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## Helio



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# 1 | Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related smart contract source code of the `Helio` protocol, we outline in the report our systematic approach to evaluate potential security issues in the smart contract implementation, expose possible semantic inconsistencies between smart contract code and design document, and provide additional suggestions or recommendations for improvement. Our results show that the audited protocol can be further improved due to the presence of several issues related to either security or performance. This document outlines our audit results.

## 1.1 About Helio

The `Helio` protocol is implemented as a set of smart contracts with part of the logic relying on the `MakerDAO` smart contract set. In particular, it mints the stablecoin `HAY` with necessary collateralization. It also builds new modules, including the `Earn` module to allow users to stake `HAY` for accrued interest, as well as the `Rewards` module to claim rewards in `HELIO`. The basic information of the audited protocol is as follows:

Table 1.1: Basic Information of Helio

| Item                | Description        |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Name                | Helio              |
| Type                | EVM Smart Contract |
| Platform            | Solidity           |
| Audit Method        | Whitebox           |
| Latest Audit Report | May 25, 2022       |

In the following, we show the Git repository of reviewed files and the commit hash value used in this audit.

- <https://github.com/helio-money/helio-smart-contracts> (d543f08)

And this is the commit ID after all fixes for the issues found in the audit have been checked in:

- <https://github.com/helio-money/helio-smart-contracts> (831b06c)

## 1.2 About PeckShield

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Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification

|        |        |            |        |        |
|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|
| Impact | High   | Critical   | High   | Medium |
|        | Medium | High       | Medium | Low    |
|        | Low    | Medium     | Low    | Low    |
|        |        | High       | Medium | Low    |
|        |        | Likelihood |        |        |

## 1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [10]:

- Likelihood represents how likely a particular vulnerability is to be uncovered and exploited in the wild;
- Impact measures the technical loss and business damage of a successful attack;
- Severity demonstrates the overall criticality of the risk.

Likelihood and impact are categorized into three ratings: *H*, *M* and *L*, i.e., *high*, *medium* and *low* respectively. Severity is determined by likelihood and impact and can be classified into four categories accordingly, i.e., *Critical*, *High*, *Medium*, *Low* shown in Table 1.2.

To evaluate the risk, we go through a list of check items and each would be labeled with a severity category. For one check item, if our tool or analysis does not identify any issue, the contract is considered safe regarding the check item. For any discovered issue, we might further

Table 1.3: The Full List of Check Items

| Category                    | Check Item                                |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Basic Coding Bugs           | Constructor Mismatch                      |
|                             | Ownership Takeover                        |
|                             | Redundant Fallback Function               |
|                             | Overflows & Underflows                    |
|                             | Reentrancy                                |
|                             | Money-Giving Bug                          |
|                             | Blackhole                                 |
|                             | Unauthorized Self-Destruct                |
|                             | Revert DoS                                |
|                             | Unchecked External Call                   |
|                             | Gasless Send                              |
|                             | Send Instead Of Transfer                  |
|                             | Costly Loop                               |
|                             | (Unsafe) Use Of Untrusted Libraries       |
|                             | (Unsafe) Use Of Predictable Variables     |
|                             | Transaction Ordering Dependence           |
|                             | Deprecated Uses                           |
| Semantic Consistency Checks | Semantic Consistency Checks               |
| Advanced DeFi Scrutiny      | Business Logics Review                    |
|                             | Functionality Checks                      |
|                             | Authentication Management                 |
|                             | Access Control & Authorization            |
|                             | Oracle Security                           |
|                             | Digital Asset Escrow                      |
|                             | Kill-Switch Mechanism                     |
|                             | Operation Trails & Event Generation       |
|                             | ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling             |
|                             | Frontend-Contract Integration             |
|                             | Deployment Consistency                    |
|                             | Holistic Risk Management                  |
| Additional Recommendations  | Avoiding Use of Variadic Byte Array       |
|                             | Using Fixed Compiler Version              |
|                             | Making Visibility Level Explicit          |
|                             | Making Type Inference Explicit            |
|                             | Adhering To Function Declaration Strictly |
|                             | Following Other Best Practices            |

deploy contracts on our private testnet and run tests to confirm the findings. If necessary, we would additionally build a PoC to demonstrate the possibility of exploitation. The concrete list of check items is shown in Table 1.3.

