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1 Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related smart contract source code of the SSAP 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 SSAP

SSAP is a decentralized non-custodial liquidity markets protocol that is developed on top of one of the largest DeFi protocols, i.e., AAVE. The SSAP protocol allows users to participate as depositors or borrowers. Depositors provide liquidity to the market to earn a passive income, while borrowers are able to borrow in an over-collateralized (perpetually) or under-collateralized (one-block liquidity) fashion. The basic information of the audited protocol is as follows:

Item Description
Target SSAP
Type EVM Smart Contract
Language Solidity
Audit Method Whitebox
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Table 1.1: Basic Information of SSAP

In the following, we show the Git repository of reviewed files and the commit hash values used in this audit.

https://github.com/killswitchofficial/ssap.git (e52ac61)

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

• https://github.com/killswitchofficial/ssap.git (296ff56)

1.2 About PeckShield

PeckShield Inc. [11] is a leading blockchain security company with the goal of elevating the security, privacy, and usability of current blockchain ecosystems by offering top-notch, industry-leading services and products (including the service of smart contract auditing). We are reachable at Telegram (https://t.me/peckshield), Twitter (http://twitter.com/peckshield), or Email (contact@peckshield.com).

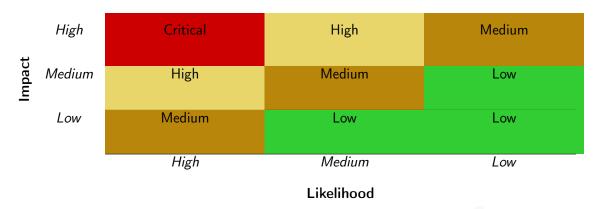


Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification

1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [10]:

- <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.

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

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 Scrating | Kill-Switch Mechanism |
| | Operation Trails & Event Generation |
| | ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling |
| | Frontend-Contract Integration |
| | Deployment Consistency |
| | Holistic Risk Management |
| | Avoiding Use of Variadic Byte Array |
| | Using Fixed Compiler Version |
| Additional Recommendations | Making Visibility Level Explicit |
| | Making Type Inference Explicit |
| | Adhering To Function Declaration Strictly |
| | Following Other Best Practices |

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) [9], 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 |
| - C 1:: | 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 |
| Describe Management | codes that could be generated by a function. |
| Resource Management | Weaknesses in this category are related to improper manage- |
| Behavioral Issues | ment of system resources. |
| Denavioral issues | Weaknesses in this category are related to unexpected behaviors from code that an application uses. |
| Business Logics | Weaknesses in this category identify some of the underlying |
| Dusilless Logics | 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 |
| mitialization and Cicanap | for initialization and breakdown. |
| Arguments and Parameters | Weaknesses in this category are related to improper use of |
| / inguinents and i diameters | 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 |
| 3 | 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 SSAP 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 logic, 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 | 2 |
| Low | 3 |
| 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 2 medium-severity vulnerabilities and 3 low-severity vulnerabilities.

ID Title Status Severity Category **PVE-001** With **Business Logic** Confirmed Low Incompatibility Deflationary/Rebasing Tokens **PVE-002** Low approveDelegation() / borrow() Race Time and State Mitigated Condition Low **PVE-003** Fork-Compliant Domain Separator In Fixed Business Logic **AToken PVE-004** Medium Flashloan-assisted Lowered Stable-Time and State Confirmed BorrowRate For Mode-Switching **Users** PVE-005 Medium Trust Issue Of Admin Keys Security Features Confirmed

Table 2.1: Key SSAP Audit Findings

Beside the identified issues, we emphasize that for any user-facing applications and services, 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 should kick in at the very moment when the contracts are being deployed on mainnet. Please refer to Section 3 for details.

