



Security Assessment

Defrost Finance II

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About

Summary

This report has been prepared for Defrost Finance II to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the Defrost Finance II 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	Defrost Finance II
Platform	Avalanche C-Chain
Language	Solidity
Codebase	https://github.com/DefrostFinance/defrost-finance-contract/tree/master/contracts/superVault
Commit	4d9bcc6bb4d8f2ca09a048ea51e57e22f7523aaf

Audit Summary

Delivery Date	Dec 16, 2021
Audit Methodology	Static Analysis, Manual Review
Key Components	

Vulnerability Summary

Vulnerability Level	Total	⚠ Pending	⊗ Declined	ℹ Acknowledged	🔄 Partially Resolved	✅ Resolved
🔴 Critical	0	0	0	0	0	0
🟠 Major	1	0	0	1	0	0
🟡 Medium	2	0	0	1	0	1
🟠 Minor	6	0	0	4	0	2
🟢 Informational	7	0	0	4	0	3
🟢 Discussion	0	0	0	0	0	0

Audit Scope

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
ERC	superVault/ERC20.sol	17065068ada68777512f7c9b8e9c191b78c31e303c27d35b92237d182ee04e37
IBC	superVault/IBenqiCompound.sol	b6118f73fe74553c7c5136d9149d47bf2088cfc91590c361c29e0c7ca8ef2f93
ICG	superVault/ICurveGauge.sol	29ba7e100f29f788fbff9c7f96db8207558d5098b341ca3bdd9b3c663928ac8
CAV	superVault/superCurveAv3.sol	fed09c46ae7f91b34db7b8c3f7f7bfa77952bd5be73eff859bb0a7e5a8f3291f
QAV	superVault/superQiAvax.sol	612c4f0924b0a81c32d9e43dcfd811a6dd7a8c779624a044ec3f0a39bbfd9b12
QEV	superVault/superQiErc20.sol	6f08f9f26c64bcc1c076d9be94c187921b602cda15174aeef57f27ccf57a3c78
QTV	superVault/superQiToken.sol	ddefb91039bc447f5e867208073c7e075e3750afe85b8b47ac52f73ab9ac0310
TVV	superVault/superToken.sol	cb0ba13e92509e069da93ed6b4f62e0fbd5e564ca1535dfe54b2c993ea410db6

It should be noted that the system design includes a number of economic arguments and assumptions. These were explored to the extent that they clarified the intention of the code base, but we did not audit the mechanism design itself. Note that 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. The correctness of the financial model is not in the scope of the audit.

Note that this audit only includes the contracts in the stated scope while the files outside the scope are treated as black boxes and are assumed to be functionally correct.

To bridge the trust gap between owner and users, the owner needs to express a sincere attitude with the consideration of the administrator team's anonymousness.

The `origin` of `superToken` has the responsibility to notify users about the following capabilities:

- set `FeePool` through `setFeePoolAddress()`
- set `slipRate` through `setSlipRate()`
- set `feeRate` through `setFeeRate()`
- set `swapRoutingPath` through `setSwapRoutingPathInfo()`

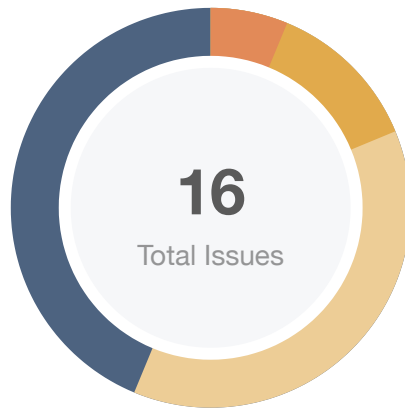
The `origin` of `superQiToken` has the responsibility to notify users about the following capabilities:

- set `rewardInfos` through `setReward()`

The `origin` of `superCurveAv3` has the responsibility to notify users about the following capabilities:

- set `rewardInfos` through `setReward()`

Findings



Critical	0 (0.00%)
Major	1 (6.25%)
Medium	2 (12.50%)
Minor	6 (37.50%)
Informational	7 (43.75%)
Discussion	0 (0.00%)

