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#### Introduction 1

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related smart contract source code of the KratosDAO protocol, we outline in the report our systematic approach to evaluate potential security issues in the smart contract implementation, expose possible semantic inconsistencies between smart contract code and design document, and provide additional suggestions or recommendations for improvement. Our results show that the given version of smart contracts can be further improved due to the presence of several issues related to either security or performance. This document outlines our audit results.

#### 1.1 About KratosDAO

KratosDAO is an algorithmic currency protocol based on the initial OlympusDAO protocol. It introduces unique economic and game-theoretic dynamics into the market through asset-backing and protocol owned value. It is a value-backed, self-stabilizing, and decentralized stablecoin with unique collateral backing and algorithmic incentive mechanism. Different from existing stablecoin solutions, it is proposed as a non-pegged stablecoin by exploring a radical opportunity to achieve stability while eliminating dependence on fiat currencies. The basic information of the KratosDAO protocol is as follows:

Table 1.1: Basic Information of The KratosDAO Protocol

ltem	Description
Issuer	KratosDAO
Website	https://kratosdao.finance/
Туре	Ethereum Smart Contract
Platform	Solidity
Audit Method	Whitebox
Latest Audit Report	January 15, 2022

In the following, we show the Git repository of reviewed files and the commit hash value used in

this audit.

• https://github.com/Kratos-Dao/contracts.git (b9f5fba)

And this is the commit ID after all fixes for the issues found in the audit have been checked in:

https://github.com/Kratos-Dao/contracts.git (dffa6fc)

### 1.2 About PeckShield

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High Critical High Medium

High Medium

Low

High Low

High Medium

Low

High Medium

Low

Likelihood

Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification

## 1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [8]:

- <u>Likelihood</u> represents how likely a particular vulnerability is to be uncovered and exploited in the wild;
- Impact measures the technical loss and business damage of a successful attack;
- Severity demonstrates the overall criticality of the risk.

Table 1.3: The Full List of Check Items

Category	Check Item
	Constructor Mismatch
	Ownership Takeover
	Redundant Fallback Function
	Overflows & Underflows
	Reentrancy
	Money-Giving Bug
	Blackhole
	Unauthorized Self-Destruct
Basic Coding Bugs	Revert DoS
Dasic Coung Dugs	Unchecked External Call
	Gasless Send
	Send Instead Of Transfer
	Costly Loop
	(Unsafe) Use Of Untrusted Libraries
	(Unsafe) Use Of Predictable Variables
	Transaction Ordering Dependence
	Deprecated Uses
Semantic Consistency Checks	Semantic Consistency Checks
	Business Logics Review
	Functionality Checks
	Authentication Management
	Access Control & Authorization
	Oracle Security
Advanced DeFi Scrutiny	Digital Asset Escrow
Advanced Berr Scruting	Kill-Switch Mechanism
	Operation Trails & Event Generation
	ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling
Additional Recommendations	Frontend-Contract Integration
	Deployment Consistency
	Holistic Risk Management
	Avoiding Use of Variadic Byte Array
	Using Fixed Compiler Version
	Making Visibility Level Explicit
	Making Type Inference Explicit
	Adhering To Function Declaration Strictly
	Following Other Best Practices

Likelihood and impact are categorized into three ratings: *H*, *M* and *L*, i.e., *high*, *medium* and *low* respectively. Severity is determined by likelihood and impact and can be classified into four categories accordingly, i.e., *Critical*, *High*, *Medium*, *Low* shown in Table 1.2.

To evaluate the risk, we go through a list of check items and each would be labeled with a severity category. For one check item, if our tool or analysis does not identify any issue, the contract is considered safe regarding the check item. For any discovered issue, we might further deploy contracts on our private testnet and run tests to confirm the findings. If necessary, we would additionally build a PoC to demonstrate the possibility of exploitation. The concrete list of check items is shown in Table 1.3.

