

# SMART CONTRACT AUDIT REPORT

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# 1 Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related smart contract source code of the Spool 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 Spool

Spool Protocol serves as the DeFi middleware that allows users to participate in a subset of yield generating protocols in a risk diversified, automatically managed, and efficient fashion. In particular, Spool offers a way to participate in multiple yield generators while maintaining proper diversification, managing risk appetite, and benefiting from economies of scale when it comes to rebalancing and compounding. A user simply deposits into an existing Spool (or makes their own) and in turn enjoys automated and optimized decision-making curated by the Spool DAO. The basic information of the audited protocol is as follows:

ItemDescriptionNameSpool ProtocolWebsitehttps://www.spool.fi/TypeEthereum Smart ContractPlatformSolidityAudit MethodWhiteboxLatest Audit ReportMarch 15, 2022

Table 1.1: Basic Information of Spool

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

this audit. Note that Spool assumes a trusted DAO for the configuration of various trusted entities, which are not part of this audit.

• <a href="https://github.com/SpoolFi/spool-core.git">https://github.com/SpoolFi/spool-core.git</a> (7d612cd)

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

https://github.com/SpoolFi/spool-core.git (d38ebb5)

#### 1.2 About PeckShield

PeckShield Inc. [8] is a leading blockchain security company with the goal of elevating the security, privacy, and usability of current blockchain ecosystems by offering top-notch, industry-leading services and products (including the service of smart contract auditing). We are reachable at Telegram (https://t.me/peckshield), Twitter (http://twitter.com/peckshield), or Email (contact@peckshield.com).

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 the OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [7]:

- <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 checklist of 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 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) [6], 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

Table 1.3: The Full Audit Checklist

Category	Checklist Items		
	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 Del 1 Scrutiny	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		

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 Logic	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		
A	for initialization and breakdown.		
Arguments and Parameters	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper use of		
Evenuesian legues	arguments or parameters within function calls.		
Expression Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to incorrectly written		
Cadina Duantia	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.		

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.



# 2 | Findings

## 2.1 Summary

Here is a summary of our findings after analyzing the implementation of the Spool protocol. 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 logic, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.

Severity	# of Findings		
Critical	0		
High	1		
Medium	3		
Low	6		
Undetermined	1		
Total	11		

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 1 high-severity vulnerability, 3 medium-severity vulnerabilities, 6 low-severity vulnerabilities, and 1 recommendation with undetermined severity.

Table 2.1: Key Spool Audit Findings

ID	Severity	Title	Category	Status
PVE-001	Low	Improved Bitwise Operations in Helper	Coding Practices	Confirmed
		Library		
PVE-002	Low	Enhanced Validation of Function Argu-	Coding Practices	Fixed
		ments		
PVE-003	Low	Proper Function Type of RiskProvider-	Coding Practices	Fixed
		Registry::_setRisk()		
PVE-004	Low	Accommodation of Non-ERC20-	Business Logic	Confirmed
		Compliant Tokens		
PVE-005	Medium	Incorrect Strategies Hash Update in	Business Logic	Fixed
		removeStrategyCalldata()		
PVE-006	Low	Proper Logic Of Reward-	Business Logic	Confirmed
		Drip::updatePeriodFinish()		
PVE-007	Medium	Proper Fast Withdrawal Logic in	Business Logic	Fixed
		saveUserShares()		
PVE-008 High Proper Reallocation		Proper Reallocation Logic in _process-	Business Logic	Fixed
		Withdraw()		
PVE-009 Medium Proper Strategy Removal Logic in noti-		Business Logic	Fixed	
		fyStrategyRemoved()		
PVE-010	Low	Proper CompoundStrategy Initialization	Business Logic	Fixed
PVE-011	Undetermined	Forced Investment Risk in	Business Logic	Fixed
		Curve3poolStrategy		

Besides 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 Bitwise Operations in Helper Library

• ID: PVE-001

• Severity: Low

Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: Bitwise

• Category: Coding Practices [4]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-563 [2]

#### Description

For gas efficiency, the Spool protocol has a bitwise library that facilitates a variety of bitwise manipulations, including bit fields extraction, bit packing, compression, and hashing. Our analysis shows the current bitwise library can be improved.

