

# Security Assessment

# **Dank Protocol III**

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## **Summary**

This report has been prepared for Dank digital Co., Ltd to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the Dank Protocol III project as well as any contract dependencies that were not part of an officially recognized library. A comprehensive examination has been performed, utilizing Static Analysis and Manual Review techniques.

The auditing process pays special attention to the following considerations:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors.
- Assessing the codebase to ensure compliance with current best practices and industry standards.
- Ensuring contract logic meets the specifications and intentions of the client.
- Cross referencing contract structure and implementation against similar smart contracts produced by industry leaders.
- Thorough line-by-line manual review of the entire codebase by industry experts.

The security assessment resulted in findings that ranged from critical to informational. We recommend addressing these findings to ensure a high level of security standards and industry practices. We suggest recommendations that could better serve the project from the security perspective:

- Enhance general coding practices for better structures of source codes;
- Add enough unit tests to cover the possible use cases;
- Provide more comments per each function for readability, especially contracts that are verified in public;
- Provide more transparency on privileged activities once the protocol is live.



## **Overview**

## **Project Summary**

Project Name	Dank Protocol III
Platform	Ethereum
Language	Solidity
Codebase	https://github.com/Dank-Protocol/Decentralized-Bank/tree/master/kovan
Commit	1500b8b1e49f4a369527f70171eab6d07f2862cc

## **Audit Summary**

Delivery Date	Oct 08, 2021
Audit Methodology	Static Analysis, Manual Review
Key Components	

## **Vulnerability Summary**

Vulnerability Level	Total	① Pending	⊗ Declined	(i) Acknowledged	Partially Resolved	
<ul><li>Critical</li></ul>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<ul><li>Major</li></ul>	4	0	0	1	3	0
<ul><li>Medium</li></ul>	1	0	0	0	0	1
<ul><li>Minor</li></ul>	2	0	0	1	0	1
<ul><li>Informational</li></ul>	2	0	0	2	0	0
<ul><li>Discussion</li></ul>	0	0	0	0	0	0



## **Audit Scope**

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
DGD	Governance/Dank.sol	d5fcbff523875811c468c922766e498de3c203bcf9e00f70d6d60811730 97f65
JRM	dETH/JumpRateModel.sol	c75cc1fcb7d915788b7c2342cd09eb49d5c89329052c9e8487ce80a57f31ae2c
AVI	proxy/AggregatorValidatorInterfac e.sol	28505af2acdb398492d4649ec92655b217a7e825b722bedd67086edca 2a798a7
COD	proxy/ConfirmedOwner.sol	9e08f82d045781687f42c90f78c57fef423075fae5e3d7cd33130b01dc1 23832
MAV	proxy/MockAggregatorValidator.s	ecaaa49246d1da838bd89f73489e3dfd021b88770b4b18ade2d5c398b b908bb1
TAV	proxy/TypeAndVersionInterface.s	4e10d008a9aefd8c1fad33a43580684baefd9353f14a76d366192ed7f5c 5de08
VPD	proxy/ValidatorProxy.sol	aa2ab1b20655e2569f02b1a6e47a923926680e1a8e8e103795bf0ecbc e554107

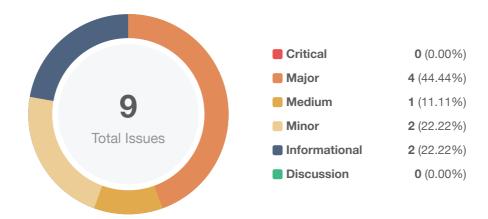


## **Financial Models**

Financial models of blockchain protocols need to be resilient to attacks. It needs to pass simulations and verifications to guarantee the security of the overall protocol.



