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1 Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related smart contract source code of the MaxFun protocol, 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 MaxFun

MaxFun is an innovative decentralized platform designed to enable the seamless creation and management of automated market marker AMM pairs, leveraging a robust and scale token ecosystem. It is built to provide a user-friendly environment for launching tokens, initializing liquidity pools, conducting secure token trades, and migrating token pairs to prominent decentralized exchanges such as UniswapV2. The basic information of audited contracts is as follows:

Item Description

Name MaxFun

Type Solidity

Language EVM

Audit Method Whitebox

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Table 1.1: Basic Information of MaxFun

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

https://github.com/maxdotfun/protocol-contracts.git (1835182)

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

https://github.com/maxdotfun/protocol-contracts.git (0eb83f0)

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 accordingly classified into four categories, 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		
Advanced Berr Scruting	Kill-Switch Mechanism		
	Operation Trails & Event Generation		
	ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling		
	Frontend-Contract Integration		
	Deployment Consistency		
	Holistic Risk Management		
	Avoiding Use of Variadic Byte Array		
Additional Recommendations	Using Fixed Compiler Version		
	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:

- Basic Coding Bugs: 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. Moreover, in case there is an issue that may affect an active protocol that has been deployed, the public version of this report may omit such issue, but will be amended with full details right after the affected protocol is upgraded with respective fixes.

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 MaxFun implementations. 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 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 vulnerabilities.

Table 2.1: Key Audit Findings

ID	Severity	Title	Category	Status
PVE-001	Low	Improved Validation of Function Argu-	Coding Practices	Resolved
		ments		
PVE-002	Medium	Potential Denial-of-Service in Token	Business Logic	Resolved
		Graduation		
PVE-003	Medium	Trust Issue of Admin Keys	Security Features	Mitigated

Beside the identified issues, we emphasize that for any user-facing applications and services, 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 should kick in at the very moment when the contracts are being deployed on mainnet. Please refer to Section 3 for details.

3 Detailed Results

3.1 Improved Validation of Function Arguments

• ID: PVE-001

Severity: Low

Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: MaxFunFactory

• 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 MaxFun protocol is no exception. Specifically, if we examine the MaxFunFactory contract, it has defined a number of protocol-wide risk parameters, such as buyFee and sellFee. In the following, we show the corresponding routines that allow for their changes.

```
97
        function setFeeParameters (
98
            address newVault ,
99
            uint256 buyFee ,
100
            uint256 sellFee
101
        ) public onlyRole(ADMIN ROLE) {
102
            require (newVault != address (0), "MaxFunFactory: Zero addresses are not allowed.
103
104
            taxVault = newVault ;
105
            buyFee = buyFee_;
106
            sellFee = sellFee_;
107
108
            }
109
110
        function setLaunchFee(uint256 newLaunchFee) external onlyRole(ADMIN ROLE) {
111
112
            launchFee = newLaunchFee;
113
114
            emit LaunchFeeSet(newLaunchFee);
115
116
```

```
117
         function setGradFee(uint256 newGradFee) external onlyRole(ADMIN ROLE) {
118
             gradFee = newGradFee;
119
120
             emit GradFeeSet(newGradFee);
121
        }
122
         function setInitialSupply(uint256 newSupply) external onlyRole(ADMIN ROLE) {
123
124
             initialSupply = newSupply;
125
126
             emit InitialSupplySet(newSupply);
127
        }
128
129
         function setLaunchPointPercentage (uint256 newLaunchPointPercentage) external
             onlyRole(ADMIN ROLE) {
130
             launchPointPercentage = newLaunchPointPercentage;
131
132
             emit LaunchPointPercentageSet(newLaunchPointPercentage);
133
```

Listing 3.1: Example Setters in MaxFunFactory

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. Based on the current implementation, certain corner cases may lead to an undesirable consequence. For example, an unlikely mis-configuration of newLaunchPointPercentage may fail any token graduation attempt, hence bringing inconvenience to the adoption of the protocol.

Recommendation Validate any changes regarding these system-wide parameters to ensure they fall in an appropriate range.

Status This issue has been resolved in the following commit: 4f8bda5.

