

## Security Assessment

# **Pyth-client**

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The security assessment was prepared by CertiK, the leader in Web3.0 security.

#### **Executive Summary**

TYPES ECOSYSTEM METHODS

Oracle Wormhole Manual Review, Static Analysis

LANGUAGE TIMELINE KEY COMPONENTS

C++ Delivered on 11/30/2022 N/A

CODEBASE COMMITS

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#### **Vulnerability Summary**

11 Total Findings	4 0 Resolved Mitigated	O Partially Resolved	7 Acknowledged	O Declined	<b>O</b> Unresolved
■ 0 Critical			Critical risks are those a platform and must be should not invest in any risks.	addressed before	launch. Users
2 Major	2 Acknowledged		Major risks can include errors. Under specific c can lead to loss of fund	circumstances, the	se major risks
1 Medium	1 Resolved		Medium risks may not but they can affect the		
5 Minor	2 Resolved, 3 Acknowledged		Minor risks can be any scale. They generally of integrity of the project, other solutions.	lo not compromise	the overall
■ 3 Informational	1 Resolved, 2 Acknowledged		Informational errors are improve the style of the within industry best pratthe overall functioning	e code or certain op actices. They usual	perations to fall



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### CODEBASE PYTH-CLIENT

#### Repository

https://github.com/pyth-network/pyth-client

#### **Commit**

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### AUDIT SCOPE PYTH-CLIENT

14 files audited • 3 files with Acknowledged findings • 2 files with Resolved findings • 9 files without findings

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
• ORA	program/src/oracle/oracle.c	02a4fb9061bcd927dbe4b67510b3faf4925ed82faad0beb0e499 5127835ea765
• ORC	program/src/oracle/oracle.h	f4ae50bb82279c415a0d3e8e922c1723336f0c1693d426614e50 5adb223747c3
• PDO	program/src/oracle/pd.h	062d7ec298a0a16f2610db15acfa333060662d7a7c11bb59edae 3753e76e20a3
• PRC	program/src/oracle/model/price_model.h	c803f1d625623b34982f5b6457fdbdf450350f9962cc879fef2edb 9bbdb644e3
• PRN	program/src/oracle/util/prng.h	9cc93381ec43bd87a3edd5ca636abf2b1ef80e377558a003532e a7013212eecc
• PRI	program/src/oracle/model/price_model.c	f6d7444a1c1a67ffe6f83b1a63cd99fc27c07d5e206dbd7c8be4b 92c015aba76
• SOR	program/src/oracle/sort/sort_stable_base_gen.c	97df993dc7a374200bbb077ba730cfb88e0632cd41d2c79ed4f7 5a02df819cef
ALI	program/src/oracle/util/align.h	a9cf8c3e189762ce5ef5835c17be7ddb2dc811ee2f9644cad04c 0e12e45f0bbd
<ul><li>AVG</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/util/avg.h	b93e0d4bf199109e8076ff81d2dec8ca6d7345908b7f5f79854b4 cb56d2afec5
СОМ	program/src/oracle/util/compat_stdin t.h	1b5134a2e9a960d054b3268f2a246747bb55286fdc16dd4bee5 1ec6386c7a456
• HAS	program/src/oracle/util/hash.h	be81d745243fe7b31b23b8b5dd7256e849a96beb5c4c1092e5c 48a06d308fac4
<ul><li>SAR</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/util/sar.h	9eb74064fd87ecdcfb9388aa71283af407677381d548eaedddc1f 498a771b7c3
• UTI	program/src/oracle/util/util.h	55a8e4a0a4bb8a69928521f8775f37da51f1e729184e55d5fc12 bdd3bb645e8a
• UPD	program/src/oracle/upd_aggregate.h	f95703d18269b376edf16e66e15afcf8d975cdbeb2d614ce1fb82 e73a17da5af



### **APPROACH & METHODS** PYTH-CLIENT

This report has been prepared for Pyth Network to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the Pyth-client project as well as any contract dependencies that were not part of an officially recognized library. A comprehensive examination has been performed, utilizing Manual Review and Static Analysis techniques.

The auditing process pays special attention to the following considerations:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors.
- Assessing the codebase to ensure compliance with current best practices and industry standards.
- Ensuring contract logic meets the specifications and intentions of the client.
- Cross referencing contract structure and implementation against similar smart contracts produced by industry leaders.
- Thorough line-by-line manual review of the entire codebase by industry experts.