In particular, we perform the audit according to the following procedure:

- Basic Coding Bugs: We first statically analyze given smart contracts with our proprietary static code analyzer for known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) all the issues found by our tool.
- Semantic Consistency Checks: We then manually check the logic of implemented smart contracts and compare with the description in the white paper.
- Advanced DeFi Scrutiny: We further review business logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.
- Additional Recommendations: We also provide additional suggestions regarding the coding and development of smart contracts from the perspective of proven programming practices.

To better describe each issue we identified, we categorize the findings with Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE-699) [9], which is a community-developed list of software weakness types to better delineate and organize weaknesses around concepts frequently encountered in software development. Though some categories used in CWE-699 may not be relevant in smart contracts, we use the CWE categories in Table 1.4 to classify our findings.

## 1.4 Disclaimer

Note that this security audit is not designed to replace functional tests required before any software release, and does not give any warranties on finding all possible security issues of the given smart contract(s) or blockchain software, i.e., the evaluation result does not guarantee the nonexistence of any further findings of security issues. As one audit-based assessment cannot be considered comprehensive, we always recommend proceeding with several independent audits and a public bug bounty program to ensure the security of smart contract(s). Last but not least, this security audit should not be used as investment advice.

Table 1.4: Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) Classifications Used in This Audit





| Category   | Summary   |
|--|---|
| <b>Configuration</b>                                 | Weaknesses in this category are typically introduced during the configuration of the software.  |
| <b>Data Processing Issues</b>                        | Weaknesses in this category are typically found in functionality that processes data.   |
| <b>Numeric Errors</b>                                | Weaknesses in this category are related to improper calculation or conversion of numbers.   |
| <b>Security Features</b>                             | Weaknesses in this category are concerned with topics like authentication, access control, confidentiality, cryptography, and privilege management. (Software security is not security software.)   |
| <b>Time and State</b>                                | Weaknesses in this category are related to the improper management of time and state in an environment that supports simultaneous or near-simultaneous computation by multiple systems, processes, or threads.  |
| <b>Error Conditions, Return Values, Status Codes</b> | Weaknesses in this category include weaknesses that occur if a function does not generate the correct return/status code, or if the application does not handle all possible return/status codes that could be generated by a function.   |
| <b>Resource Management</b>                           | Weaknesses in this category are related to improper management of system resources.   |
| <b>Behavioral Issues</b>                             | Weaknesses in this category are related to unexpected behaviors from code that an application uses.   |
| <b>Business Logics</b>                               | Weaknesses in this category identify some of the underlying problems that commonly allow attackers to manipulate the business logic of an application. Errors in business logic can be devastating to an entire application.  |
| <b>Initialization and Cleanup</b>                    | Weaknesses in this category occur in behaviors that are used for initialization and breakdown.  |
| <b>Arguments and Parameters</b>                      | Weaknesses in this category are related to improper use of arguments or parameters within function calls.   |
| <b>Expression Issues</b>                             | Weaknesses in this category are related to incorrectly written expressions within code.   |
| <b>Coding Practices</b>                              | Weaknesses in this category are related to coding practices that are deemed unsafe and increase the chances that an exploitable vulnerability will be present in the application. They may not directly introduce a vulnerability, but indicate the product has not been carefully developed or maintained. |



## 2 | Findings

### 2.1 Summary

Here is a summary of our findings after analyzing the `Helio` implementation. During the first phase of our audit, we study the smart contract source code and run our in-house static code analyzer through the codebase. The purpose here is to statically identify known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) issues reported by our tool. We further manually review business logic, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.

| Severity      | # of Findings |   |
|---------------|---------------|---|
| Critical      | 0             |   |
| High          | 1             |  |
| Medium        | 3             |  |
| Low           | 3             |  |
| Informational | 1             |  |
| Total         | 8             |   |

We have so far identified a list of potential issues: some of them involve subtle corner cases that might not be previously thought of, while others refer to unusual interactions among multiple contracts. For each uncovered issue, we have therefore developed test cases for reasoning, reproduction, and/or verification. After further analysis and internal discussion, we determined a few issues of varying severities that need to be brought up and paid more attention to, which are categorized in the above table. More information can be found in the next subsection, and the detailed discussions of each of them are in [Section 3](#).

