

Security Assessment

Mind Network - Audit

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Executive Summary

TYPES ECOSYSTEM METHODS

DeFi EVM Compatible Formal Verification, Manual Review, Static Analysis

LANGUAGE TIMELINE KEY COMPONENTS

Solidity Delivered on 07/11/2024 N/A

CODEBASE

https://github.com/mind-network/mind-restaking-contracts/

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COMMITS

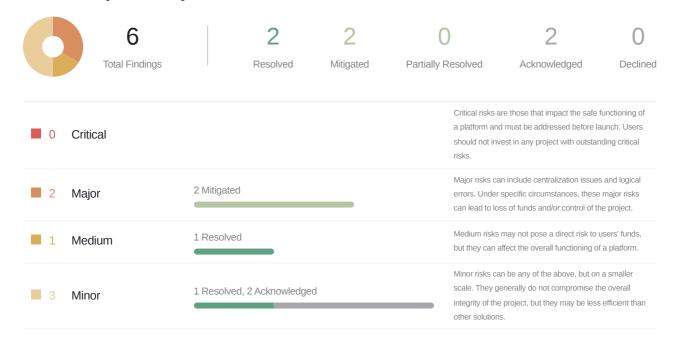
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Highlighted Centralization Risks

- Contract upgradeability
 Privileged role can remove users' tokens
- ① Withdraws can be disabled ① Privileged role can mint tokens

Vulnerability Summary





0 Informational

Informational errors are often recommendations to improve the style of the code or certain operations to fall within industry best practices. They usually do not affect the overall functioning of the code.



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CODEBASE MIND NETWORK - AUDIT

Repository

https://github.com/mind-network/mind-restaking-contracts/

Commit

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AUDIT SCOPE | MIND NETWORK - AUDIT

3 files audited • 1 file with Acknowledged findings • 2 files with Mitigated findings

ID	Repo	File	SHA256 Checksum
• STR	mind- network/mind- restaking- contracts	contracts/strategies/Strategy.sol	63ba4abff5ba46940931797351312faf0d456a 5ec0c2515f974c1f50661dcb77
• FSB	mind- network/mind- restaking- contracts	contracts/strategies/FixedStrategy.s ol	43c9d8b964d8cf098d9c2206b224bde0bab29 235279be8869b31be0ae6ed8bd6
MTB	mind- network/mind- restaking- contracts	contracts/strategies/MToken.sol	3f656c8e8a30f82efb8356fd69957125fd8a3ff7 1003c2123752e62aad6b72d1



APPROACH & METHODS MIND NETWORK - AUDIT

This report has been prepared for Mind Network to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the Mind Network - Audit project as well as any contract dependencies that were not part of an officially recognized library. A comprehensive examination has been performed, utilizing Formal Verification, 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 MIND NETWORK - AUDIT

Overview

The **Mind Network** project manages a suite of smart contracts intended for an upgradeable and pausable investment strategy for tokenized staking on its platform. It allows users to deposit and redeem tokens, with optional lock-up periods, and handles asset-to-share conversions. Features include maximum deposit and redeem limits, total asset caps, and emergency withdrawal of non-strategy tokens by the owner.

External Dependencies

In **Mind Network**, the module inherits or uses a few of the depending injection contracts or addresses to fulfill the need of its business logic. The scope of the audit treats third party entities as black boxes and assume their functional correctness. However, in the real world, third parties can be compromised and this may lead to lost or stolen assets.

Addresses

The following addresses interact at some point with specified contracts, making them an external dependency. All of following values are initialized either at deploy time or by specific functions in smart contracts.

Strategy:

assetToken , shareToken , token .

We assume these contracts or addresses are valid and non-vulnerable actors and implementing proper logic to collaborate with the current project.

Also, the following libraries/contracts are considered as third-party dependencies:

- @openzeppelin/contracts/
- @openzeppelin/contracts-upgradeable/

Privileged Functions

In the **Mind Network** project, the privileged roles are adopted to ensure the dynamic runtime updates of the project, which are specified in the following finding: Centralization Risks.

The advantage of those privileged roles in the codebase is that the client reserves the ability to adjust the protocol according to the runtime required to best serve the community. It is also worth noting the potential drawbacks of these functions, which should be clearly stated through the client's action/plan. Additionally, if the private keys of the privileged accounts are compromised, it could lead to devastating consequences for the project.

