

Code Assessment of the yCRV and ZapYCRV Smart Contracts

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1 Executive Summary

Dear Yearn,

Thank you for trusting us to help Yearn with this security audit. Our executive summary provides an overview of subjects covered in our audit of the latest reviewed contracts of yCRV and ZapYCRV according to [Scope](#) to support you in forming an opinion on their security risks.

For this assessment Yearn redesigned the Yearn Vault system for voting escrow locked CRV tokens. This new yCRV Vault allows unidirectional conversion of CRV and old yveCRV tokens into new yCRV Vault tokens. Another contract is ZapYCRV - a helper converter that allows conversions between different CRV and yCRV related tokens. Using it, users can convert allowed tokens into lp-yCRV and st-yCRV - Curve StableSwap CRV/yCRV LP token and staked autocompounded yCRV token versions.

The most critical subjects covered in our audit are solvency, functional correctness and compatibility with external systems. Security regarding system solvency is high after the fix of a critical bug that caused users not to receive their tokens, see [LPYCRV Outputs Not Transferred to User](#). Functional correctness is high. Compatibility with external systems is satisfactory, due to a justified potential delay of CRV tokens being locked, see [CRV Not Locked When Used to Mint YCRV](#).

The general subjects covered are specification and error handling. Documentation and Specification are outdated and require significant extension, since system intentions and features are not fully describe. Error handling capabilities are extensive.

In summary, we find that the codebase provides a high level of security. Discovered findings need to be fixed and new tests that check correct state transitions of the system need to be introduced to the codebase.

It is important to note that security audits are time-boxed and cannot uncover all vulnerabilities. They complement but don't replace other vital measures to secure a project.

The following sections will give an overview of the system, our methodology, the issues uncovered and how they have been addressed. We are happy to receive questions and feedback to improve our service.

Sincerely yours,

ChainSecurity



1.1 Overview of the Findings

Below we provide a brief numerical overview of the findings and how they have been addressed.

Critical -Severity Findings	1
• Code Corrected	1
High -Severity Findings	1
• Code Corrected	1
Medium -Severity Findings	2
• Code Corrected	1
• Risk Accepted	1
Low -Severity Findings	3
• Code Corrected	2
• Risk Accepted	1

2 Assessment Overview

In this section, we briefly describe the overall structure and scope of the engagement, including the code commit which is referenced throughout this report.

2.1 Scope

The assessment was performed on source code files inside the yCRV and ZapYCRV repository based on the documentation provided and refined in written communications. The following files were part of the assessment:

1. `contracts/yCRV.vy`
2. `contracts/ZapYCRV-addresses.vy`

The table below indicates the code versions relevant to this report and when they were received.

V	Date	Commit Hash	Note
1	03 August 2022	904d33c7371782898b060509ee7fd065b16acfe4	Initial Version
2	19 August 2022	ce303aee5c6393926138ad1e0bd457109af9f853	Version 2
3	30 August 2022	0552d1a9366084c316a2b8f883fa36334a77a032	Version 3

For the vyper smart contracts, the compiler version 0.3.3 was initially used. The version was upgraded to 0.3.6 in **Version 3**.

2.1.1 Excluded from scope

Any contract inside the repository that are not mentioned in *Scope* are not part of this assessment. All external libraries and imports are assumed to behave correctly according to their high-level specification, without unexpected side effects.

2.1.2 Assumptions

Assessment was performed when the development process was not yet concluded. Thus we relied on certain assumptions.

- In ZapYCRV smart contract, STYCRV and LPYCRV are assumed to be [Yearn Vaults v2](#).
- In ZapYCRV smart contract, POOL is assumed to be Curve Finance [StableSwap](#) plain pool contract, created through the [Curve Factory contract](#), with user interface at curve.fi/factory/create.

For the update of the yveCRV to yCRV, we assume following steps are done in order:

1. Final claim of fees is made from yveCRV.
2. All strategies updated with `.setProxy(new strategy proxy address)`.
3. New `st-yCRV` Strategy is assigned as `feeRecipient` via call to `StrategyProxy.setFeeRecipient`.

This list of steps is not complete, there can be more steps done, but those 3 steps are relevant to the contracts from *Scope*.

All Strategy Managers are assumed to be trusted and well behaving. During the update process, we assume that `st-yCRV` Strategy Manager won't trigger the weekly fee claim function in unfair way. First

fee harvest after update from `yveCRV` to `st-yCRV` is assumed to happen after users were notified in advance and given time for migration.

