

Bulla Factoring Audit Report

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1 About LPHAC

LPHAC is a Web3 security organization aiming to protect projects and their partners against malicious actors. We aim to provide holistic improvements to a project's security stack in a safe and realiable way.

2 Disclaimer

The LPHAC team makes every effort to find as many vulnerabilities in the code as possible in the given time but holds no responsibility for the findings in this document. A security audit by the team does not endorse the underlying business or product. The audit was time-boxed and the review of the code was solely on the security aspects of the solidity implementation of the contracts.

3 Risk Classification

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

4 Protocol Summary

Bulla Network enables the on-chain creation of credit pools for invoice factoring. By adhering to the ERC4626 specification, permissioned depositors can earn interest for facilitating invoice funding. Through these contracts, invoice issuers can factor their receivables, allowing them to receive early payments in exchange for a premium. This integration not only broadens the utility of the Bulla Claim Protocol but also provides a new financial mechanism for liquidity and credit management on-chain.

5 Audit Scope

The audit was started on commit a354fe5 for 4 days and a subsequent fix review was conducted on final commit 0aa634a that went for 1 day.

The following contracts were included as part of the review scope, including any related external dependencies:

contracts
BullaClaimInvoiceProviderAdapter.sol
BullaFactoring.sol
BullaFactoringAutomationChecker.sol
DepositPermissions.sol
FactoringPermissions.sol
Permissions.sol
PermissionsWithAragon.sol
PermissionsWithSafe.sol
interfaces

IBullaFactoring.sol

IInvoiceProviderAdapter.sol

6 Executive Summary

Over the course of **5** days, the LPHAC team conducted an audit on the Bulla Factoring smart contracts provided by Bulla Network. In this period, a total of **14** issues were found.

Summary

Project Name	Bulla Factoring
Repository	factoring-contracts
Initial Commit	a354fe5ab78f
Final Commit	0aa634a84b9a
Audit Timeline	Sept 16th - Sept 20th
Methods	Manual Review

Issues Found

Critical Risk	0
High Risk	1
Medium Risk	3
Low Risk	4
Informational	6
Gas Optimizations	0
Total Issues	14

Summary of Findings

[H-1] Vault share manipulation attack by short-circuiting maxRedeem	√ Verified Fix
[M-1] unfactorInvoice does not consider partially paid invoice amounts	√ Verified Fix
[M-2] Fee changes are applied retroactively to active invoices	√ Verified Fix
[M-3] Interest tax is calculated to be a magnitude larger than the specified taxBps	✓ Verified Fix
[L-1] Funded invoices can be re-approved by privileged accounts	√ Verified Fix
[L-2] Rounding errors in withdrawal allows for asset removal while retaining shares	✓ Verified Fix
[L-3] Only USDC is supported as a primary asset for facilitating invoices	√ Verified Fix
[L-4] Potential mismatch in claim token and BullaFactoring asset	√ Verified Fix
[I-1] Multiple divisions can be simplified into a single operation	√ Verified Fix
[I-2] pricePerShare incorrectly scales shares based on SCALING_FACTOR	√ Verified Fix

[I-3] convertToShares incorrectly scales when supply is zero	√ Verified Fix
[I-4] Code hygiene improvements	√ Verified Fix
[I-5] Share redemptions are not permissioned	√ Verified Fix
[I-6] Unnecessary double iteration of pool status arrays	√ Verified Fix

7 Findings

7.1 High

7.1.1 Vault share manipulation attack by short-circuiting maxRedeem

Context: BullaFactoring.sol#L722-L734, BullaFactoring.sol#L699-L709, BullaFactoring.sol#L247-L290

Description: Bulla makes use of implementing the ERC4626 vault standard to simplify profit sharing across depositors. To protect against typical inflation attacks, internally tracked variables totalDeposits and totalWithdrawals are stored to help calculate the contract's capital account.

