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# 1 | Introduction

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

Tetu is a decentralized yield aggregator committed to providing a next-generation yield aggregator to DeFi investors. Unlike other yield aggregators, users in Tetu don't have their rewards auto-compounded in the form of their original tokens. Instead, the yield rewards are converted and given directly in the form of  $xTETU$ . Furthermore, the protocol's liquidity balancer smart contract strives to maintain a stable price for the Tetu tokens across its liquidity pools.

The basic information of the Tetu protocol is as follows:

Table 1.1: Basic Information of The Tetu Protocol

Item	Description
Issuer	Tetu
Website	<a href="https://www.tetu.io/">https://www.tetu.io/</a>
Type	Ethereum Smart Contract
Platform	Solidity
Audit Method	Whitebox
Latest Audit Report	September 19, 2021

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

- <https://github.com/tetu-io/tetu-contracts.git> (7c29c46)

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

- <https://github.com/tetu-io/tetu-contracts.git> (14d6245)

## 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](mailto:contact@peckshield.com)).

Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification

Impact	High	Critical	High	Medium
	Medium	High	Medium	Low
	Low	Medium	Low	Low
		High	Medium	Low
		Likelihood		

## 1.3 Methodology

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

- Likelihood 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

Table 1.3: The Full List of Check Items

Category	Check Item
Basic Coding Bugs	Constructor Mismatch
	Ownership Takeover
	Redundant Fallback Function
	Overflows & Underflows
	Reentrancy
	Money-Giving Bug
	Blackhole
	Unauthorized Self-Destruct
	Revert DoS
	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
Advanced DeFi Scrutiny	Business Logics Review
	Functionality Checks
	Authentication Management
	Access Control & Authorization
	Oracle Security
	Digital Asset Escrow
	Kill-Switch Mechanism
	Operation Trails & Event Generation
	ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling
	Frontend-Contract Integration
	Deployment Consistency
	Holistic Risk Management
Additional Recommendations	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

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.
- Semantic Consistency Checks: 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
<b>Configuration</b>	Weaknesses in this category are typically introduced during the configuration of the software.
<b>Data Processing Issues</b>	Weaknesses in this category are typically found in functionality that processes data.
<b>Numeric Errors</b>	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper calculation or conversion of numbers.
<b>Security Features</b>	Weaknesses in this category are concerned with topics like authentication, access control, confidentiality, cryptography, and privilege management. (Software security is not security software.)
<b>Time and State</b>	Weaknesses in this category are related to the improper management of time and state in an environment that supports simultaneous or near-simultaneous computation by multiple systems, processes, or threads.
<b>Error Conditions, Return Values, Status Codes</b>	Weaknesses in this category include weaknesses that occur if a function does not generate the correct return/status code, or if the application does not handle all possible return/status codes that could be generated by a function.
<b>Resource Management</b>	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper management of system resources.
<b>Behavioral Issues</b>	Weaknesses in this category are related to unexpected behaviors from code that an application uses.
<b>Business Logics</b>	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.
<b>Initialization and Cleanup</b>	Weaknesses in this category occur in behaviors that are used for initialization and breakdown.
<b>Arguments and Parameters</b>	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper use of arguments or parameters within function calls.
<b>Expression Issues</b>	Weaknesses in this category are related to incorrectly written expressions within code.
<b>Coding Practices</b>	Weaknesses in this category are related to coding practices that are deemed unsafe and increase the chances that an exploitable 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 `Tetu` 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	2	
Low	4	
Informational	0	
Total	6	

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 4 low-severity vulnerabilities.