2.2 System Overview

This system overview describes the initially received version (**Version 1**) of the contracts as defined in the [Assessment Overview](#).

At the end of this report section we have added subsections for each of the changes accordingly to the versions.

Assessment was performed on two smart contracts:

1. `yCRV`
2. `ZapYCRV`

These contracts are planned to be part of Yearn strategies that are integrated with Curve Finance protocol CRV reward system.

Curve CRV tokens can be locked for up to 4 years in Curve `VotingEscrow` contract. Such locking mints `veCRV` tokens. These non-transferrable tokens receive a share of trading fees from Curve protocol. In addition, `veCRV` tokens can boost rewards on liquidity provided to Curve protocol when token holders participate in governance, which allows to direct the CRV rewards towards selected pools.

Currently, Yearn allows Curve CRV tokens to be locked as `veCRV` using the `yveCRV yVault` contract. This mints `yveCRV` tokens that represent the locked tokens, but which are also transferrable.

`veCRV` tokens are held by Yearn `CurveYCRVVoter` contract. Fees received by it are forwarded to the `feeRecipient` with the help of `StrategyProxy` contract. Contract `yveCRV` is currently the `feeRecipient` inside the `StrategyProxy`.

2.2.1 Contract `yCRV`

New `yCRV` contract is a replacement for `yveCRV yVault`. The `yCRV.burn_to_mint` function allows users to "burn" (lock forever) `yveCRV` tokens, and mint new `yCRV` tokens instead at a rate 1:1. In addition, `yCRV` tokens can be minted by locking CRV tokens with the `yCRV.mint` function.

This contract has a privileged role address - `admin`. The `admin` can call the `yCRV.sweep` and `yCRV.sweep_yvecrv` functions, that transfer accidentally sent tokens to `admin`. The `sweep` function can also be used by `admin` during the migration period from `yveCRV` to `yCRV` to redeem the 3CRV rewards that are forwarded to the `yveCRV` locked in the `yCRV` contract.

2.2.2 Contract `ZapYCRV`

Contract `ZapYCRV` can be seen as a universal converter between different tokens. There are 3 main functions:

- `zap` This function converts an amount of `_input_token` into `_output_token`. Output tokens are sent to `_recipient`. This function by design does not emit events, since data can be derived from Transfer events.
- `relative_price` This function returns an estimation of the conversion of an amount of `_input_token` into `_output_token`. This function assumes that all AMM pools that are used during the conversion are balanced. In addition this function does not account neither for slippage nor for fees during the conversions. In combination with `calc_expected_out` this function can be used to estimate the output amount of tokens resulting from the conversion.
- `calc_expected_out` This function returns an estimation of the conversion of an amount of `_input_token` into `_output_token`. Compared to the `relative_price` function, this function accounts for slippage and for the liquidity of the Curve StableSwap pools, but not for fees.

The following tokens can be inputs for these 3 functions:

- `yveCRV`
- `yvBOOST` - Compounded version of `yveCRV`, where the interest is automatically reinvested.
- `CRV`
- `CVXCRV` - Convex protocol tokenized version of `veCRV`.
- `yCRV`
- `lp-yCRV Vault` - Assumed to be a `yVault` for Curve `yCRV/CRV` StableSwap pool LP tokens.
- `st-yCRV Vault` - Assumed to be a `yVault` for autocompounded Curve Admin fees.

The following tokens can be outputs:

- `yCRV`
- `lp-yCRV Vault`
- `st-yCRV Vault`

In the new version of Yearn `veCRV` integration, `StrategyProxy` will be able to change the `feeRecipient`. New `feeRecipient` is assumed to be the Yearn Strategy Contract for the `st-yCRV Vault`.

Similar to `yCRV`, there is a privileged `admin` role that can call the `ZapYCRV.sweep` function. `ZapYCRV` is stateless and should not hold balance of any token outside of transaction execution.

2.2.3 Differences in Version 3

The contracts logic stay the same, but the `admin` role is renamed to `sweep_recipient`, as the only privileged action that can be performed on these contracts is the sweeping of excess token balance.

3 Limitations and use of report

Security assessments cannot uncover all existing vulnerabilities; even an assessment in which no vulnerabilities are found is not a guarantee of a secure system. However, code assessments enable the discovery of vulnerabilities that were overlooked during development and areas where additional security measures are necessary. In most cases, applications are either fully protected against a certain type of attack, or they are completely unprotected against it. Some of the issues may affect the entire application, while some lack protection only in certain areas. This is why we carry out a source code assessment aimed at determining all locations that need to be fixed. Within the customer-determined time frame, ChainSecurity has performed an assessment in order to discover as many vulnerabilities as possible.