The _redeem() function does not fully avoid using manipulatable balances as it utilises availableAssets() to determine maxWithdrawableShares. In the case where shares > maxWithdrawableShares, then all available assets will be sent to the redeemer and maxWithdrawableShares shares will be burnt. maxRedeem() will return zero when capitalAccount == 0 which is typically only true if all assets have been used to fund invoices and those same invoices are currently impaired.

This attack can be extended in a much more severe manner when we see that the difference between totalDeposits and totalWithdrawals grows in the negative direction exactly by total accrued interest amount. Let's say we have totalWithdrawals = totalDeposits + totalInterestAccrued when all shares have been redeemed, then when we deposit exactly totalInterestAccrued into the vault, totalDeposits - totalWithdrawals == 0, however, calculateRealizedGainLoss() will track all paid invoices which should also be equal to totalInterestAccrued.

However, it does not cover any partially paid invoices, meaning if a partially paid invoice is impaired, anyone can capture this value by short-circuiting the logic in maxRedeem() because the entire approvedInvoices[invoiceId].fundedAmountNet is marked as a realized loss when it really should be max(approvedInvoices[invoiceId].fundedAmountNet - invoicesDetails.paidAmount, 0. Ultimately, any attempt to withdraw non-zero shares would result in zero shares burnt and availableAssets() being sent out to the redeemer.

Proof of Concept:

```
function testWithdrawCausingDOSNoDeposits() public {
    address firstDepositor = makeAddr("firstDepositor");
    address secondDepositor = makeAddr("secondDepositor");
    asset.mint(bob, 1e18);
    vm.startPrank(bob);
    asset.approve(address(bullaFactoring), 1e18);
    asset.transfer(address(bullaFactoring), 1e18);
    vm.stopPrank();
    vm.startPrank(firstDepositor);
    asset.approve(address(bullaFactoring), 1e25);
   bullaFactoring.redeem(1e20, firstDepositor, firstDepositor);
    vm.stopPrank();
   uint256 totalSupply = bullaFactoring.totalSupply();
    assertEq(totalSupply, 0, "Total supply should be 0");
    uint256 totalAssets = bullaFactoring.totalAssets();
    assertEq(totalAssets, 0, "Total assets should be 0");
   uint256 firstDepositAmount = 1e3;
   permitUser(firstDepositor, true, 10*firstDepositAmount);
    vm.startPrank(firstDepositor);
    uint256 firstDepositorShares = bullaFactoring.deposit(firstDepositAmount, firstDepositor);
```

```
vm.stopPrank();

vm.startPrank(firstDepositor);
bullaFactoring.withdraw(1, firstDepositor, firstDepositor);
vm.stopPrank();
}
```

Recommendation: There are several recommendations for this issue:

- 1. Avoid adding unnecessarily complexity to the <u>_redeem()</u> function. The requirement to cap maxWithdrawable—Shares is unnecessary, users would only be exceeding the required shares if they are burning non-existent shares.
- 2. Avoid changing how we calculate denominators, either use totalAssets(), or use available yield. Try to avoid switching between two different logical methods of profit sharing.
- 3. If withdrawals should follow the same privileged trusted access control, we should implement the whitelisting functionality. This will reduce likelihood any unprivileged user can exploit potential unforeseen errors.

Bulla: Resolved in PR 81, PR 82, PR 85 and PR 94.

LPHAC: Verified fix. Vault deposit/redeem actions have been heavily refactored. calculateCapitalAccount() maintains internal variable tracking under totalDeposits and totalWithdrawals. Further adherence to Open-Zeppelin's ERC4626 implementation has been made and totalAssets() also accounts for deployed capital and reserved target fees.