3 Detailed Results

3.1 Incompatibility With Deflationary/Rebasing Tokens

• ID: PVE-001

Severity: LowLikelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

• Target: LendingPool

• Category: Business Logic [8]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [5]

Description

In the SSAP protocol, the LendingPool contract is designed to be the main entry for interaction with borrowing/lending users. In particular, one entry routine, i.e., deposit(), accepts asset transfer-in and mints the corresponding AToken to represent the depositor's share in the lending pool. Naturally, the contract implements a number of low-level helper routines to transfer assets into or out of the protocol. These asset-transferring routines work as expected with standard ERC20 tokens: namely the vault's internal asset balances are always consistent with actual token balances maintained in individual ERC20 token contract.

```
104
        function deposit (
105
           address asset,
106
           uint256 amount,
107
           address onBehalfOf,
108
           uint16 referralCode
109
         ) external override whenNotPaused {
110
             DataTypes.ReserveData storage reserve = _reserves[asset];
111
112
             ValidationLogic.validateDeposit(reserve, amount);
113
114
             address aToken = reserve.aTokenAddress;
115
116
             reserve.updateState();
117
             reserve.updateInterestRates(asset, aToken, amount, 0);
118
             IERC20(asset).safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, aToken, amount);
119
```

```
120
121
             bool isFirstDeposit = IAToken(aToken).mint(onBehalfOf, amount, reserve.
                 liquidityIndex);
122
123
             if (isFirstDeposit) {
124
                 _usersConfig[onBehalfOf].setUsingAsCollateral(reserve.id, true);
125
                 emit ReserveUsedAsCollateralEnabled(asset, onBehalfOf);
126
            }
127
128
             emit Deposit(asset, msg.sender, onBehalfOf, amount, referralCode);
129
```

Listing 3.1: LendingPool::deposit()

However, there exist other ERC20 tokens that may make certain customizations to their ERC20 contracts. One type of these tokens is deflationary tokens that charge a certain fee for every transfer () or transferFrom(). (Another type is rebasing tokens such as YAM.) As a result, this may not meet the assumption behind these low-level asset-transferring routines. In other words, the above operations, such as deposit(), may introduce unexpected balance inconsistencies when comparing internal asset records with external ERC20 token contracts.

One possible mitigation is to measure the asset change right before and after the asset-transferring routines. In other words, instead of expecting the amount parameter in transfer() or transferFrom() will always result in full transfer, we need to ensure the increased or decreased amount in the pool before and after the transfer() or transferFrom() is expected and aligned well with our operation. Though these additional checks cost additional gas usage, we consider they are necessary to deal with deflationary tokens or other customized ones if their support is deemed necessary.

Another mitigation is to regulate the set of ERC20 tokens that are permitted into SSAP. In SSAP protocol, it is indeed possible to effectively regulate the set of tokens that can be supported. Keep in mind that there exist certain assets (e.g., USDT) that may have control switches that can be dynamically exercised to suddenly become one.

Recommendation If current codebase needs to support deflationary tokens, it is necessary to check the balance before and after the transfer()/transferFrom() call to ensure the book-keeping amount is accurate. This support may bring additional gas cost. Also, keep in mind that certain tokens may not be deflationary for the time being. However, they could have a control switch that can be exercised to turn them into deflationary tokens. One example is the widely-adopted USDT.

Status This issue has been confirmed by the team. There is no need to support deflationary/rebasing tokens.

3.2 approveDelegation() / borrow() Race Condition

• ID: PVE-002

• Severity: Low

Likelihood: Low

Impact: Medium

Target: LendingPool/DebtTokenBase

CWE subcategory: CWE-362 [3]

• Category: Time and State [7]

Description

The SSAP protocol implements a so-called credit delegation feature, which in essence allows a user to take uncollateralized loans as long as the user receives delegation from other users that provide the collateral. The feature is mainly implemented with a pair of related routines, i.e., DebtTokenBase::approveDelegation() and LendingPool::borrow().

To elaborate, we show below the related code snippet of the contracts. The approveDelegation() routine sets the intended allowance (_borrowAllowances at line 39) to borrow on a certain type of debt asset for a specific user address, while the allowance will be reduced along with the debt token minted (line 144) when the user indeed requests to borrow() from the pool.