In particular, we perform the audit according to the following procedure:

- Basic Coding Bugs: We first statically analyze given smart contracts with our proprietary static code analyzer for known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) all the issues found by our tool.
- <u>Semantic Consistency Checks</u>: We then manually check the logic of implemented smart contracts and compare with the description in the white paper.
- Advanced DeFi Scrutiny: We further review business logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.
- Additional Recommendations: We also provide additional suggestions regarding the coding and development of smart contracts from the perspective of proven programming practices.

To better describe each issue we identified, we categorize the findings with Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE-699) [7], which is a community-developed list of software weakness types to better delineate and organize weaknesses around concepts frequently encountered in software development. Though some categories used in CWE-699 may not be relevant in smart contracts, we use the CWE categories in Table 1.4 to classify our findings.

### 1.4 Disclaimer

Note that this security audit is not designed to replace functional tests required before any software release, and does not give any warranties on finding all possible security issues of the given smart contract(s) or blockchain software, i.e., the evaluation result does not guarantee the nonexistence of any further findings of security issues. As one audit-based assessment cannot be considered comprehensive, we always recommend proceeding with several independent audits and a public bug bounty program to ensure the security of smart contract(s). Last but not least, this security audit should not be used as investment advice.

Table 1.4: Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) Classifications Used in This Audit

Category	Summary
Configuration	Weaknesses in this category are typically introduced during
	the configuration of the software.
Data Processing Issues	Weaknesses in this category are typically found in functional-
	ity that processes data.
Numeric Errors	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper calcula-
	tion or conversion of numbers.
Security Features	Weaknesses in this category are concerned with topics like
	authentication, access control, confidentiality, cryptography,
	and privilege management. (Software security is not security
	software.)
Time and State	Weaknesses in this category are related to the improper man-
	agement of time and state in an environment that supports
	simultaneous or near-simultaneous computation by multiple
	systems, processes, or threads.
Error Conditions,	Weaknesses in this category include weaknesses that occur if
Return Values,	a function does not generate the correct return/status code,
Status Codes	or if the application does not handle all possible return/status
	codes that could be generated by a function.
Resource Management	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper manage-
	ment of system resources.
Behavioral Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to unexpected behav-
	iors from code that an application uses.
Business Logics	Weaknesses in this category identify some of the underlying
	problems that commonly allow attackers to manipulate the
	business logic of an application. Errors in business logic can
	be devastating to an entire application.
Initialization and Cleanup	Weaknesses in this category occur in behaviors that are used
	for initialization and breakdown.
Arguments and Parameters	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper use of
	arguments or parameters within function calls.
Expression Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to incorrectly written
	expressions within code.
Coding Practices	Weaknesses in this category are related to coding practices
	that are deemed unsafe and increase the chances that an ex-
	ploitable vulnerability will be present in the application. They
	may not directly introduce a vulnerability, but indicate the
	product has not been carefully developed or maintained.

# 2 | Findings

### 2.1 Summary

Here is a summary of our findings after analyzing the KratosDAO implementation. During the first phase of our audit, we study the smart contract source code and run our in-house static code analyzer through the codebase. The purpose here is to statically identify known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) issues reported by our tool. We further manually review business logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.

Severity	# of Findings
Critical	0
High	0
Medium	1
Low	4
Informational	0
Total	5

We have so far identified a list of potential issues: some of them involve subtle corner cases that might not be previously thought of, while others refer to unusual interactions among multiple contracts. For each uncovered issue, we have therefore developed test cases for reasoning, reproduction, and/or verification. After further analysis and internal discussion, we determined a few issues of varying severities that need to be brought up and paid more attention to, which are categorized in the above table. More information can be found in the next subsection, and the detailed discussions of each of them are in Section 3.

## 2.2 Key Findings

Overall, these smart contracts are well-designed and engineered, though the implementation can be improved by resolving the identified issues (shown in Table 2.1), including 1 medium-severity vulnerability and 4 low-severity vulnerabilities.