To elaborate, we show below example bitwise-related helper routines, i.e., get14BitUintByIndex() and set14BitUintByIndex(). While the first get14BitUintByIndex() routine properly extracts the  $i^{th}$  14bits in the given bitwiseData number, the second set14BitUintByIndex() routine has an implicit assumption that the current  $i^{th}$  14bits in the given bitwiseData number is 0. Since this assumption may not always hold, there is a need to explicitly zero out the  $i^{th}$  14bits before assigning the given num14bit. An example revision is shown as follows: bitwiseData &  $^((2^14-1)<(14*i))$  (num14bit  $^(14*i)$ ).

Listing 3.1: Bitwise::get14BitUintByIndex()/set14BitUintByIndex()

The same improvement can also be applied to other routines, including set16BitUintByIndex() and set24BitUintByIndex().

**Recommendation** Strengthen the current bitwise libraries to remove the above implicit assumption.

**Status** The issue has been confirmed.

## 3.2 Enhanced Validation of Function Arguments

• ID: PVE-002

• Severity: Low

• Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: Multiple Contracts

Category: Coding Practices [4]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-563 [2]

#### Description

DeFi protocols typically have a number of system-wide parameters that can be dynamically configured on demand. The Spool protocol is no exception. Specifically, if we examine the FeeHandler contract, it has defined a number of protocol-wide risk parameters, e.g., ecosystemFee and treasuryFee. In the following, we show the corresponding routines that allow for their changes.

```
375
         function setTreasuryFee(uint16 fee) private {
376
             require(fee <= MAX TREASURY FEE, "FeeHandler::_setTreasuryFee: Treasury fee too</pre>
                 big");
377
             treasuryFee = fee;
378
             emit TreasuryFeeUpdated(fee);
379
        }
380
381
382
          * @notice Set ecosystem fee collector address
383
384
         * @dev
385
          * Requirements:
386
          * - collector cannot be 0
387
388
          * Oparam collector ecosystem fee collector address to set
389
390
         function setEcosystemCollector(address collector) private {
391
             require(collector != address(0), "FeeHandler::_setEcosystemCollector: Ecosystem
                 Fee Collector address cannot be 0");
392
             ecosystemFeeCollector = collector;
393
             emit EcosystemCollectorUpdated(collector);
394
```

Listing 3.2: A Number of Setters in FeeHandler

Our analysis shows the update logic on these fee parameters is properly guarded with various sanity checks. However, a number of other functions can benefit from similar validations. For example, the SpoolDoHardWork::batchDoHardWork() routine can be improved by further enforcing the given four arrays stratIndexes, slippages, rewardSlippages, and allStrategies share the same array length. The current logic only enforces the first two arrays have the same length.

```
62
        function batchDoHardWork(
63
            uint256 [] memory stratIndexes,
64
            uint256 [][] memory slippages,
65
            RewardSlippages [] memory rewardSlippages,
66
            address[] memory allStrategies
67
        )
68
            external
69
            onlyDoHardWorker
70
            verifyStrategies (allStrategies)
71
72
            // update global index if this are first strategies in index
73
            if (_isBatchComplete()) {
74
                globalIndex++;
75
                doHardWorksLeft = uint8(allStrategies.length);
76
            }
77
78
            // check parameters
79
            require(reallocationIndex != globalIndex, "RLC");
80
            require (stratIndexes.length > 0 && stratIndexes.length = slippages.length, "
                BIPT");
81
82
            if (forceOneTxDoHardWork) {
83
                require(stratIndexes.length == allStrategies.length, "1TX");
84
```

Listing 3.3: SpoolDoHardWork::batchDoHardWork()

The same improvement can also be applied to other routines, including \_batchDoHardWorkReallocation () and \_depositRedistributedAmount() in the same contract.

**Recommendation** Strengthen the validations on the above functions.

Status The issue has been fixed by this commit: 8b2e536.

## 3.3 Proper Function Type of RiskProviderRegistry:: setRisk()

• ID: PVE-003

• Severity: Low

• Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: RiskProviderRegistry

• Category: Coding Practices [4]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-563 [2]

#### Description

The  $s_{pool}$  protocol is unique in allowing the approved risk providers to assess potential risks associated with current yielding strategies. In particular, the risk providers are able to set a risk score for the strategies in the range [-10.0, 10.0]. While reviewing the risk score assignment logic, we notice one helper routine can be improved.

To elaborate, we show below the code snippet from the setRisk() function. As the name indicates, this function is designed to set the risk score of a strategy. After necessary validations, this function invokes the internal helper \_setRisk() to actually set the risk score. It comes to our attention this helper \_setRisk() is defined as public, which by design is supposed to be internal!

