



Protocol Audit Report

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Protocol Summary

PasswordStore is a protocol dedicated to storage and retrieval of a user's passwords. The protocol is designed to be used by a single user, and is not designed to be used by multiple users. Only the owner should be able to set and access this password.

Disclaimer

The Amr Khaled's team 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	H	H/M	M
	Medium	H/M	M	M/L
	Low	M	M/L	L

We use the [CodeHawks](#) severity matrix to determine severity. See the documentation for more details.

Audit Details

The findings described in this document correspond the following commit hash :

```
2e8f81e263b3a9d18fab4fb5c46805ffc10a9990
```

Scope

```
./src/  
└─ PasswordStore.sol
```

- Solc Version: 0.8.18
- Chain(s) to deploy contract to: Ethereum

Roles

- Owner: The user who can set the password and read the password.
- Outsiders: No one else should be able to set or read the password.

Executive Summary

I spent 20 minutes to produce this thorough security report, using [solidity-code-metrics](#) tool and [Foundry](#) Framework for testing the vulnerabilities of the contract.

Issues Found

Severity	Number of Issues Found
High	2
Medium	0
Low	0
Info	1
Total	3

Findings

High

[H-1] Storing the password on-chain makes it visible to anyone , and no longer private

Description: All data stored on-chain is visible to anyone and can be read directly from the blockchain. The `PasswordStore::s_password` variable is intended to be a private variable and only accessed through `PasswordStore::getPassword` function, which is intended to be only called by the owner of the contract.

We show one such method of reading any data off chain below

Impact: Anyone can read the private password, severely breaking the functionality of the protocol.

Proof of Concept: (Proof of Code)

The test case below demonstrates how anyone can read the password directly from the blockchain.

1. Create a locally running chain

```
make anvil
```

2. Deploy the contract on the chain

```
make deploy
```

3. Run the storage tool

- We use `1` because thats the storage slot of `s_password` in the contract.

```
cast storage <ADDRESS_HERE> 1 --rpc-url http://127.0.0.1:8545
```

4. You will the get an output that looks like this :

```
0x6d79506173737766726400000000000000000000000000000000000000000014
```

5. You can then parse that hex to a string with :

```
cast parse-bytes32-string  
0x6d79506173737766726400000000000000000000000000000000000000000014
```

- And get that following output :

```
myPassword
```

Recommended Mitigation: Due to this, the overall architecture of the contract should be rethought. One could encrypt the password off-chain, and then store the encrypted password on-chain. This would require the user to remember another password off-chain to decrypt the password on-chain. However, you would

also likely want to remove the view function as you wouldn't want the user to accidentally send a transaction with the password that decrypts your password.

Likelihood & Impact:

- Impact: HIGH
- Likelihood: HIGH
- Severity: HIGH

[H-2] `PasswordStore::setPassword` has not no access controls, meaning an non-owner could change the password

Description: The `PasswordStore::setPassword` function is set to be an `external` function, however, the natspec of the function and the overall purpose of the smart contract is that `This function allows only the owner to set a new password.`

```
function setPassword(string memory newPassword) external {  
    // @audit - There are no access controls  
    s_password = newPassword;  
    emit SetNetPassword();  
}
```

Impact: Anyone can set/change the password of the contract, severely breaking the contract intended functionality.

Proof of Concept: Add the following to the `PasswordStore.t.sol` test file

► Details

Code

```
function test_anyone_can_set_password(address randomAddress) public {  
    vm.assume(randomAddress != owner);  
    vm.prank(randomAddress);  
    string memory expectedPassword = "myNewPassword";  
    passwordStore.setPassword(expectedPassword);  
  
    vm.prank(owner);  
    string memory actualPassword = passwordStore.getPassword();  
    assertEq(actualPassword, expectedPassword);  
}
```

Recommended Mitigation: Add an access control conditional to the `setPassword` function.

```
if (msg.sender != s_owner){  
    revert PasswordStore_NotOwner();  
}
```

Likelihood & Impact:

- Impact: HIGH
- Likelihood: HIGH
- Severity: HIGH

Medium

None

Low

None

Informational

[I-1] The `PasswordStore::getPassword` NatSpec indicates a parameter that doesn't exist, causing the NatSpec to be incorrect.

Description:

```
/*  
 * @notice This allows only the owner to retrieve the password.  
 * @param newPassword The new password to set.  
 */  
function getPassword() external view returns (string memory)
```

The `PasswordStore::getPassword` function signature is `getPassword()` while the NatSpec say it should be `getPassword(string)`.

Impact: The NatSpec is incorrect.

Recommended Mitigation: Remove the incorrect NatSpec line.

```
* @param newPassword The new password to set.
```

Likelihood & Impact:

- Impact: NONE
- Likelihood: HIGH
- Severity: Informational/Gas/Non-crits

Gas

None