
Debaseconomics

Security Code Review v2

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Overview

Project Summary

Project Name	Debaseconomics
Description	Debaseconomics is a combination of Debase, a flexible supply token, working together with Degov, a governance token working together to solve issues faced by similarly designed tokens. 100% of the tokens are distributed through staking and "stabilizer pools" to promote fairness and decentralization.
Platform	Ethereum, Solidity
Codebase	https://github.com/debaseconomics/
Commits	7f8f835e1594e42c00dfb719894ad03ee149abc5

Executive Summary

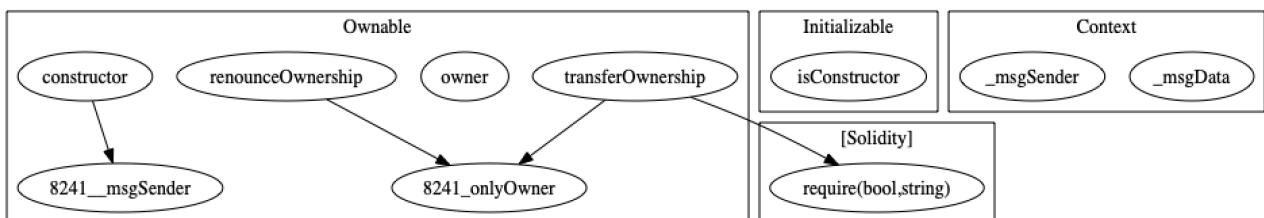
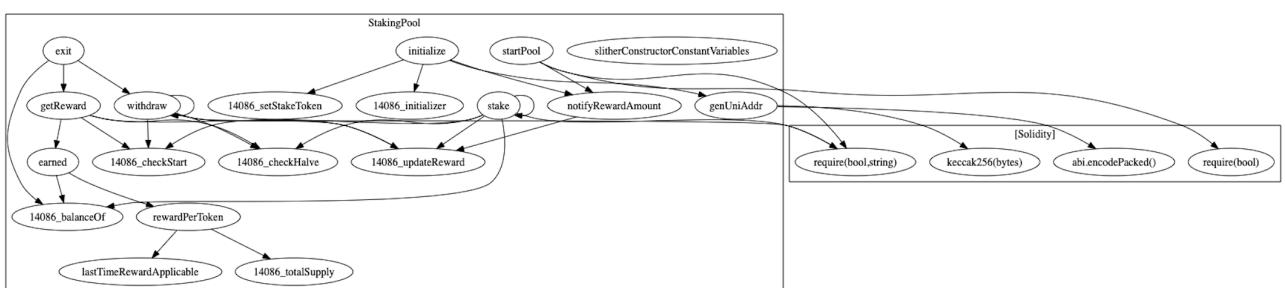
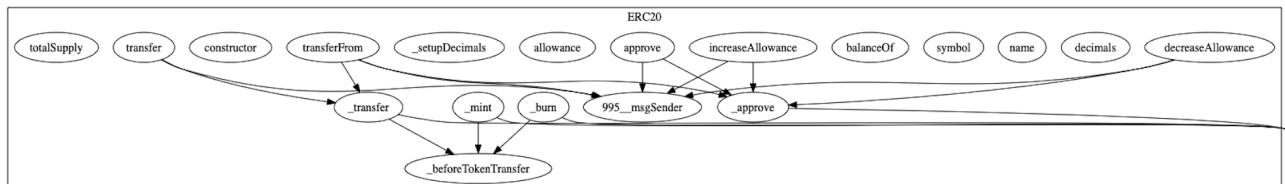
The codebase was found well defined, has proper access restrictions where needed, includes very good comments throughout a code. We have run extensive static analysis of the codebase as well as standard security assessment utilising industry approved tools. We have found some issues during our review that are described later in the report, however overall impression of the code is very good. Project is using SafeMath which is a recommended and good practise. The high complexity of the code can poses some risks (the full functional tests were not conducted). The governance structure used satisfies our tests and current deployment and ownership structure is prepared for the governance implementation. All critical rights are within multi-sig wallet for the interim period before full governance will be in place.

As it is an updated version of the report, all the suggested fixes in the V1 were implemented.

Architecture & Standards

Contracts ecosystem is complex, the calls graph presented below shows the interaction of Debase, StakingPool and DebasePolicy. Those are more important elements of the ecosystem. DebasePolicy initiates a new rebase operation, provided the minimum time period has elapsed. That's the main functionality of the reviewed system.

The complexity of the ecosystem may posses risks.