Listing 3.4: RiskProviderRegistry :: setRisk()

Listing 3.5: RiskProviderRegistry :: setRisk()

**Recommendation** Redefine the function type of \_setRisk() to be internal.

Status The issue has been fixed by this commit: 8b2e536.

## 3.4 Accommodation of Non-ERC20-Compliant Tokens

ID: PVE-004Severity: LowLikelihood: LowImpact: High

Target: Multiple Contracts
Category: Business Logic [5]
CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

#### Description

Though there is a standardized ERC-20 specification, many token contracts may not strictly follow the specification or have additional functionalities beyond the specification. In the following, we examine the transfer() routine and related idiosyncrasies from current widely-used token contracts.

In particular, we use the popular stablecoin, i.e., USDT, as our example. We show the related code snippet below. On its entry of approve(), there is a requirement, i.e., require(!((\_value != 0) && (allowed[msg.sender][\_spender] != 0))). This specific requirement essentially indicates the need of reducing the allowance to 0 first (by calling approve(\_spender, 0)) if it is not, and then calling a second one to set the proper allowance. This requirement is in place to mitigate the known approve()/transferFrom() race condition (https://github.com/ethereum/EIPs/issues/20#issuecomment-263524729).

```
194
195
        * @dev Approve the passed address to spend the specified amount of tokens on behalf
            of msg.sender.
196
        * @param _spender The address which will spend the funds.
197
        * @param _value The amount of tokens to be spent.
198
199
        function approve(address spender, uint value) public onlyPayloadSize(2 * 32) {
201
            // To change the approve amount you first have to reduce the addresses '
202
            // allowance to zero by calling 'approve(_spender, 0)' if it is not
203
            // already 0 to mitigate the race condition described here:
204
            // https://github.com/ethereum/EIPs/issues/20#issuecomment-263524729
205
            require(!(( value != 0) && (allowed[msg.sender][ spender] != 0)));
207
            allowed [msg.sender] [ spender] = value;
208
             Approval (msg. sender, _spender, _value);
209
```

Listing 3.6: USDT Token Contract

Because of that, a normal call to approve() is suggested to use the safe version, i.e., safeApprove(), In essence, it is a wrapper around ERC20 operations that may either throw on failure or return false without reverts. Moreover, the safe version also supports tokens that return no value (and instead revert or throw on failure). Note that non-reverting calls are assumed to be successful. Similarly, there is a safe version of transfer() as well, i.e., safeTransfe().

```
39
         st @dev Deprecated. This function has issues similar to the ones found in
40
         * {IERC20-approve}, and its usage is discouraged.
41
42
         * Whenever possible, use {safeIncreaseAllowance} and
43
         * {safeDecreaseAllowance} instead.
44
         */
45
        function safeApprove(
46
            IERC20 token,
47
            address spender,
48
            uint256 value
49
        ) internal {
50
            \ensuremath{//} safeApprove should only be called when setting an initial allowance,
51
            // or when resetting it to zero. To increase and decrease it, use
52
            // 'safeIncreaseAllowance' and 'safeDecreaseAllowance'
53
            require(
54
                (value == 0) (token.allowance(address(this), spender) == 0),
55
                "SafeERC20: approve from non-zero to non-zero allowance"
56
57
            _callOptionalReturn(token, abi.encodeWithSelector(token.approve.selector,
                spender, value));
58
```

Listing 3.7: SafeERC20::safeApprove()

In current implementation, if we examine the \_approveAndSwap() routine in the SwapHelper contract, this routine is designed to perform token swaps. To accommodate the specific idiosyncrasy, there is a need to use safeApprove() (line 69).

```
55
        function _approveAndSwap(
56
            IERC20 from,
57
            IERC20 to,
58
            uint256 amount,
59
            SwapData calldata swapData
60
        ) internal virtual returns (uint256) {
61
            // if there is nothing to swap, return
62
63
            if(amount == 0)
64
                return 0;
65
66
            // if amount is not uint256 max approve unswap router to spend tokens
67
            // otherwise rewards were already sent to the router
68
            if(amount < type(uint256).max) {</pre>
69
                from.safeApprove(address(uniswapRouter), amount);
70
            } else {
71
                amount = 0;
72
            }
73
74
        }
```

Listing 3.8: SwapHelper::\_approveAndSwap()

While the current implementation properly uses the safeApprove(), there is a need to approve twice: the first time resets the allowance to zero and the second time approves the intended amount. And this affects a number of routines in almost all supported strategies, including YearnStrategy, IdleStrategy, MasterChefStrategyBase, Curve3poolStrategy, and HarvestStrategy.

