

SMART CONTRACT AUDIT REPORT

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1 Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related source code of the FEG's FeeConverter contract, we outline in the report our systematic approach to evaluate potential security issues in the smart contract implementation, expose possible semantic inconsistencies between smart contract code and design document, and provide additional suggestions or recommendations for improvement. Our results show that the given version of smart contracts can be further improved due to the presence of several issues related to either security or performance. This document outlines our audit results.

1.1 About FEG FeeConverter

The audited FeeConverter contract is an FEG-related tool, which is used to convert protocol fee via threshold. Specifically, it supports the specification of up to three recipients and each will receive corresponding fee according to the configured fee share. The basic information of the FeeConverter contract is as follows:

Item	Description
Name	FEG
Туре	Ethereum Smart Contract
Platform	Solidity
Audit Method	Whitebox
Latest Audit Report	May 14, 2024

Table 1.1: Basic Information of The FeeConverter Contract

In the following, we show the Git repository of reviewed files and the commit hash value used in this audit.

https://github.com/FEGrox/FeeConverter.git (637cba7)

And this is the commit ID after all fixes for the issues found in the audit have been checked in:

https://github.com/FEGrox/FeeConverter.git (efae3d2)

1.2 About PeckShield

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High Critical High Medium

High Medium

Low

Medium Low

High Medium

Low

High Medium

Low

Likelihood

Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification

1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [8]:

- <u>Likelihood</u> represents how likely a particular vulnerability is to be uncovered and exploited in the wild;
- Impact measures the technical loss and business damage of a successful attack;
- Severity demonstrates the overall criticality of the risk.

Likelihood and impact are categorized into three ratings: H, M and L, i.e., high, medium and low respectively. Severity is determined by likelihood and impact and can be classified into four categories accordingly, i.e., Critical, High, Medium, Low shown in Table 1.2.

To evaluate the risk, we go through a list of check items and each would be labeled with a severity category. For one check item, if our tool or analysis does not identify any issue, the contract is considered safe regarding the check item. For any discovered issue, we might further

Table 1.3: The Full List of Check Items

Category	Check Item		
	Constructor Mismatch		
	Ownership Takeover		
	Redundant Fallback Function		
	Overflows & Underflows		
	Reentrancy		
	Money-Giving Bug		
	Blackhole		
	Unauthorized Self-Destruct		
Basic Coding Bugs	Revert DoS		
Dasic Couling Dugs	Unchecked External Call		
	Gasless Send		
	Send Instead Of Transfer		
	Costly Loop		
	(Unsafe) Use Of Untrusted Libraries		
	(Unsafe) Use Of Predictable Variables		
	Transaction Ordering Dependence		
	Deprecated Uses		
Semantic Consistency Checks	Semantic Consistency Checks		
	Business Logics Review		
	Functionality Checks		
	Authentication Management		
	Access Control & Authorization		
	Oracle Security		
Advanced DeFi Scrutiny	Digital Asset Escrow		
ravancea Ber i Geraemi,	Kill-Switch Mechanism		
	Operation Trails & Event Generation		
	ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling		
	Frontend-Contract Integration		
	Deployment Consistency		
	Holistic Risk Management		
	Avoiding Use of Variadic Byte Array		
	Using Fixed Compiler Version		
Additional Recommendations	Making Visibility Level Explicit		
	Making Type Inference Explicit		
	Adhering To Function Declaration Strictly		
	Following Other Best Practices		

deploy contracts on our private testnet and run tests to confirm the findings. If necessary, we would additionally build a PoC to demonstrate the possibility of exploitation. The concrete list of check items is shown in Table 1.3.

In particular, we perform the audit according to the following procedure:

- <u>Basic Coding Bugs</u>: We first statically analyze given smart contracts with our proprietary static code analyzer for known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) all the issues found by our tool.
- <u>Semantic Consistency Checks</u>: We then manually check the logic of implemented smart contracts and compare with the description in the white paper.
- Advanced DeFi Scrutiny: We further review business logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.
- Additional Recommendations: We also provide additional suggestions regarding the coding and development of smart contracts from the perspective of proven programming practices.

To better describe each issue we identified, we categorize the findings with Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE-699) [7], which is a community-developed list of software weakness types to better delineate and organize weaknesses around concepts frequently encountered in software development. Though some categories used in CWE-699 may not be relevant in smart contracts, we use the CWE categories in Table 1.4 to classify our findings.

1.4 Disclaimer

Note that this security audit is not designed to replace functional tests required before any software release, and does not give any warranties on finding all possible security issues of the given smart contract(s) or blockchain software, i.e., the evaluation result does not guarantee the nonexistence of any further findings of security issues. As one audit-based assessment cannot be considered comprehensive, we always recommend proceeding with several independent audits and a public bug bounty program to ensure the security of smart contract(s). Last but not least, this security audit should not be used as investment advice.