7.2 Medium

7.2.1 unfactorInvoice does not consider partially paid invoice amounts

Context: BullaFactoring.sol#L637-L638

Description: When a factored invoice needs to be undone, the original creditor can refund the contract their owed amount including interest and in return receive back the invoice NFT. The calculation for totalRefundAmount does not consider any partially paid amount on the invoice, meaning the creditor may refund additional tokens unnecessarily.

```
function unfactorInvoice(uint256 invoiceId) external {
    ...
    (uint256 trueInterest, uint256 trueProtocolFee, uint256 trueAdminFee) = calculateFees(approval,
    daysOfInterestToCharge);
    uint256 totalRefundAmount = fundedAmount + trueInterest + trueProtocolFee + trueAdminFee;

    // Refund the funded amount to the fund from the original creditor
    require(assetAddress.transferFrom(originalCreditor, address(this), totalRefundAmount), "Refund
    transfer failed");

    // Transfer the invoice NFT back to the original creditor
    address invoiceContractAddress = invoiceProviderAdapter.getInvoiceContractAddress();
    IERC721(invoiceContractAddress).transferFrom(address(this), originalCreditor, invoiceId);
    ...
}
```

Recommendation: totalRefundAmount needs to be adjusted by invoicesDetails.paidAmount, making sure that this might exceed all fees because invoiceDetails.faceValue includes target fees and an invoice might be unfactored before total interest has been accrued.

Bulla: Resolved in PR 90.

LPHAC: Verified fix. Partial payments are now taken into consideration, including the edge case for where an invoice is only partially funded. In this case, a debtor may have overpaid and need to be refunded some amount.

7.2.2 Fee changes are applied retroactively to active invoices

Context: BullaFactoring.sol#L185-L222

Description: When an invoice is funded, target fees are calculated to determine what amount needs to be kept in the contract to pay for future fees owed. Two fee types can be changed when there is an already active invoice that will cause problems in the contract's accounting, notably taxBps, protocolFeeBps and adminFeeBps.

An increase in these fees will be paid out of the depositor's base capital with no amount being returned because interestApr is fixed prior to the invoice being funded. A similar decrease in fees would increase the creditor's kickback amount so this seems to be handled in a manner that does not leave funds unaccounted for.

Recommendation: The solution would be to store taxBps, protocolFeeBps and adminFeeBps within the InvoiceApproval struct when the invoice is initially approved. This ensures that the accounting always matches up from when the invoice is funded and until it's end state of impairment or being fully paid.

Bulla: Resolved in PR 89.

LPHAC: taxBps is still not being included within the InvoiceApproval struct, hence calculateAccruedProfits() may show a different value completely if taxBps is changed. Allowing for sophisticated depositors to take action before an update to taxBps to either extract value or limit their own value dilution.

Bulla: This is not an issue, taxBps should not be changed basically ever. The magnitude is also very low. We don't want to optimize for this. And it does not impact factorers. Also for compliance, we would want to apply the desired taxBps as soon as it's changed. So we will not implement this.

LPHAC: Verified fix and acknowledged that taxBps is rarely changed and will be considered a won't-fix.

7.2.3 Interest tax is calculated to be a magnitude larger than the specified taxBps

Context: BullaFactoring.sol#L608-L610

Description: The pool owner takes a portion of all interest accrued by each active invoice and realizes this fully when an invoice has been paid and reconciled. The calculateTax() functions takes taxBps and converts it to mbps by multiplying it by 1000. But instead of dividing by 10_000_000, it returns an amount which is 10x larger than the intended result.

```
function calculateTax(uint256 amount) internal view returns (uint256) {
   return Math.mulDiv(amount, taxBps * 1000, 1_000_000);
}
```

Take 1% tax as an example then taxBps = 100 and taxBps * 1000 = 100_000. Dividing by 1_000_000 gives 0.1 = 10% which is obviously incorrect.

Recommendation: Update the calculateTax() function to the following:

```
function calculateTax(uint256 amount) internal view returns (uint256) {
   return Math.mulDiv(amount, taxBps * 1000, 10_000_000);
}
```

Bulla: Resolved in PR 79.

LPHAC: Verified fix. The suggested update to the calculateTax() function was applied.

7.3 Low

7.3.1 Funded invoices can be re-approved by privileged accounts

Context: BullaFactoring.sol#L157-L177

Description: The approveInvoice() function does not check for an existing invoiceId before overwriting storage. This will overwrite critical accountancy values such as fundedTimestamp affecting the calculation of interest and fees.