Listing 3.2: DebtTokenBase::approveDelegation()

```
135
         function mint(
136
             address user,
137
             address onBehalfOf,
138
             uint256 amount,
139
             uint256 rate
140
         ) external override onlyLendingPool returns (bool) {
141
             MintLocalVars memory vars;
142
143
             if (user != onBehalfOf) {
144
                 _decreaseBorrowAllowance(onBehalfOf, user, amount);
145
             }
146
147
             (, uint256 currentBalance, uint256 balanceIncrease) = _calculateBalanceIncrease(
                 onBehalfOf);
148
149
             vars.previousSupply = totalSupply();
150
             vars.currentAvgStableRate = _avgStableRate;
151
             vars.nextSupply = _totalSupply = vars.previousSupply.add(amount);
152
153
             vars.amountInRay = amount.wadToRay();
```

```
154
155
             vars.newStableRate = _usersStableRate[onBehalfOf]
156
                 .rayMul(currentBalance.wadToRay())
157
                 .add(vars.amountInRay.rayMul(rate))
158
                 .rayDiv(currentBalance.add(amount).wadToRay());
159
160
             require(vars.newStableRate <= type(uint128).max, Errors.SDT_STABLE_DEBT_OVERFLOW</pre>
161
             _usersStableRate[onBehalfOf] = vars.newStableRate;
162
163
             //solium-disable-next-line
164
             _totalSupplyTimestamp = _timestamps[onBehalfOf] = uint40(block.timestamp);
165
166
             // Calculates the updated average stable rate
167
             vars.currentAvgStableRate = _avgStableRate = vars
168
                 .currentAvgStableRate
169
                 .rayMul(vars.previousSupply.wadToRay())
170
                 .add(rate.rayMul(vars.amountInRay))
171
                 .rayDiv(vars.nextSupply.wadToRay());
172
173
             _mint(onBehalfOf, amount.add(balanceIncrease), vars.previousSupply);
174
175
176
```

Listing 3.3: StableDebtToken::mint()

This pair of routines resembles the ERC20-specified approve() / transferFrom() pair and shares a similar known race condition issue [1]. Specifically, when a user intends to reduce the _borrowAllowances borrow amount previously approved from, say, 10 DAI to 1 DAI. The user may race to borrow up to the previously approved _borrowAllowances (the 10 DAI) and then additionally borrow the new amount just approved (1 DAI). This breaks the user's intention of restricting the borrow allowance to the new amount, not the sum of old amount and new amount.

In order to properly approve the _borrowAllowances, there also exists a known workaround: users can utilize the increaseAllowance() and decreaseAllowance() routines versus the traditional approveDelegation() routine.

Recommendation Implement the suggested workaround routines increaseAllowance() and decreaseAllowance(). However, considering the difficulty and possible lean gains in exploiting the race condition, we also think it is reasonable to leave it as is.

Status This issue has been mitigated in the following commit: 6134d15.

3.3 Fork-Compliant Domain Separator In AToken

• ID: PVE-003

• Severity: Low

Likelihood: Low

• Impact: High

Target: AToken

• Category: Business Logic [8]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [5]

Description

The AToken token contract strictly follows the widely-accepted ERC20 specification. In the meantime, we notice the support of EIP-2612 with the permit() function that allows for approvals to be made via secp256k1 signatures. Interestingly, we notice the state variable DOMAIN_SEPARATOR is initialized once inside the initialize() function (lines 77-79).

```
60
        function initialize(
61
            ILendingPool pool,
62
            address treasury,
63
            address underlyingAsset,
64
            {\tt IAaveIncentivesController\ incentivesController,}
65
            uint8 aTokenDecimals,
66
            string calldata aTokenName,
67
            string calldata aTokenSymbol,
68
            bytes calldata params
69
        ) external override initializer {
70
            uint256 chainId;
71
72
            //solium-disable-next-line
73
            assembly {
74
                chainId := chainid()
75
            }
76
77
            DOMAIN_SEPARATOR = keccak256(
78
                abi.encode(EIP712_DOMAIN, keccak256(bytes(aTokenName)), keccak256(
                    EIP712_REVISION), chainId, address(this))
79
            );
80
81
```