**Recommendation** Accommodate the above-mentioned idiosyncrasy about ERC20-related approve()/transfer()/transferFrom().

**Status** The issue has been confirmed.

# 3.5 Incorrect Strategies Hash Update in removeStrategyCalldata()

• ID: PVE-005

Severity: MediumLikelihood: Low

Impact: High

• Target: Controller

Category: Business Logic [5]CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

#### Description

The spool protocol has a Controller contract that is the central point of the protocol for assessing the validity of various data in the system (i.e. supported strategy, vault etc.). While reviewing the current logic to remove an existing strategy, we notice its current logic needs to be corrected.

In particular, an issue stems from the need to properly update the strategiesHash since an existing strategy is being removed. However, the hash-update logic (line 599) fails to use the updated strategies to compute the hash. Instead, it still uses the stale list to compute and update the strategiesHash. Unfortunately, an incorrect strategiesHash may fail a variety of reallocation routines.

```
function _removeStrategyCalldata(address[] calldata allStrategies, address strategy)
585
              private {
586
             uint256 lastEntry = allStrategies.length - 1;
587
             address[] memory newStrategies = allStrategies[0:lastEntry];
588
589
             for (uint256 i = 0; i < lastEntry; i++) {</pre>
590
                 if (allStrategies[i] == strategy) {
591
                      strategies[i] = allStrategies[lastEntry];
592
                     newStrategies[i] = allStrategies[lastEntry];
593
                     break;
594
                 }
595
             }
596
597
             strategies.pop();
598
```

```
599
             _updateStrategiesHash(allStrategies);
600
```

Listing 3.9: Controller::\_removeStrategyCalldata()

Recommendation Correct the above logic in the update of strategiesHash when an existing strategy is being removed.

Status The issue has been fixed by this commit: 8b2e536.

#### 3.6 Proper Logic Of RewardDrip::updatePeriodFinish()

• ID: PVE-006

• Severity: Low

• Likelihood: Low

• Target: RewardDrip

 Category: Business Logic [5] CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

• Impact: Low

#### Description

The Spool protocol has flexible supports of multiple reward tokens and the support is mainly implemented in the RewardDrip contract. If we focus on one of its routine, i.e., rewardPerToken(), this routine is responsible for calculating the reward rate for each staked token and it is part of the updateReward modifier that would be invoked up-front for almost every public function in RewardDrip to update and use the latest reward rate.

Our analysis shows that this rewardPerToken() requires the computation of timeDelta = lastTimeRewardApplicable (token) - config.lastUpdateTime (line 55) to compute the latest reward rate where lastTimeRewardApplicable (token) is defined as uint32(Math.min(block.timestamp, rewardConfiguration[token].periodFinish)). It comes to our attention that the periodFinish state may be updated by a privileged account owner. We notice there is a lack of necessary validation of the given timestamp argument to configure the periodFinish. If the given timestamp argument is smaller than rewardConfiguration[token ].lastUpdateTime, every invocation of rewardPerToken() will be unfortunately reverted, which may unfortunately lock up all staked funds!

```
215
         // End rewards emission earlier
216
         function updatePeriodFinish(IERC20 token, uint32 timestamp)
217
             external
218
             onlyOwner
219
             updateReward(token, address(0))
220
221
             rewardConfiguration[token].periodFinish = timestamp;
222
```

Listing 3.10: RewardDrip::updatePeriodFinish()

```
49
        function rewardPerToken(IERC20 token) public view returns (uint224) {
            RewardConfiguration storage config = rewardConfiguration[token];
50
51
            if (totalInstantDeposit == 0)
52
53
                return config.rewardPerTokenStored;
54
55
            uint256 timeDelta = lastTimeRewardApplicable(token) - config.lastUpdateTime;
56
57
            if (timeDelta == 0)
58
                return config.rewardPerTokenStored;
59
60
            return
61
                SafeCast.toUint224(
62
                    config.rewardPerTokenStored +
63
                         ((timeDelta
64
                             * config.rewardRate)
65
                             / totalInstantDeposit)
66
                );
67
```

