



ParaSwap PortikusV2

Security Audit Report

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1 | Introduction

1.1 About ParaSwap PortikusV2

Portikus is an intent-based protocol designed to facilitate gasless swaps through the execution of signed user intents by authorized agents. The protocol's architecture is centered around a registry of agents and modules and a factory for adapter creation. The key aspects of the protocol include Intent Execution, Permission Management and Modularity and Extensibility.

1.2 Audit Scope

This is the repository and commit id we used in the audit:

- <https://github.com/paraswap/portikus-contracts/tree/feat/v2>
- CommitID: a82704f

And this is the final version representing all fixes implemented for the issues identified in the audit:

- <https://github.com/paraswap/portikus-contracts/tree/feat/v2>
- CommitID: 5e25c76

2 | Overall Assessment

This report has been compiled to identify issues and vulnerabilities within the ParaSwap PortikusV2 protocol. Throughout this audit, we identified several issues spanning various severity levels. By employing auxiliary tool techniques to supplement our thorough manual code review, we have discovered the following findings.

Severity	Count	Acknowledged	Won't Do	Addressed
Critical	-	-	-	-
High	1	-	-	1
Medium	1	-	-	1
Low	2	2	-	-
Informational	-	-	-	-
Total	4	2	-	2

3 | Vulnerability Summary

3.1 Overview

Click on an issue to jump to it, or scroll down to see them all.

H-1 [Bypass of Fees for ETH Orders in directSettleBatch\(\)](#)

M-1 [Revised Logic to Install Module in install\(\)](#)

L-1 [Potential Risks Associated with Centralization](#)

L-2 [Improved Validation of Module in install\(\)](#)

3.2 Security Level Reference

In web3 smart contract audits, vulnerabilities are typically classified into different severity levels based on the potential impact they can have on the security and functionality of the contract. Here are the definitions for critical-severity, high-severity, medium-severity, and low-severity vulnerabilities:

Severity	Description
C-X (Critical)	A severe security flaw with immediate and significant negative consequences. It poses high risks, such as unauthorized access, financial losses, or complete disruption of functionality. Requires immediate attention and remediation.
H-X (High)	Significant security issues that can lead to substantial risks. Although not as severe as critical vulnerabilities, they can still result in unauthorized access, manipulation of contract state, or financial losses. Prompt remediation is necessary.
M-X (Medium)	Moderately impactful security weaknesses that require attention and remediation. They may lead to limited unauthorized access, minor financial losses, or potential disruptions to functionality.
L-X (Low)	Minor security issues with limited impact. While they may not pose significant risks, it is still recommended to address them to maintain a robust and secure smart contract.
I-X (Informational)	Warnings and things to keep in mind when operating the protocol. No immediate action required.
U-X (Undetermined)	Identified security flaw requiring further investigation. Severity and impact need to be determined. Additional assessment and analysis are necessary.

3.3 Vulnerability Details

3.3.1 [H-1] Bypass of Fees for ETH Orders in directSettleBatch()

Target	Category	IMPACT	LIKELIHOOD	STATUS
DirectSettlementModule.sol	Business Logic	High	Medium	Addressed

The `DirectSettlementModule` contract provides the `directSettleBatch()` function to facilitate the agent in settling a batch of orders in a single call. During our code review, we noticed that the agent can bypass the fees (protocol fees and partner fees) by settling multiple orders whose destination token is the native ETH.

In the following, we show the code snippet from the `DirectSettlementModule::_post()` function, which is used to process fees and pay for the order. Specifically, if the destination token is ETH, there is a check to ensure the amount of ETH received (`msg.value`) is greater than the required amount (line 154). Afterward, the function invokes the `processFees()` function to compute and collect the fees (line 159). It is important to note that the fees are recorded for the fee owners but are not reduced from the `msg.value`. Finally, the output asset is transferred to the order beneficiary (line 162).

However, if an agent tries to settle a batch of orders with ETH as the destination token, it is easy to pass the check `msg.value < amount` (line 154) for each order, because `msg.value` represents the total ETH amount used to settle all the orders. As a result, the agent can provide a crafted amount of ETH that only covers the order beneficiaries' payments, excluding the fees. This leaves a bad debt of ETH in the adapter, and the fee owners cannot be paid their fees.

Based on this, it is recommended to add a check in the `directSettleBatch()` function to ensure that the received `msg.value` is sufficient to cover the total required amount, including both the orders and the associated fees.