Table 2.1: Key Tetu Audit Findings

ID	Severity	Title	Category	Status
PVE-001	Low	Gas-Efficient Vault/Strategy Removal	Coding Practices	Fixed
PVE-002	Low	Deduplicate Checks in setDevFunds() Logic	Business Logic	Fixed
PVE-003	Medium	Possible Costly Vault Share From Improper Initialization	Time and State	Confirmed
PVE-004	Low	Same Controller Enforcement Between Vault & Strategy	Coding Practices	Resolved
PVE-005	Medium	Trust Issue of Admin Keys	Security Features	Mitigated
PVE-006	Low	Consistency in Book Keeping Actions	Coding Practices	Fixed

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 Gas-Efficient Vault/Strategy Removal

- ID: PVE-001
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: Bookkeeper
- Category: Coding Practices [7]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-628 [3]

#### Description

The Tetu protocol provides incentive mechanisms that reward the staking of supported assets. The rewards are carried out by designating a number of staking pools into which supported assets can be staked. And staking users are rewarded in proportional to their share of LP tokens in the reward pool. The design is also inspired from the YFI protocol with the separation and support of different vaults and strategies.

To allow for efficient management of supported vaults and strategies, the Tetu protocol has a Bookkeeper contract that maintains current `_vaults` and `_strategies` in storage state. Our analysis with their removal logic shows opportunity for improvement. To elaborate, we show below the related routines: `removeFromVaults()` and `removeFromStrategies()`. In the following, we use the `removeFromVaults()` as the example.

```
292  /// @notice Governance action. Remove given Vault from vaults array
293  /// @param index Index of vault in the vault array
294  function removeFromVaults(uint256 index) external onlyControllerOrGovernance {
295      require(index < _vaults.length, "wrong index");
296      emit RemoveVault(_vaults[index]);
297
298      for (uint256 i = index; i < _vaults.length - 1; i++) {
299          _vaults[i] = _vaults[i + 1];
300      }
301      _vaults.pop();
302  }
303
```

```

304  /// @notice Governance action. Remove given Strategy from strategies array
305  /// @param index Index of strategy in the strategies array
306  function removeFromStrategies(uint256 index) external onlyControllerOrGovernance {
307      require(index < _strategies.length, "wrong index");
308      emit RemoveStrategy(_strategies[index]);
309
310      for (uint256 i = index; i < _strategies.length - 1; i++) {
311          _strategies[i] = _strategies[i + 1];
312      }
313      _strategies.pop();
314  }

```

Listing 3.1: Bookkeeper::removeFromVaults()/removeFromStrategies()

The `removeFromVaults()` logic is rather straightforward in removing the given index from the maintained `_vaults` array. However, instead of repeatedly moving up the rest indexes, it is more gas-efficient to perform a swap-and-pop strategy, i.e., swapping the removed index with the last one and then popping the last one. The same strategy is also applicable to the `removeFromStrategies()` function.

**Recommendation** Improve the above two routines, i.e., `removeFromVaults()` and `removeFromStrategies()`, for reduced gas cost.

**Status** The issue has been fixed by this PR: 24.

## 3.2 Deduplicate Checks in `setDevFunds()` Logic

- ID: PVE-002
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: MintHelper
- Category: Business Logic [8]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [4]

### Description

As part of the incentive mechanisms, the Tetu protocol has allocated the reward to the development team. While analyzing the setup of so-called Dev Funds, we notice the current logic can be improved.

To elaborate, we show below the related `setDevFunds()` function. As the name indicates, this function is designed to set up Dev Funds. Its business logic is rather straightforward in specifying the fractions for each given fund address and then saving the states in two arrays `devFunds` and `devFundsList`. An invariant is enforced to ensure the sum of given fractions is equal to `FUNDS_RATIO`.

```

132  /// @notice Set up new Dev Funds. Both arrays should have the same length
133  /// @param _funds Funds addresses
134  /// @param _fractions Funds fractions

```

```

135 function setDevFunds(address[] memory _funds, uint256[] memory _fractions) public
    onlyControllerOrGovernance {
136     require(_funds.length != 0, "empty funds");
137     require(_funds.length == _fractions.length, "wrong size");
138     clearFunds();
139     uint256 fractionSum;
140     for (uint256 i = 0; i < _funds.length; i++) {
141         require(_funds[i] != address(0), "Address should not be 0");
142         require(_fractions[i] != 0, "Ratio should not be 0");
143         fractionSum = fractionSum.add(_fractions[i]);
144         devFunds[_funds[i]] = _fractions[i];
145         devFundsList.push(_funds[i]);
146     }
147     require(fractionSum == FUNDS_RATIO, "wrong sum of fraction");
148     emit FundsChanged(_funds, _fractions);
149 }

```

Listing 3.2: MintHelper::setDevFunds()

Our analysis shows the current implementation makes an implicit assumption that the given funds are distinct, which unfortunately is not enforced. With that, we suggest to detect and block the presence of duplicate fund addresses.