Debase token is fully ERC-20 compliant.

```
# Check Debase

## Check functions
[✓] totalSupply() is present
    [✓] totalSupply() -> () (correct return value)
    [✓] totalSupply() is view
[✓] balanceOf(address) is present
    [✓] balanceOf(address) -> () (correct return value)
    [✓] balanceOf(address) is view
[✓] transfer(address,uint256) is present
    [✓] transfer(address,uint256) -> () (correct return value)
    [✓] Transfer(address,address,uint256) is emitted
[✓] transferFrom(address,address,uint256) is present
    [✓] transferFrom(address,address,uint256) -> () (correct return value)
    [✓] Transfer(address,address,uint256) is emitted
[✓] approve(address,uint256) is present
    [✓] approve(address,uint256) -> () (correct return value)
    [✓] Approval(address,address,uint256) is emitted
[✓] allowance(address,address) is present
    [✓] allowance(address,address) -> () (correct return value)
    [✓] allowance(address,address) is view
[✓] name() is present
    [✓] name() -> () (correct return value)
    [✓] name() is view
[✓] symbol() is present
    [✓] symbol() -> () (correct return value)
    [✓] symbol() is view
[✓] decimals() is present
    [✓] decimals() -> () (correct return value)
    [✓] decimals() is view

## Check events
[✓] Transfer(address,address,uint256) is present
    [✓] parameter 0 is indexed
    [✓] parameter 1 is indexed
[✓] Approval(address,address,uint256) is present
    [✓] parameter 0 is indexed
    [✓] parameter 1 is indexed

[✓] Debase has increaseAllowance(address,uint256)
```

Degov (Compound based governance token) is fully ERC-20 compliant

```
# Check Degov

## Check functions
[✓] totalSupply() is present
    [✓] totalSupply() -> () (correct return value)
    [✓] totalSupply() is view
[✓] balanceOf(address) is present
    [✓] balanceOf(address) -> () (correct return value)
    [✓] balanceOf(address) is view
[✓] transfer(address,uint256) is present
    [✓] transfer(address,uint256) -> () (correct return value)
    [✓] Transfer(address,address,uint256) is emitted
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    [✓] transferFrom(address,address,uint256) -> () (correct return value)
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[✓] Approval(address,address,uint256) is present
    [✓] parameter 0 is indexed
    [✓] parameter 1 is indexed

[✓] Degov has increaseAllowance(address,uint256)
```

Findings

Number of contracts: 36 (+ 0 in dependencies, + 0 tests)

Number of lines: 8528 (+ 0 in dependencies, + 0 in tests)

Number of assembly lines: 0

Use: SafeMath

Name	# functions	ERCS	ERC20 info	Complex code	Features
SafeMath	8			No	
Math	3			No	
Address	7			No	
SafeERC20	6			No	
StakingPool	20			No	Send ETH Assembly Send ETH Tokens interaction Send ETH Tokens interaction Assembly Upgradeable
IUniswapV2Factory	8			No	
IUniswapV2Pair	27	ERC20	≈ Minting Approve Race Cond.	No	
Babylonian	1			No	
FixedPoint	10			No	
UniswapV2OracleLibrary	2			No	Tokens interaction
UniswapV2Library	8			No	Tokens interaction
Oracle	13			No	Tokens interaction
Timelock	7			No	Assembly Upgradeable
SafeMathInt	6			No	
Debase	28	ERC20	No Minting Approve Race Cond.	No	Assembly Upgradeable
PoolI	3			No	
DebaseI	4			No	
DebasePolicyI	1			No	
UniV2PairI	1			No	
Orchestrator	7			No	Assembly Upgradeable
UInt256Lib	2			No	AbiEncoderV2
IOracle	1			No	AbiEncoderV2
StabilizerI	2			No	AbiEncoderV2
DebasePolicy	7			No	AbiEncoderV2 Assembly Upgradeable
Degov	32	ERC20	No Minting Approve Race Cond.	No	AbiEncoderV2 Assembly Upgradeable
DegovI	4			No	AbiEncoderV2
GovernorAlpha	7			No	AbiEncoderV2 Assembly Upgradeable
StabilizerPool	8			No	AbiEncoderV2 Assembly Upgradeable