## 2.2 Key Findings

Overall, these smart contracts are well-designed and engineered, though the implementation can be improved by resolving the identified issues (shown in Table 2.1), including 1 high-severity vulnerability, 3 medium-severity vulnerabilities, 3 low-severity vulnerabilities, and 1 informational recommendation.

Table 2.1: Key Helio Audit Findings

| ID      | Severity      | Title   | Category          | Status    |
|---------|---------------|---|-------------------|-----------|
| PVE-001 | Low           | Timely rewardsPool Update From Reward Changes in HelioRewards | Business Logic    | Resolved  |
| PVE-002 | Medium        | Incorrect pendingRewards() Logic in HelioRewards              | Business Logic    | Resolved  |
| PVE-003 | High          | Potential Flashloan/MEV For Increased Rewards                 | Time And State    | Resolved  |
| PVE-004 | Low           | Accommodation of Non-ERC20-Compliant Tokens                   | Business Logic    | Resolved  |
| PVE-005 | Medium        | Trust Issue of Admin Keys                                     | Security Features | Mitigated |
| PVE-006 | Informational | Improved ERC20 Compliance Of Jar                              | Coding Practices  | Resolved  |
| PVE-007 | Low           | Proper Allowance Adjustment in Ceros-Router                   | Coding Practices  | Resolved  |
| PVE-008 | Medium        | Incorrect Logic of Ceros-Router::withdrawWithSlippage()       | Business Logic    | Resolved  |

Beside the identified issues, we emphasize that for any user-facing applications and services, it is always important to develop necessary risk-control mechanisms and make contingency plans, which may need to be exercised before the mainnet deployment. The risk-control mechanisms should kick in at the very moment when the contracts are being deployed on mainnet. Please refer to Section 3 for details.

## 3 | Detailed Results

### 3.1 Timely rewardsPool Update From Reward Changes in HelioRewards

- ID: PVE-001
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Medium
- Target: HelioRewards
- Category: Business Logic [7]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [4]

#### Description

The Helio protocol provides an incentive mechanism that rewards the HAY minting. The rewards are carried out by designating a single pool from which the rewards are allocated based on the user debt amount. By design, the pool allows for the configuration of a collateral-specific, per-second reward rate. Our analysis shows that the update of the reward rate makes it necessary to timely collect rewards before the new rate becomes effective.

To elaborate, we show below the related two functions: `initPool()` and `setRate()`. The first function allows to initialize the pool while the second one is used to change the reward rate. It comes to our attention that the first function needs to validate whether it can only be invoked once while the second function needs to timely collect the overall pool reward (by calling `drip()` within the same contract) before applying the new reward rate.

```

74     function initPool(bytes32 ilk, uint256 rate) external auth {
75         ilks[ilk] = Ilk(rate, block.timestamp);
76         poolIlk = ilk;
77     }
78
79     function setHelioToken(address helioToken_) external auth {
80         helioToken = helioToken_;
81     }
82
83     function setRate(bytes32 ilk, uint256 newRate) external auth {

```

```

84     Ilk storage pool = ilks[ilk];
85     pool.rewardRate = newRate;
86 }

```

Listing 3.1: HelioRewards::initPool()/setRate()