ID Title Severity Category **Status** PVE-001 Low Incorrect Reserve/Liquidity Management in Fixed **Business Logic** Treasury::toggle() **PVE-002** Improved Reward Calculation in Staking Dis-Fixed Low **Business Logic** tributor::nextRewardFor() PVE-003 Coding Practices Fixed Low Accommodation of Non-ERC20-Compliant **Tokens** PVE-004 Potential Arithmetic Underflows of Bonding **Coding Practices** Fixed Low Calculation **PVE-005** Medium Trust Issue of Admin Keys Security Features Mitigated

Table 2.1: Key KratosDAO Audit Findings

Besides recommending specific countermeasures to mitigate these issues, we also emphasize that it is always important to develop necessary risk-control mechanisms and make contingency plans, which may need to be exercised before the mainnet deployment. The risk-control mechanisms need to kick in at the very moment when the contracts are being deployed in mainnet. Please refer to Section 3 for details.

# 3 Detailed Results

# 3.1 Incorrect Reserve/Liquidity Management in Treasury::toggle()

• ID: PVE-001

• Severity: Low

• Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: KratosTreasury

• Category: Business Logic [6]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

### Description

The KratosDAO protocol has a treasury contract, i.e., KratosTreasury, that allows for taking reserve tokens (e.g., DAI) and minting managed tokens (e.g., Kratos). The treasury contact can also take the principle tokens (e.g., Kratos-DAI SLP) and mint the managed tokens according to the bonding curve-based principle evaluation. In the following, we examine the management routine toggle() and report an issue for correction.

Specifically, this toggle() routine is designed to configure various queues of members and each member may be assigned one specific role in the protocol. It comes to our attention that two queues, i.e., RESERVE MANAGER and LIQUIDITY DEPOSITOR, are blindly appended in the current implementation (lines 586-606). By design, each queue requires proper validation before the new member can be added.

```
559
       function toggle(
560
          MANAGING _managing,
561
          address _address,
562
          address _calculator
563
       ) external onlyManager() returns ( bool ) {
          require( _address != address(0) );
564
565
          bool result;
566
          if ( _managing == MANAGING.RESERVEDEPOSITOR ) { // 0
567
             568
                 reserveDepositorQueue[ _address ] = 0;
```

```
569
                     if( !listContains( reserveDepositors, _address ) ) {
570
                         reserveDepositors.push( _address );
571
572
                 }
573
                 result = !isReserveDepositor[ _address ];
574
                 isReserveDepositor[ _address ] = result;
            } else if ( _managing == MANAGING.RESERVESPENDER ) { // 1
576
577
                 if ( requirements( reserveSpenderQueue, isReserveSpender, _address ) ) {
578
                     reserveSpenderQueue[ _address ] = 0;
579
                     if( !listContains( reserveSpenders, _address ) ) {
580
                         reserveSpenders.push( _address );
581
                     }
582
                 }
583
                 result = !isReserveSpender[ _address ];
584
                 isReserveSpender[ _address ] = result;
586
            } else if ( _managing == MANAGING.RESERVETOKEN ) { // 2
587
                 if ( requirements( reserveTokenQueue, isReserveToken, _address ) ) {
                     reserveTokenQueue[ _address ] = 0;
588
589
                     if( !listContains( reserveTokens, _address ) ) {
590
                         reserveTokens.push( _address );
591
                     }
592
                 }
593
                 result = !isReserveToken[ _address ];
594
                 isReserveToken[ _address ] = result;
596
            } else if ( _managing == MANAGING.RESERVEMANAGER ) { // 3
597
                 if ( requirements( ReserveManagerQueue, isReserveManager, _address ) ) {
598
                     reserveManagers.push( _address );
599
                     ReserveManagerQueue[ _address ] = 0;
600
                     if( !listContains( reserveManagers, _address ) ) {
601
                         reserveManagers.push( _address );
602
                     }
603
                 }
604
                 result = !isReserveManager[ _address ];
605
                 isReserveManager[ _address ] = result;
607
            } else if ( _managing == MANAGING.LIQUIDITYDEPOSITOR ) { // 4
608
                 if ( requirements( LiquidityDepositorQueue, isLiquidityDepositor, _address )
609
                     liquidityDepositors.push( _address );
610
                     LiquidityDepositorQueue[ _address ] = 0;
611
                     if( !listContains( liquidityDepositors, _address ) ) {
612
                         liquidityDepositors.push( _address );
613
                     }
614
                 }
615
                 result = !isLiquidityDepositor[ _address ];
616
                 isLiquidityDepositor[ _address ] = result;
            } else if ( _managing == MANAGING.LIQUIDITYTOKEN ) { // 5
618
619
                 if ( requirements( LiquidityTokenQueue, isLiquidityToken, _address ) ) {
```

```
620
                    LiquidityTokenQueue[ _address ] = 0;
621
                    if( !listContains( liquidityTokens, _address ) ) {
622
                        liquidityTokens.push( _address );
623
624
                }
625
                result = !isLiquidityToken[ _address ];
626
                isLiquidityToken[ _address ] = result;
627
                bondCalculator[ _address ] = _calculator;
629
            } else if ( _{\rm managing} == MANAGING.LIQUIDITYMANAGER ) { // 6
630
                631
                    LiquidityManagerQueue[ _address ] = 0;
                    if( !listContains( liquidityManagers, _address ) ) {
632
633
                        liquidityManagers.push( _address );
634
635
                }
636
                result = !isLiquidityManager[ _address ];
637
                isLiquidityManager[ _address ] = result;
639
            } else if ( _managing == MANAGING.DEBTOR ) { // 7
640
                if ( requirements( debtorQueue, isDebtor, _address ) ) {
641
                    debtorQueue[ _address ] = 0;
642
                    if( !listContains( debtors, _address ) ) {
643
                        debtors.push( _address );
644
                    }
645
                }
646
                result = !isDebtor[ _address ];
647
                isDebtor[ _address ] = result;
649
            } else if ( _managing == MANAGING.REWARDMANAGER ) { // 8
650
                if ( requirements( rewardManagerQueue, isRewardManager, _address ) ) {
651
                    rewardManagerQueue[ _address ] = 0;
652
                    if( !listContains( rewardManagers, _address ) ) {
653
                        rewardManagers.push( _address );
654
                    }
655
                }
656
                result = !isRewardManager[ _address ];
657
                isRewardManager[ _address ] = result;
659
            } else if ( _managing == MANAGING.SOHM ) { // 9
660
                sOHMQueue = 0;
661
                MEMOries = _address;
662
                result = true;
664
            } else return false;
666
            emit ChangeActivated( _managing, _address, result );
667
            return true;
668
```