The focus of our assessment was limited to the code parts defined in the engagement letter. We assessed whether the project follows the provided specifications. These assessments are based on the provided threat model and trust assumptions. We draw attention to the fact that due to inherent limitations in any software development process and software product, an inherent risk exists that even major failures or malfunctions can remain undetected. Further uncertainties exist in any software product or application used during the development, which itself cannot be free from any error or failures. These preconditions can have an impact on the system's code and/or functions and/or operation. We did not assess the underlying third-party infrastructure which adds further inherent risks as we rely on the correct execution of the included third-party technology stack itself. Report readers should also take into account that over the life cycle of any software, changes to the product itself or to the environment in which it is operated can have an impact leading to operational behaviors other than those initially determined in the business specification.

4 Terminology

For the purpose of this assessment, we adopt the following terminology. To classify the severity of our findings, we determine the likelihood and impact (according to the CVSS risk rating methodology).

- *Likelihood* represents the likelihood of a finding to be triggered or exploited in practice
- *Impact* specifies the technical and business-related consequences of a finding
- *Severity* is derived based on the likelihood and the impact

We categorize the findings into four distinct categories, depending on their severity. These severities are derived from the likelihood and the impact using the following table, following a standard risk assessment procedure.

Likelihood	Impact		
	High	Medium	Low
High	Critical	High	Medium
Medium	High	Medium	Low
Low	Medium	Low	Low

As seen in the table above, findings that have both a high likelihood and a high impact are classified as critical. Intuitively, such findings are likely to be triggered and cause significant disruption. Overall, the severity correlates with the associated risk. However, every finding's risk should always be closely checked, regardless of severity.

5 Findings

In this section, we describe any open findings. Findings that have been resolved have been moved to the [Resolved Findings](#) section. The findings are split into these different categories:

- **Security**: Related to vulnerabilities that could be exploited by malicious actors
- **Design**: Architectural shortcomings and design inefficiencies
- **Correctness**: Mismatches between specification and implementation

Below we provide a numerical overview of the identified findings, split up by their severity.

Critical -Severity Findings	0
High -Severity Findings	0
Medium -Severity Findings	1
• CRV Not Locked When Used to Mint YCRV Risk Accepted	
Low -Severity Findings	1
• Trades During ZapYCRV.zap Conversions Risk Accepted	

5.1 CRV Not Locked When Used to Mint YCRV

Correctness **Medium** **Version 1** **Risk Accepted**

When YCRV is minted with the `mint()` function, CRV is not locked.

In `yveCRV`, CRV is locked upon minting. In `YCRV.mint(...)` it is not locked immediately, but a separate call to `StrategyProxy.lock()` is needed.

```
assert ERC20(CRV).transferFrom(msg.sender, VOTER, amount) # dev: no allowance
self._mint(_recipient, amount)
log Mint(msg.sender, _recipient, False, amount)
return amount
```

Not locking the CRV immediately in the CRV voting escrow implies a mismatch between the total supply of YCRV and the effective voting power and total rewards of VOTER. It also imposes increased trust requirements towards governance, which might sweep the not yet locked CRV from the VOTER.

Risk accepted

Yearn states:

Locking CRV is gas intensive. Decision was made to have locking occur at some periodic interval via external process rather than burden each user with gas costs.

5.2 Trades During ZapYCRV.zap Conversions

Security **Low** **Version 1** **Risk Accepted**

The ZapYCRV.zap function can involve multiple Curve pools during the conversion.

First, CRV -> LPYCRV conversions will involve up to 2 trades in LPYCRV pool:

1. Trade of all CRV to yCRV
2. Trade of some yCRV to CRV, during the unbalanced deposit into the pool

Compared to trade of some CRV to yCRV and a balanced deposit, the 2 trades double pay the fees.

Second, in the case when CVXCRV is an input, these 2 trades are preceded by a trade on CVXCRVPOOL.

Please note, that due to number of pools and exchanges during the conversion process the `min_out` argument can be hard to specify precisely. In addition, imprecise `min_out` specified would allow 3rd parties to front run the zap.

Risk accepted

Yearn states:

Realize that for some specific paths, this can be inefficient. However, hardcoding paths will lead to more contract complexity and overall gas consumption (including for users who's zap path touches neither of these tokens) which we view as undesirable. We agree that users can potentially lose more due to swap fees, but ultimately most of those same fees get realized to the pool LPs, helping to repay them over time.

