

Kujira orca-queue Report

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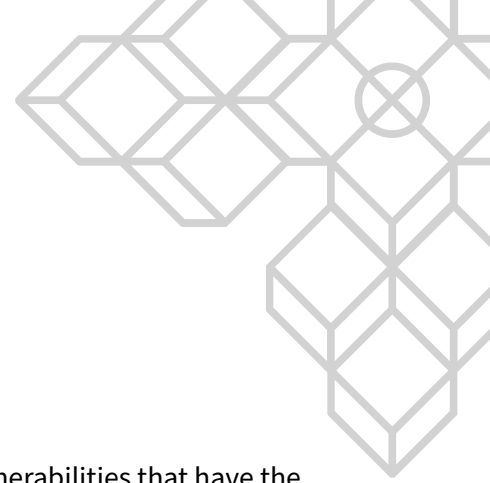
Document control

Document changes

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0.1	2022-03-09	Vinicius Marino	Initial report
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Introduction

SCV was engaged by Kujira to assist in identifying security threats and vulnerabilities that have the potential to affect their security posture. Additionally, SCV will assist the team in understanding the risks and identifying potential mitigations.

`orca-queue` contract is an implementation based of Anchor's Queue public contract with some custom logic developed by Kujira.

Scope

SCV performed the security assessment on the following Kujira assets.

- <https://github.com/Team-Kujira/orca-queue/commit/5586e528e14145598b5312033a748b6b1bdefdb2>

Kujira uses a `liquidity-stability-pool` curve logic in the `orca-queue` contract that was excluded from scope as any other directly financial related attacks. The whitepaper related to the implementation can be found in the following link below:

- [Scalable_Reward_Distribution_with_Compounding_Stakes.pdf](#)

Methodologies

SCV performs a combination of automated and manual security testing based on the scope of testing. The testing performed is based on the extensive experience and knowledge of the auditor to provide the greatest coverage and value to Kujira. Testing includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Understanding the application and its code base purpose;
- Deploying SCV in-house tooling to automate dependency analysis and static code review;
- Analysis each line of the code base and inspect application perimeter;
- Review underlying infrastructure technologies and supply chain security posture;

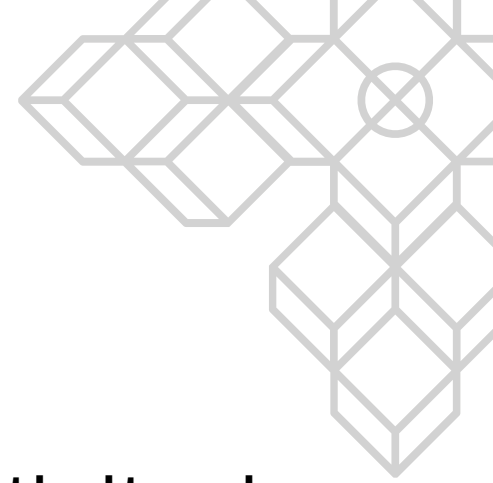
Code Criteria and Test Coverage

SCV is using a scale from **0** to **10** that represents how **SUFFICIENT** (6–10) or **NOT SUFFICIENT** (0–5) each code criteria was assessed:

Criteria	Status	Scale Range	Notes
Provided Documentation	Not Sufficient	1-2	N\A
Code Coverage Test	Sufficient	8-9	N\A
Code Readability	Sufficient	7-8	N\A
Code Complexity	Sufficient	7-8	N\A

Vulnerabilities Summary

	Title and Summary	Risk	Status
1	Automatically activate bids might lead to pool manipulation	Low	Acknowledged
2	Lack of validations on UpdateConfig parameters may lead to inconsistent state	Low	Acknowledged
3	Unnecessary use of Canonical address transformations adds complexity	Informational	Remediated



Detailed Vulnerabilities

Vulnerability 1: Automatically activate bids might lead to pool manipulation

Likelihood	Impact	Risk
Rare	Low	Low

Notes

Implementation is intended by design.

Description

In extreme market conditions, during the bid execution logic, a bidder can activate any number of bids without having to wait the pre-determined time to activated it. This condition triggers when the total amount of bids available is below `bid_threshold` defined in config. As a result, it opens an opportunity to bots to manipulate the pool when conditions are reached.

```
let available_bids: Uint256 = TOTAL_BIDS.load(deps.storage).
unwrap_or_default();
if available_bids < config.bid_threshold {
    bid.activate(&mut bid_pool);
    bid_pool.save(deps.storage)?;
    let total_bids = available_bids + amount;
    TOTAL_BIDS.save(deps.storage, &total_bids)?;
```

Recommendations

It might be worthy tracking submit bids coming from the same wallet address or defined a delay between submits requests to be activated.

Vulnerability 2: Lack of validations on UpdateConfig parameters may lead to inconsistent state

Likelihood	Impact	Risk
Rare	Low	Low

Description

The exposed interface for `update_config` permits the contract owner to modify parameters that may result in an inconsistent state. An example, would be the `waiting_period` parameter.

Recommendations

Enforce validation on all parameters on state. Alternately, implement a migration of outstanding bids logic when `update_config` is executed.

Vulnerability 3: Unnecessary use of Canonical address transformations adds complexity

Likelihood	Impact	Risk
Rare	Informational	Informational

Description

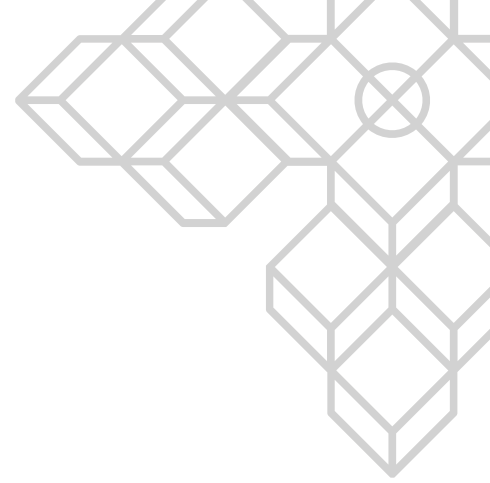
Canonical address transformations are no longer encouraged to use due to its lack of efficiency in most cases. In fact, Canonical transformations no longer save addresses in canonical format into the storage. The use of the Canonical transformation has no direct security implications, although it adds an unnecessary complexity to the code base due to transformations back and forth, which could be optimized and simplified.

Recommendations

As a good practice, it's recommended to use `Add` type for addresses input validations and removing all unnecessary references to Canonical transformations.

More information can be found in the URL link below:

- <https://docs.cosmwasm.com/docs/0.16/architecture/addresses/>



Appendices

Appendix A: Report Disclaimer

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Appendix B: Risk assessment methodology

A qualitative risk assessment is performed on each vulnerability to determine the impact and likelihood of each.

Risk rate will be calculated on a scale. As per criteria Likelihood vs Impact table below:

Likelihood	Rare	Unlikely	Possible	Likely
Impact				
Critical	Medium	High	Critical	Critical
Severe	Low	Medium	High	High
Moderate	Low	Medium	Medium	High
Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Informational	Informational	Informational	Informational	Informational

LIKELIHOOD:

- **Likely:** likely a security incident will occur;
- **Possible:** It is possible a security incident can occur;
- **Unlikely:** Low probability a security incident will occur;
- **Rare:** In rare situations, a security incident can occur;

IMPACT:

- **Critical:** May cause a significant and critical impact;
- **Severe:** May cause a severe impact;
- **Moderate:** May cause a moderated impact;
- **Low:** May cause low or none impact;
- **Informational:** May cause very low impact or none.