Listing 3.11: RewardDrip::rewardPerToken()

**Recommendation** Add the necessary validation when there is a need to reconfigure the periodFinish.

**Status** The issue has been confirmed.

# 3.7 Proper Fast Withdrawal Logic in saveUserShares()

• ID: PVE-007

Severity: Medium

• Likelihood: Low

• Impact: High

• Target: FastWithdraw

• Category: Business Logic [5]

CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

#### Description

The Spool protocol has a FastWithdraw contract that allows to withdraw user shares without the need to wait for the DoHardWork functions to be executed. The logic is to transfer the related withdrawal share to the FastWithdraw contract and the user can claim them later. Note that the performance fee is still paid to the vault where the shares where initially taken from.

While analyzing the logic in the FastWithdraw contract, we notice there is a need to save user strategy shares that are being transferred from the vault — as shown in the following routine. However, the logic blindly overwrites the internal state vaultWithdraw.proportionateDeposit, which may cause an issue if the user makes multiple consecutive fast withdraw requests!

```
177
         function _saveUserShares(
178
             address[] calldata vaultStrategies,
179
             uint128[] calldata sharesWithdrawn,
180
             uint256 proportionateDeposit,
181
             IVault vault,
182
             address user
183
         ) private {
184
             VaultWithdraw storage vaultWithdraw = userVaultWithdraw[user][vault];
186
             vaultWithdraw.proportionateDeposit = proportionateDeposit;
188
             for (uint256 i = 0; i < vaultStrategies.length; i++) {</pre>
189
                 vaultWithdraw.userStrategyShares[vaultStrategies[i]] = sharesWithdrawn[i];
190
191
```

Listing 3.12: FastWithdraw::\_saveUserShares()

**Recommendation** Properly revise the above routine to increase the state vaultWithdraw. proportionateDeposit by the given amount proportionateDeposit (line 186).

**Status** This issue has been fixed in the following commit: ff3f376.

# 3.8 Proper Reallocation Logic in processWithdraw()

• ID: PVE-008

• Severity: High

• Likelihood: Medium

• Impact: High

• Target: SpoolDoHardWork

• Category: Business Logic [5]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

#### Description

For gas efficiency, the Spool protocol has a guarded DoHardWork process to interact with external protocols. In particular, this process aggregates many actions together to act in an optimized manner with special considerations for flexible support of external protocols and reduced gas cost. While analyzing the reallocation-related logic, we notice the current implementation needs to be improved.

To elaborate, we show below the related \_processWithdraw() function. As the name indicates, this function is used to withdraw assets from the current set of strategies. After necessary optimization on the concurrent deposits and withdraws, this routine further redistributes the withdrawn assets to other strategies for immediate deposits. However, our analysis shows that it incorrectly provides the arguments for the redistribution. Specifically, it takes four arguments and the last one is withdrawData.reallocationProportions[withdrawData.stratIndexes[stratIndex]], which should be withdrawData.reallocationProportions[stratIndex]!

```
248
         function _processWithdraw(
249
             {\tt ReallocationWithdrawData\ memory\ withdrawData\ ,}
250
             address[] memory allStrategies,
251
             PriceData[] memory spotPrices
252
         ) private {
253
             ReallocationShares memory reallocation = _optimizeReallocation(withdrawData,
                 spotPrices);
255
             // go over withdrawals
             for (uint256 i = 0; i < withdrawData.stratIndexes.length; i++) {</pre>
256
257
                 uint256 stratIndex = withdrawData.stratIndexes[i];
258
                 address stratAddress = allStrategies[stratIndex];
259
                 Strategy storage strategy = strategies[stratAddress];
260
                 require(!strategy.isInDepositPhase, "SWP");
262
                 uint128 withdrawnReallocationRecieved;
263
264
                     uint128 sharesToWithdraw = reallocation.totalSharesWithdrawn[stratIndex]
                          - reallocation.optimizedShares[stratIndex];
266
                     ProcessReallocationData memory processReallocationData =
                         ProcessReallocationData(
267
                          sharesToWithdraw,
268
                         reallocation.optimizedShares[stratIndex],
269
                          reallocation.optimizedWithdraws[stratIndex]
270
                     );
272
                     // withdraw reallocation / returns non-optimized withdrawn amount
273
                     withdrawnReallocationRecieved = _doHardWorkReallocation(stratAddress,
                         withdrawData.slippages[stratIndex], processReallocationData);
274
                 }
276
                 // redistribute withdrawn to other strategies
277
                 _depositRedistributedAmount(
278
                     // withdrawData.stratIndexes[stratIndex],
279
                     reallocation.totalSharesWithdrawn[stratIndex],
280
                     withdrawnReallocationRecieved,
281
                     reallocation.optimizedWithdraws[stratIndex],
282
                     allStrategies,
283
                     withdrawData.reallocationProportions[withdrawData.stratIndexes[
                         stratIndex11
284
                 );
286
                 _updatePending(stratAddress);
288
                 strategy.isInDepositPhase = true;
289
             }
290
```