Listing 3.4: AToken::initialize()

The DOMAIN_SEPARATOR is used in the permit() function and should be unique to the contract and chain in order to prevent replay attacks from other domains. However, when analyzing this permit() routine, we realize the current implementation needs to be improved by recalculating the value of DOMAIN_SEPARATOR inside the permit() function, for the very purpose of preventing crosschain replay attacks. Specifically, when there is a chain-level hard-fork, because of the pre-computed

DOMAIN_SEPARATOR, a valid signature for one chain could be replayed on the other.

```
311
        function permit(
312
             address owner,
313
             address spender,
314
             uint256 value,
315
             uint256 deadline,
             uint8 v,
316
317
             bytes32 r,
318
             bytes32 s
319
        ) external {
320
             require(owner != address(0), "INVALID_OWNER");
321
             //solium-disable-next-line
322
             require(block.timestamp <= deadline, "INVALID_EXPIRATION");</pre>
323
             uint256 currentValidNonce = _nonces[owner];
324
             bytes32 digest = keccak256(
325
                 abi.encodePacked(
326
                     "\x19\x01",
327
                     DOMAIN_SEPARATOR,
328
                     keccak256(abi.encode(PERMIT_TYPEHASH, owner, spender, value,
                          currentValidNonce, deadline))
329
                 )
330
             );
331
             require(owner == ecrecover(digest, v, r, s), "INVALID_SIGNATURE");
332
             _nonces[owner] = currentValidNonce.add(1);
333
             _approve(owner, spender, value);
334
```

Listing 3.5: AToken::permit()

Recommendation Recalculate the value of DOMAIN_SEPARATOR inside the permit() function.

Status This issue has been addressed in the following commit: 296ff56.

3.4 Flashloan-assisted Lowered StableBorrowRate For Mode-Switching Users

• ID: PVE-004

• Severity: Medium

• Likelihood: Medium

• Impact: Medium

• Target: LendingPool

• Category: Business Logic [8]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-837 [4]

Description

By design, the SSAP protocol supports both variable and stable borrow rates. The variable borrow rate follows closely the market dynamics and can be changed on each user interaction (either borrow,

deposit, withdraw, repayment or liquidation). The stable borrow rate instead will be unaffected by these actions. However, implementing a fixed stable borrow rate model on top of a dynamic reserve pool is complicated and the protocol provides the rate-rebalancing support to work around dynamic changes in market conditions or increased cost of money within the pool.

In the following, we show the code snippet of <code>swapBorrowRateMode()</code> which allows users to swap between stable and variable borrow rate modes. It follows the same sequence of convention by firstly validating the inputs (Step I), secondly updating relevant reserve states (Step II), then switching the requested borrow rates (Step III), next calculating the latest interest rates (Step IV), and finally performing external interactions, if any (Step V).

```
289
         function swapBorrowRateMode(address asset, uint256 rateMode) external override
             whenNotPaused {
290
             DataTypes.ReserveData storage reserve = _reserves[asset];
291
292
             (\verb"uint256" stableDebt", \verb"uint256" variableDebt") = \verb"Helpers.getUserCurrentDebt" (\verb"msg".")
                 sender, reserve);
293
294
             DataTypes.InterestRateMode interestRateMode = DataTypes.InterestRateMode(
                 rateMode);
295
296
             ValidationLogic.validateSwapRateMode(
297
298
                 _usersConfig[msg.sender],
299
                 stableDebt,
300
                 variableDebt,
301
                 interestRateMode
302
             );
303
304
             reserve.updateState();
305
306
             if (interestRateMode == DataTypes.InterestRateMode.STABLE) {
307
                 IStableDebtToken(reserve.stableDebtTokenAddress).burn(msg.sender, stableDebt
308
                 IVariableDebtToken(reserve.variableDebtTokenAddress).mint(
309
                     msg.sender,
310
                      msg.sender,
311
                      stableDebt,
312
                      reserve.variableBorrowIndex
313
                 );
314
             } else {
315
                 IVariableDebtToken(reserve.variableDebtTokenAddress).burn(
316
                      msg.sender,
317
                      variableDebt,
318
                      reserve.variableBorrowIndex
319
                 );
320
                 IStableDebtToken(reserve.stableDebtTokenAddress).mint(
321
                      msg.sender,
322
                      msg.sender,
323
                      variableDebt,
```

```
reserve.currentStableBorrowRate

);

);

26

}

27

28

reserve.updateInterestRates(asset, reserve.aTokenAddress, 0, 0);

29

30

emit Swap(asset, msg.sender, rateMode);

31

}
```