In the same vein, the protocol has another contract `DAOInteraction` that facilitates the user interactions. Our analysis shows that the interest accrual may need to be performed before the intended borrow/repay is executed.

```

181     function borrow(address token, uint256 usbAmount) external returns(uint256) {
182         CollateralType memory collateralType = collaterals[token];
183         require(collateralType.live == 1, "Interaction/inactive collateral");
184
185         (, uint256 rate,,, ) = vat.ilks(collateralType.ilks);
186         uint256 dart = (usbAmount * 10 ** 27) / rate;
187         vat.frob(collateralType.ilks, msg.sender, msg.sender, msg.sender, 0, int256(dart)
188             );
189         vat.move(msg.sender, address(this), usbAmount * 10**27);
190         usbJoin.exit(msg.sender, usbAmount);
191
192         drip(token);
193         emit Borrow(msg.sender, usbAmount);
194         return dart;
195     }

```

Listing 3.2: DAOInteraction::borrow()

**Recommendation** Timely invoke `drip()` when the pool's reward rate is updated.

**Status** This issue has been fixed in the following commit: [472e83ce](#).

## 3.2 Incorrect pendingRewards() Logic in HelioRewards

- ID: PVE-002
- Severity: Medium
- Likelihood: Medium
- Impact: Medium
- Target: HelioRewards
- Category: Business Logic [7]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [4]

### Description

As mentioned in Section 3.1, the `Helio` protocol provides an incentive mechanism that rewards the `HAY` minting. The rewarding logic is to distribute the rewards pro-rata based on the minted `HAY` debt amount. While reviewing the related reward logic, we notice the current implementation needs to be corrected.

To elaborate, we show below the related `pendingRewards()` function. As the name indicates, this function is used to calculate the pending reward of the given user. It comes to our attention the denominator used for the share calculation is `totalDebt` while the numerator is `rate*art`. Note that `totalDebt` is the normalized total debt amount and the user's normalized debt amount is `art`, not the de-normalized one `rate*art`!

```

105     function pendingRewards(address usr) public poolInit view returns(uint256) {
106         (uint256 totalDebt, uint256 rate) = vat.ilks(poolIlk);
107         (, uint256 art) = vat.urns(poolIlk, usr);
108         uint256 usrDebt = hMath.mulDiv(art, rate, 10 ** 27);
109         uint256 shares = hMath.mulDiv(usrDebt, rewardsPool, totalDebt);
110         return unclaimedRewards[usr] + shares - claimedRewards[usr];
111     }

```

Listing 3.3: `HelioRewards::pendingRewards()`

**Recommendation** Properly compute the reward share in the above `pendingRewards()` function.

**Status** This issue has been fixed in the following commit: [472e83ce](#).

### 3.3 Potential Flashloan/MEV For Increased Rewards

- ID: PVE-003
- Severity: High
- Likelihood: Medium
- Impact: High
- Target: `HelioRewards`
- Category: Time and State [8]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-663 [3]

#### Description

In the last section, we cover a logic issue in the current rewarding logic, which basically distributes the rewards pro-rata based on the minted `HAY` debt amount. In the section, we further analyze the associated reward-claiming logic and show that the current logic may be exploited to steal rewards from others.

Specifically, we show below the related `claim()` function. This function implements a rather straightforward logic in computing the pending reward and then minting the rewards to the calling user. However, as mentioned earlier, the pending reward amount is computed based on percentage of the user debt amount among all debt amount. With that, it is possible to have a flashloan to mint a huge amount of debt amount right, then call this `claim()` function to claim rewards, and next return the flashloan by repaying back all debts!

```

120     function claim(uint256 amount) external poolInit {
121         require(amount <= pendingRewards(msg.sender), "Rewards/not-enough-rewards");

```

```

122     if (unclaimedRewards[msg.sender] >= amount) {
123         unclaimedRewards[msg.sender] -= amount;
124     } else {
125         uint256 diff = amount - unclaimedRewards[msg.sender];
126         claimedRewards[msg.sender] = diff;
127         unclaimedRewards[msg.sender] = 0;
128     }
129     Mintable(helioToken).mint(msg.sender, amount);
130
131     emit Claimed(msg.sender, amount);
132 }

```

Listing 3.4: HelioRewards::claim()

**Recommendation** Develop an effective mitigation to the above issue to fairly disseminate the rewards to protocol users.