## **Findings**



ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
Dank Protocol-01	Missing input validation	Volatile Code	<ul><li>Minor</li></ul>	⊗ Resolved
Dank Protocol-02	Proper usage of "public" and "external" type	Coding Style	<ul><li>Informational</li></ul>	(i) Acknowledged
Dank Protocol-03	Incorrect naming convention utilization	Coding Style	<ul><li>Informational</li></ul>	(i) Acknowledged
DGD-01	Centralization risk	Centralization / Privilege	<ul><li>Major</li></ul>	Partially Resolved
DGD-02	Does not move delegates while mint token	Centralization / Privilege	<ul><li>Major</li></ul>	Partially Resolved
DGD-03	Potential subtraction overflow	Logical Issue	<ul><li>Medium</li></ul>	⊗ Resolved
DGD-04	Centralization risk	Centralization / Privilege	<ul><li>Major</li></ul>	Partially Resolved
VPD-01	Third party dependencies	Volatile Code	<ul><li>Minor</li></ul>	(i) Acknowledged
VPD-02	Centralization risk	Centralization / Privilege	<ul><li>Major</li></ul>	(i) Acknowledged



## Dank Protocol-01 | Missing input validation

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	<ul><li>Minor</li></ul>	Global	

## Description

The given input is missing the check for the non-zero address.

For example,

• contract Dank: danktrollerAddr in function setDanktrollerAddress()

#### Recommendation

We advise adding the check for the passed-in values to prevent unexpected error.

#### Alleviation

The team heeded our advice and removed this function in commit bb8dfed1cd7b0b204e3bd0d0bab53315a3b385e7.



## Dank Protocol-02 | Proper usage of "public" and "external" type

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	<ul><li>Informational</li></ul>	Global	(i) Acknowledged

## Description

"public" functions that are never called by the contract should be declared "external". When the inputs are arrays, "external" functions are more efficient than "public" functions.

#### Examples:

#### Functions like:

- contract Dank: delegate(), delegateBySig(), getPriorVotes(), owner()
- contract JumpRateModel: getSupplyRate()
- contract ConfirmedOwner: owner()

#### Recommendation

We recommend using the "external" attribute for functions never called from the contract.

#### Alleviation

The team acknowledged this issue and they will leave it as it is for now.



## Dank Protocol-03 | Incorrect naming convention utilization

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	<ul><li>Informational</li></ul>	Global	(i) Acknowledged

## Description

Solidity defines a naming convention that should be followed. In general, the following naming conventions should be utilized in a Solidity file:

Constants should be named with all capital letters with underscores separating words UPPER\_CASE\_WITH\_UNDERSCORES

refer to <a href="https://solidity.readthedocs.io/en/v0.5.17/style-guide.html#naming-conventions">https://solidity.readthedocs.io/en/v0.5.17/style-guide.html#naming-conventions</a>

#### Examples:

#### Constants like:

- contract Dank: maxTotalSupply, perBlockMint
- contract JumpRateModel: isInterestRateModel, blocksPerYear
- contract ConfirmedOwner: s\_owner, s\_pendingOwner
- contract ValidatorProxy: s\_currentAggregator, s\_proposedAggregator, s\_currentValidator,
   s\_proposedValidator

#### Recommendation

The recommendations outlined here are intended to improve the readability, and thus they are not rules, but rather guidelines to try and help convey the most information through the names of things.

#### Alleviation

The team acknowledged this issue and they will leave it as it is for now.



## **DGD-01 | Centralization risk**

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	<ul><li>Major</li></ul>	Governance/Dank.sol: 189, 274, 299	① Partially Resolved

## Description

In the contract Dank, the role owner has the authority over the following function:

- setDanktrollerAddress(): change the danktrollerAddr to any addresses.
- \_delegate()/\_transferTokens(): mint tokens to the danktrollerAddr and the ownerAddr.
- transferOwnership()/acceptOwnership(): change the owneraddr to any addresses.

Any compromise to the owner account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this and users' assets may suffer loss.

#### Recommendation

We advise the client to carefully manage the owner account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol to be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., Multisignature wallets.

Indicatively, here are some feasible suggestions that would also mitigate the potential risk at the different levels in terms of short-term and long-term:

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to the private key;
- Introduction of a DAO/governance/voting module to increase transparency and user involvement.

#### Alleviation

The team heeded our advice and removed the function <code>setDanktrollerAddress()</code> and the logic of mint tokens in the functions <code>\_delegate()/\_transferTokens()</code> in commit <code>bb8dfed1cd7b0b204e3bd0d0bab53315a3b385e7</code>.

They will renounce ownership to a multi-sig governing procedure on their own timeframe.