Listing 3.13: SpoolDoHardWork::\_processWithdraw()

Recommendation 
Correct the above routine for proper reallocation of withdrawn assets to

current strategies.

**Status** This issue has been fixed in the following commit: ff3f376.

# 3.9 Proper Strategy Removal Logic in notifyStrategyRemoved()

ID: PVE-009

• Severity: Medium

Likelihood: Low

Impact: High

• Target: Vault

• Category: Business Logic [5]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

#### Description

The Spool is a middleware that connects users to existing and new yield generators and yield optimizers. Accordingly, the protocol has the flexible support of adding and removing external strategies. While reviewing the current strategy-removal logic, we notice the current implementation is flawed.

To elaborate, we show below the related function, i.e., notifyStrategyRemoved(). When an existing strategy needs to be removed, there is a need to adjust the deposit proportions accordingly. However, the proportions-adjusting logic has a mis-calculation at line 610. The new proportions need to be updated with the iteration for all remaining strategies (j), instead of the one being removed (i). In other words, it does not update the proportions as intended!

```
568
         function notifyStrategyRemoved(
569
             address strat,
570
             address[] memory vaultStrategies,
571
             uint256 i
572
573
             external
             verifyStrategies(vaultStrategies)
574
575
             hasStrategies(vaultStrategies)
576
             redeemVaultStrategiesModifier(vaultStrategies)
577
578
             require(vaultStrategies[i] == strat, "NSTR");
580
             uint256 lastElement = vaultStrategies.length - 1;
581
             address[] memory newStrategies = new address[](lastElement);
583
             if (lastElement > 0) {
584
                 for (uint256 j; j < lastElement; j++) {</pre>
585
                     newStrategies[j] = vaultStrategies[j];
586
588
                 if (i < lastElement) {</pre>
```

```
589
                     newStrategies[i] = vaultStrategies[lastElement];
590
                 }
592
                 uint256 _proportions = proportions;
593
                 uint256 proportionsLeft = FULL_PERCENT - _proportions.get14BitUintByIndex(i)
594
                 if (lastElement > 1 && proportionsLeft > 0) {
595
                     if (i == lastElement) {
596
                         _proportions = _proportions.reset14BitUintByIndex(i);
597
                     } else {
598
                         uint256 lastProportion = _proportions.get14BitUintByIndex(
                             lastElement);
599
                         _proportions = _proportions.reset14BitUintByIndex(i);
600
                         _proportions = _proportions.set14BitUintByIndex(i, lastProportion);
601
                     }
603
                     uint256 newProportions = _proportions;
605
                     uint256 lastNewElement = lastElement - 1;
606
                     uint256 newProportionsLeft = FULL_PERCENT;
607
                     for (uint256 j; j < lastNewElement; j++) {</pre>
608
                         uint256 propJ = _proportions.get14BitUintByIndex(j);
609
                         propJ = (propJ * FULL_PERCENT) / proportionsLeft;
610
                         newProportions = newProportions.set14BitUintByIndex(i, propJ);
611
                         newProportionsLeft -= propJ;
                     }
612
614
                     newProportions = newProportions.set14BitUintByIndex(lastNewElement,
                         newProportionsLeft);
616
                     proportions = newProportions;
617
618
                     proportions = FULL_PERCENT;
619
                 }
620
             } else {
621
                 proportions = 0;
622
624
             _updateStrategiesHash(newStrategies);
625
```

Listing 3.14: CollSurplusPool::setAddresses()

**Recommendation** Properly adjust the proportions when there is a need to remove an existing strategy.

**Status** This issue has been fixed in the following commit: dfdfd3f.

## 3.10 Proper CompoundStrategy Initialization

ID: PVE-010Severity: Low

Likelihood: Medium

• Impact: Low

• Target: CompoundStrategy

• Category: Business Logic [5]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

#### Description

As mentioned earlier, the Spool protocol supports a number of external protocol for integration. While reviewing a specific one CompoundStrategy, we notice the strategy is not properly constructed.

