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# 1 Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related source code of the Synthswap 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 could potentially be improved due to the presence of several issues related to either security or performance. This document outlines our audit results.

## 1.1 About Synthswap

Synthswap is one of the first decentralized exchanges (DEX) with an automated market-maker (AMM) in the zkSync Era ecosystem. Compared to its competitors, Synthswap will enable trading with the lowest fees! Rewards from Staking and Yield Farming will be among the most lucrative. All this and more will be possible thanks to highly efficient concentrated liquidity. Uniquely to the zkSync Era ecosystem, Synthswap will offer its users active liquidity management. The basic information of the audited protocol is as follows:

Table 1.1: Basic Information of Synthswap

Item	Description
Name	Synthswap
Туре	Smart Contract
Language	Solidity
Audit Method	Whitebox
Latest Audit Report	May 11, 2023

In the following, we show the Git repository of reviewed files and the commit hash value used in this audit. Note this audit only covers the following contracts: Dividends.sol, SynthToken.sol, XSynthToken.sol.sol as well as contracts under the farm subdirectory.

https://github.com/Zyberswap-Arbitrum/zyberswap-contracts.git (32d37f5)

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

• https://github.com/Zyberswap-Arbitrum/zyberswap-contracts.git (ff02bf02)

#### 1.2 About PeckShield

PeckShield Inc. [9] 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 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.

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

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 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. 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 design and implementation of the Synthswap protocol smart contracts. 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	3
Low	3
Informational	0
Total	6

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 may involve 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 3 medium-severity vulnerabilities and 3 low-severity vulnerabilities.

ID Title Severity Category **Status** PVE-001 Low **Improved** Logic in MultipleRe-Coding Practices Resolved wards::add() **PVE-002** Incomplete Constructor Logic in Syn-Coding Practices Resolved Low thChef PVE-003 Timely Distribution of Pending Reward Low **Business Logic** Resolved In Existing Rewarders PVE-004 Medium Incorrect Calculation of IpPercent in Resolved Business Logic SynthChef **PVE-005** Medium Trust Issue of Admin Keys Security Features Mitigated **PVE-006** Medium Incorrect Pending Dividends Calculation Resolved Business Logic in Dividends

Table 2.1: Key Audit Findings

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 Logic in MultipleRewards::add()

• ID: PVE-001

Severity: Low

• Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: MultipleRewards

• Category: Coding Practices [5]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-1041 [1]

#### Description

The Synthswap protocol has a built-in MultipleRewards contract to support the dissemination of multiple rewards. While examining the logic to add a new reward pool, we notice a possible improvement over the current implementation.

In the following, we show below the pool-adding logic in the add() routine. We notice a new pool may not be added unless the associated lastRewardTimestamp is equal to 0, which implicitly requires the new pool's lastRewardTimestamp, i.e., the given \_startTimestamp, should be non-zero. In other words, we also need to add the following requirement: require(\_startTimestamp != 0).

```
127
        function add(
128
            uint256 _pid,
129
            uint256 _allocPoint,
130
            131
        ) public onlyOperator {
132
            require(poolInfo[_pid].lastRewardTimestamp == 0, "pool already exists");
133
            totalAllocPoint += _allocPoint;
134
135
            poolInfo[_pid] = PoolInfo({
136
                allocPoint: _allocPoint,
                startTimestamp: _startTimestamp,
137
138
                lastRewardTimestamp: _startTimestamp,
139
                accTokenPerShare: 0,
140
                totalRewards: 0
141
            });
142
```

Listing 3.1: MultipleRewards::add()

**Recommendation** Improve the above add() logic to ensure a new pool will not be accidentally added twice.

Status This issue has been resolved in the following commit: ff02bf02.

## 3.2 Incomplete Constructor Logic in SynthChef

• ID: PVE-002

Severity: Low

• Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: SynthChef

• Category: Coding Practices [5]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-1041 [1]

#### Description

The Synthswap protocol features a MasterChef-like incentive mechanism with the SynthChef contract. In the process of analyzing the current incentive mechanism, we notice its constructor routine needs to be improved to properly initialize the marketingPercent parameter.

In the following, we show below the implementation of current constructor function. We notice a given input argument \_marketingPercent is not actually used. In fact, this input argument is intended to initialize the marketingPercent parameter. Namely, the following assignment should be added into the constructor routine: marketingPercent = \_marketingPercent;.

```
162
         constructor(
163
             IBoringERC20 _synth,
164
             uint256 _synthPerSec,
165
             address _marketingAddress,
166
             uint256 _marketingPercent,
167
             address _teamAddress,
168
             uint256 _teamPercent,
             address _feeAddress,
169
170
             IXSynthToken _xsynth
171
        ) {
172
             require(
173
                 _marketingPercent <= 200,
174
                 "constructor: invalid marketing percent value"
175
             );
176
177
             startTimestamp = block.timestamp + (60 * 60 * 24 * 365);
```

```
178
179
             synth = _synth;
180
             synthPerSec = _synthPerSec;
181
             marketingAddress = _marketingAddress;
182
             teamAddress = _teamAddress;
183
             feeAddress = _feeAddress;
184
             teamPercent = _teamPercent;
185
             xSynth = _xsynth;
186
             IERC20(address(_xsynth)).approve(address(_xsynth), type(uint256).max);
187
```