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
GLOBAL-01	Unlocked Compiler Version	Language Specific	Informational	ⓘ Acknowledged
GLOBAL-02	Third Party Dependencies	Volatile Code	Minor	ⓘ Acknowledged
GLOBAL-03	Function Visibility Optimization	Gas Optimization	Informational	✓ Resolved
GLOBAL-04	Centralization Risk	Centralization / Privilege	Major	ⓘ Acknowledged
GLOBAL-05	Hardcode Address	Logical Issue	Informational	ⓘ Acknowledged
GLOBAL-06	Unused Return Values	Gas Optimization	Informational	ⓘ Acknowledged
GLOBAL-07	Set <code>constant</code> to Variables	Gas Optimization	Informational	✓ Resolved
GLOBAL-08	Potential Reentrancy Attack	Logical Issue	Medium	ⓘ Acknowledged
GLOBAL-09	Potential Sandwich Attacks	Logical Issue	Minor	✓ Resolved
GLOBAL-10	Inconsistent Logic For function <code>_setReward</code>	Volatile Code	Minor	ⓘ Acknowledged
GLOBAL-11	Discussion For Function <code>compound()</code>	Logical Issue	Informational	ⓘ Acknowledged
GLOBAL-12	Potential Flashloan Attack	Logical Issue	Medium	✓ Resolved
TVV-01	Lack of Input Validation	Volatile Code	Minor	ⓘ Acknowledged
TVV-02	Incompatibility With Deflationary Tokens	Logical Issue	Minor	ⓘ Acknowledged

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
TWV-03	Discussion For <code>slipeRate</code>	Inconsistency	● Informational	☑ Resolved
TWV-04	Lack of keyword	Logical Issue	● Minor	☑ Resolved

GLOBAL-01 | Unlocked Compiler Version

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Language Specific	● Informational	Global	ⓘ Acknowledged

Description

The contract has unlocked compiler version. An unlocked compiler version in the source code of the contract permits the user to compile it at or above a particular version. This, in turn, leads to differences in the generated bytecode between compilations due to differing compiler version numbers. This can lead to an ambiguity when debugging as compiler specific bugs may occur in the codebase that would be hard to identify over a span of multiple compiler versions rather than a specific one.

Recommendation

It is a general practice to instead lock the compiler at a specific version rather than allow a range of compiler versions to be utilized to avoid compiler-specific bugs and be able to identify ones more easily. We recommend locking the compiler at the lowest possible version that supports all the capabilities wished by the codebase. This will ensure that the project utilizes a compiler version that has been in use for the longest time and as such is less likely to contain yet-undiscovered bugs.

GLOBAL-02 | Third Party Dependencies

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	● Minor	Global	ⓘ Acknowledged

Description

The contract is serving as the underlying entity to interact with third-party DEX. The scope of the audit would treat those 3rd party entities as black boxes and assume their functional correctness. However, in the real world, 3rd parties may be compromised and lead to assets being lost or stolen.

- `superQiErc20`
- `superQiAvax`
- `superCurveAv3`
- `ChainLinkOracle`

Recommendation

We encourage the team to constantly monitor the status of those 3rd parties to mitigate negative outcomes when unexpected activities are observed.

Alleviation

`[Client]`: Third Part is limited to trusted like Curve Finance, Trader Joe on Avalanche, ChainlinkOracle.

GLOBAL-03 | Function Visibility Optimization

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	● Informational	Global	🟢 Resolved

Description

The following functions are declared as `public` and are not invoked in any of the contracts contained within the project's scope:

- `ERC20.name()`
- `ERC20.symbol()`
- `ERC20.decimals()`
- `ERC20.balanceOf()`
- `ERC20.transfer()`
- `ERC20.allowance()`
- `ERC20.approve()`
- `ERC20.transferFrom()`
- `ERC20.increaseAllowance()`
- `ERC20.decreaseAllowance()`
- `superToken.enter()`
- `superToken.leave()`
- `superQiAvax.compound()`
- `superQiErc20.compound()`
- `superCurveAv3.compound()`

The functions that are never called internally within the contract should have external visibility.

Recommendation

We advise that the functions' visibility specifiers are set to `external` and the array-based arguments change their data location from `memory` to `calldata`, optimizing the gas cost of the function.

Alleviation

The client heeded our advice and resolved this issue in commit :

0c741bae373e01425931922ba814c53341d57ec2.

GLOBAL-04 | Centralization Risk

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	● Major	Global	ⓘ Acknowledged

Description

To bridge the gap in trust between the administrators need to express a sincere attitude regarding the considerations of the administrator team's anonymity.

The `origin` of `superToken` has the responsibility to notify users about the following capabilities:

- set `FeePool` through `setFeePoolAddress()`
- set `slipRate` through `setSlipRate()`
- set `feeRate` through `setFeeRate()`
- set `swapRoutingPath` through `setSwapRoutingPathInfo()`

The `origin` of `superQiToken` has the responsibility to notify users about the following capabilities:

- set `rewardInfos` through `setReward()`

The `origin` of `superCurveAv3` has the responsibility to notify users about the following capabilities:

- set `rewardInfos` through `setReward()`

Recommendation

We advise the client to carefully manage the privileged 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

[Client]: Like Defrost vault, modifier `onlyOrigin()` have a multi-signature check

```
modifier onlyOrigin() {  
    require (isOrigin(), "proxyOwner: caller is not the tx origin!");  
    checkMultiSignature();  
    -;  
}
```

GLOBAL-05 | Hardcode Address

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Informational	Global	ⓘ Acknowledged

Description

There are many hardcode addresses in this codebase.