6 Resolved Findings

Here, we list findings that have been resolved during the course of the engagement. Their categories are explained in the [Findings](#) section.

Below we provide a numerical overview of the identified findings, split up by their severity.

Critical -Severity Findings	1
• LPYCRV Outputs Not Transferred to User Code Corrected	
High -Severity Findings	1
• Incorrect relative_price When Input Is Not Legacy and Output Is LPYCRV Code Corrected	
Medium -Severity Findings	1
• ZapYCRV _min_out LPYCRV Limit Code Corrected	
Low -Severity Findings	2
• ERC20 Return Values Not Checked Code Corrected	
• ZapYCRV.zap Natspec Code Corrected	

6.1 LPYCRV Outputs Not Transferred to User

Correctness **Critical** **Version 1** **Code Corrected**

In the `zap` function of `ZapYCRV`, converting to `LPYCRV` as `_output_token` will not transfer `LPYCRV` to the user but leave it in the `ZapYCRV` contract instead.

When `LPYCRV` is the output token, `ZapYCRV` should first deposit `YCRV` as liquidity in the `POOL` `StableSwap` pool, receiving the `POOL` liquidity token. The `POOL` liquidity token should then be deposited in the `LPYCRV` vault and the issued shares transferred to the user.

The following line of code in `_convert_to_output` is responsible for the specified logic.

```
amount_out: uint256 = Vault(LPYCRV).deposit(self._lp([0, amount], _min_out, _recipient))
```

which calls the `self._lp(...)` function, defined as

```
@internal def _lp(_amounts: uint256[2], _min_out: uint256, _recipient: address) -> uint256:
    return Curve(POOL).add_liquidity(_amounts, _min_out)
```

The `_recipient` argument is passed to the `_lp` function, but never used. The `_lp` function doesn't actually need the `_recipient` argument, because `ZapYCRV` will still need to deposit the liquidity token into the `LPYCRV` vault.

The `Vault(LPYCRV).deposit` function is called without specifying the `recipient` argument, which therefore defaults to `msg.sender`, which is the `ZapYCRV` contract in the context of the `deposit` call. Finally the `zap` function returns and the issued shares of `LPYCRV` are never transferred to the user, but left to `ZapYCRV` instead.

Code corrected

The recipient argument of the `_lp` function has been removed.

```
@internal def _lp(_amounts: uint256[2]) -> uint256:  
    return Curve(Pool).add_liquidity(_amounts, 0)
```

A recipient value is now specified in the deposit call to the LPYCRV vault in the `_convert_to_output` function.

```
amount_out: uint256 = Vault(LPYCRV).deposit(self._lp([0, amount]), _recipient)
```

6.2 Incorrect relative_price When Input Is Not Legacy and Output Is LPYCRV

Correctness **High** **Version 1** **Code Corrected**

In `relative_price` the relative price for the POOL liquidity token is returned instead of the relative price of LPYCRV when `_input_token` is not a legacy token and `_output_token` is LPYCRV.

The relative price for `_input_token` not in `legacy_tokens` and `_output_token` equal to LPYCRV is computed as follow:

```
return amount * 10 ** 18 / Curve(Pool).get_virtual_price()
```

This doesn't take into account that the output token is LPYCRV and not POOL, so the POOL tokens need to be used to purchase LPYCRV shares at price `Vault(LPYCRV).pricePerShare()`.

When `_input_token` is a legacy token, it is computed correctly as follows:

```
lp_amount: uint256 = amount * 10 ** 18 / Curve(Pool).get_virtual_price()  
return lp_amount * 10 ** 18 / Vault(LPYCRV).pricePerShare()
```

Code corrected

```
return amount * 10 ** 18 / Curve(Pool).get_virtual_price()
```

is replaced with

```
lp_amount: uint256 = amount * 10 ** 18 / Curve(Pool).get_virtual_price()  
return lp_amount * 10 ** 18 / Vault(LPYCRV).pricePerShare()
```

6.3 ZapYCRV _min_out LPYCRV Limit

Design **Medium** **Version 1** **Code Corrected**

In `ZapYCRV.zap`, the `_min_out` argument of the `zap` function asserts a lower bound on the amount of output token received by the user. When `_output_token` is LPYCRV it incorrectly asserts the amount of liquidity tokens issued as an intermediate conversion step by `Curve(Pool).add_liquidity`.