Listing 3.2: SynthChef::constructor()

**Recommendation** Improve the above constructor() to properly initialize the marketingPercent parameter.

**Status** This issue has been resolved in the following commit: ff02bf02.

# 3.3 Timely Distribution of Pending Reward In Existing Rewarders

• ID: PVE-003

• Severity: Low

Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Medium

• Target: SynthChef

Category: Business Logic [6]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

### Description

As mentioned earlier, the Synthswap protocol provides incentive mechanisms that reward the staking of supported assets. The rewards are carried out by designating a number of staking pools into which supported assets can be staked. And staking users are rewarded in proportional to their share of LP tokens in the reward pool.

The reward pools can be dynamically added via add() and the weights of supported pools can be adjusted via set(). When analyzing the allocation percentage update routines setMarketingPercent ()/setTeamPercent(), we notice the need of timely invoking \_massUpdatePools() to update the reward distribution before the new allocation percentage becomes effective.

```
function setMarketingPercent(
uint256 _newmarketingPercent

public onlyOwner {
    require(_newmarketingPercent <= 200, "invalid percent value");
    emit SetmarketingPercent(marketingPercent, _newmarketingPercent);
    marketingPercent = _newmarketingPercent;
</pre>
```

```
814  }
815
816  function setTeamPercent(uint256 _newTeamPercent) public onlyOwner {
817    require(_newTeamPercent <= 200, "invalid percent value");
818    emit SetTeamPercent(teamPercent, _newTeamPercent);
819    teamPercent = _newTeamPercent;
820 }</pre>
```

Listing 3.3: SynthChef::setMarketingPercent()/setTeamPercent()

If the call to massUpdatePools() is not immediately invoked before updating the allocation percentage, certain situations may be crafted to create an unfair reward distribution.

**Recommendation** Timely invoke \_massUpdatePools() when the reward allocation percentages are updated.

Status This issue has been resolved in the following commit: ff02bf02.

# 3.4 Incorrect Calculation of IpPercent in SynthChef

• ID: PVE-004

Severity: MediumLikelihood: Medium

Impact: Medium

• Target: SynthChef

Category: Business Logic [6]CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

#### Description

As mentioned earlier, the SynthChef contract is motivated from the initial MasterChef with certain extensions. One specific extension is the support of different allocations on marketingPercent, lpPercent and teamPercent. In the process of calculating current rewards rate, we notice its logic should be improved.

To elaborate, we show below the poolRewardsPerSec() routine. As the name indicates, this routine is used to compute the current pool rewards per second. Note that there are three components to receive the reward with respective percentages, i.e., marketingPercent, lpPercent and teamPercent. And the total sum should be equal to total = 1000. It comes to our attention that the current calculation of lpPercent = total - marketingPercent (line 417) is incorrect and should be revised as lpPercent = total - marketingPercent - teamPercent. Note the same issue is also applicable to another routine pendingTokens().

```
function poolRewardsPerSec(

393     uint256 _pid

394 )

395     external
```

```
396
397
             validatePoolByPid(_pid)
398
             returns (
399
                 address[] memory addresses,
400
                 string[] memory symbols,
401
                 uint256[] memory decimals,
402
                 uint256[] memory rewardsPerSec
403
404
405
             PoolInfo storage pool = poolInfo[_pid];
406
407
             addresses = new address[](pool.rewarders.length + 1);
408
             symbols = new string[](pool.rewarders.length + 1);
409
             decimals = new uint256[](pool.rewarders.length + 1);
410
             rewardsPerSec = new uint256[](pool.rewarders.length + 1);
411
412
             addresses[0] = address(synth);
413
             symbols[0] = IBoringERC20(synth).safeSymbol();
414
             decimals[0] = IBoringERC20(synth).safeDecimals();
415
416
             uint256 total = 1000;
417
             uint256 lpPercent = total - marketingPercent;
418
419
             rewardsPerSec[0] =
420
                 (pool.allocPoint * synthPerSec * lpPercent) /
421
                 totalAllocPoint /
422
                 total;
423
424
             for (
425
                 uint256 rewarderId = 0;
426
                 rewarderId < pool.rewarders.length;</pre>
427
                 ++rewarderId
428
429
                 addresses[rewarderId + 1] = address(
430
                     pool.rewarders[rewarderId].rewardToken()
431
                 );
432
433
                 symbols[rewarderId + 1] = IBoringERC20(
434
                     pool.rewarders[rewarderId].rewardToken()
435
                 ).safeSymbol();
436
437
                 decimals[rewarderId + 1] = IBoringERC20(
438
                     pool.rewarders[rewarderId].rewardToken()
439
                 ).safeDecimals();
440
441
                 rewardsPerSec[rewarderId + 1] = pool
442
                     .rewarders[rewarderId]
443
                     .poolRewardsPerSec(_pid);
444
             }
445
```

Listing 3.4: SynthChef::poolRewardsPerSec()