To improve the trustworthiness of the project, dynamic runtime updates in the project should be notified to the community. Any plan to invoke the aforementioned functions should be also considered to move to the execution queue of the Timelock contract.



FINDINGS MIND NETWORK - AUDIT



This report has been prepared to discover issues and vulnerabilities for Mind Network - Audit. Through this audit, we have uncovered 6 issues ranging from different severity levels. Utilizing the techniques of Formal Verification, Manual Review & Static Analysis to complement rigorous manual code reviews, we discovered the following findings:

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
STR-01	Centralized Control Of Contract Upgrade	Centralization	Major	Mitigated
STR-02	Centralization Risks	Centralization	Major	Mitigated
STR-03	Unprotected Upgradeable Contract	Logical Issue	Medium	Resolved
STR-04	Potential Zero Share	Incorrect Calculation	Minor	 Acknowledged
STR-05	Missing Emit Events	Volatile Code	Minor	Resolved
STR-06	Incompatibility With Deflationary Tokens	Volatile Code	Minor	Acknowledged



STR-01 CENTRALIZED CONTROL OF CONTRACT UPGRADE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization	Major	contracts/strategies/MToken.sol: 10; contracts/strategies/Strateg y.sol: 18	Mitigated

Description

MToken and Strategy serve as implementation contracts within the upgradeable framework. The admin role of the proxy contract in this framework possesses the authority to upgrade the implementation contracts that the proxy contracts point to.

Any compromise to the admin account may allow a hacker to take advantage of this authority and change the implementation contract which is pointed by proxy and therefore execute potential malicious functionality in the implementation contract.

Recommendation

We recommend that the team make efforts to restrict access to the admin of the proxy contract. 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:

A combination of a time-lock and a multi signature (2/3, 3/5) wallet mitigate the risk by delaying the sensitive operation and avoiding a single point of key management failure.

- A time-lock with reasonable latency, such as 48 hours, for awareness of privileged operations;
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to a private key compromised;

AND

· A medium/blog link for sharing the time-lock contract and multi-signers addresses information with the community.

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

· Provide the deployed time-lock address.



- Provide the gnosis 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.

Long Term:

A combination of a time-lock on the contract upgrade operation and a DAO for controlling the upgrade operation mitigate the contract upgrade risk by applying transparency and decentralization.

- A time-lock with reasonable latency, such as 48 hours, for community awareness of privileged operations;
- Introduction of a DAO, governance, or voting module to increase decentralization, transparency, and user involvement;

AND

 A medium/blog link for sharing the time-lock contract, multi-signers addresses, and DAO information with the community.

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

- · Provide the deployed time-lock address.
- Provide the gnosis 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.

Permanent:

Renouncing ownership of the admin account or removing the upgrade functionality can fully resolve the risk.

- Renounce the ownership and never claim back the privileged role;
 OR
- Remove the risky functionality.

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.

Alleviation

[Mind Network Team, July 10, 2024]: The team acknowledged the issue and adopted the multisign solution to ensure the private key management process at the current stage. The <u>proxy admin</u> contract has transferred the ownership to a <u>Timelock</u> contract with a minimal 2 day delay.

Grant Role transaction hash for the Timelock contract:



0xb75bf7dceac4e219a78cb3430f33f57765616835a4aca2795e29a8738363410d

The proposer and cancellor roles within the Timelock are given to a <u>multisig</u> with 2/3 signers in the sensitive function signing process.

- Grant Role transaction hash for Gnosis Safe:
 0xade3791342528146cf3acc279ff3db4285de471feec05cd36d209d060349a111
- The 3 multisign addresses:
 - 1. EOA: 0xDB9aCdA5F77bABAE50359747870E4eB64Ba41D63
 - 2. EOA:0xAc4d874555CE7230108A44729565661CdA247374
 - 3. EOA: 0xa16e241b2CAa598b62DBd9cF59d7135ffe3c49e0

The Timelock contract itself is currently the only address with the DEFAULT_ADMIN role for the Timelock.

Documentation on the centralized roles are provided here: https://docs.mindnetwork.xyz/minddocs/security-and-privacy/multi-sig-and-timelock.

[CertiK, July 11, 2024]: While this strategy has indeed reduced the risk, it's crucial to note that it has not completely eliminated it. CertiK strongly encourages the project team periodically revisit the private key security management of all above-listed addresses.