In the LPYCRV branch of `_convert_to_output`, `_min_out` gets first passed to `_lp()`, which uses it as a lower bound to the amount of liquidity tokens issued by `Curve(POOL).add_liquidity()`

```
@internal
def _lp(_amounts: uint256[2], _min_out: uint256, _recipient: address) -> uint256:
    return Curve(POOL).add_liquidity(_amounts, _min_out)
```

It is then used again as a lower bound for `amount_out` issued by `Vault(LPYCRV).deposit()`.

```
amount_out: uint256 = Vault(LPYCRV).deposit(self._lp([0, amount], _min_out, _recipient))
assert amount_out >= _min_out # dev: min out
```

This basically makes `_min_out` used for limit of LPYCRV vault shares and POOL LP shares. Due to how the share values are computed, in the general case they will be not worth 1:1. Thus, `_min_out` as a limit is not practical.

Code corrected

The `_min_out` argument of the `_lp` function has been removed. Thus it is not used as a lower bound to the amount of liquidity tokens issued by `Curve(POOL).add_liquidity()` anymore.

```
@internal
def _lp(_amounts: uint256[2]) -> uint256:
    return Curve(POOL).add_liquidity(_amounts, 0)
```

Yearn notes:

```
Hardcode the minimum to 0 in add_liquidity, as we will rely on subsequent check to
compare user inputted min_out.
```

6.4 ERC20 Return Values Not Checked

Correctness **Low** **Version 1** **Code Corrected**

According to [EIP-20](#), Callers MUST NOT assume that false is never returned. However, not all calls to ERC20 assert that true is returned. ZapYCRV and yCRV do not check bool success values for calls to `ERC20.approve` and `ERC20.transfer`. Even though in most cases the contracts are known in advance and it is safe not to check this value, new features and codebase reuse can lead to potential problems.

In function `sweep` in both contracts the return value of `ERC20.transfer` can be missing, if for example USDT is used. In that case the call will fail.

Code corrected

Asserts have been added to the `approve` and `transfer` calls to make sure that true is returned.

Compiler version has been increased to `vyper 0.3.6` in order to use the external call keyword argument `default_return_value=True`, which ensures that `transfer` calls do not revert when calling non EIP-20 compliant tokens such as USDT which do not return a boolean value.

6.5 ZapYCRV.zap Natspec

Correctness **Low** **Version 1** **Code Corrected**

The @param `_input_token` for `zap` function does not describe that `cvxCRV` can be used as input token.

Code corrected

The `cvxCRV` has been added to the @param `_input_token` in the `zap` function's natspec.

7 Notes

We leverage this section to highlight further findings that are not necessarily issues. The mentioned topics serve to clarify or support the report, but do not require an immediate modification inside the project. Instead, they should raise awareness in order to improve the overall understanding.

7.1 Some but Not All Fees Are Accounted for in `calc_expected_out`

Note Version 1

The natspec of `calc_expected_out` says that fees are not accounted for when computing the result. But actually, almost in all cases, when the Curve pools are used, they are accounted. The only case when the fees are not taken into account is when the output token is `LPYCRV`. Then the deposit of `YCRV` in `POOL` is simulated with `Curve(POOL).calc_token_amount(...)`, which does not account for the fees.

7.2 ZapYCRV Curve StableSwap Token Indices Sanity Check

Note Version 1

ZapYCRV contract uses `POOL` contract, that is assumed to be Curve Finance StableSwap contract. In StableSwap the tokens can be in any order. The `yCRV/CRV` pool is not yet deployed. Thus, the assumption that `CRV` will be index 0 and `yCRV` will have index 1 might be violated. A sanity check in the constructor of ZapYCRV contract can prevent human and misconfiguration errors and lower the costs associated with redeployment.

7.3 ZapYCRV Return Values Ignored

Note Version 1

In the `ZapYCRV._zap_from_legacy` function the return value of calls to `IYCRV(YCRV).burn_to_mint` are ignored. Return value is assumed to be same as the `amount` argument that the function takes. However, in case when the `amount` is equal to `MAX_UINT256`, the `burn_to_mint` might return other value. In the current version such situation should never happen, because this case is handled by the `zap` function itself. In `ZapYCRV._zap_from_legacy`, `amount` should never be equal to `MAX_UINT256`. However use of return value will prevent potential bugs in case of code reuse or if new features are added.

7.4 yCRV as an ERC20 Implementation

Note Version 1

There are 2 things we would like to note regarding the `yCRV` token.

1. The `approve` function has a known race condition attack vector described [here](#)

2. The `transferFrom` function does not emit `Approval` event. While this is compliant with specification, one cannot reconstruct the state of user allowances based only on events, since `transferFrom` does not emit any special events that show that approval was used.