**Recommendation** Revise the `setDevFunds()` logic to ensure the given list of fund addresses does not contain any duplicate.

**Status** The issue has been fixed by this PR: 24.

### 3.3 Possible Costly Vault Share From Improper Initialization

- ID: PVE-013
- Severity: Medium
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: High
- Target: SmartVault
- Category: Time and State [6]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-362 [2]

#### Description

The Tetu protocol allows users to deposit supported assets and get in return the share to represent the pool ownership. While examining the share calculation with the given deposits, we notice an issue that may unnecessarily make the pool share extremely expensive and bring hurdles (or even causes loss) for later depositors.

To elaborate, we show below the `_deposit()` routine. This routine is used for participating users to deposit the supported assets and get respective pool shares in return. The issue occurs when the pool is being initialized under the assumption that the current pool is empty.

```

352  /// @notice Mint shares and transfer underlying from user to the vault
353  ///      New shares = (invested amount * total supply) /
        underlyingBalanceWithInvestment()
354  function _deposit(uint256 amount, address sender, address beneficiary) internal
        updateRewards(sender) {
355      require(amount > 0, "zero amount");
356      require(beneficiary != address(0), "zero beneficiary");
357
358      uint256 toMint = totalSupply() == 0
359      ? amount
360      : amount.mul(totalSupply()).div(underlyingBalanceWithInvestment());
361      _mint(beneficiary, toMint);
362
363      IERC20Upgradeable(underlying()).safeTransferFrom(sender, address(this), amount);
364
365      // only statistic, no funds affected
366      IBookkeeper(IController(controller()).bookkeeper())
367      .registerUserAction(beneficiary, toMint, true);
368
369      emit Deposit(beneficiary, amount);
370  }

```

Listing 3.3: SmartVault::\_deposit()

Specifically, when the pool is being initialized (line 358), the share value directly takes the value of `amount` (line 359), which is manipulatable by the malicious actor. As this is the first deposit, the current total supply equals the calculated `toMint = amount = 1 WEI`. With that, the actor can further deposit a huge amount of the underlying assets with the goal of making the pool share extremely expensive.

An extremely expensive pool share can be very inconvenient to use as a small number of 1 Wei may denote a large value. Furthermore, it can lead to precision issue in truncating the computed pool tokens for deposited assets. If truncated to be zero, the deposited assets are essentially considered dust and kept by the pool without returning any pool tokens.

This is a known issue that has been mitigated in popular `Uniswap`. When providing the initial liquidity to the contract (i.e. when `totalSupply` is 0), the liquidity provider must sacrifice 1000 LP tokens (by sending them to `address(0)`). By doing so, we can ensure the granularity of the LP tokens is always at least 1000 and the malicious actor is not the sole holder. This approach may bring an additional cost for the initial liquidity provider, but this cost is expected to be low and acceptable.

**Recommendation** Revise current execution logic of `deposit()` to defensively calculate the share amount when the pool is being initialized. An alternative solution is to ensure a guarded launch process that safeguards the first deposit to avoid being manipulated.

**Status** The issue has been confirmed. And the team decides to mitigate this issue by properly following a guarded launch process.

### 3.4 Same Controller Enforcement Between Vault & Strategy

- ID: PVE-004
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: SmartVault
- Category: Coding Practices [7]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-628 [3]

#### Description

In the Tetu protocol, there is a one-to-one mapping between a `vault` and its `strategy`. To properly link a `vault` with its `strategy`, it is natural for the two to operate on the same underlying asset and share the same `controller`. For example, a smart vault allows for `USDC`-based deposits and withdraws. The associated `strategy` naturally has `USDC` as the underlying asset. If these two have different underlying assets, the link should not be successful. With that, the current abstract contract for `Synthetix`-based strategies can be improved to enforce the same underlying asset between the `vault` and the associated `strategy`.