The security assessment resulted in findings that ranged from critical to informational. We recommend addressing these findings to ensure a high level of security standards and industry practices. We suggest recommendations that could better serve the project from the security perspective:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors;
- Enhance general coding practices for better structures of source codes;
- Add enough unit tests to cover the possible use cases;
- Provide more comments per each function for readability, especially contracts that are verified in public;
- Provide more transparency on privileged activities once the protocol is live.



### REVIEW NOTES PYTH-CLIENT

- The audit used this commit.
- A preliminary report was provided on Aug 2nd, 2022.
- The fixes in the final report were audited in this <u>commit</u>, but no re-audit of the additional changes made was performed.



### FINDINGS PYTH-CLIENT



11
Total Findings

O Critical 2 Major 1 Medium

5

Minor

3 Informational

This report has been prepared to discover issues and vulnerabilities for Pyth-client. Through this audit, we have uncovered 11 issues ranging from different severity levels. Utilizing the techniques of Manual Review & Static Analysis to complement rigorous manual code reviews, we discovered the following findings:

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
ORA-01	Upgradable Program Centralization Risk	Centralization <i>l</i> Privilege	Major	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>
<u>ORA-02</u>	Centralization Related Risks	Centralization <i>l</i> Privilege	Major	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>
<u>ORA-03</u>	Lack Of Rent Validation	Language Specific	Medium	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>
<u>ORA-04</u>	Weak Argument Check In set_min_pub()	Volatile Code	Minor	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>
<u>ORA-05</u>	num_ Validation In The Wrong Place	Volatile Code	Minor	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>
<u>ORA-06</u>	Incorrect Checks On data_len	Volatile Code	Minor	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>
<u>ORA-07</u>	Missing Input Validation	Inconsistency	Minor	<ul> <li>Acknowledged</li> </ul>
PDO-01	Lack Of Zero Validation For n2->v_	Inconsistency	Minor	<ul> <li>Acknowledged</li> </ul>
<u>ORA-08</u>	Redundant Backslash	Coding Style	Informational	<ul> <li>Acknowledged</li> </ul>
ORC-01	Typos	Inconsistency	Informational	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>



ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
ORC-02	Missing Error Messages	Coding Style	Informational	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>



### **ORA-01** UPGRADABLE PROGRAM CENTRALIZATION RISK

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	<ul><li>Major</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/oracle.c (base): <u>1</u>	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>

#### Description

A Solana program can be deployed on the mainnet as:

- final: the code cannot be updated.
- upgradable: BPFLoaderUpgradeable needs to be set as the program owner and an upgrade authority, which is a user account, is given.

In case the Pyth program is deployed as upgradable, the upgrade authority has the privilege to update the implementation of the program at his/her will.

Any compromise to the upgrade authority account may allow a hacker to take advantage of this authority and control the implementation of the program and therefore execute potential malicious functionalities in the program.

#### Recommendation

Our recommendation depends on the team's intentions that we invite to clarify.

If the Pyth program is going to be deployed as final, no further actions are needed to address the finding.

Otherwise, we recommend that the team make efforts to restrict access to the private key of the upgrade authority account. A strategy of combining a time-lock and a multi-signature (2/3, 3/5) wallet can be used to prevent a single point of failure due to a private key compromise. In addition, the team should be transparent and notify the community in advance whenever they plan to migrate to a new implementation contract.

Here are some feasible short-term and long-term suggestions that would mitigate the potential risk to a different level and suggestions that would permanently fully resolve the risk.

#### **Short Term:**

Timelock and Multi sign (¾, ¾s) combination *mitigate* by delaying the sensitive operation and avoiding a single point of key management failure.

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness of privileged operations;
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to the private key being compromised;

AND



A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock and multi-signers addresses information with the public audience.

#### **Long Term:**

Timelock and DAO, the combination, *mitigate* by applying decentralization and transparency.

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
   AND
- Introduction of a DAO/governance/voting module to increase transparency and user involvement.
   AND
- A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock and multi-signers addresses, and DAO information with the public audience.

#### **Permanent:**

Deploying the program as final can fully resolve the risk.

Note: we recommend the project team consider the long-term solution or the permanent solution. The project team shall make a decision based on the current state of their project, timeline, and project resources.