Static Analysis Findings

High issues

Reentrancy vulnerabilities:

```
Reentrancy in StakingPool.exit() (StakingPool.sol#943–946):
  External calls:
    - withdraw(balanceOf(msg.sender)) (StakingPool.sol#944)
      - returndata = address(token).functionCall(data, SafeERC20: low-level call failed) (StakingPool.sol#580–583)
      - y.safeTransfer(msg.sender, amount) (StakingPool.sol#742)
      - (success,returndata) = target.call{value: weiValue}(data) (StakingPool.sol#448–450)
    - getReward() (StakingPool.sol#945)
      - returndata = address(token).functionCall(data, SafeERC20: low-level call failed) (StakingPool.sol#580–583)
      - (success,returndata) = target.call{value: weiValue}(data) (StakingPool.sol#448–450)
      - rewardToken.safeTransfer(msg.sender,reward) (StakingPool.sol#952)
  External calls sending eth:
    - withdraw(balanceOf(msg.sender)) (StakingPool.sol#944)
      - (success,returndata) = target.call{value: weiValue}(data) (StakingPool.sol#448–450)
    - getReward() (StakingPool.sol#945)
      - (success,returndata) = target.call{value: weiValue}(data) (StakingPool.sol#448–450)
  State variables written after the call(s):
    - getReward() (StakingPool.sol#945)
      - initReward = initReward.mul(50).div(100) (StakingPool.sol#783)
    - getReward() (StakingPool.sol#945)
      - lastUpdateTime = lastTimeRewardApplicable() (StakingPool.sol#806)
    - getReward() (StakingPool.sol#945)
      - periodFinish = block.timestamp.add(duration) (StakingPool.sol#786)
    - getReward() (StakingPool.sol#945)
      - rewardPerTokenStored = rewardPerToken() (StakingPool.sol#805)
    - getReward() (StakingPool.sol#945)
      - rewardRate = initReward.div(duration) (StakingPool.sol#785)
    - getReward() (StakingPool.sol#945)
      - rewards[msg.sender] = 0 (StakingPool.sol#951)
      - rewards[account] = earned(account) (StakingPool.sol#808)
    - getReward() (StakingPool.sol#945)
      - userRewardPerTokenPaid[account] = rewardPerTokenStored (StakingPool.sol#809)
```

Manual check: Not an issue after reviewing the code manually.

Exploit Scenario:

```
function withdrawBalance(){
  // send userBalance[msg.sender] Ether to msg.sender
  // if msg.sender is a contract, it will call its fallback function
  if( ! (msg.sender.call.value(userBalance[msg.sender])()) ){
    throw;
  }
  userBalance[msg.sender] = 0;
}
```

Bob uses the re-entrancy bug to call `withdrawBalance` two times, and withdraw more than its initial deposit to the contract.

Possible Solution:

<https://solidity.readthedocs.io/en/v0.4.21/security-considerations.html#re-entrancy>

Medium issues:

Divide before multiply:

```
StakingPool.notifyRewardAmount(uint256) (StakingPool.sol#958-974) performs a multiplication on the result of a division:  
-rewardRate = reward.div(duration) (StakingPool.sol#964)  
-leftover = remaining.mul(rewardRate) (StakingPool.sol#967)
```

In general, it's usually a good idea to re-arrange arithmetic to perform multiplication before division, unless the limit of a smaller type makes this dangerous.

Low/Informational issues

Boolean equality:

```
StakingPool.startPool() (StakingPool.sol#873-881) compares to a boolean constant:  
-require(bool,string)(poolStarted == false,Pool can only be started once) (StakingPool.sol#875)  
StakingPool.checkStart() (StakingPool.sol#792-802) compares to a boolean constant:  
-require(bool,string)(poolStarted == true,Orchestrator hasn't started pool) (StakingPool.sol#794)
```

Manual check: Boolean constants can be used directly and do not need to be compare to true or false.

Public functions that could be declared external:

```
setRewardDistribution(address) should be declared external:  
- IRewardDistributionRecipient.setRewardDistribution(address) (StakingPool.sol#707-709)  
initialize(string,address,address,bool,address,uint256,bool,uint256,uint256,bool,uint256) should be declared external:  
- StakingPool.initialize(string,address,address,bool,address,uint256,bool,uint256,uint256,bool,uint256) (StakingPool.sol#837-871)
```

Public functions that are never called by the contract should be declared external to save gas.

Dynamic Tests

We have run fuzzing / property-based testing of Ethereum smart contracts. It was using sophisticated grammar-based fuzzing campaigns based on a contract ABI to falsify user-defined predicates or Solidity assertions.

We found following high level issues.

Manual check: The variable poolName is used only in initialise function once so that vulnerability most probably does not posses such a high risk.

The tests were successfully passed. The failed tests on the diagram above are false positive as the fuzzer did not run any transactions for them.

Automatic Tests

The project lacks any automated tests.