If we examine the `setStrategy()` routine in the `SmartVault` contract, this routine allows for dynamic binding of the `vault` with a new `strategy` (line 588). A successful binding needs to satisfy a number of requirements. One specific example is shown as follows: `require(IStrategy(_strategy).underlying() == address(underlying()))`. Apparently, this requirement guarantees the consistency of the underlying asset between the `vault` and its associated `strategy`.

```

575  /// @notice Check the strategy time lock, withdraw all to the vault and change the
      strategy
576  /// Should be called via controller
577  function setStrategy(address _strategy) external override onlyController {
578      require(_strategy != address(0), "zero strat");
579      require(IStrategy(_strategy).underlying() == address(underlying()), "wrong
          underlying");
580      require(IStrategy(_strategy).vault() == address(this), "wrong strat vault");
581
582      emit StrategyChanged(_strategy, strategy());
583      if (_strategy != strategy()) {
584          if (strategy() != address(0)) { // if the original strategy (no underscore) is
              defined
585              IERC20Upgradeable(underlying()).safeApprove(address(strategy()), 0);
586              IStrategy(strategy()).withdrawAllToVault();
587          }
588          _setStrategy(_strategy);
589          IERC20Upgradeable(underlying()).safeApprove(address(strategy()), 0);
590          IERC20Upgradeable(underlying()).safeApprove(address(strategy()), type(uint256).max
              );
591          IController(controller()).addStrategy(_strategy);
592      }

```

593 }

Listing 3.4: Controller :: setStrategy()

In addition, we further recommend to add another requirement to ensure they share the same controller, i.e., `require(IStrategy(_strategy).vault() == address(this))`. By doing so, we can ensure that a new strategy linkage with an ill-provided argument with an unmatched controller will be timely detected and prevented to cause unintended consequences. With that, we suggest to maintain an invariant by ensuring the consistency of the same controller when a new strategy is being linked.

**Recommendation** Ensure the consistency of the common controller between the vault and its associated strategy. An example revision is shown below.

```

575  /// @notice Check the strategy time lock, withdraw all to the vault and change the
      strategy
576  ///      Should be called via controller
577  function setStrategy(address _strategy) external override onlyController {
578      require(_strategy != address(0), "zero strat");
579      require(IStrategy(_strategy).underlying() == address(underlying()), "wrong
          underlying");
580      require(IStrategy(_strategy).vault() == address(this), "wrong strat vault");
581      require(IStrategy(_strategy).vault() == address(this), "wrong strat vault");
582
583      emit StrategyChanged(_strategy, strategy());
584      if (_strategy != strategy()) {
585          if (strategy() != address(0)) { // if the original strategy (no underscore) is
              defined
586              IERC20Upgradeable(underlying()).safeApprove(address(strategy()), 0);
587              IStrategy(strategy()).withdrawAllToVault();
588          }
589          _setStrategy(_strategy);
590          IERC20Upgradeable(underlying()).safeApprove(address(strategy()), 0);
591          IERC20Upgradeable(underlying()).safeApprove(address(strategy()), type(uint256).max
              );
592          IController(controller()).addStrategy(_strategy);
593      }
594  }
```

Listing 3.5: Revised Controller :: setStrategy()

**Status** The issue has been fixed by ensuring the linked vault and strategy have the same controller.



### 3.5 Trust Issue of Admin Keys

- ID: PVE-005
- Severity: Medium
- Likelihood: Medium
- Impact: Medium
- Target: Controller
- Category: Security Features [5]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [1]