Table 1.4: Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) Classifications Used in This Audit

Category	Summary		
Configuration	Weaknesses in this category are typically introduced during		
	the configuration of the software.		
Data Processing Issues	Weaknesses in this category are typically found in functional-		
	ity that processes data.		
Numeric Errors	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper calcula-		
	tion or conversion of numbers.		
Security Features	Weaknesses in this category are concerned with topics like		
	authentication, access control, confidentiality, cryptography,		
	and privilege management. (Software security is not security		
	software.)		
Time and State	Weaknesses in this category are related to the improper man-		
	agement of time and state in an environment that supports		
	simultaneous or near-simultaneous computation by multiple		
	systems, processes, or threads.		
Error Conditions,	Weaknesses in this category include weaknesses that occur if		
Return Values,	a function does not generate the correct return/status code,		
Status Codes	or if the application does not handle all possible return/status		
	codes that could be generated by a function.		
Resource Management	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper manage-		
	ment of system resources.		
Behavioral Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to unexpected behav-		
	iors from code that an application uses.		
Business Logics	Weaknesses in this category identify some of the underlying		
	problems that commonly allow attackers to manipulate the		
	business logic of an application. Errors in business logic can		
	be devastating to an entire application.		
Initialization and Cleanup	Weaknesses in this category occur in behaviors that are used		
	for initialization and breakdown.		
Arguments and Parameters	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper use of		
	arguments or parameters within function calls.		
Expression Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to incorrectly written		
	expressions within code.		
Coding Practices	Weaknesses in this category are related to coding practices		
	that are deemed unsafe and increase the chances that an ex-		
	ploitable vulnerability will be present in the application. They		
	may not directly introduce a vulnerability, but indicate the		
	product has not been carefully developed or maintained.		

2 | Findings

2.1 Summary

Here is a summary of our findings after analyzing the FEG's FeeConverter implementation. During the first phase of our audit, we study the smart contract source code and run our in-house static code analyzer through the codebase. The purpose here is to statically identify known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) issues reported by our tool. We further manually review business logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.

Severity	# of Findings		
Critical	0		
High	0		
Medium	2		
Low	1		
Informational	0		
Total	3		

We have so far identified a list of potential issues: some of them involve subtle corner cases that might not be previously thought of, while others refer to unusual interactions among multiple contracts. For each uncovered issue, we have therefore developed test cases for reasoning, reproduction, and/or verification. After further analysis and internal discussion, we determined a few issues of varying severities that need to be brought up and paid more attention to, which are categorized in the above table. More information can be found in the next subsection, and the detailed discussions of each of them are in Section 3.

2.2 Key Findings

Overall, these smart contracts are well-designed and engineered, though the implementation can be improved by resolving the identified issues (shown in Table 2.1), including 2 medium-severity vulnerabilities and 1 low-severity vulnerability.

Table 2.1: Key FEG FeeConverter Audit Findings

ID	Severity	Title	Category	Status
PVE-001	Medium	Incorrect setDestinations() Logic in	Coding Practices	Resolved
		FeeConverterLogic		
PVE-002	Low	Improved Input Validation in FeeConvert-	Business Logic	Resolved
		erLogic::cont()		
PVE-003	Medium	Trust Issue of Admin Keys	Security Features	Mitigated

Besides recommending specific countermeasures to mitigate these issues, we also emphasize that it is always important to develop necessary risk-control mechanisms and make contingency plans, which may need to be exercised before the mainnet deployment. The risk-control mechanisms need to kick in at the very moment when the contracts are being deployed in mainnet. Please refer to Section 3 for details.

3 Detailed Results

3.1 Incorrect setDestinations() Logic in FeeConverterLogic

• ID: PVE-001

Severity: MediumLikelihood: Medium

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• Impact: Medium

• Target: FeeConverterLogic

• Category: Coding Practices [5]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [1]

Description

DeFi protocols typically have a number of system-wide parameters that can be dynamically configured on demand. The audited FeeConverter contract is no exception. Specifically, if we examine the FeeConverter contract, it has defined a number of protocol-wide risk parameters, such as dis.r0, dis.r1, and dis.r3. In the following, we show the corresponding routines that allow for their changes.

```
351
        function setDestinations(address dest0, address dest1, address dest2, uint256 rate0,
             uint256 rate1, uint256 rate2) external {
352
             require(msg.sender == owner, "You do not have permission");
353
             require(rate0 + rate1 + rate2 == 100, "must be 100%");
354
             require(dest0 != address(0) dest1 != address(0) dest2 != address(0), "all
                 cannot be address 0");
355
             if(rate0 == 0) {
356
                require(dest0 == address(0), "inv0");
357
                 dis.one = dest0;
358
                 dis.r0 = rate0;
359
360
            if(rate1 == 0) {
361
                 require(dest1 == address(0), "inv1");
362
                 dis.two = dest1;
363
                 dis.r1 = rate1;
364
365
             if(rate2 == 0) {
366
                 require(dest2 == address(0), "inv1");
367
                 dis.three = dest2;
                 dis.r2 = rate2;
```

```
369 }
370 }
```

Listing 3.1: FeeConverterLogic::setDestinations()

These parameters define various aspects of the protocol operation and maintenance and need to exercise extra care when configuring or updating them. Our analysis shows the update logic on these parameters can be improved by applying more rigorous sanity checks. For example, current implementation should be revised to ensure these parameters are configured regardless of the given values of rate0, rate1, and rate2.

