as\_ref(), ...]. However, market\_type\_discriminator and market\_type\_value are unvalidated strings. If one contains -, different combinations may lead to the same seeds. E.g (market\_type\_discriminator = "abc-efg", market\_type\_value = "123") and (market\_type\_discriminator = "abc", market\_type\_value = "efg-123")

However, besides panics, this doesn't seem to have a bigger impact.

### Resolution

This issue has been fixed by [a34ec1ee](#).



## [ I-2 ] Redundant range check

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```
/* monaco_protocol/src/instructions/market/create_market.rs */
046 | require!(
047 |     ctx.accounts.mint.decimals >= PRICE_SCALE,
048 |     CoreError::MintDecimalsUnsupported
049 | );
050 | let decimal_limit = ctx.accounts.mint.decimals.saturating_sub(max_decimals);
051 | require!(PRICE_SCALE <= decimal_limit, CoreError::MaxDecimalsTooLarge);
```

`ctx.accounts.mint.decimals.saturating_sub(max_decimals) >= PRICE_SCALE` implies `ctx.accounts.mint.decimals >= PRICE_SCALE`, given `max_decimals` is a `u8` integer.

### Resolution

The team acknowledged this issue and decided to keep it.

## [ I-3 ] market\_type\_discriminator validation

---

```
/* monaco_protocol/src/instructions/market/create_market.rs */
053 | require!(
054 |     ctx.accounts.market_type.requires_discriminator != market_type_discriminator.is_empty(),
055 |     CoreError::MarketTypeDiscriminatorUsageIncorrect
056 | );
057 | require!(
058 |     ctx.accounts.market_type.requires_value != market_type_value.is_empty(),
059 |     CoreError::MarketTypeValueUsageIncorrect
060 | );
```

When `requires_discriminator` is `false`, user-provided `market_type_discriminator` must be empty. Should they be optional instead when it's not required?

The validation logic for `market_type_value` is similar.

### Resolution

This issue is fixed by commit `a9b4d24c`.

Based on the test "failure when market type discriminator contains the seed separator", the following seems to be the expected behaviors.

- when `requires_xxx` is `true`, `market_type_xxx` should be `Some(a non-empty string)`
- otherwise, `market_type_xxx` should be `None`

With the fix, when `requires_xxx` is `true`, `market_type_xxx` can be `Some("")`, which could lead to the same result as `requires_xxx = false, market_type_xxx = None` due to `.unwrap_or(&"".to_string())` in the PDA seeds.

However, the collision here won't make a difference in the PDA seeds of `market`, as there cannot be two `market_type` PDAs with the same name but different `requires_xxx`.

It may be a good idea to further clarify the expected behavior just in case the collision may lead to different behaviors in the future.

```
if (requires_discriminator) {
  require!(
    market_type_discriminator.is_some()
    && !market_type_discriminator.as_ref().unwrap().is_empty(),
    CoreError::MarketTypeDiscriminatorUsageIncorrect
  );
} else {
  require!(
    market_type_discriminator.is_none(),
    CoreError::MarketTypeDiscriminatorUsageIncorrect
  );
}
```

## [ I-4 ] Surplus transfer when MarketStatus::ReadyToClose

`market_escrow.amount == 0_u64` is the pre-condition before the status transition to `ReadyToClose`. No need to transfer because there is no surplus for `MarketStatus::ReadyToClose`?

```
/* monaco_protocol/src/instructions/market/update_market_status.rs */
106 | pub fn ready_to_close(market: &mut Market, market_escrow: &TokenAccount) -> Result<()> {
107 |     require!(
108 |         Settled.eq(&market.market_status) || Voided.eq(&market.market_status),
109 |         CoreError::MarketNotSettledOrVoided
110 |     );
111 |     require!(
112 |         market_escrow.amount == 0_u64,
113 |         CoreError::SettlementMarketEscrowNonZero
114 |     );
115 |     market.market_status = ReadyToClose;
116 |     Ok(())
117 | }

/* monaco_protocol/src/instructions/market/escrow.rs */
012 | const TRANSFER_SURPLUS_ALLOWED_STATUSES: [MarketStatus; 3] = [
013 |     MarketStatus::Settled,
014 |     MarketStatus::ReadyToClose,
015 |     MarketStatus::Voided,
016 | ];
017 |
018 | pub fn transfer_market_escrow_surplus<'info>(
019 |     market: &Account<'info, Market>,
020 |     market_escrow: &Account<'info, TokenAccount>,
021 |     destination: &Account<'info, TokenAccount>,
022 |     token_program: &Program<'info, Token>,
023 | ) -> Result<()> {
024 |     require!(
025 |         TRANSFER_SURPLUS_ALLOWED_STATUSES.contains(&market.market_status),
026 |         CoreError::MarketInvalidStatus
027 |     );
028 |     transfer::transfer_market_escrow_surplus(market_escrow, destination, token_program, market)
029 | }
```

## Resolution

This issue has been fixed by [a8799b5b](#).

## Appendix: Methodology and Scope of Work

The sec3 (formerly Soteria) audit team, which consists of Computer Science professors and industrial researchers with extensive experience in Solana smart contract security, program analysis, testing, and formal verification, performed a comprehensive manual code review, software static analysis, and penetration testing.

Assisted by the sec3 Scanner developed in-house, the audit team particularly focused on the following work items:

- Check common security issues.
  - Missing ownership checks
  - Missing signer checks
  - Signed invocation of unverified programs
  - Solana account confusions
  - Arithmetic over- or underflows
  - Numerical precision errors
  - Loss of precision in calculation
  - Insufficient SPL-Token account verification
  - Missing rent exemption assertion
  - Casting truncation
  - Did not follow security best practices
  - Outdated dependencies
  - Redundant code
  - Unsafe Rust code
- Check program logic implementation against available design specifications.
- Check poor coding practices and unsafe behavior.
- The soundness of the economics design and algorithm is out of the scope of this work

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