**Status** This issue has been fixed in the following commit: [472e83ce](#).

## 3.4 Accommodation of Non-ERC20-Compliant Tokens

- ID: PVE-004
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: DAOInteraction
- Category: Business Logic [7]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [4]

### Description

Though there is a standardized ERC-20 specification, many token contracts may not strictly follow the specification or have additional functionalities beyond the specification. In this section, we examine the `transfer()` routine and possible idiosyncrasies from current widely-used token contracts.

In particular, we use the popular stablecoin, i.e., USDT, as our example. We show the related code snippet below. Specifically, the `transfer()` routine does not have a return value defined and implemented. However, the `IERC20` interface has defined the `transfer()` interface with a `bool` return value. As a result, the call to `transfer()` may expect a return value. With the lack of return value of USDT's `transfer()`, the call will be unfortunately reverted.

```

126     function transfer(address _to, uint _value) public onlyPayloadSize(2 * 32) {
127         uint fee = (_value.mul(basisPointsRate)).div(10000);
128         if (fee > maximumFee) {
129             fee = maximumFee;
130         }
131         uint sendAmount = _value.sub(fee);
132         balances[msg.sender] = balances[msg.sender].sub(_value);

```

```

133     balances[_to] = balances[_to].add(sendAmount);
134     if (fee > 0) {
135         balances[owner] = balances[owner].add(fee);
136         Transfer(msg.sender, owner, fee);
137     }
138     Transfer(msg.sender, _to, sendAmount);
139 }

```

Listing 3.5: USDT::transfer()

Because of that, a normal call to `transfer()` is suggested to use the safe version, i.e., `safeTransfer()`. In essence, it is a wrapper around ERC20 operations that may either throw on failure or return false without reverts. Moreover, the safe version also supports tokens that return no value (and instead revert or throw on failure). Note that non-reverting calls are assumed to be successful. Similarly, there is a safe version of `approve()/transferFrom()` as well, i.e., `safeApprove()/safeTransferFrom()`.

In current implementation, if we examine the `DAOInteraction::deposit()` routine that is designed to deposit the token as collateral. To accommodate the specific idiosyncrasy, there is a need to use `safeTransferFrom()`, instead of `transferFrom()` (line 168).

```

164     function deposit(address token, uint256 dink) external returns (uint256){
165         CollateralType memory collateralType = collaterals[token];
166         require(collateralType.live == 1, "Interaction/inactive collateral");

168         IERC20(token).transferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), dink);
169         collateralType.gem.join(msg.sender, dink);
170         vat.behalf(msg.sender, address(this));
171         vat.frob(collateralType.ilc, msg.sender, msg.sender, msg.sender, int256(dink),
            0);

173         deposits[token] += dink;

175         drip(token);

177         emit Deposit(msg.sender, dink);
178         return dink;
179     }

```

Listing 3.6: DAOInteraction::deposit()

**Recommendation** Accommodate the above-mentioned idiosyncrasy about ERC20-related `approve()/transfer()/transferFrom()`.

**Status** This issue has been fixed in the following commit: [a3ca32ce](#).

### 3.5 Trust Issue of Admin Keys

- ID: PVE-005
- Severity: Medium
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: High
- Target: Multiple Contracts
- Category: Security Features [5]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [2]

#### Description

In the `Helio` protocol, there are special administrative accounts (with the `auth` set). These accounts play a critical role in governing and regulating the protocol-wide operations (e.g., configure parameters and execute privileged operations). They also have the privilege to control or govern the flow of assets managed by this protocol. Our analysis shows that these privileged accounts need to be scrutinized. In the following, we examine their related privileged accesses in current protocol.

```

74     function initPool(bytes32 ilk, uint256 rate) external auth {
75         ilks[ilk] = Ilk(rate, block.timestamp);
76         poolIlk = ilk;
77     }

79     function setHelioToken(address helioToken_) external auth {
80         helioToken = helioToken_;
81     }

83     function setRate(bytes32 ilk, uint256 newRate) external auth {
84         Ilk storage pool = ilks[ilk];
85         pool.rewardRate = newRate;
86     }

```

Listing 3.7: Example Privileged Operations in `HelioRewards`

We understand the need of the privileged functions for proper contract operations, but at the same time the extra power to these privileged accounts may also be a counter-party risk to the contract users. Therefore, we list this concern as an issue here from the audit perspective and highly recommend making these privileges explicit or raising necessary awareness among protocol users.