### DGD-02 | Does not move delegates while mint token

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	<ul><li>Major</li></ul>	Governance/Dank.sol: 285, 311	Partially Resolved

## Description

In essence, DANK Token lets token holders delegate their voting power to another entity.

According to the following codes, new DANK tokens will be minted and distributed to the danktrollerAddr and the ownerAddr according to the block number.

```
278
             uint diffBlock = block.number.sub(currBlock);
279
             if (diffBlock > 0) {
                 uint diffAmount = diffBlock.mul(perBlockMint);
280
281
282
                 uint maltAmount = diffAmount.mul(5).div(10);
283
                 uint balanceDanktroller =
balanceOfHold(getDanktrollerAddress()).add(maltAmount);
284
                 balances[getDanktrollerAddress()] = safe96(balanceDanktroller,
"Dank:_delegate: amount exceeds 96 bits");
                 balances[ownerAddr] = safe96(balanceOfHold(ownerAddr).add(maltAmount),
"Dank:_delegate: amount exceeds 96 bits");
287
                 currBlock = block.number;
288
             }
```

```
304
             uint diffBlock = block.number.sub(currBlock);
305
             if (diffBlock > 0) {
                 uint diffAmount = diffBlock.mul(perBlockMint);
306
307
                 uint maltAmount = diffAmount.mul(5).div(10);
308
309
                 uint balanceDanktroller =
balanceOfHold(getDanktrollerAddress()).add(maltAmount);
310
                 balances[getDanktrollerAddress()] = safe96(balanceDanktroller,
"Dank:_transferTokens: amount exceeds 96 bits");
                 balances[ownerAddr] = safe96(balanceOfHold(ownerAddr).add(maltAmount),
"Dank:_transferTokens: amount exceeds 96 bits");
312
313
                 currBlock = block.number;
314
             }
```

However, functions \_delegate() and \_transferTokens() don't call \_moveDelegates() for these minted tokens.



## Recommendation

We recommend adding call of \_moveDelegates() in the functions \_delegate() and \_transferTokens() for these minted tokens.

## Alleviation

The team heeded our advice and removed this logic in commit bb8dfed1cd7b0b204e3bd0d0bab53315a3b385e7, and removed the function issue() in commit 748b4369d7ae53e05178cc9950a1d21c9c80b218.



## DGD-03 | Potential subtraction overflow

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	<ul><li>Medium</li></ul>	Governance/Dank.sol: 328	

## Description

Refer to DGD-02, the new-minted tokens are added to the ownerAddr, but \_moveDelegates() is not called.

According to the following codes, the parameter srcRep is delegates [ownerAddr] when the ownerAddr call the functions \_delegate() and \_transferTokens().

```
function _delegate(address delegator, address delegatee) internal {
    ...
    _moveDelegates(currentDelegate, delegatee, delegatorBalance);
}
```

```
function _transferTokens(address src, address dst, uint96 amount) internal {
    ...
    _moveDelegates(delegates[src], delegates[dst], amount);
}
```

```
323
         function _moveDelegates(address srcRep, address dstRep, uint96 amount) internal
324
             if (srcRep != dstRep && amount > 0) {
325
                 if (srcRep != address(0)) {
326
                     uint32 srcRepNum = numCheckpoints[srcRep];
327
                     uint96 srcRep0ld = srcRepNum > 0 ? checkpoints[srcRep][srcRepNum -
1].votes : 0;
328
                     uint96 srcRepNew = sub96(srcRepOld, amount, "Dank::_moveVotes: vote
amount underflows");
329
                     _writeCheckpoint(srcRep, srcRepNum, srcRepOld, srcRepNew);
330
                 }
331
332
                 if (dstRep != address(0)) {
333
                     uint32 dstRepNum = numCheckpoints[dstRep];
334
                     uint96 dstRepOld = dstRepNum > 0 ? checkpoints[dstRep][dstRepNum -
1].votes : 0;
335
                     uint96 dstRepNew = add96(dstRepOld, amount, "Dank::_moveVotes: vote
amount overflows");
336
                     _writeCheckpoint(dstRep, dstRepNum, dstRepOld, dstRepNew);
337
```



```
338 }
339 }
```

The value of delegates [ownerAddr] can be set and the logic of srcRep != address(0) will trigger. As a result, the subtraction sub96(srcRepOld, amount, "Dank::\_moveVotes: vote amount underflows") may overflow and lead the call to fail.