**Recommendation** Revise the above two routines to properly compute the pending rewards.

**Status** This issue has been resolved in the following commit: ff02bf02.

## 3.5 Trust Issue of Admin Keys

• ID: PVE-005

• Severity: Medium

• Likelihood: Medium

• Impact: Medium

• Target: Multiple Contracts

• Category: Security Features [4]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [2]

#### Description

In the Synthswap protocol, there is a privileged owner account (with the privilege to assign other roles such as operator) that plays a critical role in governing and regulating the system-wide operations (e.g., parameter setting and reward adjustment). It also has the privilege to control or govern the flow of assets managed by this protocol. Our analysis shows that the privileged account needs to be scrutinized. In the following, we examine the privileged account and their related privileged accesses in current contracts.

```
316
        function emergencyWithdraw(IERC20 token) public nonReentrant onlyOwner {
317
             uint256 balance = token.balanceOf(address(this));
318
             require(balance > 0, "emergencyWithdraw: token balance is null");
319
             _safeTokenTransfer(token, msg.sender, balance);
320
        }
321
322
323
         * @dev Emergency withdraw all dividend tokens' balances on the contract
324
325
        function emergencyWithdrawAll() external nonReentrant onlyOwner {
326
             for (uint256 index = 0; index < _distributedTokens.length(); ++index) {</pre>
327
                 emergencyWithdraw(IERC20(_distributedTokens.at(index)));
328
             }
329
```

Listing 3.5: Example Privileged Operations in Dividends

If the privileged owner account is a plain EOA account, this may be worrisome and pose counterparty risk to the exchange users. 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. In the meantime, a timelock-based mechanism can also be considered as mitigation. Moreover, it should be noted if current contracts are to be deployed behind a proxy, there is a need to properly manage the proxy-admin privileges as they fall in this trust issue as well.

**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 The team has confirmed that the admin keys will be run behind by a timelock.

## 3.6 Incorrect Pending Dividends Calculation in Dividends

• ID: PVE-006

Severity: MediumLikelihood: MediumImpact: Medium

• Target: Dividends

Category: Business Logic [6]CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

#### Description

The Dividends contract has a helper routine pendingDividendsAmount() to calculate the pending dividends amount. Our analysis shows the current logic needs to be improved.

To elaborate, we show below its implementation. It has a rather straightforward logic in calculating the pending dividends amount for the given userAddress. However, the final return statement should properly deduct the current reward debt and add back the previously recorded pendingDividends for the given user. In other words, the final return statement should be revised as (usersAllocation[userAddress] \* accDividendsPerShare)/ 1e18 - users[token][userAddress].rewardDebt + users[token][userAddress].pendingDividends;.

```
187
        function pendingDividendsAmount(
188
             address token,
189
             address userAddress
190
        ) external view returns (uint256) {
191
            if (totalAllocation == 0) {
192
                return 0;
193
194
195
             DividendsInfo storage dividendsInfo_ = dividendsInfo[token];
196
197
             uint256 accDividendsPerShare = dividendsInfo_.accDividendsPerShare;
198
             uint256 lastUpdateTime = dividendsInfo_.lastUpdateTime;
199
             uint256 dividendAmountPerSecond_ = _dividendsAmountPerSecond(token);
200
201
             // check if the current cycle has changed since last update
202
             if (_currentBlockTimestamp() > nextCycleStartTime()) {
203
                // get remaining rewards from last cycle
204
                 accDividendsPerShare +=
```

```
205
                     (nextCycleStartTime() - lastUpdateTime) *
206
                     ((dividendAmountPerSecond_ * 1e16) / totalAllocation);
207
208
                 lastUpdateTime = nextCycleStartTime();
209
                 dividendAmountPerSecond_ =
210
                     ((dividendsInfo_.pendingAmount *
211
                         dividendsInfo_.cycleDividendsPercent) / 100) /
212
                     _cycleDurationSeconds;
             }
213
214
215
             // get pending rewards from current cycle
216
             accDividendsPerShare +=
217
                 (((_currentBlockTimestamp() - lastUpdateTime) *
218
                     dividendAmountPerSecond_) * 1e16) /
219
                 totalAllocation;
220
221
             return
222
                 ((usersAllocation[userAddress] * accDividendsPerShare) / 1e18) -
223
                 (users[token][userAddress].rewardDebt +
224
                     users[token][userAddress].pendingDividends);
225
```

Listing 3.6: Dividends::pendingDividendsAmount()

**Recommendation** Revise the above routine to properly compute the pending dividends amount.

Status This issue has been resolved in the following commit: ff02bf02.

# 4 Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of the Synthswap protocol, which is one of the first decentralized exchanges (DEX) with an automated market-maker (AMM) in the zkSync Era ecosystem. Compared to its competitors, Synthswap will enable trading with the lowest fees! Rewards from Staking and Yield Farming will be among the most lucrative. All this and more will be possible thanks to highly efficient concentrated liquidity. Uniquely to the zkSync Era ecosystem, Synthswap will offer its users active liquidity management. The current code base is well structured and neatly organized. Those identified issues are promptly confirmed and addressed.

Meanwhile, 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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