**Recommendation** Promptly transfer the administrative privileges to the intended DAO-like governance contract. And activate the normal on-chain community-based governance life-cycle and ensure the intended trustless nature and high-quality distributed governance.

**Status** The issue has been mitigated by the team by removing the `Jar` contract from being a part of core contracts, removing the `permit()` function, updating the `flap()` function in the `vow` contract, and sending the surplus amount to the multisig wallet if `flapper` is not used.



### 3.6 Improved ERC20 Compliance Of Jar

- ID: PVE-006
- Severity: Informational
- Likelihood: N/A
- Impact: N/A
- Target: Jar
- Category: Coding Practices [6]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [1]

#### Description

The `Helio` protocol also comes with a `Jar` contract that is designed to assist the `HAY` distribution farming. In the following, we examine the ERC20 compliance of the `Jar` token contract.

Table 3.1: Basic `View-Only` Functions Defined in The ERC20 Specification

| Item                 | Description  | Status |
|----------------------|--|--------|
| <b>name()</b>        | Is declared as a public view function  | ✓      |
|                      | Returns a string, for example "Tether USD"   | ✓      |
| <b>symbol()</b>      | Is declared as a public view function  | ✓      |
|                      | Returns the symbol by which the token contract should be known, for example "USDT". It is usually 3 or 4 characters in length                            | ✓      |
| <b>decimals()</b>    | Is declared as a public view function  | ✓      |
|                      | Returns decimals, which refers to how divisible a token can be, from 0 (not at all divisible) to 18 (pretty much continuous) and even higher if required | ✓      |
| <b>totalSupply()</b> | Is declared as a public view function  | ✓      |
|                      | Returns the number of total supplied tokens, including the total minted tokens (minus the total burned tokens) ever since the deployment                 | ✓      |
| <b>balanceOf()</b>   | Is declared as a public view function  | ✓      |
|                      | Anyone can query any address' balance, as all data on the blockchain is public   | ✓      |

Specifically, the ERC20 specification defines a list of API functions (and relevant events) that each token contract is expected to implement (and emit). The failure to meet these requirements means the token contract cannot be considered to be ERC20-compliant. Naturally, as part of our audit, we examine the list of API functions defined by the ERC20 specification and validate whether there exist any inconsistency or incompatibility in the implementation or the inherent business logic of the audited contract(s).

Our analysis shows that there is a minor ERC20 inconsistency or incompatibility issue. Specifically, the current implementation has defined the `decimals` state with the `uint` type. The ERC20 specification indicates the type of `uint8` for the `decimals` state. Note that this incompatibility issue does not necessarily affect the functionality of `Jar` in any negative way.

In addition, it should be highlighted that `Jar` serves the purpose of staking for rewards. By design, it cannot be transferred. Therefore, the related set of functions of `transfer()`, `transferFrom()`, and `approve()` are explicitly not supported!

**Recommendation** Revise the `Jar` implementation to improve its ERC20-compliance.

**Status** This issue has been fixed in the following commit: [cc27700](#).

### 3.7 Proper Allowance Adjustment in CerosRouter

- ID: PVE-007
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: `CerosRouter`
- Category: Coding Practices [6]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [1]

#### Description

The `Helio` protocol also comes with a `CerosRouter` contract that is designed to facilitate the user interaction. This `CerosRouter` contract requires the proper allowance setup to interact with external DEX engines. However, our analysis shows that when there is a need to update the current DEX, the allowance has not been updated accordingly.