For remediation and mitigated status, please provide the following information:

- Provide the account address with ALL the multi-signer addresses for the verification process.
- Provide a link to the medium/blog with all of the above information included

#### Alleviation

[Certik]: The team acknowledged the finding and start to use a multi-sig approach.



### ORA-02 CENTRALIZATION RELATED RISKS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	<ul><li>Major</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/oracle.c (base): <u>39, 68~69, 109~110, 1</u> <u>57, 209~210, 256, 301, 332, 380, 421, 446</u>	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>

#### Description

The owner of the private key from the mapping account has the ability to add the next account in the chain, as well as adding accounts of products, prices, and as a consequence, add and delete publishers. This allows the owner of the private key to fully control the data provided by oracle for its customers, which creates a risk of centralization in case of compromise.

#### Recommendation

We recommend that the team make efforts to restrict access to the private key of the mapping account. A strategy of combining a time-lock and a multi-signature (2/3, 3/5) wallet can be used to prevent a single point of failure due to a private key compromise. In addition, the team should be transparent and notify the community in advance whenever they plan to migrate to a new implementation contract.

Here are some feasible short-term and long-term suggestions that would mitigate the potential risk to a different level and suggestions that would permanently fully resolve the risk.

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 AND



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Note: we recommend the project team consider the long-term solution. The project team shall make a decision based on the current state of their project, timeline, and project resources.

For remediation and mitigated status, please provide the following information:

- Provide the account address with ALL the multi-signer addresses for the verification process.
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We suggest improving and securing the admin logic in a decentralized way.

Additionally, we invite the team to document it with both text and unit tests, and scenario integration testing to explicitly describe why the design decision was taken.

#### Alleviation

[certik]: The team acknowledged the finding and will start to use a multi-sig approach in the future.



### ORA-03 LACK OF RENT VALIDATION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Language Specific	<ul><li>Medium</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/oracle.c (base): <u>14</u> , <u>24</u>	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>

#### Description

In connection with the <u>rent</u> for storing data in the network, the new created accounts must have a certain number of lamports on their balance, depending on the amount of data.

#### Recommendation

We recommend adding a validation for the minimum number of lamports on new accounts sufficient for rent-exemption.

#### Alleviation

Resolved in the latest main branch.



### ORA-04 WEAK ARGUMENT CHECK IN set\_min\_pub()

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	<ul><li>Minor</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/oracle.c (base): <u>292~293</u> , <u>322</u> , <u>370</u> , <u>482</u>	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>

#### Description

The only input validation is a check that sees if the size of the input variables satisfies <code>prm->data\_len</code>. This check is not rigorous enough and as long as the data size matches, any piece of data can be inputted in the <code>set\_min\_pub()</code> function.

#### Recommendation

We recommend implementing more thorough checks such as having input validation for the ver\_, cmd\_ and min\_pub\_ in the cmd\_set\_min\_pub\_t check. And for the cmd\_upd\_price\_t check, have input validation for the ver\_, cmd\_, status\_, unused\_, price\_, conf\_ and pub\_slot\_.

#### Alleviation

Remediated in the latest main branch.



### ORA-05 num\_ VALIDATION IN THE WRONG PLACE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	<ul><li>Minor</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/oracle.c (base): 352~354	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>

#### Description

The check sptr->num\_ >= PC\_COMP\_SIZE is after using num\_ in loop which can cause comp\_[i] overflow. Since the incrementation of num\_ occurs after checking we have assigned minor severity to this finding.

#### Recommendation

We recommend to check sptr->num\_ >= PC\_COMP\_SIZE above in the account validation code section like this:

#### Alleviation

[Certik]: The team acknowledged the finding and decided to remain unchanged.



### ORA-06 INCORRECT CHECKS ON data\_len

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	<ul><li>Minor</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/oracle.c (base): 21~22, 30	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>

#### Description

In the oracle.h file, there are multiple assertions on struct sizes, for example:

```
static_assert( sizeof( pc_map_table_t ) == 20536, "" );
```

As a result ka->data\_len >= dlen in the functions valid\_signable\_account and valid\_writable\_account should instead be a strict check on size:

```
ka->data_len == dlen;
```

#### Recommendation

We recommend changing

```
ka->data_len >= dlen
```

to

```
ka->data_len == dlen
```

#### Alleviation

Remediated in the latest main branch.