#### Description

In the Tetu protocol, there is a special administrative contract, i.e., Controller. This Controller contract plays a critical role in governing and regulating the system-wide operations (e.g., vault /strategy addition, reward adjustment, and parameter setting). It also has the privilege to control or govern the flow of assets for investment or full withdrawal among vault, controller, and strategy. In the following, we examine the privileged account and their related privileged accesses in current contracts.

```

423  /// @notice Only Governance can do it. Transfer token from FundKeeper to controller
424  /// @param _fund FundKeeper address
425  /// @param _token Token address
426  /// @param _amount Token amount
427  function fundKeeperTokenMove(address _fund, address _token, uint256 _amount) external
428  onlyGovernance timeLock(
429      keccak256(abi.encode(IAnnouncer.TimeLockOpCodes.FundTokenMove, _fund, _token,
430                          _amount)),
431      IAnnouncer.TimeLockOpCodes.FundTokenMove,
432      false,
433      address(0)
434  ) {
435      IFundKeeper(_fund).withdrawToController(_token, _amount);
436      emit FundKeeperTokenMoved(_fund, _token, _amount);
437  }
```

Listing 3.6: Controller::fundKeeperTokenMove()

Note that it could be worrisome if the privileged governance account behind the Controller contract is a plain EOA account. A revised multi-sig account could greatly alleviate this concern, though it is still far from perfect. Specifically, a better approach is to eliminate the administration key concern by transferring the role to a community-governed DAO.

**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** The issue has been confirmed by the team. The team clarifies that the admin key is Gnosis Safe multi-sig (3/4) contract with public well-known persons.

### 3.6 Consistency in Book Keeping Actions

- ID: PVE-006
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: SmartVault
- Category: Coding Practices [7]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-628 [3]

#### Description

The Tetu protocol provides the support to collect certain statistics about the protocol runtime dynamics. In particular, the Bookkeeper contract allows for the registration of user actions, e.g., deposit or withdraw. While examining the statistics collection, we notice the related bookkeeping actions can be improved for consistency.

In particular, we show below the registered user actions behind deposit and withdraw. The withdraw logic gracefully, with a `try-catch` enclosure (lines 325 – 327), handles the case when the bookkeeping call to the Bookkeeper contract may be failed. However, the deposit logic does not have the same treatment. For consistency, we suggest to employ the same `try-catch` to gracefully accommodate the unlikely, but possible Bookkeeper failures.

```

98  /// @notice Burn shares, withdraw underlying from strategy
99  ///      and send back to the user the underlying asset
100  function _withdraw(uint256 numberOfShares) internal updateRewards(msg.sender) {
101      require(totalSupply() > 0, "no shares");
102      require(numberOfShares > 0, "zero amount");
103
104      userLastWithdrawTs[msg.sender] = block.timestamp;
105
106      uint256 totalSupply = totalSupply();
107      _burn(msg.sender, numberOfShares);
108
109      // only statistic, no funds affected
110      try IBookkeeper(IController(controller()).bookkeeper())
111      .registerUserAction(msg.sender, numberOfShares, false) {
112      } catch {}
113      ...
114  }
115
116  /// @notice Mint shares and transfer underlying from user to the vault
117  ///      New shares = (invested amount * total supply) /
118      underlyingBalanceWithInvestment()

```

```
118 function _deposit(uint256 amount, address sender, address beneficiary) internal
    updateRewards(sender) {
119     require(amount > 0, "zero amount");
120     require(beneficiary != address(0), "zero beneficiary");
121
122     uint256 toMint = totalSupply() == 0
123     ? amount
124     : amount.mul(totalSupply()).div(underlyingBalanceWithInvestment());
125     _mint(beneficiary, toMint);
126
127     IERC20Upgradeable(underlying()).safeTransferFrom(sender, address(this), amount);
128
129     // only statistic, no funds affected
130     IBookkeeper(IController(controller()).bookkeeper())
131     .registerUserAction(beneficiary, toMint, true);
132
133     emit Deposit(beneficiary, amount);
134 }
```

Listing 3.7: CommonMaster::set()

**Recommendation** Gracefully handle the situation when the call to the Bookkeeper contract fails.

**Status** The issue has been fixed by this PR: 24.



## 4 | Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the Tetu protocol design and implementation. Tetu is a decentralized yield aggregator that allows users to deposit into a decentralized liquidity platform and earn rewards in return. During the audit, we notice that the current code base is well organized and those identified issues are promptly confirmed and fixed.

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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