Listing 3.6: LendingPool::swapBorrowRateMode()

Our analysis shows this <code>swapBorrowRateMode()</code> routine can be affected by a flashloan-assisted sandwiching attack such that the new stable borrow rate becomes the lowest possible. Note this attack is applicable when the borrow rate is switched from variable to stable rate. Specifically, to perform the attack, a malicious actor can first request a flashloan to deposit into the reserve pool so that the reserve's utilization rate is close to 0, then <code>invoke swapBorrowRateMode()</code> to perform the variable-to-borrow rate switch and enjoy the lowest <code>currentStableBorrowRate</code> (thanks to the nearly 0 utilization rate in current reserve), and finally withdraw to return the flashloan. A similar approach can also be applied to bypass <code>maxStableLoanPercent</code> enforcement in <code>validateBorrow()</code>.

Recommendation Revise the current implementation to defensively detect sudden changes to a reserve utilization and block malicious attempts.

Status This issue has been confirmed be the team.

3.5 Trust Issue Of Admin Keys

• ID: PVE-005

• Severity: Medium

• Likelihood: Medium

Impact: Medium

• Target: Multiple Contracts

• Category: Security Features [6]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [2]

Description

In the SSAP protocol, there is a privileged account that plays a critical role in governing and regulating the protocol-wide operations (e.g., configuring the price oracle). In the following, we show the representative functions potentially affected by the privilege of the account.

```
/// @notice External function called by the Ssap governance to set or replace sources of assets

/// @param assets The addresses of the assets

/// @param sources The address of the source of each asset

/// @param symbols The symbols of each asset

function setAssetSources(
```

```
65
            address[] calldata assets,
66
            address[] calldata sources,
67
            string[] memory symbols,
68
            uint8[] memory types
69
        ) external onlyOwner {
70
            _setAssetsSources(assets, sources, symbols, types);
71
       }
72
73
       /// @notice Sets the fallbackOracle
74
        /// - Callable only by the Ssap governance
75
        /// @param fallbackOracle The address of the fallbackOracle
76
       function setFallbackOracle(address fallbackOracle) external onlyOwner {
77
            _setFallbackOracle(fallbackOracle);
78
79
80
       /// @notice Sets the bandOracle
81
       /// - Callable only by the Ssap governance
82
        /// @param bandOracle The address of the bandOracle
83
       function setBandOracle(address bandOracle) external onlyOwner {
84
            _setBandOracle(bandOracle);
85
```

Listing 3.7: SsapOracle

We emphasize that the privilege assignment may be necessary and consistent with the protocol design. However, it is worrisome if the privileged account is not governed by a DAO-like structure. Note that a compromised account would allow the attacker to modify a number of sensitive system parameters, which directly undermines the assumption of the protocol design.

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 by the team. The team intends to introduce timelock mechanism to mitigate this issue.

4 Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the SSAP design and implementation. SSAP is a decentralized non-custodial liquidity markets protocol that is developed on top of one of the largest DeFi protocols, i.e., AAVE. The SSAP protocol allows users to participate as depositors or borrowers. Depositors provide liquidity to the market to earn a passive income, while borrowers are able to borrow in an over-collateralized (perpetually) or under-collateralized (one-block liquidity) fashion. The current code base is well structured and neatly organized. Those identified issues are promptly confirmed and addressed.

Meanwhile, we need to emphasize that 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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