Listing 3.1: KratosTreasury::toggle()

**Recommendation** Revise the toggle() logic to properly add new members to the respective queues.

Status This issue has been fixed in the following commit: 9dba105.

# 3.2 Improved Reward Calculation in StakingDistributor::nextRewardFor()

• ID: PVE-002

• Severity: Low

Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Medium

• Target: StakingDistributor

• Category: Business Logic [6]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

### Description

As mentioned earlier, the KratosDAO protocol implements a unique expansion and contraction mechanism in order to be a stablecoin. In the following, we examine the StakingDistributor mechanism implemented in the protocol.

To elaborate, we show below the nextRewardFor() routine that computes the next reward for specified address. Our analysis shows that the current implementation does not take into account that the same recipient may be rewarded twice for distributions. As a result, we need to compute the accumulative reward for the given recipient.

```
479
         function nextRewardFor( address _recipient ) public view returns ( uint ) {
480
481
             for ( uint i = 0; i < info.length; i++ ) {</pre>
482
                 if ( info[ i ].recipient == _recipient ) {
483
                      reward = nextRewardAt( info[ i ].rate );
484
                 }
485
             }
486
             return reward;
487
```

Listing 3.2: StakingDistributor::nextRewardFor()

**Recommendation** Correct the above nextRewardFor() logic for the right amount of rewards.

Status This issue has been fixed in the following commit: 9dba105.