3.2 Potential Denial-of-Service in Token Graduation

ID: PVE-003

• Severity: Medium

• Likelihood: Medium

• Impact: Medium

• Target: MaxFunManager

• Category: Business Logic [6]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

Description

As mentioned earlier, MaxFun builds an innovative DeFi platform that caters to the launch, liquidity management, and automated market operations of new tokens. When a new token is launched, it

will go through the so-called graduation process. Our analysis shows the token graduation may suffer from a denial-of-service issue.

In the following, we show the implementation of the related launchOnUniswap() routine. When the new token launch process reaches the target launchPointShare, this routine will be invoked. As part of its logic, it will call the swapFactory contract to create the token pair and add the initial liquidity. However, the token pair creation may be blocked (line 162) if the external pair is already created, resulting in the token graduation failure.

```
132
         function launchOnUniswap(address tokenAddress, address asset) public onlyFactory
             returns (address) {
133
             address pairAddress = IMaxFunCurve(maxFunCurve).getPair(tokenAddress, asset);
134
135
             IMaxFunPair pair = IMaxFunPair(pairAddress);
136
137
             uint256 assetBalance = pair.assetBalance();
138
139
             IMaxFunCurve(maxFunCurve).triggerGraduation(tokenAddress, asset);
140
141
             address uniswapV2Pair = _createUniswapV2Pool(tokenAddress, asset);
142
143
             uint256 txFee = (maxFunFactory.getGradFee() * assetBalance) / maxFunFactory.
                 getPercentageDecimals();
144
145
             IERC20(asset).safeTransfer(maxFunFactory.getTaxVault(), txFee);
146
147
             _addInitialLiquidity(tokenAddress, asset);
148
149
             emit Graduated(tokenAddress, uniswapV2Pair);
150
151
             return uniswapV2Pair;
152
```

Listing 3.2: MaxFunManager::launchOnUniswap()

Listing 3.3: MaxFunManager::_createUniswapV2Pool()

Recommendation Revise the above routine to ensure the token graduation is not blocked.

Status This issue has been resolved in the following commit: 2a64d32.

3.3 Trust Issue of Admin Keys

• ID: PVE-003

Severity: MediumLikelihood: Medium

• Impact: Medium

• Target: Multiple Contracts

• Category: Security Features [4]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [2]

Description

In the audited protocol, there is a privileged owner account. This account plays a critical role in governing and regulating the system-wide operations (e.g., configure parameters, manage contracts, execute privileged operations, upgrade contracts, etc.). Our analysis shows that this privileged account needs to be scrutinized. In the following, we use the MaxFunManager contract as an example and show the representative functions potentially affected by the privileged account.

```
function setMaxFunFactory(address newFactory) external onlyOwner {
69
70
            maxFunFactory = IMaxFunFactory(newFactory);
71
72
            emit MaxFunFactorySet(newFactory);
73
       }
74
75
        function setSwapRouter(address newRouter) external onlyOwner {
76
            swapRouter = newRouter;
77
78
            emit SwapRouterSet(newRouter);
79
       }
80
81
        function setSwapFactory(address newFactory) external onlyOwner {
82
            swapFactory = newFactory;
83
84
            emit SwapFactorySet(newFactory);
85
       }
86
87
        function setMaxFunCurve(address newMaxFunCurve) external onlyOwner {
88
            maxFunCurve = newMaxFunCurve;
89
90
            emit MaxFunCurveSet(newMaxFunCurve);
91
```

Listing 3.4: Privileged Operations in MaxFunManager

We understand the need of the privileged functions for proper protocol operations, but at the same time the extra power to the privileged admin may also be a counter-party risk to the protocol users. Therefore, we list this concern as an issue here from the audit perspective and highly recommend making these privileges explicit or raising necessary awareness among protocol users.

In the meantime, a number of protocol contracts make use of the proxy contract to allow for future upgrades. The upgrade is a privileged operation and the management of the related admin key also falls in this trust issue.

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 plans to assign admin role to a multi-sig wallet.



4 Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of the MaxFum protocol, which is an innovative decentralized platform designed to enable the seamless creation and management of automated market marker AMM pairs, leveraging a robust and scale token ecosystem. It is built to provide a user-friendly environment for launching tokens, initializing liquidity pools, conducting secure token trades, and migrating token pairs to prominent decentralized exchanges such as UniswapV2. The current code base is well structured and neatly organized. Those identified issues are promptly confirmed and addressed.

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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