To elaborate, we show below the `initialize()` function. It properly configures the allowance of `certToken` to `dexAddress`, `pool`, and `vault`. However, when these addresses are being updated, the allowances are not updated!

```

50     function initialize(
51         address certToken,
52         address wBnbToken,
53         address ceToken,
54         address bondToken,
55         address vault,
56         address dexAddress,
57         address pool
58     ) public initializer {
59         __Ownable_init();
60         __Pausable_init();
61         __ReentrancyGuard_init();
62         _certToken = ICertToken(certToken);
63         _wBnbAddress = wBnbToken;
64         _ceToken = IERC20(ceToken);
65         _vault = IVault(vault);
66         _dex = IDex(dexAddress);
67         _pool = IBinancePool(pool);
68         IERC20(wBnbToken).approve(dexAddress, type(uint256).max);

```

```

69     IERC20(certToken).approve(dexAddress, type(uint256).max);
70     IERC20(certToken).approve(bondToken, type(uint256).max);
71     IERC20(certToken).approve(pool, type(uint256).max);
72     IERC20(certToken).approve(vault, type(uint256).max);
73 }

```

Listing 3.8: CerosRouter::initialize()

```

253     function changeVault(address vault) external onlyOwner {
254         _vault = IVault(vault);
255         emit ChangeVault(vault);
256     }
257
258     function changeDex(address dex) external onlyOwner {
259         _dex = IDex(dex);
260         emit ChangeDex(dex);
261     }
262
263     function changePool(address pool) external onlyOwner {
264         _pool = IBinancePool(pool);
265         emit ChangePool(pool);
266     }

```

Listing 3.9: CerosRouter::changeVault()/changeDex()/changePool()

**Recommendation** Update the allowance accordingly when the intended DEX is updated. Note this issue is also applicable to `_vault` and `_pool`.

**Status** This issue has been fixed in the following commit: [831b06c](#).

### 3.8 Incorrect Logic of CerosRouter::withdrawWithSlippage()

- ID: PVE-008
- Severity: Medium
- Likelihood: Medium
- Impact: Medium
- Target: CerosRouter
- Category: Coding Practices [6]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [1]

#### Description

As mentioned earlier, the Helio protocol also comes with a CerosRouter contract that is designed to facilitate the user interaction. While analyzing this CerosRouter contract, we notice a key function `withdrawWithSlippage()` contains an incorrect implementation.

To elaborate, we show below its implementation. It has a rather straightforward logic in withdrawing the `_certToken` from the vault and then swapping to `WBNB`. However, the swap operation still

uses the (old) input `amount` for the vault amount, instead of the (new) `amount - realAmount` - after the withdrawal from the vault.

```

217     function withdrawWithSlippage(
218         address recipient,
219         uint256 amount,
220         uint256 outAmount
221     ) external override nonReentrant returns (uint256) {
222         uint256 realAmount = _vault.withdrawFor(
223             msg.sender,
224             address(this),
225             amount
226         );
227         address[] memory path = new address[](2);
228         path[0] = address(_certToken);
229         path[1] = _wBnbAddress;
230         uint256[] memory amounts = _dex.swapExactTokensForETH(
231             amount,
232             outAmount,
233             path,
234             recipient,
235             block.timestamp + 300
236         );
237         emit Withdrawal(msg.sender, recipient, _wBnbAddress, amounts[1]);
238         return amounts[1];
239     }

```

Listing 3.10: CerosRouter::withdrawWithSlippage()

**Recommendation** Revise the above `withdrawWithSlippage()` logic to make use of the right amount for token conversion.

**Status** This issue has been fixed in the following commit: [831b06c](#).

## 4 | Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of the `Helio` protocol, which is implemented as a set of smart contracts with part of the logic relying on `MakerDAO`. In particular, it mints the stablecoin `HAY` with necessary collateralization with extensions of new modules, including the `Earn` module to allow users to stake `HAY` for accrued interest, as well as the `Rewards` module to claim rewards in `HELIO`. The current code base is well structured and neatly organized. Those identified issues are promptly confirmed and addressed.

Meanwhile, we need to emphasize that smart contracts as a whole are still in an early, but exciting stage of development. To improve this report, we greatly appreciate any constructive feedbacks or suggestions, on our methodology, audit findings, or potential gaps in scope/coverage.



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