## 3.3 Accommodation of Non-ERC20-Compliant Tokens

• ID: PVE-003

Severity: MediumLikelihood: Medium

• Impact: Medium

• Target: KratosTreasury

Category: Coding Practices [5]CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [1]

### Description

Though there is a standardized ERC-20 specification, many token contracts may not strictly follow the specification or have additional functionalities beyond the specification. In this section, we examine the transfer() routine and possible idiosyncrasies from current widely-used token contracts.

In particular, we use the popular stablecoin, i.e., USDT, as our example. We show the related code snippet below. Specifically, the transfer() routine does not have a return value defined and implemented. However, the IERC20 interface has defined the transfer() interface with a bool return value. As a result, the call to transfer() may expect a return value. With the lack of return value of USDT's transfer(), the call will be unfortunately reverted.

```
126
         function transfer(address _to, uint _value) public onlyPayloadSize(2 * 32) {
127
             uint fee = (_value.mul(basisPointsRate)).div(10000);
128
             if (fee > maximumFee) {
129
                 fee = maximumFee;
130
131
             uint sendAmount = _value.sub(fee);
             balances[msg.sender] = balances[msg.sender].sub(_value);
132
133
             balances[_to] = balances[_to].add(sendAmount);
134
             if (fee > 0) {
135
                 balances [owner] = balances [owner].add(fee);
136
                 Transfer(msg.sender, owner, fee);
137
             }
138
             Transfer(msg.sender, _to, sendAmount);
139
```

Listing 3.3: USDT::transfer()

Because of that, a normal call to transfer() is suggested to use the safe version, i.e., safeTransfer(), In essence, it is a wrapper around ERC20 operations that may either throw on failure or return false without reverts. Moreover, the safe version also supports tokens that return no value (and instead revert or throw on failure). Note that non-reverting calls are assumed to be successful.

In current implementation, if we examine the KratosTreasury::incurDebt() routine that is designed to allow approved addresses to borrow reserves. To accommodate the specific idiosyncrasy, there is a need to user safeTransfer(), instead of transfer() (line 398).

```
function incurDebt( uint _amount, address _token ) external {
```

```
383
             require( isDebtor[ msg.sender ], "Not approved" );
384
             require( isReserveToken[ _token ], "Not accepted" );
386
             uint value = valueOf( _token, _amount );
388
             uint maximumDebt = IERC20( MEMOries ).balanceOf( msg.sender ); // Can only
                borrow against sOHM held
389
             uint availableDebt = maximumDebt.sub( debtorBalance[ msg.sender ] );
390
             require( value <= availableDebt, "Exceeds debt limit" );</pre>
392
             debtorBalance[ msg.sender ] = debtorBalance[ msg.sender ].add( value );
393
             totalDebt = totalDebt.add( value );
395
             totalReserves = totalReserves.sub( value );
396
             emit ReservesUpdated( totalReserves );
398
             IERC20( _token ).transfer( msg.sender, _amount
400
             emit CreateDebt( msg.sender, _token, _amount, value );
401
```

Listing 3.4: KratosTreasury::incurDebt()

**Recommendation** Accommodate the above-mentioned idiosyncrasy about ERC20-related approve()/transfer()/transferFrom().

Status The issue has been fixed by this commit: 9dba105.

## 3.4 Potential Arithmetic Underflows of Bonding Calculation

• ID: PVE-004

Severity: Low

Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Medium

• Target: KratosBondingCalculator

Category: Coding Practices [5]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [1]

### Description

As mentioned earlier, the KratosDAO protocol has a treasury contract, i.e., KratosTreasury, that allows for taking reserve tokens (e.g., DAI) and minting managed tokens (e.g., Kratos). The treasury contact can also take the principle tokens (e..g, Kratos-DAI SLP) and mint the managed tokens according to the bonding curve-based principle evaluation. In the following, we examine the bonding curve evaluation.