### ORA-07 MISSING INPUT VALIDATION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Inconsistency	<ul><li>Minor</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/oracle.c (base): <u>551~552</u>	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>

#### Description

In the [dispatch()] function, there is a check to see if the  $[data\_len]$  is less than  $[sizeof(cmd\_hdr\_t)]$ , however there isn't a check to see if  $[data\_len]$  is larger.

#### Recommendation

We recommend adding this to the input validation:

```
551 if (prm->data_len != sizeof(cmd_hdr_t) ) {
552    return ERROR_INVALID_ARGUMENT;
553 }
```

#### Alleviation

[CertiK]: The team acknowledged the finding and decided to remain unchanged.



### PDO-01 LACK OF ZERO VALIDATION FOR n2->v\_

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Inconsistency	<ul><li>Minor</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/pd.h (base): <u>88~89</u>	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>

#### Description

In the function  $pd_div$  there is not a check for  $n2->v_-==0$ .

#### Recommendation

We recommending adding a check that will throw for  $n2-v_-=0$  to avoid errors when dividing by v2.

#### Alleviation

[Certik]: The team acknowledged the finding and decided to remain unchanged.



### ORA-08 REDUNDANT BACKSLASH

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	<ul><li>Informational</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/oracle.c (base): <u>148~149</u>	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>

#### Description

The final continuation backslash is redundant as it is on the last line of the statement:

```
142 #define PC_ADD_STR \
143    tag = (pc_str_t*)src;\
144    tag_len = 1 + tag->len_;\
145    if ( &src[tag_len] > end ) return ERROR_INVALID_ARGUMENT;\
146    sol_memcpy( tgt, tag, tag_len );\
147    tgt += tag_len;\
148    src += tag_len;\
```

#### Recommendation

We recommend removing the continuation backslash at the end of line 148:

```
142 #define PC_ADD_STR \
143    tag = (pc_str_t*)src;\
144    tag_len = 1 + tag->len_;\
145    if ( &src[tag_len] > end ) return ERROR_INVALID_ARGUMENT;\
146    sol_memcpy( tgt, tag, tag_len );\
147    tgt += tag_len;\
148    src += tag_len;
```

#### Alleviation

[CertiK]: The team acknowledged the finding and decided to remain unchanged.



### ORC-01 TYPOS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Inconsistency	<ul><li>Informational</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/model/price_model.h (base): <u>48</u> , <u>50</u> , <u>71</u> , <u>76</u> ; program/src/oracle/oracle.c (base): <u>170</u> ; program/src/oracle/sor t/tmpl/sort_stable.c (base): <u>164~165</u> ; program/src/oracle/util/prn g.h (base): <u>18</u> , <u>68</u> , <u>310</u>	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>

#### Description

There are multiple typos in the code base, the corrections are as follows:

```
    In the file: sort_stable.c: "interaction" should be "iteration".
    In the file: price_model.h: "srcatch" should be "scratch". "reducd" should be "reduce". [0,cnt) should be [0,cnt].
    In the file: avg.h, "implict" should be "implicit".
    In the file: prng.h, "faciliate" should be "facilitate". "alingment" should be "alignment". "occassionally" should be "occasionally".
```

#### 5. In the file: oracle.c , "ssign" should be "sign".

#### Recommendation

We recommend fixing the typos.

#### Alleviation

Resolved in the latest main branch.



### ORC-02 MISSING ERROR MESSAGES

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	<ul><li>Informational</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/oracle.h (base): <u>62~63</u> , <u>73</u> , <u>88</u> , <u>97</u> , <u>111</u> , <u>12</u> <u>3</u> , <u>133</u> , <u>143</u> , <u>175</u> , <u>264</u> , <u>272</u> , <u>281</u> , <u>291</u> , <u>301</u> , <u>310</u> , <u>319</u> , <u>328</u> , <u>341</u> , <u>354</u> , <u>366</u>	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>

#### Description

The **assert** can be used to check for conditions and throw an exception if the condition is not met. It is better to provide a string message containing details about the error that will be passed back to the caller.