Proof of Concept: The following test can be added to outline the issue identified:

```
function testApproveFundThenReapproveInvoice() public {
   uint256 initialDeposit = 900;
   vm.startPrank(alice);
   bullaFactoring.deposit(initialDeposit, alice);
   vm.stopPrank();
   vm.startPrank(bob);
   uint invoiceIdAmount = 100;
   uint256 invoiceId = createClaim(bob, alice, invoiceIdAmount, dueBy);
   vm.startPrank(underwriter);
   bullaFactoring.approveInvoice(invoiceId, interestApr, upfrontBps, minDays);
    vm.stopPrank();
       bool _approved,
       IInvoiceProviderAdapter.Invoice memory _invoiceSnapshot,
       uint256 _validUntil,
       uint256 _fundedTimestamp,
       uint16 _interestApr,
       uint16 _upfrontBps,
       uint256 _fundedAmountGross,
       uint256 _fundedAmountNet,
       uint16 _minDaysInterestApplied,
       uint256 _trueFaceValue
   ) = bullaFactoring.approvedInvoices(invoiceId);
    assertEq(_approved, true, "Invoice should be approved");
    assertEq(_invoiceSnapshot.debtor, alice, "Debtor should match");
    assertEq(_invoiceSnapshot.creditor, bob, "Creditor should match");
    assertEq(_interestApr, interestApr, "Interest apr should match");
    assertEq(_fundedTimestamp, 0, "_fundedTimestamp should match");
    assertEq(_upfrontBps, upfrontBps, "upfrontBps should match");
    assertEq(_minDaysInterestApplied, minDays, "_minDaysInterestApplied should match");
    console.log("interestApr", _interestApr);
   vm.startPrank(bob);
   bullaClaimERC721.approve(address(bullaFactoring), invoiceId);
   bullaFactoring.fundInvoice(invoiceId, upfrontBps);
    vm.stopPrank();
   vm.warp(block.timestamp + 5 days);
   uint16 newRate = 1000;
    uint16 newUpfrontBps = upfrontBps;
   uint16 newMinDays = 2*minDays;
   vm.startPrank(underwriter);
    vm.expectRevert(); // Would expect this to revert otherwise fundedTimestamp can change back to zero
   bullaFactoring.approveInvoice(invoiceId, newRate, newUpfrontBps, newMinDays);
    vm.stopPrank();
```

```
(
            _approved,
        _invoiceSnapshot,
        _validUntil,
        _fundedTimestamp,
        _interestApr,
        _upfrontBps,
        _fundedAmountGross,
        _fundedAmountNet,
        _minDaysInterestApplied,
        _trueFaceValue
    ) = bullaFactoring.approvedInvoices(invoiceId);
    assertEq(_approved, true, "Invoice should be approved");
    assertEq(_approved, true, "Invoice should be approved");
   assertEq(_invoiceSnapshot.debtor, alice, "Debtor should match");
    assertEq(_invoiceSnapshot.creditor, bob, "Creditor should match");
    assertEq(_interestApr, newRate, "Interest apr should match");
    assertEq(_fundedTimestamp, 0, "_fundedTimestamp should match");
    assertEq(_upfrontBps, newUpfrontBps, "upfrontBps should match");
    assertEq(_minDaysInterestApplied, newMinDays, "_minDaysInterestApplied should match");
}
```

Recommendation: Add checks to ensure that invoiceId is not approved for existing approvedInvoices. This could be done by either approvedInvoices[invoiceId].approved != true or checking that the invoiceSnapshot.creditor != address(bullaFactoring).

Bulla: Resolved in PR 83.

LPHAC: Verified fix. approveInvoice() now checks if an invoice has been funded by checking if it has already been transferred to the BullaFactoring contract.