#### Recommendation

We recommend fixing DGD-02 or stating for delegates [ownerAddr].

### Alleviation

The team removed the logic of mint tokens in the functions \_delegate()/\_transferTokens(), and removed the function issue() in commit 748b4369d7ae53e05178cc9950a1d21c9c80b218.



## **DGD-04** | Centralization risk

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	<ul><li>Major</li></ul>	Governance/Dank.sol	Partially Resolved

## Description

In the contract Dank, the role owner has the authority over the following function:

- constructor(): mint 10000000e18 DANK tokens to the owner addresses.
- issue(): mint any amount tokens to any addresses.

Any compromise to the owner account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this and users' assets may suffer loss.

#### Recommendation

We advise the client to carefully manage the owner account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol to be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., Multisignature wallets.

Indicatively, here are some feasible suggestions that would also mitigate the potential risk at the different levels in terms of short-term and long-term:

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to the private key;
- Introduction of a DAO/governance/voting module to increase transparency and user involvement.

#### Alleviation

The team heeded our advice and removed the function <code>issue()</code> in commit 748b4369d7ae53e05178cc9950a1d21c9c80b218.

They will renounce ownership to a multi-sig governing procedure on their own timeframe.



## VPD-01 | Third party dependencies

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	<ul><li>Minor</li></ul>	proxy/ValidatorProxy.sol: 128, 139	(i) Acknowledged

## Description

The contract is serving as the underlying entity to interact with third party AggregatorValidator protocols. The scope of the audit treats 3rd party entities as black boxes and assume their functional correctness. However, in the real world, 3rd parties can be compromised and this may lead to lost or stolen assets. In addition, upgrades of 3rd parties can possibly create severe impacts, such as increasing fees of 3rd parties, migrating to new LP pools, etc.

#### Recommendation

We understand that the business logic of the contract ValidatorProxy requires interaction with AggregatorValidator, etc. We encourage the team to constantly monitor the statuses of 3rd parties to mitigate the side effects when unexpected activities are observed.

#### Alleviation

The team acknowledged this issue and they will leave it as it is for now.



## VPD-02 | Centralization risk

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	<ul><li>Major</li></ul>	proxy/ValidatorProxy.sol: 159, 176, 223, 240	(i) Acknowledged

## Description

In the contract ValidatorProxy, the role owner has the authority over the following function:

- proposeNewAggregator()/upgradeAggregator(): change the s\_currentAggregator.target to any addresses,
- proposeNewValidator()/upgradeValidator(): change the s\_currentValidator.target to any addresses,

Any compromise to the owner account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this and users' assets may suffer loss.

#### Recommendation

We advise the client to carefully manage the owner account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol to be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., Multisignature wallets.

Indicatively, here is some feasible suggestions that would also mitigate the potential risk at the different level in term of short-term and long-term:

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to the private key;
- Introduction of a DAO/governance/voting module to increase transparency and user involvement.

#### Alleviation

The team acknowledged this issue and they stated the following:

They will renounce ownership to a multi-sig governing procedure on their own timeframe.



## **Appendix**

### **Finding Categories**

### Centralization / Privilege

Centralization / Privilege findings refer to either feature logic or implementation of components that act against the nature of decentralization, such as explicit ownership or specialized access roles in combination with a mechanism to relocate funds.

## Logical Issue

Logical Issue findings detail a fault in the logic of the linked code, such as an incorrect notion on how block.timestamp works.

#### Volatile Code

Volatile Code findings refer to segments of code that behave unexpectedly on certain edge cases that may result in a vulnerability.

### Coding Style

Coding Style findings usually do not affect the generated byte-code but rather comment on how to make the codebase more legible and, as a result, easily maintainable.

#### **Checksum Calculation Method**

The "Checksum" field in the "Audit Scope" section is calculated as the SHA-256 (Secure Hash Algorithm 2 with digest size of 256 bits) digest of the content of each file hosted in the listed source repository under the specified commit.

The result is hexadecimal encoded and is the same as the output of the Linux "sha256sum" command against the target file.



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