DirectSettlementModule::_post()

```
135 function _post(Order memory order, uint256 amount, bytes32 orderHash) internal {
136     // Init returnAmount, protocolFee and partnerFee
137     uint256 returnAmount;
138     uint256 protocolFee;
139     uint256 partnerFee;
140     // If beneficiary is not set, transfer to the owner
141     address beneficiary;
142     if (order.beneficiary == address(0)) {
143         beneficiary = order.owner;
144     } else {
145         beneficiary = order.beneficiary;
146     }
```

```

147 // Revert if the amount is less than the destAmount
148 if (amount < order.destAmount) {
149     revert InsufficientReturnAmount();
150 }
151 // Receive the output assets and process fees
152 if (order.destToken == ERC20UtilsLib.ETH_ADDRESS) {
153     // Check if the received ETH is less than the amount
154     if (msg.value < amount) {
155         revert InsufficientReturnAmount();
156     }
157     // Process fees
158     (returnAmount, partnerFee, protocolFee) =
159         order.partnerAndFee.processFees(ERC20UtilsLib.ETH_ADDRESS, amount,
160             order.expectedDestAmount);
161 } else {...}
162 // Transfer the output asset to the beneficiary
163 order.destToken.transferTo(beneficiary, returnAmount);
164 ...
165 }

```

Note that the same issue exists in the `FillableDirectSettlementModule` contract as well.

Remediation Add a proper check in the `directSettleBatch()` function to ensure that the received `msg.value` is sufficient to cover the total required amount.

3.3.2 [M-1] Revised Logic to Install Module in `install()`

Target	Category	IMPACT	LIKELIHOOD	STATUS
ModuleManagerLib.sol	Business Logic	Medium	Medium	Addressed

The `ModuleManagerLib::install()` function is responsible for installing new modules into the adapter. This process involves fetching the function selectors of the module and updating internal mappings to link the module's functions with its storage.

The code snippet below highlights the logic of how a module is added to the modules array and how the function selectors are associated with the module in the `moduleToSelectors` mapping. Afterward, the reverse association from the function selectors to the module is set up in the `selectorToModule` mapping.

However, there is a lack of recording the module's position (`ms.moduleToSelectors[module].moduleAddressPosition`), which is necessary to maintain the modules list. Our analysis shows that the module's position should be set to `ms.modules.length - 1`.

Additionally, there is a potential flaw in how the function selectors's positions are calculated and tracked. Specifically, the position of each function selector (`functionSelectorPosition`) is calculated starting from the module's selectors length (`ms.moduleToSelectors[module].selectors.length`), rather

than from 0 (line 101). A recommended approach is to start the function selectors's positions from 0.

Example Privileged Operations in ExecutorManager

```
90 function install(address module) external {
91     // Get adapter module storage
92     ModuleStorage storage ms = modulesStorage();
93     // Get module function selectors
94     bytes4[] memory selectors = IModule(module).selectors();
95     // Add module to modules
96     ms.modules.push(module);
97     // Set selectors in moduleToSelectors
98     ms.moduleToSelectors[module].selectors = selectors;

100     // Get selector position
101     uint32 selectorPosition = uint32(ms.moduleToSelectors[module].selectors.length
    );
102     // Set module in selectorToModule
103     for (uint256 i = 0; i < selectors.length; i++) {
104         address oldModule = ms.selectorToModule[selectors[i]].moduleAddress;
105         // If a selector is already set, revert as it would cause a conflict
106         if (oldModule != address(0)) {
107             // If a selector is already set the owner should uninstall the old
                module first
108             revert SelectorAlreadySet(selectors[i], oldModule);
109         }
110         ms.selectorToModule[selectors[i]].functionSelectorPosition =
            selectorPosition;
111         ms.selectorToModule[selectors[i]].moduleAddress = module;
112         // Increase selectorPosition
113         selectorPosition++;
114     }
115 }
```

Remediation Revisit the `install()` function to properly update the the module's position and the function selectors's positions.

3.3.3 [L-1] Potential Risks Associated with Centralization

Target	Category	IMPACT	LIKELIHOOD	STATUS
Multiple Contracts	Security	Medium	Low	Acknowledged

In the PortikusV2 protocol, the presence of a privileged `owner` account introduces risks of centralization, as it holds significant control and authority over critical operations governing the protocol. In the following, we highlight the representative functions that are potentially affected by the privileges

associated with this privileged account.