Recommendation

We advise changing to the correct address before the contract is deployed onto blockchain.

Alleviation

[Client]: We have checked all of the addresses. They are correct.

GLOBAL-06 | Unused Return Values

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	● Informational	Global	📄 Acknowledged

Description

The return value `path` is not used.

- `superQiToken.getSwapRouterPath`
- `superCurveAv3.getSwapRouterPath`

Recommendation

We advise the client to remove them.

Alleviation

[Client]: The functions have been used in trader joe swap function.

```
function swapTraderJoe(address token,uint256 sellLimit)internal{
    if(token == underlying){
        return;
    }
    uint256 balance = IERC20(token).balanceOf(address(this));
    if (balance < sellLimit){
        return;
    }
    address[] memory path = getSwapRouterPath(token);
    uint[] memory amountOut = IJoeRouter01(traderJoe).getAmountsOut(balance, path);
    uint256 minOut = amountOut[amountOut.length-1]*slipRate/10000;

    IJoeRouter01(traderJoe).swapExactTokensForAVAX(balance,minOut,path,address(this),block.timestamp+30);
}
```

GLOBAL-07 | Set `constant` to Variables

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	● Informational	Global	🟢 Resolved

Description

The following variables could be declared as `constant` since these state variables are never modified.

- `superToken.WAVAX` #25
- `superQiToken.compounder` #24
- `superQiToken.traderJoe` #25
- `superCurveAv3.underlying` #12
- `superCurveAv3.av3Crv` #22
- `superCurveAv3.traderJoe` #23

Recommendation

We recommend to declare these variables as `constant`.

Alleviation

The client heeded our advice and resolved this issue in commit :
0c741bae373e01425931922ba814c53341d57ec2.

GLOBAL-08 | Potential Reentrancy Attack

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Medium	Global	ⓘ Acknowledged

Description

A reentrancy attack can occur when the contract creates a function that makes an external call to another untrusted contract before resolving any effects. If the attacker can control the untrusted contract, they can make a recursive call back to the original function, repeating interactions that would have otherwise not run after the external call resolved the effects.

- `superToken.enter()`
- `superToken.leave()`
- `superQiErc20.compound()`
- `superQiAvax.compound()`
- `superCurveAv3.compound()`

Recommendation

We advise the client to apply OpenZeppelin [ReentrancyGuard](#) library - `nonReentrant` modifier for the aforementioned functions to prevent reentrancy attack.

Alleviation

[Client]: Function `enter()` and `leave()` have been reentrancy protected. Function `Compound()` is free.
commit : 0c741bae373e01425931922ba814c53341d57ec2.

GLOBAL-09 | Potential Sandwich Attacks

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Minor	Global	✓ Resolved

Description

A sandwich attack might happen when an attacker observes a transaction swapping tokens without setting restrictions on slippage or minimum output amount. The attacker can manipulate the exchange rate by frontrunning (before the transaction being attacked) a transaction to purchase one of the assets and make profits by back running (after the transaction being attacked) a transaction to sell the asset.

The following functions are called without setting restrictions on slippage or minimum output amount, so transactions triggering these functions are vulnerable to sandwich attacks, especially when the input amount is large:

- `IJoeRouter01.swapExactTokensForAVAX()`
- `IJoeRouter01.swapExactAVAXForTokens()`
- `IJoeRouter01.swapExactTokensForTokens()`

Recommendation

We recommend setting reasonable minimum output amounts, instead of 0, based on token prices when calling the aforementioned functions.

Alleviation

The client revised the code and resolved this issue in commit :
bbbc3fd452d9a13370f336ab8b3612ab33379994.

GLOBAL-10 | Inconsistent Logic For function `_setReward`

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	● Minor	Global	ⓘ Acknowledged

Description

The `_setReward` function is to add reward tokens for the user, If the variable `index` is less than the length of the array `rewardInfos`, the reward tokens will be updated without verifying whether the tokens are the same as before. If it is not the same, the previous token authorization needs to be canceled, and the amount authorized to `traderJoe` is too large.

- `superQiToken._setReward()`
- `superCurveAv3._setReward()`

Recommendation

We advise the client to recheck the function.

Alleviation

[Client]: We want to change `rewardInfo` if the reward token has been changed in the mint pool.