7.3.2 Rounding errors in withdrawal allows for asset removal while retaining shares

Context: BullaFactoring.sol#L314, Math.sol#L228-L230

Description: When profit is accrued by the vault, convertToShares() will decrement shares to asset. The vault may end up in a state where scaledCapitalAccount > assets * SCALING_FACTOR * supply which would lead to shares being rounded down to zero. In withdraw() we will then withdraw 1 asset, whilst burning zero shares.

We left this issue as a low severity due to the difficulty to properly amplify or compound the rounding error. Instead, scalping profits appears to be limited to 1 wei asset amounts (assuming profits accrue slowly and profits from invoice unfactoring and other methods is never exceeding more than 100% of the deposited asset amount).

Recommendation: Preferred approach for vault related contracts is to use the mulDiv() function that enables rounding direction.

Bulla: Resolved in PR 82.

LPHAC: Verified fix. The suggested change was implemented, mulDiv() now makes use of directional rounding.

7.3.3 Only USDC is supported as a primary asset for facilitating invoices

Context: BullaFactoring.sol#L379, BullaFactoring.sol#L583, BullaFactoring.sol#L641, BullaFactoring.sol#L784-L814, BullaFactoring.sol#L898

Description: While Bulla only intends to support USDC as the target asset being transferred through their smart contracts, other assets may be utilised in the future and many tokens do not simply return boolean values on successful transfer. USDT for example does not return anything and hence all transfers will revert because Bulla checks the return value for a true success result.

Recommendation: Make use of OpenZeppelin's SafeERC20 library to facilitate asset transfers within the BullaFactoring and periphery contracts.

Bulla: Resolved in PR 87.

LPHAC: Verified fix. All asset transfers now make use of OpenZeppelin's SafeERC20 library.

7.3.4 Potential mismatch in claim token and BullaFactoring asset

Context: BullaFactoring.sol#L157-L177

Description: The Bulla claim contract manages invoice generation and is generalised when it comes to the asset type used for invoice payments. However, the Bulla factoring contract supports only one asset and therefore if multiple assets are intended to be supported, new instances of the same contract will be deployed.

However, the invoiceProviderAdapter is likely the same across all pools and therefore there needs to be some validation of the invoice payment token and the pool's designated asset. Otherwise, it may be possible to approve/fund an invoice in one asset and pay the claim using another asset.

Recommendation: Check that the claim token is the same as the factoring contract's assetAddress before approving an invoice.

Bulla: Resolved in PR 84.

LPHAC: Verified fix.

7.4 Informational

7.4.1 Multiple divisions can be simplified into a single operation

Context: BullaFactoring.sol#L233, BullaFactoring.sol#L429

Description: Multiple divisions can be simplified into a single operation, reducing gas usage and increasing readability.

The affected instances occur in the following lines:

- 1. (block.timestamp approval.fundedTimestamp) / 60 / 60 / 24 : 0;
- 2. uint256 daysUntilDue = (invoice.dueDate block.timestamp) / 60 / 60 / 24;

Recommendation: Both can be simplified using solidity's 1 days supported alias.

Bulla: Resolved in PR 88.

LPHAC: Verified fix.

7.4.2 pricePerShare incorrectly scales shares based on SCALING_FACTOR

Context: BullaFactoring.sol#L301

Description: The function pricePerShare() incorrectly scales capitalAccount, without following the behaviour elsewhere by dividing by that scaled amount. This means that pricePerShare > 1e6 * truePricePerShare where truePricePerShare would be the actual real world price of 1 share in assets.

1 asset is always 1 asset, we only need to scale decimals when comparing different assets that have different decimals, or when using virtual shares which involves scaling up purchased shares by some multiplier (typically 1e3 - 1e5). In the latter case, it would be wise to scale down pricePerShare(), since shares are scaled up by some factor in deposit().

Recommendation: Remove the scaling, or add it to the division operation as well for consistency.

LPHAC: The Bulla team has removed the scaling altogether and hence this issue has been indirectly addresses and therefore can be marked as resolved.