Recommendation Revise the above routine to ensure these protocol parameters are properly configured.

Status The issue has been fixed by this commit: efae3d2.

3.2 Improved Input Validation in FeeConverterLogic::cont()

• ID: PVE-002

• Severity: Low

• Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Medium

• Target: FeeConverterLogic

• Category: Business Logic [6]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

Description

As mentioned earlier, the FeeConverter contract is used to convert protocol fee via threshold. In the process of examining the fee-conversion logic, we notice the core conversion function can be improved in validating the given user input.

To elaborate, we show below the related routine, i.e., cont(). It basically checks whether the condition to convert is met. If yes, the helper routine of swapTokens() is called for actual conversion. However, the first given input argument of token can be better validated with the following requirement: i.e., require(Reader(D).isSD(token)&& msg.sender == SD && token == SD) (line 374).

```
372
        function cont(address token, uint256 fees, address user) external nonReentrant{
373
             address D = DATA_READ();fees;
374
             require(Reader(D).isSD(token) && msg.sender == SD, "not sd");
375
             if(!convertPause){
376
                 uint256 a;
377
                 address swap = Reader(token).uniswapV2Pair();
378
                 uint256 bal = IERC20(token).balanceOf(swap);
379
                 if(IERC20(SD).balanceOf(swap) > 0) {
380
                     (bool b, uint256 t) = isConvertable(D);
381
```

Listing 3.2: FeeConverterLogic::cont()

Recommendation Revisit the above routine to properly validate the user input token address to convert.

Status The issue has been fixed by the following commit: efae3d2.

3.3 Trust Issue of Admin Keys

ID: PVE-003

• Severity: Medium

• Likelihood: Medium

Impact: Medium

• Target: FeeConverterLogic

• Category: Security Features [4]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [2]

Description

In the FeeConverterLogic contract, there is a privileged account, i.e., owner, that can rescue tokens from the contract. Our analysis shows that the privileged account need to be scrutinized. In the following, we show the function potentially affected by the privilege of the owner account.

```
317
        function setConvertThreshold(uint256 amt) external {
318
             require(msg.sender == owner, "You do not have permission");
319
             require(amt <= 500 && amt >= 1, "0.1-500");
320
             convertThreshold = amt;
321
        }
323
        function setDistributeThreshold(uint256 amt) external {
324
             require(msg.sender == owner, "You do not have permission");
325
             require(amt >= 1e12, "1e12>");
326
             distributeThreshold = amt;
327
        }
329
        function setConvertPause(bool _bool) external {
330
            require(msg.sender == owner, "only owner");
331
             convertPause = _bool;
332
        }
334
        function setConvertTo(address to) external {
335
             require(msg.sender == owner, "only owner");
336
             require(to != SD, "not itself");
```

```
337
             convertTo = to;
338
        }
340
        function saveLostTokens(address toSave) external { //save any lost toke
341
             require(msg.sender == owner, "You do not have permission");
342
             uint256 toSend = IERC20(toSave).balanceOf(address(this));
343
             if(toSend > 0) {
344
                 TransferHelper.safeTransfer(toSave, owner, toSend);
345
            if(address(this).balance > 0) {
346
347
                 TransferHelper.safeTransferETH(owner, address(this).balance);
348
            }
349
        }
351
        function setDestinations(address dest0, address dest1, address dest2, uint256 rate0,
             uint256 rate1, uint256 rate2) external {...}
```

Listing 3.3: Example Privileged Operations in FeeConverterLogic

We understand the need of the privileged function for contract maintenance, but at the same time the extra power to the owner may also be a counter-party risk to the protocol users. It is worrisome if the privileged owner account is plain EOA account. Note that a multi-sig account could greatly alleviate this concern, though it is still far from perfect. Specifically, a better approach is to eliminate the administration key concern by transferring the role to a community-governed DAO.

Recommendation Promptly transfer the privileged account to the intended DAO-like governance contract. All changed to privileged operations may need to be mediated with necessary timelocks. Eventually, activate the normal on-chain community-based governance life-cycle and ensure the intended trustless nature and high-quality distributed governance.

Status This issue has been mitigated as the team confirms they plan to use multi-sig for the owner account.

4 Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of the FEG FeeConverter contract, which is an FEG-related tool and used to convert protocol fee via threshold. Specifically, it supports the specification of up to three recipients and they will receive fee according to the configured fee share. During the audit, we notice that the current code base is well organized and those identified issues are promptly mitigated and fixed.

Meanwhile, we need to emphasize that smart contracts as a whole are still in an early, but exciting stage of development. To improve this report, we greatly appreciate any constructive feedbacks or suggestions, on our methodology, audit findings, or potential gaps in scope/coverage.



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