STR-02 CENTRALIZATION RISKS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization	Major	contracts/strategies/FixedStrategy.sol: 18; contracts/strategies/ MToken.sol: 33; contracts/strategies/Strategy.sol: 55, 62, 66, 73	Mitigated

Description

In Strategy contract, the owner role has authority over the following functions:

- setup : Configures the lock period, deposit and redeem limits, and the total assets cap.
- pause: Halts all pausable contract activities. It should be noted that the owner role has the ability to pause withdrawal and redemption operations, which means users will not be able to retrieve their deposited assets as expected.
- unpause: Resumes all previously halted contract activities.
- withdrawAirdropToken : Retrieves non-critical ERC20 tokens sent to the contract.

The Strategy contract extends from OwnableUpgradeable contract, the Owner role has authority over the following functions:

- renounceOwnership: Leaves the contract without owner.
- transfer0wnership: Transfers ownership of the contract to a new account (new0wner).

In MToken contract, the STRATEGY role has authority over the following function:

• _update : Updates the user's account balance. It should be noted that the _update function is integral to the _transfer , _transferFrom , _mint , _burn , and _burnFrom functions. This means that the _STRATEGY role has the capability to modify any user's account balance by invoking these functions.

The MToken contract extends from AccessControlUpgradeable contract, the DEFAULT_ADMIN_ROLE role has authority over the following functions:

- grantRole : Grants role to account .
- revokeRole: Revokes role from account.

In FixedStrategy contract, the owner role has authority over the following function:

setCampaignParam : Sets parameters of the campaign.

Any compromise to the privileged accounts may allow the hacker to take advantage of this authority, setting state variables to irrational values, pausing contract activities, manipulating users' account balances, thereby disrupting the project's normal



functions.

Recommendation

The risk describes the current project design and potentially makes iterations to improve in the security operation and level of decentralization, which in most cases cannot be resolved entirely at the present stage. We advise the client to carefully manage the privileged account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., multisignature wallets. Indicatively, here are some feasible suggestions that would also mitigate the potential risk at a different level in terms of short-term, long-term and permanent:

Short Term:

Timelock and Multi sign (2/3, 3/5) 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 on privileged operations;
 AND
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to the private key compromised;

AND

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

Permanent:

Renouncing the ownership or removing the function can be considered *fully resolved*.

- Renounce the ownership and never claim back the privileged roles.
- · Remove the risky functionality.



Alleviation

[Mind Network Team, July 10, 2024]: The team acknowledged the issue and adopted the multisign solution to ensure the private key management process at the current stage. The MToken contract has transferred the ownership to a Timelock contract with a minimal 2 day delay.

Grant Role transaction hash for the Timelock contract:

0xb75bf7dceac4e219a78cb3430f33f57765616835a4aca2795e29a8738363410d

The proposer and cancellor roles within the Timelock are given to a <u>multisig</u> with 2/3 signers in the sensitive function signing process.

- Grant Role transaction hash for Gnosis Safe:
 0xc3425dee5d9ffd2634b95af73d86b111a77cdff7c3f7a5e970a08771dca4c311
- The 3 multisign addresses:
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 - 2. EOA:0xAc4d874555CE7230108A44729565661CdA247374
 - 3. EOA:0xa16e241b2CAa598b62DBd9cF59d7135ffe3c49e0

The Timelock contract itself is currently the only address with the DEFAULT_ADMIN role for the Timelock.

There is currently only one <u>Strategy</u> contract, which is the only address with the <u>STRATEGY_ROLE</u>. The owner of the Strategy contract is the Timelock.

Documentation on the centralized roles are provided here: https://docs.mindnetwork.xyz/minddocs/security-and-privacy/multi-sig-and-timelock.

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STR-03 UNPROTECTED UPGRADEABLE CONTRACT

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Medium	contracts/strategies/Strategy.sol: 37	Resolved

Description

The Strategy logic contract does not protect the initializer. An attacker could call the initialize function and assume ownership of the logic contract, which would enable them to perform privileged operations and deceive unsuspecting users into believing that they are interacting with the legitimate owner of the upgradeable contract.

Recommendation

We recommend adding

```
/// @custom:oz-upgrades-unsafe-allow constructor
constructor() initializer {...}
```

OR

```
/// @custom:oz-upgrades-unsafe-allow constructor
constructor() {
    ...
    _disableInitializers();
}
```

This addition will prevent the function **\$INIT()** from being called directly in the implementation contract, but the proxy will still be able to initialize its storage variables.