Examples of Privileged Operations

```
111 function install(address module) external {
112     // Get adapter module storage
113     ModuleStorage storage ms = modulesStorage();
114     // Get module function selectors
115     bytes4[] memory selectors = IModule(module).selectors();
116     // Add module to modules
117     ms.modules.push(module);
118     // Set selectors in moduleToSelectors
119     ms.moduleToSelectors[module].selectors = selectors;

121     // Get selector position
122     uint32 selectorPosition = uint32(ms.moduleToSelectors[module].selectors.length
    );
123     // Set module in selectorToModule
124     for (uint256 i = 0; i < selectors.length; i++) {
125         address oldModule = ms.selectorToModule[selectors[i]].moduleAddress;
126         // If a selector is already set, revert as it would cause a conflict
127         if (oldModule != address(0)) {
128             // If a selector is already set the owner should uninstall the old
            module first
129             revert SelectorAlreadySet(selectors[i], oldModule);
130         }
131         ms.selectorToModule[selectors[i]].functionSelectorPosition =
            selectorPosition;
132         ms.selectorToModule[selectors[i]].moduleAddress = module;
133         // Increase selectorPosition
134         selectorPosition++;
135     }
136 }

138 function setProtocolFeeClaimer(address protocolFeeClaimer) external onlyOwner {
139     protocolFeeClaimer.setFeeClaimer();
140 }

142 /// @inheritdoc IRegistry
143 function registerAgent(address[] calldata _agents) external onlyOwner {
144     // Loop through the agents and register them
145     for (uint256 i = 0; i < _agents.length; i++) {
146         address agent = _agents[i];
147         if (!isAgentRegistered[agent]) {
148             agents.push(agent);
149             isAgentRegistered[agent] = true;
150             emit AgentRegistered(agent);
151         }
152     }
153 }
```

```

155 /// @inheritdoc IRegistry
156 function registerModule(address[] calldata _modules) external onlyOwner {
157     // Loop through the modules and register them
158     for (uint256 i = 0; i < _modules.length; i++) {
159         address module = _modules[i];
160         if (!isModuleRegistered[module]) {
161             modules.push(module);
162             isModuleRegistered[module] = true;
163             emit ModuleRegistered(module);
164         }
165     }
166 }

```

Remediation To mitigate the identified issue, it is recommended to introduce multi-sig mechanism to undertake the roles of the privileged accounts. Moreover, it is advisable to implement timelocks to govern all modifications to the privileged operations.

3.3.4 [L-2] Improved Validation of Module in install()

Target	Category	IMPACT	LIKELIHOOD	STATUS
ModuleManagerLib.sol	Coding Practices	Low	Low	Acknowledged

The `install()` function in the `ModuleManagerLib` library is responsible for installing a new module by adding the module's function selectors and updating the mappings to link the module's address with the selectors. However, the current implementation lacks a validation check to ensure that the selectors array is not empty before proceeding with the installation. This omission can lead to issues in the `uninstall()` function.

As the code snippet shows, the `uninstall()` function retrieves the `selectors.length` and checks whether the module has been installed by ensuring that `selectors.length` is greater than zero (line 116). If the module's selectors length is zero, the `uninstall()` function fails to properly remove the module because the selectors array is empty. This can leave the protocol in an inconsistent state.

Based on this, it is recommended to add a validation check in the `install()` function to ensure that the selectors array is not empty.

ModuleManagerLib.sol

```

91 function install(address module) external {
92     // Get adapter module storage
93     ModuleStorage storage ms = modulesStorage();
94     // Get module function selectors
95     bytes4[] memory selectors = IModule(module).selectors();

```

```

96  // Add module to modules
97  ms.modules.push(module);
98  // Set selectors in moduleToSelectors
99  ms.moduleToSelectors[module].selectors = selectors;
100  ...
101  }

103  /*//////////////////////////////////////
104                                     UNINSTALL
105  //////////////////////////////////////*/

107  /// @notice Remove a module from the adapter, removing all of its function
      selectors
108  /// @param module The address of the module to uninstall
109  function uninstall(address module) external {
110      // Get adapter module storage
111      ModuleStorage storage ms = modulesStorage();
112      // Get module function selectors
113      bytes4[] memory selectors = ms.moduleToSelectors[module].selectors;

115      // Check if the module is actually installed
116      if (selectors.length == 0) {
117          revert ModuleNotInstalled(module);
118      }
119      ...
120  }

```

Remediation Add a validation check in the `install()` function to ensure that the module's selectors array is not empty.

Response By Team The team will make sure to only register valid modules.

4 | Appendix

4.1 About AstraSec

AstraSec is a blockchain security company that serves to provide high-quality auditing services for blockchain-based protocols. With a team of blockchain specialists, AstraSec maintains a strong commitment to excellence and client satisfaction. The audit team members have extensive audit experience for various famous DeFi projects. AstraSec's comprehensive approach and deep blockchain understanding make it a trusted partner for the clients.

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