7.4.3 convertToShares incorrectly scales when supply is zero

Context: BullaFactoring.sol#L310

Description: Function convertToShares() incorrectly scales by SCALING_FACTOR only in cases where supply == 0. This isn't exploitable since convertToShares() is only used in withdrawal, and withdrawing non-zero shares when supply == 0 is not possible.

Recommendation: Consider removing scaling, or consistently applying it to avoid scenarios where calculations might be unexpectedly scaled.

Bulla: Resolved in PR 78.

LPHAC: Verified fix. convertToShares() no longer scales up by SCALING_FACTOR when supply == 0.

7.4.4 Code hygiene improvements

Context: BullaFactoring.sol#L207, BullaFactoring.sol#L273-L276

Description: Code hygiene improves readability for developers and auditors. The following ares could lead to confusion;

- 1. Line 207: Magic number 1000_0000 used, this is difficult to read and can cause issues in future development if misread. Recommend using 10_000_000.
- 2. Function calculateRealizedGainLoss() iterates through the same array twice unnecessarily between lines 258-261 and then 273-276. Recommend simplifying and minimising for loop iteration. Consider further amendments to this function by removing dead invoices out of the array we are iterating through for further efficiency improvements as well as preventing out of gas reverts when block gas limits are close to exhaustion.
- 3. There are several places (i.e. in the redeem() and withdraw() functions) where owner shadows StateVar Ownable.owner. It is advised not to shadow global variables as compiler errors may be introduced and unexpected behaviour may occur.

Recommendation: Consider alterations where appropriate.

Bulla: Resolved in PR 94, PR 95 and PR 96.

LPHAC: Verified fix.

7.4.5 Share redemptions are not permissioned

Context: BullaFactoring.sol#L859-L873

Description: deposit() is a permissioned function which limits interaction with the protocol from unapproved users. However, transfers are enabled to any account, thus any unapproved user could be the resultant withdrawer. It is worth noting that this behaviour is known by the team, and whether it is acceptable or not is still being determined.

Proof of Concept: Below is a test outlining the specific behaviour:

```
function testApprovedDepositUnapprovedWithdrawal() public {
   address firstDepositor = makeAddr("firstDepositor");
    address unapprovedWithdrawer = makeAddr("unapprovedWithdrawer");
   uint256 firstDepositAmount = 1e8;
   permitUser(firstDepositor, true, 10*firstDepositAmount);
   vm.startPrank(firstDepositor);
   uint256 firstDepositorShares = bullaFactoring.deposit(firstDepositAmount, firstDepositor);
    bullaFactoring.transfer(unapprovedWithdrawer, firstDepositorShares);
   vm.stopPrank();
   vm.startPrank(unapprovedWithdrawer);
   bullaFactoring.redeem(bullaFactoring.balanceOf(unapprovedWithdrawer), unapprovedWithdrawer,

    unapprovedWithdrawer);

   vm.stopPrank();
   uint256 totalSupply = bullaFactoring.totalSupply();
    assertGt(totalSupply, 0, "Total supply should be greater than 0 due to unapproved withdrawals");
}
```

Recommendation: Consider if transferability of depositor shares is applicable relative to your access control policy, if it isn't, consider implementing a withdrawer whitelist.

Bulla: Resolved in PR 85, PR 86 and PR 93.

LPHAC: Verified fixes. Both _msgSender() and _owner must now have deposit permissions to be able to with-draw/redeem shares.

7.4.6 Unnecessary double iteration of pool status arrays

Context: BullaFactoring.sol#L479-L521

Description: The viewPoolStatus() function is used internally when reconciling paid invoices to realize profit and fees, updating the accounting accordingly. By iterating through all active invoices, we do not know ahead of time which invoices are paid or impaired or if previously impaired invoices are now paid. Therefore Bulla is optimistic about the array size and then copies this array to a smaller array when the size is known.

However, this can be done more simply with significant optimisation by overwriting the length parameter of the memory array.

Recommendation: Consider making this change to simplify the viewPoolStatus() function significantly.

Bulla: Resolved in PR 88.

LPHAC: Verified fix. The change was made to override the array length parameter using assembly.