Deployment & Contract Ownership

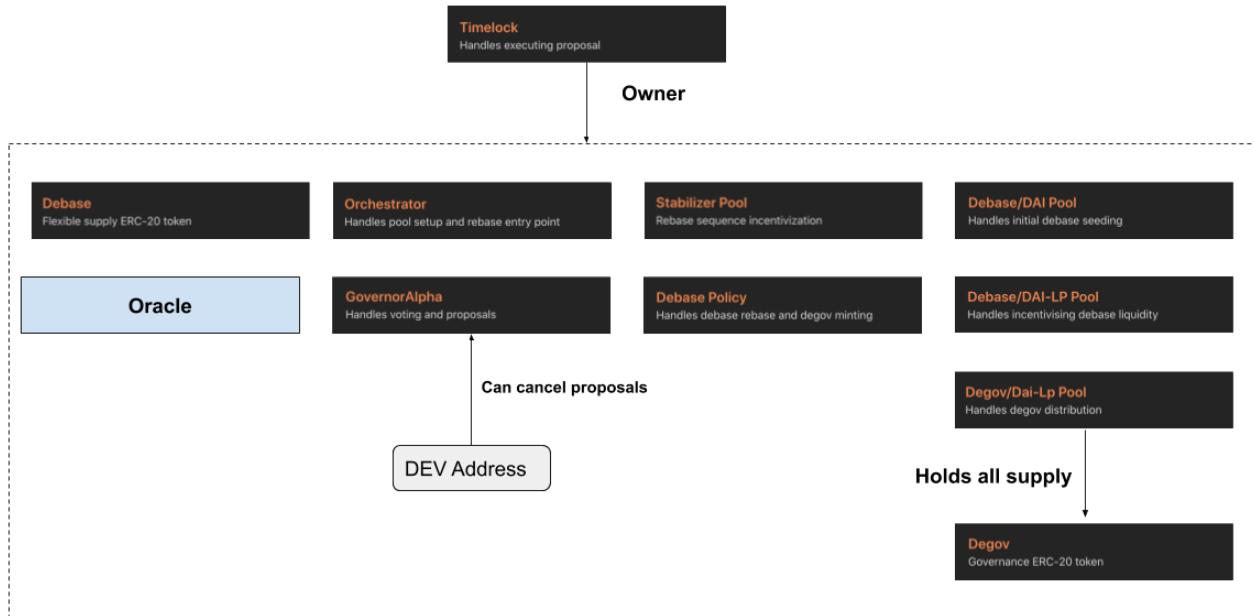
The contracts are deployed to the following addresses:

```
"degov": "0x469E66e06fEc34839E5eB1273ba85A119B8D702F",
"debase": "0x9248c485b0B80f76DA451f167A8db30F33C70907",
"debasePolicy": "0x989Edd2e87B1706AB25b2E8d9D9480DE3Cc383eD",
"governorAlpha": "0x291BC8eDFE98155224502282444cC2E98d80d2d5",
"timelock": "0x969e1d56682305963c6b7f8920D0200189B22482",
"debaseDaiPool": "0xf5cB771023706Ca566eA6128b88e03A262737479",
"debaseDaiLpPool": "0xF4168cc431e9a8310e595dB9F7E2564cC96F5D51",
"degovDaiLpPool": "0xaB68de2a9d9A733F3c4CFE52Af7Fc4f6aa015637",
"orchestrator": "0x177A1F55Df0F28d8e9F5C837C706E04A82890025",
"dai": "0x6b175474e89094c44da98b954eedeac495271d0f",
"debaseDaiLp": "0xE98f89a2B3AeCDBE2118202826478Eb02434459A",
"oracle": "0xb1Df2F0C76074eD466510F4440772Cc7b3D5337C",
"stabilizerPool": "0x99d6EB950F9719d7b883a2c67735ecA6A91d6EaD"
```

The proper governance structure has to be established by moving ownership of critical contracts to Timelock contract. Timelock contract is part of Compound like governance DAO (<https://compound.finance/docs/governance>).

However, the interim check has been implemented by moving all ownership to multi-sig wallet.

The desired snapshot of ownership is show below:



When all parameters are double checked after rebase is executed, the aforementioned structure should be implemented.

Overview of issues found

- Issues presented in the sections above connected to static analysis (**not considered substantial as of now**)
- Source code available at Github it is not the same as the one verified on etherescan and deployed
- Not verified Oracle contract
 - [Fixed] After talking to DEV
- Dev has still access to cancelling function (via `guardian` property which is set to DEV address) [Fixed] All ownership currently in multi-sig wallet.
- [Fixed by new deployment and airdrop] During the discussion with DEV, it was found that `minRebaseTimeIntervalSec` parameter of the `DebasePolicy` contract is set incorrectly. It was verified to be true. The code deployed has the following:

```
minRebaseTimeIntervalSec = 5 minutes;
```

- It means that in the current setup, rebases would happen very 5 minutes, which is not as specified in the requirements (24 h).
- That issue is a substantial bug as it would mean irrational rebasing behaviour may happen. As the governance structure is already in place changing that parameter requires farming for the requires Degov tokens. However farming can be start ONLY after rebase is turned on. It is somewhat catch 22 situation that need further study in order to establish possible actions to fix it.

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