#### Recommendation

We recommend adding error messages that will be passed back to the caller, for example, instead of having this:

```
static_assert( sizeof( pc_pub_key_t ) == 32, "" );
```

Have something like this instead:

```
static_assert( sizeof( pc_pub_key_t ) == 32, "Incorrect Size For pc_pub_key_t" );
```

#### Alleviation

[Certik]: The team acknowledged the finding and fix it in future versions.



### OPTIMIZATIONS PYTH-CLIENT

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
<u>ORA-09</u>	Using hdr->ver_ Instead Of PC_VERSION	Coding Style	Optimization	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>
<u>ORA-10</u>	i Variable Already Initialized To 0 Before The For Loop	Coding Style	Optimization	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>
<u>ORA-11</u>	Test Functions In The Main Code	Optimization	Optimization	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>
ORC-03	size_ Is Not Used In The Program Logic	Optimization	Optimization	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>



### ORA-09 USING hdr->ver\_ INSTEAD OF PC\_VERSION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	<ul><li>Optimization</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/oracle.c (base): <u>51~52</u> , <u>54</u> , <u>75</u> , <u>79</u> , <u>90</u> , <u>117</u> , <u>121</u> , <u>131</u> , <u>162</u> , <u>165</u> , <u>418</u> , <u>434</u>	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>

#### Description

The version of <code>hdr->ver\_</code> is checked in the <code>dispatch()</code> function and cannot have a value other than <code>PC\_VERSION</code>. In this case, it makes sense to use <code>PC\_VERSION</code> in further logic.

#### Recommendation

We recommend replacing <code>hdr->ver\_</code> with the use of <code>PC\_VERSION</code> .

#### Alleviation

Remediated in the latest main branch.



# ORA-10 i VARIABLE ALREADY INITIALIZED TO 0 BEFORE THE FOR LOOP

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	<ul><li>Optimization</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/oracle.c (base): 508~509, 510	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>

#### Description

In the checks to verify that the publisher is valid, variable  $\ \mathbf{i}\$  is initialized as 0:

However at the start of the for loop, i is set to 0 again which isn't necessary:

```
510 for( i=0; i != pptr->num_; ++i ) {
```

#### Recommendation

We recommend the team to refactor the for loop on line 510 to:

```
510 for(; i != pptr->num_; ++i) {
```

#### Alleviation

Remediated in the latest main branch.



### ORA-11 TEST FUNCTIONS IN THE MAIN CODE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Optimization	<ul><li>Optimization</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/oracle.c (base): 413~476	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>

#### Description

The <code>init\_test()</code> and <code>upd\_test()</code> functions are used for testing and are in the main application code.

#### Recommendation

We recommend removing the test functions from the main application code and use a separate test code for testing in the test environment.

#### Alleviation

Resolved in the latest main branch.



### ORC-03 size IS NOT USED IN THE PROGRAM LOGIC

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Optimization	<ul><li>Optimization</li></ul>	program/src/oracle/oracle.h (base): <u>81</u>	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>

#### Description

The size in the pc\_map\_table structure is calculated but not used in the program logic.

#### Recommendation

We recommend to remove size from the pc\_map\_table structure and not to calculate it.

#### Alleviation

[Certik]: The team acknowledged the finding and decided to remain unchanged due to size\_ might be used in later versions.



### APPENDIX PYTH-CLIENT

#### **I** Finding Categories

Categories	Description
Centralization / Privilege	Centralization / Privilege findings refer to either feature logic or implementation of components that act against the nature of decentralization, such as explicit ownership or specialized access roles in combination with a mechanism to relocate funds.
Volatile Code	Volatile Code findings refer to segments of code that behave unexpectedly on certain edge cases that may result in a vulnerability.
Language Specific	Language Specific findings are issues that would only arise within Solidity, i.e. incorrect usage of private or delete.
Coding Style	Coding Style findings usually do not affect the generated byte-code but rather comment on how to make the codebase more legible and, as a result, easily maintainable.
Inconsistency	Inconsistency findings refer to functions that should seemingly behave similarly yet contain different code, such as a constructor assignment imposing different require statements on the input variables than a setter function.

#### I Checksum Calculation Method

The "Checksum" field in the "Audit Scope" section is calculated as the SHA-256 (Secure Hash Algorithm 2 with digest size of 256 bits) digest of the content of each file hosted in the listed source repository under the specified commit.

The result is hexadecimal encoded and is the same as the output of the Linux "sha256sum" command against the target file.



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