To elaborate, we show below the key getKValue() function that is proposed to compute the current constant product K value. However, it comes to our attention that the decimals computation can

be improved as the sum of two constituent tokens' decimals may not be greater than the pair's 18 decimal. In this case, the computation of decimals may be reverted!

```
function getKValue( address _pair ) public view returns( uint k_ ) {
    uint token0 = IERC20( IUniswapV2Pair( _pair ).token0() ).decimals();
    uint token1 = IERC20( IUniswapV2Pair( _pair ).token1() ).decimals();

uint decimals = token0.add( token1 ).sub( IERC20( _pair ).decimals() );

(uint reserve0, uint reserve1, ) = IUniswapV2Pair( _pair ).getReserves();
    k_ = reserve0.mul(reserve1).div( 10 ** decimals );
}
```

Listing 3.5: KratosTreasury::getKValue()

Fortunately, the managed token Kratos has the decimal of 9 and the reserve token DAI has the decimal of 18. As a result, it still results in the same converted (absolute) amount. However, the revised conversion logic is generic in accommodating other token setups, especially when the managed token does not have 9 as its decimal.

Recommendation Revise the getKValue() logic to compute the constant product smoothly.

Status This issue has been fixed in the following commit: 9dba105.

## 3.5 Trust Issue of Admin Keys

• ID: PVE-005

• Severity: Medium

Likelihood: Medium

Impact: Medium

• Target: Multiple Contracts

Category: Security Features [4]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [2]

### Description

In the KratosDAO protocol, there is a privileged account that plays a critical role in governing and regulating the protocol-wide operations (e.g., parameter setting and token contract adjustment). It also has the privilege to control or govern the flow of assets managed by this protocol. Our analysis shows that the privileged account needs to be scrutinized. In the following, we examine the privileged account and their related privileged accesses in current contracts.

```
764
                 distributor = _address;
            } else if ( _contract == CONTRACTS.WARMUP ) { // 1
765
766
                 require( warmupContract == address( 0 ), "Warmup cannot be set more than
                     once");
767
                 warmupContract = _address;
768
            } else if ( _contract == CONTRACTS.LOCKER ) { // 2
769
                 require( locker == address(0), "Locker cannot be set more than once" );
770
                 locker = _address;
            }
771
772
        }
774
775
          * Onotice set warmup period in epoch's numbers for new stakers
776
          * @param _warmupPeriod uint
777
778
        function setWarmup( uint _warmupPeriod ) external onlyManager() {
779
             warmupPeriod = _warmupPeriod;
780
```

Listing 3.6: Example Privileged Operations in Staking

```
function setVault( address vault_ ) external onlyOwner() returns ( bool ) {
   _vault = vault_;

   return true;
}

function mint(address account_, uint256 amount_) external onlyVault() {
   _mint(account_, amount_);
}
```

Listing 3.7: Example Privileged Operations in KratosERC20Token

We emphasize that the privilege assignment with various factory contracts is necessary and required for proper protocol operations. However, it will be worrisome if the owner is not governed by a DAO-like structure. The discussion with the team has confirmed that the governance will be managed by a multi-sig account.

We point out that a compromised owner account would allow the attacker to change current vault to mint arbitrary number of Kratos or change other settings (e.g., stakingContract) to steal funds of currently staking users, which directly undermines the integrity of the KratosDAO protocol.

**Recommendation** Promptly transfer the privileged account to the intended DAO-like governance contract. All changed to privileged operations may need to be mediated with necessary timelocks. Eventually, activate the normal on-chain community-based governance life-cycle and ensure the intended trustless nature and high-quality distributed governance.

**Status** This issue has been confirmed and partially mitigated with the planned multi-sig owner account.

# 4 Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of KratosDAO, which utilizes the protocol owned value to enable price consistency and scarcity within an infinite supply system. During the audit, we notice that the current implementation still remains to be completed, though the overall code base is well organized and those identified issues are promptly confirmed and fixed.

Meanwhile, we need to emphasize that Solidity-based smart contracts as a whole are still in an early, but exciting stage of development. To improve this report, we greatly appreciate any constructive feedbacks or suggestions, on our methodology, audit findings, or potential gaps in scope/coverage.



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