Alleviation

[Mind Network Team, July 2, 2024]: The team heeded the advice and resolved the issue in commit $\frac{719d74389afaf5a0f5863f981837d4674c153b3f}{1}$.



STR-04 POTENTIAL ZERO SHARE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Incorrect Calculation	Minor	contracts/strategies/Strategy.sol: 100~101, 113~114, 128~1	Acknowledged

Description

The _convertToShares function is vulnerable to an exploit, known as a donation attack, where an attacker can directly transfer asset tokens into the contract.

```
function _convertToShares(uint256 assets, Math.Rounding rounding) internal view
virtual returns (uint256) {
    return assets.mulDiv(shareToken.totalSupply() + 10 ** decimalsOffset,
totalAssets() + 1, rounding);
}
```

An attacker could exploit this function by directly transferring asset tokens into it, artificially inflating the totalAssets() value. Due to Solidity's truncation issue, this could result in users receiving zero shares upon using the deposit function. Consequently, the users' assets would become permanently locked within the contract with no possibility of retrieval.

In certain situations, the attacker can then burn their acquired shares to break even.

Recommendation

It is recommended to implement safeguards against direct token transfers that can manipulate the <code>totalAssets()</code> value, such as using a state variable for recording the asset balance of this contract that is contributed through the <code>deposit</code> function.

Alleviation

[Mind Network Team, July 4, 2024]: We will also deposit some initial liquidity, rather than recording the asset balance of this contract that is contributed through the deposit function.

[CertiK, July 8, 2024]: If sufficient initial liquidity is deposited, that would help alleviate the issue.

[Mind Network Team, July 10, 2024]: Issue acknowledged. I won't make any changes for the current version. We will deposit the initial liquidity before launch according to the discussion.



STR-05 MISSING EMIT EVENTS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	contracts/strategies/FixedStrategy.sol: 18~19; contracts/strategies/Strate gy.sol: 55~56	Resolved

Description

The setCampaignParam and setup functions enable the owner role to update the following state parameters:

- campaignUntil
- minBalance
- lockPeriod
- depositAmountMax
- redeemAmountMax
- totalAssetsCap

However, it currently does not emit any events upon updating these values. Events are crucial for tracking changes in Smart Contracts, as they are logged into the blockchain and can be monitored by external entities. The absence of events in this function can lead to a lack of transparency and make it difficult for users to verify that the state has changed.

Recommendation

It is recommended to define and emit events for each state-changing action.

Alleviation

[Mind Network Team, July 2, 2024]: The team heeded the advice and resolved the issue in commit 719d74389afaf5a0f5863f981837d4674c153b3f.



STR-06 INCOMPATIBILITY WITH DEFLATIONARY TOKENS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	contracts/strategies/Strategy.sol: 101~102, 149~150	Acknowledged

Description

The project design may not be compatible with non-standard ERC20 tokens, such as deflationary tokens.

The function safeTransferFrom() is used to move asset tokens from the sender to the recipient but fail to verify if the received token amount matches the transferred amount. This could pose an issue with fee-on-transfer tokens, where the post-transfer balance might be less than anticipated, leading to balance inconsistencies.

```
SafeERC20.safeTransferFrom(assetToken, user, address(this), assetAmount);
```

Scenario

When transferring deflationary ERC20 tokens, the input amount may not equal the received amount due to the charged transaction fee. For example, if a user sends 100 deflationary tokens (with a 10% transaction fee), only 90 tokens actually arrive to the contract. However, the user is minted shares meant to be equivalent to 100 asset tokens.

Recommendation

We advise the client to regulate the set of tokens supported and add necessary mitigation mechanisms to keep track of accurate balances if there is a need to support non-standard ERC20 tokens.

Alleviation

[Mind Network Team, July 10, 2024]: Issue acknowledged. I won't make any changes for the current version. We will regulate the set of tokens according to the advice.



APPENDIX | MIND NETWORK - AUDIT

I Finding Categories

Categories	Description
Incorrect Calculation	Incorrect Calculation findings are about issues in numeric computation such as rounding errors, overflows, out-of-bounds and any computation that is not intended.
Volatile Code	Volatile Code findings refer to segments of code that behave unexpectedly on certain edge cases and may result in vulnerabilities.
Logical Issue	Logical Issue findings indicate general implementation issues related to the program logic.
Centralization	Centralization findings detail the design choices of designating privileged roles or other centralized controls over the code.

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.

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