In the following, we use the <code>constructor()</code> of the <code>CompoundStrategy</code> contract. The <code>constructor()</code> routine adds a requirement in validating <code>address(\_underlying)!= \_cToken.underlying()</code> (line 35). The purpose is to ensure that the underlying asset for yields matches the underlying token in the integrated <code>cToken</code>. However, it comes to our attention the validation should be performed as follows: <code>require(address(\_underlying)== \_cToken.underlying()</code>. In other words, it currently performs the contrary requirement!

```
24
       constructor(
25
           IERC20 _comp,
26
           ICErc20 _cToken,
27
           IComptroller _comptroller,
28
           IERC20 _underlying
29
       )
30
           BaseStrategy(_underlying, 1, 0, 0, 0, false)
31
           ClaimFullSingleRewardStrategy(_comp)
32
33
           require(address(_cToken) != address(0), "CompoundStrategy::constructor: Token
                address cannot be 0");
34
           require(address(_comptroller) != address(0), "CompoundStrategy::constructor:
                Comptroller address cannot be 0");
35
            require(address(_underlying) != _cToken.underlying(), "CompoundStrategy::
                constructor: Underlying and cToken underlying do not match");
36
            cToken = _cToken;
37
            comptroller = _comptroller;
38
```

Listing 3.15: CompoundStrategy::setAddresses()

**Recommendation** Properly validate the consistency of the underlying assets for the CompoundStrategy support.

Status This issue has been fixed in the following commit: dfdfd3f.

## 3.11 Forced Investment Risk in Curve3poolStrategy

• ID: PVE-011

• Severity: Undetermined

• Likelihood: N/A

• Impact: N/A

• Target: Curve3poolStrategy, ConvexSharedStrategy

Category: Business Logic [5]CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

#### Description

Spool is a decentralized asset management protocol which shifts crypto investment from normal users to professionals. The investment subsystem is inspired from the yearn.finance framework and thus shares similar architecture with vaults, controller, and strategies.

While examining a specific Curve3poolStrategy implementation, we notice the lpToken share computation may suffer from a potential force investment risk that has been exploited in earlier hacks, e.g., yDAI [9] and BT.Finance [1]. To elaborate, we show blow the related Curve3poolStrategy::\_lpToCoin() routine.

Specifically, this routine is used to compute the value for the given amount of 1pToken. Unfortunately, the computation has an implicit assumption that the current Curve pool is balanced. In other words, when the pool is being manipulated to be highly imbalanced, the computed 1pToken share computation may be manipulated to force the investment to a faulty strategy!

```
106
         function _lpToCoin(uint256 lp) internal view returns (uint128) {
107
             if (lp == 0)
108
                 return 0;
109
110
             uint256 lpToCoin = pool.calc_withdraw_one_coin(ONE_LP_UNIT, nCoin);
111
112
             uint256 result = (lp * lpToCoin) / ONE_LP_UNIT;
113
114
             return SafeCast.toUint128(result);
115
```

Listing 3.16: Curve3poolStrategy::\_lpToCoin()

Fortunately, it comes to our attention that the reallocation task is guarded or can be invoked by whitelisted entities that are assumed to be trustworthy. However, we need to emphasize the risk here: If the configured strategy blindly invests the deposited funds into an imbalanced Curve pool, the strategy will not result in a profitable investment. In fact, earlier incidents (yDAI and BT hacks [9, 1]) have prompted the need of a guarded call to the reallocation operations. From another perspective, we do need to stay alert on the potential frontrunning or MEV that may still be able to exploit the reallocation for profit.

**Recommendation** Ensure the reallocation task can only be called via a trusted entity. And take extra care in ensuring the vault assets will not be blindly deposited into a faulty strategy (that is currently not making any profit).

Status This issue has been fixed in the following commit: a9654cf.



# 4 Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of the Spool protocol, which serves as the DeFi middleware that allows users to participate in a subset of yield generating protocols in a risk diversified, automatically managed, and efficient fashion. The current code base is well structured and neatly organized. Those identified issues are promptly confirmed and addressed.

Moreover, we need to emphasize that Solidity-based 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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