GLOBAL-11 | Discussion For Function `compound()`

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Informational	Global	ⓘ Acknowledged

Description

The `compound` function is to extract the reward of `rewardInfos`, exchange the `underlying` token through third-party DEX, charge an amount of fee, and then invoke the `mint` method of `stakeToken`. We would like to enquire the purpose of the functionality of this `mint` function?

- `superQiErc20.compound()`
- `superQiAvax.compound()`
- `superCurveAv3.compound()`

Alleviation

[Client]: Mint is QiToken's function. It will be staked and obtained QiToken.

GLOBAL-12 | Potential Flashloan Attack

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Medium	Global	✓ Resolved

Description

Flash loans are a way to borrow large amounts of money for a certain fee. The requirement is that the loans need to be returned within the same transaction in a block. If not, the transaction will be reverted.

An attacker can use the borrowed money as the initial funds for an exploit to enlarge the profit and/or manipulate the token price in the decentralized exchanges.

We find that the following functions rely on price calculations that are based on-chain, meaning that they would be susceptible to flash-loan attacks by manipulating the price of given pairs to the attacker's benefit.

- `superQiErc20.swapTraderJoe()`
- `superQiAvax.swapTraderJoe()`
- `superCurveAv3.swapTraderJoe()`

Recommendation

If a project requires price references, it needs to be cautious of flash loans that might manipulate token prices. To minimize the chance of happening, we recommend the client to consider following according to the project's business model:

1. Use multiple reliable on-chain price oracle sources, such as Chainlink and Uniswap.
2. If the business model allows, restrict the function caller to be a non-contract/EOA address.
3. Flash loans only allow users to borrow money within a single transaction. If the contract use cases are allowed, force critical transactions to span at least two blocks.

Alleviation

The client used Chainlink oracles to obtain asset prices and resolved this issue in commit : `bbbc3fd452d9a13370f336ab8b3612ab33379994`.

TVV-01 | Lack of Input Validation

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	projects/superVault/contracts/superVault/superToken.sol (243bf3c): 35, 34	① Acknowledged

Description

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

Recommendation

We advise the client to add the check for the passed-in values to prevent unexpected errors as below:

```
...  
    require(FeePool != address(0), "FeePool is 0");  
...
```

Alleviation

No alleviation

TVV-02 | Incompatibility With Deflationary Tokens

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Minor	projects/superVault/contracts/superVault/superToken.sol (243bf3c): 61	ⓘ Acknowledged

Description

When transferring standard ERC20 deflationary tokens, the input amount may not be equal to the received amount due to the charged transaction fee. For example, if a user stakes 100 deflationary tokens (with a 10% transaction fee) in a MasterChef, only 90 tokens actually arrived in the contract. However, the user can still withdraw 100 tokens from the contract, which causes the contract to lose 10 tokens in such a transaction.

The MasterChef takes the pool token balance(the `lpSupply`) into account when calculating the users' reward. An attacker can repeat the process of deposit and withdraw to lower the token balance(`lpSupply`) in a deflationary token pool and cause the contract to increase the reward amount.

Reference: <https://thoreum-finance.medium.com/what-exploit-happened-today-for-gocerberus-and-garuda-also-for-lokum-ybear-piggy-caramelswap-3943ee23a39f>

Recommendation

We advise the client to regulate the set of tokens supported and add necessary mitigation mechanisms to keep track of accurate balances if there is a need to support deflationary tokens.

Alleviation

[Client]: The set of tokens are not supported.

TVV-03 | Discussion For `slipRate`

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Inconsistency	● Informational	projects/superVault/contracts/superVault/superToken.sol (243bf3c): 21	✓ Resolved

Description

The value of `slipRate` should be a number smaller than 5000 in the `setSlipRate()` function. But the initial value is 9500.

Recommendation

We advise the client to recheck the value.

Alleviation

The client revised the code and resolved this issue in commit :
0c741bae373e01425931922ba814c53341d57ec2.

TVV-04 | Lack of keyword

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	● Minor	projects/superVault/contracts/superVault/superToken.sol (243bf3c): 99	🟢 Resolved

Description

`SetSwapRoutingPath` is missing the keyword `emit`.

Recommendation

We advise the client to add the keyword `emit`.

Alleviation

The client heeded our advice and resolved this issue in commit :
0c741bae373e01425931922ba814c53341d57ec2.

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.

Gas Optimization

Gas Optimization findings do not affect the functionality of the code but generate different, more optimal EVM opcodes resulting in a reduction on the total gas cost of a transaction.

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.

Language Specific

Language Specific findings are issues that would only arise within Solidity, i.e. incorrect usage of `private` or `delete`.

Inconsistency

Inconsistency findings refer to functions that should seemingly behave similarly yet contain different code, such as a constructor assignment imposing different require statements on the input variables than a setter function.

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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